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We're kicking off this Wednesday Night Study Season with a cookout!

We hope to see everyone there! Come check out what studies we will have this Wednesday Night season!



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Weekly Schedule

| Contemporary Worship Service |
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| Children's Sunday School |
| Adult Sunday School |
| Traditional Worship Service |
| Children's Worship |
| Youth Sunday School |
| Korean Church |
| Youth Dinner/Study |
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Tuesday 7:00 a

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| 7:00 a.m. | Man Cave |
| 10:00 a.m. | Ladies Bible Study (once a month) |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | |
| 12:00 p.m. | Master Gardeners (3rd Wednesday of Month) |
| 5:30 p.m. | Wednesday Night Supper |
| 6:00 p.m. | Youth Worship |
| 6:30 p.m. | Wednesday Night Studies |
| 6:30 p.m. | Adult Choir |
| <u>Thursday</u> | |
| 6:00 p.m. | Contemporary Band Rehearsal |
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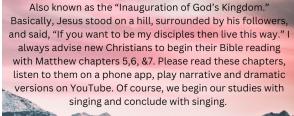
Trinity Tribute

Trinity United Methodist Church

September 2023

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Sermon on the Mount Study led by Rev Ed Shirley

The Chosen: Season 3

This group will be watching and discussing the stories of Jesus told through the TV series "The Chosen." This is also a great opportunity for the men of the church to connect with one another



The Book of Hebrews

Study led by Merelo Watt

Do you want to be confident in your faith? The book of Hebrews confirms that choosing Christ Jesus, over everything else, is better than anything, and will encourage you to stay grounded in Christ! Hebrews shows Christ's superiority over all things, and that He is supreme and completely sufficient for salvation! Come join us and confirm Christ's place in your life!



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Rev Ed Said...

Make Sure the Word is Right

In a small town, the editor of a local newspaper offered to give me a free article every week. This was a generous. My weekly devotionals were submitted via email: a simple copy and a paste into the newspaper.

However, the editor actually changed the wording to include several serious grammatical errors. "The disciples is by the sea." "They was cleaning there nets." Such errors were viewed by so many that it became embarrassing. So, I ceased making contributions to the newspaper.

It took me a long time to make sure my verbs and nouns matched singular or plural. Of course, there are correct usages for their and they're. When the teacher said, "Eddie, your paper has grammatical problems," I thought she was saying "dramatical problems." My response was "I am not acting this is me."

What is so wonderful about the Bible is Its steadfast inerrancy over thousands of years. Such a record of reliability warrants our respect and reverence. "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God endures forever." (Isaiah 40:8)

I could have told my English teacher, "This is my free expression of speech, and you just need to accept it." Well, the report cards would have continued to contain "D's" and even "F's." One day, I learned the difference between "grammatical" and "dramatical." Life would be better for Eddie Shirley to improve his reading and writing. My expectations were rather low. The expectations of teachers and parents were greater.

Have you ever thought about Teacher Jesus grading our spiritual day of service? Are we getting God's Word right? James said, "But be ve doers of the Word." (James 1:22)

In my opinion, Christians at all levels should return to the common admiration of God's Word. People with the most eloquent speech can twist the meaning of Scripture. However, the Bible remains after their burial day.

Let us cherish the Word. May we meet the higher expectations of God. Hey, I am not acting. I am really trying to get it right.

I pick Jesus.....Rev Ed

"Pop-In Pastor's Office" Thursdays from 1:30 pm until 5:30 pm

Of course, I am available anytime for all ages to visit me, but I will set aside Thursdays (unless there is a conflict) to be in my office for all to drop by for a bag of popcorn, talk, play instruments, sing, drink coffee, and just hang around for fun. Pop in! - Rev. Ed Shirley

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Wednesday Night Worship Series

Our teenagers have a tendency to compare themself to others. This is totally normal, however comparison is the thief of joy. In this series, they will discover that comparison not only keeps them from liking others, it robs them of things like peace and grace. The further they move away from comparison and toward who God says they are, the more they'll be able to love who they are, the way they are. Be in prayer for our students as we navigate this on Wednesday nights!



When small groups begin again on September 10th with our youth on Sunday Nights, we will be offering supper at 5:00 PM and then moving into our small group time at 5:30 PM. If you are interested in preparing a meal for our youth on Sunday nights you can scan this QR code with your cell phone camera and a schedule will pop up of needed dates, or you can call Sarah Roberts!





Small Group Kickoff

Attention Parents: Text @kkff48 to 81010 to join our remind for youth program

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Trinity Tribute

Upcoming Events:

September 6 -Churchwide Cookout Party

September 13 -Choir and classes start

> October 22 -**Fall Festival**

November 5 -Children's Choir singing in church

January 2024 -6th grade winter retreat

February 2024 -3rd-5th grade winter retreat

Fall Festival Sunday, October 22, 2:30-4:30 pm

We are very excited to be offering our annual

Fall Festival this year on Sunday, October 22nd!

Start inviting your friends and neighbors now!

See Theresa or Sarah if you would like to

volunteer.

Children's Choir and Wednesday Night Studies - Time Change



Stay

Connected

We are so excited about children's choir and Wednesday night studies starting! We made a slight time-change this semester: 5:30-6:30 PM - Supper 6:30-7:30 PM - Choir and Classes



We are hoping this will allow our working parents a little more time to get there! After our churchwide Cookout party on September 6th, we plan on beginning our Wednesday evening programming on September 13. It will include children's choir for preschool through 6th grade!

If you are interested in helping out with our choir program or classes, please send Theresa an email at theresa@trinityprattville.com.

> Remind Text Messages: Text @6f6e4 to the number 81010 Facebook: Trinity UMC Children's Ministry

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The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4th for the holiday.

Notice: There is a Church Council Meeting scheduled for September 10th at 4 PM in the Seekers Classroom.

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ACOLYTE MINISTRY

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| Elodie Godfrey | Christian Wilcox | Veronika Tuck |
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

estival for "Mary's Haven" Needs Volunteers!

aturday Oct. 7th, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saint Joseph Catholic Church

o can operate games, bring games, homemade dors are welcome, and generally help with the ou can volunteer, please call 365-6262. Please ober 1st. Mary's Haven Crisis Pregnancy Center offers care to expectant mothers.

Friends,

so much for your expressions of Christ's love and luring my recent hospital stay and return home.

telephone calls, visits, and meals truly gave me sense of the healing grace of our Lord.

> Most appreciatively, Sheryl Ferguson

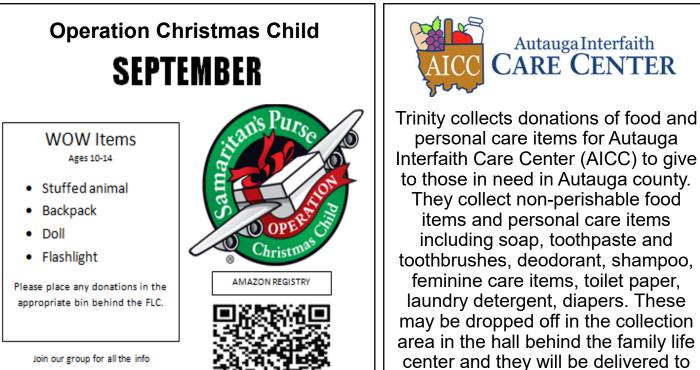
Take A Moment in God's Word

SEPTEMBER 03 - Ex 3:1-15; Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Rom 12:9-21; Matt 16:21-28 **SEPTEMBER 10** - Ex 12:1-14; Ps 149; Rom 13:8-14; Matt 18:15-20 SEPTEMBER 17 - Ex 15:1b-11, 20-21; Ps 114; Rom 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35 **SEPTEMBER 24** - Ex 16:2-15; Ps 105:1-6, 37-45; Phil 1:21-30; Matt 20:1-16

MISSIONS UPDATES

Rescheduled YMCA Field of Dreams

Trinity will be helping with the YMCA Field of Dreams baseball games on Thursday, September 21. There are two games, which begin at 5:30 and 6:30. Please join us in helping this wonderful organization that provides opportunities for physically and mentally challenged adults and children to participate in sports. You may choose to help the athletes on the field, or you may sit in the stands and cheer for them! It will be a fun evening! Let Rich (319) 389-0971 or Eve (334) 391-3507 know that you are coming so we can make sure we have enough helpers!



Facebook Group: TUMC OCC

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ADULT MINISTRY

Wednesday Night Studies will pick back up on September 6th with a churchwide Cookout Party at 5:30! Regular studies begin September 13th. We have a time change this semester - Suppers will be from 5:30 - 6:30 PM, and studies will be from 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

We are offering 3 adult studies this semester: - Sermon on the Mount Study led by Rev. Ed - The Book of Hebrews led by Merelo Watt - Chosen: Season 3 Men's Study led by Scott Carmichael

Learn more about Wednesday Nights by scanning this QR code!

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:30 AM SEEKERS: MEETS IN THE SEEKERS CLASSROOM

9:40 AM FELLOWSHIP: MEETS IN THE LIBRARY HORIZONS: MEETS IN THE ROOM ACROSS FROM THE KITCHEN

11:00 AM LEGACY: MEETS IN THE SEEKERS CLASSROOM RENEWAL: MEETS IN THE ROOM ACROSS FROM THE KITCHEN

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

September 19th | Time TBD

The SAM group will be taking a trip to Sylacauga to tour the Blue Bell Creamery, a museum, and the marble quarry! Check the bulletin board outside the library for more details, and to sign up.





Man Cave Men's Group: Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 am

Ladies Monthly **Bible Study:** Meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am