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## THE INVISIBLE WAR

*by Chip Ingram*

**Study led by Rev. Ed Shirley in the Seekers Classroom**

Rev. Ed will offer training in spiritual warfare. Why? Too many churches are not knowledgeable of how to use the Armor of God, and Satan is gaining ground in demonic attacks against the church. Who is Satan? What was the angelic war? How do I know when I am under attack by the devil or demons? How do I defend myself in the spiritual battle? We will answer all these questions and become experts with Jesus' help in using God's Armor. (Ephesians 6:10-20)

**Book (Optional) - The Invisible War by Chip Ingram. You can also watch a short video series about the book on YouTube!**

## ENTERING HIS PRESENCE

*by Rabbi Kirt A. Schneider*

**Study led by Merelo Watt in the Finance Room**

Through the immense power of prayer and biblical teachings you will be renewed, strengthened, and encouraged by God's great and mighty Spirit. Discover a deeper place of entering God's presence through the power of the Word and Spirit. Learn how to connect with the Lord through prayer and be guided on a journey to enter His presence with devotional meditations from the written Word of God. You will be challenged to move into a deeper place of abiding in God's presence, where there is peace, healing, cleansing, hope, and renewal.

**Book: Entering His Presence by Rabbi Kirt A. Schneider. Contact Merelo (334-730-3205) to see if any pre-ordered copies are still available.**

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### Weekly Schedule

<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Tuesday</b>	
9:40 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service	7:00 a.m.	Man Cave
9:40 a.m.	Children's Sunday School		
9:40 & 11:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	<b>Wednesday</b>	
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	12:00 p.m.	Master Gardeners (3rd Wednesday of Month)
	Children's Worship	6:00 p.m.	Youth Worship
	Youth Sunday School	6:30 p.m.	Contemporary Band Rehearsal
4:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study (3rd Sunday of Month)	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir (July 10th Only)
5:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner/Study		

*Wednesday Night Studies*  
**SEPT 4TH - NOV 20TH**

## THE MAN CHURCH DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGY

*by Rick Burgess*

**Men's Study led by Scott and Mike Carmichael in the Fellowship Classroom**

Many men's ministries have struggled over the years to gain traction and sustain growth. It's not that men don't mean well. It's that men don't have a strategy. That's where The Man Church comes in.

The Man Church Discipleship Strategy is a plan that has been implemented in countless churches with the same results: men have awakened to the calling God has put on their lives and is designed to launch men into a recurring discipleship loop.

**No Book Needed - Just Bring Your Bible!**

## FERVENT

*by Priscilla Shirer*

**Ladies' Study led by Rhonda Sibley and Patty Noe in the Library**

You have an enemy...and he's dead set on destroying all you hold dear and keeping you from experiencing abundant life in Christ. What's more, his approach to disrupting your life and discrediting your faith isn't general or generic, not a one-size-fits-all. It's specific. Personalized. Targeted. This study is your chance to strike back. With prayer. With a weapon that really works. You will be guided in crafting prayer strategies that hit the enemy where it hurts, letting him know you're on to him and that you won't back down. Because with every new strategy you build, you're turning the fiercest battles of life into precise strikes against him and his handiwork, each one infused with the power of God's Spirit.

**Book: Fervent by Priscilla Shirer**

**Rev Ed Said...**

**That Wedding March has Words!**

I was flipping through a songbook titled "America's All-Time Favorite Songs." One selection was identified as "Bridal Chorus-from Lohengrin." The opening notes were familiar to us all. A fanfare with two treble notes that even Rev Ed could play. But my musical talent stops after those first four measures.

What I found fascinating were the words. I only know it as an instrumental. "Guided by us, thrice happy pair. Enter the doorway, 'tis love that invites all that is fair. Love now triumphant forever unites. Champion of virtue boldly advance, flower of beauty gently advance." There are more words. But the second verse begins; "Home joys divine, home joys so pure. Love ever faithful and love ever sure."

"When you are saved you become Jesus' bride." There is "love ever faithful and love ever sure" with Jesus. In John 15:9 Jesus says, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love." Abide means endure. The love of the Lord remains even in those hard times.

I just want to express my sincere thanks to those in Trinity Prattville Church who have a "love ever faithful and love ever sure" for this congregation. Unfortunately, about half of earthly marriages result in divorce. Folks say, "I do" at the altar. When times get tough, they say, "I'm gone."

For those of you huddling together in God's strength, Jesus' joy, and the Holy Spirit's power you are making the storm more bearable. Yes, we could get discouraged for we are dealing with major issues we never thought the bride of Christ would face. Yet we stand on God's Holy Word. We walk with the Holy Spirit. We always follow Jesus. The Hebrew name for "heel-grabber" is Jacob. We have some Jacobs trying to make us stumble into false doctrine and endorse behavior that is an abomination to God.

Philippians 3:14 says, "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." If it is a long and winding road, it will not be a long and whining road. It will be a long and winning road for Jesus, Emmanuel, is with us. Bless every sister and brother for lightening the load by being at Trinity Prattville Church to endure to ensure we keep praising our Lord! This bride abides in Jesus' steadfast love.

**In Trinity Prattville Church I pick Jesus.....Rev Ed**

# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

## **September Meeting**

### **Dates:**

Sunday Nights Small Groups:

September 1 - none Labor Day

September 8

September 15

September 22

September 29

Wednesday Nights:

September 4

September 11

September 18

September 25

## **Football Prayer Breakfast**

**Friday, September 20th**

Come help support our football team in a long standing tradition at Trinity.

The morning of Friday, September 20th we will host our Prattville High School Football Team and coaching staff for a breakfast.



### **Attention Parents:**

Text @kkff48 to 81010 to join our remind for youth program

## **September Worship Series**



If there is anything consistent about the high school experience, it is change. Like a roundabout, change is continual with constant reroutes. This series encourages high schoolers to consider change is life, new equals change, that Jesus invites us to change for the better, and that God never changes, and that is a good thing.

**Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 PM**

**Sundays 5:00 - 6:30 PM (dinner provided)**

## **Pumpkins are Coming!**



**Tuesday, October 1st at 4:00 PM**

It is never too early to start reminding people about our biggest community outreach event of the year!

Our pumpkin patch not only serves as a wonderful fundraiser for our youth group, it also puts us on the map in our community!

With the pumpkins coming so early this year, we will need LOTS of volunteers to keep our patch going. Start looking at your October calendar and be ready when the sign ups come out!

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

## Family Time at the Patch



October Sundays 2:00 - 4:00 PM

We are mixing things up at the pumpkin patch this year! We will not host our traditional Fall Festival, but will instead host Family time at the patch on Sunday afternoons. This is an opportunity to do many of the same activities we do at the Fall Festival but on a smaller scale each week. We are hoping to make more connections with our visitors this way! Be looking out for more information about specific dates and activities! Some things that will be included: hayrides, cotton candy, goats, glitter tattoos, games, crafts, popsicles and more! See Theresa for more information!

## Children's Choir and Wednesday Night Studies



We are so excited about children's choir and Wednesday night studies starting! This semester we will be learning all about Worship! We are trying to inspire a powerful generation of worshipers and worship leaders through mission, music, message and movement. We plan on beginning our Wednesday evening programming on September 4, which will include children's choir for preschool through 6th grade! If you are interested in helping out with our choir program or classes send Theresa an email at [theresa@trinityprattville.com](mailto:theresa@trinityprattville.com).



- September 1 Jim Caldwell
- September 1 Brandon Snowden
- September 2 Laura Beth Andrews
- September 5 Warren Scott
- September 7 Barbara Gray
- September 7 Cindy Schmaeman
- September 9 Sam Ross
- September 9 Ashley Wilcox
- September 9 Annette Williams
- September 10 Fred Bailey
- September 11 Amy Holden
- September 13 Jamie Sandley
- September 14 Lynn Hensley
- September 15 Amanda Parker
- September 16 Jared Sibley
- September 19 Kati Douglas
- September 19 Penny Dupree
- September 20 Don Arkle
- September 21 Ruth Cox
- September 21 Louise Hood
- September 22 Maddy Leverette
- September 22 Alice Lindsey
- September 23 Amber Shirley
- September 26 Al Reid



## CHURCH STATISTICS LAST MONTH

	4-Aug	11-Aug	18-Aug	25-Aug
General Fund Giving	\$7,986.86	\$7,864.00	\$6,750.00	\$3,482.10
<u>Attendance</u>				
- 9:40 Service	52	64	48	68
- 11:00 Service	80	82	74	96
- Sunday School	48	63	54	78

## ACOLYTE MINISTRY

	Cross Bearer	Bible Bearer	Torch Bearer	Torch Bearer
Sept. 1	Kyser Causey	Ezra Cheney	Maizie Petty	Maddox Morris
Sept. 8	Harrison Till	Gavin Leverette	Emma Ayers	Elodie Godfrey
Sept. 15	Maizie Petty	Maddox Morris	Kyser Causey	Ezra Cheney
Sept. 22	Elodie Godfrey	Emma Ayers	Harrison Till	Gavin Leverette
Sept. 29	Harrison Till	Kyser Causey	Ezra Cheney	Maizie Petty

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### September Events:

- September 1** - Labor Day Weekend - No Youth
- September 4** - Wednesday Night Supper (5:30 PM) and Studies (6:30 PM) kick off!
- September 9** - SAM Covered Dish Luncheon and Guest Speaker (12:00 PM)
- September 11** - Wednesday Night Supper (5:30 PM) and Studies (6:30 PM)
- September 15** - Ladies Monthly Bible Study (4:00 PM)
- September 18** - Wednesday Night Supper (5:30 PM) and Studies (6:30 PM)
- September 20** - Youth Football Prayer Breakfast
- September 25** - Wednesday Night Supper (5:30 PM) and Studies (6:30 PM)

### Choir Announcement

Our Traditional Adult Choir is going back to regular weekly practices on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM starting on September 4th. The choir is also in need of more members! Please contact Felicia Swanner if interested in joining!

## Stay Connected



Remind Text Messages: Text @6f6e4 to the number 81010

Facebook: Trinity UMC Children's Ministry



### Take A Moment in God's Word

**SEPTEMBER 1** - Song of Sol 2:8-13; Ps 45:1-2, 6-9 or Ps 72; Jas 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
**SEPTEMBER 8** - Prov 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Ps 125 or Ps 124; Jas 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 7:24-37  
**SEPTEMBER 15** - Prov 1:20-33; Ps 19; Jas 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38  
**SEPTEMBER 22** - Prov 31:10-31; Ps 1; Jas 3:13-4:3; Mark 9:30-37  
**SEPTEMBER 29** - Esth 7:1-6, 9-10: 9:20-22; Ps 124; Jas 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

## MISSIONS UPDATES

### AICC September Donation Drive

You are always so faithful to support AICC year-round. Did you know that in addition to food, the AICC provides personal care items to its clients? During the month of September, we are collecting personal care items listed below. You may drop off the items in the hallway behind the Family Life Center.

#### Personal Care Items Needed:

- Deodorant
- Shampoo/Bath Soap
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- Sanitary Pads/Tampons
- Dish & Laundry Detergent
- Household Cleaners
- Paper Towels
- Kleenex
- Disposable Razors
- Trial Size Products
- Toilet Paper
- Diapers

### Please take a minute to fill out our Missions Interest Survey!

Let us know what current mission projects you would like to participate in and suggest other mission projects dear to your heart for us to try to get involved in too!

Scan this QR Code to Take the Survey:



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD  
**SEPTEMBER ITEMS**

**WOW Items: Ages 10-14**

- Stuffed Animals
- Backpacks
- Dolls
- Flashlights

Please drop off items in the designated bin behind the FLC!

awth32@yahoo.com  
 www.samaritanspurse.org

## ADULT MINISTRY

### Wednesday Nights are Back!



We kick things off with the fall season of Wednesday Nights on **September 4th** and we are so excited! This season will go until November 20th.

Suppers will be from 5:30 - 6:30 PM  
 Studies will be from 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Check the front page for more information on what studies will be offered. We hope to see all of you there!

*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

### Man Cave Men's Group:

Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 am.



### "Rejoice & Re-Join!"

#### Ladies Monthly Bible Study:

*Kicking things back off on September 15th!*  
 Meets monthly on the third Sunday of the month at 4:00 pm.

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### Monthly Covered Dish Luncheons with Guest Speaker

The SAM group will be restructuring things! They will meet the 2nd Monday at noon every month at Trinity for a covered dish luncheon with guest speaker. Bring a dish to share and come enjoy some fellowship! Check the bulletin board outside the library, or email secretary@trinityprattville.com for more details, or to sign up!

**This Month: September 9th at 12 PM**

**Guest Speaker: Prattville Fire Dept. Chaplain, Kenneth Rhodes**