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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	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper
	Youth Sunday School	6:00 p.m.	Youth Worship
4:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study (3rd Sunday of Month)	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Studies
5:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner/Study	6:30 p.m.	Contemporary Band Rehearsal
		6:30 p.m.	Adult Traditional Choir

**TRINITY PRATTVILLE'S PUMPKIN PATCH**  
**Sunday Fundays**



<b>OCTOBER 6</b> <b>2-4 PM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cotton Candy</li> <li>• Glitter Tattoos</li> </ul>	<b>OCTOBER 13</b> <b>2-4 PM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hayride</li> <li>• Goats</li> <li>• Popsicles</li> </ul>	<b>OCTOBER 20</b> <b>2-4 PM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cotton Candy</li> <li>• Face Paint</li> </ul>
<b>OCTOBER 27</b> <b>2-4 PM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temp Tattoos</li> <li>• Popsicles</li> </ul>	<b>Trinity Prattville</b> <b>610 Fairview Ave</b> <b>Prattville, Al, 36066</b> Sunday Funday Activities have no cost. Pumpkins for sale to benefit youth missions	

<b>Pumpkin Patch Hours: October 2 - 31</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon-Fri: 11:00 AM - 6:30 PM</li> <li>• Sat: 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM</li> <li>• Sun: 12:00 PM - 6:30 PM</li> </ul>
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**Rev Ed Said...**

**Tomorrow's Heaven makes Tomorrow in this World Better**

Some years ago, our church was scheduled to present music at the local nursing home. I took small sing-along books that I had prepared with about 30 songs in it. Among those songs was one that upset the music director. She complained, "This is totally inappropriate to sing in a nursing home." I asked the group for requests and the first one was that song: "Will the Circle Be Unbroken." "Oh, I told the undertaker, undertaker please drive slow. For this body you are hauling, Lord, I hate to see her go."

Well, I am at the age when I often remark, "I am closer to the exit door than the entrance door of life." However, I find assurance in the Apostle Paul's words from 1 Corinthians 15:49-50, And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man. I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable."

Now, some of you are thinking, "Why is Rev Ed talking about death?" Really, I am talking about life and how to enjoy it more. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10) Oddly, I see Matthew 6:27 saying the same thing, "Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" I would say that worrying takes away hours of life that you could have had loving others and enjoying your God-given life on earth.

You can find a buffet of burdens and a wheelbarrow of worries easily on any day. But, looking beyond this day to eternal days in Heaven keeps you in the light of delight. "There's a land that is fairer than day. And by faith we can see it afar, For the Father waits over the way to prepare us a dwelling place there."

Whatever worldly woe I encounter is never a heavenly showstopper for me. Death is not an end. Death is a departure. And in the present, it gives me the strength to cope with any earthly mess. I can say, "Oh well, I am on my way to somewhere else where you won't find stuff like this." I am happy to be surrounded by folks who have the same happy heavenly attitude.

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

# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

## **Pumpkins are Coming!**



### **October 1st at 4 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!

Our youth and their families work shifts after school and on the weekends to earn fundraiser credit for their summer trips-but we are required to keep the patch open during daytime hours too!

If you have availability during the day to work a few shifts see Theresa about signing up!

## **October Worship Series**



In Matthew 5:14, Jesus says: "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden." This series encourages high schoolers to understand what it means for them to be the light of the world. God created high school students to shine -- in every single aspect of life -- by the way they live the light and hope of Jesus into a world that seems chaotic and in desperate need of light.

**Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 PM**  
**Sundays 5:00 - 6:30 PM (dinner provided)**

## **October Meeting Dates:**

Sunday Night Small Groups:  
October 6  
October 13- None, Fall Break  
October 20  
October 27

Wednesday Nights:  
October 2  
October 9  
October 16  
October 23  
October 30



### **Attention Parents:**

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



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

## Sunday Fundays at the Pumpkin Patch!



**October 6th - 2:00 - 4:00 PM**  
Cotton Candy  
Glitter Tattoos

**October 13th - 2:00 - 4:00 PM**  
Hayride  
Goats  
Popsicles

**October 20th - 2:00 - 4:00 PM**  
Cotton Candy  
Face Paint

**October 27th - 2:00 - 4:00 PM**  
Temp Tattoos  
Popsicles

Invite all of your friends! These activities have no cost. Pumpkins for sale to benefit youth missions!

## Children's Choir Singing in Church

Mark your calendars to be blessed! Our children will be singing in church on **Sunday, November 17th**. They have been practicing hard on Wednesday nights and learning all about how they were born to praise Jesus! Start inviting your family now - you will not want to miss this! If you are interested in helping out with our choir program send Theresa an email at [theresa@trinityprattville.com](mailto:theresa@trinityprattville.com).

## Winter Retreats

We are working on trips for our 3-5th graders and our 6th grade mystery trip this year! More information to come about these trips dates and locations! Make sure you are following our children's ministry remind to keep up with all the information!

## Snack Donations

If you are interested in donating snacks for Children's Ministry we will gladly accept goldfish (in the large pourable milk carton looking container) and animal crackers. These can be dropped off to Theresa's office. Thank you so much!



- October 7 Miles Gagner III
- October 7 Heather Krell
- October 7 Carolyn Reid
- October 8 Dawson Davis
- October 8 Laura Sanders
- October 9 Don Wharton
- October 10 Carolyn Griffith
- October 11 Meredith Stokely
- October 13 Malory Gibson
- October 14 Lynn Ferguson
- October 14 Gracie Keith
- October 15 Carter King
- October 15 Mason King
- October 17 Gene Cone
- October 20 Ruby Jeanette Neese
- October 21 Bud Jones
- October 21 Susan Roberts
- October 25 Anthony Krell
- October 27 Inez Luckie
- October 27 Betty McDowell
- October 28 Cindy Arkle
- October 29 Branden Biles
- October 29 Evan Biles
- October 30 Joe Thompson
- October 31 Leslie Dennis
- October 31 Inge Thompson

## CHURCH STATISTICS LAST MONTH

	1-Sep	8-Sep	15-Sep	22-Sep
General Fund Giving	\$11,919.00	\$6,226.00	\$4,920.64	\$2,572.50
<b>Attendance</b>				
- 9:40 Service	31	64	58	57
- 11:00 Service	65	80	73	82
- Sunday School	34	53	56	54

## ACOLYTE MINISTRY

	Cross Bearer	Bible Bearer	Torch Bearer	Torch Bearer
October 6	Emma Ayers	Gavin Leverette	Maddox Morris	Maizie Petty
October 13	Kyser Causey	Ezra Cheney	Harrison Till	Elodie Godfrey
October 20	Maizie Petty	Maddox Morris	Gavin Leverette	Emma Ayers
October 27	Harrison Till	Elodie Godfrey	Kyser Causey	Ezra Cheney

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### October Events:

- October 1** - Pumpkin Unloading 4 PM
- October 6** - Sunday Funday at the Patch 2-4 PM
- October 6** - Church Council Meeting 4 PM
- October 13** - Sunday Funday at the Patch 2-4 PM
- October 14** - SAM Luncheon & Guest Speaker 12 PM
- October 20** - Sunday Funday at the Patch 2-4 PM
- October 20** - Ladies Monthly Bible Study 4 PM
- October 21** - Annual Charge Conference 6 PM
- October 27** - Sunday Funday at the Patch 2-4 PM

### Church Council Meeting

Trinity's Church Council will meet on **October 6th at 4 PM** in the Seekers Classroom.

### Annual Charge Conference

Trinity's Annual Charge Conference will be on **October 21st at 6 PM** in the Sanctuary if anyone would like to attend. This will be the regularly scheduled annual charge conference.

*Welcome*

We have some new members!

Richard Patterson  
&  
Jarrod, Tara, and JC Wilson

Welcome to the Trinity family!  
We are excited to grow together in Christ!

## Stay Connected



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

**Facebook:** Trinity UMC Children's Ministry



### Take A Moment in God's Word

**OCTOBER 6** - Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Ps 26 or Ps 25; Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16  
**OCTOBER 13** - Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Ps 22:1-15; Heb 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31  
**OCTOBER 20** - Job 38:1-7; Ps 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Heb 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45  
**OCTOBER 27** - Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Ps 34:1-8; Heb 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

## MISSIONS UPDATES

### Upcoming Missions Work Day

Trinity has an opportunity to assist with home repairs for the elderly and disabled in Macon or Lee Counties on **Saturday, November 9** with the organization Alabama Rural Ministries (arm-al.org). No particular skills are necessary, just a willingness to help. We will travel together to Auburn, AL and the workday will run from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Please let Eve (334) 391-3507 or Rich (319) 389-0971 know if you can participate so we can prepare for lunch / transportation.

### 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**  
**OCTOBER ITEMS**

**Containers: Ages 10-14**

- Cups
- Plates
- Utensils
- Tote Bags
- Cosmetic Bags

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

awth32@yahoo.com  
www.samaritanpurse.org

## ADULT MINISTRY

### Wednesday Night Supper and Studies

Wednesday Nights are in full swing, but it's never too late to start coming! Activities are every Wednesday night until November 20th.

Suppers are from 5:30 - 6:30 PM, and studies are from 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

#### Adult Classes for Fall 2024:

- The Invisible War - led by Rev. Ed
- Entering His Presence - led by Merelo Watt
- Fervent - Ladies' Study led by Rhonda Sibley & Patty Noe
- The Man Church - Men's Study led by Scott & Mike Carmichael



*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:**  
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!

**This Month: October 14th at 12 PM**  
**Guest Speaker: Southern Gospel Music Radio Host, Bill Roberts**