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Tuesday

Wednesday

The Trinity Prattville **Monthly Newsletter** is available both online at **www.trinityprattville.com** and by mail by submitting a request to the church secretary at secretary@trinityprattville.com. Submission of articles for the monthly newsletter should be sent to communications@trinityprattville.com by the 20th of each month.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday
9:40 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
9:40 a.m. Children's Sunday School
9:40 & 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

9:40 & 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
Children's Worship

Youth Sunday School

4:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study (3rd Sunday of Month)

5:00 p.m. Youth Dinner/Study

7:00 a.m. Man Cave

7.00 a.m.

12:00 p.m. Master Gardeners (3rd Wednesday of Month) 6:00 p.m. Youth Worship

6:30 p.m. Adult Traditional Choir



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Rev Ed Said...

In the Year 2525 if Man is Still Alive

When this New Year approached, I kept thinking there was an old song that talked about the year 2025. Well, I was five hundred years off from this number one hit back in 1969 recorded by the duo Zager and Evans. The song composer ponders the state of humanity by jumping forward in time.



In the year 8510
God is gonna shake His mighty head
He'll either say, "I'm pleased where man has been"
Or tear it down and start again



In the year 1969, an astronaut stepped off a lunar module ladder onto the moon's surface, if he stepped off onto the present planet earth in 2025, he might think this is a foreign planet with some weird life forms.

Second Peter 3:8-9, "But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

Trinity Prattville Church is in an age of waiting. Some react in various ways to the duress and uncertainty of an unresolved issue. Spiritual warfare has intensified. Have you thought about God's slowness to tear down the wicked work? Perhaps the Lord wants us to get to work winning back the ground Satan has claimed.

Decades of Christians retreating to environments of less tension to comfortably worship Jesus have contributed to the spread of the demonic dread. If people are not hearing the true Gospel, then they are influenced by the more vocal godless forces in our society and church. Let us proclaim in the year 2025, "I am still alive in Jesus." Be shoes for the Gospel to stand your ground and travel new paths to share "Jesus saves!" We might think of the church as a "fort of faith" rather than a pleasant worship center. No more bending. We are defending true Christianity.

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

Apostle Paul Visits Trinity Prattville Church

Sunday, January 26th, 9:40 AM & 11 AM



This is my first dramatic monologue performance of the famous Christian church leader. From a young pharisee breathing murderous threats against Christians to a courageous evangelist for Christ, Paul was on a mission to bring as many as possible to his Savior Jesus. Invite someone to this special presentation.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Our students
enjoyed many
different activities
throughout the
month of
December! Here
are a few photos
highlighting them!





January Meeting Dates:

Sunday Nights Small Groups:

January 5 -NONE
January 12- Small Groups
January 19 -NONE
January 26 -Small Groups

Wednesday Nights:

January 1- None
January 8 -Worship
January 15 -Worship
January 22 -Worship
January 29 -Worship

Snack Donations

We are so blessed to have our youth at Trinity, and you know how teenagers love to eat! We are gladly accepting donations of MINI canned soft drinks and individual bags of chips so we can offer them to the youth on Wednesday nights! We appreciate these donations so much! They can be dropped off in the youth office in the back of Theresa's office!

January Worship Series



"Take a Bow"

For most students, the choice between humility and confidence is a constant tug of war. How do we live with these two opposing forces? How do we navigate the apparent tension between choosing a life of humility and living with confidence all at the same time? This series will help our students find their answer by looking at how Jesus balanced confidence and humility during His life.



Attention Parents:

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

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Wednesday Nights

We are looking

forward to resuming suppers and Wednesday evening children's choir and bible studies on February 5th!

Next semester we will be working on a children's musical. We are always looking for great volunteers on Wednesday nights, if you are interested in helping out with Children's Ministry see Theresa Keith. 334-558-3540

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. We will also accept candy donations. Thank you so much!

Winter Retreat (Grades 3rd-5th)

January 31st-Feb 2nd

Please be in prayer for our children as they travel to a new location for their winter retreat camp! This year we are teaming up with a new crew and going to Shocco Springs Camp in Talladega, Alabama.

The theme of the weekend is "Adventures in Faith" and our children will learn about being brave and keeping their faith strong throughout all of life's adventures!



Vacation Bible Study



Mark your calendars! VBS is <u>June 10th-12th</u>, Tuesday through Thursday this year!

We are looking for volunteers and decorators!

Be looking out for more information about themes and paint parties next month to help us prepare for this wonderful week!!



Stay Connected

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

Facebook: Trinity UMC Children's Ministry





anuarv	1	Jeffrey	Burkett

January 2 Hayden Causey

January 4 Kyle Biles

January 7 Asher O'Bannon

January 8 Veronika Tuck

January 11 Carl Bailey January 12 Debbie Carmichael

January 14 Denise Allen

January 14 Dwayne Hutchinson

January 17 Dora Kleinschmidt

January 17 Brody Welch (Johnson)

January 18 Leigh Arkle Contratto

January 18 Matt Caldwell

January 18 Leslie Carmichael

January 18 Lila Ferguson

January 19 Gene Barber Jr.

January 24 Emma Loznicka January 24 Everett South

January 24 Grayson Tatum

January 26 Rhonda Hollon

January 27 Stan Coker

January 28 Lynda Carmichael

January 30 Lincoln Arkle

January 30 Eli Veasey



CHURCH STATISTICS LAST MONTH

	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15
General Fund Giving	\$8,196.78	\$7,313.00	\$2,342.00
<u>Attendance</u>			
- 9:40 Service	47	66	59
- 11:00 Service	70	88	58
- Sunday School	52	63	38

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

	Cross Bearer	Bible Bearer	Torch Bearer	Torch Bearer
January 5	Harrison TIII	Ezra Cheney	Elodie Godfrey	Maddox Morris
January 12	Kyser Causey	Maisie Petty	Gavin Leverette	Emma Ayers
January 19	Elodie Godfrey	Maddox Morris	Ezra Cheney	Harrison Till
January 26	Maisie Petty	Kyser Causey	Emma Ayers	Gavin Leverette

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January Events:

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 12 - Heather and Lindsey Farewell Party

January 13 - SAM Luncheon

January 19 - Ladies Monthly Bible Study

January 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 31 - 3rd-5th Grade Winter Retreat

Pop-In Farewell Party

January 12th at 12 PM in the FLC

We invite everyone to join us for a Pop-In Farewell Party in honor of Heather Krell and Lindsey Nimmons! We will greatly miss having them on staff at Trinity and we are so blessed for the time that we had them as part of the team.

Church Office Announcement

Starting January 2nd, the Church Office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 - 11:30 AM.

Church Office Phone Number: 334-365-7339 Rev. Ed Phone Number: 334-313-3176 Page 4 Trinity Tribute Vol. 16, Issue 1 Page 5 Trinity Tribute Vol. 16, Issue 1

Take A Moment in God's Word

JANUARY 5 - Isa 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph 3:1-12; Mt 2:1-12

JANUARY 12 - Isa 43:1-7; Ps 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

JANUARY 19 - Isa 62:1-5; Ps 36:5-10; 1 Cor 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

JANUARY 26 - Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21



MISSIONS UPDATES

A Message From Your New Missions Team Leader:

Praise God for all of the time, talent, and treasure that has been shared this last year in mission for Christ! Praise God for Rich and Eve Schirmer for being obedient to God and sharing their Faith through works! Praise God for all that HE has planned

for this next year! I can't wait to SEE all that we can do together as THE BODY OF CHRIST! Please be in prayer about how you can serve and give for THE KINGDOM! Mission opportunities will be coming soon!

Thank you for your support!

Merelo Watt (334) 730-3205





Yay! It's time to officially kick off our collecting efforts for 2025! During the month of January, we will focus on personal care items. When purchasing items, think in bulk (such as value packs of washcloths or packs of bar soap from Walmart, Sam's, or Costco). Most personal care items can be added to the Walmart Pickup service in the app. As you are shopping

those after-holiday clearance sales, please keep OCC in your thoughts. Valentine's Day goodies make awesome shoebox fillers. Also, happy meal toys and promotional items (pens, pencils, note pads, cups, key chains, stress balls, nail files) are free and great for the shoeboxes. Please place any donations in the appropriate bin in the hallway behind the FLC. And any monetary donations can be forwarded to the church office.

awth32@yahoo.com | www.samaritanspurse.org

Personal Care Items:

- Washcloths
- Bar Soap
- Stick Deodorants
- Toothbrushes
- Toothbrush Covers

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins:

medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans. These items are not on the approved list.

ADULT MINISTRY

Changes to Wednesday Nights

We are thrilled that our Wednesday night programming will return on Wednesday, February 5th. Look for upcoming announcements on the studies that will be offered. We are also working on some exciting new changes for the format of our suppers and will unveil the final plans during the month of January. We hope you will make plans to attend Wednesday nights this semester to enjoy community and grow in faith together!



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 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: January 13th at 12 PM
Guest Speaker: Lt. Hope, Prattville Police Department