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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		Tuesday	
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	Wednesday	
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 Fellowship/Suppers
	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.	Adult Traditional Choir

THE INVISIBLE WAR (CONT'D)

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!

**DEVOTED TO JESUS:
 FROM FIRST STEPS TO FULLY SURRENDERED**

by Stephen Kendrick & Alex Kendrick

Study led by Merelo Watt in the Children's Hall End Classroom

Jesus started His ministry saying, "Come, follow me," and finished by saying, "Go make disciples." Between these two challenges, His followers learned they could trust Him completely with every area of their lives. They first learned to be His disciples, then helped others as disciple-makers ... and so can you!

Book: *Devoted to Jesus: From First Steps to Fully Surrendered* by Stephen Kendrick & Alex Kendrick

Wednesday Night Studies

February 5 - May 7

Fellowship/Suppers: 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Studies: 6:30 - 7:30 PM

**SISTER IN CHRIST,
 I NEED YOU**

by Shana Grooms

Ladies' Study led by Patty Noe in the Library

There is something especially powerful and permanent about the written word of encouragement. And it doesn't take much—just a small reminder that someone is thinking of you, that you're not alone, that someone sees you, that we are in this together. This book is designed to promote personal growth and community among Christian women. It explores how God created us to depend on each other and inspires us to do so in a way that empowers us and glorifies Him!

Book: *Sister in Christ, I Need You* by Shana Grooms

THE FOUR LOVES

by C.S. Lewis

Men's Study led by Drew Chaney in the Fellowship Classroom

In this work Lewis examines four varieties of love, as approached from the Greek language: storge, the most basic form; philia, the rarest and perhaps most insightful; eros, passionate love; and agape, the love of God, the greatest and least selfish. Throughout this compassionate and reasoned study, readers are encouraged to open themselves to all forms of love - the key to understanding that brings us closer to God.

BOOK: *The Four Loves* by C.S. Lewis

Rev Ed Said...

If You're Not Humble, You Will Stumble

A popular song from my 1970's high school days was recorded by Mac Davis. "Oh Lord, it's hard to be humble when you're perfect in every way. I can't wait to look in the mirror cause I get better lookin' each day." Every time I heard that song, I just had to snicker.

In our Man Cave Group, we recently read in Matthew chapter 16:11 about Jesus warning the disciples, "But be on guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Do remember the "I Love Lucy" episode where she put too much yeast in the bread? The large loaf burst out of the oven! The bread spread out of control!

Most of our present troubles come from "a lack of humility" in both society and church. Yeast can be a beast! Promotion of self has replaced adoration of Christ. What does "leaven" or "yeast" do? It puffs up the bread to expand it. The bread has air pockets, and the content is not solid. It appears larger than it actually is. Unleavened bread is solid from the outer layer to the core: what you see is what you get.

So, the yeast of our troubles is "the lack of humility." Humility is defined as "the quality of having a modest view of one's value or importance." The Apostle Paul nailed it in Philippians 2:3-4, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

People think they are above others and even know more than God. They remind me of those frill-neck lizards running around. They are ugly! And we have the same ridiculous atrocious appearance when we fail to listen to the Lord and genuinely care for the welfare of others.

We must pull the emergency brake! Let the Master Mechanic Jesus tune our engine, accelerate in adoration to Christ, yield to the Holy Spirit, and lookout for others along life's highway.

You can't get to "love" unless you have humility. Listen to the wisdom and concerns of those around you. Stop puffing up with pride and pleasure. Start praising the Lord of All in submission. "Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up." (James 4:10) A lot of folks need a shot of this 4/10.

At Trinity Prattville I pick Jesus.....Rev Ed

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Ministry Day Trip

Monday February 17th

Mark your calendars! The details are not set in stone yet but we will be having a youth group outing on February 17th when the kids are out of school!

Make sure you are connected in the youth Remind app so you can get all the latest information as it becomes available!



February Meeting

Dates:

Sunday Nights Small Groups:

- February 2 - Small Groups
- February 9 - Small Groups
- February 16 - None
- February 23 - Small Groups

Wednesday Nights:

- February 5- Worship
- February 12- Worship
- February 19- Worship
- February 26- Worship

February Worship Series



"The Happy Days"

High schoolers are constantly chasing happiness. With friends, status, talents, grades, or their futures, they're constantly in the pursuit of happiness and quite often they are coming up short.

This means high schoolers can feel many different emotions. As we'll see in this series, emotions are not all bad.

Following Jesus doesn't mean ignoring our emotions but embracing them. God meets us in every feeling, offering hope and purpose. True happiness comes from trusting Him.

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 caned 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!

Attention Parents:

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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Wednesday Nights

 **6:30 - 7:30 PM**
Starting February 5th

"Honor the Lord our God. Worship at his feet. He is holy."
Psalm 99:5

This semester we will be continuing our series on worship and we learn that worshipping God in church with songs is only one part of worship! During our time together kids will learn that we can praise God every day in some way! Children's choir is for children ages 2 through 6th grade! Invite a friend!

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!



3rd-5th Grade Winter Retreat

Please be in prayer for our children as they travel to Shocco Springs for our first winter retreat camp. We are so excited to take this time for our children to grow together!!

January 31st-Feb 2nd
Shocco Springs, Talledega, AL

Sixth Grade Social

February 16th at 2:30 PM



All 6th graders are invited to attend our first 6th grade social of 2025. Sunday, February 16th, at 2:30 pm we will meet at Sweet Frog in Prattville. We will hang out, do a devotion and discuss what we want to do for our other socials in March and April! Don't miss out!

Vacation Bible Study

June 10th - 12th

Howdy, partners! Welcome to Wonder Junction! There's no greater joy than to praise the name of the Lord all day long. But how can our kids do that if they don't know who Jesus is or what he's done for them? This summer at Wonder Junction we are going to marvel at Jesus and live for his glory.



Save the date for a super fun VBS experience! We are SO EXCITED about our fun theme this year and can't wait to share this time together! We will be looking for lots of volunteers so start thinking about where you would like to serve now!!

VBS Paint Parties

Be on the lookout for dates and times for VBS paint parties! (We are waiting for curriculum to arrive any day now!) These are adult only events where we will work on projects to help decorate for VBS! It's also a great time to fellowship with other people from the church. Due to the nature of the tasks we ask that that your sweet children stay at home these evenings to keep them safe!

Stay Connected

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

Facebook: Trinity UMC Children's Ministry



- February 2 Loral Bailey
- February 3 Piper Wilcox
- February 5 Aaron Staver
- February 6 David Strickland
- February 9 Janet Branch
- February 10 Lawrence Frederick
- February 10 Carter Renfro
- February 11 Martha Hoyle
- February 11 Jerry Walker
- February 12 Carolyn Maclennan
- February 12 Samantha O'Bannon
- February 13 Vera Kirkman
- February 15 Marie Hutchinson
- February 15 Stryker O'Bannon
- February 18 Laney Davis
- February 19 Aidan Cheshire
- February 19 Colton Ferguson
- February 19 Livvy Gregory
- February 22 Anne Marie Roberson
- February 22 Toni Wilkerson
- February 24 Lindsey Nimmons
- February 24 Donna Smith
- February 26 Sarah Branch
- February 29 Larry Hoyle

In Memory of Nancy Scott

A donation was made by Warren Scott on Sunday, January 19th, in memory of Nancy Scott.



CHURCH STATISTICS LAST MONTH

	Jan 5	Jan 12	Jan 19
General Fund Giving	\$1,600.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,337.00
Attendance			
- 9:40 Service	58	55	58
- 11:00 Service	54	73	58
- Sunday School	26	28	33

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

	Cross Bearer	Bible Bearer	Torch Bearer	Torch Bearer
February 2	Ezra Cheney	Elodie Godfrey	Maddox Morris	Harrison Till
February 9	Emma Ayers	Gavin Leverette	Kyser Causey	Maisie Petty
February 16	Harrison Till	Maddox Morris	Elodie Godfrey	Ezra Cheney
February 23	Kyser Causey	Emma Ayers	Gavin Leverette	Maisie Petty

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Events:

- February 2 - Caroline White Bridal Shower
- February 5 - Wednesday Nights Start Back!
- February 16 - Churchwide Missions Potluck
- February 16 - 6th Grade Social
- February 17 - Youth Day Trip
- February 23 - Gracie Keith Bridal Shower

Caroline White Bridal Shower



You are invited to a bridal tea shower on **February 2nd from 2:00 - 3:30 PM** celebrating Caroline White as she enters this next phase in life! Caroline is registered at Amazon, Belk, Target, & Pampered Chef.

Gracie Keith Bridal Shower

You are invited to a bridal shower on **February 23rd from 12:00 - 2:00 PM** celebrating Gracie Keith as she enters the next phase of her life! Scan this QR code to view Gracie's Registry.



Thank you so much to the SPRC for the farewell reception and to everyone for your kind words, gifts, and encouragement as I leave my duties at Trinity. Your love and support over the years are why I truly loved serving at Trinity! Serving alongside each of you has been an incredible blessing and a memory I will always be thankful for. With Love and Gratitude, Heather Krell

Take A Moment in God's Word

FEBRUARY 2 - Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6; 1 Cor 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

FEBRUARY 9 - Isa 6:1-8, 9-13; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

FEBRUARY 16 - Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

FEBRUARY 23 - Gen 45:3-11, 15; Ps 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Cor 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38



MISSIONS UPDATES

PRAISE GOD for all that HE is about to do here at Trinity! Be on the look out for two ways to love for Christ!

First, we have an "adopt a person/family" mission starting and I would like all of you to pray about how you can help. Each month we would check on that person and see what need we can help them meet. These are all people that I have been in contact with and whose needs are real. The goal is to get other churches to adopt as well so that the burden is shared. Millbrook FUMC has already taken at least one family, praise God! Please let me know if you are led to give or help or even organize. We will not use mission's money for this, it will be based on what we as a church are willing to share!

Second, we will be gearing up for a SERVE DAY the end of February/early March so be looking for the date to come. This is a day that we will go out into the community to love for Christ by handing out free hotdogs and offering drive through prayer. This has been done before by other churches and is successful. This is a great way to share the love of Christ and help build up the church. It would include feeding people with food and feeding people with love and prayer. In it we can collect prayer requests to pray over.

It is so exciting to see how God will lead us! Please contact **Merelo Watt at 334-730-3205** with your questions or with how God wants you to help!

Churchwide Potluck

February 16th | 12 PM | FLC

Please join us for an old-fashioned church wide potluck and gathering right after services on the 16th! Bring your favorite dish to share. We can gather and have some time of fellowship as a church family!

Please contact **Merelo Watt at 334-730-3205** to let us know what you plan to bring!



ADULT MINISTRY

Wednesday Nights Start Back on February 5th!

We are thrilled that our Wednesday night programming will return on Wednesday, February 5th! We are doing things a little differently this semester with our Wednesday night suppers. We will still have some of our Volunteer-Cooked Meals, but we will also be including some Pizza Nights, and "Bring your Own Meal" Nights. Although the meal format is changing, having this time of fellowship with our Trinity family will remain the same! Be on the lookout for the meal info each week! RSVPing will be more important than ever this season. We also need more volunteers to keep suppers around, so please let us know if you can help!

Check out the front page for a sneak peek of the classes we will offer this season!

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:30 AM
FELLOWSHIP: MEETS IN THE SEEKERS CLASSROOM

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

11:00 AM
LEGACY: MEETS IN THE SEEKERS CLASSROOM

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 for more details!

This Month: February 10th at 12 PM

Guest Speaker: Merelo Watt, Trinity Missions Team Leader