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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 at communications@trinityprattville.com. Submission of articles for the monthly newsletter should be sent to communications@trinityprattville.com by the 20th of each month.

Weekly Schedule

<u>Sunday</u>		<u>Tuesday</u>	
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	<u>Wednesday</u>	
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



Rev Ed Said...

Beware the Eyes of March

As a young lad I misunderstood the phrase "The Ides of March." I thought they were saying, "The Eyes of March." Of course, I was too busy reading my "Mad" magazines to peruse William Shakespear's classic "Julius Caesar" where the phrase "Beware the Ides of March" became a popular quote to basically forewarn everyone to be alerted to pending danger.

It is said that Caesar, the Roman general and dictator, received a similar message on March 15, 44 B.C. He did not take the warning to heart and was assassinated by a group of senators. I could attempt to explain all this as it associates to the Roman calendar but let me say "Ides" refers to the middle of the month. Where is Rev Ed going with these Ides or eyes? Caesar did not heed the warning and just continued with his day without taking any precautions.

Matthew 24:7-8 reads, "Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come."

I remember hearing Johnny Cash sing, "I believe the time is coming for the Lord to come again. I believe the end is nearing every door. I believe the good old Bible from beginning to the end. Just compare today with Matthew Twenty-Four."

So, I would say, "Beware taking your eyes off the Word to just see the world." Those who live only for the flesh are trying to distract us from praying and watching for Jesus' return. Lent reminds us of that Day of Death which established our eternal state: the gift of eternal life through Christ's Crucifixion (Good Friday).

What gets me through this world's dark days are the promised brighter days in Heaven with Jesus forever! Even religious leaders have forgotten the King is coming! The Latin word "Ides" means "to divide." Sadly, division within the church has become their passion (accommodating pleasures of the flesh) rather than preparation for Jesus' return (obedience to Scriptures through holy living). Let us choose to be spiritually alert. We watch and pray. The temporal troubles of the world will not get in our way.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 5, we will begin our Lenten season together as a congregation with our Ash Wednesday Service at **6:30 PM**. There will be no separate youth, children or adult studies that night.

Youth Fun Night

Sunday, March 9th 5-7 PM

We will meet at Trinity at 5 PM, and then head downtown and throw axes! We will order pizzas and eat down there. Sign up with this QR Code so we have enough pizza!




Youth Yard Sale

April 4th, 5:30 - 8:30 PM
April 5th, 6 -11 AM

Help support our youth ministry in their last fundraiser before summer trips! We will begin accepting donations in the youth room **Sunday, March 23rd**. If you need help getting donations up to the church call Theresa at 334-558-3540 and we can help coordinate a pickup!

Trinity Seniors

Our High School Senior Sunday service will be held **Sunday, May 18th**.  If you have a senior you would like recognized please email no more than 8 pictures of your senior to Theresa at theresa@trinityprattville.com **by April 13th**. This will give us plenty of time to have the baskets out for the students during the month of April and May. There will be a small reception luncheon held after the service on the 18th for seniors and their immediate families. Please include your RSVP number in the email with the pictures. We look forward to celebrating with you!

March Wednesday Night Worship Series



"Give and Take"

We all know forgiveness is important, but giving it isn't always easy especially when we're hurt. In "Give and Take," students will take a deep look at what it means to forgive, why it matters, and how it frees us from the weight of bitterness. This series shows how forgiveness isn't about pretending nothing happened but choosing to let go and find peace that only God can bring!



Attention Parents:

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Sixth Grade Social

March 16th at 2:00 PM



All 6th graders are invited to attend our second 6th grade social of 2025. Sunday March 16th, at 2:00 pm we will meet at Trinity. We will ride over to skate zone in Wetumpka. No money is needed for skating, but children may bring money for snacks.

Spring Break



Autauga County's spring break is **March 24th-28th**. We will not be having supper, children's choir or classes on Wednesday March 26th- enjoy the break!

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 may be dropped off to Theresa's office. Thank you so much! We also accept dye free candy donations as well! (Most chocolates are dye free!)



Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, April 19th at 9:00 AM

We will be going back to the basics this year with a traditional pancake breakfast and egg hunt. We will be looking for pancake flippers, servers, and egg "hidlers"! Please come help that morning if you can! Reach out to Theresa and let her know!



Vacation Bible Study

June 17th - 19th (Dates Changed)

We had so many of our families who will be out of town the previously scheduled week that we decided just to move our dates! We are still super excited for our Western themed VBS where we learn all about how there is no greater joy than to praise the name of the Lord all day long. At Wonder Junction, we will marvel at Jesus and live for his glory!



VBS Paint Parties

Be on the lookout for dates and times for VBS paint parties! 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



- March 2 Barry Estes
- March 2 Ryan Godfrey
- March 3 Dick Kirkman
- March 5 Alexis Johnson
- March 8 Eric Sumrall
- March 8 Griffin Till
- March 10 Sharon Shirley
- March 10 Apple Wilkerson
- March 11 Griffin Davis
- March 14 Mike Roberson
- March 15 Tom Renckly
- March 17 Dean Allen
- March 19 Emma Veasey
- March 19 John Wilkerson
- March 23 Allison Till
- March 24 Andrew Noe
- March 25 Gavin Leverette
- March 26 Troy Ferguson
- March 27 Bob Luckie
- March 27 Rose McCauley
- March 28 Emma Ayers
- March 28 Buck Frederick

Ash Wednesday Service

Mark your calendars for our Ash Wednesday Service on **March 5th at 6:30 PM** in the Sanctuary. (We will have this special service instead of Wednesday Studies that Night)



CHURCH STATISTICS LAST MONTH

	Feb 2	Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 23
General Fund Giving	\$8,916.22	\$2,596.00	\$3,788.00	\$1,968.00
Attendance				
- 9:40 Service	65	48	66	66
- 11:00 Service	61	68	67	66
- Sunday School	45	53	60	62

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

	Cross Bearer	Bible Bearer	Torch Bearer	Torch Bearer
March 2	Elodie Godfrey	Ezra Cheney	Harrison Till	Emma Ayers
March 9	Maisie Petty	Maddox Morris	Kyser Causey	Gavin Leverette
March 16	Ezra Cheney	Emma Ayers	Elodie Godfrey	Harrison Till
March 23	Gavin Leverette	Harrison Till	Maisie Petty	Ezra Cheney
March 30	Emma Ayers	Kyser Causey	Gavin Leverette	Maddox Morris

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March Events:

- March 5** - Ash Wednesday Service
- March 9** - Lindsey Nimmons Pop-In Baby Shower
- March 9** - Youth Fun Night
- March 10** - SAM Luncheon and Guest Speaker
- March 15** - Missions Serve Day
- March 16** - 6th Grade Social
- March 26** - NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Lindsey Nimmons Pop-In Baby Shower

On **March 9th at 12 PM**, you are invited to pop by the fellowship classroom and help us celebrate this precious new life and help the Nimmons prepare for sweet baby Barrett Taylor's arrival! Scan this code to view their registry.



No Wednesday Night Activities

March 26th

Spring Break for Autauga County is scheduled for March 24th - 28th. We will not be having any Wednesday night activities that week.

Take A Moment in God's Word

MARCH 2 - Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99; 2 Cor 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

MARCH 5 (Ash Wednesday) - Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Ps 51:1-17; 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10; Matt 6:1-6, 16-21

MARCH 9 - Deut 26:1-11; Ps 92:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

MARCH 16 - Gen 15: 1-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

MARCH 23 - Isa 55:1-9; Ps 63:1-8; 1 Cor 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

MARCH 30 - Josh 5:9-12; Ps 32; 2 Cor 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



MISSIONS UPDATES

GATHER:

Praise God for getting to spend time with some of our church family at the February potluck! God is so good to let us GATHER! Many have expressed that they would like to see more time to fellowship so here are the next dates to put on your calendar: **April 27 & June 29.**

We will start with quarterly potlucks and SEE what God does with it!

GROW:

You are encouraged to come to the Wednesday night suppers and studies! You are encouraged to come to Sunday school! These are great ways for us to GATHER and GROW together! Don't wait! NOW IS THE TIME! 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:4. Check out what is available now and SEE what God is about to start!

GO:

God our Father has blessed us with a strong BODY that is gifted in many ways. There are so many people that need, that are broken, that hurt. And prayer, IN JESUS NAME, is the best way to start helping!

Serve Day: March 15th from 10 AM - 2 PM we will be doing drive through prayer in our parking lot! There is something for everyone to do. We will need people to cook, package lunches, buy materials, direct traffic, make signs and encourage drivers, and we will need people to pray! Pray with me that this GLORIFIES GOD in every way and come see me with what you want to help with!

Adopt a Person/Family: Please pray about this and SEE where God leads you. If HE is nudging you to give of your time, talent, or treasure, then come see me and let's get moving on this mission. God has blessed us to be able to give what we have in abundance! LET'S DO IT!

Mission: There is so much to support and I know it can be overwhelming, especially when we have so many other things to do. God doesn't want us to do everything and He doesn't want us to do it by ourselves. This is why we are THE CHURCH! So that we would come together and share what we have, to lighten the load. Please be in prayer about where and what God OUR FATHER wants us to do, and then let's do it! Please come see me about any ideas that you feel lead to!

God is bringing it, so PRAY for it, SEEK Him in it, and look for His answer! We are called to LOVE and SHARE the love of Christ, and it is so much fun!

I am here if you have questions or just want to pray together! Merelo Watt 334-730-3205

ADULT MINISTRY

Wednesday Night Activities

Our Spring 2025 Semester of Wednesday Night Studies is going on now through May 7th! It is never too late to start coming!

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

Wednesday Night Studies: 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Class Offerings:

The Invisible War (Cont'd) - led by Rev Ed in the Seekers Classroom

Devoted to Jesus: From First Steps to Fully Surrendered - led by Merelo Watt in the Children's Hall End Classroom

Sister In Christ, I Need You - Ladies' Study led by Patty Noe in the Library

The Four Loves - Men's Study led by Drew Chaney in the Fellowship Classroom

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: March 10th at 12 PM

Guest Speaker: Chris Watt, Retired Air Force Colonel

Topic: Sex Trafficking