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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

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



Rev Ed Said...

Jesus is Your Only Way to God

Easter reminds us that Jesus is the One who directs our spiritual lives. We have religious leaders who claim to be enlightened by the Spirit on a new better way of being the church or living the Christian life. However, friends your soul is surrendered to your Redeemer and the Holy Spirit guides you to God's truth.

I have a Methodist Hymnal printed in the year 1889. It is so old that it is "words only" without musical notation. I found a hymn composed by Samuel Medley "He lives, to bless me with his love; He lives, to plead for me above; He lives, my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help me in time of need. He lives, and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives, my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there."

What a wonderful reminder that Christ alone takes care of our every need on earth. Jesus will lead us to our place prepared for us in Heaven. I shall submit to one authority in my spiritual life, Jesus. I know that you are proclaiming the same testimony.

"He lives, all glory to his name; He lives my Savior, still the same; What joy the blest assurance gives, I know that my Redeemer lives!" This closing verse from Medley's hymn makes me want to shout what Easter is all about! Christ is risen! But greatest of all Jesus has risen in your soul to give you strength to overcome adversity in this world!

"What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?"
(Romans 8:31-32, New Living Translation)

So, many of you at Trinity Prattville Church continue to holdfast to Jesus alone as you live out your faith. As we refuse to compromise on God's Holy Word and we will not embrace false doctrine, we are only driven closer to Christ. May this Easter remind us that Jesus is alive among us, and we trust him with everything else before us.

Blessings are everywhere. Even in an old antique hymnal with an obscure composer from many years ago yet it gives guidance and strength for us today.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS


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 are 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! We could use lots of help on the cleanup shift at 11:00!

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!

April Wednesday Night Study



"The Comeback Kid"

Everybody loves a good comeback story, and this Easter series, "The Comeback Kid," brings students face-to-face with the greatest one of all. Over four weeks, students will follow Jesus' journey through life, death, and resurrection, and see how His comeback offers hope, help, and purpose for their own lives. From the miracle of Lazarus to the Resurrection itself, students will discover that Jesus' story proves His promises are true.

EASTER *Sunrise Service*

APRIL 20, 2025 AT 6:00 AM

Mark your calendar's for early Easter morning. Trinity's youth are putting on the Easter Sunrise Service. From the music to the message, our students are in charge of the whole thing and you will not want to miss out! The service will be in the NEW parking lot at 6:00 AM, so please park in the old parking lot and walk over. It's usually a little chilly so plan accordingly! We pray you will be blessed by what they have prepared!



Attention Parents:

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Sixth Grade Social



April 13th at 12:00 PM

All 6th graders are invited to attend our third 6th grade social of 2025. Sunday April 13th, right after church we will head over to the bowling alley in Prattville and will eat lunch and bowl together! No money is needed for bowling or lunch, but children can bring money for the arcade if they want!

Children's Choir Leads Worship

May 4th at 11:00 AM

Mark your calendars for a Sunday morning full of beautiful worship! Our children's choirs have been practicing some sweet music this semester and they can't wait to brighten your day with their voices! Invite your friends/family! It will be ONLY at the 11:00 service.

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 are looking for help in the following areas:

- **Cooking Pancakes:** 7:00 AM – 5 to 7 men (usually)
- **Hiding Eggs:** 8:00 AM – 8 to 10 volunteers
- **Serving Breakfast:** 8:15 AM – 4 to 5 volunteers
- **Stuffing Eggs with Candy:** Pick up March 23rd and return by April 13th (bins of candy, prizes and eggs in the hall behind the FLC)
- **Setup and Cleanup:** Before and after the breakfast and hunt, VERY appreciated! More info about setup coming soon.

Send an email to theresa@trinityprattville.com, or a text to 334-558-3540 and let us know where you will be willing to serve!

Vacation Bible Study

June 17th - 19th

We are 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!



We are in BIG need of volunteers!

If you have never been involved in VBS before, but want to help, the two easiest ways to volunteer are:

- 1: Walk children around from station to station.
- 2: Help setup, serve and cleanup dinner each night.

Let Theresa know if one of these may interest you!! Thank you so much!

Stay Connected

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

Facebook: Trinity UMC Children's Ministry



- April 1 Kathy Johnson
- April 2 Katie White
- April 4 Jonathan Richard Baker-McLaughlin
- April 7 Ashleigh Allen
- April 9 Brett Gagner
- April 11 Mary Jo Myers
- April 13 Everett Arkle
- April 15 Tristan Godfrey
- April 15 Katie Holden
- April 15 Gary Mathis
- April 16 Patty Noe
- April 16 Eric Wilkins
- April 17 Jackie Strickland
- April 21 David Smith
- April 23 Savanna Jones
- April 25 Bud Hancock IV
- April 26 Lori Holman
- April 27 Norma Pogue

Good Friday

April 18th at 6:30 PM Sanctuary

Join us for a special Good Friday Service to reflect on the crucifixion and prepare for the resurrection of the King.

Egg Hunt

April 19th at 9:00 AM

Our Children's Ministry is hosting their annual Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast! See the Children's Ministry page for details on this event and the ways you could help!

CHURCH STATISTICS LAST MONTH

Attendance	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 23
- 9:40 Service	59	66	54	54
- 11:00 Service	83	67	59	63
- Sunday School	62	61	50	58

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Events:

- April 4-5** - Youth Yard Sale Fundraiser
- April 13** - Palm Sunday
- April 13** - 6th Grade Social at Bama Lanes 12 PM
- April 14** - SAM Luncheon 12 PM
- April 18** - Good Friday Service 6:30 PM
- April 19** - Children's Ministry Egg Hunt 9 AM
- April 20** - Easter Sunday
 - Sunrise Service 6:00 AM
 - Contemporary Worship Service 9:40 AM
 - Traditional Service and Cantata 11:00 AM
- April 27** - Churchwide Potluck 12 PM

Easter Sunrise Service

April 20th at 6:00 AM in the New Parking Lot

Join us for a special youth-led service that takes place as the sun rises on Easter morning!



Easter Cantata

The Living Word...The Risen Lord

April 20th at 11:00 AM Service

Join us for a special Easter Cantata by our Traditional Choir at the 11:00 AM Service in the Sanctuary!



Take A Moment in God's Word

APR 6 - Isa 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8
APR 13 (Palm Sunday) - Luke 19:28-40; Ps 118:1-2, 19-29, Ps 31:9-16
APR 18 (Good Friday) - Isa 52:13-53:12; Ps 22; Heb 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42
APR 20 (Easter Sunday) - Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor 15:19-26; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12
APR 27 - Acts 5:27-35; Ps 150; Rev 1:4-8; John 20:19-31



MISSIONS UPDATES

GATHER:

God is so good! Our last potluck was amazing! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 27 at 12 PM** right after church for our next time to share and eat together! We will also have several guest speakers during the potluck sharing testimony, and giving updates on the church. Please try to be there if you can. Let's make this all for GOD'S GLORY!

GROW:

We are on our last month of these amazing spring studies and I know that everyone is gleaning all kinds of revelation from the FATHER! A summer study is also in the works that everyone is invited to. It will be theme based so that each Wednesday will be a different topic. There will be a schedule sent out and you are encouraged to come when you can!

GO:

Serve Day: Thank you to those who came and served on March 15th, and to those who helped set it up! We had over 30 volunteers from Trinity and some from other churches too! We got to pray over more than 30 people, and for the firefighters that we delivered the remaining hot dog lunches to. Praise God that we could all come together as one in the Spirit to serve the LORD! We can't wait to get to do it again and add to the serving! We are normally known as the pumpkin patch church, but someone said: "Let's now be known as the church that PRAYS!" What a great legacy!

This month we have a few great mission opportunities lined up:

Canned Food Drive: Alabama/Auburn/Other canned food drive competition for the AICC and Welcome Center local food pantries. They do so much for Autauga and Elmore county people and our support is greatly needed! Start filling up the boxes in the corner of the Family Life Center and let's see who can raise the most non-perishable food! If you would like to donate money or volunteer your time, please see Merelo Watt. The Welcome Center is in dire need of volunteers.

Yard Clean Up Team: Some of our church members need help cleaning up their yards. If you can give of your time and talent, we would like to have people on hand to help those who can't get out and do it themselves. Your help is greatly appreciated and it shares the LOVE of CHRIST to those we serve!

Please always be in prayer for how GOD wants to use you and your family for service with your time, talent, and treasure! We are made to GO together so WHO'S WITH US?

Trinity's Missions Team Leader: 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!

Wednesday Night 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 - 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 Man Church: The Pursuit - Men's Study led by Scott Carmichael in the Fellowship Classroom

Man Cave Men's Group:

Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 AM



Ladies Monthly Bible Study:

Meets monthly on the third Sunday of the month at 4:00 PM

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
 FOUNDATIONS: MEETS IN THE FELLOWSHIP CLASSROOM

Foundations Sunday School Class

We have a new Sunday School class at **11 AM** on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Classroom (across from the kitchen)! This class is open to everyone, but is more tailored towards parents of young children and young adults. There is a different topic every week, making it easy for those who can't make it every Sunday! The goal of this class is to provide these individuals with a network of Christians in similar stages of life, and to bond and grow in Christ together at Trinity!

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: April 14th at 12 PM

Guest Speaker: Julie Harris-Fain, NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health)

Topic: "In Our Own Voice"