Trinity Prattville 610 Fairview Avenue Prattville, AL 36066

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NONPROFIT ORG. U.S. POSTAGE PAID PERMIT # 14 PRATTVILLE. AL

Church Staff

Rev. Ed Shirley, Pastor - (334) 313-3176

Rev. Fred Bailey, Associate Pastor - (334) 365-3390

Contact the Church Office - (334) 365-7339

Miranda Gregory, Communications Director & Interim

Worship Leader -

communications@trinityprattville.com

Theresa Keith, Children's Minister & Interim Youth Minister -

theresa@trinityprattville.com

Kyle Nimmons, Audio/Visual Coordinator -

kyle@trinityprattville.com

Felicia Swanner, Traditional Worship Leader -

choir@trinityprattville.com

Myra Sellers, Pianist

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

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Children's Worship Youth Sunday School

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

Youth Dinner/Study 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Man Cave

Wednesday

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

6:00 p.m. Youth Worship 6:30 p.m.

Adult Traditional Choir



Volume 16, Issue 5

Website: www.trinityprattville.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/trinityprattville



































Rev Ed Said...

Always Shine Your Light and Keep Charged Up

When the weather permits, I walk around our neighborhood. I wear a bodycam, a small video camera that records all that is in front of me. Somehow four LED lights constantly stay on. They never turn off!

Everywhere Rev Ed goes these lights shine. Everything else on my bodycam works well, so I must keep it charged. The lights drain on the battery. So, I plug it into a charger after every walk.

Friends, we need to always shine Jesus' light. Everyone needs to see the Light of the World. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)

To remain fully charged, we worship, study the Bible, and pray. "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

Let us avoid those things that dim our light for the Lord. Perhaps we carry guilt or shame over past mistakes. Please take all of that to Jesus and leave it with Him. Maybe we are anxious about what might happen in the future. "Therefore, don't be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself." (Matthew 6:34)

So many of you in Trinity Prattville Church are strengthening one another by refusing to allow the temporary troubles of this world to diminish your joy in Jesus. When we come together, our close proximity of fellowship boosts everyone's energy. Like those wireless charging pads for phones, the mutual praise of Christ in a bond of Holy Spirit-filled fellowship keeps us ready to shine bright for the Lord.

I pick Jesus and try to shine for the Savior in Trinity.....Rev Ed

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

May Meeting Dates



Sunday Night Small Groups:

May 4 May 18 (we will not meet on Mother's Day or Memorial Day)

Wednesday Night Worship:

May 7 May 14 May 21 May 28

Youth 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!

Trinity Seniors

Our High School Senior Sunday service will be held **Sunday**, **May 18th**. Senior baskets are in the hallway



behind the FLC. If you would like to send our seniors off to their next venture with a gift or a note, feel free to put it in their baskets. We have 8 seniors this year. There will be a small reception luncheon held after the service on the 18th for seniors and their immediate families. If you are interested in helping decorate for our senior luncheon reach out to Theresa and let her know!

May Wednesday Night Study



"Big Questions"

Questions leave a mark on our lives. The questions we ask and answer help to determine who we are and who we become. Our questions answered or unanswered, lay the foundation for the life we live. Questions are good, but we have to know what questions to ask, and where to find the answers. Students will learn how to courageously ask hard questions and how to wrestle with the answers that Jesus gives.



Attention Parents:

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

Page 6 Trinity Tribute Vol. 16, Issue 5 Page 3 Trinity Tribute Vol. 16, Issue 5

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

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 and 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!)

Teacher Appreciation and Promotion Sunday



June 1st at 9:40 AM

Our children are growing so big and so strong! They will be moving up to their next grade in Sunday school at our Promotion Sunday ceremony in the youth room during the 9:40 service. We will have a breakfast for the kids and will be saying goodbye to our 6th graders who will promote into the youth group!

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 about our VBS this year and we hope you are too! Start telling your friends and neighbors and share the QR code below to get registered! We hope you will have a "wild west" time with us!







Remind Text Messages: Text @6f6e4 to

the number 81010

Facebook: Trinity UMC Children's Ministry



May 1	David Ferguson
May 2	Brian McCauley
May 3	Sheryl Ferguson
May 4	Peggee' Larkin

May 4 Peggee' Lar May 6 Jeremy Till

May 9 Jackson Collier May 9 Heather King

May 9 Richard Schirmer May 12 Josh Thomas

May 13 Rhonda Sibley

May 13 Mykaela Watt

May 14 Kim Mathis

May 16 Mark Reed

May 16 Hanna Ross May 17 Rhett Ferguson

May 18 Tucker Ayers

May 19 Angie Dirkse

May 22 Kyser Causey May 23 Ann Howard

May 23 Callie Noe

May 23 Gaige Tatum

May 24 Pat Shipp

May 24 Sammy Stokely

May 27 Richard Ferguson

May 28 Blake Burkett

May 28 Eve Schirmer May 29 Becca Estes

May 30 Wendy Baxley

May 30 Amanda Causey

May 31 Christian Watt



CHURCH STATISTICS LAST MONTH

<u>Attendance</u>	Mar 30	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20
- 9:40 Service	63	70	71	84
- 11:00 Service	64	58	74	97
- Sunday School	61	56	73	31

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

	Cross Bearer	Bible Bearer	Torch Bearer	Torch Bearer
May 4	Emma Ayers	Elodie Godfrey	Harrison Till	Maddox Morris
May 11	Kyser Causey	Ezra Cheney	Maisie Petty	Gavin Leverette
May 18	Harrison Till	Maddox Morris	Emma Ayers	Elodie Godfrey
May 25	Maisie Petty	Kyser Causey	Ezra Cheney	Gavin Leverette

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Events:

May 4 - Children's Choir Performance 11 AM Service

May 4 - Church Council Meeting 4 PM

May 11 - Happy Mother's Day!

May 12 - Trinity's Church Lawsuit Hearing 1:30 PM

May 18 - Senior Sunday and Luncheon 12 PM

May 18 - Ladies Monthly Bible Study 4 PM

May 26 - Memorial Day

Barrett Taylor Nimmons

Born: April 6th

Congratulations to Lindsey and Kyle Nimmons! Welcome to the Trinity Family, Barrett!



Church Council Meeting

There will be a church council meeting on May 4th
at 4 PM in the Seekers Classroom.

Court Hearing

All church members are encouraged to attend a court hearing of Trinity Church's lawsuit against the AWF Conference on **Monday, May 12th at 1:30 PM**. This is at 134 N Court Street in Prattville. All are asked to be kind and courteous to represent the Trinity at our best.

Page 4 Page 5 Trinity Tribute Vol. 16, Issue 5 Page 5 Trinity Tribute Vol. 16, Issue 5

Take A Moment in God's Word

MAY 4 - Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Ps 30; Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-9

MAY 11 (Mother's Day) - Acts 9:36-43; Ps 23; Rev 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

MAY 18 - Acts 11:1-18; Ps 148; Rev 21:1-16; John 13:31-35

MAY 25 - Acts 16:9-15; Ps 67; Rev 21:10,22-22:5; John 14:23-29

MAY 29 - Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53



MISSIONS UPDATES

PRAISE GOD! PRAISE GOD! PRAISE GOD!

JESUS is coming and we have things to do!

Our April potluck was blessed with great food and amazing speakers. We got to hear about how it's going with Trinity and our future. We were blessed to hear about the love of this body of Christ!

Thank you to those who shared!

We want to do more gathering! If anyone has something on their heart to put into action, please see Merelo. Our next potluck is **June 29th**, so mark your calendars!

As a family we are growing physically and spiritually. PRAISE GOD! There will be a few summer studies starting soon so be on the lookout for those.

Our mission is always to love and serve for Christ!

Right now, we are working on the food drive competition. The deadline to drop food off is May 18th. I encourage everyone to pray about what God wants you to give! There is so much need, and we want to be the church that is known as the praying church, and the church that shows and shares the love of Christ to everyone!

National Day of Prayer is <u>May 1st</u>! There will be an amazing event at Drive-In Park here in Prattville! Prayer is the most important thing that we can do for a person. Praise and prayer together are powerful! 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

I am working on another Drive Through Prayer event and would love to team up with anyone who is led to help.

Please see Merelo Watt if you are able to help in missions. God wants us to do this together. 334-730-3205

ADULT MINISTRY

Summer Bible Study

THE TIME IS NOW!!!

Come join Merelo Watt for a summer study, where we will study different themes in scripture. Each week we will pick a new topic that you want to study.

Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 PM starting May 14th

See Merelo Watt for more information 334-730-3205

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

JOIN THE CHANEYS FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & BIBLE STUDY.

TUESDAYS* IN JUNE & JULY 6-8PM. COME ONE WEEK OR ALL SEVEN.

RVSP OR INQUIRE AT: SUMMERSTUDY@DEPLOYEDHEART.COM

* EXCEPT JUNE 17 AND JULY 15

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 AN

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

No Luncheon this Month - Prayer Needed for Court Hearing!

The SAM group will not meet this month for their regular covered dish luncheon with guest speaker. Instead, SAM members are encouraged to attend a court hearing of Trinity Church's lawsuit against the AWF Conference on **Monday, May 12th at 1:30 PM.** This is at 134 N Court Street in Prattville. All are asked to be kind and courteous to represent the Trinity at our best.