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Weekly Schedule

| Sunday 9:40 a.m. 9:40 a.m. | Contemporary Worship Service Children's Sunday School | Tuesday 7:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. | Man Cave Chaney Summer Bible Study (Offsite) |
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| 9:40 & 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. | Adult Sunday School Traditional Worship Service Children's Worship Youth Sunday School Ladies Bible Study (3rd Sunday of Month) Youth Dinner/Study | Wednesday 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. | Master Gardeners (3rd Wednesday of Month) Youth Worship Summer Bible Study Adult Traditional Choir |



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Mark your calendars for a super fun VBS experience! We can use volunteers to help make snacks for the many, many volunteers we are blessed to have! Let Theresa, Pam Frederick, or Vicki Moses know if you can drop off treats on any of the days prior or during! It can be store bought or homemade! Invite your friends and neighbors!

This year, we've partnered with Children's Hunger Fund to provide food and the hope of the gospel to children facing food insecurity in the US and around the globe. We will host "The Great Hope Roundup" collecting money while teaching kids about poverty around the world and empowering them to make a difference. Because VBS is only three days, we would love to start our VBS with a few donations so the children can see the significance early in the week! Please feel free to make a check to Trinity Prattville and put on the "for" line "VBS Mission" so we can tally those accordingly. The children will be told it only takes one quarter to provide a meal- we would like to tell them how



many meals we are providing!! As usual we will be taking donations from the children as part of a pie in the face contest! Bonnie Arkle or Tia Ferguson will be wearing the pie this year! Thank you for supporting our children and their mission project!

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Rev Ed Said...

Get It Together Before You Go

"It is a chore." That is a statement that is either good or bad. One definition is "a chore is a duty or task you're obligated to perform, often one that is unpleasant but necessary."

Once again, Rev Ed has the "chore" of packing things and moving. In the process you decide what to keep, send to the thrift store, and give to someone else. "When is the last time that I used this?" "Do I want to burden my family with all this stuff after I am gone?"

Really, we should always be in a state of readiness to go with the essentials. First, I am so thankful Jesus loves me, and He will always be with me. The children's hymn puts plainly and wonderfully: "Jesus loves me this I know." Second, I've got my family who still puts up with me. My spouse remains through the pain and joys we experienced. My wife Sharon and daughter Amber have been sources of encouragement and empowerment. "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10) Third, the church family has always shared the value of gathering to worship Jesus and witness to the world. Trinity Prattville Church is the perfect sending off family of faith for Rev Ed entering retirement. "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

"As the Day is drawing near" signifies a time when the chore is expected to be completed in order for things to move smoothly. The chores of setting up social security and Medicare are finished. The day is July 1, 2025, for Rev Ed to be retired. The circle is complete: I became a Methodist at Trintiy in 1994 and now I retire a Methodist minister at Trinity in 2025.

"The Day" in Hebrews 10:25 means "the return of Christ" and can also mean "the day of our departure from the earthly body to be with Jesus in Heaven." If you live life with these priorities taken care of; Jesus first, family second, and church third... then you are ready for departure.

In 1966, John Denver wrote and recorded a song: "All my bags are packed, I'm ready to go. I'm standing here outside your door. I hate to wake you up to say, 'Goodbye.'" Ironically, John Denver left us unexpectedly in a plane crash and the title of this song is "Leaving on a Jet Plane."

Well, I got here with Jesus, and I am leaving with Jesus. Thank you for making that relationship sweeter and stronger.

I pick Jesus.....Rev Ed

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

June Meeting Dates

Sunday Nights:

June 1 - Small Group June 8 - Small Group June 15 - NONE (Father's Day) June 22 - Pool Day at the Arkle's June 29 – Small Group

Wednesday Nights:

June 4 - Worship June 11 – Off-Site Worship June 18 - VBS June 25 - Worship

Volunteering with VBS

June 17-19 from 5 - 8 PM

We are looking forward to participating in the children's VBS this year! If you haven't already, see Mrs. Theresa for details on a job that you can help with.

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!

Worship at the Chapel at Prattvillage Garden

Wednesday, June 11th from 6 - 7:30 PM



Join us for a special off-site worship night at The Chapel in Prattvillage in downtown Prattville. We will meet there, on location, at 6:00 PM. Parking will be available behind Trustmark Bank at 148 E. Main St.

Pool Day!



Sunday, June 22nd from 5 - 7 PM

Mrs. Cindy and Mr. Don Arkle have graciously let us borrow their pool for the evening. So, bring your bathing suit, sunscreen, and towel. We will meet at their house at 5 PM. Their address will be provided before the event. Provided dinner will be hamburgers and hot dogs.

Boys Bring – Chips to Share Girls Bring – Canned Drinks to Share



Attention Parents:

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

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



Trinity Family Summer Activities

Come be a part of our summer activities as we celebrate the greatness of being together!

| <u>Date</u> | Activity |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| June 17-19 | VBS, 5-8PM |
| July 2 | Family Waterpark Day |
| July 9 | Bike Night and Pizza Party |
| July 20 (Sunday) | YMCA Fun Night |

Children's Nerf Night

Location

Alabama Adventure (Day Trip) WHOLE CHURCH-Old Parking Lot-6pm YMCA-McQueen Smith Road-6pm Family Life Center-6pm

Teacher Appreciation & Promotion Sunday

July 30



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!

Backyard Bible Studies

We love our summer ministry in Malone Court! We love being intertwined in the hearts and lives of the children in this community. and we will once again be offering Backyard Bible Studies on Tuesdays at 1 PM! During this time, we share a popsicle treat and teach



the Gospel, through our words, our actions and our love. This summer we are going over the fruits of the spirit! We can't wait to share with them how to grow with Jesus! All are welcome (and needed) to come help pass out treats, play games with the children and make connections that really matter in a community full of children!! We will meet in Malone Court on Tuesdays each week from

June 3 - July 29. We hope to see you there!!

Stay

Remind Text Messages: Text @6f6e4 to

the number 81010

Connected Facebook: Trinity UMC Children's Ministry



| June 1 Kyle Nimm |
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- Merelo Watt June 2
- June 3 Jeffrey Keith
- Billy Joe or BJ Leverette
- Benjamin Noe June 3
- William Moses June 4
- June 4 Sam Taylor
- Thomas Howard Jr
- June 7 Jeff Wilcox
- June 8 Kilee Cheshire
- Carol Davis June 8
- Cheryl Hancock June 8
- Troy Noe June 8
- **Eloise Thomas** June 8
- June 12 Patricia Cone
- June 12 Cindy Peace
- June 13 Cathie Leverette
- June 15 Rachel Reed
- June 19 Josh Causey
- June 20 Trace Snowden
- June 21 Logan Collier
- June 21 Laura Keith
- June 24 John Johnson
- June 26 Mike Sellers
- June 29 Theresa Keith
- June 29 Kipton Wilcox

Sunday School **ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

CHURCH STATISTICS LAST MONTH

May 11

61

67

41

May 18

62

100

May 25

49

61

44

May 4

50

99

24

Rising 3rd graders - 6th graders are encouraged to join our acolyte team! With our current 6th graders moving on to youth group, we are in need of more acolytes. See Theresa for details and to express interest in having your children participate!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June Events:

- June 1 Promotion Sunday (Children's Ministry)
- June 1 Rev. Ed Retirement Reception 12 PM
- June 3 Backyard Bible Studies Begin at 1 PM
- June 9 SAM Luncheon 12 PM

Attendance

9:40 Service

11:00 Service

- June 11 Youth Worship at Prattvillage Gardens
- June 15 Happy Father's Day!
- June 15 Rev. Ed's Last Sunday
- June 15 Ladies Monthly Bible Study 4 PM
- June 16 Court Hearing Downtown Prattville
- June 17-19 Vacation Bible School 5-8 PM
- June 22 Churchwide Potluck 12 PM
- June 22 Youth Pool Night 5-7 PM
- June 29 Pastor Fred Retirement Reception 12 PM

Rev Ed Retirement Reception

Everyone is invited to attend a Retirement Reception for Rev. Ed on June 1st at 12 PM in the FLC! We are so thankful for the time we have had with Rev. Ed at Trinity!

Pastor Fred Retirement Reception

Everyone is invited to attend a Retirement Reception for Pastor Fred on June 29th at 12 PM in the FLC! We have been so blessed by Pastor Fred's years of service at Trinity!

Court Hearing

All church members are encouraged to attend the rescheduled court hearing of Trinity Church's lawsuit against the AWF Conference on **Monday**, **June 16th**. This is at 134 N Court Street in Prattville. All are asked to be kind and courteous to represent the Trinity at our best.



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Take A Moment in God's Word

JUNE 1 - Acts 16:16-34; Ps 97; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

JUNE 8 - Acts 2:1-21; Ps 104:24-34, 35b; Rom 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

JUNE 15 (Father's Day) - Prov 8:1-4, 22-31; Ps 8; Rom 5:1-5; John 14:8-17, 25-27

JUNE 22 - 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Ps 42; Gal 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

JUNE 29 - 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Ps 77:1-2, 11-20; Gal 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

MISSIONS UPDATES

"This is My command that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." John 15:12-13

Gathering in the Holy Spirit helps us unite as a church family! It helps us bond and be strong. It helps us sharpen each other. It's so important that we come together and share the love of Christ with each other. Mark your calendar for Sunday June 22nd at 12 PM to potluck as a church family!

Growing in the Word is vital to our power as a church to help grow the Kingdom! There are great studies going on this summer. You are all encouraged to come to one. It is an amazing way to strengthen your relationship with Christ and the church. The stronger we are in the Word, the more powerful we are for the Kingdom.

Go! Go! Go! May 1st was National Day of Prayer and what a great evening of praying together and worshipping the Lord as the body of Christ in Drive-In Park here in Prattville. Our mission is to go and bring Jesus to the town, to love like Jesus!

November 8, 2025, we will be doing just that! Mark your calendars and please be in prayer about your role in this city-wide event. We will be connecting with other churches to go out and pray over the town and its people. If you feel led to be on this mission, please see Merelo Watt. Your help is vital!

May 18th was the last day to contribute to our food drive competition. We raised 288 lbs of food! 3rd place is team Other with 14 lbs, 2nd place is team Alabama with 99 lbs, and the 1st place winner is team Auburn with 175 lbs! Thank you so much for helping feed the people of Prattville and Millbrook who just need a little extra help to get by. If you would like to continue to help or contribute your time or money, that would be greatly appreciated.

See Merelo Watt 334-730-3205 for more information.

God is so good and His love is proof!!!

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

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

Adult Sunday School Classes

0.40 AM

FELLOWSHIP: MEETS IN THE SEEKERS CLASSROOM HORIZONS: MEETS IN THE ROOM ACROSS FROM THE KITCHEN

11:00 AM

LEGACY: MEETS IN THE SEEKERS CLASSROOM
FOUNDATIONS: MEETS 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

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: June 9th at 12 PM
Guest Speaker: Betty McDowell
Topic: Behavioral Therapy Counseling