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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
 9:40 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
 9:40 a.m. Children's Sunday School
 9:40 & 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 11:00 a.m. Children's Worship
 11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School
 4:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study (3rd Sunday of Month)
 5:00 p.m. Youth Dinner/Study

Tuesday
 7:00 a.m. Man Cave Men's Group

Wednesday
 12:00 p.m. Master Gardeners (3rd Wednesday of Month)
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
 6:00 p.m. Youth Worship
 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Studies
 6:30 p.m. Adult Traditional Choir



A Message from the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For me, Lent has always been a season to challenge myself to be attentive to spiritual practices like prayer, fasting and deeds of mercy and compassion. It is a season when Christians strive for spiritual growth. It is a season that reminds us of the forty years spent by the Hebrew people wandering in the wilderness as well as the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert being tested by the temptations of the devil.

See Matthew 4: 1-11; Mark 1: 12-13; Luke 4: 1-13.

During Lent, Jesus bids us to follow him into the desert of our temptations and false desires where we can be stripped of all our idols and encounter the one true God. Through prayer, fasting, and deeds of charity, we put aside all the things of this world that distance us from God and open our hearts and minds to the workings of God's grace.

This desert experience is never easy because it forces us to abandon the things that give us comfort. The desert is a liminal place where we die to self so that we may live in Christ. Recall that an entire generation of the Hebrew people had to die in the wilderness before their children could enter the promised land. See Deuteronomy chapter 2.

To grow in Christ, we may even have to die to things that are precious to us but are preventing us from being the people God created us to be.

St. Bonaventure wrote that our journey to the promised land involved crossing "the desert of religion." When our faith becomes so comfortable that it stifles our spiritual growth, perhaps it is time for a bit of time in the wilderness.

The spiritual practices of Lent are sometimes described using the word asceticism, a word that has acquired a bad reputation because of the abuse of these practices. But asceticism comes from the Greek word askesis, which relates to athletic exercise or training. It reminds us that growing in spiritual maturity is not something we should take for granted; instead, we need to apply ourselves with the same level of commitment demonstrated by athletes preparing for their sport. The season of Lent encourages all Christians to be spiritual athletes.

Grace and peace,

Alan

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Meeting Dates

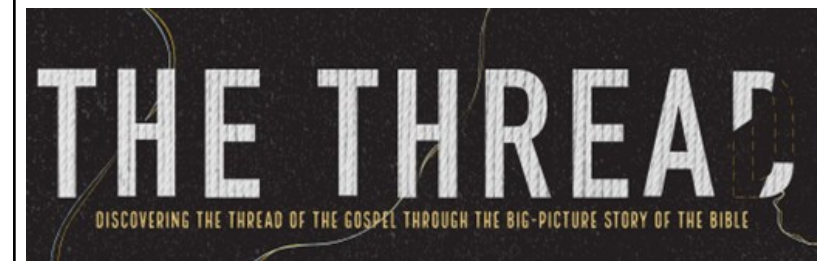
Sunday Nights:

March 1st – Small Groups
 March 8th – Small Groups
 March 15th – Small Groups
 March 22nd – No Small Groups
 March 29th – Small Groups

Wednesday Nights:

March 4th - Worship
 March 11th - Worship
 March 18th – Worship
 March 25th - No Youth

Sunday Morning Series



A year long study discovering the thread of the gospel through the big-picture story of the bible.

Sunrise Service



This month the youth will be preparing for our youth led sunrise service. Come join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ this Easter!

Wednesday Night Series



This series, Golgotha, invites students to explore powerful stories of those who encountered Jesus during His crucifixion and resurrection. In this series, students will wrestle with their own response to the Cross as they look at themes of faith, surrender, restoration, and doubt. This series will show students that the Cross is more than just a historical event. It's a personal invitation to follow Jesus with their whole lives.

Youth Snacks

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 canned 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)!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Spring Break



March 23rd - 27th

Autauga County's spring break is March 23rd-27th. We will not be having supper, children's choir or classes on Wednesday **March 25th**. 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!

Children's Ministry Text Messages



Things are changing every day in Children's Ministry! Make sure you keep up with children's ministry updates by subscribing with Theresa. If you aren't receiving text message updates, send Theresa a text at 334-558-3540 and let her know you would like to be added!

6th Grade Social



March 15th at 12:00 PM

All 6th graders are invited to attend our second 6th grade social of 2026. Sunday March 15th, at 12:00pm we will stay after church and have a little pizza then head over to Montgomery to jump and play at sky zone trampoline park. There is no cost for jumping but children can bring money for games or drinks.

VBS Paint Party

March 19th at 6 PM



Come help with a big part of VBS: decorations!! There will be predetermined projects and jobs to do at these paint parties that we need your help with!

These are adult only events and are 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!****

Vacation Bible School 2026

June 16th-18th



Save the date for a super fun VBS experience! We are looking for lots of volunteers so reach out and tell Theresa where you would like to serve now!! 334-558-3540



- 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 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

Easter Lilies



Easter lilies will be available to order for \$12.50 each now through **March 15th**. Order by filling out the form found in your bulletins on Sundays. The lilies will be on display for Sunday services and available to take home afterwards.

CHURCH STATISTICS LAST MONTH

Attendance	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22
- 9:40 Service	62	62	58	79
- 11:00 Service	59	74	67	80
- Sunday School	48	75	55	67

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March Events:

- March 15** - 6th Grade Social (Offsite) 12:30 PM
- March 15** - Ladies Monthly Bible Study 4 PM
- March 19** - VBS Paint Party 6 PM
- March 25** - No Wednesday Supper/Studies (Spring Break)
- March 29** - Palm Sunday

Take A Moment in God's Word

- MAR 1** - Gen 12:1-4a; Ps 121; Rom 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17
- MAR 8** - Exod 17:1-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
- MAR 15** - 1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
- MAR 22** - Ezek 37:1-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
- MAR 29 (Palm Sunday)** - Matt 21:1-11; Ps 118:1-2, 19-29

GET INVOLVED AT TRINITY!

IN ADDITION TO CHURCH SERVICES, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIES, THERE ARE TONS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED AND SERVE!

JOIN THE AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM

JOIN THE MISSIONS TEAM

JOIN THE PRAISE BAND (SINGERS/MUSICIANS)

BECOME A GREETER

VOLUNTEER TO SERVE FOOD OR CLEAN UP ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

TRINITY THRIVES WHEN WE ALL COME TOGETHER AS ONE! EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS@TRINITYPRATTVILLE.COM IF YOU FEEL CALLED TO SERVE IN ANY OF THESE AREAS!



MISSIONS UPDATES

BIG EVENT: National Day of Prayer is on **Thursday, May 7th from 6 - 7:30 PM!** Your presence is needed as we come together with other churches to pray over our town! More information to come.

GATHER: Our potluck on February 1st was amazing! We had a special guest speaker, LaDonna Brendle, from the Reality & Truth Ministries in Montgomery. Her ministry is clearly God led and something that Trinity could support. Please contact Merelo if you are able to help her immediate need to stock her ministry's food pantry. Praise God for all the great ideas that were accumulated at the tables. Trinity has a huge loving heart, and we ask that you be in prayer about these ideas.

We are having a spirit night at Chappy's Deli in Prattville on **April 23rd from 5 – 7:30 PM**, and we want to encourage everyone to go eat dinner there that night!

GROW: We have started back with our Wednesday night suppers and studies! It is going strong and we encourage everyone to come and bring friends. Just be sure to RSVP for everyone so we have enough food! It is never too late to attend any of the classes!

GO: Our church family at Trinity is such a blessing and each one of you has time, talents, and treasure to give. Praise Jesus! We all have great ideas given to us by our Father. To accomplish missions, we must come together as a family, the body of Christ, and commit to the Lord and His plan. Please pray about how you can help! We all need to self-evaluate and consider what we are already doing and how we can do more as an individual and as a family at Trinity. Jesus set the example of mission and ministry, and He told us to "come and follow Him," but we must count the cost if we want to be His disciples. To do His work we will have to lay down our lives, pick up our cross and sacrifice to fully complete His mission of telling the world about His truth and love! Trinity was formed on purpose for God's purpose, and we are vital to His plan. It's important that we love and serve with the guidance of the Holy Spirit! It's important that we are unified in this and that we come together to grow this church, but more importantly to grow the kingdom of God! Here are some of the mission ideas for this year: take care of families and people financially, by providing transportation, by finding them housing, with food, by helping them repair things, by teaching them basic skills, and all with encouragement, love, and prayer!

Things we can start now:

- "Hygiene/food kits" and "meals in a bag" that people can pass out when they see a need. For this we need shoppers willing to take the time and responsibility to assemble these kits and bags. (We will have a list available for the contents of the kits at the entrances of each building.)
- Helping people with their finances. People are struggling and they need immediate help, and they also need help budgeting. If you are gifted in this area and you would be willing to commit your time, talent, and/or treasure to help, it would be an amazing blessing!
 - Transportation for church members or other people that need help getting to work or appointments or church. If you are available and willing, this would help so many people.
- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to the mission tree project we are in the middle of! This money is used to help people in need, and it is greatly appreciated! If you would like to donate, the giving tree is located in the FLC.

For more ideas on how you can serve and give please contact Merelo Watt 334-730-3205. Thank you so much for your service to the King!

ADULT MINISTRY

Wednesday Night Supper and Studies

The Spring Wednesday night season are from **now - May 6th!** Suppers are at **5:30 PM** and studies follow from **6:30 - 7:30 PM**. It's never too late to start coming! We are always in need of volunteers to help set up, cook, serve, and clean up for supper on Wednesday nights. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Cindy Arkle or the church office!

Classes this Semester (See front page for details):

- **The Gospel of Mark** - Led by Pastor Alan
- **And the Angels Were Silent** - Led by Merelo Watt
- **You are the Women for the Job** - Women's Study led by Bonnie Arkle
- **The Screwtape Letters** - Men's Study led by Scott & Mike Carmichael



Adult Sunday School Classes

9:40 AM
FELLOWSHIP: MEETS IN THE SEEKERS CLASSROOM
HORIZONS: MEETS IN THE FELLOWSHIP CLASSROOM

11:00 AM
LEGACY: MEETS IN THE SEEKERS CLASSROOM
FOUNDATIONS: MEETS IN THE FELLOWSHIP CLASSROOM

Ladies Monthly Bible Study:

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

Current study: *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver.

This Month: **March 15th at 4 PM.**



Man Cave Men's Group:

Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 AM

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

No March Meeting - Volunteer Needed

The SAM group will not be meeting in March. We are still in need of a volunteer to coordinate monthly events for the Senior Adult Ministry. In the past, these events have ranged from covered dish luncheons with guest speakers to social events outside of the church. If you are interested and able to help coordinate this ministry, please let the church office know at communications@trinityprattville.com! You do not have to be a senior adult to volunteer!