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Weekly Schedule

Sunday		Tuesday	
9:40 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	7:00 AM	Man Cave Men's Group
9:40 AM	Children's Sunday School		
9:40 & 11:00 AM	Adult Sunday School	Wednesday	
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	12:00 AM	Master Gardeners (3rd Wednesday of Month)
11:00 AM	Children's Worship	6:00 PM	Youth Worship
11:00AM	Youth Sunday School	6:30 PM	Adult Traditional Choir
4:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study (3rd Sunday of Month)		
5:00 PM	Youth Dinner/Study		

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

Part of the challenge of Christian living involves seeing the world in a new and different way, as if seeing through the eyes of Jesus himself. Jesus instructs us, for example, to focus our attention single-mindedly on God. We are to “strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness,” even before we begin to worry about necessities of life like food and clothing (Matthew 6: 33). Without this very intentional God-centered focus, we become double-minded, striving to be faithful to God while at the same time serving false gods like wealth and fame and power. But the reality that Jesus calls us to recognize is that we cannot serve two masters (Matthew 6: 24). When we fill our lives with things that are not God, we find that there is no room for God.

Seeing the world in a new way through the eyes of Jesus involves cultivating an awareness of the presence of God on two levels. First, human beings are created in the image of God (Genesis 1: 26-27), and God desires to restore that image within each one of us through the reconciling power of Jesus and the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit. That is why Jesus teaches us to love our enemies (Matthew 5: 43-48) and warns that the way we treat the stranger reflects on our real commitment to Jesus, or lack thereof (Matthew 25: 31-46) Second, God is omnipresent, and in God “we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17: 28). That means that, whether we are aware of it or not, God is continually at work in our lives and in the world around us. If we don’t see the work of the Holy Spirit, it means that we have not asked God to open our eyes and our hearts to see what God is doing.

Cultivating an awareness of the presence of God working within, through and around us requires intentionality and attentiveness; it cannot be done casually, trying to fit it into our spare time. Brother Lawrence, a seventeenth century lay Carmelite brother, described how he became aware of the presence of God even while undertaking mundane kitchen tasks like washing dishes and peeling potatoes. Christian practices like prayer, Bible study, and regular, attentive participation in worship can help us to see that the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near (Mark 1: 15).

Cultivating an awareness of God also entails opening ourselves to the work of the Holy Spirit within, through and around us. The apostle Paul reminds us that our growth in the faith, our maturation as Christian disciples and our perseverance in faithful living is possible only because “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”(Romans 5: 1-5) But we must be willing to open ourselves to the Spirit’s power and wisdom, and willing to surrender ourselves to the Spirit’s outpouring. To quote one of my favorite theologians from the middle ages, Meister Eckhart, “God asks only that you get out of God’s way and let God be God in you.”

Grace and Peace,
Alan

YOUTH MINISTRY

May Meeting Dates

Sunday Nights:

- May 3rd – Small Groups
- May 10th – Small Groups
- May 17th - Small Groups
- May 24th - Small Groups
- May 31st – No Small Groups

Wednesday Nights:

- May 6th – Church Wide Cookout
- May 13th - Worship
- May 20th – Worship
- May 27th – Worship

Senior Sunday and Luncheon



Join us **May 3rd** as we honor all of the graduating seniors at the 9:40 and 11:00 AM services. There will be a luncheon at noon following the 11:00 service for invited guest and family members!

There are baskets set up for each senior in the hallway behind the family life center for anyone wanting to gift these seniors any items that will help them as they enter the next phase of their lives!

Sunday Morning Series



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

Wednesday Night Study



Throughout the pages of Scripture, countless men and women lived out an audacious faith. They took bold risks and made a significant impact in the Kingdom of God.

Audacious looks at the lives of four people in the Bible who lived out an audacious faith and explores how we can live out an audacious faith today.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

EMERALD CROSSING
Answers VBS

Vacation Bible School
June 16th-18th, 5-8pm
3K-Rising 6th grade

Register Today! →

If you haven't had a chance to tell Theresa where you would like to help serve for VBS this year - don't worry, there is still time!! We have positions walking the kids around from station to station available and we can always use donations of yummy snacks, baked goods and treats for our adult and youth volunteers during the week of VBS. Please be in prayer for our sheep participants this year as they learn all about what it means to be led by a good shepherd and as they memorize the 23rd Psalm!

Promotion Sunday & Teacher Appreciation

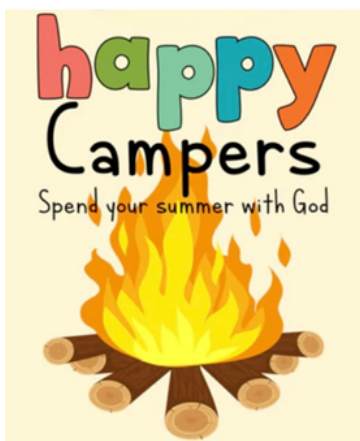
May 31st at 9:40 AM



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 Study at Malone Court

Tuesdays from 1-2 PM starting June 2nd



When Jesus walked this earth, He invited twelve men to share in his life and to join him on a great adventure. Today, Jesus invites each of us to join him on this great adventure of life in Christ. Join us in Malone

Court this summer as we learn what being a "happy camper" and a life of Christ is all about!!



- May 1 David Ferguson
- May 2 Brian McCauley
- May 3 Sheryl Ferguson
- May 6 Jeremy Till
- May 9 Jackson Collier
- May 9 Richard Schirmer
- May 9 Chad Sibley
- May 12 Josh Thomas
- May 13 Megan Chaney
- 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 22 Kyser Causey
- May 23 Ann Howard
- May 23 Callie Noe Stokely
- May 23 Gaige Tatum
- May 24 Pat Shipp
- May 24 Sammy Stokely
- May 27 Richard Ferguson
- May 28 Blake Burkett
- May 28 Ezra Chaney
- May 28 Eve Schirmer
- May 29 Becca Estes
- May 30 Wendy Baxley
- May 30 Amanda Causey
- May 31 Christian Watt



CHURCH STATISTICS LAST MONTH

Attendance	Mar. 22	Mar. 29	Apr. 5	Apr. 12	Apr. 19
9:40 Service	62	77	80	64	71
11:00 Service	83	98	183	70	81
Sunday School	63	75	43	65	70

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Events

- May 3 - Senior Sunday
- May 5 - SAM Cinco de Mayo Luncheon at 11 AM
- May 6 - Cookout Party 5:30 PM
- May 7 - National Day of Prayer 6 PM
- May 10 - Mother's Day
- May 17 - Ladies Monthly Bible Study
- May 31 - Promotion Sunday at 9:40 AM
- May 31 - Praise Night and Potluck at 4:30 PM

Take a Moment in God's Word

- MAY 3 - Prov 4:10-18; Ps 119:9-32; 1 Pet 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
- MAY 10 (Mother's Day) - Ezk 34:1-7; Ps 115; 1 Pet 3:13-22; John 14:15-21
- MAY 14 - Dan 7:9-14; Ps 24:7-10; Eph 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
- MAY 17 - Isa 45:1-7; Ps 21:1-7; 1 Pet 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11
- MAY 24 - Num 11:24-30; Ps 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Cor 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39
- MAY 31 - Gen 1:1-2:4a; Ps 8; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Matt 28:16-20

Welcome New Members!

The McCrory family officially joined Trinity on April 26th. We are so thankful to have them as members and can't wait to see what God has in store for them at Trinity!



MISSIONS MINISTRY

Gather, Grow, and Go! National Day of Prayer is almost here. We need as many people as possible to be there, to support being one in the Spirit and doing the work of the Lord! This event will be a showing to the community that we are strong in faith and that we will come together with our sisters and brothers in Christ to build his kingdom! Have questions? Call or text Merelo Watt at 334-730-3205.

We have two other ways to be involved in prayer:

- Sunday mornings @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary
- 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 AM - meet at the fountain in downtown Prattville to pray over our town

God is so good and it is such a privilege to serve with people who have so much love to give!
Call Merelo Watt 334-730-3205 to get connected!



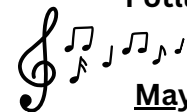
GROW: Summer Study

Wednesdays 6:30 to 7:30 PM

(Starting May 13th)



Come and join Merelo Watt and dive deep into great devotions! Discover the depth of our own relationship with the Father as we live through the Son! All are welcome! Bring your Bible - other materials are provided. We look forward to studying with you! Message Merelo if you have questions. (334) 730-3205



Potluck and Praise Night

May 31st 4:30 - 6:30 PM



Invite everyone you know, bring your favorite potluck dish, and share in community with our Trinity family! We will begin with a time of fellowship and potluck dinner at 4:30 PM, and then the at around 5:30 our Praise Band will be leading us in worship!

WAYS TO "GO"

We are helping a young mom and her two children furnish her new apartment. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed. She still needs furniture and kitchen items. There are others to help so if you feel led for this, please let Merelo know.

We need more shoppers for the food kits. We are down to 4 bags and they are greatly needed. Also, during National Day of Prayer we are collecting to fill the pantry of LaDonna Brendle and her shelter through Reality and Truth Ministries.



National Day of PRAYER
May 7, 2026
from 6 - 7:30 PM
610 Fairview Ave.
Prattville, AL 36066

Come join us as we unite as the body of Christ to pray over our community! This event will be a collaboration of many churches in the area putting on live worship music and praying together. There will be free hot dog meals for attendees while supplies last!

ADULT MINISTRY

Wednesday Night Supper and Studies

The Spring Wednesday night season is almost over. Join us on **May 6th from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM** for a Cookout Party to close out the season! This will be a time of fellowship, food, and games. We hope to see you there even if you didn't attend this season of Wednesday nights!



Don't worry! Wednesday night programming will pick back up in the fall!



A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered this semester with our Wednesday night programming! It takes a bunch of volunteers to teach classes, cook suppers, set up and clean up, serve meals, coordinate, volunteer with the children's and youth programs, etc. All of your hard work is very appreciated!

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!

This month: May 17th at 4:00 PM.



Man Cave Men's Group:

Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 AM.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

We had a great time in April with the return of Senior Adult Ministry activities! It was so fun to see everyone's cherished treasures. Going forward, mark your calendars for the first Tuesday of every month for SAM activities. The SAM group does not have any age requirements to participate, so we hope that adults of all ages will want to join in the fun! Please join us for our May activity:



Cinco de Mayo Luncheon & Games

When: Tuesday, May 5th at 11:00 AM

Where: Trinity Family Life Center



LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!!! Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the Library/Seekers classroom or contact Heather Krell (334-220-3903) so we can get a headcount for lunch.