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Creation includes my dog who always greets me with a happy wag and swift feet and cheerful bark. No matter my day, no matter how full or empty I feel, he comes a running with that tail wagging, and it lifts me.

Many of the faces we see each day show the face of God if we would look. God speaks through that part of creation also. In worn and calloused hands, deep eyes, active smiles, in stories and in faith lived in skin and bones and blood and tears and laughter.

Day after day they pour forth speech. I have often failed to look for God, but when I do, I almost always find God. God is not too far from any of us and each day with open hearts and wide eyes and focused souls we get a chance to encounter the Love of all creation. God surrounds us with the presence that cannot be separated from us no matter what. I find such hope in looking and listening for God day after day. I hope you do too.
~ Mike

College Drop-In Dinners!

We had a great time with students at Auburn and UAB! Looking forward to dinner at Huntsville, Alabama and Jacksonville soon!



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Trinity Baptist Church of Madison, Alabama

March 2019

God in All Creation

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
Psalm 19:1-2

I am so looking forward to spring. I look forward to moving the clocks ahead and gaining an extra hour of daylight. I look forward to spring colors, flowers, grilling out more, warmer weather, birds singing, the dormant in creation emerging. I look forward to being outside walking our dog or working in the yard and shooting basketball.

The Psalmist must have loved being in the creation also and noticing it deeply. Throughout this wonderful Psalm 19 we find the stance of faith realizing that God speaks to us through the creation. So many of us want to hear from God. We want to feel God in our hearts. We want to feel like the Bible is speaking to us when we read it or hear it proclaimed. And so often we do hear God's still small voice in our lives. God has many ways to communicate with us and one of those ways is through creation itself.

I have found such comfort in the things I discover in the medical treatment building where we have been going recently. Simple things seem to jump out to me, calling to me saying, "look over here, look at me and listen." And when I do pause to look and listen, I have found something I needed on that day. I have found inspiration, hope, perspective, a support for my faith in hard times.

Outside I have seen a redbird near the window. The steady flow of a creek or the drizzle of rain. I notice the wind blowing. I can't see it, but I notice it moving the trees and then I feel it on my face and in the hair that I have left on my head. Jesus once said the wind reminded him of the Spirit—it blows where it wills, you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going (John 3:8). At night, I love to trace the outline of mighty Orion in the constellations that are scattered in our sky. I imagine God setting the creation in motion, the miracle of gravitational pull, the precision of the courses of the stars so that we can predict their routes and come to expect their rising in our skies each season.

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Dr. Mike Oliver
Senior Pastor



Rev. Glenn Bowers
Minister of Education and Missions



Rev. Taylor Johnson
Minister of Worship & Young Adults



Rev. Teresa Bowers
Minister to Families



March 8th
5:00 p.m.



Each month a group from Trinity works in the kitchen and delivers meals for the Salvation Army. Kitchen volunteers arrive at 5:00 pm and food delivery volunteers at 5:15 pm on March 8th. Kitchen help only is needed on March 22nd, at 5:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mike Rogers for details.



March 14th
5:30-7:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church Huntsville
We will be making mosaic jewelry.

Trinity's Playground

Trinity's playground is approximately 25 years old and has reached the end of its useful life. TBC formed an ad hoc Playground Committee to assess playground conditions, timeline for equipment replacement, and costs. A work day last August kept the playground safe for continued use, but rubber coatings on steps are peeling, one slide and other equipment has been removed, spider cracks appear in remaining slides, there is rust in various locations, and pieces of equipment are broken. The Playground Committee recommends replacing the equipment this summer and addressing poor drainage in the area during the process.

Including ongoing and recent fundraising from the Weekday Preschool Ministry (WPM) Committee, contributions from a TBC designated account, and cost savings from TBC members providing demolition and installation labor, we are about \$15,000 short. The Playground Committee has recommended, and the Finance Committee has approved, a special church-wide fundraising campaign to raise the remaining \$15,000. The additional funds are needed by May 15th (TBD) so that we can place equipment orders.

If you are interested in helping restore the playground to the safe, fun, and exciting area our preschoolers, children, parents and teachers deserve, there are two ways you can contribute. First, you can make a donation to Trinity Baptist Church and designate the gift for the Playground. We ask you to prayerfully consider gifts for the playground that are above and beyond your regular giving to the general fund. We request that no one redirect tithes or offerings that would otherwise go to the general fund.

You can view the equipment the Playground Committee is recommending on the displays in the pre-school hallway and foyer. You can also keep track of fundraising progress by watching the child climb the "\$15,000" ladder on the preschool hallway display. We can all celebrate when the child reaches the top of the ladder and goes down the slide on the other side.

Another way adults and youth can support the playground is to volunteer to help with removal of existing equipment and installation of new equipment. We expect this work to be done on consecutive weekends in June. You will hear more about this opportunity as the end of the school year approaches.

The designated Playground account is open and ready to receive contributions. Those of us on the Playground Committee hope you are as excited as we are about restoring our playground. If you have any questions about the playground, you may contact any of the Playground Committee members: Noel Paschal (chair), Nancy Foster and Julie Reyburn (WPM Committee representatives); Lisa Screws (Preschool), Kate White (Children), Lynn Hogan (Finance), Wilson Stewart (Risk Management), Ron Kurowsky (Building), Glenn and Teresa Bowers (Staff).

TBCKids



Parenting Conference: "Raising Girls and Boys" is a parenting conference for parents of infants through high school offered at FBC Huntsville on Saturday, March 2, from 9:00-4:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 (\$10 for spouse), this includes lunch, and you can register online at www.fbchsv.org/events. Meet at Trinity at 8:30 a.m. to carpool or meet us there!

Passport Kids Camp Meeting: Parents and kids are invited to a lunch meeting on Sunday, March 24, in the youth room. Pizza lunch for \$1/person and there will be more camp information.

Sunday Nights at 6:00 p.m.
Preschool Choir - 2nd Grade meets in B107
3-6th Grade Choir meets upstairs in the Loft

Wednesday Nights at 6:00 p.m.:
Mission Friends meets in B-108 on the preschool hall (4 years, PreK and K)
RAs meet in B209 upstairs (1-6th grade boys)
GAs meet in B219 upstairs (1-6th grade girls)

Thanks to all of our VIP's!

Laresa Boersma	Pam Killian
Denise Braswell	Charlie & Maria Marshall
Carrie Anne Cooley	Leigh Ann Perkins
Tina Crull	Chris Rosson
Christine Foster	Lisa Screws
Ronnie & Beth Francis	Mitzi Taylor

TBCKids Calendar!

Mar. 2	Parenting Conference: Raising Boys and Girls
Mar. 16-19	Perry County Family Mission Trip
Mar. 24	Passport Kids Lunch Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
April 13	Egg Hunt!
April 14	Children's Sunday
April 28	Children's Choirs Spring Music: "What, Where, When, Why?"
June 5	Summer Water Slides! 5-7:00 p.m.
June 9-13	VBS 2019 - "To Mars and Beyond!"
July 10-13	Passport Kids Camp - "Fearless!"



STAY AWAKE. STAND FIRM. BE BRAVE. LOVE ALWAYS.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

Passport Camps - Save the dates for 2019!

Youth Camp
June 23-28, 2019
Averitt University ~ Danville, VA
Parents Meeting: Mar 10@11:30 am

Kids Camp
July 10-13, 2019
Camp Boothe ~ West Blocton, Alabama
Parents/Kids Meeting: Mar24@11:30 am

Weekday Preschool Ministry News

Registration for the 2019 - 2020 school year is going very well. There are still a few spots in some of the classrooms and we have started waiting lists in the classrooms that are full. We are very excited to welcome families from Madison and the surrounding area.

We hope you take the opportunity to stop by and see the wonderful art work that the children display in the preschool hall. We are very proud of our talented artists.

Even though we are busy planning for next year, we still have plenty of fun and exciting events left this

school year. April 4th and 5th our Older Twos, Threes, and Fours will be performing in our annual Spring Music Programs - a must see! Also, during the month of April, we will watch and wait for our caterpillars to turn into beautiful butterflies to then be released. With mixed emotions of joy, pride, and sadness the month of May brings Graduation for our Pre-K classes.

We are very blessed to have such talented women ministering to our preschool children and families. It is such a joy to be in such a loving and nurturing environment every day. Please keep us in your prayers, as always.

~ Nancy

Youth Ministry



Sticky Faith: Ways to Help Faith Stick ~ look for the Icon!

- Intergenerational Relationships
- Missions/Ministry Opportunities
- Rites of Passage

We have continued to intentionally plan events that give church members an opportunity to help faith stick! Although we started looking at this with our youth, then children and families, it quickly became apparent that we all need intergenerational relationships, missions opportunities and rites of passage as we continue our faith journeys. To help easily identify those events that specifically target these areas, we will be using a "sticky faith" icon in our publicity. We are also continuing to look for new ways to connect our different age groups and hope that you are looking as well. If you have questions just let me know as we "pass faith around!"



Youth Sunday: On March 3, our youth will be leading us in both worship services! They will be speaking, greeting, leading in music, reading scripture, leading prayers, and taking up the offering. Please be in prayer for and encourage our students as they share their gifts and time in worship with us.

Parents Meeting - Passport Camp and Summer Schedule: Sunday, March 10, at 11:30 a.m. in the youth room. Pizza lunch for \$1/person plus childcare through 6th grade.



Perry County Family Mission Trip: The trip is March 16-19, which is the first part of spring break and there will be projects for every age. We have 3 children, 4 youth and 18 adults going!

We also have some fun nights planned this month with Dinner and a Movie, skating, and a churchwide fellowship with some awesome food!

~ Teresa

Calendar

March 3

Youth Sunday

March 8

Prayer Breakfast
6:45 a.m. @ Chick fil A

March 10

Youth Parents Lunch Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

March 16-19

Perry County Family Mission Trip

March 31

Spring Blitz, 2-5:00 p.m.

April 7

Jam Nite, 5:00 p.m.

May 19

Graduate Recognition & Breakfast

June 9-13

VBS ~ *To Mars & Beyond!*

June 23-28

Passport Youth Camp

Praise Team/Choir

March 3 & 17

No rehearsal

March 10 & 24

Praise Team 5:00 p.m./Choir 5:30 p.m.

March 31

Praise Team only at 5:30 p.m.

Youth Sunday Nights

March 3

Dinner and a Movie
5-7:00 p.m.

March 10

Insanity Skate Park
6-8:00 p.m.

March 17

No evening activities ~ Spring Break!

March 24

Churchwide Fellowship
6:00 p.m.

March 31

Spring Blitz
2-5:00 p.m.



Missions, Ministry, & Education

Spring Break Schedule

No 8:30am Worship on March 17th (Spring Break)

MISSIONS:

Perry County Mission Trip - March 16-19, 2019

Please pray for our Perry County Team as they work and fellowship with the members of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Uniontown.

- Adults will be installing playground equipment, installing handicapped ramps, painting, power-washing, installing park benches; and assisting with a communitywide cookout with First Missionary Baptist Church-Uniontown.
- Families will be assisting in all of this and building birdhouses; painting garbage can corrals; plus visiting area ministry sites.

We look forward to sharing about our experiences when we return!

MINISTRY:

Spring Food Bins - due Sunday, April 7

Trinity works with the Madison Assistance Program to provide an Easter meal for elderly folks and disabled veterans in our community. If you would like to provide a food bin, there are bins and a list of items needed for each bin located in the Gathering Area.

Our goal is 30 bins!

Lenten Fasting

On March 6th we'll have our Ash Wednesday service, the day that marks the beginning of our Lenten journey towards Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, his last supper with his disciples on Maundy Thursday, his death on Good Friday, and his Resurrection on Easter Sunday. While we walk this road together, we are asked to make it a journey of introspection and sacrifice. We are asked to take a long, hard, honest look at our lives and see where and how we fall short of being the people God has called us to be. One of the traditional ways we do this is to fast during the season of Lent. We give up something that pulls us away from the kingdom of God. Often, we give up things like chocolate or soda or screen time, and honestly there is nothing wrong with any of these things. Giving up any of these things, anything really, creates space in our lives, a gap that needs to be filled with something else. It is this space that creates opportunity for growth. Any

Spring Blitz - Sunday, March 31

- 2-5:00 p.m. with Dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Projects for everyone to serve our local community!
- Family projects at Trinity and at other locations
- A ramp building project, CASA Garden, constructing raised bed gardens at Madison Elementary School, an "anyone project" for families and others, and more!

Please consider how you and your family might serve, then sign-up in Sunday School or in the Gathering Area.

EDUCATION:

Caring for Aging Parents and You: On March 3rd and 10th in the Fellowship Hall from 6-7:00 p.m., Eldercare Lawyer, Connie Glass, will share about aging issues that impact nearly all of us.

- March 3rd - "Estate Planning: More Than a Simple Will"
- March 10th - "Long Term Planning." This will include settings/locations, and options for payments like Insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid.

~ Glenn

time we would normally do the thing we've given up, anytime we think about doing it, any time we're tempted and pulled in that direction, it is a reminder to us to turn our attention to God, to fill that space with something worthwhile and holy. This isn't easy by any means, so we all need to give ourselves the space and grace to stumble; the Lenten road is often walked with two steps forward and one step back. But, slowly but surely, we make progress, we move forward towards the new life of Easter morning. This is why we walk the Lenten path every year, not to remind ourselves every year how much we fall short, but to remind ourselves that every year we are able to be better than we were the year before. This is why I love the season of Lent even though it's often considered the "sad" season. It's the time of year I'm most aware that Jesus truly came that we might not just have life, but have life more abundantly.

~ Taylor

~ March 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00 Parenting Conference at First Baptist Church Huntsville
3 Youth Sunday 11:30 DR Lunch 5:00 Deacons Meeting in C-100 5-7:00 Youth Dinner & a Movie 6:00 Caring for Aging Parents Children's Choir	4 9:00 Ladies Bible Study	5	6 4:45 Church Supper 6:00 Children's Missions Groups, 6:15 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7	8 6:45 Youth Prayer Breakfast at Chick fil A 5:00/5:15 Salvation Army Kitchen Help/Food Delivery 5:00 Craft Night in C-100	9
10 11:30 Youth Parents Meeting in Youth Room 5:00 Youth Praise Team 5:30 Youth Choir 6:00 Caring for Aging Parents Children's Choir, Youth	11 9:00 Ladies Bible Study	12	13 4:45 Church Supper 6:00 Children's Missions Groups, Youth Bible Study 6:15 Church Conference 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	14 5:30-7:30 Ladies Night Out at First Baptist Church Huntsville	15	16 Perry County Mission Trip
17 No 8:30 Worship No Evening Activities	18	19	20 No Evening Activities	21	22 5:00 Salvation Army Kitchen	23
Madison City & County Schools Spring Break						
Perry County Mission Trip						
24 11:30 Passport Kids Meeting 5:00 Youth Praise Team 5:30 Youth Choir 6:00 Churchwide Fellowship 6:15 Children's Choir 31 12-5:00 Spring Blitz/Dinner 4:00 Children's Choir 5:30 Youth Praise Team No Youth Choir	25	26	27 4:45 Church Supper 6:00 Children's Missions Groups, Youth Bible Study 6:15 Adult Bible Study 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30

Weekly Events

- Sunday**
Bible Study 9:40 a.m.
Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday**
Fellowship Supper 4:45 p.m.
Children's Mission Groups 6:00 p.m.
Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study 6:15 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday**
Morningside Ministry 2:00 p.m.

January 2019 Financial Report

Monthly Information

Target Income	\$77,692.67
Actual Income	\$74,069.67
Actual Expenses	(\$88,156.89)
Monthly Gain/ (Loss)	(\$14,087.22)

Year-To-Date for 2019

Target Income	\$77,692.67
Actual Income	\$74,069.67
Actual Expenses	(\$88,156.89)
YTD Gain/ (Loss)	\$14,087.22

Account Balances

General Fund	\$158,591.31
Mortgage Balance	(\$422,410.08)
30 for 30 YTD	\$3,675.00
30 for 30 All Time	\$48,767.51



Thank you to our wonderful deacons for the lunches they provided each Tuesday in February! We are so blessed to serve with these leaders at Trinity and so appreciate their support and work. ~ Trinity Staff

Happy Birthday!

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| 1: Amelia Copeland, Kathryn Roach | 15: Kris King |
| 2: Jared Dunavant, Aaron Patrick, Eve Winks | 20: David Blackburn, Sarah Osula, Shirley Webb |
| 3: Daniel Copeland, Helen Taylor | 22: Judy Bell, Katie Colson, Paul McIntosh |
| 4: Paul Killian, Graham Segraves | 24: Mark Arn |
| 5: Jim Griffith | 25: Lynn Crumbly, Keith Woodard |
| 6: Eric Bullard | 26: Taylor Johnson, Tessa Kenny |
| 8: Denise Braswell, Amy Farr, Jonathan Farr | 27: Alex Jones |
| 9: Andrew Dunaway, Matthew Mitchell | 28: Justin Dunavant |
| 14: Janet Stuart | 29: Melinda Melton, Andrew Woodard |
| | 30: Fred Clark, Sue Mobley |



If your birthday is incorrect or missing, please contact Cheri at: cheri@trinitymadison.com

If you have questions about Trilogy (formerly TBC Together), you may simply go to www.trinitymadison.com and click on "Trilogy" under "Wednesday Dinner Menu" on the right side of the main page. This link will take you to the main sign in page for Trilogy, as well as a step-by-step manual on how to register for an account and how to use the different features offered.

Churchwide Potluck

Sunday, March 24th
6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Stay tuned for details.