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Finally, **I believe Easter happens when God intends it to happen.** The reality is that Jesus is alive. He is here in our everyday existence. He is always with us. There are times in our lives when **God “Easters” us** with the hope and joy of an empty tomb, of a Lord who knows our names (Mary), who takes time to show us his wounds received by his great love for us, who sometimes walks the road of grief and confusion with us even if we are unaware of his presence, who says still, “Peace be with you,” and commissions us to “feed his sheep” in this world.

Easter comes late this year. But I pray it will be just at the right time in the “when” of our church’s ministry and the “when” of your life and mine. I can’t wait to proclaim the great confession of our faith with you on April 20—He is Risen!
~ Mike

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The Trinity Tribute

Your Story, Our Story, God’s Story
Coming Together at Trinity

The When of Easter

April 2025

This year, Easter comes late in the spring calendar. The latest Easter can be is April 25. This year it falls on **Sunday, April 20**. Of course, I like Easter any Sunday that it comes on the calendar. There really is nothing like the worship and celebration of the Risen Lord! Still, somehow, I feel the later date means the whole world is more alive. There will be longer days, gardens will be planted, flowers and trees budding, birds and animals out and about, people enjoying nice days with a walk. Our spirits will be high. Of course, in Alabama, it could storm or snow or rain... but let’s not dwell on that!

The time of year, the when, does impact our lives. Studies tell us that people feel more hopeful with longer daylight hours and there are increases in depression during the dark, winter months. **When something happens matters.** So here are some thoughts as we prepare for **the When of Easter this year.**

First, **the when is on a Sunday.** It’s called the Lord’s Day for a reason. This is the traditional day Christians from the early times came to worship God in Jesus Christ. They named it the Lord’s Day because that is the day Jesus rose from the grave—on the first Easter Sunday. He arose and won the victory over death, and he reigns as the true Lord of all. We meet for worship with fellow believers each Sunday in part because each Sunday we remember that He is Risen!

Second, **the when happens in the rhythm of yearly worship.** We Baptists used to never think much about the church year and its seasons apart from Christmas and Easter. Several years now, people like us at Trinity, have embraced the church year in some way. We enjoy the Advent season of anticipation for Jesus’ coming. We wear red and remember the power and presence of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. We worship in special ways during Holy Week. And Lent has become a time to give some thought to our spiritual lives and to prepare to joyously celebrate Easter when it comes.

Third, **Easter comes in the when of our times and in our personal situations.** I don’t know what your season of life is, but **the when of your life matters to God.** Whatever grief or burden or joy you are experiencing, Easter impacts us in various ways because of the when of our life story, the when of the season we are in when April 20 comes along. Sometimes, the shout of He is Risen has uplifted me when Easter fell into a season of darkness and hurt in my own life. I took great comfort in that proclamation and leaned into the echo of our voices lifted together to say, “He is Risen, Indeed.” The when of our lives matters.

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Interim Minister of Music and Worship



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Minister to Students

Music and Worship Ministries

Our Sanctuary Choir is preparing a number of excerpts this Spring from Handel’s *Messiah*, one of the most significant masterworks of all time. The composer not only revolutionized the genre of sacred oratorio with this work, but he also crafted musical expressions of the Holy Scriptures in such a way as to influence future generations of composers, performers, and listeners.

Presentations of portions of *Messiah* are most commonly associated with the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The oratorio is in fact, though, structured into three distinct portions: Part One deals with the prophecies and promises of the Redeemer; Part Two focuses upon the Suffering Lamb who suffers and sacrifices Himself to redeem humanity; and Part Three expresses thanksgiving for the defeat of Death. Parts Two and Three are commonly referred to as the Easter Portion.

Our choir is planning to present four anthems from Part Two and one anthem from Part Three during the Lent/Easter season this year:

- Behold the Lamb of God*
- Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs*
- And With His Stripes*
- Hallelujah*
- Since By Man Came Death*

Trinity worshippers will hear several of these selections during selected Sundays in Lent, during Holy Week services, and during the first couple of Sunday mornings in the Easter season. Of course, the most beloved chorus of them all is the “Hallelujah” chorus, which the choir brings to life on Easter Sunday morning, with trumpet and timpani.

I am so grateful for how our Sanctuary Choir has risen to the challenge of such significant music. We have immersed ourselves deeply into the scriptures being sung, into understanding more fully how the music is inspired, and, most importantly, into how that inspiration from God can change our hearts as worshippers.

New members are always invited and welcomed into the ministry of the Sanctuary Choir. The opportunity to grow in faith and witness through an activity much larger than the sum of its parts and a ministry which touches our entire church is a significant one for any of us willing to share whatever measure of time, talent and energy we have.

BIG DATES TO NOTE

Sunday morning, April 13--Palm/Passion Sunday

(processional with palms, music from children and adult choirs, pastor’s “sermon in scripture”)

Friday evening, April 18--Good Friday Tenebrae Service

(music from Sanctuary Choir and Trinity Carillon, service of shadows liturgy, pastoral meditation)

Easter Sunday morning, April 20--Resurrection Celebration

(sunrise service, morning worship including music from choir, soloist, handbells, trumpet and percussion)

Wednesday evening, May 14--Kickoff for a very special choir collaborative project with a sister church

(“Music for Sacred Spaces”)

Contact me for more information on any of the above.

With thanksgiving,
~ Billy Orton

Interim Minister of Music and Worship



Friends Day!

Sunday, April 6

Invite a friend to Sunday School and Worship! We will have a special snack and a little gift for your guests.



Wednesdays at 5:30pm through April 9

4-yrs – K and 1st-6th Grade



Vacation Bible School

June 15-18, 2025

6-8 pm

4yrs – 6th grade

Registration opens May 1!

TBCKids Calendar	
April 6	Friends Day
April 12	Egg Hunt
April 13	Children’s Sunday/Palm Sunday
May 21	Family Water Slides Night, 5-7 pm
June 15-18	Vacation Bible School, 6-8 pm
July 13-16	Passport Kids Camp – Rock Eagle, GA



EASTER EGG HUNT

April 12

Time 10:00am

Three egg-hunting areas:
Infants-Twos Threes-Fives

1st-4th Grades

(Siblings can hunt together as needed)



Kids Camp

July 13-18, 2025

Rock Eagle Camp, Eatonton, GA

For 3-6th grades (completed)

Cost: \$Cost: \$425/\$375 2nd child

~ Teresa

Next month will be another pivotal moment for our students. While some of them graduating and stepping into the next stage of their life and others are moving forward into the next grade – the end of every school year, for our students, is always a season of celebration. We look forward to the summer months, which are packed with vacations, summer trips, and great time with friends.

But before we get there, we must arrive at the end of the school year. Final exams, performances, and concerts are yet to come! So, as you read over this month's *Tribute* and reflect on the many ways that God is working the lives of our students here at Trinity, would you say a prayer for them as they wrap up the year? Continue to be mindful of them as they reach the end of the semester.

Holy Spirit,
Continue to guide the students and teenagers here at Trinity as they begin to move to the end of the school year. We ask that you alleviate any sort of anxieties or burdensome stress and replace it with your peace. Remind them of your presence and that you are walking alongside them every day.
Amen.

~ Lane



Church Life

MISSIONS:

Community Neighborhood Blitz

- Sunday, April 27th
- Ministry Projects for all ages and skill levels
- Lunch is provided in the Fellowship Hall for everyone participating
- Participants may leave for their project site after they finish lunch
- Sign-up in your Sunday School Rooms or in the Gathering Area

Dominican Republic Mission Trip Fundraiser Cookout

- Wednesday, April 9 (during our regular Wednesday night dinner)
- Donations will go towards the cost of translators, laborers, VBS materials, clinic supplies, etc.
- Pete Bernstein will have his paintings available during dinner for a silent auction that will also go to support the mission trip

Perry County Ramp Building Mission Trip

- April 3-5
- Constructing 2 ramps near Marion, Alabama
- Sign-up in the Gathering Area



MISSIONS:

Church Picnic

- Sunday, May 4
- On the Trinity south lawn
- Lunch will be served after morning worship - hamburgers and hot dogs provided
- Volunteers needed to grill, bring side dishes, set-up or clean-up
- Sign-up sheets will be available soon for volunteers to participate in all these areas

~ Glenn



RAMP BUILDING

Weekday Preschool Ministry News

The children will spend lots of time outside in the sunshine playing and taking nature walks. This month on April 10th and 11th our Older Twos, Threes, and Fours will be performing in our annual Spring Music Programs – come enjoy the fun! We will also watch and wait for our caterpillars to turn into beautiful butterflies to be released.

With mixed emotions of joy, pride, and sadness the month of May brings Graduation, and our four-year old classes are busy preparing. We could not be more proud of them as they prepare to leave and move on to kindergarten. We feel blessed to be a part of the process getting them ready, and we know they will do well!

We continue to feel blessed with such a loving and caring church family. As always, please remember us in your prayers.

~ Nancy

~ April 2025 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 4:45 Fellowship Supper 5:30 Children's Choirs 6:00 Adult Bible Study, Kid's Missions Groups, Youth Bible Study, EL Class 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	3 Perry County Ramp Mission Trip	4	5
6 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 11:30 DR Mission Trip Lunch 11:30 Student Ministry Parents Meeting 1:30 Bowers/Sasser Wedding Shower 5:00 Family Game Night 6:30 Conversational Spanish Class	7	8	9 4:45 Mission Fundraiser Cookout 5:30 Children's Choirs 6:00 Adult Bible Study, Kid's Missions Groups, Youth Bible Study, EL Class 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	10	11 5:00 Salvation Army Canteen	12 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt
13 Palm/Children's Sunday 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 6:30 Conversational Spanish Class No Other Evening Activities	14	15 6:00 Ladies Night Out at Bravo Italian Kitchen in Bridgestreet	16 5:00 Trinity Carillon 6:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal No Other Evening Activities	17 12:00 Lunch Bunch at Taziki's	18 7:00 Good Friday Service	19
20 Easter Sunday 6:30 Sunrise Service 8:45 Deacon Served Breakfast 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship No Evening Activities	21 Church Office Closed 6:30 Conversational Spanish Class	22	23 4:45 Fellowship Supper 6:00 Adult Bible Study, Kid's Missions Groups, Youth Bible Study, EL Class 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	24 6:00 Men's Night Out a 306 BBQ in Athens	25	26
27 Youth Sunday 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 11:30 Community Blitz and Lunch	28 6:30 Conversational Spanish Class	29	30 4:45 Fellowship Supper 6:00 Adult Bible Study, Kid's Missions Groups, Youth Bible Study, EL Class 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal			

Weekly Events

- Sunday**
 Online & In Person Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
 Online & In Person Worship 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday**
 Fellowship Supper 4:45 p.m.
 Trinity Carillon (handbell choir) 5:00 p.m.
 Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
 Kids Mission Groups 6:00 p.m.
 Prayer Meeting in Sanctuary 6:00 p.m.
 EL Class 6:00 p.m.
 Vocal Ensembles 6:15 p.m.
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

February 2025 Financial Report

Monthly Information

Target Income	\$76,991.08
Actual Income	\$120,765.23
Actual Expenses	(\$68,728.58)
Monthly Gain/ (Loss)	\$52,036.65

Year-To-Date for 2025

Target Income	\$153,982.17
Actual Income	\$178,453.64
Actual Expenses	(\$142,843.51)
YTD Gain/ (Loss)	\$35,610.13

Account Balances

General Fund	\$271,060.13
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Happy Birthday!

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| 4: Justin Pate | 16: Sutton Odom, Glenn Stanley |
| 5: Sheila Arn, Alice Kenny, Billy Orton | 17: Rachel Farr |
| 6: William Anderson, Elijah Grimsley, Gayle Lavish, Mike Oliver | 18: Jeanette Rodgers |
| 8: Jeanne Milligan | 19: Karen Caudle |
| 11: Deborah Rhue | 20: Bryan Bennett |
| 12: Nelson Blair, Hunter Richardson | 24: Mike Melton, Ric Moore, Claire Phillips, Rick Taylor |
| 13: Bill Colson | 25: Ashlee Crull, Ella Taylor |
| 14: Traci Dunavant, Lynnea Horton | 28: Marshall McCall |
| 15: Sarah Cooley, Justin LouAllen | |



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

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Wedding Shower
in Honor of

TYLER SASSER
&
HANNAH BOWERS

April 6 ~ 1:30 pm
Trinity Baptist Church

Tyler and Hannah are registered at
withjoy.com