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The Stories Jesus Told—July 23

Jesus decided to share parables, stories, to help us understand what the kingdom of God is all about. We will focus on a small selection of his stories, engage in them as participants in the stories, and reflect intergenerationally about what we witness in these stories that will guide us today.

The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ—July 30

The final session will allow us to remember the great love and redemption of God in the atonement and the power of hope in Easter. This will be a great conclusion to the series of interactive sessions this summer as we focus on the most important weekend in history.

~ Mike



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The Trinity Tribute

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

Cultivating Fellowship

July 2025

The bonds of church life are so important to the mission and ministry of Trinity. I am always so happy to see people grow in their friendships and connections. The closer we are together as a congregation the better witness we will be as a church to our community demonstrating that Christ-life is vital and meaningful. These relationships also mean we are more ready to work alongside each other to offer support, care, prayer, and ministry. Trinity has a great sense of Church Family.

During July, we will be hearing in worship about ways Jesus cultivated community and did ministry in relationships, especially around a table at a meal. I am calling this sermon series, **“Dinner with Jesus.”** Each week we will hear a scripture story about Jesus and his way of teaching and building connections and understanding around the table of fellowship. We will conclude this series on **August 3 with the Lord’s Supper**, the ultimate table of connection with God and each other.

I am asking during this month to take the opportunity to have meals and fellowship around the table with others at church. Invite friends from your Sunday School class or people who sit near you in worship for lunch or supper, or just to go out for coffee. And further, consider a meal with people in church who you may not know well, such as a newer member of Trinity. Perhaps you could plan to go to lunch after worship each Sunday in July.

Jesus did so many wonderful things around the table teaching us about the bonds of Christian fellowship and of the kingdom of God. This month, I invite you to share a meal with someone at Trinity. “Dinner With Jesus” is the title of this series because I believe that when we gather around the table with others in Jesus’ name, he is among us.

Reminder about Wednesday evenings during July—InterGen Bible Studies.

Here are the remaining “Scenes from the Life of Jesus” that we will cover this summer. We meet at **6:00 pm on Wednesdays** for interactive experiences to learn more about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The Sermon on the Mount—July 9

This pivotal sermon of Jesus provides so much about his perspective of life, meaning, and the kingdom of God. The images of the sermon will give us many opportunities to become part of the sermon by tasting salt, imagining building on sand or rock, and so much more.

The Miracles of Jesus—July 16

This session will feature three of the miracles of Jesus. We want to remember that Jesus is God and is able to bend all things to his will. The miracles will allow us to think about what it means to worship a God who is able and who cares.

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Music and Worship Ministries

Thinking about “sacred spaces”

We have been giving a lot of consideration to the idea of “sacred spaces” in our Sanctuary Choir lately. Not only are we preparing for a major collaboration with a sister church who is almost next door to us on Hughes Road, but we are also using the opportunity to explore the meaning of the “sacred spaces” concept.

Quite obviously, our upcoming presentations of *Music for Sacred Spaces* can be references to the worship spaces, the sanctuaries, of our two churches. Each of those spaces will host one of the presentations on those Sunday afternoons in September. Inspired music will fill each room. Each of the spaces will be an occasion for a sacred experience.

An additional thought, of course, is that a sacred space is what Jesus was describing when He instructed us in the discipline of prayer—

“...When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.”

(Matthew 6:6 in the King James Version)

“Find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.”

(Matthew 6:6 in The Message version)

We are taught that we need a space in our private lives for prayer. That space is one which is described variously as “secret” or “quiet, secluded,” a place where we can be alone with God. That private, sacred space is then a springboard into all of life. Our worship services and classes include corporate prayer in public, of course, but a foundational aspect of our prayer lives is that “sacred space” where we can be fully known by our Heavenly Father. And, as our prayer lives develop, we find that we pray in numerous places—in a car-line, at work in the midst of a difficult problem, in social settings where God’s grace is needed, and with family members during times of joy, sorrow, or need.

To quote the well-known pastor/teacher/author Tim Keller, “Everywhere God is, prayer is.” (*Prayer*, p. 28). And, to quote Martin Luther, “he who sings, prays twice.” Our Sanctuary Choir is finding many sacred spaces within our life together. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Billy Orton
Interim Minister of Music and Worship

We hope you are able to be a part of one or both of the presentations below—

Music For Sacred Spaces

Presented by the choirs and instrumentalists of Trinity Baptist Church and Asbury Church

Sunday, September 7, 4:00 pm at Trinity
Sunday, September 14, 4:00 pm at Asbury



Scenes from the Life of Jesus!
July 9, 16, 23, and 30
Fellowship Hall

InterGen continues in July! Our interactive Bible experiences on Wednesday nights meet 4 more Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. this month as we take a closer look at the Sermon on the Mount, miracles, parables and the resurrection. There will be opportunities for everyone to engage in the story and enjoy a snack at the end! There is also childcare for infants – 3yrs.



Pizza and Pool Party
Sunday, July 20
5:30pm

Meet at Heritage Station Pool off Brownsferry for pizza and pool time. Bring a towel, a parent, and a friend!

We had a great time at Camp Firelight VBS!!!



Kids Camp
July 13-18, 2025
Rock Eagle Camp, Eatonton, GA
For 3-6th grades (completed)

Pray for our campers as they study the Bible, worship and learn about missions with other kids from around the region!

Trinity Kids Events
Scan the QR Code for the Summer Calendar



~ **Teresa**

After being in North Alabama now, for a little over year, I have to say, “Alabama Summers are something super special.” The breeze coming off the Appalachia mountains, the occasional downpour of rain (just for it to clear up again), and the late evening sunsets are just so incredible. As a Texas native and sunset enthusiast, the summer evenings always are just filled with so much peace and gratification. It’s a reminder that in the hustle-and-bustle of the summer months in the Student Ministry, to slow down and reflect on God’s goodness that is displayed throughout all of creation.

As you can see from the photos, the Summer has already been a fruitful month for our Students, as we’ve traveled both near and far for so many different fellowship opportunities. This summer, please join with us in praying over our Students and that would develop rich and meaningful relationships with others at Trinity. ~ Lane



Church Life

EDUCATION:

July Adult Sunday School

9:30am in the Fellowship Hall

- We are inviting all the Adult Sunday School Classes to come together in the Fellowship Hall during the month of July to form one class!
- We will be studying the Book of Exodus, from the Formations Curriculum
- We will have a different teacher each week!
- The teaching lineup will be:

July 6: The Victory at the Sea ~ Pete Bernstein

July 13: The Ten Commandment ~ Dan Champion

July 20: The Golden Calf ~ Vincent Vasser

July 27: The Tabernacle ~ Bryan Cobb

Promotion Sunday

- August 3
- All preschool, children and youth will be promoted into their 2025-26 Sunday School classes
- Church Council Meeting and Training Workshop
- Sunday, August 10 from 4-6pm
- 2024-25 and 2025-26 Committee Chairs are invited
- This will be a Council meeting and a training event! The new Committee Chairpersons will learn about the Church Council, budgets, goals, and handing off from one committee chair to the next.

OTHER:

Building Maintenance Workday

- Saturday, August 2 from 9am-noon.
- Projects include things like changing out light bulbs, repairing exit lights, replacing air filters, cleaning light covers, and other projects.
- Doughnuts and biscuits will be provided!
- Please sign-up in the Gathering Area.

Committee Kick-off!

- Sunday, August 24, from 4:00-5:30pm!
- All church committees are invited to meet that evening and plan out the 2025-26 church year.
- The 2025-26 Church Committees will begin on September 1.
- Please check with your committee chairperson to see if your committee is meeting that evening.

Camp Firelight VBS!!! ➡

MISSIONS AND MINISTRY:

Perry County Mission Trip, July 17-19

- We will continue our efforts to provide accessibility ramps in Perry County by constructing ramp sections INDOORS (with air conditioning) in Marion.
- After the sections are built, they will be moved to a nearby warehouse for storage until this fall when they will be used to construct ramps.
- Team meeting on July 6 at 11:30 in A-109
- \$250 for a single room (King); \$125 for a double
- Sign-up in the Gathering Area

Weekend Backpack Snacks

- We will resume our ministry of providing food for children from Columbia Elementary School.
- The first monthly pack-night will be in August for delivery in September.
- In your Sunday School class, please discuss requesting a date to participate in this program.
- Detailed information will be in your Sunday School packets and e-mailed to your Sunday School teacher concerning signing up.

~ Glenn



~ July 2025 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 College Nights at the Craig's	2 No Evening Activities	3 Church Office Closed 9:00 Students Float the Flint	4 	5
6 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 11:30 Perry County Mission Trip Meeting Room A109 No Evening Activities	7	8 9:00 College Kayak Trip 6:00 College Nights at the Craig's	9 6:00 InterGen: Stories from the Life of Jesus 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	10 5:30 Student Ministry Movie Night at the Oliver's	11 5:00 Salvation Army Canteen	12
13 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship No Evening Activities	14	15 6:00 College Nights at the Craig's	16 6:00 InterGen: Stories from the Life of Jesus 6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at Asbury	17 6:00 Students End of Summer Retreat	18	19
Passport Kids Camp				Perry County Ramp Section Building Indoors		
20 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 5:30 Kids Pool Party	21 6:00 Men's Night Out at Mangia Italian Restaurant	22 6:00 Ladies Night Out at Sam and Greg's Pizzeria	23 5:00 InterGen: Stories from the Life of Jesus No Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26
27 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship No Evening Activities	28	29	30 6:00 InterGen: Stories from the Life of Jesus 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	31		



Happy Birthday!

- 1: Carol Howell
- 3: Jerry Barnes, Bobby Rhue
- 4: Cynthia Anglin
- 5: Brantley Griffn
- 6: Richard Bolton, James Lomax
- 7: Thomas Hughes
- 8: Hannah Knight
- 9: Bruce Cunningham, Tut Smith
- 12: Kara Koler, Matt Marsh
- 15: Carol Ford, Donna Noojin

- 18: Dave Brann, Hannah Sasser
- 22: Beth Woodard
- 23: Sarah Bennett, Johna Brazeal, Sandra Hetherington, Vicky Stanley
- 24: Bikere Ikoba
- 26: Erica Ellis, Nina Hinkle, Jeff Reyburn
- 28: Kyna Schutzbach
- 29: Mary Griffith, Lily Beth Reyburn
- 30: Eric Dennis, Summer Kynard,
- 31: Nancy Foster, Stuart Langston, Terry Miller



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



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Weekly Events

- Sunday**
Online & In Person Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Online & In Person Worship 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday**
InterGen Study 6:00 p.m.
Vocal Ensembles 6:15 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

May 2025 Financial Report

Monthly Information

Target Income	\$76,991.08
Actual Income	\$67,298.16
Actual Expenses	(\$63,005.24)
Monthly Gain/ (Loss)	\$4,292.92

Year-To-Date for 2025

Target Income	\$384,955.42
Actual Income	\$397,796.40
Actual Expenses	(\$375,048.59)
YTD Gain/ (Loss)	\$22,747.81

Account Balances

General Fund	\$257,895.11
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