### Music for Sacred Spaces











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# The Trinity Tribute

## Your Story, Our Story, God's Story Coming Together at Trinity



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Worship Themes for October-The Doctrine of God the Father October 2025

Last year I preached a series of sermons on the Doctrine of Jesus Christ. These messages were focused on what we believe about the identity and work of Jesus. This is part of a multi-year look at the three persons of the Trinity. I hope these messages can be a reference for us as we all seek to better know and love the God who is Three in One.

Starting in October of this year I will be preaching on the Doctrine of God the Father. This five-week series of sermons will look at various aspects of who God the Father is and what this can mean for our lives. One writer says this, "As the first person of the Trinity, God the Father is the source of all life and has a personal, fatherly relationship with humanity, which is further understood through His relationship with the Son and the Holy Spirit."

The series begins with a way to try to understand who God is by looking at various titles or names given to God the Father in the Bible. Names help us understand not only the identity of God, but also the mission or work of God. These names often come with modifiers, words that give more detail about God. For example, God is described as kind, good, and slow to anger. Names for God will be an underlying thread as we rely on these names and modifiers to seek to know God better.

The second sermon will focus on the biblical understanding that God is a personal God. We do not just interact with God in some abstract way with God off at a distance, uninvolved in our lives, and uninterested in us and our world. God cares, and God cares personally about each of us.

The third message reminds us that God is Holy and Righteous. This "otherness" of God is important in many ways and is the goal for each of our lives as we try to become more like the one who created us in his image. Right now, Lane is scheduled to preach this sermon.

The fourth sermon is about one of the greatest attributes of God—Love. The idea that our God is love and embodies the fullness of what love is can bring us amazing hope and contentment.

The final sermon will circle back to the most significant name for God. This name is given to us by Jesus. He calls God Abba or Father and invites us to use that word when we pray to God. This certainly brings the doctrine of God to ground right to our very souls. It also implies that we too are God's children.

I hope you learn and find meaning in these messages as we all seek to know the One who created us, who continues to love and sustain us, who sent his Son to redeem us, and who is always present as our great Abba. ~ *Mike* 



## Music and Worship Ministries



### **Sanctuary Choir Christmas Music:**



**Wednesday evenings** (touches on Christmas music each week)

<u>Saturday morning, November 8</u> is the Sanctuary Choir in-house retreat (Food! Fun! Fellowship! Ho-Ho-Ho!)

**Sunday morning, December 14** is the choir presentation during morning worship

Christmas Eve, December 24, will include music from the choir

Soli Deo Gloria!

~ Billy Orton, Interim Minister of Music and Worship

### **Music for Sacred Spaces**











Fall is my favorite time of year and it's always full of new things with the beginning of school! One new thing we are doing this year on Wednesday nights is Faith Steps. From 6-6:15pm on Wednesday nights, we are learning some of basic Bible skills, Scripture passages, and traditional hymns of the faith. We have learned the Lord's Prayer, some of the Old Testament books, and we will start the New Testament books this month. Kids can put stickers on the Faith Steps chart as they complete the steps. No need to wait for Wednesdays – they can recite to their SS teachers on Sunday morning as well!

Another new thing this fall – our Kids Choirs are meeting every Wednesday from 5:30-6:00pm. Last year we started on Sunday nights but discovered last spring that Wednesday nights work better for most – so we made the change permanent. We are so excited that our kids will have more opportunities to sing in worship this year!

Something not new (but always good!) was our pajama collection for Kids to Love and our Pajama Parade and Parties! Our Mission Friends and Mission Kids collected 93 pajamas and 70 storybooks! Our Mission Kids also had several guest speakers last month who talked about the different ways people can help foster families. Thank you to Dixie Paschal, Bethany Foster, and Julie Reyburn for coming to share with them! The Mission Kids also made goodie bags for Bethany Foster and her co-workers at DHR.

The big event this month is our Fall Fun Fest on Sunday, October 19! It will be from 2-4pm and includes bounce houses, midway games, popcorn, cotton candy, a cake walk, and door prizes. Wear a costume, bring a pumpkin for candy treats, and invite some neighbors! ~ *Teresa* 















Trinity Tribute



October 2025

As the school year progresses, our incredible Students continue to shine brightly, demonstrating the love and light of Jesus in their everyday lives. It's so great to witness their commitment, compassion, and developing faith as they navigate the challenges and opportunities of their schools and extracurricular activities.

It is clear that our students are not just attending school; they are on a mission! They are actively demonstrating the love of God to their friends, teachers, and communities.

### So, please surround them in prayer!

Our Students face unique challenges and pressures in their everyday lives. From stress to social dynamics and the constant bombardment of different influences, they need our continual prayers.

Here are some specific ways you can be in prayer:

- **Wisdom and Discernment:** Pray that they would have wisdom to make godly choices and discernment to navigate complex situations.
- **Boldness:** Pray for courage to live out their faith authentically and speak truth with love.
- **Influence:** Pray that their light would shine brightly and positively impact those around them.
- **Spiritual Formation:** Pray for their continued deepening in their relationship with Jesus.

~ Lane

## fall Retreat at Camp Tolyowtlin







<u>Church Life</u>

### **MISSIONS:**

## Perry County Ramp Building Mission Trip: October 23-25

- Cost: \$450.00 for a single room; 2 people/room is \$225 each. This includes hotel fee and all meals.
- Sign up in Gathering Area

## Dominican Republic Mission Trip: March 13-19, 2026

- October 12 at 11:30am in the Youth Room -Informational Lunch Meeting for those who didn't make the Sept. 14 meeting.
- October 12 is also the deadline for signing up and a \$500 deposit is due. The cost for the 2026 DR trip is \$1700.
- Sign-up in the Gathering Area.

### **DR Mission Trip Fundraiser Cookout**

- October 15 during the regular Wednesday Night dinner (4:45-6pm)
- Hamburgers, French fries, baked beans and dessert

## **Hispanic Food Covered Dish Dinner and Dominican Republic Mission Trip Fundraiser Auction**

- Sunday, October 26 at 5pm
- If you are interested in donating an item or a service to the auction, please contact Glenn or Beth Woodard



Trinity's Young Adults helped serve from the Salvation Army Canteen.

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION: Trinity University: Oct. 12 and Nov. 9

- Adult discipleship from 5-6pm
- We are studying the book: The Good and Beautiful Life by James Bryan Smith

~ Glenn





## Weekday Preschool News

The beginning of the school year has been so much fun! We are very happy to welcome back our returning children and their families, and we are enjoying getting to know our new children and their families.

The three and four-year olds were excited to start chapel with the ministers sharing a Bible story. The children have spent time learning about community helpers and have really enjoyed it.

The children and teachers are looking forward to the cooler weather and spending time outside taking walks and enjoying the playground. We are always searching for special guests to visit with the children and share their talents. If you have a special gift you can share with our children, please contact us. We are always looking for substitutes who have a few hours of love to give.

Fall Break will be a wonderful time to spend with family and friends. At the end of the month, we will have fall parties and pumpkins in the pumpkin patch. We are blessed to have a special church that supports and prays for us.

Thank you!

~ Nancy

	~ October 2025 ~					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:45 Fellowship Supper 5:00 Trinity Carillon (handbells) 5:30 Children's Choirs, Student Ministry 6:00 Kid's Missions Groups, Adult Prayer Meeting, EL Class 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4 Madison Street Festival
5 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship	<b>6</b> 6:00 Young Adults	7	8 No Evening Activities	9	10 5:00 Salvation Army Canteen	11
No Evening Activities	Madison City and County Fall Break/Limestone County Fall Break					
12 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 11:30 DR Mission Trip Lunch 1:30 Baby Shower for Lane and Wendy 5:00 Trinity University	13 6:00 Young Adults	<b>14</b> 6:00 Ladies Night Out at SaZa	15 4:45 Fellowship Supper/DR Fundraiser Cookout 5:00 Trinity Carillon (handbells) 5:30 Children's Choirs, Student Ministry 6:00 Kid's Missions Groups, Adult Prayer Meeting, EL Class 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	16 12:00 Lunch Bunch 6:00 Men's Night Out at Jonathan's Grille	17	18
	<b>20</b> 6:00 Young Adults	<b>21</b> 10am – 2pm Adults Game Day	4:45 Fellowship Supper 5:00 Trinity Carillon (handbells) 5:30 Children's Choirs, Student Ministry 6:00 Kid's Missions Groups,	23 Pe	24 erry County Mission Trip	25 10:00 Music Workshop/Master Class with Jennie Prinkey and Ron Guthrie
	Adult Prayer Meeting, EL Class 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal					
26 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 5:00 Covered Dish Dinner and DR Fundraiser Auction	<b>27</b> 6:00 Young Adults	28	29	30	31	

## Happy Birthday!

- 1: Stacy Blair, Keith Farr
- 3: Harper Mitchell
- 7: Imogene Odom
- 8: Courtney Horn
- 10: Reagan Grimsley, Joan Vinson
- 11: Dianne Livingston
- 12: Carolyn Hall, Craig Lavish
- 13: Nicholas Segraves
- 14: Lisette Colson, Bob Crull, Lynn Hogan, Ron Kurowsky
- 15: Riley Hibbs, Mitzi Taylor

- 16: Stephen Jackson, Jennifer Robinson
- 18: Kevin Arflack, Jon Howell
- 20: Rosie LouAllen
- 21: Charlene Christiansen
- 22: Jarred Green, Josh Horton, Pam Killian
- 23: Frank McCall
- 26: Vincent Vassar
- 27: Bethany Foster
- 28: Colby Sheehan
- 29: Florence Maynard



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	Online & In Person Bible Study	9:30 a.m.				
	Online & In Person Worship	10:30 a.m.				
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Monday						
	Young Adults	6:00 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	6:10 p.m.				
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.				

### August 2025 **Financial Report**

### **Monthly Information**

\$76,991.08 Target Income **Actual Income** \$67,922.20 **Actual Expenses** (\$78,706.83) Transfer to Escrow (\$0.00)Monthly Gain/ (Loss) (\$10,784.63)

#### Year-To-Date for 2025

Target Income \$615,928.67 **Actual Income** \$601,099.10 **Actual Expenses** (\$599,660.61) Transfer to Escrow (\$20,000.00) YTD Gain/ (Loss) (\$18,561.51)

### **Account Balances**

General Fund \$216,389.20

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