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The Trinity Tribute

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

Looking to the Words of Jesus

January 2026

Perhaps the most amazing portion of scripture is the Sermon on the Mount. The three chapters of Matthew 5-7 outline the demanding and comforting outlook of Jesus Christ. I think that passage is well worth reading and studying as we begin a new year. In the fall of 2026, I will be preaching a series of messages on these words of Jesus.

Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes, a series of statements beginning with the word "Blessed." In each beatitude he offers a spiritual condition that brings blessedness to our lives despite how the outer circumstances may appear. It's quite a remarkable portion of the sermon. Jesus continues with various teachings about our relationships and identity as bearers of the light of his way. The sermon challenges us to a high ethical life so that our words and deeds match. We are called to help others and be mindful of the way we serve God seeking only God's recognition and not the applause of others. Jesus offers in the sermon a model prayer we call the "Lord's Prayer." I pray this prayer almost every day and I know many of you do as well. The sermon reaches deep into our hearts and minds to convict our worried lives with the reminder that God sees and cares for each of us. Jesus also tells us that we are not to judge others, but to tend carefully to our own spiritual lives. He reminds us to seek God's help and direction in our everyday living because God wants to help us. He warns us not to follow the easy and wide way that is not based on Jesus himself.

Jesus ends the sermon asking us to build our lives on his words and teachings. You may remember the famous story of the two house builders. One built his house on sand and when the rains and storms came the house fell flat. One builder, however, built his house on solid rock and when the rains and storms came the house stood firm. Jesus says his words and teachings are like that rock upon which we can build our lives.

As we enter 2026—a new year—let us all look to the foundation of our lives. Let us look to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. The new year is a great chance to reflect on who we are, where we have come, and where we hope to go in the future. Be sure to examine your foundation. The foundation of our lives is so important. Not only will a firm foundation see us through the inevitable challenges and storms of life, but a firm foundation can give us a safe place to rest in a changing world. Having a home, a place of comfort, assurance, and peace is vital to all of us. Spiritually we can find all of those things in our savior and in his way taught to us in the Bible. Look to the Sermon on the Mount and find those foundation words for your life this new year.

Happy New Year to each of you!

~ Mike



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Music and Worship Ministries

Blessings during Advent/Christmas

God has blessed us richly during this past month as Trinity has gathered for corporate worship experiences. We are so grateful for all who contributed to those services!

- Our larger teams (choirs, ensembles, tech crews, worship and decorating committees, etc.) prepared well and helped to bring to life such meaningful times together. Thank you!
• Numerous individuals contributed time and energies as facilitators, coordinators, readers, soloists, instrumentalists, and behind-the-scenes helpers. Thank you!
• The Trinity congregation not only participated and supported the various worship services but also stood in the gap praying and encouraging the many others who worked diligently to prepare and execute the tasks involved. The prayers and encouragement mattered. Thank you!

God blesses us through those around us. Thanks be to God.

Next, Epiphany

Trinity has wisely chosen over the years to observe the Christian Year. Based upon the life of Jesus Christ, the days and seasons of the Christian Year bring direction and shape to our life as worshippers. The Christian Year begins with Advent which moves directly into Christmas. Beginning on Christmas Eve, Christmas is the twelve-day season proclaiming the birth of Jesus and the meaning of His Life. We focus on the Incarnation: God with us. The Christmas season concludes after the twelfth day with Epiphany on January 6.

We observe Epiphany on the Sunday closest to January 6, with this year's Epiphany Sunday being January 4. Epiphany helps us to remember the visit of the Magi, which emphasizes the revealing, or manifestation, of Christ to the entire world, not only to the Jewish people.

Find your place in a music ministry group in 2026

Each of our music ministry groups are now beginning new music. Each of these groups offers not only the chance to help lead in worship but also the experience of warm fellowship with friends old and new. The incredible music of Easter comes early this year. Let us know if you are interested in developing the talents God gave you even as you invest the time and energies God gave you!

~ Billy Orton

Interim Minister of Music and Worship

Trinity Travelers

Wednesday Wonders



Faith Conversations Class
Sundays, 9:30am
January 25-March 1, 2026
Fellowship Hall Classroom

Trinity offers a discipleship building experience for older elementary kids called Faith Conversations Class. This class is for students who have recently made a commitment to follow Christ or who are considering such a decision. This will be a time of exploration of what it means to be a disciple, including topics such as Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, as well as baptism, the Lord's Supper, and personal faith practices. We are asking that children make a commitment to attend at least five out of six sessions. If this is not a time frame that works for you, we will be offering this same class again next year.



Race for Missions
Wednesday, February 25
5:30-7pm in the Fellowship Hall

The Mission Kids will be working on their race cars this month for the Race for Missions! They will help serve supper and clean up and invite people to donate to Global Missions as well as race their cars for prizes:)

Spring Schedule:

- January 7 Church suppers resume
Children's Choirs resume, 5:30pm
Kids Missions resume, 6:00pm
January 25 Faith Conversations Class begins, 9:30am
February 25 Race for Missions, 5:30pm
March 25 Mission Kids pack Backpack Snacks, 6:00pm
March 29 Palm Sunday Processional, 10:30am
April 5 Easter!
April 19 Spring Blitz, 11:30am
May 20 End of Year Parties, 6:00pm



HANGING OF THE GREEN AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS



Looking back on 2025, it feels like we did more than just fill a calendar with events; we actually built a life together. In the Student Ministry at Trinity, this year was about practicing the art of showing up for one another. Whether we were getting our hands dirty serving in local missions, traveling down to Orange Beach for Camp, or partnering with our friends at FBC Huntsville and Locust Grove for the Fall Retreat, the real goal was always connection. Even in the simple, steady rhythm of our Wednesday evening worship, we've been learning what it means to truly belong to a community.

We have watched God move in these students' lives—not just in big, loud moments, but in the quiet deepening of their roots. Now, as the season shifts, we are looking toward a bittersweet transition. I'm asking you to join me in praying for our students, specifically our high school and college seniors. They are standing at the threshold of a huge change, preparing to step out of this safe harbor and into the rest of their lives.

This final semester isn't just a countdown to graduation; it's the launching pad. Please pray that they don't get swept up in the noise and anxiety of "what comes next." Instead, pray that they find a quiet confidence and real discernment. We want them to finish this season strong, listening closely for God's lead, knowing that no matter where they go, they carry the love and grounding of this place with them.

~ Lane

2025 AT A GLANCE!



Happy New Year ♡ Happy New Year ♡ Happy New Year

Church Life

MISSIONS:

Perry County Ramp Building Mission Trip – Jan. 28-31

- Jan. 11 – Information lunch meeting right after worship
- We will be building ramp sections in Marion
- If we have time, we may use these sections to install ramps at homes, repair existing ramps, or store for future trips.
- We will also be visiting homes and making measurements for future ramps.
- If needed, we have an indoor facility in Marion where we can construct the ramp sections to be stored in a nearby warehouse.
- Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Area, in Sunday School, or contact Glenn at glenn@trinitymadison.com.

EDUCATION:

Trinity University: Feb. 22, March 1, 8, and 29.

- Four Sunday night sessions for adult discipleship from 5-6:00pm.
- We will resume the study of the book: Good and Beautiful Life, by James Bryan Smith.

FELLOWSHIP AND RECREATION:

Line Dancing and Covered Dish Fellowship – January 18 at 5:00pm

- Enjoy Line Dancing in the Fellowship Hall! Line Dances will be taught, shared and experienced!
- Everyone is also invited to bring your favorite covered dish to share

Weekday Preschool News

As the New Year begins, we are busy planning for registration for the 2026-2027 school year! I cannot believe how quickly this school year is flying by. For those of you who are interested, and who are not familiar with our program, here is some basic information. Trinity's Weekday Preschool Ministry is open from 9:00am to 1:00pm, Monday through Friday, when Madison City Schools are in session. We care for children who are eight weeks old through four years old who will not enter kindergarten until the 2027-2028 school year. **Registration for church members' children who are not currently enrolled in the preschool will be held on Wednesday, January 28th.**

When registering, parents will be given several forms to complete. The Parent Agreement form along with August's tuition and the nonrefundable registration fee will hold the child's place in the program. Placement in the program is based upon availability at the time of registration. Feel free to stop by the preschool anytime between 9:30am-12:00 p.m. when we are open to take a tour, meet teachers, or simply ask questions. Also, feel free to call us at 256-837-9891 or email me at nancy@trinitymadison.com Registration **for the community begins on Friday, January 30th.** All our registrations will start at 8:00 a.m. at the preschool. Registration will begin as soon as everyone has signed in. We are excited about welcoming new children and parents into our preschool family!

~ Nancy

OTHER:

Christmas Takedown – January 4 at 11:30 am

- Decorations will be put away and stored for next year

Wednesday Night Dinners

- Will resume their weekly schedule on January 7 from 4:45-6:00pm.

Grounds Workday- January 10 from 9:00am-noon

- Projects will include trimming limbs, cutting down a tree, replacing parking lot lights, leveling up the modular, and replacing exterior lights on the building.
- Doughnuts, biscuits, coffee, and water will be provided.
- Please sign up in the Gathering Area.

Building Maintenance Workday –

January 24 from 9:00am-noon.

- Projects will include changing out light bulbs, repairing exit lights, cleaning light fixtures, and other projects.
- Doughnuts and biscuits will be provided!
- Please sign up in the Gathering Area

Committee Catch-Up Night – January 25 at 4:00pm

- All Committees are invited to check with their chairperson to see if they are meeting during Committee Catch-up to plan for their areas for the remainder of the church year

Church Council

- Sunday, February 22 at 4pm
- All Committee Chairpersons are invited

~ Glenn

~ January 2026 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Church Office Closed	2	3
						
4 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 11:30 DR Mission Trip Lunch 11:30 Christmas Takedown No Evening Activities	5 6:00 Young Adults	6	7 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	8	9 5:00 Salvation Army Canteen	10 9:00 Grounds Workday Sanctuary Choir Winter Banquet Time TBD
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Perry County Ramp Section Building Mission Trip						

Happy Birthday!

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| 1: Carlos Clemons | 20: Kristy Stevenson |
| 2: Robyn Brick, John Whitt | 21: Mike Killian |
| 4: Mike Kynard | 22: Will Hughes, Christopher Woodard |
| 5: Serenity Clemons | 24: Maria Hall, Melinda Myer, Nikki Sheehan |
| 7: Java Bennett, Max Phillips | 25: Cameron Farr, Rebecca Mahanna |
| 8: Shirley Finch | 26: James Milligan |
| 9: Mark Braswell, Janet Whilhite | 28: Bill Caudle, Tom Lynch |
| 11: Benjamin Arn, Nicholas Cooley, | 29: Matt Ellis, Shirley Hoover |
| 13: Sonia Haywood | 30: Joanne Brann, Kate White |
| 14: Jackie McCall, Betty Washburn | 31: Hannah Whitt |
| 15: Deborah Forrest | |
| 18: Bryan Cobb, Amy Moore, Fred Myer, Leigh Ann Perkins | |



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.
- 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.

November 2025 Financial Report

Monthly Information

Target Income	\$76,991.08
Actual Income	\$85,327.94
Actual Expenses	(\$66,737.17)
Transfer to Escrow	(\$0.00)
Monthly Gain/ (Loss)	\$18,590.77

Year-To-Date for 2025

Target Income	\$846,901.92
Actual Income	\$806,434.36
Actual Expenses	(\$841,845.49)
Transfer to Escrow	(\$20,000.00)
YTD Gain/ (Loss)	(\$55,411.13)

Account Balances

General Fund	\$179,818.57
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LADIES CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

