

- Pray. Seek God's guidance about what, if anything, you want to do with the information you have been shown. Perhaps you will be moved to act and help. An example is when Mary and I brought water to a distribution point to help those affected by the floods from hurricane Helene.
- Advocate. Sometimes, I have been moved to advocate. I have written lawmakers and those in power to express my hope for practical things that our government could do to help and effect positive change.
- Speak out. Sometimes your voice will be important in conversations about certain news events. Say what you think while being respectful of those who might disagree. Seek common ground, but don't underestimate what your voice and opinion might mean.
- Get involved. Perhaps God will lead you to get personally involved in making a difference regarding the news information you have seen. Good happens when people of good will get personally involved.
- Our world is in an ever present news cycle. Let each of us be light and salt, voices of reason, offering prayers to God, and acting as the Spirit guides us. The greatest news of all is the Gospel, the Good News. I suggest keeping that in mind also as you and I encounter the news of the day. ~ Mike

Our Sanctuary Choir enjoyed a time of fellowship and food at their annual Choir Banquet on January 10th.



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The Trinity Tribute

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

Responding to the News

February 2026



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Rev. Billy Orton
Interim Minister of Music and Worship



Rev. Teresa Bowers
Minister to Families



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When I was a young boy I used to stay up to watch the 10 o'clock evening news on television. Back then we only had four channels—no cable, no satellite, no streaming. The channels were all affiliates of the big three networks at the time along with the fourth channel dedicated to public broadcasting. To be honest, at that age, I stayed up to watch the sports report or the weather report if there were a chance of snow and no school in the morning. Of course, I had to wait for the news segment to end before getting to the "good stuff" of sports updates.

Over time, I became more interested in the news segment. Now, like many of you, I try to stay up on the latest news. These days we get news from a variety of sources including the small screens on devices we call phones. The news items are often instant, and they are intended for us to click to learn more, or to like or dislike as a reaction. Often it is unclear if the news report is reputable or not. Still, I like to follow different sources in an effort to discern myself about what's happening out in the world.

I will be honest, much of the news that comes before my eyes is sad, soul-draining, and a sap of my emotional energy. I am roused to be outraged one moment or to firmly agree with something that might just be confirming my own biases. Then, of course, there is the question of how I am to think about what's actually happening. Should I be angry, happy, sad? Should I speak out, pray, do something actionable about the information I have seen?

I have no firm answers to my question of proper engagement to the news. I have a family member who says her mental health is much better when she just does not look at the news at all. In any case, here are some thoughts for us to consider as we encounter a world filled with news, rumors, and cultural events.

- Be informed. Do not be shy about letting news come before you. I think we should all think about being informed about the community and world we live in. Be open to some form of news information in your life.
- Consider. Be careful about jumping to conclusions too early in the storyline. The more information we have the better we are able to respond appropriately.
- Diversify news sources. Find various news sources so that one voice alone is not deciding the things you see and read.
- Audit your feelings. Pay attention to your inner feelings and reactions. Often, I have had to take a breath and ask why I am feeling the way I do about what I see. Perhaps I have become too jaded, or I am too quick to have my ire raised.
- Learn. Consider investing in something that you care most about. It could be environmental news, crime, the plight of the homeless, international affairs, religious news, and so forth. I have to decide at some point what kind of bandwidth I have in my life. I can't seem to invest deeply in everything, so I try to think about what I care about the most. *Continued on back page*

Music and Worship Ministries

Trinity Baptist Church has been given a unique opportunity regarding the use of a Steinway piano for the next year or so. Ron Guthrie is a professional musician in North Alabama who has just moved with his wife to Colombia, South America. While they are in the process of selling their home and are not sure exactly how long this international chapter in their lives will extend, they did not want to take his Steinway with them on that move. As they pondered a long-term but quite possibly temporary solution to the need for finding a place for the instrument, Ron explored several different options, including homes, churches, and schools.



Ron Guthrie has several connections to Trinity Baptist Church. He and I have collaborated on several projects over the years, especially during his tenure at UAH. Over a year ago he performed as the pianist for an Opera Huntsville recital in our sanctuary. He also served as the accompanist for our Jennie Prinkey's senior voice recital and, notably, was the person who recommended Jennie to me as a possible Music and Worship Apprentice. Mr. Guthrie most recently assisted with the Vocal Fundamentals masterclass which Jennie presented in our sanctuary. He knows us and knows that Trinity would indeed be a good and loving home for his beloved Steinway.

Thank you, church family and leadership, for your openness to this unique and extraordinary opportunity that has appeared. Our worship services will benefit from the high caliber instrument that helps to provide support and beauty to the church's music. Trinity musicians will be deepened and broadened by the opportunity of hearing and playing such a magnificent piano. And, as always, our objective of bringing glory to God in all things will be strengthened.

The privilege and responsibility of caring for and utilizing an extraordinary musical instrument is ours for the next year or beyond. Please join us in praying that our church body is edified in the process.

~ Billy Orton
Interim Minister of Music and Worship

All of Trinity's music groups have begun a new year of ministry. Some incredible music is in the works! Find your place of service in a music ministry group. Warm fellowship and inspiring experiences await...and Easter is just around the corner!

Contact the office for more information regarding our music and worship ministry schedules.

Coming Soon from Trinity's Music and Worship Ministries

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**Kids Missions Groups
Wednesdays at 6pm**

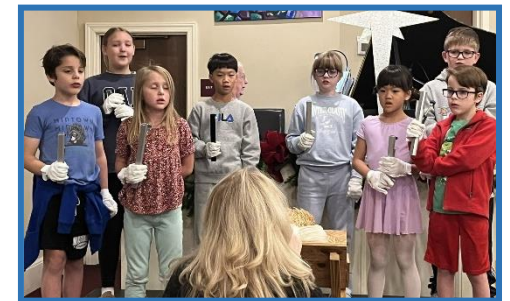
Mission Friends are learning about the ministries of Graffiti Church in the Bronx this month!



Mission Kids are learning about the ministries of Amani Sasa (Peace Now) in Uganda! Mission Kids are also making valentines for some of our senior adults and are invited to bring Valentines for the whole class on February 11 when we will have a Valentine Party!

**Kids' Choirs
Wednesdays at 5:30pm**

Both children's choirs are rehearsing each Wednesday night and will sing in worship on March 1 and again in May.



**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:

- February 11 Mission Kids Valentine Party, 6:00 pm
- 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 13 Missions Cookout and end of Year Parties!



Trinity
Kids



As our students return to school and develop their routines, there is a lot to celebrate. Recently, we've been going through Ecclesiastes on Wednesday evenings in the Student Ministry as we wrestle together with the question, "What is it that truly makes life worth living?"

Now, your first response might be the age-old Sunday School answer: "Jesus!" (and you would be correct). However, for our Students, we must examine what that means in our day-to-day lives. A couple of our Students are in their senior year, and this marks the beginning of the end for their final semester. Others are looking forward to finishing their first year of high school or college. All are huge milestones and accomplishments!

So, what truly makes life worthwhile? I don't believe that it is a single answer, but one of many responses. For our Students and for all of time, that response is this: Experiencing the love and calling of Jesus in a vibrant community of believers. That means being challenged, called out, encouraged, and reminded of our identity, as we carry each other's burdens.



I'm rapidly approaching my two-year mark here at Trinity, and it has been a joy, honor, and privilege to see how this community of teenagers and young adults has taken shape over time. All credit to them – they show up for each other and are deeply involved in each other's lives outside the walls of Trinity. So, this year we celebrate the things that make a lifetime worthwhile – as well as the baptism of Mira Inglis! ~ Lane

**We had a great turnout for our Chick fil A Student Ministry Fundraiser!
Thank you to all who came out!**



Church Life

MISSIONS:

Dominican Republic Mission Trip:

March 13-19

- Please sign-up to pray for a member of the DR Mission Trip.
- Sign-up sheets are in Sunday School Classes and the Gathering Area.
- After signing up, you will also receive the name of an additional person to include in your prayers who we will be partnering with in the Dominican Republic.

MINISTRY:

Easter Food Bins for Madison Assistance Program:

Feb. 1-March 15

- Feb. 1 - Lists of needed items and bins to be donated to elderly individuals in Madison may be found online and in the Gathering Area
- March 15 - Please return the filled bins to the Modular or Gathering Area
- These bins will go to elderly individuals in Madison who may be homebound or a disabled veteran
- The goal for Easter is 30 bins!

Community Neighborhood Blitz:

Sunday, April 19, 11-3pm

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

CHURCH COUNCIL:

Sunday, February 22 at 4pm

- All Committee Chairpersons are invited

GROUNDS WORKDAYS:

Two upcoming workdays:

February 21 - 9am-noon and March 14 at 9:00am

- On February 21, we will be trimming trees, replacing parking lot lights, cleaning the church sign; power-washing and other projects.
- On March 14, we will be exterminating ants in the areas where the children will be having their Egg Hunt.
- Please sign-up in the Gathering Area or in your Sunday School Class.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION:

Trinity University:

Begins Sunday, February 22, 5-6pm

- Adult Discipleship Group meeting in C102
- Meets on four Sunday nights: Feb. 22, March 1, March 8, and March 29
- We will be studying the book, The Good and Beautiful Life, by James Bryan Smith
- This group will be facilitated by Glenn and Teresa Bowers

TRINITY TRAVELERS

Trinity Travelers to Mentone and Little River Canyon: March 2

- Please sign up in the Gathering Area or in Sunday School Classes to participate in this event.
- We will meet at The Hatter Café (4277 AL-117) in Mentone at 11am for lunch.
- After lunch we will drive to Desota Falls, through Desota State Park, visit Howard's Chapel, Hwy 35 Falls, and then drive the Canyon Rim Road around Little River Canyon.
- Please indicate on the signup form if you need transportation for this event. ~ Glenn

Weekday Preschool News

Registration for next fall has started. We are excited about welcoming new children and parents into our preschool family! Feel free to stop by the preschool anytime between 9:30am - 12:00 pm 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 send me an email at nancy@trinitymadison.com and I can answer your questions.

If you get the chance walk down the preschool hall while you're here for church on Sunday and Wednesday nights to see the children's artwork. We hope you enjoy the magnificent work of our future Picassos.

Our hearts melt when we look at the sweet cherub faces of the children we care for and spend time with each and every day. We are blessed to have a job that is filled with lots of children's hugs, fun, and laughter. We are always looking for people to substitute. If you are interested, please call or come by the office. ~ Nancy

~ February 2026 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School, Faith Conversations Class 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 11:30 DR Mission Trip Lunch 4:00 Committee Catch-up	2 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Young Adults	3	4 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	5 6:30 Bible Study	6	7
8 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School, Faith Conversations Class 10:30 In Person & Online Worship Sharing of the Keys 1:30 Woodard/Cato Wedding Shower No Evening Activities	9 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Young Adults	10	11 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	12 6:30 Bible Study	13	14
15 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School, Faith Conversations Class 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 5:00 Valentine's Banquet	16 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Young Adults	17 10-2:00 Game Day for Adults in C-107	18 4:45 Fellowship Supper 5:00 Trinity Carillon (handbells) 5:30 Children's Choirs, Student Ministry 6:00 Kid's Missions Groups, Ash Wednesday Service, EL Class 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	19 12:00 Lunch Bunch 6:30 Bible Study	20	21 9:00 Grounds Workday
22 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School, Faith Conversations Class 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 11:30 Trinity Travelers Meeting 1:30 Patrick/Kilpatrick Wedding Shower 4:00 Church Council 5:00 TU	23 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Young Adults	24	25 4:45 Fellowship Supper/Race for Missions Fundraiser 5:00 Trinity Carillon (handbells) 5:30 Race for Missions, Student Ministry 6:00 EL Class 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	26 6:30 Bible Study	27	28

Happy Birthday!

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| 1: Kim Farkas | 18: Grayson Mitchell |
| 5: Bob Humphrey, Lilly LouAllen | 21: Nancy Cobb |
| 6: Judy McIntosh | 22: Rich Dunaway |
| 7: Cameron Phillips, Mike Rogers, Melody Hicks Tew | 23: Mike Fletcher |
| 8: Bodie Keefer, Young Ryder | 24: Dan Champion, Sadie Pate |
| 11: Bridget Odom | 25: Peter Bernstein |
| 12: Mattie Farr, Katelynn Tucker | 26: Tina Crull |
| 13: Peyton Odom | 28: Pat Bolton, Randal Knight, Toni Watkins, Gabriel Whitt |
| 16: Myers Ellis, Gene Hetherington | 29: Jamie Langston |
| 17: Lilly Segraves | |



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

If you have questions about Realm, you may simply go to www.trinitymadison.com and click on "Realm" on the purple banner at the top of home page. This link will take you to the main sign in page for Realm.

Weekly Events

Sunday	
Online & In Person Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Online & In Person Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday	
Monday Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Young Adults	6:00 p.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 Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m.
EL Class	6:00 p.m.
Vocal Ensembles	6:10 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	
Thursday Evening Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

December 2025 Financial Report

Monthly Information

Target Income	\$76,991
Actual Income	\$117,499
Actual Expenses	(\$69,168)
Transfer to Escrow	(\$0)
Monthly Gain/ (Loss)	\$48,331

Year-To-Date for 2025

Target Income	\$923,893
Actual Income	\$923,934
Actual Expenses	(\$911,014)
Transfer to Escrow	(\$20,000)
YTD Gain/ (Loss)	(\$7,080)

Account Balances

General Fund	\$228,108
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