

I want to close by saying thank you to each of you. I have always felt so at home at Trinity. Each of you are a wonderful part of the glorious image of God in my life, in our community, and in our world. I love traveling this life journey with you. And without question I am so very proud of who you are as disciples of Jesus Christ. Each of you is a light in my life and for so many others. I want you to know how much you, members and attenders of Trinity, are appreciated by me and our entire church staff. Blessings to you all!

~ Mike

We had a great turnout for our building and grounds workday!



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The Trinity Tribute

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Coming Together at Trinity

Staff Appreciation

March 2026

Each year in February our deacons provide lunches for the Trinity staff as a way to show appreciation. They do this on behalf of our congregation. And I can tell you we are all grateful for the delicious food and fellowship as well as the sentiment behind these meals. This comes just one month after the Christmas bonuses show up in our paychecks during January's payroll. These financial bonuses are funded through love offering gifts organized by our deacons. Each member is invited to contribute and though we as staff do not know who gives to this offering, we are each so very grateful for your support and appreciation. Let me say clearly, on behalf of our church staff, your pats on the back, cards, texts, emails, and your words of encouragement throughout the year—along with the Christmas bonuses and February lunches—make us feel so grateful. I have shared over and over again with my friends about how blessed I feel to serve at Trinity. We have a great church and it's an amazing place to work among friends and co-laborers in ministry.

So, I want to say in this article, that each Trinity staff member is grateful to you, the members and attenders of Trinity Baptist Church. Thank you for always making sure we know that you care about us and that you appreciate and notice all we do to serve our Lord, our church members, and neighbors in Madison. I know how much I look forward to seeing you each week at church.

Many people have written about how to best show appreciation to your ministers and staff. I don't know if there is one best way. To me your texts, emails, cards, and words of encouragement lift me each time I receive them. When you notice what we do and you mention it, we are glad to hear it. In part, it's good to know that efforts are noticed and that they are having a positive spiritual impact. I have wondered from time to time if I was being an effective senior pastor. When you say that we are doing a good job, it offers a nice validation that we all like and need to hear.

I do think that one underestimated way to show appreciation for a church staff member is to pray for us. I believe in prayer and I understand it to be of great help in all that a church staff member does when it comes to energy, wisdom, and impact. Thank you for praying for us. That means so much to me!

Another way I think church staff finds joy is when we see the spiritual growth in the lives of those we are serving alongside. This could be in a growth of closeness to God or understanding of faith. It could be in a step of faith a church member takes. In any case, it's always gratifying to feel like you see God working in the lives of people you are serving as a church staff member.

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Dr. Mike Oliver
Senior Pastor



Rev. Glenn Bowers
Associate Pastor



Rev. Billy Orton
Interim Minister of Music and Worship



Rev. Teresa Bowers
Minister to Families



Rev. Lane Craig
Minister to Students

Music and Worship Ministries

Broadening and Deepening

There are a number of objectives in Trinity's Music and Worship Ministries. Among them, of course, are some obvious ones-- bringing glory to God in all we do, supporting the edification of the Church, spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Even as we constantly strive for excellence in each of our music groups it is also important that these ministries broaden and deepen.

This morning I took a few moments and did a very quick review of some of the content of recent worship services and rehearsals. As usual, we have had beautiful and expressive music from organ, piano, soloists, and choirs (adult and children). A ladies ensemble (Heart of Praise) sang an effective arrangement that paired a new song written by a leading Christian musician from Ireland with a beloved old favorite hymn. In that same service our Sanctuary Choir incorporated percussion into an anthem setting of a newer favorite praise and worship selection from South Africa, singing the text in both English and the original Zulu tribal language!

We are also stretching Trinity's instrumental music ministries. Our Trinity Carillon (handbell choir) continues to grow and develop. Their schedule this Spring is providing handbell music in our worship services with the most frequency in years. And earlier in February we were blessed by the inaugural appearance of a Flute Ensemble as several folks dusted off their instrumental talents and joined together in making music for God's glory. And, there is always room for more in a flute choir! Who do you know who might be interested?



The Adult Praise Team is bringing more fresh music this month and the Sanctuary Choir is tackling a wide range of styles in its Spring musical repertoire, (stretching from classical to Southern Gospel as well as brand new music recently composed). Additionally, the summer months will include many wonderful favorites. Looking ahead, we are currently planning for the beginning of a new vocal ensemble.

Trinity's Music and Worship Apprentice (Jennie Prinkey) continues to bless our music groups and congregation through her marvelous singing talents and her caring, hard-working spirit. She is learning and developing each week as she works within our church staff team, in the regular and practical "laboratories" of choral and instrumental groups, and as she helps to plan and lead worship.

Thank you, Trinity family, for the support and encouragement of the many folks of all ages involving themselves in these ministries intended for the glory of God. Find YOUR place of service and fellowship in a music group this year!

~ Billy Orton
Interim Minister of Music and Worship

AN APRIL ALLELUIA

Sunday, April 19, 10:30 am

Led by Guest Musician Amy Tate Williams with our Choir, and Pastor

Plan to be present—and invite your friends!



Spring Schedule Wednesdays at 5:30pm through May 6

Both Children's Choirs will sing in worship on March 1 and again in May!



Kids Missions Groups

Thank you so much for supporting our Kids Missions Groups in their Race for Missions fundraiser for Global Missions! It's a great way for the kids to share what they have been learning on Wednesday nights and to remind us about the importance of supporting our missionaries all over the world. Thank you for encouraging them and for giving toward our Global Missions Goal for 2026!!

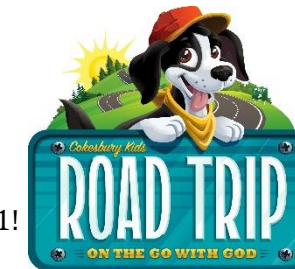
Easter Egg Hunt Donations and Volunteers: We are collecting small candies to fill plastic eggs (no hard candy/no peanuts please) and small water bottles in the Gathering Area. We will be collecting through Sunday, March 8. We will also need lots of adult helpers so please follow the QR code to sign up!



April is Bring a Friend Month!

Invite a friend to Sunday School and Worship or to Missions groups on Wednesday nights any time in April!
We will have a special snack and a little gift for your guests.

Vacation Bible School
June 14-17, 2026
6-8pm
4yrs – 5th grade
Registration opens May 1!



Kids Camp

July 12-15, 2026
Rock Eagle Camp, Eatonton, GA
For 3-5th grades (completed)
Cost: \$425
(\$50 non-refundable deposit ~balance due April 26)



~ Teresa

Spring Schedule:

- March 1 Children's Choirs Sing in Worship
- March 28 Easter Egg Hunt
- March 29 Palm Sunday - Kids Processional in Worship
- April 5 Easter!
- Preschool Easter Parade in Sunday School
- June 14-17 Vacation Bible School, 6-8:00 pm
- July 12-15 Passport Kids Camp – Rock Eagle, GA



Spring Forward!
Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on March 8th.

I'll be honest, I'm a huge nerd/geek in many areas of my life. While I'm a fanatic of the typical things like Star Wars, video games, Marvel, etc., one property that I've always had a difficult time grappling with is Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*. But much like drinking black coffee, I believe the series it is an acquired taste.

For the past year, I've immersed myself in the world and lore of Middle-earth, rewatching the movies, and reading into Tolkien's semi-canonical tales about hobbits, elves, and dwarves. While there are many Christian interpretations of these stories and findings of different themes or allegories, I find myself in the camp of letting the work speak for itself.

If you're familiar with the books or movies, in *The Fellowship of the Ring*, when the hobbits reach Rivendell, they are exhausted and wounded—especially Frodo, who has been stabbed by a Morgul blade. He is healed by Elrond, the Elf-lord of the house. In Rivendell, they find safety, rest, and wise counsel after the terror of the road and pursuit by the Nazgûl.

The city is special because it is a hidden sanctuary of beauty, learning, and peace. Elves sing ancient songs, preserve lore, and offer hospitality to travelers. It is here that the One Ring is discussed at the Council of Elrond, and the Fellowship is formed to undertake the quest to destroy it. Though it feels like a final refuge, Rivendell is a place of *renewal* and *decision*—a haven that prepares them for the greater journey ahead.

My point is this: "Way stations are important, but they should never be mistaken for the journey's end."

Maybe you're at a section in the year where you find yourself finally able to breathe from the holidays and are beginning to find some sort of rhythm. Perhaps you find yourself in a difficult situation at work or with family. Remember, that this season of your life will not last forever. God is presently bringing a good work right now and will continue to do so (Rom. 8:28).

So then, much like our hobbit friends from Middle-earth, let us continue to "lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1). ~ Lane

Our Students Served at the Annual Valentine's Banquet



Noah, Alice, and Scott participated in Sharing of the Keys



Church Life

MINISTRY:

Easter Food Bins for Madison Assistance Program:

Feb. 1-March 15

- These bins will go to elderly individuals in Madison who may be homebound or a disabled veteran
- Lists of needed items are available online and in the Gathering Area
- Bins are also available in the Gathering Area
- March 15 - Please return the filled bins to the modular or gathering area
- Our goal for Easter is 30 bins!

Community Neighborhood Blitz:

Sunday, April 19, 11:30-3pm

- 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

MISSIONS:

Dominican Republic Mission Trip

- March 13-19
- Please sign-up in the Gathering Area or in your Sunday School Classes to pray for the individuals traveling to the Dominican Republic to serve on this mission trip
- When you sign up to pray for the Trinity group, you will be given an additional name of a person in the Dominican Republic to pray for who Trinity will be partnering during the mission trip

DR Mission Trip Cookout Fundraiser

- Wednesday, May 13th

Weekday Preschool News

Registration for the 2026 - 2027 school year is going very well. There are still a few spots in some of the classrooms, and we have started waiting lists in the classrooms that are full. We are very excited to welcome families from Madison and the surrounding area.

We hope you take the opportunity to stop by and see the wonderful artwork that the children display in the preschool hall. We are very proud of our talented artists.

Even though we are busy planning for next year, we still have plenty of fun and exciting events left this school year. April 9th and 10th our Older Twos, Threes, and Fours will be performing in our annual Spring Music Programs – a must see! Also during the month of April, we will watch and wait for our caterpillars to turn into beautiful butterflies to then be released. With mixed emotions of joy, pride, and sadness the month of May brings Graduation for our Pre-K classes.

We are very blessed to have such talented women ministering to our preschool children and families. It is such a joy to be in such a loving and nurturing environment every day. Please keep us in your prayers, as always.

~ Nancy

GROUNDS WORKDAY:

March 14 at 9:00am

- 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.

DISCIPLESHIP:

Trinity University:

February 22, March 1, 8, and 29 from 5-6pm

- This adult Discipleship group will be meeting in C102
- We will continue our study of the book, Good and Beautiful Life, by James Bryan Smith

TRINITY TRAVELERS:

Trinity Travelers to Mentone and Little River Canyon: March 2

- March 2nd at 11am
- Everyone will meet at Vintage 1889 Restaurant in Fort Payne, AL for lunch.
- Afterward, we will travel to see Desoto Falls, Desoto State Park, Howard's Chapel, Hwy 35 Falls and Little River Canyon
- Please sign-up in the Gathering Area

FELLOWSHIP:

- **Church Picnic:** May 3rd after worship - Save the Date!

~ Glenn

~ March 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 1:30 Oliver/Patrick Wedding Shower 5:00 Trinity University	2 No Bible Study Trinity Travelers Trip to Mentone and Little River Canyon 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, Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, EL Class 7:00 Aeolians Concert	5 6:30 Bible Study	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School, Faith Conversations Class 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 1:30 Foster Baby Shower 5:00 Trinity University 6:00 CATS Night in Fellowship Hall	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, 10:30 In Person & Online Worship No Evening Activities	16 No Bible Study 6:00 Young Adults	17	18 No Evening Activities	19 12:00 Lunch Bunch No Bible Study	20	21
22 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School, Faith Conversations Class 10:30 In Person & Online Worship No Evening Activities	23 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Young Adults	24	25 4:45 Fellowship Supper 5:00 Trinity Carillon (handbells) 5:30 Children's Choirs, Student Ministry 6:00 Kid's Missions Groups, Church Conference, EL Class 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	26 6:30 Bible Study	27	28 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt 
29 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School, Faith Conversations Class 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 11:35 Generate Camp Parent Meeting 5:00 Trinity University	30 6:00 Young Adults	31				

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.
Kids Choirs	5:30 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.

January 2026 Financial Report

Monthly Information

Target Income	\$83,335
Actual Income	\$60,346
Actual Expenses	(\$93,988)
Transfer to Escrow	(\$0)
Monthly Gain/ (Loss)	(\$33,642)

Year-To-Date for 2026

Target Income	\$83,335
Actual Income	\$60,346
Actual Expenses	(\$93,988)
Transfer to Escrow	(\$0)
YTD Gain/ (Loss)	(\$33,642)

Account Balances

General Fund	\$194,427
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Happy Birthday!

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| 4: Glenn Crocker, Graham Segraves | 22: Everly Kilgore, |
| 5: Jim Griffith | Katie Colson Wadley |
| 8: Denise Braswell, Jon Farr | 24: Mark Arn |
| 9: Andrew Dunaway | 25: Lynn Crumbly, Keith Woodard |
| 12: Elizabeth Lomax | 26: Tessa Kenny |
| 19: Lane Craig, John Newquist | 29: Melinda Melton, Jennie Prinkey, |
| 20: Shirley Webb | 30: Sharen Trickey |
| 21: Alice Lomax | |



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