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The Trinity Tribute

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

Summer at Trinity

July 2026

Pastor Mike will continue his sabbatical through the end of July. Please join us in praying for him and Mary as they take this time to rest their minds, bodies and spirits to return ready for all that God has for us here at Trinity in the coming year.

In the meantime, the Trinity staff, committees and others continue to coordinate ministry, programming, and worship opportunities. During July, we will continue to focus our Sunday morning worship on Characters from the Bible. In June we were reminded about some Biblical characters whom we knew, while also introducing us to some other unique individuals whom we didn't know quite as well. We will continue with a different ministerial staff person preaching each Sunday in July.

We start the month with Glenn on July 5th who will be preaching from Acts 12: 13-16 about Peter escaping from prison and his interaction with a servant girl, Rhoda. The following Sunday, July 12th, Lane will be preaching about Judas. On July 19th, Teresa takes us back to the Old Testament to II Kings 5: 1-6, with Naaman and the Servant Girl. We end the month in the Old Testament as Jennie will be preaching her first sermon on July 26! It will be about the prophet, Elijah. I know you will want to make a special effort to be here that day to encourage her in this undertaking! It takes a lot of courage and trust to deliver your first (or sometimes your 500th) sermon!

We completed our InterGen Wednesday Nites in June and will be shifting over to our Family Nights in July. On July 1st we will not have any activities due to the 4th of July holiday. Then on July 8th we will have our Waterslides and Pizza Nite! There will be an inflatable slide and slip-n-slide, kiddie pools for the littles, snacks, and water plus pizza for \$3/person. July 15 will be a movie night and July 22 we will have a cookout and games!

Thank you for staying engaged this summer and supporting the events, programming and opportunities at Trinity.

As you and your family take part in the many things happening here, may they all work to form and shape our hearts, minds, and spirits to be more like Christ; to be Christ-like. Not just for our benefit, but so we might serve others in a more Christ-like way as well!

~ Glenn



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



Windows On Worship
A series of occasional articles

Throughout my career in music ministry I have tried to keep focused on the experience of worship, a truly significant aspect in the life of believers and always a priority in the ministry of church music leaders. The act of worship includes giving thanks to God, with the scriptures full of examples and exhortations involving thanksgiving. Testimonies in word and song expressing thanksgiving to God have abounded throughout the centuries.

The late Chip Stam, while he served as a noted worship leader in Chapel Hill, NC, shared a quote from pastor and author Craig Barnes that I have found compelling over the past 25 years—

“Being Thankful.....Until you become thankful, you will never find joy. Being thankful is not telling God you appreciate the fact that your life is not in shambles. If that is the basis of your gratitude, you are on slippery ground. Every day of your life you face the possibility that a blessing in your life may be taken away. But blessings are only signs of God’s love. The real blessing, of course, is the love itself. Whenever we get too attached to the sign, we lose our grasp on the God who gave it to us. Churches are filled with widows who can explain this to you. We are not ultimately grateful that we are still holding onto our blessings. We are grateful that we are held by God even when the blessings are slipping through our fingers.

“Only when we see this are we able to be truly joyful, because then we have made God our joy. We still cherish the blessings, but not because we have to have them. We cherish them because they are our windows into heaven.

“Gratitude is our ability to see the grace of God, morning by morning, no matter what else greets us in the course of the day.” (M. Craig Barnes, Hustling God: Why We Work So Hard for What God Wants to Give, Zondervan, 1999, p. 155)

And the beloved hymn that comes to my mind (and likely to yours) is *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, based on Lamentations 3: 22-23—

*.....Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright
hope for tomorrow.....Great is thy faithfulness.....*

We will undoubtedly sing this incredible hymn of thanksgiving during the summer and fall months ahead. Join me in recognizing again that the divine inspiration of scripture feeds the minds and hearts found in expectant....and creative.....worshippers.

I will sing with the spirit and with the understanding also. (1 Corinthians 14:15)

~Billy Orton
Interim Minister of Music and Worship

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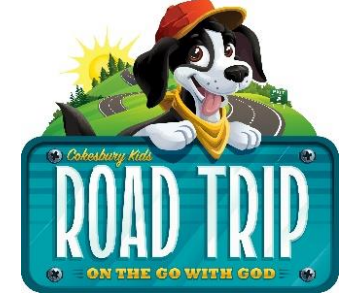
**Trinity’s Music and Worship Ministries encompass a wide array of ministry opportunities for all ages.
Most of our music groups will resume regular activities during the month of August.
Find your place of service in a music group!**



Family Nites in July!

Join us for these Wednesday nights this month as we enjoy some summer fun together!

- July 8** Family Water Slides and Pizza, 5-7:00pm
- July 15** Movie Night, 6-7:30pm
- July 22** Cookout and Games, 6-7:00pm

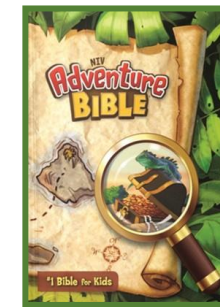


Vacation Bible School

We had a great time learning about how God is with us on the journey at our Road Trip VBS in June! We also collected an offering of \$1,088.35 for our Dominican Republic Mission Trip in 2027!



Pizza will be available (\$3/person) plus chips, cookies, waters. Join us on the front lawn for inflatable water slides and pizza! Bring a camping chair and towel. There will be kiddie pools for the little ones under the trees.



Promotion Sunday

August 2, 2026

9:30am Kids move up in SS

10:30am First Graders receive an Adventure Bible in worship

Four year olds join us in worship!

First graders are also invited to give “big church” a try for the whole service (if they haven’t already) and our new 4-year-olds are invited to the first part of worship, and then to children’s church. We are excited to celebrate all these “promotions” and the beginning of a new school year together with our kids and church family!

TBCKids Calendar:

- July 1** No pm activities
- July 8, 15, 22** Family Nites
- July 12-15** Passport Kids Camp – Rock Eagle, GA
- July 29** No pm activities
- August 2** Promotion Sunday!

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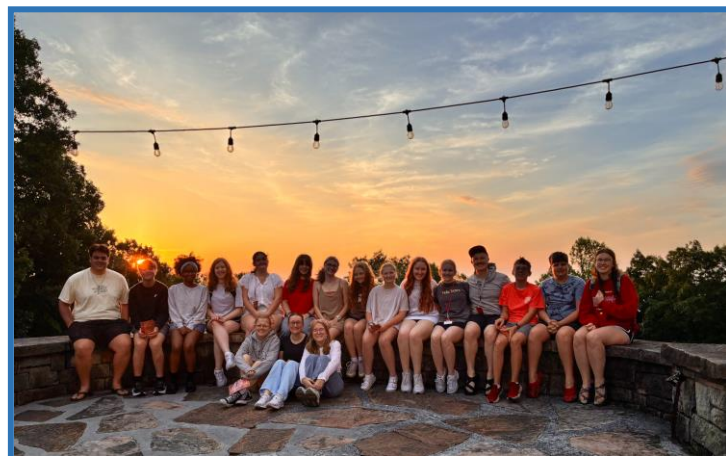


Summer is often filled with packed schedules and intensive planning. You've mapped out your vacation, created itineraries, and even left some space open for some spontaneous events. But at the end of every summer, we look back and think, "Man, where did the time go?" The older I get in life, the more I look back and feel a sense of dismay as I wonder if I really lived in the past moments to the fullest.

As I look back during our time in the summer, I'm grateful that we've given our Students opportunities to experience relationships. Even now, as I look back at my adult life, I don't remember the grade I made on previous exams, I don't remember the cost of the bill, and I certainly don't remember the duration of the drive. But what I do remember - and I think that God has hardwired us all in some way to feel this - I remember the people, I remember the moments, and I remember what I took away from that time.

Christians, for all of history, have been tasked with the goal of remembering the past while also leaning into the adventure of the present, and dreaming of the future. We're so grateful for all that God has done in the lives of our Students, their parents, and our leaders this summer. Today, take a moment to reflect on how your summer has been so far. What have been some of your highlights? Since there is still time left, what do you want to see God do in your life before the fall semester begins?
~ Lane

Generate Camp!



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.
- Bruce Tucker will be teaching on "How We Acquired the Bible."

Promotion Sunday

- August 2
- All preschool, children and students will be promoted into their 2026-27 Sunday School classes and 1st graders will receive an Adventure Bible in worship.

Church Council Meeting and Training Workshop

- Sunday, August 9 from 4-6pm
- 2025-26 and 2026-27 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.

Committee Kick-off!

- Sunday, August 30, from 4:00-5:30pm!
- All church committees are invited to meet that evening to plan out the 2026-27 church year.
- The 2026-27 Church Committees will begin on September 1.
- Please check with your committee chairperson to see if your committee is meeting that evening.

MISSIONS AND MINISTRY:

Weekend Backpack Snacks

- We will resume our ministry of providing food for children at Columbia Elementary School soon!
- The first monthly pack-night will be in August for delivery in September.
- In your Sunday School class, please discuss requesting a possible date to participate in this program.
- Detailed information will be in your Sunday School packets and emailed

MISSIONS AND MINISTRY CONTINUE:

Madison City School's Back to School

Supplies and Gift Cards

- MCS is requesting a filled Backpack for each of these students and a \$50 gift card that the student and their parents will use to purchase clothes and shoes to begin the school year. This will allow the children and their parents to select clothes that are a better fit for them
- Trinity has signed up for 12 backpacks - 6 for elementary and 6 for middle school.
- Supply lists for each age group are available in the Gathering Area.
- These backpacks will need to be filled with school supplies, LABELED either elementary boy/girl or middle school boy/girl, then returned to the Gathering Area by July 19.
- Trinity has also signed up to provide 12 \$50 Gift Cards (to Walmart, Target or Kohl's).
- Please hand gift cards off to Glenn on or before July 19.
- A sign-up sheet and additional information are available in the Gathering Area.

OTHER

Building Maintenance Workday

- Saturday, August 1 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.

~ Glenn

The Trinity Travelers went to Florence and Muscle Shoals



~ July 2026 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 No Evening Activities	2 Church Office Closed	3	4 JULY 4, 1776 CELEBRATE OUR INDEPENDENCE
5 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 9:30 Combined Adult Sunday School in Fellowship Hall 10:30 In Person & Online Worship No Evening Activities	6 6:00 Young Adults	7 6:00 College Night at the Craig's	8 5-7:00 Family Waterside Night NO Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11
12 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 9:30 Combined Adult Sunday School in Fellowship Hall 10:30 In Person & Online Worship No Evening Activities	13 6:00 Young Adults	14 6:00 College Night at the Craig's	15 6-7:30 Church-wide Family Movie Night 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	16 12:00 Lunch Bunch	17	18
Passport Kids Camp - Eatonton, Georgia						
19 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 9:30 Combined Adult Sunday School in Fellowship Hall 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 5:00 Line Dancing in the Fellowship Hall	20 6:00 Young Adults	21 6:00 College Night at the Craig's	22 6:00 Family Night Cookout and Games 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25 Student Ministry Screaming Eagle Aerial Adventures at Lake Guntersville State Park
26 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 9:30 Combined Adult Sunday School in Fellowship Hall 10:30 In Person & Online Worship No Evening Activities	27 6:00 Young Adults	28	29 No Evening Activities	30 Student Ministry Summer Retreat + Rising 6 th Grade Event	31	

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 p.m.

Wednesday

Family Nights 6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

May 2026 Financial Report

Monthly Information

Target Income	\$83,335
Actual Income	\$91,803
Actual Expenses	(\$73,924)
Transfer to Escrow	(\$0)
Monthly Gain/ (Loss)	\$17,879

Year-To-Date for 2026

Target Income	\$416,673
Actual Income	\$406,767
Actual Expenses	(\$436,238)
Transfer to Escrow	(\$0)
YTD Gain/ (Loss)	(\$29,471)

Account Balances

General Fund	\$198,451
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Happy Birthday!

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| 1: Carol Howell | 18: Dave Brann, Hannah Sasser |
| 3: Jerry Barnes, Bobby Rhue | 22: Beth Woodard |
| 4: Cynthia Anglin | 23: Sarah Bennett, Johna Brazeal, Sandra Hetherington, Vicky Stanley |
| 6: Richard Bolton, James Lomax | 24: Bikere Ikoba |
| 7: Thomas Hughes | 26: Erica Ellis, Nina Hinkle, Griffin Kilgore, Jeff Reyburn |
| 8: Hannah Knight | 28: Kyna Schutzbach |
| 9: Bruce Cunningham, Tut Smith | 29: Mary Griffith, Lily Beth Reyburn |
| 12: Kara Koler, Matt Marsh | 30: Summer Kynard |
| 15: Carol Ford, Donna Noojin | 31: Nancy Foster, Stuart Langston, Terry Miller |



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