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The second thing I want to point out is that the overall impression of the sermon not only makes us want to be better. It also compels us to look for help and to rely on the grace of Jesus. Indeed, we cannot on our own be righteous or perfect. We cannot live up to all of these things. We must live our entire lives relying on God. In the end, I think this is a great message of the sermon. God wants us to depend on God, to turn to God, to look to Jesus, to trust God’s grace. What a beautiful and hopeful word that we all need.

In worship during October and November we will hear about the Sermon on the Mount. I hope you will read it and study it as we hear more about its meaning in worship. And may God bless us as we hear and do the Word of God.

~ Mike

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The Trinity Tribute

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

The Sermon on the Mount **October 2026**



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One of the most famous aspects of Jesus’ ministry is the Sermon on the Mount. Many people, even those who are not religious, know something about this famous sermon. There are so many rich details in the sermon that Jesus gave. These words could have been something he shared all at one time or shared over and over in part in various places. John tells us that if he were to try to write all of the things Jesus said and did then he could fill the world with books.

The Sermon on the Mount is contained in full in Matthew’s gospel, chapters 5 through 7. If you have a bible with red letters for Jesus’ words, then those three chapters are all written in red. The sermon begins with Jesus ascending a mountain or hilltop. Then he sits down. This detail is important because in that day great teachers sat and students gathered around the teacher to listen. This is what the disciples did. Jesus sat and then they gathered around him to listen. It’s a great image of how we should also gather and sit and listen to Jesus. It’s especially important to do that in this busy world of ours. Sitting with Jesus and just listening!

The sermon contains some of the most amazing things anyone has ever taught or spoken. For example, the famous “Lord’s Prayer” is included in a section where Jesus teaches us a model of how to pray. The words about his followers being “Salt and Light” are very memorable and moving. His sermon reminds us that we are watched over by God and need not worry. God notices you and me and provides for us in ways we may never even realize. Jesus tells us in the sermon that we should pray by asking, seeking, and knocking. He ends the sermon with a parable of two men who built houses, one on sand and one on rock. When the inevitable storms came, the one who built on the solid foundation of rock saw his house endure. Jesus says his words are the solid foundation upon which to build our lives.

The words of Jesus in the sermon are also extremely challenging. Far from letting us grow slack in our devotion to God, Jesus raises the bar of expectation for righteous living. He goes beyond mere actions to the very heart of who we are and what we think. This is all very convicting of course. And, I think, spoken on purpose. This high demand tells us at least two very important things we should consider when hearing/reading this Sermon on the Mount.

First, God has high expectations of us. We can’t get away with just knowing that a loving, forgiving father will always take us in and in love let our sins slide. No, God expects us to be our very best, to be like Jesus, and as Jesus says in the sermon, to be perfect! That’s a high demand.

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Music and Worship Ministries

Music Groups in full swing this Fall!

All of our music groups are enjoying a new season of ministry this fall, characterized by music of inspiration and warm fellowship. Find YOUR place of ministry in a music group!



Sanctuary Choir	Wednesdays at 7:00 pm	Choir Loft in the Sanctuary
Children's Choirs	Wednesdays at 5:30 pm	Cherubs in Room (B-100) Hallelujah Kids in Kids Loft
Trinity Carillon handbell choir	Wednesdays at 5:00 pm	Handbell Room (B-209)
Vocal Ensembles	Wednesdays at 6:15 pm	Choir Room and Choir Loft
Praise Team	Sundays at 2:00 pm	Sanctuary or Choir Room
Instrumental Ensembles	As announced	Choir Room or Sanctuary



MasterClass for Flutes

The past year has seen Trinity give birth to a flute ensemble! The group usually meets on Wednesdays at 6 pm and prepares music for the worship services and other events.

This fall our music ministry is offering a MasterClass for Trinity's ensemble as well any additional interested players in the area. Taught by Amy Helser, this workshop will be **FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 30, 9:15-11:45 AM**, in the Choir Room.

Amy is an accomplished flutist, pianist, and conductor with a lifelong passion for music. As an educator, Amy has had the privilege of helping students throughout the Huntsville community build confidence, refine their musicianship and experience the lifelong joy of making music through flute instruction. She has been studying and performing music since childhood and has enjoyed helping students develop strong technical skills, musical confidence, and a lasting appreciation for the flute.

For more information, please contact Billy Orton.

Interested in singing the beautiful music of Christmas!?

The Sanctuary Choir is now preparing some very special music for the Advent/Christmas celebrations ahead. This opportunity is open to all! No auditions necessary, and interested persons do not need to be a member of the church or even a regular choir member. Come and join us for the season!

Rehearsals are Wednesday nights 7:00-8:15 PM in the sanctuary. Child Care is available.

A date to save is **Saturday morning, November 7**--the yearly choir Christmas Music Retreat onsite at Trinity. The music is amazing....as is the food that morning!

Billy Orton, Interim Minister of Music and Worship

Fall Fun Fest!

Our annual Fall Fun Fest is on Sunday, October 25! It will be from 2-4pm and includes:

- bounce houses
- midway games
- popcorn, cotton candy, lemonade
- cake walk
- door prizes

And everything is FREE! Wear a costume, bring a pumpkin to collect candy treats, enjoy some refreshments between games, and invite some neighbors!

We have a lot of visitors from the community who attend so we need lots of volunteers to welcome them and help with the games and food! Follow the QR codes below to volunteer or donate baked goods for the Cake Walk:

Adults/students can volunteer at this QR code:



Donate a cake at this QR code!



You can also donate candy (not hard) and small juices or capri suns – just drop them off in the Gathering Area by Sunday, Oct. 18!

Tri-Night Churchwide Worship

Wednesday, October 28 from 6-7:00pm

Our Mission Kids (2-5th grade) will join the students and adults for worship in the Student Ministry room from 6-7pm on Oct. 28! Local musician, Lottie Richards will be leading the music and this is a great opportunity for parents to join us in worship and singing some contemporary Christian songs!



For Trinity Kids:

Sun, Nov. 8	Fall Community Blitz and Lunch, 11:30am
Sun, Nov. 22	Family Advent Decorating and Lunch, 11:30am
Wed, Dec. 2	Lighting of the Nativity
Sun, Dec. 13	Preschool Birthday Party for Jesus



One of the best parts of being a Student Minister is getting to partner with other churches and find ways for our Students to see how they play a larger role in the (capital “C”) Church. One of the organizations that Student Minister lead out together across the nation as “Campus Coaches” is with *First Priority of America*. These campus clubs are lead, organized, and put on by Students to reach their schools with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Teenagers across the north Alabama area show up each week to dream and pray through how they can reach their friends and peers with the Gospel message. It takes a lot of bravery, a profound calling, and quite a bit of time for them to plan these services each week. So, as we highlight this ministry in this month’s *Tribute*, please consider joining in us in prayer. The schools are ripe and ready for the good news of Jesus. This is, in fact, one of the places that many of our Students will spend about 50% of their time at throughout the school year, so please continue to lift them up in your prayers.

Ways to pray:

1. That Students would be primed and ready to receive the gospel message, despite the pressures they face on a daily basis.
2. That the leaders at *First Priority* would lean into the Holy Spirit’s guidance and leading.
3. That our Students would not grow weary in showing up for others.

~ Lane

Student Life



Church Life

MISSIONS:

Mission Trip to Perry County

- October 15-18, 2026
- Cost: \$500.00 for a single room; 2 people/room is \$225 each. This includes hotel fee and all meals.
- Sign up in the Gathering Area!

Dominican Republic Mission Trip:

- Informational Lunch Meeting on October 11 at 11:30am in the Youth Room
- Deadline for signing up and \$500 deposit due on October 11.
- The cost for the 2027 DR trip is \$1700
- Sign-up in the Gathering Area.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION:

Trinity University: Oct. 11, Oct. 18, Nov. 1 and Nov. 22

- Adult discipleship from 5-6:00 p.m.
- We will be studying the book The Good and Beautiful Life by James Bryan Smith.

Our Common Ground Sunday School Class
packed Backpack Snacks for Madison City Schools.



MINISTRY:

Christmas Food Bins

- Trinity has signed up to provide 30 bins this year for elderly families in need in Madison
- Maybe you or your Sunday School class could do a food bin or two!
- The food list will be on our website and bins will be available in the Gathering Area beginning on October 4
- Return filled bins to the Gathering Area or modular by Nov. 29

Fall Neighborhood Blitz:

Sunday, November 8, 11:30-3pm

- Lunch will be served immediately following the morning worship service.
- After lunch, everyone may depart for their areas of service!
- We will be building a ramp, winterizing homes, delivering food, packing Weekend Backpack Snacks and other projects
- Families with kids are invited to put together VBS kits for the Dominican Republic in the Fellowship Hall – work as much as it works for your family!

Angel Tree Gifts

- Nov. 1 – Dec. 6
- We will be partnering with Madison City Schools to provide gifts for homeless students who attend Madison City Schools
- The display and instructions will be in the Gathering Area on November 1
- Gifts will need to be returned to Trinity by December 6

~ 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 also 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 2026 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 Prayer Gathering		2	3
4 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship Christmas Food Bins Available No Evening Activities	5 6:00 Young Adults	6	7 No Evening Activities	8	9	10
Fall Break						
11 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 11:30 Foreign Mission Trip Lunch 5:00 TU in C-102	12 6:00 Young Adults	13	14 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 6:15 Vocal Ensembles 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	15 12:00 Lunch Bunch 6:00 Prayer Gathering	16	17
18 Perry County Mission Trip 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship Fall Fun Fest Donations Due 5:00 TU in C-102 6:00 Chili/Soup Cookoff and Games	19 6:00 Young Adults	20 10:00 Game Day for Adults	21 4:45 Fellowship Supper 5:00 Trinity Carillon (handbells) 5:30 Children's Choirs, Student Ministry 6:00 Adult Prayer Meeting, Kid's Missions Groups, EL Class 6:15 Vocal Ensembles 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	22	23	24
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- Happy Birthday!*
- 1: Stacy Blair, Keith Farr

3: Harper Mitchell

7: Imogene Odom

8: Courtney Horn

10: Reagan Grimsley, Elijah Sherrod, Joan Vinson

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

17: Samuel Chen

- 18: Kevin Arflack, Jon Howell

19: Ronnie Sams

20: Rosie LouAllen

21: Charlene Christiansen, Pricilla Nunnelee

22: Jarred Green, Josh Horton, Pam Killian

23: Frank McCall

24: Mary Matthewson

26: Vincent Vassar

27: Bethany Foster

28: Colby Sheehan

29: Florence Maynard

30: Sunny Craig



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.
Praise Team Rehearsal 2:30 p.m.

Monday
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 6:15 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

August 2026 Financial Report

Monthly Information
Target Income \$84,583
Actual Income \$76,581
Actual Expenses* (\$88,416)
Monthly Gain/ (Loss)** (\$11,835)

Year-To-Date for 2026
Target Income \$676,667
Actual Income \$606,668
Actual Expenses* (\$695,228)
YTD Gain/ (Loss)** (\$88,560)

Account Balances
General Fund \$139,247
*Includes pre-payment of employee compensation.
** Effective Year-To-Date loss is approximately \$71,650.

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Lunch Bunch at Cooper's Hawk



Trinity family,
Thank you all so much for the wonderful celebration and lunch for our 25th Anniversary at Trinity! It was so meaningful to us to remember many of our stories as a church family as we have served the Lord in this place over so many years. We are truly grateful for the opportunities we have had here to grow and serve and look forward to what God has in store for us all from here!
Glenn and Teresa