

Fall Fun Fest



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The Trinity Tribute

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

A Season of Gratitude

November 2026



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The end of each year brings us great opportunities to worship and reflect on our glorious and wonderful God. We go from a season of giving thanks to Advent. Advent begins November 29 this year and marks the beginning of a spiritual time to anticipate the coming of Christmas when the Word became flesh and dwelt among us in Jesus Christ. Before we get to Advent, however, we turn our attention to Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is a national holiday with a fascinating history. President George Washington issued a nationwide thanksgiving proclamation on October 3, 1789, designating Thursday, November 26, as a day of public thanks to mark the end of the Revolutionary War and the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. Today, we officially celebrate a national day of Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday in November, a date set by the U.S. Congress in 1941 and proclaimed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

For believers, there is a much longer history to giving thanks that runs deep in our faith stories and in the Bible. I believe offering thanks to God is a foundational part of what it means to be a Christian. It reminds us, among other reasons, that we are not alone and that we can depend on God. I have often found the practice of offering thanks as a way to remember God's work in my own life and in my world. I find that very reassuring.

I invite you to consider the following prayer exercise as a way to practice thanksgiving in your life this month. It comes from a writer named Katelyn Dixon.

- Begin by picking a Psalm or a story of gratitude in the Bible as a reference for offering thanks. Perhaps read Psalm 30.
- Consider the elements of Gratitude and Praise in the passage you chose. What words or concepts come to you related to gratitude?
- What feeling, emotion, or mental state (relief, joy, safety, amazement) do you experience?
- Give a reason for rejoicing (a "before and after" story or an epiphany about God, self, the world).
- What description of God's character do you find in this passage?
- Give a name for God based on your sense of gratitude. For example, provider, sustainer, helper.
- Invite others to join you in your joy for what God has done and who God is.
- Determine how you might respond in light of God's blessings. Perhaps you will live more hopefully, or you will try to help others in need.

I hope you have a great season of gratitude. I am so thankful for you and for our church at Trinity. Let us recall that all good gifts come from above (James 1:17).

~ Mike

Music and Worship Ministries

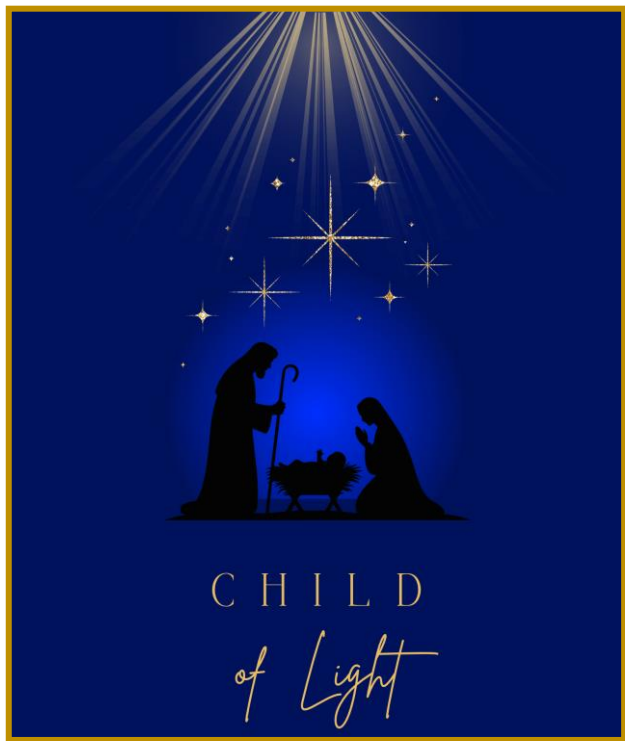
In this month filled with Thanksgiving experiences, please permit me the opportunity to give thanks for all those who help to strengthen Trinity's worship experiences through the sharing of God-given talents, time, and energies. Our music groups continue to broaden and deepen because of this sharing. Soli Deo Gloria!

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Here is an overview of November worship plans—

- November 1** All Saints Day
Sermon on the Mount series continues
Music from the Sanctuary Choir and from Heart of Praise
Possible date for Celebration of Believer's Baptism
- November 8** Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Sermon on the "Golden Rule"-- Matthew 7:12 (The Choices We Make)
Music from the Sanctuary Choir
- November 15** Pastor Mike presents the complete Sermon on the Mount
Music from the Sanctuary Choir
Music from Trinity's flute ensemble ("Flutes of the Spirit")
- November 22** Annual Prayer Service/Gratitude Sunday
Music from the Sanctuary Choir and soloist Jennie Prinkey
Music from the Trinity Carillon
- November 29** First Sunday of Advent
The Hanging of the Green
Sanctuary Choir introduces our Advent Carol 2026—
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Billy Orton, Interim Minister of Music and Worship



Advent/Christmas 2026 Theme: Child of Light

Worship Dates to Note

- November 29—Hanging of the Green
- December 6—Music from the Trinity Kids Choirs
- December 13—Music from the Trinity Carillon
- December 20—**Lessons and Carols of Light**
Led by the Sanctuary Choir, Ensembles, and Instrumentalists
- Christmas Eve—**Christmas NOELS** (4:30 pm)
Candlelight Communion (5:00 pm)



Fall Community Blitz
Sunday, November 8
11:30am Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

Join us in the Fellowship Hall right after worship for lunch! Then come to the room next to the kitchen to help Jessica Haywood put together VBS crafts for our mission trip to the Dominican Republic in 2027. She will tell the kids a little about how we do VBS in the DR. There is no set end time stay as long as it works for your family!

Advent Decorating for Families
Sunday, November 22
11:30am Pizza lunch in the Fellowship Hall
(childcare through 5 yrs)

Families are invited to stay after worship on Nov. 22 for a pizza lunch and some Advent decorating! You can fluff and hang wreaths, decorate trees, tape up the manger scene and wisemen – all kinds of fun things!



Sunday, November 29
During 10:30am Worship
Our kids and students will be helping with the Hanging of the Green on the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 29. During worship, some will bring in the garland and poinsettias and all the kids are invited to decorate the Chrismon Tree!



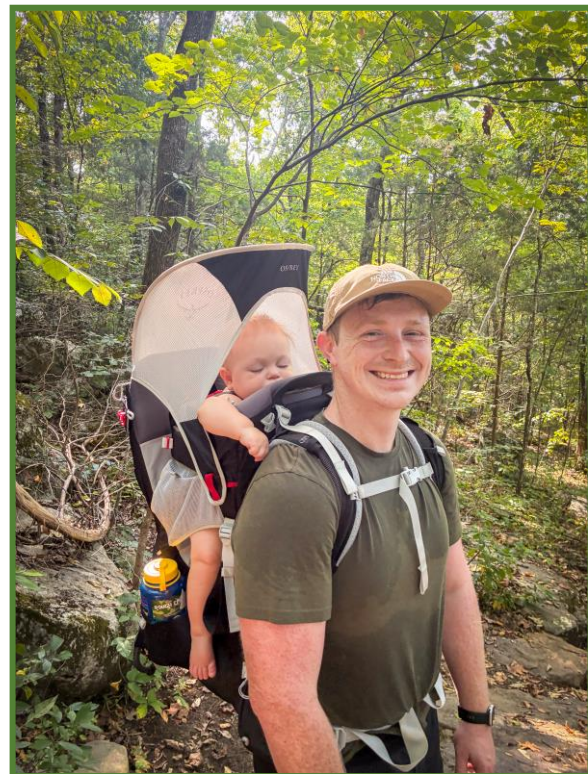
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| For Trinity Kids: | |
| Sunday, November 8 | Fall Community Blitz and Lunch, 11:30am |
| Sunday, November 22 | Family Advent Decorating and Lunch, 11:30am |
| Sunday, November 29 | Hanging of the Green, 10:30 am |
| Wednesday, December 2 | Lighting of the Nativity |
| Sunday, December 13 | Preschool Birthday Party for Jesus |



I love the fall season, especially when things are about to cool down. (By the way, what's the difference between fall and autumn...?) Recently, we took Sunny on his first ever camping trip to Monte Sano. As an avid outdoors fellow and someone who loves to camp, I was nervous about this trip. Typically, on these sorts of trips, the only person I needed to look out for was myself and Wendy. But as I've learned about being a parent, all the toys, clothes, food, supplies, and items begin to pile up so quickly!

Which is tricky for me, because I always like to pack lightly and minimally. But, as I learned quickly with having a baby, I'd rather be safe than sorry later! Anyway, when we arrived at the campsite, I realized that I had forgotten so many different items that I would often overlook on a day-to-day basis, but when you're out in the woods, it's so costly. I left my wallet, pillows, and some cooking utensils behind! And to top it all off, when I opened the trunk of the car, the water just fell out and broke open from the immense weight of all the water! No food, no water, no pillows, and a baby. Needless to say, I think ordering a pizza while camping might be a new tradition for the Craigs!

This season as we get closer to Thanksgiving and look ahead to Christmas, there are so many things that we are going to forget and let slip. I'm always grateful for a wife that is able to show me such immense grace and leniency, but even more so, I'm glad that our God lets us begin each day knowing that His mercies are new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23).
~ Lane



Church Life

MINISTRY:

Community Neighborhood Blitz: Sunday, Nov. 8

- Lunch will be provided at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall for everyone participating in the Blitz. Participants may leave for their project site afterward.
- Ministry Projects for all ages and skill levels!
- Sign-up in your Sunday School Rooms or in the Gathering Area.

Angel Tree Gifts: Nov. 1 – December 6

- Madison City Schools will be providing our angels from families classified as homeless to be placed on our Angel Tree display.
- The display will go up in the Gathering Area on November 1. The gifts will need to be labeled and returned to Trinity by December 6.

Madison's Christmas Food Bins: Due November 29

- Sign up to provide a bin in the Gathering Area.
- The food list is available online and in the Gathering Area. The bins are available in the Gathering Area.
- Return filled bin to the Gathering Area or to the modular by November 29.
- These bins will be donated to elderly families in need in Madison.
- Maybe you or your Sunday School class could do a food bin or two!

FELLOWSHIP

Swing Dancing and Cookie Swap Fellowship:

- November 15 at 6pm
- Childcare for infants – 5 years

~ Glenn

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Weekday Preschool News

The three and four-year-olds enjoyed the firemen and the firetruck coming to preschool. They were able to watch the fireman put on all his gear. The other classes enjoyed seeing the firetruck as they went on a walk or to the playground.

November is the month when we are reminded to thank God for the many blessings in our lives. Here at the preschool, we are reminded daily of the many blessings God has given us with the beautiful changing leaves the children bring us, cooler days when we play outside, and the laughter of children. The three and four-year-old classes are thankful for the ministers at Chapel. The church staff does a wonderful job sharing stories from the Bible with the children.

We are always looking for substitutes if you love children and have a few hours to spare, stop by and get an application.

I thank God every day for Trinity Baptist Church and the staff, the support and prayers, and the willingness to assist us whenever the need arises. I'm also thankful for the amazing and talented staff that I work with, who give their time, love, and support to the children every day. I am so blessed to have found Trinity. We have an incredible job showing and sharing God's love with the children we teach, the incredible people we work with, and the families we see every day!
~ Nancy

	~ November 2026 ~					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Church Directory Photoshoot 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 11:30 Perry County Pre-trip Meeting 11:45 Preschool Safety Training 5:00 TU in C-102	2 6:00 Young Adults	3 <div>Perry County Ramp Building Mission Trip November 3-5</div>	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 6:15 Vocal Ensembles 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7 8:30 Sanctuary Choir Christmas Music Retreat
8 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 12:00 Fall Blitz	9 6:00 Young Adults	10	4 4:45 Fellowship Supper 5:00 Trinity Carillon (handbells) 5:30 Children's Choirs, Student Ministry 6:00 Special Called Church Conference, Kid's Missions Groups, EL Class 6:15 Vocal Ensembles 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	12 6:00 Ladies Night Out at LaParilla 6:00 Men's Night Out at Grimaldi's Pizza	13	14
15 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 11:30 Financial Stewardship Presentation 4:00 Church Council 6:00 Swing Dance Lessons and Cookie Swap	16 6:00 Young Adults	17 10:00 Game Day for Adults	18 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	19 12:00 Lunch Bunch	20	21
22 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 12:00 Advent Lunch and Decorating 4:00 Deacon Meeting 5:00 TU in C-102	23 6:00 Young Adults	24	25	26	27	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship Hanging of the Green	30 6:00 Young Adults					

Happy Birthday!

- 1: Noel Newquist

2: Grace Hall

3: Carter Odom, Laura Tucker

5: Bruce Tucker

7: Becky Grimsley

8: Teri Mayo

11: Steve Horn

12: Garrison Brazeal, Irene Browning

14: Thomas Oliver

15: David Odom, Jackson Pate, Madeline Segraves
- 16: Lauren Kilgore

18: Dana Dunavant

20: Nicholas Dunaway

21: Samantha Arn, Charles Mayo, Roman Sherrod

22: Dannie Walther

23: Dave Ryder

24: Teresa Bowers

29: Keith Ford, Oghenero Ikoba, Jeanne Smith



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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.

September 2026 Financial Report

Monthly Information	
Target Income	\$84,583
Actual Income	\$59,753
Actual Expenses*	(\$88,883)
Monthly Gain/ (Loss)**	(\$29,130)
Year-To-Date for 2026	
Target Income	\$761,250
Actual Income	\$666,421
Actual Expenses*	(\$784,111)
YTD Gain/ (Loss)**	(\$117,690)
Account Balances	
General Fund	\$110,080

*Includes pre-payment of employee compensation.
** Effective Year-To-Date loss is approximately \$105,005.

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Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on November 1st.