# TRINITY TIDINGS APRIL 2025

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### The Romans Sent A Message; God Sent One, Too

The rulers of the Roman Empire wanted everyone under their power to understand clearly that it would be very costly to try to overthrow their government. They conceived the idea of crucifixion as a way of sending an unforgettable message to all people under their control. Death on a cross would be a slow, excruciatingly painful death. The cross would be put in a very public place so as many as possible would get the message: Don't even think of defying Roman rule!

That is why Christ was crucified on Golgotha hill close to a busy road where no passerby could miss the shocking scene. Christ was guilty of nothing. Yet his enemies hated him so much that they told Pilate, Rome's representative in Jerusalem, that Jesus was a danger to Roman rule. Christ's enemies said to Pilate, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; everyone who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar" (John 19:12). Pilate caved in to the clamor of the crowd and allowed Jesus to be crucified. But those who saw to it that Jesus suffered death on the cross did not know that *God* had a message to send as well. God victoriously raised Christ from the dead! God touched the precious body of His Son and infused it with life, glorious, dynamic life, life in all of its fullness.

God turned the cross, the executioner's tool of death, into a dramatic symbol of victory. The empty cross and the empty tomb, along with the resurrected body of Christ, reveal God's victory over the worst deed humans might do—the assassination of the Holy.

That is why we put crosses everywhere: boldly, proudly, joyously, triumphantly. It is why we glory in the cross always It stands eternally "towering o'er the wrecks of time" (John Bowring).

After the Resurrection, Jesus' friend, Peter, explained God's message to all of Christ's enemies with these bold and certain words: "This Jesus, you crucified and killed....But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it....This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses....Therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:23-24; 32, 36). That is what Easter is all about. All praise to the living Lord!

# The Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting

The Methodist Men have their breakfast meeting's on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. The next meeting will be on Saturday April 12, at 8:30 am We will also have Spring Clean Day after the Methodist Men breakfast meeting.

## Trinity Global Methodist Women's Meeting

The Methodist Women meet every third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is April 15, at 7:00 pm

# Kid's Klub

On Wednesdays 5-7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Kids ages 3 thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Ladies Bible study with Sandra Black

Ladies Bible Study with Sandra Black on Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m., in her home. (386) 937-6475

### Choir & Flame Practice

\*Wednesday's at 7:15 pm.—<u>Chancel Choir</u> Practice in choir room. \*Tuesday's at 6:00 pm.—<u>Flame Practice</u>

#### **Trinity Women News**

The ladies of Trinity met on Tuesday, March 18 with 15 women present. Following prayer and a devotion on blessing others, we discussed ideas for Trinity Women's Ministry. We will continue to meet the **third Tuesday of every month** at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall and will begin a study of the women of the bible in September. Upcoming events:

April 5 – 2 pm – 6 pm – Youth Room

Assist with the Prom Dress give-a-way sponsored by Wanda Strickland – **Help for <u>any</u> amount of time you can** 



April 15 – 7 pm – Fellowship Hall

Monthly meeting – Bring a bag of candy for the "goodie bags" we will make for the staff of our adopted school, Moseley Elementary

May 20 – 7 pm – Fellowship Hall Regular monthly meeting

June 15 – 9 am – Fellowship Hall Women will honor all the men of the church with breakfast (during the Sunday School time)

June 17

Visitation and dinner out (more details to come) No meetings in July and August August 4 – Moseley Elementary campus Provide Back-to-School breakfast for the staff of Moseley Elementary

We hope to see all the women at the April meeting! Gail Cahan and Alice Ryals

# Fellowship Dinner – March 2, 2025

#### Mardi Gras Theme

On Sunday, March 2, 2025, Trinity had a Fellowship Dinner with a Mardi Gras theme. Pastor Liz (who is a big Mardi Gras fan) gave us some facts regarding the origins of Mardi Gras and its Biblical roots. Each person in attendance could wear a mask, hat, beads, eat a Moon Pie and enjoy decorations associated with Mardi Gras if they wished. Everyone brought a covered dish to go with the Fried Chicken which was provided by money received at the Pumpkin Patch. We will have our next Fellowship Dinner will be on May 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm and will be sponsored by Selah Sunday School class.



Wearing some of the decorations and enjoying the evening.



Some of the other folks in attendance enjoying the night.



Our former pastors were decorated with beads by David Cahan. He wanted them to enjoy the event also.



Some of the other folks in attendance enjoying the night.

# **Pumpkin Patch Award**

In October 2024 Trinity Global Methodist Church hosted our 26<sup>th</sup> Pumpkin Patch. As in previous years we met and greeted many people and welcomed them to the Patch. We had many return visitors from previous years, and they shared experiences of coming to the Patch in their younger years. The Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers Company started sponsoring a contest called Patch Appeal. They asked those churches who receive pumpkins from them to submit pictures of their patches and write something about the activities that we used to bring customers into the patch. We decided to submit an entry and were pleased to be awarded a certificate for Honorable Mention for Pumpkin Patch Appeal along with a check for \$50.00. We thank everyone who supported the patch with their prayers and words of encouragement. Some of the activities that support the Patch Appeal are unloading the pumpkins, sitting in the Patch daily, working in the Patch when needed, participating in the Storytime on Wednesday evenings and welcoming school classes in the mornings on school days.







**Prayer of Concern:** Carl; Carolyn A.; Chris; Clint; Derrick; Freddy; Gail; Grace; Judy; Joy; Kate; Kelly; Ken & Linda; Lonnie; Matt; Michael; Samantha; Teddy; Troy; The Chris Wells Family; The Flint Family; The family of Sandra Collins Black; Those in the nursing homes and our shut-ins. Fire victims in North Carolina; The storm victims in Mississippi, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and Texas, Norma; We pray for Moseley Elementary School & teachers. Children at the Residing Hope Children's Home; our national leaders & military; & Gods Church.

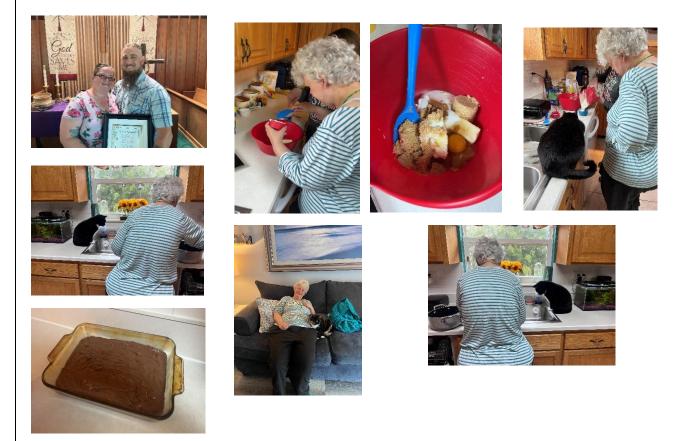
EWARDSHIP REPORT (IN	rougn (03/24/2)		
Total Budget	\$199,900.00		
Estimated needed to date	\$46,130.77		
Received to date. **	\$41,472.14		
Amount of Received to date that			
came from E-giving	\$3,252.14		
Percent of "needed to date"			
that has been collected	89.90%		
Percent of Year that is complete	23.08%		
Percent of Yearly contributions that			
have been received	20.75%		
<b>DESIGNATED</b>			
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			
Methodist Men	\$750.00		
Cuba Covenant	\$600.00		
Residing Hope Children's Home	\$60.00		
Kids' Klub	\$460.00		
Memory of Charlotte Griffen	\$100.00		

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through (03/24/2024)

# **Baking Cookies**

Michelle, Beth, and Pastor Liz finally gathered for their long-overdue day of fellowship, filled with laughter, cookies, and plenty of fudge. As Beth guided Michelle through some new kitchen skills, it quickly became clear that Michelle was a natural, picking things up with ease and joy. The warmth in the room wasn't just from the oven—it was the sweet presence of friendship, and the love of Jesus shared freely among them. It was a beautiful day of encouragement, grace, and genuine connection.

Matt and Kerri celebrated their first anniversary surrounded by their church family, a joyful reminder of the covenant they share—not only with one another but also with God. Marriage, a sacred gift from the Lord, reflects the deep and faithful love between Christ and His Church. As they marked this special milestone, they were reminded that they are deeply loved—by their church community and by the God who walks with them through every season of life.



# KIDS' KLUB CORNER

What an awesome month March was at Kids' Klub as we remembered Lent by learning more about Jesus and what He wanted us to be like. We send out a special "THANK YOU" to those that have supported us with their prayers and donations. Thanks for helping to make Kids 'Klub so special. Come and see what blessings God is showing us in April. We will continue our Lent journey in the month of April as we learn about Jesus' love, play games, sing, and pray together. Dinner will be served each week. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday between 5:00 and 7:00.

Mark Your Calendars:

April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Passion Week/make Palm crosses
APRIL $16^{th}$	EASTER EGG HUNT at the SIMPSONS
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Easer Sunday/ the tomb was empty!!!

# Lent - A Time to Remember Jesus



Ash Wednesday - Remembering Jesus through prayer.





Jaccheus taught us that Jesus can change our hearts and lives.

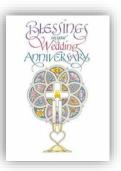


The Good Samaritan taught us that Jesus wants us to love everyone.



Wish a Happy Birthday To:

- 11—Bob Reed
- 16—Paul Moran
- 21—Marlin Bechanan
- 21—Anthony Moran
- 21—Ryan Moran
- 23—Margaret Richters
- 27—Doug Brown
- 28—Cierra Brophy



# **ANNIVERSARIES**

12—Matt & Megan Simpson

APRIL 2025								
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
Sunday Schedule Sunday School: 9:15 Worship: 10:30 Children's Church-10:45		<b>1</b> Trinity Flame practice at 6:00 pm	2 *Ladies Bible Study with Sandra Black at 10:00 a.m. in her home. *Kid's Klub 5:00 to 7:00 pm— Fellowship Hall ages <u>3-8<sup>th</sup> grade</u> *Choir practice at 7:15 p.m. in choir room.	3	4	5		
<b>6</b> Holy Communion	<b>7</b> Inductive Bible Study with Pastor Liz 2:00 pm	8 Trinity Flame practice at 6:00 pm  Trustee's Meeting at 7:00 pm	9 *Ladies Bible Study with Sandra Black at 10:00 a.m. in her home. *Kid's Klub 5:00 to 7:00 pm— Fellowship Hall ages <u>3-8<sup>th</sup> grade</u> *Choir practice at 7:15 p.m. in choir room	<b>10</b> Admin. Finance Council meeting at 7:00 pm	11	<b>12</b> Methodist Men's breakfast meeting at 8:30 — Spring Clean Day		
13 Easter Cantata — Palm Sunday	<b>14</b> Inductive Bible Study with Pastor Liz 2:00 pm	15 Trinity Flame practice at 6:00 pm *Trinity Global Methodist Women meet at 7:00 pm	16 *Ladies Bible Study with Sandra Black at 10:00 a.m. in her home. *Kid's Klub 5:00 to 7:00 pm— Fellowship Hall ages <u>3-8<sup>th</sup> grade</u> *Choir practice at 7:15 p.m. in choir room.	17	<b>18</b> Good Friday	19		
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If you have any information for next month's newsletter, the deadline to have it in the Church office is Monday <u>April 28, 2025</u>. Please send an e-mail or drop something off in writing. Thank You!

### **Christian Bible Reference**

https://www.christianbiblereference.org/

