

*Vision Statement*

Our vision is to be more than a refuge; it is to be a revitalizing community where all may be saved, healed, strengthened, and equipped to go into the world on active mission for our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## Ecumenical Lenten Services 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Text/Title</u>
March 5	Trinity Baptist	W.C. Honeycutt	<i>Jesus' Entry</i>
March 12	Ann Hope UMC (702 Goddard Ave.)	Joel Hafer	<i>Cleansing the Temple</i>
March 19	Blue Ridge Community Center (315 Holland Ave.)	Bernetha Orr	<i>The Last Supper</i>
March 26	New Harmony UMC (207 W. South 2nd St.—No meal this day)	Greg Varner	<i>In The Garden</i>
April 2	Seneca Presbyterian	Ryan Wilson	<i>In Court</i>
April 9	Ebenezer Baptist	Alex Stevenson	<i>Carrying The Court</i>
April 16	St. Mark UMC	Shawn Thomas	<i>On The Cross</i>

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**WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS**

**DEACONS**

2-Curtis Brock  
16-Michael Martin  
30-Jamie Price

9-Felicia LeRoy  
23-David Nations

**USHERS**

2-Sandra Borgstedt, Pat Cromer, Jim Foster, Steve & Gayle Grogan, Ben Kroeger, Gene Meason, Jeff Nix, Bill Sandifer, Lee Thomas  
9-Barry Duvall, Tim Hydrick, Tucker Hydrick, Chuck Middleton, Kent Norman, Buddy Poole, Matt Powell, Stephen Scruggs, Bill Thompson, Tony Williams  
16-Mike Smith, Josh Barker, Junior Bearden, Eddie Burkett, Robert Davis, Wendy Evans, Debby Howard, Charlie Thompson, Tommy Shaver  
23-Jason Crawford, Nick Groomes, David Jeffcoat, Michael Martin, Stelan Martin, Cortni Nations, Lane & Jamie Price, Jackie Sheriff, John Thompson  
30-Youth

**FLOWERS**

2-Jim & Layvonne Foster  
16-Greg & Bridget Cromer  
30-Hal, Donna & Derrick Alexander

9-Wilson & Dot James  
23-Chuck & Tina Middleton

**GREETERS**

2-SS Side Door- Brenda Shaver, Dot James; SS Fellowship Hall Door-Danny Price, Ann Hemphill; Worship Side Door-Kent Norman; Worship Sanctuary Door-Josh & Sara Barker  
9-SS Side Door-Becky Buckhiester, Richard Blackwell; SS Fellowship Hall Door-John & Jewel Lamb; Worship Side Door- Bill & Nancy Thompson; Worship Sanctuary Door-Joe & Sherian Robinson  
16-SS Side Door- Becky Scruggs, Kristen Vincent; SS Fellowship Hall Door-Phil & Marian Corn; Worship Side Door-Richard & Allison Blackwell; Worship Sanctuary Door-Jim Foster, Judy Price  
23-Empty Nesters Sunday School Class  
30-SS Side Door-Ann Carwile, Becky Scruggs; SS Fellowship -Jason Crawford, Dot James; Worship Side Door-Ashley Robertson, Pat Cromer; Worship Sanctuary-Wallace Peebles

**SOUND TECHNICIANS**

2-David Bryant & Al LeRoy  
9-Stephen Scruggs & David Bryant  
16-Al LeRoy & Leon Scott  
23-Pete Giacopelli & Stephen Scruggs  
30-Leon Scott & Pete Giacopelli

**SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP**

2-Kent Norman  
16-Mark Burns  
30-Jeff Nix

9-Jackie Sheriff  
23-Buddy Poole

**NURSERY LIST FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

2-Ashley Ellison  
16-Kristen Vincent  
30-Pete & Aubrey Giacopelli

9-Susan Williams  
23-Matt & Sydney Howle

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS**

2-Charlotte Kiker  
16-Krissy Boggs  
30-Ashley Ellison

9-Rebecca Sire  
23-Keaton Plyler

**NURSERY LIST FOR WORSHIP**

2-Wendy Groomes, Kinsey Scott, Diane Cavender  
9-Pete & Aubrey Giacopelli, Ben & Lauren Kroger, Claire Welch  
16-Phil & Marian Corn, Paige Drisgula, Debby Howard  
23-Clay & Heather Vassy, Ben & Ashley Ellison  
30-Keaton Plyler, Andrew & Valerie Holliday

**COUNTING COMMITTEE**

2-Kent Norman, Buddy Poole, Ben Nix  
9-Martin Hemphill, Greg Towe  
16-Pat Cromer, Jeff Nix  
23-Doug Dyson, Jamie Price  
30-Wendy Evans, Hazel Smith, Jeff Nix

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

5 - Grilled Chicken, Twice Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert  
12 - Poppy Seed Chicken Casserole, Butter Peas, Mac n' Cheese, Rolls, Dessert  
19 - No Meal / Spring Break  
26 - Pork Tenderloin, Broccoli Casserole, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Dessert

**If you are not able to fulfill your monthly assignment, please contact the committee and the church office.**

Our 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are working extremely hard on our spring musical, *Holy Moses!* We are so excited to share it with you on April 5 and 6. We will begin Wednesday night rehearsals March 5 if your child is able to join us.

We have much going on within our children's ministry on Sundays and Wednesdays. A huge thank you to everyone who gives their time to make this ministry so rich. Our children are the future of Trinity.

### *Upcoming Dates:*

- Spring Break is March 17-21. There is NO musical rehearsal 3/16.*
- Children's Family Easter Event - Sunday, April 13 at 4pm*
- Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt - April 16*
- Easter Sunday, April 20 - Our 3 years old - 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be singing during worship.*
- Vacation Bible School - Sunday, June 22 - Thursday, June 26*

**Annie Gambrell**

*Youth News*

**884-7334**

**Brandon Gambrell**

**617-3667**

Hello all! Welcome to March. Our prayer is that as the weather starts to warm, our hearts would start to melt for the Lord to do wonderful things in and through us. On Wednesday nights we have been talking about Jonah in more depth. We have learned how disobedience often brings storms, but God never leaves us and always gives us another chance. We also have discussed what the Bible says about dealing with hard emotions and experiences. Not only do we want to grow in our relationship with the Lord, but we also want to take practical lessons from the Bible to apply to our lives. I have had the blessing of having conversations with several students about the meaning and importance of baptism. I love having deep, thoughtful, and meaningful conversations with the students, and I want to encourage them to continue to start those kinds of conversations. I also want to encourage us adults, parents or not, to also have deep and meaningful conversations about what we believe, why we believe it, and what we do in response to that!

Sign-ups for Passport Summer Camp are now open! Camp this year is in Spartanburg the week of June 15. We have 15 spots available; so if your student wants to go, have them sign up! You can see me for more information, and I will also post more details on the Youth bulletin board

Finally, Youth Sunday is March 30. Looking forward to having our youth lead in worship. Graduation Sunday is May 18!

Thank you for all each of you do to continuously love the youth of Trinity!

***March is a Missions Month (Every Month is a Missions Month!)***

***God is at work through Trinity on Mission! How can you join in?***

In January, our deacons recommended that positive gains in our church investment account should be given to support Trinity on Mission. They chose an ad-hoc committee to review and disperse those funds. That committee made the following recommendation, which the deacons approved last month.

- \$5000 each to support the missional work of Scarlette Jasper and Rick Burnette, our CBF Encourager Church partners in Kentucky and Florida, respectively.
- \$2500 to Mision Peniel, a food sharing ministry in Immokalee, Florida which works primarily with farmworkers, to assist their upcoming move to a new location.
- \$7500 each to support the mission teams traveling to Guatemala (in March) and Romania (in June). These amounts will help offset costs for travel and/or go to the organizations with which we partner in those areas (Catalyst Resources International in Guatemala and Project Ruth in Romania)
- \$3500 to support Refugee Hope Upstate, a local ministry that assists refugees who have moved into our area with acclimating to our culture. Two sister churches, Utica Baptist and First Baptist Clemson, are connected with this ministry, as well as other local congregations. This is a timely connection as this ministry has recently lost much of their funding from the federal government.

***Thank you for your commitment to generosity and in supporting Trinity on Mission!***

***There will not be a Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging this year.***

***Be on the lookout for other ways to join in the mission of God***

***through Trinity on Mission!***

**LLL (Living Longer & Loving It) *Trinity's Senior Adult Ministry***

**Thursday, March 27, 10:30 am**

We will gather at Trinity for a visit with Amanda Matheson from Agape Hospice.

Lunch will be provided at no cost. Please sign up today!

**Tuesday, April 22, 9:30 am**

We will travel to Mountain City, GA, to visit the Foxfire Museum and lunch in Clayton.

Cost: \$10 plus lunch. Space is limited!



February was another full month as we registered many new faces for the 2025-2026 school year. I can't believe how fast the years are going by.

Our playground has been the talk of our program for a while now. We are super excited, and I know parents are as well, to finally be rid of the sand and most of the mulch. Our playground is used by a lot of people each week, and we are excited to make the improvements.

I am looking for a full-time teacher for our toddler room. Hours are 7-3, Monday through Friday. Must be 18 years old, have graduated high school, love children and have excellent references. Qualified applicants can contact Rebecca at the preschool at 882-0285 or on my cell phone at 903-1303.

Love. Serve. Teach.

Reaching new heights. Leading children to be confident followers of Jesus.

Rebecca Sires



**Thankful Hearts**

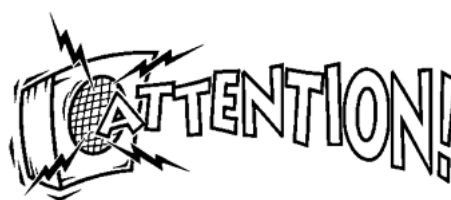
March 6 at 10:45 am  
Meet at Trinity Baptist  
for lunch at Silver Bay.

If there are any questions, please call Cherry Bell at 864-221-3769.



**We welcome the following to our Trinity Baptist Church Family:**

**Ms. Pam Grogan** joined the church on February 16, 2025, by transfer of letter from another Christian church. Pam resides at 181 Earls Mill Rd, Seneca, SC 29678. Her phone number is 864-247-5468.



**Young Adult Fellowship, March 2, 9:30 am**

Are you looking for a way to get better connected at Trinity? Join us on Sunday, March 2, at 9:30 am. The Young Adult Sunday School Class and The Table Sunday School Class will have a breakfast and fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall. All young adults are invited to attend. Childcare provided.



**Staff Anniversary:**

Susan Brock - March 2004

Deacons Present: Curtis Brock, Steve Grogan, Stephen Scruggs, Michael Martin, Jamie Price, Caroline Davis, David Nations, and Phil Corn

Ex-officio: Ryan Wilson

#### **Prayer and Devotion**

Curtis Brock opened the meeting with prayer and a devotion regarding faith and works based on James 14:2-26 and Matthew 25.

- The meeting agenda was reviewed.
- The minutes of the December 22, 2024, meeting were discussed and then accepted unanimously.
- Curtis Brock provided a report on the FL mission trip that had just returned the day before. They did construction, trim work, and floor installation. The Missions committee contributed \$5000 to this project. Lowes provided supplies at cost. The ladies worked with our mission partner, Rick Burnette. Pastor John was very appreciative of the group's work. Steve Grogan thanked Curtis Brock and Tony Williams for all the planning that went into the trip.

**Senior Minister's Report:** Dr. Wilson shared the following:

- It has been a good start to the year.
- The youth ski trip was great. There was lots of snow and no injuries.
- Stelan Martin did a great job preaching while Ryan was away.
- The Wednesday night Bible study is by Amy Levine and is on the parables. The Sunday sermons are in the book of Exodus.
- The committee chair meeting was held. Each committee should be contacted by their Deacon liaison.
- 2024 was a tremendous year from a financial perspective. There will be discussions on what to do with the \$31,000 in investment account earnings.
- Rebecca Sires attended training.
- Tony Vincent is on the State Board of Education.
- The music ministry is going well.
- LLL had their first meeting in 2025.
- The Mission committee met and set their plan for the year.
- The concerns of the Trinity family and community were discussed.
- The Children's musical tryout results were posted that day.
- Preschool is going well; there has been some sickness.

#### **Deacon Family Ministry**

- The church membership lists are being reconciled and updated.
- Curtis Brock encouraged the Deacons to make contact with our group by letter, card, text or phone call and let them know we are praying for them and request any specific prayer requests.
- We discussed reaching out to widows or widowers in our groups.
- The outreach list is being combined with our family groups.
- The Deacons were encouraged to speak to members and visitors we don't know when we see them.

John McRoberts prayed for the concerns that had been mentioned.

#### **Old Business**

##### *Building and Grounds Update*

- The owner of the bell company sent an email to Curtis Brock confirming that their company is having business problems. However, he told Curtis that the board that controls the bells has been ordered and they will be out the following week to install it. Curtis met with Attorney Holliday who is drafting a demand letter regarding the bells if the work is not completed. The goal is to work the issues out.

##### *Social Media Committee*

- Trinity's website is being updated by the social media committee. Lane Price is the chair of that committee. They have been hard at work and made great progress. One of the projects of the committee is to get a YouTube account to have the sermons saved on. Jamie Crum would keep this updated. We discussed having signed permission authorizations signed for any photos posted to the website. Suggestions for a drop down or more information about the church missions were discussed.

##### *Committee Night*

- Deacons were asked to follow up with their assigned committee if they had not to let them know they are the liaison to the Deacons.

#### **New Business**

##### *Missions*

- Phil Corn is the chair of the Missions committee, and Tony Vincent is the staff member heading the committee.
- CBF cleanups: Union, SC – February 15
- The Guatemala trip is March 15-22.
- The Romania trip is in June.
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace is having a private bed build on February 8 at Keowee Fire Station. There will be community bed builds in March and April.
- April 27 will be Missions Day during the Sunday School hour and during the service.
- An Ad Hoc committee headed by Phil Corn has been created to decide how the return from the investment account will be used for Missions. Michael Martin will be the Deacon representative on that committee. The recommendation will come to the Deacons for approval.

##### *Columbarium*

- Michael Martin presented an idea from the committee of memory plaques on the interior brick walls. The pricing is being explored and more will be presented next month to the Deacons.

The Trinity vision was discussed.

Upcoming Deacon devotions: Caroline Davis- February; Stephen Scruggs- March

#### **Financial Report**

- Doug Dyson is the new chair of the Finance Committee.
- The Deacons voted and approved to pay for the remaining amount of the parking lot out of the undesignated funds.

The following information is from the financial reports for December 2024:

##### *Undesignated*

- Receipts for the month of November were \$155,534. Our total budget expenses in December were \$93,307. That left a surplus of \$62,227 for the month.
- Our Year-to-date budget receipts (as of December 31, 2024) were \$881,381 and our budget needs (as of December 31, 2024) were \$768,464. Our Budget expenses Year-to-date (as of December 31, 2024) were \$748,452. The net overage for budgeting needs is \$112,917; additionally, we have a \$132,929 surplus of receipts versus budget expenses year-to-date.
- Total Cash and Investments for Trinity Baptist Church, as of December 31, 2024, was \$1,485,816.
- The Total Undesignated Balance ending December 31, 2024, was \$729,595.

##### *Designated*

- The total ending balance of the Trinity Baptist Foundation (Jolly Scholarship) for December 31, 2024, was \$398,377.
  - The balance of our Designated Account, excluding the Trinity Baptist Foundation (Jolly Scholarship) for December 31, 2024, was \$357,844.
- The meeting was adjourned with prayer. The Deacons Meeting Minutes are presented to the church for information prior to its acceptance by the deacons in their next meeting on February 23, 2025. Respectfully submitted and yours in Christ, Jamie Price