

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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Powerful Symbols

As we move toward Easter on April 20, consider some of the powerful symbols that help to deepen our faith.

The Towel and Basin – Jesus took a towel and basin and washed the disciples feet during the Passover meal. This was a job done normally by servants welcoming guests. Jesus combined the role of host and servant. Those who want to be first must be last and least.

The Cup and the Bread – During the Passover meal, Jesus took the cup and loaf of bread as symbols of his love for his disciples. Breaking the bread reminds us of his body being broken for us, and the pouring of the cup reminds us of his blood that was shed for us.

The Purse of Coins – Judas received 30 pieces of silver for betraying Jesus, the price of an injured slave. Money is often a reason for treachery, but why Judas betrayed Jesus is still up for interpretation. Money remains a powerful force in our world, and we have to be careful not to let it come between us, family, friends, and even enemies.

The Cock – Jesus had told the disciples that all of them would betray him, but Peter boldly asserted, “They may desert you, but I never will.” Jesus told Peter that before the cock crowed, “You will betray me three times.” To his amazement and despair, Peter fulfilled what Jesus said. He was heartbroken. Fortunately, Jesus came to Peter by the seaside after the resurrection and forgave Peter and restored him for service to be the rock of the early church. In God’s kingdom, failure doesn’t have to be final!

Consider these four symbols of the faith, and contemplate how they can help you grow in your faith walk!

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WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

DEACONS

6-Phil Corn
20-Steve Grogan

13-Caroline Davis
27-Chris Kiker

USHERS

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

FLOWERS

6-Children's Musical
20-Don & Linda Hobbs

13-Phil & Marian Corn
27-Steve & Gayle Grogan

GREETERS

6-SS Side Door- Charlie Thompson; SS Fellowship Hall Door-David & Brenda Howle; Worship Side Door-Madi Duvall, Debby Howard; Worship Sanctuary Door-Andy & Kris Frady
13-SS Side Door-Ron & Carla Gambrell; SS Fellowship Hall Door-John & Nan Thompson; Worship Side Door-Pete & Aubrey Giacopelli; Worship Sanctuary Door-Jeff Nix
20-SS Side Door-Nick & Wendy Groomes; SS Fellowship Hall Door-Pat & Brenda Cromer; Worship Side Door-Jamie Price, Leon Scott; Worship Sanctuary Door-Keith & Debra Hart
27- Empty Nesters Sunday School Class

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

SOUND TECHNICIANS

6-David Bryant & Al LeRoy
13-Stephen Scruggs & David Bryant
20-Al LeRoy & Leon Scott
27-Pete Giacopelli & Stephen Scruggs

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

6-Joe Robinson
20-Gerald Foster

13-Wallace Peebles
27-Tony Williams

NURSERY LIST FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

6-Ashley Ellison
20-Kristen Vincent

13-Susan Williams
27-Matt & Sydney Howle

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

6-Rebecca Sires
20-Lydia Patteson

13-Keaton Plyler
27-Ashley Ellison

NURSERY LIST FOR WORSHIP

6-Musical: Tracey Crawford, Andrew & Valerie Holliday
13-Palm Sunday: Tina Middleton, David & Heather Land
20-Easter: Pete & Aubrey Giacopelli, Ben & Lauren Kroger, Claire Welch
27-Phil & Marian Corn, Debby Howard

COUNTING COMMITTEE

6-Kent Norman, Buddy Poole, Ben Nix
13-Martin Hemphill, Greg Towe
20-Pat Cromer, Jeff Nix
27-Doug Dyson, Jamie Price

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

2-Mexican Night
9-Chicken Noodle Casserole, Pinto Beans, Cole Slaw, Dessert
16-BBQ & Fixings
23-Easter Meal: Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Butter Beans, Rolls, Dessert
30-Grilled Pork Chops, Baked Potato, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

It is Musical month!!!! We have 42 children and 8 dedicated leaders who have spent countless hours preparing for this story of faith and bravery. Thank you, Trinity, for your continued support of our children's ministry. Together, we are raising disciples. You do NOT want to miss our performances on Saturday, April 5 at 7pm and Sunday morning, April 6 at 10:30.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Festival is Wednesday, April 16. You can drop off candy-filled eggs at the church office anytime.

Congratulations to Hudson Vassey and Ryder Morton on their baptisms. It was such an amazing morning.

We have a family event planned for Sunday, April 13. We will be doing a Bed Build at the Farm Center.

All of our children will be singing in worship Easter Sunday at 10:30.

I want to personally thank our church family for the constant support of our children's ministry. Through your words of encouragement, hours given in the nursery or children's church, Sunday night studies or the musical, and everything in between, our church has a growing children's ministry because of the time and support you give.

A peek ahead...

- Family Event - Sunday, April 13*
- Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Festival - Wednesday, April 16*
- VBS is scheduled for June 9-13*
- Camp Prism is scheduled for July 16-19*

Annie Gambrell

Youth News

884-7334

Brandon Gambrell

617-3667

Happy April and happy Spring! We are coming out of a season of preparation for Youth Sunday, and we hope the youth were able to be a blessing to this church as they led the service March 30. The youth had chosen the theme of community and we hope to have shared the impact Christ-focused community can have on each of our lives. We are so proud of each of the student's hard work and willingness to be a part of leading worship for us all. We will have a couple weeks of normalcy before we start to prepare for Graduation Sunday in May!

As we lead up to Easter this month, our hope is to remember the power Jesus demonstrates, not only in his resurrection, but in his death up on the cross. We want the youth to have respect and a strong understanding of the weight of what Jesus did for us on that hill. As we celebrate this Easter season, we want to challenge us all to be intentional in recognizing God's greatest sacrifice and the power that brings to our own lives.

Coming soon, we will start preparing seniors for Graduation Sunday.

We will also have sign-ups for this summer's trip to Passport in Spartanburg. We will leave Sunday June 15 and the cost is \$250. If you have any questions or concerns about affordability, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are so excited for this next season within the youth group! Thanks everyone for your continued love and support of these students!

April is a Missions Month (Every Month is a Missions Month!)

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

Thank you for your prayerful support of our Trinity on Mission team that traveled to Guatemala last month. They did really beautiful, life-changing, love-filled work! Check out these pictures; more can be found on the missions bulletin board and on TBC's Facebook page! Thank you to everyone who served!



Family Day of Missions Supporting Sleep in Heavenly Peace, April 19 (tentative date)

Families are invited to spend a day building beds for Oconee County children with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will gather at the FARM Center at 9:00 am Saturday morning and work towards a goal of building 50 beds! See Rebecca, Tony, or the Missions bulletin board for more information!

Special Worship Opportunities in April

- *April 5 & 6:* Children's Choirs present *Holy Moses* musical
- *April 13: Palm Sunday*—our children will process into worship with palms waving, and we will journey through Holy Week with communion and special anthems from our choir.
- *April 20: Easter Sunday*—we will gather at the front door of our sanctuary at 6:30 am for a Sunrise Service, with breakfast to follow. Our children's choirs will lead us in worship in the 10:30 am worship service.

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

Tuesday, April 22, 9:30 am

We will meet our own biologist, Dr. Rocky Nation, for a light walk in the mountains to observe some of the spring foliage (including pink lady slippers), with lunch to follow. Cost: lunch



Lenten Crosses From Each Family

This Lenten season we will be collecting crosses from each church family that will be used for a special display outside the sanctuary. Please bring a decorative or homemade cross and leave it in the church office or with Ryan. These crosses will be displayed for at least a year; please consider it a donation but all efforts will be made to return them when they are taken down. Contact Ryan Wilson if you have questions.



Thankful Hearts
April 3 at 10:45 am.
Meet at Trinity Baptist
For Longhorn Steakhouse.
For any questions, please
call Cherry Bell at 864-221-3769.



Brotherhood **Ladies' Nights**

Dinner followed by program
featuring Dalton Land
April 28 @ 6:00 pm



Easter Sunrise Service

April 21 at 6:30 am

Gather at the front door of the sanctuary.
Breakfast to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

**Trinity Baptist Church
Deacons' meeting minutes
February 23, 2025**

Deacons Present: Curtis Brock, Steve Grogan, Stephen Scruggs, Michael Martin, Jamie Price, Caroline Davis, John McRoberts, Chris Kiker and Phil Corn
Ex-officio: Ryan Wilson and Tony Vincent

Prayer and Devotion

Curtis Brock opened the meeting with prayer.

- The meeting agenda was reviewed.
- The minutes of the January 26, 2025, meeting were discussed and then accepted unanimously.

Caroline Davis gave a devotion on Psalm 65 focusing on nature. Stephen Scruggs will give the March devotion.

Senior Minister's Report

Dr. Wilson shared the following:

- Wednesday night Bible study on the Parables just ended and a new one called the Third Day was starting.
- The concerns of the Trinity family and community were discussed.
- There are 40 kids in the children's musical.
- Trinity will be hosting the first community Lenten service.
- Stelan Martin will be sharing about the Immokalee mission trip at Brotherhood.
- The Young Adult breakfast is next Sunday.
- Baptism is next Sunday.
- Thankful Hearts is the 1st Thursday of the month for widows & widowers.
- All of Sundays for the Sabbath Soup Kitchen are covered. Aubrey Giacobelli is our contact.
- Preschool is going well. There is a waiting list. Staff consistency is a big part of the success. The new turf looks great and was funded through a grant.
- The Guatemala mission trip is coming up. There may be 2 spots available. They will be taking eyeglasses, building a house, having a VBS day and packing rice.
- Youth Sunday is March 30.
- The Children's musical is April 5 & 6.
- Graduation Sunday is May 18.
- There will be a sunrise service on Easter.
- Missions Day has been moved to September 7.
- The CBF meeting is April 25 at First Baptist Greenville. Tony will be leading a missions' breakfast. CBF wants Trinity to host in 2026.
- The congregation is being asked to bring a cross to put on the wall entering the sanctuary where the photo collages currently are. Jeff Waters will be arranging them.
- 16 people applied to go to Romania.

Deacon Family Ministry

- The Deacons were encouraged to make contact with our group members and church prospects.

Old Business

Building and Grounds Update

- The company came out and repaired the bells. There is still one bell that is not working. David Jeffcoat has spearheaded this project and Curtis Brock has been communicating with the owner.

Social Media Committee

- There has been positive feedback about the updates to the Trinity website. Jenna Wilson and Emily Stone have done an excellent job with it. There is a focus on the calendar and website security. The Deacons have been asked to contact the committees they are the liaison for about what they may want on the website.

New Business

Missions

- The Guatemala trip is March 15-22.
- The Romania trip is in June.
- An Ad Hoc committee headed by Phil Corn was created to decide how the return from the investment account would be used for Missions. A Motion was unanimously approved to accept the committee's recommendation how the \$31,271.78 will be distributed.

Columbarium

- Michael Martin provided additional information from the committee about memory plaques on the interior brick walls. Pricing and an exemplar are being obtained. A motion was approved to pursue the memorial wall and come up with a name for this area.

Donated Property

- Eight cemetery plots at Oconee Memorial Gardens and a lot on Short St. in Seneca were donated to the church. A motion was approved to assign to the Trustees to sell this property. The Trustees will bring the sale to the Deacons and church body for approval.

Security

- The security committee will be meeting soon to review and discuss updating protocols.

The Deacon chair asked the Deacons to review the Trinity vision and covenants.

Steve Grogan thanked everyone for the contributions to the Collins Children's Home.

Financial Report

The following information is from the financial reports for January 2025:

Undesignated

- Receipts for the month of January were \$56,415. Our total budget expenses in January were \$68,536. That left a deficit of \$12,120 for the month.
- Our Year-to-date budget receipts (as of January 31, 2025) were \$56,145 and our budget needs (as of January 31, 2025) were \$66,669. Our Budget expenses Year-to-date (as of January 31, 2025) were \$68,536. The net deficit for budgeting needs is \$10,254; additionally, we have a \$12,120 deficit of receipts versus budget expenses year-to-date. Total Cash and Investments for Trinity Baptist Church, as of January 31, 2025, was \$1,500,396. The Total Undesignated Balance ending January 31, 2025, was \$730,863.

Designated

- The total ending balance of the Trinity Baptist Foundation (Jolly Scholarship) for January 31, 2025, was \$406,232. The balance of our Designated Account, excluding the Trinity Baptist Foundation (Jolly Scholarship) for January 31, 2025, was \$363,301.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Steve Grogan.

The Deacons Meeting Minutes are presented to the church for information prior to its acceptance by the deacons in their next meeting on March 30, 2025.

Respectfully submitted and yours in Christ, Jamie Price