

Prayer Needs

Please complete and place in the offering box.
March 31, 2024

Name _____

Would you like a phone contact? Yes No

Telephone # and best time to call: _____

Be About Praying One For Another

Please keep this with you to remind you to pray for this Trinity member. Phone calls, emails, and notes are effective ways of encouraging the body, as well as praying for them.



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Church Announcements

Serving Today in the Nursery and Children’s Church
Infants: Taylor Connors & Brooke Connors
Toddlers: Ellen Guffey & Gary Fowler
Preschool: Dawn Connors & Lacey Connors
Elementary: Corey Fowler & Mary Kay Belissary

Serving Next Sunday, April 7, in the Nursery and Children’s Church
Infants: Chris Rumensky & *Need Volunteer*
Toddlers: Dell Lowe & Clara Lowe
Preschool: Kathleen Curl, Ali Autumn Lowe & *Need Volunteer*
Elementary: Corey Fowler & Amanda Nelson

Today’s Ministry Minute - Susan Starling, Director of Congregational Care
Cell - 843-610-0638 Email - susanstarlingtpc@gmail.com

Easter Lilies
If you purchased Easter Lilies in honor or memory of a loved one or friend, please don’t forget to take them home with you today at the end of the worship service.

No Women’s Breakfast in April
See inside the bulletin for information about the next one coming up on Saturday, May 4. For more information, contact Amy Pennington at 843-616-2550.

International Ministry Needs
The International Ministry has a need for canned goods, dry food, toiletries, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies. Beginning next Sunday, April 7, paper bags will be available that you can pick up, fill up, and return on Sunday, April 21. Suggested items are canned corn, green beans, black beans, spam, Vienna sausage, peanut butter, honey, rice, sugar, flour, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, and shampoo. A more complete list will be available next Sunday, April 7. For more information contact Annette Diaz at 843-687-0930 or Shand Lesemann 843-345-3216.

SAVE

6/10 - 6/13
5:30 - 8:00

DATE

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THE

BREAKER
ROCK BEACH
ROMANS 12:2



How To Face The Pain Of Disruption

Matthew 27:45-54

Jesus experienced the most _____ disruption any human ever _____.

Jesus’ willingness to _____ disruption led to our _____.

Jesus’ faithfulness in _____ disruption led to _____.

Matthew 28:1-10

The disruption of the _____ changed all of human _____.

Take Away Truths:

1. Disruption is always _____; but embracing the pain is the road to _____.

2. Disruption can lead to _____ if we respond to _____ in the midst of it.

3. Disruption can bring about _____ if we entrust our _____ to the Lord.

4. The pain of _____ is a small price to pay to experience the _____ of resurrection.

Announcements



Information

Children - A comfortable room with sound from the service is available off the Narthex for nursing mothers and mothers with crying infants. A nursery is also available in the G Building for the length of the service for children ages 0-3. If you are needed in the nursery during the worship service, you will receive a text.

Sermons - Our sermons are available for free online in streaming form or as a podcast. Go to our website, www.trinityepc.com, and click on the "Media" tab on the front page. You can subscribe to our podcast from there or listen to the sermons online from your computer.

Welcome to Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian

Our Vision

The Vision of Trinity is to be a dynamic fellowship that loves Jesus Christ and which unites cultures and generations through the presence of the Holy Spirit and the power of the Gospel to love and transform individuals, families, and communities.

Our Mission

The Mission of Trinity is to make disciple-makers who are committed to gathering for the teaching of the Word, prayer, worship, and fellowship, and then scattering for ministry, service, and proclaiming the Gospel from Western Florence to the ends of the earth.

The Celebration of the People of God

March 31, 2024
10:30am

Preparation For Worship

Found In You
Praise

Welcome

Ministry Minute

Susan Starling

Worship Through Prayer

Worship Through Giving

Give as you exit: A giving box is located in the narthex.
Give online: www.trinityepc.com/giving
Give by mail: TEPC, 1021 S. Ebenezer Rd., Florence, SC 29501.

Worship Through Praise

Believe For It
God Is Able

Worship Through The Word

Rev. Matt Walton

"How To Face The Pain Of Disruption"

Worship Through Response

Benediction



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The Easter lilies decorating our sanctuary today were given
in honor of or in memory of the following:

In Honor of...

Jonathan & Amber by Crockett & Emily Branch
Mitch & Judy Griffin by Cheryl Foster
Our children & grandchildren by Allen & Ellen Guffey
Teresa Thigpen by Allen & Ellen Guffey
Ralph & Loretta Orrice & Bobby Swink by Ralph Orrico & family
Brylee Stokes by Tommy & Caroline Stokes
Jeane Mobley & Evelyn Wilson by Johnny & Hope Thigpen

In Memory of...

Rose Johnson & John T. Benton Jr. by John & Debbie Benton
Alan G. Yendall by Kim Braley
Mr. & Mrs. Theophilus Brown & Mr. & Mrs. Harry Gibbons by Don & Joan Brown
Ryan Drake Buffkin & Virginia Allen Peacock by Greg & Cathy Buffkin
Bud Carter. Renato Amit & Carla Carter by Scott & Julie Carter
Abraham & Mariamma Dathrapu by Anil Paul Dathrapu & family
James Wilson Knorr III by Cheryl Foster
Hugh Thomas Griffin Jr. & Paula Caroline Griffin by Ariail Griffin and Family
Dean & Joyce Guffey by Allen & Ellen Guffey
Henry & Cathy Hamilton by Allen & Ellen Guffey
Warren & Bonny Bishop by Allen Ellen Guffey
Susan S. Holladay, John Holladay & James (Red) Holladay by Charlton & Libby Holladay
C. Cannon Mason & Bobbie M. Miller by Jim & Keri Margita
Mickey Leviner by Betty, Emily, Jamie, & Elizabeth Leviner
Gene & Mary Sligh, & Chuck Sligh by Betty, Emily, Jamie, & Elizabeth Leviner
Vernon Leviner by Betty, Emily, Jamie, & Elizabeth Leviner
Joshua David Macdonald by Allan Macdonald
Flora Belle Grooms, Harry Grooms, & Aunt Mayme Miles by Sara McSwain
Donald Jett & Lee Nowling by Malissa and Will Nowling
Richard Long & Paul Horne by Nicholas & Hunter Long, & Tonya O'Kelly
Chandler Burns by Nicholas & Hunter Long, & Tonya O'Kelly
Nadeen La Penna & Virginia Howell by Ralph Orrico & family

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Victor Smith by Diane Smith
Jean Stokes & Juliette Pleasant by Tommy, Caroline & Brylee Stokes
Connor Allen Stokes by Tommy, Caroline, & Brylee Stokes
Perry Mobley & Ed Wilson by Johnny & Hope Thigpen
Bobby Thigpen & Scarlet Jones by Teresa Thigpen

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Going Deeper - March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday How To Face the Pain of Disruption

Monday: *Read Habakkuk 1:13; Hebrews 4:15; Matthew 27:27-46; 2 Corinthians 5:21.* Whatever disruption you are experiencing right now, Jesus has experienced worse. That is not to downplay the pain you are feeling but rather an assurance that you are never alone in your disruption. Jesus experienced the most painful disruption any human being ever could. On the cross, Jesus cried out, "My God, My God! Why have you forsaken me!" That's because God the Father had turned His back on Jesus for the very first time in all of eternity! A perfectly Holy God cannot look on sin. While Jesus never sinned and died on the cross in perfect innocence He took the sins of all who would be saved on to Himself and bore the full weight of God's anger and punishment against those sins. In doing so, the perfect unity and relationship that existed within the Trinity was torn apart while Christ suffered on the cross. None of us have ever known perfect relationship and unbroken friendship and fellowship with another being our entire life. But Christ had never known anything else because sin had never come between He and the rest of the Trinity. But in taking on that sin, that separation had to occur so that we could be reconciled to God.

Tuesday: *Read Matthew 21:12-14; Matthew 27:45-54.* Disruption is always painful; but embracing the pain is the road to transformation. It is a universal human response to run from pain. Our entire culture right now is built around either escaping the pain of life or seeking to numb it to a manageable level. From endless entertainment outlets to overeating to sexual immorality to drug use and abuse; we are offered endless options to mitigate our pain. But Jesus modeled a different path for us. A fully human path. He chose to embrace the pain that came with the disruption of the cross and so purchased our salvation. When disruption comes to our lives, we have to embrace the pain as a gift from the Lord. He can leverage that disruption to move us to the next place He has for us and break apart the sinful structures of our lives. Whether He causes the disruption Himself or simply uses it for His good purpose the Lord employs disruption as a merciful instrument of healing for us as a surgeon wields a scalpel. But we'll never know the blessing of healing if we continue to numb the pain of disruption. We have to embrace it, no matter how painful it is. More tomorrow.

Wednesday: *Read John 5:1-15; Matthew 11:27-30, Romans 10:9-11, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:1-8, Luke 6:46.* Disruption can lead to salvation if we respond to God in the midst of it. Every one of us will experience the pain of disruption in our lives sooner or later. In fact, we'll experience disruption again and again throughout our lives. If we run from that pain we'll never know salvation. If we keep running to alcohol or our boyfriend or Instagram or soccer the pain will never go away, it will just be numbed. We'll discover

that it will take more and more to numb it and eventually it will explode through the boundaries we've built around it. But if we embrace the pain of our life and allow it to lead us to Christ we can experience salvation. When we come to Christ He will address the greatest malady of our life, the problem of sin. If we acknowledge our sins and seek His forgiveness He will respond. If we place the full weight of our trust in His ability to save us He will bring us back to life from death. And as we submit to Him as the Lord of our lives He will send His Holy Spirit into our hearts to allow us intimacy of relationship with Him and provide us with the power to face all the pain of life with Him. This is the road to salvation. Nothing else in all the world can save us from our pain; only Jesus. Inviting Jesus into our lives does not do away with our pain. In fact, it can bring new and different pains into our lives because the world will begin to rise up against us. But Jesus' presence and power in our lives will enable us to walk through our pain in joy despite our circumstances. Life on earth is marked by pain. I'd rather walk through that pain depending on Jesus than leaning on my own resources.

Thursday: *Read Matthew 28:1-10; Romans 6:1-14; John 11:25-26.* Disruption can bring about resurrection if we entrust our lives to the Lord. Jesus trusted God the Father at His death and He was resurrected. The same will be true of us if we place our trust in Jesus. But we are not just talking about our spiritual resurrection at the end of our lives. Jesus has the power to resurrect every dead thing in our life. He can resurrect our dead marriage. He can resurrect the dead relationship between us and our children. He can resurrect our dead hearts that cannot feel anything anymore. He can resurrect your purpose in life and set you on the most fulfilling adventure possible. There's nothing resurrection can't touch if we entrust our lives to Jesus.

Friday: *Read Colossians 1:24, Colossians 2:1-3; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; James 1:2-4; James 1:12.* The pain of disruption is a small price to pay to experience the blessings of resurrection. Life on earth is pain. Anyone who tells you different is trying to sell you something. Pain will disrupt our lives again and again but Jesus wants to use those disruptions to grow us. When we step into the new thing Jesus has for us the pain of walking through disruption will be worth it. The joy of winning a championship is worth the pain of training hard. The health that comes with being cancer free is worth the pain of radiation and chemotherapy. The pain of childbirth is worth it when you hold that baby in your arms. And the pain of disruption is worth the blessings of God that result if we submit our lives to Him.

Our prayer is that today you will place the full weight of your trust in Jesus to rule your life. That you will acknowledge your sin, bring it to Him, ask for forgiveness and trust Him to save you. That you will bow your knee to His Lordship in your life and let Him bring you a new start. The disruption you are experiencing is painful. That pain is real! But Jesus can use it to heal us if we bring it to Him!