

Prayer Needs

Please complete and place in the offering box.

May 12, 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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Keep up to date with what is going on at Trinity and find the link to our streaming platform by visiting our website, www.trinityepc.com.

Church Announcements

Serving Today in the Nursery and Children's Church

Infants: Diana Groom & Natalie Groom
Toddlers: Alicia Hamilton, Dell Lowe & Clara Lowe
Preschool: Jennifer Myrick, Ali Autumn Lowe & Becca Crosby
Elementary: Cheri Jordan & Kaitlyn Lindquist

Serving Next Sunday, May 19, in the Nursery and Children's Church

Infants: Kara Boyles & Glenda Young
Toddlers: Brooke Connors & Taylor Connors
Preschool: Dawn Connors & Lacey Connors
Elementary: Ross Hill & Melissa Smith

Today's Ministry Minute - Susan Starling - Director of Congregational Care

Cell - 843-610-0638 Email - susanstarlingtpc@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, May 18 - 8:00am - TKA Cafeteria

All men are invited to come for good food and fellowship. Sign up in the narthex, online at www.trinityepc.com or contact John Benton at 843-617-1075, Scott Smith 843-319-1528 or Bryan Leach 843-509-6042.

Called Congregational Meeting - Sunday, May 19

There will be a called congregational meeting on Sunday, May 19, immediately after the worship service for the purpose of receiving nominations for the 2025 Nominating Committee. The committee will also be elected that day. The Nominating Committee is responsible for identifying Elder/Deacon candidates for the upcoming year. No Trinity member may be nominated for the committee unless they have been asked and have agreed to serve prior to nomination. Please be in prayer as to who would serve well and begin approaching the individuals the Lord lays on your heart.

New Members Class - Friday, May 17 & Sunday, May 19

These classes are for anyone interested in joining Trinity or learning more about the church and the EPC. For more information or to sign up to attend, see the green insert in the bulletin, go to our website www.trinityepc.com or call the church office at 843-665-8022.

Baptism Service - Sunday, May 19

We will have a baptism service immediately following our worship service on Sunday, May 19, at John & Kathleen Curl's pool. You must have attended the baptism class to be baptized.

Graduate Recognition - Sunday, May 19

We will recognize our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 19. If you have a student graduating from high school or college, please email his/her full name, school they are graduating from, any future plans and a digital picture to tepcflorence@gmail.com. **Today** is the deadline to submit your graduates information.

Thank You From The International Ministry

The International Ministry would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of donations that has been given over the past few weeks. Your generosity has touched our hearts and we thank you so much for being willing to help meet the needs in our community. We will continue to take pantry donations and there is a specific need for toasters and silverware/flatware. For more information contact Annette Diaz at 843-687-0930 or Shand Lesemann 843-345-3216.

A Choice To Make - Baby Bottle Campaign - May 12 - June 16

Today starts A Choice To Make's Baby Bottle Campaign. Pick up an empty baby bottle from the narthex and fill the bottle with left over change. Remember to pray for "A Choice to Make" each time you put change in the bottle. Return your filled baby bottle to church on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16.



How To Start A Fire

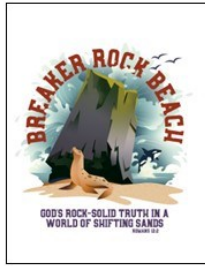
Week 2: Getting Alone With The Father

Matthew 6:1-8

Take Away Truths:

1. _____ prayer is as expected of us as _____ prayer.
2. Christ expected that we would find a place where we could be _____ and _____ as we pray.
3. The Father is waiting to meet with us in the _____.
4. He rewards those who _____ meet with Him there.
5. The greatest reward we receive is the enjoyment of a _____ with Him.
6. The Secret Place begins as a physical _____ and becomes a spiritual _____.

Announcements



VBS 2024 - Breaker Rock Beach
June 10 - 13 - 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Get your child and their friends
registered today online at
www.trinityepc.com.



Join us at the Florence Flamingo's Game for
"Rewind the Clock with Fireworks"
Friday, June 7
Gates open at 6pm
Game starts at 7pm
Cost of tickets - \$16 per person



Includes Flamingo Hat & unlimited food & drinks (hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chicken sandwiches, chips, cookies, Coca-Cola products & bottled water for the entire game). Sign up and pay for tickets in the narthex or online at www.trinityepc.com. For more information contact Rebecca Barnett at 843-229-0783.

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 received 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

May 12, 2024
10:30am

Preparation For Worship

**Battle Belongs
You Are Good**

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

**What A Beautiful Name
Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Worship Through The Word

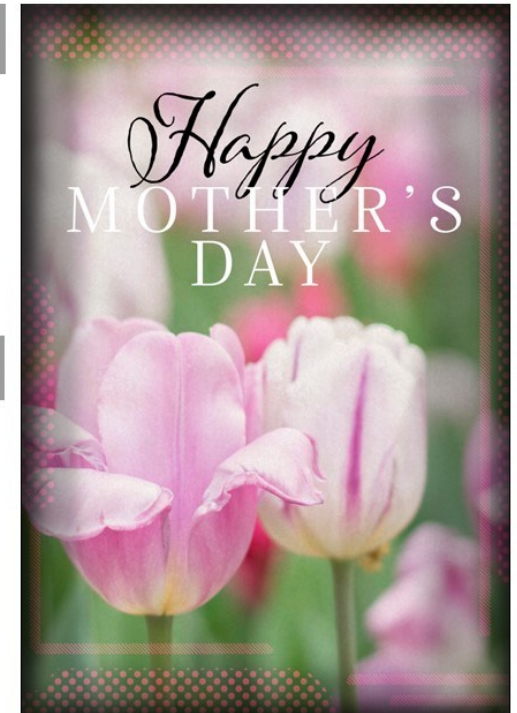
Rev. Matt Walton

"How To Start A Fire"

Week 2: Getting Alone With The Father

Worship Through Response

Benediction



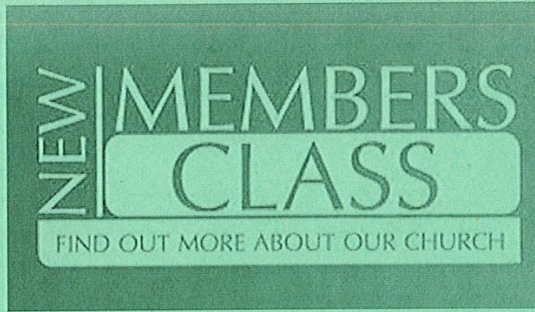
Rev. Matt Walton, Pastor
1015 S. Ebenezer Rd.
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Office hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 4:00pm
Friday - 8:00am - 12:30pm

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Friday, May 17, 2024 6:30pm - 9:30pm
Sunday, May 19, 2024 4:00pm - 6:00pm

This class is for anyone interested in joining Trinity, or learning more about the church and the EPC. Please plan to attend both sessions. Dinner and childcare will be provided for the session on Friday night. For the Sunday night session, your children and youth are invited to come to our children and youth activities. You can register to attend several ways: sign up below and place this form in the giving box located in the narthex, online at www.trinityepc.com, email the church officer at tpcepc@aol.com or call the church office at 843-665-8022.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Preferred Phone _____

Preferred Email Address _____

If childcare is needed, please list names & ages of children below.

Going Deeper - May 12, 2024

How To Start A Fire Week 2: Getting Alone With the Father

Monday: Read Matthew 6:1. Can we take honest stock for a moment? Do we struggle with wanting to be seen by others as we perform our acts of righteousness? Do we love to lead praise and worship because we secretly bask in the compliments that come when our talent is on display? Are we more concerned with how our prayers sound to the people in the room than the God we are supposed to be praying to? Are we even focusing on God when we pray or are we concerned with what others are thinking of us as we pray? Why do we fast? Have we even considered why we should? Are we fasting from a place of denying ourselves so that God may have more control of us or from a place exalting ourselves so that we might be thought of as more spiritual than others? Or how about the way we give? Are we careful to do all that we can to keep our investment in the Kingdom of God secret or do we drop subtle hints to others about what we have "sacrificed for the Kingdom"? These are hard questions but questions that demand honest answers. Remember that Christ does not forbid public displays of worship and religious devotion; just performing them so that others might see us do so. If we slip into the performance side of things, we have received our reward in full. May we take every precaution to assure that our devotion to the Lord is kept only in His view lest we lose our reward.

Tuesday: Read Matthew 6:5-6; Isaiah 26:20, Psalm 90:1. Public performance of religious devotion is a hard habit to break. In fact, I have found that it is only broken by forming a new habit...performing our religious devotion in the Secret Place of the Lord's presence. Remember what Jesus said? When we give, or pray, or fast in secret....The Father who is "in secret" and sees what is done in secret will reward us. When we practice our religious acts for an audience of only the Lord it establishes a baseline for the reality of our actions. For example, if you never get on your knees in the Secret Place when you pray then getting on your knees in public might be performative rather than genuine. But if you lie on your face in prayer before the Lord in the Secret Place there is less chance that doing so in public will be for others to see. In fact, you'll care even less of what others think of you if your actions naturally flow from your regular practice in the Secret Place. If you lift your hands in worship in the Secret Place it will be natural for you to do so during Sunday morning worship. Go into your room and close the door as Jesus commanded you. Discover who you truly are before Him and apart from the gazing eyes of others. This is the path to authenticity in our faith.

Wednesday: Read Matthew 6:5-6. Verse 6 isn't a suggestion; it's a command. Read that last sentence again. Jesus isn't offering good advice about how to pray effectively or even gain rewards from the Lord. He is commanding us to maintain a private prayer time with Him even as we maintain public participation in prayer. It's not because we cannot pray to Him wherever we are but because there are things He only does within us if we meet with Him privately and regularly. There is deep work in our souls that can only be accomplished as we sit consistently, honestly, and secretly before Him. Are there struggles with sin that you just can't seem to get past? Have habits plagued you for years and you can't experience victory? Try regular appointments with Jesus in the Secret Place of His presence. I think you'll be surprised by the transformation that takes place.

Thursday: Read Romans 5:1-2; Psalm 139:23-24. Full disclosure. For the longest time I feared silence. I still struggle with it to be honest. Mainly because being silent required me to be alone with my thoughts. Once I began to grow in my faith I realized it also required me to be alone with my God. It was a very frightening thing because I knew who I was deep down inside and I didn't want the Lord to know those things or to point them out to me. I didn't want to face them. But facing the deepest parts of who I am has brought me the greatest freedom of my life. There are still habits, patterns and struggles that haunt me to this day but I have found the Lord's acceptance of me in the Secret Place even while He absolutely refuses to accept the things in my heart that dishonor Him. That radical acceptance draws me into more silence and fuels my desire for meeting Him in the Secret Place. More tomorrow.

Friday: Read Hebrews 4:13; Hebrews 4:15-16. Let's center in on a pivotal truth: "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account." Wake up call: there is nothing within you that He does not already know. Don't let the fear of discovery keep you from Him. Boldly approaching Him knowing that we will find mercy and grace when we do is the path to being free from those things that plague you. Bring them to Him in the Secret Place