

## Prayer Needs

Please complete and place in the offering box.

May 5, 2024

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Would you like a phone contact? Yes No

Telephone # and best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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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[www.trinityepc.com](http://www.trinityepc.com)

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](http://www.trinityepc.com).

## Church Announcements

### Serving Today in the Nursery and Children's Church

Infants: Amy Pennington & Diane Creveling  
Toddlers: Kristin Creveling & Madison Creveling  
Preschool: Kathleen Curl & Diane Wolff  
Elementary: Corey Fowler & Amanda Nelson

### Serving Next Sunday, May 12, in the Nursery and Children's Church

Infants: Diana Groom & Natalie Groom  
Toddlers: Alicia Hamilton & Dell Lowe  
Preschool: Jennifer Myrick & Gary Fowler  
Elementary: Corey Fowler & Patsy Allen

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

Cell - 843-610-0638 Email - [susanstarlingtpc@gmail.com](mailto:susanstarlingtpc@gmail.com)

### Prayer & Praise - TODAY - 4pm - 6pm - Sanctuary

Join us today in the sanctuary as we come together for prayer and praise.

### 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](http://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](http://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. If you are a member of Trinity or your family is a member and you are interested in being baptized, please contact the church office to set up a time to meet with Pastor Matt or one of the elders. Baptism class will be held on Sunday, May 12, at 9:30am in the church office and you will need to attend the 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](mailto:tepcflorence@gmail.com) or call the church office no later than noon on Friday, May 10.

### International Ministry Pantry Wish List

The International Ministry has a need for canned goods and dry foods as well as basic household and toiletry items. Paper bags are available in the narthex that you can pick up, fill up and return. For more information contact Annette Diaz at 843-687-0930 or Shand Lesemann 843-345-3216.



# How To Start A Fire

## Week 1: How Daniel Became Powerful

Prayer is our consistently engaged \_\_\_\_\_ with our  
constantly \_\_\_\_\_ God.

*Daniel 6:1-28*

### What Made Daniel's Prayer Life Powerful?

1. It was \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. It was \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. He understood that the \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. He prayed in \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_ .

People who are delivered from the \_\_\_\_\_ are the ones who are spiritually  
prepared before they end up in the \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Announcements

Ladies Tea  
Saturday, May 11  
10am - 12pm  
TKA Gym  
All ages welcome!



**"Fill My Cup"**  
Psalm 23: 5b-6

Sign up in the narthex or online at  
[www.trinityepc.com](http://www.trinityepc.com).


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**ICE CREAM  
&  
ICE BREAKERS**

Friday, May 17th  
6-8 PM  
G Building

Bring your favorite ice cream topping!



VBS 2024 - Breaker Rock Beach  
June 9 - 13 - 5:30pm - 8:00pm  
Get your child and their friends registered  
today online at [www.trinityepc.com](http://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](http://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 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](http://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 5, 2024  
10:30am

Preparation For Worship

Thrive  
God Is On The Move

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](http://www.trinityepc.com/giving)

Give by mail: TEPC, 1021 S. Ebenezer Rd., Florence, SC 29501.

Worship Through Praise

This Is Amazing Grace  
Gratitude

Worship Through The Word

"How To Start A Fire"

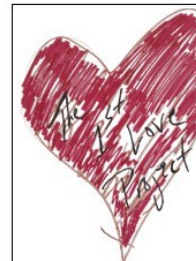
Rev. Matt Walton

Week 1: How Daniel Became Powerful

Worship Through Response

Communion

Benediction



The 1st  
Love  
Project

**TODAY - May 5**  
Congregational  
Prayer & Praise  
4pm - 6pm  
Sanctuary



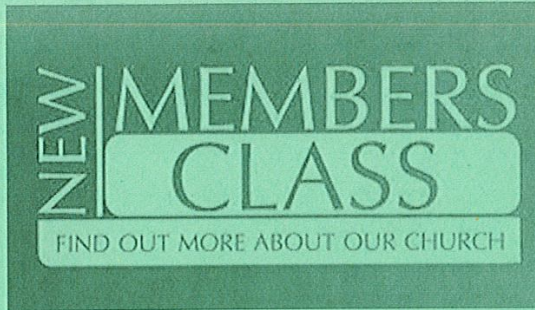
Rev. Matt Walton, Pastor  
1015 S. Ebenezer Rd.  
Florence, SC 29501

Mailing & Church Office Address  
1021 S. Ebenezer Rd., Florence, SC 29501

### Office hours:

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

Phone: (843) 665-8022 Fax: (843) 665-8034  
Web: [www.trinityepc.com](http://www.trinityepc.com)  
Email: [tpcepc@aol.com](mailto:tpcepc@aol.com)



**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](http://www.trinityepc.com), email the church officer at [tpcepc@aol.com](mailto:tpcepc@aol.com) or call the church office at 843-665-8022.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Preferred Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Going Deeper - May 5, 2024

### How To Start A Fire

#### Week 1: How Daniel Became Powerful

**Monday: Read Matthew 6:7-8.** I don't know a single believer who regularly attends church who doesn't know that they should be praying. To add to that, I haven't met too many that don't feel weighed down by a nagging sense of guilt that they should be praying more than they do. Our goal is not to feed that weight or further any sense of condemnation from the Enemy regarding the current state of our prayer lives. Instead, we are calling you to reframe the discussion. Start with basking in a beautiful reality...you and I have unhindered access to the most powerful Being in all of Creation who loves us perfectly and wants to know us intimately more than anything else. All His efforts in creation and salvation have been bent towards this end. Use that as the kindling you need to allow the Holy Spirit to spark a fire in your heart. It matters not where we have been with prayer; it matters where we are. If we've not known how to pray or what to pray or just haven't been praying at all, today can become a reset. Please stop reading after this day's excerpt. Please take just 5 minutes of uninterrupted time and speak to your God. Speak to Him as you would your closest friend and communicate both your struggles to pray and your desire to grow in prayer. Ask Him to leverage all His power and resources to help you grow in prayer. And then commit to grow in your prayer life. Every forest fire starts with a spark. Consider what the simplicity of this act can create in your heart as you launch out into prayer today!

**Tuesday: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17.** As simply as I can explain it: Prayer is our consistently engaged interaction with our constantly attentive God. Our all-powerful, all-knowing, and everywhere present God is in your presence right now and His undivided attention is on you. Stop reading for a moment and visualize that. REALLY! Stop and do it! Realize that this is the constant state of your reality at every single moment of your life moving forward. He is simply waiting on you to turn your undivided attention on to Him and engage with Him. Talk to Him about your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your anxieties, your wins, your losses, your insecurities and your confidences. Listen to Him remind you of His love, His purposes, His plan, His ways, His Good News, His Word, and His Spirit at work around you and within you. Now set your heart and mind to live in awareness of His undivided attention on you throughout the remainder of your day. There is nothing strange about turning your attention on to Him and speaking with Him in an elevator on the way to the third floor, at a stoplight as you wait, in line at Hardee's as they fill your order, or in that hospital waiting room as you wait on the results from your blood tests. It's not strange; it just might be awkward. Press through that and speak with your God!

**Wednesday: Read Jeremiah 33:3.** God has the answers you seek. That may sound like an elementary statement to make about our all-knowing God; but we often live like it's not true. We live like He has no answers. We live like Dr. Phil, or an influencer on Instagram, or our soccer teammate, or our girlfriend has the answers we seek to the

deepest questions in life. Just a thought: If any of those people really had those answers why do you still have so many questions? Go to the Lord in prayer and bring your questions with you! "Lord, why did my mom die of cancer when I needed her so much?" "Lord, why do You say it's wrong for me to have sex with my boyfriend when he makes me feel so loved?" "Lord, why should I believe what the Bible teaches about femininity when my professor makes so much sense?" "Lord, how can I believe that You will never leave me or forsake me when I feel so alone?" "Lord, why do I feel so empty inside?" Those aren't questions that your cousin or your financial planner or your favorite baseball player can answer. Only Jesus. Those answers take time. They take digging into the Word of God. And they take depth of relationship. But they begin to be answered by asking. What is the most important question in your life right now? Ask Him. Wait on His answer and trust His timing. This is what depth of relationship with Christ looks like.

**Thursday: Read Matthew 7:9-10.** But Pastor Matt, I don't know how to pray! What if I use the wrong words? What if I ask for the wrong things? What if I don't do it right and the Lord gets angry at me and strikes me down with a lightning bolt!?! Easy there...just take a breath. Consider something with me. I'm teaching my son to mow the lawn right now. So far, he hasn't finished the task yet without at least one long strip of grass that went unmowed. I don't yell at him because he doesn't know how to mow properly right now. I'm just glad to have him join me in my work of caring for our lawn. He's mowing right now and I'm weed whacking. I can't trust him with that task right now because without some practice he'll hurt himself or wreck my fence or hack down my blueberry bushes. But I'm patient. I know he'll learn by doing and he'll get a little better each time. Soon he'll be able to take on the whole yard by Himself. (oh yeah!) Prayer is the same. We know enough right now to start praying. Maybe we don't know how to pray for the nations or break spiritual strongholds or bind the Enemy's work but we know enough to communicate with our Father. And if we'll keep communicating with Him He will Father us into deeper and more skilled places of prayer. Each time we pray we become more familiar with it and stretch ourselves a little further. Don't worry about what you can't do. Worry about what you can do. A good father is patient with his children as they grow and we have the best Father of all!

**Friday: Read Psalm 144:1; Habakkuk 3:19; 2 Samuel 22:30; Ephesians 5:17-18.**

1 % better. It's a self-improvement concept that is all over the business community right now. Writers like Brian Cain and Chris Nikic advocate taking small steps of improvement each day to close the gap between who you are and who you desire to become. The idea is that you can't worry about changing everything about your life right now but you can focus on getting 1% better in a specific area of your life and then building on that success. I'd encourage you to take a similar approach to your prayer life. You may not be able to pray like Daniel right now but keep in mind that Daniel had been praying for about 70 years or so by the time Daniel chapter 6 rolls around. Focus on getting 1% better in your prayer life today than you were yesterday. 1% more focused. 1% more Biblical. Praying 1% longer than yesterday. Start from there and build up. And don't forget that you have a secret weapon that no self-help guru can offer you....You have the Holy Spirit of God living in you! That's more than enough power to improve your prayer life! Tap into His life-giving power and set out on the adventure of prayer today!