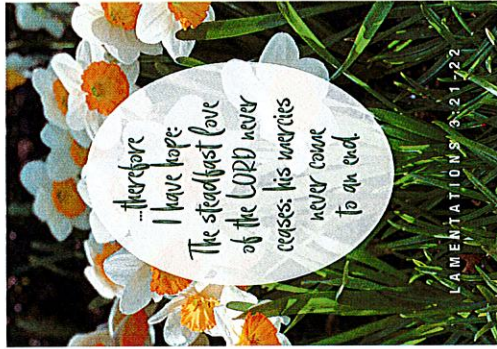


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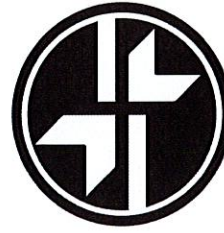
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Pastor Matt Walton

As we come out of the Easter Season I am excited about the next risk movement we are calling you as our community of faith to undertake. Remember: No Risk It; No Biscuit!

In the lead up to Easter we talked about the need to spiritually prepare for the harvest. We discussed praying for the veil to be lifted off the hearts of unbelievers, for clear direction from the Lord as to who we should invite to follow Him, and that we should be prepared for the disruption that the Lord often brings to the lives of those He is working on. But we want you to understand that that time of preparation was not just for the Easter season but for this month's coming outreach as well.

Over the course of the April we will be engaging in our "1st Love Project". It is based off of 1 John 4:19 which tells us, "We love because He first loved us." Before the Holy Spirit drew us to Christ, we were dead in our sins and incapable of seeking God. But when He brought us from death to life He sent His love into our hearts and we were able to respond in faith to the Gospel. He loved us first. Now all the love that comes from our hearts back to Him and directed to others is the result of His first love shown to us. Our desire is that we will reach our community with the same first love of Jesus through a simple act of obedient kindness done in Jesus' name. The goal is that feeling loved by us will open the door for the Holy Spirit to work in their lives.



"The 1st Love Project"

Our leadership has set aside \$20,000 from our 2023 surplus and agreed to put it into your hands to distribute as the Lord leads you. Our conviction to do this springs from the following things we believe about you. First, that the Lord uses you regularly to advance His Kingdom in Florence. Also, that you encounter people every day that will never come on to our campus but that desperately need the love of Christ. We also believe that anything we do in the Name of Jesus will result in glory and praise for Him. And finally, that a simply gift given with nothing expected in return can be a powerful testimony to the love of God.

Here's how it will work.

On Sunday morning, April 14th, we will distribute envelopes with various amounts of cash in them to everyone in attendance, from ages 4th grade and up. Our children and youth will receive a fixed amount of money while our adults will have various amounts depending on which envelope they receive. We will then ask that you take the entire week to pray with your family before you distribute the money you've been given. We want you to let the Lord speak to you about who you should give it to. We want you to be ready to give it to the person the Lord lays on your heart "in the Name of Jesus", making sure that Jesus gets the glory for the gift instead of us. And we want to be ready to share the Good News of Jesus with those we bless as the Lord provides opportunity.

Announcements

February 2024 Financial Report

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts		
General Fund	59,646	127,265
Hispanic Ministry Offerings	<u>2,264</u>	<u>13,415</u>
Total Receipts	61,910	140,680
Expenditures	<u>80,692</u>	<u>156,359</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(18,782)	(15,679)

Save The Date
Ladies Tea
Saturday, May 11
10am - 12pm
TKA Gym

"Fill My Cup"

Psalm 23: 5b-6

Sign up begins April 28.



Joni & Friends
Family Retreats & Warrior Getaways
Bonclarken Conference Center
Flat Rock, NC

Since 1979, Joni and Friends has committed to reaching and serving people with disabilities with practical help and the saving love of Jesus. They offer Family Retreats that serve families living with disabilities and Warrior Getaways that serve American servicemen and women who have visible and invisible injuries as a result of military service. You can also be a part of these events as a volunteer. If you are interested in leaning more about these events or about Joni & Friends, please contact Mary Kay Belissary at 843-229-4649.

March Birthdays

Day	Name	Day	Name
1	Cleon Dwyer	17	Naomi Hill
1	Ann Garinther	17	Robin Moore
1	Charlie McCutchen	17	Mark Sansbury
1	Angie Turner	18	Libby Holladay
3	Dawn Connors	18	Darrell Smith
3	Lianne Gardner	21	Diana Palacio
3	Earl Myrick	21	Guy Thompson
4	Melissa Brock	21	Kristin Winters
4	Ethan Myrick	22	Jennifer Desai
4	Fred Salley	22	Belle Jaitette
4	Diane Wolff	23	Diana Groom
5	Abel Hill	23	Bryan Holzbach
7	Barb Gwin	24	Tracie Hobbs
7	Ava Maxey	25	Alex Barlowe
7	Scott Smith	26	Mikayla John
8	Kathleen Budde	26	Chris Rodenkirchen
8	Kylan Margita	26	Joey Rogers
10	Gray Pennington	27	Ben Clements
11	Ginger Dail	28	Maci McDonald
11	Avi Desai	28	Diane Smith
11	Raegen Claire Watson	29	Rhonda Haynes
12	Cary Ashworth	30	Betty Bigham
17	Cathy Buffkin	30	Tyler Branton
17	Margaret Harrington	30	Brittany Gwin



Pastor Matt Walton

We will also ask you to consider doubling whatever amount of money you find in the envelope out of your own resources. In order to do that, we will be asking you to pray about what you can sacrifice in the two weeks leading up to the distribution to save some money for this endeavor. Our goal is to take the entire \$20,000 investment and double it through your generosity as we seek to impact our community.

We will also be blanketing our campaign with targeted prayer times. We will have two 24 hour prayer sessions on April 12th-13th and April 19th-20th from 5pm till 5pm the next day at the church for those who wish to participate. Be looking for the sign-up sheets to claim a prayer slot. We'll also have three Sunday night Prayer and Praise sessions on Sunday nights April 14th, April 21st and May 5th from 4pm to 6pm. These will be times of guided prayer and passionate praise for everyone to participate in together. We believe that prayer will be key to this whole endeavor.

Will you begin to pray over our 1st Love Project? Will you make plans to be present Sunday morning, April 14th to be a part of what the Lord Jesus is doing among us? Will you sacrifice to participate in our various prayer gatherings as you are able? We've prayed and prepared for this moment. Let's ask the Lord for a great harvest!

Matt

1st Love Project Important Dates

Friday & Saturday, April 12 & 13	24 Hour Prayer Session 5pm - 5pm Sign up in the narthex.
Sunday, April 14	Distribute envelopes
Sunday, April 14	Prayer & Praise 4pm - 6pm
Friday & Saturday, April 19 & 20	24 Hour Prayer Session 5pm - 5pm Sign up in the narthex.
Sunday, April 21	Prayer & Praise 4pm - 6pm
Sunday, May 5	Prayer & Praise 4pm - 6pm

International Ministry

Annette Diaz

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Philippians 2:1-11

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

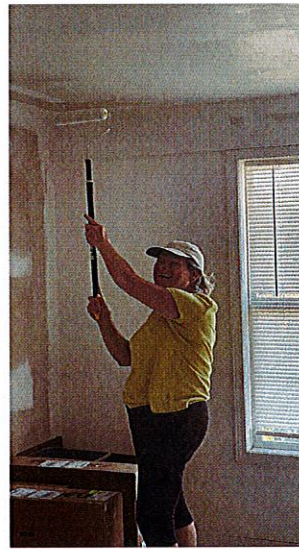
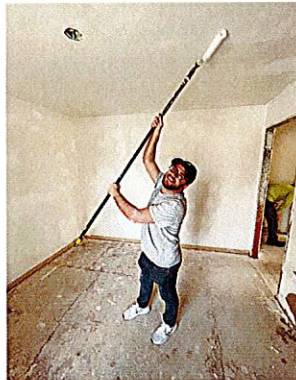
Almost every day in our International Ministry we receive calls from people who have heard of our ministry and want to know more about this loving community. In my quiet time, I was reading a paragraph that caught my attention about what a team ministry is. "Team Ministry is a group of disciples, bound together under Christ, committed to and working toward a shared vision."

In the month of March, we had the blessing to have the youth of Trinity and a group of Christian college students from Francis Marion University help one of our families repair and paint their home. Also, we had a group of TKA students fixing some furniture and helping organize our donations. It is a blessing when different groups of people come together with one purpose, to serve our community and share the love of Christ. Thank you for your prayers, love and support of the International Ministry.



Dios te bendiga,

Annette



Susan Starling

Happy Spring!

In my personal walk with the Lord, I am currently in the class titled "It's Just Metal - 101".

Our Father never wastes a second. Within His master plan for each of our lives He has carved out little lessons along the way. I guess I should say BIG lessons, too.

Within a week's time my family has experienced material loss in the form of a wrecked vehicle and serious personal issues. The Lord used that badly damaged vehicle to prepare me for the heartache that I would experience in that same week. I learned the lesson. It's just metal. With time and money that vehicle can be replaced. My child walked away with no injuries. However, personal and emotional hardships don't have a dollar value on them. There isn't an amount we can pay to not experience the troubled waters this life exposes us to. We hurt as we watch those we love suffer.

We have to remember - money, vehicles, belongings, jobs and all the other "things" are replaceable. What can't be replaced are lives. What we can't take back are words we speak. What we can't avoid in this life are troubles, heartache and sickness.

The Good News of Jesus Christ isn't supposed to be a secret. It's the greatest story that will ever be told. I couldn't make it through this life without Jesus. Guess what? You and I are the journalists selected to share the breaking news with the world. Starting right here in Florence, SC.

There are continuing opportunities to serve in various ways, here at Trinity. You can see me in the narthex on Sunday's for information. Will you bless a business near the church? Can you serve at OM Ships? How about spruce up the outdoor area of a ministry in our city? Don't miss out on the opportunities to serve and share the Good News.

In His Service,

Susan


Announcements




MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD × FELLOWSHIP × FAITH

Saturday, April 20 - 8am - TKA Gym
 Sign up in the narthex, online at www.trinityepc.com or
 contact John Benton 843-617-1075
 Bryan Leach 843-509-6042
 Scott Smith 843-319-1528.



**No Ladies Breakfast
in April.**



Please join us for a
Better Together
Ladies Breakfast

Saturday May 4th
 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
 Trinity EPC G Building

Our speaker will be Melek Arevalo
with music by Cathy Aydin.

Please RSVP on the church website.

One of the true blessings in life, is the gift of a friend who
laughs with you, cries with you, prays for you,
and pushes you closer to Christ.
Bring your blessing with you as we grow together.

Corey Fowler

Hello and happy April! It is hard to believe that it is already springtime! We are gearing up for our first Spring Fling festival and I am incredibly excited to see how the Lord is going to use this event for us to reach out to our Florence community! Please be in prayer for all of those that will be serving at this event and for all those that will be attending. Pray specifically that the Lord will use our congregation to be just what people in our community need to experience on Saturday, April 13th!

Here is a list of what is coming up this month and the next few months! Be sure to mark your calendars for the following:

April 13th: SPRING FLING Community Event
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

April 28th: TWEENS Worship Service
at 10:30 AM

May 11th: Daughters of the King Tea Party
10 AM – 12 PM
Join us for tea, treats, and a special program in the TKA Gymnasium

May 17th: TWEENS Social "Ice Breakers and Ice Cream" from
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Rising 4th graders are invited to attend
Bring your favorite ice cream topping!

May 26th: TWEENS Worship Service at 10:30 AM

June 9th: VBS Volunteer Snack and Set Up from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Brief meeting in the TKA Cafeteria
Set up all rooms/areas for VBS

June 10th – June 13th: Breaker Rock Beach VBS
Stay tuned for more details regarding VBS 2024!



Corey Fowler

Spring is a busy season! Between school events, sports, extracurricular activities, and outdoor events around the community, we can allow ourselves and our family to be too busy. I believe the Lord wants us to enjoy all the fun things and to experience events with our family and friends! However, do not allow the "busy" to get in the way of prioritizing time with Him, both individually and as a family. There are a variety of resources in the G building for parents to read, as well as devotional type activities and prayers that you can use together as a family. I encourage you to take a look at these resources and use them to keep your focus on the Lord, so that you can order things in your days and weeks to prioritize Him and His plans, above everything else. The Lord has wonderful things in store for us as we pursue Him, seek to hear His voice, and serve to glorify Him!

Cheerfully in Christ,