

Prayer Needs

Please complete and place in the offering plate.

May 19, 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 Trinity's Missionaries.

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Visit our website for information about upcoming events, online giving and find the link to our streaming platform.

Announcements

Serving Today 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

Serving Next Sunday, May 26, in the Nursery and Children's Church

Infants: Jean Lewallen & Chris Rumensky
Toddlers: Leigh Ann Ortega & Ellen Guffey
Preschool: Diane Timbrook & Need Volunteer
Elementary: Corey Fowler & Patsy Allen
Tweens: Emilee Reeder & Mikayla John

Today's Ministry Minute - Chris Hamilton - Director of Student Ministries

Cell - 980-989-0310 Email - chamiltontpc@gmail.com

Called Congregational Meeting - TODAY

There will be a called congregational meeting TODAY immediately after the worship service for the purpose of receiving nominations for the 2025 Nominating Committee. The committee will also be elected today. 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.

Baptism Service - TODAY

We will have a baptism service immediately following our worship service TODAY at John & Kathleen Cur's pool, 720 Flintlock Cove, Florence, SC 25901. You must have attended the baptism class to be baptized.

Tweens Ministry Worship Service - Sunday, May 26 - 10:30am - Youth Room

All 4th - 6th graders are invited to come and join us.

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

A Choice To Make is a 501c3 non-profit pregnancy resource center in Florence that provides a safe haven for women and families who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. They are 100% funded through the generosity of individuals, businesses and organizations. Your participation will support the life-changing work of meeting the physical and spiritual needs of those facing an unplanned pregnancy. Pick up an empty baby bottle from the narthex and fill the bottle with left over change, bills and checks. Remember to pray for "A Choice to Make" each time you put money in the bottle. Return your filled baby bottle to church on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16.

International Ministry Pantry Donations

The International Ministry 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.



How To Start A Fire

Week 3: Lessons From Gath

1 Samuel 21:6-9

1 Samuel 21:10-15

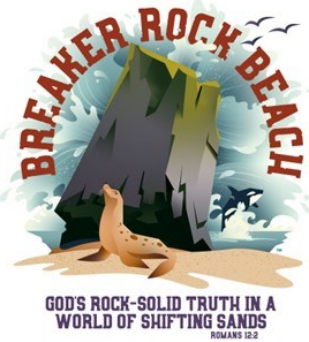
1 Samuel 22:1-2

Psalms 34:1-10

Lessons From Gath:

1. Seeking the Lord's counsel is critical to _____ and _____ in life.
2. We have to be prepared for God's direction to defy _____.
3. When our posture is to seek the Lord and obey the Lord, we can trust Him to use even our _____ to _____ His _____.
4. You'll never have a _____ for how good God can be until you _____ Him for yourself.
5. Seeking the Lord in prayer _____ more than just your _____.

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 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

May 19, 2024
10:30am

Preparation For Worship

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)
King Of Heaven

Welcome

Recognition of Graduates

Chris Hamilton

Ministry Minute

Chris Hamilton

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

No One Like Our God
Build My Life

Worship Through The Word

"How To Start A Fire"
Week 3: Lesson From Gath

Rev. Matt Walton

Worship Through Response

Benediction

Class of
2024



Commit to the Lord
whatever you do, and
He will establish your plans.
Proverbs 16:3



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*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord.
They are plans for good and not for harm, to give you a hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11*

Class of 2024 High School Graduates

Lotte Behrens, a foreign exchange student from Germany, living with Matt and Amanda Nelson will graduate from Wilson High School and plans to attend the University of North Carolina on an athletic scholarship to play field hockey. Lotte will be majoring in Sports Journalism.

Bradley Mackenzie Brown, daughter of James and Stephanie Myers, graduated from Florence Christian School with honors as Salutatorian and plans to attend Wofford College majoring in Psychology. Bradley will also be playing volleyball for the Terriers.

Pearl Dathrapu, daughter of Paul and Mercy Dathrapu, will graduate from Mayo High School for Math, Science, and Technology and plans to attend Francis Marion University majoring in Mathematics.

Taylor Hicks, daughter of Mandy Perkins and Steve Hicks, will graduate from West Florence High School and plans to attend Francis Marion University majoring in Communications.

Savannah Grace Jordan, daughter of Cheri Jordan, will graduate from West Florence High School. Savannah took cosmetology while in high school and has just passed her state boards and is now a certified cosmetologist going into the workforce.

Ian George Park, son of Drew & Edie Park, will graduate from West Florence High School and plans to attend Francis Marion University.

Hannah Faith Patterson, daughter of Matt and Catherine Patterson, will graduate from West Florence High School and plans to attend Francis Marion University and major in Nursing.



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Class of 2024 College Graduates

Cora Elizabeth Barlowe, daughter of Scott Barlowe and Kim Ficco, graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in public health.

Camryn Elizabeth Conner, daughter of David and Laura Conner, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Anderson University with a major in Supply Chain Management and a minor in Marketing. She has accepted a job with Mary Square in Raleigh, NC.

William Garrett Nowling, son of Malissa Nowling and the late Lee Nowling, graduated from Francis Marion University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He works at ABB in Florence as a drafting specialist in the engineering department.

Austin David Patterson, son of Matt and Catherine Patterson, graduated from Francis Marion University with a degree in Business Administration in Supply Chain Management and Human Resources. Austin plans to pursue a career as a Realtor.

Robert Guy Thompson, son of Leslie Thompson, graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of South Carolina Honors College and the University of South Carolina. Guy will be furthering his education at the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Angela Brooke Turner, daughter of Bran and Angie Turner, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Francis Marion University with a degree in Educational Studies. Brooke will be furthering her education at Francis Marion University in the master's program for Speech/Language Pathology.

Going Deeper - May 19, 2024

How To Start A Fire

Week 3: Lessons From Gath

Monday: *Read Psalm 34:1-22; 1 Samuel 21:6-22:2; Psalm 119:68.* I believe that if we read Psalm 34 and 1 Samuel 21 side by side they show us a man after God's own heart, who's seeking God's face not just out of desperation because of his circumstances but because he had experienced the goodness of God all his life. That's the goal as we seek to build a blazing prayer life twig by twig, branch by branch. We want to become people who can navigate the complexities of life because we've developed a simplicity of approach to the Lord in the Secret Place. David knew no other source to depend on but the Lord and he prospered under some of the most difficult circumstances. May the same be true of us. This week, may the Lord show us how seeking Him first can provide escape routes for every danger we face and unshakable peace in the midst of those same dangers.

Tuesday: *Read Isaiah 55:8-9; Jeremiah 33:3; John 6:12, 1 Corinthians 2:9-16.* Do we have a box for the move that makes no sense? Men and women of God were often led by the Lord to obey Him in ways that defied human logic and good common sense. Jehoshaphat had the worship leaders lead Judah into battle. Joshua led the Israelites on a walk around Jericho. Ananias went and laid hands on Saul who up to that point had arrested every Christian he could get his hands on. Peter obeyed and walked to Jesus on the water. John the Baptist told the world his cousin was the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world. Joseph married Mary who had conceived by the Holy Spirit. I point all these stories out because they keep David's flight to Gath in Biblical perspective. It made no sense for the Lord to send David to live among his mortal enemies in the figurative backyard of Goliath's next of kin....but that's exactly what He did. Yet when we juxtaposition this story against so many others in which the logical next move was not what God commanded His people it helps us keep it in perspective. It also challenges us that from time to time we may be asked to make the move that makes no sense. Leave the high paying job to lead that ministry. Stay home to raise your kids though the world tells you, you are throwing your career away. Obeying Jesus' call to the mission field though your parents are dead set against it. Jesus' direction for us often makes no sense because His ways and thoughts are higher than ours. And those ways are best discerned in the Secret Place of prayer not at the kitchen table as you list the pros and cons. As a wise man once said, 'Go into your room, close the door, and pray to Your Father who is in secret....'

Wednesday: *Read 1 Samuel 22:1-2; Matthew 11:27-30.* People rallied to David. "All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader." We don't know what motivated each of those men to follow David but I think it's reasonable to assume the following: David was loyal. Loyal to a king who envied and feared him...and tried to destroy him. David had a "true north". He wasn't driven by circumstances but by God's leadership of his life. David was a man worth following. He wasn't motivated by selfish ambition but by love for God. And David was a man after God's own heart. And while all those men did not throw their lot in with David because he was godly, I believe his godliness brought the favor of God down on David. His victories point to that. His deliverance from the most treacherous circumstances reveal that. His being chosen by God as a teenager and his being elevated to the throne from being exiled in the desert affirm it. If we will allow the Holy Spirit to develop us into the God lover and God obeyer that David was, people will rally to us as well. Why? Because Jesus will be able to live His life through us. He'll be able to invite people to come to Him through us so that they might find rest. May we become places of refuge for those who are in need.

Thursday: *Read 1 Samuel 21:10-15; Psalm 34.* Gath was preparation. It was a training ground for what David would experience over the next few years fleeing from Saul. In Gath David learned that God could deliver him out of the hands of a powerful king without David having to lift a finger to defend himself. In Gath David learned that surrounded by your enemies is the safest place you can be if God leads you there. In Gath David learned that there is no place that God's eye cannot see and that His hand cannot reach. And in Gath David learned that when we call on the Lord He delivers us from all our troubles and all our fears. When God tells us to go to our "Gath", we often balk because it seems to be dangerous. When we find ourselves in "Gath" we often despair because the circumstances seem overwhelming. But when we finally leave "Gath" behind, we know our God and we trust our God as we never have before.

Friday: *Read Matthew 6:6, Psalm 131:1-2; Isaiah 26:20; Psalm 34:1-8.* Our time with the Lord is bigger than us. Yes, it provides us with peace. Yes, it takes us to deeper places with the Lord. Yes, it gives us access to the power of God, the plan of God and the provisions of God. But it's bigger than that. David sought the Lord as he fled from Saul and the Lord answered him. The Lord filled him with such overwhelming peace and joy that burst out into worship and invited the afflicted who had come to him to worship with him. His deliverance foreshadowed their deliverance. His joy lifted their grief. His worship took their eyes off their circumstances and lifted them on to the God whom David trusted. Your time with the Lord is not just about you. It's about the growth and development of your children. The transformation of your work environment. The stabilizing of your neighborhood. And the redeeming of this world. Every great move of God began by someone committing to get alone with their God and refuse to leave His presence until something changed. May we be the next generation who does the same!