



# The Trinitarian

February 2023 Newsletter

I had a chance to travel to Israel/Palestine and Greece with some very good friends from seminary during the first 2 weeks of January. We did a tour called "The Footsteps of Jesus" and "The Footsteps of Paul." The idea was that we walked where Jesus walked and we traveled the areas where the Apostle Paul had traveled. I've never thought about geography as being particularly spiritual, but it was! It's amazing how the Bible comes to life when you are actually standing in the spot where those events took place.

This trip was the first part of the sabbatical that the Session has granted me this year. I want to thank the leadership of the church and you, the congregation for giving me that time to be away. The purpose of a sabbatical is not just time off. It's meant to be a time to grow and learn and reflect and hopefully be a better pastor because of it. This month marks my 15<sup>th</sup> year of serving here, and I hope we have many more years of ministry together to come!

By the way, if you would be interested in taking a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, I want to let you know that Trinity will be organizing a trip in early 2024. Once those dates have been set, I'll share a brochure with anyone who is interested. The trip will include airfare, hotels, all meals, tour guides, and anything else you might need. All you will need to do is pack a suitcase. I hope you will consider joining us!

Grace and Peace,

Matt McCollum



Our group in front of Mount Tabor (Mount of Transfiguration) and the Jezreel Valley.



Our group in front of the Parthenon in Athens.

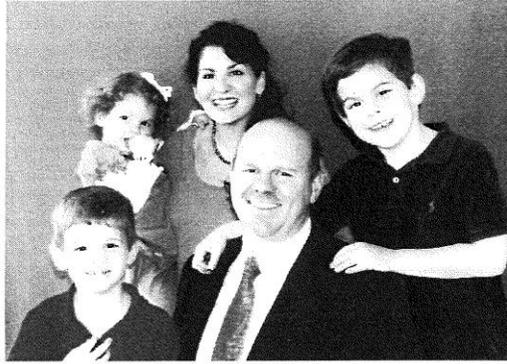
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## *The Trinitarian*

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### **A Warm Welcome to the McCollum Family**



*Trinity Presbyterian Church welcomes Rev. Matt McCollum and his wife, Sherri, along with their daughter, Enley, and sons Sam (left) and Jordan (right).*

February 17<sup>th</sup> will be our first Sunday with you. The sermon title that day will be "Fixing our Focus" and we will look at what is really important in our lives as a community of faith. There are times we forget who we are and whose we are. Instead of giving praise and glory to God, we struggle for control of our lives. As followers of Christ, our desire is to point beyond ourselves and to get out of the way so that God can work through us. Please join our family that Sunday as we celebrate this new thing that God is doing in our midst as we seek to be faithful to his calling on our lives as a church family.

We can hardly wait to get to know each one of you. Please be patient with us as we learn names and get acquainted with the life of the church. We expect to count you all as our friends soon! Sherri joins me in thanking you for your warm welcome and your kindness as we begin our ministry together.

Blessings,

**Matt McCollum**



*Happy 15th Anniversary!*

*This February marks 15 years since  
Pastor Matt McCollum and his family  
came to Trinity.*

*Please join us in honoring the  
McCollum family on their 15-year  
anniversary at Trinity!*

*On Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, we will have  
a catered lunch in Trinity Hall,  
following the 10am worship service, to  
celebrate this anniversary.*

## Prayer Requests ...



Lisa Agnew (sister of Beth Horn)  
 Joyce Allmon (daughter of Maurice and Fran Hocquard)  
 Mickey Bell (sister of Rebecca Mikulka)  
 Ella Comer (great-niece of Skip Boulter)  
 Richard Crum  
 Jack Grimsley (Fairhope High School student)  
 Susan Ham  
 Katie Hamlin  
 Perry Hartley  
 Frank James (friend of Em Johnson)  
 Grace James (friend of Mike & Glenda Murphy)  
 Frances Jarrett (sister of Bonnie Robinson)  
 Denise Jones  
 Warren Krhut (brother of Fred Krhut & Donna Anderson)  
 Pasha Majdi (son-in-law of T.J. and Jan Rosandich)  
 Cynthia Nelson  
 Hap Partridge  
 Brownie Post  
 Primm Scott (daughter of Margie Whiteside)  
 Tanya Spaulding (mother of Parisa Clarke)  
 Walter Stevens (friend of Sheri Vanche)  
 Melissa Walker (daughter of Brownie Post)

Lupus  
 multiple myeloma  
 lung cancer  
 cancer  
 melanoma  
 cancer  
 ailing  
 neurological  
 general health  
 general health  
 dementia  
 neurological issues  
 recovery from fall/surgeries  
 general health  
 colon cancer  
 hip surgery/recovery  
 recovery from back injury  
 cancer  
 diabetes and healing  
 ALS  
 cancer  
 melanoma



**PW Coordinating Team** will meet in the office parlor on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am.

**Presbyterian Women Bible Study** Please join us Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am, in Trinity Hall, for refreshments, followed by a business meeting and Bible Study (Lesson 6).

**PW Night Circle** will meet Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 p.m., in the home of Shirley Shipman, 222 Divot Loop, in Fairhope.

Many thanks to all who helped put up and take down the Christmas decorations. This summer we will make new bows for wreaths and repair swags. We hope you will help with this project. Date to be determined.

### Trinity will be hosting Family Promise January 29 – February 11

Family Promise is a program that assists homeless families in Baldwin County. Participating churches host families for two weeks at a time. This is our opportunity to welcome strangers, to feed the hungry and to give the thirsty something to drink. We need volunteers to provide an evening meal and eat with the families, and we need volunteers to serve as overnight hosts. **Please sign up in Trinity Hall or on the Trinity website.**



**Family Promise  
of Baldwin County**



**Volunteers are needed** to help host our coffee hour, following the 10 am service. Invite a friend to host with you! A member of our Fellowship Committee will assist you, if needed. There is a sign-up board in Trinity Hall.

**Potluck lunch is every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday!**



Kimble Hansen	2/1
Nancy Boulter	2/2
Farrar Callahan	2/3
Tucker Callahan	2/3
Doyce Ellenburg	2/3
Lori Havard	2/3
Collins Taylor	2/3
Natalie Phillips	2/4
Sarah Adams	2/5
Andrew Styron	2/5
Stephen Trotter	2/5
Krystal Callahan	2/6
Danielle Pennington	2/6
Cindy Wilson	2/6
Charlotte Graben	2/7
Travis McKenzie	2/7
Julia Walker	2/8
Don Richerson	2/9
William Hays	2/10
Mark Manuel	2/10
Bo Clarke	2/11
Illia Isaieva	2/11
Kim Marascalco	2/11
Paul Haigler Davis	2/12
Hollie MacKellar	2/12
Elaine Walker	2/12
Colleen Lynch	2/15
Patsy McCully	2/17
Theresa Adams	2/18
Sitton Harcourt	2/18
Bart McCrory	2/18
Susan Blanton	2/19
Ben Rowe	2/19
Nancy Sizemore	2/19
Ethan Teel	2/19
Carol Richardson	2/20
Mamie Trest Richerson	2/22
Sue Zundel	2/22
Kevin Anderson	2/23
Sam Hays	2/23
Doris Rider	2/23
Annalise Jones	2/24
Charles Knight	2/24
Carolyn Green	2/25
Laura Adams	2/26
Bishop Doggett	2/26
Laura Chamblee	2/26
Rick Drummond	2/27
Janice Thompson	2/27
Gini Coody	2/28
Jamie Jones	2/28
Rick Lyon	2/28
James McEvoy	2/28
Donna Wilson	2/28



### Stitchin' With a Mission

No special skills required!

**Join us Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am, Trinity Hall**

We have the opportunity to help others while enjoying the fellowship with friends we have known for years, while also making new friends. Once a quarter, we meet at church to make lap robes, prayer shawls, and baby items. We have projects for everyone, even those who do not sew, knit, or crochet. If you can pull a thread from a piece of cloth, you can make a lap robe.

Please consider giving about two hours to help make items for the nursing home, hospital, or newborns from our church family. You will enjoy the fellowship and the gratification you get from knowing you have helped someone. Invite a friend to join you!

If you have questions, contact Carol Smith, 251-591-5880



*"We promise to love, encourage and support you. And we promise to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ."*

***Pierce Tucker Callahan***

February 9, 2020

Son of Krystal and Tucker Callahan

***Robert Parker Chunn***

February 10, 2013

Son of Sherry & Matt Chunn

***Cooper Logan***

February 25, 2018

Son of Jody & Lindsay Logan

*Dear Church Family,*

*I wish to thank all of you for your love and prayers for my daughter, Gay Gibson, during and following her brain aneurysm surgery and recovery.*

*Sincerely,  
Blanche Wise*



We welcome **Rev. Don Frampton** as our special guest preacher on **February 12<sup>th</sup>**, at 8 and 10 a.m. Don retired in 2019 after 24 years as Senior Pastor of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church in New Orleans. During his years at St. Charles Ave, the church made missions a priority in their community and beyond. The church established a program called Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans (RHINO) in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and that work continues today. St. Charles Ave Church has housed and supervised over 9,000 volunteers and helped build some 50 Habitat for Humanity homes. In 2009, the church received the PC(USA)'s highest award for community service.



**Highlights from the January Session Meeting** – via Zoom  
Linda Glaze, Clerk

- New member was received on Sunday, January 1, 2023: Mr. Ron Gearhart joined by Certificate of Transfer from Christ United Methodist Church in Milton, FL.
- The Session approved the request from Mr. Austin Jacobs and Miss Callie Cox to be married at Trinity on December 2, 2023, with T.C. Brown, a pastor at 3 Circle Church officiating.
- Roger Ahrens, Chair of the Finance Committee, reviewed the December 31, 2022, report which provides the year-end overview of Trinity's financial position. Pledges were 115% and operating expenses were 94% of the original budget.
- Donna Calhoun, Chair of Fellowship Committee, asked the Session members to check with their committees to see if they could cover any of the several remaining dates for Fellowship Coffee Hour in the spring.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<u>1</u> Warehouse Wednesday 7am  Choir Practice 6:30pm	<u>2</u> Mark Bible Study 11am	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
<b>Family Promise</b>						
<u>5</u> Worship 8am & 10am  Tri Youth 5:30pm	<u>6</u> PW Coordinating Team 9:30am  Choral Society 6pm	<u>7</u> Men's Bible Study 6:30am  CBS Leaders 8am	<u>8</u> Warehouse Wednesday 7am  Choir Practice 6:30pm	<u>9</u> Mark Bible Study 11am  Session Meeting 6pm	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
<b>Family Promise</b>						
<u>12</u> Worship 8am & 10am  Tri Youth 5:30pm	<u>13</u> PW Day Circle 9:30am  Choral Society 6pm  PW Night Circle 6:45pm	<u>14</u> Men's Bible Study 6:30am	<u>15</u> Warehouse Wednesday 7am  Choir Practice 6:30pm	<u>16</u> Mark Bible Study 11am	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u> Worship 8am & 10am  All Committees 11:15am	<u>20</u> Sewing Group 9:30am   Send your news to Ana at the church office.	<u>21</u> Men's Bible Study 6:30am	<u>22</u> Choir Practice 6:30pm  Ash Wednesday Service 7pm	<u>23</u> Mark Bible Study 11am	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u> Worship 8am & 10am  11am Lunch honoring the McCollums  Tri Youth 5:30pm	<u>27</u> Choral Society 6pm	<u>28</u> Men's Bible Study 6:30am  CBS Leaders 8am				