



The Trinitarian

July 2023 Newsletter

On Sunday, June 25th, we had the pleasure of once again welcoming the Rev. Dr. Julian Walthall to Trinity Presbyterian Church as our guest preacher. I appreciate Julian's help while Matt is on sabbatical—his insight is valuable, and he brings decades of experience to our experience on Sunday morning. Many of you have known Julian for a long time, and there is beauty in the stability that Julian (and Matt) represents.

Julian's sermon included the passage of Matthew 7:24-27, regarding building a house on rock, a house that can withstand the rain, winds, and flood. Such a house provides shelter and stability for the residents, rooted in a firm foundation. The opposite is true in what follows—a house built on sand that is easily washed away by the storms. We've all seen here along the Gulf Coast the difference between good construction and not so good construction. There are no guarantees in hurricanes, but good preparation can help your home and family weather the storm.

"Weathering the storm" is not limited to the physical structures we live in (hardware), but also includes the software of life—our spiritual practices, our relationships, our educational efforts, family, friends, and community. We need a good software foundation to complement the hardware foundation, or else the storms of life can wash us away, often when we least expect it. It's easy to focus on the hardware, the "stuff"—but are you spending enough time upgrading your software? Scripture, prayer, Christ as part of our life on a daily basis, listening, and serving all upgrade our software.

I came across some old photos this past week. Julian's sermon about houses and foundations made me think about this place in the photos below. This is where I spent the first five years of my life in the early 1960's—this little box on a hill in Carnegie, PA. These photos are from ten years ago (2013)—fifty years after living there. It's not the Taj Mahal, but there was a lot of love in that house, devoted parents, good neighbors, and church every Sunday (my brother and I weren't exactly thrilled with that, but dad made sure we went every week—the funny thing is that I can still remember some of those Sundays like it was yesterday.) It's a reminder that a basic, solid foundation, is pretty much all we need.

Grace and Peace,

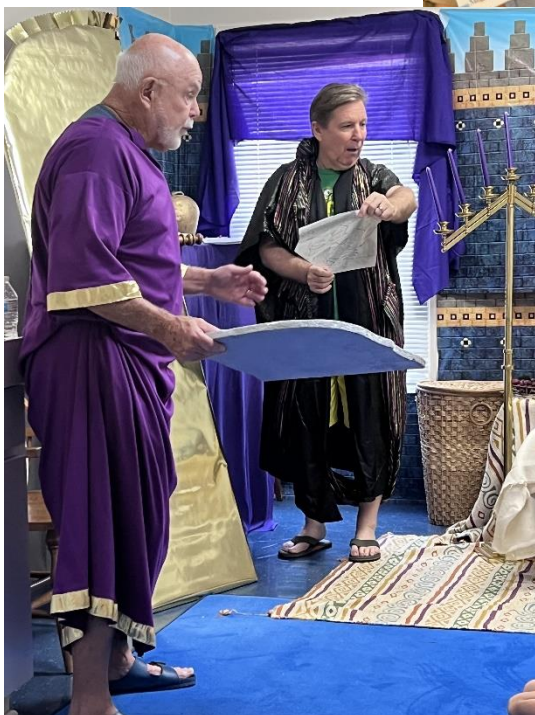
Bill

Pastor Bill





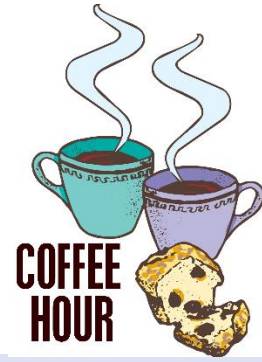
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



In our thoughts and prayers . . .



Lisa Agnew (sister of Beth Horn)	Lupus
Mickey Bell (sister of Rebecca Mikulka)	lung cancer
Fred Bostrom	stroke recovery
Ella Comer (great-niece of Skip Boulter)	cancer
Richard Crum	melanoma
Susan Ham	healing
Katie Hamlin	neurological
Perry Hartley	general health
LaVern Haver	dementia
Gayle Hudson (mother of Jeff Hudson)	cardiac and general health
Frank James (friend of Em Johnson)	general health
Grace James (friend of Mike & Glenda Murphy)	dementia
Frances Jarrett (sister of Bonnie Robinson)	neurological issues
Warren Krhut (brother of Fred Krhut & Donna Anderson)	general health
Joe Mikulka	Parkinson's
Cynthia Nelson	hip surgery/recovery
Hap Partridge	recovery from back injury
Brownie Post	cancer
Tanya Spaulding (mother of Parisa Clarke)	ALS
Walter Stevens (friend of Sheri Vanche)	cancer
Melissa Walker (daughter of Brownie Post)	melanoma
Patti Whiteside (daughter-in-law of Margie Whiteside)	Polymyositis



Volunteers are needed to help host our coffee hour, following the 10 am service. **Keep it simple:** cookies, fruit, cheese & crackers.

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.

A Warm Welcome to our New Members!



Joyce Chisolm



Nancy Craze and Jeff Hicks



Terry Richardson



JAN 29 – FEB 7, 2024

Click on this link for more information:

<https://tpcfairhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/January-29-February-07-Pr.-McCollum-1.pdf>

or pick up a brochure in the church office.



Brennan Chamblee	7/2
Betty Jo Haynie	7/3
Jeff Beard	7/4
Michael Brunson	7/4
Pierce Bufkin	7/4
Blanche Wise	7/4
Karen Johnson	7/5
Chris Clarke	7/6
Anne Harcourt	7/6
Michael Heitz	7/6
Rebekah Calhoun	7/7
Billy Royster	7/7
Marion Thurk	7/7
Cecilia Day	7/8
Matthew Partridge	7/8
Peter Partridge	7/8
Ree Sasser	7/10
Jacob Seitz	7/10
Martha Smith	7/10
Gabel Jackson	7/11
David Wright	7/11
Samantha Broughton	7/13
John Turrentine	7/13
Letty Schiesz	7/14
Diane Douglas	7/15
Newton Allen	7/16
Dale Hubbard	7/17
Kiefer, Cheryl	7/17
George Hommes	7/18
Rick Kingrea	7/18
Lillis Allison	7/19
Linda Foster	7/19
Elisa Rambo	7/19
Buddy Braswell	7/20
Sonya Goolsby	7/20
John Griffin	7/20
Curry McEvoy	7/20
Benjamin McKenzie	7/20
Clayton Watkins	7/20
Langston Eastman	7/21
Robert Hixon	7/21
Jack Cummings	7/23
Jennifer Walker	7/23
Hugh Foster	7/24
Jessica Polk	7/25
Jay Broughton	7/26
Charlene Alexander	7/27
Lucille Broughton	7/27
Sam Dixon	7/27
Scott Calhoun	7/28
Priscilla Comer	7/28
Cindy Webster	7/28
Diane Hubbard	7/29
Matthew Pennington	7/29
Martha Brechlin	7/30
Bob Hamlin	7/30
Kevin Graben	7/31
Jan Harayda	7/31



PW Coordinating Team will meet in the office parlor on **Monday, July 10**, at 9:30 am, to repair Christmas decorations.



Stitchin' With a Mission

Join us Monday, July 17, at 9:30 am

We will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Trinity Hall, upstairs

We have projects for everyone, even those who do not sew, knit, or crochet. Invite a friend to join you!

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

BAPTISM...

anniversaries
1 PETER 3:21

"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."

Maggie Britt

July 21, 2013

Daughter of Brian and Beth Britt

Charlie Broughton

July 14, 2019

Son of Jay and Samantha Broughton

Evalyn Ames Chunn

July 26, 2015

Daughter of Matt and Sherry Chunn

Remember your Prayer Partners.



Marvin Robinson was honored at the American Legion on June 4th for his service in WWII. Celebrating with him is, Priscilla Comer, Susan Richard, Margie Whiteside, his wife, Bonnie Robinson, and Judy Dunn.

Dear Trinity,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and all the prayers since Roy's passing.

God put us in a special church when we moved to Alabama.

Joanne, Zoe, and Abbi Vicich

Dear Trinity Presbyterian,

Thank you so much for letting us stay in your beautiful church. We had so much fun, and it was an amazing experience.

All of us are incredibly grateful for you letting us stay the night.

Love,

*FPC Marietta, GA (Youth Group)
Enzo, Aubrey, Emma, Cece, Anna, Andrew,
Callie, Shane, Lily, and Melissa Gilbert*

Highlights from the June Session Meeting –

Cynthia Nelson, Clerk

- New members were received Sunday, June 4, 2023: Mr. Jeff Hicks joined by Profession of Faith; Ms. Nancy Craze joined by Certificate of Transfer from Dauphin Way United Methodist Church in Mobile, AL; Ms. Terry Richardson join by Certificate of Transfer from The Presbyterian Church in Columbus, MS; and Ms. Joyce Chisolm joined by Certificate of Transfer from Cashiers United Methodist Church in Cashiers, NC.
- The Session approved the Property Committee request to allow the youth from FPC Marietta, GA to spend the night in Trinity Hall on June 22, 2023, and leave the morning of June 23, 2023.
- The Session approved the Finance Committee recommendation to spend \$4320.00 to engage the Industrial Appraisal Company in Pittsburg, PA, to do an appraisal of all church property and contents.
- A letter from Linda Glaze was shared with the Session.
- Carol Smith reviewed the updated Communion Instructions and held a rehearsal in the Sanctuary with the newly ordained Elders.

TRINITY VISIONARY FUND *"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8"*

There are a number of ways to make a legacy gift to Trinity's Visionary Fund, including making specific bequests in your will or trust. A recent survey found that fewer than 2% of Christians in America provide for their church in their will. Further, only 46% of Americans have a will. If you die without a will, state laws govern the way your estate will be distributed. And there will be additional costs and taxes involved.

Please consider making Trinity Presbyterian Church a beneficiary in your will or trust. Your gift can be directed to the Trinity Visionary Fund which is a permanent fund created to produce income for our Missions, Ministries, and Capital Improvements not provided for in the annual operating budget. Because your gift to the endowment is **not** spent but is invested, your gift will have a lasting impact on the life of our church.

Your attorney and family can help you make decisions about your will. A bequest can be made in several ways:

- a specific dollar amount,
- a percentage of the estate,
- a specific asset (security, piece of property, etc.),
- or the remainder of your estate after all other bequests, expenses and taxes have been satisfied.

Sample language for including our church in your will might be: "I give, devise, and bequest (state amount, asset, or percentage of the estate) to the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Fairhope, Alabama to be invested in the permanent endowment, Trinity Visionary Fund, or as the Session deems appropriate."

If you have questions about ways to give to the Trinity Visionary Fund or if you would like to see the income from the endowment used to support a project that is important to you, a Question & Suggestion Box has been added to the Trinity web page under the "Give" tab where the Visionary Fund is highlighted. We want to provide answers to your questions, and we want to hear your suggestions.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<u>2</u> Worship 8am & 10am Miracle Choir 9:15am	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> Men's Bible Study 6:30am The Church Office will be closed.	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> Trinity Support Group 11:30am	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
Senior High RYM Camp: June 3 – 7						
<u>9</u> Worship 8am & 10am Miracle Choir 9:15am	<u>10</u> PW Coordinating Team 9:30am Bridge Academy 5pm (Trinity Hall)	<u>11</u> Men's Bible Study 6:30am	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> Session Meeting 6pm	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u> Worship 8am & 10am Miracle Choir 9:15am	<u>17</u> Stitchin' with a Mission 9:30 am	<u>18</u> Men's Bible Study 6:30am Baking it Forward 10am-6pm	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> <i>Newsletter</i> DEADLINE Send your news to Ana at the church office. Baking it Forward 10am-6pm	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
Guatemala Mission Trip: July 15 – 21						
<u>23</u> Worship 8am & 10am Miracle Choir 9:15am Potluck 11am	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> Men's Bible Study 6:30am	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u> Worship 8am & 10am Miracle Choir 9:15am						