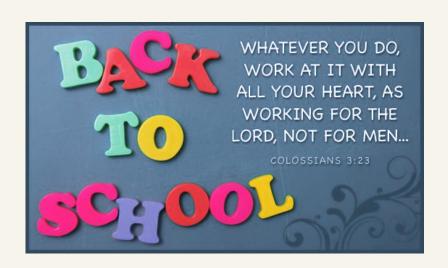
AUGUST 2025

The Herald

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COME WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 A.M.
WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.



From the Pastor

"And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the Lord, according to the directions of David king of Israel. And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel." And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid." – Ezra 3:10-11

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At the beginning of the book of Ezra, the Jews had been exiles during the Babylonian Captivity of the kingdom of Judah and had returned to Israel. Upon returning, they found that the Temple of Jerusalem had been destroyed during the Captivity.

In Ezra, chapter 3, we find the Jews beginning to rebuild the Temple and completing the foundation. To this, they declare that God "is so good! His faithful love for Israel endures forever!" They could have complained or ignored God, or questioned why He allowed the Temple to be destroyed in the first place. But they didn't; they praised Him!

One of the things the biblical Jews can teach us today is that God is good, no matter our circumstances. We can still praise God in the midst of life's storms, just as we praise Him when we get good news or an answer to prayer or when things are going relatively well.

When things aren't going our way, it doesn't mean that God is now bad or against us. It does mean we live in a fallen world. And we know that God is doing something about it – to bring about total redemption of us and the world in which we live.

God is bigger than the conditions and circumstances of our lives. To put it succinctly and quote many of our Christian brethren, "God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good."

In Christ,

Pr. Ray

Upcoming Events



Little Mountain Reunion Come join in on the parade fun!

Once again, Holy Trinity will have a float in the Little Mountain Reunion Parade (Saturday, August 2)! Any and all are welcome to ride or walk alongside the float.

Wear your red Holy Trinity t-shirt and help us toss candy and hand out cold waters.

Please contact Pastor Randy if you are interested in participating or have questions. Candy donations are also welcome. Please leave them in the Conference Room marked "Parade".



Proceeds go to **Water Mission**...a Christian engineering non-profit that builds safe water sanitation, and hygiene solutions in developing countries and disaster areas.

Upcoming Events

" Blessing of the Backpacks

During our Children's Sermon on Sunday, August 3rd, children and adults are invited to bring their backpacks, brief cases, or personal bags to the Altar so we may ask God to bless us this year and help us learn so that we may grow for Him.



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Upcoming Events



There has been interest in a children's choir amongst members of the congregation. If you are under the age of eighteen and are interested in joining, please reach out to Brett Lindler or the church office.

First Communion Instruction

Sundays – September 21, 28 & October 5 9:15a.m. (Conference Room)

Here at Holy Trinity, parents and guardians help determine when a child is ready to receive Holy Communion.

- This 3-session class is designed for children who are preparing to commune for the first time. Any child who already communes but would like a refresher on significance of Holy Communion is also welcome to attend.
- Parents or guardians may attend all classes with their child and must attend the beginning of the first class on September 21st.
- First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, October 5th, during 10:30a.m. worship.
- If you have questions about your child's readiness, please contact Pastor Randy to pick up a copy of "Holy Communion: Discerning Your Child's Readiness." Please note: children 3rd grade and above who have not had First Communion instruction are strongly encouraged to attend.

You may register for this class by contacting Pastor Randy or by calling the church office. Please register no later than Sunday, September 14th to allow us time to prepare adequate materials. Thank you, and we look forward to journeying to the table with you!

August Serving Assistants

Sunday	Acolyte	Crucifer	Bulletin Folder	Lectors	Flowers	
03	Karsyn Crumpton	Tanner Shell	Houston Billingsley	Zack Henson	Louie & Velvet Chapman	
10	Karsyn Crumpton	Tanner Shell	Blair Cromer	Philip Armstrong	Frank & Lin Lake	
17	Logan Frick	Eli Kednocker	Eli Kednocker	Daniel Boland	Ted Arnold	
24	Logan Frick	Eli Kednocker	Natalie Winn	Ann Sanders	Emily Clements	
31	Karter Crumpton	Blair Cromer	Karsyn Crumpton	Kaye Shealy	Bruce & Susan Crawford	

Sunday	Greeters	Nursery		
03	Britton & Holly Havird	Erica Carter, Ritchie Koon		
10	Charles & Cindy Frick	Crystal Crouch, Jenna & Taylor Lake		
17	Phillip & Christie Allison	Peyton Koon, Karen Winn		
24	Erica Carter & Houston Billingsley	Joyce McCall, Jessica, Keaton, & Knowlton Lindler		
31	Darin & Becky Boland	Glenda Hentz, Erica Carter, Joanie Billingsley		

	Communion		
03	Dean & Barbie Rodgers		

Altar / Parament

Karen Winn, Connie Frick

Ushers	Chairman:	Marty Frick	* Elevator operator
03, 10	Josh Long	Dalton Chapman	Lane Attaway*
17, 24, 31	Louie Chapman	Robert Edwards	Jackson Livingston*

August

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 LM Reunion Prep- 8am LM Reunion Parade - 9:30am Humble Hot Dog Lunch 10am-2pm
9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship / Blessing of Backpacks	4 Prayer Shawl-9am TLC - 7pm	5	6	7	8	9
10 7:30am- Council Meeting 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 5:30pm- Teens for Christ	11 Prayer Shawl-9am	12 GLASS-6:30pm	Community Meal 6pm-6:45pm	14	15	16
9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 6:30pm-Lutheran Men	18 Prayer Shawl-9am	19	20	21	22	23
9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 5:30pm-Teens FC 31 9:15am-SS 10:30am-Worship	25 Prayer Shawl-9am	26 GLASS-6:30pm	Preschool Open House 5:30pm	28 Happy Mountaineers 4 Churches Meeting 11am	29	30

Bible Verse of the Month

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." - Romans 12:2

August Birthdays

August 1 Michael Stoudemire

Noah Bodie

August 2 Sandy House

August 3 Erica King Carter

Jessica King Lindler

August 6 Dalton Chapman

Hannah Chapman

August 7 Julia Chapman Cregger

August 8 Madison Wicker

August 10 Savanna Brown

Julie Stanley

August 11 Tony Stanley

August 12 Abby Crawford

Whitney Lester

August 14 Emily Clements

August 16 Laurie Chapman

Elizabeth DiLiberto

August 17 Ada McCarley Carter

August 19 Kelli Shealy Robinson

August 21 Samantha Curtis

Daniel Curtis

Jackson Havird

August 22 Philip Armstrong

August 24 Kimberly Steffy

August 25 Bobbie Bickley

Ted Arnold

Bruce Crawford

August 26 Patsy Frick

Jessica Winn Derrick

August 27 Alice Martinez

Kevin Crumpton

August 28 Jay Sheely

August 29 Caroline Attaway

Allen Chapman

Richie Wicker

August 31 Shealy Graham



Memorials & Honorariums

Building Fund

In Memory of Wayne Richardson given by Barbara & Maxton King, Eleanor Bush.

In Memory of Emmie Sue Barnes given by Barbara & Maxton King.

In Memory of Pastor Ronald L. Diegel given by Barbara & Maxton King.

In Memory of Sarah Sheely Paysinger given by Barbara & Maxton King, Frank & Lin Lake.

In Memory of Jessica Grooms given by Larry & Renae Grooms.

In Honor of Golden Agers given by Randell & Amanda Drafts.

In Honor of Willow Robinson's 5th Birthday given by Kaye & Charles Shealy.

Thank You Notes

To all my fellow church members,
Friends and family, I would like to express my
sincere appreciation for all your love and concern
during my recent illness and surgery. Many thanks
for all your cards, calls, visits, prayers, food, and all
acts of kindness. It means so much to have all
your support.
Thanks again,
Lib Boland



Holy Trinity Prayer Concerns

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God. (Phil. 4:6)

Pam & Stuart Dalton, Tourie & Hunter Corbett (Niece of Patsy Frick), Wayne & Pam Shealy (Sister of Artie & Kim), David McCall, Eddie Stevenson (Brother-inlaw of Maxton King), Helen Koon, Mike Brown (Father of Jillian Long), Kaye Shealy, Hannah Drafts, Jake Bearden (Grandson of Dot Abrams), Scott & Cheri Bell, Molly Kednocker, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie Bickley, Jonell Shealy. Note: Out of respect for individual wishes and privacy, if you wish to have someone placed on the prayer list, please obtain their permission prior to submitting it for publication in the newsletter.

Thanks for your understanding.

We remember those in nursing care centers and the shut-ins of our congregation:

White Oak of Newberry Jean Alewine, Sylvia Taylor

Wellmore of Lexington
Carolyn Shealy

Going in the hospital? Having surgery? Recovering from an illness? Are you in need of spiritual guidance or maybe in need of prayer?

Pastor Randy and the pastoral care volunteers of our congregation will be happy to visit with you at the hospital, at home or just pray for your healing and well-being.

Please call Pastor Randy Drafts at (803)537-2303 or the church office and let us know of your need and we will be glad to visit and pray with you anytime.

Remember, the Pastor and pastoral care volunteers cannot respond to or meet your needs if they are not aware of them.

Holy Trinity Staff

Disciples of Christ

Pastor

Parish Office Administrator

Director of Youth & Education Ministries

Director of Music Ministries

Organists

Sexton

People of Holy Trinity

Rev. Randy Drafts

Mrs. Marie Shealy

Mr. Chris Crouch

Mr. Brett Lindler

Mrs. Lib Boland

Mrs. Donna Fulmer

Mr. Brett Lindler

Mr. Ted Arnold

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

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