

# God's Love In Action

GLIA: the essential element, or glue,  
which connects the tissue found in the nerve centers of the body

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The mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is to:  
**To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

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## EXERCISE CLASS

BEGINS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

The **Exercise Class** will start their Fall Classes on **Monday, September 19**. The Exercise Class meets on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. for about an hour. They are using the **Grow Young Fitness & Balance** and the **Stretching Tape**. The class is open to everyone and will meet on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. for about an hour.

The class meets in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like additional information on what to expect from the class contact Pam Turner.

### *Epworth Children's Home Work Day Offering Sunday, September 11*

EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! Where do children go when DSS has taken them from their families because of abuse or neglect? Epworth is currently serving 354 children and families through their Residential and Independent Living programs, statewide Foster Care program, the Epworth Center for Counseling, the Early Intervention Center, and prevention services. Each of these children have found refuge in the ministry we share as United Methodists in SC.

Epworth Children's Home has been welcoming children in Christ's name for 126 years through the generous support of churches like ours! We will participate in the annual Work Day Offering on Sunday, September 11th, to benefit the children who are served by Epworth. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry.

For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org) or find them on social media.



The **Finance Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, September 7**, at **6 p.m.** Members of the Finance Committee are Mary Kamoroff, Chairperson, John Jordan, Patsy Boggs, Sue Ballentine, Jo Ann Heiting, Ted Frady, Jessica Warble, Jeanette Hornsby and Marie Stiles.



Church Council will meet on Sunday, September 11, at 2 p.m.



**Charge Conference** will be held on **Tuesday, September 20**, at **7:30 p.m.**



Each month we will highlight the birthdays of those who are turning 85 or older. The birthday for September:

**September 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Hilda Edwards  
1186 Gunter Circle  
West Columbia, SC 29169*



**Jane Bryant**

Ray & Gale Frady

**Bob Bryant**

Wayne & Charlie Hooker

**Chuck Martin**

Lynn Martin  
Marty Johnson  
Irvin & Dale Wells

**Charles McNeill**

Jeanette Hornsby  
Tom Geddens  
Irvin & Dale Wells  
Mary Kamoroff  
Bonnie Ramsey  
Jo Ann Heiting  
Wayne & Kay Johnston  
Ray & Gale Frady  
Wayne & Kay Johnston  
Lynn Martin  
Wayne & Charlie Hooker  
John & Sue Ballentine  
Dee Senn  
Jean Raynor

**Boots Morgan**

John & Sue Ballentine  
Joyce Robinson  
Wayne & Charlie Hooker  
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd  
Irvin & Dale Wells

**Judy Bauer**

Wayne & Charlie Hooker

**Oren Edwards**

Joyce Robinson  
Mary Kamoroff  
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd  
Lynn Martin  
John & Patsy Zeigler  
Kenneth & Becky Long  
Charles & Margaret Tisdale  
Irvin & Dale Wells  
Diane Byars  
George Taylor, Sr.  
Wayne & Kay Johnston  
John & Sue Ballentine  
Dominion Energy Payment Processing Dept.

Bonnie Ramsey  
Jo Ann Heiting  
Jackie McNeill  
Jeanette Hornsby  
Tom Geddens  
Juliet Bishop  
Wayne & Belinda Cockrell  
Keith & Karen Berry  
Rehobeth UMC Adult SS Class  
Ray & Gale Frady  
Wayne & Charlie Hooker  
Jean Raynor



A *Gift to Trinity* was given in loving memory of **Tommy Johnson** on his birthday August 4<sup>th</sup> by Marty Johnson.



**WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:**

**Hilda Edwards and family** on the death of her husband, **Oren Edwards**, on Saturday, August 20, 2022.

**Jackie McNeill and family** on the death of her husband, **Charles McNeill**, on Friday, August 26, 2022.

Dear Trinity Family,

Kay and I would like to express our thanks for all of the support and prayers during our recent surgeries and our bout with COVID. We are especially grateful to those who ran errands for us when we were not able. Thank you for your humble love.

Love in Christ,  
John and Kay Jordan



The following are recent additions or changes in address:

Nell Cooke  
Brookdale  
1920 Ebenezer Road, Room 705  
Rock Hill, SC 29732

Mitzie Graff  
100 Asbury Lane #11A  
West Columbia, SC 29169

Megan Howard  
Kinsley  
617 Edgewater Lane West  
Columbia, SC 29169

Brandon Jones  
Kelsey Tolliver  
141 Dunn Lane  
Lexington, SC 29073

Jackie McNeill  
700 DaVega Drive, Unit 34  
Lexington, SC 29073

Jeffrey Portwood  
225 Dove Nest Court  
West Columbia, SC 29170

Irvin Wells  
Calhoun Convalescent Center  
601 Dantzler Street, E8  
St. Matthews, SC 29135

I will work on a new directory following Charge Conference.

## Combating Sin

As Christians, we are on the front lines of the fight against sin and evil. We receive the same commission that the first disciples received in Matthew 28: 19-20: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. (NRSV)." We are to overcome sin and evil and bring God's Kingdom to fruition.

How are we to overcome sin and evil and bring God's kingdom to fruition? Perhaps we can use force. I do not mean violence but just continually getting in people's faces. We ask everyone we meet if they know Jesus then tell them about Jesus before they can answer. Perhaps we can use fear. A little hellfire and brimstone may scare people into turning away from sin and evil. Let people know that if they continue sinning they are going to burn in the fires of hell for eternity.

However, there are problems with using force and fear to overcome sin and evil. Force and fear coerce people into doing what the one wielding the force and fear wants them to do. Coercion is the way of evil powers so any method that coerces cannot bring about God's kingdom. While force and fear may lead one to say they repent, their repentance does not come from the soul. Force and fear do not make disciples of Jesus Christ.

If force and fear are not means of overcoming sin and evil, what is? Since sin and evil are antithetical to the Kingdom of God, what is the opposite of force and fear? The opposite of force and fear is humble love. Kallistos Ware, a Greek Orthodox theologian, relates, "Loving humility is a terrible force: it is the strongest of all things, and there is nothing else like it."<sup>1</sup>

Humble love overcomes all force and fear. Greg lived in a Christian community that believed in racial equality. During his senior year in high school, he was ostracized for befriending the Afro-American student that integrated the high school. One day he was challenged by T.J. to a fight after school. As he went to his car, he was confronted by T. J. and others. Greg told T.J. he did not want to fight but T.J. hit him, knocking him to the ground. Greg got up, lip bleeding, and said, "T.J., I love you and am not going to fight you." T.J. dropped his hands, unclenched his fists, and walked away.

When we wonder how to overcome sin and evil, the most powerful way, the only way, is humble love. To quote Ware once again, "Always decide: 'I will combat it (sin) by humble love.' If you resolve on that once for all, you can conquer the whole world."<sup>2</sup>

Shalom,  
John

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<sup>1</sup> Kallistos Ware, *The Orthodox Way*, (Crestwood, NY, St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1979)

<sup>2</sup> Ibid