

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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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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

The **Exercise Class** is open to everyone and 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 meets in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like additional information on what to expect from the class contact Pam Turner.



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

October 13

Morris Taylor
1200 Tarrytown Lane
West Columbia, SC 29170

October 14

Charles Sox
1827 Shull Avenue
Gilbert, SC 29054

October 24

Claudia Sineath
1620 Goldfinch Lane
West Columbia, SC 29169

ADULT Sunday School

Currently scheduled for October 2, the Adult Sunday School Class will begin studying *Twelve Extraordinary Women* by longtime pastor and prolific Christian author John MacArthur, a study of five women from the Old Testament and seven women from the New Testament. Tom Geddens ordered ten copies of this book. This study should take up the remainder of this year. Tom hopes that in the New Year, the class will agree to begin reading from the Bible about the life of David, primarily from the First and Second Books of Samuel and perhaps First Chronicles and the opening of First Kings, too.

Organizational Meeting for New T.a.G. Group Thursday, October 13 11 a.m.

Several people have expressed interest in starting a T.a.G. group that meets during the day. An organizational meeting will be held Thursday, October 13 at 11:00 am in the conference room. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested please be there. If you are interested but unable to attend please call Pastor John. We will begin by studying Kevin Watson's book *The Class Meeting: Reclaiming a Forgotten Small Group Experience*. One does not have to be a member of Trinity to participate.



Columbia Community Concert Band Sunday, October 16 4 p.m.

The 42nd season of the Columbia Community Concert Band begins with a change in the day and time of our concerts. We will be performing on Sunday, October 16, at 4 p.m., at Airport High School Auditorium located at 1315 Boston Avenue in West Columbia. The concert will consist of hymns, Irish tunes and the Broadway hit "Phantom of the Opera" and will last approximately 45 minutes. Chris Derrick has graciously agreed to drive the church bus. A signup sheet is on the round table in the Gathering Area for those who would like to ride the bus. We're looking forward to another great year of music and hope you can join us!

Lynn Martin



Chuck Martin

Edwa Meek
Arvan & Becky Derrick
Linda Maloch

Boots Morgan

Edwa Meek
Arvan & Becky Derrick

Carolyn Hardee

Edwa Meek
Arvan & Becky Derrick

Pauline Wenner

Edwa Meek

Cindy Ellenberg

Wayne & Charlie Hooker
Ray & Gale Frady

Charles McNeill

Wilford & Patricia Sargent
Joyce Robinson
Jim & Marie Stiles
Sinners SS Class
Pam Turner
George Taylor, Sr.
English & Jewel Pearcy
John & Patsy Zeigler
Hilda Edwards
Claudia DuBose
Bob & Gaynell Hubbs
Dan Wiggins, Jr.
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd
Carol Kirby
Nell Cooke
Edwa Meek
Vince & Sue Rhodes
Terri D. Brock Agency, Inc.
Arvan & Becky Derrick

Oren Edwards

Jim & Marie Stiles
Sinners SS Class
Janice Hardwick
Billy & Janet Hardwick
Cathy, Corey & Darly Farr
English & Jewel Pearcy
Edwa Meek
Arvan & Becky Derrick

Jeff Porwood
Pam Turner
David & Nell Scott
Betty Baines
Pat & Lynn Bryant
Bill & Diane Youngblood
Jill Carroll
Nancy Allen

Irvin Wells

Tom Geddens
English & Jewel Pearcy
Lynn Martin
Mary Kamaroff
Jo Ann Heiting
Edwa Meek
Jeanette Hornsby
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd
Ray & Gale Frady

Pam Turner
John & Patsy Zeigler
Hilda Edwards
Bonnie Ramsey
Raymond & Pam Wells
Jim & Marie Stiles
Wayne & Charlie Hooker
Arvan & Becky Derrick
George Taylor, Sr.

Ray Culbreth

Pam Turner
Joyce Robinson
Hilda Edwards
Lynn Martin
Ray & Gale Frady
George C. Taylor, Sr.
English & Jewel Pearcy
John & Linda Gibbons
Jo Ann Heiting

Jim & Marie Stiles
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd
Tom Geddens
Arvan & Becky Derrick
Bonnie Ramsey
John & Patsy Zeigler
Leon & Anna-Marie Phillips
Peggy & Chad Shull
Lisa Croen



To My Church Family,

Thank you so much for the love and support shown me during Irvin's illness. Each card that was sent I read to him, and this always put a smile on his face. For this I am very grateful!

For all that prepared food for my family, what a blessing. The dinner was enjoyed by all!

Thank you again for all the love, support and compassion shown for us during this difficult time.

Many blessings,
Dale Wells and Family



To Our Wonderful Church Family,

Thank you all so much for your prayers, thoughts, love, food and memorials for Oren. He loved each and every one of you and I do too.

You have all shown so much love and we really appreciate it. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Love,
Hilda Edwards and Family



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Dale Wells and family on the death of her husband, **Irvin Wells**, on Friday, September 2, 2022.

Wayne and Charlie Hooker and family on the death of her brother, **Ray Culbreth**, on Sunday, September 18, 2022.

Perry Padgett and family on the death of his mother, **Shirley Padgett**, on Sunday, September 25, 2022.

John's Jottings

To Do Good or to Be Good

As Christians, are we to do good or be good? One may argue that there is no difference, that to do good and to be good are the same. However, there is a great difference between doing good and being good. This difference lies in the type of verb.

We remember from elementary school grammar that a verb is a word that expresses action or existence. "Doing good" expresses performing an action defined as good, usually by cultural norms. Usually, an action that is defined as good benefits someone else. Helping a blind person cross a busy street is doing good. Mowing an elderly neighbor's lawn is doing good. We can think of a thousand ways we can do good.

Being good is something different. Being good expresses a state of existence. One that exists in a state of goodness is being good. One must be in union with God to be good. Jesus says to the rich ruler, "No one is good but God alone" (Luke 18:19). Our being good is that God is in us and we are in God by way of mutual participation.¹ Our being good comes from our participation in God's will.

One may argue that someone good does good. This may fall into what Adam Hamilton calls a half-truth. The truth is that someone good, in the goodness of God, can only do good. A justified person, being aligned with God's will, cannot do an evil act intentionally. A good person can only do good.

Following that reasoning, an evil person can only do evil. However, that is not the case. An evil person may do good. When she worked at Post Trauma Resources, Kay did a debriefing at the Firestone Tire and Rubber Plant in Aiken after the arrest of Reinaldo Rivera, who had worked there. Rivera was charged with raping and killing four women and assaulting another in the Aiken-Augusta area. Many of his coworkers described him as being nice and helpful. This evil man did some good things. Jesus points out to the disciples that even sinners do good (Matthew 5: 43-47, Luke 6: 32-34). An evil person can do good but a good person cannot do evil.

If we are evil, that is sinners, how can we be good? No amount of doing good can make us good. We can only be good through God's grace. We acknowledge that we are evil, and turn from evil to God. God imparts upon us divine grace which cleanses us from sin and makes us good. Our will aligns with God's will. We seek to grow closer in love with God and our neighbor. We are sanctified and are truly good.

Shalom,

John.

¹ Theodore Runyon, *The New Creation: John Wesley's Theology Today*. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1998) 55.



We have heard of churches wanting to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church and join the New Global Methodist Church that is forming. The Global Methodist Church is taking a conservative stance on the issue of homosexuality, same-sex marriage, and the ordination of homosexuals. Churches may disaffiliate with their property under the provisions of paragraph 2553 of the *2016 Book of Discipline* amended in 2019. This paragraph reads, “Because of the current deep conflict within The United Methodist Church around issues of human sexuality, a local church shall have a limited right, under the provisions of this paragraph, to disaffiliate from the denomination for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of the Book of Discipline related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference, or the actions or inactions of its annual conference related to these issues which follow.”

This means that a local church may disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church and retain its property for reasons of conscience. A church may disaffiliate if the Bishop and/or leadership of the Annual Conference are not following the Book of Discipline regarding this issue.

Bishop Holston, the Cabinet, and the leadership of the South Carolina Annual Conference have vowed to follow the *2016 Book of Discipline*. This means that churches in South Carolina are not allowed to disaffiliate since there is no conflict of conscience. *The Book of Discipline* has not changed and cannot be changed until the 2024 General Conference.

What does this mean for us at Trinity? What it means is we wait. We wait until the 2024 General Conference is over and changes in the *Book of Discipline* are (or not) made. We keep ourselves informed from reliable sources. Ask the UMC, <https://www.umc.org/en/ask-the-umc-form>, is a great resource for any questions regarding the United Methodist Church. Finally, pray. Pray for our church, pray for the United Methodist Church, and pray for the church universal that we may be the Body of Christ in the World.