



Weekly Update

September 9, 2026

Honey or Vinegar

So, what's on my mind?

It seems to be that time of year when those pesky little fruit flies start to show up, which reminds me of the common saying, "You catch more flies with honey than you do with vinegar." Well, someone forgot to tell the company I ordered fly traps from, because one of the main ingredients is vinegar.

Apparently, the secret to catching fruit flies is not honey after all. It's vinegar. As I watched those little flies gathering around the trap, I started thinking about how often we use that saying to describe people. We all know what it means: kindness and gentleness tend to be more effective at drawing people in than anger, harshness, or criticism.

So, what are we attracting? That may be a good question for us as Christians and, especially, for us as a church. The apostle Paul gives us some interesting advice in Colossians 4:6. He writes, "Your speech should always be gracious, seasoned with salt. That way you'll know how you should respond to each person."

Paul doesn't say that we have to agree with everyone, or that we should avoid difficult conversations, or pretend that everything is okay when it isn't. But he

does tell us that the way we speak to one another matters. Our words can draw people closer or push them away. Our attitudes can make people feel welcome or make them feel like they don't belong. Our churches can become places where people encounter the grace of God, or places where people encounter something that looks very little like grace. And this isn't just about the words we use inside the church. It is about the way we live our lives everywhere we go.

When someone encounters us at the grocery store, at work, in our neighborhood, online, or here at church, what do they encounter? Do they encounter patience? Kindness? Grace? Or do they encounter vinegar?

And it's worth remembering as we think about the future of our church. We want to grow. We want to reach new people. We want younger generations and young families to discover a place where they can belong. We want people who haven't been part of a church in years, or maybe ever, to walk through our doors.

May our lives, and our church, be places where people encounter something that looks, sounds, and feels like the grace of Jesus Christ. And if we do that, perhaps people won't simply be attracted to our church. Perhaps they'll be attracted to Jesus.

May God hold you,

Rev. Chris Hester

In Our Prayers



Members In Need of Prayer

Pat Abernathy
Emily Haynes
Robin Hubbard
Sue Morris
Mary Ellen Prater
Ruth Sosebee
Patti Whelchel



Homebound

Billie Rae Bright
Jane Crumley



Rehab/Assisted Living

Emily Gailey
Iantha Garrett
Victor Hale
Marshall & Bobbylea
Pennington
Sheila Stanley



In Sympathy

The Family of Carol Hembree
The Family of Shirley Gunter
(Alicia Brown's Mother)



Friends & Family of the Church

Brian Allison
Cancer-Ben Corley

Dan Havrilak
Tumor-Lee Ann Eaton

Martha Patrick
Cancer-Mary Dyer's Sister

Gary Bull
Cancer-Ben Corley

Nancy Hill
Stroke

Sawyer Sistrunk
Brain Cancer

Steven Eaton
Medical Tests
Lee Ann Eaton's Brother

Gail Jarrard
Injuries from a fall

Joyce Thomas
Brain Bleed-Ira Frank

Allison Ellis
Patti Pirkle's Daughter

Troy Livingston
Pancreatic Cancer

David Truelove
Leukemia

Heidi Ferguson
Melissa Hollifield

Megan Lower
Colon Cancer-Hillary Truelove

Margarette Wiley
Colon Cancer

Prayer requests will remain on this list for one month, unless updated/or extended through the church office.
Bold indicates a new name or updated info.
*Indicates recently hospitalized or surgery
Please keep us updated on the condition of these for whom we are praying.



Make a Note



Each Week at **TUMC**



10 am
Sunday School



11 am
Worship



5 pm
Youth

Unless otherwise noted

Ladies YOGA



Tuesdays 12:45 pm



Trinity Hall



All Ladies Welcome



AA Meetings

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
6 pm



Looking for a Deeper
Connection in
Your Faith?

Join a Small Group

Share, Support & Grow in Christ

Contact Pastor Chris



SATURDAY
Morning
PRAYER
— 9 AM —

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SEPTEMBER 13

8:30 AM | TRINITY HALL

ALL MEN AND BOYS WELCOME!

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

SEPTEMBER 16

Unload 1:00 PM

Setup 4:30 PM

Distribution 5:30 PM

SEPT: CLOX WIPES (CLEANING WIPES)

UMW Meeting

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

5:30 PM

TRINITY HALL

GUEST SPEAKER: Janet Walden

Wellroot Family Services

ITEMS TO DONATE: DIAPERS, BABY WIPES, BABY WASH, BABY LOTION, BABY RASH CREAM

COLLECTION BOX IS IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.

2026 Charge Conference

Sunday September 27, 4 pm

Trinity UMC, Clermont GA

Fall FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 25

4PM - 6PM

Trinity United Methodist Church
5622 Clarks Bridge Rd, Clermont, GA

www.trinityclermont.org

GAMES

FOOD

BOUNCE HOUSE

PRIZE/CAKE WALK

TRUNK OR TREAT

Home Sweet Home Housewarming Party

Let's celebrate
Graham & Katie Marlowe Hanson

Sunday, September 27

Drop by from 2:00-4:00

Trinity Hall

Hosted by Family & Friends

Wishlists: Amazon & Target

Offerings

Mark Your Calendars

9/13	Men's Breakfast
9/16	Food Distribution
9/17	UMW Meeting
9/27	Charge Conference
10/4	Men's Breakfast
10/7	Dinner Church
10/12	Columbus Day
10/21	Food Distribution
11/1	Daylight Savings Ends Men's Breakfast
11/4	Dinner Church
11/18	Food Distribution
11/21	Christmas Market & BBQ

Weekly Budget Receipts

Date	General Fund	Budget Need
9/6	\$4,190	
9/13		\$6,315 per week
9/20		
9/27		

THANK YOU
for
GIVING



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2026 Financial Summary

	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
General Fund	\$21,139	\$41,303	\$229,237	\$203,524
Expenses	\$26,728	\$23,640	\$215,271	\$189,145
Capital Fund	Balance on August 31: \$89,847.74			



Volunteers

	September 13	September 20	September 27
Media	Jim Haynes Jax Smith	Brooks Corley Laura Corley	Lee Matthews Shelly Matthews
Greeter	Shirley Gailey	Luanne Cape	Tess Wagner
Usher	Jim Gailey Sam Smith	Chris Hollifield Derek Satterfield	Steve Warwick Zach Warwick
Nursery	Sandra Hill Jill Lee	Samantha Hulsey	Melissa Hollifield Sarah Satterfield
Acolytes	Layne Glover	Adalyn Giles	
Counters for September	Larry Glover & Megan Thomas		

If you are unable to serve on the indicated Sunday, please contact your team leader

Media
Laura Corley

Nursery
Hillary Truelove

Greeter
Shirley Gailey

Acolyte
Chris Hester

Ushers
Jim Gailey

Counters
Chris Hollifield



Join Us in Reading Through the Bible in 2026

In this plan, the books are grouped together by seven categories for each day of the week: Monday-Epistles; Tuesday-The Law; Wednesday-History; Thursday-Psalms; Friday-Poetry; Saturday-Prophecy; Sunday-Gospels.

A selection of 1-6 chapters will be read from a category each day. The reading plan for each week will be included in the bulletin, the weekly update, & will be posted daily on Facebook.

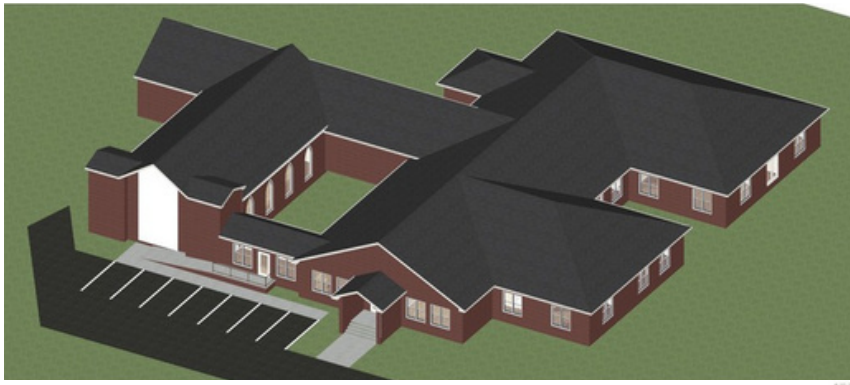


September 2026



Sunday Gospels	Monday Epistles	Tuesday The Law	Wednesday History	Thursday Psalms	Friday Poetry	Saturday Prophecy
						
		1 Numbers 9-12	2 1 Chron 15-19	3 Psalms 105-107	4 Proverbs 22	5 Joel
6 John 13-15	7 2 Timothy 3-4	8 Numbers 13-16	9 1 Chron 20-24	10 Psalms 108-110	11 Proverbs 23-24	12 Amos 1-4
13 John 16-18	14 Titus	15 Numbers 17-20	16 1 Chron 25-29	17 Psalms 111-113	18 Proverbs 25	19 Amos 5-9
20 John 19-21	21 Philemon	22 Numbers 21-24	23 2 Chron 1-5	24 Psalms 114-116	25 Proverbs 26-27	26 Obadiah
27 Acts 1-2	28 Hebrews 1-4	29 Numbers 25-28	30 2 Chron 6-10			

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. - Psalms 119:105

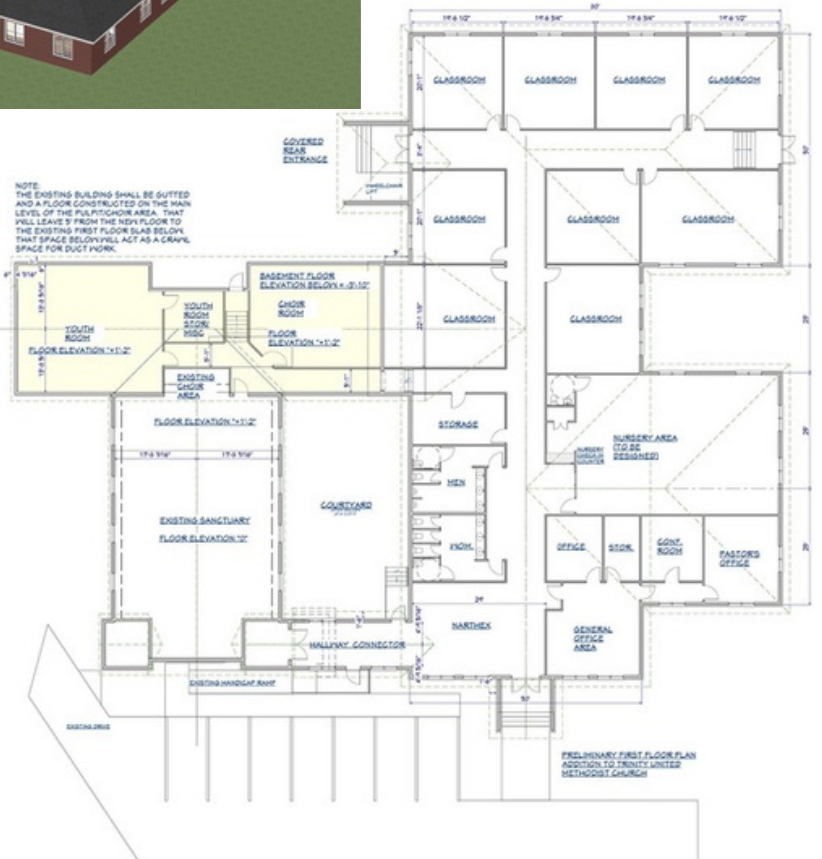


A Vision for the Future

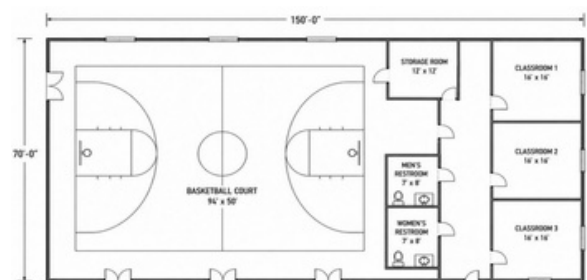
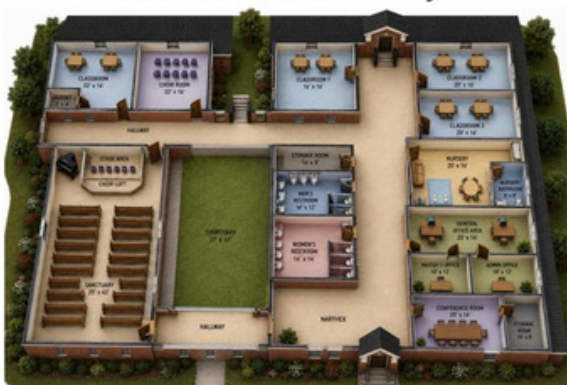
We have received some very good feedback on the building project. One of the things we have heard expressed is the desire to have a Family Life Center. A set of drawings was created to give us an idea of how that would work on our property. These new drawings are in the back of the church, along with the original architect renderings.

Please take a minute to fill out the survey letting us know how your thoughts on these concepts or if you have another suggestion for us to consider. Printed surveys are available in the back of the Sanctuary or scan the QR code and fill in the form.

TUMC Building Committee



Covered Portico/Driveway



Covered Portico



