

June Newsletter

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

Lord, hear our constant prayers for . . .

Mr. Burl Brown Mrs. Joan McFadden
Mrs. Agnes Hatcher Mrs. Marian Martin
Mr. Je'dan LeSure Mrs. Nancy Pritchett
Mrs. Jackie Wilder

**Prayer Hour – Join us each Saturday @ 11 a.m.
Dial: 1/681-999-0264 (Access Code: 391959#)**

Prayer Requests/Concerns – May 7, 2022

Leo Clancy & LeSure families – bereavement
Funeral Services for Leo Clancy is today, 2 p.m., Holy Cross, Camden

Johnnie Morris' family – bereavement (husband of Gail Morris)
Malcolm McBride's family – bereavement (grandson of Octavia McBride)

Marian Martin – hospitalized with pneumonia
Margaret Bryant – extended days in rehab
Cyndi Campbell-Jones
Angela LeSure

Je'dan LeSure – Thanks to God for progress he's making
Jean and Victoria Davison – Victoria is making great progress

Pastor Washington and family/Church families

Bereaved families, sick and shut-in, doctors, nurses, caregivers, etc.

Prayer warriors online this morning – guide and protect us

All graduates in our circle and others as they move on to greater heights

Blessings to all mothers – Mother's Day is tomorrow, May 8th
Thank You for wisdom and love given to us (earthly and heavenly mothers)

Roe v. Wade – Supreme Court decision – God's wisdom and protection

Bind Satan . . .

Thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers . . . In Jesus' name . . . **Amen!**

Prayer Requests/Concerns – May 14, 2022

Frederick Stallworth's family – bereavement

John A. Reese – pneumonia

Marian Martin – pneumonia

Margaret Bryant – continued rehab

Angela LeSure

Pastor Marvin Griffin and wife, Mrs. Shirley Griffin

Je'dan LeSure and mother, Shaunte' LeSure

Jean and Victoria Davison

Pastor Washington and family/Church families

Bereaved families and sick/shut-in

Doctors, nurses, caregivers, families, etc.

Abortion issue, Lord, praying that Supreme Court will make right decision

Everyone online this morning for prayer hour – Thank You, Lord, for the opportunity to come together and lift up prayers unto You!

Blessings on our Worship Services tomorrow

Blessings to all graduates around our community and church

Trinity will recognize our 2022 graduates on Sunday, May 22nd

Gabriel Buster, Skye Perkins, Summer Perkins

Lord, the virus in Dallas County seems to be going up
Let us continue to be on alert! And not let our guard down!

Bind Satan, the enemy . . .

Thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers!

In Jesus' name, we pray . . . **Amen!**

Prayer Requests/Concerns – May 21, 2022

Vivian Fleming – ill, doing much better

Pastor Marvin Griffin and wife, Mrs. Shirley Griffin

Burl Brown

Angela LeSure

Je'dan LeSure and mom, Shaunte' LeSure

Mildred Elvy – (sister of Ruben Dunlap) – thanks to God for progress

Rev. Ulmer Marshall – recovering from knee surgery

Pastor Washington and family/Church families

Prayers for our LC-MS congregations in need of pastoral leadership

Bereaved families and sick/shut-in everywhere

Thanks to God for our graduates

Thanks to our participants and leaders of the DEEP Program at Trinity

Thanks to all who are gathered here this morning online for prayer hour

God's blessings on the upcoming Election – May 24th

Bind Satan, the enemy . . .

Thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers

In Jesus' name . . . we pray . . . **Amen!**

Prayer Requests/Concerns – May 28, 2022

Families of victims in mass shootings – comfort and strength for them

Davis & Penn families – bereavement
(Family members of Pastor & Dr. Washington)

Mrs. Mary Nye and husband, Rev. Ferry Nye

Margaret Bryant – has made improvement

Pastor Marvin Griffin and wife, Mrs. Shirley Griffin

Burl Brown

Angela LeSure

Pastor Washington and family/Church families

Victoria & Jean Davison thank everyone for their prayers

Recently bereaved families

Sick and shut-in, caregivers, nurses, doctors, etc.

Congregations in need of permanent pastoral leadership

Bless our services on tomorrow and other church services

This is Memorial Day holiday weekend – we remember our fallen heroes

Blessings unto all who are online this morning for prayer

Thank You, Lord, for your blessings unto us!

Bind Satan, the evil one . . .
Keep us on alert and on our guard!

Thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers!

In Jesus' name, we pray . . . **Amen!**

Portals of Prayer – June, 2022

The Day of Pentecost (June 5) Spirit of Truth, what comfort it is to know that You dwell in our hearts. Thank You for the saving faith You created in us. Keep us steadfast in Your Word so that we cling to You always and look to You for guidance in our daily living. Embolden us, as You did the first disciples, to declare God's saving grace to all whom we encounter. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Holy Trinity (June 12) Holy Trinity, though You are unfathomable, You have given us hearts of faith. We praise You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for Your great works in the world and in us. We marvel at the beauty of Your creation. The redeeming work of Your Son brings us hearts of gratitude. The Spirit's gift of faith is our guarantee of life forever with You. We praise and magnify Your holy name. **Amen.**



Father's Day/Fathers (June 19) O God, we praise You for being our kind and heavenly Father. Your compassion and love in sending Your Son to die for us is the greatest gift we could ever receive. We thank You also for Christian fathers in our homes who lead us to know You and know the way of salvation through Your Son, Jesus. Bless all Christian fathers in their service to You and their families. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24) Lord Jesus, as John the Baptist boldly pointed to You in words and actions, may we, too, be bold in our Christian witness. Give us strength and courage to speak of Your redeeming death on the cross for all. Thank You for clothing us in Your righteousness in our Baptism. Lead us to daily remember how, through water and the Word, we became Your beloved children. **Amen.**

Stewardship Devotion

Scripture Reading:

“But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth” (**2 Thessalonians 2:13**).

Saint and Sinner

In Psalm 51, David’s great psalm of repentance, he confesses, **“Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight”** (verse 4). So it is with us. We sin daily. We sin egregiously. There is nothing else for us to do, for we are sinners. **“Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me”** (verse 5), David declares. This is the state of all humankind since the Fall in the Garden of Eden.

Yet our gracious God chooses us to be His own! We cannot understand this. There is nothing we can do to be accepted by God and nothing we can do to receive His salvation. Jesus said, **“. . . I told you that no one can come to Me unless the Father has enabled him”** (John 6:65).

In spite of our sinfulness, we are called saints. Paul, writing to the Philippians and to the Ephesians as well, greets them, **“To all the saints . . .”** (Philippians 1:1). That’s you! That is I! This concept of saint and sinner is one that Luther grasped and explained. We are sinners in fact, but we are righteous at the same time because Christ has imputed His righteousness to us. By Christ’s blood we are declared righteous and by the work of His Spirit through Word and Sacrament, we are daily being sanctified until in Heaven we no longer have this struggle with our sinful nature.

Prayer:

Oh, Lord God, truly You are mighty and powerful – yet You care for me! You created the world and all that is in it – and You created me! I sin against You, but You forgive, redeem, and restore me to Yourself. In fact, You came to me when I most needed You – when I was “dead in [my] transgressions and sins” – and You became like me so that I will one day be like You! Thank You, dear Jesus. Let Your Holy Spirit continue His work of sanctification in me that I may serve and praise and worship You all the days of my life. Through Christ I pray. **Amen.**

Congratulations!

Gabriel Buster, daughter of Tasha Sturdivant and Jabari Martin, granddaughter of Marian Martin, is a 2022 graduate of Selma High School and Wallace Community College Selma (dual enrollment). She received a high school diploma and an Associate degree in Drafting and Design. Gabriel plans to attend Clark Atlanta University and major in Political Science.

Skye Olivia Perkins, daughter of Jessica Perkins, granddaughter of Mattie “Cookie” Perkins and Eli Waugh, Jr., is a 2022 graduate of Selma High School and Wallace Community College Selma. She received a high school advanced diploma and an A.A.S. in Computer Information Systems. Skye plans to attend Montevallo University and major in Journalism.

Summer Alicia Perkins, daughter of Jessica Perkins, granddaughter of Mattie “Cookie” Perkins and Eli Waugh, Jr., is a 2022 graduate of Selma High School and Wallace Community College Selma. She received a high school advanced diploma and an A.A.S. in Computer Information Systems. Summer plans to attend Montevallo University and major in Biology.

On Sunday, May 22, 2022, our graduates were recognized during the 11 a.m. Worship Service. Mrs. Yolanda York served as Coordinator of the Program.



BAPTISM – On Sunday, May 29th, we shared in the Baptism of Zuri Finn. Zuri is the daughter of Kinsley Ratcliffe and John Finn and great granddaughter of John and Carolyn Ratcliffe.

BAPTISM – On Sunday, June 5th, we shared in the Baptism of Ava Noelle' Sturdivant. Ava is the daughter of Crandall and Alicia Sturdivant and granddaughter of Cheryl Sturdivant.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MONTH OF JUNE – Our Altar is adorned with lovely flowers given by Ms. Dorenda Brown – in precious memories of her parents, Mrs. Francis Green and Mr. L.C. Green, and her sister, Mrs. Maude Williams; also, in honor of sharing the same birthday, June 24th, with her son, Kenneth Brown.

TRAINING SEMINAR - The Dallas County Department of Human Resources Adult Protective Services Program will partner with the Trinity Lutheran Church "Senior Day Out" seniors to present a training seminar that will include the following subjects: Managing Someone Else's Money in Alabama and Mental Health Awareness. This event will be held at the church on Thursday, June 30, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and is free to the public. Each participant will receive an informational gift bag and the event will conclude with a carry-out lunch.

JUNE



6th Agnes Hatcher

14th Teneshia Oliver

6th Paulette Ishman

23rd Tangulia Harrison

6th Rodney Perkins

27th Mark Arnold



14th Mr. & Mrs. Steven Shawn Washington

21st Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Pegues

24th Mr. & Mrs. James Ware

25th Mr. & Mrs. John Ratcliffe, Sr.

28th Mr. & Mrs. Fred Jackson, III