

Pastor Jim's Thursday Morning

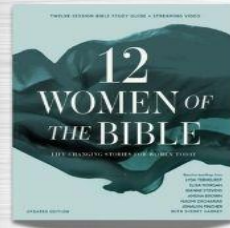
Bible Study

Continues @ 10:00

No Bible Study 6/4

Facilitated by: Dennis Livingston

Friday Bible Study will resume in the fall



Women's Bible Study

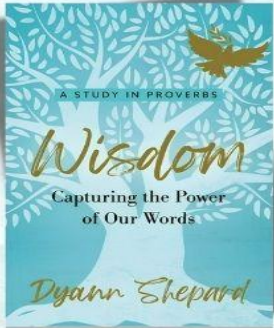
12 WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

Mondays 9-10:30am

JUNE 8TH - AUG. 24TH

SIGN UP AT THE FEATURED MINISTRIES TABLE

Facilitated by: Sharon Calvin



Bible Study

Monday Nights

6-7:30pm

June 15th - August 10th

Facilitated by: Janet Dunlap

PRAYER & PRAISE Night

June 14th @ 5:00pm in the FLC

Childcare available



4 WEEK STUDY

END Times

JUNE 10TH - JULY 1ST

6:30-8:00PM*IN THE SLC

Sign up at the Featured Ministries Table



SCAN HERE

Text the word Trinity to 419-557-8338 option #8

Summer

SMALL GROUP SURVEY

TRINITY KIDS

Sunday Morning Children's Ministry has MANY slots to fill this summer! We would love to have you as a volunteer! Fill out the back of the bulletin to let us know if you can help!

TODAY

Family Service

5th Sunday

NO Sunday School for K-12.

Open to students entering K-6th grade in the fall!

UPWARD SPORTS

Registration for Flag Football + Cheerleading OPEN NOW!



<https://registration.upward.org/UPW90556>

Treasurer's Report

Through May 24, 2026

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| Main Budget for 2026 | \$1,271,695.34 | | |
| Year To Date Need | \$ 513,569.27 | | |
| Year To Date Offerings | \$ 591,118.30* | | |
| | *115% of YTD budget need | | |
| <u>May 24 attendance:</u> | <u>8:30</u> | <u>10:00</u> | <u>11:15</u> |
| In person | 181 | 346 | 138 |
| Peak Live Views | 28 | 33 | - |
| Total Online Views | 193 | 233 | - |

Trinity Evangelical Staff

Rev. Jim Stauffer, Sr. Pastor - ext. 114 Ben Cunningham, Worship Director Pastor Clarence Hogan, Dir. Youth Ministries
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Freedom to Stand Firm

As our nation approaches the 250th anniversary of the United States, many people are asking important questions:

What kind of freedom were the founders seeking?

What role did faith play in shaping America?

Can liberty survive without moral truth?

This series is not about worshiping a nation. Followers of Jesus belong first to the Kingdom of God. But it is appropriate to study history with gratitude and honesty and recognize that many of the principles that shaped the American experiment were deeply influenced by biblical ideas about human dignity, freedom, morality, justice, and accountability before God.

One of the clearest examples is found in the First Amendment and what is often called the “Establishment Clause”:

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion...”

This was not originally written to remove faith from public life. It was written to prevent the government from controlling the church or forcing one denomination upon the people. Many of the founders had seen the damage caused when governments controlled religion in Europe.

Christ Sets People Free (Galatians 5:1)

Paul reminds believers that freedom is one of the great gifts of the Gospel. Jesus came to break chains of sin, fear, condemnation, and spiritual slavery. Christianity is not merely external rule-following. It is a transformed relationship with God through grace.

Many early American leaders believed liberty came from God, not government. The Declaration of Independence speaks about rights being “endowed by their Creator.”

Freedom Requires Protection

Freedom is fragile. Paul tells believers to stand firm because liberty can be lost. The early Americans understood this as well. The Establishment Clause protected citizens from government-controlled religion and protected churches from government domination. Historically, state-controlled churches often became tools of political power rather than movements of spiritual transformation.

Freedom Must Be Guided by Truth

The founders often warned that liberty without morality would eventually collapse. John Adams famously wrote that the Constitution was made “only for a moral and religious people.”

Christian freedom is not self-centered independence. It is Spirit-led living. America’s greatest challenges are not merely political or economic. They are spiritual and moral.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the freedom we have in Christ and for the blessings of liberty in our nation. Help us use our freedom wisely, stand firm in truth, and live as people whose character reflects Your grace and holiness. Amen.