



# Faith Presbyterian Church Happenings!

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## **MONDAY, September 10**

**Church Office – Peggy Reich and Elaine Whitley**  
**1:00 Congregational Care Planning Team Meeting**

## **TUESDAY, September 11**

**Church Office: Janice Cary**  
**10:00 Tuesday Faith Group begins**  
**1:00 New Building Committee**  
**4:00 Spiritual Development Planning Team Meeting**

## **WEDNESDAY, September 12**

**Church Office: Sylvia Goodyear**  
**10:00 Personnel Committee**  
**2:00 Faith Group begins**  
**5:30 Cantata Practice and Choir Practice**

## **THURSDAY, September 13**

**Church Office: Lynn Hayes**  
**Faith Serves at Food Pantry: 10-12 Bud and Treva Whitley and Mary Arial and 1-3 Sylvia Goodyear and Kathy Simmons**  
**1:30 Elder Training**  
**5:45 Thursday Study Group resumes**

## **FRIDAY, September 14**

**Church Office: Treva Wheatley**  
**11:00 am – 4:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**5:30 pm Rotary Blues Train to benefit Snack in a Backpack**  
**And other charities**

## **SATURDAY, September 15**

**9:00 am Men's Breakfast Pete's Place**  
**Merry Maids: Men of the Church**

## **SUNDAY, September 16**

**9:30 Choir Rehearsal**  
**10:30 Worship Service**  
**11:45 Mission and Outreach Planning Team**

## **MONDAY, September 17**

**Church Office: Elaine Whitley**



**Worship Attendance September 9: 107**



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September Head Usher: Garrett Frank

## Worship Information at Faith Presbyterian Church

**This Sunday .... September 16, 2018... The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
A Faith that works 3. Use your words**

(For the five Sundays in September our worship theme will be derived from The Letter of James.)

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for this Sunday of the Year: Proverbs 1:20-33 or Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 19 or Psalm 116:1-9 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a and James 3:1-12

Sermon: "Taming the Tongue"

Our next **Discovery Class** is scheduled for this Sunday, **Sunday, September 30, 2018**. If you would like to discover more about the life of Faith Presbyterian Church, or are ready to be welcomed as a member, please contact Pastor Jim Simpson [Jim.Simpson@tds.net](mailto:Jim.Simpson@tds.net) and plan to attend the Discovery Class, a one Sunday introduction and welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church, including a welcome to the congregation during the 10:30 a.m. Service of Worship. We already have people registered to be part of the class that day so come join them!

**The Sunday after next.... September 23, 2018... The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time... A Faith that works 4. Gentleness born of Wisdom**

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for this Sunday of the Year: Proverbs 31:10-31 or Wis. of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 Psalm 1 or Jeremiah 11:18-20, and Psalm 54 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37

Scripture Readings: Psalm 54 and James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Sermon: "The Good Life"

**From yesterday's sermon: "Body and Soul"**

".... From watching TV most of us are likely familiar with some of the campaigns sponsored by the Ad Council, "A mind is too good a thing to waste" or "Friends don't let friends drive drunk." The Ad Council usually springs into action only after being approached by a charity or good cause seeking to get their message out but back in 2006 the Ad Council launched its very first campaign that originated from within itself. This Campaign was called "Generous Nation," and was epitomized by the tagline, **"Don't almost give. Give."** The goal of the campaign was to tap into the growing interest in volunteer work, among baby-boomers and to tap into generosity even when there were no national or international tragedies on the front pages of the newspapers.

One ad for this Campaign showed a man with crutches struggling to go up a flight of steps. The narrator says, "This man almost learned to walk at a rehab center that almost got built by people



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who almost gave money.” After a pause the narrator continues, “Almost gave. How good is almost giving? About as good as almost walking.”

Another ad shows a homeless man curled up in a ball atop a pile of rags. He is covered with a ratty bed sheet. The narrator begins, “This is Jack Thomas. Today someone almost bought Jack something to eat. Someone almost brought him to a shelter. Someone almost gave him a warm blanket.” Then after a pause the narrator drives his point home, “And Jack Thomas? Well, he almost made it through the night.”

Sound familiar?

*14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? 17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.*

It is our calling to be with and for one another and all our neighbors, Body and Soul... this is the way of Jesus Christ – it is what we always aim to be though sometimes we fail; it is why we worship and pray and serve; it is why we tend our church garden, walk in parades, volunteer at the Labor Day BBQ, give blood, contribute, work and care; it is why we are planning a church building to serve not as an escape for the community and world but as our future base of operations – believing and doing; caring and loving; serving and sharing.... Body and Soul – inspired by the example of Jesus and as Jesus leads and guides. Body and Soul. Amen.”

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Faith will be holding its semi-annual **Red Cross blood drive** on Friday, September 14, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. In addition to participating, volunteers will be needed to set up, sign people in, and serve refreshments. To make an appointment to donate blood, visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor keyword: Faithpresb OR call 1-800-Red-Cross. Please eat iron rich foods, drink plenty of non-caffeinated fluids and get a good night’s rest before donating blood.



**September 29<sup>th</sup>, last Saturday in September, from 9-1**

Faith Presbyterian will again be a co-sponsor for Rivers Alive, a state cleanup initiative to clean the creeks, rivers, lakes, and ocean in Georgia. This year Faith will man the sign-in booth at Tammen

Park, beginning at 8:30 AM where you will hand out gloves, trash bags, t-shirts, and door prize tickets. You will have participants sign waivers. Then you can leave to go clean at Weaver Creek or another area. Or you can go straight to clean at Weaver Creek which is in front of the



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Ingles parking lot to clean at 9:00. Participants are encouraged to return to Tammen Park for a cookout lunch, door prizes, and a prize for the most unusual trash. Please sign up in the Gathering Room to help.

### Ducks in a Row .... Traveling ducks!

I've come up with an idea of what to do with our leftover rocks from the summer learning series. I've taken each rock & added the church name, city, & state. They will be in a basket at church. Please take one on your vacations & leave it. But take a picture of it & email it to the church [faithpcbueridge@gmail.com](mailto:faithpcbueridge@gmail.com) along with its location. We'll keep track of where the rocks end up, and maybe use the photographs on our church Facebook page. With each rock having a scripture, it will be a subtle way of spreading God's word. This rock is in Marion, Virginia, left by John & Frances Thompson. Kim King



**Second Sunday Birthday  
Lunch honoring our special  
folks who are 80+ years  
young!**





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Just to make extra sure we don't donate your favorite jacket to charity, we are sending one last reminder to come by and take a look at the jackets, a black short sleeved shirt, and numerous umbrellas that are on the coat trees in the gathering room and in the church office. We will be donating these to Family Connection after Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.



**All Aboard!** On September 14, The Rotary Blues Train is back! The train boards at 5:30 PM. Tickets are \$75 per person. The Annual Rotary Blues Train is an event produced by the Blue Ridge Rotary Club to help raise money for several community activities. A large portion of the proceeds goes to the Ferst Foundation, which is focused on providing books to children from birth to age 5. In addition, Snack in a Backpack will be helping with volunteers. This event offers a wonderful evening,



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including a train ride with complimentary beer and wine, barbecue dinner and a street dance, making this a wonderful start of a fun filled Blues and BBQ weekend. To purchase tickets for this event, contact Angela Huffstetler at 706-851-8190, email [backpackfannin@gmail.com](mailto:backpackfannin@gmail.com) or visit <http://rotarybluestrain.com>

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Live “Southern Gospel Music” - Saturday - September 15, 2018 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM**

It is with great pleasure to announce the “Spiritual Echo's” and “Chosen Generations” will be performing a live old-time “Southern Gospel Music” concert for your enjoyment

As there are no sections of seating available, it is suggested that lawn chairs or other appropriate chairs be brought for your seating needs.

Alcohol, or illegal drugs will not be permitted or tolerated on these premises

It is required if you bring your dog with you for this event, they must be on a leash. In addition, service dogs are always welcome.

Food and refreshments are available for your convenience, Admission and Parking is free, but try and arrive here as early as you can.

The Blue Ridge Flea Market is located at:

1441 Appalachian Hwy (515) and Glen Hope Church Road, Blue Ridge, GA 30513

For further information about the musical event, please contact: Sherry at 706-455-8889 or Diane at 828-835-9623 For further location information, please call 706-851-3928

Rain Date will be Saturday, September 22, 2018, same time.

**Community Interest: the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Services Conference, sponsored by Georgia Mountains Health is quickly approaching and Faith Presbyterian will be one of the churches to register and attend this event. The theme of this year’s conference is**

**The Dark Side of Paradise: Opioid Abuse in Fannin County. They will be focusing on the opioid crisis and its impact on our community. This year’s event will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd at the Blue Ridge Kiwanis Fairgrounds and will run from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, registration and setup will occur from 7:00 AM until 8:30 AM. You are welcome to attend. We will be providing more information**

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**Family Connection Opportunity--Food Bank volunteers:** For all community-minded folks! For everyone interested in volunteering, there is a food handling class which new volunteers will be given later on. You may work before you receive the training. Registration is now online at [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com) but I have been using the church signup sheets and registering Faith Presbyterian. If you need to get in touch, my contact information is **Hilda Giles** [hjthebb@gmail.com](mailto:hjthebb@gmail.com) 770-605-0040. The food bank is located just off Ada Road on Fannin Industrial (about 5 minutes from church).

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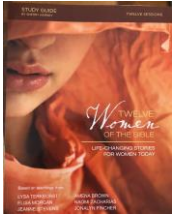


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**The red potato harvest yielded 479.6 pounds of potatoes! These will be given out at the local food pantry. There will be no Friday workday until sweet potato harvest. Stay tuned for that harvest announcement.**

**Thanks, Terri Charron**



**Women of Faith** – The 2018/2019 study, Twelve Women of the Bible, started, August 27 and will proceed the 4th Monday of each month through November 26, then January 28 through May 20. Books for the new study are available for \$5 from the church office, Frances Young, or Patty Morris.

### FaithGroups and Study Group initial plans for Fall 2018

Tuesday Faith Group – Leader is Patty Morris. Will meet at the church at 10:00 am. Study - *Cloud of Witnesses*. Start date 9/11 – End date 10/9.

Wednesday Faith Group – Leader is Chris Martinez. Will meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. (please note time change for this group) Study – *Parables from the Backside* (Part 1). Start date – September 12. End date – October 17.

Thursday Faith Group – Unshakable Hope from October 11 – November 15 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Leader is Sylvia Goodyear. Unshakable Hope by Max Lucado. In a trembling, unsteady world, how do you gain stability, find peace, and learn to trust God? Through scripture and lessons, we will be building our lives on the promises of God. The study continues for six weeks, ending on November 15th. You do NOT have to make each week in order to participate.

Thursday Evening Study Group– Leader is Janice Simpson. Will meet at the church at 5:45 to 7:00 p.m. Study – *The Ten Commandments from the Backside* (Part 2).

**Start date (tentative) – September 13**

Elders, Patty Morris, [pattymorris1029@gmail.com](mailto:pattymorris1029@gmail.com) and Frances Young [femyoung26@aol.com](mailto:femyoung26@aol.com) will be happy to provide any further information. Sign Up Clipboards are in the Gathering Room.



**Scotland Trip:** Registrations now being accepted. Use the “Scotland Trip” envelope in the front office. Itinerary and Trip Registration Form available via email or from Pastor Jim.

Travel dates: June 2-14, 2019. **Initial deadline for Registration and deposit is this coming Saturday, September 15, 2018.** You may pay via installments for the great adventure! (See photographs below for two of the amazing places the group will see and visit next June! Interested in going? Contact Connie Griggs: 334-790-0876 or [griggs.connie@gmail.com](mailto:griggs.connie@gmail.com)



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Glencoe



Portlethen Parish Church... where we will worship on Sunday, June 8, 2019

**Online Church Directory** (Please note the church is transitioning to a new database to handle membership and contact information. In this period the online church directory will no longer be updated. Stay tuned for updates. If you have any experience using the database, Microsoft Access, we would love to hear from you, email Bob Goodyear [rrgoodyear@mindspring.com](mailto:rrgoodyear@mindspring.com) ) The most up to date version of the Directory is found online. Access the Directory at any time online – <http://www.faithpresbyterianusa.org/> Click Publications. Click DIRECTORY TAB on home page – Put in password: **Faith**

Would you like to sing in the Faith Christmas Cantata to be held on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>? “The Glory of Christmas,” this year’s music, will be practiced at the beginning of each choir practice. You are welcome to stay for the first part or all.



**Interested in singing in the choir? Just call or email Kathy Cardwell at [kathycmac@gmail.com](mailto:kathycmac@gmail.com) or at 828-361-0007 for more details.** Kathy Cardwell, our Music Director, is also able to offer **private** piano and voice lessons on Wednesday afternoons at the Church.

Contact Kathy to discuss further.



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The New Building Committee (NBC) and the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) continue their work. Members of the committees are:

Reverend Simpson serves, ex-officio, both committees.

New Building Committee (NBC)	Capital Campaign Committee (CCC)
Bruce Burn	Janeese Glascock
Candy Frank	Bill Green
Tim Huffstetler	Tom Barrentine
Jim Reich	Grace Thomas
Carl Riggs	Rick Borden
Barbara Schmus	Carl Riggs
Bill Young	
Catherine Branch	
Rita Oberle	

**New Building Committee...** Asks for your continuing prayers for wisdom and guidance as it enters the “value engineering” phase of its work, reviewing the initial pricing coming in from Ron Cantrell and working to ensure that we get the best value and most sensible options.



	 <b>Day by Day, Faithfully Forward</b> Some highlights and ways to be involved.
 September 14	11-4 Red Cross blood drive at Faith
September and October Faith Groups—	Tuesday Faith Group      10:00 am    9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9 Wednesday Faith Group    2:00 pm    9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24 Thursday Faith Group       2:00 pm    10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15 Thursday Evening Study    5:45 pm    9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18
September 29	Rivers Alive 9-1

**\*\*Church Newsletter:** Email articles and photos for the newsletter to [faithpcbueridge@gmail.com](mailto:faithpcbueridge@gmail.com) by 10 AM on Monday for publishing in that day’s Faith Happenings.



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**Prayer Requests:** During office hours (M-F, 9-1), please call the church office or at other times, please email or call Candy Frank at [cmwfrank@aol.com](mailto:cmwfrank@aol.com) (706) 632-5920. Prayer requests for immediate needs relating to persons directly connected to members and friends of Faith are circulated via email and others are included and published weekly in the Prayer List circulated via the Newsletter.

Name	Requestor	Reason
Paula Morris		Please pray for Paula who is having some complications following her recent surgery
Steve	Kathy Cardwell	Steve who is Kathy's friend and business partner has been diagnosed with bladder cancer.
Terri Charron		To have a heart catheterization September 10, to (hopefully) rule out an artery blockage to my heart. All my tests so far point to NO blockage but my symptoms persist so they need to rule it out once and for all.
Kim King		Praise Update: Kim's abdominal surgery August 30th at Emory Midtown in Atlanta went well. Prayers for healing, relief from pain, and complete recovery are appreciated. Kim is back in BR and has post-op appointment 9/10
Sherry Scruggs		Praise Update: Sherry's knee surgery on August 21 went well; prayers for her full recovery are appreciated.
Leo Engle	Judy Evans	Pray for Leo Engle of Orange Beach my longtime friend. He is 64 years old and recently diagnosed with lung cancer.
Wayne Sutton	Frances Thompson	Our neighbor who is being treated in the Fannin ICU for sodium levels causing health problems, and for his wife Pat, and the Methodist congregation he pastors in NC.
Grace Thomas		Continue your Pray for Grace who was recently bitten by a copperhead snake, "I would appreciate prayers that the pain, swelling, and discoloration improve." In a conversation with Pastor Jim at LDBBQ Grace reported that she still has some discomfort.
Adam Delaney and family	Grace Thomas	Please pray for our son, Adam, and grandsons, Cois and Thomas as the family struggles through some troubled times. (Grace had been out of town to be with them in this difficult time.)
Connie Griggs		Connie fell and broke her ankle on August 15 and underwent surgery the next day. She is recovering at home. Please pray for her complete recovery.
Frank Frew (Dorothy McLain's brother)		Dorothy's brother, Frank Frew, in Greenville, SC, is recovering from pneumonia. Further testing and scans showed a mass in one kidney. He will undergo further testing in a couple of weeks. Our prayers for good test results and his recovery from pneumonia are greatly appreciated.
Maggie March		Please continue prayers for healing for Maggie March. Our prayers are greatly appreciated.
Nance Huish		Our continued prayers for Nance's numerous health issues are appreciated.
Lynn Gillies (Jim Simpson's cousin)	Jim Simpson	Lynn is very close to my sister, Christine and I, and was for many years a caregiver and support for our late father. Lynn's most recent scan showed the tumor in her lung has shrunk somewhat and so she will continue chemotherapy. Prayers also for her husband, John, and their sons Colin and Brian.
Virginia McPhee		Please continue prayers for Virginia as she deals with various health issues. Virginia very much values all the prayers of her Faith Church family.



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Peggy Zinsli		"Thank you for your prayers. Physical therapy is working for my legs and back pain is reduced. Please pray for my hearing loss due to thyroid issue. Pray that a change in medication will help."
"Today's Challenge, Tomorrow's Legacy" Faith's Capital Building Campaign		Let us pray for the response to our Capital Campaign as we plan for our future building: Our Loving God, by your love and grace, may we run, and not be weary. May we rise up on the wings of eagles. May we know that You, our everlasting God, are always with us! Amen.

## Faith Presbyterian Church

### **Mission Statement:**

By God's love and grace, we are Called, Committed and Led.

### **Vision Statement:**

Called by God to be Faith Presbyterian Church of the North Georgia Mountains, we welcome all to join together to worship God. Committed to following Jesus' example, we joyfully share God's love, grace and gifts with all in our church family and community. Led by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to grow spiritually in this community of Faith.

### **Priorities for Faith Presbyterian Church for 2018:**

- Increase membership and participation through connecting with and serving those who reside in our community
- Be a viable, spiritual place of worship by the sharing of our time, talent and treasure.
- Equip and encourage all to follow in Jesus' footsteps and to show God's love, grace and care.
- Develop effective church leaders
- Develop effective communication to include appropriate use of technology
- Secure congregation-approved financing and start construction of our new church facility
- Prepare for the transition to our new church facility