

Halfway Home Celebration

We can announce that eight additional pledges to the new Building Project amounting to \$14,500 have been received following Halfway Home. These new commitments join with all already received and given as we move forward in the construction period and as we prepare to take on our mortgage.

The new building will be an asset and a means of mission and outreach for all us in the congregation and everyone's generosity is what has enabled us to reach this point and will carry us forward and onward. As we see the new building take shape before our eyes let us be aware that all of us make the future possible by our pledging and giving!

Here is the link to the Halfway Home video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/tzNwhCElmmg>

ADMINISTRATION PLANNING TEAM

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New Building Committee See the recent activity as steel erection gets going. If you would like to get plugged into some of this work, contact the NBC or email faithpcblueridge@gmail.com Thank you!

Church Newsletter: To request your own copy and to submit an item for the newsletter, email faithpcblueridge@gmail.com We love receiving photographs of church events. Deadline **10 AM on Mondays** or leave written submissions on the desk in the church office.

Church Newsletter and Office Volunteer Opportunities

After three years of valuable service as our Newsletter editor Peggy Reich has let us know that she feels that this is a good time for her to hand on this responsibility as she steps back from her Monday Church office role at the end of this month. We record our thanks, and the appreciation of the entire congregation to Peggy for all her hard work!

In the light of this change we are seeking to identify one or more people who might have the skills, interest and time to take on this vital responsibility, either as part of Monday office duties or separate from those and/or from home.

Office Volunteer Meeting: Given our impending transition to Bluebird Road, aware of all that our daily office volunteers help us to achieve, and wanting to strengthen and build up our team of volunteers, including desktop publishing and the use of social media and we invite all our current, continuing and prospective office volunteers to a meeting on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 at 1:00 p.m. at the church.**

If you would like to hear more about either of these opportunities for service or have any questions, please feel free to contact either of us. Jim Simpson, Pastor (Jim.Simpson@tds.net) Janice Cary, Office Volunteer Coordinator (janicecary@etcmail.com)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Presbyterian Church in action, August 18-25, 2019

Today	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30	Coffee Time – time to connect and talk
	10:30	Worship Service– Service of Wholeness and Healing Blessing of Prayer Shawls
Tuesday	9:30	Session Meeting
Wednesday	1:00	New Testament Connections (Week 3) 2019 Summer Learning Series
	5:30	Choir Practice
Thursday	10-12 and 1-3	Faith serves at Food Pantry at Family Connections
Friday	10:00	Crafty Friday - Art Class
Sunday	9:00	Discovery Class
	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30	Coffee Time – time to connect and talk (until 10:10)
	10:30	Worship Service – New Member Reception

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TEAM

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A Hearing Assistance System is available during the Worship Service. Download the free [Audiofetch](#) app from The App Store for Iphone and Google Play for Android phones. Go to Settings/Wi-Fi on your phone and connect to [Audiofetch](#). That should be all you need to do. You will be able to adjust the volume from the app. We are looking to gather loaner devices for those who don't own a smart phone.

Head Usher and Ushers. Please check the sign-up clipboards in the narthex or contact Frances Young or Patty Morris. Head Usher for August is Mark McLain. Please be ready to accept an invitation to assist as an usher Sunday by Sunday.

Children's Church Schedule Come join the fun!!! Please check your calendar and consider volunteering for just one day, please contact Patty Morris pattymorris1029@gmail.com
August 18th: Patty Morris, Eric Morris August 25th: Sharon Brewer, Shirley Copeland

Making Music @ Faith: Want to join the choir? Contact Kathy Cardwell kathymac@gmail.com or call at 828-361-0007. Kathy also offers private piano or voice lessons on Wednesdays at the church.

Summer Learning Series 2019

Our 2019 Summer Learning Series that has the title and theme of “**New Testament Connections.**” It was great to welcome even more participants in week 2, and everyone is invited to join in the two remaining weeks Wednesdays August 21 and 28, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Cookies and lemonade will be provided. Led and facilitated by Pastor Jim Simpson.

Seasonal Learning Series: Fall 2019

Women of Faith on the 4th Monday monthly at 1:00 p.m. Frances Young(facilitator) "For Such a Time as This-Study of the book of Esther". August through May, except December and first meeting of the year is August 26th.

Thursday Study Group Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. Janice Simpson(facilitator) Begins September. Study-"Excellence -Run With the Horses" a study of Jeremiah. At times, life is difficult. God calls us to live at our best, to pursue righteousness, to drive toward excellence.

Faith Groups:

Tuesday at 10 a.m. Patty Morris(facilitator) September study-"The Call" a study of the life and message of the Apostle Paul /discussion group.

Wednesday at 1 p.m. Chris Martinez(facilitator) September study-"More Parables from the Backside" by J. Ellsworth Kalas. A study of several parables from different angles.

Thursday at 2 p.m. Sylvia Goodyear(facilitator) September study-"Unafraid" An Adam Hamilton Understanding and countering fear of contemporary issues we face today.

New Faith Group being formed day and time tba Elaine Whitley(facilitator) "One Anothering" How we relate to each other as the body of Christ grew68@gmail.com

MISSION & OUTREACH PLANNING TEAM

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Good Samaritan Labor Day Barbecue: Volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve, clean up, put up signs and tents, cook the barbecue, set up tables, etc. This year the entire signup process is *online* at www.goodsamfc.com. Select “volunteer” today. No computer? Sign up in the gathering room and we will take care of the online registration. We also need volunteers to make cookies (individually wrapped – no peanuts). There is a signup sheet in the gathering room for cookie donations. Good Samaritans of Fannin County, Inc, is a non-denominational association of area churches working to help people in need in Fannin County.

East Fannin Elementary school needs composition books and spiral bound notebooks for needy children. They also need shoes: sizes 12 and 1-5. There is a basket in the gathering room for donations.

Red Cross Blood Drive here September 13th from 11-4. For an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code faithpresb or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Food Pantry: Thursdays are Faith days at the food pantry. The August and September signup sheets are on the mission board. Please consider giving two hours a month to help feed the hungry. Contact **Hilda Giles** hjthebb@gmail.com or 770-605-0040.

The 3rd Annual River Run 5K benefitting Boys and Girls Club of North Georgia is August 31st at Horseshoe Bend Park. See the poster on the Mission and Outreach white board for complete information.

Ready for membership in the congregation? Our next **Discovery Class** is scheduled for, **Sunday, September 20, 2019**. 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 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.

Church Garden 2019 Harvest 2019!!!! 385 lbs corn and potatoes on Harvest Day, plus 118 pounds gathered the previous week, for a current total of 503 lbs!! Some more corn still to be harvested, maybe in two weeks. Terri Charron sweetwatergsp@gmail.com



Habitat for Humanity of Fannin and Gilmer Counties: We are currently building a Habitat House in McCaysville, the 2nd this year. We need volunteers to build and to provide lunches for the workers.

Email Renee@hfhfanningilmer.org to be placed on our Habitat

Happenings email list to be informed about building days, or call Debbie Peterson, 770-656-0237 if you have questions.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE PLANNING TEAM

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Coffee Time: Join us every Sunday before service for coffee time! Enjoy coffee and fellowship in our Gathering Room from 9:30-10:10 a.m. What a wonderful way to visit with “old” friends and make new friends! We’ll have Coffee Time each Sunday morning, and hope you will join us.