



Faith Presbyterian Church Happenings!

October 14, 2019



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There is a volunteer schedule for the Church Office: 9:00 a. m. – 1: 00 p.m. Monday through Friday

MONDAY, October 14

Church Office: Sylvia Goodyear, Receptionist: Sue Cole

TUESDAY, October 15

Church Office: Janice Cary

9:30 Session

WEDNESDAY, October 16

Church Office: Suzanne McWay

10 – 12 One Anothering FaithGroup **NEW Group******

3:30 Elder Training

3-5 Piano Lessons

5:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 17

Church Office: Lynn Hayes

Food Bank: 10-12 – Susie Tucker and Duke Chappuis

1 – 3 – Bob and Fidelia Salley

1-3 Faith Group

5:45 p.m. Study Group

FRIDAY, October 18

Church Office: Treva Wheatley

SATURDAY, October 19

9:00 a.m. Men's breakfast Please note this breakfast will be at the Church

Merry Maids: Bruce and Denise Burn

SUNDAY, October 20

9:30 Choir Rehearsal

9:30 – 10:10 Coffee Time @ Faith - Time to enjoy a cup of coffee and be in conversation with others

10:30 Worship – New members

MONDAY, October 14

Church Office: Sylvia Goodyear

Receptionist: Sue Cole



October 13th Worship Attendance: 98

October Head Usher: Randy Griggs/Craig Learn

Ushers for October 20th:

Bill and Frances Young, Randy and Leslie Solt



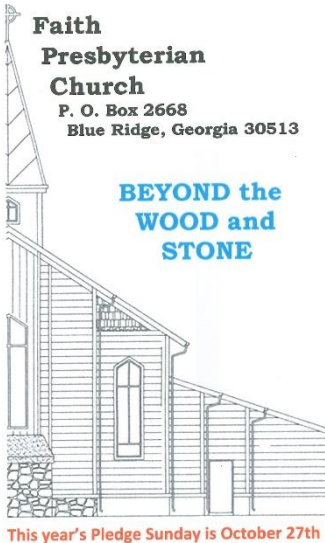
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Worship Information at Faith Presbyterian Church

BEYOND THE WOOD AND STONE (October 6 – November 3, 2019)

This Sunday October 20, 2019... The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time...



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**BEYOND the
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BEYOND THE WOOD AND STONE 3. Persisting and Bothing

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for this Sunday of the Year:
Jeremiah 31:27-34 or Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy
3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8

Scripture Readings: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 and Luke 18:1-8

Sermon Title: “Cry!”

9:00 a.m. Discovery Class

Reception of new members

The Sunday after next.... October 27, 2019... The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time...

BEYOND THE WOOD AND STONE 4. Humbling and Exalting

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for this Sunday of the Year: Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65:1-13
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

Scripture Readings: Psalm 84: 1-7 and Luke 18:9-14

Sermon Title: “Mercy!”

This Sunday is our PLEDGE/COMMITMENT SUNDAY.

Sunday, October 27 is our 2019 Pledge and Commitment Sunday. During that day’s Service of Worship there will be an opportunity for everyone to come forward and place their 2020 Pledge Card, and Time & Talent Forms in the offering plates on the Communion Table. If you know you will be out of town that Sunday, please return your own commitment ahead of that date so that it can be included along with all the others on the day.

From Pastor Jim Simpson’s October 13 sermon: “Rise!”

“...As we have seen in our readings from The Gospel of Luke, one of the themes upon which the writer of the Gospel lays a great emphasis is Jesus’ practice of crossing boundaries and barriers to engage with those deemed as “outsiders”. Both in Luke and in the same writer’s second volume, The Acts of the Apostles we continually see and hear first Jesus, and then the



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Church of Jesus cross barriers and step over and past boundaries to connect with and bring in these outsiders – women, the ritually unclean, children, Gentiles, Roman soldiers, Eunuchs, and lepers and even Samaritan lepers.

The presence of this specific encounter in the Gospel of Luke confirms the writer's intentions because remember that the Gospel of Luke is the only New Testament Gospel that contains the Parable of the Good Samaritan. The writer of this Gospel and Acts has a deep passion to persuade their readers, including you and I, that Jesus moves past, over, around human barriers to engage all with the love and grace and goodness of the God, who loves the world and who loves without limit. Indeed it might be better to say that Jesus abolishes such barriers and boundaries, refusing always to be limited in to whom and for whom Jesus will act in love. It is inescapably therefore our calling to do the same, as we follow our Savior, as we trust our Lord. Going "Beyond the wood and stone" towards, to and for all people and into every and any situation.

From what we read in the opening verse of today's reading we see that Jesus deliberately enters the borderlands, the area that is an in-between place between Galilee and Samaria. There were other ways, other routes, by which Jesus could have continued His journey from Galilee to Jerusalem, without going into these borderlands. Jesus could have continued towards Jerusalem avoiding Samaria and the Samaritans altogether, but that was not the way Jesus chose to travel. And so it was that Jesus arrives at the edge of a village and is greeted by a group of lepers, ten in number who wish Jesus to intervene in their situation and offer them help and hope.

The manner of their engagement with Jesus is very proper given their awareness of their condition. Conscious, very conscious of their need to not get close to anyone else because of their condition they approach Jesus, they intersect Jesus, but yet keep their distance. They call out to Jesus, they don't whisper, they don't merely speak, they call out to Jesus because they are not up close and personal but stand a short distance away from Jesus. Their mode and manner of addressing Jesus indicates that they have a sense, a belief, that Jesus is someone who can indeed help them and can and might and hopefully will choose and wish to intervene on their behalf, "Jesus! Master! Have mercy on us!" In engaging with Jesus as they do, in pleading for Jesus' assistance, these lepers, these people, place their need, their pain, their distress, their isolation, their lives, their hopes, their future into Jesus' hands.

In passing isn't this faith... isn't this what we are all called to do, isn't this our invitation and also our challenge? To place our lives, our needs and hopes, all that we are into the hands of Jesus and in so doing to seek to be in ourselves, focused on the right things, willing to forgive, ready to be reconciled, prepared to serve and care and help and encourage? Sometimes we find it easier to live in this faith-filled manner when our backs are against some wall, but we are in fact invited and asked to live in this faithful manner even when things are really good for us.



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Without discussion, without delay, without question, without debate, without asking anything more, without touching them, Jesus tells them to go and show themselves to the priests and as they do this, we are told, off-stage, if you like, that they are made clean.

It is here that we have sometimes read into the story and we probably ought not. For we then hear that the one of the ten returned to thank Jesus and he was a Samaritan. I think we have imagined that the text was hereby saying that the others were Jews and yet only the one, and a Samaritan, to boot, came back to thank Jesus but that is not present in what we read... all we know is that the one who came back to express gratitude, to thank Jesus and praise God was indeed a Samaritan.

Nowhere does it say that some, any, nine of the lepers were Jews and one a Samaritan, it may well be that they were all Samaritans. What matters here is the nature and depth of the response on the one – their response is faith and gratitude, trusting and thanking!

The healing itself as we noted happened off-stage. The expression of thanks, was stage front and center, with the spotlights turned on full blast, narrowed and focused. In terms of last week's reading regarding faith, all ten lepers, all ten of them had faith enough – all ten of them had that mustard seed of faith – to hear and act upon what Jesus said to them – they all had faith enough to go to the priests – maybe even Samaritan priests – and they were healed. Once again we are seeing the passion and ministry of Jesus, that is forever bringing people from the margins into the center continues and thrives and offers hope and healing to and for all people.

Jesus' final words with the returnee certainly suggest and imply in that person some sense of a yet deeper healing and renewed purpose than merely the removal of their skin condition.

In the first place we should note that there are only three miracle/ healing incidents in the Gospel of Luke unrelated to conversations/ arguments between Jesus and His opponents – the healing of the hemorrhaging woman, the blind man in Jericho and this one, with the grateful leper. In all three of these situations Jesus says, “your faith has made you well”, a different phrasing from all other healings indicating that the depth of healing goes beyond the mere physical healing to a restored relationship with God.

Secondly, we should be aware that when Jesus says to the man “get up” or “rise up” the word in the original Greek translated as “get up” is the word for resurrection! In effect Jesus is saying to him, “Rise up, rise up to new life, rise into Resurrection life, rise into the fullness of God's life, life beyond even death.” Jesus sees and promises that this person is experiencing the very fullness of God's love even as his own “faith” is expressed in profound gratitude towards Jesus - this person's life is changing inside and out!

The depth of the man's gratitude is seen in the words in which he expresses his gratitude to Jesus. We read that the man praised God. In the Greek *doxazo*, the word that gives us doxology – the essence and distillation of praise! And the man thanks Jesus, the Greek word *eucharisto*,



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the word that comes into English as eucharist, the feast of Thanksgiving, used in several Christian traditions as the name for the celebration of communion. No wonder the Reformer, Martin Luther, once defined the worship of the Church, the Christian community as, “the tenth leper turning back [to Jesus]!””

Our next **Discovery Class** is scheduled for, **Sunday, October 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. We have three people currently registered to participate in the class so you can come join them knowing you will not be alone!

Seeking additional Staff: Our Session is looking to identify and appoint a Pastor or Lay person familiar with, and in sympathy with, the witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and our congregation, who has the balance of relevant education and background, and range of gifts, skills and experience, to partner with the congregation and our Pastor, to help our church maintain, strengthen and develop its ongoing mission and ministry.

This person will have gifts for leadership in ministry and service and bring and use their own skills and experience in certain defined aspects of the life of the congregation to which such a person would bring and offer the most experience or greatest skills.

The specific responsibilities and the title of this position, and all relevant terms and conditions, including compensation, will be negotiated with a candidate in the light of the needs and hopes of the congregation, and the person’s background, experience and gifts. Please make this search a matter for your prayers and if you know anyone with the background and skills for which we are seeking, please make them aware of this opportunity. Details on our church website at:

<https://faithpresbyterianusa.org/our-church>

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The next Men of the Church Breakfast **this Saturday, October 19th**,

will be at the usual time 9-10 am for breakfast but we will be meeting at the church 56 Mountain St for fellowship and food plus a short devotional.

Menu will include; Biscuits, Scrambled eggs, Grits, Fresh fruit, Sausage,
Coffee and Juice

All Men welcome!

“Beyond the Wood and Stone”

1. Meeting one’s spiritual needs go beyond the weekly Sunday service. Faith members participate in a number of programs such as Bible Study, the Summer Learning Series Second Sunday Lunch, the Shepherds, etc. that continue after the service concludes. Members devote over 7,000 hours in attending these various related activities.
2. The average attendance in 2018 was 87 attendees per Sunday. Through August of this year, Sunday attendance has averaged 104, a 19% increase.

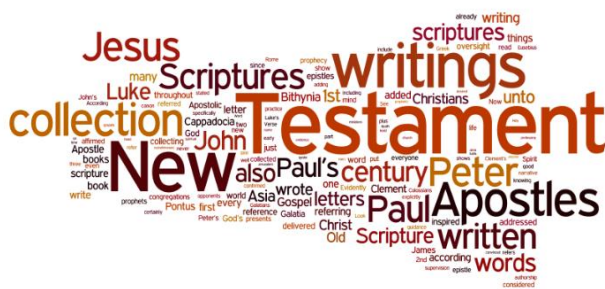
SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Seasonal Learning Series: Fall 2019

Women of Faith/ 4th Monday monthly 1pm/Frances Young-facilitator/ "For Such a Time as This-Study of the book of Esther". The WOF offer a study each year and support a chosen mission. This study is August through May, except December and begins August 26th.

Study Group/Thursday nights 5:45/Janice Simpson-facilitator/ September study-"Excellence -Run With the

Horses" a study of Jeremiah. At times, life is difficult. Daily we must choose whether to live cautiously or courageously. God calls us to live at our best, to pursue righteousness, to drive toward excellence. Discussion group.





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Faith Groups:

Thursday/1pm/Sylvia Goodyear-facilitator/beginning October 10th-'Unafraid' An Adam Hamilton Understanding and countering fear of contemporary issues we face today/ discussion group.



Starting 3rd week of October, Wednesday, October 16th, 10 a.m. - "ONE ANOTHERING Faith Group" - Elaine Whitley-facilitator

How we relate to each other as the body of Christ/discussion group. Meeting day still to be decided. There is still time to sign up. This is a great way for new members to experience a faith group.

October's Children's Church Teachers

October 20: Sandy Miller and Larry Ray

October 27: Shirley Copeland and Sharon Brewer

Volunteers are needed. Please check your calendar and Consider serving one Sunday or as needed.

Make a Joyful Noise!



If you are interested in singing in the choir, call or email Kathy Cardwell at kathymac@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.

Choir info continues . . .

We were very *excited recently* to reveal our Cantata for this Advent Season, **"AND THERE WAS LIGHT"**, newly composed by Joseph Martin. This work uses scripture, song, and narration to share the story of Jesus' birth. The Cantata is scheduled for Sunday, December 15th at the 10:30 a.m. worship service and later that day at a 5:00 p.m. community service. The reveal event was attended by 27 and an additional 5 were not in attendance. The call is still out for anyone interested in joining the choir or just performing for the cantata.



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If you are part of the Faith Community or part of the Greater Area Community and would like to participate, please attend rehearsal on Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m.

Online Church Directory

The new system is now in use and we are continually correcting typos and errors in our data. If you see any edits, please let us know. The latest Directory is available on the church website.

Go to this page and scroll down until you find the Directory

<https://faithpresbyterianusa.org/publications-1> Password is: Faith

[Click to get to the Faith Facebook page](#) If a story or post or photograph receives 5 or more likes, shares or comments hundreds more people will see that item on their Facebook feed, so please be encouraged to react to the posts you see on the church Facebook page.

Looking for ACCESS experience volunteers - If you have any experience using the database, Microsoft Access, we would love to hear from you, email Bob Goodyear rrgoodyear@mindspring.com.

NEW HEARING ASSIST PROGRAM NEEDS ASSISTANCE



Our new Hearing Assist System uses smart phones to receive and transmit improved sound to those who are using it. It can be used with hearing aids or ear buds connected to smart phones or to ANY device that has Bluetooth and Wi-Fi capabilities.

This means that if anyone wants to donate an older smart phone or other device currently sitting in a drawer at home, it can be used for visitors or others who may not have a smart phone. We are obligated to have a few extra devices available so donations will also save some money.

We can use any device that has both Wi-Fi and Bluetooth. It can be an older phone, and ipod, ipad, etc. If you would like to donate, please see Harold Wills or any member of the AVLH committee, or you may place the devices in Kathy Cardwell's mail slot in the church office.



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Congregational Care Upcoming Need

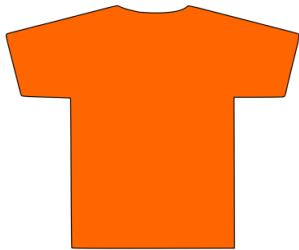


It has come to our attention that 4 of our members live in an apartment complex which is going to be thoroughly renovated. They are all single females and will need some help with the things they are being required to do. Packing up kitchen boxes, removing curtains and pictures from walls, putting things in storage are some of the expectations. We would like to get volunteers to help in this endeavor. The projected date is still

to be determined.

If you would be able to assist in any way, even providing packing boxes, please contact Lynn Hayes (lynnhayes18@gmail.com) (404-702-0643) or Doris Riggs (dorisriggs@icloud.com) (678-491-4891). Thank you for your help!

ICONIC FAITH TEE SHIRTS FOR SALE!!!



Only two left – both Large. Cost is \$15. *Please make your check out to Faith Presbyterian Church.* These shirts are recognized all over Fannin County and there will be many opportunities during the fall festival season in Fannin County to display your faith and association with Faith Presbyterian Church.

Calling All Gardeners!

The Landscape Committee is hoping to have the **two islands in the parking lot at Blue Bird Road ready to plant in October.** We are focusing on low maintenance beds with plants that are found in this area. Three of the plants we are using are “Little Henry or Garnet” Itea, Ilex Glabra “Shamrock” holly, and Sedum “Autumn Joy”. If you have plants like these in your yard and would like to donate off-shoots of the Iteas, they would be welcomed. The Sedum Autumn Joy is easily rooted from cuttings and very hardy. If you have questions, I can be contacted at shcrawford52@gmail.com. Be looking for workdays to work on preparing the beds for planting. We are going to need lots of volunteers. We are waiting for some early fall morning temperatures.

Little Henry or Garnet Itea



Ilex Glabra Shamrock



Sedum Autumn Joy





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Mission and Outreach



Dear Faith,

Thanks very much for co-sponsoring Rivers Alice. Your financial contribution helped feed hungry volunteers, and we appreciate your manning the registration tent at Tammen Park and also for being a site captain (Amy McChesney) at Weaver Creek in front of Ingles.

We had a total of about 85 people at 9 different sites along the Toccoa River and creeks. Unusual finds included a faux fur vest, old wooden jewelry box, and a very heavy broken culvert.

Sincerely, Blue Ridge
Mountain Trout Unlimited

We are currently building a **Habitat House** in McCaysville, the second this year, and we need volunteers to build and to provide lunches. Please 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. There is something for everyone to do!





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Arts in the Park a Big Success!

Thank you to all our Volunteers.



RELAY FOR LIFE NEWS!



The 3rd Annual Survivor's In Fashion, fashion show will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2019, from 5:00 – 7:00 at the Blairsville Civic Center. All money raised for this event will go to Relay for Life. Tickets can be purchased prior to the event, or at the door. The \$10 tickets include a meal, door prizes, great entertainment, chance at a 50/50 raffle, and fashions from Alexander's and Sharon's Fashions, worn by Cancer Survivors. Anyone interested in going to this event can sign up in

the church narthex. Several of us are planning to carpool to this event if you might want to do that. For more information, contact Diane Shillcutt, eshillcutt@yahoo.com or (229) 288-6279.

**Special
Olympics**



Second Annual Softball Skills Event on Friday, October 25th

Volunteers needed to help keep score, measure distances and encourage the athletes as they move around the field as well as help with organizing food for lunch.

Volunteers needed to help keep score, measure distances and encourage the athletes as they move around the field as well as help with organizing food for lunch.

The games will be at the Fannin County Recreational Center at 9:00am (with volunteers arriving at 8:30) and will end around lunch time (lunch will be provided). We will be on the field but in case of rain the games will



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be moved inside to the gym.

If you would like to volunteer, please email Candy Frank (cmwfrank@aol.com) or Amy Price (amy@maximtech.com).



Halloween Safe Zone Candy Collection and "Treaters"

Halloween Safe Zone could use your help once again! Volunteer to help hand out candy in Blue Ridge on October 31 starting at 5:00 p.m. (see sign-up sheet) or bring large bags of candy for distribution (look for a blue bin in the entry area of the church). There are a lot of kids that show up to this event which means it needs a village to fill all those trick-or-treat bags.



Family Connection Opportunity--Food Bank volunteers are needed 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 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 770-605-0040. The food bank is now located on Industrial Park Road.

Please consider volunteering at Blue Ridge Assisted Living

****Church Newsletter and Bulletin:** Please - Email articles and photos for the newsletter to faithpcbueridge@gmail.com by 10 AM on Monday for publishing in that day's Faith Happenings. For the newsletter, type "For Newsletter" into the email subject line. If you want something in the Bulletin, type "For Bulletin" in the subject line. We welcome articles and photos that directly relate to church activities and to events and people involving the charities that we actively support.



Ricky Kruse wins gold medal in golf!



Vanya DeCesare stopped by our booth to say hi!



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Wood and Stone Committee (New Building and Capital Campaign Committees) . . .



- Ask for your continuing prayers for wisdom and guidance.
- Check out our plan drawings, decorator boards, and monument (main sign) drawing in the gathering room.

The **Wood and Stone (WAS) Committee (formerly New Building Committee)** has hardworking subcommittees focused on specific needs of our new facility. The following is a list of those subcommittees and their members. Several are looking to add members so please review these and see where you could contribute. Contact the subcommittee chairperson to join open subcommittees.

The remaining subcommittees are much farther down the road having been working for months - and while they do not need more members are always open to input.

- Open Sub Committees:
 - *Landscaping:* **Sally Crawford, Chair** (Peggy Reich, Terri Charron, Jane Giddens, Owen Reich, horticulturist, gratis consult) Open to add members with this background. shcrawford52@gmail.com They will be planting the parking islands first.
 - *Audio/Visual/Stage Lighting/ Hearing Assist (AVL):* **Harold Wills, Chair** (Jim Crawford, Garrett Frank, Jim Simpson) Open to add members with this background. The Building Committee approved hiring a company to design and install sound equipment for the new church.
 - *Security* **Jim Reich, Chair** (Harold Wills, John Silva) Open to add members with this background.
 - *Church Signage* **Catherine Branch, Chair** (Bill Young) Open to add members with this background.
 - *Office Furnishing/Storage* – **Janice Cary, Chair** (Peggy Reich, Brenda Scruggs, Nancy Goodson) Open to add members with this background.
 - *Cabinetry* **Bill Young, Chair** Open to add members with this background.

Existing Sub Committees:

- *Interior/Exterior Design:* **Barbara Schmus, Chair** (Debbie Peterson, Denise Burn, Randy Borden) complete but open to input and comments
- *Kitchen:* **Peggy Reich, Chair** (Barbara Schmus, Tim Huffstettler, Danny Mellman, restaurateur, gratis consult) complete but open to input and comments.



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“Construction sites can be a dangerous place for spectators. Now that the steel is erected, items could fall from above. That’s why you see contractors wearing hard hats. The driveway and parking lots have a base coat of asphalt applied and you can drive on it. That said, while the contractor has people working on the building, the driveway/parking lot or yard, please do not walk onto or near the build site for your own safety. Also, watch for contractors’ vehicles and equipment. We will be supplying pictures frequently of the progress, but if you visit the site, please be careful. Thanks for helping us keep everyone safe.”

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	Lynda Ray
Catherine Branch	Catherine Branch
Rita Oberle	
Harold Wills	
Mike Roberts	Reverend Simpson serves, ex-officio, both committees.



Beyond the Wood and Stone Some highlights and upcoming ways to be involved.

October 31	Halloween Safe Zone
Thursday, November 28	<p>Good Samaritans of Fannin County Community Thanksgiving Open Table-- Another great opportunity to volunteer and serve the community.</p> 
Saturday, November 30	Light Up Blue Ridge Parade
December 4, 11, and 18	3 Wednesdays in December: Noon— Advent Lunch and Learn



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 (706) 632-5920. Prayer requests for immediate needs relating to persons directly



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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
Maggie March		Please pray for healing for Maggie March. After three trips to her doctor's office 2 weeks ago with worsening symptoms, she was hospitalized in Murphy Medical Hospital with pleurisy. Thankfully, she is now recovering at home. Our continued prayers for Maggie are greatly appreciated.
Bruce Carey	Janice Cary	My brother, Bruce, had surgery recently and the medical team feels sure that the new tumor was removed. The family thanks everyone for their prayers!
Terri Charron		Please pray for Terri Charron who will have a consultation with a cardiac surgeon in Marietta on Wednesday (10/16) to schedule cardiac bypass surgery. We also pray for Dan, and Terri's medical team.
Judy Evans		Please pray for relief and healing for Judy Evans as she is treated for painful venous insufficiency in her lower legs.
Kim King		Please keep Kim in your prayers as she recovers at home from outpatient foot surgery; the procedure was much more complex than anticipated and Kim truly appreciates our prayers.
Tom King		Please continue prayers for Tom as his difficulty with breathing issues has returned.
Gerrie Jones		Please keep Gerrie in your prayers as she has a challenging case of bronchitis; she truly appreciates our continuing prayers as she works with her doctors to maintain her health.
Richie Smith		Please lift up Richie Smith in prayer as he continues to deal with numerous health issues. Our prayers are greatly appreciated.
Allie Willis		Please pray for Allie as she faces ongoing health challenges.
Virginia McPhee		Virginia continues to greatly appreciate our prayers.
Ann Rand <i>Note new address!</i>		Please continue to lift up Ann in prayer as she undergoes treatments in Charlottesville, VA . The temporary address for Ann Rand is: 2600 Barracks Rd., Apt. 291 Charlottesville, VA 22901; 434-249-2588 cell.
Peggy Zinsli		Prayers for patience and peace of mind as she anticipates possible knee surgery.
Nance Huish		Please keep Nance lifted up in your prayers as she continues to face her physical challenges.
"Today's Challenge, Tomorrow's Legacy" Faith's Capital Building Campaign		Join your prayers of joy and prayers for a safe and speedy construction process. 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.



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Please pray for the process to identify an additional staff person to strengthen response to new people, and all the future opportunities to serve

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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.

Church Priorities for 2019 (adopted by the Session at the Session Retreat, November 2018):

- Increase membership and participation through connecting with and serving those who reside in our community
- Continue as a spiritual community worshipping God 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
- Construct our new church facility.
- Prepare for the transition to our new church facility.
- Recognize the challenge of the expense of the new building, while maintaining and developing our ongoing life and witness.