



# Faith Presbyterian Church Happenings!

August 12, 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**

*Building up toward the heavens!—as of August 11<sup>th</sup>>>>*

## MONDAY, August 12

**Church Office:** Peggy Reich and Elaine Whitley

**Church Garden Harvest Day**

**3:00 Administration Planning Team**

## TUESDAY, August 13

**Church Office:** Chris Martinez

## WEDNESDAY August 14

**Church Office:** Sylvia Goodyear

**1-3 New Testament Connections**

**Our 2019 Summer Learning Series**

**3:00 Scotland Trip – photo review**

**5:30 Choir Rehearsal**

## THURSDAY August 15

**Church Office:** Lynn Hayes

**Food Bank:** 10-12 Bud and Treva Wheatley

**1-3 LaVaughn Ferris and Hilda Giles**

## FRIDAY, August 16

**Church Office:** Treva Wheatley

**10 – 11:30 Crafty Friday Art class**

**5:30 Jewish Community Service**

## SATURDAY, August 17

**Merry Maids:** Patty Morris and Diane McMillan

**9:00 Men's Breakfast at Pete's Place**

**9:00-Noon Toccoa Water Association Annual HOA Meeting**

## SUNDAY, August 18

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

**10:30 Worship Service of Wholeness and Healing, Blessing of Prayer Shawls**

## MONDAY, August 19

**Church Office:** Peggy Reich



**Sunday, August 11, 2019 - Worship Attendance: 135**

**August Head Usher: Mark McLain**

**Ushers for August 18<sup>th</sup>: Patty and Doug Morris, Sharon Brewer, Candy Frank**

**Ushers for August 25<sup>th</sup>: Hilda and Larry Giles, John Thompson, Randy Griggs**



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## Worship Information at Faith Presbyterian Church

### Worship Theme: Faith in Action

**This Sunday .... August 18, 2019... The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time...**

#### **FAITH IN ACTION 6. For the burdened**

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for this Sunday of the Year: Isaiah 5:1–7 Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19 Luke 12:49–56 Hebrews 11:29—12:2

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 58: 9b - 14 and Luke 13:10–17

Sermon Title: “Something wonderful”

This Service will be one of our two annual Services of Wholeness and Healing

#### **Blessing of Prayer Shawls**

Our next Service of Wholeness and Healing will take place this Sunday, August 18. During this Service we will also bless any and all new prayer shawls that people have been working on. Please bring your completed prayer shawls in time for this service and thank you to all who share in this ministry of our church.

**The Sunday after next.... August 25, 2019... The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time...**

#### **FAITH IN ACTION 7. Witness**

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for this Sunday of the Year: Jeremiah 1:4–10 Psalm 71:1–6 Luke 13:10–17 Hebrews 12:18–29

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 and Luke 13: 18-30

Sermon Title: “The eyes of faith”

9:00 a.m. Discovery Class

Reception of new members

Our next **Discovery Class** is scheduled for, **Sunday, August 25, 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](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 have two people registered and so we invite you to join them, knowing you will not be on your own!



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**From Pastor Jim Simpson's August 11 sermon: "How faith acts"**

[Pastor Jim referenced **The Theological Declaration of Barmen** in this sermon, you can **download it and all our creeds and confessions in the Book of Confession at this website: Ctrl+Click: <https://www.pcusa.org/resource/book-confessions/>**

".... One evening at home, a son asked his father why he was whispering as he spoke. As a joke the father told the boy that he thought the CIA was listening in on every conversation. Then the father laughed, and the son laughed and then.... Amazon Echo laughed! Makes you think!

A man walks into a library ... Man, to librarian: "I'd like a quarter pounder with cheese, and a large coke."

Librarian (*whispering*): "Sir, you are at the library."

Man (*now whispering*): "Oh, I'm sorry. I'd like a quarter pounder with cheese, and a large coke."

Jesus says, Jesus **whispers**, "**Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.**"

These words, "**Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom**" part of our reading today in Luke 12, are the words used at the very end of the introduction to **The Theological Declaration of Barmen** helping to set up all that this important confessional document, that originated in a time of crisis for the church and for the world, has to say. "**Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom**". Strong words first offered to the early Christian community in a time of hatred, violence and much fear as recoded for us in the Gospel of Luke.... Strong words appropriate for the Confessing Church facing up to and facing down Hitler's fascism... Strong words for the church of today and every day....

The Theological Declaration of Barmen was adopted by the Confessing Church in Germany in 1934 to help Christians withstand the challenges of the Nazi party and the so-called "German Christians" – people who were going along with the policies of Hitler and the Nazi party and who approved even the idea that the State could control, curtail and impose its will upon the Christian Church in Germany. Those who followed this false notion had come to believe that since Hitler was the Fuhrer, the Leader of the Reich, that he was therefore also the Fuhrer, the Leader of the Church, replacing Jesus as Lord and Head of the Church.

By 1934 the plans and intentions of Hitler and the Nazi party for Germany and the German people were becoming ever clearer. Those who stood against the party and the regime were demonized; newspapers, and political parties offering other views and opinions were shouted down, closed down, shut down and banned. The system of laws that provided a system of checks and balances upon the power of the government and the Fuhrer were abolished and replaced with a system of "People's courts" controlled by the Nazis. Jews and other people deemed of little or no worth, were terrorized and victimized in the press and on the streets, and



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as all this happened the vast majority of the populace, including most Christians went along with what was a heresy uniting Christianity, nationalism and militarism, promulgating a view that a racially pure nation and Hitler's rise to power were God's will and purpose.

In response to all this, and more, all this fear, victimization, and use of brutal force, a relatively small number of Christian leaders, congregations, churches and believers, from the Lutheran and Reformed churches seeing all that was being done was wrong, resolved to take a stand and seek to defend the central truths long established in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. The leaders, theologians, pastors and elders of this group, that would come to be known as "The Confessing Church" came together and developed and adopted the Theological Declaration of Barmen, Barmen being the German city where the group met.

This Declaration is one of the eleven Creeds and Confessions in the Book of Confession of the Presbyterian Church (USA) first received into a Book of Confessions by Presbyterians in the USA in 1967. The Barmen Declaration proclaims the church's freedom in Jesus Christ, affirming that Jesus alone is the Lord of every area of life and the One whom the Church has to obey even when this puts the church at odds with the State and its claims.

Stylistically the Declaration affirms six truths and rejects six "false doctrines". I give quote one example here,

"6. "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matt. 28:20.) "The word of God is not fettered." (II Tim. 2:9.)

8.26 The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

8.27 We reject the false doctrine, as though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans."

The Barmen Declaration is a joyful and ferocious affirmation of the central and key elements, attitudes and truths long held, and still held by the Church of Jesus Christ, and at the same time offers a complete repudiation of the intrusion of the State in controlling the church or imagining that any State or Nation could stand in place of or above the church or the Lord of the church. This Declaration was framed and affirmed in a time of great turmoil, a time in which there was much noise and growing injustice, a time when the drums of militarism and war were being beat and when microphones amplified the vile hatred that was and is the Nazi creed.

In response the Barmen Declaration is firm, strong and robust and yet it begins with a whisper, in the words of Jesus, **"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."**



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The Kingdom that Jesus whispers God chooses to give, offer and bring, is an alternate reality to the world around us and the world in which we live....

This kingdom, God's kingdom has no end. In this kingdom God has shown strength with his arm; and in which the proud will be scattered; the powerful have been and will be brought down from their thrones, and in which the lowly will be lifted; in which the hungry are filled with good things, and the rich are sent away empty. All this we get just from reading Mary's Magnificat as we do every Advent!.... Whisper it, the Kingdom of God is where the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them....

... In response to what Jesus says about the servants being ready, looking for and anticipating their Master's return there is unavoidable disruption. Whisper it, the Kingdom is not about us keeping going with the things we are currently doing, but being ready to live in new and changed, Kingdom ways.

The Kingdom present and the yet still to arrive in all its fullness asks us, needs us, invites us to stand ready! And yes God's Kingdom does turn everything on its head because the returning Master for whom we wait, will when He arrives serve the servants, just as our Lord sits with us and acts as host and feeds us every time we accept Jesus' invitation to come to this Communion Table. Never mind what we think we might could do for our Lord, our Lord feeds us and nourishes us and names us as His children.

Recall with me from where the returning Master is coming from – not from a day at the beach or the casino, not from a making a deposit at the local bank, not from the synagogue or Temple, not from the office after a busy day's work. No, the Master is returning home from a wedding banquet, an event of great festivity and celebration and in Scripture a symbol of hospitality and of God's Promised Great Banquet to which all are invited, and all are expected. The returning Master is not grim-faced when he returns home. He comes, not to exact a fearsome accounting, not with a pious exhortation to do better and try harder, not to put anyone in their place! This Master is coming home from a party with a spring in his step and a tune, a joyful tune, in his heart and on his lips. This Master will sit down with all the servants and serve them!

Into the deep distress of the world, for the lost, the last, the least, for those who mourn, for those exploited and overlooked and ignore, God and God's Kingdom comes. And you and I we are to be watching and waiting and looking for and expecting and anticipating this Kingdom resolved to bring our lives into line with all that this Kingdom means and will ask of us.

In our own words, in our own actions, in our attitude within community, in our care for one another and our tender care for those most in need, we will welcome the Kingdom and point others to all it means and offers.



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By our individual and communal actions, we will bear witness to God's Kingdom. Not because we have all the right answers, for surely, we know that we don't, but we do know the One who does have the answers, the One we trust as Savior and Lord.

How then might you and we share your and our experience of this Kingdom of God by what we do and say in church and community?

How might we continue to live out the values of God's Kingdom in which there is a place and a space for everyone?

How will you commit who you are, what you do and all you can be and all you can offer in the service of this Kingdom?

What will you say? What will you do?

As servants of the Master, will you be awake, dressed, prepared for action, ready to once again be astonished as Jesus comes to you and to us all, to this community and to our world, smiling, ready to sit with you and serve you, in order that you and I can go on serving one another and serving others, after the example of Jesus!

*[WHISPERING]* Jesus says, **“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” AMEN.**”



We are all enjoying our informative and compelling Summer Learning Series, New Testament Connections, every Wednesday in August at 1pm, facilitated by Pastor Jim. Our next Seasonal Learning Series will be the Fall Studies. Please find a list below and consider joining a group, a study or both!

## 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 26<sup>th</sup>.

**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:

**Tuesday/10am/Patty Morris-facilitator/September study-"The Call"** a study of the life and message of the Apostle Paul /discussion group.

**Wednesday/1pm/Chris Martinez-facilitator/September study-"More Parables from the Backside"** by J. Ellsworth Kalas. A study of several parables from different angles and discuss how they are relevant to our daily lives/discussion group.

**Thursday/2pm/Sylvia Goodyear-facilitator/September study-'Unafraid'** An Adam Hamilton Understanding and countering fear of contemporary issues we face today/ discussion group.

**TBA/new Faith Group-Elaine Whitley-facilitator "One Anothering"** How we relate to each other as the body of Christ/discussion group.

## Church Newsletter and Office Volunteer Opportunities

### Church Newsletter

After three years of valuable service Peggy Reich, the current editor of our weekly Church E-Newsletter 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, August 2019. We record our thanks, and the appreciation of the entire congregation to Peggy for all she has done to help us communicate the life of the church to so many people inside and outside of our own congregation! The weekly newsletter is a huge asset to many, many people.

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.

Peggy has told us that she will continue in her role through the end of this month and is happy to talk with anyone interested, as are we.

### 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, 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](mailto:Jim.Simpson@tds.net)) (706) 374-5912) and Janice Cary, Church Office Volunteer Coordinator ([janicecary@etcmail.com](mailto:janicecary@etcmail.com)) (404) 909-2965)



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Thanks to the Women of Faith who sponsored our Second Sunday Lunch yesterday and provided fried chicken. Thanks to all who helped set up, serve, and clean up --Do we have great cooks or what? And thanks to Faith Shepherds for “gathering their flocks together” and enjoying good food and good fellowship.

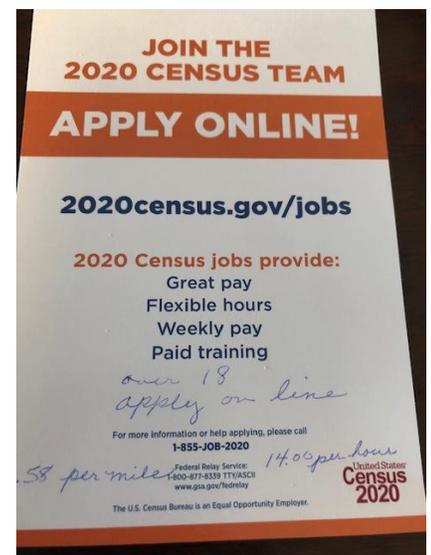


Joe and Helga Silva have definitely Got Faith!

Employment Opportunity: Join the 2020 Census Team

Apply online at [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs)

\$14.00 per hour, \$.58 per mile, flexible hours, paid training





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We're halfway home and,

*You are Invited...*

To give to the glory of God in the building of our new church home!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We are pleased to make a contribution to the second half of the capital campaign in the following amount, [above and beyond our initial gift] \_\_\_\_\_. This commitment concludes December 31st, 2020.



1 Ti 6:18-19  
Command them to do good, and to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for the foundation of the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

## Halfway Home Celebration

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Here is the link to the Halfway Home video on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/tzNwhCElmmg> I think you will enjoy seeing and hearing the presentations and spotting who was in the crowd! (Thank you, Jim Crawford for all your work on this video.) You may also enjoy taking a few moments to go to the church website <https://faithpresbyterianusa.org/giving> for links to all the photographs, materials and information that can help everyone see and celebrate where we have reached and how we can reach forward in the most positive and faithful way between now and the end of 2020. The Faith Presbyterian Church Facebook page is also hosting several of these materials <https://www.facebook.com/FaithPresbyterianBlueRidge/>

We can announce that seven additional pledges to the new Building Project amounting to \$14,000 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 enable 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!

Jim Simpson, Pastor

We are grateful for your generous giving and want to assist in any way we can. If you need any information on making your pledge or methods of giving, please contact Bob Goodyear, Financial Secretary, at [FaithPCFinance@gmail.com](mailto:FaithPCFinance@gmail.com)



At our **September 8<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday Lunch**, we will be celebrating and honoring our octogenarians (80+) and nonagenarians (90+). In the meantime, they will be featured each week in our newsletter. If you are 80+ young, please let Doris Riggs ([dorisriggs@icloud.com](mailto:dorisriggs@icloud.com)) or Kim King ([king1285@bellsouth.net](mailto:king1285@bellsouth.net)) know.



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## Meet Jim and Elaine Whitley.....

Originally Jim is from Richmond, Virginia and Elaine is from Buffalo New York.

Jim was in the banking business for 42 years. He had not intended to be a banker but his high school counselor had heard of a job opening at the local bank and encouraged him to go. Jim said he didn't own a tie so he had to go buy one for the interview which led to a career of 42 years!

When Elaine's children were young she did not work outside the home. Her first husband was an electrical engineer and they moved a lot – 13 times in 5 years. She has lived in 8 states. Elaine worked 25 years as a sales manager for a company that sold electronic components. She loved her job and really hated to retire.

Life brought them to Florida where they met and lived for 35years.

One summer they were volunteers at Yellowstone National Park. They also visited 4 other national park during that time. It was really wonderful for them.

On their way back to Florida from a visit to Clemson, SC they stopped at a Georgia Welcome Center. Elaine asked the attendant where in Georgia could you find houses at a reasonable price. The attendant said she wasn't supposed to say but....Blue Ridge and Ellijay. Elaine had never heard of Blue Ridge and didn't know there were mountains here. They came to Blue Ridge and looked at 30 houses in one day! One year later they moved to Blue Ridge and have been here 15 years.



Jim can't name a specific age he has enjoyed the most. "I like them all!"

Elaine has especially liked her years after retirement. "I've had a marvelous life and those years have been joyful and informative."

They have 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren!



## CRAFTY FRIDAY – EACH FRIDAY IN AUGUST !

We are so happy to have our very talented instructor, Jane Graves. This class is held each Friday in August (10-11:30 a.m.). A lot of progress after only 2 weeks !!!



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### 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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### Summer Learning Series 2019



Our 2019 Summer Learning Series that has the title and theme of “**New Testament Connections**” is now underway.

Everyone is invited to come on Wednesdays 14, 21 and 28 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. participants will engage with a range of resources and activities designed to help all better understand this crucial set of texts and their influence upon our life and faith. Cookies and lemonade will be provided.

How did these books originate?

Under what circumstances were they written?

In what ways can we be encouraged in our daily Christian living through our response to what the New Testament says about God, Jesus Christ and the life of faith and service to which we are committed?

Please put these dates in your calendar and be encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to this event led and facilitated by our Pastor, Jim Simpson.



From Grace Thomas, visiting Warwick, Rhode Island: “that precious rock will enjoy the New England seashore till someone finds it.”



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## Labor Day Barbecue

The Annual Good Samaritan Labor Day barbecue is just three weeks away on Monday, September 2nd! In addition, Saturday, August 31, has Pic-Nic-Nac in the park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring arts and crafts. Sunday, September 1, from 6 – 7:30 is community worship in the park with an ice cream social.

Good Samaritans of Fannin County, Inc, is a non-denominational association of area churches working to help people in need in Fannin County. Faith is part of this association, and the barbecue is the major fund-raising effort to enable Good Samaritan to help needy local families.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve, and clean up. Volunteers are also needed to put up signs and tents, to cook the barbecue, to set up tables, etc. This year the entire signup process is online at [www.goodsamfc.com](http://www.goodsamfc.com). Select volunteer today. You can see where help is needed and choose the area you want – i.e. food servers, drink servers, barbecue cooks, etc. If you do not have computer access, contact Sylvia Goodyear, 404-313-0063. She will take care of signing you up to help. Volunteers are also needed to bake cookies (individually wrapped – no peanuts), For cookie donations, there is a signup sheet in the gathering room.



## Good Samaritans of Fannin County Community Thanksgiving Open Table

Thursday, November 28th



### Healthy Lifestyle Discussion Group

Are you interested in participating in a discussion group at Faith to discuss and learn together the benefits of a healthy lifestyle?

It will be held at the church once or twice a month. We'll share our ideas on exercise, fresh air, sunshine, foods to eat, recipes – what does and doesn't work for you.

Betty Lennox and Jamielee Green are interested in hearing from YOU.

A signup sheet is in the Gathering Room.





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Come to church early and 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 have Coffee Time each Sunday morning, and hope you will join us. *All are always welcome at Faith.*

## August Children’s Church

August 18<sup>th</sup>: Patty Morris, Eric Morris

August 25<sup>th</sup>: Sharon Brewer, Shirley Copeland



## “Beyond the Wood and Stone”

Do you have a “Beyond the Wood and Stone” story? Please share.

Contact: Randy Griggs ([hrandallg@gmail.com](mailto:hrandallg@gmail.com)) Randy Borden ([randyborden@yahoo.com](mailto:randyborden@yahoo.com))



## Mission and Outreach



**BOYS & GIRLS  
CLUB**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual River Run 5K benefitting Boys and Girls Club of North Georgia is August 31<sup>st</sup> at Horseshoe Bend Park. See the poster on the Mission and Outreach white board for complete information. Must register by 8/16 to receive a t-shirt.



We are currently building a **Habitat House** in McCaysville, the 2nd this year, and we need volunteers to build and to provide lunches. Please email [Renee@hfhfanningilmer.org](mailto:Renee@hfhfanningilmer.org) to be place 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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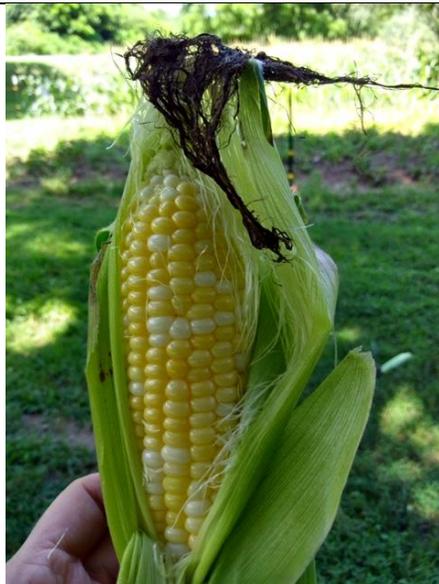
## Bingo at Blue Ridge Assisted Living

A chart for Bingo calling on Wednesdays at 2:30PM is in the gathering room on the Mission board. Please sign up ASAP. Thank you for volunteering this way, it is much appreciated, and the ladies and gentlemen will tell you so every week. Questions call Elaine at 407 712 4847.



## Church Garden 2019: Terri Charron [sweetwatergsp@gmail.com](mailto:sweetwatergsp@gmail.com)

We have recently harvested most of our crop—503 pounds of corn and potatoes and will be completing the harvest of 50 more pounds of corn when ready—lots of corn and potatoes!



Beautiful ears



The potatoes must be cleaned.



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**\*\*Church Newsletter and Bulletin:** Email articles and photos for the newsletter to [faithpcblueridge@gmail.com](mailto:faithpcblueridge@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.



Excellent progress on our new church building.



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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 sub committees 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](mailto:shcrawford52@gmail.com)
  - 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.



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- *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 Huffstetler, Danny Mellman, restaurateur, gratis consult) complete but open to input and comments.

“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.”

**The New Building Committee (Wood and Stone Committee) and Capital Campaign Committee** continue their work. Members of the committees are:

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	
Harold Wills	
Mike Roberts	Reverend Simpson serves, ex-officio, both committees.

[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.



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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).

## 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

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)



**Interested in singing in the choir?** Just call or email Kathy Cardwell at [kathymac@gmail.com](mailto: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.

	<p><b><u>Day by Day, Faithfully Forward</u></b> Some highlights and ways to be involved.</p>
<p>August 27</p>	<p>1:00 Current, continuing, and prospective Volunteer Office Meeting</p>
<p>Monday, September 2</p>	<p>Good Samaritan Labor Day Barbecue, downtown Blue Ridge</p>
<p>Sunday, September 8</p>	<p>Second Sunday Lunch, celebrating birthdays of those who are 80 plus years young.</p>



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Saturday, October 12

9:00 Rivers Alive and  
Arts in the Park



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
Justin Stevens (son of Diane Shillcutt)		Please pray for Justin Stevens (son of Diane Shillcutt) who is hospitalized in Chicago. He is out of ICU and may be able to soon go home; ours prayers for his recovery are greatly appreciated.
Tim Huffstetler		Please lift up Tim in prayer as he will be having back surgery to remove obstructions within his spinal column. The surgery is scheduled for Thursday, August 22 at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta.
Rick Borden		We give praise that Rick's shoulder joint replacement surgery August 8 went well; it was good to see him at church Sunday.
Will Mattison	Janice Glascock	Prayers for Will Mattison, Patti O'Dell's 97-year-old father affectionately known as Dr. Will, who recently underwent cardiac procedures. And prayers for Patti as she seeks assistance with Will's care in order to honor his wishes to remain in their home.
Cyndi Hunt		Praise update: Cyndi's hip replacement surgery 7/23 went well; she is recovering at home and greatly appreciates our continued prayers. She hopes to be back to church by September.
Gary Peterson		Prayers for dear friend and TU member, Gary Peterson who has recently had surgery to remove a cancerous tumor. Prayers for his recovery and for his wife Marie.
Allie Willis		Please pray for Allie as she faces ongoing health challenges.
Jackson Walker	Gerrie Jones	Please pray for a friend's brother who is in a Cobb County Burn Unit.
Virginia McPhee		Virginia continues to greatly appreciate our prayers.



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Maggie March		We give thanks for the birth of Maggie's grandson, Cameron. Pray for Maggie March as she has been diagnosed with agammaglobulinemia. Prayers that the approved infusion process helps her feel better, and prevent further health issues. Our continued prayers for Maggie are greatly appreciated.
Ann Rand		Please continue to lift up Ann in prayer as she prepares for treatment in Charlottesville, VA . The temporary address for Ann Rand is: c/o Robin and Dirk Servine, 817 Tanglewood Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22901; 434-202-8524 home and 434-249-2588 cell.
Judy Evans		Judy's hip issue remains about the same. She is now on another round of antibiotics for cellulitis and has a blood clot in one leg. Our prayers for her continue to be greatly appreciated.
Peggy Zinsli		Prayers for healing of kidney issues she now faces along with continued doctor visits to find relief of pain.
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		<b>Join your prayers of joy and prayers for a safe and speedy construction process.</b> 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.

**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.