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Dear Friends,

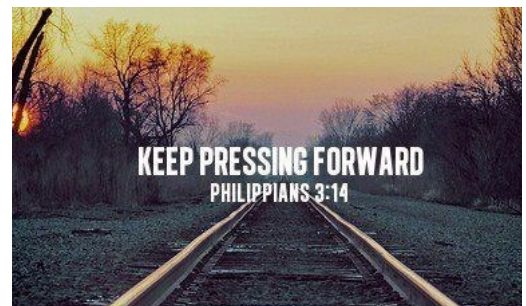
As I have mentioned before the COVID crisis has presented our church with some unique challenges, but it has also presented us with some unique opportunities for ministry and service in the name of Christ. While it has not been easy, I am quite impressed with the ways in which the Faith family has remained steadfast during this crisis which has enabled our church to care for and share the gospel of Christ with one another and our community in a variety of ways.

Now that we are entering the initial stage of what I call, the *"post-COVID era,"* we need to realize that as much as we would like, it will be impossible for our church to return to the way things were in March of 2020. While that may not be a reality we want to confront, it is one we must confront. It is also a reality that provides our congregation with the opportunity to carve out some new ways of ministry that may help us touch more people with the good news of Jesus. Thus, the task before us in the coming months will be to discover how we can create a vibrant and vital church in this *"post-COVID"* world. During the coming weeks, my Sunday sermons will highlight some of the characteristics of such a vibrant and vital church. To guide us on this journey, we will be using the creative work of Methodist Bishop and author, the Rev. Robert Schnase who suggests that there are five essential practices that today's churches need to embrace if they are to bear the fruit of the gospel. Those five practices are: **Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-taking Mission, and Extravagant Generosity.** Our Sunday conversations on these practices will be bracketed by a review of the fundamental characteristics of the Post-Pentecost Church as described in the Book of Acts and how we might tap into of the power of God's Holy Spirit at work among us, which, as the Apostle Paul notes in his Letter to the Ephesians, ***"is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine."***

Faith Presbyterian Church has a long and storied history of mission and ministry to the Huntsville Community. To remain faithful to Christ's call upon us, we must always be ready to adapt to an ever-changing environment and embrace the call that God in Jesus Christ places before us. As the Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians, ***"Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."*** My prayer is that together, we will press on to the call Christ has placed before us and do whatever it takes to create a vibrant and vital witness to Jesus Christ in the months and years to come.

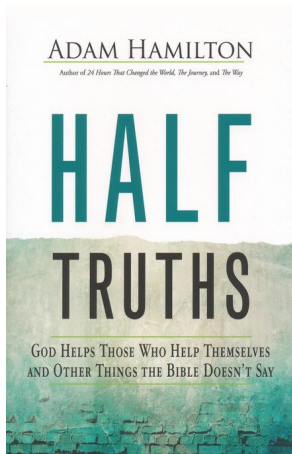
Grace & Peace,

*Tom*



## Adult Sunday School is back!

**Sunday's \* 9:30-10:15am \***  
**Fellowship Hall**



Come join Pastor Tom as we tackle "Half Truths: 'God helps those who help themselves' and other things the Bible doesn't say." using the video series hosted by Adam Hamilton.

We'll watch the video and then have open discussion about our own thoughts on some basic Bible teachings.

## Youth & Children's Sunday School is back!

**Sunday's \* 9:30-10:15am \***  
**Mission Center**

All youth and elementary children are invited to join Mrs. Krista in the Mission Center each Sunday morning to discover how we, as Christians, can be "Putting Faith into Action" through our words and deeds using the Bible as our guide.

This will be a "hands-on" class!



## Our Church Nursery is back for Infants & Preschoolers!

**Sunday's \* 8:30—11:30am \* Room 120**

Our Church Nursery has reopened with Cheryl & Avrie Adams leading the care of our youngest Faith members!

Parents are asked to bring masks, snacks and other personal items, clearly labeled, for their child.

## *In Memoriam ...*

*In Celebration of the Life of*  
**Dr. Richard C. Burnside**

*December 7, 1941-March 17, 2021*

**A Memorial Service** will be held for Dr. Burnside at 12:00 Noon on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary.

A time of visitation with the family will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday evening, June 24<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

The family requests that Memorial Gifts be made to the Huntsville Hospital Foundation and designated for the Dr. Richard C. Burnside fund.

# CONGRATULATIONS 2021 GRADUATES!

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



*“Lexy” Alexandra Alaine Flatau*

Huntsville High School

Plans: Clemson University,

With a major in Microbiology, concentration in  
Biomedicine

*“Mandy” Amanda Ann Marie Strange*

Grissom High School

Granddaughter of Waymon and Candace Krugh

Plans: Undecided at present



## COLLEGE GRADUATES



*Chase Derek Flatau*

**Auburn University**

**BS in Electrical Engineering**

plans to work at Redstone Test Center on Redstone Arsenal

*Camilla Anne Lockridge*

**Athens State University**

**BS in Sociology**

**Summa Cum Laude**

Plans: internship and graduate school  
with plans for a career in  
the area of ADA Compliance



## OTHER GRADUATES

*Madeline Margaret Woody*

**Delta State University, Cleveland Mississippi**

**BSN in Nursing**

Cardiac ICU nurse at Huntsville hospital

*Caitlin Richardson*

**West Chester University, Pennsylvania**

**MS in Social Work**

Granddaughter-in-law of Betty Richardson

*Jonathan Richardson*

**Westminster Theological Seminary**

**Master of Divinity**

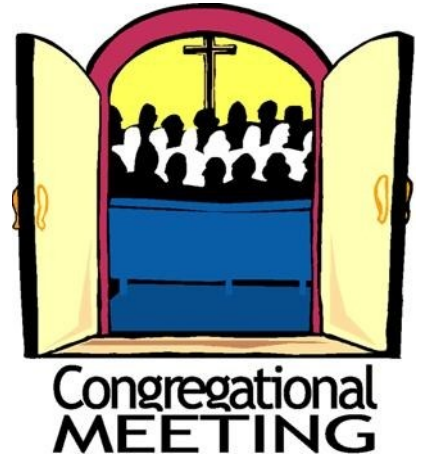
Grandson of Betty Richardson



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Meeting of the Congregation for 10:00 am Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> to be held in the Sanctuary as well as via Zoom video conference for the purposes listed below. The link for the Zoom video conference will be emailed to the congregation on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

1. To amend the Leadership Organization Structure to increase the length of term for Commissioned Deacons from two to three years beginning with the Class of 2024. This amendment is needed to provide for the appropriate rotation of three classes of two Deacons each.
2. To act upon the report of the Nominating Committee and elect Elders, Deacons, and a Trustee for the Class of 2023, to elect a Deacon to fill unexpired term for 2022, and to elect three current Deacons who, in keeping with the transition plan of the new Leadership Organizational Structure, will be nominated as elders in order to complete their terms of service on the Session.



The Nominating Committee will place the following persons in nomination:

### For Elder:

**Class of 2023:** George Edlin, Paul Thompson, Jean Sturfels

**Class of 2022:** Karl Rass, John Haley

**Class of 2021:** Nick McElhaney

There is one vacancy left in the Class of 2023 for which the Nominating Committee hopes to have a nominee by June 6th.

### For Commissioned Deacon:

**Class of 2023:** Pam McElhaney, Will Gaspard

**Class of 2022:** Maggie Robinson

### For Trustee:

**Class of 2023:** Ed Runnion

As always, nominations may be made from the floor provided that those nominated have been contacted beforehand and have agreed to serve if elected.



Faith has a new organizational structure!



WE ARE A  
**MATTHEW 25 Church**

BUILDING CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY

Where is God calling you to serve?

### **DEACON COMMITTEES**

*Led by "Commissioned Deacons"*

To connect with and care for the congregation with the love of Jesus Christ and to provide opportunities for the congregation to flourish.

### **SESSION COMMITTEES**

*Led by Elders*

To provide leadership for the congregation in accordance with the PCUSA Book of Order, through worship, mission, education, and financial stewardship.

### **Community Building**

**aka Fellowship**

To provide opportunities for the congregation to gather for food and fun such as congregational meals, special events, on and off campus.

### **Worship**

To provide opportunities for all ages to worship and grow spiritually through regular & seasonal events.

### **Congregational Care**

To provide care for members in times of sickness and death with cards, visits, help with transportation, flowers, receptions.

### **Mission**

To provide opportunities for members to Put Faith into Action by connection with our mission partners through regular "hands-on" activities, special events, and financial opportunities.

### **Communication**

To provide regular communication with members through phone calls, prayer chain, meals, birthday notes.

### **Spiritual Formation**

**aka Christian Education**

To provide opportunities for spiritual growth through regular and seasonal small group Bible studies and devotional material.

### **Facilities**

To provide maintenance and oversight of the physical property of Faith.

While each of these committees will have a Chair, it will take a village to "get things done," and make a difference in the future of Faith. Over the next month, prayerfully consider where YOU can serve and how YOU can be a part of God's plan.

**Be ready to volunteer OR say, "YES, I can and will!" when the call comes asking you to serve!**

### **Stewardship & Finance**

To provide opportunities for members to Put Faith into Action through financial giving and to provide oversight of the church finances.

### **Administration & Personnel**

To provide oversight of the office and staff of Faith.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



**\$5,000**

raised for "Ark #32"  
filled with livestock  
for families around  
the world!

#### Our Mission

We work to end hunger and poverty in partnership with the communities we serve. Our programs support entrepreneurs around the world, creating lasting change from the ground up. It begins with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture, followed by mentorship to help project participants build a business, and ultimately to gain access to supply chains and markets.

These families are able to earn a living income and continuously lift up their communities as they train the next generation of leaders.

By supporting and training the world's farmers, ranchers, and female business owners, we're investing in a new breed of success.

#### Where we Work

We work in 21 countries around the world to strengthen local economies and build secure livelihoods that guarantee a living income to local farmers.

**Faith is honored to be a partner  
of Heifer International since 1976!**



**\$9,425**

raised to provide ministry  
that is transforming  
underserved communities  
by empowering people to  
meet their own needs and  
encouraging people to  
take charge of their own  
lives and break the  
mentality of dependency!



**\$7,095**

raised to provide vital  
Phototherapy and  
Neonatal equipment to  
Haiti and DR Congo!

**\$7,509**

raised to provide  
continued care for  
children and families at  
Presbyterian Home  
for Children!

sweet HOME  
SOIRÉE



OCTOBER 16, 2021 \* 9AM-1PM \* FELLOWSHIP HALL

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH \* 5003 WHITESBURG DRIVE \* HUNTSVILLE, AL 35802

#### Mission Partners for this event include:

- CASA—Care Assurance Systems for the Aging
- Elderly Mission Project Food Boxes
- Faith Presbyterian Preschool
- Second Mile Development
- Heifer International
- Huntsville Assistance Program
- Apparent Project
- MBF "Be the Light"
- Presbyterian Home for Children

**Silent Auction Items will be available**  
Contact Krista to donate items  
**Concessions & Lunch will be available**  
Provided by the GFWC

FAITH IS BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING!



## Join Faith & Friends . . .

for a **March 13, 2022 Cruise to the Caribbean!**

This cruise will take place during Spring Break for Hsv City Schools, so load up the family and join us for a week of fun, sun, and fellowship. Great

Rates, so book now!! Deposits are fully refundable if you decide you cannot go.

If you have questions contact me at Southern Girls Travel— 256-656-9914 email [monique.fleming@cruiseplanners.com](mailto:monique.fleming@cruiseplanners.com)—Monique Antonios Fleming

## NAPMA is **BACK!!**

After sixteen long months, the North Alabama Presbyterian Men's Association is returning to its normal meeting schedule.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 19, 2021, at 6 pm. The tentative location will be at Grace Presbyterian Church (Madison). As is our custom, a meal will be provided.

After such a long hiatus, it is crucially important that we re-assemble as many of our brother-members as possible. Also, in order to expand our membership, it is similarly important that current members reach out to those men in our church who have never attended a meeting and strongly encourage them to accompany you.

The last year has given us an opportunity to plan for a more active and involved NAPMA, and there is a place in that vision for every man in Faith Presbyterian Church.

So please mark "July 19" on your calendars and plan to be us for our joyful return to our mission of "men in service to God."

Stan Cowan

President, NAPMA



## FINANÇIALLY \$PEAKING

INCOME/EXPENSES			PLEDGES & NON-PLEDGED		
	April	Year-To-Date		April	Year-To-Date
INCOME	\$36,533	\$169,248	ACTUAL	\$33,305	\$156,196
EXPENSES	33,117	135,662	BUDGET	36,167	144,667
	\$3,436	\$33,586		\$(2,862)	\$11,529

## Interactive Worship at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall Traditional Worship at 10:30 am in the sanctuary

(Both services are In-person and simultaneously live-streamed on Faith's Facebook page and website, and the 10:30 service is available as a YouTube video later in the week)

### Worship Themes for June: *"Creating a Vibrant Church in a Post-COVID World"*

**June 6**     *"Back to Basics: the Post-Pentecost Church"*  
Acts 1:1-8; 2:37-47

Our worship will include the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**June 13**     *"Embracing Radical Hospitality"*  
Deuteronomy 10:12-22;  
II Corinthians 5:16-21

**June 20**     *"Passionate Worship"*  
Psalm 95:1-7;  
Colossians 3:12-17

**June 27**     *"Intentional Faith Development"*  
Deuteronomy 6:4-9;  
II Timothy 3:14-17

## June Birthdays

Carla Gearhart	06/02	Eloise Goldman (11)	06/15
Nancy Hamilton	06/03	Keith Bucher	06/19
Richard Stairhime Jr.	06/03	Jean Ennis	06/19
Brenda McGhee	06/05	Julia McElhaney	06/19
Nancy Weaver	06/07	Jenny Chapman	06/26
Cindy Baier	06/08	Cecil Stokes	06/26
Bob Reynolds	06/08	Rob Van Peursem	06/27
Ed Runnion	06/10		

