

Worship Themes for October

Interactive Worship at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
 Traditional Worship at 10:30 am in the sanctuary
Both Services are live-streamed on the Faith Facebook page

October 3 - World Communion Sunday

"The Miracle of Sharing"
 John 6:1-14

October 10

"Insignificant Greatness"
 Mark 9:30-37; 10:35-45

October 17 - Confirmation Sunday

"Who Do You Say I Am"
 Joshua 24:14-24; Mark 8:27-36



October Birthdays

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| 2 Debbie Preece | 21 Stephanie Karigan |
| 2 Jacob Rass (11) | 23 Charlotte Armstrong |
| 6 Lynn Bucher | 26 Tom Erwin |
| 7 Lexy Flatau (18) | 28 Sarah Cobb (16) |
| 7 Anne Jones | 31 Natalie Ennis (6) |
| 9 Pam McElhaney | 31 Leslie Franklin |
| 10 Shirley Stokes | |
| 13 Tom Lovell | |
| 14 Steve Murray | |
| 17 Patti Powell | |
| 18 Rachel Jones (18) | |
| 18 Tim Neely | |
| 19 Nancy Newell | |

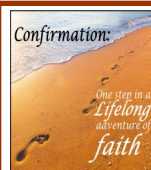


October 24

*"Investing in God's Future—
 Following God's Call"*
 Genesis 12:1-9; Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-12

October 31 - Stewardship Sunday

*"Investing in God's Future—
 Investing in Hope"*
 Jeremiah 29:11; 32:1-15; Romans 5:1-5

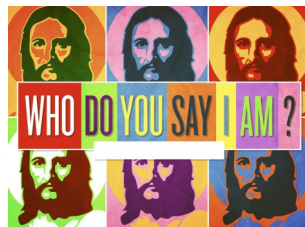


2021 Confirmands

Nate Robinson
 Ephraim Cobb
 Jackson Chapman

Please keep these three young men in your prayers as they complete the formal steps in their Confirmation Journey.

Confirmation Sunday October 17, 2021 8:30 & 10:30



You are invited to bring a note or card for each of our Confirmands on October 17th to express your encouragement, your prayers, and your support for their continuing faith journey.

The fall meeting of the North Alabama Presbyterian Men's Association will be held Monday, October 4, 2021, at Faith Presbyterian Church.



Registration and fellowship will begin at 5:30pm, followed by a dinner of Lawler's BBQ (\$10). The mission statement of The Association is *"to lead men into a vital relationship with Christ, and to assist them in their spiritual, personal, and community development."* How can we accomplish this? Our guest speaker, Dr. Earl Robinson (pastor of Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church), will show us one way by giving us an overview of prison ministry programs in the area.

All men, of any church in the Presbytery, are cordially invited to an evening of fellowship, food, and spiritual focus. Whether you have ever attended a NAPMA meeting or not (especially if you have not!) we look forward to having you join us. Mark your calendars, spread the word among all your congregation brothers, organize car pools, and plan to join us on October 4.



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Dear Friends,

Yes, it's that time again, the time for our church to begin thinking about the ministries and programs God is calling us to be a part of in the coming year, and our call to support those ministries and programs through our gifts, tithes and offerings. Yes, it's STEWARDSHIP SEASON, which to some, may seem like one of those necessary tasks we must endure in order to garner enough support to keep the church going for another year. However, I prefer to see stewardship season as an opportunity for us to put our faith into practice, confident that if we are willing to invest in God's future, we can trust that God will provide all that we need and all that our church needs to fulfill God's call upon us.

Thus, the theme for our 2021 Stewardship Emphasis is, *"Investing in God's Future,"* using this promise from God found in Jeremiah 29:11 to guide and inspire us: ***"For surely I know that plans I have for you says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future filled with hope."*** I believe this is the perfect passage for the congregation of Faith Presbyterian Church for this particular stewardship season. As the church prepares to enter into a time of transition in leadership, there are many unknowns and uncertainties regarding the future of the church. Such transitions often take a long time, and enduring such a long transition will require an unwavering hope in God's future. While we may not know what the future holds, Jeremiah reminds us that we do, indeed, know who holds that future. It is none other than the same God who promised a future filled with hope for the people of Israel and who promises a future filled with hope for the life and ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church. It is faith in God, who has always kept his promises that will enable the members of this congregation to invest in God's future by continuing to serve as generous and faithful stewards, as you have throughout the church's history. ***"Faith,"*** writes the author of Hebrews, ***"is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."***

As we enter yet another stewardship season in the life of Faith Presbyterian Church, I pray that we will have the faith and commitment to invest in God's future, that this community of faith located on the corner of Whitesburg Drive and Airport Road might continue to be a beacon of the Light of Christ for many years to come.

Grace & Peace,
Tom

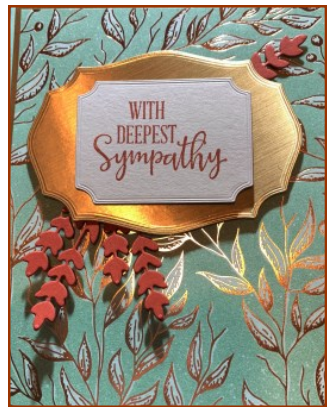




Welcome to our new Church Secretary, Emma Roberson, who began her work with us the last week of September. Emma is a student at Calhoun Community College where she is a member of the Presidential Honors Program, the International Honors Society, and the National English Honors Society. She is quite personable, enthusiastic, and looks forward to getting to know the Faith family. Emma will be working 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays. Please stop by the office and give her a warm greeting.

Our deepest sympathy to Bertha Granados on the passing of her mother in Guatemala.

We're keeping your family in our hearts and prayers.



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WE WANT TO THANK BRANDON NISKA for his friendship and for sharing his incredible musical talents with us for the past five years as our Interactive Director of Music.

Brandon's last Sunday at Faith will be October 3rd so that he can concentrate on finishing his undergraduate degree and broaden his musical gifts.



As we move into October, the preschool children are learning about God's world in the fall, learning about fire safety, and looking forward to pumpkins and Halloween. In addition to the regular classroom activities, our students aged 2 and older participate in weekly library time. Over the Covid quarantine, I created a preschool library in room 220. Pam McElhaney and Avrie Adams are our wonderful librarians! Each week, they select books to read and

prepare an accompanying art/craft or song/activity for each age group. The children are loving it and look forward to going each week! Thank you Miss Pam and Miss Avrie for bringing the joy of books and reading to our young friends!

We are continuing to receive emails and phone calls from interested families and hope to fill our classrooms. Please share our contact information with any interested parents of preschoolers - preschool@presby.org.

Thank you for your continued support of our preschool program!

Cheryl Adams



**Faith Preschool
October Fundraiser
Thursday, October
14th
4—9 pm**

Order your meal from Nothing but Noodles on Whitesburg Drive, and 10% of your purchase price will be donated to our preschool!

Don't forget to tell them your supporting Faith Presbyterian Preschool when you order!

FAITH MARKETPLACE

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

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

Come join us, and bring a friend, for a morning of shopping and supporting our mission partners!

The Silent Auction will be open from 9-12:30 with some amazing items worthy of your bidding!

Concessions will be provided by the GFWC Legacy Club with all profits going to Heifer International!

The Apparent Project We'll have metal art, jewelry, dolls, and ornaments available to provide much needed support for the AP Preschool in Haiti!

Madison County CASA We'll have lotion sets from Bath & Body Works, homemade wooden angels, beautiful candle trays to support ramp builds and the care of the aging in Madison County.

Elderly Mission Project We'll have calendars from Billy Spears, Scrabble tile coasters, and soup mugs to support the monthly food box ministry to seniors living with food insecurity.

I am loved and Cared for at Faith Presbyterian Preschool We'll have original artwork by Liz Boley, and Tooth Fairy Pillows, Kitchen Towels, and ornaments made by Patty Grant to support our Faith Preschool.

Huntsville Assistance Program and Clearing House We'll have Handmade wooden Nativity Sets, Nativity Blocks and Angels made by Krista Lovell and more to support the vital work in helping our community.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL We'll have BEE items & snacks made by Krista Lovell, and a honey tasting presented by a special representative from Heifer to help us raise money for Ark #33!

Living Waters For the World We'll have sea glass ornaments made by Bridgett Martin, water bottles, candles and more to support our first water installation set for 2022!

MBF Medical Benevolence Foundation We'll have Handmade wooden Baby Jesus blocks and ornaments to support our "Be The Light" campaign for neonatal equipment.

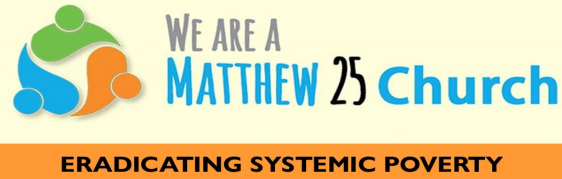
PALS Positive Adult Learning Support We'll have Book/Animal Bags for children along with specialty items to support this new ministry at Faith.

Presbyterian Home for Children Alabama We'll have snowmen ornaments, wooden reindeer, Pedicure in A Jar sets, handmade pottery from The Potters Workshop and PHFC cookbooks to provide support for PHFC.

2 SECOND MILE We'll have a table filled with treats to raise money for our newest partnership with the Second Mile Preschool!

The 29:11 Story We'll have handmade jewelry and ornaments, made by the women of The 29:11 ministry, to celebrate God's story of redemption.

Want a Sneak Peek of what's available? Stop by Tues-Fri from 10-12!



TWO NEW MISSION MINISTRIES FOR FAITH!

PALS Positive Adult Learning Support
 Faith is honored to welcome to our church building, the PALS program for young adults with intellectual disabilities!

The program meets Tuesdays—Fridays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in rooms 202 & 204 with specialized activities to help students develop self-help and vocation skills, continue their scholastic learning, explore art and music, develop physical fitness through recreation, and provide social support in a Bible-based learning environment.

To learn more about this program or offer scholarship support, please contact Linda Rass, Holly Wilks, or Camilla Lockridge.

2 SECOND MILE Faith is honored to become a new **Preschool Partner** with Second Mile Preschool and will be providing **“Family Enrichment Bags”** for 10 children in one of the three preschool classes!

Each month, Faith will provide a bag filled with books and supplies, based on a request from their teacher, that will go home with students so their families can participate in the monthly theme of their child’s class while spending quality family time together!

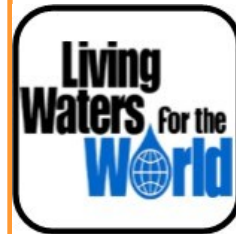
You are invited to participate by:

1. Sponsoring a bag for \$15 per month. (please make checks payable to Faith with #2922 Second Mile in the memo line.)
2. Be a part of the team that fills the bags with the gathered items.

For more information, or to volunteer for this ministry, contact Krista Lovell.



Faith will once again be a drop off site for warm blankets and winter clothing items for the homeless October through March.



The Faith Water Team is joining the Houston Water Project Team in investigating a new water installation in one of the sites in Tabasco, Mexico.

Christi Robinson, a certified member of Faith’s Water Team, will be traveling with the Houston group October 22-24 to do a preliminary evaluation of several sites to determine which site will be chosen.

Living Waters for the World works with communities to install safe drinking water systems and provide community education for long-term sustainability. By working within the community, LWW becomes a partner with leaders and water system trainees to furnish safe water to children, youth, and adults.

Stay tuned for the exciting plans for our Faith Water Team as they partner with the Houston Team AND the Mexico Water Team to install a system in 2022!

Thank you, Christi, Liz Goldman, Anna Norton, Bridgett Martin, and Bob Captain for serving on this Water Team!



October 10-17 is Food Action Week!

Once again, Faith is honored to be working alongside our denomination as a Hunger Action Congregation who is lifting up the hunger needs of our community, region, and world.

Our Faith Marketplace will be hosting a representative from Heifer International who will be offering information on BEES and their important role in our ecosystem. There will be an entire table filled with BEE items for your shopping to help us raise awareness and money for this vital mission partner.

Our EMP volunteers will also be delivering their monthly food boxes to 18 households living with food insecurity.

Spiritual Formation

Elders: Stan Cowan & Nancy Beason

October Offerings for Children & Youth

Nursery Care is provided by Cheryl Adams each Sunday morning from 8:30-11:30 in room 120.

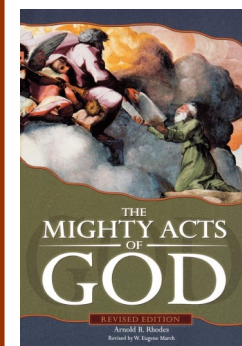
Elementary Children are meeting with Nancy Beason & Pam McElhaney in room 216 for opportunities to grow in their faith.

Youth are invited to check in with Krista Lovell to work on current mission projects.



Wednesday Night Bible Study

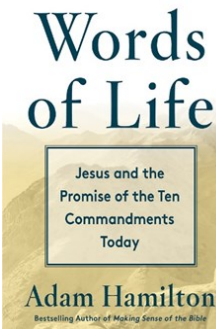
“The Mighty Acts of God: From the Garden to the Hope of the Messiah”



Join us each Wednesday night at 7:00 pm via Zoom as Dr. Lovell leads us through this chronological study of the Old Testament. The Zoom link will be listed in the weekly worship bulletin and emailed to the congregation each week. Our schedule for the remainder of this study is below.

- October 6 The Promised Land Joshua-Judges
- October 13 Samuel and Saul I Samuel
- October 20 David and Solomon II Samuel
- October 27 Elijah and Elisha I & II Kings
- November 3 The Promise of the Prophets Isaiah, Micah

Adult Sunday Bible Study

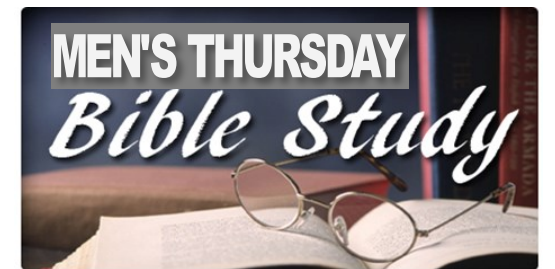


What if the Ten Commandments were not just a set of ancient rules, but a guide to experiencing the good life today? Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of "thou-shalt-nots" found in the Bible. Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life.

Join us at 9:30 am each Sunday morning in Room 109 for an exhilarating study of the Ten Commandments, guided by noted scholar and pastor, Dr. Adam Hamilton. This ten-week video series will help us to understand what the Ten Commandments meant to Moses and the people of Israel; what they meant to Jesus and his followers, and finally, what they can mean for us today.

Here’s our schedule for October:

- Oct 3 “The Tragedy of Violence, the Beauty of Mercy”
- Oct 10 “Faithfulness in an Age of Porn”
- Oct 17 “We’re All Thieves Yes, Even You”
- Oct 24 “Sticks, Stones, and the Power of Words”
- Oct 31 “Keeping Up with the Jones”



Join the Men’s Thursday Bible Study Group!

Come early for fellowship time, Stay for Bible study from 11:00-12:00, Continue the fellowship with a group lunch at a local restaurant!

Session Synopsis

The September Stated Session meeting was held on September 12, 2021. The three members of the 2021 Confirmation Class were present throughout most of the meeting. To assist the Confirmands with their Statements of Faith, Session members were asked to share the most important aspects of their faith.

Elders Holly Wilks and Stan Cowan were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee to recruit officers for the class of 2024. The Session approved a proposal to allow the PALS program (The Positive Adult Learning Support) group to meet at the church for a daily educational and vocational class beginning on September 21, 2021. The focus is to serve young adult, post high school, who need a level of support that is greater than is typically available in traditional workplaces and sheltered workshops. This program will be under the Mission Committee. The PALS Manual of Operation, a new mission partnership with Second Mile Preschool, and the 2021 Challenge Budget were also approved. The motion for one combined service on November 7, 2021, (The Lovell's last Sunday) was approved.

The last portion of the meeting was devoted to discussion regarding the Ministry Information Form that was provided in advance to fill the Interim Pastor position. During the discussion some minor changes were suggested and accepted. Elders Linda Rass, Fred Baier, and Stan Cowan were approved as the Interim Pastor Search Committee with the request that additional volunteers be willing to assist should the need arise. Guest preachers will be arranged to fill the pulpit until a permanent Interim Pastor is selected. Please reach out to any Session member if you have any questions or want to become involved in this process. Your prayers and support are greatly needed and appreciated.

2021 STEWARDSHIP SEASON October 16-31

"Investing in God's Future"

"For surely I know that plans I have for you says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future filled with hope." (Jer. 29:11)

The Session will approve a challenge budget on Sept. 12

Watch your mailbox in mid-October for our 2021 Stewardship brochure and your Financial Pledge Card for 2022.

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION DAY WILL BE OCTOBER 31ST.

Please bring your completed 2022 Financial Pledge Card to worship where we will dedicate our pledges and ourselves to Christ's ministry during worship.



FINANCIALLY \$PEAKING

INCOME/EXPENSES			PLEDGES & NON-PLEGDED		
	August	Year-To-Date		August	Year-To-Date
INCOME	\$66,053	338,146	ACTUAL	\$61,038	\$310,754
EXPENSES	32,135	272,744	BUDGET	36,167	289,333
	\$33,918	\$65,402		\$24,871	\$ 21,421

Margaret Morrison, Treasurer



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:30 Worship FH 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship SA 5:00 AA-209	4 9:00 Aerobics-GYM 5-8 - NAP Men - FH 8:00 AA-209	5 5:30—AA-209 6:00 Aerobics-Gym 7-10 Men's Basketball—Gym	6 9:00 Aerobics-GYM 9-12 Wed Art Group 6:15 Choir Reh 7:00 ZOOM Bible Study 8:00 AA-209	7 11:00 Men's Bible Study—FH 5:30—AA-209 6:00 Aerobics-Gym 6-8 GFWC Legacy - FH	8 9:00 Aerobics-GYM 8:00 AA-209	9 10:00 AA Masked Group-209
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