

October 2023

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Changing Seasons



Alabama summers are often so hot that couples let one person go into the store while the other person keeps the car cool by staying in the parking lot with the engine running and the air conditioning running at full blast. This season always ends and people are relieved that first day when they open their door in the morning and they feel the cool breeze from the lowered temperatures from the overnight low. Every time we change seasons, we say we are glad that the old one has gone, knowing that it will come back again.

While we don't see harsh seasonal changes, we do live in an

area where things are different in different months and even the time of day. Some of us have already started wearing long sleeve shirts at night and into buildings that are notoriously cool in the daytime. Soon, short sleeve shirts will be only worn in the middle of a very warm fall day.

There will be a time soon (we don't know exactly when) when new leadership will come to the church and I will start the transition of saying goodbye. I'm already making decisions to help the church get ready for the new pastor. Again, we don't know when the new pastor will be announced or whether God has already prepared someone to come, but it is time to start looking at the "changing of the seasons".

Some people absolutely love summer in Alabama. Others love autumn. They same will be true with the new pastor. There will be some things that most everyone absolutely loves. There may be other things that can be quite irritating. There is no such thing as a perfect pastor. The only perfect pastor that ever existed was Jesus and Jesus didn't impress everyone. He lost his life for doing what God called him to do. Never expect your pastor to be like Christ. Expect them to be like you.

Changes are coming.....

Burt

October Birthdays

Preece, Debbie, 10/2

Rass, Jacob, 10/2

Bucher, Lynn, 10/6

Flatau, Lexy, 10/7

Jones, Anne, 10/7

Sturmfels, Jean, 10/7

McElhaney, Pam, 10/9

Murray, Steve, 10/14

Powell, Patti, 10/17

Newell, Nancy, 10/19

Karigan, Stephanie, 10/21

Erwin Jr, Tom, 10/26

Franklin, Leslie, 10/31



October Anniversaries

Morrison, Mac & Margaret (36), 10/3

McElhaney, Nick and Julia (14), 10/10

McGhee, Dave & Marilyn (36), 10/17

Bucher, Il, Keith & Lynn (57), 10/22

Whitmore, Wayne & Claire (59), 10/24

HAPPY
Anniversary!

Spirit Weekend September 22-24



Many thanks to all who helped with Spirit Weekend!

Once again you proved that Faith Presbyterian Church is mission-focused. A total of **1584** food items was donated for our food pantry to supply the boxes delivered monthly for the **Elderly Mission Project**. Totals for the schools were: Alabama 524, Auburn 253, Clemson 34, Kentucky 58, Mississippi State 105, Ohio 76, Presbyterian College 381, Tennessee 125, UAH 22, Vanderbilt 6. That makes the three winners Alabama, Presbyterian College and Auburn. But the real winners are the recipients of the boxes!

Thank you to all who brought chili or other goodies. The winner was a moderately spicy taco chili. But the real winners were all who enjoyed eating nine different chilis. We also had delicious breads, crackers and desserts.

In addition to all that, about **\$130** was contributed and will be used to buy food.

Mission committee members were helped by many others including Dr. Beth Cape, Pam McElhaney and Holly Wilks who decorated; Pam, Dr. Beth and Karen French who served or cleaned up; Liz Goldman who was in the Fellowship hall on Saturday to receive donations, Renee Savelle who counted items, and so many people who helped move food to the pantry area. Many hands definitely made much lighter work!

We are grateful for Lynn Bucher and her helper, Keith, who shop for food items if not enough are donated, for Mary Hooper who coordinates the packing of boxes, and for all the volunteers who pack or deliver them. Faith is the only organization that makes food deliveries for ENABLE, rather than having people pick them up, a valuable service to the recipients. **You** make this possible. **You** are showing the love of God to the community! **Thank you!**



Living Waters for the World



Living Waters empowers everyday people to change lives through clean water. They train, equip and support volunteers in forming global, clean water mission partnerships.

These mission partnerships empower international communities to install and sustain water purification systems and health education programs that transform lives.

Faith Presbyterian Church, together with St Philip Presbyterian Church Houston has partnered with Church of “Principe de Paz” in Huimanguillo,

Tabasco, Mexico. A team of four Faith member will be commissioned at the **October 29th** service, sending us out to service.

The **schedule** is below, please be in prayer for the group and our mission partner, during this time.

- Saturday, **Nov. 04** Travel Day
- Sunday, **Nov. 05** Planning Attend Church at 10am
- Monday-Thursday **Nov. 06-09** Installation/ Education
- Thursday, **Nov. 9** Installation/Education/ Operation
- Friday **Nov. 10** Operation/Training/ Celebration
- Saturday **Nov. 11** Travel Return

There is still a need for some items for their upcoming trip.

They will be using these items to “train the trainers” who will be instructing the community on the proper use of the clean water, soon to be available, after the installation of the water system .



Much appreciation for all the donations already given! And looking forward to our continued work together to bring clean water to all God’s children.

- Crayola Crayons 8 pack (30)
- Twin sheet- WHITE- (2)
- Foam Paint Applicators One Inch Wide (6)
- Play Doh – One Ounce-Assorted Colors (40)

Driving Distances in Kilometers



Happy Birthday...to Us!!

Faith Presbyterian Church will celebrate its **65th birthday** on **October 29th**. We will have a single service at **10:00 am**, followed by punch and birthday cake in the courtyard. As we look back on lots of fond memories, we are hoping to make even more memories in the future!



Thank you!

This is a word of thanks to the members of this year’s nominating committee who were tasked with finding leaders for our congregation for the **class of 2025**, and for some other needs, most notably the **Pastor Nominating Committee**. If you see Cecil Stokes, Rob Preece, Wayne Whitmore, Joel Robinson, Liz Goldman, and Clairene Runnion, please pass along your thanks. Elder, Deacon, and Trustee leaders are very necessary for a church to be a living organism. This committee worked diligently to find individuals called to lead the church in the coming years.

At its meeting on **September 24, 2023**, the Congregation elected Cindy Baier, Pam McElhaney, Margaret Murray, Henry Norton, Joe Powell, Rob Preece, and Cecil Stokes to serve as the Nominating Committee for the coming year. This nominating committee will be asked to find leaders for the Elder, Deacon, and Trustee class of 2026, plus one elder for the the class of 2024. They will pray diligently about and for the people they ask to serve. If you are asked to serve, I hope each of you will examine yourselves to discern where God may be calling you to work at Faith Presbyterian Church. It occurred to me as I was writing this that a common reaction to God’s call is “I wasn’t planning to do that” followed closely by “I don’t want to do that” concluding with “here are reasons why I can’t.” We are all in good company, just review the responses of Moses, Isaiah, and Jonah to God’s call; yet, when all was said and done, God equipped each of them to do the service God was calling them to. The hymn “Here I Am” has these words: “I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.”

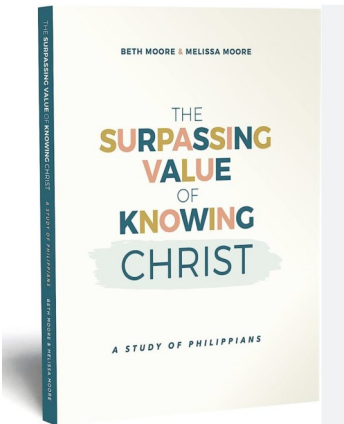
I pray for this response, knowing that God is ready to be by our side as we serve.

Session Notes

At its stated meeting on **September 17, 2023**, the Session:

- approved a congregational meeting for September 24, for the purpose of electing a nominating committee to serve for a year.
- heard a report from the Treasurer that income exceeded expenses for the month of August by \$12,160. In particular, there was larger than expected amounts for facility use and for non- pledged income.
- approved activities for October 29, including holding one service with cake and punch in the courtyard to celebrate Faith’s 65th anniversary and Trunk or Treat in the parking lot from 5-7 PM for the community.
- approved one service for Sunday, December 24 at 10:00 AM and a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the early evening.
- discussed several different approaches to Evangelism and encouraged members to find ways to use activities such as Trunk or Treat, and the upcoming Advent season activities to invite people to join us in service and fellowship..

Upcoming Philippians Bible study



There will be two identical sessions each week. The class will be offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning on **October 10 & 11**. The first one will be on Tuesday at LoDean Scoble’s house in the Blossomwood area. The time has been changed from 9:00 to 10:00 am. The Wednesday study will be at **3:45 pm**. Gathering and discussion will be from **3:45 - 4:15 pm**, and the one hour video will be from **4:15 to 5:15 pm** in the fellowship hall. Dinner begins at **5:30 pm**. There are workbooks with extensive bible study homework if anyone would like to buy one for \$15.00. The homework is not

required, and much can be learned from just watching the five hours of bible study by Beth Moore. A study guide for each session will be provided. Please let Dr. Beth Cape know if you are planning to attend.

A **beginner handbell class** will begin on **Thursday, October 12**. Most of the members will be from the ESL (English as a Second Language) class that Beth Cape teaches, but there is room for other people from the church and the community. A basic ability to read music is required. Rehearsals will be on **October 12 and 26, November 2, 16, and 30**, and the group will participate in the **December 3rd 10:30 am** service at Faith.



Trunk or Treat

Would you enjoy seeing lots of children in the church parking lot? Then you’re ready for a **Trunk or Treat!** Trunk-or-Treat will be held on **October 29th, from 5-7 pm** in the church parking lot . In order for Trunk or Treat to happen, contact Nancy Beason and let her know you’ll participate (ncb9@icloud.com or 256-651-2325).

Prison Ministry Packets



We will pack hygiene items and a devotional booklet sometime in **October** for distribution in November to men and women who are incarcerated. We partner with **Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church** for this Matthew 25 project. Watch the bulletin for the date of packing. Your help will be appreciated.