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To my church family,

This past month has been exciting and wonderful mixed together. It has been wonderful to come HOME! Notwithstanding, excitement is in the air for other reasons as well. It's a Leap Year! So, we are blessed with one additional day this month, so February gets 29 days. We have a lot of wonderful plans packed into these 29 days.

February 11 is Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. We will come together for a blended service at 10:00AM. The Mission Committee will help lead the service and then we will meet for a time of fellowship and mission. I am looking forward to this wonderful time of fellowship.

February 14th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is the Wednesday after "Fat Tuesday" and it seems that it comes early this year. We will have our Ash Wednesday service at 5:30 p.m. that day. It will be a special day where we celebrate and contemplate our mortality.

As we contemplate our mortality; we begin our Lenten journey. This journey isn't as fun as others. It's a journey where we walk with Jesus to the cross. It is a journey where we consider our own sin. It's a journey where we see why the cross was needed. It is not a fun journey, but I can see why it is needed. In fact, as most of you know, some people give up something or fast during this time of the year. I don't think this is required, but I can see the reward from following this age-old discipline.

However you decide to walk this journey, I consider it a joy and privilege to walk this journey with all of you. As we walk through this journey together our Lenten sermon series is called "Unstoppable Grace." While we consider our sin and walk toward the cross with Jesus, we will see God's plan through all of this. That plan always included unstoppable grace!

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February Birthdays

Tammy Bowe 02/01
Eleanor Lee 02/01
Dave McGhee 02/05
Beth Whitener 02/05
Haley Chapman 02/08
Rebecca Reynolds 02/09
Cory Karigan 02/13
John Haley 02/14
Jim Duncan 02/18
Natalie Karigan 02/18
Carol Lynn 02/18
Reece Adams 02/19
Elijah Bowe 02/21
Doris Martin 02/22
Ginger McElhaney 02/22
Henry Norton 02/26
Cort Plateau 02/28



February Anniversaries

Jack and Jenny Chapman 02/06
Tom and Krista Lovell 02/25

HAPPY Anniversary!

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This unstoppable grace is founded in God's love for all of us. This love that God has for us is absolutely indescribable. However, I have seen a glimpse of it! I have seen a glimpse of it as you have welcomed and shared love with me and my family. I have seen a glimpse of it as you have prayed for me and my family. I have seen a glimpse of it as you have welcomed me as your pastor. I am so thankful to serve a church that loves!

Speaking of love, there is that holiday that just so happens to fall on Ash Wednesday. I recognize that it can be considered a "made up" or "hallmark" holiday. I recognize that it can be a depressing holiday for some. Despite all that, it is a holiday that celebrates love. It reminds us to be intentional about it. That is what I have experienced in my short time here, intentional love.

I am so thrilled to serve a church that is very intentional about sharing God's love to others.

Grace and Peace,
Michael

Installation Service for Dr. Bowe

Dr. Michael Bowe will be installed as the pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church at a special service of the North Alabama Presbytery on February 25, 2024 at 5:00PM at Faith Presbyterian Church. There will be a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.



Sermon Series: We are....

1/28	We Are the Church	Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
2/4	We Are Amazed	Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
2/11	We Are Transformed	2 Kings 2:1-12; Mark 9:2-9
2/14 (Ash Wednesday)	Confession	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sermon Series: Unstoppable Grace

2/18	Lies We Are Told	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11; Romans 5:12-19
2/25	Promises We Should Believe	Psalm 121; John 3:1-17; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Mrs. Jan Spears, a longtime member of Faith passed away on Jan. 15, 2024. A memorial service will be held at Faith Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 1:00PM in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Faith Presbyterian Preschool. If you would like to donate, please write fund #3920 on the memo line. The Spears family is grateful for your prayers and ask that you continue to keep them in your prayers.



Michael and the Committee Chairs need some help! As with any new year, there will be new committee assignments. We need people to come get involved, voice their opinion, and help this church move forward. Please find a committee that you can get involved with and get involved. Let's all work together to continue the great legacy of Faith Presbyterian Church. A threefold cord is not quickly broken. (Ecc 4:12)

2024 Session Committees

Worship: Carol Mebane, Libba Nicholson
Discipleship: Anna Norton, Rob Preece
Mission: Mary Hooper, Lynn Bucher
Facilities: John Spears, Phillip Martin
Finance: Patty Grant
Admin/Personnel: Tom Erwin, Karl Rass
 Outreach/Evangelism: Maggie Robinson (proposed)
Treasurer: Fred Baier



To help supply our food pantry so that we can keep taking boxes of food to our elderly neighbors each month, we will be holding a special event on **Sunday, February 11, 2024.** That is Super Bowl Sunday, and as we have done before, we will be holding a SOUPER Bowl of Caring meal and get-together with our church family after a single worship service at 10:00.

We'll enjoy a meal consisting of a variety of delicious soups and extras provided by YOU. Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall and narthex thanks to Dr. Beth Cape who has recruited many of you to make soup!

In keeping with the SOUP theme, these items are requested as donations for the boxes: hearty canned soup; Chef Boyardee and other canned pasta meals such as Spaghettios; canned chili; AND crackers such as Ritz, saltines, club, etc., to go with soup! The pantry also is a bit low on some NON-SOUP items like breakfast bars; boxes of multiple packets of instant oatmeal; packs of toilet tissue; and packs of paper towels, so feel free to branch out a bit from the soup theme with some of these items!

You may not realize that the food boxes are packed every month by the PALS group that meets at the church. However, this month due to the weather event PALS was not meeting at the church so some of our church members came in and packed the boxes! Thanks to Bridgett Martin and Anna Norton for packing the boxes this month and to Mary Hooper and Keith and Lynn Bucher for their continued faithfulness to this ministry!



Though we hope we have had the last of extreme winter weather, those without shelter will still need extra help against the cold. Bring new or gently used, clean adult size coats, gloves, socks along with blankets and sleeping bags--whatever you would want to help keep warm outside--to the bin on the porch of the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be taken to First Stop through February

Communications and Public Relations (CPR) Committee

As you can guess, the **FPC website** is in need of updating. A committee (CPR) has been put in place and Maggie Robinson is the chair. Some information gathering has been done, but we need more people to provide input and insight. Please let Maggie know if you would like to help with the website!



The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected during Lent. Details to follow in upcoming Bulletins and Newsletters.

[Presbyterian Special Offerings - One Great Hour of Sharing \(pcusa.org\)](https://www.pcusa.org)



The ladies of Faith enjoyed a lovely tea at the home of the Capes in January. They enjoyed delicious treats and the pleasure of each other's company as they talked together. They also discussed possible women's classes and events for the future. Stay tuned as plans develop. Input is welcome!