

Faith Speaks

Do you want more joy? Most of us deny ourselves a joy we probably rarely think about. But it's hidden right under our noses. It's in our backyard, or at least the next yard over. It's just across the fence and in the next cubicle. It's standing in line at the grocery store and sitting next to us on the airplane. What on earth am I talking about? I'm talking about the joy of **WINNING**.

In 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, the Apostle Paul explains his drive for sharing the gospel - what motivates him. He repeats the word five times: **WIN**. He says, "I have made myself a servant of all that I might **WIN** more of them ... to the Jews I became a Jew, in order to win Jews ... To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak." Now, what does Paul mean by "win"? It's the Greek word **KERDAINO**, and it means to win, gain, or profit.

Is Paul talking about winning an argument? Is that his motivation for sharing the gospel? No, he tells us in verse 23. "I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings." What is Paul hoping to win when he gives the gospel? He is hoping to win **SOULS**. Paul honestly wants to gain more people to Christ so that he may share with them the bless-

ings of salvation.

Now, notice that Paul says he wants to share **WITH THEM**, not them with him. In other words, Paul wants to enjoy the joy that new believers have when they trust in Christ. He wants to experience their elation at being freed from the bondage of sin. He wants to share in their newfound wonder in realizing the beauty of Christ and the holiness of the Lord. He wants to revel in the springing buds of worship that build in their newly regenerated hearts. He wants to taste their satisfaction, knowing they have been reconciled with their creator.

If you have ever read a gripping novel and wished that you could experience that story all over again for the first time, that is a small taste of the glory to be found when we share Christ with someone and lead them to the Lord. There is a kind of joy there that cannot be found anywhere else.

Well, how do we attain this joy? Paul's strategy was to become all things to all people. Essentially, for Paul, that meant meeting people where they were. That meant denying himself and go-

ing outside of his comfort zone. Contextually, for us today, becoming all things to all people could look like the following: learning my neighbor's interests so we have something to talk about to spark up a conversation; offering to coach my kid's soccer team so I have more opportunities to meet parents and talk with them about the Lord; asking my workmate if he wants to eat lunch together, instead of eating my lunch alone; or even handing out biscuits to hungry neighbors on their way to school and work and asking them how I can pray for them.

But, for some of you, going outside of your comfort zone might start with just coming to a class. If you want to learn more about how to find the joy of sharing the gospel, come to our Wednesday Night Bible Study in November, where we will talk about how to evangelize and win souls. Hope to see you there! God bless.

Pastor John



Church Staff

Pastor

Rev. John Cleveland

Church Administrator

Melinda Hawkins

Music Director

Nancy Lowry

Financial Secretary

Brooke Echols

Treasurer

Ronnie Burch

Inside this issue:

Prayer & Praise	2
From the Pastor's Shelf	3
Fellowship News	3
Financial News	4
Session News	4
Outreach News	5
Missionary News	6
Birthdays	7
Choir News	7
Calendar	8

2024

Session Members

John Cleveland
Gregg Coniglio
Keith Lovern
Andy Martin
Dan Patterson

Deacons

Jimmy Brock
Randy Cononge
Alan Dennis
Cameron Dennis

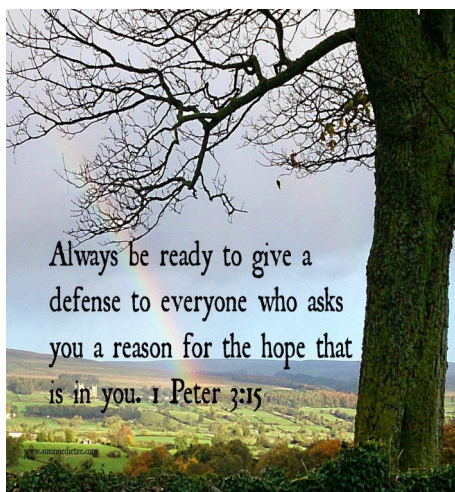
Pray that the Lord will bless the preaching and teaching ministry of the church to gather and build up the saints, that God's word will grow and multiply, and that our witness, love, and holiness will increase by the power of the Holy Spirit.

For the following, pray for health, comfort and fellowship with God during a period of sickness, that the Lord will give them faith, patience, joy and submission to his will.

- ♦ **Jimmy Brock:** cancer treatment
- ♦ **Chris Ober:** continued cancer treatment
- ♦ **Myra Echols:** cancer
- ♦ **Jordan Israel**
- ♦ **Jimmy Ellington:** bladder cancer
- ♦ **Mary Ellington:** sepsis from kidney stone
- ♦ **Kyle Brown:** major heart attack 52 y/o
- ♦ **Richard Ingram:** Chemotherapy
- ♦ **Bonnie McEachern:** heart failure
- ♦ **Faith Strickland:** emphysema
- ♦ **Kathy Rewerts:** torn rotator cuff
- ♦ **Wade Crumley:** cancer
- ♦ **Kay Horvath:** In Memory Care Center
- ♦ **Those affected by Hurricane Helene**
- ♦ **Wilson Station EPC in Tennessee**
- ♦ **Children in Foster Care**
- ♦ **Our Shut-Ins**
- ♦ **The Lost**
- ♦ **Our Elders and Deacons**
- ♦ **President Biden and Congress**
- ♦ **Supreme Court**
- ♦ **Persons serving in our Military**
- ♦ **Law Enforcement Officers**

Please pray for our missionaries:

- ♦ **Phil and Diane Thrash**
- ♦ **Gary and Jackie Burnett**
- ♦ **Santosh John**
- ♦ **Keith and Rachel Keller**
- ♦ **Jeff & Veronique Kim**
- ♦ **Jenny Coon**
- ♦ **Mike Rasmussen**
- ♦ **Grady Davidson**



If you have a prayer request or a praise report that you would like to have included in the next newsletter, please email them to:
faithpecrus@gmail.com
 by Saturday,
 November 30th.

This would include any **NEW** or **OLD** requests that you would like to have included. This section is renewed monthly.



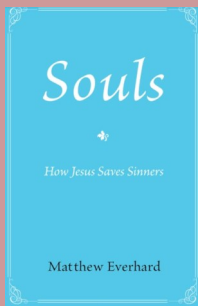
While it is true that God gifts some for ministry as evangelists, He calls all believers to be His witnesses and provides them with both the power to witness and a powerful message. Every evangelist is called to be a witness, but only a few witnesses are called to the vocational ministry of an evangelist.

Just as Each Christian, regardless of spiritual gift or ministry, is to love others, so each believer is to evangelize whether or not his or her gift is that of evangelist.

Donald S. Whitney

Reference: *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, 1991, p. 101, Used by permission of NavPress –

From the Pastor's Shelf...



**“SOULS:
How Jesus
Saves Sinners”
- Dr. Matthew
Everhard**

Dr. Matthew Everhard was actually Sara and I's Pastor once upon a time. I can tell you that of Pastor Matt's many passions, the winning of souls is one of them. In this short book, Pastor Matt tries to ignite your passion for sharing your faith by exploring how it is and why it is that God cares for souls the way that he does. This book is a fresh look at the gospel with a consistent motivating charge throughout. I highly recommend it.

“Every single sin we commit, all the way back to Adam and Eve consuming the piece of forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, is therefore a failure to recognize the glory of God as our true joy, summum bonum, or chief end.”

Matthew Everhard, *Souls:
How Jesus Saves Sinners*

Girlfriends of Faith

Just a reminder: Due to the ongoing mission projects already established, and the upcoming holidays, we will NOT have a Saturday brunch meeting in November or December. Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 18.

Dates to remember:
November 2 – assemble the Operation Christmas Child boxes.

November 9, 10:00 a.m. – Fill the Operation Christmas Child boxes to prepare for delivery.

Saturday, December 2 – Annual Christmas get-together Christmas lunch. Specific details forthcoming.

Women's Bible Study

Ladies EVENING Bible Study has completed their study of Isaiah and will resume again in January. Be on the lookout for the schedule and new topic of study.

Men's Bible Study

Our Men's Bible Study has completed the book of Titus. We will be taking a break until January. Contact Gregg Coniglio for more information.

Fellowship News



*Sunday,
November 24th
at 6:00 pm*

*Make plans to attend
this year's churchwide*

Thanksgiving dinner!

We will share a meal and

*have a time of thanks-
giving to God for his
blessings to us this past
year!*

Mark your calendars!

**November
6th, 13th, 20th**

READY TO HARVEST

How to Share the Gospel of Christ

Pastor Bible Study • Wednesdays at 6pm • Free dinner •

BOOK NOOK

Check out the bookshelf in the Narthex.
We have excellent books available for your Christian growth.

The Session reviewed a proposal from Land Engineers to draft a land use plan for Faith's 15-acre campus. The proposal was approved, and the contract was signed to move forward.

The Session discussed the EPC's disaster relief plan for Hurricane Helene's victims in North Carolina and Tennessee.

Plans were discussed for The Pastor Bible studies to be conducted the first 3 Wednesday nights in November.

The Session discussed the new salaried position for management of Faith's social media, and listed items to be discussed with the candidate. Prayer needs were discussed and lifted to God.

Upcoming Calendar

- October 27 Sermon Series last Sunday
- November 3 Bill Herndon preaching while TE John Cleveland travels to Florida
- November 10 Hope Russian Sermon and presentation by Blake Purcell and Potluck lunch
- Regular Session November 14

Faith Presbyterian EPC Session

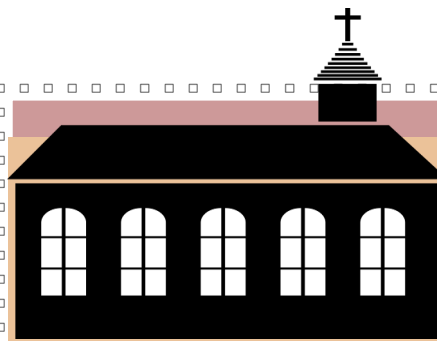
John Cleveland, Moderator
Dan Patterson, Clerk
Gregg Coniglio
Keith Lovern
Andy Martin



Meets on Sunday at 2:30 - 4:00
Grief Share is a Christ-centered support group for those mourning the loss of a loved one. The program absolutely free and open to all who wish to join and participate. Visit this link below to learn more and register:

<https://www.griefshare.org/groups/247024>

Contact Dody Morris for details.



Calendar

- ◆ November 2 Football Game
- ◆ November 3 The Lord's Day
- ◆ November 3 Communion
- ◆ November 3 Grief Share
- ◆ November 6 Dinner/Bible Study
- ◆ November 9 Pack Shoeboxes
- ◆ November 9 Youth Hangout
- ◆ November 10 The Lord's Day
- ◆ November 10 Luncheon
- ◆ November 10 Grief Share
- ◆ November 13 Dinner/Bible Study
- ◆ November 17 The Lord's Day
- ◆ November 17 Grief Share
- ◆ November 20 Dinner/Bible Study
- ◆ November 23 Youth Hangout
- ◆ November 24 The Lord's Day
- ◆ November 24 Thanksgiving Meal



October 2024

Financial News

Donations

\$25,563.89

Expenses

\$27,572.86

P.O.P. Fund

\$1,072.00

Mortgage Principal

\$732,387.73

*No one can say:
'Since I'm not called
to be a missionary,
I do not have to
evangelize my
friends and
neighbors.' There
is no difference, in
spiritual terms,
between a
missionary
witnessing in his
hometown and a
missionary
witnessing in Kat-
mandu, Nepal. We
are all called to go –
even if it is only to
the next room, or the
next block*

Thomas Hale



Are you a
4th to 12th
grader?

You don't want to
miss out on the fun
and excitement!

Our next Hangouts
are Saturday,
November 9th (Ice
Cream)

& 23rd (Thanksgiving)
at 6:00 pm

Outreach News

NEED HELP?

If you have a need that arises, or know of anyone that is in need, please reach out to our Deacons for assistance. They have the ability to reach out to the congregation on your behalf as well as physically meet your needs, or they can point you in the right direction for help.

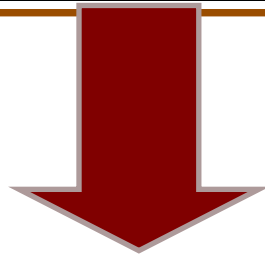
Deacons of Faith

Jimmy Brock
Randy Cononge
Alan Dennis
Cameron Dennis



Volunteers Needed For Fellowship Time!

If you would like to provide refreshments, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Speak to a Deacon if you have any questions!



Mission of the Month

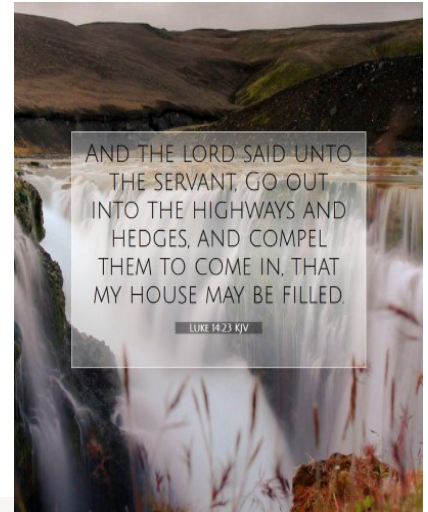
NEIGHBORS IN NEED Helping Henry County Families

Our church family will be coming together to provide material goods and Christmas gifts for families in Henry County who have financial, material, and spiritual needs.

There is a Christmas tree in the Narthex decorated with ornaments listing the needs for specific families.

Take an ornament(s). Purchase the item(s) listed, wrap it with the ornament tag attached to the outside, and place it in the Mission of the Month box in the back of the sanctuary. Please bring in all gifts no later than December 15.

Thank you for always giving so generously to those in need!



AND THE LORD SAID UNTO THE SERVANT, GO OUT INTO THE HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES, AND COMPEL THEM TO COME IN, THAT MY HOUSE MAY BE FILLED.

LUKE 14:23 KJV

If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms around their knees, imploring them to stay. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled with the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.

C.H. Spurgeon

UPDATE FROM JEFF AND VERONIQUE KIM

This past month was TeachBeyond's 70th year anniversary celebrating what God has done through the campus of Black Forest Academy in Kandern, Germany started by the Janz brothers from Alberta, Canada. At the very beginning, it was simple people like you and me who saw an opportunity and said, "yes" to the Lord as they stepped out and trusted him. Our family experienced first hand the impact of this school and community which provides enormous opportunities of academic, social, and spiritual growth for staff and students from all over the world. Our son, Victor attended there for three years and greatly benefited from Black Forest Academy in every way.

Today, TeachBeyond has grown to be a global movement that is a Gospel-driven initiative where we believe God changes children and families through education. We want the love of Christ developed and the Great Commission obeyed. God is the one who is doing the work, we are the channels by which God uses as He continues to do his work in us. We need to be transformed more and more as God is using us.



Our team provide services that enable us to join in what

God is doing across France. This is the exciting part where you come in as we partner together to see this come about. We want to say, "yes" to the Lord as it will take sacrifice, hard work, and much planning and execution to bring more opportunities to train, develop, and share not just teachers who are impacting students and families but also sharing our lives and hearts with the children and families that the Lord brings across our path. Each day presents opportunities to serve those in our community to be salt and light.

We are excited about the recent board training that took place to help each member fully develop to help grow our organization. Just recently, we hosted our president, David Durance and Tana Tatnal who came to meet with our board to encourage, train, and better equip each one to become better in what they do. We want to say, "yes" to the Lord and his will in our lives as we step out and trust him to accomplish his good works in and through us over this coming year.

Would you pray for the development of our board members as they grow to become more effective in their roles as board members? Would you pray for a stronger dynamic and unity as we work together on projects that will grow and develop our network across France through the projects that we are seeking to develop this year?

One of our partner projects that we are supporting this year is located in Guebwiller, Alsace at the Daniel School. Historically, this school has been a beacon of training and development

these past 35 years for all the schools in the region. Today, more families than ever are looking to put their children in the Daniel School. This year, they had to turn away 50 inscriptions because of limited space. We want to come alongside this project to help renovate the last two classrooms at the end of this building that was given to the school by a local church. This idea is inspired by George Muller's example of faith as he trusted the Lord to bring about the time, talents, and the necessary personnel to make his orphanage a reality. We want to walk in this same path trusting the Lord to bring about all that he has planned for this project as He wants to see more families touched by the Gospel and educated to become all that he has planned for them to be. We are trusting the Lord to bring in \$100,000 and the necessary help from certain teams to make this a reality.

Would you pray for the Lord to raise up people who will give to this project? Would you pray the Lord to send a team who can come to France to help with the renovation process of this building so that more children and families can be impacted for the Gospel?



We are grateful for your friendship and partnership with us for the Gospel. Each of you play an important role through your prayers and financial gifts that enable us to serve the King here in France. In His Grace, **Jeff and Véronique Kim**



To the glory of God,
Faith Presbyterian Church
has been called together to
faithfully proclaim the
Gospel, to make and equip
disciples for Christ, and to
advance God's Kingdom
in our families, community,
and world.



Faith Presbyterian Church is a
congregation of the
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
(www.epc.org)
and the Presbytery of the Southeast
(www.epcsoutheast.org).



*And Jesus went throughout
all the cities and villages,
teaching in their synagogues
and proclaiming the gospel
of the kingdom and healing
every disease and every
affliction. When he saw the
crowds, he had compassion
for them, because they
were harassed and
helpless, like sheep without
a shepherd. 37 Then he said
to his disciples, "The harvest
is plentiful, but the laborers
are few; therefore pray
earnestly to the Lord of the
harvest to send out laborers
into his harvest."*

Matthew 9:35-38

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



Isaac Skelton	11/02
Bill Hendon	11/03
Lauren Aaron	11/09
Cassidy Glinski	11/10
Lorelei Evans	11/11
Asher Anderson	11/14
Jean Bouts	11/14
Nathan Aaron	11/16
Bob Brown	11/16
Michelle Harvey	11/17
Dan Burer	11/22
John Cleveland	11/25
Crystal Hubbard	11/26
Ellen Brown	11/27
Erin Evans	11/30

Our Church Website:
www.FaithMcDonough.com

Church Email:
faithepcrus@gmail.com

Church Phone Number:
770-648-5288

Mailing Address:
Faith Presbyterian Church EPC
1185 East Lake Road
McDonough, GA 30252

CHOIR NEWS

If you would like to join
our choir, contact Nancy Lowry!
We would love for you to join us!



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in joining Faith Presbyterian Church (EPC), you may do so
by a profession of your faith in Jesus Christ, by a re-affirmation of your faith,
or by a transfer of your membership from another church.
Please speak with the an Elder if you have any questions about joining.

November 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					1	2 3:30 Football, Food & Fun
3 Communion 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 2:30 Grief Share	4	5	6 6:00 pm Dinner & Pastor's Bible Study	7	8	9 10:00 am Pack Shoeboxes 6:00 pm Youth Hangout
10 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 12:00 Lunch 2:30 Grief Share	11	12	13 6:00 pm Dinner & Pastor's Bible Study	14	15	16
17 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 2:30 Grief Share	18	19	20 6:00 pm Dinner & Pastor's Bible Study	21	22	23 6:00 pm Youth Hangout
24 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 2:30 Grief Share 6:00 Thanksgiving Meal	25	26	27	28 	29	30