



August 2025

Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship 10:30 am

Faith family, I was reading Thessalonians recently and filled with just an overwhelming sense of thankfulness for you all. Paul addressed the Thessalonian believers and said this, "And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as what it really is, the Word of God, which is at work in you believers" (1 Thessalonians 2:13). I am so joyful to say that I share Paul's thankfulness for you all. I have never known a body of believers that so loved the word of God as the word of God. You all are eager to hear from the Lord, hungry for his truth. I pray that our appetite for the scriptures would only increase. Because, as we feast upon the word, we are receiving more and more of Christ, who is the Word incarnate. Stay hungry, beloved! God bless. - Pastor John

Mission of the Month

This August the church will be collecting items for Georgia Right to Life, an organization committed to promoting respect and protection for all innocent human life. GRTL works to educate communities, advocate for pro-life legislation, and support efforts that affirm the value of every human life. If you feel led to give, your donation will help further their mission across our state. You can bring your contribution to the donation box at the back of the sanctuary.

Donations Needed:

Insulated (not styrofoam) coffee cups,

Small and large paper plates,

Dinner Napkins, Plastic utensils (assorted), Toilet tissue

We do NOT need any 12 oz plastic cups.



LOOKING AHEAD: Our annual Mission of the Month collection for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will occur only once this year, in September. Be on the lookout for sales this month on items typically used to fill the boxes. Just a reminder that Samaritan's Purse has taken bar soap off the list of acceptable items. There will be an updated list of shoebox items on the back table in the sanctuary.

Session News

For the devotion, the Session read and discussed part 10 of the Westminster Confession of Faith. The Session then began final discussions concerning the repaving and striping of the church parking lot. After reviewing the best two quotes acquired from Blackjack Paving and Barnes Paving and Striping, the Session voted to hire Blackjack Paving to complete all parking lot repairs. The Session also considered a proposal to install security cameras around the church as part of the church's security plan. The proposal was approved, and installation will be scheduled for the near future. Lastly, the Session discussed a ministry opportunity presented by Erin Evans, who would like to utilize church facilities to teach art classes for local students. The Session approved the ministry and will be in contact with Erin to tentatively schedule classes for the fall of 2025.

Specific prayer needs were discussed and lifted to God.

The date for the August regular Session meeting has not been determined but will be set for early August.

John Cleveland, Moderator
Jeremy Evans, Clerk
Gregg Coniglio
Keith Lovern
Andy Martin

July Financials

General Fund income \$25,939.43
General expenses \$31,865.14
POP income \$600



Prayer Requests



- Suzy Frutig - She has Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
- Jay Hilgefard - Continued recovery after surgery
- Sandy Jo Hilgefard - Pain in hand & wrist
- Lt Col William Andrew (Drew) Watts - Overseas post in Honduras
- Wade Bledsoe - cancer in his ear canal, very painful
- Gregg Coniglio - loss of brother and cousin
- Myra Echols - cancer diagnosis
- Jordan Israel
- Mary & Jimmy Ellington
- Jeremy Evans - Loss of his father
- The Clevelands - Loss of Peggy Savory
- Carolyn Wolowicz - loss of son
- Tracy Cononge - loss of mother
- Teachers & Students going back to school
- Our government
- Our church leaders

Church Happenings



Ladies Bible Study

The last Ladies Bible study of the summer is 8/5 for both the morning and evening sessions. Thank you to all the ladies who were able to come and join in diving deeper in to the word with us!

Beginning the week of September 29, we will begin a new study for the Fall which will be a 7-week study from the book Behold and Believe, A Bible Study on the "I AM" Statements of Jesus by Courtney Doctor and Joanna Kimbrel. Sign-up and book purchase will be available at the end of this month.

Mens Bible Study

Men's Bible Study is Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Sunday school room. They are studying the book of Acts, and it's easy to jump in right where they are - join them!

CRAFTED BY GRACE



August 23

10:30am - 12:30pm



Come and get creative at Faith Presbyterian!

Have you ever wanted to learn to crochet, need to brush up on your skills? Come and enjoy fellowship while creating! All you need to bring is a crochet hook (size G6 or larger) and one skein of yarn.

Already know how to crochet, bring any creative project you'd like to work on and enjoy time together!

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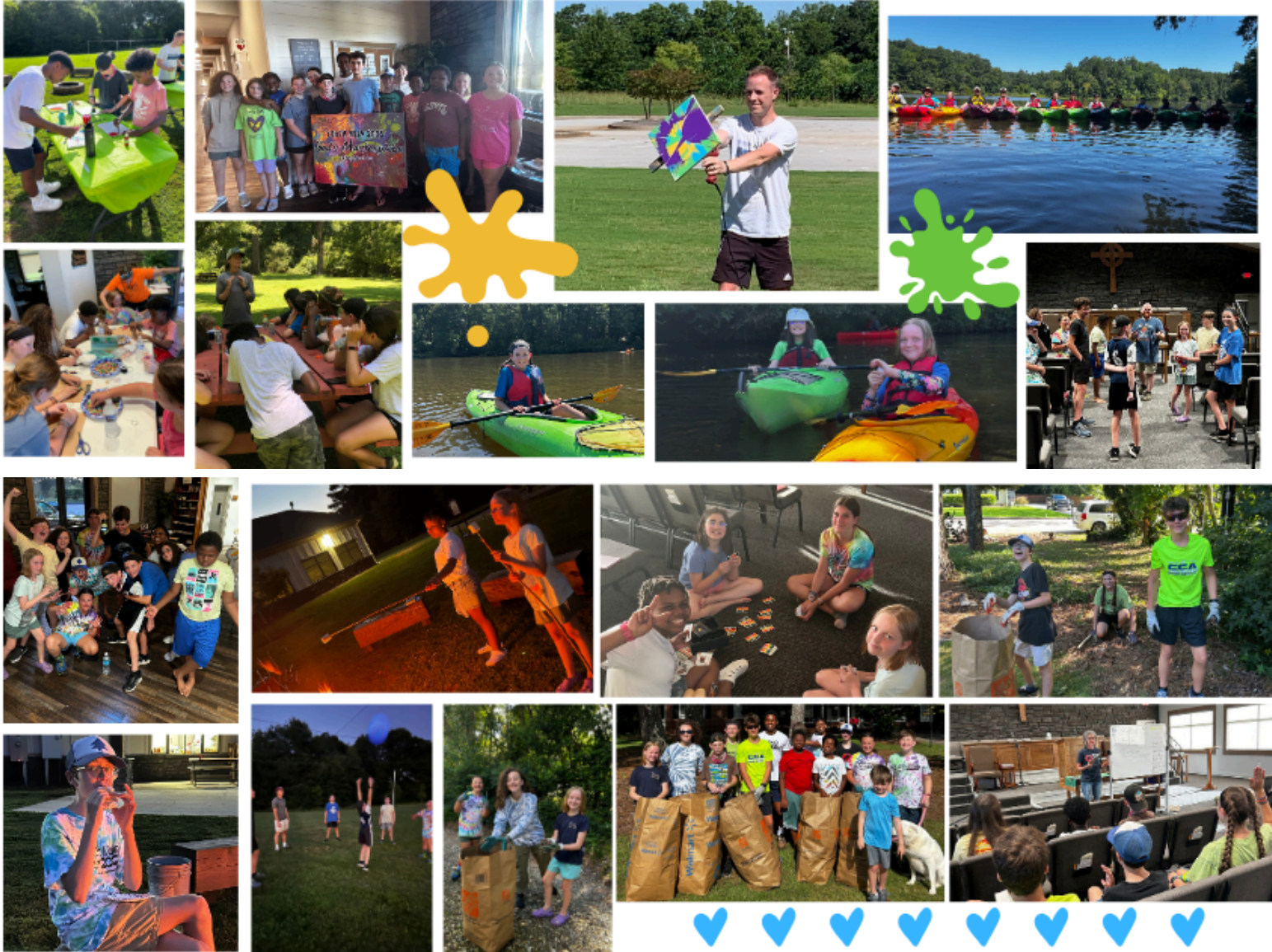
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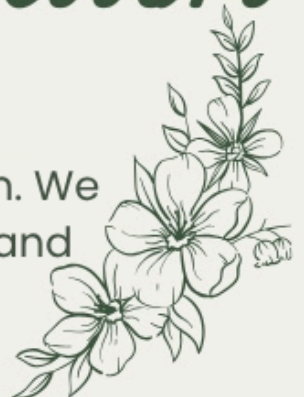
2025 Youth Week!!!

Faith's very first Youth Week was a joyful time filled with friendship, laughter, and meaningful fellowship. From exploring creativity to serving our community, it was a blessing to spend the week with 16 incredible young people. We continue to lift them up in prayer as they grow in their walk with the Lord.



Girlfriends of Faith

SAVE THE DATE!": Greetings Ladies! Our first meeting back together again will be Saturday, September 20, at 10:00 a.m. We will enjoy Brunch, as usual, fellowship with sisters in Christ, and discuss plans for the year for ways to serve the Lord in our church and community.



An Update from General Assembly



In case you missed the update from the General Assembly and were wondering about what took place in Michigan, Pastor John recorded a brief video sharing some highlights and reflections. Below, you'll find summaries of two main topics that were discussed. If you'd like to dig deeper, website information is below. We hope it's an encouragement to you as we continue to pray for and participate in the work God is doing through our wider church family.

Report from Ad-Interim Committee on Ordination Standards

We began meeting to review our current ordination standards and process, and we solicited denomination-wide feedback from both Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders on its strengths and weaknesses. In addition, we developed a survey to be launched at General Assembly in order to gather more data.

Report from the Ad-Interim Committee on Same-Sex Attraction & Ordination Standards

The AIC on Same-Sex Attraction and Ordination Standards met several times throughout the past year. We are not presenting any actionable items to the General Assembly in 2025, but are providing a report on our progress, which includes preliminary recommendations to amend the Book of Government, Position Paper on Human Sexuality, and the Same-Sex Attraction section within the Pastoral Letter on Human Sexuality. These recommendations reflect our execution of the GA's mandate to study the Scriptures, the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, and Reformed tradition in order to clarify, strengthen, and align the EPC's witness on this topic.

If you want to read more, go to www.epconnect.org or visit Pastor John's YouTube Channel - search Pastor John Cleveland on YouTube