

October 2025

Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am

Have you ever wondered why music is so important to us? I think it all boils down to one reason: We are made in the image of God. You see, God makes things good and beautiful. It's what he does. Look at a sunset or listen to a songbird, and tell me God isn't a painter and a musician. Zephaniah 3:17 even tells us that the Lord exults over us with loud singing. So, if we are made in the image of God, that means we are made to reflect his glory. And that means we are made to sing - to make our worship beautiful, to make our words deep and meaningful and memorable, to make our melodies soulful and moving. I am so excited that this month we will get to gather together for a special time of worship with Matthew Smith and Indelible Grace. We worship in many ways at Faith Presbyterian - through prayer, confession, the reading and preaching and hearing of the word, through the sacraments ... But, we also worship through song. And on October 25th, I hope you'll join us as we ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name through the beautiful gift of music. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16) -Pastor John Cleveland

Mission of the Month

For years, Wilson Station Presbyterian
Church has joyfully provided
Thanksgiving Dinners to families in
need in the Englewood, Tennessee
area. When resources allow, the church
also extends this tradition at Christmas.



Many in the community lack the means to afford holiday meals, so on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, the church opens its doors and distributes meals in a bag to those seeking assistance. This outreach not only provides food but also offers an opportunity for members to connect with neighbors, invite them to worship, and pray with them as they come in. Each bag contains a small ham and turkey, stuffing, gravy, green beans, corn, sweet potatoes, rolls, and a box of cake mix with icing. The church's goal is to prepare twenty-five bags for each holiday, with the cost of groceries averaging \$50 per bag. It is a short but meaningful time of service, made possible through the generosity of donors. Contributions may be directed to Faith Presbyterian and marked for Wilson Station Church.

Church Happenings

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Ladies Bible Study

Begins this week! Tuesday mornings at 10 am and Thursday at 7 pm. The new study for the Fall, is 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 & book purchase will be available in the Narthex.

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Mens Bible Study

Men's Bible Study is on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. The men are studying the book of Acts. Acts is the fifth book of the New Testament, and it tells of the founding of the Church and the spread of its message.

Youth Hangout

October 11th

6pm - 7:30pm



O OPERATION Christmas

Fill the Boxes Day - Helping Hands Needed

On Saturday, **October 18, at 10:00 a.m.**, our church family will gather to pack the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes with the many generous donations already given. These gifts will be sent to children around the world—many of whom have never experienced a Christmas like this before.

Each box not only brings joy through tangible gifts but also carries the message of the gospel through Samaritan's Purse.

Join us this Saturday as we come together to fill boxes of blessing and share God's love across the globe.



October 25, 2025

MATTHEW SMITH & INDELIBLE GRACE

5:30pm Hymn Seminar | 7:30pm Concert



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Session News

The September Session meeting was held on September 8 at the church at 5:30pm.

For the devotion, the Session read and discussed parts 4-6 of Chapter 11 of the Westminster Confession. Teaching Elder John Cleveland shared with the Session the guidance he received from speaking to the EPC about revising the church's bylaws. The Session then viewed copies of bylaws written by other presbyterian churches as examples. John will draft a preliminary document of revised bylaws for Faith Presbyterian and will present them to the Session at the November meeting for discussion. The Session then considered advice provided by legal counsel Matthew McCord regarding security measures for the church. Lastly, the Session discussed and approved a proposal from member Erin Evans to teach art classes for adults at the church.

Specific prayer needs were discussed and lifted to God.

The date for the October regular Session meeting has been scheduled for October 6.

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

September Financials

General Income \$27,241.55
General Expenses \$30,827.88
plus facility upgrades (parking
lot \$15,500
POP Income \$896.00

Loan balance \$595,502.89

Prayer Requests & Praises

Prayer Requests

Faith Strickland - Lymphoma
Theresa Harvey - Surgery
Myra Echols - Myeloma Cancer
Wade Bledsoe - Cancer, Ear Canal & Jaw
Jordan Israel - Healing
Mary & Jimmy Ellington - Healing
Lisa - Was in a car accident

Jodie Murphy - Had stage 4 brain cancer. Currently cancer free. Final chemo treatment soon

Mandy Lake - Just found out she has pancreatic cancer
Christine Blansett - Just found out she has stage 4 chronic kidney
disease.

Alan Dennis' mother - Fell and broke her femur bone
Jackie Bevis - 90 years old with lung cancer
Nancy Lowry - Asking for prayer for the salvation of her friend.
Pastor John & Sara - Strength in leading our congregation
Our government officials
Our Elders
Our Deacons
Our Church Volunteers
The Lost Souls of our World

Praises

Watts family - Welcoming their 10th grand child Praise for all the new babies on the way at Faith Presbyterian Laney Norton - Praise for new job

Missionary Update

I arrived with my <u>Deep Community Experience</u> team in Bangkok on Tuesday. We are taking a new group through our Identity in Christ process starting tomorrow. It is a very diverse group of ministry leaders from 6 different countries serving in church together. There are also some American workers serving here who have asked to join. It's rewarding to see the impact of those who have been in a spiritual forming process with us on others in a way that stirs up interest in them and a desire to enter into it with us.

Please pray for our team as we communicate some deep truths across language and cultural differences. We want to be clear and communicate at a pace that honors and respects where they are. Also pray that each of us on the team will stay connected to the Father's heart for us as we invite the participants know His whole heart for them. Please pray for Rachel as she holds down the home front while I'm away. Thank you for standing with us in prayer and for your continued support that allows us to be stay engaged in the lives of these ministry leaders serving in some of least reached areas of the world.

Keith - Serving with Paraclete Mission Group



Paraclete Mission Group comes alongside mission agencies, churches and church planting movements involved in expanding the Kingdom of God around the world. Deep Community is a fourphased experience that takes leaders and their communities toward the core of who God has designed them to be, resulting in grace-filled kingdom impact.