

# Faith Presbyterian Church

Happy April and Happy Holy Week! I was struck by something our brother Andy Martin said this past Sunday. At the beginning of the service, he drew our attention to the fact that all of our salvation, all of our hope, is fulfilled in just one week. Jesus' trip to Jerusalem, Palm Sunday, the overthrowing of the temple tables, the last supper, the new commandment, the garden of Gethsemane, the betrayal, the trial, the crucifixion ... the resurrection. All of it was just one week. That reminded me, actually, of the first week. In the first week, God did something similar. He made everything in just six days, and then he rested. All of matter, the wind, the water, the stars and the moon ... all the animals we enjoy, all the things of nature we need, all of LIFE was made in six days. Maybe that's the point. Maybe Easter week was always meant by God to be understood as a bookend. God made everything in a week, and he fulfilled everything in a week. There is a symmetry there that cannot be ignored. Perhaps we can come to this conclusion. God had a purpose - a focus. And when God has a purpose, it cannot be upset, diverted, or put off. God meant to accomplish for us all that we need for salvation in that one week. Everything evil tried to stop it, but nothing could thwart God's plan. Christian, don't forget that your life, while it's more than a week, it is also finite. And your life has a purpose. God means to accomplish something through you in the time he has given you. Let's ponder that this week and this April. "What does God mean for me to do? What does God mean for me to accomplish?" Happy Easter and God bless!

March 2026

Sunday School 9:00 am  
Worship 10:30 am



# Mission of the Month

This month our mission is Christian Women's Center. The Christian Women's Center W.O.W. (Women of the Well) program is a 12-month residential discipleship program for women in crisis, including those facing abuse, addiction, homelessness, or neglect. Rooted in the love of Christ, the program offers a path toward physical, emotional, and spiritual restoration through biblical counseling, addiction support, life skills training, career readiness, and community partnerships.

The name "Women of the Well" comes from John 4:4-30, where Jesus meets a woman at the well and offers her "living water"—the promise of new life through Him.

We will be collecting trash Bags (33 gal. & 13 gal.), sandwich baggies, freezer bags, dryer sheets, and liquid laundry detergent. Please place donations in the box in the back of the sanctuary.



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## Prayer Requests

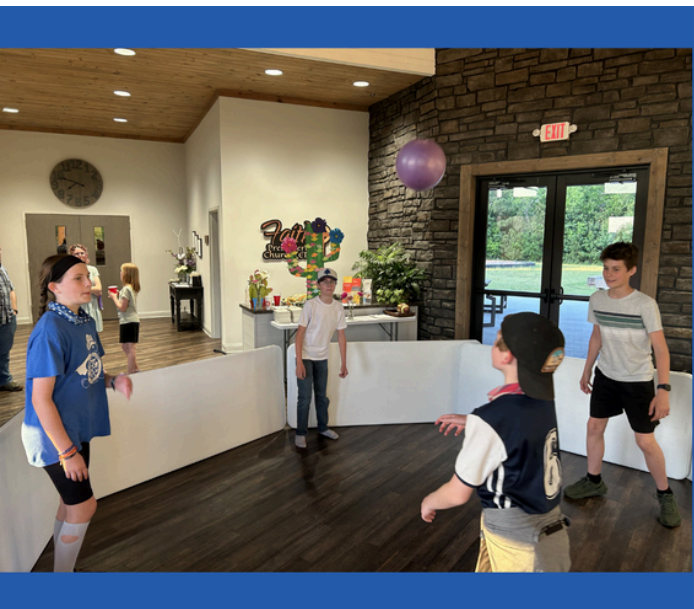
Nancy Phillips - Fighting Cancer  
Bonnie Turner - Fighting Cancer  
Carolyn Wolowicz - Continuing to  
Gain Strength  
Bob Pickens - long recovery from  
heart surgery  
Ken Foshee - in rehab after several  
falls & brain bleeds  
Jenny Coon - Missionary in Lebanon  
Nicole Curry - Diagnosed with  
breast cancer  
Renee Talcott - Cancer Reoccurrence

Ariana Donaldson - Continuing Physical  
Therapy  
Kathy Rewert - Healing from  
Melanoma Removal  
Anna Blount - Chemo Treatment  
David Johnson - Healing  
The People of The Middle East  
Nicole Curry  
Myra Echols  
Jordan Israel  
Wade Bledsoe  
Drew Watts  
Our Nation  
Our Military

# Church Happenings

## Mens Bible Study Thursdays @ 7pm

Join the men of the Church every Thursday evening as they start a new study on Genesis 1 - 11. The first gathering will be April 9th



## Youth Hangout

April 11th

April 25th

6pm - 7:30pm

## Pastor Bible Study

Spiritual Leadership

6 Week Study, Wednesdays beginning April 15th

Light Refreshments 6pm, Study 6:45pm  
(week six we will have dinner)



# Girlfriends of Faith

Saturday, April 18 – 10:00 a.m.

Girlfriends of Faith will have a regular brunch meeting on Saturday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m. All ladies of the church are invited to come for food and fellowship as we discuss ways to further our mission of spreading the Gospel through meeting the needs of our community. "...Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

## Women's Fun Day

April 23, 2026

1:30pm - 3:00pm

**VBS is coming!**  
**Sign-up to**  
**volunteer now!**



# April 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2 6pm Maundy Thursday Service	3 Prayer Vigil 8am - 8pm	4	5 Easter! 730am Sunrise Service 9am Breakfast 1030am Worship
6	7	8	9 7pm Mens Bible Study	10	11 Youth Hangout 6-730pm	12 9am Sunday School  10am Fellowship  1030am Worship
13	14	15 Pastor Bible Study 6pm light refreshments  645pm Study	16 7pm Mens Bible Study	17	18 Girlfriends of Faith 10am	19 9am Sunday School  10am Fellowship  1030am Worship
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# Session News

The March Session meeting was held on March 2 at the church at 5:30pm.

For the devotion, the Session read and discussed parts 4-7 of Chapter 16 of the Westminster Confession. The Session then considered a proposal from the church's landscaping company to clear the underbrush at the fence line of the church's property to make it safer for workers. A decision will be made pending answers to a few questions about the use of chemicals. Teaching elder John Cleveland and ruling elders Dan Patterson and Keith Lovern shared information from the recent February Presbytery meeting and Ad Interim Committee presentation. The Session then reviewed the membership roll and assigned specific members for the elders to contact. A quote from Classic Premier Technologies LLC was also presented detailing the installation and operation of security cameras around the church property. The Session will make a decision pending receipt of additional information.

Specific prayer needs were discussed and lifted to God.

The date for the April Session meeting has been scheduled for April 6.

Dates for Session prayer meetings were scheduled for April 13, July 13, and October 12

John Cleveland, Moderator  
Jeremy Evans, Clerk  
Andy Martin  
Bill Herndon  
Frank Fraticelli

March Financials  
Loan balance 565,325.52  
March income 38,737.07  
POP Income 1,100.00  
March Expense 33,647.00

## Missionary Update

## Timothy Two

AS THIS NEWSLETTER HITS YOUR INBOX, it's Wednesday of Holy Week. This day is sometimes called "Silent Wednesday" because the gospels are silent regarding the Lord's activities that day. Many traditions hold that it was on Wednesday of Holy Week that Judas Iscariot struck his deal with the authorities to hand Jesus over for 30 silver coins. That is entirely possible. Personally, I think that Jesus chose to stay in Bethany with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus for a quiet day on that busy Passover week. It seems likely that Jesus wanted -- indeed, needed -- time on that Wednesday with his closest friends before returning to Jerusalem for his ordeal of love and obedience that would come in the following 48 hours.

Friendship is important to the Lord. Abraham was called "a friend of God" (Isaiah 41:8, James 2:23). Similarly, it was said of Moses, that the Lord spoke with him face to face, as one does with his friend (Exodus 33:11). The Lord Jesus, on Maundy Thursday, told his disciples that He no longer called them slaves, but now called them "friends," because He had made known to them all that He had heard from the Father (John 15:15). The Lord's declaration of friendship with the Eleven is surprising on many levels. After all, He is the Lord of Glory, the Beloved of the Father, the Word of God, the One who was with God from the beginning. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Conquering King, and Returning Judge. And yes, he had made known to them all that he had heard from the Father, but they were still deeply confused on many points about the King and His Kingdom. And yet, He described them with this most intimate of terms. He called them "friends." Friendship is so precious.

On this Silent Wednesday, seek the sweet friendship of the Lord Jesus. Receive everything He has taught by His Word and Spirit (John 15:15). Spend time with Him. Love Him, and be loved by Him. Pledge fresh obedience to his commandments, especially his commandment that we love one another (John 15:12, 14). For He went to Calvary, not for strangers, but for His friends (John 15:13).

IN TWO WEEKS, Lord willing, I will be back in one of my favorite places to do pastoral training - Isla Venado, Costa Rica. It's my privilege once again to take a missionary intern, Brother Jonathan Hodges, a Commissioned Pastor serving in the pulpit of the Murphy (NC) Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the EPC Southeast Presbytery. Do pray for us as we do teaching and training in the doctrines of anthropology, Christology, and soteriology among these precious pastors and leaders.

In preparation for this mission trip, leaders in Costa Rica are joining me in a day of prayer and fasting on Tuesday, April 7. Would you fast a meal or two and dedicate the time to prayer over this trip?

Grady Davidson



Medellin Columbia, March 2026