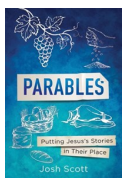


# Faith Happenings July 2025



## Summer Learning Series Adult VBS

When Jesus taught in parables, he was doing more than telling simple morality tales. His stories were grounded in the world in which he lived and his vision of the Kingdom of God. This book explores six parables that give us a window into Jesus's message and movement, and, once they are heard in their own context, ask what they might mean for us today. *Parables* include: the New Wine and Wineskins, the Mustard Seed, the Leaven, the Wedding Party, the Workers in the Vineyard, and the Wicked Tenants.



Your **Spiritual Development Planning Team** is offering Adult Summer Bible School at Faith Presbyterian. Please Join us this Summer—**July 21<sup>st</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>** Monday through Friday at 1:00 p.m., for an exciting, inspirational, and thought-provoking study.

A Summer treat will be provided each day, and the weeklong study will culminate with a BBQ lunch for all who attend.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Bring your friends and neighbors!


**Sign-Up is located in the Church Narthex.**

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# July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:00 Summer Meals (off campus) 11:00 Year of the Bible 5:30 Rivers of Peace Yoga	3 10:00 Summer Meals (off campus)	4 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <b>INDEPEND- ENCE DAY</b>  9:00 Merry Maids	5
6 Worship & Communion	7 9:00 Summer Meals Packing (off campus) 11:00 Nominating Committee 1:00 Storage Task Force	8 6:00 Triple L/Rivers of Peace Dinner	9 9:00 Summer Meals Packing (off campus) 10:00 Program Visioning Committee (Zoom)	10 10:00 Summer Meals Delivery (off campus) 11:30 Ladies' Lunch Bunch	11 9:00 Merry Maids	12 1:15 Shillcutt Interment 2:00 Shillcutt Memorial Service & Reception
13 9:00 Membership Inquiry Class 10:30 Worship & 2nd Sunday Lunch	14 9:00 Summer Meals Packing (off campus) 1:00 Administration Planning Team	15	16 9:00 Summer Meals Packing (off campus) 9:30 ReKindle 11:00 Year of the Bible 5:30 Rivers of Peace Yoga	17 10:00 Summer Meals Delivery (off campus) 10:00 Mineral Springs Support Group 2:00 Program Visioning Committee 3:30 Bluebird Book Club	18 9:00 Merry Maids 9:30 Senior Center 6:00 Jewish Congregation of Blue Ridge	19
20 10:30 Worship  Undie Sunday Collection	21 9:00 Summer Meals Packing (off campus) 10:00 Program Visioning Committee 1:00 Adult VBS 3:00 Property Visioning Committee	22 10:00 Program Visioning Committee 1:00 Adult VBS 6:00 Triple L/Rivers of Peace Dinner	23 9:00 Summer Meals Packing (off campus) 9:30 Session Meeting 1:00 Adult VBS	24 10:00 Summer Meals Delivery (off campus) 1:00 Adult VBS	25 9:00 Merry Maids 12:00 VBS Cookout 1:00 Adult VBS	26
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## Each Sunday

9:45- 10:10 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

10:30 a.m. Worship

The worship service is live-streamed every Sunday to the FPC website-[www.faithpresbyterianusa.org](http://www.faithpresbyterianusa.org).

The recording of the weekly Service of Worship is available on the church website following the service.

If you would like a copy of the sermon from any past Sundays' worship services, please call or email the church office.



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## Name tags and Handouts



**Our wonderful chefs!**

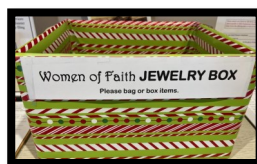


# Spiritual Development Planning Team



Our Women of Faith will be on hiatus for the summer. Please look for information later this summer for our annual luncheon in September. In the mean time....

Ladies, do you have jewelry that you once loved and wore all the time, but you've lost that loving feeling—and now it's just sitting in your jewelry box? Please consider donating it to our



## **WOMEN OF FAITH CHRISTMAS JEWELRY BOX.**

Each year we collect used—but in very good condition—jewelry to be gifted to the clients of Fannin Family Connection during the month of December. Please bring your “once loved” jewelry to the church and put it in the **Women of Faith Jewelry Box.**

## Spiritual Development

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## Outreach

### Elder:

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doggy lady171@msn.com

## Sanctuary Flowers



The presence of flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday morning add beauty and warmth to our weekly gatherings for worship as a congregation. If desired, flowers may be placed in honor or in memory of someone, or to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, graduation, or in recognition or honor of someone's achievement. Dedication information

to be published in the Sunday bulletin for the day an arrangement is placed should be submitted via email to the church office no later than 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday of the week before the Sunday the arrangement is to be displayed. Contributions (\$65.00) may be made to the church to purchase flowers by noting “Floral Fund” in the memo line of your check and made payable to Faith Presbyterian Church. You may also designate the specific Sunday on which your flowers will be displayed and we will do our best to honor your requested date. Request forms are available in the narthex.

*Please contact the church office  
([office@faithpresbyterianusa.org](mailto:office@faithpresbyterianusa.org))  
for additional information.*

Shown are Sandy and Max White. The flowers are in celebration of their 10th wedding anniversary.



## The Year of the Bible 2.0—Digging Deeper

Our Year of the Bible 2.0 group continues to meet every other week at **11:00 am** for a discussion group. The group began at the beginning with Genesis, and we are now studying Exodus. A team of facilitators, led by Steve Baker, guide the discussion. We are excited to offer this opportunity to anyone in the congregation or community who wishes to participate. Join us July 2!

## Congregational Care Planning Team



### Happy Birthday!

Bob Elwell, John Silva, Beth Huckleberry, Bill Furtwengler, Catherine Branch, Nance Huish, Pat Barrentine, Susan Learn, Carole Ulnick

### Happy Anniversary!

Doug & Patty Morris, Jim & Peggy Reich,  
Larry & Hilda Giles, Mark & Dorothy McLain



The Ladies' Lunch Bunch will be at the Pasta Market on July 10th @ 11:30. Please sign up in the Narthex so we will have a head count. Come enjoy good food and friendship.



**July's Second Sunday Lunch** will be hosted by the Outreach Planning Team. We would love to invite the new members of the church to assist us. Sign up will be in the Narthex for the new members of the church. Entree will be **Pulled Pork**. Bring a side or dessert! Contact Sandy Cuppia 704.200.5726.

## Ushers

### July 6

Cynthia Salamone  
Anne Williamson  
Candy Frank  
Chuck Huckleberry

### July 13

Renee Lunney  
Charlie Lunney  
Susan Piros  
George Piros

### July 20

Dorothy McLain  
Mark McLain  
Vicki Elwell  
Anne Williamson

### July 27

Lynda Ray  
Phil Ray  
Carol Furtwengler  
Bill Furtwengler

## Counters

### July 6

Rick Borden  
Betty Benedict

### July 13

Bruce Burn  
Chris Martinez

### July 20

Randy Griggs  
Phil Ray

### July 27

Chris Martinez  
John Thompson

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# Bluebird Book Club

Books that Encourage, Educate, and Entertain

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Our next meeting will be on **July 17 @ 3:30pm**. We will be reading and discussing *Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. This meeting will be facilitated by: Carol Furtwengler. Please contact [chris.martinez8258@gmail.com](mailto:chris.martinez8258@gmail.com) for more information.


August 21                      TBD  
Facilitated by: Connie Griggs

September 18                TBD  
Sylvia Goodyear


All are invited to attend our monthly meetings.



The Bluebird Book Club met at Blue Ridge Sip and Play dog park in downtown Blue Ridge in June.



Star Student award goes to **Terri Charron**. She has diligently persisted in learning the two knitting stitches needed to make the Prayer Squares. Pictured are the fruits of her labor of love. Prayer Squares are located in the Narthex on the credenza. Please take one to give to someone you know who is in need of prayer.



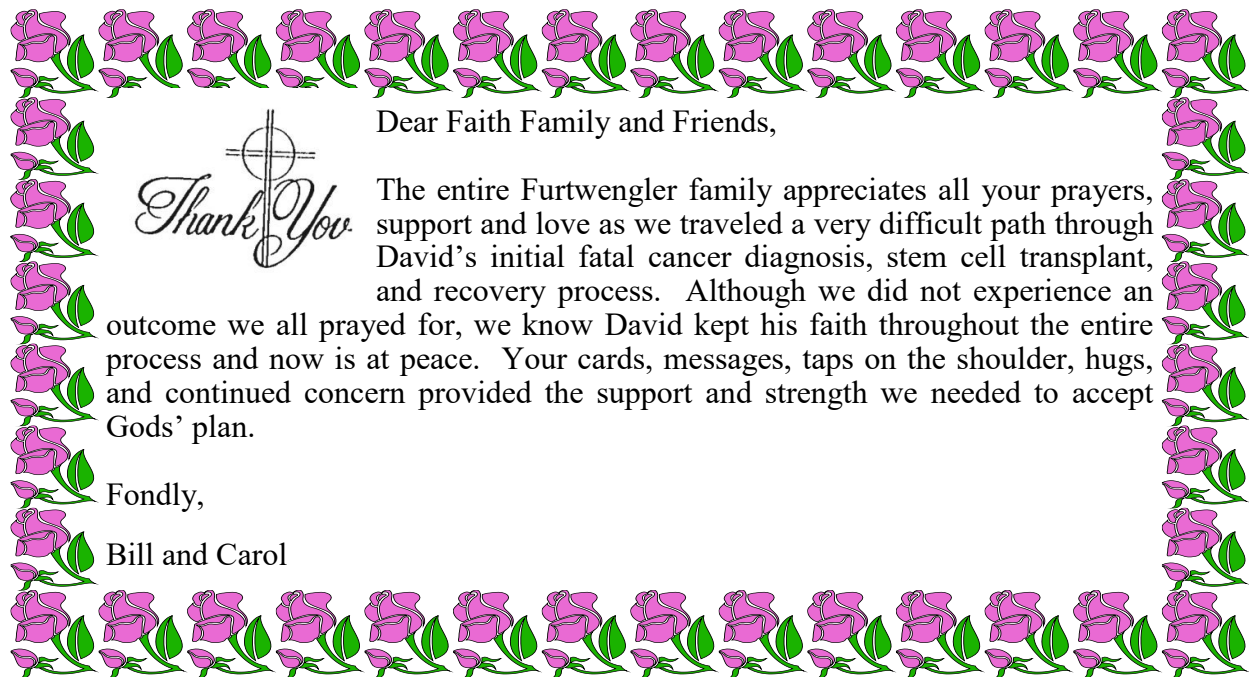


## *Men's Breakfast*

### *July 5th-Cancelled*

To start the summer off, the Men of the Church kicked off with breakfast at the Dairy Queen. Until Fall, we will be visiting different businesses the first Saturday for





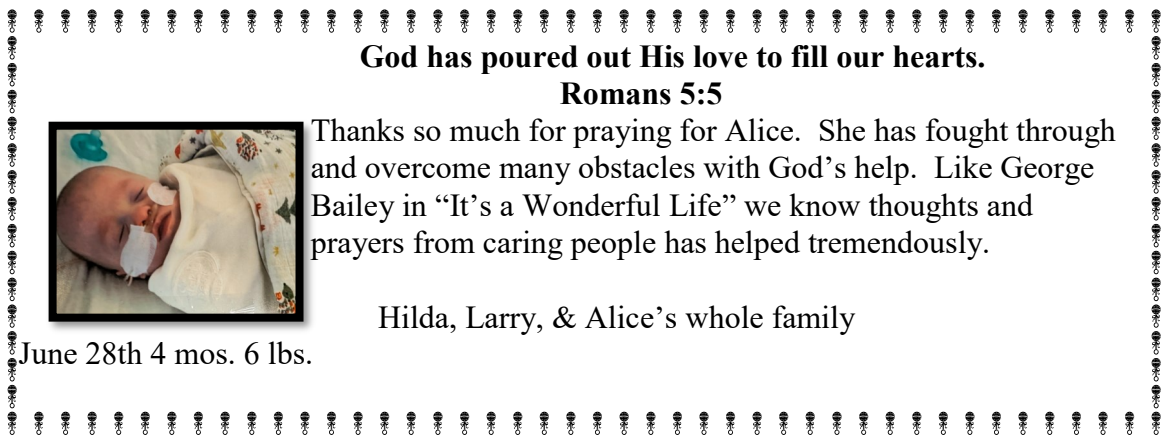
*Thank You*

Dear Faith Family and Friends,

The entire Furtwengler family appreciates all your prayers, support and love as we traveled a very difficult path through David's initial fatal cancer diagnosis, stem cell transplant, and recovery process. Although we did not experience an outcome we all prayed for, we know David kept his faith throughout the entire process and now is at peace. Your cards, messages, taps on the shoulder, hugs, and continued concern provided the support and strength we needed to accept Gods' plan.

Fondly,

Bill and Carol



**God has poured out His love to fill our hearts.**

**Romans 5:5**



Thanks so much for praying for Alice. She has fought through and overcome many obstacles with God's help. Like George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life" we know thoughts and prayers from caring people has helped tremendously.

Hilda, Larry, & Alice's whole family

June 28th 4 mos. 6 lbs.

Happy moments, *Praise God.*  
Difficult moments, *Seek God.*  
Quiet moments, *Worship God.*  
Painful moments, *Trust God.*  
Every moment,  
*Thank God.*

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## Office Angels



The Faith Volunteer Office Angels had lunch at the Old Toccoa Farms. We enjoyed some delicious food while welcoming our new Administrative Assistant, Sherri Daniel.

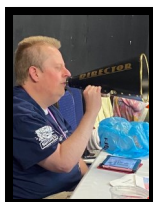


### FAITH HOPE AND HAMMERS

If you have a job that you need assistance with, please call Bob Wasielewski at 404-975-7523. He will come assess the project and find someone to get the job done if possible. Here Bob and his assistant (wife) Susie are putting wheels on an above ground planter for Tom and Kim King.



## Mission Planning Team



Each year Faith offers scholarships for the Sunny D Children's Theatre camp. This camp is every June and there are children who can not afford to attend the camp without the scholarships. Children involved in theatre learn to work together towards a common goal, respect each other's contributions and value the importance of teamwork. They develop skills like compromise, empathy, and effective communication with a group setting which are essential in many aspects of life. If you would like to be involved with the Sunny D theatre, please call Patty Morris at 404.326.4720.



## **Fannin County Senior Center** **Come join the fun on July 18**



We had a fun morning at the Senior Center! Nat, the Magician, put on a fabulous show for the Seniors. There was a lot of “How did he do that?” Our own resident magician, Shirley Copeland, was glad to lend a hand as well.

### **Undie Sundays—July 20th and 27th**

New underwear and socks in all sizes are needed to resupply the clothes closet at Family Connection. Since the school year starts in early August, children’s sizes are especially needed. Thank you in advance for supporting this important mission.



### **FRONT PAGE OF THE NEWS OBSERVER !**

Eric Morris and friends from the Mineral Springs Center, sang the national anthem at the beginning of the track and field Special Olympics event.

## Habitat for Humanity



Construction volunteers can be anybody. You can know how to use a power saw, drill, hammer, or you can help carry lumber, paint, sweep the site to help keep it tidy, put up window blinds, or help set up for lunch. Any skill level is welcome. And if you want, the more experienced volunteers will teach you how to do the more skilled jobs. The site leaders will fit you into what you are comfortable doing or what you want to do. Tools and safety equipment are provided.

**Volunteers work on Saturdays, from 8:30am - 2:00 or 3:00pm with lunch provided.** You can come as seldom or as often as you wish. This isn't a binding commitment. But we have found as soon as someone tries it, the majority keep coming back because it is fun, rewarding, and a purposeful way to spend a few hours helping families in need of new housing. And you meet new friends. And you get cool t-shirts!

I look forward to seeing you at a build site. If you have any questions, call or email Bruce Burn at 404.520.9291 or [burn4757@gmail.com](mailto:burn4757@gmail.com). To provide a lunch, please call Debbie Peterson at 770.656.0237.

## What is the Summer Meals Program?

The Summer Meals Program began at Faith in 2012 as a government supported program. The restrictions were such that after struggling with them for several years, we formed a partnership with Snack in a Backpack to provide food to needy children and families during the 8 weeks of summer vacation. Fannin Family Connections, Feed Fannin, and St. Luke's also participate in this effort. The program is now fully funded by contributions, receiving no government funding. Our mission budget is contributing \$3000 to the program this year. Starting June 5th, we began delivering food each week to around 450 children and 170 families. Each child receives enough food for several meals each week. These are the children who receive free or reduced cost lunches during the school year. We deliver to Blue Ridge Housing, Brookstone, Brooks Summit, Laurelwood Apartments, LaVista Apartments, McCaysville Housing Authority, and Mineral Springs Apartments. Open Arms, the Recreation Center, and Milestones Preschool also receive food. Volunteers are still needed for packing and delivery. Please contact Sylvia Goodyear if you are able to help in any way on Thursdays in June and July. [smgoodyear01@gmail.com](mailto:smgoodyear01@gmail.com).

## Calling all Gardeners!

The garden is planted! The weeds are growing! We are growing several vegetables to donate to the Senior Center and Feed Fannin. We are also combining this effort with establishing a pollinator garden as well. If you have flowers or flower seeds that the pollinators would love, how about donating some to our garden?

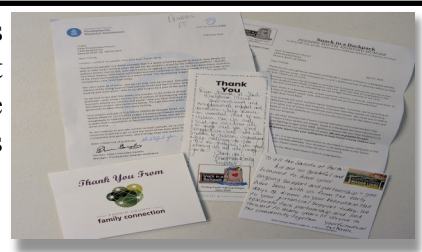


## ReKindle

The next **REKINDLE** Feed Seniors Program is **July 16** at 9:30 am. Please *mark your calendars* and support this wonderful effort to provide food for senior citizens in our community. The sign-up page for ReKindle is called Lotsa Helping Hands. It is free for us to use. You will need to sign in at this site and create a password to access volunteer opportunities. Let Chris Martinez know if you have any difficulty with this ([chris.martinez8258@gmail.com](mailto:chris.martinez8258@gmail.com)). The link to sign up is: <https://my.lotsahelpinghands.com/request/faith-community-rekindle-20> Rekindle 2.0.



Please check out the many, many “thank you” notes that we receive from people and organizations that we help with our time and money. They can be found on the bulletin board outside the Founders Room.









# Outreach Planning Team



## Faith T-shirts

We have a number of orange and navy t-shirts available for purchase. Please see Chris or Treva if you would like one. Cost is \$15 for short sleeve and \$20 for long sleeve. Sizes available are: Navy-1 XL long sleeve, 2 XL short sleeve, 1 XXL short sleeve. In orange, all short sleeved-3 medium, 2 XL, 2 XXL, and 4 XXXL. If you need a different size from those available, let us know.



Faith is the proud sponsor for the new advertising in our local dog park. We would love for everyone to stop by and take a look. Thank you!

Sandy Cuppia, Outreach Team Elder, and the new welcome sign in the Narthex. Administration Planning Team and Outreach Planning Team shared the cost in purchasing the sign. We welcome visitors and members to check out the "Welcome" table.



# Administration Planning Team



The bricks have been laid! If you dedicated a brick for the Memorial Garden, you need to take a walk through the garden and find your brick. The bricks were personalized to honor a loved one or a special occasion. What a wonderful addition to our garden.

## Newsletter Deadlines

In order to get your information in the newsletter, please make a note of these deadlines.

Send to: [newsletter@faithpresbyterianusa.org](mailto:newsletter@faithpresbyterianusa.org).

August...July 28th

September...August 25th

October.....September 22nd

November...October 27th

December...November 24th



Prayer requests for immediate needs relating to persons directly connected to members and friends of Faith are circulated via e-mail and others are included and published in our weekly and monthly newsletters.

**For prayer requests, please email or call Rev. Susan Haynes**

**(678) 697-0822**

**[susan.haynes@faithpresbyterianusa.org](mailto:susan.haynes@faithpresbyterianusa.org)**

<b>Sherri Daniel</b>	Sherri, FPC's Administrative Assistant, will have cervical neck surgery on July 3.
<b>Connie Griggs</b>	Connie will have knee replacement surgery on July 9 in Blairsville.
<b>Bobbie DeWolf</b>	Bobbie will have a pain reduction stimulator placed in her back on July 15.
<b>Bob Goodyear</b>	Bob returned home on June 27 following hip replacement surgery on June 24. This was the second hip replacement on the same hip as the previous one failed. Prayers this surgery will be successful and for good healing are requested.
<b>Gail Young</b> , sister of Bill Young	Gail, who fell at her nursing home in New Orleans on Sunday, June 22 and suffered a stroke/brain bleed, died on Monday, June 23. There will be a private interment service in the Faith Memorial Garden later this summer. Please keep Bill and his sister, Pat, in your prayers for God's comfort and peace.
<b>Nance Huish</b>	Nance had a procedure to clean the retina of one of her eyes on June 26. She won't know for several weeks if the procedure is successful.
<b>Gene Shillcutt Memorial Service</b>	Gene's memorial service will be Saturday, July 12 at 2 p.m. in the Faith sanctuary followed by a reception in the Narthex. Gene's ashes will be interred at 1:15 in the Faith Memorial Garden prior to the service. All are invited to attend the interment, memorial service, and reception. Diane asks that people wear red and black to honor Gene as he was a Georgia Bulldogs fan. Diane is deeply grateful for all the prayers and support of their church family during Gene's illness and his brief time in hospice. Please keep Diane and all who loved Gene in your prayers in the days and weeks ahead.
<b>The family of David Nasser</b> , nephew-in-law of Treva Wheatley	David, for whom we have prayed previously after his diagnosis with a brain tumor, died June 23. Please keep his wife, Susan (Treva's niece), and all who loved David in your prayers for God's peace and comfort.



## Prayers continued....

<b>Rita and Joe Oberle</b>	Joe continues to be hospitalized in Fort Walton Beach, but is improving and will probably move to a rehab facility this week. Rita's recent cataract surgery went well. They appreciate our prayers.
<b>Jennifer Pearce</b> , sister of Sherri Daniel	Jennifer was recently hospitalized in Phoenix with blood clots. She is now home with a heart monitor and on blood thinner. Prayers for the clots to dissolve are requested.
<b>Cam Smith</b> , cousin of Connie Griggs	Cam was diagnosed with leukemia in January. His bone marrow transplant at UAB has been delayed to the end of July due to high liver enzymes.
<b>Pat Esarey</b> , friend of Cynthia Chitwood and FPC visitor	Pat's tumor markers continue to increase and she will have a scan on July 11. Cynthia asks for prayers for a good scan and continued strength for Pat.
<b>Geoff Edelman</b> , friend of FPC	Geoff had a second surgery for melanoma on his scalp on June 27.

*We lift in prayer those with ongoing health challenges and who appreciate our continuing prayers: Steve Baker; Tom Barrentine; Jim Cuppia; Lynda Ray; Anne Williamson; Nancy Goodson; Sandra Fowler (sister of Pat Barrentine); Diana Gnann; Susan Learn; Fran Inghram; Virginia McPhee.*

