

every aspect of our life together as a church and be a faithful and joyful participant in the present and future of our church! Jim Reich and Bill Young, co-chairs, New Building Committee; Janeese Glascock, chair, Capital Campaign Committee; Debbie Peterson, Clerk of Session and Jim Simpson, Pastor

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE PLANNING TEAM**

Doris Riggs ([dorisoriggs@tds.net](mailto:dorisoriggs@tds.net)) / Ann Rand ([nedrandsr@yahoo.com](mailto:nedrandsr@yahoo.com))

**Prayer Requests:** During office hours (M-F, 9-1), please call the church office or at other times, please email or call either Candy Frank at [cmwfrank@aol.com](mailto:cmwfrank@aol.com) (706) 632-5920 or Janice May at [Janice.susan.may@gmail.com](mailto:Janice.susan.may@gmail.com) or (706) 449-6448. Prayer requests for immediate needs relating to persons directly connected to members and friends of Faith are circulated via email, others appear in the Newsletter Prayer List on Mondays.

**Techie 101 Class** will be held, Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 PM, led by Michael Gable. To learn more about your devices and to keep you from throwing your them out the window, place your name on the sign up sheet in the gathering space. Email Doris Riggs at [dorisoriggs@tds.net](mailto:dorisoriggs@tds.net) or [gablemichaelm@mail.ctsnet.edu](mailto:gablemichaelm@mail.ctsnet.edu) for more information.

**Faith moving Faithfully Forward.... Some upcoming events and opportunities**

- November 23** Good Samaritan Thanksgiving Meal and activities at Fannin County HS
- November 25** Light Up Blue Ridge parade (early evening) Faith will have a Nativity float
- November 29** Noon: Advent Lunch and Learn (also Dec. 6, 13 and 20)

**Faith Presbyterian Church**

**Mission Statement:** By God's love and grace, we are Called, Committed and Led.

**Vision Statement:** Called by God to be Faith Presbyterian Church of the North Georgia mountains, we welcome all to join together to worship God.

Committed to following Jesus' example, we joyfully share God's love, grace and gifts with all in our church family and community.

Led by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to grow spiritually in this community of Faith.

**Church Priorities for 2018** (as adopted by the Session of Faith Presbyterian Church 11/7/17):

- Increase membership and participation through connecting with and serving those who reside in our community
- Be a viable, spiritual place of worship by the sharing of our time, talent and treasure.
- Equip and encourage all to follow in Jesus' footsteps and to show God's love, grace and care.
- Develop effective church leaders
- Develop effective communication to include appropriate use of technology
- Secure congregation-approved financing and start construction of our new church facility
- Prepare for the transition to our new church facility

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Faith Presbyterian Church in action this Week, November 12-19, 2017**

- Today** 9:30 Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 Worship Service – Blessing of Prayer Shawls  
Second Sunday Lunch  
Mission and Outreach Meeting
- Monday** 1:00 Congregational Care Planning Team Meeting  
3:00 New Building / Capital Campaign Committees
- Tuesday** 4:00 Spiritual Development Planning Team Meeting
- Wednesday** 5:30 Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday** 10-12; 1-3 Faith volunteers serve at Fannin Food Pantry  
5:45 Evening Study Group
- Saturday** 9:00 Men's Breakfast – Pete's Place  
Build Nativity Float  
10:30 Jewish Community Service  
2:00 Techie 101 Class  
5:00 Quilts of Valor
- Sunday** 9:30 Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 Worship Service–Michael Gable, guest preacher



**Pastor Jim Simpson is on Study leave this week and vacation the week following. If you have any needs during this time please contact your Shepherd or any member of Session.**

**SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TEAM**

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*Thank you for silencing your cell phone during worship!*

**Head Usher and Ushers**

**Please check the sign-up clipboards in the narthex or contact Frances Young or Patty Morris.** Carl Riggs is the Head Usher for November. Please accept an invitation to assist as an usher Sunday by Sunday.

**Children's Church Schedule:** Come join the fun!!! Check your calendar to help just one day this month. It's easy and fun!! Contact Frances Young [feyoung26@aol.com](mailto:feyoung26@aol.com) or call 407-325-3334.

**November 12** Debbie Peterson and Ann Rand; **November 19** Patty Morris and Jeanine Lazenby;

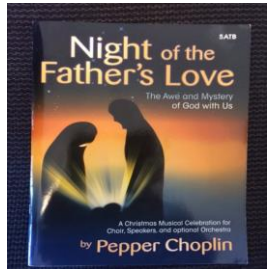
**November 26** Doris Riggs

**Women of Faith.** Meeting is at 1:00 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each Month. November’s meeting is on the 27th. Books are still available.

**The 2017 Advent Lunch and Learns** begin Wednesday, November 29, Noon – 1:15 p.m. (also December 6, 13 and 20) Our Study this Advent has the title: “**At That Time.**” Look for signup sheets for soup, bread and desserts. Plan to attend and participate as part of what it means for all of us to be *SeeKING JESUS*.



**A New Study Group**, facilitated by Janice Simpson, is meeting on Thursdays at 5:45pm. The Group will be studying Hidden in His Own Story by Andrew Walton. Bring a snack or bag supper. All welcome!



**Christmas Cantata 2017 – *Night of the Father’s Love.***

Rehearsals are under way at 5:30 on Wednesdays. We encourage all singers, both experienced and inexperienced to come listen and consider joining us. The performances are scheduled for Sunday, December 17, one in the morning and one in the evening. Call or email Director, Kathy Cardwell at [828-494-2432](tel:828-494-2432) or [kathymac@gmail.com](mailto:kathymac@gmail.com) with questions.

**MISSION & OUTREACH PLANNING TEAM**

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**Honduras support:** Once again we are collecting items for Honduras. Dental supplies (tooth brushes/tooth paste), nail brushes, toenail clippers, and reader glasses are needed.

**Food Bank volunteers:** Calling all community-minded folks! The November signup sheet is on the mission board. New volunteers **must** attend the Food Handling Class. Contact Hilda Giles, the food bank coordinator: [hjthebb@gmail.com](mailto:hjthebb@gmail.com) 770-605-0040.



**Faith Nativity Float in Light Up Blue Ridge parade, Saturday, November 25th**

We will be putting out a signup sheet soon for helping with Light Up Blue Ridge. Parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. on November 25th with lighting of the **Great Tree** at 7 p.m. **Candy canes** are needed for the Light Up Blue Ridge parade! These will be given out along with a bookmark with information about Faith Church. Please bring your candy canes to the church.

On **Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**, volunteers are needed at 10am to tie the bookmarks to the candy canes. Soup will be provided for a light lunch.

**Float Building** will be after the 9:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast at Pete’s Place, **Saturday, November 18.** Construction of the float will be at the home of Bud and Treva Wheatley, 244 Tall Oaks Lane, Blue Ridge, immediately following breakfast. Our 2017 Advent and Christmas theme, **SeeKING JESUS**, will be featured in all our materials for the parade and publicity.

**Discovery Class.** The next Discovery Class and Sunday to welcome new members, will be Sunday, December 10, 2017. In the PC(USA) we receive members by Transfer of Letter, Profession of Faith and Reaffirmation of Faith. Contact Pastor Jim Simpson for more information [Jim.Simpson@tds.net](mailto:Jim.Simpson@tds.net)

**ADMINISTRATION PLANNING TEAM**

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**From Bob Goodyear (Financial Secretary): Updated report on Building Campaign and 2018 Stewardship.** This table summarizes the current results of our two campaigns, comparing the numbers as originally reported on October 22 with where things now stand....

	October 22, 2017 (Original report)		November 7, 2017 (Updated Report)	
	Number of Commitments received	Committed Amount	Number of Commitments received	Committed Amount
Capital Campaign/ New Building	55	\$871,117	<b>61</b>	<b>\$917,967</b>
2018 Stewardship Campaign	44	\$157,620	<b>51</b>	<b>\$181,520</b>

**Sharing “good news” from the Capital Campaign/New Building Campaign and the 2018 Stewardship Campaign.... and our next steps forward.**

The faithful, generous and encouraging level of commitment to the Capital Campaign and the annual Stewardship focus enables Faith to move forward in 2018, both to strengthen our work and witness **and** begin to build the new church facility on Bluebird Road. (Please read to the end of this brief Report to see the encouraging details of the continuing response to the Capital Campaign and the annual Stewardship Campaign.) ***The Campaign results and initial conversations with our Design-Build Contractor indicate that it is realistic to start construction in the late Spring/early summer of 2018!***

As we move from the Commitment phase of the Capital Campaign into the Giving phase, contributions are already being received from the commitments people have made. Starting now and carrying through the incoming three calendar years all contributions, many of which are tax deductible, pave the way for an exciting future. Our new brokerage account at TD Ameritrade is now in place to receive donations of stock and mutual funds. Early contributions have the added value of minimizing the amount of construction financing required. Please continue to pray for