

**CPR and AED Training** Saturday, May 19, 2018 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$25 per person + \$5 for optional keychain mask. A signup sheet is on the Congregational Care bulletin board in Gathering Room. Robert Graham, Fannin Co. EMS Director, will conduct CPR and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) training at Faith on Saturday. Learn to respond to cardiac, breathing, and first aid emergencies AND how to use our AED. Class size is limited to 16 students; we will schedule another class if there is enough interest.

**FAITH FORWARD for 2018**

- April 28** TroutFest – Faith booth promoting Rivers Alive cleanup program
- May 19** 10:30-12:30 **CPR/AED Training**
- May 20** **Pentecost** – wear Red to celebrate Pentecost  
**The 2018 Congregational Photograph will be taken on this day**  
Graduate Recognition at Faith Worship Service
- May 26 & 27** Spring Arts in the Park – Faith booth
- June/July** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays – Summer meals Program

**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:**

- 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, April 15-22, 2018**

- Today** 9:30 Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 Service for the Lord's Day  
12:00 Shepherds Meeting
- Tuesday** 9:30 Session Meeting
- Wednesday** 1:00 Faith Group @ Jones apartment  
5:30 Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday** 10-12 Faith Volunteers serve at Food Pantry  
1-3 Faith Volunteers serve at Food Pantry  
5:45 Evening Study Group
- Friday** 5:30 Jewish Congregation Service
- Saturday** 9:00 Men's Breakfast (Pete's Place)
- Sunday** 9:00 Discovery Class  
9:30 Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 Worship Service  
Reception of New Members



**SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TEAM**

Patty Morris [pattymorris1029@gmail.com](mailto:pattymorris1029@gmail.com) Frances Young [femyoung26@aol.com](mailto:femyoung26@aol.com)

**Head Usher and Ushers**

**Please check the sign-up clipboards in the narthex or contact Frances Young or Patty Morris.** Head Usher for April is Randy Griggs. Please be ready to accept an invitation to assist as an usher Sunday by Sunday.

**Women of Faith 2017-2018 Bible Study** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. *What She Said: Quotable Women in Scripture.* Next meeting, is **April 23, 1:00pm -3:00 pm.**

**Children's Church Schedule** Come join the fun!!! Please check your calendar and consider volunteering for just one day, please contact Frances Young [femyoung26@aol.com](mailto:femyoung26@aol.com) or call 407-325-3334. April 15: Patty Morris/ Jeannine Lazenby

**Making Music @ Faith:** Come sing with the choir! Kathy Cardwell [kathymac@gmail.com](mailto:kathymac@gmail.com) or call at 828-361-0007. Also, contact Kathy if you are interested in private piano or voice lessons on Wednesdays at the church.

### Spring Faith Groups AND Study Opportunities

Everyone is invited to join one (or more) of our FaithGroup or Study Group opportunities this spring. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Room. Study books will be ordered when you sign up.

**Tuesday FaithGroup** – Cloud of Witnesses/The Community of Christ in Hebrews  
Time: 10:00 am – 12 noon, starting April 10 through May 15 Leader: Patty Morris  
Author Melissa Bane Sevier invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to our lives and faith traditions, and tie them together with the overarching motif of Community.

**Wednesday FaithGroup** – The Lord’s Prayer  
Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, starting April 18 through May 23<sup>rd</sup> Leader: Gerrie Jones  
\*\*\*Location: We will meet at the Blue Ridge Assisted Living Care in the home of Hervey and Gerrie Jones, Apartment 200. Carpooling is available!!! Using scriptures Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4, we will study our Lord’s Prayer, one portion each week.

**Thursday Evening Study Group** – The Ten Commandments from the Backside  
Time: 5:45 pm – 7:15 pm, starting April 12 through May 24 Leader: Janice Simpson  
If you are interested in gaining new insights into positive possibilities for faithful living, and discovering how God’s law was meant to make life richer and more fulfilling, you might want to consider joining our Thursday Evening Study Group. This session we will study The Ten Commandments from the Backside, in which Ellsworth Kalas explores the Ten Commandments, restating them in the positive, rather than a series of “thou shall nots.”

### MISSION & OUTREACH PLANNING TEAM

Sylvia Goodyear([smgoodyear@tds.net](mailto:smgoodyear@tds.net)) Candy Frank ([cmwfrank@aol.com](mailto:cmwfrank@aol.com))

**Food Bank volunteers needed:** The April and May signup sheets are on the mission board. New volunteers are always needed. Our day is Thursday with sessions from 10-12 and 1-3. Please consider giving two hours a month to help feed the hungry. A training session for food handlers is now required but you may volunteer before taking the training. Contact **Hilda Giles** [hjthebb@gmail.com](mailto:hjthebb@gmail.com) or 770-605-0040.

**Check out the new program at Family Connection! Ambassadors!** Family Connection has opened a Clothes Closet and needs volunteers to keep it neat and organized. Also, help is needed with clients who have difficulty completing the forms necessary for each visit. If you are interested in this new program, please contact Greg Gelp or Sherry Morris at Fannin Connection, 706-632-6063.

**Ready for membership? Like to know more?** Our next **Discovery Class** is scheduled for **Sunday, April 22, 2018**. If you would like to discover more about the life of Faith, or are ready to be welcomed as a member, contact Jim Simpson, [Jim.Simpson@tds.net](mailto:Jim.Simpson@tds.net) and plan to

attend the Discovery Class, a one Sunday introduction and welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church, including a welcome to the congregation during the 10:30 a.m. Service of Worship.

**Faith Church Garden 2018** – Garden coordinator Terri Charron is gathering names of returning and new volunteers. If you like to “play in the dirt” and help feed needy members of our community, let her know that you are part of the Team..([sweetwatergsp@gmail.com](mailto:sweetwatergsp@gmail.com))

**Troutfest April 28<sup>th</sup>** - Faith will have a booth supporting Rivers Alive. **You** are needed to staff the booth for a 2-hour period between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. We have an activity for children and will be giving out books. The signup sheet is on the table beneath the Mission and Outreach board.

**Special Olympics:** The annual track and field event will be held on **Wednesday, May 16th, 9:00am at the Fannin County High School football field**. They have requested volunteers to sign up by April 25<sup>th</sup>. A volunteers’ meeting will be on Thursday, May 10th, at 6:00 pm at the Blue Ridge Elementary School cafeteria. You can volunteer even if you cannot attend the meeting. Contact Candy Frank (email [cmwfrank@aol.com](mailto:cmwfrank@aol.com)) or Sylvia Goodyear (email [smgoodyear@tds.net](mailto:smgoodyear@tds.net)) for additional information.

### ADMINISTRATION PLANNING TEAM

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**Church Newsletter:** To submit an item for the newsletter, email exactly what you want to put in it to [faithpcbueridge@gmail.com](mailto:faithpcbueridge@gmail.com) We love receiving photographs of church-related events. The deadline for the newsletter is **10 AM on Mondays**. If it is not possible to email, please write out your entry and leave it on the secretary’s desk in the church office. Thanks for your help. To receive the church newsletter please send your email address to: [faithpcbueridge@gmail.com](mailto:faithpcbueridge@gmail.com)



**New Building Update** Fannin County Water Authority has installed a water main on our Blue Bird property, including our very own fire hydrant! And our County Commission announced plans at their recent meeting for paving upgrades on Blue Bird Road. “A voice crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord!”

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE PLANNING TEAM

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

**Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 20, 2018** – at our Service of Worship we will recognize those connected with our congregation who graduated High School, College or Graduate School since May 2017. These graduates include members and friends of the congregation, and also children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Faith members and friends. Please let Ann Rand or Doris Riggs know by **May 6** if you have a graduate. Ann or Doris will ask you to complete a short information form.