

Macland Press

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Dear Macland,

Some exciting events are coming in February. Of course, there is Valentine's Day. The original Valentine was quite a role model for living the Christian faith. There once was a Roman Emperor named Claudius II. His favorite hobby was going to war. He loved war so much that he passed a law in Rome that outlawed marriage. He felt that if his soldiers were getting married and raising families they wouldn't want to go off to war. He wanted his soldiers to be committed to fighting instead of staying home with loved ones and families. This law made many people sad who wanted to get married and raise families.

There was a young minister named Valentine who felt sorry for the couples who loved each other but could not get married because of the law. So secretly in hiding, Valentine began marrying them. The emperor found out and was very angry. He had Valentine thrown in jail and ordered that he be executed. While in jail, Valentine showed love for all those he met - including the guards. He became good friends with the jailer's daughter who was ill. Just before his death on February 14, he sent her a farewell message which he signed, "From your Valentine."

Since 468 A.D. on the first Valentine's Day, the love that Valentine showed in his life has been shared in cards and letters and other expressions signed, "From your Valentine" or "Be my Valentine". Why are we talking about Valentine's Day in the Church? Because years ago, this holiday started with a young minister who tried to share Jesus' love with those around him. His life, and this holiday, remind us of our calling to love our neighbors. This year, let's be a Valentine and share Christ's love with all those we meet. After all, the greatest love of all comes from God who "Cared enough to send the very best."

Thinking about the example of Saint Valentine, consider these other holy days in February as Macland shares the love of Christ through hospitality in Powder Springs and journeying out into the world.

On this Sunday, February 5th, we will be led in worship by our youth proving that they are not the church of tomorrow, but leaders in the church, our church, Christ's church, today. Also on February 5th, the first worship service of Powerhouse International will meet in our gym. This group of fifty people represents nine nationalities that live locally in the Powder Springs area.

On February 12th, we will celebrate our scouts on Scout Sunday and get a chance to connect with some of the families involved in the scouting programs hosted by Macland. On February 12, we will also commission our Haiti mission team.

On February 19th, our mission team will fly out for Port Au Prince Haiti. We will work with our partners of My Neighbors Children visiting a couple of the orphanages that Carrie and I help sponsor as well as visit a school in the southern region of Haiti in Jacmel.

On February 26th (or the Sunday following) we will hear a report from our mission team about our trip and what may be the beginning of many adventures in outreach.

Happy Valentine's Day on February 14. Happy Easter every Sunday because every Sunday is Easter Sunday!

JOY!

David



February 2017

February 5
Youth Sunday

February 12
Blood Drive
Scout Sunday

February 19-23
Mission Trip to Haiti

February 25
7:00 PM
Danny Flowers

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What's Up Macland?



Macland Presbyterian Preschool

Is gearing up for registration!

Check out the website for classes and tuition rates.

Registration for church members and current students is Jan. 30th – February 9nd. Registration opens to the public on Monday February 13th.

We offer classes from 9-1 for Infants, toddlers, twos, threes and fours

For information about Macland Presbyterian Preschool, email preschool@macland.org
www.macland.org

After Worship Cookies



Cookies will be served after worship on February 12. Stay and visit with us!



GriefShare is a program for anyone who has lost a loved one. A new GriefShare session will begin Monday February 20, 2017. We will meet at the church every Monday for 13 weeks from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Please pass the word to those who may find this program helpful. If you have any questions, please contact:

Lanette Hatfield
lanettehatfield@gmail.com
or 404-455-9560.



Next Meeting: February 27 @ 7:00 pm

Do you love to knit or crochet? Have you ever wanted to learn? Then head to Knit Wits as we welcome you to join us in a relaxing and social setting. Knit Wits meets on the 4th Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the church parlor. The next meeting will be February 27th at 7:00. Contact info: Bev Thompson 770-422-9591 bevt@bellsouth.net, Pat Morrison 770-919-7604 patpea37@comcast.net

Save the Date for VBS 2017



Mark your calendars and tell your neighbors!!

Macland's VBS will be the week of June 12th
From 9am until 12noon
Ages 3 (potty trained please) to rising 5th grade

Stay tuned for more detailed information and volunteer opportunities!!!

MUSIC NIGHTS AT MACLAND

Living in Nashville for fifteen years, Carrie and I developed some close personal friendships with folks that just happen to be professional singers, songwriters, and musicians. Early in 2017, we are looking forward to sharing our friends with our church family. Here the dates for singer/songwriter nights at Macland. In order to aid in their expenses for coming to us, there is a \$10.00 cover charge at the door.

Danny Flowers, Saturday, February 25th at 7:00



Danny is an American songwriter, recording artist, and guitarist who is best known for his own songs that have been hits for other musicians. These included "Tulsa Time" for Don Williams and Eric Clapton; "Back in My Younger Days" for Don Williams; "Gulf Coast Highway" for Emmylou Harris, Willie Nelson, and Nanci Griffith (co-written with Griffith and James Hooker); and "Before Believing" from Harris' Pieces of the Sky. Flowers has also enjoyed a solo recording career including the 2007 album, Tools for the Soul. From that album, "I Was a Burden" was recorded by the Blind Boys of Alabama featuring Lee Ann Womack.

In late 2014, Flowers began work on a new record at RCA Studio A titled "Anytime, Anywhere, Everywhere" for release later in 2015.

In addition he has been a session musician for Williams, Griffith, Vince Gill, Marshall Chapman, George Hamilton IV and Dobie Gray, as well as having toured with Williams, Gill, the Sweethearts of the Rodeo, the McCrary Sisters

Congregational Internship, Faith Presbyterian Church of Blue Ridge

Timeframe: Summer 2017 preferred, but Fall, Spring, and Full-year formats are also possible

Description: Faith Presbyterian Church is the only PC(USA) Congregation located in Fannin County, GA. Chartered in 2004, we are a growing, dynamic congregation serving our neighbors in Fannin County and beyond. The Pastoral Intern can anticipate extensive hands-on leadership in all aspects of ministry including worship leadership, pastoral care, administration and community outreach. Our Summer program includes weekly worship services, Adult VBS, extensive participation in the Summer Feeding Program (Seamless Summer) and outreach to the many visitors who come to the beautiful North Georgia Mountains. Supervising pastor Jim Simpson has 30 years pastoral experience in Scotland and the USA and is himself a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary (D.Min, 2000).

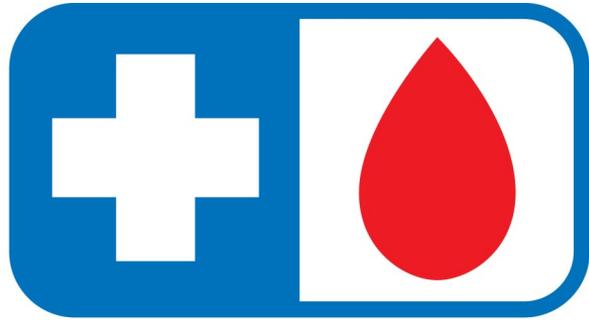
In addition to the required SM510 stipend, housing for the intern will be provided rent-free (fees for utilities and internet will be collected).

Learn more: <http://www.faithpresbyterianusa.org/>

Interested students should send a resume to Rev. J. Simpson: Jim.Simpson@tds.net

The 2015 Faith Presbyterian annual report is available at

<http://www.ctsnet.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/2015-Faith-Pres-Annual-Report.pdf>



G I V E
Blood

Celebrate Valentine's Day by saving a life!

Pull up your sleeves Sunday February 12 for our VALENTINE BLOOD DRIVE. The actual blood donation typically takes less than 10-12 minutes. The entire process, from the time you arrive to the time you leave, takes about an hour and 15 minutes.

Donors may save time by completing a [RapidPass](#) on the day of their donation prior to arriving at the blood drive.

To schedule an appointment to donate or to check eligibility, please visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: **maclandp**.

A sign-up table will also be in the narthex. Can't donate? We love cookies!

The Mission Team has a new name: We are now known as the 'Outreach Team'. Our monthly meeting is the 3rd Monday at 6 PM in the copy room. The February Meeting will be held on the 20th. Please join us.

Haiti Mission Trip

Macland will send a team of ten to Haiti February 19-23. The purpose will be to explore a relationship with a school and other missions through an organization the Joneses have partnered with their work in Haiti, My Neighbors Children. The team will also be working to explore how Cherokee Presbytery might expand our mission work as a Presbytery. Those going are: The Jones family, The Smith family, Jill Puterbaugh and Cathie Newell.



HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. Pray for our team.
2. We are collecting bath towels for one of our partner orphanages. If you have some to donate, please bring to the church. We need the smaller, thin, cheaper towels. The large thick ones won't dry fast enough. One suggested store, Ollie's Bargain Outlet located at 5590 Mableton Pkwy, Mableton, GA has a brand towel called " Quik Dri" that costs \$5. Thanks for your support.

Session News and Notes
January 2017



The Session met on January 23, 2017 in the copy room

Committee reports:
Stewardship/Finance

2016	December	vs Last Year				vs Budget		
		YTD	LYTD	Delta	% Change	YTD Budget	Delta	% Change
Income		\$401,139	\$361,727	\$39,412	10.9%	\$372,668	\$28,471	7.6%
Expenses		\$404,203	\$374,367	\$29,836	8.0%	\$371,928	\$32,275	8.7%
Net Income		-\$3,064	-\$12,640	\$9,576	-75.8%	(\$3,992)	\$928	-23.2%

- The Committee is in the process of finalizing the budget. The budget will be presented to the Congregation in March.
- It is still not too late to submit a pledge card.

Nurture/Christian Education

- Adult Christian Education Classes Winter/Spring – We are fortunate in that all current teachers have agreed to teach again this winter and spring. Adult classes are as follows:
Christian Doctrine: Sunday morning 8:45 to 9:45 and Wednesday afternoons 4:30 to 5:45 in the Family Life Center. **Instructor: Buddy Carlton** [770-944-9468](tel:770-944-9468) (home) or bcandpc@att.net and [Angela Yates](#)
The Present Word: Sunday 9 am in the Family Life Center. **Instructor(s) Marlene and Doug Michalke Contact:** mmichalke121@yahoo.com or dougmicchalke@yahoo.com
Luke (Kerygma Study): Sunday start time: 8:30 (Early time to accommodate choir members) meets in the Church Parlor. **Instructor: Al Baumgartner** [770-222-8350](tel:770-222-8350).
Spirit Born Bible Study: Wednesday, 10 am – noon, in the Church Parlor. **Leader: Rebecca Mitchell** rebecca@datadist.com
CSI: The Bible: Wednesday, 7 PM Family Life Center. **Instructor: David Jones**
- The youth fund raiser will be held on March 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Worship

- Jan. 21, 2017: Travis Meadows will be bringing his music to Macland. A \$10.00 contribution per person attending is requested.
- Feb. 19-23, 17 Winter school break Mission Trip to Haiti is planned.
- Easter Season Dates: March 1st—Ash Wednesday
 April 9th—Palm Sunday
 April 13th—Maundy Thursday
 April 14th—Good Friday
 April 16th—Easter Sunday: sunrise service and 10AM service

Building and Grounds

- Improvements will be made to the lighting, landscape, and sidewalks.
- The AED's have been installed and training will be held soon.
- The Committee will meet with representatives of Powerhouse International and Powder Springs Basketball Association about the use of the Family Life Center.

Session Actions:

- **Approved Gayle Kuykendall as Clerk**
- **Approved Tracey Smith as Treasurer**
- **Approved the November stated meeting notes as written**
- **Approved Julie Bolin as Trustee from the class of 2019.**
- **Approved expenditure of up to \$12,000 from bequest funds to improve lighting, sidewalk, and landscaping.**
- **Approved letter of transfer for Lisa Nagle to Covenant Presbyterian**
- **Approved Sandra Aufderheide and Freida St.Germain as Commissioners to the Presbytery meeting on February 4, 2017**
- **Approved Jim Wilson to fill the pulpit on February 19, 2017.**

Calendar:

- February 4-Presbytery meeting-Trinity
- February 5-Youth Sunday
- February 11-Sweetwater opportunity
- February 19-23-Mission trip to Haiti
- February 27-Stated Session meeting
- March 1-Ash Wednesday
- March 19-Youth fund raiser



February Birthdays

2/1	Will Cromer	2/19	Alex Scott
2/6	Angelia Yates	2/19	Steve Zerby
2/7	Dylan Cole	2/20	Ben Hodges
2/8	Elizabeth Ekweh	2/20	Erin Michalke
2/8	Andrew Scott	2/21	Mark Beebe
2/9	Terry Curtis	2/21	Alex Boguslavsky
2/12	Russ Conger	2/25	Richard Estes
2/17	David Savic	2/27	Barry Haugh
2/19	Jeff Pierce	2/27	Lauren White