

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Monroe

April 2026 Epistle



Greetings Church Family,

Lent is near its end, and the Season of Easter begins this Easter Sunday. We started our journey on Ash Wednesday, when we heard, “Dust you are and to dust you shall return.” On Easter Sunday, we celebrate, Christ is risen indeed, death has been swallowed up in victory. During this season of repentance, I hope and pray that God has been working in your life.

As we move into spring and summer, I hope you have great plans to see family, and to get to know each other. Our church has many opportunities for you to be involved.

Katie and I wish you a very blessed Easter Season. We love you all!
Pastor Bruce



Worship With Us!

Join us for worship, Sundays at 11 am. You may also join us virtually through Facebook Live by clicking [here](#). You do not need a Facebook account to view the service.

Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday, is Communion Sunday.



April Missions Offering

F.I.S.H.

Please remember that the first Sunday of each month is a special offering for F.I.S.H. Checks can be made out to FPC with FISH in the memo line.

F.I.S.H. Mission

FPC is participating in the “2026 item of the year” with F.I.S.H. **Our item for 2026 is canned fruit.** Please purchase the cans with the pull tab top if you can. We will collect every month of 2026. Each month we will deliver to F.I.S.H. what has been collected. Thank you for your kind assistance in feeding the most needy in our community through the FISH food pantry.

F.I.S.H. is currently in need of clothing and household items. All proceeds from the F.I.S.H. thrift stores pay all operating costs of all aspects of F.I.S.H., FISH4Kids, and F.I.S.H. Medical and Dental. 100% of all financial donations are used to assist someone in need.

For the month of March, we collected a total of \$220 for our monthly F.I.S.H. Mission. We also collected for Memorial Drive Ministries with a total of \$680. Thanks to everyone for your generosity.

Missions Special Emphasis for April – One Great Hour of Sharing

The three programs supported by OGHS - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Please prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to participate. **We will collect through Sunday**

April 26. Checks may be made payable to FPC with OGHS on the memo line.

FPC 2026 Mission Emphasis Calendar

May - Calvin Center (Presbytery of Greater Atlanta)

June - A Child's Voice Advocacy Center (Local)

July - Open

August - Project ReNeWal (Local)

September - Team Up Mentoring (Local)

October - Chogoria (Global)

November - Thornwell Homes (PCUSA)

December - Santa Express (Presbyterian Home of GA) (PCUSA)



MARCH 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT (as of 3/31/2026)

MARCH Giving (Pledged, Unpledged, Loose Offering)	\$23,743.00
MARCH Designated Giving	\$1,919.85
MARCH TOTAL REVENUES	\$25,662.85
MARCH Expenses	\$25,260.16
MARCH Net Total/Budget	\$402.69/+\$1,328.79
YTD Giving (Pledged, Unpledged, Loose Offering and Other)	\$80,104.87
YTD Designated Giving	\$10,747.22
YTD TOTAL GIVING	\$90,852.09
YTD Expenses	\$69,569.27



Viticulture

Thursday, April 9 at 6:30p at the home of Clay & Candy Hudson. Couples bring a bottle of wine and an hors d'oeuvre. Individuals bring your choice of an hors d'oeuvre or a bottle of wine.



Sanctuary Sisters - 3 Porch Farm

Make plans to join us on Thursday, April 16 as we go to Comer, GA to visit 3 Porch Farm. We will meet at the church

at 9:15a. We can carpool. They sell freshly harvested flowers as well as plants and tubers. They have a store which sells local and sustainably made goods and were recently featured in Southern Living. You can find more information at www.3porchfarm.com.

We will eat lunch in Comer and visit a glass blowing shop before returning home in midafternoon. Please sign up on the bulletin board or text Susan at 770.601.9316 if you plan to attend.



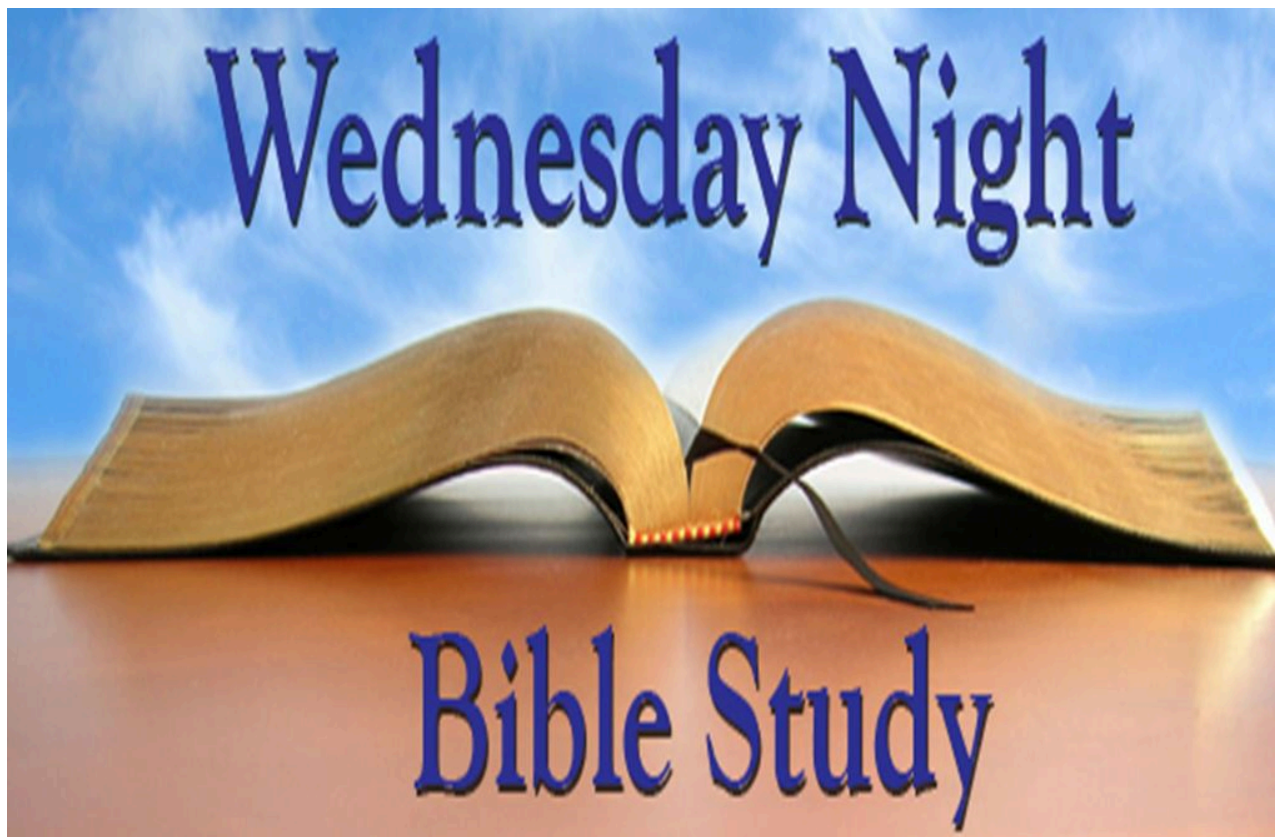
Saints Alive

Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30p at FPC Fellowship Hall. Hosted by Jon & Fran Cone. Join us for a Spring/Picnic style potluck dinner. Bring your favorite salad, sandwiches, or picnic style dish or dessert. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.



Joy Circle

Monday, April 13 at 1:30p at the church.



Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday evenings from 5:00p - 6:00p. Leaders are Freda Doster and Gwen Roberts. We will meet in the bible study room. We would love to have anyone who is interested, both men and women, as well as any friends of the church join us.

We will conclude on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. **We will NOT meet on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, due to Spring Break.**

Study Summary: The author “traverses the terrain from Genesis to Revelation to learn about angels – who they are, what they do and what they have to do with you. There’s no reason to fear or ignore what’s happening in the supernatural, unseen realm – we can live with confidence that God is in control of it all. Angels is a call to put your hope in the God of angel armies who reigns over heaven and earth.”

Study Books can be purchased from Lifeway, Amazon, The Armory Bookstore (they have two copies in stock)- the cost of the book is \$21.99.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL



FPC Sunday School Classes

Sunday School starts at 10am

9:45-10am coffee and fellowship

Hanson Sunday School Class -

Teacher - Sarah Williams

Curriculum - Presbytery Materials Quarterly

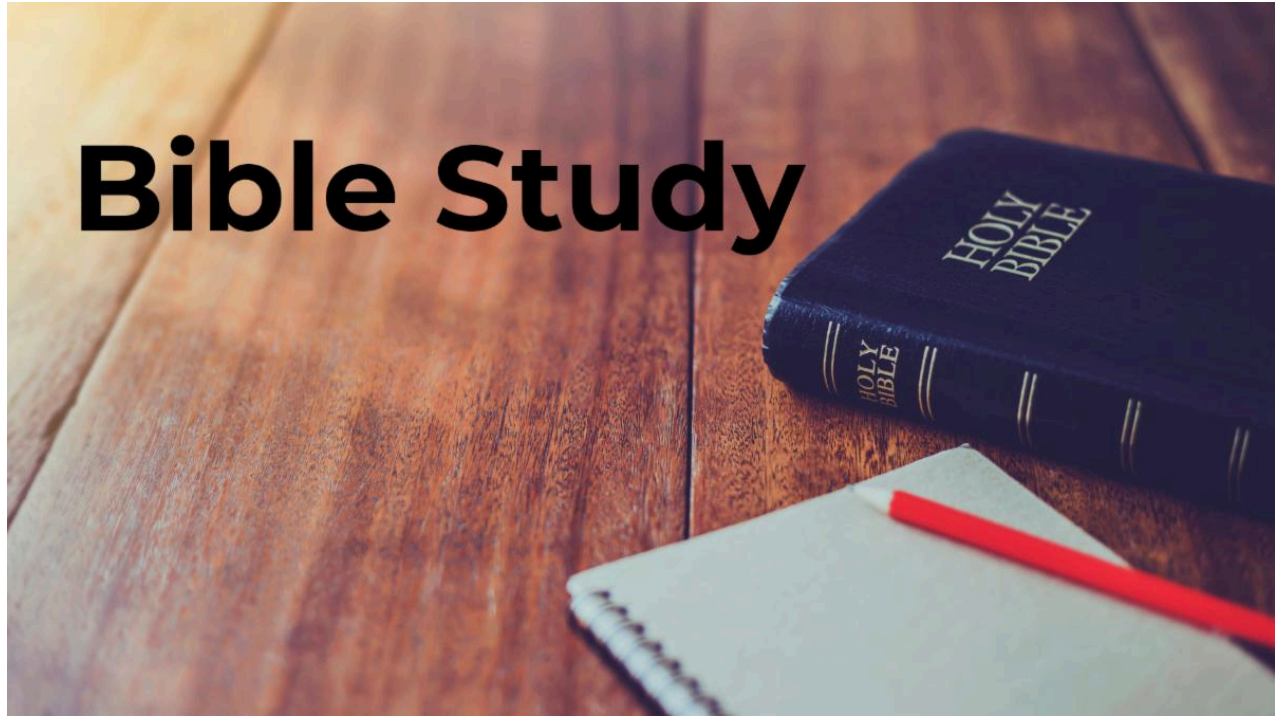
Fall Quarter we will be covering Isaiah, Jeremiah, & Ezekiel.

There is a book provided for those who like to prepare ahead and to follow along during class. Please join us for fellowship and study.

Inquirer's Sunday School Class -

Teaching/study material for the class comes from recommendations from class members, i.e. The Book of John (Bible/Commentaries); books 'Twelve Extraordinary Woman' by John MacArthur; works by Chuck Swindoll. Currently, the Inquirer's class is exploring 'Pleasing God' by R.C. Sproul.

The class format is interactive with open discussion facilitated by Kim Smith.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at
10a.



Man Cave

Man Cave meets weekly for fellowship and biscuits on Thursdays at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.



Bulletin & Epistle Announcements

If you have an announcement for inclusion in the bulletin or monthly Epistle, please email Valarie at office@fpcmonroe.com. Bulletin announcements are due by Wednesday morning weekly. Epistle announcements are due on the last Wednesday of each month.



Prayer Request

If you know of someone who needs prayer and want them to be included on our Prayer List, please send your prayer request to Valarie at office@fpcmonroe.com, and Beattie at ble1120@icloud.com.



Check Reimbursement

If you need reimbursement by check from the church, please request a reimbursement form from Valarie Malcom or Neal Howard. At that time, the request will be reviewed and a check given. Thank you for helping us as we use our gifts in service to the Lord.

Neal Howard, Treasurer

Office hours



Main Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9 am - 1 pm

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Please contact the church office to request a copy of the April 2026 directory.

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