

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Monroe

May 2026 Epistle



Greetings Church Family,

On Easter Sunday, we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection gives us forgiveness and eternal life. We are now in the Season of Easter, which takes us up to Pentecost Sunday later in May. It is important to think of Easter as a season because as Christians we are in fact people of the resurrection. The power of the resurrected Christ continues to be at work in our lives.

Think of what it means for you to be in the Season of Easter. What might Christ do in your life to manifest his resurrection power? What are ways you can get to know him better? How might you serve him better? I am so very grateful for the kindness and love you show to one another, and to everyone who visits. I wish you a very blessed Easter season.

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, May 3 is Communion Sunday.



May 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 April, we collected a total of \$400 for our monthly F.I.S.H. Mission. We also collected for One Great Hour of Sharing with a total of \$625. Thanks to everyone for your generosity.

Missions Special Emphasis for May – Calvin Center

Special Mission Emphasis for May benefits the Calvin Center, the camp and retreat center of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. The Calvin Center offers a welcoming sanctuary for recreation and Christian nurture. The organization offers retreats, a summer camp program, and an equestrian program.

Check out **campdreamga.org** for information for children with disabilities. Donations will be collected through the month of May. Checks can be made to FPC with Calvin Center on the

memo line. Please prayerfully consider your donation to Calvin Center.

FPC 2026 Mission Emphasis Calendar

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)



Viticulture

Thursday, May 14 at 6:30p at the home of Joanne Medlock and Billy Knight. 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

Plan now to join with the sisters for a fun cooking demonstration by Amelia Adams on Thursday, May 21. We will gather at 10:30a in the fellowship hall and pick up some new recipes for easy summer dinners. We will enjoy the food Amelia prepares as well as fellowship with each other. Please sign up on the bulletin board by May 17. The cost is \$10 each. Looking forward to seeing you all then.



Saints Alive

Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30p at FPC Fellowship Hall. Hosted by the Hospitality Committee. May was an open month, so we are going to try something new! BYOM (Bring Your Own Meal). Drinks, ice cream cone dessert and musical entertainment will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.



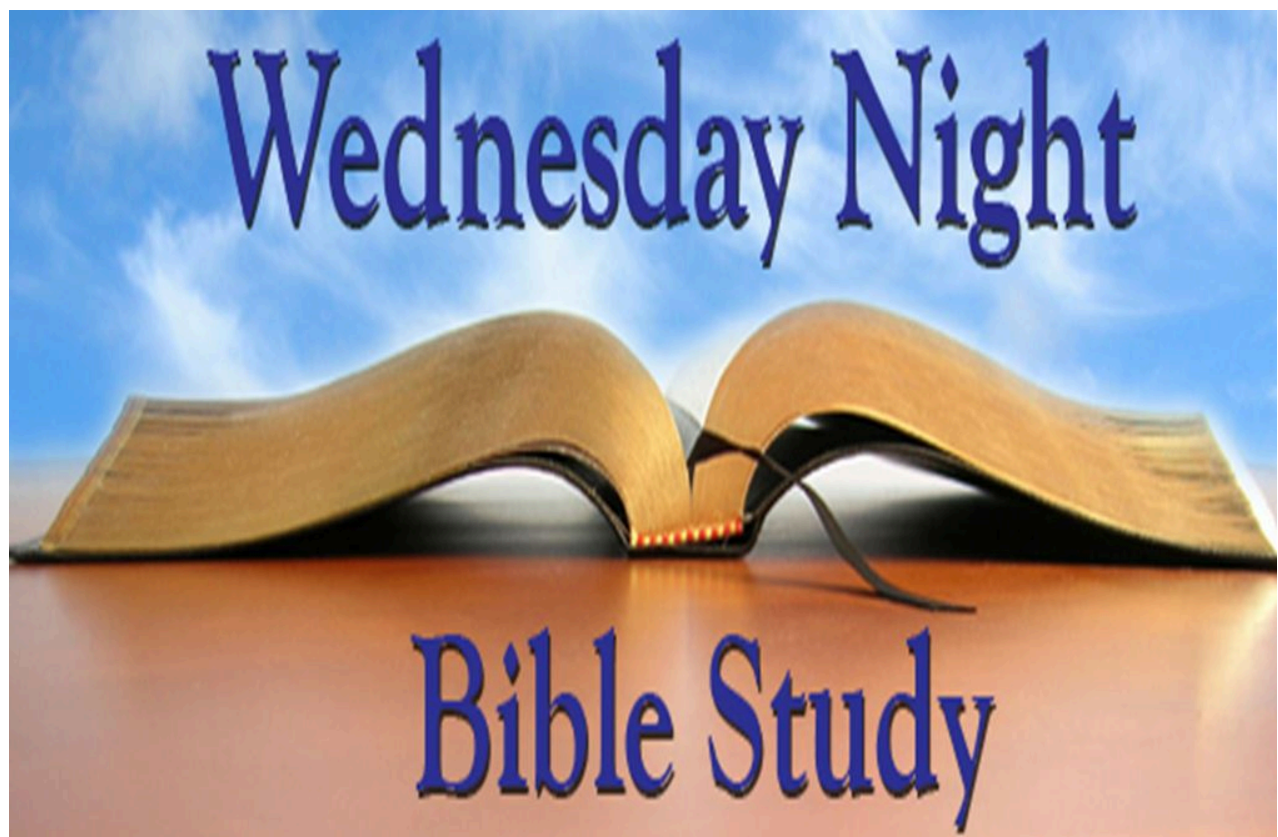
Joy Circle

Monday, May 11 at 1:30p at the church.



Pentecost Luncheon

Sunday, May 24 following worship service. Bring your favorite picnic style covered dish. Wear RED!!



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.

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."

{ JOIN US FOR }

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

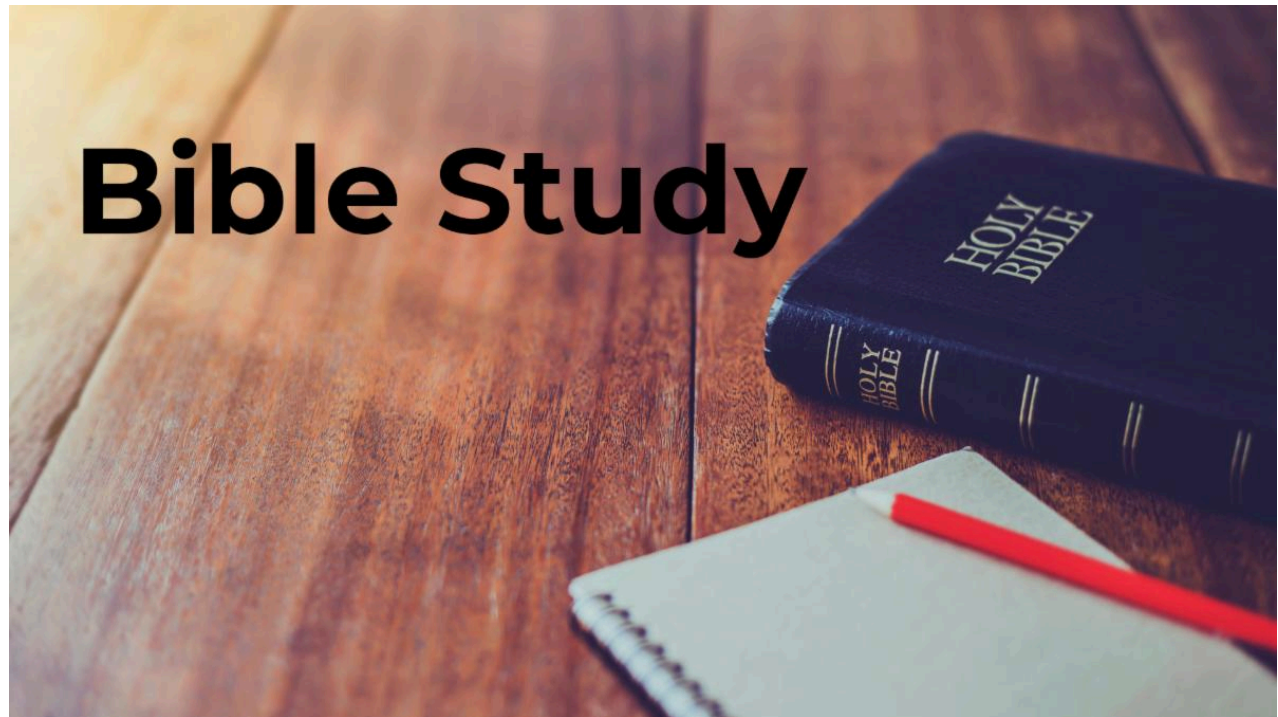
Fall Quarter we will be covering Isaiah, Jeremiah, & Ezekiel.

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



Main Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9 am - 1 pm

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Sherry Blalock	18
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Len Finchum	31

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