



First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

**Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News
of Jesus Christ with the community.**

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From Your Session

In our last Session meeting, we had a guest speaker who shared with us the two most important commandments. We were all pretty familiar with them:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is, Love your neighbor as yourself." (from Mark 12:30-31 CSB)

He indicated that the ability to "love" others was the most required challenge that we all face in our relationship with God. I at first thought that this seemed like a possible goal where even someone like me might have a reasonable chance at making some headway.

But over the days ahead I began to realize that just like The Ten Commandments I was going to have to depend on God's grace for my inability to love/like/not hate a lot of people. In a world where Satan has dominion and we are slaves to greed, lust, anger and doubt, it sometimes leaves little room for compassion, concern, sympathy and hope. I think the biggest mistake I originally took from this lesson was the fact that "I" was going to be forced to

change my self to accomplish this massive task. The next day seemed full of:

"Excuse me I was next",

"Did you see that guy cut me off", and

"I hope he/she chokes on a _____!!!"

My only hope was tomorrow I was going to be surrounded by more likeable/Godly people. But NO, it was worse.

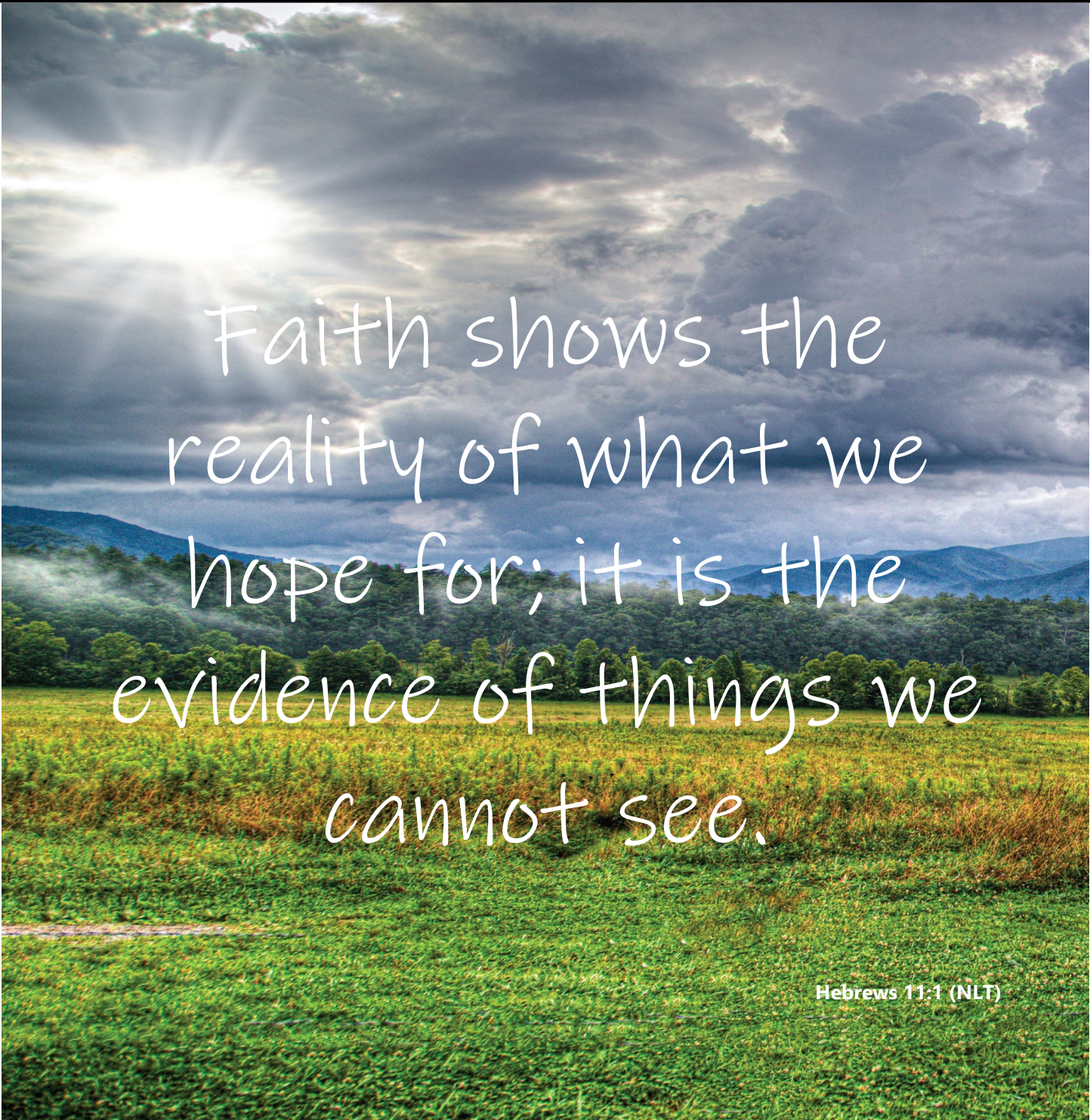
Then it dawned on me that Jesus said "I am always with you." The surprise was that He never expects us to do anything on our own. Jesus expects us to tap into His "Love, grace and forgiveness" to be able to try to love wholeheartedly. God asks us to turn to Him for strength, especially when the task seems undoable to us. So ask yourself what does this command mean to you and then ask the Lord to show you how to love the way He commands you.

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Think Tank

We've been THINKING about how to reach out to the community and the suggestion has been made to have a Fall Bash. We hosted a similar event a few summers ago and it was great fun. We had a bounce house, a "bucking bronco ride", games, food and more. Please join us Tuesday, July 20, at 6:00pm to discuss how we can host another fun community carnival/bash/festival for Duncanville. If you can't join us, please send your great ideas to singram@dingramcpa.com. Hope to see you on the 20th.



Faith shows the
reality of what we
hope for; it is the
evidence of things we
cannot see.

Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)

Worship Volunteer Schedule July 2021

July 4	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Jocelyn Bolles Jocelyn Bolles & Teresa Reed Jaime Cordova & Darlene Cowand Allen Conley
	Communion Preparer	Lori Glover
July 11	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Connie Steger & Joan Brown Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Jeff Thorpe & Nancy Bergman Jimmy Cordova
July 18	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Sharon Ingram Joan Brown & Teresa Reed Marna Bayless & Dub Guthrie Jennifer McWilliams
July 25	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Dudley Austin Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova Darrell Ingram & Joan Brown Logan Russell



WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Impact Youth
Fearless Youth Group

— 5:30 p.m.
— 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

— 9:15 a.m.
— 10:30 a.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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July Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org.

Thank you.

Linda Simons, July 2
Caleb Liddle, July 8
Peggy Kezar, July 10
Matthew Reed, July 14

June West, July 16
Larry Lewis, July 28
Jessica Kusler, July 30



2021 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
May	\$53,786*	\$21,341**
Jan-May	\$191,390***	\$152,447****

*\$20,664 of this for building repairs

** \$2,647 of this for building projects

***\$67,242 of this for building repairs

****\$55,612 of this for building projects