



# NAP News

November 2024



NAP News is a monthly newsletter provided by the NAP staff to celebrate ministries and provide updates for the churches of North Alabama Presbytery.

Do you have news you'd like to have included? Send submissions to [adminoffice@napcusa.org](mailto:adminoffice@napcusa.org) by the 25th of each month.

### What's Inside this Month

Giving Thanks	1
Pictures from October 15th	2
From our Staff	3
Stewardship Reminder	3
Dates & Announcements	4
Montreat Opportunities	5

### North Alabama Presbytery Staff

**Executive Presbyter**  
**Dr. Tom Lovell**

[execpresbyter@napcusa.org](mailto:execpresbyter@napcusa.org)  
615-975-5693 (C)

**Stated Clerk**

**Rev. Tom Lewis**

[statedclerk@napcusa.org](mailto:statedclerk@napcusa.org)  
256-468-0383 (C)

**Administrative Assistant**

Tanja Miller

[adminoffice@napcusa.org](mailto:adminoffice@napcusa.org)  
256-303-2972 (C)

**NAP Email:**

[adminoffice@napcusa.org](mailto:adminoffice@napcusa.org)

**Mailing Address:**

P.O. Box 4031 Huntsville, AL 35815

Phone: 256-883-0855

**[www.napcusa.org](http://www.napcusa.org)**

Follow us on Facebook & YouTube



Actively Engaged in the World

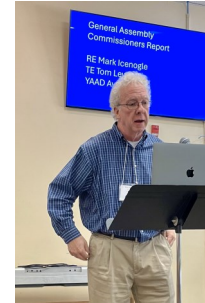
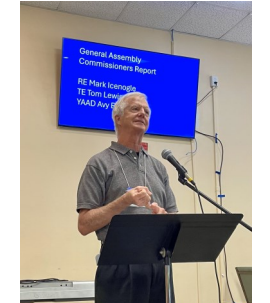
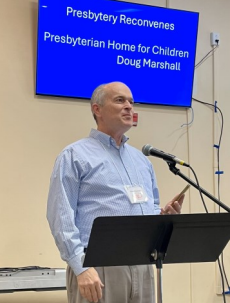
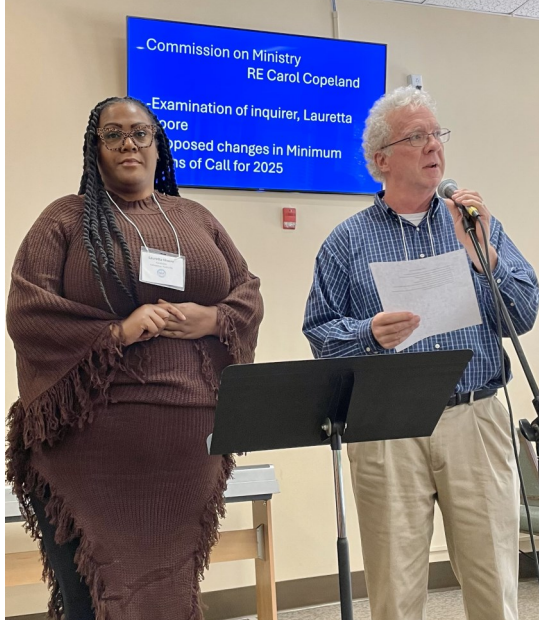
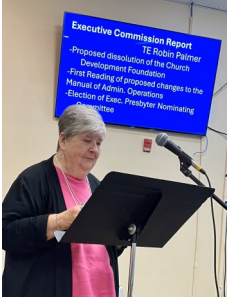
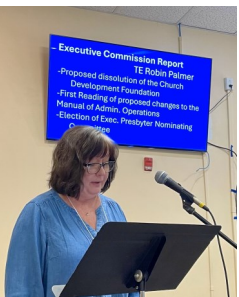
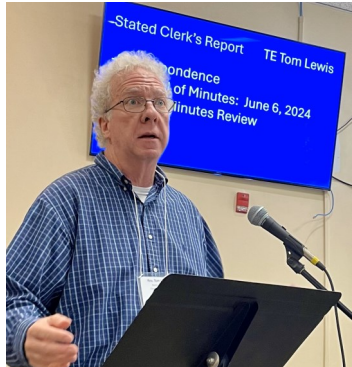
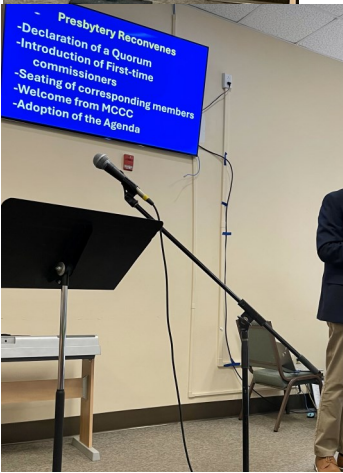
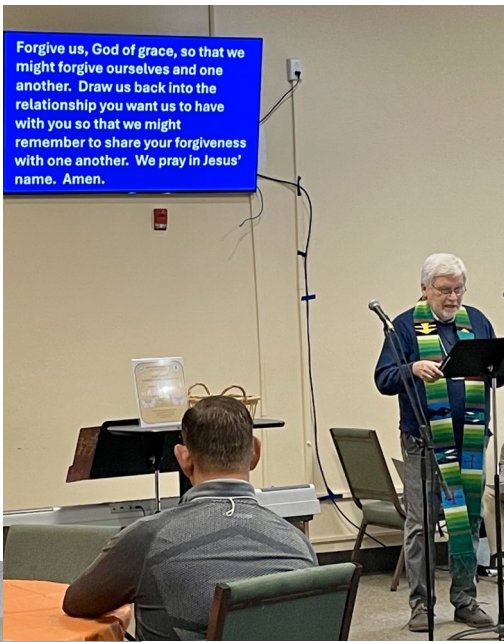
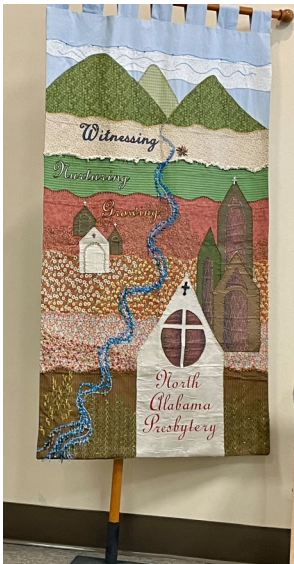


### Giving Thanks for the continuing ministry of North Alabama Presbytery.

- ◆ On October 15th, 61 people gathered at Camp Maranatha for a time of fellowship, worship, celebration of ministry, business, and renewal.
- ◆ We were welcomed by **Harriet Bibb** (First, Huntsville) , **Krista Lovell**, and our new **Administrative Assistant, Tanja Miller**, and blessed to be nourished by goodies provided by **First, Albertville**.
- ◆ We were encouraged and challenged by worship provided by **Bob Phelps** pastor of First, Albertville, Robin Lambert, temporary pastor of First, Cullman and **Sandra Hodgens** (pianist from First, Albertville).
- ◆ We received and/or approved reports from our Stated Clerk, Business Affairs & Personnel Team, Executive Commission, Committee on Ministry, Presbyterian Women, Committee on Representation and Nominations, Nominating Appointment Committee, Executive Presbyter, and welcomed guests from the **Presbyterian Home for Children, Maranatha Camp & Conference Center**, who shared their respective ministries with us.
- ◆ We were inspired by the reports of our General Assembly Commissioners, **Mark Icenogle** (Ruling Elder, Covenant), **Tom Lewis** (Teaching Elder, Copeland), and **Avy Elmore** (YAAD, First Sheffield) who share their experiences of being with Presbyterians across the country to gain insights and do the work of the Presbyterian Church (USA).
- ◆ We were nourished by a delicious lunch provided by the gracious staff of **MCCC** and enjoyed an inspiring time of table fellowship sharing stories of ministry happening in our congregations and communities.
- ◆ We celebrated the efforts of our churches who have signed the Commitment to Peacemaking and passed the **Peace Dove** to the congregation of First, Cullman our newest Matthew 25 congregation.
- ◆ The highlight of the day came when we examined and approved Ruling Elder **Lauretta Moore** who moved from the Inquirer phase to the Candidate phase of the process toward ordination! Lauretta is currently serving as temporary pastor for First, Guntersville and is enrolled at Union Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC.

### Giving Thanks for the continuing ministry of North Alabama Presbytery.







WELCOME  
TO OUR  
TEAM!



We are very pleased to welcome **Tanja Miller** to the North Alabama Presbytery staff as our new Administrative Assistant! In addition to her background in banking and English, Tanja and her husband Wayne live with their fur children in the Eva area. They own their small Theatre Company, Evil Cheez Productions, and spend much of their time traveling to different venues and entertaining the masses!



The Executive Presbyter Search Committee is now receiving applications for NAP's next Executive Presbyter to lead us into the future.

The position description is on the NAP website ([www.napcusa.org](http://www.napcusa.org))

**Applicants need to submit a letter and resume to Anita Raby at [araby123@gmail.com](mailto:araby123@gmail.com) by November 15, 2024.**



**Executive Presbyter, Tom Lovell, will be available via email and phone through the end of November as he finishes up his term with North Alabama Presbytery.**



**Stated Clerk, Tom Lewis, continues to be available via email, phone, zoom, and for in-person meetings.**



*Stewardship*

**The Stewardship season is upon us** as churches gather together to celebrate God's many blessings and choose how to utilize all they have been given for the glory of God.

As an extension of local churches, North Alabama Presbytery has unique opportunities for supporting the larger community of faith.

**Please consider how your church can continue to be part of the NAP community** through financial gifts and volunteers who are willing to serve on committees and offer their talents for special events.

***Clerks have received a Presbytery Stewardship letter for per capita and unified giving.***

*Questions concerning the NAP budget can be address to members of BAPT: Parker Moore, Tripp Brogdon, Carol Mebane, Robert Peagler, Randy Pettus or Mac Martinson.*

***Volunteer opportunities are available from the Executive Commission.***

*Contact Robin Palmer, Tripp Brogdon, Anita Raby, Carol Copeland, Jaina Glaze or Parker Moore.*

## November NAP Events

### Committee on Ministry

*Carol Copeland, Moderator*

Thursday November 7 @ 6:00pm  
via Zoom

### Executive Commission

*Robin Palmer, Moderator*

Monday, December 2 @10:00am  
via Zoom

### Business Affairs Team

*Parker Moore, Moderator*

Thursday November 14 @ 6:00pm  
via Zoom



**Does your congregation wish** they had money to start new ministries or build relational ministries they already have?  
**Is your church building in need** of repairs or updates that have become a burden to your budget?

**Are you a pastor who can't afford** to attend a conference because of financial limitations?

**Do you have youth and/or young adults** who would love to go to Montreat but can't afford the entire cost?

**Are you on a NAP Committee or Commission** that would love to sponsor an event or hire extra help for our churches?

**Don't despair—help is on the way!**

The Business Affairs & Personnel Team is pleased to continue the promise of **Ministry Grants & Scholarships** to help congregations, pastors, youth & young adults, and NAP entities reach their ministry goals! Our Presbytery has been blessed to be blessing with funds to help our ministries grow and flourish as we spread God's love and grace to communities near and far. Details and applications for these Ministry Grants & Scholarships can be found on the NAP website at [www.napcusa.org](http://www.napcusa.org).

## 2025 Important Dates

### NAP Winter Stated Meeting

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Copeland Presbyterian Church, Athens

*Meeting includes: Worship with Communion, 2024 Necrology, Installation of Moderator & Vice Moderator, Voting on GA Constitutional Amendments, Adoption of budget, Receive Related Ministry reports of membership*

### NAP Summer Stated Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

First Presbyterian Church, Huntsville

*Meeting includes: Annual Parity Report, Election of NAC member-at-large, Commission/Committee reports*

### NAP Fall Stated Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Maranatha Camp & Conference Center, Scottsboro, AL

*Meeting includes: Election of Committee/Commission members for the class of 2028, Commission/Committee reports*



How is your congregation **BEING MATTHEW 25** in your community?

Join the movement.

Be actively engaged.

Share your stories.

Post pictures on Facebook.

#matthew25



# GIVING TUESDAY

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**DECEMBER 3, 2024**

### For your College Students!



**UNIMAGINABLE  
POSSIBILITIES**  
GOD'S HOPE IN A WEARY WORLD

College Conference @ Montreat  
January 2-5, 2025

The College Conference @ Montreat is everything that you might have loved about Youth Conference, but with college students specifically in mind.

**We'd love to form a NAP group!**  
Contact Jaina Glaze today at  
Revjainaanderson@gmail.com

### For your Young Adults



the  
manna  
retreat  
A gathering for young adults navigating  
a defining decade

### The Manna Retreat January 24-26, 2025

The Manna Retreat is three days, 100 young adults, one old hotel, and ten small groups dedicated to creating deeper faith and deeper relationships. If your faith could use a deep laugh, if your heart could use some new friendships, or if your body could use a place to belong, then this is for you.

*Hosted by Montreat Conference Center*

### For your Rising 9th—graduating 12 graders— The 2025 Montreat Youth Conference



**Light  
My  
Path**

*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105. Drawing from the biblical text and our chosen theme Light My Path, this summer we will build an accepting community of unconditional love where every story matters. Through engaging worship, lively music, and practices of gratitude and fun, we will offer youth different opportunities to cultivate their spiritual faith journeys and practice sabbath. We will provide a secure space that is brave, loving, holy, and authentic so that we may glorify God in all that we do, inspiring and equipping a lifetime of faith.*

