



NAP News

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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 by the 25th of each month.

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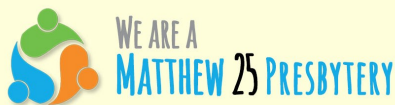
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We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the central promise of the Christian faith. We believe that through Christ's victory over death, God offers new life, forgiveness, and hope to all people. Easter is a joyful reminder of God's grace and the assurance that nothing –not even death– can separate us from God's love. It also calls believers to live as witnesses of that resurrection hope by showing compassion, justice and renewal in the world.



Actively Engaged in the World

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING SPECIAL HAPPENING PLEASE LET US KNOW!

*****Please contact Rev. Robin Palmer- rpalmer@gracepcusa.org Grace Presbyterian Church, as they are still needing a handbell choir director. Bachelor's Degree in Music with handbell/handchime proficiency. Other candidates will also be considered if experience in handbells.**

*****Time to sign up for Montreat...Montreat Youth Conference 2026!**

Sign up by giving your names to Jaina Glaze

RevJainaAndeson@gmail.com 256-206-1855 Total cost is around \$650.00 per participant, rising eighth graders through graduated seniors.

Churches of adult sponsors are asked to contribute \$150.00/adult to offset food and lodging costs.

First payment of \$150.00 per youth is due now. Make one check from your church and send it to North Alabama Presbytery office. Questions, call Jaina Glaze!

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL EVENTS HAPPENING! Or a story tell!

Thank you Westminster for the beautiful meeting. I can't say enough about the food, friends, and help I had.

Thank you....







A special thanks to all the helpers at Westminster....It truly was a beautiful day,

Thank you Mr. Valentine for all your help,

Alonda Crosslin, the pictures are amazing,

And Marsha Stone Bull-ock...thank you...You got all the name tags back !!!



From our Executive Presbyter, Reverend Bob Phelps

A word from our Executive Presbyter,

From our Executive Presbyter:

Joy in the Morning!

I like mornings! Sometimes I'll admit that I wish they didn't come quite as early as they sometimes do, but that probably says more about my age than anything else. There is something about the dawn of a new day that brings hope and maybe even courage to face whatever that day brings.

This positive attitude about mornings is grounded in our faith. It was, of course, early in the morning on the first day of the week when women went to the tomb where they had buried Jesus on Friday. Their task was not pleasant, but was necessary. Someone had to do what they had come to do, whether they wanted to or not. Each of the Gospels tells that story in a slightly different way, but the end result of all those stories is joy—joy we will all experience anew in our Easter celebrations this year.

It can be difficult to wade through all that is going on in the world and in our lives and find joy. We live in troubled times. But we are not without hope. The joy of that first Easter morning comes freshly with the dawn of every new day.

That first Easter did not resolve all the issues facing the followers of Jesus. In fact, it opened possibilities for work they could not have imagined lay before them. As we celebrate Easter again this year, most of us will arise again on Monday to face many of the same issues we faced on Saturday. But we do not face those issues alone or without hope. The joy of Easter infuses every new day with hope and promise.

I wish you all a joyous Easter Celebration. However you celebrate the day, I hope it is filled with joy and hope. But, even more, I hope that the day after Easter and the day after that, and all your days going forward are days of hope and courage. Whatever the future turns out to be for us as individuals, as churches, and as a Presbytery, that future is in God's hands, and God has promised to love us and to walk with us through whatever comes.

The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed. I look forward to seeing what God has in store for us and our shared ministry.

Grace and Peace,

Bob

Presbytery Week at Camp Maranatha This Summer

Plans are underway for a special week for youth in our Presbytery at Camp Maranatha this summer. Mark the week of June 21-26 on your calendars. That's the week that Maranatha has set aside for our children and youth to be at camp together. Watch for more details about ages, programming, and registration, but make plans now to be part of this special opportunity for spiritual growth and community building with other Presbyterians. Our kids are, of course, welcome at any of Maranatha's summer programs, but this week is being planned especially for us, so plan to take advantage of this special week. More information will come soon.

The Rev. Dr. Kip Laxson Installed at First Church, Florence

Friends from across the Presbytery gathered with the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Florence on Sunday afternoon, March 8 to celebrate the installation of that congregation's new pastor, the Rev. Dr. Kip Laxson. Kip transferred his ordination from the United Methodist Church, where he has served with distinction for several years. After jumping through all our Presbyterian hoops, we are happy we could celebrate his membership in the North Alabama Presbytery family. We look forward to serving alongside Kip and the First, Florence congregation.

Special Worship Opportunities for Easter and Holy Week.

Many of our congregations will hold special worship services during Holy Week (March 29-April 4). Check out congregational websites for announcements about these special services. If you know someone who lives near one of our congregations, invite them to visit and experience the things we celebrate during this special season.

Rev. Robin Palmer Announces Retirement

The Rev. Robin Palmer, pastor at Grace Church in Madison will retire from active ministry after more than twenty years of faithful service on Easter Sunday, April 5. Please remember Robin and David and the Grace Church congregation during this time of transition.

A message from Rev. Jaina Glaze

Stated Clerk



From the Stated Clerk:

The North Alabama presbytery met February 28, 2026 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Florence. It was a lovely day, and Westminster outdid themselves in hosting! We were welcomed by Reverend Trey Suey, pastor at Westminster Church.

We enjoyed worship together with communion and the necrology report, remembering those Elders and Deacons who have passed away in the last year.

Also during worship our new Moderator, Greg Bentley; new Vice Moderator, Randy Pettus; and Stated Clerk, Jaina Glaze were installed.

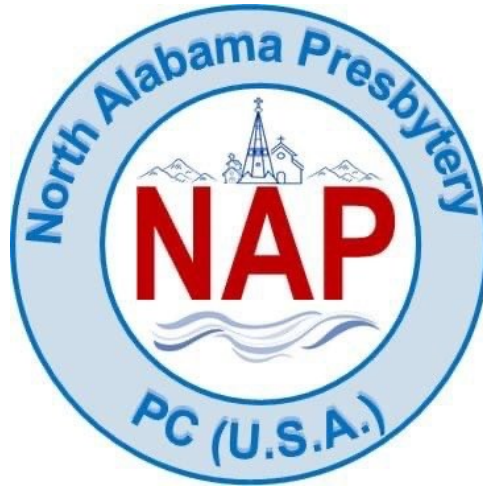
The Presbytery heard reports from Doug Marshall and the Presbyterian Home for Children in Talladega Alabama, Roland Walker from the Maranatha camp and conference center board, And the executive commission of the Presbytery, who brought a change to our administrative operations manual.

We also were invited to consider Traveling with Time Traveler Vacations, Who can put together a churchwide trip for the churches of the Presbytery. We look forward to our next "We Need to Talk" event coming up March 19, 2026 by Kim Mitchell.

The North Alabama Presbytery also examined and received Rev. Dr. Karl Kling and Rev. Dr. Kip Laxson into the Presbytery! And the Presbytery enrolled Cory Cook as an Inquirer into ministry. It was a day of celebration!

The next meeting of the Presbytery will be June 9, 2026 at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Payne, Alabama.

Please let us know
if you have
anything special
coming up!



Executive Commission (EC)

Rev. Greg Bentley
2026 NAP Moderator
Dr. Randy Pettus
2026 NAP Vice Moderator
Carol Copeland
COM Moderator
Rev. Michael Bowe
CORN Moderator
Randy Pettus
BAPT Moderator
Roland Walker
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Business Affairs & Personnel Team (BAPT)

Randy Pettus, Moderator
Robert Peagler
Rev. Tripp Brogdon
Carol Mebane
Parker Moore
Dag Rowe

Commission on Ministry (COM)

Carol Copeland , Moderator	Rev. David Kling Ted Dixie Julie Rice
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Kelly Elmore	

Committee on Representation & Nominating (CORN)

Rev. Michael Bowe, Moderator
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Rev. Kim Mitchel
Mary Mitchell
Rev. Traci Loveman
Bill Valentine

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Roger Faulk
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Rev. Rosemary McMahan
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Presbyterian Women

Linda Faulk Moderator
Patti Andrews Past Moderator
BJ Breeding, Secretary
Karen Madison, Treasurer

Presbyterian Men

Michael Bowe, President
Ted Dixie, Vice President
Tom Meier, Secretary-Treasurer

Our Staff

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NAP Events

Executive Commission

Tripp Brogdon, Moderator
Monday April 13th

Commission on Ministry

Carol Copeland, Moderator
Thursday April 2nd

Business Affairs Team

Randy Pettus, Moderator
Thursday April 9th

Attention Treasurers!

Thank you for your generous support of our Presbytery in 2025!

If you have not paid your Per Capita—please do so immediately as NAP is required to pay the full amount regardless of what it receives from churches.

Attention Clerks!

GA Per Capita rates are going up!

2025 GA Per capita—\$10.84 (based on 2025 membership)

2026 GA Per Capita—\$11.26 (based on 2025 membership)

SO.....NOW IS THE TIME

to take a good look at your membership rolls to ensure that your numbers reflect your active membership! The Statistical Reports that you file in January 2025 will be used for your 2026 Per Capita.

2025 Important Dates

reports.

NAP Summer Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Place Fort Payne, AL

NAP Fall Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
Camp Maranatha Scottsboro, AL

Men's Presbytery Event

April 6, 2026

North Alabama Presbytery Women's Spring Gathering

April 11, 2026

Montreat Youth Conference..See Jaina Glaze and sign up now!



Do you have a story to share about a special ministry in your congregation?

Email your article and pictures to adminoffice@napcusa.org by the 25th of the month to be included in the next newsletter!

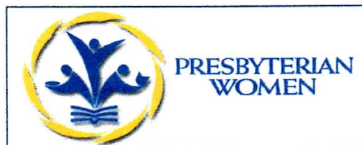


**NORTH ALABAMA
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
SPRING GATHERING**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026
REGISTRATION & MEET-N-GREET
WITH REV. JUDY MITCHELL RICH
9:15-9:50 A.M.**

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3310 DANVILLE ROAD SW, DECATUR, ALABAMA

PROGRAM 10:00 A.M.



North Alabama Presbyterian Men

April 6th

6:00 P.M.

First Presbyterian Church Athens First Presbyterian Church Athens

112 S Jefferson St, Athens, AL 35611

6:00 p.m. – Meal & Fellowship

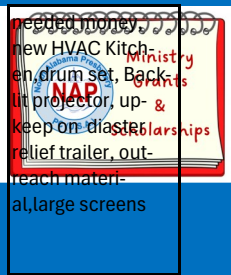
Program: Presentation by

Doug Marshall, Presbyterian Children Home

The cost for the meal is \$10. Please RSVP to this email (do not reply all)

So we can plan food accordingly. Michael Bowe <mbowe@presby.org>

Let's enjoy food, fellowship, and encouragement together.



Congratulations to the following churches who received Ministry Grants in January & February:

- ⇒ Westminster Decatur, \$15000.00 HVAC system
- ⇒ First Guntersville \$20000.00 HVAC in kitchen, drum set, projector screen, general maintenance

FAQ's about Ministry Grants: New form on website soon

⇒ **Where did the idea of Ministry Grants originate?**

In late 2022, NAP was gifted with half of the proceeds from the sale of Trinity, Huntsville to be used as a help to other churches who are initiating new ministries and/or struggling with aging buildings. In addition, NAP receives monthly support for "Campus Ministry" that can be used for scholarships to Montreat Conferences and/or college ministry supported by local congregations.

⇒ **What can Grants be used for?**

New ministries that need a jump start to get them going.
Technology improvements to help your congregation spread the Good News of the Gospel.
Building repairs that impact ministry.

⇒ **Is there a limit to what we can ask for? YES!**

Ministry Grants for congregations are capped at \$25,000 per calendar year.
Ministry Grants for college ministry are capped at \$5,000 per calendar year.

⇒ **Can we apply for the same grant in a following year? NO!**

Ministry Grants are limited and designed as one-time offerings for a specific purpose.

⇒ **How can we apply for a Ministry Grant?**

Visit the NAP website at www.napcusa.org and download one of the Grant forms. Forms must be approved and signed by your Session and must have a detailed cost sheet attached. Return your completed form to the Business Affairs and Personnel Team via adminoffice@napcusa.org.

⇒ **BAPT meets monthly to review applications.**

Have more questions? Contact Randy Pettus, Moderator of BAPT at rjpettus@gmail.com