



# 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](mailto:adminoffice@napcusa.org) by the 25th of each month.

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## Service, Growth, Guidance

Celebrate God's love and grace while seeking to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Believe that salvation is a gift from God through faith in Jesus, not something earned by human efforts. Scripture has guided us to pray, serve others, and work for justice, peace and compassion in communities and throughout the world. Enjoy the blessings of summer and reflect on the freedom you cherish. Give thanks to God and commit to sharing Christ.

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# **WHAT'S HAPPENING!**

**IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING SPECIAL HAPPENING PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

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

**Sign up by giving your names to Jaina Glaze.**

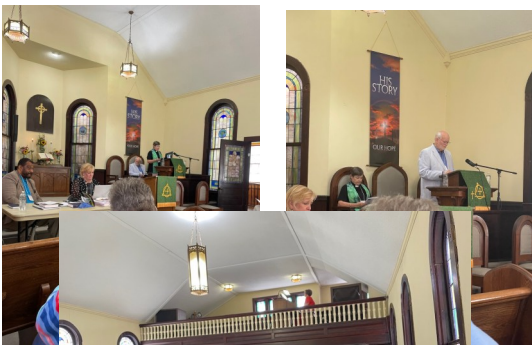
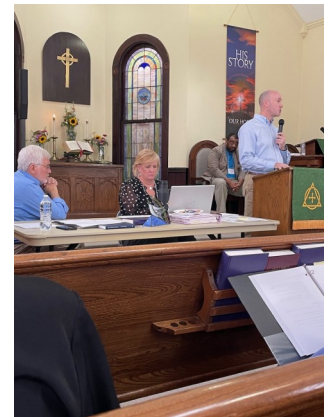
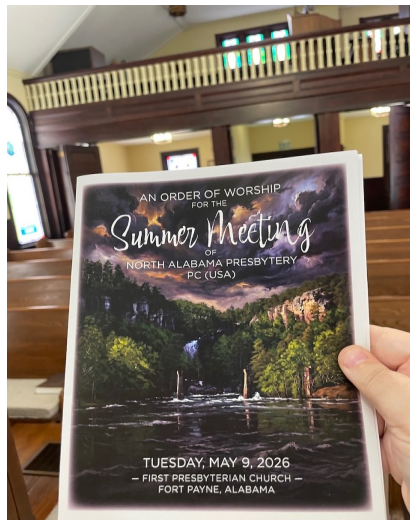
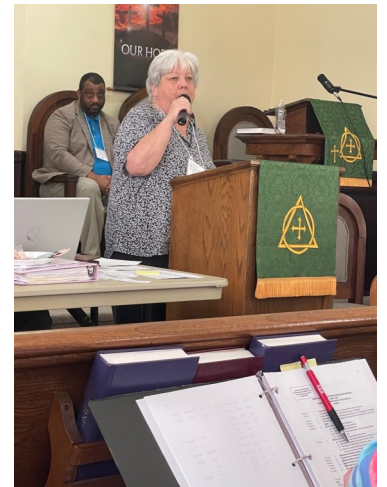
**Rev.jainaanderson@gmail.com; 256-206-1855 Total cost is around \$650.00 per participant, rising eighth graders through graduated seniors.**

**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!**

Pictures from our wonderful Stated Meeting in Ft. Payne, Alabama. Thank you Ft. Payne, it was beautiful!





**Executive Presbyter, Reverend Bob Phelps**

**A word from our Executive Presbyter,**

What Kind of Days?

I know I'm dating myself, but I remembered a song the other day from a time that seems long ago and far away now. The year was 1963, and the singer was Nat King Cole. Ok, I know only a few of you are probably still reading. The song I'm remembering was popular on the radio in the summertime, I looked it up, and it climbed all the way to number three on the top forty list. It was called "Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer.:"

It begins with these words: "Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, those days of sodas and pretzels and beer. Roll out those lazy, hazy crazy days of summer. You'll wish that summer could always be here.

That pretty well sums up was summer was for many of us back in the day. Days at the lake. Weekends with friends. Ball games. Days at the pool. School was out, and we probably didn't go back until after Labor Day then. Summer seemed it would last forever. And no one minded.

I know that not everyone experienced that kind of summer, but many of us who lived in those days did.

I haven't heard that song in years. I'm not sure it would be a hit these days. Its words certainly don't describe the days most of us experience in summertime.

We in North Alabama Presbytery are no exception. We held our summer Presbytery meeting June 9 in Fort Payne. It was a great day of fellowship and Good News. Several of our Congregations have had Vacation Bible School since then. Others have them coming up. Other Congregations have mission trips planed or have already taken them. Three of our members are participating in online committee meetings for the General Assembly as I write these words. I'll join them and others from across out denomination in Milwaukee for the plenary sessions that will come from all that committee work. I'm at Montreat this week attending the annual Wordship and Music Conference put on by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (with 800 other people, and nearly 700

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Coming next week). When I get home from these travels, I'll have the privilege of preaching in several of our congregations while their pastors get some well deserved time off. In mid-July I'll preach again for an annual combined church anniversary and family reunion for some friends from Mississippi. First Church Huntsville welcome a new pastor and his family next month. The Grace Church in Madison and the Copeland Church near Athens are taking next steps toward discerning their pastoral future. We are growing more and more excited at our house as we await the birth of a grandson in mid-August.

Doesn't sound like the lazy, hazy, crazy days around here.

Whatever kind of summer you're having, I hope that worship, Christian community, and spiritual information are important parts of it. We may wish, in the words of the song, "that summer could always be here." But we know better. We won't turn around twice and school will start; it will be football season, and we'll all wonder where summer went.

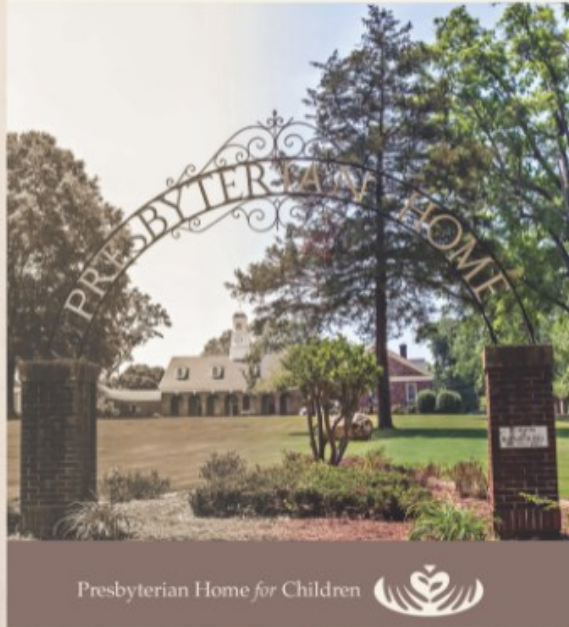
Carve out some time this summer for worship prayer, and time with friends. You'll be glad you did.

Grace and Peace,

Bob



## THE JOURNEY



# PHFC releases new history book

The Home is excited to share the release of our new history book, *The Journey*, that continues the story first told in the Home's beloved "Blue Book" that chronicled our first 100 years of ministry. This new volume picks up where that story left off and captures six decades of growth, change, and God's faithfulness from 1964 through today.

*The Journey* will give you a deeper appreciation for the impact this ministry has made—and continues to make—every day.

**The book is now available for purchase online at [bit.ly/4ei84Zm](https://bit.ly/4ei84Zm) or by calling 256-362-8284.**



## **A word from your Stated Clerk!**

Thank you all for your participation in our June meeting— We were hosted so well by Fort Payne! And we appreciated the history the Reverends Tom and Theresa Martin gave in their opening comments. Reverend Dr. Susan Parker gave a wonderful sermon for the gathered commissioners. It was a wonderful day!

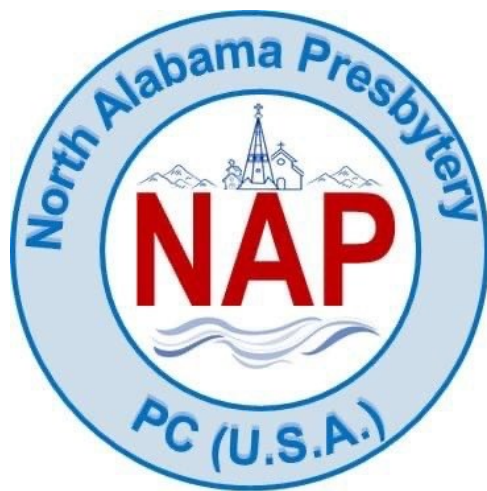
We will soon be making announcements about session minutes review. So be watching for that!

Our next meeting of North Alabama Presbytery will be at Maranatha on October 20. We look forward to seeing you then! Until then, if I can be of any service to you, please reach out.

Grace to you and peace,

Jaina Glaze, Stated Clerk

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



**Executive Commission (EC)**

**Rev. Greg Bentley**  
2026 NAP Moderator  
**Anita Raby**  
EC Moderator &  
2025 NAP Immediate Past  
Moderator  
**Dr. Randy Pettus**  
2026 NAP Vice Moderator  
**Carol Copeland**  
COM Moderator  
**Rev. Michael Bowe**  
CORN Moderator  
**Randy Pettus**  
BAPT Moderator

**Business Affairs &  
Personnel Team (BAPT)**

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

**Commission on Ministry (COM)**

<b>Carol Copeland,</b> Moderator	<b>Rev. Tripp Brogdon</b>
<b>Linda Rass</b>	<b>Rev. Robin Palmer</b>
<b>Wes Stubblefield</b>	<b>Joycee Pettis-Temple</b>
<b>Cindy Sasseen</b>	<b>Rev. Micheal Bowe</b>
<b>Kelly Elmore</b>	
<b>Rev. David Kling</b>	
<b>Ted Dixie</b>	
<b>Julie Rice</b>	

**Committee on  
Representation &  
Nominating (CORN)**

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

**Permanent Judicial Commission  
(PJC)**

**Rev. Peggy McClure**  
**Tonya Gaines**  
**Keith Fraser**  
**Rev. Rosemary McMahan**  
**Christi Robinson**

**Presbyterian Women**

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

**Presbyterian Men**

**Ted Dixie,** President

**Our Staff**

<b>Rev. Bob Phelps</b> Executive Presbyter	<b>Rev. Jaina Glaze</b> Stated Clerk	<b>Sheila Gilliam</b> Administrative Assistant
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## NAP Events

### Executive Commission

Anita Raby Moderator  
Monday, July 20, 2026

### Commission on Ministry

Carol Copeland, Moderator  
Thursday July 3, 2026

### Business Affairs Team

Randy Pettus, Moderator  
Thursday July 9, 2026 4pm

## 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.

## 2026 Important Dates

reports.

### **NAP Fall Meeting**

Tuesday, October 20, 2026  
Camp Maranatha; Scottsboro, AL

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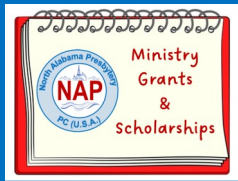
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**If you have any changes in your Church Staff please let the NAP office know,  
Rev.Jainaanderson@gmail.com**



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

Email your article and pictures to  
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by the 25th of the month to be included in the next newsletter!



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

- ⇒ Westminster Decatur, \$15,000.00 HVAC system
- ⇒ First Guntersville \$20,000.00 HVAC in kitchen, drum set, projector screen, general maintenance
- ⇒ First Athens \$7,500.00 HVAC System

### **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](http://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](mailto:adminoffice@napcusa.org).

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

**Have more questions? Contact Randy Pettus, Moderator of BAPT at [rjpettus@gmail.com](mailto:rjpettus@gmail.com)**