



“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

As each year moves through different seasons, so do our lives, and it is always important to properly discern which season you are in and to pay attention when the seasons are changing.

This season of my professional life is now ending, and I wanted to take this opportunity to simply say, “Thank you.” It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Transitional General Presbyter for the past eighteen months, and I am deeply grateful for the wisdom, support, and partnership that you have extended to me as we have shared this journey together.

This is the only Presbytery I have known, entering more than twenty years ago, first as a Ruling Elder and later as a Teaching Elder at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Augusta. I would not trade anything for this experience and cannot begin to express how much I value the friendships that have been forged across the years.

We all know how very challenging these times are, but I have found that the pastors and elders who serve our churches are more than capable of meeting those challenges. No matter what may come, you possess the very same gifts that empowered the early church to turn the world upside down: the Word of God, the Spirit of God, and one another. Hold fast to these three things, and know that one glorious day you will hear those incredible words, “Well done, good and faithful servant!”

So I leave you with the words of Paul as he bid farewell to the elders of the church at Ephesus:

“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood... And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” (Acts 20:28, 32)

Thanks again. The Lord be with you.

Yours in Christ,

Ed

A Note from the Treasurer

Please remember how essential your church's contributions of both Per Capita and Shared Mission Support are for the full funding of the Presbytery's operations. Attempting to support the work of the Presbytery only through Per Capita is like trying to fly a plane that has only one wing. We thank you in advance for fulfilling the commitments that have been made for this year, and ask that you prayerfully consider how to maintain or even increase your financial support for 2027.

AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

Announcements & Opportunities

Dear Members of the Presbytery,

At the May Stated Meeting, we approved a new Manual of Operations which includes a ministerial attendance policy for the first time in many years. The policy requires attendance at 50% of presbytery meetings over a three year rolling period. Minister members who fall below this threshold may no longer be considered as a member in good standing, subject to COM review. The full policy may be found on our website at negapby.org/generalinformation.

A spreadsheet of the previous three years has been created using attendance records included in our minutes. Given that there was no attendance policy in place prior to May, all absences have been recorded as "Excused." Please review your own attendance record carefully. If there are mistakes, please let Stated Clerk Rev. Jacob Douylliez know so that corrections can be made. This spreadsheet will be published in the handbook of each stated presbytery meeting and a copy will be kept in the password protected area of our website at www.negapby.org/directories.

If you have any questions or difficulties accessing this information, please let Jacob know.

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**Help
Needed**

**First Presbyterian,
Greensboro,** has an
immediate need for someone
to operate the video stream
on Sundays.

 This is a paid position.

 For further information or to apply,
please contact Steven Brown at
706-817-9820.

 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GREENSBORO

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The next Stated Meeting of Northeast Georgia Presbytery will be held on Tuesday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Clarkesville.

Pre-registration and lunch registration will open on October 5.

We are excited to see you!
More information is coming soon, so please watch your email for registration details.

Ed Rees

RETIREMENT SEND-OFF!

AT OUR STATED MEETING
OCTOBER 20



CAKE RECEPTION
AFTER LUNCH



BRING A CARD
OF APPRECIATION



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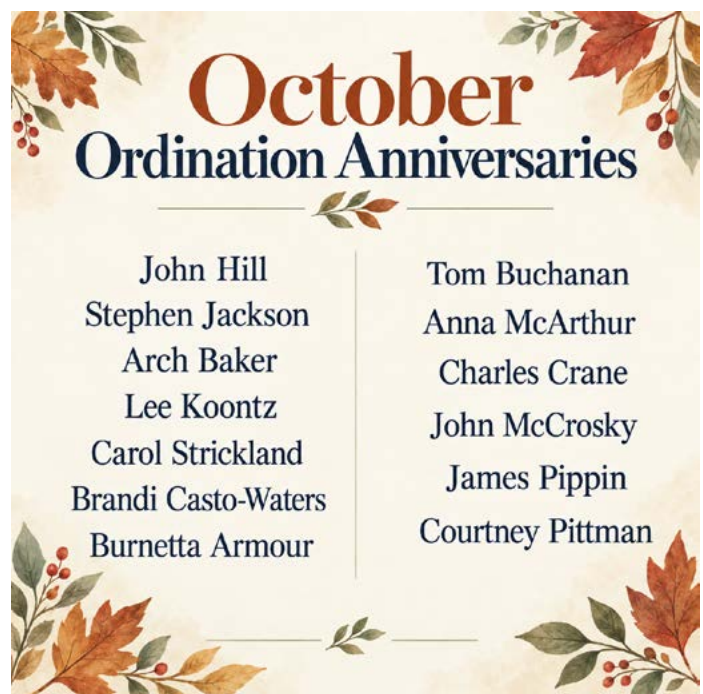
Thank you, Ed!

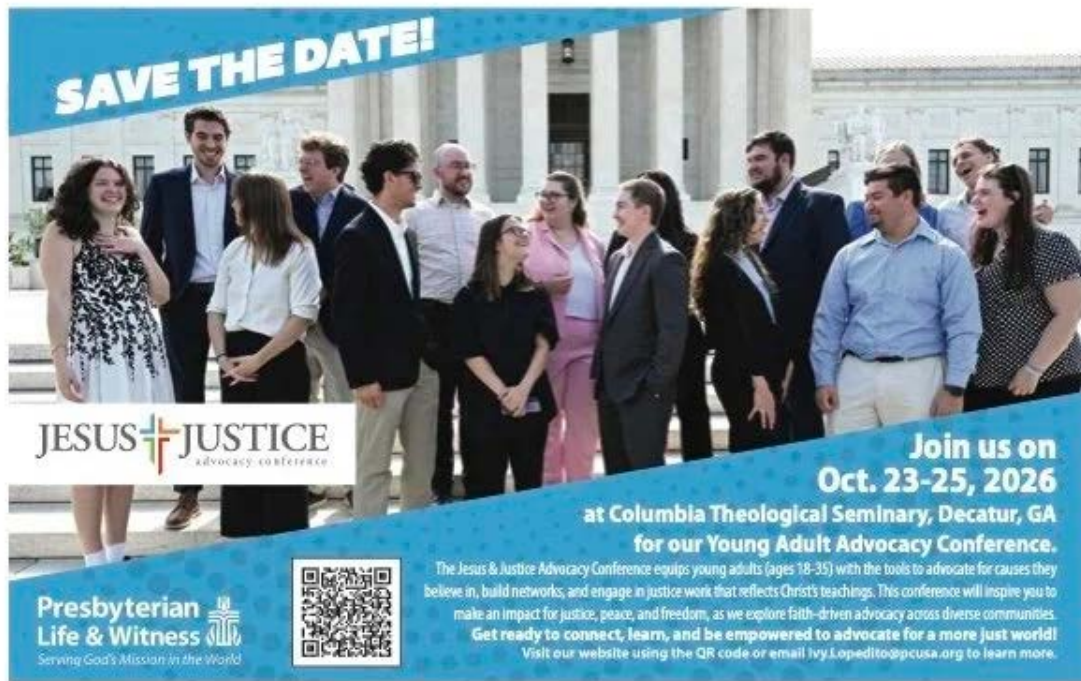
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September 17, 2026 Called Meeting update: At its recent meeting the presbytery appointed an administrative commission — TE Don Barber, CRE Fred DeMaio, and RE Monica Knight — to oversee the merger of the Wiley and Timpson churches into the United Presbyterian Church, and we are grateful for their willingness to serve. The presbytery also received the report of the special administrative review team regarding Homer Presbyterian Church, which has requested dismissal to ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. After careful discussion, the presbytery approved a covenant of dismissal providing for a settlement of approximately \$4,000 and for the congregation's records to remain at Homer, available to anyone who needs them. Homer has been part of this presbytery's life and witness for many years, and the congregation has been invited to join us at the October stated meeting in Clarkesville, that we may bid them farewell in person, give thanks for their ministry among us, and send them on their way with our prayers.

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Jesus & Justice Young Adult Advocacy Conference
October 23-25, 2026
Columbia Theological Seminary (Decatur, Georgia)

Get ready to connect, learn, and be empowered to advocate for a more just world! This conference is perfect for college students and seminarians who want to learn effective ways to stand up for causes they believe in, build networks, and engage with advocacy topics in meaningful ways.

Registration Fee:
\$15.00

Meals:

As a regional conference, we are pleased to offer complimentary meals throughout the event to ensure you have a great experience.

Housing:

Attendees are responsible for arranging and covering the cost of their own housing. We recommend booking accommodations early to secure the best options available.

If you need any recommendations or assistance with local lodging, feel free to reach out to us at: Jesusandjustice@pcusa.org.