

APRIL
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Faith PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH *pca*



***Daniel & Courtney Hightower
Jacksonville Tornado Update***

**We have much to thank God for and much to ask him.
God Miraculously Protected Our City and Campus!**

Officials reported no casualties. Students were out of town on Spring Break. Several student housing buildings and academic buildings received extensive damage. The campus is closed until at least April 2. We still do not know what the rest of the semester will look like for students. The Hightower home will need a new roof and ceiling, but we experienced much less damage than many of our neighbors.

Around 8:30pm on Monday, we woke our children and brought them into our master closet. The weather had been severe for a while, but we decided to take cover when we heard tornado sirens. Just before we lost power, we learned that the tornado was on Highway 204 headed our way. I stood outside the closet until I heard the freight train-like approach of the tornado. We shut the door, huddled our kids together, and prayed: "Lord Jesus, please protect us. Please have mercy." And He did.

Even now, recounting these few minutes from a couple days ago, I can feel my adrenaline rise. Once the sun rose, we were able to assess the damage and contact students. I texted every student I have met in the past year and heard back from many that they were safe or out of town. We quickly realized that our quiet neighborhood had turned into a war zone--chainsaws running, emergency vehicles policing the streets, helicopters flying overhead, and authority officials preventing entry without proof of residency.

Thank you to all who texted, called, or contacted us through social media. Thank you to others who provided food and a place to live. We will need volunteers in the weeks to come. Please contact me through email or my cell phone (334-372-0621) if you are interested in helping with the cleanup.

Please pray:

- For students who have lost many material possessions and have been displaced by the weather. They are frustrated and worried because they can't get back on campus until next month. Pray for peace and patience.
- For the faculty and staff at JSU as they begin the long rebuilding and adjusting process.
- For first responders, construction workers, and other professionals who are faced with a massive need, even in the midst of dealing with damage to their own homes.
- Pray for us, RUF, and other ministries as we care for students and others in the wake of this disaster.

We cannot thank you enough for partnering with us so that RUF can be here in the midst of these hurting students offering them the hope of the gospel. It is such a comfort to know that Jesus and his body are alongside those who are suffering. Follow me or RUF at JSU on social media for more frequent updates on the situation in Jacksonville. Thank you again!

Every blessing in Christ,

The Hightowers

FAITH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4100 Ronnaki Road
Anniston, AL 36207
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Sr. Pastor: Rick Searle
Assoc. Pastor: Grant Carroll
Youth: Jay Dial (Intern)
Children: Chrissy McLeod
Hospitality: Alicia Williams
Remembrance: Ara Bain



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HE HUMBLING HIMSELF

BY BECOMING OBEDIENT
TO THE POINT OF DEATH,
EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS.



Philippians 2:8, ESV

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ROTATION

APRIL	1	8	15	22	29
Infant	Alicia Williams	Chrissy McLeod	Susan Weaver	Leigh Anne Hill	Claire Stover
Infant	Claire Stover	Deby Buchanan	Jean Miller	Beth Wilson	Kathryn Searle
2's & 3's	Kris Herndon	Jack Totherow	Lisa Robertson	Ara Bain	Kris Herndon
Children's Church 4y-1st	Sue Pruitt Sheila T.	Katie Weaver	Camille Carroll	Amy Minish	Hellon McWilliams
Children's Church 2-5gr	Stay in service	Grant Carroll Jay Dial	Chad Brian Totherow	Rick Searle Eddie Herndon	Shannon R Jay Dial

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

2nd-Jean Miller; 3rd-Sonny & Susan Weaver (A); 4th-Kay Pugh, Sam Smith; 7th-William Folsom, Tony Canevaro; 8th-Sandy Hegeman; 10th-Dorothy Burleigh; 13th-Joni Russ; 18th-Bernie Gilliland; 19th-Peck Mallory III; 22nd-Leo & Phyllis Berthiaume (A); 24th-Forney Russ; 25th-Rick Searle, Lucy McWilliams, Anne Jones; 30th-Sandy Orr



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday • March 31 • 3:30 pm
Faith Playground



Faith Cup Presented by FADS 4th Annual Two Man Scramble Saturday, April 14th Silver Lakes

\$65.00 Per player Mulligans 3 for \$20.00
Registration: 6:30 Putting contest: 7:15
Tee Time: 8:00 Lunch/Awards: 1:00
Lunch will be catered by Top O' the River

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