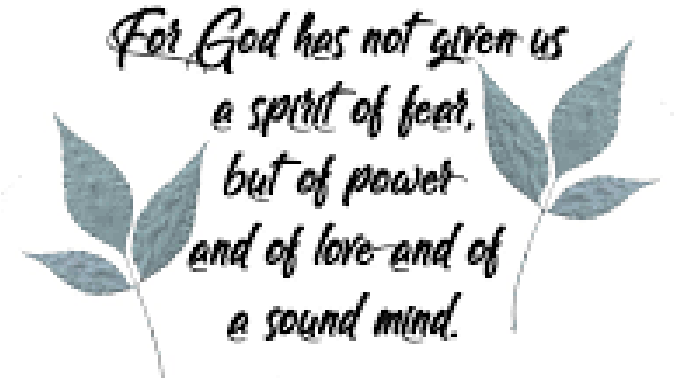


“Faith in the Early Church”

This class will be taught Tuesdays June 17- July 22 11:30AM via ZOOM by Elaine Barnett. Elaine is a member of First Presbyterian Church, an ordained elder, and a Certified Christian Educator. You may sign-up by contacting Elaine Barnett at ewbarnet@icloud.com.

The letters of 1 and 2 Timothy were written either by Paul, the apostle, or by a “pastor” writing in Paul’s name. They continue Paul’s views- to encourage and strengthen churches that were seeking around the end of the first century to establish order, discipleship, and theological fidelity. They address issues of controversy and difficulty in early congregations. Folks were trying to institute ways of ordering church life so they could live their lives to which they are called by Jesus Christ. All much like today.

#1 July 22 *Worship at the Center of the Christian Life:
Worship is not one of the activities of the church, it is the **central** activity of the church.

#2 July 29 *The Importance of Faithful Leadership:
Scripture offers us a look at first century descriptions of

church leaders to see the underlying and enduring qualities that make good leaders in the church.
#3 August 5 * Staying Strong in the Faith: *Faith will grow weaker unless the faithful engage in practices intended to keep faith strong.*

#4 August 12 * Wealth and the Truly Good life: *A fruitful and godly life comes from the worship of the true God, and rich Christians are called to "convert" from the false god of wealth to the true and living God.*

#5August 19 * God's Word in Life, Story and Scripture: *Our stories (faith autobiographies)), the stories of other Christians, and God's story come together in Jesus Christ.*

#6 August 26 * The Endurance of the Church: *The everyday actions of a church display in the connection to the cosmic reality of Christ.*

