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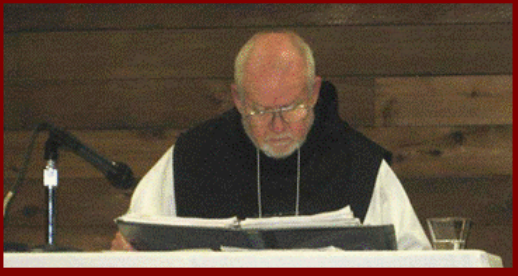
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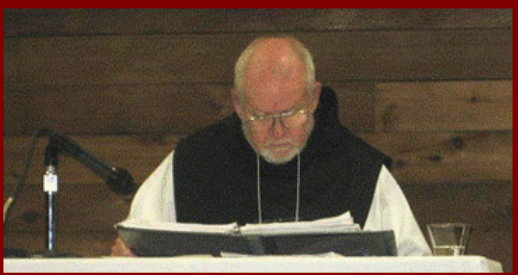
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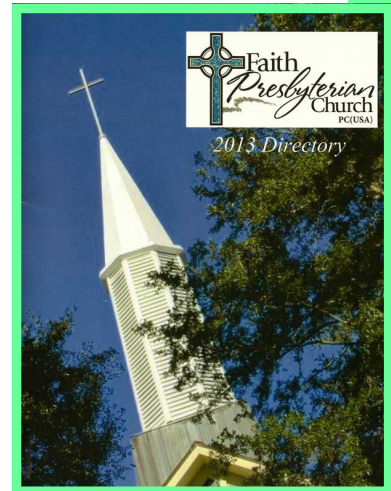
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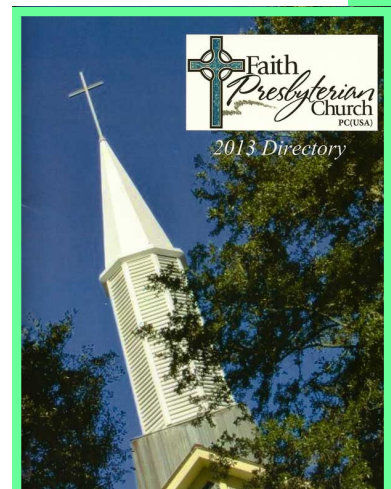
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Faith's youth group is a place where my girls can feel free to be themselves, ask questions, and talk about their beliefs. — *Allison Green*, parent

Dream Goal: With the large increase in youth attending trips, we hope to purchase a second bus.





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