

## Prayer List

Margaret & Ross Collins  
 Judy Packer & John Clark Packer  
 The family of Olivia Whittenton following the death of her grandmother, Nancy Hopkins.  
 Ernie George  
 Albert & Glenda Clark  
 Wanda Hubbard  
 Charlie Weatherly  
 Rubye Guest  
 Andrew Whittenton  
 David Mote & Family ( The Folsoms' nephew)  
 Allen & Barbara Johnson  
 The Peace of Jerusalem & Israel; all persons grieving bereaved by the killing or abduction of loved ones in the current war in Israel and Gaza; all hostages; first responders and those in military service; all ministry leaders of our mission partner, CMJ-Israel  
 Cynthia Ware  
 Carl Ivey, Jr. and Family following the death of Carl Ivey, Sr. & Nina Ivey  
 Rilda Cox  
 Sylvia & Larry Melton (Kathy Wright's parents)  
 Billy & Bob Forbus (Jack Forbus's brothers); Staci Moak (Jack's daughter)  
 Earline Howell (Wallace Cade's Aunt)  
 Hugh Shurden ( Sandy Jackson's Father)  
 Ann Douglass Kinard & Nelson Gentry Kinard  
 Gloria Gentry  
 Roxene Atkinson  
 Peggy & Levette Johnson  
 Lydia Abraham  
 Jack Thompson (Alex Adam's Uncle)  
 Marybeth Baker (Mara Cox's Mom)  
 Barbara Tindall (Tindall Morrison's Grandmother)  
 Andy Lawrence  
 Thelma Purdy (Neena Howell's mother and Dylan Franklin's grandmother)  
 Macey & Byron Bell (Marshall Molen's sister & brother-in-law)  
 Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaie (Janet's sister) and Lydia Berry (Jay's friends)  
 Maxie Bruce (Brittney McAfee's father)  
 Ressie Carpenter  
 Rae Nell Crumpton  
 Gerlene Lifer; and Keitha Scott (Gerlene's friend)  
 Clayton Butler (son of the Lifer's friends, Gary & Kristen Butler)  
 Delores Irvin (Diane Daniel's sister), Sarah Helen McCloskey & Craig D. Campbell (Daniels' friend)

**Additional Prayer List for Health Care/Assisted Living**  
 Dero Ramsey – The Goldton  
 Lou Cross – The Goldton  
 Hilda Scholtes – The Goldton  
 Martha Wade- The Carrington  
 Cattie Taylor – The Beehive, Starkville  
 Marjorie Malone

## Wednesday, January 17, Dinner Menu

Adult Plate: Spaghetti & Meatballs & Pineapple Upside-down Cake  
 Kids Plate: Same as Adults!

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_  
**# of Adult Plates** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of Kids Plates** \_\_\_\_\_



To sign up, drop this tear-off form in the offering plate, or scan the code for the online form by Monday, January 15

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Men's Morning Bible Study

Reading & Understanding  
 the book of Revelation

Tuesdays 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship Hall



You're invited!  
 Wednesday Night  
 Meal & Bible Studies

January 17 & 24

How to get more  
 out of the Bible.

with Pastor Martin Lifer

(bring your questions!)

### Children

**IGNITE**  
 FOR K - 5TH  
 Preschool Choir  
 Nursery

### Youth

Sunday Night Worship - 6 p.m.

**IMPACT**  
 Meet at Chick-fil-a @ 5 p.m.

PRISCILLA SHIRER

**JONAH**  
 Navigating a Life Interrupted

**Ladies Bible Study - Starting Jan. 25**  
 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

What do we do when God interrupts our lives?  
 Many times, like Jonah, we run!  
 In this 7-session Bible study, Priscilla redefines  
 interruption and shows that interruption is actually God's  
 invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams.

**Books: \$20**

Reach out to Olivia in the church office for more information!



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Starkville's Church that Preaches the *Doctrines of Grace*  
 Part of the *Evangelical Presbyterian Church*

January 14, 2024

**“BUT WHO DO YOU  
 SAY THAT I AM?”**

Luke 9:20b

### Sunday Morning Schedule

Lord's Day Service | 10:30 AM

Sunday School | 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time | 10:10 AM

Chapel Service of the Word | 8:30 AM

Access more information and online resources:

**fpcestarkville.org**

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January 14, 2024  
Lord's Day Service

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* Jennifer Blackburn

Welcome & Ministry News Martin Lifer

\*Call to Worship *1 Corinthians 1:18* Boston Hampton

For the Word of the Cross is folly to those who are perishing,  
But to us who are being saved, it is the Wisdom of God!

Invocation Boston Hampton

\*Hymn #239 *The Wonderful Cross*

Prayers of Confession, Petition & Intercession Martin Lifer

The Lord's Prayer  
Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*Assurance of God's Grace *from Colossians 2:14-15*

God cancelled the record of our debt that stood against us, which condemned us.  
This He set aside, nailing it to the cross!

\*Hymn #670 *Glory Be to the Father* GIORIA PATRI

Anthem

\*Call to Give God His Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory *Softly and Tenderly* Jennifer Blackburn

Good News for Children Amy Aarhus

\*Confession of Faith *From the Essentials of Our Faith*

Jesus Christ, the living Word, became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He who is true God became true man united in one Person forever. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. On the third day He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Mediator.

\*Hymn #593 *I Lay My Sins on Jesus*

Scripture *Luke 9:18-27* Pew Bible pp. 867

Sermon *Jesus Gets Personal* Martin Lifer

\*Hymn #433 *I Surrender All*

\*Benediction

\*Sung Response *Threefold Amen* DANISH



Postlude Jennifer Blackburn

\*The congregation is invited to stand.



Today's Sanctuary Flowers given by Vivian Cade, in memory of her mother Marguerite McKell for her birthday. If you are interested in giving flowers for worship, please contact Olivia in the church office.

Visiting with Us? We'd Love to Stay Connected!

Please fill out one of our FirstConnect Cards and drop it in the offering plate! Alternatively, you may scan our QR code or visit [fpcstarkville.org/connect](http://fpcstarkville.org/connect).



Want to find out more about faith in Christ, church membership, or ways to serve at FPC? Speak to Dean Franklin, Pastor Martin Lifer, or send an email to Pastor Martin at [mwlifer3@gmail.com](mailto:mwlifer3@gmail.com).

FPC Officers

Rev. Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator // Andrew Fountain, Clerk of Session  
Bob Daniels, Corporate President // Lee Weiskopf, Treasurer

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Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Bob Daniels	Larry Anthony	Jim Beaty	Bob Boyd	Haley Graves	Jack Atkins
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Jesus Gets Personal

Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ January 14, 2024/ Luke 9:18-27

Who Is Jesus? Identifying Jesus

Who Is Jesus to Me? My Identification (a) OF Him & (b) WITH Him.

Lk. 1:1-3:38 -Identifying Jesus

Angels, Spirit via Prophets (Fetal John, Simeon & Anna), Jesus at 12, Spirit & Father at baptism, Genealogy

Lk. 4:1-9:51 -Identifying Jesus

Devil's Tests, Jesus' Words & Deeds, Demons' Horror, Leaders' Rejection, Crowds' Speculation

Ultimate Climax of 4:1-9:51 – God's a) Revelation of His Kingdom in Jesus, b) Confession that Jesus is God's Son & Chosen, & c) Command to Hear/Obey Jesus

Penultimate Climax of 4:1-9:51 – Disciple(s)' Confession of Jesus as God's Christ

"Who do the crowds say I am?" "But who do YOU (pl.) say I am?"

Peter answered, "The Christ of God!" High term but open to many interpretations; 2 Sam. 23, Heb.1:8-9

Lk. 9:18-27 Jesus calls us to – (a) Personally & (b) Publicly –

1) Confess Him and Believe in/into Him as the Christ of God.

2) Know & Trust in Him as the Son of Man Whose Way – by God's Will & Word – was Suffering, Rejection, Death & Being Raised.

"It is necessary for the Son of Man

a) to suffer many things (Son's Active Obedience),

b) to BE REJECTED by the i) elders, ii) chief priests & iii) scribes

c) BE KILLED (by human evil action), and

d) on the Third Day BE RAISED (by God's holy saving action).

1<sup>st</sup> of Jesus' Direct Prophecies in Luke of His Passion; later 9:44, 17:25, 18:31-33; cf. 9:31, 12:50, 13:32-33

3) Believe Him: Deny & Die to Myself, and Follow Him in His Way of the Cross.

"If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

We will either be Condemned by the Son of Man via His Way of the Cross or Saved Through Him via His Way of the Cross:"For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My Words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in his glory...."

Confess Him, Know & Trust Him in HIS Way of the Cross → Follow Him in His Way