

Prayer List

Laura, Jack and Tanner Bryan, following the death of Pat Bryan (February 27)
 Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaie (Janet's sister) and Lydia Berry (Jay's friend)
 Wanda Hubbard
 Rubye Guest
 Albert & Glenda Clark
 Cynthia Ware
 Nelson Jones & Andy Lawrence
 David Mote & Family (The Folsoms' nephew)
 Allen & Barbara Johnson
 Gloria Gentry
 Charlie Weatherly
 Lydia Abraham
 LeeAnn Joe
 Andrew Whittenton
 Sylvia & Larry Melton (Kathy Wright's parents)
 Earline Howell (Wallace Cade's Aunt)
 Peggy & Levette Johnson
 Jack Thompson (Alex Adam's Uncle)
 Judy Packer & John Clark Packer
 Marybeth Baker (Mara Cox's Mom)
 Barbara Tindall (Tindall Morrison's Grandmother)
 Macey & Byron Bell (Marshall Molen's sister & brother-in-law)
 Ressie Carpenter
 Rae Nell Crumpton
 Hugh Shurden (Sandy Jackson's Father)
 Gerlene Lifer; and Keitha Scott (Gerlene's friend)
 Maxie Bruce (Brittney McAfee's father)
 Delores Irvin (Diane Daniel's sister), Sarah Helen McCloskey & Craig D. Campbell
 Billy & Bob Forbus (Jack Forbus's brothers); Staci Moak (Jack's daughter)
 Eliza Jones

Additional Prayer List for Health Care/Assisted Living

Margaret Collins – Montgomery Gardens
 Martha Wade- Home
 Dero Ramsey – The Goldton
 Lou Cross – The Goldton
 Hilda Scholtes – The Goldton
 Cattie Taylor – The Beehive, Starkville
 Marjorie Malone

FPC Officers

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

Session of Elders

Board of Deacons

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
Jeff Foster	Vivian Cade	Andrew George	Boston Hampton	Wayne Huberty	Richard Blackbourn
Charlie Guest	Michele Rackley	Carl Ivey	Robbie Holditch	Dalton Miller	Jay Cook
John Turner	Lee Weiskopf	John Kelley	Jackie Mullen	Caitlin Rackley	Alex Massingill

Wednesday, March 6, Dinner Menu

Adult Plate: Chicken Pot Pie & Lemon Dump Cake

Kids Plate: Sloppy Joes & Cookies

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, March 4

MINISTRY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES:

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING: The 2024 Annual Meeting of the FPC Starkville Congregation and of the FPC Starkville Corporation will be **TODAY - Sunday, March 3, 2024**, in the Sanctuary, **beginning at 10:15 a.m.** -- prior to the 10:30 a.m. Lord's Day Service. All FPC members are asked to attend -- and all guests are welcome to attend. Because of the meeting, we will NOT have the regular 10:10-10:25 a.m. Fellowship Time (or snacks) in the Fellowship Hall.

You're invited!
Wednesday Night Meal & Bible Studies for all ages!

- 5:15 p.m. Meal • 6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Children

Preschool Choir
Nursery

Youth

Sunday Night Worship - 6 p.m.

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

Men's Morning Bible Study

Reading & Understanding the book of Revelation

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

SAVE THE DATE VBS 2024

June 10th - June 13th

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Available on: Apple, Android TV, Fire TV, Apple TV, Roku



We Preach the *Doctrines of Grace* and are Part of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC)

Follow our church website, fpcstarkville.org:
 Grow spiritually on the solid foundation of God's Word in the *Essentials of Our Faith*, our daily Resources for you, and our Prayer & Mission updates.

Third Sunday During Lent
March 3, 2024

“And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them.”

-Luke 9:5-6

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:

fpcstarkville.org

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE
Third Sunday During Lent, March 3, 2024
Lord's Day Service

Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation

Welcome Martin Lifer

*Call to Worship *Psalm 92:1-2*

Minister: A psalm,
ALL: A song for the Sabbath Day.
Minister: How good to give thanks to the LORD

ALL: And to make music to Your Name, O Most High!
To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness every night.

*Hymn #141 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

*Invocation Chancel Choir

Anthem *10,000 Reasons*

Thanksgiving for Mission Partner, Mission India, and Our Easter Lily Offering

*Hymn #668 *Doxology* OLD HUNDRETH

Call to Give God His Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Jennifer Blackburn

*Confession of Faith *from The Essentials of Our Faith*

The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. Obedience to the Great Commission requires total commitment to "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us." He calls us to a life of self-denying love and service. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

*Greeting Our Neighbors in the Grace of Christ

Good News for Children Amy Aarhus

*Prayers of Confession, Supplication & Intercession

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 *Psalm 3:2-3* Martin Lifer

Pastor: Many are saying of my soul, "There is no salvation for him in God."

ALL: But You, O LORD, are a shield around me and the One Who lifts up my head.

*Hymn #120 *Made Me Glad*

Scripture **Luke 9:1-6 & 10:1-12**

Sermon *Shake Off the Dust! (Every Christian's Mission)* Martin Lifer

*Hymn #236 (vv.1-3) *Lift High the Cross*

*Benediction

*Congregational Response Three-fold Amen

Postlude Jennifer Blackburn



*The congregation is invited to stand.



If you are interested in providing flowers for an upcoming Sunday, please reach out to Olivia in the Church Office at 662-323-1994

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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.



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.

REMINDER:
Check the vestibule for your Easter Lily Donation Form and March Calendar!

We are collecting items for Operation Christmas Child throughout the year!
March-socks, flip flops, mittens, hat & t-shirts

Shake Off the Dust! (Every Christian's Mission)

Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ March 3, 2024/ Luke 9:1-6 & 10:1-12

Rev. Lorenzo Dow's Mission to West Alabama in 1819

Lk. 9:2 - and He sent out [Gk. *apesteilen/ Lat. misit*] them [*the Twelve*] out to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal. *Lk. 9:2*

Lk. 10:1 - ... the Lord also appointed **seventy-two OTHERS** and sent [*apesteilen/misit*] them, two-by-two, before His Face, to every ... place ... He *Himself* was about to go.

Main verb/command of Great Commission? *mathēteusate* (imperative) = **Make disciples**

"Let your house be a meeting place for **The Wise [HaKamim]; powder yourself in the dust of their feet and drink their words with thirstiness.**" Mishnah, Avot 1:4 (Yose ben Yoezer, 2nd Cent. B.C.)

N.T. word translated as "disciple" is *mathetes* = learner = "apprentice"

Apprenticeship learning:

→ *What I SAY*, not only believe but also learn to _____

→ *What I DO*, not only believe but also learn to _____

First/prerequisite verb of Great Commission? *Poreuthentes* (participle) lit. = **Going** → **GO!**

"Lambs Among Wolves" – February 25 Sermon

Jesus' Life, Mission & Kingdom → Every True Christian's Life, Mission & Kingdom

- 1) **All-in Urgency:** understand that **Time is Short: Harvest Time**
- 2) **Prayer-based:** ask Jesus as Harvest Lord to send workers: **Harvest-focused Praying**
- 3) **Lamblike:** be Dependent & Prophetic Ambassadors of Peace: **Harvest Workers Travel**

Travel Light... & Transfer Portal Prohibited

Travel in Pairs as Witnesses **FOR** the Kingdom

Go as Peace-givers & Peacemakers,... *but*

Witness Against Families & Cities that Reject the Kingdom & Call Then to Repentance
"shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony (witness) against them"/ "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless, know this: that the kingdom of God has come near." *Lk. 9:5/10:11 (Ezek. 2:5)*

Know His Judgment's *far worse for Jews & Church-folk* who see yet reject the Kingdom

"The church is the only society in the world which exists for the sake of those who are not members of it." David Bosch, *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission*, 169

"[Mission] is the good news of God's love, incarnated in the witness of a community, for the sake of the world." Bosch, *Transforming Mission*, 519