

Prayer List

Charlie Guest
 Albert Clark
 John Clark Packer
 Cynthia Ware
 Jennifer Blackburn
 Gloria Gentry
 Barbara Johnson
 Bettie Cummings
 Jack Thompson (Alex Adam's Uncle)
 Rubye Guest
 Margaret Collins
 Roxene Atkinson
 Peggy Johnson
 Jimmy Lee Dodd
 Dero Ramsey
 Macey & Byron Bell (Marshall Molen's sister & brother-in-law)
 Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaie (Janet's sister) and Will Taggart & family (Jay's friends)
 Don Curto
 Libby Stephan & Jayna McQuade (daughters of Sara Wilson)
 Lesa Rhodes & Hugh Shurden (Sandy Jackson's cousin and father)
 Maxie Bruce (Brittney McAfee's father)
 Ressie Carpenter
 Jean Alice McDavid
 Bob Forbus (Jack Forbus's brother); Staci Moak (Jack's daughter)
 Rae Nell Crumpton
 Gerlene Lifer; and Keitha Scott (Gerlene's friend)
 Dr. Joe Brown
 Roy D. Dreher, Jr. (Jennie Beth Chance's father)
 Delores Irvin (Diane Daniel's sister), Sarah Helen McCloskey & Craig D. Campbell (Daniels' friends)

Additional Prayer List for Health Care/Assisted Living

Dero Ramsey – The Claiborne
 Carl Ivey, Sr., & Nina Ivey – The Claiborne
 Lou Cross – The Claiborne
 Jimmy Lee Dodd – Huntsville, AL
 Hilda Scholtes – The Claiborne
 Cattie Taylor – The Beehive, Starkville
 Marjorie Malone
 Thelma Purdy

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

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Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Richard Blackburn	Bob Daniels	Larry Anthony
Andrew Fountain	Jeff Foster	Vivian Cade
John Kelley	Charlie Guest	Michele Rackley
Kristen Skinner	John Turner	Lee Weiskopf

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Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Debbie Cooper	Bob Boyd	Haley Graves
Johnny Folsom	Boston Hampton	Wayne Huberty
Mike Jackson	Robbie Holditch	Dalton Miller
Alex Massingill	Jackie Mullen	Caitlin Rackley

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 or Reid Roberson, or send an email to Pastor Martin at mwlifer3@gmail.com




ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Ladies,
 Join us for this 7-session study where 6 beloved teachers will guide us through a prayer from the Bible that can inspire and transform your own prayer life. We will meet on **Thursday, August 24 @ 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall

Books are \$25 and available in the FPC office!



The Roberson's

DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWER

FOR DAUGHTER - LOIS ANN ROBERSON

AUGUST 27TH AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE

BRING A GIFT OF DIAPERS OR WIPES FOR THE ROBERSON'S DAUGHTER, LOIS, AND JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!



Everyone is invited to the

Roberson's Goodbye Lunch

AUGUST 27 | AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE


Join us for a time of thanksgiving for the Roberson Family!

Mark your Calendars!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT FPC IS BACK ON AUGUST 30!

Join us for men's, women's, children & youth bible studies!

Dinner at 5:15 p.m.
 Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.



Fall Fellowship Committee Meeting

Volunteers Needed!

Are you interested in helping with the upcoming church-wide fellowship committee events?

Join us on **Thursday, August 24th, from 12 - 12:45** in the Parlor to learn about our upcoming events and how you can serve!

If you are interested in helping and cannot attend, please reach out to Bryn Taylor at bryntaylor75@gmail.com.




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

August 20, 2023
 Twelfth Lord's Day After Pentecost

Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock.

Luke 6:47-48



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:

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August 20, 2023
Lord's Day Service

Prelude *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Marquita Beaty

Welcome & Announcements Martin Lifer

God Calls Us

*Call to Worship *Hebrews 3 & 7* Dean Franklin

Those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, You are a priest forever.

This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest,

holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people,

since He did this once for all when He offered up Himself.

For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests,

but the word of the oath appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Christ is faithful over God's house as a son.

And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

*Invocation

*Hymn #456 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

God Cleanses Us

Confession of Sin Dean Franklin

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name.

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Hymn #668 *Doxology* OLD 100TH

God Consecrates Us

Call to Give God His Tithes & Our Offerings Reid Roberson

Offertory *There Is a Redeemer* Marquita Beaty

***Confession of Faith** *The Nicene Creed* Reid Roberson

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Hymn #670 *Glory Be to the Father* GREATORIX

Good News for Children Andrew Fountain

Anthem *Jesus at Your Holy Table* Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination Martin Lifer

Scripture *Proverbs 14:1 & Luke 6:46-49* Pew Bible pp. 537, 862-863

Sermon *His House, My House: Covenant Communion with Christ* Martin Lifer

*Hymn #446 (vv.1, 3) *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine* ASSURANCE

God Communes with Us

Thanksgiving for the Covenant Class of 2023

Invitation to the Lords Table

All baptized Christians who are (1) active members of an evangelical church in accord with our Essentials of Our Faith and (2) spiritually prepared to discern the Body are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Dedication

God Commissions Us

*Hymn #511 (vv.1-2, 4) *The Solid Rock* SOLID ROCK

*Benediction Martin Lifer

*Sung Response *Threefold Amen* DANISH



Postlude *Lift High the Cross* Marquita Beaty



*The congregation is invited to stand.



Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Harry & Ann Bell in honor of the 2023 Covenant Class. If you are interested in giving flowers for worship, please contact Olivia in the church office

Welcome Back MSU Students!!

College students are invited to join us today
In the fellowship hall after the 10:30 service for lunch!

His House, My House: Covenant Communion with Christ

[Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ August 20, 2023]

Being Christian = Covenant Communion & Community: Jesus' Household v. the World

Covenant = (1) Relationship; (2) Expectations & Promises; & (3) Faithful Actions.

“Everyone who **(1) comes to Me, (2) hears my words & (3) does them.... is like a person building a house, who dug deep & laid the foundation on the bedrock.**” Lk. 6:20,22

1) Commit, 2) Comprehend, and 3) Construct your house in His House.

1) COMMIT to His Household: Christ's New Covenant Communion & Community
He lifted up his eyes on his disciples...: "Blessed are you who are the poor, because yours [pl.] is the Kingdom of God... when people hate you, exclude you [pl.]... on account of the Son of Man." Lk. 6:20,22

Beatitudes & Woes: Jesus calls us to be poor to the World, treasuring Him & His House.

2) COMPREHEND the Expectations & Promises of the New Covenant.

Truth & Consequences. My actions show my truth and my eternal Communion (a) with the World, or (2) with Christ via Faithfulness. "Give & it will be given to you...with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." Lk. 6:38 "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I say?" Lk. 6:46

3) CONSTRUCT my house *within* Christ's House – **on the Bedrock of His Covenant Word.**
"Wise woman builds her house." Prov. 14:1/ "building a house ...laid the foundation on the bedrock." Lk. 6:48

Wooden Rule: Do to others as they ____ to you (... or _____ or _____ if they can).

Iron Rule: Do to others whatever you want to do to whenever you can exercise power.

Silver Rule: _____ to others what you _____ want them to do to you.

Golden Rule: As you wish that other people would do to you, ____ likewise to them.
Children of God's House: Jesus calls us to the Father's self-giving Love, Mercy & Mission.

I receive Communion (bread, wine, blessing) from the New Covenant King & Priest – The faithful Son over God's House 1 Sam. 2:30-35 & 2 Sam. 7 (incl. 7:19); Ps. 110; Heb. 3:5-6 & 7:15ff.

"This Cup that is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my blood." Lk. 22:20b