

**Prayer List**

Margo Swain & family following the death of Martha Swain  
 Gloria Cade & family following the death of her nephew, Lee Fleming  
 Margaret Collins  
 Albert Clark  
 Dero Ramsey  
 Barbara Johnson  
 Macey & Byron Bell (Marshall Molen's sister & brother-in-law)  
 Ellis Mason (Mattie Mason's brother)  
 Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaise (Janet's sister) and Will Taggart & family (Jay's friends)  
 John Glass (Vivien Miller's father)  
 John Turner  
 Carl Ivey & family following Paula's death  
 Cynthia Ware & family following the death of her father, Herman Ware  
 Patsy Randle  
 Don Curto  
 Frances Graham  
 Mary Yeates (mother of mission partner Edward Yeates)  
 Libby Stephan & Jayna McQuade (daughters of Sara Wilson)  
 Peggy Johnson  
 Lesa Rhodes & Hugh Shurden (Sandy Jackson's cousin and father)  
 Maxie Bruce (Brittney McAfee's father)  
 Ressie Carpenter  
 Andy Lawrence  
 Jean Alice McDavid  
 John Clark Packer  
 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)  
 Aspen Reynolds (Anita Reynolds' granddaughter)  
 John Gassaway and Michael Tubb (Anna Ray Gassaway's brother-in-law and nephew)

**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  
 Bessie Montgomery – Garden Hills, Columbus, MS  
 Marjorie Malone  
 Anna Ray Gassaway - SummerHouse Beau Ridge, Ridgeland, MS  
 Thelma Purdy

**FPC Officers**

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

**Session of Elders**

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

**Board of Deacons**

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



Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Dr. Jim Long in memory of loved ones. *If you are interested in giving flowers for worship, please contact Olivia in the church office.*

# SUMMER SCHEDULE

## VBS

JUNE 5-8

Starts June 11

## SUMMER SUNDAYS

5th grade and under  
5:00-6:00 pm

## FAMILY PICNIC

JUNE 07

Youth Kick-Off!  
Current 6th grade +

## 3 DAYS STRAIGHT

MAY 30

MAY 31

JUNE 01

## SWERVE

Wednesday Nights  
Jr. High - 6:00-7:00 pm  
Sr. High - 7:30-9:00 pm

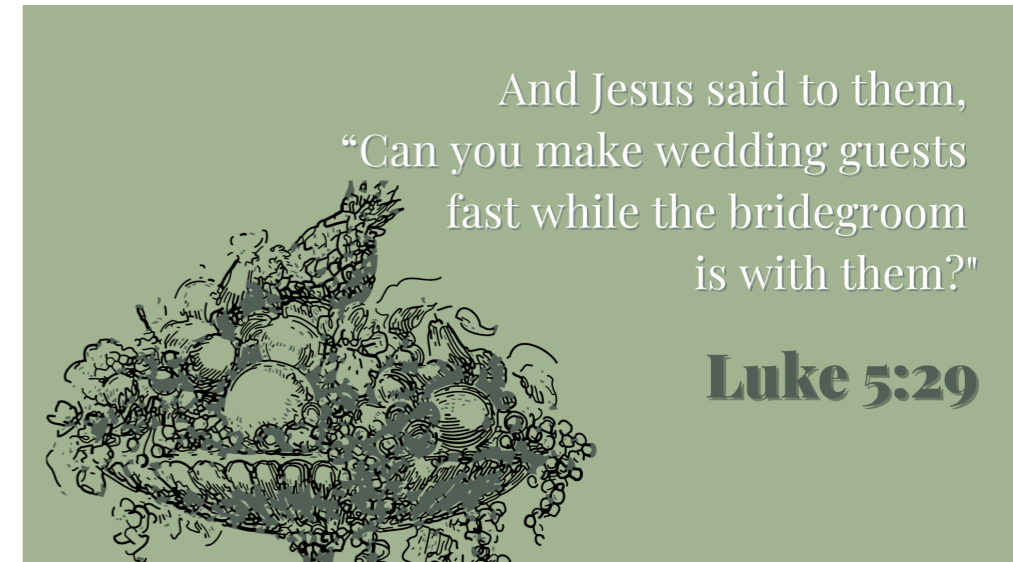
Starts June 14

REGISTER here for  
VBS & 3 Days Straight



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

*May 21, 2023*  
*Ascension Sunday*



**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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**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 [fpcestarkville.org/connect](http://fpcestarkville.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](mailto:mwlifer3@gmail.com)*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE

May 21, 2023

Lord’s Day Service

Welcome Martin Lifer

Prelude I Know that My Redeemer Liveth (arr. Keeney) Jennifer Blackburn

God Calls Us

\*Call to Worship Psalm 47:5-7 Dean Franklin

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

\*Invocation

\*Hymn A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Musical notation for the hymn 'A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing' with lyrics: 1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing; new 2. The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - 3. To whom the an - gels, draw - ing nigh: "Why songs throughout the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! on the Mount of Ol - ives stand; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God. and with his fol - low - ers they see Je - sus' resplendent ma - jes - ty. "This is the Savior," thus they say. "This is his no - ble tri - umph day. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

God Cleanses Us

Confession of Sin Dean Franklin

Almighty, everlasting God and Father,

We confess and acknowledge to You that we were conceived in unrighteousness, and are full of sin and transgression in all our life, as those who do not perfectly believe Your Word nor follow Your holy commandments. We implore You, remember Your goodness and for Your name’s sake be gracious to us and forgive us our wrongdoing, which indeed is great.

\*Assurance of God’s Grace Hebrews 7:25

Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

\*Hymn #668 Doxology OLD 100TH

God Consecrates Us

Call to Give God His Tithes & Our Offerings Dean Franklin

Offertory I’ve Just Seen Jesus (arr. Bock) Jennifer Blackburn

Prayer of 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.

Anthem The New 23rd (arr. Purifoy) Chancel Choir

\*Confession of Faith Larger Catechism 53 Martin Lifer

How was Christ exalted in his ascension?

Christ’s exaltation in his ascension began after his resurrection when he appeared to the apostles a number of times, talked to them about the kingdom of God, and commissioned them to preach the gospel to all nations. Forty days after his resurrection, in our human nature and as our head, he visibly went up into the highest heavens, triumphing over enemies. There he receives gifts for men, raises our minds, and prepares a place for us, where he himself is and shall continue to be until his second coming at the end of the world.

\*Hymn #670 Glory Be to the Father GREATORIX

Good News for Children

\*Hymn #304 Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA

Prayer for Illumination Martin Lifer

Scripture Lk. 5:27-39, 15:7; Rev. 21:5 Pew Bible pp. 861, 874, 1041

Sermon Heaven: We’ve Never Done It That Way Before! Martin Lifer

God Commissions Us

\*Hymn #79 (vv. 1, 4-5) The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want CRIMOND

\*Benediction Martin Lifer

\*Sung Response Threefold Amen DANISH

Musical notation for the sung response 'Threefold Amen' with lyrics: A-men, A-men, A - men.

Postlude Jennifer Blackburn



\*The congregation is invited to stand.

Heaven: We’ve Never Done It That Way Before!

[Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ May 21, 2023]

“Those who are ‘well’ have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call ‘the righteous’ but sinners to repentance.” Lk. 5:31b-32

Our Way of Seeing Ourselves & Being Right (Old) v. Jesus’ Gospel Truth & Grace (New)

Peoples’ Likes, Traditions & Religion (Old Wine) v. Heavenly Bridegroom & His Feast (New Wine)

HEAVEN: “Blessed are those who are invited to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.”... He Who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things \_\_\_\_\_!” Rev. 19:9b & 21:5a

And after these (things/signs), He went out and... Lk. 5:27a

looked upon a toll collector telōnēn named Levi sitting at the toll booth. Lk. 5:27a;

“man looks on the \_\_\_\_\_, but the LORD looks on the \_\_\_\_\_.”1 Sam. 16:7b

He said to him, Follow Me!” And leaving everything, he arose & followed Him. Lk. 5:27c-28

He made a massive feast for Him in his house, and there was a large crowd of toll collectors & others were reclining at table with them. Lk. 5:29

The Pharisees (“separatists”) & their scribes grumbled at his disciples, “Why do you eat & drink with toll collectors & sinners?” Lk. 5:30 All the toll collectors & sinners were drawing near to Him to hear Him. The Pharisees & scribes grumbled saying, “This one receives sinners & eats w/them.” 15:1-2 and see 7:29-30 & 19:1-10!

And Jesus answered them: “Those who are ‘well’ .../ And He told them this parable. Lk. 5:30/15:3

Ezek. 34:4-6

“John’s disciples fast often & make prayers, & so do the Pharisees’ disciples, but yours eat & drink!” Lk. 5:33

Jesus said to them, “Can you make wedding attendants fast while the Bridegroom is with them?” Lk. 5:34; cf. Is. 61:10 ...& 58:6-10

He also told them a parable:

1) “No one tears a piece from a new garment & puts it on an old garment. If he does...” Lk. 5:36

2) “And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does...” Lk. 5:37

“But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.” Lk. 5:38

“And no one, after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, the old is good!” Lk. 5:39

With Jesus, Repentance & Salvation are NOT \_\_\_\_\_ but a \_\_\_\_\_ of sinners saved in All-New, Total Grace.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 1 Tim. 1:15

Heaven: “We’ve never done it like this before!”/“Behold, I am making all things new!”