

## Prayer List

Family of Bessie Montgomery following her death  
 Margaret Collins  
 Albert Clark  
 Dero Ramsey  
 Barbara Johnson  
 Macey & Byron Bell (Marshall Molen's sister & brother-in-law)  
 Family of Anna Ray Gassaway following her death  
 Margo Swain & family following the death of Martha Swain  
 Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaize (Janet's sister) and Will Taggart & family (Jay's friends)  
 John Glass (Vivien Miller's father)  
 John Turner  
 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)

### 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  
 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

### Congregational Meeting TODAY

Today, at 10:15 a.m., in the Sanctuary, there will be a called Congregational Meeting for the purpose of the election of our 2023-2024 Nominating Committee.

#### Candidates Recommended by Session to the Congregation for Election as the 2023-24 Nominating Committee:

Session Members: Larry Anthony & Lee Weiskopf  
 Diaconate Member: Jackie Mullen  
 At Large Candidates:  
 Orly Hardin & Foley Holditch (Women's Ministry)  
 Loren Zimmerman & Allen Massingill (Men's Ministry)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night Bible Study for Adults

6:00 - 7:00 pm  
 In the Sanctuary  
 Studying Friendship with Pastor Martin

## SWERVE

Wednesday Nights  
 Rising 6th-8th - 6:00-7:00 pm  
 Rising 9th-12th - 7:00-8:30 pm

Starts June 14

Starts June 11

5 years old - fifth grade  
 5:00-6:00 pm

## SUMMER SUNDAYS

4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY Family Fun at Robinson Lake!  
 4:00-6:00 pm

JULY 02

### JOIN US FOR A COUPLES SHOWER

AS WE CELEBRATE

Grace Lifer & Christian Dunlap

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH, 2023

6 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

The Jackson Residence  
 212 TURNBERRY LANE  
 STARKVILLE, MS 39759

REGISTERED AT THEKNOT.COM

PLEASE RSVP BY  
 JUNE 12TH: 662-323-1994

FPC Womens Ministry invites all women to:

An afternoon with Kari Kampakis

August 13th | 2-4 P.M.

Spots are limited.

FPC members get first priority from June 4-18th.

Sign up at [fpcstarkville.com/karikampakis](http://fpcstarkville.com/karikampakis)

password: fpcwomen

sign up here:



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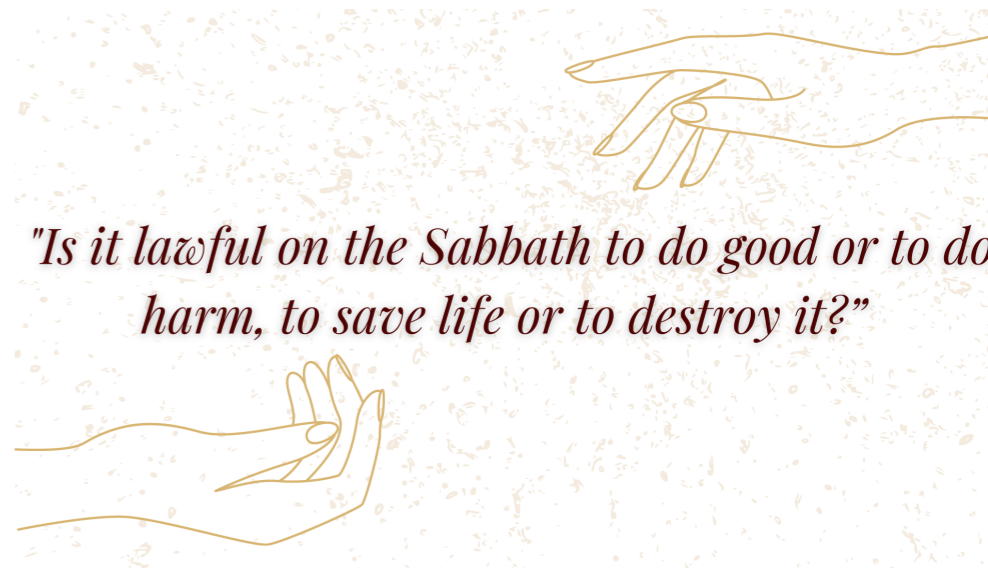


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STARKVILLE

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

June 11, 2023

Second Lord's Day  
 After Pentecost



*"Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?"*

### 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](http://fpcstarkville.org)

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 662.323.1994 | [info@fpcstarkville.org](mailto:info@fpcstarkville.org)

Congregational Meeting

Prelude Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Handbell Ensemble

God Calls Us

\*Call to Worship Psalm 95:1-2

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

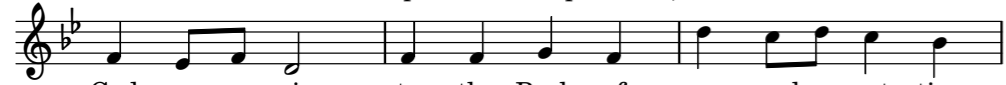
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

\*Invocation

\*Psalm 95 Now with Joyful Exultation BEECHER



1. Now with joy - ful ex - ul - ta - tion let us sing to
2. For how great a God, and glo - rious, is the LORD of
3. To the LORD, such might re - veal - ing, let us come with
4. While he of - fers peace and par - don, let us hear his



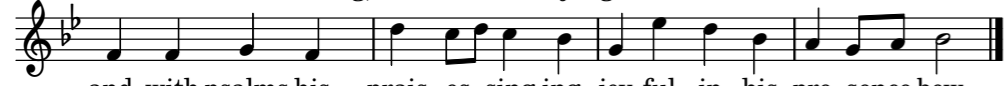
God our praise; to the Rock of our sal - vat - tion
whom we sing; o - ver i - dol gods vic - to - rious,
rev - erence meet, and, be - fore our Mak - er kneel - ing,
voice to - day, lest, if we our hearts should har - den,



loud ho - san - nas let us raise. Thank - ful trib - ute
great is he, our God and King. In his hand are
let us wor - ship at his feet. He is our own
we should pe - rish in the way; lest to us, so



glad - ly bring - ing, let us come be - fore him now;
earth's deep plac - es, al - so his are all the hills;
God who leads us, we the peo - ple of his care;
un - be - liev - ing, he in judg - ment shall de - clare:



and, with psalms his prais - es sing - ing, joy - ful in his pre - sence bow.
his the sea whose bounds he trac - es, his the land his boun - ty fills.
with a shepherd's hand he feeds us, as his flock in pas - tures fair.
"You, so long my Spi - rit grieving, ne - ver in my rest can share."

God Cleanses Us

Confession of Sin

O Lord,

You are great and greatly to be praised. Great is Your power, and of Your wisdom there is no end. We, Your creatures, desire to praise You, but we bear with us our mortality, our sinfulness, and our pride. Father, empty our hearts of sin, and fill us with Your redeeming Spirit. For our hearts are restless until they rest in You.

\*Assurance of God's Grace Matthew 11:28

Jesus says,

Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

\*Hymn #668 Doxology OLD 100TH

God Consecrates Us

Call to Give God His Tithes & Our Offerings

Offertory Jesus Love the Little Children (arr. Hayes) Jennifer Blackburn

Prayer of 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.

Anthem It Is Well Handbell Ensemble

\*Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Hymn #670 Glory Be to the Father GREATORIX

Good News for Children

\*Hymn #463 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me TOPLADY

Prayer for Illumination Martin Lifer

Scripture Luke 6:6-11 Pew Bible p. 862

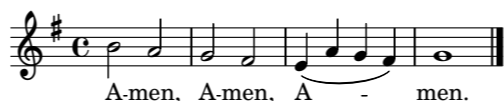
Sermon Doing Good Defeats Do-Nothing Religion Martin Lifer

God Commissions Us

\*Hymn #544 Have Thine Own Way, Lord ADELAIDE

\*Benediction

\*Sung Response Threefold Amen DANISH



A-men, A-men, A - men.

Postlude Jennifer Blackburn



\*The congregation is invited to stand.



Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Dean and Dylan Franklin in honor of VBS Volunteers. If you are interested in giving flowers for worship, please contact Olivia in the church office.

Doing Good Defeats Do-Nothing Religion

[Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ June 11, 2023]

"Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do Good or to do harm: to save life or to destroy it?" Lk. 6:9

God created us to be \_\_\_\_\_ of good. By design, I will be a \_\_\_\_\_ of good or evil. Every Christian is called to a royal \_\_\_\_\_ to do Good. 1 Pet. 2; Mt. 5:16; Lk. 6:27-36

Do-Nothing Religion

Neither (1) Legalism, nor (2) Airy Piety, nor (3) Liberal Laxity is any earthly OR heavenly good, ...

...or pleasing to God. "...I take no delight in your "solemn assemblies." ... away from Me the noise of your songs;... But let justice roll down like waters & righteousness ...." Amos 5:18-24

So also, faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. James 2:17

Luke 6:6-11 in Context

Jesus' Messianic Mission "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, ...anointed me to announce Good News to the poor;... proclaim release to the captives...; proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Lk. 4:18-19

Luke 5:1-6:16 - Seven passages: Jesus enacts Mission in Word & Deed (incl. Calling & Teaching Disciples)

Axis Passage 5:27-39 Jesus Calls Levi, Feasts w/ Sinners & Re-Declares NT Mission: "come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance...." "No one puts new wine into old wineskins. ...the new wine will burst the skins & be spilled, & the skins will be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins."

6:1-5 Jesus DECLARES Himself "Lord of the Sabbath;" 6:6-11 He DEMONSTRATES His Lordship.

How to partake? 1) By faith, FOLLOW Jesus & FELLOWSHIP w/ Him & church-in-mission.

2) Freed by God's grace, FEAST in His Presence joyfully & fully.

1) FOLLOW Jesus -> But WHO Follows Jesus?

As Jesus teaches the Word, where are the minds & hearts of the scribes & Pharisees? Lk. 6:6-7

"You must be born again!"/ "New wine must be put into fresh wineskins." Jn. 3:7/ Lk. 5:38

2) (FOLLOW &) FELLOWSHIP with Him & church-in-MISSION -> But HOW?

As Jesus does Good & heals, where are the minds & hearts of the scribes & Pharisees? Lk. 6:10-11

"Whoever remains in Me and I in him ...bears much fruit, ...." Jn. 15:5b

3) FEAST in His Presence joyfully & fully -> But What IS His Feast?

man shall not live on bread alone, but ...by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Deut. 8:3c

"My food is to do the will of Him Who sent me and to accomplish his work. Jn. 4:34

"you will be catching men (alive)."/ "call not the righteous but sinners to repentance." Lk. 5:10b; 5:32

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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 mwlfier3@gmail.com

