

Prayer List

Jack & Lynda Forbus and Family (including brother Billy Forbus) – following the death of Jack & Billy’s brother, Bob Forbus (April 11th)
 Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaie (Janet’s sister) and Lydia Berry (Jay’s friend)
 Wallace Cade
 Wanda Hubbard
 Rubye Guest
 Dana & Matt Griffith (friends of Jetson & Bryn Taylor)
 David Mote & Family (The Folsoms’ nephew)
 Janice Kinard
 Albert & Glenda Clark
 Cynthia Ware
 Ann McGregor (June Carpenter’s Friend)
 Allen & Barbara Johnson
 Gloria Gentry
 Charlie Weatherly
 Nelson Jones & Andy Lawrence
 Lydia Abraham
 LeeAnn Joe
 Andrew Whittenton
 Earline Howell (Wallace Cade’s Aunt)
 Peggy & Levette Johnson
 Louis Lavallee (Esther Abraham’s grandfather)
 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
 Eliza Jones

Additional Prayer List for Health Care/Assisted Living

Dero Ramsey – The Goldton
 Lou Cross – The Goldton
 Hilda Scholtes – The Goldton
 Cattie Taylor – The Beehive, Starkville
 Marjorie Malone

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Final Wednesday Fellowship Dinner This Spring Wednesday, April 17th, Dinner Menu

Adults and Kids Plates: Taco Bar, Corn Salad, Apple Cobbler

Name _____

Phone # _____

of Adults _____ # of Kids _____



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

MINISTRY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES:

DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWERS

The Coxs
 APRIL 21ST AT 10:10 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR SON, ALEKSANDR CHARLES

The Morrisons
 APRIL 28TH AT 10:10 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR DAUGHTER, LAINEY FAYE

BRING A GIFT OF DIAPERS OR WIPES FOR EACH OF THE EXPECTING COUPLES & JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR A BRIEF SHOWER PRESENTATION.

Join us for our final Wednesday Night Fellowship this Spring!

We'll have breakout discussion groups each Wednesday for women and for men.

Daily Spiritual Practices for Growing in Godliness:
 How to WORSHIP & SERVE – to Grow in Godliness |
 Wednesday, April 17

All women - You're Invited!

Join the Women in the Word Sunday school class as we begin our next study **this month**. We will study the book of Titus, and learn guidelines for living at peace and how to react to those who teach false doctrine.

We meet at **9:30** on the second floor behind the Chapel. Please join us!
 If you have any questions please call or text
 Nancy Lifer at 843-290-8825

Men's Morning Bible Study

Reading & Understanding the book of Revelation

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

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Family Discipleship Resources Now Available!

Free Access to Bible Study Videos—Anytime, Anywhere, from Any Device

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We are collecting items for Operation Christmas Child throughout the year!

April- Combs,Brushes, and Hair Items



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 in Easter Season
April 14, 2024

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

Luke 10:25

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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Third Sunday in Easter Season, April 14, 2024
Lord's Day Service

Prelude

Welcome and Invitations to Ministry Opportunities

Martin Lifer

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER IN CHRIST'S NAME TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship from Ephesians 5:2

Dean Franklin

Minister: And walk in love,

ALL: As Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Hymn #250

And Can It Be

*Invocation

Thanksgiving for Olivia Whittenton; and Our Ministry at the Goldton at Adelaide

Anthem (Chancel Choir)

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Confession, Supplication & Intercession

Martin Lifer

The Lord's Prayer (All) 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 1 Peter 4:8

Pastor: Above all,

ALL: Let us keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

*Greeting Our Neighbors in the Gospel of Grace

Good News for Children

Amy Aarhus

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH AND GIVING THANKS TO GOD OUR SAVIOR

*Affirmation of Faith from The Essentials of Our Faith (of the EPC)

Boston Hampton

ALL: Being estranged from God and condemned by our sinfulness, our salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God's free grace. God credits His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, and thereby justifies them in His sight. Only such as are born of the Holy Spirit and receive Jesus Christ become children of God and heirs of eternal life.

*Hymn #668

The Doxology

Call to Give God His Tithe and Our Further Offerings

Dean Franklin

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Because He Lives

Jennifer Blackburn

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Luke 10:21-37

Pew Bible p. 868-869

Sermon

Your Love's Legacy: Death or Life

Martin Lifer

*Hymn #562

Love the Lord

BLESSED AND SENT AS AMBASSADORS IN CHRIST'S NAME

*Benediction

Martin Lifer

*Congregational Response Three-fold Amen

Postlude



*The congregation is invited to stand.

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Having trouble hearing the service? Please see an usher to use one of our portable hearing assistance units that are connected directly to our sound system for optimum audio.

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.



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.

VBS 2024 REGISTRATION
Kids and Volunteer Registration

Scan the QR Code to go directly to our student and volunteer Registration Page or go to our website fpcestarkville.org.

June 10th–June 12th

Your Love's Legacy: Death or Life

Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ April 14, 2024/ Luke 10:21-37

"Seven nays and one aye; the ayes have it!" Abraham Lincoln with his Cabinet: his Aye overrides.

NO OTHER Way "All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and **no one knows Who the Son is except the Father, or Who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.**" Lk. 10:22

NO HIGHER Joy - Jesus rejoiced through the Spirit ..., "I **thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,**... **You've hidden** these things **from learned & wise** and **revealed them to little children;** yes, **Father,** for thus was **your gracious will/pleasure.**" Lk. 10:21

"**Most exultant description of Jesus in all Scripture.**" Edwards, *Gospel According to Luke*, 313 *rejoicing in his Father's "preference shown to the [missionary] Disciples." Plummer, *Gospel According to S. Luke*, 280*

And **behold (!):** an expert in the law stood up to put Him to the test, saying, "**Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?**" Lk. 10:25

"**Soteriology**" = (God's) Word on Salvation - The Doctrine of the Way We're Rescued from Sin, Hell & Eternal Death **and Have or Inherit Eternal Life** [Gk. *Soter* = Savior]

"Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Lk. 10:25b

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"Christology" ≈ Doctrine of **WHO Jesus Christ is** Doctrine of *Special Revelation*

Divine Sovereignty & Election ≈ *Doctrines that God Rules & Chooses to Give Salvation even as He [God] Chose us in Him [Christ] before the foundation of the world,*... Eph. 1:4a

He said to him, "**What is written in the Law? How do you read it?**" Lk. 10:26

He answered, [Deut. 6:5 & Lev. 19:18] "**Love the Lord... and your neighbor as yourself.**" Lk. 10:27

He said to him, "**You have answered correctly; this DO, AND you will LIVE.**" Lk. 10:28

What you preach, _____! Where your mouth is, put your _____!

Jesus - Salvation & eternal life are **not** about spouting off the right answers but whether **you LOVE God & Neighbor in REAL ACTION: you LIVE God's Word.**

"**keep my statutes & rules; IF a person DOES them, he shall _____by them**" Lev. 18:5

They said to Him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "**This is the work of God, that you believe in Him Whom He has sent.**" Jn. 6:28-29

"No one can serve two masters, for **either he will hate the one & love the other,** or be **devoted to the one & despise the other.** You cannot serve God and money." Mt. 6:24

Your Love's Legacy: Death or Life