

Prayer List

Gloria & Wallace Cade & Family: following the deaths of Miles & Ina Harrington (Gloria's cousins)
 Zack & Hunter Harrington & Family: following the death of Zack's Grandmother Phyllis Harrington
 Sandy Ramsey & Family: following the death of Dero Ramsey
 Dana Griffith & Matt Griffith (friends of Jetson & Bryn Taylor)
 Jack & Lynda Forbus; Billy Forbus (Jack's brother)
 Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaize (Janet's sister) and Lydia Berry (Jay's friend)
 Wanda Hubbard
 Rubye Guest
 Tindall Morrison's; Barbara Tindall (Tindall's Grandmother)
 Billy Brown (father of Darinda Gruchy)
 David Mote & Family (The Folsoms' nephew)
 Wallace Cade; Earline Howell (Wallace's aunt)
 Cynthia Ware
 Lydia Abraham
 Albert & Glenda Clark
 Janice Kinard
 Allen & Barbara Johnson
 Gloria Gentry
 Charlie Weatherly
 Andy Lawrence
 LeeAnn Joe
 Andrew Whittenton
 Ann McGregor (June Carpenter's Friend)
 Peggy & Levette Johnson
 Louis Lavallee (Esther Abraham's grandfather)
 Judy Packer & John Clark Packer
 Marybeth Baker (Mara Cox's Mom)
 Macey & Byron Bell (Marshall Molen's sister & brother-in-law)
 Ressie Carpenter
 Rae Nell Crumpton
 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

Additional Prayer List for Health Care/Assisted Living

Lou Cross – The Goldton at Adelaide
 Hilda Scholtes – The Goldton at Adelaide
 Cattie Taylor – The Beehive, Starkville
 Marjorie Malone

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Rev. Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator // John Kelley, Clerk of Session
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Session of Elders

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Bob Daniels	Larry Anthony	Jim Beaty
Jeff Foster	Vivian Cade	Andrew George
Charlie Guest	Michele Rackley	Carl Ivey
John Turner	Lee Weiskopf	John Kelley

Board of Deacons

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Bob Boyd	Haley Graves	Jack Atkins
Boston Hampton	Wayne Huberty	Richard Blackburn
Robbie Holditch	Dalton Miller	Jay Cook
Jackie Mullen	Caitlin Rackley	Alex Massingill

MINISTRY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES:

Youth Summer Dates

- 3 Days Straight: Monday, June 3rd - Wednesday, June 5th
- Geyser Falls: Friday, June 21st
- Youth Summer Wednesday Nights
- Mission Trip: Sunday, July 14th - Friday, July 19th

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 fpcstarkville.org.

June 10th - June 12th

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

rightnow MEDIA

Family Discipleship Resources Now Available!

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

Apple, Android TV, Fire TV, Roku

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

May - small toys, puzzles, and games for boys



Preaching the *Doctrines of Grace* as a Part of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC)

Sixth Sunday in Easter Season
 May 5, 2024

"Martha, Martha! You are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:41b-42

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

Learn more about how we grow together, spiritually, on the solid foundation of God's Word, according to the Essentials of Our Faith. Browse our Discipleship and Ministry Resources, keep up with our Prayer & Mission updates, and get connected with our staff!

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Sixth Sunday in Easter Season, May 5, 2024
Lord's Day Service

Prelude *Faith of Our Fathers* Instrumental Ensemble
Welcome and Invitations to Ministry Opportunities

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER IN CHRIST'S NAME TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship: *Colossians 3:15-16* Dean Franklin

Minister: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
ALL: Since as members of One Body, we are called to peace.
Minister: And be thankful!

ALL: With true thankfulness in our hearts to God, may we let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly – teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

*Hymn #47 *Fairest Lord Jesus* Dean Franklin
*Invocation

Commissioning of FPC members (MSU students) Nathan Cole & Esther Abraham for EPC World Outreach Mission Cohort Ministry Visit to Southeast Asia.

Anthem [Chancel Choir] *I Am Resolved*

Prayers of Confession and Supplication

ALL: Merciful Father, please forgive us for following the worldly, broad way that leads to destruction. Forgive us for filling our lives and minds with so many things that we have little time or attention for You and Your Kingdom.
O Lord Jesus, please lead us to change our hearts to desire what is best, to love what You love, to choose what lasts, and do what You command. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Grace: *Psalm 73:24-26*

Pastor: You guide me with your counsel, and afterward You will receive me to glory.
ALL: Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You.
Pastor: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart.
ALL: And God is my portion forever.

*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 (Westminster) Shorter Catechism Q. 1* Dean Franklin

Minister: What is man's primary purpose?
ALL: Man's primary purpose is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

Mission Invitation: Join Our Vacation Bible School Ministry (June 10-12)

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Petition, and Intercession

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.

*Hymn #668 *The Doxology*

Call to Give God His Tithe and Our Further Offerings

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory *Abide with Me* Instrumental Ensemble

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Luke 10:38-42 Pew Bible p. 869

Sermon *Cultivating a Lasting Faith* Dean Franklin

*Hymn #473 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*



*The congregation is invited to stand.

BLESSED AND SENT AS AMBASSADORS IN CHRIST'S NAME

*Benediction

*Congregational Response (ALL): Three-fold Amen

Postlude *Thine Is the Glory* Marquita Beaty

Today's flowers for the worship services are given in loving gratitude to God by Andrew Fountain -- thanking God upon the 8th anniversary of His blessing of the marriage of Andrew & Elizabeth Fountain.

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.

Join us Next Week for Ascension Sunday Celebration:

- 1) Children Meet on the Hill at 10:10am, following Sunday school, for a special teaching and celebration with bubbles!
- 2) Each Woman will receive a rose.
- 3) Youth and Children help with ushering and worship in celebration of Mother's Day the 10:30am Lord's Day Service.



Cultivating a Lasting Faith

Dean Franklin | FPC Starkville | May 5, 2024 | Luke 10:38-42

I. We must sit at Jesus's feet and listen to Him regularly

A. Our Primary Relationship

B. Our True Authority

II. We must align our purpose and daily living with His Desire

A. Missional Family

B. Gospel Simplicity

III. We must choose what is Best

A. Good, Better, Best

B. What is your purpose?