

Prayer List

Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaie (Janet's sister) and Lydia Berry (Jay's friend)
 Wanda Hubbard
 Jack Forbus, Billy & Bob Forbus (Jack Forbus's brothers); Staci Moak (Jack's daughter)
 Rubye Guest
 Dana & Matt Griffith (friends of Jetson & Bryn Taylor)
 David Mote & Family (The Folsoms' nephew)
 Janice Kinard
 Wallace Cade
 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
 Jack Thompson (Alex Adam's Uncle)
 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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Wednesday, April 10th, Dinner Menu

Adult and Kids Plate: Chicken Alfredo and Brussel Sprouts

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 8th

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 on Wednesday Nights in April!

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

Daily Spiritual Practices for Growing in Godliness:

- 1) How to PRAY – to Grow in Godliness | Wednesday, April 10
- 2) 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 on **Sunday, April 7th**. 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 Androidtv firetv Apple TV Roku

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.

Kirkin' o' the Tartans Sunday
 April 7, 2024

In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

• LUKE 10:21 •

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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**Kirkin' o' the Tartans Sunday, April 7, 2024
Lord's Day Service**

Welcome and Invitations to Ministry Opportunities

Martin Lifer

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER IN CHRIST'S NAME TO WORSHIP

Processional by Piper & Beadle

Tim Gordon, Jim Long

***Call to Worship** *from Romans 8:10-11*

Dean Franklin

Minister: But if Christ is in you,

ALL: Even though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Minister: If the Spirit of Him [God] – Who raised Jesus from the dead – now dwells in you,

ALL: Then He Who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through his Spirit – Who dwells in us!

*** Hymn #68**

Holy, Holy, Holy

***Invocation**

Thanksgiving for New Chapters in the Faith Lives of Members & Mission Partners:

Drs. Will and Haley Stevenson Prepare for First Child, Evelyn Ann

Nathan Cole Shares About International Mission Opportunity with EPC World Outreach

Free Church of Scotland and its FPC-supported NCDs in Galashiels & Winchburgh

Anthem (Chancel Choir)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus

H. Bonar/R. Schulz-Widmar

Prayers of Praise, Confession of Sin, Petition and 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 2 Corinthians 3:17-18*

Pastor: Now the Lord is the Spirit.

ALL: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Pastor: So we all – with our faces unveiled –

ALL: When we look to and reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into the same Image – from one degree of glory to another.

Pastor: Even as from the Lord,

ALL: Who is the Spirit!

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH AND GIVING THANKS TO GOD OUR SAVIOR

Invitation to Bring Forward - for Blessing - Tartans & Other Faith-Heritage Items and Invitation for Children to Come Forward for Prayer

Kirkin' Prayers with Our Children for Tartans & Other Faith-Heritage Items

*** Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

***Hymn #668**

The Doxology

Call to Give God His Tithe and Our Further Offerings

Martin Lifer

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

My Redeemer Lives

Jennifer Blackburn

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Luke 10:21-24

ESV Pew Bible p. 868

Sermon

No Other Way, No Higher Joy

Martin Lifer

***Hymn #337**

God, Our Father, We Adore Thee

BLESSED AND SENT AS AMBASSADORS IN CHRIST'S NAME

***Benediction**

Martin Lifer

Recessional by Piper & Beadle

Tim Gordon, Jim Long



**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Today's flowers are given by Janice Kinard in appreciation for this church family for all your prayers. To God be the Glory, His love endures Forever!

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 fpcstarkville.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 fpcstarkville.org.

June 10th– June 12th

Thank you – from Will & Caitlin Rackley

Dear FPC,

We would like to thank you for the diapers and wipes you provided for Vada. We are so blessed to be a part of such a caring and loving church family. We look forward to introducing her to y'all soon! With love, Will & Caitlin.

Thank you – from Olivia Whittenton – Office Admin

Dear FPC Church,

I just wanted to thank you for all the support and love over the past three and a half years! On April 12th I am going to take a step back from full-time work to be at home with my son, Charlie. It has truly been a privilege and joy to serve your church as the office administrator. You have been a church that has exemplified God's love and grace. Again, thank you all for being a wonderful church family!

No Other Way, No Higher Joy

Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ April 7, 2024/ Luke 10:21-24

No Other Way: The Roadwork

(a) **Way of the Cross Mission for CHRIST as *The Son of Man*:** "It is **NECESSARY** for the Son of Man to suffer many things, to be rejected by the elders & chief priests & scribes, and to be killed, and on the third day to be raised." *Lk. 9:22* ... as the **days were being fulfilled for His ascension, He set his face to go to Jerusalem.** *Lk. 9:51*

(b) **The Way of the Mission of the Cross for every CHRISTIAN:** "If anyone wants to *[follow]* Me, he **MUST** deny himself, take up his cross daily & follow Me." *Lk. 9:23* "**No one** who puts his hand to the plow and **looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God.**" "**Go!** Behold: I **send you as lambs among wolves**" *Lk. 9:62, 10:3 & following verses*

Joy - 72 returned w/ **Joy**,... "Lord, even **the demons submit to us in Your Name!**" *Lk. 10:17*

High Joy "Blessed are you when people hate you ..., on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice ... leap for joy, ... for your reward is great in heaven; ... their fathers did to the prophets." *Lk. 6:22-23* "Nevertheless, **do not rejoice about this**, that the spirits are subject to you, but **rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.**" *Lk. 10:20*

NO HIGHER Joy - In that hour **JESUS REJOICED THROUGH THE SPIRIT**...

"I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You've hidden these things from learned & wise and revealed them to mere children; yes, Father, for thus was your pleasure in grace." *Lk. 10:21*

"agallian... most exultant description of Jesus in all Scripture." *J Edwards, Gospel According to Luke, 313*

"crowning point of the fruits of Christ's office ...reached at that time." *J. Bengel, Gnomon of NT, 2:93*

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*
Cf. "I am the way & the truth & the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me." Jn. 14:6

Lk. 10:22Mt. 11:27 "perhaps the **most important verse of the Synoptic Gospels**" - per A.M. Hunter, "*Cruce Criticorum*..." NTS 8 (1961/62): 241

NO OTHER WAY, NO HIGHER JOY –

Turning to the disciples, He said privately, "**Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!** For ... many prophets and kings wished to see the things which you see, and did not see them, and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear them." *Lk. 10:23-24*

Jesus exults "over 'the Divine Preference shown to the Disciples....

Nowhere else is anything of this kind recorded of Christ." A. Plummer, *Gospel According to S. Luke, 280*