

**Prayer List**

Roxene Atkinson  
 Margaret & Ross Collins  
 Ruby Guest  
 Phil Gruchy  
 Judy Packer & John Clark Packer  
 Albert & Glenda Clark  
 Wanda Hubbard  
 Andrew Whittenton  
 David Mote & Family ( The Folsoms' nephew)  
 Allen & Barbara Johnson  
 Cynthia Ware  
 Sylvia & Larry Melton (Kathy Wright's parents)  
 Billy & Bob Forbus (Jack Forbus's brothers); Staci Moak (Jack's daughter)  
 Earline Howell (Wallace Cade's Aunt)  
 Hugh Shurden ( Sandy Jackson's Father)  
 Gloria Gentry  
 Charlie Weatherly  
 Peggy & Levette Johnson  
 Lydia Abraham  
 Jack Thompson (Alex Adam's Uncle)  
 Marybeth Baker (Mara Cox's Mom)  
 Barbara Tindall (Tindall Morrison's Grandmother)  
 Rilda Cox  
 Andy Lawrence  
 Thelma Purdy (Neena Howell's mother and Dylan Franklin's grandmother)  
 Macey & Byron Bell (Marshall Molen's sister & brother-in-law)  
 Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaise (Janet's sister) and Lydia Berry (Jay's friends)  
 Maxie Bruce (Brittney McAfee's father)  
 Ressie Carpenter  
 Rae Nell Crumpton  
 Gerlene Lifer; and Keitha Scott (Gerlene's friend)  
 Delores Irvin (Diane Daniel's sister), Sarah Helen McCloskey & Craig D. Campbell

**Additional Prayer List for Health Care/Assisted Living**

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



Today's Sanctuary flowers are given by Martin & Nancy Lifer in honor of Gerelene Lifers 90th Birthday and to the glory of God. *If you are interested in providing flowers for Sunday, please reach out to Olivia at 662-323-1994*

**FPC Officers**

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

**Session of Elders**

**Board of Deacons**

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


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

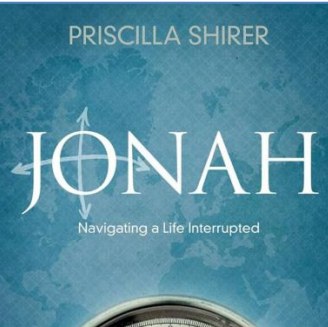
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Men's Morning Bible Study**

*Reading & Understanding the book of Revelation*

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





**Ladies Bible Study - Starting Jan. 25**  
*1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall*

What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! In this 7-session Bible study, Priscilla redefines interruption and shows that interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams.

**Books: \$20**

Reach out to Olivia in the church office for more information!

***Keenagers Valentines Party***

**JOIN US FEBRUARY 14TH AT 11:30 FOR THE KEENAGER VALENTINES PARTY!**

PLEASE RSVP BY FEBRUARY 10TH.  
 BEVERLY JONES: 662-435-9741  
 PEGGY BRANCH: 662-418-1310

**This Wednesday Night**

**SPEAKER: KEVIN ARMSTRONG**

*“Helping our younger generation manage stress.”*

**JOIN US JANUARY 31ST**

**5:00 P.M. - MEAL**  
**6:00 P.M. - BIBLE STUDIES FOR ALL AGES!**

**Wednesday, January 31, Dinner Menu**

Adult Plate: Meatloaf, Green beans, and Peanut Butter Pudding Pie  
 Kids Plate: Hotdogs, Baked Beans, and Brownies

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Adult Plates** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of Kids Plates** \_\_\_\_\_



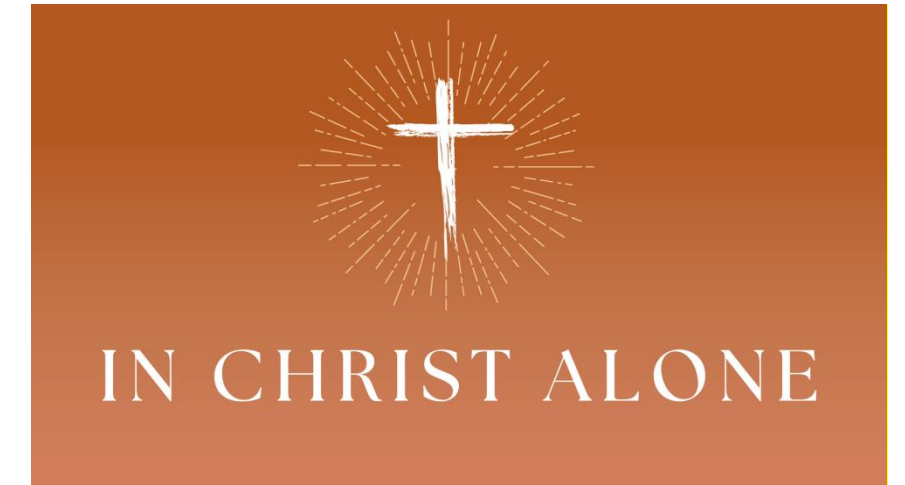
*To sign up, drop this tear-off form in the offering plate, or scan the code for the online form by Monday, January 29*



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STARKVILLE**

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

*Communion Sunday*  
**January 28, 2024**



**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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 662.323.1994 | info@fpcstarkville.org

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE

**January 28, 2024  
Lord's Day Service**

**Prelude** *There is a Fountain* Jennifer Blackburn

**Welcome & Announcements** Martin Lifer

**Call to Worship** *Ephesians 2:4-5 & 2:8-9* Dean Franklin

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

**For by grace you have been saved, through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.**

**\*Hymn #302** *Rejoice, the Lord is King* DARWALL

**Invocation**

**Anthem** Chancel Choir

**Good News from FPC's Nathan Cole on the Cross Conference**

**\*Hymn # 668** *Doxology* MAJESTY

**Call to Give God His Tithe, Our Offerings, and Stewardship Pledges**

**Offertory** *There Is a Balm in Gilead* Jennifer Blackburn

**Prayers of Confession, Petition & Intercession**

**\*Assurance of God's Grace** *from Romans 10:12b-13* Martin Lifer

For the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on Him.

**Because "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!"**

**\*Greeting Our Neighbors in the Grace of Christ**

**Good News for Children**

**\*Confession of Faith** *from The (Westminster) Shorter Catechism, Q. & A. 91*

How do the sacraments become effective means for salvation?

**The sacraments become effective means for salvation not because of any special power in them or in the people who administer them, but rather by the blessing of Christ and the working of his Spirit in those who receive them by faith.**

**\*Hymn #588** *Sanctuary*

**Scripture** *Luke 9:35 & 20:37-38; & 23:42-43; 1 Cor. 1:14-17; Rom. 2:28-29 & 10:9-13*

**Sermon** *Am I Saved? Ask Jesus, Not Friends* Martin Lifer

**\*Hymn #506** (vv. 1 & 4) *In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)*

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:  
Sign and Seal of God's New Testament**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**The Words of the Lord's Institution and Blessing of the Supper**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving, Consecration, and 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.**

**Sharing the Bread**

**Sharing the Cup**

**Prayer of Covenant Commission**

**\*Benediction**

Martin Lifer

**\*Hymn #670**

*Glory Be to the Father*

**Postlude**

Jennifer Blackburn

**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](http://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](mailto:mwlifer3@gmail.com).*

**FirstConnect Lunch & Learn**

**FEB. 4 | 11:45 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL**



Visiting our church? Interested in learning more about becoming a member at FPC? Pastor and Nancy Lifer with other staff invite you to FirstConnect Lunch! Email: [info@fpcstarkville.org](mailto:info@fpcstarkville.org) to sign up! or call the office: 662-323-1994

**Am I Saved? Ask Jesus, Not Friends**

Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ January 28, 2024/ Luke 9:35, 20:37-38 & 23:39-43; Rom. 2:28-29 & 10:9-13

Dying man professing faith in Jesus, calling on His Name: Saved or sentenced to Hell?

**Am I saved? Ask Jesus! Look to Christ \_\_\_\_\_**

"This is my Son, the Chosen. **Listen to Him!**"/ Jesus was found **Alone** *Lk. 9:35-36*

Jesus mandated Baptism & the Supper *as \_\_\_\_\_*, NT "signs", of believers' *inner/spiritual saving union with Him* but NOT as 1) conditions precedent to salvation or 2) performances needed to add to the Perfect Person & Work of Christ.

We're NOT saved *by outward performance* or elements (circumcision, water, wine), but by **Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ alone – to God's Glory alone.**

*For by \_\_\_\_\_ you have been saved, through \_\_\_\_\_.* And this is **not your own doing;** it is **the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.** *Eph. 2:8-9*

**Only 1 man believed the dying Jesus was Lord of the Coming Kingdom:**

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." *Lk. 23:42*

"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise." *Lk. 23:43*

Abraham, Isaac & Jacob "**all live to Him**" *[risen in Heaven]* *Lk. 20:37-38* but not baptized!

**Abram** *[not circumcised yet or baptized]* believed God's covenant promises. *Gen. 15:6; Rom. 4*

Abram's justification/salvation was **GIVEN by God long before Abram's adult circumcision.** *Also, Isaac & Jacob* each had **infant circumcision**, long before their adult faith.

"born of **water** and **the Spirit**" *Jn. 3:5* → God's Promise of NT: "**I will sprinkle clean Water on you, and you shall be clean,...** And **I will put My Spirit within you,...**" *Ezek. 36:25-27*

For **no one** is a Jew who is **merely one outwardly**, nor is **circumcision outward** and **physical**. But a **Jew is one inwardly**, and **circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit**, not by the letter. His **praise is not from man but from God.** *Rom. 2:28-29*

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius. . . . *(O yes, I did baptize also the Household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)* For **Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel**, and not with ...eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. *1 Cor. 1:14-17*

**Are you saved?** *According to the gospel:* if you **confess** with your mouth that **Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart** that **God raised Him from the dead**, you will be **saved**.... For "**everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved.**" *Rom. 10:9-13*