

Prayer List

Janice, Kirk, Elliot Kinard & family following the death of PeeWee Kinard

Jennifer Blackburn
 Gloria Gentry
 Barbara Johnson
 Bettie Cummings
 Jack Thompson (Alex Adam's Uncle)
 Rubye Guest
 Margaret Collins
 Roxene Atkinson
 Albert Clark
 Peggy Johnson
 Jimmy Lee Dodd
 Dero Ramsey
 Macey & Byron Bell (Marshall Molen's sister & brother-in-law)
 Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaie (Janet's sister) and Will Taggart & family (Jay's friends)
 Don Curto
 Libby Stephan & Jayna McQuade (daughters of Sara Wilson)
 Lesa Rhodes & Hugh Shurden (Sandy Jackson's cousin and father)
 Maxie Bruce (Brittney McAfee's father)
 Ressie Carpenter
 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)

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
 Marjorie Malone
 Thelma Purdy

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

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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

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Blessing of the Backpacks

ALL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO BRING THEIR BACKPACKS ON AUGUST 6TH TO OUR 10:30 SERVICE

FPC Womens Ministry invites all women to:

An afternoon with **Kari Kampakis**

August 13th | 2-4 P.M

Spots are limited.

Sign up at fpcstarkville.org/karikampakis

sign up here:




Mark your Calendars!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT FPC IS BACK ON AUGUST 30!

Join us for men's, women's, children & youth bible studies!

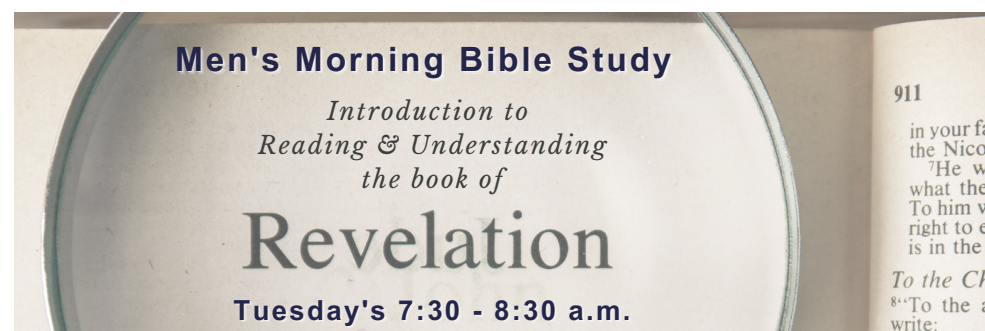
Dinner at 5:15 p.m.
 Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.



Men's Morning Bible Study

Introduction to Reading & Understanding the book of **Revelation**

Tuesday's 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.



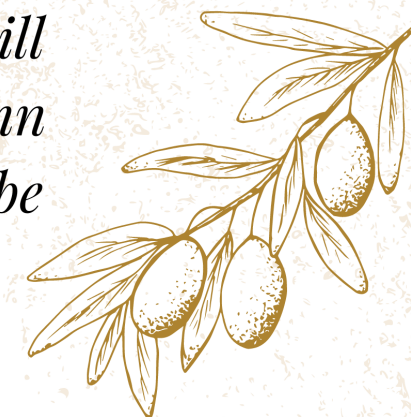

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Loren Zimmerman in honor of Lynn Zimmerman on their wedding anniversary. They were married here at FPC fifty-five years ago. *If you are interested in giving flowers for worship, please contact Olivia in the church office.*



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

August 6, 2023
Tenth Lord's Day
After Pentecost

Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven.



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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Prelude Marquita Beaty

Welcome & Announcements Martin Lifer

————— *God Calls Us* —————

***Call to Worship** *Psalm 123* Dean Franklin

To you I lift up my eyes,

O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,

so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD,

have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

***Invocation**

***Hymn #98** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

————— *God Cleanses Us* —————

Confession of Sin Dean Franklin

O God and Father,

Most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as You blotted out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which shall bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins, and producing in us fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing to You, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Assurance of God's Grace** *1 John 1:8-9*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***Hymn #668** *Doxology* OLD 100TH

————— *God Consecrates Us* —————

Call to Give God His Tithes & Our Offerings Dean Franklin

Offertory Marquita Beaty

***Confession of Faith** *Larger Catechism 56* Martin Lifer

How is Christ exalted by coming again to judge the world?

Coming again to judge the world exalts Christ, who was unjustly judged and condemned by wicked men. His coming again at the last day in great power will fully reveal his own and his Father's glory, and with all his holy angels, accompanied by a shout of command, the voice of the archangel, and the trumpet of God, he will judge the world in righteousness.

***Hymn #670** *Glory Be to the Father* GREATORIX

Blessing of the Backpacks Martin Lifer

Prayer of Intercession

Martin Lifer

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.

***Psalm 72** *O God, Your Judgments Give the King* ELLACOMBE



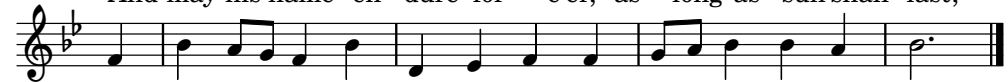
1. O God, your judgments give the King, his son your righteous-ness;
2. The peo-ple's poor ones he shall judge, the needy's child-ren bless;
7. And may his peo-ple blossom in the cit-ies and the towns,



with right he shall your peo-ple judge, your poor with upright-ness.
and he will break in piec-es those who would the poor op-press.
and thrive like grass-es of the field which flour-ish in the ground.



And then the mountains shall bring forth to all the peo-ple peace;
He shall en-dure long as the sun, and as the moon he stands.
And may his name en-dure for-e'er, as long as sun shall last;



the hills be-cause of righteousness their blessing shall in-crease.
May he be like the rain that falls and showers all the lands.
may peo-ple then be blest in him, all na-tions call him blest.

Prayer for Illumination Martin Lifer

Scripture *Luke 6:37-42* Pew Bible p. 863

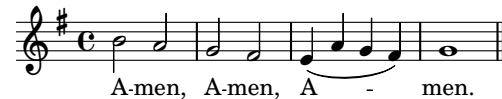
Sermon *Jesus on Judgment: Measure in Grace* Martin Lifer

————— *God Commissions Us* —————

***Hymn #104 (vv. 1-2, 4)** *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound* NEW BRITAIN

***Benediction** Martin Lifer

***Sung Response** *Threefold Amen* DANISH



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

Postlude Marquita Beaty



**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Jesus on Judgment: Measure in Grace

[Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ August 6 2023]

Contrary to common misreading and misuse of Lk. 6:37 & Mt. 7:1, Jesus does NOT forbid all moral judgments. He actually calls us to make many moral judgments and to discern wisely according to His Word BUT commands us NOT to be judgmental and condemning in the hard-hearted, critical spirit of self-righteous hypocrites.

Lk. 6:37 μη κρίνετε (2P Pl) – *Krino* (& *kritikos*): roots of Engl. words “criticize” & “critical”

“A **malignant deity, called Criticism**: . . . At her right hand sat **Ignorance, her father** ... blind with age; at her left, **Pride, her mother**, There was **Opinion, her sister**, light of foot, hoodwinked, and headstrong, yet giddy and perpetually turning.” Jonathan Swift

Mediate Mercy **Measure Generously**
Mature in Meekness with the Master **Mind the Mirror Before Ministering**

1. Mediate Mercy: Be a *Mediator of Mercy*, NOT an *Executioner of Your Own Judgment*.

Be patient in living with the faults of others; they have to be patient living with yours!

2. Measure Generously: Give & Forgive, Trusting God's Ultimate Grace to You.

“We ought to be very careful when we blame others, for we need allowance ourselves. If we are of a giving and forgiving spirit, we shall ourselves reap the benefit.” Matthew Henry

3. Mature in Meekness with the Master: Follow Jesus, Not Yourself or Other Blind Guides.

4. Mind the Mirror Before Ministering: Address Your Own Sin Before Addressing Others'.

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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 fpstarkville.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 mwlifer3@gmail.com

