

## Prayer List

The family of Rev. Robert "Bob" Crumpton following his death. (Brother of Bill Crumpton)  
 Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaie (Janet's sister) and Lydia Berry (Jay's friend)  
 Wanda Hubbard  
 LeeAnn Joe  
 Rubye Guest  
 Cynthia Ware  
 Nelson Jones & Andy Lawrence  
 David Mote & Family (The Folsoms' nephew)  
 Allen & Barbara Johnson  
 Gloria Gentry  
 Charlie Weatherly  
 Lydia Abraham  
 Glenda & Albert Clark  
 Andrew Whittenton  
 Sylvia & Larry Melton (Kathy Wright's parents)  
 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  
 Billy & Bob Forbus (Jack Forbus's brothers); Staci Moak (Jack's daughter)  
 Eliza Jones

## Additional Prayer List for Health Care/Assisted Living

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

## 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	Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Bob Daniels	Larry Anthony	Jim Beaty	Bob Boyd	Haley Graves	Jack Atkins
Jeff Foster	Vivian Cade	Andrew George	Boston Hampton	Wayne Huberty	Richard Blackbourn
Charlie Guest	Michele Rackley	Carl Ivey	Robbie Holditch	Dalton Miller	Jay Cook
John Turner	Lee Weiskopf	John Kelley	Jackie Mullen	Caitlin Rackley	Alex Massingill

## Wednesday, February 28, Dinner Menu

Adult Plate: BBQ Pork Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Baked Beans, Peach Cobbler

Kids Plate: Sloppy Joe Sliders, Corn, Cookies

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, February 26th

## MINISTRY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES:

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING:** The 2024 Annual Meeting of the FPC Starkville Congregation and of the FPC Starkville Corporation will be **NEXT** Sunday, March 3, 2023, in the Sanctuary, beginning at 10:15 a.m. -- prior to the 10:30 a.m. Lord's Day Service. All FPC members are asked to attend -- and all guests are welcome to attend -- the Annual Meeting **next** Sunday, will begin promptly at 10:15 a.m. Because of the meeting, we will NOT have the regular 10:10-10:25 a.m. Fellowship Time (or snacks) in the Fellowship Hall.

*You're invited!*  
**Wednesday Night Meal & Bible Studies for all ages!**

- 5:15 p.m. Meal • 6:00 p.m. Bible Study

**Children**

FOR K - 5TH  
Preschool Choir  
Nursery

**Youth**

Sunday Night Worship - 6 p.m.

Meet at Chick-fil-a @ 5 p.m.

**Men's Morning Bible Study**

*Reading & Understanding the book of Revelation*

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

**SAVE THE DATE VBS 2024**

**June 10th - June 13th**

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

Available on: Apple, Android, Android TV, Fire TV, Apple TV, Roku



We Preach the *Doctrines of Grace* and Are Part of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC)

Follow our church website, [fpcstarkville.org](http://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.

*Second Sunday During Lent*  
**February 25, 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](http://fpcstarkville.org)**

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE  
Second Sunday During Lent, February 25, 2024  
Lord's Day Service

**Prelude** *Chorale on "Erbar dich main, o Herre Gott"* Jennifer Blackburn

**Welcome & Announcements** Martin Lifer

**\*Call to Worship** *Isaiah 52:7* Dean Franklin

Leader: How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news –  
**ALL: Who publishes peace, who brings Good News of happiness, who publishes salvation;**  
Leader: Who says to Zion:  
**ALL: "Your God reigns!"**

**\*Hymn #136** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**\*Invocation** Dean Franklin

**Anthem** Chancel Choir

**Introducing New Members of First Presbyterian Church, Starkville**

**\*Hymn #668** *Doxology* OLD HUNDRETH

**Call to Give God His Tithe and Our Offerings** Martin Lifer

**Offertory** *He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word* Jennifer Blackburn

**\*Prayers of Confession, Supplication & 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.

**\*Assurance of God's Grace** *Isaiah 53:11* Martin Lifer  
Pastor: Out of the anguish of his soul He shall see light and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the Righteous One, My Servant,  
**ALL: make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.**

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

**Good News for Children** Boston Hampton

**\*Confession of Faith** *from The Essentials of Our Faith* Dean Franklin

The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. Obedience to the Great Commission requires total commitment to "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us." He calls us to a life of self-denying love and service. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

**\*Hymn #589** (1,2 & 4) *Take My Life (Holiness)*

**Scripture** *Luke 10:1-9*

**Sermon** *Lambs Among Wolves: Our Mission* Martin Lifer

**\*Hymn #440** *Here I Am, Lord*

**\*Benediction** Martin Lifer

**\*Congregational Response Three-fold Amen**

**Postlude** Jennifer Blackburn



*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*



*If you are interested in providing flowers for an upcoming Sunday, please reach out to Olivia in the Church Office at 662-323-1994*

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**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](https://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).*

**Lambs Among Wolves: Our Mission**

Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ February 25, 2024/ Luke 10:1-9

**Jesus' Life, Mission & Kingdom → Every True Christian's Life, Mission & Kingdom**

- 1) *All-in* Urgency, understanding that Time is Short
- 2) Prayer-based
- 3) Lamblike – Dependent & Prophetic Ambassadors of Peace

There are wolves in WG prison, but Jesus' transformed witnesses stand out as \_\_\_\_\_

**Christians: decisively & actively \_\_\_\_\_, because our Lord is the Lamb.**

Romans 12:1-2 **Therefore**,... by God's mercies, offer YOUR bodies as a living & holy sacrifice,... **Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, ...**

**God's Gospel upends World's ways & wisdom: Shepherd = lamb, Self-sacrificial?! Gospel**

Mission: God sends His Son (King) to serve & die for sinners; is that Good?!

**Jesus' Life, Mission & Kingdom → OUR Life, Mission & Kingdom**

The Good Shepherd sends his sheep out as lambs among wolves; is that Good?!

**Rome = Wolves: Military Conquest & Power; Religion of Patriotism, Success & Wealth**

**There are Wolves Outside *and* Inside Judaism ... *and* Outside & Inside the Visible Church**

**Lk. 10:1 - After *these things*....**

"It is necessary for the Son of Man to suffer many things and to be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and to be killed, and on the third day to be raised." *Lk. 9:22*

Isaiah 53:7;11 - **like a lamb** led to the slaughter; He shall see light and be satisfied

**"If anyone wants to *[follow]* Me, deny himself, take up his cross daily & follow Me."** *Lk. 9:23*

- spoke of his **exodus**, which **He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.** *Lk. 9:31*

- days were being fulfilled for his ascension, **He set His Face to go to Jerusalem** *Lk. 9:51*

- "Because the LORD God helps me, therefore, **I have set his face like flint...."** *Is. 50:7*

- beautiful on mountains are the feet of him who brings good news:... "Your God reigns!" *Is. 51:7*

- three would-be disciples fail at the appointed time to join Jesus' advance-party. *Lk. 9:57-62*

**Every Christian's Response to the Mission of Witnessing for Christ & His Kingdom:**

**1) *All-in* Urgency, understanding that Time is Short**

**Lk. 10:1 - After *these things*, the Lord also appointed 72 others and sent them two-by-two, before His Face,** to every town and place where He Himself was about to go.

*Lk. 10:9 - "Heal the sick in it & say to them, "The Kingdom of God has come near to you.""*

**2) Prayer-based (*believing in & praying to Christ as the Lord of the Harvest Who sends us*)**

**10:2 - And He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.**

**3) Lamblike – Dependent & Prophetic Ambassadors of Peace**

**10:3 – "Go! Behold! I am sending you as lambs in the midst of wolves" & following verses**