

**Prayer List**

Charlie Guest  
 Albert Clark  
 Earline Howell (Wallace Cade's Aunt)  
 John Clark Packer  
 Cynthia Ware  
 Jennifer Blackburn  
 Gloria Gentry  
 Barbara Johnson  
 Bettie Cummings  
 Jack Thompson (Alex Adam's Uncle)  
 Rubye Guest  
 Margaret Collins  
 Roxene Atkinson  
 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  
 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

**FPC Officers**

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

**Session of Elders**

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

**Board of Deacons**

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

**Wednesday, August 30, Dinner Menu**

Adult Plate: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, & apple maple cake.  
 Kids Plate: Corndog nuggets, french fries & 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, August 28th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WOMENS BIBLE STUDY**

Ladies,  
 Join us for this bible study where 6 beloved teachers will guide us through a prayer from the Bible that can inspire and transform your own prayer life. We will meet on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall


Books are \$25 and available in the FPC office!



*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.



Everyone is invited to the

**Roberson's Diapers & Wipes Shower + Goodbye Lunch**

AUGUST 27 | AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE

Join us for a time of thanksgiving for the Roberson Family!



**TEAM COLORS SUNDAY**

**September 17**

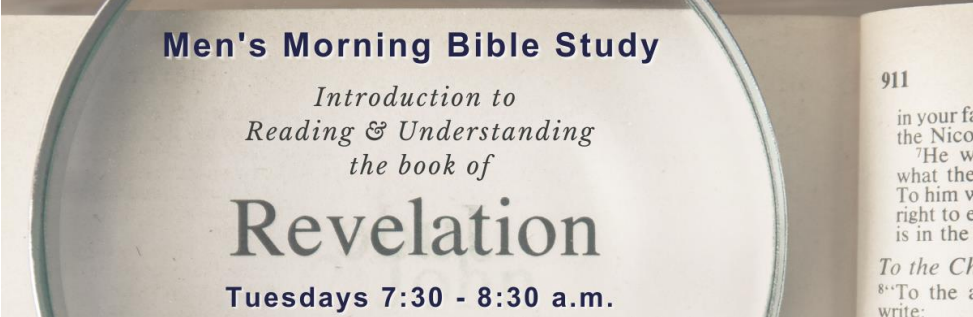


**Men's Morning Bible Study**

Introduction to Reading & Understanding the book of

**Revelation**

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




**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STARKVILLE**

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

August 27, 2023  
 Thirteenth Lord's Day  
 After Pentecost

*He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers, I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'*



REVELATION 2:7

**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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**Prelude** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Marquita Beaty

**Welcome & Announcements** Martin Lifer

————— *God Calls Us* —————

**Call to Worship** *Psalm 145* Dean Franklin

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

**and his greatness is unsearchable.**

The LORD is gracious and merciful,

**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

The LORD is good to all,

**and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

**and all your saints shall bless you!**

**\*Invocation**

**\*Hymn #68** *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

————— *God Cleanses Us* —————

**Confession of Sin** Dean Franklin

Almighty and most merciful Father,

**We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name.**

**\*Assurance of God's Grace**

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

————— *God Consecrates Us* —————

**Call to Give God His Tithes & Our Offerings** Reid Roberson

**Offertory** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Marquita Beaty

**Thanksgiving for Reid & Madeleine Roberson**

**Prayer of Intercession** Martin Lifer

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

**\*Confession of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* Reid Roberson

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into

heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

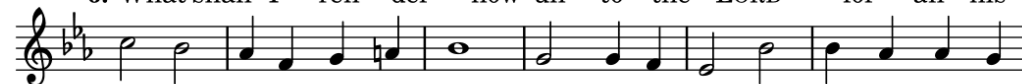
**Good News for Children** Dean Franklin

**Anthem** *With A Word* Chancel Choir

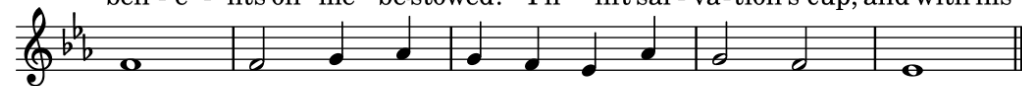
**\*Psalm 116** *I Love the Lord, for He Has Heard My Voice* EVENTIDE



1. I love the LORD, for he has heard my voice; he heard my  
5. I spoke in ang-uish, though I still be-lieved: "I'm great-ly  
6. What shall I ren-der now un-to the LORD for all his



pleas for mercy and for grace. Since he inclined his ear to my re-  
troubled by my pain and grief." Filled with a-larm, I said in my dis-  
ben-e-fits on me bestowed? I'll lift sal-va-tion's cup, and with his



quest, I'll call on him as long as life shall last.  
may, "All men speak lies, and falsehood is their way."  
saints I'll pay my vows and call up-on his name.

**Prayer for Illumination** Martin Lifer

**Scripture** *Revelation 2:1-7* Pew Bible p. 1028

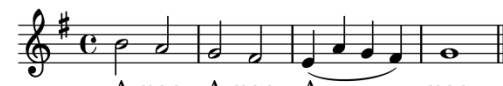
**Sermon** *Remember, Repent and Return to Living Love* Martin Lifer

————— *God Commissions Us* —————

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

**\*Benediction** Martin Lifer

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



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

**Postlude** *The Master Hath Come* Marquita Beaty



*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*



Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Ellen Mauldin in memory of Tom Mauldin. *If you are interested in giving flowers for worship, please contact Olivia in the church office.*

### 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 or Reid Roberson, or send an email to Pastor Martin at [mwlifer3@gmail.com](mailto:mwlifer3@gmail.com)*



### Remember, Repent, and Return to Living Love

[Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ August 27, 2023]

**The Seven (7) Edicts/Messages to Seven (7) Churches in Revelation 2-3.**

**Ephesus & Church (1<sup>st</sup> Century)** Emperor Domitian

**Jesus describes Himself in relation to His Church in Revelation 2:1-7 -**

**“The words of Him (1) Who holds the seven stars in his right hand, (2) Who walks among the seven golden lampstands.... (3) I know your works....”**

*To the angel of His Church at Ephesus: Commendations, Conviction, Commands, Caveat*

**Commendations** **Conviction**

**Commandments:** (1) **REMEMBER,**

(2) **REPENT,**

& (3) **RETURN - DO the works you did at first!**

**Caveat**

**Exhortation & Promise to the Churches for Conquerors/Overcomers → *Tree of Life in the Paradise of God***

### Notice of Congregational Meeting on September 10th

On Sunday, September 10, at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary, there will be a called Congregational Meeting for the purpose of the election of our 2026 Officer Class. *If there are no nominations from the floor, an election will be held on that day.*

**Nominees presented by the Congregation's Elected Nominating Committee for the Session Class of 2026 and the Diaconate Class of 2026**

The nominees for the office of elder are Jim Beaty, Carl Ivey, John Kelley & Andrew George. The nominees for the office of deacon are Alex Massingill, Jack Atkins, Jay Cook, and Richard Blackburn. *Nominee bios will be available next week.*

*There will be no fellowship time between the services. Please promptly make your way to the Sanctuary after Sunday school releases.*