

## Prayer List

Janice, Kirk, Elliot Kinard & family following the death of PeeWee Kinard  
 The family of Robert Stringer following his death  
 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

### FPC Officers

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

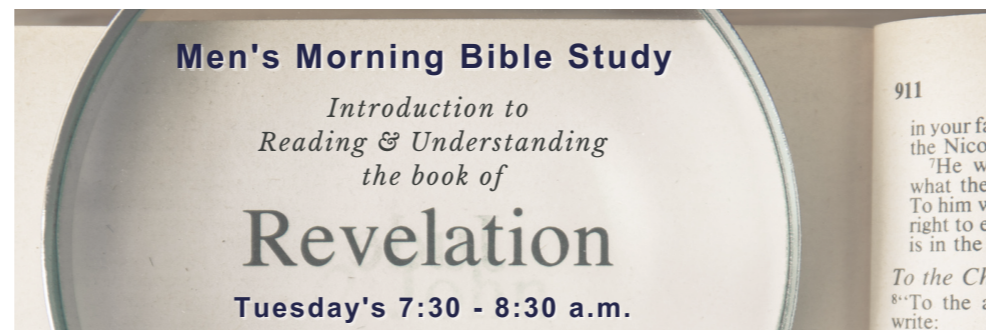
### Session of Elders

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

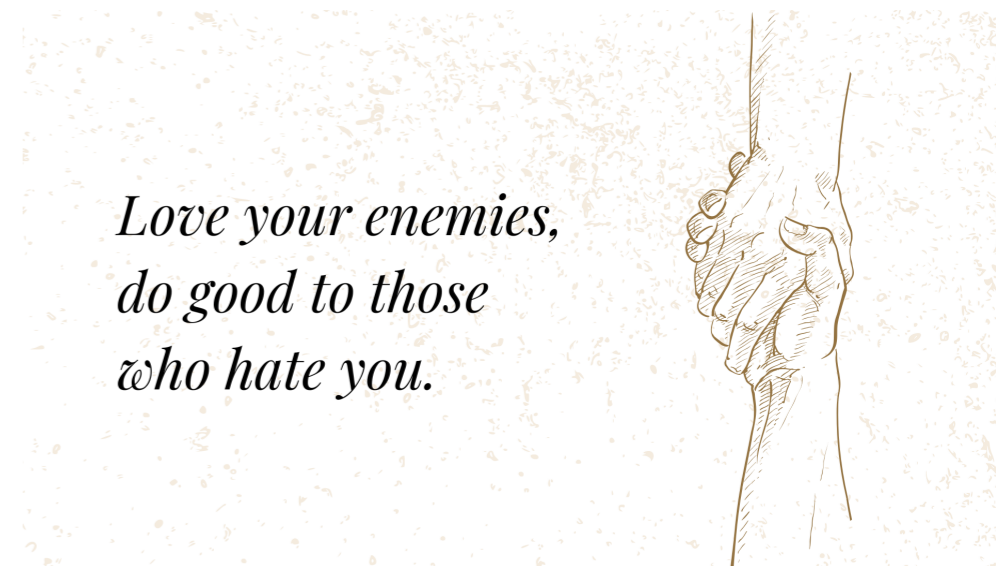
Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Debbie Cooper	Bob Boyd	Haley Graves
Johnny Folsom	Boston Hampton	Wayne Huberty
Mike Jackson	Robbie Holditch	Dalton Miller
Alex Massingill	Jackie Mullen	Caitlin Rackley

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

*July 30, 2023*  
*Ninth Lord's Day After Pentecost*



### 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** Jennifer Blackburn

**Welcome & Announcements** Reid Roberson

————— *God Calls Us* —————

**\*Call to Worship** *Lk. 6:20-23, Ps. 118:24* Reid Roberson

Blessed are you who are poor,

**for yours is the kingdom of God.**

Blessed are you who are hungry now,

**for you shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are you who weep now,

**for you shall laugh.**

Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of Man!

**Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.**

This is the day that the LORD has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**\*Invocation**

**\*Hymn #40 (vv. 1-4)** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* OLD 100TH

————— *God Cleanses Us* —————

**Confession of Sin** Reid Roberson

Almighty, everlasting God and Father,

**We confess and acknowledge to You that we were conceived in unrighteousness, and are full of sin and transgression in all our life, as those who do not perfectly believe Your Word nor follow Your holy commandments. We implore You, remember Your goodness and for Your name's sake be gracious to us and forgive us our wrongdoing, which indeed is great.**

**\*Assurance of God's Grace** *Romans 5:9-10*

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

**For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.**

**\*Hymn** *Doxology* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; O praise Him! Alleluia!*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

————— *God Consecrates Us* —————

**Call to Give God His Tithes & Our Offerings** Dean Franklin

**Offertory**

**\*Confession of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* Dean Franklin

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

**Special Music**

*Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountains*

Ensemble

**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.**

**\*Hymn #432**

*Speak, O Lord*

SPEAK, O LORD

**Prayer for Illumination**

Martin Lifer

**Scripture**

*Luke 6:27-36*

Pew Bible p. 862

**Sermon**

*Touch the Ocean of God's Love*

Martin Lifer

————— *God Commissions Us* —————

**\*Hymn #237**

*I Stand Amazed in the Presence*

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

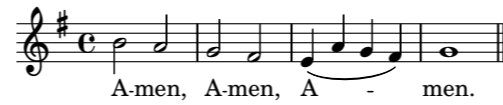
**\*Benediction**

Martin Lifer

**\*Sung Response**

*Threefold Amen*

DANISH



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

**Postlude**

Jennifer Blackburn



*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

### Officer Nominations

The Nominating Committee is looking for confidential suggestions for officers. Forms are available at the tables in the front and back of the Fellowship Hall.

**Suggestions are due by July 31.**

### 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)*



### Touch the Ocean of God's Love

[Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ July 30, 2023]

**“Love your enemies; do \_\_\_\_\_ to those who hate you....\_\_\_\_\_ for those who abuse you.”** Lk. 6:27-28

**“You never so touch the ocean of God's love so much as when you love and forgive your enemies.”** / **“There is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still.”** Corrie Ten Boom

### CRISIS, CONVERSION, CALLING

**Christ's Command takes us to the Crucible of the Cross**

**→ to set us free to trust in God our Father & His Fully-Sufficient Blessings**

**→ so that we are reconciled to God & Christ's ambassadors even to our “enemies.”**

**“Don't hate, Corrie. Pray for that woman!”** *Betsie whispered [re a brutal Concentration Camp guard]. “THEY know how to hate and look what it's done to THEM!* Ten Boom, *The Hiding Place*

*Living Faith:* not merely *notitia*, or even *notitia + assensus* only, but also *fiducia*. Phillip Melancthon

**Saving faith:** *more than Information but also \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_*

Be transformed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_, *so that by testing* you may discern what is the will of God – **what is good & acceptable & perfect.** Rom. 12:2; cf. Rom. 5:10, 2 Cor. 5:16-21

“Persistence in prayer for someone we don't like... brings ... a remarkable change in attitude.” F.F. Bruce

*“This idea came from the Christians of the Marako people. They say, ‘No...! If the gospel is coming for us, we want it to come for them [enemy Mesquan tribe] too.’* Samson Usmael, Great Commission Ministry Ethiopia

But love your enemies, and do good (to them), and **lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.** Lk. 6:35-36

“The command to love your enemy is **a command to find your hope and satisfaction in God and his great reward, not in the way people treat you.**” John Piper

**“[Christ] gives, along with the command, the love itself.”** Corrie Ten Boom; see Rom. 5:1-5