

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-eighth Day of February, Two Thousand Sixteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Guest Minister — The Reverend Mr. Jason L. Sterling

Reformed University Fellowship Campus Minister at the University of Mississippi

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman

Minister of Mission and Outreach

At the time of the Greetings and Announcements and during the Prelude, the congregation is invited to a season of silent and reverent preparation for corporate worship.

The Greetings and Announcements (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)

The Prelude — “Sun of My Soul” H.A. Matthews
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — “He Is Lord!” David Clydesdale
With Kathryn Edwards, Pianist

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 263** — “Lift High the Cross”

The Campus Ministry Report — 8:30 – Jeff Jordan, Mississippi College
11:00 – Ben Shaw, University of Southern Mississippi

The Prayer

‡* **The Hymn**

“My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.”

The Campus Ministry Report — 8:30 – Seth Starkey, Belhaven University
11:00 – Brian Sorgenfrei, Mississippi State University

The Prayer

‡ **The Hymn** — “Facing a Task Unfinished” (See Morning Guide)

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet” Wayne Goodine
With Rene Young, Soloist

“It matters not where you have been; it matters not what you have done;
for there is cleansing from every sin in the blood of God’s own Son.

Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as wool,
though they be red like crimson, they shall be white as snow.

Rise to walk a brand-new man; oh, how great the mystery!

By His grace, you can be made whole, and by His blood you are set free.

Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as wool,
though they be red like crimson, they shall be white as snow.

Come be washed today in the blood of the Lamb.

Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow.

Though they be red like crimson, they shall be white as snow.”

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The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Mark 5:1-20 (Pew Bible page 840)

The Sermon — “Grace that Restores” Mr. Sterling

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 457** — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — William Matthias
“As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end, Amen!”

The Postlude — “Toccatina in E Minor” Johann Pachelbel

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

Facing a Task Unfinished



1. Fac - ing a task un - fin - ished That drives us to our knees
2. Where oth - er lords be - side Thee Hold their un - hin - dered sway
3. We bear the torch that flam - ing Fell from the hands of those
4. O Fa - ther who sus - tained them O Spir - it who in - spired



A need that, un - di - min - ished Re - bukes our sloth - ful ease
Where forc - es that de - fied Thee De - fy Thee still to - day
Who gave their lives pro - claim - ing That Je - sus died and rose.
Sav - ior, whose love con - strained them To toil with zeal un - tired



We, who re - joice to know Thee Re - new be - fore Thy throne
With none to heed their cry - ing For life, and love, and light
Ours is the same com - mis - sion The same glad mes - sage ours
From cow - ard - ice de - fend us From leth - ar - gy a - wake!



The sol - emn pledge we owe Thee To go and make Thee known.
Un - num - bered souls are dy - ing And pass in - to the night.
Fired by the same am - bi - tion To Thee we yield our pow'rs.
Forth on Thine er - rands send us To la - bour for Thy sake.



We go to all the world With king - dom hope un - furled



No oth - er name has pow'r to save But Je - sus Christ The Lord.

RUF SUNDAY

What is RUF?

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) is a Christian college ministry serving over 150 college campuses across the country. As a ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America, RUF holds to the convictions of historic Christianity which motivate our hearts for God and love for the university. These convictions include the need for new life in Christ, the authority of Scripture, and the mission of the Church to reach and equip all people with the message of the gospel.

RUF CAMPUS MINISTERS

Jeff Jordan - Mississippi College

Jeff became the RUF Campus Minister at Mississippi College in June 2012. Prior to coming to MC, Jeff worked with RUF at the University of Texas at Tyler for six years. Jeff is originally from Madison, MS, and received his undergraduate degree in English with a minor in Journalism at Mississippi State University. He earned his Masters of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS. His wife, Dominique, is from Fort Worth, TX. Following college, she worked with RUF as an intern at Mississippi State for three years, which is where she met Jeff. They have four children - Jeffrey, Wells, Henry, and Caroline.

Ben Shaw - University of Southern Mississippi

Ben grew up in North Louisiana, but moved to Mississippi for college at 18. After marrying a Mississippi girl (Marianna) and now spending almost half of his life in the Magnolia State, he is proud to call it home. Ben and Marianna both attended Ole Miss, but met later in Jackson, while Ben was a student at Reformed Theological Seminary. They have been married since 2008, the same week that they moved to Hattiesburg to serve with RUF. They have two boys - Benji and Henry.

Brian Sorgenfrei - Mississippi State University

Brian was born and raised in Jackson, MS, and graduated from Ole Miss. After graduation, Brian worked for two years with RUF as an intern at Auburn University. He then got married and moved to Jackson to attend Reformed Theological Seminary. While in seminary, he worked with college students at First Presbyterian Church and Millsaps College. Upon completing seminary, Brian was ordained, and he and Liza moved to Starkville, MS, to work with RUF at Mississippi State University. They have three children - Shelby, Annie, and Clark.

Seth Starkey - Belhaven University

Seth was born and raised in Greenville, SC. He graduated from Newberry College in 2007 and 10 weeks later began his studies at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC. During seminary he became the ministerial intern at Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC, and continued in that role until his graduation from RTS in 2010. Following graduation, he was ordained as the Assistant Minister at Second Presbyterian. Seth is married to the former Laura Lee Patterson from Knoxville, TN. She graduated from UT Knoxville in 2005. They have two sons - Sam and Charlie. The Starkeys are thankful for the great privilege of impacting the lives of college students through the ministry of RUF.

GUEST MINISTER

Jason Sterling - University of Mississippi

Jason was born and raised in Kentucky and graduated from Samford University in 1997. After graduation he spent three years in pharmaceutical sales before earning a Masters of Divinity degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, graduating in 2005. His wife, Susie, graduated from Samford in 2000. In the Fall of 2005, Jason moved back to Birmingham to continue RUF at Samford University. After six years in Birmingham, Jason was called to The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) in the Fall of 2011. Jason and Susie are the proud parents of four girls - Kate, Elizabeth, Anne Wright, and Eva.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6, SUNDAY SCHOOL
BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

PATTERSON HALL

Cornerstone
College
20 Something
Providence
Salt & Light

LOWE HALL

Life Learners
Stewards
Shepherds
Pilgrims
Lamplighters

MILLER HALL

Young Seekers
Singles & Doubles
Fellowship
Covenant
First Ladies
Brotherhood

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Sunday

Pre-Service Announcements — 8:25 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Prayer for Worship Service — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133
The Learning Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.
 (Library only)
Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. in various locations
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Children's Church for 3 and 4-year-olds — during 11:00 a.m.
 worship service in Kindergarten Suite
11th & 12th Grade Lunch with Campus Ministers — 12:00 noon
 in the Gym
RUF Panel Discussion — 12:45 p.m. in Various Locations
Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:40 p.m. in the Music Suite
Prayer for Mission Conference — 5:15 p.m. in the Church Parlor
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
Pre-Service Announcements — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary
RUF Reception — 7:00 p.m. in LH
No Senior High Insight

Monday

Circle Bible Teachers Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in WH204
WIC Council Meeting — 9:30 a.m. in PH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210

Tuesday

"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Management Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC
Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Mission Conference Welcome Luncheon — 12:00 noon in MH
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the
 Gym/Playground
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children's Mission Time — 6:30 p.m. in PH/Company Room
Mid-week Mission Conference Worship Service — 6:30 p.m.
 in the Sanctuary
Young Adults Men's Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

Discipleship Committee Meeting — 7:00 a.m. in MH
"The Envy of Eve: Pursuit of Contentment" Bible Study —
 9:30 a.m. in PH
"Son of God: the Gospel of Matthew" Bible Study — 9:45 a.m.
 in MH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Mission Conference Ladies' Luncheon — 11:15 a.m. in MH

Friday

Men of the Covenant Mission Luncheon — 11:45 a.m. in MH

Saturday

Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH

CH - College House

LH - Lowe Hall

M - Main Floor

MCR - Ministers

Conference Room

MH - Miller Hall

MS - Music Suite

PH - Patterson Hall

YH - Youth House

SC - Study Center

WH - Westminster Hall

HC - Hutton Chapel

LRC - Learning Resource
Center

SR - Session Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

II THESSALONIANS 3:1

“Finally, brethren, pray for us...” **Bruce & Pam Sinclair** – Serving as leader of the East African ministry training team with Mission to the World in Uganda. Email: bpsinclair@gmail.com. **Scott & Katie Moore** – Serving as church planters in the Trinity Gardens area of Mobile, AL. Email: scott@trinityfam.org.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Florence and Fred Wallace.

PRAYER FOR THE MISSION CONFERENCE

Please join us for a time of prayer for the upcoming Mission Conference beginning this evening in the Parlor at 5:15 p.m.

RUF RECEPTION TONIGHT

All are invited to an RUF Reception immediately following the evening service tonight in Lowe Hall.

2016 MISSION CONFERENCE — MARCH 2-6

Please join us for our annual mission conference with Dave & Jan, Bo & Marty Bowen, Daniel & Katy Brink, Bassam Chedid (*Children of Abraham*), Dale & Susan Ellison, Rick & Jen Holbert (*CMDA*), Coby McGinty, Clarke & Krystya Norton, Kyle Parker, Josh & Gina Rieger, and Michael & Roxanne Winebrenner.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, March 20. Space is available for the 8:30 service only. To make your reservation, please contact Lisa Walters at 601-973-9102 or lisaw@fpcjackson.org.

MEN'S WEEKLY EMAIL DEVOTIONALS

Men, start each week off with God's word in your inbox with our new "Monday Morning Quarterback" devotionals. Each Monday, you'll receive an emailed devotional from Dr. Gabe Fluhrer. To sign up, go to <http://fpcj.ms/mendevo>.

JUNIOR HIGH SPRING RETREAT

Junior High Students and Sixth Graders are invited to join FPCYM for the annual Junior High Spring Retreat, April 15-17, 2016, at Shocco Springs Conference Center, outside Birmingham, AL. The cost is \$142, but sign up by March 5, and pay \$100. Contact Jenny Sanders at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org for more information. To sign up, visit www.fpcjackson.org/discipleship/youth/upcoming-trips.

SENIOR ADULTS' DAY TRIP

Join us for a day trip to The National WWII Museum in New Orleans and Middendorf's Restaurant on Thursday, April 28. We will depart FPC at 7:00 a.m. and return by 7:00 p.m. For more information check the *First Epistle* or contact Lisa Walters at 601-973-9102 or lisaw@fpcjackson.org.

SUPPORT GROUP

If you are struggling with alcohol or other chemical dependence and would like to get together with people who share in the same struggles, we have a small and very safe group that meets regularly for just that purpose. This discreet, monthly meeting is one of friendship, encouragement, and biblical reflection. Personal anonymity is very important at this meeting. For more information, please call or text 601-260-1636. Also, every month a group of those who have family members (spouses, children, siblings, parents) who struggle with addiction meets for a time of mutual encouragement and Christ-centered counsel. Anonymity is required. For more information concerning the place and time of these meetings, call or text 601-260-0388.

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MISSION CONFERENCE MARCH 2-6, 2016

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, March 2:

12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. — Mission Committee's Welcome Luncheon (MH)

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. — Worship Service - Ian Hamilton preaching (Sanctuary)

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. — Children's Mission Time
4-year-old – 2nd grade — Rieger (Company room)
3rd grade – 6th grade — Ellison (Patterson)

Thursday, March 3:

11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. — Ladies' Mission Luncheon (Panel Discussion)

Friday, March 4:

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. — Men of the Covenant Mission Luncheon (Joe Bynum)

Sunday, March 6:

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship

9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. — Sunday School Breakout Sessions

4:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. — Dinner on the Grounds (Gym)

6:30 p.m. — Evening Worship

LADIES' LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 11:15 - 1:00 P.M. (MILLER HALL)

Ladies, please join us for our Mission Conference luncheon. There will be a panel discussion featuring Jan (MTW, Europe), Gina Rieger (MTW, England), Katy Brink (MTW, Spain), and Susan Ellison (Peru Mission, Peru). Paige Burke will moderate the discussion (question and answer format). Questions may be submitted to etmgreaves@gmail.com. The cost for the lunch is \$6 and will be taken at the door. A nursery is available upon request at the time of registration. You may also register by contacting the church at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

MEN OF THE COVENANT MISSION LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 11:45 - 1:00 P.M.

Men, join us this Friday, for our Men of the Covenant Mission Luncheon. We will hear Joe Bynum, FPC Senior Minister's Intern, and his testimony to God's redeeming grace. Reservations are not required and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. Please bring a friend, co-worker, or neighbor.

DINNER ON THE GROUNDS & GATEWAY CANNED FOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 4:45 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.

On Sunday evening we will gather in the gym at 4:45 p.m. for Dinner on the Grounds. Meat, bread, and serving utensils will be provided, and we ask that you bring a dish to feed 6-8 people according to the assignment of your last name in a disposable container.

A – F: Desserts; G – P: Vegetables; Q – Z: Salad

Nursery will be provided. The Worship Service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Please be sure to bring your canned goods for the Gateway Food Drive!