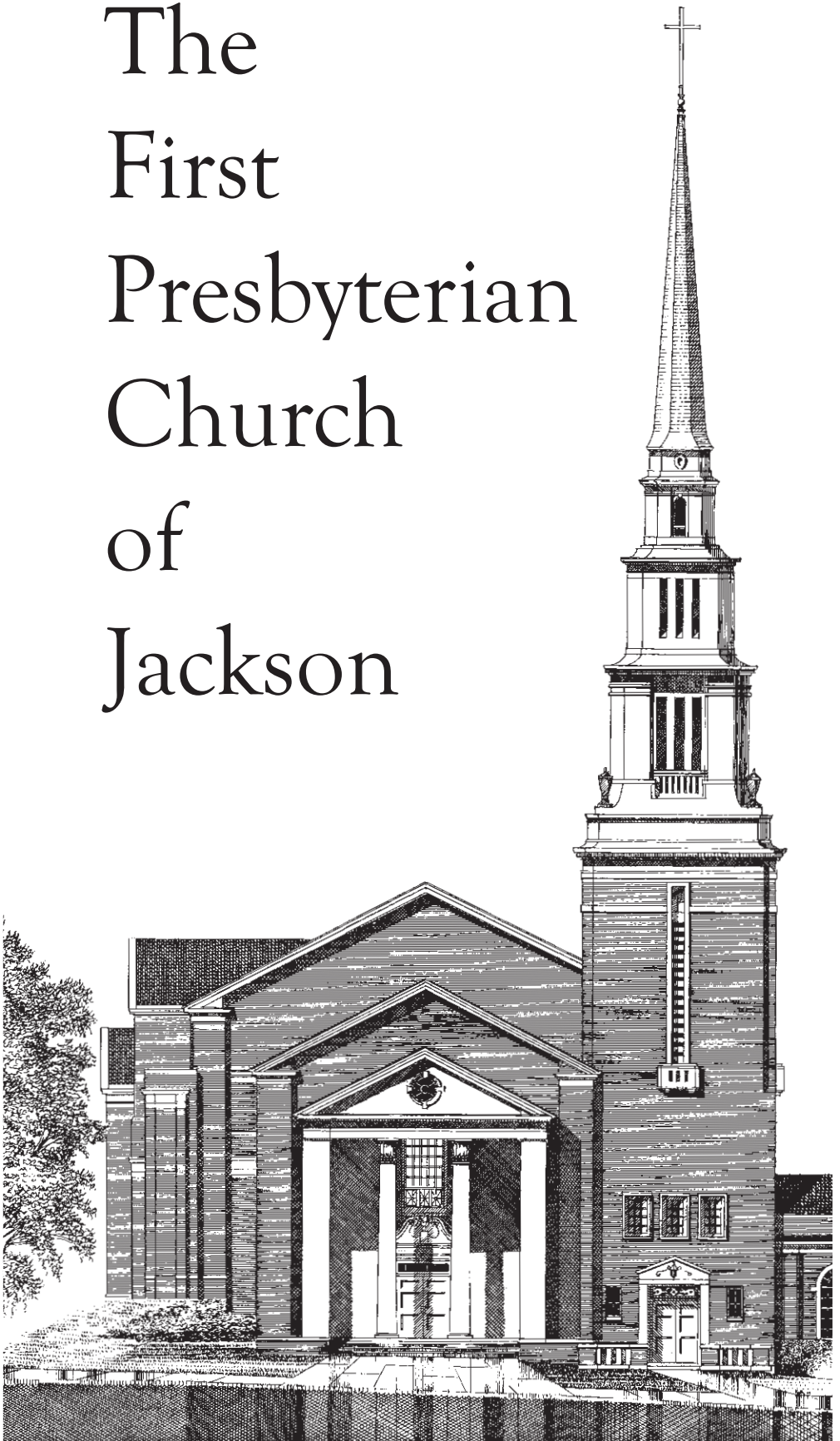


The  
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Jackson



*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty Ninth Day of December, Two Thousand Thirteen  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey  
Minister of Discipleship

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William F. Joseph III  
Minister of Congregational Care

*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** (8:20 and 10:50 a.m.)

**The Prelude** — "Pastorale" .....James Mansfield  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Call to Worship**

\*‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 12** — "Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim"

**The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

**The Scripture Reading** — Matthew 6:25-34 (Pew Bible pages 811-812)

\*‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 32** — "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**The Morning Prayer**

‡ **The Hymn No. 642** — "Be Thou My Vision"

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Offertory** — "The Coventry Carol" .....Mark Hayes  
Gena Everitt, Soloist

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (Pew Bible page 554)

**The Sermon** — "For Everything a Season" ..... Mr. Dempsey

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 699** — "Like a River Glorious"

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Congregational Response**

"Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Mold me, melt me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me."

**The Postlude** — "Glorious Day In David's Town" ..... G.F. Handel

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III  
Minister of Pastoral Care

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey  
Minister of Discipleship

**The Announcements and Words of Preparation (5:50 p.m.)**

**The Prelude** — “Aria Simplice” ..... S. Karg-Elert  
William Wymond, Organist

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 363** — “We Gather Together”

‡ **The Invocation**

**The Evening Hymn** — “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”  
(See Evening Guide)

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Al Chestnut

**The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Offertory**

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

For children currently in 4 year-old through 3rd grade Sunday School

**The Song No. 572** — “Onward, Christian Soldiers” (Stanza 4)

**The Children’s Catechism No. 143**

Q. “What is hell?”

A. “A place of terrible and endless punishment.”

**The Scripture** — Isaiah 59:1-2; Nahum 1:2, 6; Matthew 7:21-23;  
Romans 3:23; II Thessalonians 1:7-9; Hebrews 10:31;  
Revelation 6:15-17

**The Meditation** ..... Jason Wegener, Mission Intern

**The Prayer** ..... (The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 94** — “How Firm a Foundation” (Stanzas 1-5)

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — 1 Corinthians 1:4-10 (Pew Bible page 952)

**The Sermon** — “God is Faithful” ..... Mr. Lowry

‡ **The Benediction and Response No. 94** — “How Firm a Foundation” (Stanza 6)

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,

I will not, I will not desert to his foes;

That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,

I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

**The Postlude** — “Postlude on ‘Winchester New’” ..... C. S. Lang

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

**To All Our  
Visitors**

We are delighted that you are here with us today. Our hope is that your understanding and love of Jesus Christ will grow because of your visit. To answer any questions you might have, please come by our Greeting Courtyard through the doors on the south side (right side as you face the pulpit) of the sanctuary after the 8:30 a.m. or the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We would love to meet you.

# "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"



How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how  
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my  
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no



vast be - yond all meas - ure, that  
 sin up - on His shoul - ders, a -  
 gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom, but



He should give His on - ly Son to  
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice . call  
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His



make a wretch His treas - ure. How  
 out a - mong the scoff - ers. It  
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why



great the pain of sear - ing loss; the  
 was my sin that held Him there un -  
 should I gain from His re - ward? I



Fa - ther turns His face a - way, as  
 til it was ac - com - plished; His  
 can - not give an an - - swer. But



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring  
 dy - ing breath hasbrought me life - I  
 this I know with all my heart: His



man - y sons to glo - ry.  
 know that it is fin - ished.  
 wounds have paid my ran - som.



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# A Guide to the Morning Service

## Dr. Duncan Away Today

Dr. Duncan is away today speaking at a missions conference. There will be a reception on January 12th at 4:00 p.m. to honor the Duncans, followed by Dr. Duncan preaching a farewell message at our evening service.

## The Scripture Reading

### Matthew 6:25–34. Jesus's discourse against anxiety

This passage is a prose poem and is so suffused with parallel constructions that it could be printed as a poem. It is a mood piece in which the combination of commands, imagery, and logic actually instills the freedom from worry that the passage prescribes. Jesus awakens our sentiment for nature and then turns that imagery into a "how much more" argument. The passage is also highly rhetorical or persuasive: Jesus (a) uses interspersed rhetorical questions as a persuasive device, (b) issues direct commands, and (c) employs a subtle logic in His argument (leading us to see that worrying is both useless and evidence of lack of faith in God). (Literary Study Bible, Crossway)

### MID-SOUTH MEN'S RALLY

January 31, 2014

Men, please join us for our annual Mid-South Men's Rally. Our speaker this year will be The Reverend Mr. Sandy Willson, senior minister of Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee. No advance registration is necessary. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:15 p.m., with the first session beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

### 2014 MISSIONS CONFERENCE

February 23 – March 2, 2014

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the 2014 Missions Conference! If you would like to provide housing or a meal for one or more of our missionaries, please contact the Mission Department at 601-973-9125 or missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 1	No Mid-week Activities
Wednesday, January 1	Church Offices are Closed for New Year's Day
Monday, January 6	Day School Returns from Christmas Break
Sunday, January 12	* Morning Services/Lord's Supper - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, January 12	* Farewell Reception for the Duncan Family - 4:00 p.m. in Lowe Hall
Sunday, January 12	* Evening Service/Dr. Duncan's Farewell Sermon - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 15	Farewell Reception for Billy and Marian Joseph - 5:00 p.m. in Miller Hall
Thursday, January 16	* "Friday" Forum - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Speaker: Derek Thomas <i>Topic: Christianity and Science</i>
Sunday, January 19	* Morning Services/Baptisms - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Friday, January 31	Mid-South Men's Rally - 5:15 p.m. Speaker: Sandy Willson

\* Nursery Provided

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 29, 2013

<b>Sunday</b>	<p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 8:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p><b>Prayer for Worship Service</b> — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (Library only)</p> <p><b>Sunday School</b> — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>College Sunday School</b> — 9:50 a.m. in the CH</p> <p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)</p> <p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p><b>No Senior High Insight</b></p>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>No Scheduled Activities</b></p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>No Scheduled Activities</b></p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Church Offices are Closed</b></p> <p><b>Happy New Year!</b></p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>No Scheduled Activities</b></p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>No Scheduled Activities</b></p>
<b>Saturday</b>	<p><b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b> — 7:30 a.m. in MH</p>

**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...” **Alonzo & Esther Ramirez**- Teaching and publishing reformed theological literature with Christian Missionary Society. Mailing address: JR. LOS ALAMOS 158, URB. EL INGENIO, CAJAMARCA - PERU. Email address: ssagustin21@yahoo.com.

**Scott & Katie Moore**- serving as Church Planters with Mission to North America in Mobile, AL. Mailing address: 124 Vanderbilt Drive, Mobile, AL 36608; Email address: smoore1517@gmail.com.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Boyd Thompson — December 18, 2013

Mrs. Helen Ford — December 21, 2013

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are from the wedding of Anna Catherine Pollock and Wesley Holmes Rayner in loving honor of Thomas H. Bowen, Jr., grandfather of the bride and in memory of Mrs. Betty McLendon Bowen, grandmother of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wesley Hardin, Sr., and Mr. Walter Holmes Rayner, grandparents of the groom.

## YEAR-END GIVING REMINDERS

If you are planning to donate stock to First Presbyterian Church before the end of the year 2013, please notify Earl Davis in the Business Office at 601-973-9107. In order for year-end church contributions to be deducted on your 2013 tax return, they must be received at First Presbyterian Church on or before December 31, 2013. The offices will be open from 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. and you may give online until midnight on December 31, 2013, for your convenience. If you mail your contribution, the envelope must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2013. Security will be posted on the south side of the church (Pinehurst St.) to receive any contribution that may be dropped off after office hours on December 31, 2013. All gifts received or postmarked after December 31, 2013, will apply to your 2014 contribution statement.

## MOMS BIBLE STUDY REGISTRATION

**Spring 2014**

**Like A Shepherd**

Parents and shepherds have similar responsibilities: guiding, feeding, tending, protecting, and a whole lot of prodding! The Bible’s wisdom literature is full of both principle and practice to help us in our desire to rear covenant children who will follow and love the Great Shepherd. Join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in Patterson Hall to pursue parenting that will both honor God and provide your children with a firm foundation on which to build life. Hear how the Good Shepherd leads us through sibling rivalries, willful disobedience, peer pressure, and other topics of interest and necessity. Small and large group discussions, Bible teaching, panel discussions with seasoned mentors and weekly fellowship are designed with you, mothers of children through the 6th grade, in mind. Call Laura Barbour at 601-366-3073 or email her at laurabarbour@comcast.net beginning January 1 to sign up.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Marathon Conference**

March 21-22, 2014

Twin Lakes Conference Center

Speaker: The Reverend Mr. John Sartelle

Watch for more information.

## “FRIDAY” FORUM

Friday Forum will be on Thursday, January 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Derek Thomas will be speaking (Derek couldn’t be with us on Friday, so he’s coming for a Thursday night.) The topic for this Forum will be *Christianity and Science*. Nursery is available for children 5 and under if requested. There will be a meal from Newk’s for \$6. Please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or at shannonc@fpcjackson.org to sign up.

## BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, January 19, 2014. Space is available for both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. To make your reservation, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or email her at shannonc@fpcjackson.org.



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WBIW Prattville, AL

## THE SESSION

The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III, Senior Minister

John A. Crawford, Clerk	Stephen M. Edwards	Wiley P. Lowry, Jr.	Mark A. Sorgenfrei
James S. Armstrong	James D. Elkin	George W. May, Jr.	Paul H. Stephenson III
J. Mark Baird	T. David Elkin	John H. McVey, Sr.	Marvin E. Stockett
D. Kyle Ball	George R. Fair	Robert B. Mims	William O. Stone, Jr.
McNeill Bartling III	Kenneth G. Fairly	J. Longstreet Minor III	Daniel B. Story II
Bryant R. Boswell	W. Craig Flowers	James L. Moore	Orrin H. Swayze, Jr.
John H. Bowen III	Marcial D. Forester, Jr.	William McNeill Moore	Tian C. Teh
Max P. Bowman	L. H. Fulcher, Jr.	Doyle B. Moorhead	Denny A. Terry
Forrest G. Bratley, Jr.	Alan F. Futvoye	J. Lee Owen, Jr.	Timothy M. Threadgill
Donald G. Breazeale	Claude W. Harbarger	Joel G. Payne, Jr.	Jim B. Tohill
John P. Buchanan	William K. Harper	William D. Payne, Sr.	Noel K. Toler, Jr.
Don B. Cannada	Samuel D. Hensley	William M. Penn	R. Barry Vickery
Al P. Chestnut	Paul Hurst	Thomas I. Rice III	Alan H. Walters
Stuart H. Clarke	W. Wayne Husband	Richard L. Ridgway	T. Calvin Wells
C. David Cleland	W. Harper Keeler	Stephen W. Rosenblatt	A. Terrel Williams
William S. Cook	Crane D. Kipp	Richard W. Russ	Marcus M. Wilson
Robert A. Cunningham	Ralph H. Lord	A. Jerry Sheldon	Mark J. Windham
Arthur P. Davis	Robert Y. Love, Jr.	Jerrald L. Shivers	

Elders Emeriti: Thomas H. Bowen, Jr.; Victor B. Clark; Robert F. Cooper, Jr.; William H. Cox, Jr.; T. Doug Dale, Sr.; Owen C. Elder, Jr.; Frank H. Hagaman; W. Jefferson Hamm, Sr.; Homer Lee Howie, Sr.; Leland Hume, Jr.; H. Richard Johnson, Jr.; Leon E. Lewis, Jr.; Dickson R. Liddell; William A. Long, Jr.; A. William May; C. Eugene McRoberts, Jr.; Sidney A. Robinson, Jr.; Lewis Van Ness Rusling; Joel E. Varner

## THE DIACONATE

Douglas M. McDaniel Chairman	V. Reid Cotten	James R. House III	R. Weston Russ
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John H. Allgood III	Paul L. Cox	J. Dallis Ketchum	Malcolm Saxon III
Kirkpatrick Anderson	John A. Crawford, Jr.	Terry R. Levy	Kenneth C. Seawright
F. Hall Bailey	J. Holt Crews	Michael M. Manning	Jeff W. Skelton
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Kenneth C. Ball	Edward J. Currie, Jr.	Victor H. Meena, Jr.	William F. Sneed
Charles F. F. Barbour	Thomas D. Dale, Jr.	Robert A. Miller	Stewart C. Swayze
William H. Barbour III	Guy H. Davant III	James L. Moore, Jr.	L. Ford Terry
James M. Bateman	John Daniel Davis	J. Walter Newman IV	Robert L. Thomas
Lewis W. Bell	David B. Day	J.T. Noblin	Michael T. Tramel
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C. Glen Bush, Jr.	Zeb King Henson	S. Craig Robinson	Walter R. Woford, Jr.
	L. Lawrence Houchins, Jr.	Cy Rosenblatt	John H. Young III

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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:40 - 10:40 A.M.

Mr. William O. Stone, Jr., General Superintendent  
Mrs. Betsy Chestnut, Special Ed. Coordinator  
Mr. & Mrs. Crane Kipp, Churchtime Coordinators  
Mrs. Hall Bailey, Information Desk Coordinator

## THE CHURCH PROGRAM

### THE SUNDAY SERVICES:

\* Sunday School ..... 9:40 A.M.  
\* Morning Worship ..... 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.  
\* Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.  
Senior High Insight ..... 7:30 P.M.  
Communion ..... 2nd Sunday in January, April, July and October  
Baptism ..... 3rd Sunday in January, March, May, July, September, and November  
New Members Received 1st Sunday in February, April, June, August, October, and December at 5:15 p.m. in PH

\*THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING: ..... Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.  
Family Night Dinner ..... Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.  
Adult Bible Study ..... Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.  
Junior High Discipleship Groups ..... Wednesday, 5:00 P.M.  
Children's Activities ..... Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.

\*THE CHOIR REHEARSAL ..... Wednesday, 5:50 P.M.

### THE WOMEN IN THE CHURCH:

\*Administrative Council ..... First Monday, 9:30 A.M.  
\*Circles ..... Second Week

THE MEN OF THE COVENANT ..... First Thursday, 11:45 A.M.

THE SCOUTS: Boy Scouts (Troop 18) (Weekly) ..... Monday, 7:00 P.M.

THE SESSION MEETING ..... Second Monday, 7:00 P.M.

THE DIACONATE MEETING ..... Second Monday, 5:30 P.M.

\* A nursery for infants and pre-school children is maintained by the Church.