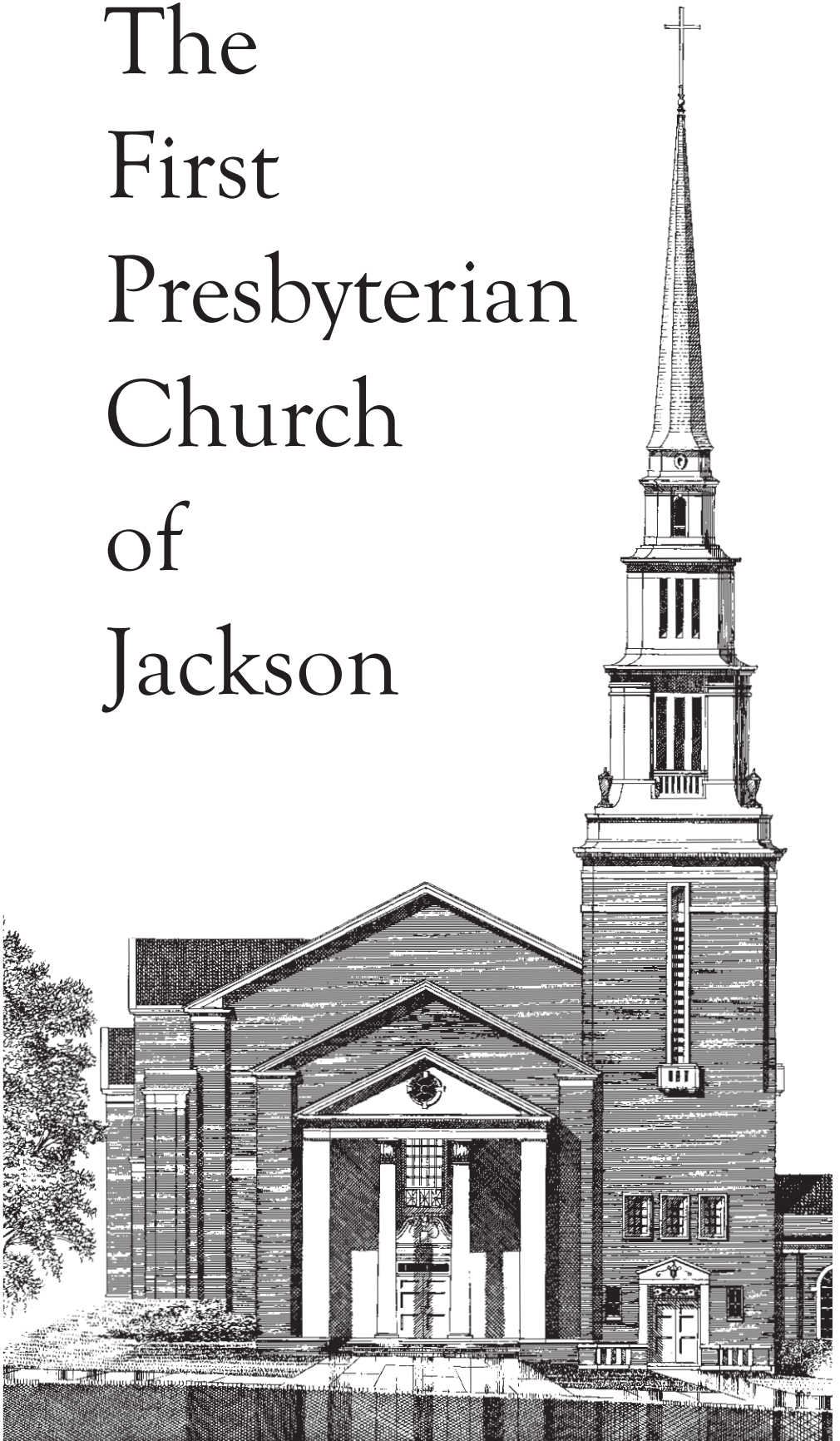


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighth Day of December, Two Thousand Thirteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III
Minister of Pastoral 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 — "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Paul Manz
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Ancient Chant
Sarah Little, Guest Director

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 207** — "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 23:1-6 (Pew Bible page 458)

*‡ **The Psalm of Response No. 87** — "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"
(Psalm 23)

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Carol No. 218** — "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Still, Still, Still" Warner/Wilberg
"Still, still, still, the child's eyes softly close.

And Mary breathless, draws Him, weeping, to her heart made pure for keeping.

Still, still, still, His bright eyes softly close.

Sing, sing, sing, He hears and sweetly smiles.

And kneeling, Joseph joins in chorus with the angels bending o'er us.

Sing, sing, sing, He hears and sweetly smiles.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, He breathes a tender sigh

For soon He'll wake the world from slumber, bringing life and endless wonder.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, He breathes a tender sigh.

Sleep, Holy Jesus, sleep, sleep, sleep."

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The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Hebrews 13:20-25 (Pew Bible page 1010)

The Sermon — *Better* "The Great Shepherd of the Sheep" Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 387** — "Now May He Who from the Dead"

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — "Five-Fold Amen" Wymond

The Postlude — "Joy to the World" arr. by Joel Raney
Dr. Dave Synder, Pianist

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡ Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Minister of Teaching and Mission

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker
Minister of Young Adults

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

The Prelude — “Of The Father’s Love Begotten”Arr. Rouse
Caroline Pillsbury, Pianist

The Call to Worship

‡**The Carol of Praise No. 203** — “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

‡**The Invocation**

The Evening Carol No. 193 — “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Bob Cunningham

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Cradle Song: Away in a Manger”
Elizabeth Brown, Soloist

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Song No. 541 — “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder” (Stanza 2)

The Children’s Catechism No. 141

Q. “Will the bodies of the dead be raised to life again?”

A. “Yes, when Christ returns, the bodies of the dead will be raised and joined to their souls forever.”

The Scripture — John 10:9-10; Romans 5:12; I Corinthians 15:42-44;
I Thessalonians 4:15-18; Revelation 3:19-22

The MeditationJames Robbins, Student Ministry Assistant

The Prayer(The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡**The Carol No. 195** — “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come” (Stanzas 1-3)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Matthew 27:11-50 (Pew Bible page 834)

The Sermon — “Why I Am a Christian”Mr. Strain

‡**The Benediction and Response No. 195** — “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”
(Stanza 4)

“He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.”

The Postlude — “ Silent Night” Arr. Mark Hayes

*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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Don't forget to register!

MOMS is a weekly Bible study for mothers of children 6th grade and under. It meets on Wednesdays in Patterson Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Starting Wednesday, January 15, MOMS will be studying parenting taught by Shirley Windham. Registration for new MOMS begins January 1. To register, contact Laura Barbour at 601-366-3073 or laurabarour@comcast.net.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday morning Bible study that meets from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. will be studying the book of Mark in a small group/book study format. To register contact Omega Stephens at 601-973-9115 or omegas@fpcjackson.org.

2014 COMMUNICANTS' CLASS

A new Communicants' Class will begin January 12, 2014, open to children in the 6th grade and up. All 6th graders have received forms in the mail to be completed and returned to the Christian Education office. Anyone else desiring to enroll in the class should call the Christian Education office 601-973-9115 to request a form.

CHRISTMAS BAGS FOR THE PRISON

December 1 through 18, we will be collecting donations for the women inmates of the Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl. Fill a clear Ziploc with a clear shampoo, a clear deodorant, and white crew socks. (Examples of clear shampoo are Suave, White Rain, and V05, etc. Examples of clear deodorant are Arrid Extra Dry, Secret Clear, Dry Idea Clear Gel, and Lady Speed Stick Gel. The athletic socks should be a size large in crew style.) Collection bins are located at the Visitors' Desk near the Day School office. Contact Gail Jones at 601-842-2297 or gbjones5@comcast.net if you have any questions.

DECEMBER CIRCLES

Monday, December 9, 9:30 a.m.

#8 Janet Davis

The Orchard

Monday, December 9, 9:45 a.m.

#5 Laura Blaylock and Bess Corbitt

Library

Monday, December 9, 10:00 a.m.

#2 Karan York

Maury Ball's home

2438 Culleywood Road

#3 Tot Bailey and Ginger Cotten

Tot Bailey's Home

2420 Sand Ridge Drive

#4 Rebecca Redman

Church Parlor

Monday, December 9, Noon

#14 Susan Turner & Marty May

(Brown Bag)

Miller Hall

Monday, December 9, 5:30 p.m.

#7 Marian Ware (Dinner) –

NOT MEETING!

Monday, December 9, 6:00 p.m.

#6 Fran Askew

Beth Archer's home

2257 E. Northside Drive

Tuesday, December 10, 10:00 a.m.

#9 Glenda Cox & Grace Toler

Church Parlor

#10 Diana Howie

Pat Stockett's Home

2405 Sand Ridge Drive

#11 Frenchie Graham and Ruth Tant

Youth House

#12 Nina Johnston & Rachel Bonner

St. Catherine's

Tuesday, December 10, Noon

#13 Maryla Delaney

Miller Hall

A Guide to the Morning Service

The Psalm, Hymn, and Spiritual Songs

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Today, we will sing this favorite Christmas song. The words of this Medieval Latin and German carol are variously attributed to Heinrich Suso (died 1366), Peter of Dresden (died 1440) and Valentin Triller (circa 1573). It was translated from Latin-German admixture to English by John Mason Neale and first appeared in his *Carols for Christmastide* (published in London, England, 1853). It was a great favorite in Germany until comparatively recent times.

It seems likely that the carol dates from “the time in the late 14th century when the creeping of the vernacular into sacred song was first noted. This practice aided the early reformers in introducing congregational singing in the vernacular into their services of worship. Luther, it will be remembered, violated it with all German rules of word order in joining German words to tunes with which the people were familiar.” John Mason Neale, the translator, caught the inspiration of the original text and transformed it into something suitable to English sentiment. The continued popularity of the carol is undoubtedly due in part to the swinging 14th century German melody to which it is set.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 8	* Morning Services - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. * Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 10	* WIC Christmas Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 11	* Children's Christmas Pageant - 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 15	* Morning Services - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. * Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 18	* Regular Mid-week Activities
Friday, December 20	Day School Dismissed for Christmas Break - 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 21	Bookstore Christmas Open House - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Free gift wrapping with purchase)
Sunday, December 22	* Morning Services - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 22	* Music of Christmas - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 24	* Family Christmas Eve Carol Service - 4:00 p.m.
December 24-25	Church Offices are Closed for Christmas
Wednesday, December 25	No Mid-week Activities
Sunday, December 29	* Morning Services - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. * Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.
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

* Nursery Provided

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 8, 2013

Sunday

Pre-Service Announcements — 8:20 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. – 10:45 a.m.
(Library only)
Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations
College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:40 p.m. in MH
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
(Library only)
Pre-Service Announcements — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Senior High Christmas Party — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the
Duncans (2215 Heritage Hill Drive)

Monday

Circles Meet This Week
NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&B
Diaconate Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in PH
Troop 18 — 7:00 p.m. in the Scout Room
Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in the MS

Tuesday

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202
Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in the MS
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
MNA Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Children's Choirs Rehearsal — 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&B
Presbytery Credentials Committee Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in WH202
WIC Christmas Dinner — 6:00 p.m. in MH
Internationals — 6:45 p.m. in SC/PH

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in the SR
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
Junior High Discipleship Groups — 5:00 p.m. in the YH
Children's Choirs meet — 5:45 p.m. in choir class rooms
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children's Choirs Christmas Pageant — 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Thursday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday

Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211

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...” **Mel Pike**- Serving as a church planter with Mission to the World in Ukraine. Email address: rmpike@gmail.com

Joshua and Sara Parks Martin- Serving as RUF Campus Minister at Louisiana State University. Mailing address: 2101 Springstone Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810; email address: jmartin@ruf.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Peyton Hovious Houchins by his family, Larry and Pamela Houchins and Palmer and Cathryn Houchins.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Daniel (Beth) McCullen — November 27, 2013

HOLIDAY BOOKSTORE OPEN HOUSE AND HOLIDAY TIMES

The Bookstore will be open on Saturday, December 21, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for your convenience. We will be offering free gift wrap with your purchase. This is the only Saturday of the year we are open, just before Christmas, for those who are unable to visit during the week. We invite you to come for coffee and shop for those on your Christmas list.

We will be closed Sunday evening, December 22, from 5:25–5:55 p.m. due to the “Music of Christmas Lessons and Carols” service, and for Christmas holidays December 24, 25, 26. The Bookstore will open Thursday, January 2, 2014, from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

WIC CHRISTMAS DINNER

“Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come!”

Tuesday, December 10

6:00–8:30 p.m. in Miller Hall

\$6 per person

Ladies, plan to attend the annual much loved Christmas Dinner. This is a time of fellowship and encouragement complete with a festive holiday dinner, encouraging devotional by Rhonda McRae, and the recognition of ladies who receive our Life Membership awards because of their long and faithful service to our Lord and His Church. Nursery is available upon request. Please RSVP for yourself and children by contacting Caroline Jackson at 601-353-8316.

COLLEGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will have our annual College Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 17, at the home of Beth Byrd (4793 Crestwood Drive). We hope all our college students can join us from 7:00-9:00 p.m.!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Music of Christmas will be Sunday, December 22, at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Nursery is available for children through age 5.

SUPPORT GROUP

It has been said that two of the most powerful words in the English language are “me too.” Every month a group meets of those who have family members (spouses, children, siblings, parents) who struggle with addiction. This is a time of mutual encouragement and Christ-centered counsel. Anonymity is required. Please join us. For more information concerning the place and time of our meetings, call or text 601-941-7518 or email Shannon Craft at shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

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THE SESSION

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John A. Crawford, Clerk James S. Armstrong J. Mark Baird D. Kyle Ball McNeill Bartling III Bryant R. Boswell John H. Bowen III Max P. Bowman Forrest G. Bratley, Jr. Donald G. Breazeale John P. Buchanan Don B. Cannada Al P. Chestnut Stuart H. Clarke C. David Cleland William S. Cook Robert A. Cunningham T. Doug Dale, Sr.	Arthur P. Davis Stephen M. Edwards James D. Elkin T. David Elkin George R. Fair Kenneth G. Fairly W. Craig Flowers Marcial D. Forester, Jr. L. H. Fulcher, Jr. Alan F. Futvoye Claude W. Harbarger William K. Harper Samuel D. Hensley Paul Hurst W. Wayne Husband W. Harper Keeler Crane D. Kipp Ralph H. Lord	Robert Y. Love, Jr. Wiley P. Lowry, Jr. George W. May, Jr. John H. McVey, Sr. Robert B. Mims J. Longstreet Minor III James L. Moore William McNeill Moore Doyle B. Moorhead J. Lee Owen, Jr. Joel G. Payne, Jr. William D. Payne, Sr. William M. Penn Thomas I. Rice III Richard L. Ridgway Stephen W. Rosenblatt Richard W. Russ A. Jerry Sheldon	Jerrald L. Shivers Mark A. Sorgenfrei Paul H. Stephenson III Marvin E. Stockett William O. Stone, Jr. Daniel B. Story II Orrin H. Swayze, Jr. Tian C. Teh Denny A. Terry Timothy M. Threadgill Jim B. Tohill Noel K. Toler, Jr. R. Barry Vickery Alan H. Walters T. Calvin Wells A. Terrel Williams Marcus M. Wilson Mark J. Windham
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Douglas M. McDaniel Chairman G. Bailey Adams John H. Allgood III Kirkpatrick Anderson F. Hall Bailey David M. Baird Kenneth C. Ball Charles F. F. Barbour William H. Barbour III James M. Bateman Lewis W. Bell Victor E. Blaylock David L. Bowling Walter J. Brand P. Sharkey Burke, Jr. Beau Burrow C. Glen Bush, Jr.	V. Reid Cotten John L. Cox Paul L. Cox John A. Crawford, Jr. J. Holt Crews William L. Crim, Jr. Edward J. Currie, Jr. Thomas D. Dale, Jr. Guy H. Davant III John Daniel Davis David B. Day Robert G. Dye, Sr. Robert G. Feild David H. Fulcher W. Douglas Garland III Willard Benton Gregg Zeb King Henson L. Lawrence Houchins, Jr.	James R. House III Carey A. Johnston J. Dallis Ketchum Terry R. Levy Michael M. Manning R. David Marchetti Victor H. Meena, Jr. Robert A. Miller James L. Moore, Jr. J. Walter Newman IV J.T. Noblin J. Lee Owen III Leroy H. Paris II R. Phillip Parker Charles R. Porter III Benjamin W. Roberson S. Craig Robinson Cy Rosenblatt	R. Weston Russ Bryan B. Rutledge Malcolm Saxon III Kenneth C. Seawright Jeff W. Skelton John Lowe Smith William F. Sneed Stewart C. Swayze L. Ford Terry Robert L. Thomas Michael T. Tramel J. Wilbourn Vise Arthur C. Wadsworth H. Coles Wilkins, Jr. Joseph T. Wilkins III Neil T. Witherow Walter R. Wofford, Jr. John H. Young III
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Deacons Emeriti: T. Oscar Burris, Jr.; R. Barry Cannada; Larry W. Edwards; Charles R. Gardner; Billy C. Greenlee; Gary J. Herring; J.O. Manning, Jr.; Boyd Thompson; Joe P. Uithoven; Richard B. Wilson, Jr.; Wirt A. Yerger, Jr.; Donn E. Young

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 GroupsWednesday, 5:00 P.M.
 Children's ActivitiesWednesday, 5:30 P.M.

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

THE WOMEN IN THE CHURCH:

*Administrative CouncilFirst 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 MEETINGSecond Monday, 7:00 P.M.

THE DIACONATE MEETINGSecond Monday, 5:30 P.M.

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