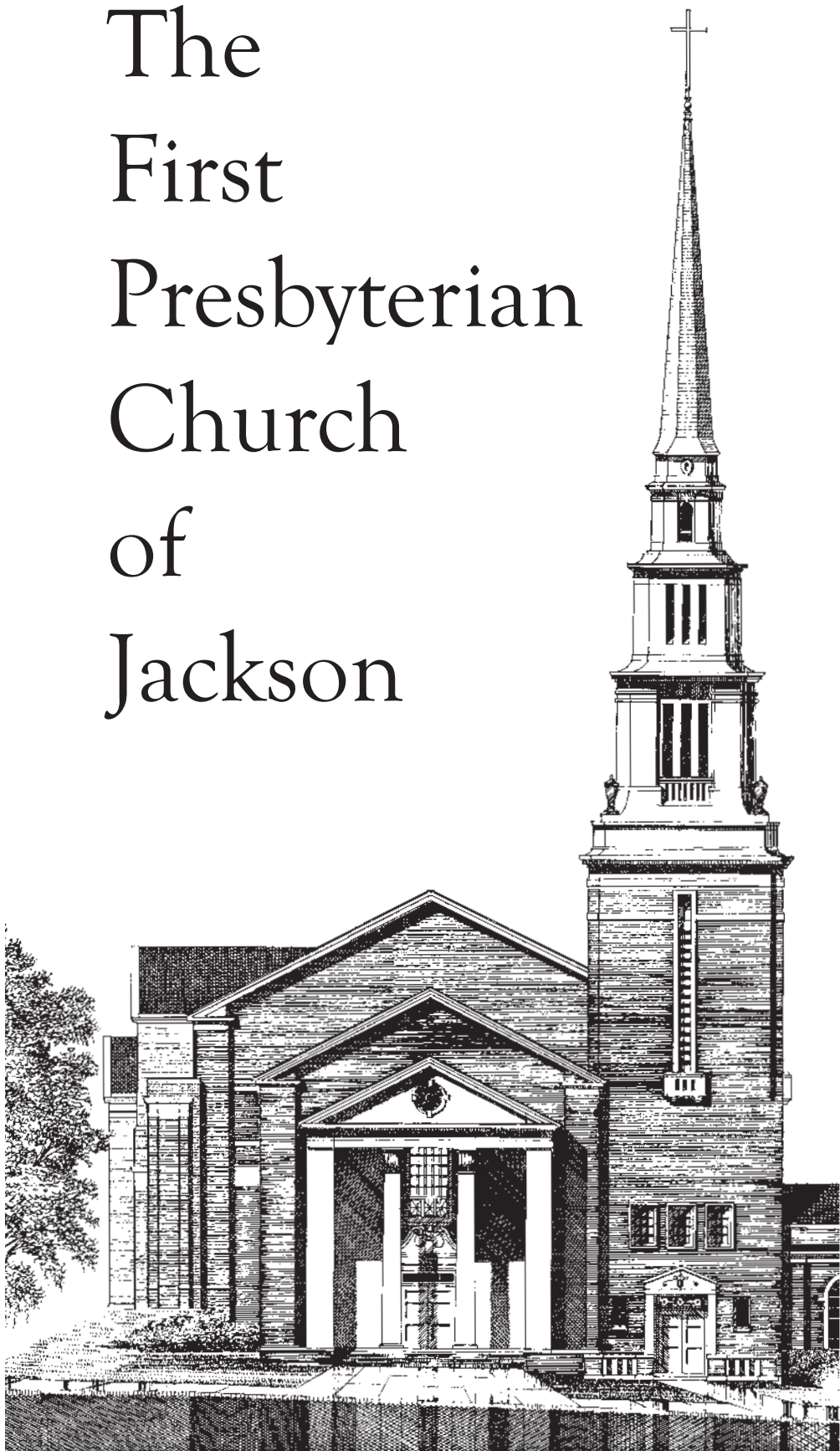


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twelfth Day of February, Two Thousand Seventeen

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — 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 (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)

The Prelude — “Thanks Be to Thee”G. F. Handel
Nancy Bateman, Cello; Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Come, Join Our Cheerful Song”Dale Wood

The Call to Worship — Psalm 111 (Trinity Hymnal, page 826)

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 168** — “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡* **The Doxology**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

Let angels prostrate fall, let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!”

The Scripture Reading — Mark 14:1-11 (Pew Bible page 850)

The Pastoral Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 709** — “Now I Belong to Jesus”

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Blessed Is the Man” Jane Marshall

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,

nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

but His delight is in the law of the Lord,

on His law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water.”

Psalm 1

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (Pew Bible page 952)

The Sermon — *Rewire*: “Consider Your Calling”Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 343** — “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “As It Was in the Beginning” William Matthias

The Postlude

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer — Minister of Discipleship

The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley — Executive Minister

The Announcements and Words of Preparation (5:55 p.m.)

The Prelude — “Theme from the Piano Concerto No. 3” ...Sergei Rachmaninoff
The FPC Strings

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn No. 12** — “Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Evening Hymn No. 246** — “Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Stuart Clarke

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “More Love to Thee, O Christ”William Doane

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q7: In how many Persons does this one God exist? A: In three Persons.

Q8: Name these three Persons. A: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Q9: What is God? God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.

****The Meditation and Prayer**..... Billy Dempsey, Minister of Congregational Care

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 501 (Stzs. 1-5)** — “Just As I Am, without One Plea”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — James 4:11-12 (Pew Bible page 1013)

The Sermon — “How to Stop Being Judgmental”Dr. Fluhrer

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Just as I am, Thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.”

The Postlude — “Lead On, O King Eternal”Henry Smart

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

**Children dismissed after the prayer

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.

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

Why do we read the Psalter?

The Psalms are the hymns and prayers of the people of God. They are God’s revealed pattern for worship, communion, praise, and prayer. One of the ways to worship God in Spirit and truth is by using the language of Scripture. Since it is the very Word of God, God Himself is speaking to us as we read it, teaching us, revealing Himself to us, even as we are speaking the words of Scripture to Him.

Secondly, in reading a psalm responsively, we are also stressing the communal nature of biblical worship. As we are gathered together as God’s covenant people singing hymns, reciting creeds, and corporately confessing our sins, a responsive reading unites us together in prayer and praise to our living God.

Finally, the Psalms are wonderfully varied in that they praise various attributes of God from a range of emotional responses. For example, they touch an entire range of practical theology and emotional experiences, like dealing with struggles, understanding God’s providence, His work in human history, His ultimate judgment, His goodness, grace, mercy, salvation, and justice. They also teach us to lament and to mourn over our sin, and to rejoice in the goodness of God while living a life of continual praise as we live this life as exiles together.

Psalm 111 is an individual hymn of Thanksgiving. It is an acrostic poem consisting of twenty-two phrases, each of which begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The singer, who is unknown, gives thanks to God for His goodness in delivering him/her from various life-threatening situations such as illness, oppressions, or enemy attacks. As Spurgeon reminds us, “The sweet singer dwells upon the one idea that God should be known by His people, and that this knowledge, when turned into practical piety, is man’s true wisdom, and the certain cause of lasting adoration. Many are ignorant of what their Creator has done, and hence they are foolish in heart and silent as to the praises of God: this evil can only be removed by a remembrance of God’s works, and a diligent study of them; to this, therefore, the psalm is meant to arouse us. It may be called ‘The Psalm of God’s Works,’ intended to excite us to the work of praise.”

FEBRUARY CIRCLES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

CIRCLE 2: *Beth Keeler*

10:00 a.m. – home of Maury Ball
2438 Culleywood Road, Jackson

CIRCLE 3: *Tot Bailey & Ginger Cotten*

10:00 a.m. – home of Christine Gilbert
804 Euclid Avenue, Jackson

CIRCLE 4: *Bess Corbitt & Rebecca Redman*

10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 6: *Rhonda Baird*

6:30 p.m. – home of Beth Archer
2257 East Northside Drive, Jackson

CIRCLE 7: *Marcia Penn*

5:30 p.m. – Miller Hall

CIRCLE 8: *Janie Purois*

9:30 a.m. – The Orchard

CIRCLE 14: *Susan Turner & Georgia Miller*

12:00 noon – Miller Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

CIRCLE 9: *Gayle Poole & Grace Toler*

10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 10: *Diana Howie*

10:00 a.m. – home of June McDonald
103 Little Creek Road, Ridgeland

CIRCLE 11: *Frenchie Graham*

10:30 a.m. – home of Frenchie Graham
4005 Cabell Lane

CIRCLE 12: *Nina Johnston*

10:30 a.m. – St. Catherine’s, Marian
Hall, 1st floor Sun Room

CIRCLE 13: *Elizabeth Fulcher*

6:00 p.m. – home of Elizabeth Fulcher
559 Brookstone Circle, Madison

DEEP & WIDE

what goes DEEPEST to the HEART goes WIDEST to the WORLD

2017 MISSION CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 26:

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

6:00 p.m. — Evening Worship: Scott Moore preaching

Wednesday, March 1:

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

5:00 p.m. — Wednesday Night Dinner (MH)

6:30 p.m. — *A Vision for Mission: Sharing the New Strategic Plan*

6:30 p.m. — Children's Mission Time

Thursday, March 2:

11:15 a.m. — Ladies' Mission Luncheon (Panel Discussion)

Friday, March 3:

11:45 a.m. — Men's Mission Luncheon (Speaker: Jake Patton)

Saturday, March 4:

9:00 a.m. — *Get Real: Sharing your Everyday Faith Every Day*

Sunday, March 5:

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

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

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

6:30 p.m. — Evening Worship: John Leonard preaching

MISSION CONFERENCE LADIES' LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 2 — 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Ladies, please join us for the Mission Conference Ladies' Luncheon on Thursday, March 2. A panel of women serving various areas, some of which are heavily persecuted, will share their experiences. The cost of the lunch is \$6.00 (taken at the door). **A gluten/dairy-free or vegetarian salad from Whole Foods is available upon request.** To register for the luncheon or request a salad contact the receptionist at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org. The deadline to register is Monday, February 27. Nursery available upon request at the time of registration.

MEN'S MISSION CONFERENCE LUNCHEON

Friday, March 3, 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join us Friday, March 3, at 11:45 a.m. for the Men of the Covenant/Mission Men's Luncheon. Jake Patton, Assistant Pastor at Downtown Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC. Reservations are not required, and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. Lunch will be catered by Chimneyville.

DINNER ON THE GROUNDS & GATEWAY CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, March 5, 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 and bread will be provided, and we ask that you bring a dish to feed 6-8 people according to the assignment of your last name.

A – J: Salad K – P: Dessert Q – Z: Vegetables

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!

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

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 M135
College Crockpot Lunch — 12:00 noon at the home of the
 Jacksons (1122 Lyncrest Avenue)
Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:40 p.m. in MS
New Members Received — 5:00 p.m. in PH
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
Mission Conference Prayer Time — 5:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor
Pre-Service Announcements — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Fairs
 (4205 Oakridge Dr.)

Monday

Circles Meet This Week
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Diaconate Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in PH
Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in MS

Tuesday

"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in MH
Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Students & Families Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC
The Learning Resource Center — 9:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
Parents' Prayer Lunch — 12:00 p.m. in YH
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
College Dinner & Discussion — 5:15 p.m. in WH204A
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/
 Playground
Junior High D Groups — 5:45 p.m. in YH
Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Adult D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Working Women's "Soul Songs" Bible Study — 6:30 p.m.
 in WH202a
Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH
FPC Brass Rehearsal — 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Men's Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

Ladies 1, 2, 3 John Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. in PH
Ladies "Prophets" Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday

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

BC - Basement Classroom
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....”

Wesley and Jami Baker – Serving as a pastor and seminary professor with Christian Missionary Society in Trujillo, Peru. Email: wesbaker@perumission.org.

Sam and Anne Taaffe – Serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Middle Tennessee State University. Email: sam.taaffe@ruf.org

COLLEGE CROCKPOT LUNCH TODAY

College students, join us today for a crockpot lunch following the 11:00 a.m. service at the home of the Jacksons (1122 Lyncrest Avenue). Come, and bring your friends!

PARENTS’ PRAYER LUNCH

Parents of students, grades 7-12, are invited to join the Students & Families Ministry staff for the monthly Parents’ Prayer Lunch, February 15, at noon, in the Youth House. We will enjoy a meal together, get to know one another better, and spend time praying for our students. There is no cost, but please RSVP to youthhouse@fpcjackson.org so we can plan for lunch. We will also have a meeting specifically for dads on Friday, February 17, at 6:45 a.m., at Beagle Bagel in Madison. Please make plans to join us on one of these days!

EVENING COMMUNION — FEBRUARY 19

Please note that we will observe Communion in the worship service next Sunday evening, February 19.

2017 MISSION CONFERENCE — SAVE THE DATE

February 26 – March 5, 2017

The Session has adopted a new strategic plan for foreign missions and is eager to share it with you at the 2017 Mission Conference. Scott Moore, Senior Minister at Trinity Family Mission in Mobile, AL, will preach Sunday February 26. John Leonard, author of *Get Real: Sharing Your Everyday Faith Every Day*, will preach Sunday, March 5. Please join us for a time of prayer for the upcoming Mission Conference in the Parlor at 5:30 p.m. each Sunday evening until February 26, 2016. If you are interested in hosting any of our missionaries for a meal, or providing housing, please contact Beth Archer 601-668-2581 or missbetharcher@yahoo.com.

ENGAGED AND NEWLY MARRIED CLASS

Consider joining us for a six-week study starting Wednesday, March 1, for engaged couples and newlyweds (up to five years of marriage). It will be taught by various people, include mentor couples, and cover topics that are often included in premarital counseling (conflict, communication, intimacy, money, in-laws, etc.). Please sign up by talking to David Felker or emailing youngadults@fpcjackson.org by Monday, February 27.

GET REAL: EVANGELISM TRAINING SEMINAR

Sharing Your Everyday Faith Every Day

Saturday, March 4, 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Join us on Saturday morning, March 4, as John Leonard, Mission Conference keynote speaker and former missionary to Muslims in Paris, gives practical training on loving people toward Jesus and introducing them to faith in Christ. A light breakfast will be served. To request childcare (through age 4), please contact the receptionist at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

BROADCAST MINISTRY — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The church is looking for volunteers interested in participating in the Broadcast Ministry. We need volunteers to assist in the broadcast of our services on television and livestream on Sunday. Experience is welcomed but not required, and training will be provided. Work will include the operations of video and audio equipment during the 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., or 6:00 p.m. worship hours on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact Trey Porter at tvroom@fpcjackson.org or 601-213-7449.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, March 19. Space is available for both services. To make your reservation, please contact Lisa Walters at 601-973-9102 or lisaw@fpcjackson.org.

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FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

At FPC, we believe that family worship is important. Recognizing the time challenges of a busy week with work and school, we want to make it as easy as possible for you. So we hope you find this Family Worship Guide helpful and use it in your homes this week. Each week addresses a question from the *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, with a daily scripture reference, key thought, and questions for family discussion. You can use this abbreviated version by simply taking this bulletin home with you today, or get the complete version emailed to you weekly by subscribing at fpcj.ms/fam-devo. Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

Question 37: *What benefits do believers receive from Christ when they die?*

Answer: When believers die, their souls are made perfectly holy, and immediately pass into glory. Their bodies, which are still united to Christ, rest in the grave until the resurrection.

MONDAY

Scripture: Read Philippians 1:19-26

Key Thought: For the believer, death is gain.

Questions:

- How could Paul say that for him, to die is gain?
- Can you say with Paul, "For to me, to live is Christ"? What does this mean?
- How does the believer's understanding of death help him to face the difficulties of this life and to counsel others?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Read Isaiah 57:1-2; 1 John 3:1-3

Key Thought: At death, believers are made perfect in holiness.

Questions:

- What do we call the process of being made more and more holy?
- Do believers ever reach a point of perfect holiness in this life?
- When are we made perfect in holiness?
- If we have the hope of seeing Jesus as He is, what does John say we will be doing now? How are you seeking to purify yourself?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Read Luke 23:39-43; Hebrews 12:22-24

Key Thought: At death, believers immediately pass into glory.

Questions:

- Where did the body of Jesus go on the day He died?
- How could Jesus have gone to Paradise that day?
- Where did Paul say his spirit would go if he died? (see 2 Cor. 5:8)

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Read Job 19:23-27; 1 Corinthians 15:35-46

Key Thought: The bodies of believers rest in Christ till the resurrection.

Questions:

- What did Job believe would happen to his body someday?
- What will happen to our bodies on the last great day?
- Will they be the same bodies we have now?
- How will they be different?
- Should this knowledge affect how you treat your body now?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-11; Hebrews 9:27

Key Thought: All will one day be raised either to gain or loss.

Questions:

- Who must appear before the judgment seat of Christ?
- How great is the gain of the godly on that day?
- How great is the loss of the wicked?
- How should we respond to this knowledge? (see 2 Cor. 5:11)

Prayer