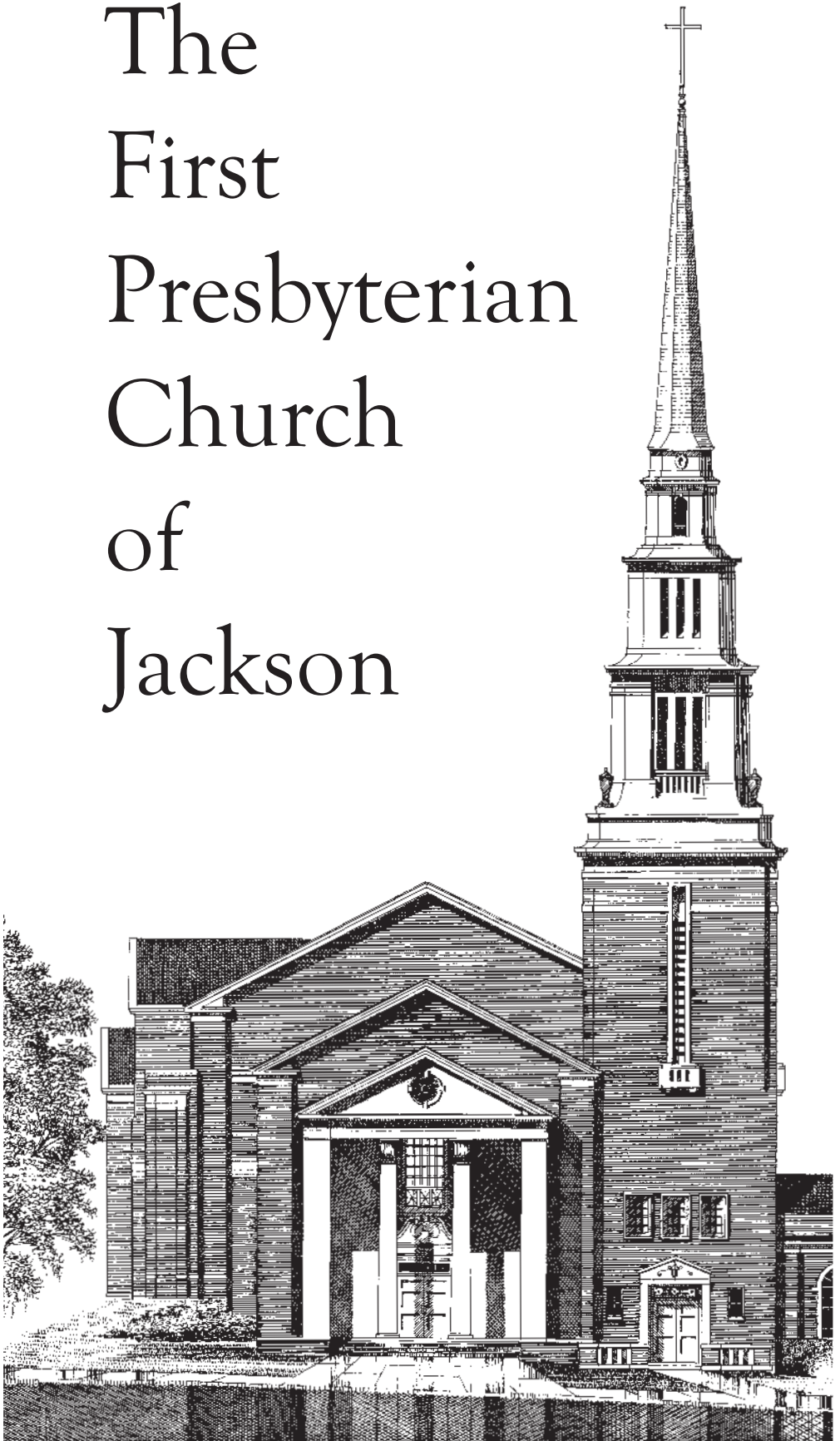


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

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

The Prelude — "It Is Well with My Soul"Philip Bliss
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Introit — "Come, Christians Join to Sing"Spanish Melody

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 7** — "From All That Dwell below the Skies"
(from Psalm 117)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

The Public Profession of Faith

The Biblical Basis

The Introduction of New Members

The Questions of Membership

The Prayer

The Declaration

The Blessing

‡* **The Hymn** — "Facing a Task Unfinished" (See Guide)

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" Arr. Dan Forrest

"Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure,
through a world that would deceive us, where to sin our hearts are lured.

Ever in His footsteps treading, living here, yet home above,
full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Father's bidding,
Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead, I follow Thee.

Let us also die with Jesus, by His cross He conquered death,
freed us from our soul's destruction, quickened us with life's new breath.

Let us mortify, while living, self and pride, and die to sin,
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven.

Jesus, here I die to Thee, there to dwell eternally.

Let us gladly live with Jesus, He is risen from the dead.

Death is swallowed up in victory, Jesus, Thou art now our Head.

Living members of Thy body, where Thou livest, we shall be,
Thou wilt keep us constantly,

even so, dear Lord, come quickly, Jesus, here I live to Thee,
there to dwell eternally. Let us ever walk with Jesus."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 20:1-17 (Pew Bible page 61)

The Sermon — *God Reigns: "Honor Your Father and Mother"*Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 700** — "Come, We That Love the Lord"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — "Gloria" Charles V. Stanford

The Postlude — "All Glory, Laud and Honor"Melchior Teschner

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

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

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

The Prelude — “Eternal Father”Dykes, arr. by S. Bulla
FPC Brass

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 679** — “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 327** — “One Day He’s Coming”

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder David Cleland

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Create in Me a Clean Heart”Michael Burkhardt

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism

Q 55. What does God the Father guarantee in the covenant of grace? A: To justify and sanctify all those for whom Christ died.

Q 56. How does God justify you? A: God forgives all my sins and accepts me as righteous through Christ.

****The Meditation and Prayer**.....Jason Wegener, Congregational Care Intern

‡ **The Hymn No. 175 (Stz. 1-3)** — “A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
(Pew Bible pages 987-988)

The Sermon — “What Jesus’s Return Means for Everyday Life” Dr. Fluhrer

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“When clothed in His brightness, transported I rise to meet Him in clouds of the sky,
His perfect salvation, His wonderful love, I’ll shout with the millions on high.

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry, thirsty land;
He hideth my life in the depths of His love, and covers me there with His hand,
And covers me there with His hand.”

The Postlude — “Immortal, Invisible” Trad. arr. by J. Hunt
FPC Brass

*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.

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



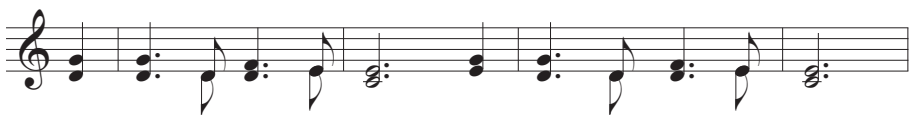
A need that, un - di - min - ished Re - bukes our sloth - ful ease
Where forc - es that de - fied Thee De - fy Thee still to - day
Who gave their lives pro - claim - ing That Je - sus died and rose.
Sav - ior, whose love con - strained them To toil with zeal un - tired



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.

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Introduction of New Members

This week we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service. As we are highlighting various aspects of our worship service each week, let us focus on church membership today:

Why must we be members of a local church? The Bible uses metaphors to define “the Church.” The Church is one body in Christ. We are all members of the same body, and we belong to one another (Romans 12:5). The Church is one family. To be a member of any family, we are to be either born in it or adopted into it. Since we are all born as “children of wrath” (Ephesians 2:3), we must be adopted; and God has adopted us into His community of the Trinity. We have one Father, one Savior and elder Brother, and one Spirit of adoption by Whom we are made members of the family (Romans 8:15-17). Therefore, as Scripture repeatedly addresses us, we are brothers, sisters, fathers, and mothers to one another. So, why must we become members of a local church? It is because, having been united to Christ, we are necessarily united to all those who are united to Him. Therefore, we are entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church, and other rights and privileges that come with it.

Who can be a member of the church? Any person who is called a Christian by having made a credible profession of faith, having been baptized in a Bible-believing church, and having been admitted by the Session (the body of elders) to the Lord’s Table can be a communing member of First Presbyterian Church. Children of believer(s) are by virtue of their birth in a believing household and in covenant with God, children of the covenant. However, they may not partake of the Lord’s Table as a way to protect them from eating and drinking judgment upon themselves if they were to do so in an unworthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Hence, our children are called non-communing members of the church. We hope that all our covenant children would embrace the gospel and become communing members. While only the communing members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the church, all members of the church family are, however, entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church.

Having discussed why and who can become members of First Presbyterian Church, let us look briefly at the questions for membership:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The first three of five questions seek to show to us our hellish plight before God, bring us to a point of desperate need for the person and work of Jesus, and rely upon the life-giving power in none but the Holy Spirit alone. We would do well to bring these grand truths of the gospel in our prayers every day. While the first three questions speak of our relation to each person of the Godhead, the next two questions speak of our relation to the Church of God which the Father loves, the Son died and rose to save, and the Spirit now indwells. Since each Person of the Trinity is interested and invested in the Church, we who are called by His name must do likewise. May we who are members of the covenant community pray for the welfare of the Church and of First Presbyterian Church. May we seek to live lives in which the gospel has pervaded every sphere. May we be growing disciples seeking to learn more of our God, His great majesty, and His magnificent Fatherhood. May we grow as committed members by regularly worshiping and seeking to gather with our family as often as opportunities provide us. May we be humble followers submitting to the wise leadership and discipline of those who care for our souls. May we grow to love the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 21, 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

College Luncheon — 12:00 noon in gym

Presbytery Committee Meeting — 4:30 p.m. in SC215

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

Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Hedermans
 (4265 Brussels Drive)

Monday

Women & Children Committee Meeting — 12:00 Noon in MH

Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210

Tuesday

"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in MH

Crafts for Missions — 9:00 a.m. in SC211

Christianity Explored — 12:00 Noon in MH

Young Adults/College Committee Meeting — 12:00 Noon 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

Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in MS

Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.

Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH

College Dinner & Discussion — 5:30 p.m. in WH204A

Christianity Explored — 5:30 p.m. in WH202

VBS Bible Teacher Training — 5:30 p.m. in SC211B

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 Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations

Junior High D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in YH

D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations

Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH

Young Adults Men's Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

"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.

Outreach Committee Meeting — 12:00 Noon in MH

Friday

MTJ Sub-Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon 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...." **Bill and Pam Schweitzer** – serving with Mission to the World as a church planter and a theological educator in Gateshead, England. Email: w.m.schweitzer@gmail.com. **Lantern Medical Clinic** – Lantern Medical Clinic is an after-hours medical clinic that is supported through Mission to Jackson. Email: smorris@laternclinic.org

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. and continuing each Sunday evening until February 28.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Sidney A. Robinson, Jr. — February 13, 2016

NEW MEMBERS

On February 7, 2016, the following new members were welcomed into our fellowship: Mr. Richard Uihlein Beneke, Jr., Miss Michaela Lynn Bowen, Miss Katelyn Ashley Deans, Miss Bonnie Blue Dulaney, Mrs. Jennifer Wilkinson Ellis, Mr. Gary Thomas Hodge II, Mr. David Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff F. (Lisa) Lamb, Mrs. Cindy Jane McMullen, Mr. Jeremiah T. Ornelas, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Joseph (Bobbie) Pharo, Mr. James Robert Pharo, Mr. James Grant Rabalais, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Graham (Mary) Rooks, Miss Anna-Maria Elizabeth Russo, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Heath (Claire) Strebeck, Mrs. Jeri Lyn Triolo, and Mrs. Mollie Hederman Young.

COLLEGE LUNCHEON

College students, join us for lunch today in the gym following the 11:00 a.m. service. The lunch is free, so come on out, and bring your friends!

YOUNG ADULTS COOKOUT

There will be a cook out for the Young Adults Ministry Monday, February 22, 2016, at the home of the Hensons (4 Pond Side Drive), at 6:30 p.m. Plan to attend and bring your friends! You may bring \$5 or bring a side dish.

RUF SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 28

All are invited to an RUF Reception immediately following the evening service 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. **We are in need of hosts to provide housing and meals for our missionaries!** If interested, please contact Beth Archer 601-668-2581 or missbetharcher@yahoo.com.

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>.

FPC YOUNG ADULTS GIRLS' RETREAT

Young Adults Girls are invited to a retreat Friday evening March 4 through Saturday afternoon March 5, at Twin Lakes. The theme is Faithfulness in the Mundane with speaker, Casey Cockrum. The cost is \$45. The deadline to register is February 22. For more information, contact Anna Woodyard at annaw@fpcjackson.org. To register, visit www.fpcjackson.org/young-adults.

NEW LATE 20S TO EARLY 30S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS LAUNCH

In May of this year, FPC will launch a new Sunday School class for 28-32 year olds. There will be monthly events this semester as we prepare for the launch of this class. The next event will be held at the home of Grant and Lauren Ridgway (4320 Deercreek Dr.) at 6:30 p.m., on February 23. Plan to come for dinner and an informal time to meet and get to know others considering this new class. For more information, contact David Felker (601-850-8650 or davidf@fpcjackson.org).

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RUF SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2016

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship: Jason Sterling, preaching

12:00 noon — 11th and 12th Grade Parents & Students Lunch

12:45 p.m. — Parents & Students Panel Discussion:

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about RUF but Were Afraid to Ask

- Community
- Loneliness/Depression/Anxiety
- Social Pressures
- Worldviews & Priorities

1:45 p.m. — Questions and Answers

6:00 p.m. — Evening Worship: Les Newsom, preaching

7:00 p.m. — RUF Reception

11th and 12th grade students and parents are invited to join the campus ministers for lunch. There will be panels for parents and students covering *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about RUF but Were Afraid to Ask* as well as a time for questions and answers. Meet in the Gym following the 11:00 a.m. service.

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

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

- a. 4-year-old – 2nd grade — Rieger (Company room)
- b. 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's Mission Luncheon/Men of the Covenant (Joe Bynum)

Sunday, March 6

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship - Dan Iverson preaching

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 – Dan Iverson preaching

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 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 – 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!