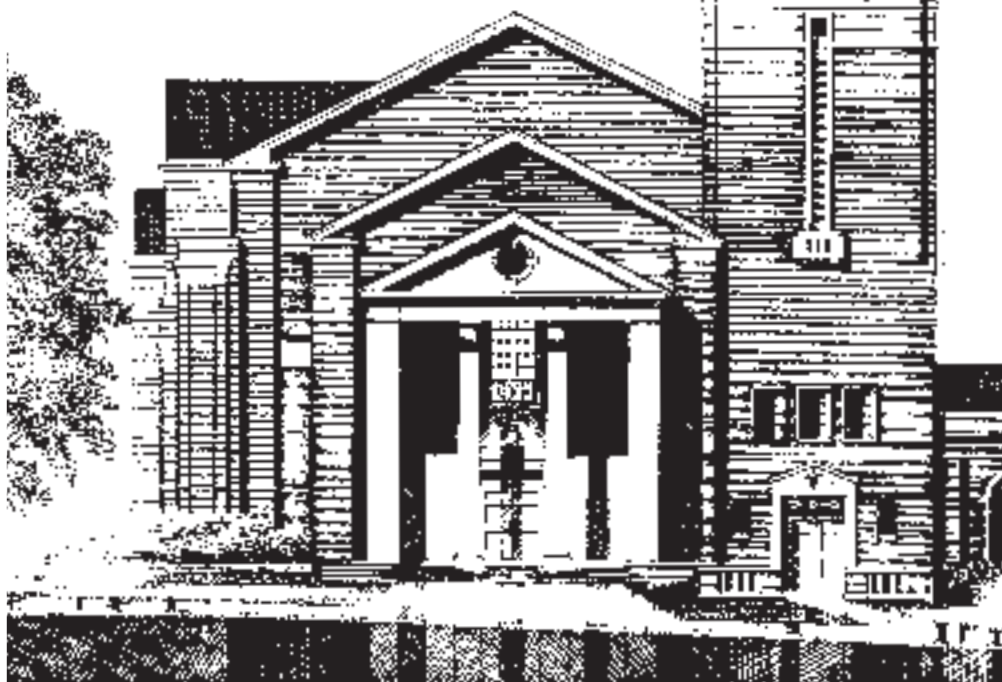


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-third Day of February, Two Thousand Fourteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven 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

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 — "Prelude in D minor"J.S. Bach
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — "Who Is On The Lord's Side?"Carradog Roberts

‡ **The Doxology** — "Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen"

‡ **The Call to Worship**

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 66** — "God Is Known among His People" (From Psalm 76)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Missionary Reports — 8:30 a.m. – Mike Bonner – Friends of Alcoholics
11:00 a.m. – Stephen Atkinson – Christian Witness to Israel

‡* **The Hymn No. 444 (Stanzas 1, 2)** — "O Zion Haste"

The Missionary Reports — 8:30 a.m. – Brad Mills – Grace Clovis PCA, California
11:00 a.m. – Wes Baker – Trujillo, Peru

‡* **The Hymn No. 444 (Stanzas 3, 4)** — "O Zion Haste"

The Mission Challenge — Tim Threadgill

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Ye Shall Be Witnesses"Jerry Kirk
"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,
and you shall be my witnesses unto the ends of the earth.
Jerusalem! Judea! Samaria and the ends of the earth!
You shall be witnesses to the ends of the earth.
Amen."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Matthew 11:25-30 (Pew Bible page 816)

The Sermon — "God's Sovereignty: The Foundation of Mission" ...Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 449** — "We Rest on Thee"

‡ **The Benediction and Response** — "Four-Fold Amen"William Wymond

The Postlude — "Prelude and Fuge in G"J.S. Bach

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six-Thirty O'Clock

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

Minister of Teaching and Mission

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley

Executive Minister

The Announcements and Words of Preparation (6:20 p.m.)

The Prelude — “Prelude on ‘So Send I You’”John Peterson
William Wymond, Organist

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 439** — “Christ Shall Have Dominion”

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn No. 440 — “Ye Christian Herald, Go Proclaim” (Tune: *Germany*)

* **The Greetings**

The Missionary Report — Derek Ebbers – Brasov, Romania

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Bud Bratley

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Be Thou Near By”J.S. Bach
Zachary Horne, Cellist

✓‡ **The Hymn No. 469 (Stanzas 1-5)** — “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”
(Children dismissed to their classes during this hymn)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Romans 15:8-13 (Pew Bible page 949)

The Sermon — “Our Worship: The Goal of Mission”Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction and Response 469 (Stanza 6)** —

“How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”

“We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race may,
with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.”

The Postlude — “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” G.F. Handel

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

✓Children dismissed

**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.

**CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**

A meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi, is to be called and held in the sanctuary of the church at the close of the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 9, 2014, for the purpose of considering and acting on the recommendation of the Session that the Congregation elect eight (8) additional Ruling Elders and twenty (20) additional Deacons in the manner outlined in *the Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church in America*, and, if the way be clear, to proceed to the election of such Ruling Elders and Deacons.

RESOLUTION TO ELECT ADDITIONAL RULING ELDERS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi, that:

The Congregation elect eight (8) additional Ruling Elders, the election to be held in the sanctuary of the church after the regular 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. worship services on Sunday, August 3, 2014, and each Sunday thereafter, after the regular 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. worship services, until such additional Ruling Elders are elected in accordance with the procedure hereinafter outlined. For the purpose of this election only, the 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. services shall be considered as one Congregational Meeting, with the presence of a quorum to be determined after the 11:00 a.m. service, and with the ballots cast after the 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. services to be preserved and counted with those ballots cast after the 11:00 a.m. service.

Section 24-1, *the Book of Church Order, Presbyterian Church in America* provides:

Every church shall elect persons to the offices of Ruling Elder and Deacon in the following manner: At such times as determined by the Session, communicant members of the congregation may submit names to the Session, keeping in mind that each prospective officer should be an active male member who meets the qualifications set forth in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1. After the close of the nomination period nominees for the office of ruling elder and/or deacon shall receive instruction in the qualifications and work of the office. Each nominee shall then be examined in:

- a. his Christian experience, especially his personal character and family management (based on the qualifications set out in I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1: 6-9),
- b. his knowledge of Bible content,
- c. his knowledge of the system of doctrine, government, discipline contained in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America (BCO Preface III, The Constitution Defined),
- d. the duties of the office to which he has been nominated, and
- e. his willingness to give assent to the questions required for ordination. (BCO 24-6)

The Session shall examine and approve those nominated and then report to the Congregation before election day those eligible for election.

This plan will be followed, and each communing member of the Congregation in good and regular standing will have from March 9, 2014, until 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 4, 2014, to submit up to, but not exceeding eight (8) written nominations to the Eldership. Only those men who have been members of First Presbyterian Church for at least three years, who meet the qualifications of Scripture, whose reputation and character are known, who are committed to the doctrines of our church, and who show the gifts for the specific office being considered are eligible for nomination.

Each full communing member is allowed to nominate as many men as have been approved to be elected. By submitting and signing an officer nomination form, church members are attesting that they have spoken with the person being nominated and have gained his permission to do so.

For a male member of the congregation to be considered for nomination for either Elder/Deacon, he shall be required to receive at least three nominations. All nominations for either office shall be handed or mailed to the Executive Minister's office on the provided form.

For multiple nominations, a separate form for each nominee should be provided.

The Moderator will appoint at once nine (9) managers to conduct the election and count the votes until eight (8) Ruling Elders have been elected. The voting will be by secret written ballot which will be prepared by the committee of managers, and on election day one (1) ballot will be furnished each communing member of the Congregation present. The names of the nominees will be alphabetically listed on the ballot and the nominee or nominees receiving a majority of the votes cast by the communing members present shall be elected.

If eight (8) Ruling Elders are not elected at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 3, 2014, a similar ballot shall be prepared by the committee of managers, which ballot shall contain the names of twice the number of Ruling Elders yet to be elected, the nominees on that ballot to be those with the highest number of votes next after those who were elected, and the voting to take place at a reconvened meeting of the Congregation after the regular 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. worship services on August 10, 2014. If the election is not completed on August 10, 2014, then the election will be continued in

like manner from Sunday to Sunday after the 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. worship services until eight (8) Ruling Elders have been elected by a majority vote of the communing members present and voting.

A member may vote for up to the full number of officers to be elected for each ballot to be valid (in other words, a member may vote for less than the number of officers and it still be a valid ballot).

RESOLUTION TO ELECT ADDITIONAL DEACONS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi, that:

The Congregation elect twenty (20) additional Deacons, the election to be held in the sanctuary of the church after the regular 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. worship services on Sunday, September 14, 2014, and each Sunday thereafter, after the regular 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. worship services, until such additional Deacons are elected in accordance with the procedure hereinafter outlined. For the purpose of this election only, the 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. services shall be considered as one Congregational Meeting, with the presence of a quorum to be determined after the 11:00 a.m. service, and with the ballots cast after the 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. services to be preserved and counted with those ballots cast after the 11:00 a.m. service.

Section 24-1, *the Book of Church Order*, Presbyterian Church in America provides:

Every church shall elect persons to the offices of Ruling Elder and Deacon in the following manner: Public notice shall be given of the time, place, and purpose of this meeting at least one month prior to the appointed time, during which time the Congregation is asked to submit names to the Session, keeping in mind that each prospective officer should be an active male member who meets the qualifications set forth in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1. The prospective officer shall be examined in:

- a. his Christian experience,
- b. his knowledge of the system of doctrine, government, discipline contained in the Standards,
- c. the duties of the office to which he has been nominated, and
- d. his willingness to give assent to the questions required for ordination. (BCO 24-6)

The Session shall examine and approve those nominated and then report to the Congregation before election day those eligible for election.

This plan will be followed, and each communing member of the Congregation in good and regular standing will have from March 9, 2014, until 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 4, 2014, to submit up to, but not exceeding twenty (20) written nominations to the Diaconate. Only those men who have been members of First Presbyterian Church for at least three years, who meet the qualifications of Scripture, whose reputation and character are known, who are committed to the doctrines of our church, and who show the gifts for the specific office being considered are eligible for nomination.

Each full communing member is allowed to nominate as many men as have been approved to be elected. By submitting and signing an officer nomination form, church members are attesting that they have spoken with the person being nominated and have gained his permission to do so.

For a male member of the congregation to be considered for nomination for either Elder / Deacon, he shall be required to receive at least three nominations. All nominations for either office shall be handed or mailed to the Executive Minister's office on the provided form.

For multiple nominations, a separate form for each nominee should be provided.

The Moderator will appoint at once nine (9) managers to conduct the election and count the votes until twenty (20) Deacons shall have been elected. The voting will be by secret written ballot which will be prepared by the committee of managers, and on election day one (1) ballot will be furnished each communing member of the Congregation present. The names of the nominees will be alphabetically listed on the ballot and the nominee or nominees receiving a majority of the votes cast by the communing members present shall be elected.

If twenty (20) Deacons are not elected at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 14, 2014, a similar ballot shall be prepared by the committee of managers, which ballot shall contain the names of twice the number of Deacons yet to be elected, the nominees on that ballot to be those with the highest number of votes next after those who were elected, and the voting to take place at a reconvened meeting of the Congregation after the regular 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. worship services on Sunday, September 21, 2014. If the election is not completed on September 21, 2014, then the election will be continued from Sunday to Sunday after the 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. worship services until twenty (20) additional Deacons have been elected by a majority vote of the communing members present and voting.

A member may vote for up to the full number of officers to be elected for each ballot to be valid (in other words, a member may vote for less than the number of officers and it still be a valid ballot).

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 23, 2014

Sunday	<p>Pre-Service Announcements — 8:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Prayer for Worship Service — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (Library only)</p> <p>Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations</p> <p>College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:40 p.m. in MS/MH</p> <p>Dinner on the Grounds — 4:45 p.m. in the Gym</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 6:20 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Evening Worship Service — 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Senior High Insight — 8:00 p.m. at the home of The Ellisons (4204 N. Honeysuckle Lane)</p>
Monday	<p>Circle Bible Teachers — 9:00 a.m. in WH204</p> <p>Christian Education Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p>NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&B</p> <p>Boy Scouts — 7:00 p.m. in various locations</p>
Tuesday	<p>Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202</p> <p>Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in the MS</p> <p>Crafts for Mission — 9:00 a.m. in SC211</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&B</p> <p>Internationals — 6:45 p.m. in SC/PH</p>
Wednesday	<p>MOMS — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC</p> <p>Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in the SR</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.</p> <p>Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH</p> <p>Junior High Discipleship Groups — 5:00 p.m. in the YH</p> <p>Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym</p> <p>Desserts and Missionaries' Displays — 5:45 p.m. in LH</p> <p>The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS</p> <p>Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Children's Mission Time: 4 years old – 2nd grade — 6:30 p.m. in Company Room</p> <p>3rd grade – 6th grade — 6:30 p.m. in PH</p>
Thursday	<p>Mark Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. in Various Locations</p> <p>Genesis Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in PH</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Ladies' Luncheon for Mission Conference — 11:15 a.m. in MH</p>
Friday	<p>Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211</p> <p>Men's Luncheon for Mission Conference — 11:45 a.m. in MH</p>
Saturday	<p>Men's Prayer Breakfast — 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...." **2014 Mission Conference Speakers – The Reverend Mr. David Strain**, preaching on Sunday, February 23, 2014, **The Reverend Mr. Seth Starkey**, preaching on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, **The Reverend Mr. David Robertson**, preaching on Sunday, March 2, 2014, and the rest of the **Mission Conference Faculty**- see listing on the back panel.

MEN OF THE COVENANT FOR MARCH

Men of the Covenant will forego its regular luncheon on March 6 in order to encourage all of our men to participate in our Mission Conference Men's Luncheon on Friday, February 28. On Thursday, March 20, *Men of the Covenant* will host Ole Miss head football coach, Hugh Freeze, speaking on *Christian Leadership in Today's World*. Box lunches will be available in Miller Hall beginning at 11:30 a.m. at a cost of \$6. Coach Freeze will begin speaking at 12:15 p.m. **Reservations are required** and can be made by calling the church office at 601-353-8316, or by emailing receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

BAYLOR A CAPPELLA CHOIR CONCERT

March 8, 2014

The Baylor A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Alan Raines, will sing a sacred concert here on Saturday evening, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. The featured work will be the beautiful *Requiem* by Maurice Durufle. They will sing a couple of other anthems in addition to the forty-minute long *Requiem*. Accompanying the concert will be Isabelle Demers, the nationally famous French Canadian concert organist. This outstanding group will later record the work in the Paris church which Durufle served. Mark your calendars and invite your friends to join you for this musical feast.

Hosts needed for the Baylor Choir singers

The Baylor Choir will sing for the morning worship services on Sunday, March 9, following their concert the evening before. We are in need of folks who can host them Saturday evening and return them to sing for the morning worship. If you could keep two or more students, please let the Music Department know by phone 601-973-9139 or by email at billw@fpcjackson.org.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, March 16, 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.

MARATHON CONFERENCE

A Men's Retreat

March 21-22, 2014

Twin Lakes Conference Center

Our Marathon Conference speaker will be the Reverend John Sartelle, interim senior minister of Christ Presbyterian Church of Fayette County in Oakland, TN. The cost is \$65 with a \$25 deposit due by March 14. You'll find complete conference information at our website: www.fpcjackson.org/marathon-conference. You may register online or return the printed registration form you received through the mail.

THURSDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults—join us February 27, at 7:00 p.m. for Thursday Night Fellowship at Alan and Tricia Walters' home (1514 Riverwood). This spring we are going through a series entitled, "The Disciplines of Grace." Contact David Felker at 601-850-8650 for more details. Come on out and bring your friends.

USHERING

Men, if you are willing to serve as an usher, please email Ginny Warren in the Music Department at gwarren@fpcjackson.org or call 601-973-9139.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, March 9, 2014, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of voting on a resolution calling for the election of new officers. All communing members are encouraged to be present.

2014 MISSION CONFERENCE

February 23 – March 2, 2014

David Strain, Minister of Teaching and Mission: Sunday, February 23, 2014

Seth Starkey, Guest Preacher: Wednesday, February 26, 2014

David Robertson, Guest Preacher: Sunday, March 2, 2014

Mission Conference Faculty: Stephen Atkinson, Wes Baker, J.C. Cunningham, Derek & Shannon Ebbers, Elliott & Carrie Everitt, Stephanie Hubach, Johnny & Becky Long, Elbert & Karen McGowan, Don & Fran McNeill, Brad & Carrie Mills, Sam & Anne Taaffe, Mike Bonner with Friends of Alcoholics, and Lee Thigpen with Mission First.

Sunday, February 23:

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship: David Strain, preaching,
with missionary reports

4:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. — Dinner on the Grounds & Gateway Canned Food Drive

We will gather in the gym at 4:45 p.m. Meat and bread will be provided.

We ask that you bring a dish to feed 6-8 people according to the
assignment of your last name. Nursery will be provided.

A – L: Salad; M – P: Desserts; Q – Z: Vegetables

Please bring your canned goods for the Gateway Food Drive!

*6:30 p.m. — Evening Worship: David Strain, preaching, with missionary reports

***Note change in time of service**

Wednesday, February 26:

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

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. — Wednesday Night Dinner (MH)

5:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. — Desserts and Missionaries' Displays (LH)

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. — Worship Service: Seth Starkey, preaching (Sanctuary)

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. — Children's Mission Time:

4 years old – 2nd grade: Company Room

3rd grade – 6th grade: Patterson Hall

Thursday, February 27:

11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. — Come enjoy a church-wide Ladies' Luncheon with
Stephanie Hubach (MH). **To make a lunch or nursery reservation**

please RSVP to the receptionist at 601-353-8316 or
receptionist@fpcjackson.org. Cost of lunch is \$6.00.

Friday, February 28:

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. — Come enjoy a church-wide Men's Luncheon catered
by Penn's with David Robertson (MH). Cost of lunch is \$6.00.

Sunday, March 2:

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship: David Robertson, preaching,
with missionary reports

9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. — Sunday School Breakout Sessions (see below for details)

6:00 p.m. — Evening Worship: David Robertson, preaching, with missionary
reports

Sunday, March 2

Sunday School Breakout Sessions

Patterson Hall

7th grade — 12th grade
College
20-Somethings
Immanuel
Agape
Salt & Light

Lowe Hall

Life Learners
Stewards
Shepherds
Pilgrims
Lamplighters
Corner Stone
Oasis

Miller Hall

Young Seekers
Singles & Doubles
Fellowship
Covenant
First Ladies
Brotherhood