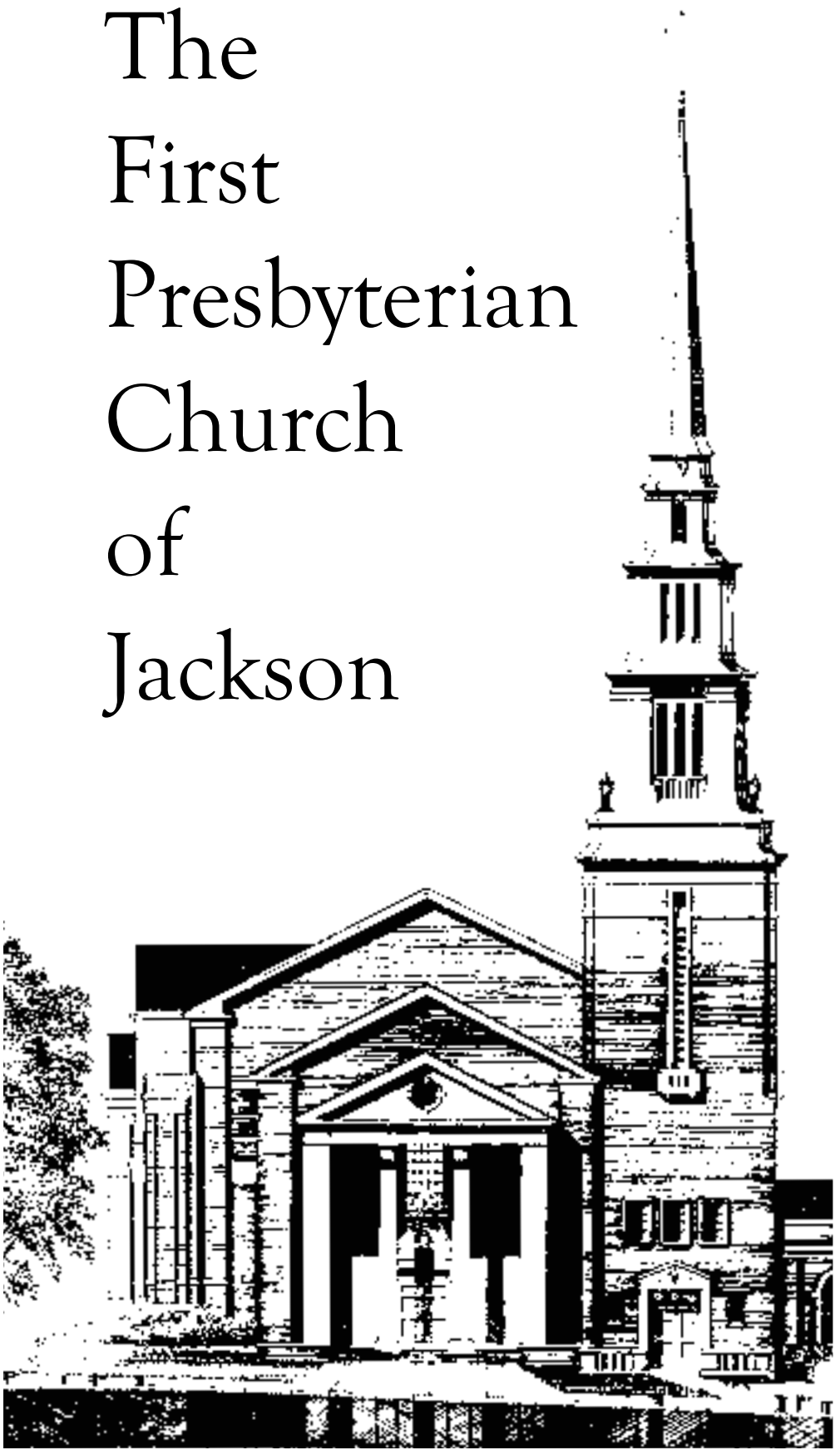


The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The First Day of May, Two Thousand Sixteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty O'Clock and Eleven O'Clock
Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer
Minister of Discipleship

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 a.m.)

The Prelude — “What Wondrous Love Is This”Dan Forrest
Dr. David Snyder, Piano

The Introit — “Glorious Is Thy Name” W. F. Mozart
Jeff Brown, Guest Director

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 700** — “Come, We That Love the Lord”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡ **The Gloria Patri**

“Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.”

The Scripture Reading — Mark 4:21-34 (Pew Bible page 839)

The Pastoral Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 105** — “O God, We Praise Thee”

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “The Heavens Are Telling” (*Creation*)Joseph Haydn
With Kim Porter, René Young and Ben Roberson, Soloists

“The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The wonder of His work displays the firmament.
The day that is coming speaks to the day,
The night that is gone to following night.
The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The wonder of His work displays the firmament.
In all the lands resounds the word,
Never unperceived, ever understood.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 20:18-21 (Pew Bible page 61)

The Sermon — *God Reigns*:Mr. Strain
“Why We Need a Good Lawyer”

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 642** — “Be Thou My Vision”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”Peter Lutkin

The Postlude — “Psalm 20” Benedetto Marcello

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley
Executive Minister

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

The Prelude — “Prelude on a Scots Hymn Tune”Eric Thiman

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 38** — “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Evening Hymn** — “In Christ Alone” (See Evening Guide)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Ned Currie

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” Peace/Olstad
Debbie Dempsey, Flute

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q76. How many commandments did God give on Mount Sinai?

A: Ten Commandments.

Q77. Why should we obey the Ten Commandments? A: Because God is our Creator, Savior, and King.

Q78. What do the first four commandments teach? A: What it means to love and serve God.

Q79. What do the last six commandments teach? A: What it means to love and serve my neighbor.

** **The Meditation and Prayer**Gabe Fluhrer, Minister of Discipleship

‡ **The Hymn No. 689 (Stz. 1-3)** — “Be Still, My Soul”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Revelation 2:18-29 (Pew Bible page 1029)

The Sermon — *Behold, A Throne: “Eyes Like a Flame of Fire”* Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.”

The Postlude — “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”John Hughes

*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.


"In Christ Alone"

Words and Music by Gary Tomlinson


Andante



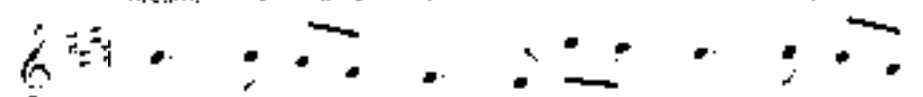
In Christ alone my hope is found
 In Christ alone who took my sin,
 He bore the curse I should have borne,
 He died the death I should have died.




He is my light, my strength, my song;
 When I was down, He set me up;
 When I was lost, He gave me life;
 When I was dead, He gave me life.




What depths of darkness hid from
 me! How deep His riches! But to see
 His glory, how He raised me up,
 He reached His hand and touched me!



When I was blind, He gave me sight,
 When I was dead, He gave me life;
 When I was lost, He gave me life,
 When I was poor, He gave me wealth.



My God, how great are Thy deeds,
 How great are Thy deeds,
 How great are Thy deeds,
 How great are Thy deeds.



How great are Thy deeds,
 How great are Thy deeds,
 How great are Thy deeds,
 How great are Thy deeds.

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

One of the important features of the Protestant Reformation was the restoration of the ordinary means of grace: the Word, the sacraments, and prayer. This week, we will explore the place for and purpose of pastoral prayers as an integral portion of our corporate worship service each Lord's Day.

What are Pastoral Prayers?

A pastoral prayer is a public prayer offered for and on behalf of the congregation. The Apostle Paul instructs in his letter to the church at Corinth that prayers are to be made for the instruction and edification of others. Hence, pastoral prayers seek the glory of God and the edification of those gathered for worship. Because faith comes by hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17), the pastoral prayers are patterned by and make use of Scripture. Pastoral prayers primarily include two elements: supplication and intercession.

In prayers of supplication or petition, our requests are presented humbly unto God, earnestly asking Him to bestow His goodness upon us in our need. The Bible possesses many prayers of supplication displaying various needs such as mercy, guidance, salvation, and deliverance from persecution. In particular, the psalms include numerous prayers of supplication. Psalm 51 contains a notable prayer of supplication in which David prays for God to forgive him, cleanse him, create in him a new heart, and restore his spirit. We are also instructed to make supplication even for our temporal needs, as Jesus instructs us to ask or supplicate for our daily bread (Matthew 6:11). The pastoral prayer makes earnest supplication for the pardon of sin, for the Spirit of sanctification, for support and comfort within the storms of life, and for temporal mercies as we walk through the valley of vision. These prayers bring the needs of our church before God, submitting our cares into His hands, and trusting His mercy to lead us, provide for us, and sustain us.

When prayers are made specifically on behalf of others, even expanding beyond our congregation, these are considered prayers of intercession. These prayers are directed toward the building up of the Church, the furtherance of the gospel, and the expansion of Christ's kingdom. The prayers are offered for those who are in authority, ministers of the gospel, Israel, our neighbors, enemies, the persecutors, and all men. Christ is the ultimate intercessor. As the Apostle Paul says in Romans 8:34, "Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us." All of our prayers profit because Christ's prayers profit much. Just as Christ, the Chief Shepherd, intercedes for His people, the pastor intercedes for the flock entrusted to his care during pastoral prayer.

In summary, pastoral prayers are public prayers to our heavenly Father in Christ's name, presenting our church's cares and concerns and seeking the extension of Christ's kingdom. These are prayers that also express our own inadequacy and the all-sufficiency of God. These are prayers that are heard and answered by the merit and intercession of our Savior. These are prayers that comfort His people because God is glorified in the comfort and happiness of His people. We will do well to remember the petitions made during the pastoral prayer in our own prayers through the week. Let us join our hearts in prayer in order that the Spirit of Christ may bring encouragement to weary souls, knitting us together in a bond of fellowship and praise, being brought into intimate communion with our Savior.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY MAY 1, 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
Foundations Class — 9:40 a.m. in M133
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
Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:40 p.m. in the Music Suite
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 — 7:00 p.m. at the home of the
 Meenas (4764 E. Massena Dr.)

Monday

WIC Council Meeting — 9:30 a.m. in PH
Deacons Executive Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Senior Graduation Dinner — 6:00 p.m. in PH

Tuesday

“Truth at Dawn” Men’s Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in MH
Presbytery Meeting — 9:00 a.m. at French Camp
Building & Grounds Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Management Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215

Wednesday

Men’s Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Discipleship Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH
Care Team Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
MTJ Sub-Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Interns Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in Basement Classroom
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
College Dinner & Discussion — 5:30 p.m. in WH204A
Peru Mission Team Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in WH202
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 “Missions in May” Program — 6:30 p.m. in
 various locations
Junior High D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in YH
Adult D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH
FPC Brass Rehearsal — 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Young Adults Men’s Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Men of the Covenant Luncheon — 11:45 a.m. in MH

Friday

No scheduled activities

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....”

Jeff and Mary Baldwin – Serving as the director and a seminary professor with Greater Europe Mission (GEM) in Athens, Greece. Email: jeffrey.baldwin@gemission.org.

Brian and Liza Sorgenfrei – Serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Mississippi State University. Email: brian.sorgenfrei@ruf.org.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary, from the wedding of Grace Catherine Bowman and Donald Joseph Martinez III, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Grace Purvis Bowman, grandmother of the bride, and Mr. Pierre Robert Mott, Mr. and Mrs. John Earl Renner, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Joseph Martinez, grandparents of the groom.

SIXTH GRADE “MOVE UP” DAY TODAY

Sixth graders will officially become a part of the Students & Families Ministry today. Please join us in the Youth House for breakfast beginning at 9:40 a.m. and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Also, plan to join us on Wednesday, May 4, at 5:30 p.m. for Junior High D Groups. We'll have pizza and ice cream for \$3.00. For more information about the Students & Families Ministry, visit www.fpcjackson.org/youth. Contact Jenny Sanders with questions at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org.

MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCHEON

Men, join us this Thursday, May 5, 2016, at 11:45 a.m. in Miller Hall for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon featuring the Reverend Dr. Derek Thomas, Senior Minister of First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC. Reservations are not required, and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. If you have questions, contact Lisa Repair at 601-326-9243 or lisar@fpcjackson.org.

SCOTLAND TRIP — SUMMER 2017

Learning about our roots and the rich spiritual heritage entrusted to us is an important way to grow as Christians. In the summer of 2017, Senior Minister David Strain will lead a trip to Scotland where, as well as time for sightseeing, we will learn about the Reformation, the beginnings of Presbyterianism, and the heroic sacrifice of the Covenanters. We will visit key sites in the city of Edinburgh and tour parts of the beautiful Scottish Highlands. If you think this trip might be for you, join us for an informational meeting on Thursday, May 12, in Miller Hall, at 6:00 p.m.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR 20'S-30'S

Are you looking to find community within a large church family? Are you in your late 20s/early 30s but not plugged in to a Sunday School class? This Sunday School class will begin meeting on May 15, in room 313A in the Study Center. This new class is a great opportunity to get stitched into the life of the church. For more information, contact David Felker at 601-850-8650 or davidf@fpcjackson.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — JUNE 6-10

Registration is now open for children and teen helpers for VBS 2016 at www.fpcjackson.org/vbs-reg. Also, we are currently recruiting member volunteers to help. If you enjoy working with children, or if you like to help with crafts, or if you prefer a behind the scenes task such as preparing snacks for the adult volunteers, we have a spot for YOU! If you are willing to help, please contact VBS Director, Genneysa Case at 601-540-2370 or email gcase@comcast.net.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Ladies, if you have had any changes to your name, address, telephone, or email information in the last year, please contact the Women and Children's Ministry Department at 601-973-9115 or omegas@fpcjackson.org. The deadline for corrections to be included in the yearbook is Monday, June 13.

GOLDEN CIRCLE

Ladies, if you or a close family member are unable to attend service or church activities, we would love for you to join our Golden Circle. Golden Circle ladies receive cards and visits from various congregation members. We would love to minister to you in this way. Please contact Kortney Anderson 601-826-0043 or andersonkortney@gmail.com.

CONNECT WITH FPC ONLINE

website: www.fpcjackson.org

Follow us on Twitter
[@FPCJxnMS](https://twitter.com/FPCJxnMS)

Like us on Facebook
[Facebook.com/FirstPresJackson](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresJackson)

Download the First Pres App free
<http://get.theapp.co/d6ed>

THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church Offices:
1390 N. State Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39202
601-353-8316 • FAX 601-326-9250

web site - www.fpcjackson.org
WLBT TV3 10:00 A.M. Sunday
WBVV TV14 Memphis
WBIW Prattville, AL

THE SESSION

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

John A. Crawford, Clerk James S. Armstrong J. Mark Baird D. Kyle Ball McNeill Bartling III John H. Bowen III David L. Bowling Max P. Bowman Forrest G. Bratley, Jr. John P. Buchanan Don B. Cannada Stuart H. Clarke C. David Cleland John A. Crawford, Jr. Robert A. Cunningham Edward J. Currie, Jr. 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 Larry Houchins Paul Hurst W. Wayne Husband W. Harper Keeler Crane D. Kipp Terry R. Levy Robert Y. Love, Jr.	Wiley P. Lowry, Jr. George W. May, Jr. John H. McVey, Sr. H. V. Meena, Jr. Robert B. Mims J. Longstreet Minor III James L. Moore William McNeill Moore Doyle B. Moorhead Joel G. Payne, Jr. William D. Payne, Sr. William M. Penn Thomas I. Rice III Richard L. Ridgway Benjamin W. Roberson Stephen W. Rosenblatt Richard W. Russ Jerrald L. Shivers	John Lowe Smith 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 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
--	--	--	--

Elders Emeriti: Bryant Boswell; Thomas H. Bowen, Jr.; William S. Cook; William H. Cox, Jr.; T. Doug Dale, Sr.; Owen C. Elder, Jr.; Frank H. Hagaman; W. Jefferson Hamm, Sr.; H. Richard Johnson, Jr.; William A. Long, Jr.; A. William May; C. Eugene McRoberts, Jr.; J. Lee Owen, Jr.; A. Jerry Sheldon; Joel E. Varner

THE DIACONATE

William L. Crim, Jr. Chairman Kirkpatrick Anderson F. Hall Bailey David M. Baird Kenneth C. Ball Matt L. Ballew III Charles F. F. Barbour William H. Barbour III James M. Bateman Lewis W. Bell Victor E. Blaylock Walter J. Brand Jay Brown P. Sharkey Burke, Jr. Beau Burrow C. Glen Bush, Jr. John David Case V. Reid Cotten John L. Cox	Paul L. Cox J. Holt Crews Thomas D. Dale, Jr. Guy H. Davant III John Daniel Davis David B. Day Robert G. Dye, Sr. Auston Ramsay Edwards Parker Lee Ellison Robert G. Feild Spence Flatgard David H. Fulcher W. Douglas Garland III Matthew Samuel Glover Frank Guyton Graham, Jr. Matthew Lee Graves Henry W.H. Greaves, Sr. Willard Benton Gregg Zeb King Henson James R. House III	Carey A. Johnston J. Dallis Ketchum Stephen Paul Kruger Robert H. Lake Michael M. Manning R. David Marchetti Douglas M. McDaniel Kelly Wyche McMullan Robert A. Miller James L. Moore, Jr. J. Walter Newman IV J.T. Noblin Nathan Ray Oakley Rob Coit Oates, Jr. J. Lee Owen III Leroy H. Paris II R. Phillip Parker Charles R. Porter III James E. Prince III Cy Rosenblatt	R. Weston Russ, Jr. Bryan B. Rutledge Malcolm Saxon III Kenneth C. Seawright Jeff W. Skelton Stewart C. Swayze J. Ryan Swindell L. Ford Terry Michael T. Tramel Hugh D. Trussell II David A. Turner 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
--	---	---	---

Deacons Emeriti: John H. Allgood III; T. Oscar Burris, Jr.; R. Barry Cannada; Larry W. Edwards; Charles R. Gardner; Gary J. Herring; J.O. Manning, Jr.; William F. Sned; Joe P. Uithoven; Richard B. Wilson, Jr.; Wirt A. Yergler, Jr.

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 5:00 p.m. in PH

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS:

Family Night Dinner	Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.
Children's Activities	Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.
The Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday, 5:50 P.M.
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting	Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.
Discipleship Groups	Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.
Junior High D Groups	Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.