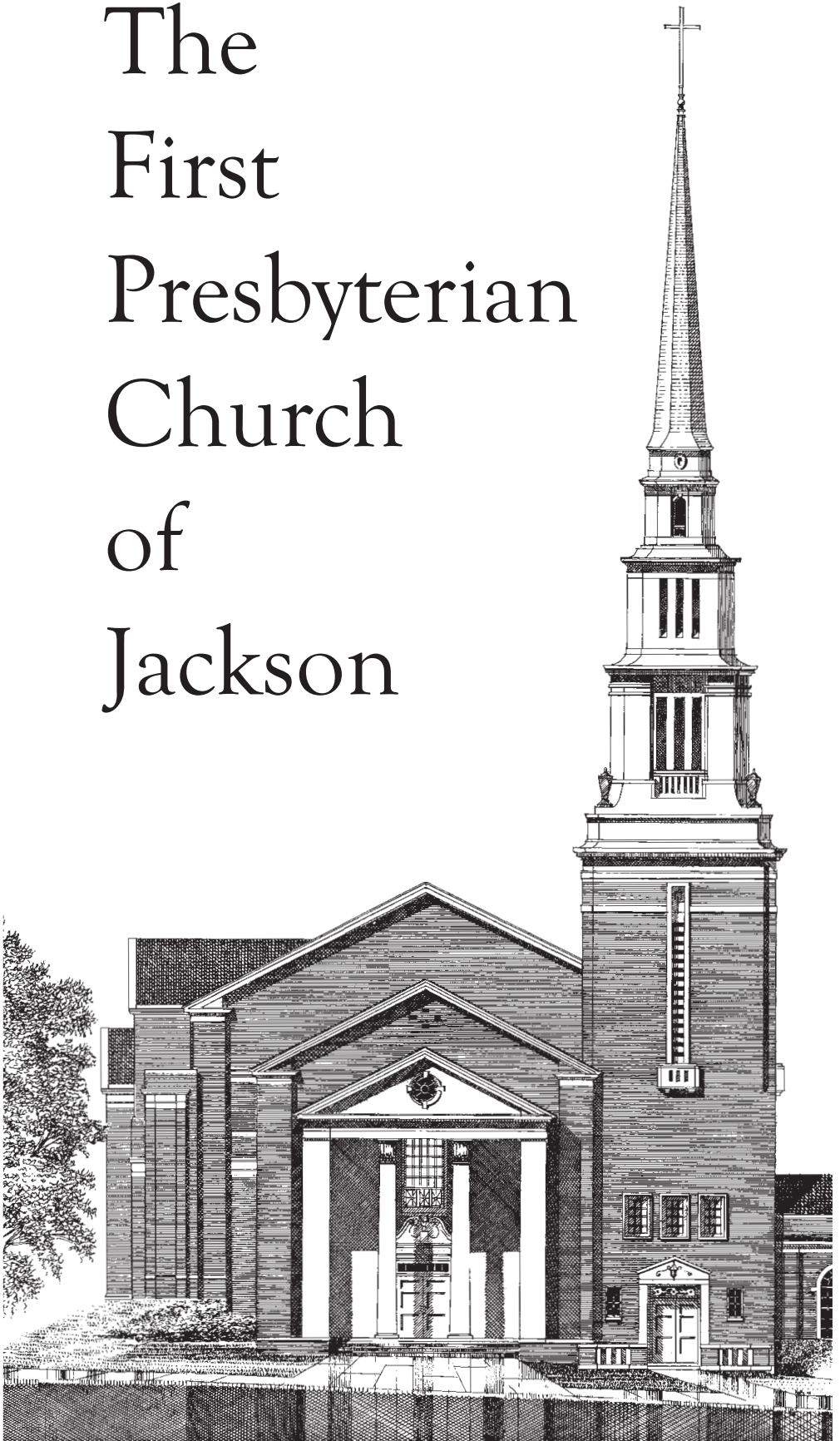


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# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twentieth Day of October, Two Thousand Thirteen

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. 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** — "That Beautiful Name" .....Arr. Carolyne Taylor  
Dr. David Snyder, Pianist

**The Introit** — "He Is Lord" ..... David Clydesdale

**The Call to Worship**

\*‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 110** — "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah" (Psalm 148:1-13)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

**The Scripture Reading** — Jeremiah 50:1-46 (Pew Bible pages 677-679)

\*‡ **The Psalm of Response No. 486** — "God, Be Merciful to Me" (Stanzas 1 and 5)

"God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;  
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;  
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;  
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart."  
(Psalm 51)

**The Morning Prayer**

\*‡ **The Hymn No. 457** — "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**The Stewardship Charge** — Mr. Will Vise, Chairman of the  
Stewardship Committee

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Offertory** — "An Expression of Gratitude" ..... David Schwoebel  
With Kathryn Edwards, Pianist

"I thank my God. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,  
always with joy in every prayer for you.  
I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.  
In every prayer with joy. I thank my God.

I thank my God for your fellowship in the gospel from the very first day 'til now.  
I thank my God for you, and I am sure that He, who began a good work in you,  
will bring it to completion at the day of Christ.

And this I pray that your love may abound more and more in knowledge,  
In judgment that you may approve what is excellent to the glory of God.  
That you may be pure and blameless, filled with the fruit of righteousness  
which comes through Christ Jesus.

I thank my God in every remembrance of you.  
Always with joy in every prayer for you. I thank my God."  
Philippians 1:3-6; 9-11

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — 1 John 1:1-2:2 (Pew Bible page 1021)

**The Sermon** — "Fellowship with God" .....Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 455** — "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** — "Amen" ..... John Rutter

**The Postlude** — "Praise Him With the Sound of the Trumpet" Carl Simone  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

\*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 — Mr. Justin S. Pillsbury  
Director of Student Ministry

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

The Prelude — "Be Thou My Vision" .....Arr. Jonathan Hunt  
The Ensemble: Jonathan Hunt, Director; Anne Wegener, Violinist

The Call to Worship

\*‡ The Psalm of Praise No. 53 — "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (Psalm 103)

‡ The Invocation

\* The Evening Hymn No. 345 — "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

\* The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Tim Threadgill

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "I Thank You, Lord" .....Joseph Martin  
The Student Choir, Sarah Morris, Accompanist

"Lord, when I think upon the music of my life, your songs of joy, your love songs in the night,  
I'm filled with wonder and with praise at the beauty of your grace. I thank you, Lord.

And when I gather in this house, your sacred place, and when I sing the hymns and anthems of my faith,  
I'm filled with hope and gratitude as I lift my heart to you. I thank you, Lord.

O, how can I keep from singing? How can I keep from lifting up my voice?

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth. How can I keep from singing? How can I help but praise the Lord?

How can I keep from praising Christ, my Savior, when he has done so much for me?

I will exalt His name and not be silent. God's love has set my music free!

Now, when I think upon the blessings of this life, the forest deep, the glory of the skies,  
the promise of the rising sun and the moon when day is done. I thank you Lord.

And when I look into the eyes of those I love, or when I gaze upon the starry night above,  
my heart is filled with joyful praise and I bless your holy name. How can I keep from singing...?"

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The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Song No. 420 — "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" (Stanza 1)

The Children's Catechism No. 135

Q. "What does the wine stand for?"

A. "Christ's blood, poured out for the forgiveness of our sins."

The Scripture — Exodus 5:1, 6:5-7, 12:12-13; Leviticus 17:11; Matthew 26:27-28;  
Romans 5:9; I Corinthians 11:25-26; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:22;  
I Peter 1:18-19

The Meditation..... Kevin Phipps, Senior Minister's Intern

The Prayer..... (The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ The Hymn No. 295 — "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (Stanza 1-3)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Revelation 4:1-5:14 (Pew Bible pages 1030-1031)

The Sermon — "The Worship of Heaven" .....Mr. Strain

‡ The Benediction and Response No. 295 — "Crown Him with Many Crowns"  
(Stanza 4)

"Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;

Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:

all hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:

thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity."

The Postlude — "Postlude in D" ..... J.K.F. Fischer  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

\*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.

***Fall Discipleship Luncheon Series with Dr. Tom Elkin***  
***“Potholes on the Path:***  
***The Seven Major Problem Areas of Marriage”***

Fighting about money...?  
Lacking intimacy...?  
Kids coming between you...?  
Work controlling life...?  
Don't know where to turn...?

~Tuesdays~

October 22~October 29~November 5~November 12

Join us for a four part luncheon series where Dr. Tom Elkin will address the seven major problem areas of marriage. Topics will include money, sex, children, in-laws, vocations, values, and communication. The goal of these lunch time talks is to help Christian couples face their struggles and gain the biblical wisdom necessary to begin the lifelong work of overcoming them. The series will be held in Miller Hall at First Presbyterian Church with lunch available starting at 11:30 a.m. Sessions will last from 12:00 – 12:45 p.m.

**Reservation Information:**

We do ask that you make a reservation for lunch and the nursery. The cost of each lunch is \$6 and will be collected at the door.

To make a reservation, you may do either of the following:

- Call the church office at 601-353-8316
- Email [receptionist@fpcjackson.org](mailto:receptionist@fpcjackson.org)

\*\*\*Each reservation will need to include:

- The name of each attendee  
(please indicate if nursery is needed)
- The date(s) that each person will attend



Tom, Minister of Marriage and Family Life, came to FPC after retiring as a Clinical Psychologist and Adjunct Staff Minister at Independent Presbyterian in Memphis, TN. He received his B.A. from Belhaven College in 1962 and his B.D. from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA in 1965. He earned his Ph.D. from Fuller Graduate School of Psychology in Pasadena, CA in 1972. Tom and his wife, Mary, have three children and eight grandchildren.

# A Guide to the Morning Service

## The Scripture Reading

### Jeremiah versus the Nations: Babylon (Jeremiah 50:1-46)

#### God's judgment on Babylon

The fall of Jerusalem is the climax of Jeremiah—the main event that dominates the action of the book. God's judgment against Babylon is part of the denouement—the tidying up of loose ends that brings a sense of closure to the book. As such, it is essential to the book's total message. Babylon serves as the instrument of God's judgment against Judah, but the Babylonians too will be judged. Given all the terrible things that they did to God's people, it is only right that their judgment should come at the end of Jeremiah's oracles against the nations and that the doom of their destruction should be prophesied in the most careful detail. Once again, Jeremiah gives a poetic description of a nation's last battle, punctuated with imperatives and staccato rhythms that convey a sense of urgent desperation (e.g., vv. 35–37). This time, though, there seems to be a particular note of triumph, as the prophet celebrates the defeat of one of God's worst enemies and one of the OT's main archetypes of evil (e.g. v. 2; cf. 51:48). There are signs that Babylon, ironically, will suffer the same kind of defeat that it so often inflicted on others, not least the city of Jerusalem (e.g., Babylon too is attacked from the north and is surrounded by a siege). Jeremiah's prophecy also includes instructions and promises that God gives to his people Israel (e.g. vv. 4–8, 20); Babylon's defeat is their deliverance. (Literary Study Bible, Crossway)

#### KEVIN DEYOUNG – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2013

Kevin DeYoung will be preaching this Wednesday, October 23, 2013, at the evening prayer meeting. He will be in town for the John Reed Miller Lecture Series at Reformed Theological Seminary, which everyone is invited to attend.

#### John Reed Miller Lecture Series Schedule

##### Tuesday, October 22

- 11:00 a.m. Lecture 1 at Grace Chapel  
"How Can a Biblical Sermon Be So Boring? The Case for Veracity and Clarity in Preaching"
- 12:00 noon Q&A at Patterson's Porch (free lunch for students, \$5 for guests) Discussion on *Crazy Busy*

##### Wednesday, October 23

- 10:00 a.m. Lecture 2 at Grace Chapel  
"How Can a Biblical Sermon Be So Boring? The Case for Specificity, Authenticity, and Ingenuity in Preaching"
- 11:00 a.m. Lecture 3 at Grace Chapel  
"How Can a Biblical Sermon Be So Boring? The Case for Spontaneity and Authority in Preaching"
- 12:00 noon Q&A at Patterson's Porch (free lunch for students, \$5 for guests) Discussion on Preaching and Pastoral Ministry

#### WIC GOLDEN CIRCLE

The Women in the Church have a ministry to those in our church who can no longer attend church or WIC Circle. It's called the Golden Circle. These ladies have been faithful members, serving as shining examples to us and to our children through the years. We are asking for volunteers who would be willing to visit one or two of them who are homebound or in retirement homes. It's a great ministry that is entirely flexible and suited to your schedule. If you could spare an hour every month or two, please call Susan Payne at 601-853-8243 or email her at [suspayne@comcast.net](mailto:suspayne@comcast.net).

#### ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILBLE

We are pleased to announce that First Presbyterian Church now provides online giving. Just click "Give Online" at the top right-hand corner of the [www.fpcjackson.org](http://www.fpcjackson.org) website. This is a convenient and safe way to make one-time or recurring donations with step-by-step instructions. You can even use the FPC Jackson mobile app to give donations.

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# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 20, 2013

<b>Sunday</b>	<p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 8:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary  <b>Prayer for Worship Service</b> — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (Library only)</p> <p><b>Sunday School</b> — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations  <b>College Sunday School</b> — 9:50 a.m. in the College House</p> <p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary  <b>Student Choir</b> — 4:40 p.m. in the MS</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)</p> <p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary  <b>Senior High Insight</b> — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Threadgills (4205 North Honeysuckle Lane)</p>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Scout Committee Meeting</b> — 12:00 noon in MH  <b>NCC Tutoring</b> — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&amp;B  <b>Cub Scouts Pack Meeting</b> — 6:00 p.m. in MH  <b>Troop 18</b> — 7:00 p.m. in the Scout Room</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study</b> — 6:30 a.m. in WH202  <b>Staff Meeting</b> — 9:00 a.m. in the MS  <b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  <b>Fall Discipleship Luncheon Series</b> — 11:30 a.m. in MH  <b>NCC Tutoring</b> — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&amp;B  <b>Internationals</b> — 6:45 p.m. in SC/PH</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>MOMS</b> — 9:00 a.m. in PH  <b>Men's Bible Study</b> — 10:00 a.m. in the Session Room  <b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  <b>Interns Meeting</b> — 4:00 p.m. in PH  <b>Family Night Supper</b> — 5:00 p.m. in MH  <b>Junior High Discipleship Groups</b> — 5:00 p.m. in the YH  <b>Sixth Grade Fellowship</b> — 5:30 p.m. in the Scout Room/Gym  <b>Children's Activities</b> — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Pavilion/Gym  <b>The Choir</b> — 5:50 p.m. in MS  <b>Children's Choirs</b> — 6:30 p.m. in various locations  <b>Discipleship Groups</b> — 6:30 p.m. in SC/WH  <b>Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting</b> — 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>Wisdom of God Bible Study</b> — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC  <b>Genesis Bible Study</b> — 9:45 a.m. in MH  <b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  <b>PROS</b> — 11:45 a.m. in MH</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>Sew and Sow</b> — 9:00 a.m. in SC211</p>
<b>Saturday</b>	<p><b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b> — 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..." **Johnny & Becky Long**- Serving with World Harvest Mission in Europe and Africa. Mailing address: 265 Sky Lake Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28739. Email address: johnwadelong@gmail.com

**Elliott & Carrie Everitt**- Serving as campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Mercer University in Macon, GA. Mailing address: 682 Mulberry Street Macon, GA 31201. Email address: elliot.everitt@ruf.org

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John C. Batte, Jr. by his family.

## IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Howard J. Cleland — October 13, 2013

## PROS

Please join us at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 24th, as we gather for our October meeting of PROS. We will have the pleasure of getting to know our new Minister of Teaching and Mission, David Strain, and his wife, Sheena, a little better. They have been in our midst since May, but many of us do not know their story and how God brought them to us. Come spend some time with them - they are willing to answer any questions you may have. They will join us for a lunch of yummy chicken, broccoli and rice casserole, sweet honey glazed carrots, warm oatmeal muffins and for dessert, a slice of fresh apple cake. Please check your calendar, gather your friends and make your reservations on or before MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, at 4:00 p.m. by calling the church office at 601-353-8316.

## MISSION MISSISSIPPI

You are invited to attend Mission Mississippi Statewide Celebration and 20th Anniversary Service which will be held at the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium here in Jackson on Sunday afternoon, October 27, at 5:00 p.m. We will gather as a part of the culmination of the 82 day twentieth anniversary celebration of Mission Mississippi, and thank the Lord for the unity that He has granted to the body of Christ across racial lines here in Mississippi over these last twenty years (Psalm 133).

## FPDS 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

The School Board of First Presbyterian Day School has established a priority for members of the First Presbyterian Church for such vacancies as now remain for the fall session commencing August 2014. This priority ends at 3:00 p.m. on October 31, and pertains only to new students applying for placement in the Day School. Accordingly, all interested persons of this congregation should immediately contact the school at 601-355-1731.

## FRIDAY FORUM

**November 1, 6:00–9:00 p.m. in Miller Hall**

Join us Friday, November 1, for "Friday Forum," an extended teaching time to enrich and equip young adults at FPC in God's Word. Our Senior Minister, Ligon Duncan, and RUF minister at Jackson State, Elbert McGowan, will teach on Christianity and Race. The cost is \$6 to cover a Newk's meal. (Please arrive at 5:45 p.m. so we can begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.) Nursery is provided, but please RSVP for your children. To sign up for meal and/or nursery, email Shannon Craft at shannonc@fpcjackson.org. Call David Felker at 601-850-8650 with questions.

## MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCHEON

**Thursday, November 7**

Men, join us Thursday, November 7, for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon featuring Phillip Holmes, co-creator of the Reformed African-American Network. Reservations are not required and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. If you have questions, contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org

## BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, November 17, 2013. Space is available for the 8:30 a.m. worship service. To make your reservation, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or email her at shannonc@fpcjackson.org

# Ten Principles for Christian Giving (Part 1)

by Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III

Very often people ask or wonder "what are the basic biblical principles for Christian giving?" As we seek God's answer to that question and contemplate our own giving to the Lord's Church in response to the clear teaching of His Word, perhaps it would be wise and helpful to review those principles. First, I would encourage you to read the following passages in the Word of God itself: **Matthew 6:1-4**; **1 Corinthians 16:1-2**; **2 Corinthians 8:9-15**; and **2 Corinthians 9: 6-7**. In our review of these four New Testament passages, we find at least Ten Principles for Christian Giving:

- 1 The Lord Jesus expects and requires us to give.**  
Jesus said to his disciples, "when you give" not "if you give" (Matthew 6:2)! Hence, Christian giving is not optional, but rather essential. We often hear folks say: "in the Old Testament they *had* to give, but not in the New—now we only give if we want to." This is clearly not Jesus' teaching. He expected all his followers to be givers. Christians will give.  
*Are you giving?*
- 2 The Lord Jesus wants us to give for the right reasons.**  
Jesus warned his disciples not to give for the sake of being admired by men. "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them," He said (Matthew 6:1). When we give, we must be careful to examine our motives. We ought to give for the glory of God and the good of His people. We must desire His approval of our giving, rather than the praise and admiration of people. *Are you giving for God's praise or man's?*
- 3 The Lord Jesus wants us to practice benevolent or charitable giving.**  
Jesus said "When you give to the poor...." (Matthew 6:2,3). Jesus is specifically teaching about "alms" in this passage: aid, charity, or benevolent offerings for the needy. This is why benevolences are a very important part of our Church budget. We are corporately committed to obeying this mandate from the Lord. *Do you give amply enough to the Church that she can be generous in benevolent giving?*
- 4 The Lord Jesus reminds us that our giving is ultimately to the all-seeing heavenly Father.**  
Jesus said "When you give...; your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you" (Matthew 6:3-4). When we give, we are not simply adding to the Church budget, we are giving up a thank offering to the Father Himself. Thus, we must all give "as unto the Lord." Our ultimate goal in giving is to please Him. *Are you conscious of the fact that your giving is to the Lord and seen by the Lord?*
- 5 The Bible teaches that Christian giving is an act of worship.**  
In connection with the previous point, we see this truth stressed in another way in Paul's words "On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save" (1 Corinthians 16:2). Paul here teaches the Corinthians that their taking up of the collection is an act of worship which is to be a part of their regular Lords' Day worship. When we put our money in the plate, we are worshiping Almighty God in accordance with His Word. Note well, Paul is speaking here of a "collection for the saints"—this is giving by the Church to the Church for the Church. Did you realize that giving is a part of worship? *Is your worship in this area abundant or inhibited? Is giving to the Church a priority with you?*

**STEWARDSHIP 2014  
COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 3**