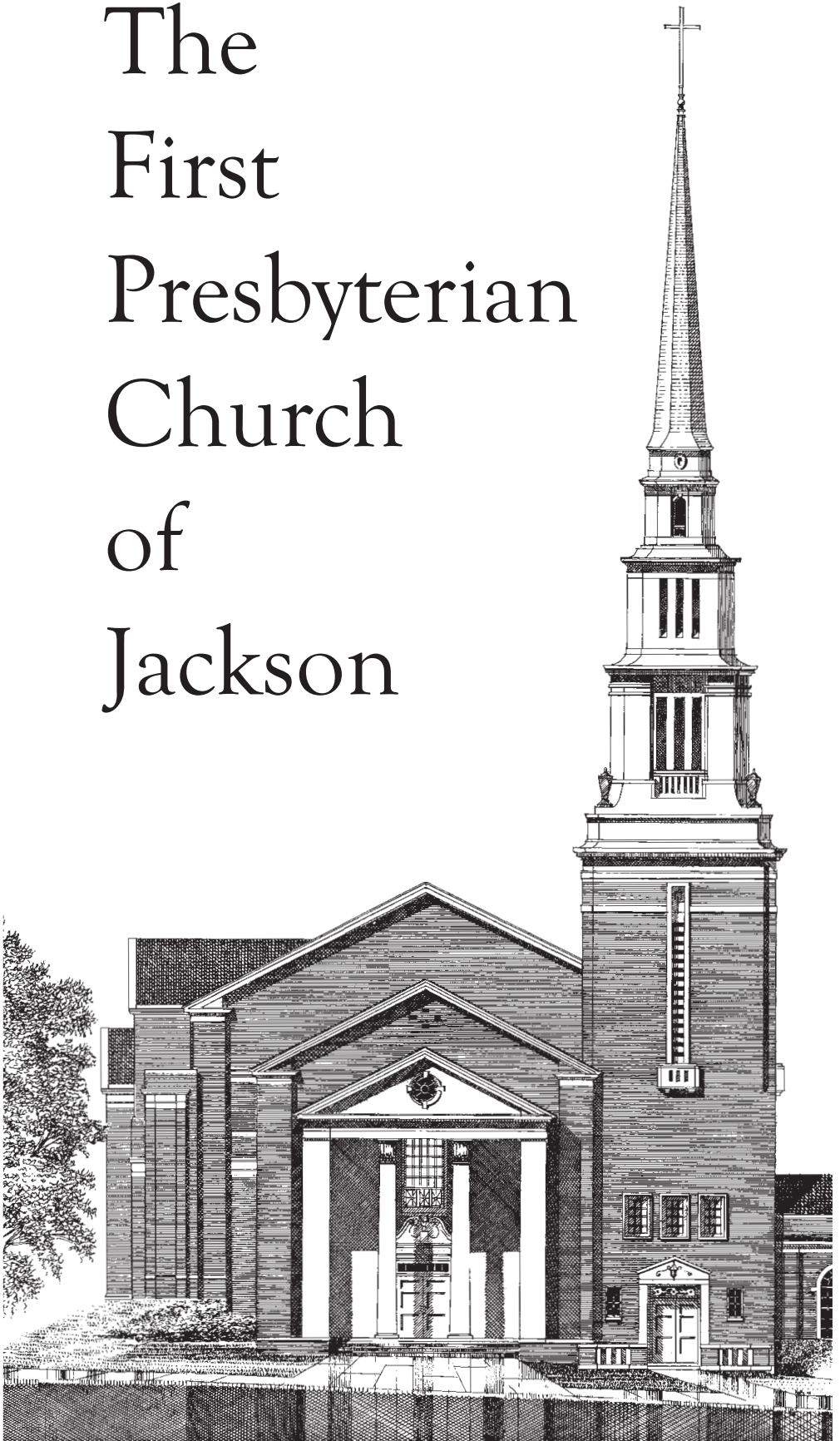


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighth Day of September, 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. Ralph S. Kelley
Executive Minister

At the time of the Greetings and Announcement 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 — “Nimrod” (Enigma Variations)Edward Elgar
William Wymond, Organist

The Introit — “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”Ludwig van Beethoven
Matthew Forester, Guest Director

The Call to Worship

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

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Scripture Reading — Jeremiah 43:1-13 (Pew Bible page 670)

*‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 672** — “Trust and Obey”

The Morning Prayer

*‡ **The Hymn No. 708** — “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “I Waited For The Lord” (Elijah)Felix Mendelssohn
Gena Everitt and Kim Porter, Soloists

“I waited for the Lord, He inclined unto me, He heard my complaint.

O bless'd are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

O bless'd are they that hope and trust in Him.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Judges 7 (Pew Bible pages 206-207)

The Sermon — “Strength Made Perfect in Weakness”Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 571** — “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — “Five-Fold Amen” W. Wymond

The Postlude — “Toccata on ‘Duke Street’Gilbert Martin

*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 Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey
Minister of Discipleship

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

The Prelude — “At Eventide” Charles V. Stanford
William Wymond, Organist

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 4 — “All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”**

‡ **The Invocation**

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

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder John McVey

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Like As A Father” Natalie Sleeth
The Student Choir, Caroline Pillsbury, Accompanist

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Song No. 93 — “The Tender Love a Father Has” (Stanzas 1, 4, and 5)
(Tune: DUNDEE)

The Children’s Catechism No. 130

Q. “Why should the children of believers be baptized?”

A. “Because they also belong to God, and God promises to forgive their sins when they repent and believe.”

The Scripture — Genesis 17:1-11; Acts 16:25-34; Romans 3:23; 1 Corinthians 7:14

The Meditation..... Josh Squires, Christian Education Intern

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 252 — “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”** (Stanzas 1-3)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 19:16-37 (Pew Bible pages 905-906)

The Sermon — *Glory In His Face “Sacrificial Lamb”* Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction and Response No. 252 — “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**
(Stanza 4)

“Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.”

The Postlude — “Fanfare in F”Dietrich Buxtehude

*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.

"In Christ Alone"

Getty and Townend



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner stone, this sol - id
God in help - less Babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me, from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Til on the
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease! My com - for - ter, my all in all, here in the
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the
me, for I am His and he is mine, bought with the
hand, 'til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the



love of Christ I stand.
death of Christ I live.
pre - cious blood of Christ.
pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

A Guide to the Morning Service

The Scripture Reading

Jeremiah's Counsel Rejected (Jeremiah 43:1-13)

A fatal mistake

After witnessing the tragic fall of Jerusalem and the terrible murder of governor Gedaliah, the small surviving remnant of Judah is tempted to leave the Promised Land altogether and go back to Egypt, in the hope of finding protection there from the Babylonians. In fact, the group is already making its way to Egypt when their emerging leaders stop and ask Jeremiah for his opinion: Should they stay in Judah or go to Egypt? The decision is critical and the prophet's answer is unequivocal: It is God's will for the remnant of His people to remain in Judah. If they stay, they will have God's full blessing; if they go, they will fall under His deadly curse (42:9-22). In the end, the leaders of the remnant reject Jeremiah's counsel and decide to go back to the land of Egypt, the house of bondage. They go their own way instead of God's way, wrongly concluding that what Jeremiah says to them is only the word of man, not the Word of God. This flight narrative is a case study in not listening to God's Word, not trusting God's plan, and not making a wise spiritual decision—problems that plague God's people throughout this book. The story ends with another object lesson, as Jeremiah digs up part of the pavement in front of one of Pharaoh's palaces and predicts that the king of Babylon will set up his throne on the very spot (43:10). The people who have gone down to Egypt will not escape the Babylonians after all. Nor will they escape the judgment of God. (Literary Study Bible, Crossway)

TWIN LAKES DINNER ON THE GROUNDS AND EVENING WORSHIP Sunday, September 29, 2013

Mark your calendar and plan to join the First Pres family for a churchwide dinner on the grounds followed by evening worship at the beautiful Twin Lakes. The gates will open at 5:15 p.m., and we will enjoy a delicious Bar-B-Que meal and fellowship together. Then at 6:00 p.m. we will gather at the pavilion for evening worship. There is no charge for the meal and dress is casual. Hope to see you there!

NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTIAN CENTER

The Neighborhood Christian Center tutoring program at First Pres is in need of additional tutors. You do not have to be a former school teacher to be a good tutor!! The only requirement is a patient and loving attitude. Each year we have approximately 15 students (K-5th graders) from Johnson Elementary enrolled in our program. We meet in Room 210 of the FPC Study Center at 3:00 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays starting in mid September through early May. You may choose the day that is best for you, although this year we are particularly in need of additional tutors on Tuesdays.

COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL

College Students: Join us for College Sunday School this fall semester in the College House (beside the Belhaven Street parking lot on North State Street). Teachers will include our new college staff members (Kelly Jackson and Stefan Sanchez), as well as David Felker, Jeff Jordan (RUF MC), etc. Contact Kelly at kellyj@fpcjackson.org or Stefan at stefans@fpcjackson.org with questions. We hope to see you there!

SEPTEMBER CIRCLES

Monday, Sept. 9, 10:00 a.m.

#2 Becky Ivison

2631 Lake Circle

Monday, Sept. 9, 10:00 a.m.

#3 Carolyn Heidelberg

145 Brae Burn

Monday, Sept. 9, 10:00 a.m.

#4 Rebecca Redman

Church Parlor

Monday, Sept. 9, 9:45 a.m.

#5 Laura Blaylock, Bess Corbitt

Church Library

Monday, Sept. 9, 12 noon

#14 Susan Turner, Marty May

Miller Hall

Monday, Sept. 9

6:00 p.m. Fellowship

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

#6 Beth Archer

2257 E. Northside Dr.

Monday, Sept. 9, 5:30 p.m.

#7 Marian Ware

Miller Hall

Monday, Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m.

#8 Janet Davis

The Orchard

Tuesday, Sept 10, 10:00 a.m.

#9 Glenda Cox, Grace Toler

Church Parlor

Tuesday, Sept 10, 10:00 a.m.

#10 Mary Bratley

430 Heritage Place

Flowood

Tuesday, Sept 10, 10:00 a.m.

#11 Frenchie Graham, Ruth Tant

Youth House

Tuesday, Sept 10, 10:00 a.m.

#12 Nina Johnston, Rachel Bonner

St. Catherine's

Tuesday, Sept 10, 12 noon

#13 Maryla Delaney

Miller Hall

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 8, 2013

Sunday	<p>Pre-Service Announcements — 8:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary 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>Inquirers Class — 9:40 a.m. in M133</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 College House</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Student Choir — 4:40 p.m. in the MS</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Senior High Insight — at 7:30 p.m. the home of the Meenas (4764 Massena Drive)</p>
Monday	<p>Circles Meet This Week</p> <p>Diaconate Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in PH</p> <p>Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in the MS</p>
Tuesday	<p>Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in the MS</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday School Officers Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p>Twin Lakes Executive Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p>MNA Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p>Presbytery Credentials Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in WH202</p> <p>Internationals — 6:45 p.m. in SC/PH</p>
Wednesday	<p>MOMS Sign Up — 8:00 a.m. in the Nursery</p> <p>MOMS (First Meeting) — 9:00 a.m. in PH</p> <p>Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in the Session Room</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.</p> <p>Stewardship Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p>Twin Lakes Conference/Retreat Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</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>Sixth Grade Fellowship — 5:30 p.m. in the Scout Room/Gym</p> <p>Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Pavilion/Gym</p> <p>The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS</p> <p>Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations</p> <p>Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in SC/WH</p> <p>Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in LH</p>
Thursday	<p>Wisdom of God Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC</p> <p>Genesis Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Twin Lakes Summer Camp Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</p>
Friday	<p>Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211</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...” **Carrie J.** – serving with Mission to the World in Asia. For contact information, please contact the Mission Department.

Seth and Julie Still – serving with RUF as Campus Minister at Delta State. Email: sstill@ruf.org, mailing address: 207 North Leflore Avenue, Cleveland, MS 38732.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are in loving memory of Mrs. Barbara Pace, in honor of her birthday and are given by her family.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Victor B. (Madeline) Clark — August 31, 2013

LADIES, HEADS UP!

Ladies' Bible studies begin this week. Make sure you're signed up and invite your friends. Check your yearbook or call the Christian Education Office for more information.

Monday, September 9	WIC Circles
Tuesday, September 10	WIC Circles
Wednesday, September 11	MOMS Bible Study
Thursday, September 12	"Wisdom of God"
Thursday, September 12	Genesis Bible Study

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

September 15, 2013

On Sunday, September 15, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service, there will be a congregational meeting to receive and concur with Dr. Duncan's request to dissolve his pastoral relationship with First Presbyterian Church and to approve a search process for a new Senior Minister.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 2013. Space is available for both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship service. To make your reservation, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or email her at shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, September 17, in room WH202 from 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. Billy Dempsey will lead the study on "Ecclesiastes: Why Everything Matters." A light breakfast will be served for the cost of \$3. To sign up for this study, please contact Shannon Craft at shannonc@fpcjackson.org or call 601-326-9243.

SEPTEMBER PROS

Please join us on Thursday, September 26, 2013, at 11:30 a.m., in Miller Hall as we start our 2013 - 2014 PROS (Presbyterian Retired Organization) season. We will have a special treat in store as friend and author, Becky Hobbs, comes to share the research and writing of her book, *How Big Is Your GOD?, The Spiritual Legacy of SAM PATTERSON, EVANGELIST*. Many of us knew and loved Sam Patterson and were always blessed by his person and ministry. When Becky finishes, she will join us for lunch. We will catch up with each other over Crazy Mixed Up Lasagna, Crisp Green Salad, Garlic Bread and for dessert, Texas Sheet Cake. Check your calendar, invite your friends and make your reservations by 4:30 p.m., Monday, September 23rd, by calling the church office at 601-353-8316.

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WLBT TV3 10:00 A.M. Sunday
WBVV TV14 Memphis
WBIW Prattville, AL

THE SESSION

The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III, Senior Minister

John A. Crawford, Clerk	Arthur P. Davis	Robert Y. Love, Jr.	A. Jerry Sheldon
James S. Armstrong	Stephen M. Edwards	Wiley P. Lowry, Jr.	Jerrald L. Shivers
J. Mark Baird	James D. Elkin	A. William May	Mark A. Sorgenfrei
D. Kyle Ball	T. David Elkin	George W. May, Jr.	Paul H. Stephenson III
McNeill Bartling III	George R. Fair	John H. McVey, Sr.	Marvin E. Stockett
Bryant R. Boswell	Kenneth G. Fairly	Robert B. Mims	William O. Stone, Jr.
John H. Bowen III	W. Craig Flowers	J. Longstreet Minor III	Daniel B. Story II
Max P. Bowman	Marcial D. Forester, Jr.	James L. Moore	Orrin H. Swayze, Jr.
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Donald G. Breazeale	Alan F. Futvoye	Doyle B. Moorhead	Denny A. Terry
John P. Buchanan	Claude W. Harbarger	J. Lee Owen, Jr.	Timothy M. Threadgill
Don B. Cannada	William K. Harper	Joel G. Payne, Jr.	Jim B. Tohill
Al P. Chestnut	Samuel D. Hensley	William D. Payne, Sr.	Noel K. Toler, Jr.
Stuart H. Clarke	Paul Hurst	William M. Penn	R. Barry Vickery
C. David Cleland	W. Wayne Husband	Thomas I. Rice III	Alan H. Walters
William S. Cook	W. Harper Keeler	Richard L. Ridgway	T. Calvin Wells
Robert A. Cunningham	Crane D. Kipp	Stephen W. Rosenblatt	A. Terrel Williams
T. Doug Dale, Sr.	Ralph H. Lord	Richard W. Russ	Marcus M. Wilson
			Mark J. Windham

Elders Emeriti: Thomas H. Bowen, Jr.; Victor B. Clark; Robert F. Cooper, Jr.; William H. Cox, Jr.; Owen C. Elder, Jr.; Frank H. Hagaman; W. Jefferson Hamm, Sr.; Homer Lee Howie, Sr.; Leland Hume, Jr.; H. Richard Johnson, Jr.; Leon E. Lewis, Jr.; Dickson R. Liddell; William A. Long, Jr.; C. Eugene McRoberts, Jr.; Sidney A. Robinson, Jr.; Lewis Van Ness Rusling; Joel E. Varner

THE DIACONATE

Douglas M. McDaniel Chairman	V. Reid Cotten	James R. House III	R. Weston Russ
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F. Hall Bailey	J. Holt Crews	Michael M. Manning	Jeff W. Skelton
David M. Baird	William L. Crim, Jr.	R. David Marchetti	John Lowe Smith
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	L. Lawrence Houchins, Jr.	Cy Rosenblatt	Walter R. Wofford, Jr.
			John H. Young III

Deacons Emeriti: T. Oscar Burris, Jr.; R. Barry Cannada; Larry W. Edwards; Charles R. Gardner; Billy C. Greenlee; Gary J. Herring; J.O. Manning, Jr.; Boyd Thompson; Joe P. Uithoven; Richard B. Wilson, Jr.; Wirt A. Yerger, Jr.; Donn E. Young

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 5:15 p.m. in PH

*THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING: Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.
Family Night Dinner Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.
Adult Bible Study Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.
Junior High Discipleship Groups Wednesday, 5:00 P.M.
Children's Activities Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.

*THE CHOIR REHEARSAL Wednesday, 5:50 P.M.

THE WOMEN IN THE CHURCH:

*Administrative Council First Monday, 9:30 A.M.
*Circles Second Week

THE MEN OF THE COVENANT First Thursday, 11:45 A.M.

THE SCOUTS: Boy Scouts (Troop 18) (Weekly) Monday, 7:00 P.M.

THE SESSION MEETING Second Monday, 7:00 P.M.

THE DIACONATE MEETING Second Monday, 5:30 P.M.

* A nursery for infants and pre-school children is maintained by the Church.