

1 SUNDAY



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
Jackson, Mississippi



OCTOBER 27

1 MORNING SERVICE - 9 AM
1 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
1 LUNCH ON THE LAWN

LUNCH ON THE Lawn OCTOBER 27

PLAYGROUND/PAVILLION

BRING A DISH TO FEED 6-8 PEOPLE ACCORDING TO YOUR LAST NAME

A - J: VEGETABLES

K - S: SALAD

T - Z: DESSERT

HOLIDAY POTPOURRI

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL

October 25, 2019
9 A.M.-2 P.M.

AT THE HOME OF LAURA & TOMMY STANSELL
2734 QUAIL RUN | JACKSON, MS 39211



Bountiful Bakery



Garden & Gift Gallery



Tasting Tea



Silent Auction



Home Tour



Cooking Demonstrations led by Chefs Alex Eaton and Derek Emerson starting at 11:30.



Tickets available at the door or by calling 601.355.1731 | HolidayPotpourri.org

Missionaries of the Month

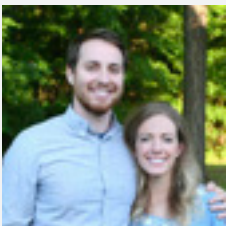


Trey & Kiki A – Team Leader & Country Director
Please pray for Trey and Kiki as they had to return to the states due to threats, conflict, and possible jail time due to a former pastor spreading false rumors.



Per & Beth Almquist – Free Grace Presbyterian Church, Lewiston, Maine
Please Pray:

- For members Ben and Paul as they finish their officer training and explore whether God is calling them to serve as ruling elders in the church; for the congregation that they too would seek God's call in this process.
- For Per and Beth's relationship with the community through Jordan's Bridge Christian Counseling and the Youth Orchestra of Lewiston-Auburn.
- For their sons: Kyle as he works through the major transition of graduating; for Jason to find a church home while at school; for Scotty as he has his mom and dad's sole attention and transitions into high school.
- For Per and Beth as they shepherd the boys in these phases of life as their relationship with them grows and changes.



Martin & Elizabeth Antoon – Campus Minister at Savannah College of Art and Design

Please Pray:

- That God would help them reach freshmen this year. Pray that God would bring many of them to RUF

and captivate their hearts.

- For spiritual nourishment and encouragement for Martin, Elizabeth, and their intern, Clare.
- For growth of student leaders. This year, Martin longs to see students who have been involved in RUF take a more proactive role in serving the campus, and that God would use their service as a means through which they themselves grow and mature in their faiths.



On Mission Together

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace... in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 4:10-11

‘Stewardship season’ is such an odd term, isn’t it? On the one hand, we realize that God does not just command us to be good stewards during two or three months of the year; He calls us to be good stewards all the time, just like He commands us to be faithful husbands or wives, loving parents or children, hospitable neighbors and friends all the time. However, we also ought to recognize that a deliberate pause and reflection on God’s abundant gifts to us and our faithful (or unfaithful) use of these gifts is also an appropriate piece of our discipleship puzzle. Throughout His unfolding story, God calls His people to stop what they are doing, intentionally remember His faithfulness and goodness, and then do something in return. In brief, this is why stewardship season exists at FPC.

Our stewardship verse this year comes directly from our Sunday morning sermon series in 1 Peter. Our Stewardship Committee chose this verse, in part, to remind each of us that stewardship is an important way that we as a body of Christ are **On Mission Together**. In other words, each of us acts “as a good steward of God’s varied grace” because we recognize that our stewardship works to advance our mission together. All God’s people have a role—an important role—in being stewards together and as we fulfill that role, we get the privilege of being part of watching God advance His kingdom together.

In this verse, Peter is reminding each of us that we have a call to be good

stewards—it is not merely for a certain class or a certain demographic. It is for each and every one of God’s people! Peter also recognizes that being a good steward will look different for various members of the body, but for every one of us, it will look like a sacrifice in some way—a sacrifice of time, a sacrifice of materials, and a sacrifice of comfort. But being **On Mission Together** requires many small sacrifices as we follow Him who sacrificed Himself for us.

Over the coming weeks, we will have many opportunities to pause and reflect on God’s goodness to us and our faithfulness as stewards. Knowing how important it is for most of us to hear a message more than once, we aim to provide you opportunities in many formats—from the pulpit, in Sunday school, and from printed material and devotionals. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit would be active in the hearts of each of us as we make use of these opportunities. Our aim is not to overwhelm the body of Christ with “more and more talk about money,” but to provide times for each of us to look away from self and look upward and outward as we consider how “God may be glorified through Jesus Christ” in the way the people of this body use His gifts. May our hearts be lifted in gratitude over the coming weeks, and may we consider how to act faithfully and sacrificially as “stewards of God’s varied grace.”

In Him
Zeb Henson
Stewardship Committee Chair



Holiday Potpourri - FPDS Fundraiser

October 25 | 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Day School will host its annual fundraiser, Holiday Potpourri, on Friday, October 25, 2019, in the home of Laura and Tommy Stansell in the Eastover neighborhood of Jackson. This 45th annual event will be a festive day of food, shopping, and fellowship from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Guests will have the opportunity to tour the Stansell home and grounds and will also enjoy the traditional Bountiful Bakery, Garden and Gift Gallery, and Silent Auction. Local restaurants return for the enticing Tasting Tea (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), and FPDS students in the Honor Choir and Strings programs are scheduled to perform. Exciting new features this year are Chef Demonstrations beginning at 11:30 by local favorites Alex Eaton (owner of Aplos Restaurant and The Manship Wood-Fired Kitchen) and Derek Emerson (owner of CAET, Local 463, Parlor Market, and Walker's Drive-In).

Since 1974, Holiday Potpourri has provided critical support in enhancing our children's education, including the building remodel and development of our preschool, continued upgrades in technology for our classrooms, and a state-of-the-art science lab. Funds raised from the 2019 event will support the FPC Gymnatorium and Classroom Project.

The first Holiday Potpourri was held at the home of Mrs. Leon Lewis. While Holiday Potpourri has expanded and changed over the years, its mission remains the same – to support FPDS as it plants seeds of Christlikeness in the hearts of children while providing quality academic education.

Event tickets may be purchased for \$10 from FPDS students, at the school, or on the day of the event. Each ticket is also an entry into a \$1,000 cash raffle. For more information, please call 601-355-1731 or visit www.holidaypotpourri.org.

Holiday Potpourri: October 25, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tasting Tea, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Chef Demonstrations, 11:30 a.m.

Women's Ministry Fall Dinner & Workshop

October 22, 2019 | 6:00 - 8:00 | Miller Hall

During this evening, Emily Hartman will share with us tools that make us equipped for more fluent gospel conversations. We will enjoy dinner and a workshop format to help us learn to engage others, as we are dependent on and urged by the Spirit. The cost of the meal is \$8 and will be taken at the door. The meal will be naturally gluten free. A nursery is available by request at the time of registration for children ages 4 and under. The deadline to register is Thursday, October 17.

Session Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JACKSON, MS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019, AT 7:00 P.M.

I. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

· Caleb Blake was introduced and gave a report on his work and ministry as Congregational Care Intern.
· John Lane, a student at RTS, was introduced as attending this Session meeting for the purpose of fulfilling his Presbytery requirement.

II. OLD BUSINESS

The July 21, 2019 minutes of the Standing Judicial Commission, including the initial officers, terms of membership, and WIC Advisors designated in such minutes, were approved

III. ACTION ITEMS WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Session minutes of July 8, 2019, and August 5, 2019, and the Congregational meeting minutes of July 14, 2019, and August 18, 2019, were approved.

B. CONGREGATIONAL CARE:

· A wedding for November 2, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with the reception away was approved.
· A wedding for February 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with the reception away was approved.

C. DISCIPLESHIP

The following Sunday School teachers were approved: Ted Hall and Ken Kammer

D. MISSION/OUTREACH

· The following MNA Committee recommendations were approved:

1. That a one-time gift be given to the Mid-South PCA Church Planting Network, now being led by Clint Wilcke.
2. That monthly support be transferred from Rick Holbert (Christian Medical and Dental Association) to Chris Moody (Intern at CMDA).
3. Reinstatement support for Children of Abraham (which has now been certified by the Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability) retroactive to May 2019.
· The following MTW Committee recommendations were approved:

1. That a one-time gift be given to Wes and Claire Strebeck for reimbursement of airfare to Edinburgh, Scotland, to attend 20 schemes Ministry church planter assessment (September 27-October 7).
2. That Abigail Conroy, serving with MTW Path 270, receive a one-time gift.

3. That the Peru Mission Manse Reconstruction Fund receive a one-time matching gift. This will be a challenge to other churches for support.

E. COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Mark Baird was elected to serve on the Committee on Committees for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.

F. STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

On motion duly made and seconded, the Session adopted the following resolution:
That the Session approve the sale of that certain real property located on North State Street and known as the College House for a sale price of not less than \$110,000 on such terms and conditions as shall be

acceptable to the Strategic Planning Committee, and that the Clerk of the Session be authorized to execute and deliver all closing and conveyance documents in connection with such sale.

G. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

· The request of McNeill Bartling III for Ruling Elder Emeritus status was approved.
· The recommendation of Management Committee that the Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee be added as a member of the Management Committee was approved.
· The following Ruling Elders were approved and appointed as a commission to examine any Diaconate candidates who are unable to attend the stated Session meeting when Diaconate candidates will be examined: Bob Cunningham, Marcy Forester, Claude Harbarger, Harper Keeler, Mark Windham, and Alan Walters.

H. DAY SCHOOL

The following teachers for the 2019-2020 school year were approved: Hannah Emerson, Jenny Vandevere, and Sarah Beth Wilkins.

I. SESSION REPORT

The Session approved and ratified the baptisms of the following non-communing members by means of baptisms administered in accordance with Chapter 56 of the Book of Church Order at public worship services of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi, on July 21, 2019: Davis Saddler Barnes, Prewitt Ann Howard, and George Elder Stuart III.

“First Presbyterian Church of Jackson exists to glorify God by making disciples on the North State Street corridor, in the greater Jackson area, and around the world.”

FPCJ Vision

OUR BROADCASTS
 TELEVISION: Sundays 10:00 a.m. WLBT
 TV3 Jackson, MS & WBIH TV Prattville, AL
 RADIO: Sundays 9:30 a.m.: WYAB 103.9
 LIVE STREAM: fpcj.ms/livestream

Evangelism in Word and Deed



Around the church, look for these new cards. Please take some with you to hand out when you are encouraging someone to visit First Pres. You can add your number to the back and meet the person when they come. One story from a different church shows how a card like this can be a blessing: “A struggling young lady worked at a department store. While there she struck up a conversation with a mother and



her teenager. After the sale, the mother asked, ‘Do you go to church?’ The clerk replied, ‘No, I don’t, I was raised in church, but I haven’t been in a long time.’ Without hesitation, the shopper pulled out a card and said, ‘This is the church I go to. It’s near here, and let me put my number on the back. I want to make sure I am there to welcome you if you ever want to come.’ The young lady kept the card, called the woman, and visited the church.”

Please take a card or two to keep in your purse or pocket. God may use it to help some outsider come inside!

Contact Us

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 Instagram: @fpcjackson
 Look for the FPC Jackson app

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 Fax: (601) 326-9250

MINISTERS

Senior Minister	David Strain
Executive Minister	Ralph Kelley
Music Minister	Bill Wymond
Congregational Care	Billy Dempsey
Pastoral Care	Wiley Lowry and Brister Ware
Mission/Outreach	Ed Hartman
Discipleship	David Felker
Young Adults/College	Cory Brock
FPDS Chaplain	Gary Sinclair

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Women/Children	Donna Dobbs
Students/Families	Stephen Biggs

The First Epistle is a monthly publication mailed at the beginning of the month.
 Submit articles: Mary Ball, at maryb@fpcjackson.org.
 Church member in the hospital, births, and deaths: Lynn Smith at (601) 353-8316.
 Change of address or name: Marie Phillips at mariep@fpcjackson.org or (601) 973-9101.

October 2019 at FPC

Week of September 29 - October 5

- 9/29 Glory of the Gospel
- 10/3 Men's Ministry Kickoff
- 10/5 Claire Holley Concert (Young Adults)



Week of October 6-12

- 10/6 Preaching: Strain (a.m.) and Brock (p.m.)
- 10/7 Young Adults Trivia Night (Brent's)

Week of October 13-19

- 10/13 Preaching: Brock (a.m.) and Lowry (p.m.)
- 10/13 Communion (a.m. service)

Week of October 20-26

- 10/20 Preaching: Strain (a.m.) and Felker (p.m.)
- 10/22 Women's Fall Dinner & Workshop
- 10/25 Holiday Potpourri
- 10/26 Men's Ministry Service Day

Week of October 27 - November 2

- 10/27 Preaching: Strain (a.m.) and Hartman (p.m.)
- 10/27 1 Sunday
- 10/27 Lunch on the Lawn
- 10/29 Young Adults Chili Cook Off

In Loving Sympathy

Prayers and loving sympathy go to

- ◇ Bill Crim in the death of his mother. Also the grandmother of Balie, Rachel and William.
- ◇ Kenneth and Gus Primos in the death of their sister.
- ◇ The family and friends of J.N. Brock.
- ◇ Wyatt Hazard in the death of his mother.
- ◇ Hellen Powell (Nursery Staff) in the death of her mother. Also the grandmother of Monica Pittman (Nursery Staff).
- ◇ Elsie Sturtevant in the death of her sister.
- ◇ The family and friends of Ernest Joseph Roberts.
- ◇ Bill Wilson in the death of his mother also the grandmother of Amile Wilson.
- ◇ The family and friends of Henri Burnham.

Welcome to Our World

Reynolds Benjamine Greene
August 30, 2019
to Grace and Mason
Grandparents:
*Jim and *Nancy Bateman

Clara Josephine Langhofer
June 25
to *Jackie and Blake
Grandparents:
*Jim and *Nancy Bateman

Elliot John Groendyk
September 1, 2019
to *David and *Anaite

Jane Rebecca Felker
August 27
to David and *Lauren

Baptism

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, November 17. Space is available for the 8:30 service only. To make your reservation, please contact Marie Phillips at mariep@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9101.

Pray for One Another

Mr. Larry Hollis
Mr. and Mrs. George (Frances)
Holman
Miss Claire Holmes
Mr. and Mrs. Bubba (Janet) Holmes
Mrs. Marjorie Holmes
Mr. Tyler Holmes
Miss Brittany Holtmann
Mr. Alex Hood
Mr. and Mrs. Harrison (Jeannie)
Hood and family
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy (Paula) Hood
Ms. Scottye Hooker
Ms. Cathy Horne

Midweek Menus

2 Enchilada casserole **GF**
Mexican rice **GF**
Fajita beans **GF**
Chips **GF** & cheese
Kids pizza sticks

9 Honey-soy chicken **GF**
Egg rolls
Steamed rice **GF**
Stir fry veggies **GF**
Kids: hot dogs

16 Pork chops **GF**
Mac-n-cheese
Green beans **GF**
Kids: hot dogs

23 Salisbury steak **GF**
Mashed potatoes & gravy **GF**
Zesty carrots
Kids: corn dogs

30 Fried catfish or chicken tenders
Turnip greens **GF**
Cheesy-broccoli & rice casserole
Lima beans **GF**
Kids: same

All items marked with "**GF**" are gluten free meaning that these items do not contain wheat nor contain seasonings with wheat. Please remember that these items have been prepared in a kitchen that also prepares menu items that do contain gluten. If you need clarification of ingredients or preparation practices, please do not hesitate to ask our church hostess, Elizabeth Bush.



Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry Kickoff

Thursday, October 3

Make plans to join us for our Men's Ministry Kickoff event on Thursday evening, October 3, at the Creekmore's house (143 McHarris Rd. in Madison) at 6:30 PM. We will gather for food, fellowship, and a corn hole tournament while watching the Thursday night football game. This will be an opportunity to meet other men of various ages and stages in our big church and to receive information about our Men's Ministry this year.

Men's Ministry Service Saturday

Saturday, October 26

FPC and Jackson Area Men: join us for a Men's Ministry work day and luncheon on Saturday, October 26, from 8:30 a.m. - noon. We will have ministry teams led by deacons to do service on our facility and to our church family, as well as mercy opportunities to our neighbors and supported ministries in Jackson. After a morning of service, we will gather back together in Miller Hall for burgers on the grill and college football on the screens. Join us, as we seek to be **On Mission Together** to serve one another and our community. Please RSVP to mariep@fpcjackson.org by Monday, October 21.



Day School

Registration Deadline

The deadline for First Presbyterian Day School priority enrollment for church members is October 31. This applies to new students who will be in grades K3 through sixth in the 2020-2021 school year. To apply, register online at <https://fpds.org/admissions/apply-now/>. If you are new to the church or even a long-time member, we invite you to visit our school. For more information visit "admissions" at www.fpds.org or contact Amy-Allison Russ at aaruss@fpds.org or (601) 940-9012.



Circle Bible Study

Monday, October 14

CIRCLE 2

Marian Kennedy

10:00 a.m. – Courtney Love's home
2423 Culleywood Road, Jackson 39211

CIRCLE 3

Sam Simkins

10:00 a.m. – Amanda Hohm's home
715 Sawgrass Lakes Drive
Brandon 39042

CIRCLE 4

Bess Corbitt and Rebecca Redman
10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 6

Rhonda Baird

6:30 p.m. – Beth Archer's home
2257 East Northside Drive
Jackson 39211

CIRCLE 14

Susan Turner and Georgia Miller
12:00 Noon – WH 202

Tuesday, October 15

CIRCLE 9

Karen Crawford and Grace Toler
10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 10

Diana Howie

10:00 a.m. - Judy Payne's home
216 Oxford Place
Ridgeland 39157

CIRCLE 11

Frenchie Graham and Ruth Tant
10:30 a.m. – Frenchie Graham's home
4005 Cabell Lane, Jackson 39206

CIRCLE 12

Nina Johnston and Janet Quayle
10:30 a.m. – St. Catherine's Marian Hall

Monday, October 21

CIRCLE 8

Janie Purvis and Jan Wade
9:30 a.m. – The Orchard Lounge



Children's Ministry

1 Sunday

Children's Church will be offered for 3- and 4-year old Sunday School children in room M135 MB during 9:00am worship. Children's Sunday School will meet in their regular rooms immediately following the congregation meeting. Parents, please pick up your children from Sunday School and nursery before attending Lunch on the Lawn.



Midweek

Midweek 2nd Quarter

Second Quarter of the fall 2019 semester begins Wednesday, October 9, and is a great time to jump in! Our casual family-style meal is from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. After supper, at 6:30 p.m., there are programs for all ages. Listed here are the adult activities. For information on youth and children offerings, please visit fpcjackson.org/midweek.

Electives

First Pres Forum

Public Faith in the Light of Common Grace
October 9 - November 20
Led by Cory Brock | Miller Hall

Chinese Bible Study

October 9 - November 20
Led by Leo Yen | SC 210A

College Dinner & Discussion

October 9 - November 20
Led by Kevin Vollema | WH 204A
5:15 - 6:15

Evangelism Group

October 9 - November 20
Methodist Rehab

Midtown Bible Study

Led by Wiley Lowry

Women's Bible Study

Philippians: Fix Your Eyes on Jesus
October 9 - November 20
Led by Allie Elkin & Beverly Harmon
WH 204B

Families Count

Parenting Elective

October 9 - November 20
Led by Ed and Emily Hartman & Holt and Sidney Crews
Patterson Hall

Discipleship Groups

Simply put, D Groups are our church's small group ministry, providing multi-generational discussion on Scripture, helpful books, or other relevant studies applicable to the Christian life. For more information regarding D Groups, please email Jenny Sanders at discipleship@fpcjackson.org.