

# The First Epistle

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## REACH

BUILDING FOR A PURPOSE

### REACH UP IN FAITH

SEEKING TO KNOW AND  
WORSHIP GOD BETTER.

### REACH BACK IN GRATITUDE

AS WE BUILD ON THE FAITHFUL  
HERITAGE ENTRUSTED TO US.

### REACH OUT IN LOVE

AS WE BRING THE GOOD NEWS TO THE  
CITY OF JACKSON AND THE WORLD.

### REACH FORWARD

TRUSTING THE LORD JESUS TO LEAD  
US IN THIS NEW PHASE OF MISSION.

The **REACH Campaign** offers a unique opportunity to First Presbyterian Church to **re-examine** our spiritual priorities and renew our vision to reach our neighborhood and our city with the gospel. We want to make sure that our church campus is *fit for the purpose* of sharing God's love with those around us. That means expanding our facility, modernizing our gym, rethinking the way we share our space, and adding new classrooms for First Presbyterian Day School.

Please prayerfully consider giving to this building project over and above your normal stewardship and missions commitments.

FIND OUT MORE AT  
**WWW.REACHFPC.ORG**

601-353-8316  
**REACH@FPCJACKSON.ORG**

SCAN THE CODE BELOW TO BE IMMEDIATELY  
DIRECTED TO A PLEDGE FORM.



## TWIN LAKES FELLOWSHIP

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25

Each April, ministers from across the United States gather at Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center for a time of fellowship, rest, and gospel encouragement. These are men who pour themselves out in gospel ministry every day and who are, themselves, in need of spiritual refreshment and edification. For three days, ministers worship together, attend workshops, and support one another in their ministries.



## MARRIAGE SEMINAR

More than 150 people turned out on April 9 for our marriage seminar. The event drew couples from churches across the Jackson area. We are thankful to be able to provide resources such as this through our Side by Side Marriage Ministry.



## *Congratulations* to the graduating class of 2021

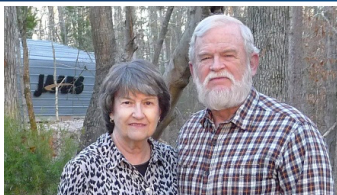
The Students and Families Department hosted a dinner on April 29 honoring the high school seniors and their families.

Samuel Ball  
Jane Gray Barbour  
Thax Berch  
Rebecca Burrow  
Samantha Case  
Marion Bess Chinchin  
Elizabeth Clarke  
Sayley Crawford

Will Davis  
Ada Brooks Forster  
Henry Greaves  
Sarah Herring  
Michael Hogue  
Caroline Hosey  
Liddy Hurst  
Elise Jones

Knox Kimball  
Emma Liddell  
Alex Roberson  
Rosy Ruffin  
Callum Sinclair  
Barnabas Spivey  
Gabiella Sutherland

## Missionaries



### **Jim & Mary Alice Patterson – Waxhaw, NC –**

Jim (HVAC Tech/Appliance Tech) & Mary Alice (International Media Department Receptionist)

Pray for:

- Wisdom in replacing their 25+ year old wood splitter. Lifting the logs up and holding them as they are split is getting harder for Jim.
- Jim's last living uncle who has liver cancer.
- Jim as he is involved in replacing three large HVAC units on the roof of the JAARS Center Admin building.



### **Jeff & Dominique Jordan – Mississippi College – RUF Campus Minister**

Pray for:

- The gospel to come to students, not in word only, but with power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.
- Their "beach week" on May 10-14. This is in place of the usual summer conference in the same location but on a smaller scale. Pray for wisdom in planning, safety for attendees, and that the Lord would use this week of teaching and fellowship to build up students in their faith.
- Their Jackson summer RUF meetings that will begin in June. Pray that COVID restrictions will continue to lift so that they can have their summer gatherings.



### **Huruaki & Asami Odate – Chiba, Japan – Intern with Japan Presbyterian Mission**

Pray for:

- The Chase and Odate families and their Saturday evening worship. They are the core team of the church plant in Chiba City Center and hope that Michael Fleyheart from Oak Mountain PCA, AL, will join their team soon. The church plant is growing, but it is a slow process.
- O-Chan and his family as they want to move to the city center of Chiba.

**FPDS**  
First Presbyterian Day School

*You're Invited!*

JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION  
HONORING

**JIM HAND**

P.E. TEACHER & COACH  
AT FPDS FOR ALMOST 40 YEARS.

Thursday, May 13

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Miller Hall, First Presbyterian Church

[www.fpds.org](http://www.fpds.org) - [questions@fpds.org](mailto:questions@fpds.org)



**TWIN LAKES CAMP**

*twinlakescamp.org*

We are excited about the many campers signing up for the summer!  
We still have need for a few more girls for counselor roles (age 18+)  
and several spaces for guys (age 16+).

If you know anyone who would make a great counselor/mentor  
for children at Twin Lakes, share this information with them.  
Applications are available at [twinlakescamp.org](http://twinlakescamp.org)





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## THE FIRST EPISTLE

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**"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



This year's Bible School will be hosted in various backyards of FPC member homes in the greater Jackson area on June 7, 8, and 9 from 9:00-11:00. This outdoor format allows children and adult volunteers to gather in smaller group settings for three days of Bible School FUN!

**Interested in volunteering to help? Contact Cassie Graves (601-624-1987).  
Register children at [fpcj.ms/vbs](https://fpcj.ms/vbs) by May 10 to ensure a free t-shirt.**

Parents and kids, drop by the Backyard Bible School Kick-Off on Saturday, June 5, from 9:00-3:00 in Miller Hall to visit the photo booth and to get Bible School materials, a "swag" bag of goodies, and a snow cone.

Unable to attend in person? The BBS program will be available online. To request a material packet, contact the church office (601-353-8316). Materials will also be available at the Backyard Bible School Kick-Off.

# MAY 2021 AT FPC

## Week of May 2-8

- 5/2 Sunday Services 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.  
Phase 3 Covid-19 Guidelines and Programming Begin
- 5/6 Men's Golf Scramble

## Week of May 9-15

- 5/9 Sunday Services 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.
- 5/13 FPDS - Reception Honoring Jim Hand
- 5/14 RTS Graduation Banquet
- 5/15 RTS Graduation

## Week of May 16-22

- 5/16 Sunday Services 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.  
Baptism

## Week of May 23-29

- 5/23 Sunday Services 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

## Week of May 30 - June 5

- 5/30 Sunday Services 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.
- 5/31 Church Offices Closed
- 6/5 Backyard Bible School Kick Off



## Welcome to Our Fellowship

Daisye Askew  
Tom Askew, Jr.  
Isaac Baird  
Anna Beth Baker  
Sara Selby  
Mary Ellison Dale  
John Arthur Eaves III  
Collins Forster  
Elise Garon  
Ethan Graves  
Cullen Hardy  
Caroline Jordan  
Pierce Ketchum  
Betty Anne Hays  
Ben and Dianna McClain  
William Moore  
Pearce Phillips  
Spencer and Mary Mills Richie  
Elliot Robertson  
Stewart Russ  
Paul and Lizzie Sanduleac  
Jack Satcher  
David and Mary Sills  
Reynolds Smith  
Wade Smith V  
Julia Spera  
Ancel Tipton  
Josh and Kristina Laird  
John Williams  
Tom and Nancy Wright

## Welcome to our World

Hutton Edward Shideler  
born March 31  
to Josh and Mackenzie

Kyle Gauthier Ball  
born March 16  
to George and Monet  
Grandparents Kyle and Maury Ball  
Great grandmother Sue McRoberts

Elizabeth "Ellie" McIntyre Ridgway  
born April 6  
to Grant and Lauren  
Grandparents Richard and Melissa Ridgway

James Love Moore III  
born April 1  
to Sanford and Hannah  
Grandparents Jimmy and Finney Moore  
Great grandparents Jim and Betty Moore

## In Loving Sympathy

Prayers and loving sympathy  
go to

- ♦ The family and friends of George Karajman.
- ♦ Ainsley Bjerngard in the death of her grandfather.



## Women

### CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES

#### James: Mercy Triumphs

Circles will meet on May 10 and 11 in the locations listed below. If you are interested in joining a circle, email Lisa Oswalt at [lisao@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisao@fpcjackson.org).

#### Monday

- Circle 2: 10:00 am at the Home of Holly Buchanan
- Circle 3: 10:00 am in WH 204 A&B
- Circle 4: 10:00 am in Church Parlor
- Circle 6: 6:30 pm at the Home of Beth Archer
- Circle 14: 12:00 noon in MH

#### Tuesday

- Circle 9: 10:00 am in WH 204 A&B
- Circle 10: 10:00 am in PH
- Circle 11: 10:30 am at the Home of Frenchie Graham

PH: Patterson Hall  
MH: Miller Hall  
WH: Westminster Hall

### SAVE THE DATE

## Mother/Daughter/ Sister/Friend Luncheon

**June 22 | 11:30 | Miller Hall**

Make plans to be with us for this much-loved annual event. Our speaker will be Lisa Turner, Director of Women's Ministry at Independent Presbyterian Church in Memphis. The cost of the meal will be \$8 taken at the door.

More information to come! Register on the FPC website and app.



## Students/Families

### EVENTS

We have several events and trips coming up this spring!

Sign ups for Summer RYM and VBS Teen Helpers are all open in the app. Join us for Midweek, Insight, and small groups this spring and stay tuned for the exciting announcement of our new summer interns coming soon!

Check the  
@FPCYM instagram  
for updates  
and email

[youthhouse@fpcjackson.org](mailto:youthhouse@fpcjackson.org) to  
subscribe to the weekly emails.



## Men

### GOLF SCRAMBLE May 6, 2021

Men, the annual FPC Men's Golf Scramble, Thursday, May 6, 2021, at Live Oaks Golf Course. We will have lunch at 11:30 and tee off at noon. The cost is \$35 for golf and \$10 for lunch, to be paid at registration.

You may register online at [fpcj.ms/mens-ministry](http://fpcj.ms/mens-ministry) as a team of four or as an individual to be placed on a team.

Contact Discipleship Ministry at [discipleship@fpcjackson.org](mailto:discipleship@fpcjackson.org) for more information.



## Children



### MISSIONS IN MAY

Join us in May as we "travel" near and far to learn about being a missionary during Missions in May. This is for current three-year olds through fifth graders on Wednesday nights in May (First floor of Study Hall) for crafts, music, and more.

Dinner: 5:00-6:00  
Playground open: 5:30-6:00.  
Lesson: 6:00-7:00.



## Library and Bookstore

### HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday and Thursday  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday  
10:00 a.m. - 6:25 p.m.

Sunday (Library Only)  
9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
and  
5:30 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Call 601-353-8316