

The First Epistle

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1 SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 7

1 Morning Service - 9 a.m.
1 Adult Sunday School - 10 a.m.
1 Lunch at Laurel Park - 11 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP 2022

BECOMING A PRAYING CHURCH

*BEHOLD,
how good & pleasant it is when
brothers dwell in unity!*
PSALM 133:1

COMMITMENT SUNDAY
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**FIRST
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Jackson, Mississippi

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The Office of Elder

SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 6 PM



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Elder Election

On Sunday evenings in November, the preaching will focus on preparing our hearts and minds for the upcoming Elder Election. David Strain will preach on *The Office of Elder*, *The Character of an Elder*, and *The Ministry of an Elder*. Please join us for evening worship this month as we learn what the Bible teaches about this important office.

November Sunday Evening Sermon Series

11/7	The Office of Elder	Acts 20:17-38
11/21	The Character of an Elder	1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9
11/28	The Ministry of an Elder	1 Peter 5:1-5

Please continue to pray for the men that have been nominated to stand for election on December 5 at 10:30 a.m. in the FPC Church Sanctuary.

Nominees for the Office of Elder

Hall Bailey
Ken Ball
Charles Barbour
Brooks Buchanan
Sharkey Burke
Beau Burrow
Reid Cotten
Holt Crews
Auston Edwards
Spence Flatgard
Paul Forster
Dave Fulcher
Matt Graves
Bo Gregg
Zeb Henson
Rob Jones
Dallis Ketchum
Stephen Kruger

Jeff Lamb
Robert Leard
David Marchetti
Doug McDaniel
Jimmy Moore
Ford Mosby
Mike Myers
Nathan Oakley
Lee Owen
Phillip Parker
Jim Poole
Trey Porter
Jim Prince
Bryan Rutledge
Ernie Strahan
Mike Tramel
Matthew Turnage
Chase Wynn

First Presbyterian Church of Jackson
exists to glorify God by
making disciples in our neighborhood, our communities,
and the world.



Blanket Forts of Prayer for FPC's Children

Covering our Children in Prayer

The seeds of community are watered and grown through the prayers of our members.

For several years, the children's department has asked adult Sunday school classes to pray for the children of the church from newborn to twelfth grade. Each adult department is given the names of the members of a children's class to pray for those children by name through the year.

The prayers cover many children and tangible blessings come out of them for our church family. Cross-generational relationships are forged through this program as adult members pray for younger members and younger families in the church by name. Our sense of belonging grows when older adults stop parents in the hall to say, "we prayed for your son in

class today," and adult classes send Christmas cards to the children's Sunday School class as a visible encouragement.

"The Covering Our Children in Prayer initiative allows FPC members to fulfill our responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of our children when we said 'I do' at their baptism," says FPC Children's Director Kimberly Wilkins. "This program incorporates church-wide, cross-generational love and concern that binds us as a body of praying believers."

The church body cares for her covenant children by bringing their names, praises and petitions before the throne of God on a weekly basis.

Classes participate in the program in different ways, from partnering members with specific children to praying aloud for a different child each week. Buddy and Frenchie Graham explain that the Covenant Sunday School class secretary, Linda Wilson, sends the list out weekly so the fourth and fifth graders are prayed for by name. Many members of the Covenant Class have sent cards to the children on their list.

Wilkins says "As our church's children grow and develop over time, we pray they look back upon the days of their childhood and say: 'I remember my creator in the days of my youth' (Ecclesiastes 12:1) and 'I remember being covered in prayer by my church in the days of my youth.'"

Inch by Inch, Verse by Verse

The Listener's Guide to Expository Preaching

If you have attended First Presbyterian Church for any period of time, you have likely heard our pastors and teachers emphasize the importance of “expository preaching.” But do those of us who have not attended seminary really understand what the term means or why it is so important?

FPC Senior Minister David Strain has written a book to help define expository preaching and enhance the way we learn from what we hear from the pulpit. Strain's book, *Expository Preaching*, is specifically geared toward those of us in the pew.

“I wrote this book for you,” Strain said to a group of church members at a meeting in September. “The primary way that God has ordained to gather his people and grow them to Christian maturity is in the preaching of the Word. Expository preaching places the preaching of the Word of God at the center of our worship services.”

Putting it simply, in expository preaching, the preacher takes a passage of scripture and works through it verse by verse, to reveal what God has put there for us to learn. It is not a topical approach to preaching, but an approach rooted in the belief that “all scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:16) In expository preaching, we acknowledge that the power of the Word is the basis for our worship of the Lord.

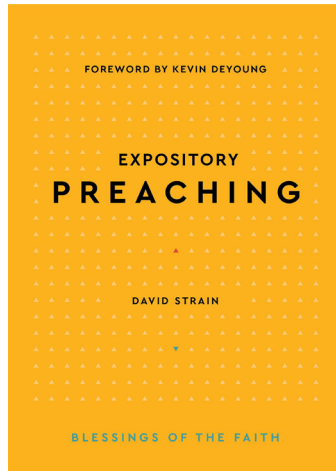
In the book, Strain explains that “preaching should derive its form, its basic method and shape, from the character of Scripture. Since the Bible is the Word of God — inerrant, authoritative, sufficient, clear, and centered on Christ — the task of the preacher must be to say what the Word of God says and no more.”

Strain's book “gives practical suggestions for becoming an active listener as the Word is preached,” says FPC member Ruby Ann Walsh. “Pray for the preacher as he prepares to preach. Pray for the congregation and for ourselves, asking the Holy Spirit to make the Word effective. Pray also for the unconverted who may be present that they might be saved through the preaching of the gospel.”

Expository preaching has at its heart the conviction that God continues to reveal himself to us through his inspired word.

That is why, as Strain explained to the group in September, the preaching at FPC Jackson “aims to go verse by verse, book by book, chunk of scripture by chunk of scripture in an endeavor to form God's people — to see Christians shaped into Christlikeness as God speaks his Word into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.”

This book is part of a three-book series, *Blessings of the Faith*, which are all geared toward congregation members and can all be found in the church bookstore.



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Twin Lakes Summer Camp is open for 2022 camper registrations, Leader In Training, and Summer Staff applications. This ministry is an exciting opportunity not only for the members of our church family, but as an outreach to so many others. Many sessions fill quickly, so be sure to take advantage of signing up early!

**For more information visit
www.twinlakescamp.org**

Welcome to Our World

John Thomas Dunaway
born April 8
to Andrew and Carley
Grandparents Dean and Ginger Dunaway

Elsie Jane Hood
born April 12
to *Alex and Anne Morgan
Grandparents Jimmy and Paula Hood

Edward Alton Hood
born April 19
to Stewart and Betsy
Grandparents Jimmy and Paula Hood

William McLain "Mac" Valentine
born May 18
to *Patrick and *Mary Grace
Great grandparents Noel and Grace Toler

"Wade" Granville Antoon
born June 18
to parents Martin and Elizabeth
Grandparents Johnny and Jan Wade and
Tony and Marsha Antoon

Leland Clarke Wilson
born June 23
to Aaron and Sarah Linfield
Grandparents Stuart and Janie Clarke

Theodore "Theo" Thomas Bjernegard
born June 24
to Sebastian and Ainsley

Lydia Lorene Bateman
born July 29
to Joseph and Heather
Grandmother Nancy Bateman

"Mark" Cox Ellison
born August 2
to Lee and Bonney
Grandparents John and Norma Cox and
Parker and Mary Ellison
Great grandparents Bill and Katherine
Cox, Norma Bowen, and Dick Ellison

Robert Belk Weems
born August 4
to *Randall and *Mary Clark

Carl David Langhofer
born August 14
to Blake and Jacqueline
Grandmother Nancy Bateman

Anne Farrell Whitehurst
born August 18
to Cameron and Brittany
Grandparents Tim and Beth Threadgill

Lola Beneke
born August 23
to *Sonny and *Laura Lee
Great grandmother Susan Smith

Danielle "Elle" Catherine Glover
born August 23
to *Matt and *Catherine
Grandparents Jeff and Pam Glover
Great grandmother Jan Mounger

Joseph Lynn Perkins III
born August 23
to *Joey and *Christina
Grandparents Ken & Kathy Kammer

Margaret "Margot" Lemoine Brand
born August 28
to *William and *Kelsey
Grandparents Walter and Anna Brand

Dempsey Wade Castro
born September 9
to *Luis and *Mary Clark
Grandparents Clark and Pam Strange

Marie Everette Sayle
born September 23
to *Walker and *Alli

"Caleb" William Harbarger
born September 28
to *Drs. Claude F. and Rachel Harbarger
Grandparents Claude W. and Karis
Harbarger

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November 12, 2021
9 A.M.-2 P.M.

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