

The First Epistle

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5:30-7:30 PM LAUREL PARK IN BELHAVEN FREE EVENT
HOTDOGS, HOMEMADE ICE CREAM, INFLATABLES, LIVE MUSIC, CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT
WWW.FPCJACKSON.ORG/MIDWEEK DISCIPLESHIP@FPCJACKSON.ORG (601) 353-8316

Midweek at Laurel Park

August 14 | 5:30-7:30 PM

Join us for our FPC Midweek at Laurel Park event, Wednesday, August 14! This is a kickoff in our church's neighborhood for our fall semester of Wednesday night ministry ("Midweek") at FPC but is open to non-FPC friends, as well. It will be a great event to invite co-workers, neighbors, and family to with fun activities,

live music, face-painting, inflatables, meat on the grill, homemade ice-cream, etc. There will be booths with specific information about Midweek ministry for adults, youth, and children, and a "Getting to Know First Pres" booth with information about church-wide ministry. We hope you can make plans to be with us!

Women's Bible Studies

A Life Worthy of the Gospel A Study of Philippians

MOMS Bible Study

Wednesdays: 9:00-11:00, begins Sept. 4

Teacher: Jane Wiggins

Format: Small Groups and Large-Group Lecture

Open to: expectant moms, those who hope to become moms, and those whose youngest child is in the sixth grade or below. Nursery is available, space is limited.

Registration: Begins August 1;
Contact Joanna McNeel
at moms@fpcjackson.org.

Philippians: Fix Your Eyes On Jesus Midweek Bible Study

Wednesdays: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., beginning August 21

Leaders: Allie Elkin and Beverly Harmon

Format: 6-Week Small-Group Study

Registration: Contact Lisa Oswalt at lisao@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9115

Ephesians

Thursdays: 9:45-11:00 a.m., begins Sept. 5

Teacher: Laura Husband

Format: Large-Group Lecture

Open to: Ladies of all ages

Registration: Please email Alice Patterson at alipatte@gmail.com

Jonah: Discover the Grace of God

Thursdays: 9:15-11:00 begins Sept. 5

Teachers: Melissa Abraham, Helen Lewis and Sharon Teh

Format: Small Groups and Large-Group Lecture

Open to: Ladies of all ages including moms of adolescents.

Registration: Please contact Lisa Oswalt at lisao@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9115

Judges: The Need for a Savior Circle Bible Studies

Monthly Meetings beginning Sept. 9
Days, Times, and Locations Vary
See Announcement page for more information.

Missionaries of the Month



Doug & Masha S – Serving with MTW in student ministries and church planting in Ukraine. To contact, please contact the Mission and Outreach Department.

Pray:

- For their church members to grow in the knowledge of Christ and as a community as they seek to worship, grow, and reach the city.
- For the student camp as they seek to serve Ukrainian university students with high quality English language interaction.
- For the teenagers in the church as they continue to grow as a group and seek to reach other teens in the city.
- For their missionary families and kids that they would love and trust our Heavenly Father in the midst of the trials of life and ministry.

David & Jan – Serving in administration and church planting with MTW in Europe. To contact, please contact the Mission and Outreach Department.

Pray:

- For their children to be able to fly there so they can all spend time together.
- For God to strengthen their hearts as they say goodbye yet again and for their family as they return to the States
- For R and his wife as they work toward beginning a house church in their North African city.
- For Jan as it appears her shoulder operation wasn't successful and she has significant pain daily.
- Praise for getting precious time with their grandchildren.



Anthony & Felicia Forrest – Serving as full-time Campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Jackson State University. Email: anthony.forrest@ruf.org.

Pray:

- For Anthony as he settles in at Jackson State and readies for the Fall Semester
- For Anthony's family as they become a part of the RUF Ministry

Midweek at First Pres

Midweek is an opportunity to break from your usual weeknight routine and to join our church family for a refreshing evening of fellowship and spiritual formation. Our meal is from 5:00 to 6:15 PM and is a casual time with families and friends gathering at a table together to share dinner. After supper, at 6:30 PM, there are small groups, electives, adult choir rehearsal, and programs for all ages.

Discipleship Groups

Our Discipleship Groups (D Groups) meet during the school year throughout the church building.

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. We know that many people walk into this big church and feel lost. These small groups provide a way to get to grow deeper in your faith, to know, and to be known. To register for a D Group, please email Jenny Sanders at discipleship@fpcjackson.org. If you are new to D Groups, we'll find a spot for you that will encourage and challenge you!

August 21

Joint D Group Meeting
with David Felker

August 28

D Groups Meetings Begin

Electives

Each quarter, we offer different teaching "electives." These include topics from "depression" to "pre-marital counseling" to "parenting" and many others. Our electives will provide high-quality biblical teaching on very practical and helpful subjects for all of us.

First Pres Forum

On Mission Together

August 28 - October 2

Led by David Strain | Miller Hall

Chinese Bible Study

August 21 - November 20

Led by Leo Yen | SC 210A

Christianity Explored

August 28 - November 6

Led by Wayne Husband | WH 204A

College Dinner & Discussion

August 21 - November 20

Led by Kevin Vollema | WH 204A

5:15 - 6:15

Engaged & Newly Married Study

August 21 - October 2

WH 202A

Evangelism Group

August 21 - November 20

WH 202B | Methodist Rehab

Midtown Bible Study

Led by Wiley Lowry

Women's Bible Study

Philippians: Fix Your Eyes on Jesus

A 6-week small-group Bible study

August 21 - October 2

Led by Allie Elkin/Beverly Harmon

WH 204B

Programs for Youth

Junior High D Groups

August 21 - November 20

Youth House | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Senior High Small Groups

August 21 - November 20

Miller Hall or Y201 | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Programs for Children

Open Gym/Playground - 5:30 PM for children, four-years old through sixth grade

Nursery

Ground Floor

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Children's Choirs

For children, four-years old through fifth grade

August 21 - December 4

6:30 - 7:30 PM | Various Locations

Sixth Grade Fellowship

Beginning August 21

6:45 PM

Led by Malcolm Saxon



FPC Session Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019, AT 7:00 P.M.

I. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

- Kevin Vollema was introduced and gave a report on his work and ministry as College Intern.

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

- The Clerk shared communications from Roger Collins, Hunter Gray, and Kelly and Caroline Jackson.

III. SPECIAL ORDER:

- John Buchanan, on behalf of the Presbytery Committee, presented Dr. Tony Doggett, a student at Reformed Theological Seminary, as a candidate to come under the care of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley. Following his testimony and expressions of commitment to the Gospel Ministry, the Session voted to recommend that Tony Doggett be taken under the care of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- On behalf of the Ad Hoc Disciplinary Procedures Review Committee, Ned Currie presented proposed Procedures for Discipline, Rules of the Standing Judicial Commission, and Operating Manual for the Standing Judicial Commission of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi in the forms attached to these minutes (collectively, the "Church Discipline Governing Documents"). Following discussion, the Session unanimously approved the Church Discipline Governing Documents in the forms attached to these minutes.

V. ACTION ITEMS WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- The minutes of April 7, 2019, April 8, 2019, and June 2, 2019, were approved.

B. CONGREGATIONAL CARE:

- The Session approved the minutes of the Church and Member Relations Committee acting as a commission of the Session in approving a wedding for November 9, 2019, in the Sanctuary, and a

wedding for November 23, 2019.

C. MISSION/OUTREACH:

- The following MTW Committee recommendations were approved:
 1. The tentative dates of February 26-March 1, 2020 for the Global Missions Conference
 2. J. Mack Stiles as the keynote speaker for the Global Missions Conference.

D. STEWARDSHIP:

- The Session approved Lifeline Children's Services as an approved ministry of First Presbyterian Church and Lifeline's substitution in the place of Bethany Christian Services as an approved recipient of funds in the current Benevolence budget.

E. COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:

- The rules were suspended.
- The Session approved the following additions to the Congregational Care Committee:

F. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

- The Session granted the request of Robert G. Dye for Diaconate emeritus status.
- The Session approved the employment of Dr. Tony Doggett as the Senior Minister's Intern.
- The Session approved October 27, 2019, as the date for One Sunday
- The Session approved the election of additional Deacons on October 27, 2019 pursuant to the schedule attached to these minutes, the calling of a congregational meeting on July 14, 2019 to approve such election, and the resolution in the form attached to these minutes to be submitted to the congregation for its approval on July 14, 2019.

G. DAY SCHOOL:

- The Session approved the hiring of the following new faculty for the 2019-20 school year: Dea Bowling, Abigail Burrow, Victoria Earnhart, Mandi Easterling, Molly Eastland, Brittany Gecina, Kristina Laird, Amy Schelver, and Leanna Shay.

FPC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Finance Report

Finance Committee

Our Operating Account is \$76,828.13 as of 6/30/2019. Our Capital Contingency Fund Account has a balance of \$335,955.80. This account is for the maintenance of church property. For the month of June 2019, we had the following receipts and expenditures:

RECEIPTS:

Freewill Offerings	\$ 116,016.12
Plate Offerings	4,829.83
Tithes & Offerings	429,268.40
Interest Income	2,088.75
Misc. Income	2,629.48

ACTUAL INCOME

554,832.58

EXPENSES:

Operating Expenses	\$ 131,983.85
Administration Expenses	298,509.95
Debt Services	18,175.13
Capital Improvements	20,833.33
Twin Lakes	8,840.84
Denominational Giving	7,671.85
Worship	7,027.02
Women & Children	5,842.39
Young Adults	2,348.36
Discipleship Ministry	1,841.08
Congregational Care	4,491.92
Mission & Outreach	1,353.04
Students & Families	10,106.36
Benevolence	84,700.74
ACTUAL EXPENSES	603,725.86

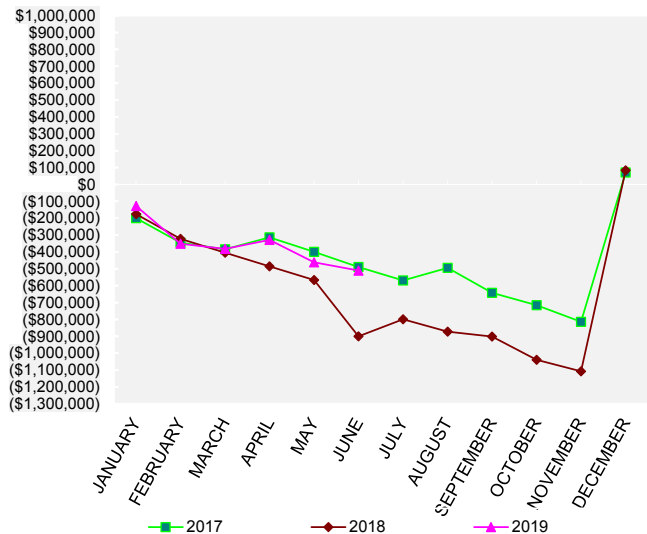
June 2019 Expenses over Receipts

\$48,893.28

Year-to-Date 2019 Expenses over Receipts

\$510,359.47

	2017	2018	2019
JANUARY	(\$199,589)	(\$176,331)	(\$127,892)
FEBRUARY	(\$345,494)	(\$322,518)	(\$351,151)
MARCH	(\$384,988)	(\$404,898)	(\$381,565)
APRIL	(\$313,095)	(\$485,496)	(\$328,642)
MAY	(\$399,384)	(\$566,435)	(\$461,466)
JUNE	(\$488,996)	(\$900,411)	(\$510,359)
JULY	(\$568,529)	(\$799,834)	
AUGUST	(\$495,040)	(\$872,184)	
SEPTEMBER	(\$642,835)	(\$901,207)	
OCTOBER	(\$715,907)	(\$1,039,318)	
NOVEMBER	(\$814,134)	(\$1,107,546)	
DECEMBER	\$70,721	\$83,691	





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FPCJ Vision

OUR BROADCASTS

TELEVISION:

Sundays 10:00 a.m. WLBT TV3
Jackson, MS and
WBIH TV Prattville, AL

RADIO:

Sundays 9:30 a.m.: WYAB 103.9

LIVE STREAM:

fpcj.ms/livestream



8/7/19

**WHAT IS THE VISION
OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AND HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?**

MINISTRY FAIR 5:00-6:15 PM | MEETING 6:30 PM
MILLER HALL



Contact Us

SOCIAL MEDIA and INTERNET

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Look for the FPC Jackson app

MAIN PHONE

Phone: (601) 353-8316
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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.

August 2019 at FPC

Week of July 28 - August 3

2 - Family Fun Night at Braves Games

Week of August 4-10

4 - New Members Received

7 - Vision Night

Week of August 11-17

14 - Midweek Kick-off at Laurel Park

16 - Deacon Nominations End

Week of August 18-24

18 - Congregational meeting

21 - Midweek Programs Begin

22 - Young Adults Fall Kick Off

Week of August 25-31

25 - Evening Communion



Sundays at FPC

4 Morning - Strain
Evening - Brock

11 Morning - Strain
Evening - Brock

18 Morning - Strain
Evening - Brock

25 Morning - Strain
Evening - Strain

Pray for One Another

Mrs. Liliclaire Hicks
Mr. John Holmes Hilburn
Miss Kathy Hilburn
Mrs. Ansley Hinton
Mr. Les Hoaglin
Mr. and Mrs. Sonny (Bonnie Blue)
Hodge
Mr. and Mrs. Kern (Emily) Hoff
Dr. and Mrs. Michael (Meredith)
Hogue and family
Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Amanda)
Hohm II
Mrs. Rick (Jen) Holbert and family

In Loving Sympathy

Prayers and loving sympathy go to

- ◇ The family and friends of Sis Kemp.
- ◇ Mike Pharo in the death of his mother (also Jamie Pharo's grandmother)
- ◇ The family and friends of Ima Sue Palmer (FPDS staff)
- ◇ The family and friends of Bill Witt
- ◇ The family and friends of Gene McRoberts
- ◇ The family and friends of Sandee Reynoldson

Baptism

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, September 15. To make your reservation, please contact Marie Phillips at mariep@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9101.

Welcome to Our World

"Leigh" Kirke Chamblee
born May 14
to Justin and *Kirke
Grandparents
*Richard and *Charlotte McNeel
Great grandparent
*Charlotte Watkins Turner

Gene Wheeler Richardson
born June 4
to Breck and Laura
Grandparents
*Claude and *Karis Harbarger

Charles Wynn
born June 27
to *Chase and *Carrie

"Garrison" Baxter Eveland
born July 15
to *Dan and *Elizabeth

Stella Ann Reindl
born July 6
to Veazy and Joe
Grandparents
*Ginger and *Mike Tramel

Samuel Williams Luter
born July 1
to *David and *Rivers
Grandparents
*Joe and *Susan Uithoven

Midweek Menus

7 Chicken Kabobs
Mashed Potatoes
Pita Bread & Hummus
Desserts
Kids: chicken tenders

14 *Midweek at Laurel Park*
Free for all
Hot dogs
Chips
Homemade Ice Cream

21 Pork chop
Mac-n-Cheese
Green Beans
Biscuit/Yeast Roll
Desserts
Kids: pizza

28 Grilled Chicken Sandwich on
Focaccia Bread
With Provolone/Pepper Jack Cheese
Bacon/Guacamole
Fresh Cut Potato Chips
Kids: corn dogs

Menus are subject to change.



Volunteer Opportunities

Children's Choirs

This year, we've made it much easier for you to help with children's choir. Instead of volunteering for the whole school year, volunteers may choose a quarter to sign up to help. Please click the link below, choose a quarter and sign up!

Register Children:

<https://fpcj.ms/cchoirreg>

Volunteer:

<https://fpcj.ms/cchoir-vol>

Broadcast Ministry

If you are interested in volunteering in the First Presbyterian Church broadcast ministry, please contact Trey Porter. No experience is necessary, but you must be 16-years old or older. If you have a desire to help share the gospel through our television, radio, and internet outreach, please contact Trey Porter at tvroom@fpcjackson.org for more information.

Children's Sunday School

The Children's Ministry is actively recruiting member volunteers for the upcoming Sunday School term which begins Sunday, September 1. If you enjoy working with children, being a table teacher, leading music, playing the piano or teaching Bible lessons, we have a spot for you!

Substitutes are provided.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Please consider serving in this way!

Questions?

Contact Kimberly Wilkins at kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org

Vision Night | August 7

What is the vision of FPC, and how can you get involved? Join us Wednesday, August 7, for a special night thanking the Lord for what He has done at First Presbyterian Church over the last year and looking forward with expectation to what He will do in 2019-2020.

Beginning at 5:00 p.m. during dinner in Miller Hall, there will be a ministry fair featuring many of our church's departments. Come by, grab a plate, and get to know our ministries and staff members. This evening is a great opportunity to see how God is at work at FPC, find a



Circle Bible Study

Circle Sign Up

Please review this list of the circle Bible studies that are offered through the year. For more information or to sign up, contact Lisa Oswalt at lisao@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9115.

MONDAYS

CIRCLE 2

Marian Kennedy
10:00 a.m. – Homes

CIRCLE 3

Sam Simkins
10:00 a.m. – WH 204A

CIRCLE 4

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

CIRCLE 6

Rhonda Baird
6:30 p.m. – Homes

CIRCLE 8

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

CIRCLE 14

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

TUESDAYS

CIRCLE 9

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

CIRCLE 10

Diana Howie
10:00 a.m. - Homes

CIRCLE 11

Frenchie Graham and Ruth Tant
10:30 a.m. – Homes

CIRCLE 12

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



Diaconate

Nominations Open

The election of additional Deacons was approved at the Congregational Meeting on July 14. The election will be held on Sunday, October 27. Nominations may be made now through Friday, August 16. Nomination forms are available at entrances to the Sanctuary and in the Church office. Nomination forms should be turned in to the Executive Minister's office or placed in the boxes at the Information Desk and the church office reception area. Please get permission before you nominate a man. Also, please use a separate nomination form for each individual nominated.

A man must be nominated by three church members to be considered for election.



Congregational Meeting

Congregational Call Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, August 18 after the 11:00 service for the following purposes:

- ◆ approving the borrowing of up to \$5,500,000 for a construction project to replace the current gym and to add 10 additional classrooms,
- ◆ approving the Clerk of the Session to enter into all such contracts needed for the construction of the project, borrow funds for the project and sign and execute all documents deemed necessary to complete the financing of the project,
- ◆ and amending the Resolution dated November 21, 1982.

place to get involved, and put faces to the many ministries at First Presbyterian.

At 6:30 p.m., we will meet together to hear from a few speakers, including David Strain who will speak on the 2019-2020 church-wide theme *On Mission Together: Proclaiming the Excellencies of Him Who Called Us*.

We hope you'll make plans to join us for this exciting night at First Presbyterian Church!