



HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL AUGUST 2019



Faithful Members Have Put a New Shine on FPC, and We Welcome You to an Exciting New Season of Ministry.



Our Strategic Planning Committee Spearheaded a Fruitful July to Clean, Update, and Best Use Many Parts of the FPC Campus for Current and Future Mission Needs. God Also Blessed Us with a Great June Highlighted by Wonderful Summer Fellowship Events ...



... and Our Children's VBS Mission that Reached over 190 Children with the gospel. [See Photos on Page 2.] God Further Blessed Us with the Call and the Arrival this Summer of Our New Assistant Pastor, Joe Nasvytis and Ann, Grace & Sophie. [See further Church Family News on Page 6.] ... Now Let's Join in a Blessed Month of Worship, Discipleship Education, Fellowship, and Outreach.

FPC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

God Smiled on FPC, Ashleigh Murdock, and a Large Team of Faithful Volunteers, as Our VBS Mission in June Reached Over 190 Children with the Gospel.



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP EDUCATION: OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN GOD'S WORD!

ENJOY A RICHER LORD'S DAY AT FPC.

Sunday Adult Bible Study & Friendship-Building Fellowship Groups during our Sunday School Time (9:45-10:30 a.m.)

Take the Next Step for Growing in God's Word & Family. Guests and members – *If you are not in a Sunday Group, join us for one of the following (9:45-10:30 a.m.):*

Crusaders' Class (Fellowship Hall)

Crusaders' Class meets in The Fellowship Hall. The leadership team includes **Jack Forbus (Lead Teacher)**, **Ernie George**, **Allen Johnson**, and **Charlie Guest**. Jack Forbus will resume a study of the Acts, at Chapter 10, in early August.



Faith for Life Bible Study & Fellowship (with Dr. Lifer in the Chapel)



The **Faith for Life** Group meets in the **Chapel** - behind the Sanctuary Chancel-Front - and is led by **Pastor Lifer** and other teachers such as **Dr. Garth Gilmour** (pictured above left), **Rev. Nasvytis**, **Rev. Latimer**, and **Bob Daniels**. In August-September, the group will continue to learn & to apply God's Message from Genesis about his call & grace for Jacob (Israel) and his twelve sons, including Joseph.

The Joy Class (The Parlor)

The Joy Class meets in The Parlor – South End of Fellowship Hall Floor - and is led by **Phil Gruchy**. The class will continue this semester with **Les Feldick's** video series, **Through the Bible**.



New Covenant Class (Classroom behind the Sanctuary Balcony)

Jim Beaty is Lead Teacher of New Covenant Class. The class will begin this semester with a new study of God's Word in 1 Timothy.



Women in the Word – Bible Study & Fellowship (Sanctuary Bld'g Main Floor Room 6)

Nancy Lifer leads our Sunday Morning Women's Bible Study meets in **Room S-6 on the Sanctuary Bldg. Floor Main Floor, around the corner from the Chapel and Chancel-Front of the Sanctuary**. Nancy is currently leading the group through a study of the Letter of **James**.



College Group Sunday Bible Study (Johnson Room, Office Bld'g)

Ben & Alison Jackson lead the class in the Johnson Room, inside the Church Office Building – across from the Fellowship Hall.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (EPC) WOMEN'S' MINISTRY NEWS

Fall Thursday Afternoon Women's Bible Study -

One in a Million: Journey to Your Promised Land by Priscilla Shirer

Priscilla's words summarize the focus of the study : "... Promised land living does not mean a life with no problems. It means experiencing God's power and presence in spite of difficulty." **This seven-session study will begin on August 29,**

meeting each Thursday 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

To register and order a workbook (\$15), please contact Peggy Johnson.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH (EPC)
WOMEN'S' MINISTRY
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Women's Retreat (August 23-24)

Calling all women of the church!! Mark your calendars for our **Women's Retreat, August 23 and 24**. Come fellowship with other women, listen to a speaker teach the Gospel, and grow in faith!

**LADIES, Join us for the annual
First Presbyterian Church (EPC)
Women's Ministry Luncheon and Meeting
SATURDAY, August 10,
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**



Meet the new Women's Ministry Coordinating Team for the Ministry Year (2019-2020), as the members are introduced and installed into office, and hear Pastor Martin Lifer's **message of appreciation and inspiration from God's Word** to us – highlighting God's plans and blessings for the women of Christ's Church. *R.S.V.P. to Janice Kinard – either by telephone message via the church office phone or by email message to janicekinard11@gmail.com.*

FPC FELLOWSHIP NEWS

THANK GOD AND A GREAT SUMMER OF FELLOWSHIP EVENTS. NOW, PLAN TO WEAR YOUR TEAM COLORS, AND JOIN US FOR FPC'S ANNUAL TAILGATE & TEAM COLORS SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH ON AUGUST 25.



FPC FELLOWSHIP NEWS [CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4]

VIPS CELEBRATE EARLY SUMMER FELLOWSHIP EVENTS: A VISIT TO MSU ROSE GARDENS AND TO MAFES; AND A LUNCH AND ROSE ARRANGING LEARNING & FELLOWSHIP AT FPC).



NOW THE VIPS PLAN FOR AN AUGUST GATHERING AND INVITE SENIORS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES TO JOIN THEM FOR A
Back-to-School
Fellowship for VIP's (Senior Adults) and Children on
Wednesday Evening, August 28 (5:30-7:00 p.m.)





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Contact or leave a message for Pastor Martin Lifer, or speak with Rita Usher in the Church Office –Monday through Friday – at the Church Office Number (662) 323-1994, or via email to Office@fpcstarkville.org. In addition, you may reach the following ministry staff via their direct email addresses listed below:

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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

In the past month, we celebrated the birth (on July 15) of Sadie Grace Massingill (second daughter born to members Allen and Alex Massingill)..

We also welcomed Reid and Madeleine Roberson as new, active members of our congregation.



Finally, while we grieved this summer the death of FPC member **Louise Nants Haddigan**, at the same time, we rejoiced in the Call of the Church Triumphant for Louise and the blessing of eternal communion in the Risen Christ.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM PASTOR LIFER

Dear members and friends of FPC,

On behalf of Nancy and our family, I thank you for your outpouring of love and support —especially for Nancy — this summer. In addition, thanks to those of you who have been interested in a Memorial Gift to support God's mission. If you wish to make a memorial gift, then you may make it in Memory of Louise to FPC to help FPC Missions: **check to FPC, and memo "Haddigan Memorial/Missions."**

Your grateful pastor, Martin Lifer

