



HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL JANUARY 2020



We Thank God for Glorious Advent & Christmas Seasons in December 2019



**Now JOIN US THIS JANUARY in JESUS' JOY
SEEING 20/20 by HIS SPIRIT
In FPC'S MISSION this NEW YEAR and DECADE:**



- Learn About the Road Ahead for Us in 2020 *AND* the 2020s,
- Worship God on Special Sundays, Including Giving Thanks for FPC's New Officers,
- Be Part of *New Bible Studies* and Children's & Youth Ministry in Friends & Family Wednesday Nights, as well as Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study & Prayer Group, Thursday Afternoon Women's Bible Study, and
- Help FPC *Welcome* our EPC Central South Presbytery on January 24-25 and
- Welcome CMJ-Israel Mission Leaders at Presbytery and on Sunday, January 26.



Dear Church Family and friends,

Looking back over the past year – *including a December in which God-inspired worship service, Christmas Mission outreach, and special seasonal ministries* – we continue to thank the Lord for his powerful revival of our church family and ministries in the final months 2019. Now though – given God's ongoing renewal of FPC - we look forward as well with great joy and renewed commitment to God's plans for us in this new decade. While each of us, FPC, and the larger Christian Church will surely respond to many challenges and changes in this year and then the next nine, God can as the Bible says "open the eyes of our hearts" to see clearly by faith. I hope you will join me this January in opening God's Word at FPC to begin to see 20/20 in the 2020s.

Your pastor and friend in our Joyful Promises as God's stewards,

Martin

Martin W. Lifer III



THANK GOD for an Exciting and Extensive December of Mission Outreach to Our Community through FPC's Outreach, Youth & Children's Ministries, Concluding a Year of Historic and Fruitful Expansion of FPC's Mission Outreach!



FPC Starkville (EPC) Women's Ministry

Janice Kinard, Moderator WMCT will meet Tuesday, January 7 @ noon at the church office.

Mission for the month – FPC Children's Ministry

Lesson 4: *Discontent* Prepare and read **Romans 12:9-21**

Sun, 1/12 @ 8:00 am, location: Parlor Tues, 1/14 @ 6:00 pm, location: TBA

Mon, 1/13 @ 1:30 pm, location: Parlor Mon, 1/20 @ 7:00 pm, location: home of Ashleigh Murdock

Further FPC Bible Studies for Women in this New Year:

Thursday Women's Bible Study Group Begins New Series Begins January. 9 (1-2:30 p.m.):

To Live Is Christ by Beth Moore is an 11-Session, in-depth study of the life and ministry of Paul.

Exploring the life of Paul will, *among other things*: deepen our understanding of God's grace; demonstrate God's ability to use anyone who is willing to serve Him; demonstrate the impact one surrendered life can have; encourage us to remain strong and steadfast during times of suffering; and *most of all*, increase our passion to know Christ!

Thursdays, 1:00pm-2:30p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The study guide costs approximately \$16.00. Please contact the church office to order your guide, or contact Susan at mizsuz2000@yahoo.com or 662- 312-6052.

The Women in the Word Sunday Bible Study & Fellowship Group.

Led by Nancy Lifer, this group meets each Sunday in Room S-6 (on the main Sanctuary Floor, around the corner from the Chapel). The group includes women of all generations and backgrounds – single and married, from college students & young adult through VIP-age members. The group is currently studying the New Testament Book of *James*. For more information, speak to Nancy Lifer, or email her at nnlifer@gmail.com.

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

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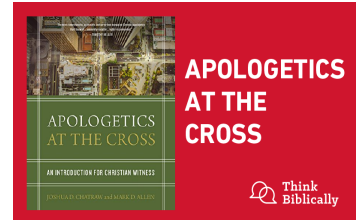
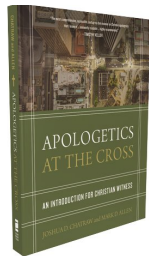
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Kathy McGill, Children's Choir Director katherinemcgill@hotmail.com

New Wednesday Night Adult Studies – Beginning January 15:

The Acclaimed New Bible Study Course for Men and Women Comes to FPC,
Facilitated by Rev. Joe Nasvytis on Wednesday Nights:

Apologetics at the Cross: AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN WITNESS



Dr. Joshua Chatraw and Dr. Mark Allen Equip Christians to Think Biblically in How to
(a) Introduce Christian Faith, and (b) Respond to Concerns Frequent Questions & Objections to Faith.
In other words, this class helps Christians "Give the Reason for Our Sure Hope."

Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study:

Women, join us in the New Year/spring semester as we study together on Wednesday nights during the Friends and Family program. We will begin the semester with **Priscilla Shirer's 5-session study *Breathe***, embracing the concept of Sabbath and how it can change our lives! Please sign up through the church office or contact Orly Hardin to order your study journal. *Looking forward to our women's Wednesday night group being back together on Wednesday evenings in 2020!*

THANK GOD FOR A FAITHFUL AND FRUITFUL 2019 FOR FPC'S GROWING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (including through special ministry gatherings such as the Family Advent Night (see photos) below.

Contact Children's Ministry Director Ashleigh Murdock to learn about ministry opportunities for your family and about ways you can help serve the Lord through helping with our ministry.

