



# HAPPENINGS

## ON THE HILL

WITH WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP GUIDE  
APRIL 2017



### WELCOME TO OUR MOST SPECIAL MONTH OF WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP!

Dear Church Family and Friends,

What Jesus experienced in the week and a day we call “Holy Week” (Palm Sunday through Resurrection Sunday) is of central and unsurpassed importance in our faith and for our salvation. Correspondingly, Holy Week is unsurpassed in power and significance in all of our worship year. Thus, although we recognize every Sunday as a “Little Easter” – *remembering his death for our sin and his resurrection in God’s glory* – the actual spring days directly connected the Jewish Passover and to the First Day of the new week are most special to us in our faith, worship, and life everlasting.

In fact, God will bless each Sunday this month at FPC with uniquely powerful worship. In addition, we have a number of further opportunities this month for special worship, fellowship, and Bible study. I hope that you do not miss any of these opportunities to rejoice in God’s grace and to grow in your faith. As you plan, please refer to the AMAZING APRIL Schedule on Pages 2-3. May God’s Spirit prepare us for this most moving and ultimately most joyful months for us at FPC!

Your Pastor and friend in Jesus the Christ,

*Martin W. Lifer III*



# WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP AT FPC

AMAZING GRACE - APRIL 2017

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP GUIDE TO APRIL AT FPC STARKVILLE



## NATIONAL TARTAN SUNDAY, APRIL 2

- 8:30 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICES, WITH  
*KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN BLESSINGS*

TARTAN SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH, 10:30 A.M.



## PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:30 & 11 A.M.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY WORSHIP

## HOLY WEEK WEEKDAY WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP – BETWEEN PALM SUNDAY AND BEFORE RESURRECTION SUNDAY

### HOLY MONDAY-WEDNESDAY DAILY WORSHIP

(SANCTUARY, NOON-12:30 P.M.)

FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

MID-DAY PREACHERS:

FREDDIE RASBERRY – MONDAY

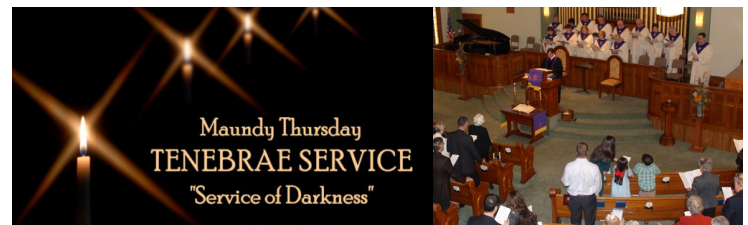
REV. BRANDON BATES (FPC WEST POINT) – TUESDAY

REV. LARNZY CARPENTER, FBC LONGVIEW - WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY  
FRIENDS & FAMILY  
DINNER 5:15-5:50 P.M.  
AND



6 P.M. WEDNESDAY  
BIBLE STUDY  
*THE LAST DAYS OF JESUS*



## MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE, APRIL 13, 7 P.M.,

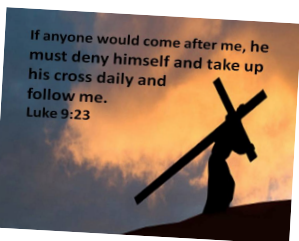
WITH A HOLY WEEK CANTATA SUNG BY  
FPC'S CHANCEL CHOIR



## GOOD FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 14, STATIONS OF THE CROSS SERVICE, 9 A.M.

ECUMENICAL, COMMUNITY SERVICE  
BEGINS AT FUMC –

WITH FPC HOSTING STATIONS –  
AND CONCLUDING AT ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



If anyone would come after me,  
he must deny himself and take up  
his cross daily and follow me.  
Luke 9:23

## SATURDAY MORNING EGG HUNT, APRIL 15

- CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EGG HUNT, GAMES &  
SNACKS, 10 A.M. (FPC)



# WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP AT FPC (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)

## RESURRECTION SUNDAY, APRIL 16

6:30 A.M. SUNRISE SERVICE & BREAKFAST (WEATHER PERMITTING AT ROBINSON LAKE)

8:30 A.M. TRADITIONAL EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

EASTER BRUNCH FELLOWSHIP, 10:20-10:50 A.M. (EASTSIDE FELLOWSHIP PATIOS)

11 A.M. TRADITIONAL EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

... AND EASTER SEASON CONTINUES THROUGH THE NEXT SIX SUNDAYS:

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 23

- 8:30 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICES

- DIAPERS & WIPES FOR MYERS FAMILY DURING FELLOWSHIP TIME 10:30 A.M. (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 30

- 8:30 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICES



## CELEBRATING GOD'S BLESSINGS THROUGH FPC FELLOWSHIP!



GOD BLESSED OUR MARCH WITH MANY FPC FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING A FIRSTCONNECT LUNCH FOR CHURCH NEWCOMERS AND THE NEW COVENANT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS DINNER FELLOWSHIP



JOIN US FOR EVEN MORE FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH, INCLUDING:  
SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP BRUNCHES (APRIL 2D & 16<sup>TH</sup>),  
HOLY WEEK LUNCHES, AND  
FRIENDS & FAMILY WEDNESDAY DINNERS (APRIL 5 & 12)

# CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERSHIP & MINISTRY NEWS

In March, we celebrated the Call of the Church Triumphant for longtime member **Beverly Robinson** (March 1), as well as the Call for longtime member **Willetta Swoope**.

Further, in our **11 a.m. Service on March 5**, new member **Dr. Bruce Leopold** renewed his Profession of Faith and his baptismal commitment in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We also joined in a **Diapers & Wipes Shower for Bradley and Elizabeth Douglas** as part of our March 26 Fellowship Time – looking ahead to the birth of **Sawyer Elizabeth Douglas** (expected either late this month or early May). **Please remember our April 23 Diapers & Wipes Shower for new members Sam & Ashley Myers.**

Finally, the family of **Jack Forbus** hosted and invited all members & friends to a special **Reception on March 26 celebrating Jack's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**, and Pastor Lifer and many FPC helped us reach our goal of ensuring that longtime member **Jane Lusk** received over **99 Birthday Cards** in honor of her **99<sup>th</sup> Birthday (March 28)**.



## Thank You, Grounds Work Day Volunteers, for Beautifying Our Church Grounds in Preparation for an Active Spring Season!

*Photo at right: Cline Kemp helps his father (Elder and Property Committee Co-Chair Edward Kemp) and other Work-Day Team members by delivering mulch (via wheelbarrow) to the teams working on the beds outside the Sanctuary Building.*

## FPC's Men of the Church Ministry (MoC) Special Fellowship & Fishing Events, and Gridiron Men's Conference.

In other news: - MoC will host a father-son (and daughter) fishing day at Robinson Lake on a Saturday (TBD) this spring.

- The Gridiron Men's Conference is coming up on Father's Day Weekend (June 16 and 17) in Birmingham. Speakers will be Bill Butterworth, David Jeremiah, Fred Luter, Henry Cloud, Phil Waldrep, and a coach from an unnamed SEC school. The theme this year is **"Level- Conquer the urge to do it all and build a life that is balanced and strong."** The tickets are \$89 each. More information can be found at: [www.gridironmen.org](http://www.gridironmen.org)

If you are interested in assisting with or attending any of these events please contact Andrew Fountain, President (662-822-0601 or [ad5hm1@gmail.com](mailto:ad5hm1@gmail.com)) or Will Beckley, Vice-President (662-418-2428 or [wmb546@gmail.com](mailto:wmb546@gmail.com))



# FPC MISSION —

## RENEWING AND EXPANDING OUR GOSPEL OUTREACH & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

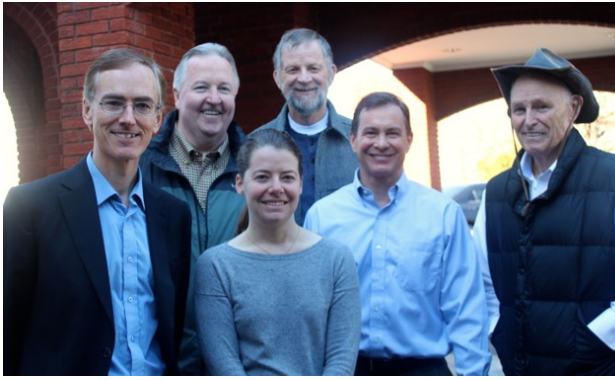


Photo Above: Dr. O'Connor [front, left] with FPC members Dr. Bob Daniels, Randell Foxworth, and Dr. Megan Smith, and with Pastor Lifer and Dr. Bil Chapman – following the Breakfast & Discussion hosted on March 3 at FPC by our MoC and University Ministry Mission Team.

*Photos at right:* Members of the Rockford University Collegiate Challenge Team work on the Habitat Apostles' House on the morning of March 6 and then enjoy a dinner that evening at FPC hosted by the Crusader Sunday School Class.

*Photo below:* MoC Mission Cooking Team member Jack Cook coaches a new volunteer from the PKA fraternity during the March 24 Mission Cooking Fundraiser for the Childcare Center.



### FPC Helps Bring VERITAS FORUM Outreach to MSU on March 2.

For the third consecutive year – under the leadership of FPC Elder and retired MSU Professor Dr. Bob Daniels – FPC and our FPC University Ministry & Outreach Mission Co-Sponsored The Veritas Forum at MSU. Together with the MSU Christian Faculty-Staff Forum (and Rev. Grant Arinder from Calvary Baptist) helped host this important outreach for Christian truth to the MSU campus. This year's speaker was **Dr. Tim O'Connor (Professor of Philosophy, Indiana University)** on the question, *"Is Truth Available Today?"*

### FPC Also Continued Our Mission of Co-sponsoring the Starkville Habitat for Humanity Apostles' and Helping Host the Visiting *Collegiate Challenge* Volunteer Work Groups from Rockford University, Oakton Community College, and Notre Dame Prep.



### FPC Men of the Church Ministry Group (MoC) Mission Cooking Team with March 24 Effort Raises over \$1,200 for the FPC Childcare Center Mission.

The MOC Mission Cooking Team cooked for a fundraiser to benefit of FPC Childcare Ministry on March 24. Jeff Foster, Andrew Fountain, Jay Cook, Jack Cook, Jason Ryder led the cooking, assisted by members of the MSU PKA Fraternity Chapter. Pat Bryan, Charles Weatherly, Loren Zimmerman and Dolph Bryan assisted with the sales and wrapping detail. As a result of this effort, approximately \$1,200 was raised for the FPC Childcare Center Mission for classroom improvements needed.

*Looking to the future: MoC's cooking equipment is almost worn out, and MoC will be working toward building new vats at possibly considerable expense. If you are interested in being a part of the mission cooking team, please contact Andrew Fountain.*

### FPC Sponsors & Hosts March 15 Concert by the Moody Bible Institute Women's Chorale – with a Special Offering to help the Moody Choirs, as they prepare for their International Mission Trip in May.



### April Sponsors of our Tejeras Meal Ministry for Impoverished Children in Tejeras, Honduras:

- April 5: Members of our congregation
- April 7: David and Ellen Boles
- April 12: A member of our congregation
- April 14: Women in support of nurturing children
- April 19: Dolph and Greta Bryan
- April 21: [This date still open for and needing a sponsor]
- April 26: David and Ellen Boles
- April 28: Supporter of Honduras mission outreach



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

## FPC and FPCCC Ministry Staff- email addresses

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Dr. Craig Aarhus, *Music Director* [aarhus@bellsouth.net](mailto:aarhus@bellsouth.net)

Jennifer Blackbourn, *Organist* [jenniferblackbourn@hotmail.com](mailto:jenniferblackbourn@hotmail.com)

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Amanda Corley, *Child Care Director* [fpcccdirector@fpestarkville.org](mailto:fpcccdirector@fpestarkville.org)

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

**Celebrating God's Miraculous Provision in 2016 and Early 2017 TO and THROUGH Faithful FPC Members and FPC's Renewed Mission in the Good News of Jesus!**

At our Annual Congregational Meeting – Elders Bob Daniels and Jim Beaty, together with others, presented inspiring updates on FPC's Giving, Ministry Budget, Mission Renewal, and Ministry Planning from Year-End 2016 and for 2017. Highlights included the remarkable increase over the final months of 2016 in ministry planning, giving, and stewardship pledges, and in the hope for the future so powerful in the New Year.



**JOIN OUR FELLOWSHIP TIME EACH SUNDAY  
– ESPECIALLY OUR  
BRUNCH FELLOWSHIPS ON  
TARTAN SUNDAY (APRIL 2) AND  
EASTER (APRIL 16).**

Remember to join us each Sunday, 10:30-10:50 a.m., for our Fellowship Gathering – with coffee, juice, milk, and sweet treats, AND, most importantly, time for meeting or catching up with members and friends of FPC!

## PARENTS & CHILDREN – PLAN AHEAD FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

FPC's summer 2017 VBS for children will be Monday-Thursday mornings, **June 12-15**.  
**Register this month with Ashleigh Murdock.**

