



Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. The Apostle Paul's exhortation in Philippians 3:13-14

No Summer Slump! From Births and Baptisms ...to VBS,...



..., New Summer Fellowship, and Joining in our EPC's Sending of New Missionaries to Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia –



FPC Presses *FORWARD* for the Prize of God's Upward Call.



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

PREPARING FOR BABIES SOON TO BE BORN,...

with **DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWERS** in June for the Weiskopf and Luke Families,...



... AND
CELEBRATING
IN THANKS TO
GOD AND IN
WELCOME TO
NEWBORNS IN
OUR CHURCH
FAMILY!



Esther Hall Downey was born to Joel and Laura Downey on June 11 – their fourth child.

[Photo above left: Picking up his children from VBS on Monday, June, 11, Dad shares the news and shows the first photo of newborn Esther to her older sisters, Lillian and Lucille. Photo above right: Joel, Laura and Lucille with Esther on June 12.]

James Winthrop (Winn) Fandel was born to Peyton and Catherine Fandel on June 21 – their first child.

[Photos at right: Peyton and Catherine, holding Winn, on June 23.]



FPC FELLOWSHIP



**GOD BLESSED US ON JUNE 10 WITH A JOYFUL
SUMMER & VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
KICKOFF FELLOWSHIP EVENT
SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT ROBINSON LAKE.**

**WE ESPECIALLY THANK OUR FELLOWSHIP TEAM – INCLUDING THE
MEN’S COOKING TEAM – AND THE FPC CHILDREN’S MINISTRY
LEADERS – INCLUDING ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEER PAINTERS FOR THE
CHILDREN’S PAINT RUN.**



**THE NEW V.I.P.S ENJOYED THEIR MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP ON JUNE
26, INCLUDING LUNCH AT THE VERANDA.
NEXT V.I.P. FELLOWSHIP: TUESDAY, JULY 24, AT FPC.**



**Our next V.I.P. (Very Important Presbyterians) get
together will be Tuesday, July 24, beginning at
11:30 a.m. at FPC’s Fellowship Hall. We will have a
light lunch and play lots of games!**

*Picture at left: Harold and Scottie Knight join Nelson Jones and a
room full of V.I.P.s for lunch at The Veranda in Starkville.*

FPC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



THE HIGHLIGHT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MISSION OUTREACH FOR THE SUMMER WAS OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 11-14, WHICH BROUGHT THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS TO 158 CHILDREN.

We thank God for the remarkable ministry of Ashleigh Murdock, together with Jeremy Murdock and all of their VBS Leadership Team and Dozens of Additional Volunteers.







OUTREACH MISSION – GOOD NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

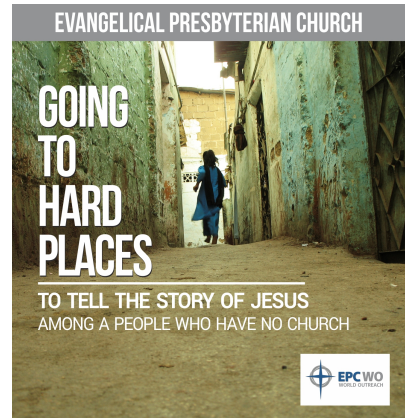
Elders Ernie George and Dr. James Long
Joined Pastor Martin Lifer as Commissioners
from FPC to the 2018 General Assembly of the
Evangelical Presbyterian Church –
June 20-22 at Hope Church in Memphis.



Being part of the EPC – a
Global Movement of
Evangelical Presbyterian
Churches - continues to
challenge and to facilitate our
commitment to Christ's Mission
regionally, nationally, and

internationally. As we connect further with EPC international missions sharing the Good News of Jesus to nations and people groups among whom Islam is the majority religion, we continue to pray for persecuted EPC missionaries, including Pastor Andrew Brunson, who is imprisoned in Turkey and charged with being a terrorist.

One of the more moving times at the EPC General Assembly was when Pastor Andrew's daughter, Jacqueline Furnari - recent UNC graduate and newly wed - brought a message to us from her father. [See the photo below left, when Jacqueline's Pastor from Christ Church, Montreat, introduce her to the Assembly.] Please continue to pray for Rev. Andrew Brunson this month, especially as his trial is currently scheduled to resume on July 16.





HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

JULY 2018

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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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Arise, and come to worship at 10:00 a.m. in the House of the Lord each Sunday morning this month of July!

Unified Worship 10:00 a.m. Service for each of the five Sundays of this month of July (July



The **Crusader Sunday School Class for Adults** will meet in **Fellowship Hall 8:30-9:25 a.m.** each Sunday in July, followed by a **Church-wide Fellowship Gathering 9:30-9:50 a.m.** in **Fellowship Hall** for all ages of members and guests.

Children's and Youth Sunday School will **NOT** meet during July to provide a "sabbatical" to our members who volunteer to teach for Children's and Youth Sunday School the other 11 months of the year. However, we will provide the TLC worship ministry for children following the "Good News for Young Children" message in the 10 a.m. Service, and childcare for infants & toddlers will also be provided during the 10:00 am Service.

On **Sunday, August 5**, we will resume to our **regular Sunday morning schedule of two services at 8:30 and 11:00 am**, and our **full Sunday School schedule will be back at 9:45-10:30** each Sunday morning thereafter.