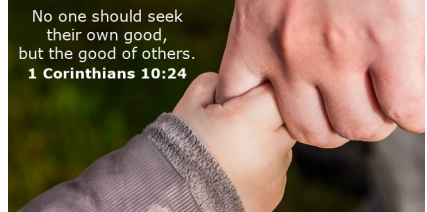




HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL NOVEMBER 2018



We Are Blessed to Bless!

Stewardship Faith Focus Highlights Our November to Remember
Filled with **Thanksgiving** for So Many Blessings We Have Received from God
and with Our Hope and Faith Commitments for 2019.

Dear Members and Friends of FPC,

In this month of Thanksgiving, we in fact have much to celebrate in the ways God has blessed his congregation and the mission of FPC Starkville, not only most recently in this fall filled with remarkable worship, fellowship, and outreach mission opportunities, but also as we consider all that God has done for us throughout 2018 – our first full

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year in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, God has brought renewed energy and growth to many of our ministries and most certainly to our expanding Outreach Mission efforts. God is doing an exciting work through FPC, and we are making great impact for the gospel. In that Good News, we specifically ask you to help us plan ahead for the forthcoming year with your clear commitments to worship, give, and serve in God's House and mission in 2019.

Dedication Sunday will be November 11. The Stewardship and Fellowship Teams hope that you will join them that day for the **Dedication Sunday Brunch (10:25-10:50 a.m.)**, as well as in **submitting your commitment cards** – (a) into the Offering Plates or (b) directly into the secured *Blessed to Bless* collection boxes. **However, throughout November, feel free to make your commitments for 2019 in any of the following ways:**

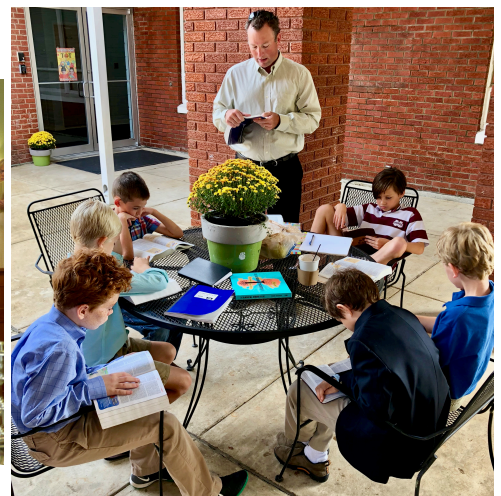
- (1) Placing any or all of your commitment cards in the Sunday Offering during any of our Lord's Day Services this month;
- (2) Placing any or all of your commitment cards in the *Blessed to Bless* Stewardship Collection Boxes in the entrances to the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, or Church Office on any Sunday or other day this month;
- (3) Mailing your cards to the Church Office; or
- (4) Emailing your basic information (or scans or photos of your cards) to Rita Usher at the Church Office Email Address (info@fpcstarkville.com.)

May you know the joy of being ***Blessed to Bless* –this month, next year, and in eternity!**

Your pastor and friend in Christ,

Martin

Photos at right: Rev. Marcus Richmond, Pastor of ServantHood Outreach Ministries International Church & Mission (based in Okolona and West Point) joins Pastor Lifer in serving the Lord's Supper at FPC on World Communion Sunday; and Edward Kemp on that same Sunday, Oct. 7, leads a



FPC CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



Photos of October baptisms at FPC: (1) above left – The Oct. 7 baptism of **Dr. Roy Scott**, upon his profession of faith in Jesus; and (2) above right – the baptism of baby **Winn Fandel** (with father Peyton and mother Catherine presenting).

On October 20, FPC member **Laurin ("Spook") Scales** joined the Church Triumphant.

On October 21, FPC's Robert and Jean Alice McDavid provided flowers for worship and a special display, remembering the life, faith, courageous service to our country, and the 40th birthday of their son Taylor.

FPC FELLOWSHIP

CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS CELEBRATED OUR ANNUAL FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ROBINSON LAKE ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 28



FPC DISCIPLESHIP AND OUTREACH/MISSION NEWS

NOVEMBER FPC WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENING FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

Monday, November 5, at The Veranda, beginning 5:30 p.m.

All ladies – members and guests, college students and all generations–

Come join us for a fun evening of fellowship and food. Childcare available, but please call Orly Hardin 662-418-3139, Kristen Skinner 662-643-9326, or Nancy Lifer 843-290-8825 if you need childcare.

VIP OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M., IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

All VIPs (members, visitors and guests Age 65+) –Join us for a light lunch, hearing news about the mission of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, AND then helping pack shoe boxes. All materials will be provided, but please call or email to Rita Usher at the Church Office by Thursday, November 8, to let us know you are coming.

A Major Outreach/Mission Update:

FPC Starkville Joins the United Kingdom Partnership!

The UKP is committed to the revitalization of evangelical Christianity in the UK through the starting/planting of new churches, and FPC begins by partnering with the Free Church of Scotland in helping support the start of a new church in Haddington, Scotland (the birthplace of John Knox). In the first days of October, which followed Rev. David Meredith's visit to and preaching at FPC Sept. 26 -30, Elder and Outreach Chairman Jack Forbus and Pastor Martin Lifer attended the Annual Ministry Meeting of the UK Partnership, held this year (October 1-2) at the Spanish River Presbyterian Church in Boca Raton, FL.

Photo below – at left: The new church, led by Rev. Ali Sewell, as it began its first open worship services earlier this fall.

Photo below – at right: Pastor Lifer in Boca Raton with Scot Pastor Neil Macmillan and English Church Planter Pete Gower of Christ Church Liverpool. Neil is at center with his first-ever slice of key lime pie. Neil is a very experienced and effective church planter, serves as Sr. Pastor of the Free Church of Scotland's Cornerstone Church in Edinburgh, and is also the Director of Generation Church Planting for the Free Church.



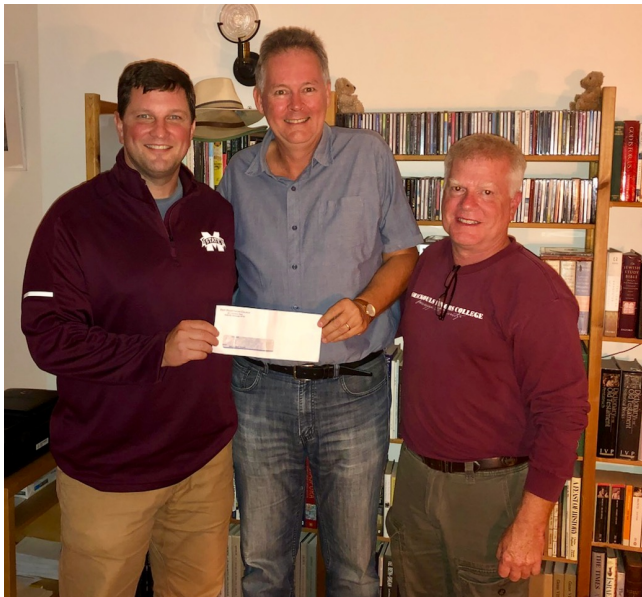
Ben and Allison Jackson lead some of the MSU undergraduate and graduate students involved in our FPC/CCO University Outreach Ministry not only in weekly Sunday morning Bible Study and weekly Monday night Fellowship Dinners & Sharing, but also in mission help to FPC and the community. **The photos below are of FPC/CCO students who volunteered and helped at our Fall Harvest Festival.**



MORE FPC OUTREACH/MISSION GOOD NEWS *(CONTINUED)*

IN THEIR OCTOBER TRAVEL TO ISRAEL (FOR MSU), FPC DEACON JOHN RUSH AND ELDER DR. JIMMY HARDIN HAND-DELIVERED TO DR. GARTH GILMOUR A MISSION-SUPPORT CHECK FROM FPC TO THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN ISRAEL ("CMJ").

MEANWHILE, IN STARKVILLE LAST MONTH, ELDERS BOB DANIELS AND DOLPH BRYAN JOINED PASTOR MARTIN LIFER IN DELIVERING TO REV. MARCUS AND RHONDA RICHMOND A VAN FROM FPC, TO BE USED BY SERVANTHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL IN ITS MISSION TO ALL PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE CHURCH, BUT ESPECIALLY TO THE SINGLE MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN WHO CONSTITUTE THE CORE GROUP RECEIVING MINISTRY.



IN OCTOBER, WE JOINED THE EPC AND, SPECIFICALLY, OTHER EPC CONGREGATIONS IN: (1) HELPING FUND EPC EMERGENCY MISSION RELIEF TO RESIDENTS AND CONGREGATIONS IN THE PANHANDLE OF FLORIDA AND PARTS OF SOTHERN GEORGIA SEEKING TO RECOVER FROM THE DEVASTATION OF HURRICANE MICHAEL; AND (2) REJOICING IN, AND THANKING GOD FOR, THE RELEASE FROM TURKEY AND THE RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES OF EPC PASTOR & MISSIONARY ANDREW BRUNSON AND HIS WIFE, NORINE.





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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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THANK YOU TO OUR FELLOWSHIP TEAM FOR A GREAT HARVEST FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 28 AT ROBINSON LAKE. (SEE PHOTOS ABOVE AND ON PAGES 3 & 4.)

NOW PLAN TO JOIN US FOR:

- **OUR PIZZA, POPCORN, AND MOVIE FELLOWSHIP AT 5 P.M. ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL – WITH OUR SHOWING OF KNOX; AND**

**OUR DEDICATION SUNDAY BRUNCH,
Nov. 11, 10:25 – 10:50 A.M.**

