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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE AT FPC**

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

All worship services are available online!  
[livestream.com/fpc-tv](https://livestream.com/fpc-tv)  
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**RUF 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

*Davis Morgan*

Dear friends,

One of my favorite things about my job with Reformed University Fellowship is being able to say that I'm serving at its original campus! RUF, as you may know, is our denomination's campus ministry, but it is also a child of the Presbyterian churches here in Hattiesburg! **And this spring we celebrate the 50th anniversary of its birth!**

It was in the school year of 1972-1973 that the first official "RUF" gatherings occurred, with Mark Lowrey – a son of FPC – serving as its first minister, on behalf of the local Presbyterian churches. It began with Mark simply knocking on dorm room doors and inviting students to a Bible study. Since then, that ministry has not only taken root here in Hattiesburg, it has bloomed across the country and around the world.

Today, half a century after those first dorm room Bible studies, RUF is on over 140 campuses, from Manhattan to Miami and from Western

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Carolina to Western Washington. Our ministry today also welcomes the nations in through **RUF-International** and even stretches around the world through **RUF-Global** in places like Mexico, Japan, West Africa, and Ukraine.

Because of RUF's rich connection to First Presbyterian Church and her sister churches in town, it is my joy to invite you to come celebrate her 50th anniversary with us **April 28-30th!** Many of you have been touched by the ministry of Reformed University Fellowship in one way or another, and "we have to celebrate and be glad!" (Luke 15:32) So, join us all weekend to rejoice in what the Lord has done in our midst!

Festivities will kick off with a barbecue and worship time Friday evening and continue the following morning with a **Legacy Brunch** (hosted by Woodland Church) featuring founding pastor Mark Lowrey and current RUF Area Coordinator Richie Sessions. Saturday's festivities will culminate in a **Celebration Concert** featuring Sandra McCracken and Wendell Kimbrough in our own sanctuary!

Features of the anniversary celebration will be incorporated into Sunday morning at FPC, and we'll wrap up the weekend with a communal **Hymn Sing** at Bay Street Church as part of our Fifth Sunday service the evening of April 30! We would love to have you join us for this special time of remembering, reconnecting, and rejoicing, as we glorify God for what he has done, and look forward in faith to what he will do in our midst moving forward! To RSVP, use the QR code in our schedule graphic, or reach out directly to me at [davis.morgan@ruf.org](mailto:davis.morgan@ruf.org)!



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**50 YEARS OF RUF!**  
**COME CELEBRATE  
WITH US!**

## FRIDAY, APRIL 28

**5:30PM**  
**WELCOME PARTY**  
@First Presbyterian Church  
Catered by Keaster's BBQ

**6:30pm**  
**Worship Time**  
Ben Shaw

## SUNDAY, APRIL 30

**WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES**  
10:45AM - First Presbyterian  
11AM - Bay Street Presbyterian  
11AM - Woodland Presbyterian

**6PM JOINT SERVICE WITH  
HYMN SING @ BAY STREET  
PRESBYTERIAN**  
Clint Wilcke

## SATURDAY, APRIL 29

**10:00AM**  
**LEGACY BRUNCH:**  
**RUF Past & Future**  
@Woodland Presbyterian Church  
Mark Lowrey & Richie Sessions

**6:00PM**  
**CELEBRATION CONCERT**  
Sandra McCracken  
w/ Wendell Kimbrough  
@First Presbyterian

RSVP HERE



**THE FPC STUDENT MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO TWO SPECIAL EVENTS IN APRIL!**

**Senior Recognition Dinner**

**Wednesday, April 19, 5:30 p.m., Taylor Hall**

Join us as we celebrate our high school seniors—

Charlie Greer  
Maddie Grenn  
Lauren Jordan  
Andrew Smith  
John Spencer  
Bella VanSlyke  
Liliana Wicht



**Youth Cake Auction**

**Wednesday, April 26, 5:30 p.m., Taylor Hall**

*Proceeds from the auction assist our young people attending RYM Summer Conference and fall and spring retreats.*



**SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

*Classes meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. each week!*

<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Whitney Middleton	2 year-olds	Currie Hall 105
Damea and Louis Benton	3 year-olds	Currie Hall 106
Bonny and Matthew Boyd	4 year-olds	Currie Hall 204
Haley and Will Morgan	5 year-olds	Currie Hall 203
Megan and Ben Pace Donna and Lee Rouse	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> grades	Currie Hall 107
Leah Claire and Grant Bennett	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Stanway Hall 204
Bobby Blass	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	Stanway Hall 203
Marion and Wes Curry	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grades	Stanway Hall 201
Shea McNease and D Palermo	Communicants	McIntosh Hall 201
Zeek Dean	7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades	McIntosh Hall 202

## PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

- April 2 *Rev. Davis Morgan (a.m.); Rev. Zeek Dean (p.m.)*
- 6 *Rev. Knox Baird (Maundy Thursday Communion Service)*
- 9 *Rev. Josh Adair (Sunrise Service); Dr. Guy Richardson (9 a.m. & 11 a.m.)*
- 16 *Rev. Josh Adair (a.m.); Dr. Mark Strum (p.m.)*
- 23 *Rev. Knox Baird (a.m.); Rev. Zeek Dean (p.m.)*
- 30 *Rev. Richie Sessions (a.m.); RUF Hymn Sing at Bay Street PCA (p.m.)*



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## EASTER AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

### Sunday, April 9

Sunrise Worship Service, 7:00 a.m. at Canebrake Country Club, 18<sup>th</sup> green  
Worship Services, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

*No Sunday School or Evening Worship Service on Easter*