

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

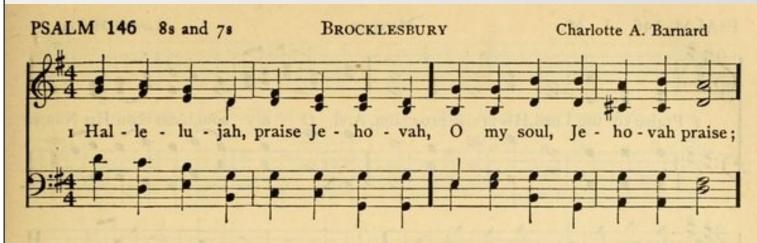
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Psalm 146:1-2 ESV

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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!

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Welcome Darwin and Kaye Jordan!

from FPC Session

Dear Friends:

We are delighted to announce that the Session has called Rev. Darwin Jordan to serve FPC Hattiesburg as Stated Supply for our congregation. The Session will be requesting approval from Grace Presbytery for Darwin to begin serving this summer to assist our church in the areas of preaching, counseling, and shepherding.

The elders and their wives had the opportunity to meet with Darwin and Kaye on several occasions during their recent visit to Hattiesburg. If you were not able to hear him preach in person, you can access Darwin's message from Romans 8 through the *Livestream* portal at the church's website or on *Sermon Audio*.

Darwin was raised in Gadsden, Alabama and loved biology (like his father and grandfather before him). He says that "Medicine was all I ever wanted to do until I decided to go into Christian ministry." He earned his Bachelor of Music (Music Theory) from the University of Alabama and Master of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary (1982).

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Darwin served as a board member at **Reformed Youth Ministries** (RYM) for 35 years. As a worship leader at RYM conferences and through his published music, Darwin has influenced generations of church youth and college students. The *Indelible Grace Hymnbook* includes his contributions of original music for hymns such as "There Is A Fountain", "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (Psalm 146)", and "Come Ye Sinners".

Darwin's pastoral and counseling experience includes serving churches in Monroe, Louisiana; Columbus, Mississippi; Dallas, Texas; Ridgeland, Mississippi; and Ft. Worth, Texas, where he retired as Senior Pastor of Ft. Worth Presbyterian Church (PCA) in 2021.

Kaye is a native of Louisville, where her father owned a furniture store and her mother painted in watercolor. She received her degree from Mississippi State University (B.A., Art). Darwin says, "Kaye has always been incredibly creative, and this was employed wonderfully in her fruitful ministry to children over the years." She and Darwin have been married for 45 years and have three children and five grandchildren.

This summer, the Jordans will be relocating to Hattiesburg from their current home in Jacksboro, Texas. Please pray with us that the Lord will bless Darwin and Kaye as they make preparations to join us. We are grateful to Him for leading us to this gifted and gracious couple to minister alongside us in the days ahead.



REBUILDING HOPE IN DALTON, GA

Rev. Zeek Dean, Minister of Student Ministry

Dear Friends,

We are entering an exciting season, with summer just around the corner! Our youth community is especially thrilled because this

will be a great time to spend on vacation at the beach, on hikes, in the continental US, overseas with family and friends, and also a perfect time to go on retreats.

It is one of my favorite times of the year, not because of the heat but because of vacation, time away from school, and time traveling. I like the summers because I can be outside for long hours, especially on a hike or at the beach, just looking away at the horizon.

In addition to all the fun activities that summer brings, I am pleased to highlight a youth diaconal trip we have planned. This summer, we will travel to **Dalton**, **Georgia**, to help those experiencing poverty in our Judea. As you know, Christ's mandate was to make disciples in Jerusalem, Judea, and the uttermost part of the world. While we have lots to do in Hattiesburg and worldwide, there is just as much to do in the continental United States.

We invite all of our youth to make plans to join us on this lifechanging trip to Dalton. Our time in Georgia will be an excellent opportunity for our youth to serve those in need, grow in their faith, and build lasting relationships with one another.

We are thrilled about the possibilities of this trip and believe that it will be an experience that will shape the lives of our youth for years to come. We encourage you to pray for our team as we prepare for this trip and ask for your support in helping us raise the necessary funds to make it a success.

In conclusion, we are excited about the summer ahead and all God has in store for us. We look forward to seeing our youth community grow and thrive during this season, and we invite you to be a part of it.

Blessings, Zeek



YOUTH SUMMER INTERNS

We welcome our youth interns for the summer!

Rebecca Rowan

Hi! My name is
Rebecca Rowan
and the cute puppy
in the photo is
Marshmallow
Fluff! I am
currently majoring
in piano
performance at
USM, and I am



thinking about adding a minor in psychology.

My father is a retired Air Force Colonel, which
has given me the blessing of living in several
different states, and England! I just finished up
my freshman year of college and am so excited to
start the summer off with you all!

Zach Wilcke

Hey youth! My name is Zach Wilcke and I am from a small town in north Mississippi called Hernando. I am a sophomore at USM and play football there. I'm excited to get to know and hang out with y'all!





SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 5-9 **2023 Camp Narnia Vacation Bible School**: The Magician's Nephew, 9 am-Noon daily

12-16 50th PCA General Assembly in Memphis

21 FPC Family Dinner and Fellowship, 5:30 pm, Taylor Hall

24-30 Youth Mission Trip to Dalton, Georgia

26-30 RYM Junior High Conference, Laguna Beach, Florida

July 3-7 RYM Senior High Conference, Laguna Beach, Florida

19 FPC Children's Waterslide Night w/ burgers and hotdogs on the grill, 5:30 pm behind Taylor Hall



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These children completed the Communicants Class in the spring and were received into membership on May 7!



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