

*You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,
the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode,
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.*

Exodus 15:17 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.

The morning worship service
is available live online!
livestream.com/fpc-tv
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A VIEW FROM THE PEW

Rev. Knox Baird, Minister of Missions, Mercy and Mature Believers

I have the privilege of taking my 3-year-old daughter, Hannah Jane, to preschool Monday through Friday. We park in front of the office, go in, Hannah goes up to Tracy and asks for some candy. I put my stuff in my office, and then we head to Stanway Hall. Hannah will be talking and laughing as we enter the sanctuary heading to Stanway Hall. She becomes a bit more subdued and then will say, "Let's sing the song." Three years ago, I did the same thing with little Knox. At one point we started singing the Doxology or saying the Lord's Prayer as we walked from the west door to the east door. We did this almost every time we walked through the sanctuary for two years. I started to do the same with Hannah. She loves to sing the doxology. It might be because we place heavy emphasis on "host", "Ghost", and a-"men" sections of the hymn. Just a heads up to those around Hannah when she sings the Doxology.

About three weeks ago after singing the Doxology, she asked, "Why do they call this the sanctuary?" I was a bit surprised she knew the word, but chalk that up to her mother. I told her it was because we as members of the church come together to worship God as a corporate body because we are commanded to do so in God's Word (Luke 24:52-53, Zechariah 8:21, Psalm 122:1, and Hebrews 10:25). Well, I believe I told her, "We come to meet God here all together". The word "sanctuary" first appears in Exodus 15:17, but Exodus 25:8 really explains the meaning in my

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FALL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Adult Bible Fellowship

singles and couples

Teacher: Charles Greer

Location: Taylor Hall Main

Study: **Gospel of Mark**

Asaph

singles and couples

Teachers: Randy Martin, Kelly McMullan,

George Shurden & Aaron Strum

Location: Choir Suite

Study: **Psalms, Hymns and Hymn Writers**

Caleb/Lucas

singles and couples

Teacher: Matthew Wiggins

Location: Currie Hall 206

Study: **Book of I Samuel**

College

students

Teachers: John Kosko & Davis Morgan

Location: Currie Hall 201

Study: **Gentle and Lowly by Dane Ortlund**

Dorcas

women

Teacher: Virginia Morris

Location: Taylor Hall 103

Study: **Names of God: Glimpses of His Character by Douglas Connelly**

Leonard Lowrey

men

Teacher: Dan Didier

Location: Taylor Hall 102

Study: **Maturity by Sinclair Ferguson**

McIntosh

singles and couples

Teacher: Ken Gunnufsen

Location: Parlor

Study: **History of Salvation in the Old Testament**

Sojourners

younger singles and couples

Teachers: Josh Adair & Rob Shillito

Location: Currie Hall 205

Study: **Sermon on the Mount**

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opinion. We are told the sanctuary is a place where God dwells in the midst of His people. Imagine, the God of the universe wants to meet us and fellowship with us! That is incredible. I have tried to explain to Hannah, when we come to worship God on Sundays, He meets us here in a special way. That is why we sing to Him, pray to Him, give to Him, and listen to Him through the preaching of the Word.

God is worthy of all praise. And we should be excited that God wants to meet us in worship. I do hope when Hannah finally makes it to big church after turning 4, she will be excited, thrilled, and have a sense of awe in worship. We are still working with little Knox on this. He thinks the highlight of the service is waving to mother as she comes in with the rest of the choir and giving his quarter in the offering plate. Darwin and Jesse have their work cut out for them. So be patient with the Baird Boys.

On that note, may I personally say how much I have been blessed by Darwin Jordan's sermons on Romans 8 during his Sunday morning series. Please make every effort to come and hear these sermons. As Dr. David Jussely says, this quite possibly is the grandest chapter in all the Bible. You will be blessed. If you have missed any of his sermons, go to the church's website and view them. On Sunday nights, Darwin is teaching through the book of Ruth until Christmas. The "steadfast love" of God and Jesus Christ is the theme of this series. You will be encouraged and challenged.

Finally, my children have the habit of telling me to drive faster when cars pass me going to church. I have been told I drive too slowly. Lately Hannah has been asking me if I know the speed limit. It seems to bother them when a car or a particularly large truck passes us. On the other hand, my wife will tell me to slow it down a bit and get off the bumper of the car in front of me. My children might shame me, but my wife can take away my keys and rough me up (Debra has a black belt in taekwondo).

It really does matter who you listen to in this world. If you see me pulled over by HPD in the silver van, then you will know who I was listening to. Satan gives the big lie in Genesis 3:4, "You are not going to die", responding to Eve's statement that God says not to eat of the fruit of the tree of good and evil, or they would die. Now hear God's command in 2 Timothy 3:16-17: **"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."** May we all be a people who are listening to God's loving and gracious Word which is given for our wellbeing.

STUDENT MINISTRY UPDATE

Fall Retreat at Timber Creek

The Student Ministry Fall Retreat will be at Timber Creek Camp in Pulaski November 10-12! For those who are unfamiliar with our Fall Retreat, it is a great way not only to grow in our walk with Christ as we delve into God's Word, but an excellent way to grow friendships, and even make new ones. Not only that, it's fun! There are many activities included, such as canoeing, gaga ball, frisbee golf, outdoor volleyball, hiking trails, capture the flag, fishing, paintball, and more!

We hope all of our 7th-12th grade students will join us for our Fall Retreat! Please contact Laura Gunnufsen at lgunnufsen@fpchattiesburg.org for more information.



FPC YOUTH CALENDAR

2023-2024

AUGUST 19th Monthly Fellowship @ Norman's Home 106 Fairmont Pl 6-9PM	SEPTEMBER 14th Topher's at Broadway location at 7:00AM 29-30th Girls/Guys Retreats	OCTOBER 21st Parent/Youth Pickleball Tournament and more! 12-4PM Mac Hall
NOVEMBER 10th-12th Timbercreek	DECEMBER 20th Christmas Party 6-8:30 PM	JANUARY 12th Lock-In 10PM-8AM Mac Hall
FEBRUARY 10th Monthly Fellowship 6-9PM	MARCH 1st-3rd Against the Flow	APRIL 17th Youth Cake Auction 6-7:30PM 24th Senior Night 6-7:30PM
MAY 5th Baccalaureate Service	JUNE 3rd-7th VBS 24th-28th JR High RYM	JULY 8th-13th SR High RYM

Wednesday Nights with Matthew Wiggins

Though the Lord always reserves the right to change things at a moment's notice, the plan for the foreseeable future is to study the **Gospel of John** with our students on Wednesday nights. Its main theme is the deity of Jesus, which John states outright in the first sentence, and it appears to have been written as a 'trial narrative,' owing to the prevalence of words like *testify*, *testimony*, *judge*, *judgment*, *convict*, *confess* and *witness*. It's as if John is putting Jesus on trial and accusing Him of being God. Like any trial, John calls several witnesses to the stand in chapter 1 alone, and serving as the prototype witness is John the Baptist, whom we will spend the next few weeks studying in hopes that we will understand his importance, his influence, and his example. Where the Lord will lead us after that remains to be seen. Hope to see you all there, and as far as I am concerned, parents are welcome to drop in and listen from time to time.

OCTOBER SPECIAL EVENTS

- Tuesday, October 10 **Grace Presbytery Women's Ministry Meeting**
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Taylor Hall
- Saturday, October 14 **Church Workday**
8:00 a.m.-Noon
- Tuesday, October 17 **Joyful Senior Adult Luncheon**
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Taylor Hall
- Saturday, October 21 **Youth/Parent Pickle Ball Tournament**
Noon-4:00 p.m., McIntosh Hall
- Sunday, October 22 **Fall Church Picnic**
4:00-6:00 p.m.



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PICKLE BALL AT FPC!

Lee Norman

Please join us on Tuesday nights from 6:00-9:00 for Pickle Ball at the church gym! All skill levels are welcome and all equipment is provided.

Text Lee Norman
(601-408-1162)
for more details.

