



First Presbyterian News – October/November 2019

“Our vision is to live and share the ministry of reconciliation in Clarksdale, in Mississippi, and around the world.” (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

A word from Pastor Ryan,

I hope our study of the book of Daniel has been challenging you as it has me. It’s a reminder that we, like Daniel and his friends, live in this world as exiles, alien citizens of a foreign nation. This understanding will shape everything about how we live out our lives here. It means although we may grieve, we need never panic at “the state of the world these days.” This world has never been our home; our hope has never been in the ascent of our political or cultural influence. Our home is in the new heavens and new earth Jesus will create on the last day; our hope is in our sovereign God who promises he holds all things in his hands and is working all according to his purpose.

Yet as Daniel and his friends’ example teaches us, such faith does not mean a life of detached indifference to the world around us. They resisted the powers of their day, both spiritual and human. They spoke offensive truth, fearless of the consequences. They were men of thoroughly Christ-like character, living in the midst of an unbelieving world in a way that commended their God and his truth. They experienced how God draws near to his people in the fire of suffering. They saw God establish his kingdom in their exile in surprising ways. Yet theirs was not a triumphalist faith. Exile was still exile. Often it was one step forward and two steps back. Through it all they “did not grow weary in well-doing.” I pray you are being encouraged by the Spirit to live faithfully in exile like they did.

It is good for us to remember and celebrate how the Lord has blessed our church these past few months. We had a phenomenal Teachers’ Sunday in August with our local TFAs and MTCs. A good handful were connected with adoptive families from FPC. Some have continued to be a part of worship. Speaking of worship, September was the first month since I’ve been here that we had more than 100 in Sunday worship every week of the month! Praise God that he

MORE OF PASTOR RYAN'S LETTER

continues to build his church and impress upon us the importance of corporate worship on the Lord's Day. The PDS school year has gotten off to a great start, too!

Please note and plan to participate in our annual Fall Festival on October 27. This is an important outreach effort for FPC, where we create a space for our neighbors to be on our church grounds for a family-oriented fun time. Pray God will use this event to establish relationships for the Gospel.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Ryan

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

Sunday, Oct. 06 – Worship @ 11:00, Ryan Dean
Sermon Text: Daniel 4
Communion

Sunday, Nov. 03 – Worship @ 11:00, Ryan Dean
Sermon Text: Daniel 8
Communion

Sunday, Oct. 13 – Worship @ 11:00, Ryan Dean
Sermon Text: Daniel 5

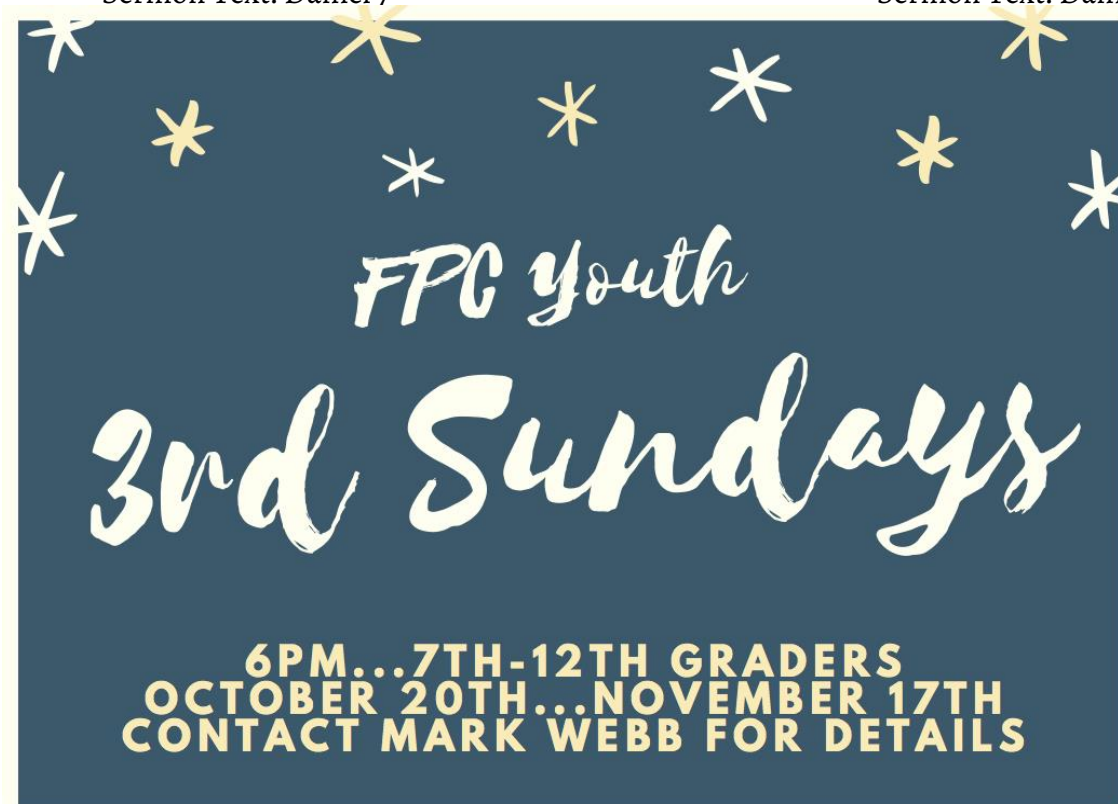
Sunday, Nov. 10 – Worship @ 11:00, Ryan Dean
Sermon Text: Daniel 9:1-19

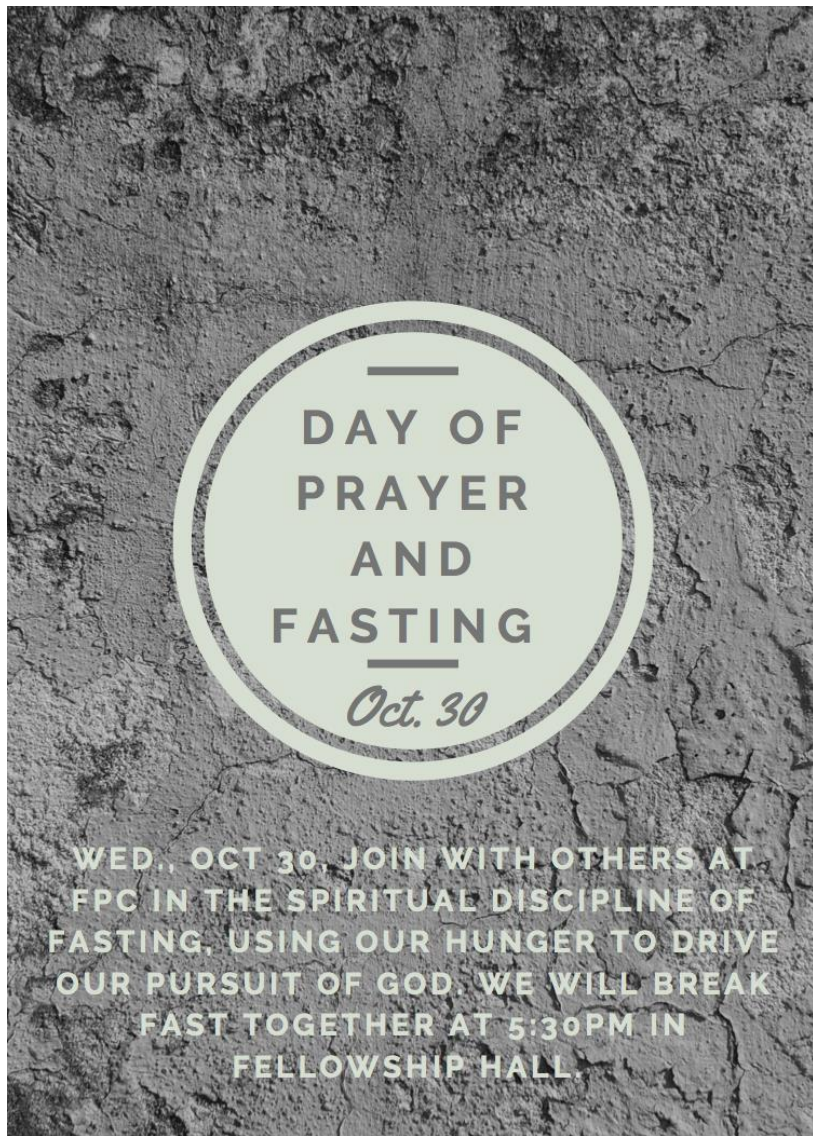
Sunday, Oct. 20 – Worship @ 11:00, Ryan Dean
Sermon Text: Daniel 6

Sunday, Nov. 17 – Worship @ 11:00, Ryan Dean
Sermon Text: Daniel 9:20-27

Sunday, Oct. 27 – Worship @ 11:00, Mark Webb
Sermon Text: Daniel 7

Sunday, Nov. 24 – Worship @ 11:00, Mark Webb
Sermon Text: Daniel 10:1-21





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Lou Anne Nabors	10/01
David Holt	10/03
Caroline Frazer	10/03
Matthew Duff	10/06
Liz Weiss	10/09
Heidi Kelso	10/10
Gramm Phillips	10/14
Michelle Dickinson	10/15
Andrew Duff	10/15
Peggy Evans	10/19
Pat Stoltman	10/21
John Duff	10/22

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Drew Davis	11/01
Garrett Bass	11/01
Ann Renee Weiss	11/02
Trina Robinson	11/06
Lucy Frazer	11/07
Kristi Byrd	11/13
Linda Humber	11/19
Fisher Falls	11/21
Willis Frazer	11/23
Claire Barnes	11/24
Evan Dean	11/25
Lynn Kittle	11/26
Helga Werbeck	11/26
Elizabeth Weatherall	11/30

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 PDS Hot Dog Hoedown 5:30 pm	2 Women's Group 6:30 pm	3 Thursday Bible Study - 7:00am @ Rest Haven	4 Care Station – 8:45 Emily Cooper Lois McMurchy	5
6 Sunday School - 9:45 Worship – 11:00 Communion	7 WIC Council Meeting @ 9:30	8 Young Men's Study – 6:00 a.m. Noon Circle @ Emily Cooper home Session Meeting 6:00 pm	9 Young Women's Study 10:30 am Women's Group 6:30 pm	10 Thursday Bible Study - 7:00am @ Rest Haven	11 Care Station – 8:45 Need Volunteers!	12
13 FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST Sunday School - 9:45 Worship - 11:00	14 Deacons' Meeting 6:00 pm.	15 Young Men's Study – 6:00 a.m	16 Women's Group 6:30 pm	17 Thursday Bible Study - 7:00am @ Rest Haven BOOK FAIR 10:00 – 6:00	18 Care Station - 8:45 Carolyn Davis PDS Grandparents Day 10:00 am BOOK FAIR 11:00 – 3:30	19
20 Sunday School - 9:45 Worship – 11:00 3rd Sundays Youth Night 6PM	21	22 Young Men's Study – 6:00 a.m	23 Women's Group 6:30 pm	24 Thursday Bible Study - 7:00am @ Rest Haven	25 Care Station – 8:45 Margaret Johnson	26
27 Sunday School-9:45 Worship – 11:00 FALL FESTIVAL 4:30-6:30	28	29 Young Men's Study – 6:00 a.m	30 Women's Group 6:30 pm	31 Thursday Bible Study - 7:00am @ Rest Haven		

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Care Station – 8:45 Emily Cooper Lois McMurchy	2
3 Sunday School-9:45 Worship – 11:00 Communion	4	5 Young Men’s Study – 6:00 a.m	6 Young Women’s Study 10:30 am Women’s Group 6:30 pm	7 Thursday Bible Study – 7:00am @ Rest Haven	8 Care Station – 8:45 Need Volunteers	9
10 FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST Sunday School-9:45 Worship – 11:00	11 Deacons’ Meeting 6:00 pm.	12 Young Men’s Study – 6:00 a.m Session Meeting 6:00 pm.	13 Young Women’s Study 10:30 am Women’s Group 6:30 pm	14 Thursday Bible Study – 7:00am @ Rest Haven	15 Care Station - 8:45 Carolyn Davis	16
17 Sunday School-9:45 Worship – 11:00 3rd Sundays Youth Night 6PM	18	19 Young Men’s Study – 6:00 a.m	20 Young Women’s Study 10:30 am	21 Thursday Bible Study – 7:00am @ Rest Haven	22 Care Station – 8:45 Margaret Johnson	23
24 Sunday School-9:45 Worship – 11:00	25 PDS Thanksgiving Holidays All Week	26 Young Men’s Study – 6:00 a.m	27	28 THANKSGIVING	29	30

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

FPC
DISCIPLESHIP
OPPORTUNITIES

FALL 2019

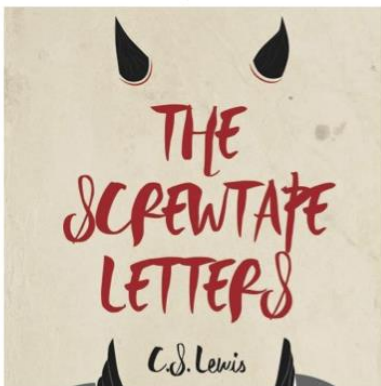


Young Men’s Study

Leader: Mark Noland

Details: 6-7AM Tuesdays at Meraki

The young men of FPC gather weekly over exceptional coffee for an early morning time of conversation, prayer, and discussion over a Bible passage or book. Currently we are talking through C.S. Lewis’s classic spiritual work, *The Screwtape Letters*. Although mostly composed of younger men, this group welcomes any men who would like to be a part!

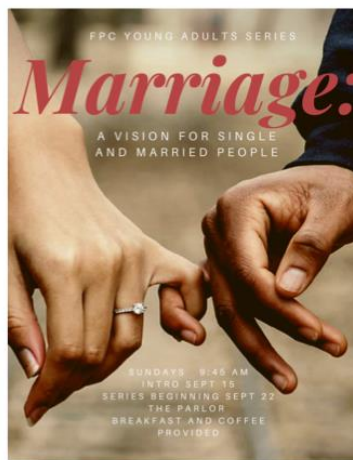


Rest Haven Pastor’s Study

Leader: Pastor Ryan

Details: 7-8AM Thursday @ Rest Haven

This is an open group, for men and women both, studying verse-by-verse through the Gospel of John, so it’s always a good time to jump in with us. Join us at the start of your Thursday for a time of fellowship, prayer, study, and omelets.



Young Adult Sunday School Class (20s-30s)

Leaders: Ryan and Leslie Dean, Mark and Cali Noland

Details: 9:45am Sunday in Parlor

This group is open to all “younger” adults in the church, single and married, children and no children. We are doing a series on marriage, studying Tim Keller’s book, *The Meaning of Marriage*. How we conceive of what marriage is is crucial whether we are married, divorced, or single. We will immerse ourselves in the Scriptures to see the Bible’s beautiful vision for this most intimate of human relationships.

Men’s Sunday School Class

Leader: Johnny Larson

Details: 9:45am Sunday, in 5th Grade Classroom

For any and all men in the church, this class is studying Paul’s letter to the Galatians. Wonderful discussion-based exploration of the Word—all men are welcomed!

Women’s Sunday School Class

Leader: Meri Falls

Details: 9:45AM, 6th Grade Classroom

All ladies are invited to join our Women’s Class, which we be watching a video series by bible teacher Ray Van Laan entitled “Israel’s Mission” and following up with group discussion.

General Adult Sunday School Class

Leaders: Dudley Barnes, Eddie Wyatt, John Morson, Terry Smith.

Details: 9:45AM, Fellowship Hall

This group is open to any and all adults in our church and will be studying Paul’s letter to the Colossians. Come grow in your knowledge of Christ through this beloved book of the New Testament.



Children's Sunday School Classes (Preschool-6th)

Leaders: (Preschool-K5) (1st-6th Grades) Claire Drew, Kristi Byrd, Taylor Cargile, & Jean Duff **Details: Meet in Library at 9:45AM**

Loving teachers will share the truth of God's Word with our children using Great Commission's excellent Sunday School curriculum. No parent can alone do the hard work of training children up in the Lord, and no one need take on such a responsibility. The Lord has given his church, the community of Christ, to come alongside parents to help pass on the Gospel to the next generation. Do not miss this incredible opportunity to expose your kids to the gifts he has given his church for their growth.



Youth Sunday School Class (7th-12th)

Leader: Mark Webb
Details: 9:45AM Sunday in Pastor Ryan's office

Pastor Mark will lead the youth in an exploration of God's promises in Scripture to see his record of incredible faithfulness to do all he has said he would do. From this, we learn that we can trust him to do for us and be to us all he has promised.

Women's Small Groups

MORNING GATHERING

Leader: Freeland Bass

Details: 2nd Mondays at 9:30AM at Freeland home (7 Cypress Ridge)

This open group will be discussing the book *From Garden to Glory*, on the storyline of the Bible.

NOON GATHERING

Leader: Emily Cooper

Details: 2nd Tuesdays at 12PM at Emily home (727 Cypress Creek Drive)

This open group will be discussing the book *From Garden to Glory*, on the storyline of the Bible.

EVENING GATHERING

Leaders: Amanda Claire Campos

Details: Each Wednesday at 6:30PM at Mary Myers Parks' home (147 Westover Drive) from Oct. 2—Nov. 13

This gathering will uniquely focus on bridging the gap between the generations of women in our church, with a different older woman sharing each week their experience of life in Christ.

YOUNG WOMENS STUDY: Each

Leader: Leslie Dean

Details: Wednesday at 10AM in the church parlor. Nursery is provided.

This group will study the book of Psalms, using the "At His Feet" study by Hope Blanton and Christine Gordon. The book of Psalms give us inspired language for articulating the many ups and downs of life in a fallen world. This study will help us to engage on a heart level with these songs that Jesus sang.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FALL FESTIVAL

SUN 10.27.19 | 4:30-6:30PM

900 W. 2ND ST. CLARKSDALE

BURGERS & DOGS :: CANDY :: LIVE MUSIC
:: HORSE RIDES :: INFLATABLES :: FACE
PAINTING :: CARNIVAL GAMES ::
COSTUMES ENCOURAGED :: DOOR PRIZES

100% FREE :: COME ONE, COME ALL



First Presbyterian Church
900 West Second Street
Clarksdale, MS 38614