

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventh Day of June, Two Thousand Nine

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

Assisting Senior Minister — The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III  
Senior Minister

*At the time of the Greetings and Announcements, and during the Prelude, the congregation is invited to a season of silent and reverent preparation for corporate worship.*

**The Greetings and Announcements (8:20 and 10:50 a.m.)**

**The Prelude** — "If You Will Only Let God Guide You" .....Philip Bliss  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Introit** — "O Most High, Almighty God" .....Paul Sjolund

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 97** — "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

**The Old Testament Reading** — Isaiah 39 (Pew Bible page 599)

\***The Welcome**

**The Morning Prayer**

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Anthem** — "Choristers' Prayer" .....K. Lee Scott  
"Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants, who minister in Thy temple.  
Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts;  
And what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives;  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Romans 8:1-4 (Pew Bible page 944)

**The Sermon** — *The Best Chapter in the Bible (1)*: "No Condemnation"....Dr. Thomas

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 520** — "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Congregational Response** — "Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.  
Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!  
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me."

**The Postlude** — "God of Grace" .....Paul Manz

\*The ushers may seat latecomers.

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Dr. Derek W. H. Thomas

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William F. Joseph III

Minister of Congregational Care

**The Announcements and Words of Preparation (5:50 p.m.)**

**The Prelude** — "Meditation for Evening Worship" .....Edvard Grieg  
William Wymond, Organist

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 175** — "A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord"

‡ **The Invocation**

**The Commissioning of the Short Term Mission Teams**

The Recognition

The Task

The Charge

The Prayer

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 449 - We Rest on Thee (Stanza 3)**

""We go" in faith, our own great weakness feeling,  
and needing more each day Thy grace to know:  
yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,  
"We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go,"  
yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,  
"We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go."

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Ralph Lord

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Offertory** — "Fairest Lord Jesus" .....Crusaders' Hymn  
Kim Porter, Soloist

**The Young Children's Devotional**

The Song No. 537 — "Take Time to Be Holy" (Stanzas 1 and 4)

The Children's Catechism No. 76

Q. "What do the ten commandments basically tell us to do?"

A. "To love God with all our heart and our neighbors as we love ourselves."

The Scripture — Matthew 22:36-40; Romans 13:8-10; Ephesians 5:29;  
Philippians 2:4

The Meditation .....Dr. Derek Thomas, Minister of Teaching

The Prayer .....(The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 509** — "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" (Stanzas 1-3)

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Mark 7:24-30; Matthew 15:21-28  
(Pew Bible pages 843, 821)

**The Sermon** — *Encounters with Jesus: A Concerned Mother,*

"The Syrophenician Woman" .....Dr. Thomas

‡ **The Benediction and Response No. 509** — "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" (Stanza 4)

"Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity."

**The Postlude** — "Festival Hymn" .....Carl Piutti

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

Welcome  
Visitors

We are delighted to have you in our worship. May we heartily worship and praise God together! If you would like information about joining this church, we cordially invite you to an informal meeting in the Session Room following the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services.

# 2009 SUMMER MISSION TEAMS

## Ukraine

May 1 - June 6 and July 10 - August 31

Purpose: Conduct evangelism training seminars for the local churches throughout Ukraine in order to equip the Christians there to be able to share the Gospel.

**Team Leader:** Bo Bowen

**Team Members:**

Homer Lee Howie

Lloyd Turner

## Palmer Home

June 14- June 20

Purpose: Partnering with one of our church-supported benevolent ministries to foster and encourage relationships with the staff and children of Palmer Home for Children, through help with various projects around campus and activities with the children. This trip is sponsored by the women's ministry and all ages of girls and ladies were encouraged to participate, with the goal of strengthening and deepening our own intergenerational relationships through co-laboring for the Gospel.

**Team Leaders:**

Ashley Hall and  
Anna Brand

Anna Griffith  
Beverly Harmon  
Avery Harmon

Cathy May  
Gay Mullins  
Kathy Newton

**Team Members:**

Maury Ball  
Mary Anna Brand  
Janna Crockett  
Barb Currie  
Libba Frey  
Sara Love Frey

Brooke Harmon  
Kelsey Harmon  
Buena Lee Huff  
Sherri Jennings  
Molly Jennings  
Sarah Selby Jennings  
Helen Lewis  
Caroline May

Katie Newton  
Amy Allison Russ  
Beth Shivers  
Evelyn Smith  
Neil Smith  
Sue Watts  
Julia Williams  
Becky Yates

## Liberia

June 18 - June 29

Purpose: Construction at newly reopened ABC campus in Liberia.

**Team Leader:** David Day

Bob Frey  
Robert Frey  
George Holman  
Heath Jordan

Kristi Jordan  
Phoebe Kruger  
William Moore

**Team Members:**

Kathryn Day  
John Frey

## Cajamarca, Peru

June 27 - July 5

Purpose: Medical missions; VBS; encourage missionaries of Peru Mission

**Team Leaders:**

Dr. Danny Story and  
Dr. Craig Flowers

Dr. Earl Fyke  
Gaby Fyke\*  
Joel Fyke  
Nancy Fyke  
Susan Geiger  
David Harbarger  
Emily Harbarger\*  
Dr. Carey Johnston

Elliot Royal\*  
Frances Royal\*  
Christy Shurden  
Nate Shurden  
Sarah Elizabeth Starnes  
Janie Story  
Maryanna Story  
Shep Tohill  
Ginger Tramel  
Mike Tramel  
Robert Tramel  
Veazey Tramel

**Team Members:**

Dr. Kirk Anderson  
Jancsi Artz  
Beverly Brower  
Janie Clarke  
Sarah Linfield Clarke  
Brett Clifton  
Hannah Flint  
Anne Elizabeth Flowers  
Pat Flowers

Daniel Johnston  
Stephen Kruger  
Sam Love  
Cathy May  
Laura Cate May  
Melissa Ridgway

\* Non-church members

# A Guide to the Morning Service

## New Sermon Series

In the summer on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00, while our Senior Minister, Dr. Ligon Duncan is away on sabbatical, Dr. Derek Thomas, Minister of Teaching, will preach a series on Romans 8, provocatively titled: "The Best Chapter in the Bible." The best chapter in the Bible? Yes, for many Christians Romans 8 proved to be just that. Those of us who know Jesus Christ as our Savior cannot but rejoice when a chapter of Scripture begins with "no condemnation" and ends with "no separation." Its theme is the absolute security of the Christian. It unfolds a series of arguments which cumulatively reach a peroration\* of questions: If God is for us, who is against us? If God gave us His Son, how will He not also give us all things? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

A Puritan minister, having his portrait painted, was once asked how he would like to be painted. "Standing, with my finger placed on an opened Bible," he replied. "Any particular chapter?" the painter inquired. "The eighth of Romans," he replied.

*\*A "peroration" is the concluding part of a discourse or oration, often highly rhetorical.*

## The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### What A Friend We Have In Jesus

This hymn piles up encouragements and motivations for the burdened saint to go to the Lord in prayer. "Scriven wrote this hymn to comfort his mother, who was across the sea from him in Ireland. It was originally published anonymously, and Scriven did not receive full credit for almost 30 years." Feeling overwhelmed with temptation? Take it to the Lord in prayer. Deserted by friends, and isolated in this world? Take it to the Lord in prayer. Grief, pain, discomfort, uncertainty? We have the tremendous privilege to take all our cares to the sovereign Lord over all, and make our requests known to Him.

### Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

This great hymn contemplates our free justification in Christ. Written by the German, Nikolaus Ludwig von Zizendorf, a Moravian, this hymn has become one of the best-known hymns on the subject of justification by faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. It points to our union with Jesus Christ, an important theme we will explore tonight in the sermon.

Are Christians merely forgiven or do they possess the righteousness of Christ? Recently the time-honored understanding of the doctrine of justification has come under attack. Many question how or if we receive the full righteousness of Christ. Martin Luther said that if we understand justification "we are in the clearest light; if we do not know it, we dwell in the densest darkness." As recipients of the imputation of Christ's righteousness, we therefore enjoy full acceptance with God and the everlasting inheritance of life and joy.

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • June 7, 2009

## Sunday

**Pre-Service Announcements** — 8:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Hymns of the Faith Radio Program** — 9:00 a.m. on WJNT  
1180 AM  
**Prayer for Worship Service** — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in  
M133  
**Sunday School** — 9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. in various locations  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**New Members Received** — 5:00 p.m. in PH  
**WIC Prayer Group** — 5:00 p.m. in the Parlor  
**Liberia Prayer Group** — 5:15 p.m. in SC215  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**First - Third Grade Catechism Class** — 6:30 p.m. (dismissed  
from Sanctuary to M133)  
**Four- and Five-Year-Olds Scripture Memory Class** —  
6:30 p.m. (dismissed from Sanctuary to M135)  
**Senior High Insight** — in the home of John and  
William Moore (200 Hickory Glen)

## Monday

**Building and Grounds Committee** — 12:00 p.m. in MH  
**The Diaconate** — 5:30 p.m. in PH  
**The Session** — 7:00 p.m. in MS

## Tuesday

**Men's Bible Study** — 6:30 a.m. in MH  
**Staff Meeting** — 9:00 a.m. in HC  
**Twin Lakes Executive Committee** — 12:00 p.m. in MH  
**MVP Credentials Committee** — 4:00 p.m. in SC210

## Wednesday

**Benevolence Committee** — 5:00 p.m. in PH  
**Family Night Supper** — 5:00 p.m. in MH  
**Palmer Home Mission Trip Meeting** — 5:15 p.m. in WH204  
**Junior High Small Groups** — 5:00 p.m. in YH  
**Peru Mission Team Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in WH202  
**Children's Activities** — 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on the  
Playground/Gym  
**The Choir** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. in  
the Sanctuary  
**Children's Classes** — 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in various rooms as  
posted (first floor of SC)  
**Senior High Small Groups** — 7:45 p.m. in YH

## Thursday

**Romans Bible Study Prayer Time** — 9:45 a.m. in WH202  
**RUF Bible Study for College Students** — 7:00 p.m. at  
5336 Fairway Street

## Friday

No Activities Scheduled

## Saturday

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** — 7:30 a.m. in MH

CH - College House  
LH - Lowe Hall  
M - Main Floor  
MCR - Ministers'  
Conference Room

MH - Miller Hall  
MS - Music Suite  
PH - Patterson Hall  
YH - Youth House  
SC - Study Center

WH - Westminster Hall  
HC - Hutton Chapel

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## II THESSALONIANS 3:1

"Finally, brethren, pray for us...." — Our FPC missionaries for today to lift up in prayer: David and Barbara Cross, MTW, 15 Key Avenue Worcester, WR4 OLT UK Email: D.Cross@talktalk.net

## FLOWERS

The flowers in Hutton Chapel are given in loving memory of Mrs. Jerald Beasley and Mr. and Mrs. William Payne, Jr.

## ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

Come by the Houchins' (5336 Fairway Street) this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. for Summer RUF. We will fellowship, snack, sing, and hear God's Word. This week Chad Smith, RUF campus minister at Belhaven, will speak on "Worldview."

## MOTHER/DAUGHTER LUNCHEON - JUNE 23, 2009

Beverly Harmon will be speaking on the topic, "Shopping for His Time." Appetizers will be served at 11:30 a.m., with lunch to follow at noon. RSVP to Omega for lunch and the nursery by Friday, June 19, (601-973-9115) or email her at [omegas@fpcjackson.org](mailto:omegas@fpcjackson.org). We will be collecting snack packets and juice boxes for the Neighborhood Christian Center afternoon tutoring program. Please consider bringing 16 of the same flavor juice or 16 of the same type of snack to the luncheon.

## THE FIRST EPISTLE ELECTRONIC VERSION

*The First Epistle* is available electronically. You may sign up to be on the email list by going to the First Pres website ([www.fpcjackson.org](http://www.fpcjackson.org)). The electronic version will usually be sent to you on Wednesday of each week, and will include the same information available in the print version.

# THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church Offices:  
1390 N. State Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39202  
601-353-8316 • FAX 601-973-9119

web site - www.fpcjackson.org  
"Hymns of the Faith" WJNT 1180AM Talk Radio 9:00 A.M. Sunday  
WWSL FM102.3 11:00 A.M. Sunday  
WLBT TV3 10:00 A.M. Sunday  
WTWB TV14 Memphis

## THE SESSION

The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III, Senior Minister

John A. Crawford, Clerk	Stephen M. Edwards	Wiley P. Lowry, Jr.	Jerrald L. Shivers
James S. Armstrong	James D. Elkin	A. William May	Mark A. Sorgenfrei
J. Mark Baird	T. David Elkin	George W. May, Jr.	Paul H. Stephenson III
McNeill Bartling III	George R. Fair	C. Eugene McRoberts, Jr.	Marvin E. Stockett
Bryant R. Boswell	Kenneth G. Fairly	Robert B. Mims	William O. Stone, Jr.
John H. Bowen III	W. Craig Flowers	J. Longstreet Minor III	Daniel B. Story II
Max P. Bowman	L. H. Fulcher, Jr.	James L. Moore	Orrin H. Swayze, Jr.
Forrest G. Bratley, Jr.	Claude W. Harbarger	Doyle B. Moorhead	Tian C. Teh
Donald G. Breazeale	William K. Harper	J. Lee Owen, Jr.	Denny A. Terry
John P. Buchanan	Samuel D. Hensley	Joel G. Payne, Jr.	Jim B. Tohill
Don B. Cannada	W. Wayne Husband	William D. Payne, Sr.	Noel K. Toler, Jr.
Al Page Chestnut	H. Richard Johnson, Jr.	William M. Penn	Ward B. Toler
Victor B. Clark	J. Edmund Johnston, Jr.	Thomas I. Rice III	R. Barry Vickery
C. David Cleland	W. Harper Keeler	Richard L. Ridgway	Alan H. Walters
William S. Cook	Crane D. Kipp	Stephen W. Rosenblatt	T. Calvin Wells
Robert A. Cunningham	Ralph H. Lord	Richard W. Russ	A. Terrel Williams
T. Doug Dale, Sr.	Robert Y. Love, Jr.	A. Jerry Sheldon	Mark J. Windham

Elders Emeriti: Thomas H. Bowen, Jr.; Robert F. Cooper, Jr.; William H. Cox, Jr.; Allan G. Edgar, Jr.; Owen C. Elder, Jr.; Frank H. Hagaman; W. Jefferson Hamm, Sr.; Homer Lee Howie, Sr.; Leland Hume, Jr.; Leon E. Lewis, Jr.; Dickson R. Liddell; William A. Long, Jr.; R. Sam McAllister; Palmer L. Quarterman; Sidney A. Robinson, Jr.; Lewis Van Ness Rusling; Arthur C. Stringer; Joel E. Varner; Chess B. Wymond; Frank S. York, Jr.

## THE DIACONATE

Marcus M. Wilson, Chairman	John L. Cox	Paul Hurst	John Lowe Smith
John H. Allgood III	Paul L. Cox	Carey A. Johnston	Victor P. Smith, Jr.
David M. Baird	John A. Crawford, Jr.	Terry R. Levy	William F. Sneed
D. Kyle Ball	J. Holt Crews	Douglas M. McDaniel	Stewart C. Swayze
Kenneth C. Ball	William L. Crim, Jr.	John H. McVey, Sr.	L. Ford Terry
Charles F. Barbour	Edward J. Currie, Jr.	Michael M. Manning	Robert L. Thomas
James M. Bateman	Thomas D. Dale, Jr.	Victor H. Meena, Jr.	Timothy M. Threadgill
Lewis W. Bell	Guy H. Davant III	Robert A. Miller	Michael T. Tramel
Victor E. Blaylock	Arthur P. Davis	James L. Moore, Jr.	Joe P. Uithoven
David L. Bowling	Robert G. Dye, Sr.	William M. Moore	Guy T. Vise, Jr.
Walter J. Brand	Larry W. Edwards	J. Walter Newman IV	J. Wilbourn Vise
P. Sharkey Burke, Jr.	Robert G. Feild	J.T. Noblin	Joseph W. Wadsworth
William T. Burnham, Jr.	Marcial D. Forester, Jr.	J. Lee Owen III	H. Coles Wilkins, Jr.
C. Glen Bush, Jr.	David H. Fulcher	Leroy H. Paris II	Joseph T. Wilkins III
R. Barry Cannada	Alan F. Futvoye	R. Phillip Parker	Neil Witherow
Stuart H. Clarke	Gary J. Herring	Benjamin W. Roberson	Thomas M. Wright
Danny C. Costello	James W. Hood	J. Clark Robinson	Wirt A. Yerger III
V. Reid Cotten	L. Lawrence Houchins, Jr.	S. Craig Robinson	John H. Young III
	James R. House III	Cy Rosenblatt	

Deacons Emeriti: T. Oscar Burris, Jr.; Charles R. Gardner; Wentworth T. Gates; Billy C. Greenlee; J.O. Manning, Jr.; Boyd Thompson; Richard B. Wilson, Jr.; Wirt A. Yerger, Jr.; Donn E. Young

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:40 - 10:40 A.M.

A. Jerry Sheldon, General Superintendent  
Mrs. Al Chestnut, Special Ed. Coordinator  
Mr. & Mrs. Ward Toler, Jr. High Coordinators  
Mr. & Mrs. Crane Kipp, Churchtime Coordinators  
Mrs. Hall Bailey, Information Desk Coordinator

## THE CHURCH PROGRAM

### THE SUNDAY SERVICES:

*Sunday School .....	9:40 A.M.
*Morning Worship .....	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
*Evening Worship .....	6:00 P.M.
Senior High Insight .....	7:30 P.M.
Communion .....	2nd Sunday in January, April, July and October
Baptism .....	3rd Sunday in January, March, May, July, September, and November
New Members Received .....	1st Sunday in February, April, June, August, October and December at 5:00 p.m. in HC

\*THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING: .....Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.  
Family Night Dinner .....Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.  
Adult Bible Study .....Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.  
Senior High Small Groups.....Wednesday, 7:45 P.M.  
Junior High Small Groups .....Wednesday, 5:00 P.M.  
Children's Activities .....Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.

\*THE CHOIR REHEARSAL .....Wednesday, 5:50 P.M.

### THE WOMEN IN THE CHURCH:

\*Administrative Council .....First Monday, 9:30 A.M.  
\*Circles .....Second Week

THE MEN OF THE COVENANT.....First Thursday, 11:45 A.M.

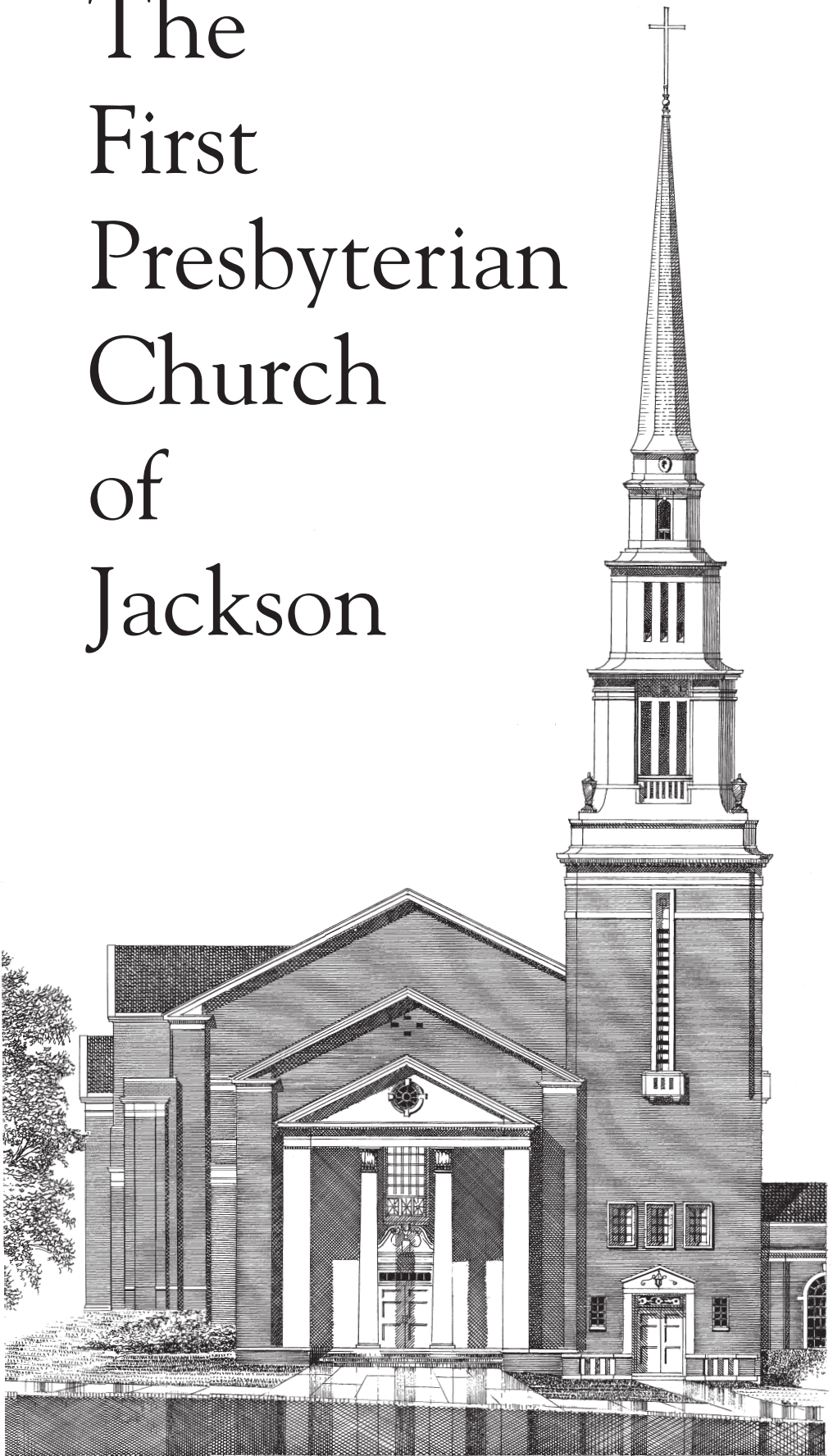
THE SCOUTS: Boy Scouts (Troop 18) (Weekly).....Monday, 7:00 P.M.

THE SESSION MEETING.....Second Monday, 7:00 P.M.

THE DIACONATE MEETING.....Second Monday, 5:30 P.M.

\* A nursery for infants and pre-school children is maintained by the Church.

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*