



A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

10:00 AM

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Lectionary Texts:

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here.

We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.



ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING — *Barcarolle*

Feruccio Busoni

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God who sees us fully, quiet the voices that teach us not to see one another. Open our eyes to the people before us, our hearts to the suffering around us, and our lives to the liberating way of Christ. Amen.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND PARISH LIFE

CHORAL PRELUDE — *Called to Share God's Love*

Anne Krentz Organ

God has called us with love and mercy. We are precious in God's sight, a holy people.

Proclaim the mighty acts of God who calls us into marvelous light.

We are called to share God's love and mercy, for all are precious in God's sight.

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 146

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

The Lord keeps faith forever.

Our God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free.

Our God heals the afflicted and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lord sees those the world overlooks.

Come, then, all who hunger for healing. Come, all who long for justice.

Come, all who have been told to wait for another day.

We come to worship the living God.

† HYMN 267 — Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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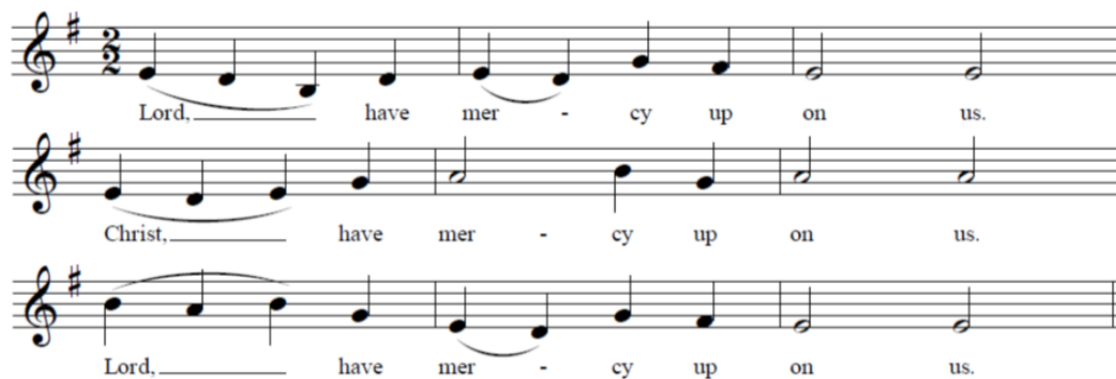
† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Mark 3

Liberating God, you see your children where we see strangers, cases, statistics, and labels. You see a daughter of Abraham, a beloved child, a neighbor. Forgive us when we have defended rules more passionately than we have defended people. Forgive us when we say, "That is simply the way things are," and deny the gospel calls to imagine what might be. We confess that we too often guard our boundaries more carefully than we welcome your children. Christ of the Sabbath, teach us again that holy things are meant to serve life. Open our eyes, unbend our hearts, loosen what binds us. In the name of Jesus Christ, who sees all, calls all, and sets all free. Amen.

† KYRIE ELEISON



† DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the good news;

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

† GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal, 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*At this time, all children (pre-K 4 through third grade) are invited to leave the service to attend "Children's Time."
Children can be picked up on the second floor of the Fellowship Hall after the worship service.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING: Psalm 146:5-20

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The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION — *Solitude*

Jean Sibelius

GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:10-17

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SERMON — "Stand Where the Lord Stands"

Creighton Holder

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We believe that the church, as the possession of God, must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ, the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY — *The Old Chapel by Moonlight*, Op. 106

Amy Beach

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

† DOXOLOGY

Hymnal, 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GO AND WITNESS IN GOD'S NAME

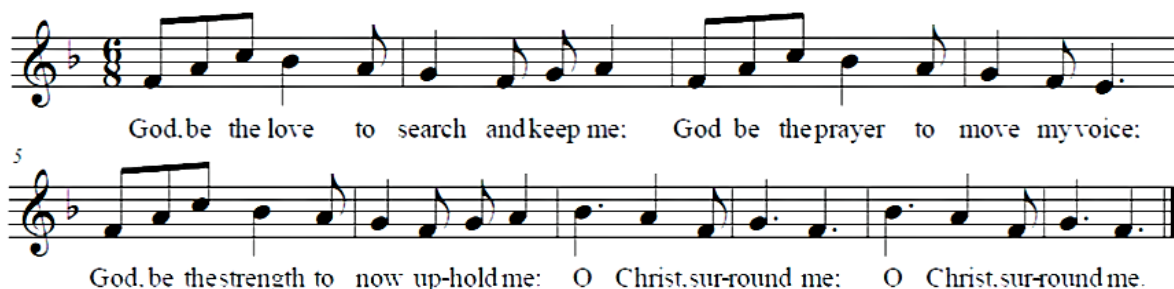
† HYMN 754 — Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

† BENEDICTION

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER



WELCOME!

First Presbyterian Church warmly invites visitors to become a member of our family of faith. You may do so in one of the following ways:

- By Profession of Faith - The act of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and sincerely promising to live for Him. Previous baptism is accounted as valid, or the Sacrament of Baptism may be administered at the time of profession.
- By Transfer of Membership - Request our minister to contact your former church for a letter of transfer, where applicable.
- By Reaffirmation of Faith - If you have been inactive or separated from the church for some time or wish to rededicate yourself, you may be received by reaffirmation of faith.

Parents of nursery aged children please note: a nursery is provided from **8:45 am - 11:15 am** for the following ages: 6 weeks - 4 years. The nursery and pre-school rooms are located in the Education Building, first floor.

UKIRK, our college campus ministry, meets for dinner & Bible study on Wednesdays throughout the semester, and other events throughout the year. More information is available at linktr.ee/ukirkofolemiss or on our Instagram [@ukirkofolemiss](https://www.instagram.com/ukirkofolemiss). All college students are welcome!

The FPC prayer chain is ready if you or someone you know is in need. Please contact Carlisle Wood at carlislewood@gmail.com or 662-832-8606. All requests are held in strict confidence.

The church has two portable defibrillators on site if a cardiac event occurs. One is located in our office hallway by the east stairwell; the other is located in the library of the Education Building.

Office Hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm.

Tithes and Offerings: Thank you for prayerfully supporting the missions and ministries of FPC! Every gift is greatly appreciated. Here are some ways to give:

- Completing the pledge card in the friendship register found in your pew
- Online by choosing the tab titled "Giving" at the top of the church website (<https://fpcoxford.net/giving/>)
- Enrolling in direct deposit of withdrawal by contacting the church office.
- Scanning the QR Code provided here. Credit Card fees apply.
- Mailing gifts directly to the church office at 924 Van Buren Ave, Oxford, MS 38655

If you need assistance with any specific ways to give, please contact Frances Saralvarez at fsaralvarezfpc@gmail.com, or call the church office.



ONLINE GIVING



WEEKLY FAST FACTS

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Proclaiming the Word
Liturgist
Pianist
Ushers

Creighton Holder
Rev. Barrett C. Milner
Cecil Price Walden
Anne Doty
Marty Mauldin
Nina Patrick
Catherine Servati

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 11

9:00 am Sunday School*
 10:00 am Worship Service*
 4:30 pm Esther Ethridge Circle
 5:00 pm Presbyterian Youth Fellowship
 6:00 pm Community Hymn Festival

Monday, October 12

6:00 pm CYFF Team Meeting
 6:00 pm Troop 45

Tuesday, October 13

6:00 am Men's Breakfast at Bim Bam Burgers
 5:30 pm Diaconate
 5:30 pm Doors of Hope Step 2 Dinner

Wednesday, October 14

10:00 am Weekly Book Study
 5:30 pm Wednesdays Together
 5:30 pm UKIRK College Ministry

Thursday, October 15

2:45 pm 4th & 5th Grade Bible Study
 5:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sunday, October 18 – Youth Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School*
 10:00 am Worship Service*
 5:00 pm Presbyterian Youth Fellowship

**Nursery provided*

Are you interested in learning more? Do you have ideas to share?
Your church staff, Diaconate, and ministry team leaders would love to hear from you!

SESSION

Adult Faith Formation - Irma Buchanan (2026)
 & Ashley Callery (2028)
Children & Youth Faith Formation - Brynne Quick
 (2026) & Corey Mauldin (2027)
Clerk of Session - Catherine Servati (2026)
Finance - Richard DeVoe (2028)
Membership & Hospitality - Matt Nielson (2026)
 & Angela Manley (2028)
Mission - Laura Montgomery (2026)
 & Michael Portner (2028)
Personnel - Al Ling (2027) & Trey Byars (2028)
Property - Hank Spragins (2027) & Anne Doty (2028)
Worship - Whitney Bolen (2027)

DIACONATE

Class of 2026: Stefanie Goodwiller, Marty Mauldin,
 Brad Mayo, Kathy Neff, Nina Patrick

Class of 2027: Heather Harris, Caroline McIntosh,
 Monte Ochs, Dee Walker (clerk)

Class of 2028: Rebecca Black, Jessica Holder,
 Elizabeth Miers, Ben Pettis, Lisa Tollison
 (moderator)

CHURCH STAFF

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 Creighton R. Holder
 Dave Garvey
 Frances Saralvarez
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 Wade Simpson
 Wendy Brady

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THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . .

Community Hymn Festival: The annual Community Hymn Festival will be held this evening at 6:00 pm. Come celebrate the gift of music and community with us! All are welcome!

Fall Adult Book Study: The Fall Bible Study will meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and is open to everyone. This six-week study will explore Amy-Jill Levine's book, *The Difficult Words of Jesus*. Levine, a Jewish New Testament scholar, offers an intriguing perspective on some of Jesus' most confusing and troubling words in the Gospels, inviting us to look at these challenging passages with fresh eyes. The study began Wednesday, October 7, and continue through Wednesday, November 11. If you would like to participate, please feel free to just show up!

Wednesdays Together: Wednesdays Together are back! Starting next WEEK, we will meet for dinner at 5:30, followed by a discussion at 6:00, which will be led by our own -- Creighton Holder. The menu for October 14 will be Mary's Chicken Spaghetti, Caesar salad, garlic bread, and cheesecake. There will be programming for all ages following dinner at 6! Please be sure RSVP on the friendship registry with the number of guests will be attending. Check out Fast Facts for more information!

Church-Wide Picnic: You are invited to our annual church picnic! Join us on Sunday, October 25 for an afternoon of good food, great company, and lots of fun. The Membership and Hospitality Team will take care of meat and drinks. If your last name starts with A-P, bring a side. Last name is Q-Z, bring a dessert. Make sure to mark this date on your calendar to join us!

Hallowed Hopewell: Hallowed Hopewell will be October 25 from 5 - 7 PM this year! We are looking for a couple of volunteers to hand out candy & decorate porches. Candy will be provided - porch volunteers are just asked to arrive early, decorate their porch, and then pass out candy throughout the event. This is a fun way to be involved with the community! If you are interested in decorating a porch, please contact Lindsay at lindsay@camphopewell.com.

VIPs: The next VIP gathering will be on Tuesday, October 27, at FergnDans Pizza off Hwy 30. We will meet there at 6:00 pm. This event will be self pay and BYOB.

Silent Film: On Friday, October 30, grab a friend and enjoy *The Phantom of the Opera* film accompanied by the live pipe organ! This event is free and popcorn will be served.

Community Service of Thanksgiving: On Sunday, November 1, we will hold the annual community service with Oxford First United Methodist Church. The service will take place at 6:00 pm at OFUMC (102 Dylan Ave). We ask that you bring canned goods with you for a donation to The Patry.

Mission Opportunities: FPC seeks to serve "the least of these." See Fast Facts or call the church office for more details on the following outreaches as well as other opportunities.

- **LovePacks** is an in-school pantry that provides food for 250 children in the Oxford and Lafayette county schools who experience hunger in their homes. For the month of October, chewy granola or protein bars are requested. Your contribution may be left at the church office anytime.
- The **Doors of Hope Step 2 Dinner** hosts single mothers and their children the second Tuesday of each month in the fellowship hall. FPC volunteers are asked to serve as hosts. It's easy! See Fast Facts for more information and to sign up.

Sanctuary Floral Arrangements dates are available October 18 and November 8. To provide flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, contact Kate at the church office, 662-234-1757, or kohillfpc@gmail.com. Contributions to the flower fund are greatly appreciated. If you want a particular date to provide flowers on a Sunday morning, please reserve that date in advance.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

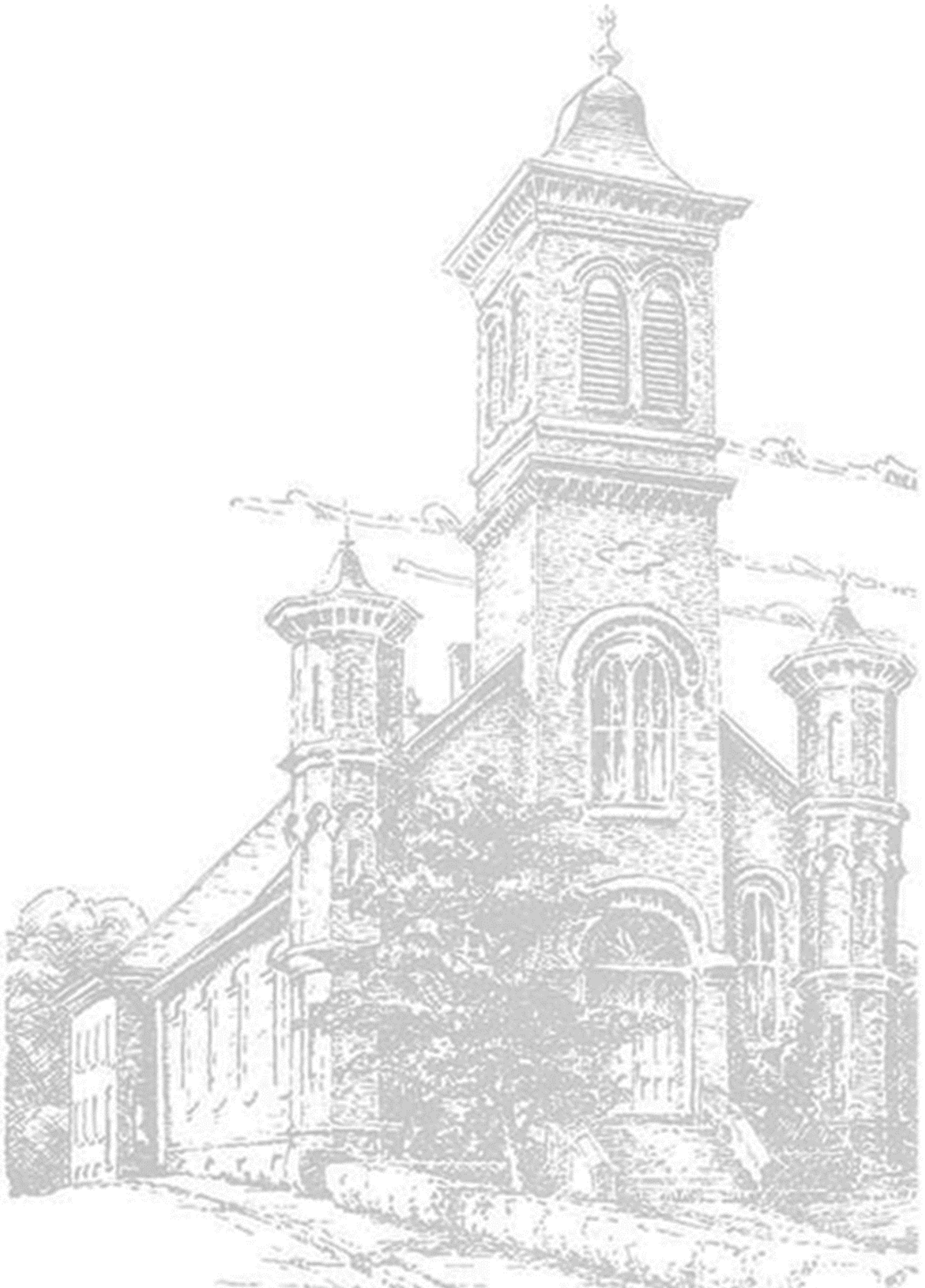
FPC Members: Niles Lovelady; KB Melear; Guff Abbott; Ann O'Dell; Toni Joyer; Catherine Lawhorn; The Family of Tommy Smith; Jane Henderson; Larry Hadenfeld; Lee Borden; Vaughn Grisham; Lilly Biedenbarn; Kay Tyler; Duke Goza; Keith Hayward; Becky Murphey; Ann Dickins; Scottye Boone; Leon McCullouch

Family and Friends: Caleb Samples; The Family of Margie Sanders (Stefanie Goodwillier's mother); The Family of Dick Marchbanks; The Family of Thomas Hines; The Family of Marshall Roberson; The Family of Jean Stevens and Blake Thacker; Beth Mitchell; Hannah Borden Miller; Ed Parker; Our sister Presbyterian Church in Jagüey Grande, Cuba.; Clifford Cobb; Ray Poole; Fel Macias; Amy Kennedy; Richard Bremer; Helen Luckett; Minor Atkinson; Melissa Cribbs; Steve Mistilis; Sigrid Long; Eileen Cheney and Family; Olivia Flautt; Dr. Gladys Memnon and Friends in Bongnotte, Haiti; Doors of Hope Families; Lafayette County Detention Center inmates; Parchman Prison inmates; Haven House residents

U. S. Military: SSgt Jason Freeland, USAF 26th Special Tactics Squadron, based in Cannon AFB, Clovis, NM

Please pray, too, for those with unspecified needs.

If you wish to have a name removed or added to this list, please contact the church office.



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