

# French Camp Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day

October 8, 2023

*Flowers for October are in loving memory of Debbie by the Barlow family for a life well lived as a Wife, Mother, Grandmimi and a Friend to all...*

## Announcements

Prelude: *All Creatures of Our God and King* (#63 in the hymnal)

Call to Worship from the Psalms

Response #34: *He Is Lord*

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn #43: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Shepherd's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *The Gentle Healer (Michael Card)* Kevin O'Brien

\*Doxology with Alleluias

\*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Sermon: (4<sup>th</sup> Grade and Younger)

\*Hymn (Overhead): *Before the Throne of God Above*

Sermon: Two Books, One Response Lance Ragsdale  
*Psalms 19*

\*Hymn #410: *Standing on the Promises*

\*Benediction and Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

## The New City Catechism

### Q. 8 What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments?

A. *Children: First, that we know God as the only true God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence.*

A. *Adult: First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence, honoring also his Word and works.*

## Life of the Church

**Welcome to the Pulpit:** Lance Ragsdale is our guest preacher today as Pastor Alex and Mary Nell are out of town with family. Lance is no stranger to our church. He is an elder and works for the Academy as V.P. of Development. He is married to our pianist, Anne Katherine, and is Sarah Beth's father.

**Sunday School:** There will be one class for all ages in the LSB. There will be no evening service or children's program tonight.

**Welcome Volunteers:** We're delighted to have some faithful Sower and VIM volunteers back in French Camp, with more coming soon. Be sure to give them a warm FC welcome!

**Carolyn Akers is going to Indonesia** to join Kim and Luke Fain in Sentani to assist them in their work. She will be away December 29 to February 26 and will need approx. \$4,000 for the trip; she has about \$1,500 so far. Donations to help with her expenses can be made to FCARP by check or online at [www.fcarp.org](http://www.fcarp.org). (Click: Giving/Missions/General Missions/ Note: Carolyn Akers.) **Don't forget** – Gifts from FCA Dorm students will be matched up to \$500!

**Harvest Festival This Saturday:** Don't miss out on this big annual event! A reminder to take homemade items, baked goods or antiques to sell at the auction, Country Kitchen or Silent Antique Auction to the Historic District this Friday, 1-5:00pm to have them recorded and tagged as FCARP donations. Sign up with Dianne Downing if you would like to volunteer (561-312-5506). Funds raised go to support our Women's Ministry. (You can also donate items to benefit FCA!)

**Joint Worship Service with FC Baptist, Next Sunday October 15, 11:00am followed by Covered Dish Meal:** All are invited to join in worship "under the tent" in the FC Historic District. Pastor Alex and Brother Randy will lead the service. We look forward to enjoying a meal after the service so plan to come and bring plenty to share!

**The Choctaw Bible Translation Committee is in Need of Funds** to finish out the year. They are making good progress translating the NT and hosting events where the Bible is communicated in the Choctaw language. If you would like to help, you can give by check or online at [www.fcarp.org](http://www.fcarp.org).

**Free Library Books:** There is a table outside the library with a variety of free books, mostly youth ministry resources and Bibles. Help yourself! Also, there are plenty of books available in the library to check out!

**No Historical Highlight Luncheon in October:** Speakers for the November 9 luncheon will be volunteers Bill & Share Steffen who have worked on a variety of projects for both the Academy and the church.

## FRENCH CAMP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

323 School St. French Camp, Mississippi 39745

website: [www.fcarp.org](http://www.fcarp.org)

Pastor: Rev. J. Alex Coblentz.

Ministry Coordinator: Mary Nell Coblentz

Ruling Elders: Glen Barlow (Treas.), Larry Littlejohn (Clerk of Session), John Cockrell,  
Dennis Cox, Bruce Hosket, and Lance Ragsdale

Deacons: Greg Browning, David Dennis, Danny Donald (Chairman), Jason Purvis, Roy Purvis

Music Team: Anne Katherine Ragsdale, David Dennis, Kevin O'Brien, Kylie Shirley, James Cantey

Sunday Worship is **LIVE at [fcarp.org/livestream](http://fcarp.org/livestream)** at 11:00 am

To watch the replay or listen to past sermons go to [fcarp.org/sermons](http://fcarp.org/sermons), or [fcpc.sermon.net](http://fcpc.sermon.net)

FCARP sermons are also broadcast Sunday mornings at **8:00 am on WFCM-FM108**

Ushers ..... Bruce Hosket, John Dendy

Student Ushers ..... Ty and Grey Martin

Greeters ..... Lance Ragsdale, Tristan Clark

Next Sunday, October 8

Ushers ..... Danny Donald, Jason Purvis

Student Ushers ..... TBA

Greeters ..... Mike & Kathy McCollum

### Calendar of Events

Today Sunday School - One Class for All Ages; No Evening Service  
Guest Preacher – Lance Ragsdale

Tuesday 8:30am - Women's Bible Study – “Abide” 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> John

Wednesday 6:00pm – Prayer Meeting

Friday 5:30am - Men's Bible Study @ Welcome Center

12-5:00pm – Take Harvest Festival Items to Historic District

Saturday Harvest Festival

Next Sunday Joint Tent Meeting with FCBC in Historic District

Followed by Covered Dish Lunch

No Sunday School or Evening Service

November 9 12:00pm – Historical Highlight Luncheon

Speakers Volunteers Bill & Share Steffen

**Note: No Historical Highlight Luncheon in October**

November 12 Operation Christmas Child Collection Day

**New City Catechism Devotional Books Finally Arrived!** They are available for free on the back table. Devotions for each catechism question are written by well-known Christian leaders, such as Tim Keller, Spurgeon, John Piper, John Bunyan, John Calvin, Kevin DeYoung, Ligon Duncan, and more!

### Ministry of Prayer

Marlene Armstrong, Bruce Beswick, Holly Cairncross, Dennis Cates, Peggy Cockrell, Sylvia Dickson (praise for good reports from cancer treatment), Skylar Effler (chemo treatments), Howard Ellison (back home), Mary Ida Harper, Marilyn Johnson, Roy Nail, Margie Newman, Lesa Rhodes, Sally Richardson, Simon Saunders (4<sup>th</sup> grader in Moriah recovering from bad bicycle accident), Ken Utley, Lyn Utley



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*J. Alex Coblentz, Pastor*