

# *The* OPEN DOOR *By* FAITH

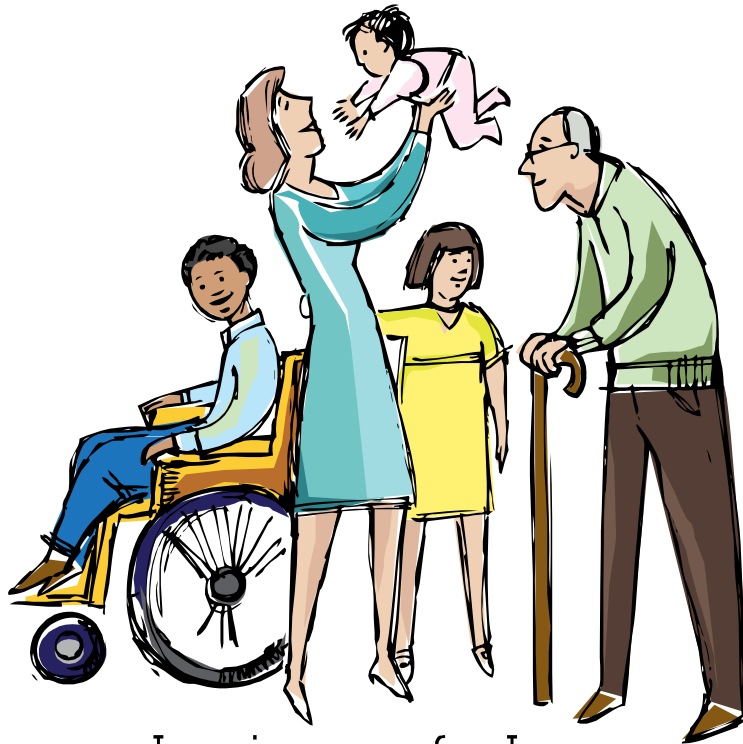
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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## *Sanctity of Human Life Day* *Sunday, January 15*



I praise you, for I am  
fearfully and wonderfully made.

Psalm 139:14, NRSV

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

We have completed our first week of our 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting. This emphasis is for us to seek more opportunities to pray than we normally do. Fasting as we saw Sunday is the voluntary abstinence from food or any desire (watching TV, playing on the computer, sleeping, etc.) for a period of time in order to focus on God and to hear from Him. Fasting is never commanded in Scripture but it is assumed that we will fast. (See Matt. 6:16-18)

Prayer is a part of times of fasting in the Bible. Prayer is something that we all know makes a difference in our lives. Jack Taylor has written a book entitled, *Prayer: Life's Limitless Reach*. In this book he makes the statement, "Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer because nothing lies beyond the reach of God." Do we really understand the privilege and power we have in prayer?

When we stop and think about ourselves, we realize that we are limited individuals and that we have limited power. We have no power apart from God. Man has made great strides in science and we have expanded the limits of our universe. We have gone to the moon and sent satellites into space that have allowed us to peer into the far reaches of our universe. Even though our reach is extensive, we are limited as human beings.

We have been given a reach that is limitless. That reach is prayer. Prayer is limitless not because of who we are but because our God is limitless. Our prayers are as limitless and infinite as our God. Prayer is our communication link between this life and God.

This privilege to approach God's throne of grace is open to each of us 24 hours a day. God is the one who initiated prayer. He is the one that answers prayer. Our prayers do not change people and situations. It is God that changes them. Our prayers are only effective and have value because we serve the God of all creation. God invites us through the prophet Jeremiah in Jeremiah 33:3 to, "Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know." (NASV)

May we exercise our "limitless reach" by praying.

Love,  
Bro. Dan

### *On Our Hearts*

*Hospitalized, Sympathies, & Thank You's*

#### HOSPITAL

Diane Ray

Laird, 106

### **Annual Corporate Meeting**

The Annual Corporate Meeting of First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2012 at the end of the Morning Worship Service.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### **EXTENDED SESSION**

January 15

Babies: J. C. & Liz Goldman

Toddlers: Steven & Marjorie Kilgore

January 22

Babies: Alain & Kara Kabore'

Toddlers: Sherry Watkins & Kimberly

### **LIBRARY**

January 15

Eunice Jones

January 22

Rena Harmon

### **DEACON OF THE WEEK**

January 15

David Byars

Jeff Carter

January 22

Randy Hanna

J. C. Goldman

### **DEACON LOCK-UP/DEPOSIT TEAM**

January 15

Bob Henson

Ryan McKay

January 22

Alain Kabore'

Joey Kilgore

### **YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHT VOLUNTEERS**

January 15

Sharon McKay

January 22

Amanda Aslam

### **YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHT VOLUNTEERS**

January 18

Suzette Mixon

January 25

Marshall Prince

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### **The Flower Team NEEDS YOUR HELP!!**

We want to thank all those who have placed flowers in the sanctuary in the past months. The calendar has been almost full, but NOW we have MANY openings in the upcoming months. Please call the church office if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on one of these Sundays.

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### **40 Days of Prayer and Fasting**

January 1 – February 9, 2012

### **24 Hours of Prayer**

Saturday, January 14, 6 am until

Sunday, January 15, 6 am

### **Wednesday Lunch Fast & Prayer**

Sanctuary open from 11 am – 2 pm

Every Wednesday

# STUDENT SECTION

ATTENTION: ALL YOUTH

## DiscipleNow

January 20-21

East Philadelphia Baptist Church

Registration begins on Friday, Jan. 20 at 5:30 pm. There is NO COST for this event.

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## CENTRIKID & MFUGE CAMPS

**MFUGE – Belmont University**

July 9-14, 2012

**CENTRIKID – Millsaps College**

July 16-20, 2012

**DEADLINE!!!**

SIGN UP and PAY \$50 deposit for either of these camps by Sunday, January 22.

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## Upcoming Women's Ministry Events

### Winter Fellowship Days

Thursdays – Jan. 12 & 26, 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.

CLC Game Room

Come fellowship, play, and socialize with ladies all day! Come for all day or part of the day!

Check out the signs around the church!!

### "Kitchen Surprise" Night – January 17

Theme – "Winter Wonderland"

Please put this date on your calendar & sign up outside the church office.

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## NESHOBA BAPTIST FOOD PANTRY

FBC is scheduled to help replenish the Neshoba Baptist Food Pantry during January and February. We will have a box outside the church office for donations.

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## Wednesday Night Supper Menu

### Menu for January 18

Baked Chicken  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Green Beans/Jello  
Biscuit/Dessert



**Serve:** Marsha Howard, Joyce Dansby

**Cleanup:** Pat Posey, Brenda Nowell, Gary Keen

**Payment Table:** Nancy Williams

"The Top Ten Perks of Being a Center Director"  
Taken from "Exchange Everyday"

10. Having beautiful, young children in your life Monday through Friday, but your evenings and weekends are free.
9. The first to know the current children's fever/cold/flu symptoms.
8. Your administrative abilities include junior plumbing skills- you've never met a toilet you couldn't unclog.
7. Having at your ready a repertoire that includes over 100 children's stories, songs, and finger plays.
6. Experience in setting-up and hosting staff 'wedding,' 'baby,' and 'good-bye' parties.
5. When insomnia strikes, you alone can recite pages of state licensing regs until you nod off from sheer boredom.
4. If you live near your work, you'll know the future generations of school cheerleaders, newspaper deliverers, Girl Scout cookie sellers, drug store and fast-food cashiers, etc.
3. After retirement, at the nursing home, you will know over 300 craft projects to make from empty toilet tissue rolls.
2. Knowing you are helping to get the next generation off to a great start.
1. Unlimited snacks and hugs.

With the Love of Christ,  
Jennifer Prince

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## Coming Events in the CLC

**Pray Fit** – 35 minute exercise program for ladies of all ages

**Chair Aerobics** – For Senior Adults

**Brown Bag for Revelations** – weekly lunch time on Book of Revelations

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## BALL LUNCHEON

The monthly BALL Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, January 17, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our special guests will be our own "Standing Firm" quartet. Please bring covered dishes and join us.

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## Discipleship Training Rally

Monday, January 16, 6:30 pm  
New Bethel Baptist Church

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## Bridal Tea

All ladies of the church are invited to attend a Bridal Tea honoring Rebecca Moore on Sunday, January 22, 1:30 – 3:00 pm at The Cole House.



## WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

Child Ministries Team Meeting .....	9:00 a.m.
Media Center.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Student Ministries Team.....	4:00 p.m.
Boy Scout Team.....	4:00 p.m.
Children's Bible Drill .....	4:00 p.m.
Youth Worship Arts.....	4:15 p.m.
NO Handbell Choir .....	5:00 p.m.
Adult Discipleship Training.....	5:00 p.m.
Preschool Discipleship Training .....	5:00 p.m.
TeamKID (Grades 1-6).....	5:00 p.m.
Youth D.T. ....	5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship Service .....	6:00 p.m.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Men's Bible Study (Parlor).....	7:00 a.m.
G.R.O.W. Team .....	6:00 p.m.
Discipleship Training Rally (New Bethel).....	6:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

B.A.L.L. Luncheon .....	12:00 noon
Women's "Kitchen Surprise".....	6:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

Wednesday Lunch Fast & Prayer (Sanctuary) ..	11:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Supper Line.....	5:00 p.m.
Media Center.....	5:10 p.m.
Children's Choir .....	5:30 p.m.
Preschool Choir.....	5:45 p.m.
Youth KONNEXION.....	6:30 p.m.
Mission Friends.....	6:30 p.m.
G.A.'s and R.A.'s.....	6:30 p.m.
Contemporary Worship.....	6:30 p.m.
Prayer and Bible Study .....	6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....	6:15 p.m.
Praise Band Rehearsal.....	7:45 p.m.

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

DiscipleNow at East Philadelphia Baptist Church

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

Prayer Walking or Prayer Riding Your Neighborhood

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

### January 8, 2012

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	37	18
Children	43	16
Youth	44	20
Adults	357	140
Total	481	194

G.R.O.W. Contacts – 57

## CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Dan Howard.....	Pastor
William Smith .....	Minister of Music
Aaron Tucker .....	Minister of Students
Amanda Aslam.....	Minister of Counseling
Gail Turner .....	Director of CLC Activities
Pam Phillips .....	Ministry Assistant
Tammy Thomas .....	Ministry Assistant
Jennifer Prince.....	Kindergarten Director
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Kindergarten/Child Care .....	(601)656-5015

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

### JANUARY 8, 2012

Budget .....	\$11,161.17
By Faith.....	\$2,105.00
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$502.00
Coke Machine .....	\$58.50
Upward Fees .....	\$210.00
Upward Concessions .....	\$479.15
D. T. Books .....	\$26.00
Cole Scholarship Fund .....	\$986.11
Insurance Refund .....	\$2,400.00
CMC Direct Deposit .....	\$830.00
CMC Deposit .....	\$9,147.00
Budget Requirement to date .....	\$291,500.66
Budget Offerings to date .....	\$317,039.86
Over Budget .....	\$25,539.20
CMC Building & Renovations Account .....	\$313,484.30
Lottie Moon Offering to date .....	\$31,620.50

<b>WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:</b>	<b>\$15,342.14</b>
<b>BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 1/8/2012:</b>	<b>\$11,161.17</b>

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