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THE OFFICIAL FBC NEWSLETTER

February 4, 2026 #05

UPCOMING EVENTS

UPWARD BASKETBALL

UPWARD GAMES

FRIDAY 5:30 PM
SATURDAY 8:00 AM

BROTHERHOOD Breakfast Fellowship

All men and boys are invited to attend!

Sunday, February 8
7:30 am • CLC

GUEST SPEAKER: DOUG BROOM
PASTOR AT EAST PHILADELPHIA

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Do this in remembrance of Me

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 8
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Deacon & Wives
appreciation
DINNER

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9 • 6:30 PM • BAPTIST CENTER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Church Family,

Thank you for committing to fast and pray for the lost in our community. Around 75% of our community is likely lost. As we write down the names of those who we know are lost, I hope that we will also pray for opportunities to share the good news of Christ with these individuals. We may even get an opportunity to invite them to a worship service, Sunday school class, or small group. Pray that God would use each of us to make Him known in Philadelphia and Neshoba county. Remember, "the harvest is plentiful."

I am looking forward to the sabbatical beginning next week. I would like to ask for your prayers during this time. Outside of resting, I plan on spending some time planning a sermon calendar for the next year. Pray that the time I spend planning and looking ahead will be beneficial. Also, pray for those who will be preaching while I am gone. I look forward to hearing how each of them challenges and encourages our church family. Please pray that God would grow my relationship with Him as I am able to spend extra time in the Word. Once again, I am so thankful for this opportunity! Thank you in advance for your prayers.

In Christ,
Evan

WILLIAM'S NOTES

Thank you, men, for filling the Choir loft Sunday morning as part of our Baptist Men's Day Celebration. Thank you also for challenging us to worship. Seeing our Choir loft packed with men singing to "Here I am to bow down" was such a powerful encouragement. Many hearts were strengthened because of your testimony in song this week. Because of your faithfulness and willingness to serve, Baptist Men's Day continues to be a very meaningful time of worship here at FBC. I pray that as men, we will all determine not only to worship on Sundays, but to live the life God called us to live daily. Our families, church, and community depend on our faithfulness.

Shouting for Joy!
William W. Smith

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

FEBRUARY 8

Younger: Shannon & Peyton Howell
Older: Beth Henson & Emily Crosswhite

FEBRUARY 15

Younger: Candace & Reese McKay
Older: Josh & Mamie Thompson

DEACON OF THE WEEK

FEBRUARY 8

11 am Service - Ryan McKay

FEBRUARY 15

11 am Service - Cody Spence

FEBRUARY

USHERS

Herman Alford	Jim Johnson
Bruce Bounds	Rex Rounsaville
Bob Henson	Chris Stokes

SANCTUARY GREETERS

Bruce Bounds & Mackenzie Shepard

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

Max Loper & Brenda Barnett



Sanctuary Flowers

The sanctuary flowers this Sunday are given by Tyler & Alex Stovall and family in celebration of Landry Stovall for her 1st birthday on February 10th and in memory of Mary Lynn Talbert on her birthday February 13th.



WEDNESDAY MEAL: February 11

Beef Tips & Gravy

Rice, Broccoli, Fruit, Rolls, Dessert
KIDS: Hot Dogs

Servers: Brenda Nowell, Linda Murray
Cleanup: Tammy Huber
Payment Table: Patti Robey

STAFF ARTICLE

Children's Corner

Sunday Night Small Groups are a special time for our children to grow in their faith, build friendships, and have fun in a safe, Christ-centered environment. Each night is designed to meet the children where they are to help them learn more about Jesus and to focus on their relationship with Him while having a great time!

We begin the night with children's choir at 4:45 for 1st - 5th graders. During this time the children learn musical skills and important truths about praising God with their hearts and voices. The preschoolers also have choir with Bro. William where they have a great time singing about Jesus with all the wiggles and giggles.

After choir, everyone gathers for supper in the fellowship hall where the children refuel, relax and connect with friends. Thank you to all the parents that help provide the weekly meal.

Following supper, children break into small group Bible study, where God's word comes alive through age-appropriate lessons that help them understand the greatness of God, how much He loves them, what Jesus has done for them and how His word applies to their everyday lives.

During Bible study time Bible Buddies is offered for preschoolers through 2nd grade, where the younger children learn the books of the Bible, key verses and Biblical truths through fun experiences that include movement and music.

Bible Drill for 3rd-5th graders is also during the Bible study hour. Bible drill is designed to help the children develop strong Bible skills, learn the books of the Bible, memorize key verses, understand their meanings and learn how to navigate God's word with confidence.

We wrap up the night with the children's favorite, hang time in the CLC! This fun-filled time allows the kids to play, laugh and enjoy being together, strengthening friendships and ending the evening on a high note.

Our Sunday Night Children's Ministry is more than a schedule. It's a place where children are loved, encouraged, and pointed to Jesus every step of the way.

Thank you to all of the amazing teachers that serve so selflessly in our children's ministry each Sunday night to make this Christ centered time so remarkable. You all are true blessing to our children and our church.

Love in Christ,
Mrs. Jackie



OCC PREPARATION 2026
FEBRUARY ITEMS:
Stuffed Animals & Dolls

A collection box is available outside the church office.



NURSING HOME
WMU VALENTINE'S
PARTY

Thursday, February 12
2:00 pm



FOCUS ON **WMU**
God's mission.
Our passion.

Sunday

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

We will have a women only choir during the worship service. Come to the choir room at 10:45am.
We encourage every generation to join us.



B.A.L.L. LUNCHEON

Tuesday, February 17
12 Noon - Fellowship Hall

GUEST SPEAKER: CRAIG STEVENSON

Bring your favorite dish or dessert and join us for a time of fun and fellowship. All senior adults are invited to attend.



CHURCHWIDE
Father & Daughter Banquet

Saturday, February 28
6:00 pm in the CLC

\$25 per family - sign up by February 22
See Mrs. Jackie for more details.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Brotherhood Breakfast • 7:30 am
 Deacons Meeting • 8:30 am
 Special Time of Prayer • 9:30 am
 Sunday School • 9:45 am
 The Lord's Supper • 11:00 am
 Small Groups • 5:00 pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am
 Deacon/Wives Appreciation Supper • 6:30 pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

B.A.L.L. Officers • 10:00 am

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am
 Wednesday Night Supper • 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm
 Children's Choir • 5:30 pm
 Preschool Choir • 5:45 pm
 Mission Friends • 6:00 pm
 Kids Blast • 6:00 pm
 Youth • 6:00 pm
 Chancel Choir • 6:00 pm
 Prayer Meeting • 6:00 pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Nursing Home WMU Valentine's Party • 2:00 pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am
 Upward Games • 5:30 pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Upward Games • 8:00 am

CLC HOURS: MON.-FRI. • 7 AM - 12 NOON

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Evan Humphries
Minister of Music William Smith
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Budget: \$24,838.00
 Wednesday Night Supper: \$449.00
 Harvest Church: \$200.00
 Youth Camp: \$446.25
 Renovate: \$475.00
 Neshoba Food Pantry: \$600.00
 Sunday School Refund: \$161.00
 Disaster Relief: \$260.00
 Children Camp: \$125.00
 Ruth's Promise: \$700.00
 Music: \$10.00
 Children Refund: \$155.00
 Children: \$100.00
 CMC: \$200.00
 Ava Byars Youth Fund: \$200.00
 Annie Armstrong: \$10.00
 Lottie Moon: \$10.00
 State Missions: \$10.00
 Budget Offering Given to Date: \$525,386.60
OVER Budget: \$15,728.44
WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT: \$23,166.28
BUDGET AMOUNT RECEIVED 02/01/26: \$24,838.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

DEPARTMENTS	PRESENT
Preschool	22
Children	28
Youth	15
Adults	133
TOTAL	198

SMALL GROUPS

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

DEPARTMENTS	PRESENT
Preschool	16
Children	25
Youth	17
Adults	78
TOTAL	136