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THE OFFICIAL FBC NEWSLETTER

October 14, 2026 #38

UPCOMING EVENTS











Church Family,

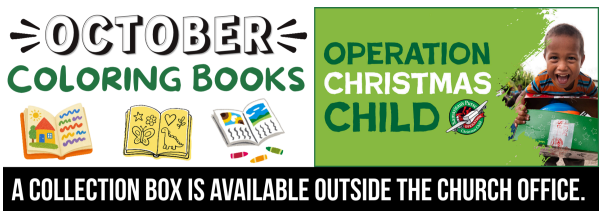
But the people of the city were divided; and some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles. - Acts 14:4

The entire city of Iconium was divided over the good news Paul and Barnabas were preaching. Paul and Barnabas were unwavering in their proclamation of the gospel even when the city of Iconium was divided over the issue. There is something within us that desires to live in unity with all people. Division between us and others can cause a great deal of friction in our lives. Scripture is full of examples of division. Here are just a few:

- There was division between God and Satan when Satan tried to overthrow God.
- There was division between God and man when we sinned against God in the Garden.
- There was division between the Israelites and the pagan nations in the Old Testament.
- There was division between Jesus and the religious leaders.
- In eternity, there will be division between those who have accepted Christ (heaven) and those who have rejected Him (hell).

For some reason, we are often surprised when division comes, as if we are the first people who have ever dealt with it. If we're not careful, division can cause us to compromise our convictions and lead us down a path we have no business going down. God calls us to be holy people who are set apart. In our calling to pursue holiness, we experience division between us and those who are not living for Christ. Even if it causes division, keep proclaiming the good news of Christ.

In Christ,
Evan



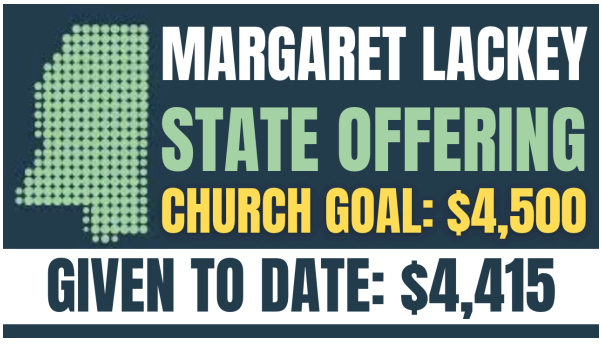














Happy Fall, y'all! About three weeks ago, I stepped outside and decided I was tired of being hot! Just like that, I was done with Summer. One season ends…and another one begins. That is how it is in our lives too. We all have hard seasons, and we feel like we can't survive them. But then there are bright, refreshing seasons. Hebrews 11:1 says faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. I recently read this about faith… Faith is an intense form of trust. No matter what season we are in, as believers, we have an intense form of trust because we know the Creator of the seasons.

This year, we'll hold a new outreach on October 31. I live on Poplar Ave, also known as Trick-or-Treat Street, and we'll share Jesus as we hand out treats. From 4 pm to 8 pm, we will hand out glow bracelets and tell children, "Jesus is the light of the World." We will also hand out popcorn. If you would like more information, please see me at church or contact me at 601-416-0051.
Until next time… Love Jesus. Love others.
Serve Him well.
Linda







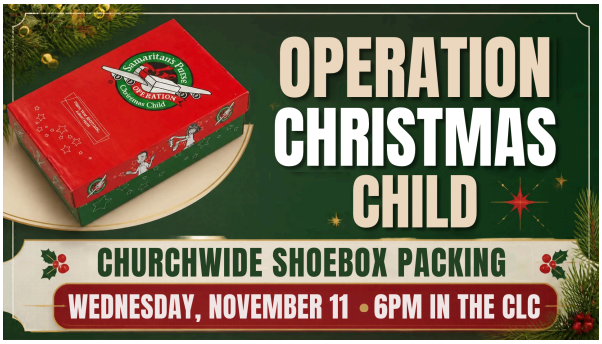
FBC Philly // Youth Camp Fundraiser

Crewnecks $30 • Hoodies $40



Crewneck - Black | Crewneck - Baby Blue | Crewneck - Baby Pink | Hoodie - Black | Hoodie - Navy

Deadline: November 4th



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD **OCC TRIP** *Nov.30-Dec.1,2026*

ROOM COST	
1 person/room	$125
2 people/room	$62.50
3 people/room	$41.66
4 people/room	$31.25

MON 11/30
- Leave church at 7:00 am.
- Stop for lunch on the way.
- Work shift from 4:00-7:00 pm.
- Eat then check into rooms.

TUES 12/1
- Be at the processing center at 8:45 am.
- Work from 9:00 am -1:00 pm.
- Eat lunch at processing center.
- Back at church approx. 7:30 pm.

ADDITIONAL INFO
Participants will be responsible for 3 meals.
Pay at church office by 11/18/26.

HOTEL INFO
Best Western Plus-Lake Lanier Gainesville
4535 Oakwood Rd
Oakwood, GA 30566

SIGN-UP BY USING QR CODE.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
CMC Team Meeting • 8:30 am
Special Time of Prayer • 9:30 am
Sunday School • 9:45 am
The Lord's Supper • 11:00 am
Handbell Choir • 4:00 pm
Small Group • 5:00 pm
DivorceCare • 5:30 pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19
Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am

TUESDAY. OCTOBER 20
B.A.L.L. Luncheon • 12 Noon

WEDNESDAY. OCTOBER 21
Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am
Supper • 4:45-5:45 pm
Children's Choir • 5:30 pm
Preschool Choir • 5:45 pm
Mission Friends • 6:00 pm
GA'S/RA'S • 6:00 pm
Youth • 6:00 pm
Chanel Choir • 6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting • 6:00 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
Adult Pickleball • 6:15-7:30 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am

CLC HOURS: MON.-FRI. • 7 AM - 12 NOON

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Evan Humphries
Minister of Music William Smith
Minister of Students Austin Aultman
Minister of Children Jackie Cheatham
Financial Ministry Assistant Laura Thrash
Education Ministry Assistant Tiffney Loper
Child Ministry Center Director Sage Mesley
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

OCTOBER 11, 2026

Budget: $21,806.41
Wednesday Night Supper: $36.00
Designated: $500.00
Designated: $8,547.00
Youth Retreat: $20.00
B.A.L.L. Trip: $1,198.00
Christmas Blessing Box: $25.00
Utilities: $250.00
Office Refund: $1.85
Gideon Bibles: $50.00
Brotherhood: $114.00
State Missions: $450.00
State Missions Given to Date: $4,415.00
Budget Offering Given to Date: $122,150.36
UNDER Budget: $21,790.84
WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT: $23,990.20
BUDGET AMOUNT RECEIVED 10/11/26: $21,806.41

Sunday School

OCTOBER 11, 2026

DEPARTMENTS	PRESENT
Preschool	19
Children	29
Youth	13
Adults	141
TOTAL	**202**

Small Groups

OCTOBER 11, 2026

DEPARTMENTS	PRESENT
Preschool	23
Children	21
Youth	20
Adults	81
TOTAL	**145**