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THE OFFICIAL FBC NEWSLETTER

January 21, 2026 #03

UPCOMING EVENTS



**BAPTIST
MEN'S DAY**

Sunday, January 25

WE WILL HAVE A MEN'S ONLY CHOIR DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE. COME TO THE CHOIR ROOM AT 10:45 AM AND JOIN US.

*Deacon & Wives
appreciation*
DINNER



Monday, January 26
6:30 pm @ The Baptist Center

UPWARD CONCESSION



" If you would like to volunteer call Linda Griffis at 601-416-0051 or the church office at 601-656-1507. "



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SUNDAY SERVICES

Due to the possibility of inclement weather this Sunday, any decisions regarding church services will be posted on our Facebook page. Please check there for updates.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Church Family,

What does it take for us to be content when it comes to earthly possessions? Are we only content when we have our latest wants met? Are we only content when we are physically comfortable? Is it possible for us to find contentment in the different seasons of life? As I referenced this Sunday in Philippians 4:11-13, Paul says that he has figured out the secret to finding contentment. I love that Paul calls it a secret. Obtaining contentment in our humble means and in our prosperity can only be found in Jesus Christ. He is the only one who can provide contentment in a discontent world. Our contentment in Christ will be noticeable and contagious to the outside world. I hope that we will all realize the secret to contentment is found in Jesus' strength.

From February 9th through March 22, I will be taking a sabbatical. I can't tell you how much this means to me. While this opportunity is becoming more and more common in churches, I know that this is far from normal. During my sabbatical, I plan to spend a great deal of time with my family and meet with a couple of pastors around the state. Along with several other things, I also plan on spending a lot of time resting and reading. I have asked six different people to preach while I am gone. These six are well-known to our church and are sure to be an encouragement to our church body. After I return, I will take some time one Sunday morning to share how the sabbatical went. While we are out, know that I am praying for our church and look forward to being back with everyone. Once again, I am thankful for this opportunity, and I look forward to seeing how God uses this time.

In Christ,
Evan



JANUARY 25

Younger: Shannon Howell & Kelli Chunn
Older: Judy Fleming & Gayle Belenchia

FEBRUARY 1

Younger: Drew & KK Coats
Older: Faye Crapps & Betsy Melton

DEACON OF THE WEEK

JANUARY 25

11 am Service - Randy Hanna

FEBRUARY 1

11 am Service - Alain Kaboré



HOSPITAL:

Don McKay - Methodist, Rehab, 507



WEDNESDAY MEAL: **JANUARY 28**

TACOS

Mexican Rice, Refried Beans
Peaches, Dessert

KIDS: Same

Servers: Tiffney Loper, Sylvia Stevens

Cleanup: Gayle Belenchia

Payment Table: Nancy Williams

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STAFF ARTICLE

2026 DISCIPLE NOW

Hey y'all! Just wanted to update everyone on the big event we have coming up for your students. Our Disciple Now weekend retreat coming up January 30 and 31. This event is being organized by the Neshoba County Baptist Association, and students from all across the county will be a part of this awesome weekend! The event will be hosted by Lake Forest Ranch; it is a great retreat center that hosts summer camps and all kinds of retreats and outdoor activities throughout the year.

What is D-Now? D-Now weekends put a high premium on discipleship. There are Large Group sessions where a guest speaker will guide us through the big picture theme for the weekend, and there are also super-intentional Small Group times where students will go deeper in the Scriptures with their church group. There will also be times dedicated for games and outdoor activities. D-Now weekends are all about spiritual growth, worship, and community building.

This year's theme is called "EXCHANGE" and will teach us a few truths. At the heart of the Gospel, there is a single, powerful exchange that occurred when a sinless Savior carried the sin of humanity to the Cross and willingly made the exchange of His life for ours. His innocence for our guilt and shame. He traded down so we could trade up. In doing so, Jesus made possible the ultimate exchange that, once embraced, leads to countless other exchanges in the lives of those who will believe and follow Him. It's these additional, more personal exchanges that will be the focus of our times together in Small Groups.

In Christ,
Austin Aultman

FLOWER CALENDAR



We have openings on the Flower Calendar for the next several months. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone, please call the church office at 601-656-1507 to reserve a date.

OCC PREPARATION 2026



JANUARY ITEM:

SOCKS



A collection box is available outside the church office.



NESHOPA BAPTIST Food Pantry

UNTIL FEBRUARY

There is a box outside the church office for donations of non-perishable food items.

The Lord's Supper



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 • 11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

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, JANUARY 25

Special Time of Prayer • 9:30 am
 Sunday School • 9:45 am
 Worship Service (Baptist Men's Day) • 11:00 am
 Small Groups • 5:00 pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am
 Dean & Wives Supper • 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 a.m.
 NO Upward Games

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

NO Upward Games

CLC HOURS : Monday-Friday • 7:00 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
Christian Life Center Director Linda Griffis
Upward Ministry Director Michael Duke
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

JANUARY 18, 2026

Budget: \$16,722.69
 Wednesday Night Supper: \$675.00
 Harvest Church: \$325.00
 Children: \$60.00
 Renovate: \$50.00
 D Now: \$60.00
 Office: \$2.00
 Upward Concessions: \$665.00
 Children Camp: \$25.00
 Ruth's Promise: \$25.00
 Music: \$10.00
 Youth: \$250.00
 Budget Offering Given to Date: \$497,403.60
Over Budget: \$34,078.00
WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT: \$23,166.28
BUDGET AMOUNT RECEIVED 01/18/26: \$16,722.99

SUNDAY SCHOOL

JANUARY 18, 2026

| DEPARTMENTS | PRESENT |
|--------------|------------|
| Preschool | 22 |
| Children | 34 |
| Youth | 16 |
| Adults | 153 |
| TOTAL | 225 |

SMALL GROUPS

JANUARY 18, 2026

| DEPARTMENTS | PRESENT |
|--------------|------------|
| Preschool | 21 |
| Children | 20 |
| Youth | 22 |
| Adults | 78 |
| TOTAL | 141 |



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