

THE OPEN DOOR

First Baptist Church
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"To the angel of the church of Philadelphia write...behold I have before thee a door having been open, which no one is able to close." Revelation 3:7-8

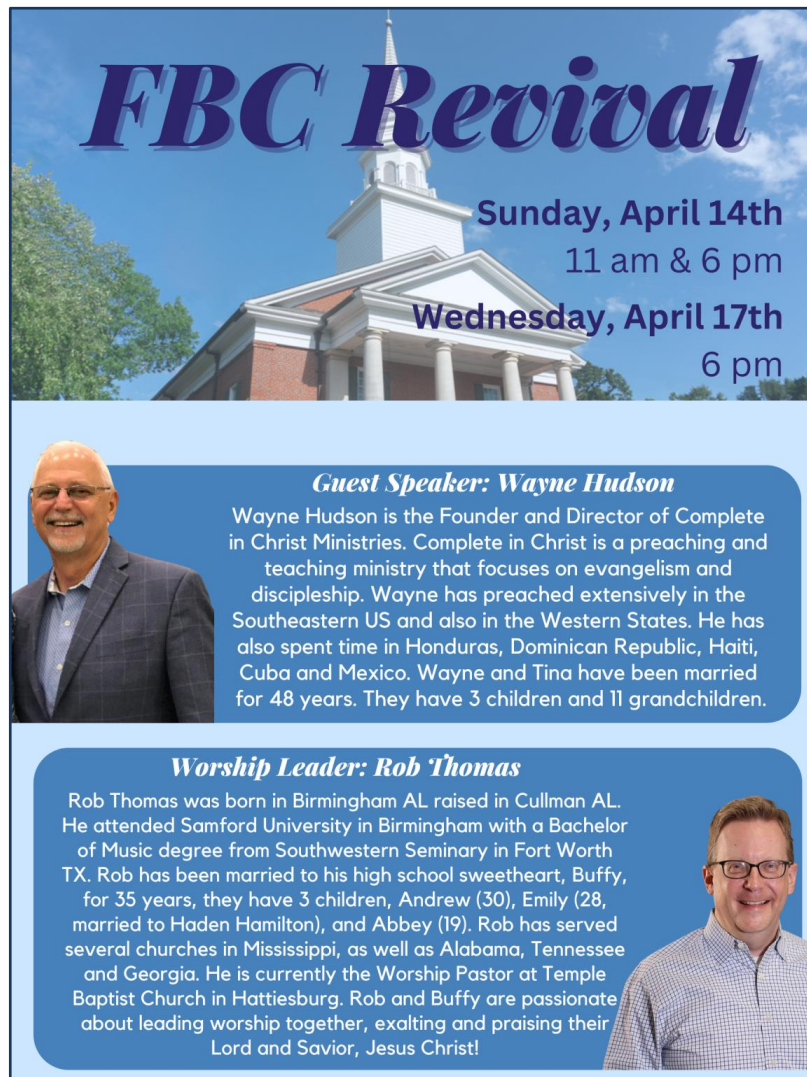
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ATTENTION!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER IS CANCELED TONIGHT. ALL OTHER
WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE AT 6 PM.



FBC Revival

Sunday, April 14th
11 am & 6 pm

Wednesday, April 17th
6 pm

Guest Speaker: Wayne Hudson

Wayne Hudson is the Founder and Director of Complete in Christ Ministries. Complete in Christ is a preaching and teaching ministry that focuses on evangelism and discipleship. Wayne has preached extensively in the Southeastern US and also in the Western States. He has also spent time in Honduras, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Cuba and Mexico. Wayne and Tina have been married for 48 years. They have 3 children and 11 grandchildren.

Worship Leader: Rob Thomas

Rob Thomas was born in Birmingham AL raised in Cullman AL. He attended Samford University in Birmingham with a Bachelor of Music degree from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth TX. Rob has been married to his high school sweetheart, Buffy, for 35 years, they have 3 children, Andrew (30), Emily (28, married to Haden Hamilton), and Abbey (19). Rob has served several churches in Mississippi, as well as Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia. He is currently the Worship Pastor at Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg. Rob and Buffy are passionate about leading worship together, exalting and praising their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!



Church Family,
 This past Sunday morning, we looked at Acts 1:1-14. Jesus commanded the disciples to stay in Jerusalem and wait on the Holy Spirit who had been promised. After the disciples saw Jesus ascend to heaven in a cloud, they waited in Jerusalem as Jesus told them. They no longer had Jesus physically with them to give them wise counsel on beginning this new phase of ministry. They needed to be divinely empowered to accomplish the task of “making disciples of all nations.” As we prepare our hearts for revival this Sunday, I want to challenge us to pray as those early followers of Christ prayed. Here are 3 challenges for us in prayer that I want to remind us of from the sermon this past Sunday.

3 Challenges

1. Find a Place—In the case of the disciples and the ladies gathered in Jerusalem, they went to the “upper room.” I have heard of people praying in their closets or their bathrooms. Some people love praying outside or on long walks. We all need to find a place that fits us, where we can retreat to in prayer.
2. Find a Time—The passage in Acts also tells us about how they spent their time while they waited. Part of verse 14 says, they “were continually devoting themselves to prayer.” We need to center our time around seeking Him. Those earliest believers were continually petitioning God to move. Out of our obedience to God and our desire to see Him move, we continually walk with Him in prayer.
3. Find a Purpose—The earliest believers were continually praying “with one mind.” They had one mission and one focus on their hearts as they prayed. They were not sidetracked by other issues but only focused on praying for the Holy Spirit to come down. Renewal and revival are the focuses of this revival. Pray that revival would take place in our hearts and in our community.

In Christ,
 Evan



**BROTHERHOOD
 BREAKFAST**
 Sunday, April 14
 7:30 am | CLC
 All men and boys are invited.

Birth Announcements

Congratulations to Taylor Breazeale and Tristen Stanley on the birth of their son Holden Flynt Stanley, born April 3, 2024. Holden Flynt weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz., and was 19” long. He is being welcomed by his big sister, Wylder Jane and proud grandparents Shirley & Stanley Breazeale, Christy Eppinett, Robert & Melissa Oswalt, and Donovan Stanley.

OPPORTUNITIES

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

April 14
 Older: David & Dee Dee Bailey
 Younger: Teresa Hight & Joy Buchanan

April 21
 Older: Sam & Tiffany Blaine
 Younger: Brian & Courtney Hancock

DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 14
 11 am Service – David Byars

April 21
 11 am Service – Tyler Rounsaville

HOSPITAL

Ellene Turcotte

Louisville



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are given in honor of Evan and Meredith Humphries and the FBC Staff.

IN OUR Thoughts & Prayers

We would like to express our Christian sympathy to the family of Joan Thompson.

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**B.A.L.L.
 Luncheon**

TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH | 12 NOON | FELLOWSHIP HALL

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

Welcome New Members

BY LETTER

Brian & Rhonda Ballenger
 12741 Two Lake Lane
 Collinsville, MS 39325
 Brian – 601-692-7153
 Rhonda – 601-604-0086

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

MENU FOR APRIL 17

Pork Chops
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Jell-O
Rolls & Dessert
Kids Menu: Chicken Nuggets



Servers: Linda Murray, Debbie Stokes

Cleanup: Beth Henson, Chris Stokes

Money Table: Patti Robey

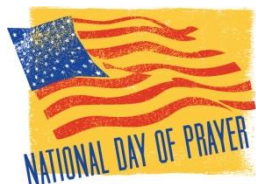


I am looking forward to Rob Thomas leading the music during our Revival next week. Rob is the Worship Paster at Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg where my youngest son, Matthew, serves. Rob is Matthew's boss. We have watched multiple videos Matthew sent us of Rob's leadership. I also had the honor of visiting Temple during my Sabbatical in September. I hope we can welcome him and follow his leadership as unto the Lord.

Rob Thomas was born in Birmingham AL and raised in Cullman AL. He attended Samford University in Birmingham with a Bachelor of Music degree with an emphasis in Theory and Composition. He received his Master of Music degree from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth TX. Rob has been married to his high school sweetheart, Buffy, for 35 years. They have three children, Andrew (30), Emily (28, married to Haden Hamilton), and Abbey (19). Rob has served several churches in Mississippi, as well as Alabama, Tennessee, and Georgia. He is currently the Worship Pastor at Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg. Rob and Buffy are passionate about leading worship together, exalting and praising their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

They plan to meet with our Praise Band/Team Sunday 9:15 AM and the choir at 10:45 AM like we do every Sunday. Then Sunday night and Wednesday, we will use the Praise Band/team only. He will meet with them at 5:15 PM to warm up for the 6:00 PM service. Everyone is invited to join us this week as we worship together.

Shouting for Joy!
William W. Smith



National Day of PRAYER

Thursday, May 2 | 12 Noon
Deweese Memorial Park

Senior Adult Day
Sunday, May 5
Morning Worship Service

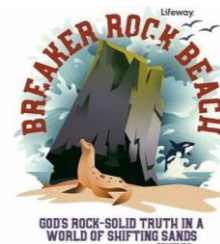
"Celebration Station"

Children's Musical
Sunday, May 5
6:00 pm



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 3-7 | 8:00-11:30 AM

Volunteers are needed in all areas!! See Mrs. Jackie or contact the church office at 601-656-1507 for more information.



Parent/Child Dedication
Sunday, May 12 | Morning Worship

If you have a baby/child who has not been dedicated, and you would like to participate in this service, please contact the church office NO Later than Monday, May 6.



WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Brotherhood Breakfast	7:30 a.m.
Deacons Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Media Center.....	9:15 a.m.
Praise Band/Team (Revival practice).....	9:15 a.m.
Special Prayer Time.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Chancel Choir (Revival practice).....	10:45 a.m.
Revival	11:00 a.m.
Praise Band/Team (Revival practice).....	5:15 p.m.
Revival	6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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TUESDAY, APRIL 16

B.A.L.L. Luncheon (Fellowship Hall).....	12 Noon
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Night Supper	5:00 p.m.
Media Center.....	5:30 p.m.
Praise Band/Team (Revival practice).....	5:15 p.m.
Revival	6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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SUNDAY, APRIL 21

CMC Team Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Media Center.....	9:15 a.m.
Special Prayer Time.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Small Groups	5:00 p.m.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Evan Humphries	Pastor
William Smith.....	Minister of Music
Austin Aultman.....	Minister of Students
Jackie Cheatham	Minister of Children
Laura Thrash	Financial Ministry Assistant
Tiffany Loper	Education Ministry Assistant
Tiffany Long	Child Ministry Center Director
Michael Duke.....	Upward Director
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Kindergarten/Child Care.....	(601)656-5015

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

April 7, 2024

Budget	\$32,184.41
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$561.00
Music.....	\$152.99
CMC.....	\$200.00
Ruth's Promise	\$150.00
Cole Foundation	\$30.00
Harvest Church.....	\$275.00
Renovate Church.....	\$200.00
Disaster Relief.....	\$10.00
Deacons	\$25.00
Child Ministries Refund.....	\$616.00
Annie Armstrong.....	\$425.00
Lottie Moon.....	\$10.00
State Missions	\$10.00
Budget Offering Given to Date	\$697,457.03
Over Budget	\$24,262.63

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$21,036.40
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 04/07/24:	\$32,184.41

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

April 7, 2024

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	39	28
Children	25	11
Youth	32	26
Adults	294	141
Total	390	206

SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS

April 7, 2024

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	29	19
Children	42	21
Youth	38	29
Adults	151	93
Total	240	162