



THE OPEN DOOR

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
414 PECAN AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350
601-656-1507

"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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YOUTH TRUE LOVE WAITS EVENT

Chasing Love

Sunday, March 19

5:00 pm

Baptist Center

Speaker: Stevie Franks
Youth Pastor, FBC Starkville



All youth are invited to attend...bring a friend or two!



B.A.L.L. LUNCHEON

Tuesday, March 21

12 Noon

Christian Life Center

Bring your favorite dish or dessert
and join us for a time of fellowship.
All Senior Adults are invited to attend!



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2

"Crown Him Majesty" Easter Musical
Morning Worship Service

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Lord's Supper at the Cross
5:00 pm – FBC Courtyard

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Good Friday
Church Office, CLC, & CMC Closed

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Children's Egg Hunt
10:00 am – Christian Life Center

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Early Morning Easter Service
8:00 am – FBC Courtyard

Easter Breakfast
8:30 am – Christian Life Center

Morning Worship Service
11:00 am

NO Sunday Night Small Groups



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Church Goal: \$8,500
Given to Date: \$3,380

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.



Widows & Widowers
BANQUET

Thursday, March 23
6:00 pm
Christian Life Center

Please RSVP by Friday, March 16.
Call the church office at 601-656-1507 for reservations and transportation, if needed.

OPPORTUNITIES

EXTENDED SESSION

March 19

2 Year Olds: Brice & Ashley Richardson
3 Year Olds: Cody & Anna Spence

March 26

2 Year Olds: Coker & Chelsea Fulton
3 Year Olds: Laura Thrash & Anna Beth Kilgore

DEACON OF THE WEEK

March 19

11 am Service – Robert Warner

March 26

11 am Service – Michael Duke

HOSPITAL

Roma Winstead

Neshoba, Rm 2216

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this week are given in memory of Wyatt Vowell for his birthday. They are given by grandparents, Bill and Janice Griffin.



Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our Christian sympathy to the family of Dusty Vance.

We would like to express our Christian sympathy to Madeline Vuncannon and family at the loss of her husband, Tom Vuncannon.

NEW MEMBERS

By Baptism

Tyler Stovall
102 North Hill Drive
Philadelphia, MS 39350
601-616-6867

By Letter

Alex Stovall
102 North Hill Drive
Philadelphia, MS 39350
601-562-6725

By Letter

Herschel Kilpatrick
309 Jolly Avenue
Philadelphia, MS 39350
601-728-1943



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER



MENU FOR MARCH 22

Hamburger Casserole
Sweet Potato Patties
Cole Slaw
Rolls/Dessert

Serve: Janice Griffin, Linda Murray

Cleanup: Gerald Winstead

Money Table: Patti Robey

WMU Meeting

Ladies, I hope you have set aside next Tuesday, March 21 for our meeting at 6 pm in the CLC. It is potluck in the form of finger food preferably in the form of a charcuterie board. Linda Murray will bring us our inspiration, Dee Dee Bailey and Morgan Jay are developing ideas for our money tree and Michelle Maxey will tell us more about The Refuge MS. We will incorporate into the money tree thoughts and prayers for the mission and have a prayer time for this mission.

All contributions should be given in the form of a check to The Refuge MS. At the meeting we will contribute and only use \$1 bills or \$5 bills on the actual tree. Laura will keep up with the checks for us.

I will briefly tell what missions we have lined up through August and will give information about a Mission Room that we hope to have sometime in the future. Evan has a room picked out for us but we will have to wait until space is available.

Flyers are posted telling about our March 30 meeting at the Baptist Building. At the end of that meeting we will celebrate.

Thanks,
Sue Keen

UPCOMING BIBLE DRILLS



CHILDREN

March 22 – Church Drill

6:00 pm | Youth Room

March 26 – Associational Drill

1:00 pm | Baptist Center

YOUTH

March 29 – Church Drill

6:00 pm | Youth Room

April 2 – Associational Drill

1:00 pm | Baptist Center

**CHURCHWIDE
MOTHER & SON BOWLING**
FRIDAY, MARCH 24
5:30-7:30 PM



Sign-up by March 15 \$20 per family
All ages are invited to attend. To sign-up see Jackie Cheatham, Austin Aultman or call the church office at 601-656-1507.



“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Praise Him All Creatures Here Below. Praise Him Father Son and Holy Ghost” This is the first month since I have been at FBC that we do not have a mortgage payment. That is no small thing!!! It’s super big and super wonderful. How can we help but sing and shout our thanks!!! Recently, several new songs have been written for the church concerning thankfulness. Songs like Brandon Lake’s “Gratitude” and the hymn we sang last Sunday “Goodness of God”. Several members shared with me following the service how singing this new hymn helped them remember God’s faithfulness in years past. One person testified how remembering the goodness of God helps her have hope for the future. How very true! And we have much hope and much to Praise God for at FBC.

Speaking of remembering God’s faithfulness and goodness, I remember how He helped us fill the choir loft in years past and how musicals seem to always come together time and time again. Even during COVID, He helped us proclaim the gospel at Christmas when so many could not participate. Praise God, we made it through. Now I am trusting Him again to fill the choir, tune our voices, and help us lead during the Easter season. We really need every voice at practice this month to give our best. I can see in my heart every chair filled with voices shouting His Praise. I am confident that others will catch that vision also and help it come true for His glory one more Easter. Please join us by praying and encouraging participation at every level. History has taught us that Easter is prime time for sharing the good news with our friends and family.

Shouting for JOY!
William W. Smith
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Senior Adult Revival

March 27-29

10:00 am – 12 Noon

Neshoba Baptist Center

Guest Speaker: Bro. Mike Carr

*Lunch provided each day after service.
All Senior Adults are invited to attend.*



April 2, 2022
Morning Worship Service

Crown Him Majesty

presented by

FBC Music Ministry



WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

CMC Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Youth True Love Waits Event (Baptist Center)	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Night Small Groups	5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 20

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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TUESDAY, MARCH 21

B.A.L.L. Luncheon (CLC)	12 Noon
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Night Supper	5:00 p.m.
Children's Choir	5:30 p.m.
Preschool Choir.....	6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	6:00 p.m.
Church Bible Drill (Children)	6:00 p.m.
Mission Friends.....	6:00 p.m.
Kid Blast	6:00 p.m.
Youth	6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

Widows/Widowers Banquet (CLC)	6:00 p.m.
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FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
CHURCHWIDE Mother/Son Bowling	5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Church Council	8:45 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Associational Bible Drill (Children)	1:00 p.m.
Sunday Night 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
Andrea Moore	Child Ministry Center Director
Brenda G. Nowell	Christian Life Center Director
Michael Duke	Upward Director
Church Office	(601)656-1507
Fax	(601)656-3664
Church Email	fbphilly@netdoor.com
Church Website.....	www.fbcphilly.com
Kindergarten/Child Care	(601)656-5015

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

March 12, 2023

Budget	\$13,832.37
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$447.00
Wee Care.....	\$750.00
Office	\$2.40
Youth Camp	\$60.00
Youth.....	\$5.00
Child Ministries.....	\$110.00
Annie Armstrong.....	\$1,390.00
Budget Offering Given to Date	\$618,594.98
Over Budget	\$6,725.26
Wee Care Given to Date.....	\$1,774,799.23

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$21,852.49
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 03/12/23:	\$13,832.37

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

March 12, 2023

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	43	22
Children	35	14
Youth	38	11
Adults	288	111
Total	404	158

SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS

March 12, 2023

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	39	22
Children	21	6
Youth	32	12
Adults	145	61
Total	222	101