



the open door

THE OFFICIAL FBC NEWSLETTER

April 15, 2026 #14

UPCOMING EVENTS

STATE
BIBLE DRILL
Thursday, April 16
Hosted by First Baptist Church
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FROM 1:00-6:00 PM

Sign up outside the church office. For more information see Mrs. Jackie.

Please join us for a
Baby Shower
HONORING
Adam & Lauren Shumaker
BABY HUDSON
Sunday, April 19
1:30 pm • Fellowship Hall

All the ladies of the church are invited to attend.

POPSICLE DAY
FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Join us in prayer as we share cold treats with students and teachers at Neshoba Central.

NESHOBA CENTRAL
PRE-K • MIDDLE SCHOOL • HIGH SCHOOL

B.A.L.L. LUNCHEON
Tuesday, April 21
12 Noon • Fellowship Hall

GUEST SPEAKER: JERMAINE SIMMONS

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Church Family,

Thank you for giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter offering! As a church, our goal for this year was \$5,000, and we exceeded it with a total offering of \$8,200. This offering directly supports missionaries in North America through the North American Mission Board (NAMB). Every dollar given through the Annie Armstrong offering goes directly to support missionaries in North America. NAMB supports missionaries like Mary Margaret and Andrew Hanna at Harvest Church in New Orleans. NAMB has over 3,000 missionaries just like them all over North America. Once again, thank you for giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter offering.

Some of you may have noticed that we have a few designated "Guest" parking spots in the parking lot in front of the sanctuary and by the fellowship hall. We have designated these spots specifically for guests for a couple of reasons. First, we do not want our guests to have to go looking for a parking spot. We want them to be able to pull up and park without any hassle. Second, we hope this gesture of hospitality makes them feel valued as our guests. The parking spots we have marked are our best spots. While we won't be writing a ticket to non-guests who park in the "Guest" parking, we do hope our church family will see this as an opportunity to show hospitality to our guests. Thank you for leaving these spots open to guests.

In Christ,
Evan



PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

April 19, 2026

Younger: Adrienne Fulton & Ashley Peebles

Older: Catherine & Lilly Hicks

April 26, 2026

Younger: Caleb & Racheal Page

Older: Taylor & Jordan Dickerson



Sunday Deacon



April 19, 2026

Robert Warner

April 26, 2026

Austin Harrison



Mary Grace Hancock
Anderson, NICU

Herschel Kilpatrick
Neshoba - RM 2222

Don McKay
Neshoba

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Supper 4:45-5:45PM

WORKERS FOR APRIL 22

SERVERS

Tiffany Loper, Linda Murray

CLEANUP

Herman Alford

PAYMENT TABLE

Patti Robey

M • E • N • U April 22, 2026

CHICKEN SPAGHETTI

BUTTER BEANS

GARLIC BREAD

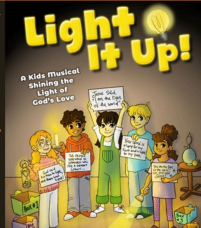
DESSERT

KIDS: NUGGETS

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S MUSICAL



WEDNESDAY
APRIL 29TH
6:00
PM



BROTHERHOOD Breakfast SUNDAY, MAY 3 • 7:30 AM



GUEST SPEAKER:
GREG CARLYLE
All men and boys are
invited to attend.

STAFF ARTICLE

Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Paul challenges us to live with total surrender. As followers of Jesus, we are called to give Christ everything in our lives. Some examples include our life goals, our daily schedules, our hobbies and leisure time, and much more. Take some time to examine these areas and parts of life through this lens - have I surrendered this to Jesus? Am I making goals and plans without asking for His guidance? Am I heavy on leisure time and hobbies, but not making time for serving in ministry and growing in godliness? Am I trying to fit Jesus IN my schedule, or am I working my schedule AROUND my walk with Christ? Paul points out in this passage that this life we live is not ours at all. It is Jesus living through us because His Spirit dwells in us. Are we living every area of our lives in faithful surrender, or are there areas we're trying to control and lead? Is Jesus just a piece of our life, or are the rest of the things a piece of a life centered on Jesus?

Father, help us to be faithful followers that daily surrender our lives to you. Every part of our lives. And may we live faithfully by surrendering everything totally to you.

Austin



2026 OGC ITEMS

APRIL
SHIRTS (SIZES 2-14)



A collection box is available outside the church office.

THURSDAY, MAY 4
NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER
***** PRAY WITH AMERICA *****
12 NOON • DEWEESE MEMORIAL PARK

CPC Annual Mother's Day FUNDRAISER
May 7, 2026 | 5:00-8:00 pm
Sponsoring Restaurants:
Bloom's Diner, City Limits, McALISTER'S DELI, Ronnie's STEAK & GRILL, Tootie's COUNTRY BLUES
All tips go to benefit CPC Pregnancy & Family Resource Center
For more information call: 601-656-9712

PARENT/CHILD Dedication Service
May 10, 2026

We would love for you and your child to be part of our Parent/Child Dedication Service on Sunday, May 10 during the worship service.

If you are interested in participating, please plan to attend a brief mandatory meeting on Wednesday, April 22 at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

If you would like to participate in the Parent/Child Dedication service and will be attending the meeting, please contact the church office at 601-656-1507.

CLASS OF 2026 Graduate Recognition Service
May 17, 2026

If you have a senior who will be graduating from high school in May and would like to participate in our Graduate Recognition Service, please let us know in the church office. The deadline to get your name on the list is May 4. The Senior Breakfast will be on Sunday, May 17 at 8:30 am and Recognition Service will be held during the worship service at 11:00 am.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Our college graduates will be recognized on May 17 in the worship service at 11:00 am. If you are graduating from college, please call the church office by May 4 in order for your name to be listed in the Open Door.

celebrators CONFERENCE
LeConte Event Center - Pigeon Forge, TN

Speakers, Comedian, Musicians

OCTOBER 12-15, 2026
SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 19
 CMC Team Meeting • 8:30 am
 Special Time of Prayer • 9:30 am
 Sunday School • 9:45 am
 Worship Service • 11:00 am
 Baby Shower (Lauren Shumaker) • 1:30 pm
 Small Groups • 5:00 pm

MONDAY, APRIL 20
 Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am

TUESDAY, APRIL 21
 B.A.L.L. Luncheon • 12 Noon

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
 Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am
 Wednesday Night Supper • 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm
 Parent/Child Dedication Meeting • 5:30 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

FRIDAY, APRIL 24
 Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am

SUNDAY, APRIL 26
 Church Council Meeting • 8:30 am
 Special Time of Prayer • 9:30 am
 Sunday School • 9:45 am
 Worship Service • 11:00 am
 Small Groups • 5:00 pm
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
Christian Life Center Director Linda Griffis
Upward Ministry Director Michael Duke
Facilities Manager Bruce Bounds

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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

April 12, 2026

Budget: \$12,338.25
 Wednesday Night Supper: \$454.00
 Ruth's Promise: \$100.00
 Music: \$20.00
 Harvest Church: \$25.00
 Office Refund: \$3.00
 Benevolence: \$1,250.00
 Annie Armstrong: \$630.00
 Annie Armstrong Given to Date: \$8,200.00
 Budget Offering Given to Date: \$717,269.27
UNDER Budget: \$24,051.69
WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT: \$23,166.28
BUDGET AMOUNT RECEIVED 04/12/26: \$12,338.25

SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 12, 2026

DEPARTMENTS	PRESENT
Preschool	21
Children	22
Youth	9
Adults	118
TOTAL	170

SMALL GROUPS

April 12, 2026

DEPARTMENTS	PRESENT
Preschool	20
Children	23
Youth	19
Adults	62
TOTAL	124