



THE OPEN DOOR

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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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BROTHERHOOD
Breakfast
Fellowship

All men and boys are
invited to attend!

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 9
7:30 AM
IN THE CLC

FIRST RESPONDERS
LAW ENFORCEMENT
Appreciation Days
NOVEMBER 10 & 17

Sunday School Departments have been assigned to our local First Responders and Law Enforcement. Please deliver goodies to your assigned area to show our appreciation for all they do!

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK




Church Family,

"Faith is helplessness reaching out in total dependence upon God." -Robert H. Mounce

All too often, we like to make our faith about what we have done or are doing for the Lord. I ran into this quote in my D-Group reading this week. Paul makes the argument throughout his writings that our faith is not founded on our works but on what Christ has accomplished on our behalf. The poor thief on the cross who called on Christ as his Master and Savior was no worse off than we are today. Like us, his situation was completely helpless. With his hands nailed to the cross, he spiritually reached out to Christ for his salvation. He had no works to offer Christ. No good deeds to look to and claim as righteous acts. The thief lived his entire life contrary to God's plan, and in the last moments of his life, he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" Wow! What a beautiful picture of God's abounding grace! The only thing the thief on the cross could do was put his total dependence in Christ.

Romans 5:6 says, "For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly." While Christ was dying for the helpless thief on the cross, Christ was saving him from an eternity of punishment. We are no different from the thief. Like the thief, we must reach out in helplessness and put our total dependence upon God.

In Christ,
Evan



**OPERATION
CHRISTMAS
CHILD**

CHURCH-WIDE SHOEBOX PACKING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 • 6PM IN THE CLC

B.A.L.L. LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

12 Noon • Fellowship Hall

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

OPPORTUNITIES

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

November 9

Younger: Drew & KK Coats

Older: Drew & Laura Massey

November 16

Younger: Chad & Emily Crosswhite

Older: Amy Allen & Betsy Melton

DEACON OF THE WEEK

November 9

11 am Service – Mark Fleming

November 16

11 am Service – Bill Gilley

HOSPITAL

Don McKay

UMMC, ICU

We would like to express our Christian sympathy to Lou Morgan and family at the loss of her sister, Daisy Moore.

2026 FLOWER CALENDAR

If you would like to reserve a date on the 2026 Flower Calendar to place sanctuary flowers in memory or in honor of someone special, please call the church office at 601-656-1507.

CHILD MINISTRY CENTER DIRECTOR POSITION

Our Child Ministry Center Team is receiving applications for the position of Director of our Child Ministry Center. If you are interested in applying for this position, applications are available in the church office. All applications must be received through the church office.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
2ND ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE

**Christmas
ART SHOW**



NOVEMBER **19** 5:30PM - 6:00PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

HOSTED BY THE GA/RA/MISSION
FRIENDS CLASSES AT FBC PHILLY

**Come browse and take home Christmas
artwork created by FBC's children!**

ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED WILL GO TOWARDS
OCC SHOEBOX SHIPPING COSTS.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU



NOVEMBER 12

Hot Dogs
French Fries
Baked Beans
Peaches
Dessert
Kids: Same

Servers: Laura Thrash, Peggy Van Devender

Cleanup: Herman Alford, Gayle Belenchia

Money Table: Nancy Williams



Bring a side dish or dessert to share as we celebrate God's blessings. Ham, turkey, dressing, and rolls provide.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD		OCC TRIP	HOTEL INFO
		Dec. 1-2, 2025	
MON 12/1	Leave church at 6:45 am. Stop for lunch on the way. Arrive at processing center around 2:30 pm. Work shift from 3:00-7:00 pm. Eat then check into rooms.		Holiday Inn Express Peachtree Corners-Norcross 7035 Jimmy Carter Blvd Norcross, GA 30092
TUES 12/2	Be at the processing center at 8:45 am. Work from 9:00 am -3:00 pm. Take break for lunch at processing center. Back at church approx. 7:00-8:00 pm.		
ADDITIONAL INFO Participants will be responsible for 4 meals.		ROOM COST	
		1 person/room	\$117
		2 people/room	\$58.50
		3 people/room	\$39
		4 people/room	\$29.25
		SIGN UP OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE.	

Williams Note's

"He found him and brought him back to Antioch. They were there a whole year, meeting with the church and teaching a lot of people. It was in Antioch that the disciples were for the first time called Christians" Acts 11:26.

I remember growing up hearing the phrase "remember your name?" I heard this often from my parents but also from my grandparents. Grandma Smith was the best at it. She knew just how to put things so that we would remember, especially if we were planning a trip away from home. My parents and grandparents understood that our behavior was a reflection on the whole family. They understood the value of a good name.

In this passage, Luke points out that it was at Antioch that Believers were first called Christians. The world saw something different in these first-century believers that set them apart. Some scholars point out how they may have even been making fun of the early believers by calling them little Christs. Regardless, the name stuck.

Let us not forget our name (Christian). People notice how we live, even if we do not advertise our faith. This is especially true if we serve on a worship team or sing in the choir. Our actions away from church reflect not only on ourselves but on the whole church and every true believer in Christ. The key is turning our hearts and minds to Christ every day, not just when we are at church. Let Him be present always by meditating on the Word and the good thoughts the Holy Spirit plants in our hearts. We do this like the old hymn writer states, "Day by day moment by moment." We do this Monday through Saturday and not just on Sundays.

Shouting for Joy!
William W. Smith



CHRISTMAS BLESSING BOXES COST: \$40 PER BOX

We will once again prepare Christmas Blessing Boxes to share with families in our community this holiday season.

Individuals, groups, and Sunday School classes are invited to give toward purchasing food for the boxes.



WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Brotherhood Breakfast	7:30 a.m.
Deacons Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Special Time of Prayer.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Handbell Choir.....	4:00 p.m.
Divorce Care	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Night Small Groups	5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

First Responders Appreciation Day	
Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
Supper	4:45-5:45 p.m.
Children's Choir	5:30 p.m.
Preschool Choir.....	5:45 p.m.
Church-Wide Shoebox Packing (CLC).....	6:00 p.m.
NO Missions Friend.....	6:00 p.m.
NO Kids Blast	6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	6:00 p.m.
NO Prayer Meeting	6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Special Time of Prayer.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Handbell Choir.....	4:00 p.m.
Divorce Care	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Night Small Groups	5:00 p.m.

CLC HOURS MONDAY – FRIDAY 7 AM – 12 NOON

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
Linda Griffis	Christian Life Center Director
Michael Duke.....	Upward Director
Bruce Bounds.....	Facilities Manager
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Budget	\$24,183.00
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$549.00
Upward.....	\$300.00
Ruth's Promise	\$500.00
Christmas Trip.....	\$30.00
Youth Camp	\$785.00
Children's Camp	\$625.00
Office	\$40.70
Food Pantry	\$25.00
Operation Christmas Child.....	\$78.00
Ava Byars Youth Memorial	\$450.00
Harvest Church.....	\$150.00
Renovate Church	\$50.00
Disaster Relief.....	\$10.00
Lottie Moon.....	\$10.00
Annie Armstrong.....	\$10.00
State Missions	\$10.00
CMC.....	\$200.00
Budget Offering Given to Date	\$155,374.20
Under Budget	\$53,122.32

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$23,166.28
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 11/02/25:	\$24,183.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

November 2, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	23	21
Children	33	23
Youth	20	10
Adults	261	130
Total	337	184

SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS

November 2, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	34	21
Children	36	24
Youth	26	27
Adults	116	89
Total	212	161

