



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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The Road to
CALVARY
FBC Music Ministry

Palm Sunday
April 13th | 11 am

The Lord's Supper
at the Cross

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 | 5-6:30 PM



Church Family,

This upcoming Sunday, we will have a special offering time for our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. All of this money goes to support missions in North America through the North American Mission Board. The NAMB has almost 3,000 missionaries serving across North America. During the service, our ushers will pass the offering plates and allow everyone an opportunity to give. We will have our regular opportunity to give tithes and offerings at each door but I hope all of us will pray about how God wants us to give.

Andrew and Mary Margaret Hanna, who are no strangers to FBC, are among those missionaries working with the NAMB. Andrew is the pastor and founder of Harvest Church in the Tremé area of New Orleans. FBC has partnered with Harvest Church since its beginning in 2021 and has been encouraged to see it grow. Currently, Harvest Church is in the process of purchasing a building in their neighborhood. They are excited about this opportunity but still need to raise funds for the purchase. While they have been able to save money for an opportunity like this, they still need more funds for the purchase. Harvest also has to work with the city of New Orleans on coding and parking during this phase of the purchase. You can go online(www.harvestchurchnola.com/partner) to sign up for their newsletter and receive regular updates on their progress. Pray for the Hannas and Harvest Church as they navigate these uncharted waters.

In Christ,
Evan

OPPORTUNITIES

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

April 13

Younger: Brice & Ashley Richardson
Older: Betsy Melton & Judy Fleming

April 20

Younger: Austin & Whestley Harrison
Older: Beau & Bethany Alphin

DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 13

11 am Service – David Byars

April 20

11 am Service – Tyler Rounsaville

HOSPITAL

Harry Carter

Neshoba



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in honor of Jane Parker for her birthday on April 17th. They are given by her friends at First Baptist Church.



The church office, CLC and CMC will be closed on April 18 for Good Friday.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19

10:00 – 11:30 am

Christian Life Center



All children from birth to 5th grade are invited to attend. Each child should bring a dozen filled eggs and a basket for the egg hunt.

New Members Class Wednesday nights from 5:45-6:15 pm in the church parlor on floor 2A.

B.A.L.L. LUNCHEON
TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH
12 NOON • FELLOWSHIP HALL
Bring a dish or dessert and join us for a time of fellowship. All senior adults are invited to attend.
SPEAKER: SUPREME COURT JUSTICE JENIFER BRANNING

The 175th anniversary team is requesting framed photos for tables at the luncheon. Examples include-weddings, baptisms youth or children activities/groups, former members, events, etc. Please leave your photos in the church office. You can collect your pictures immediately following the lunch on May 4th.



Welcome New Member

BY BAPTISM

Remi Sansing
434 Shady Lane
Philadelphia, MS 39350

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

SERVED 4:45-5:45 PM



MENU FOR APRIL 16

Hamburger Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Green Salad
Rolls & Dessert
Kids Menu: Hot Dogs

Servers: Brenda Barnett, Janice Griffin

Cleanup: Gayle Belenchia, Herman Alford

Money Table: Nancy Williams

Easter SUNDAY
He is Risen
April 20, 2025

EARLY SERVICE 8:00 AM	EASTER BREAKFAST 8:30 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 AM
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B.A.L.L. OUTING **FRENCH CAMP**
THURSDAY, APRIL 24

LEAVE FBC 8:15 AM
RETURN BY 3:30 PM

ALL SENIOR ADULTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. BRING MONEY FOR LUNCH.

PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN'S MUSICAL
Who, What, When, Where, Why
Discovering a Relationship with Jesus
An Easy-to-Perform Musical for Kids

KIDS under 12
CONSTRUCTION

Wednesday
April 30th
6:00 pm

National Day of Prayer

THURSDAY, MAY 1 • 12 NOON
DEWESE MEMORIAL PARK

The Road to Calvary

Every Easter season, believers around the world gather to celebrate and remember the passion of Christ. Worshipers offer praise and thanksgiving in halls of cathedrals, from behind pulpits, within the walls of every kind of church building imaginable, and in gatherings outside worldwide. Choirs, praise bands, orchestras, praise teams, organists, pianists, and congregations shout and sing of our Redeemer and conquering King in multiple languages and styles.. Yes, Hallelujah! He is risen indeed!

But before God's impressive display of resurrection power raised Christ from the dead, the Savior had to walk that long, lonely road leading to Calvary. As our pastor pointed out Sunday, Jesus had to remind His disciples often that His time had not come yet. Toward the end of Christ's ministry, we see that dark Gethsemane the old hymn writers described. It was there on that journey of sorrow and suffering that Christ willingly went to the cross. There He died for our sins, paying the ultimate price for our redemption.

We hope everyone will join Palm Sunday as we remember the triumphant entry, the cross, and the resurrection victory during our 11:00 AM service. What a wonderful way to start Easter week as we walk that road, consider the sacrifice of our Lord, and respond to His invitation to come to the altar together all through the week.

Shouting for Joy!

William W. Smith

<http://www.fbcphilly.com>

YOU ARE INVITED
First Baptist Church
175th Celebration
Sunday, May 4, 2025

Sunday School 9:45 am	Worship Service 10:30 am	Potluck Luncheon 12 Noon
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Parent/Child Dedication

Sunday, May 11 | Worship Service

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 5.

JESUS
LOVES YOU
and so do we!

WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Palm Sunday	
Deacons Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Media Center	9:15 a.m.
Special Time of Prayer	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Easter Musical	11:00 a.m.
Small Groups	5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 14

Revive Us Again Exercise Class	8:30 a.m.
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TUESDAY, APRIL 15

B.A.L.L. Luncheon	12 Noon
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Lord's Supper at the Cross	5-6:30 p.m.
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FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Good Friday	Church Office, CLC & CMC CLOSED
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SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Children's Easter Egg Hunt (CLC)	10-11:30 a.m.
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SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Easter Sunday	
Early Service	8:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Media Center	9:15 a.m.
Special Time of Prayer	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
NO 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
Tiffney Loper	Education Ministry Assistant
Tiffany Long	Child Ministry Center Director
Linda Griffis	Christian Life Center Director
Michael Duke	Upward Director
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Kindergarten/Child Care	(601)656-5015

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

April 6, 2025

Budget	\$31,133.09
Wednesday Night Supper	\$671.87
175 th Anniversary	\$25.00
Mother/Daughter Weekend	\$220.00
Ruth's Promise	\$400.00
Harvest Church	\$400.00
Utilities	\$250.00
Designated	\$100.00
Music Designated	\$10.00
Brotherhood	\$100.00
Child Ministries	\$200.00
Disaster Relief	\$10.00
Lottie Moon	\$10.00
Annie Armstrong	\$2,100.00
State Missions	\$10.00
Annie Armstrong Given to Date	\$6,960.00
Budget Offering Given to Date	\$776,877.38
Over Budget	\$99,808.26

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$21,408.68
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 04/06/25:	\$31,133.09

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

April 6, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	35	25
Children	31	26
Youth	25	8
Adults	271	132
Total	362	191

SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS

April 6, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	36	21
Children	35	23
Youth	34	23
Adults	105	81
Total	210	148