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THE OFFICIAL FBC NEWSLETTER

March 11, 2026 #09

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG**  
*Easter Offering*

**CHURCH GOAL: \$5,000 GIVEN TO DATE: \$1,740**

*Widows & Widowers*  
**BANQUET**

**Thursday, March 26**  
6 pm | Fellowship Hall

**PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, MARCH 20**  
Call the church office at 601-656-1507 for reservations and transportation, if needed.

**B.A.L.L. LUNCHEON**  
Tuesday, March 17  
12 Noon • Fellowship Hall

**Guest Speaker: Craig Stevenson**

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

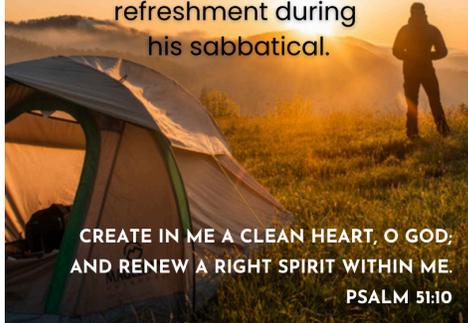
**Neshoba Baptist Center**  
**KIDS DNOW**

**WORSHIP: CHRIS LAYTON** **SATURDAY, MARCH 28** **SPEAKER: AARON TUCKER**  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm • Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

*Prayers*

## LET'S REMEMBER

Please remember Bro. Evan and Meredith Humphries in your prayers as Bro. Evan enters a season of rest, renewal, and refreshment during his sabbatical.



CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD;  
AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.  
PSALM 51:10

## PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

**MARCH 15**

**Younger:** Shannon & Peyton Howell

**Older:** Laura Thrash & Gail Turner

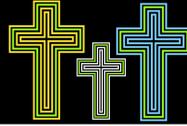
**MARCH 22**

**Younger:** Michael & Laurel Beckham

**Older:** Tiffany Blaine & Carly Rounsaville



## DEACON OF THE WEEK



**Sunday, March 15**

Ryan Jenkins

**Sunday, March 22**

Brice Richardson



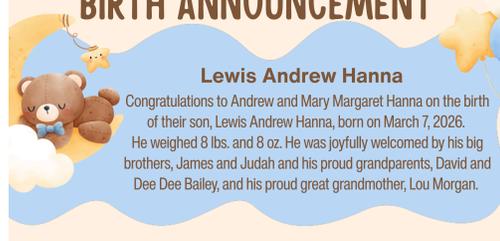
## WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 15

*Pray for*  
**WESLEY SMITH**

as he leads Sunday worship service.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



**Lewis Andrew Hanna**

Congratulations to Andrew & Mary Margaret Hanna on the birth of their son, Lewis Andrew Hanna, born on March 7, 2026. He weighed 8 lbs. and 8 oz. He was joyfully welcomed by his big brothers, James and Judah and his proud grandparents, David and Dee Dee Bailey, and his proud great grandmother, Lou Morgan.

## PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

*Always Only Jesus*

*presented by*  
**First Baptist Church**  
Music Ministry

MARCH 29, 2026 | 11:00 AM



## Easter EVENTS

**MARCH 29**  
*Palm Sunday*  
Easter Musical "Always Only Jesus" 11 am

**APRIL 2**  
*Lord's Supper at the Cross*  
FBC Courtyard 5-6:30 pm

**APRIL 3**  
*Good Friday*  
Church Office, CLC & CMC Closed

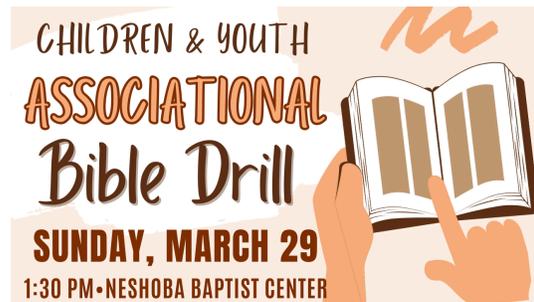
**APRIL 4**  
*Children's Easter Egg Hunt*  
10-11:30 am in the CLC

**APRIL 5**  
*Easter Sunday*  
Early Service 8:00 am  
Breakfast 8:30 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Worship Service 11:00 am



## CHILDREN & YOUTH ASSOCIATIONAL Bible Drill

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**  
1:30 PM • NESHOPA BAPTIST CENTER



Neshoba Baptist Association

## SENIOR ADULT REVIVAL

**MARCH 30 - APRIL 1**

10 AM WITH A MEAL TO FOLLOW

**Guest Evangelist: Jerry Lundy**  
Retired Pastor Harmony Baptist Church  
Worship Leader: William Smith



# STAFF ARTICLE

Melanie and I feel overwhelmed by the generosity and care we are receiving from our FBC family. Being on staff, we get to watch our church care for others often. However, it feels different on this side of the caring. Receiving your kindness and support is truly a humbling experience. Thank you for all the cards, texts, words of encouragement, and food. You have truly shown us Jesus these last two weeks as Melanie recovers from surgery.

## Always Only Jesus

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 with great enthusiasm. Regardless of circumstances, even during war and poverty, people find ways to gather during this worldwide event. History provides multiple examples of soldiers finding ways to remember Easter while serving on the front lines of battle. For two millennia, Presidents and kings from every generation have taken time to recognize Christ's fulfillment of the promise. Our generation is no different.

Jesus, like He did thousands of years ago, still inspires loud Hosannas, Hallelujahs, and shouts of "He is Risen indeed!" 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 remember the always only Jesus, consider His sacrifice, and respond to His invitation to come to the altar. It is not too early to start preparing our hearts.

Shouting for Joy!  
William W. Smith  
<http://www.fbcphilly.com>



**2026 OCC ITEMS MARCH**  
INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED TOOTHBRUSHES



A collection box is available outside the church office.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS 4:45-5:45PM** M · E · N · U  
MARCH 18

LASAGNA  
GREEN BEANS  
SALAD  
DESSERT  
KIDS: HOT DOGS

**WORKERS FOR MARCH 18**  
Servers: Brenda Barnett, Peggy Van Devender  
Cleanup: Gayle Belenchia  
Payment Table: Nancy William

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
AT THE *Cross*



THURSDAY, APRIL 2  
5:00-6:30 pm | FBC Courtyard

**APRIL 3**



**GOOD FRIDAY**  
THE CHURCH OFFICE, CLC & CMC  
WILL BE CLOSED.

**CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT**

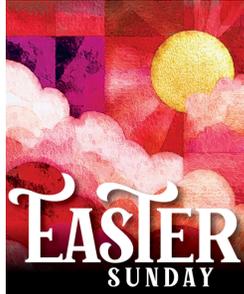
SATURDAY, APRIL 4  
10-11:30 AM · IN THE CLC



EACH CHILD SHOULD BRING:

- 1 DOZEN FILLED EGGS
- A BASKET FOR THE EGG HUNT

ALL CHILDREN BIRTH TO 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.



**Sunday, April 5**

Early Service  
8:00 am

Easter Breakfast  
8:30 am

Sunday School  
9:15 am

Worship Service  
11:00 am



## ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

CMC Team 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

### MONDAY, MARCH 16

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am

### TUESDAY, MARCH 17

B.A.L.L. Luncheon • 12:00 Noon

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am  
 Wednesday Night Supper • 4:45 pm - 5:45 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, MARCH 19

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

CMC Team Meeting • 8:30 am  
 Special Time of Prayer • 9:30 am  
 Sunday School • 9:45 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

### March 8, 2026

Budget: \$17,031.00  
 Wednesday Night Supper: \$424.00  
 Neshoba Baptist Food Pantry: \$525.00  
 Father/Daughter: \$50.00  
 Utilities Refund: \$300.00  
 Youth/Children T-Shirt Fundraiser: \$2,275.00  
 Health Insurance Refund: \$95.00  
 Gideon Bibles: \$50.00  
 Designated: \$25,000.00  
 Annie Armstrong: \$345.00  
 Budget Offering Given to Date: \$632,760.62  
**OVER Budget: \$7,271.06**  
**WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT: \$23,166.28**  
**BUDGET AMOUNT RECEIVED 03/08/26: \$17,031.00**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### March 8, 2026

DEPARTMENTS	PRESENT
Preschool	23
Children	23
Youth	16
Adults	135
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>197</b>

## SMALL GROUPS

### March 8, 2026

DEPARTMENTS	PRESENT
Preschool	00
Children	00
Youth	00
Adults	52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>