



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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The Road to Calvary
FBC MUSIC MINISTRY
PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 13, 2025 | 11 AM

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





Church Family,

“Suddenly he follows her...” - Proverbs 7:22a

This past Sunday, we looked at Proverbs 7 during our morning worship service. I am doubtful that the young man outlined in v7 ever intended to end up the way he did in v22, where he is compared to an ox that goes to the slaughter. On temptation, in James 1:14-15, James says that our sin is a result of the lust within us that eventually “brings forth death.” However, we also know that Christ will forgive us of our sins when we call on Him. While we still reap the earthly consequences of our actions, Christ has a way of giving hope in the most difficult of situations.

On another note, we will begin another new members class this Wednesday night in the parlor from 5:45-6:15. We got good feedback on the one last fall, and I look forward to doing it again this spring. So far, we have 10 people committed to the four-week class. This class is for those who have recently joined or are considering joining FBC. We will look at these four topics during our time together:

1. What we believe.
2. How we function as a body of believers.
3. How we plan to make disciples.
4. How God has equipped each individual to serve.

If you know someone considering joining FBC, please encourage them to participate in this class Wednesday night.

In Christ,
Evan

Anniversary Celebration

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.

OPPORTUNITIES

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

April 6

Younger: Courtney Hancock & Alex Stovall
Older: Sam & Tiffany Blaine

April 13

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

DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 6

11 am Service – Scott Bounds

April 13

11 am Service – David Byars

USHERS FOR APRIL

Scott Bounds	Richard Lee
Craig Brown	Greg Nowell
Alex Dees III	Brice Richardson
David Durant	

SANCTUARY GREETER FOR APRIL

Dee Dee Bailey

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS FOR APRIL

Chris & Debbie Stokes



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are given in honor of the Evan Humphries family. They are given by the church staff.

Carry the cross  and follow me.
Luke 14:27, NRSV



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

APRIL 2-23, 2025
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 5:45-6:15
CHURCH PARLOR ON FLOOR 2A



ANNIE ARMSTRONG
Easter Offering

CHURCH GOAL: \$8,000
GIVEN TO DATE: \$4,860

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

SERVED 4:45-5:45 PM

MENU FOR APRIL 9

- Catfish
- Turnip Greens
- Mac & Cheese
- Salad
- Cornbread
- Dessert
- Kids Menu: Hot Dogs



Servers: Christy Bounds, Brenda Nowell

Cleanup: Jeff Carter, Beth Henson

Money Table: Nancy Williams

“NEW”

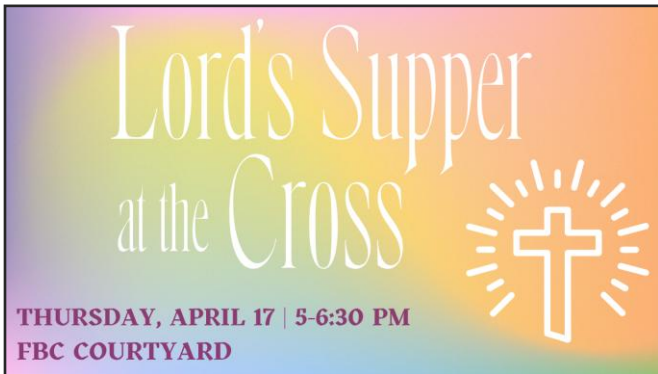
This time of the year represents NEW. After the dead of winter, we look forward to the new blooms, the new leaves on the trees, new grass growing and on and on.

God gives us lots of “NEW”. A few years ago for me, He gave me a new job creating a new ministry. I remember when I began working here at First Baptist I really felt unequipped for the job. But, I knew that this is where God had given me a “NEW”. Each week, He equipped me to learn the job. He took me and molded me into something new. Did it happen over night? No but after all, aren't we all a work in progress?

I didn't have the confidence in myself but I had confidence in God. Over the years, I have learned so much about myself. I know that each day, each week, and each month God is going to equip me with what I need to work for Him.

In this season of “NEW” remember that in Jesus we have new life. He has and will equip us for the job. He is the author of NEW!

Tiffany



THE CHURCH OFFICE, CLC AND CMC WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 18.

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.



WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

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.
Small Groups.....	5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

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

B.A.L.L. Officers.....	10:00 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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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.

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
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Linda Griffis.....	Christian Life Center Director
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

March 30, 2025

Budget.....	\$16,206.64
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$508.00
Wee Care.....	\$60.00
175 th Anniversary.....	\$125.00
Equipment Refund.....	\$318.86
Ruth's Promise.....	\$150.00
Harvest Church.....	\$225.00
Renovate Church.....	\$25.00
Children's D-Now.....	\$20.00
Music Designated.....	\$10.00
VBS.....	\$400.00
Annie Armstrong.....	\$700.00
Annie Armstrong Given to Date.....	\$4,860.00
Budget Offering Given to Date.....	\$745,744.29
Over Budget.....	\$89,833.59

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$21,408.68
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 03/30/25:	\$16,206.64

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

March 30, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	35	24
Children	31	22
Youth	25	9
Adults	271	125
Total	362	180

SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS

March 30, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	36	23
Children	35	21
Youth	34	20
Adults	105	99
Total	210	163