



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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**WILD
GAME
SUPPER**

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

6 PM - CLC

KENNIE PRINCE
RETIRED UNDERCOVER
GAME WARDEN
AND TRAPPER

There will be wild game dishes prepared. Please bring side dishes and desserts to go along with our meal. Everyone is invited to attend...bring a friend!

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
"SPRING FOWARD"**
Set your clocks FOWARD one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 8.

**NO BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST
DUE TO THE WILD GAME SUPPER.**

SMALL GROUP CELEBRATION • 5:00 PM
Kids and youth will join the adult small groups at preferred location.



Church Family,

“Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.” - Genesis 2:15

In one way or another, we can look to the first few chapters of Genesis for wisdom and guidance on different topics we deal with still today. For example, we are still tempted by the devil the same way Adam and Eve were tempted in Genesis 3. In Genesis 5, we get a clear picture of human sexuality. Genesis 5:2 says, “He created them male and female.” We also understand that we are created differently from the rest of creation because we are made in the “image of God” (Genesis 1:27).

From the beginning, we were made for work. Adam was given the task of working in the garden even before God commanded Adam not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. By fulfilling this command to keep the garden, Adam was honoring God with His work. Adam also would have found purpose in fulfilling what God has commanded him to do. As human beings, it is easy for us to find our identity in what we do. Instead, our identity is found in who we are in Christ and doing what He has called us to do. Therefore, we desire to bring Him worship through our work. Lastly, I hope we can do our work “heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men” (Col. 3:23). We work in this way because we’re counting on an eternal reward.

In Christ,
Evan

FBC 175th Anniversary

First Baptist Church will celebrate our 175th Anniversary Sunday, May 4, 2025. As a part of the celebration, we will display a collection of articles, pictures and more from years past. If you would like to loan us pictures of weddings in our sanctuary, Sunday school pictures or any memories of First Baptist Church, please bring them to the church office.

OPPORTUNITIES

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

March 9

Younger: David & Dee Dee Bailey
Older: Webb & Mallory Hamilton

March 16

Younger: Betsy Melton & Kara Kaboré
Older: Cindy Brown & Sandy Lewis

DEACON OF THE WEEK

March 9

11 am Service – Ryan Jenkins

March 16

11 am Service – Brice Richardson



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are given in memory of Tom Vucannon. They are given by Madeline Vuncannon.



The 175th Anniversary Celebration Team is busy working on the Church's upcoming event. If you would like to make a contribution to help with the celebration, you may do so in the church office or on your offering envelope.



CHILD MINISTRY CENTER NEWS

March 2 is pretty special day in the world of Early Childhood Education. Not only is March 2nd National Read Across America Day, but it's also Dr. Seuss' birthday! According to research, reading to children is important for brain development, even for nonverbal infants. When you read with children, they are connecting the words you say to the pictures on the page and to the things in their world; all of those connections are brain connections. Reading to children has a positive effect on a child's cognitive skills later in life.

What better way to celebrate reading than with some favorites such as "The Cat in the Hat" or "Green Eggs and Ham." The CMC teachers are bringing books to life in the classrooms this week by reading many Dr. Seuss books to the children. We also celebrate by having different themed dress up days. Tuesday, our K4 class is going to a Dr. Seuss play date session at the Votech Center. Each session includes reading of a book, art, & movement activities.

As we encourage the love of reading throughout the year at the CMC, I invite you to schedule a time to come read to a class!

If your family is looking for a place to donate children's books, look no further! We are always accepting gently, used books.

I hope you have a great week!

Tiffany

The MORE that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW.**
The MORE that you
Learn, the more places
you'll **GO.**

B.A.L.L. LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH
12 NOON • FELLOWSHIP HALL

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



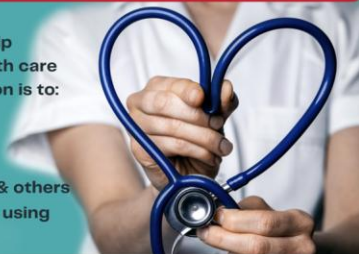
Baptist Nursing Fellowship of MISSISSIPPI

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 | 6:30 pm

SPEAKER: LIBBY MCHAFFEY, DEAN EMERITUS OF NURSING & ALLIED HEALTH

Baptist Nursing Fellowship is an organization of health care professionals whose vision is to:

- Empower
- Educate
- Encourage ourselves & others
- Fulfill Christ's mission using health care skills.



All Nurses and Healthcare Providers are invited to join!

Neshoba Baptist Association

903 Valley View Drive, Philadelphia

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL SUE KEEN 601-562-8450 OR VISIT WWW.BAPTISTNURSINGFELLOWSHIP.COM

Widows & Widowers BANQUET

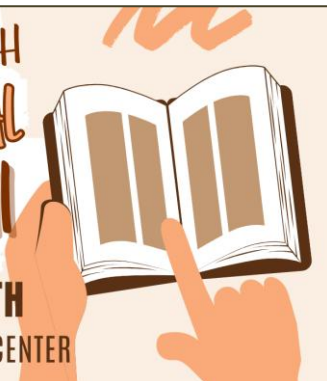
Thursday, March 20th
6 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please RSVP by Friday, March 14
Call the church office at 601-656-1507 for reservations and transportation, if needed.



CHILDREN & YOUTH ASSOCIATIONAL Bible Drill

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH
1:30 PM • NESHOPA BAPTIST CENTER




KIDS DNOW 2025

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Ephesians 4:4-6

SATURDAY, MARCH 22
9AM-2PM • 1ST-5TH GRADE
NESHOPA BAPTIST CENTER

WORSHIP LEADER & SPEAKER: CHRIS LAYTON



SENIOR ADULT Revival

MARCH 31 - APRIL 2
10 AM - NESHOPA BAPTIST CENTER

GUEST EVANGELIST BRO. GENE DOUGLAS
WORSHIP LEADER BRO. WILLIAM SMITH



WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Daylight Saving Time Begins "Spring Forward"	
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.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Small Groups	5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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TUESDAY, MARCH 11

B.A.L.L. Officers	10:00 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
NO Wednesday Night Supper.....	4:45-5:45 p.m.
NO 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, MARCH 14

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

CMC Team 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.
The Lord's Supper	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
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

February March 2, 2025

Budget	\$28,765.42
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$404.00
Upward Concessions	\$471.05
175 th Anniversary	\$255.00
Music and Choir	\$35.00
Office Refund.....	\$1.50
Renovate Church.....	\$100.00
CentraKids Camp	\$150.00
Leigh Ann Barnett Scholarship	\$25.00
Ruth's Promise	\$200.00
Harvest Church.....	\$100.00
Child Ministries.....	\$200.00
Disaster Relief.....	\$10.00
Father/Daughter Banquet	\$100.00
Lottie Moon.....	\$10.00
Annie Armstrong.....	\$655.00
State Missions	\$10.00
Budget Offering Given to Date	\$679,957.09
Over Budget	\$108,680.02

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$21,408.68
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 03/02/25:	\$28,765.42

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

March 2, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	35	22
Children	31	24
Youth	25	7
Adults	271	143
Total	362	196

SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS

March 2, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	36	17
Children	35	28
Youth	34	15
Adults	105	78
Total	240	138