

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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SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

**EDUCATORS
APPRECIATION DAY**

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

**PREPARE TEACHER
APPRECIATION BAGS
PRAYER WALK SCHOOLS**

6:00 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

A festive Christmas-themed graphic with a dark green background. At the top, there is a row of colorful ornaments in shades of pink, yellow, and red. Below this, there are several teal stars. The central text is enclosed in a white box with a gold border. The text reads: "CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST" in large, bold, teal letters, followed by "WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 | 6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL" in red. Below this, there is a paragraph of text: "Everyone is invited to the first Christmas party of the year. We plan to eat pot-luck supper and preview this year's Christmas musical. Bring your favorite Christmas dish/dessert and join us for this special event." At the bottom, there is another row of teal stars.

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Church Family,

I was so encouraged by the response to worship on Sunday night at the fair. What a wonderful time of worship it was! There seemed to be an attitude of expectant worship there that night. As always, Bro. William and the choir did an excellent job leading us in song. This is always a special service because some people who come have connections to FBC but have moved away. This service allows them an opportunity to worship with us again. While our church led this worship service, I saw several churches from our community represented. Neshoba County has a strong sense of community and, among the churches, a strong desire to reach others. I look forward to seeing how God continues to build His Church in Neshoba County.

I also greatly appreciate the hard work of the many people who make a service like this happen. On a hot July day, it takes a lot of people to load, unload, reload, and unload everything needed for the service. There is a lot of stuff to set up and tear down, and they always do it with good attitudes. We are thankful for their servant hearts!

Upcoming Sermons:
August 4- Psalm 66:13-20
August 11 - John 6:14-40
August 18 - John 6:41-59
August 25 - John 6:60-71

In Christ,
Evan



Sunday School Promotion "SUNDAE"

We will have Promotion "Sundae" on Sunday, **August 11**. The bell will ring at **10:30 am**, children and youth will move to their new classes. There will be ice cream available for children and youth in their Sunday school area. Ice cream for the adults will be in the hall outside the church office.



OPPORTUNITIES

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

August 4

Older: Rex & Joann Rounsaville
Younger: Bethany Chunn & Leigh Ann Jones

August 11

Older: Sandi Lewis & Beth Henson
Younger: Taylor & Casey Quick

DEACON OF THE WEEK

August 4

11 am Service – Tyler Rounsaville

August 11

11 am Service – David Byars

USHERS FOR AUGUST

Herman Alford	Charley Phillips
Bruce Bounds	Don McKay
Bob Henson	Rex Rounsaville
Jim Johnson	Gerald Winstead

SANCTUARY GREETER FOR AUGUST

Bruce Bounds

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS FOR AUGUST

Brenda Barnett & Max Loper

HOSPITAL

Alice Nelson Anderson

SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Phyllus Robinson.

FBC Facilities Manager

Resumes are now being accepted in the church office until Friday, August 16 for the position of First Baptist Church Facilities Manager.

The position of First Baptist Church (FBC) Facilities Manager requires of the individual to be a seasoned vocational worker accountable for performing a variety of semi-skilled work in the following, but not limited to, the maintenance and repair of the buildings and campus grounds of FBC. In this position, the individual shall have *general knowledge* of a variety of trade areas including, but again, not limited to: electrical, plumbing, carpentry, painting, plastering and mechanical repair in settings of the facilities and grounds and have the physical capabilities and knowledge to perform the task in a *safe, thorough and efficient manner*. The position is *part-time position (20 hours weekly or less)*. The successful candidate must have administrative skills with the ability to maintain records and the ability to communicate with vendors, service contractors etc. and handle technical issues which may occur within the facilities.



When you were a child, did you ever find yourself making a “pinky promise” with a friend? To a child these promises are binding, but you know from experience these promises are quickly broken. As adults we may not link our pinkies together, but we make promises from time to time with the intentions of keeping them. We make them to our spouse, our children and even God. However, sometimes circumstances that we cannot foresee keep us from fulfilling them. We may break our promises, but our God always keeps His.

For the past few months, the children have been learning about God’s covenants found throughout the Bible and that His Word is a binding promise that He will do what He says He will do. He is a faithful God. Deuteronomy 7:9 tells us, “Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His faithfulness to a thousand generations for those who love Him and keep His commandments.”

Living in a time when promises are so easily broken, we can always trust God to keep His. I am thankful for all of God’s promises, most importantly that of sending His Son Jesus to pay the price for my sins for my broken promises. We may not be able to keep all of our promises, but God faithfully keeps all of His! Praise God for His faithfulness!

Love in Christ,
Mrs. Jackie

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Wednesday night suppers will kick off on **August 14**. Suppers are served from **4:45-5:45 pm**. If you want to join us for supper please call the church office at 601-656-1507 to make sure you are signed up on the reservation list.



August Wednesday Night Supper Volunteers

AUGUST 14

Servers: Brenda Barnett, Sandi Lewis
Cleanup: Ashley Peebles

AUGUST 21

Servers: Christy Bounds, Brenda Nowell
Cleanup: Chris & Debbie Stokes

AUGUST 28

Servers: Janice Griffin, Laura Thrash
Cleanup: Gary & Sue Keen

Money Table: Patti Robey

Brenda Nowell will call/text you a reminder at the first of the week in which you are to serve.

If you would like to volunteer to serve/cleanup for Wednesday night suppers, please contact Brenda Nowell at 601-416-4660.

Operation Christmas Child GOAL FOR 2024: 500 SHOEBOXES

Church-wide Shoebox Packing: Wednesday night, Nov. 13th
Any donated items can be placed in the box outside the church office beginning August 1st. Donations can be made to the church office as each box costs \$10 to ship. Thank you for helping spread the Gospel through the gift of shoeboxes!!

Monthly Shoebox Items Focus:

August: School Supplies/Crafts

Examples include but not limited to: Pens/pencils, crayons/markers, craft/jewelry kits, notebook/coloring book, calculator, etc.

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Beginning August 21, First Baptist Church will be offering DivorceCare as a ministry on Wednesday nights at 5:30.

DivorceCare is a faith-based support group for people who have experienced divorce or are going thru a divorce. It is a 13-week video-based support group program to receive helpful counsel to manage the emotional turmoil and find practical tools for decision-making. This group is for anyone in our church and community. There is a workbook fee of \$20. For more information, go to www.divorcecare.org or contact Linda Griffis at 601-416-0051.



WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

Special Time of Prayer.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
CMC Open House.....	2:00-4:00 p.m.
Appreciation Bags/Prayer Walk (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
Media Center.....	5:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir (Christmas in August).....	6:00 p.m.
Mission Friends.....	6:00 p.m.
Kid Blast.....	6:00 p.m.
Youth	6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Children's Back to School (CLC).....	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

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.
SS Promotion "Sundae".....	10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Ministry Team Planning	5:15 p.m.
TeamKid	6:00 p.m.
Youth	6:00 p.m.
Adult Roundtable.....	6:00 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

July 28, 2024

Budget	\$18,387.00
Wee Care.....	\$30.00
Sunday School Refund.....	\$153.00
Ruth's Promise	\$25.00
Harvest Church.....	\$25.00
Renovate Church.....	\$25.00
Operation Christmas Child.....	\$25.00
Budget Offering Given to Date	\$993,804.81
Under Budget	\$15,941.00

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$21,036.40
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 07/28/24:	\$18,387.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

July 28, 2024

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	39	14
Children	25	5
Youth	32	23
Adults	294	75
Total	390	117