



# 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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**FBC PHILADELPHIA**  
**TWISTS & TURNS**  
FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME FROM 25:1

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
JUNE 5-9, 2023 8:00-11:30 AM  
AGES 4 - 6TH GRADE (COMPLETED)

**Men's Breakfast Fellowship**  
**BROTHERHOOD**

SUNDAY, JUNE 11  
7:30 AM IN THE CLC  
GUEST SPEAKER:  
LANE MOSELEY



Church Family,

*But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* – Matthew 19:14

Are you ready for VBS next week? When I was growing up, and still today, VBS is one of my favorite weeks of the summer. There is so much energy and excitement from the leaders and the kids. This week makes such an impact on the kids who attend. I want to challenge you to invite a neighbor or someone you know to join us at VBS next week. VBS is a perfect way for us to reach out to those who are not involved in church.

I also want to challenge you to find a way to be a part of VBS next week. There are so many opportunities for adults and youth to help with VBS. VBS is designed to reach the children, but the adult leaders always seem to get such a blessing from working with these kids. If you are unable to physically help with VBS, I hope you will diligently pray for leaders, kids, and their families. I am looking forward to a great week of VBS next week.

In Christ,  
Evan

**VacATION**  
**BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**Refreshment Schedule**  
**June 5-9, 2023**

Please bring refreshments to the game room in the Christian Life Center (CLC) by 8:00 am each day.

**MONDAY**

The Beacons (Kevin Cheatham)  
Believers (Laura Thrash)

**TUESDAY**

Lost and Found (Jay/Spence)

**WEDNESDAY**

Redeemed (Lane Moseley)

**THURSDAY**

Women of Grace (Linda Griffis)  
Singles II (Randy Hanna)

**FRIDAY**

Adult 3 & 4 Department  
Betty Loper, Linda Murray, Billy Sharp

**Bring 2 liter drinks on Monday for the whole week.**  
Faithbuilders (Bill Gilley) & Yates/Goldman (Bob Henson)

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**EXTENDED SESSION**

June 4

**2 Year Olds:** Kay Durant & Peyton Howell

**3 Year Olds:** David & Dee Dee Bailey

June 11

**2 Year Olds:** Kara & Kamryn Kabore'

**3 Year Olds:** Ben & Ashley Peebles

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

June 4

11 am Service – David Durant

June 11

11 am Service – Bob Henson

**USHERS FOR JUNE**

Jeff Carter

Billy Sharp

Jonathan Hight

Joe Wood

Brain Jay

**SANCTUARY GREETER FOR JUNE**

Dee Dee Bailey



***Sanctuary Flowers***

*The flowers in the sanctuary Sunday are given in honor of Don and Ellen Kilgore's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. They are given by their family.*

**SYMPATHY**

We extend our Christian sympathy to Meredith Humphries and family at the loss of her, grandmother Hilda Luke.

**YOUTH SUMMER KICKOFF**

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

6:00-8:00 PM

BOWLING ALLEY

All youth are invited to attend!



**WEICOME NEW MEMBERS**

**BY LETTER**

Brian & Courtney Hancock  
10471 County Road 4316  
Philadelphia, MS 39350  
601-562-3241 (Brian)  
601-562-8105 (Courtney)



<b>LOVE OUT LOUD NESHOPA</b> <b>JUNE 19-22</b> <b>8 AM - 12 NOON</b> <b>AT THE NESHOPA BAPTIST CENTER</b> 		<b>LOVE OUT LOUD COMMUNITY-WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>WED. JUNE 21</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>AT THE ELLIS THEATRE</b> <b>MUSIC: THE ARC PRAISE BAND</b> <b>SPEAKER: PHIL WALDREP</b>
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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

If you would like to volunteer with the Boys and Girls Club VBS during the week of Love Out Loud on June 19-22, there is a sign-up sheet outside the church office or contact Mrs. Jackie Cheatham.



### LOVE OUT LOUD OPPORTUNITIES

Love Out Loud is June 19-22. Items need to be collected before the week begins. You can find a list of items needed on the cabinet outside the church library. You can take these items by June 15 to the Baptist Center or place them in the box outside the church office. Also, ladies there are two new opportunities this year. You can learn how to make dolls from old t-shirts to be used in various mission efforts. This year there will be a day that the ladies will organize a supply room at the DHS for the foster children needs. We need at least one FBC lady to help learn what needs to be done in case we are called on to help during the coming year.

Again, platters of cookies will be delivered to businesses (health and insurance) in the city. Batches of 24 homemade cookies need to be delivered to the Baptist Center Monday June 19 as they will be delivered Tuesday. If you have any questions, please call the church office or sue keen at 601-562-8450.



**SUNDAY, JUNE 25**  
**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

Hey Y'all!

Austin here, and I was scrolling through a parent ministry site when I ran into this article about changes children and youth might experience during the summer time. Hope it encourages you as well!! If you like the article, you can find additional resources at [www.theparentcue.org](http://www.theparentcue.org).

### End of School Year: How to Prepare for the Next Phase

Leah Jennings

Desks empty. Locker doors slammed—and lock combinations forgotten—for the last time. School-issued laptops returned to the front office. Color-coded, structured homeschool schedules loosened up a bit. Ah, yes. Summer is here.

School may be out for your kids, but it's a perfect time to lean into new ways to support them as they grow, change, and enter into new phases. Because they will change, you know. The days may feel long, but the years are short, my friend. Your kids will not be the same next school year—their needs will be different, their worldviews will change, and the way they see themselves and others will undergo a transformation.

So, instead of getting caught by surprise when your kid morphs into someone completely different, first, know this is completely normal and to be expected. Second, you can equip yourself now with the tools you'll need to make sure your kid is living in an environment that is safe for them to explore, make mistakes, and test boundaries.

For preschool parents, you can anticipate your kids continuing to push boundaries as they learn how to do things on their own, who they can trust, and if they're safe. This is a time to reinforce they're loved—even when you're annoyed with their behavior—despite their choices and emotional outbursts. Resist the urge to interpret meltdowns as a weak spot in your parenting. It's your kid's job to learn what the boundaries are by testing them, and it's your job to hold those boundaries steady with patience and understanding.

Elementary school parents, you'll start to notice your kids are using their newfound skills they developed in the earlier phases and combining them with what they know now about how the world works to achieve their goals. It's during this time between kindergarten and fifth grade that your kids are looking for you to engage their interests, notice them, and reinforce the idea that they are accepted and loved the way they are.

During the middle school years, parents start to really notice a battle of wills—your kid seems to fight you on everything these days, which can be quite frustrating. Just know your kid isn't the only one—it's during this phase kids will start to really focus on who they are and where they fit in. It'll be a struggle for parents, but don't lose heart: your kid is battling some tough stuff like insecurity and self-consciousness and they need you to affirm them positively.

Newly-minted and seasoned high school parents alike, listen up: Almost everything you'll go through in the next four years—and it will be a lot—will have a purpose. Promise. This phase is all about finding community and purpose, so your high schooler will test the waters to see where they fit in and what they believe in, and maybe in some maddening, unconventional ways. Your kid will have the desire to belong somewhere and to be a part of something bigger. The best thing you can do is make sure they have a place to belong right at home, and be a safe place for them to express themselves, even if their ideas differ from your own.

## WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship Service .....11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Discipleship ..... 5:00 p.m.

### MONDAY, JUNE 5

NO Revive Us Again Exercise Class .....8:30 a.m.  
 VBS..... 8:00-11:30 a.m.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 6

VBS..... 8:00-11:30 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

VBS..... 8:00-11:30 a.m.  
 NO Revive Us Again Exercise Class .....8:30 a.m.  
 NO Wednesday Night Supper (until August) ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 NO Children's Choir (until August) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 NO Preschool Choir (until August) ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Chancel Choir ..... 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.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 8

VBS..... 8:00-11:30 a.m.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 9

NO Revive Us Again Exercise Class .....8:30 a.m.  
 VBS..... 8:00-11:30 a.m.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Brotherhood Breakfast .....7:30 a.m.  
 Deacons Meeting .....8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship Service .....11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Discipleship ..... 6:00 p.m.

## 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  
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## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

May 28, 2023

Budget ..... \$12,883.02  
 Wee Care ..... \$50.00  
 Harvest Church..... \$25.00  
 Child Ministries..... \$220.00  
 Youth Refund ..... \$34.00  
 Budget Offering Given to Date ..... \$806,117.03  
 Under Budget ..... \$46,130.08

<b>WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:</b>	<b>\$21,852.49</b>
<b>BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 05/28/23:</b>	<b>\$12,883.02</b>

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

May 28, 2023

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	43	28
Children	35	13
Youth	38	5
Adults	288	134
Total	404	176