



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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**GOAL FOR 2025:
600 SHOEBOXES**

AUGUST FOCUS ITEMS: SCHOOL SUPPLIES/CRAFTS



Any donated items can be placed in the box outside the church office. 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!



**NO EVENING ACTIVITIES
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31.**

**LABOR
DAY**

September 1

**The church office, CLC,
and CMC will be closed.**



Church Family,

Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? - Romans 2:4

Is it not our responsibility to point people to the riches of our God? Those of us who have accepted Christ as our Savior understand the riches of God. Has He not given us grace upon grace? Ephesians 1:8 says that He has "lavished" this grace upon us. How in the world could we think that we are better than anyone else or confidently judge someone else? Ultimately, it is our Father who is the Judge.

In Romans 2, Paul is writing about the impartiality of God. In v3, Paul says that they are passing judgment on others when they judge another person. He even goes as far as to say that they are taking part in the very things they are judging in someone else. As soon as we begin to judge someone else for their shortcomings, we need to remember our own.

Last Sunday, we talked about relationships within the family unit. Too often, family members expect perfection from those in their family. Husbands and wives, it is your responsibility to display the riches of God to your spouse and your children. The more we understand the riches we have received from God, the more we will be able to display those riches to those around us.

In Christ,
Evan

OPPORTUNITIES

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

August 24

Younger: Michael & Laurel Beckham
Older: Sharon McKay & Mackenzie Shepard

August 31

Younger: Gail Turner & Joy Buchanan
Older: Drew & KK Coats

DEACON OF THE WEEK

August 24

11 am Service – Alain Kaboré

August 31

11 am Service – Ryan McKay

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Jonathan Hight Tanner Rhodes
Brian Jay Jim Fulton
Joe Wood

SANCTUARY GREETER FOR SEPTEMBER

Dee Dee Bailey

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Joe & Rene Wood

BUDGET NEWS

The 2025/2026 First Baptist Church and Child Ministry Center budgets will be voted on Sunday, August 24 during the morning worship service.

Child Ministry Center Director Position

Our Child Ministry Center Team is receiving applications for the position of Director of our Child Ministry Center. If you are interested in applying for this position, applications are available in the church office. All applications must be received through the church office.

Welcome New Member

BY STATEMENT

Daniel Puckett
435 Shady Lane
Philadelphia, MS 39350
601-480-7000

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Taylor and Jordan Dickerson on the birth of their daughter, Elsie Rae Dickerson, born August 14, 2025. Elsie Rae weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. She is being welcomed by her big brother, Landon and proud grandparents, Brian and Angie Jay.



The "Old Sew and Sews" have a sewing room set up, room 215. Anyone is welcome to come, bring your sharpest scissors, and cut or sew with us. It's a very needed project for girls in Africa. We're planning to sew

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 AT 9 AM IN ROOM 215
Call Patti Robey (662) 791-1050 for more information.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

MENU FOR AUGUST 27

Spaghetti Bake or Lasagna
Green Beans/Green Salad
Garlic Bread/Dessert
Kids Menu: Hotdogs

Servers: Sue Keen, Sandi Lewis

Cleanup: Brenda Nowell, Herman Alford

Money Table: Patti Robey

Suppers are served from 4:45-5:45 pm. To sign up for reservations call the church office at 601-656-1507.



DEACON/STAFF/CHURCH COUNCIL PLANNING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 • 5:00 PM

DEACON
Ordination Service
Sunday, September 7 | 6 pm



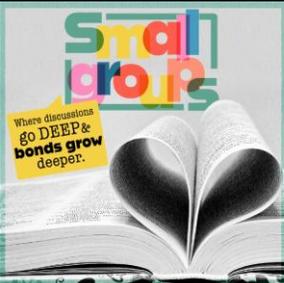
Taylor Dickerson
Austin Harrison



Handbell Choir Kick Off



SAME ROOM AS LAST YEAR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 • 4 PM



ADULT SMALL GROUP LEADERS

- Evan/Meredith Humphries
- Alain Kaboré/Brenda Nowell
- Ryan/Candace McKay
- Ryan Jenkins/Randy Hanna
- Cody/Anna Spence
- Gary Keen/Harry Bates
- David/Dee Dee Bailey

YOUTH SMALL GROUP LEADERS
Austin/Hannah Aultman & Austin/Whestley Harrison

PRESCHOOL LEADERS

- 1 YEAR OLDS
Angie Gordon
- 2&3 YEAR OLDS
Cindy Brown/Ashley Richardson/Melanie Smith
- 4&5 YEAR OLDS
Jackie Cheatham

SMALL GROUPS KICK OFF
September 14 | 5PM | CLC

If you were not a part of a small group last year it is a great way to get to know your church family in a smaller group setting. There is a small group for everyone! Invite a friend or two and come enjoy this time of fellowship.



Back in February and March when we asked people about what they would like to do next as senior adults, Nashville kept coming to the top of the list. So, after much discussion and prayer, our Senior Adult officers, with the help of a tour booking company, put together what we think will be an all-new adventure for FBC.

If you have never been to Nashville with FBC seniors, then you have never been to Nashville. If you traveled with us ten years ago or one other time we visited the city, this adventure will be completely different. We intentionally schedule new events and new restaurants to keep it interesting.

November 10-12 we plan to travel together, share some fine eating, experience a songwriter's performance and the World Famous Grand Ole Opry, tour the Ryman Auditorium, Studio B, the Country Music Hall of Fame, Opry Mills, the Gaylord Opryland Resort, all with our very own local guide.

For more information, contact the church office or pick up a brochure at Sunday School or any time. Our goal this year is to take a minimum of thirty adults on the adventure. We always welcome our friends and family traveling with us not just FBC members. Do not miss the blessing!

Shouting for JOY!

William W. Smith

nashville
adventure

GRAND OLE OPRY

B.A.L.L. TRIP
NOVEMBER 10-12, 2025

\$100 DEPOSIT
DEADLINE OCTOBER 6



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DIVORCE Care

Find Help • Discover Hope • Experience Healing

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 14
SUNDAYS FROM 5-7 PM



For more information, go to www.divorcecare.org or contact Linda Griffis at 601-656-1507.

WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Special Time of Prayer.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Deacon/Staff/Church Council Planning.....	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Night Roundtable	6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
Supper	4:45-5:45 p.m.
Children's Choir	5:30 p.m.
Preschool Choir.....	5:45 p.m.
Missions Friend.....	6:00 p.m.
Kids Blast.....	6:00 p.m.
Youth	6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Special Time of Prayer.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	

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
Linda Griffis	Christian Life Center Director
Michael Duke.....	Upward Director
Bruce Bounds.....	Facilities Manager
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Kindergarten/Child Care.....	(601)656-5015

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

August 17, 2025

Budget	\$14,413.40
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$611.00
Operation Christmas Child.....	\$25.00
Office Refund.....	\$3.25
Harvest Church.....	\$250.00
Youth.....	\$100.00
Sunday School Refund.....	\$20.00
Budget Offering Given to Date	\$1,104,106.94
Over Budget	\$25,018.03

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$21,408.68
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 08/17/25:	\$14,413.40

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

August 17, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	35	22
Children	31	26
Youth	25	16
Adults	271	142
Total	362	206

