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## THE OFFICIAL FBC NEWSLETTER

January 14, 2026 #02

### UPCOMING EVENTS




**MOTHER & SON BOWLING**  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 • 4-6 PM  
DEPOT FUN CENTER  
\$20 PER FAMILY - ALL AGES ARE INVITED.  
SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY JANUARY 14.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE JACKIE CHEATHAM.

*Sanctity of Human Life*  
Sunday, January 18  
11 am Worship Service



*Sanctity of Life Sunday*



**ANNUAL MEETING**  
*Annual Corporate Meeting*  
The annual Corporate Meeting of First Baptist Church will be held on **Sunday, January 18, 2026** at the conclusion of the morning worship service.

**B.A.L.L. LUNCHEON**  
Tuesday, January 20  
12 Noon • Fellowship Hall  
**GUEST SPEAKER: TONY ALAWINE**  
Bring your favorite dish or dessert and join us for a time of fun and fellowship.  
All senior adults are invited to attend.

**UPWARD CONCESSION**



“ If you would like to volunteer call Linda Griffis at 601-416-0051 or the church office at 601-656-1507. ”

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Church Family,

*"Evangelism is just one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread." - D.T. Niles*

I love this quote from D.T. Niles. In my mind, I can see one beggar telling another beggar where they found bread to sustain them and give them hope. There is a genuine care that one beggar has for another. We are telling others about the bread of life and the forgiveness we have found in Christ. We are all wretched sinners in need of salvation. God has saved us from our sins and given us a living hope, as we sang this Sunday. We are no longer separated from God but seen as His children who are a part of the family of God. What an incredible truth that we can hold on to in our lives. Because of Christ, we can go from being enemies of God to being children of God.

Thank you for fasting yesterday! The rest of the year, we will fast on the 7th day of each month to remind us that around 75% of our community is lost. I pray that God uses our fasting to draw us near to Him and that He emboldens us to share our faith. Remember, He is the one who causes the growth. It is not by our willpower or by our own knowledge. It is only our responsibility to share the good news of Christ.

In Christ,  
Evan

## PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

**Sunday, January 18**

**Younger:** Kattie Grainger & Racheal Page

**Older:** Leigh Ann Jones & Sandi Lewis

**Sunday, January 25**

**Younger:** Shannon Howell & Kelli Chunn

**Older:** Judy Fleming & Gayle Belenchia

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

**Sunday, January 18** David Bailey

**Sunday, January 25** Randy Hanna



## HOSPITAL:

Don McKay - Meth. Rehab, 507



## WEDNESDAY MEAL: JANUARY 21

### LASAGNA

GREEN BEANS, SALAD

GARLIC BREAD, DESSERT

**KIDS:** HOT DOGS

**Servers:** Makayla Fernandez, Brenda Barnett

**Cleanup:** Brenda Nowell

**Payment Table:** Nancy Williams

## Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements for 2025 are now available. They may be picked up in the church office.

## STAFF ARTICLE

As we consider how we might reach our community for Christ, let us not forget about Upward Basketball. This is the only church program we have at FBC that brings in a lot of non-church members on a weekly basis. Every Friday and Saturday, people of all ages fill our CLC to watch and support their loved ones in sports. Many of the Upward fans have no or almost no church affiliation. What an opportunity! We need volunteers to make this happen and we never have enough. If you want to reach people for Christ, Upward is a good place to start. We need Christian coaches, referees, volunteers to work the concession stand, the score board and to bring devotionals. If you would like to help in any of these areas, contact Michael Duke or just call the church office.

Shouting for JOY!

William W. Smith

Psalm 100



Feeling so grateful  
for you, and hoping  
you know how much  
you're appreciated  
for all you do-  
and all you are.

Sincerely from  
everyone at your  
PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

*Bill Chunn*  
Fire Chief  
*Jonathan Moore*  
Deputy Fire Chief



# BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

**Sunday, January 25**

WE WILL HAVE A MEN'S ONLY CHOIR DURING  
THE WORSHIP SERVICE. COME TO THE  
CHOIR ROOM AT 10:45 AM AND JOIN US.



## CHURCHWIDE Father & Daughter Banquet

**Saturday, February 28  
6:00 pm in the CLC**

\$25 PER FAMILY - SIGN UP BY FEBRUARY 22  
SEE MRS. JACKIE FOR MORE DETAILS.

## ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

CMC Team Meeting • 8:30 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, JANUARY 19

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

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

B.A.L.L. Luncheon • 12 Noon

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Supper • 4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.  
Children's Choir • 5:30 p.m.  
Preschool Choir • 5:45 p.m.  
Mission Friends • 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, JANUARY 23

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 a.m.  
Upward Games • 5:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

Upward Games • 8:00 a.m.

CLC HOURS : Monday-Friday • 7:00 AM - 12 NOON

## CHURCH STAFF

**Pastor** Rev. Evan Humphries  
**Minister of Music** William Smith  
**Minister of Students** Austin Aultman  
**Minister of Children** Jackie Cheatham  
**Financial Ministry Assistant** Laura Thrash  
**Education Ministry Assistant** Tiffney Loper  
**Child Ministry Center Director** Sage Mesley  
**Christian Life Center Director** Linda Griffis  
**Upward Ministry Director** Michael Duke  
**Facilities Manager** Bruce Bounds

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## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

### JANUARY 11, 2026

Budget: \$16,264.48  
Wednesday Night Supper: \$60.00  
Harvest Church: \$125.00  
Children: \$100.00  
World Hunger: \$40.00  
D Now: \$40.00  
Food Pantry: \$550.00  
Upward Concessions: \$493.00  
Children Bowling: \$20.00  
Upward: \$400.00  
Music: \$10.00  
Children's Camp: \$125.00  
Child Ministries: \$7,800.50  
Cole Trust: \$1,532.34  
Lottie Moon: \$225.00  
Brotherhood: \$144.00  
Lottie Moon Given to Date: \$51,641.00  
Budget Offering Given to Date: \$480,680.61  
**Over Budget: \$40,521.29**  
**WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT: \$23,166.28**  
**BUDGET AMOUNT RECEIVED 01/11/26: \$16,264.48**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### JANUARY 11, 2026

DEPARTMENTS	PRESENT
Preschool	25
Children	36
Youth	7
Adults	154

**TOTAL 222**

## SMALL GROUPS

### JANUARY 11, 2026

DEPARTMENTS	PRESENT
Preschool	20
Children	21
Youth	23
Adults	87

**TOTAL 151**