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THE OFFICIAL FBC NEWSLETTER

January 14, 2026 #02

UPCOMING EVENTS



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



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.



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

GIVING THANKS
REFRESHING THE SPIRIT
APPRECIATING LITTLE THINGS
THINKING POSITIVELY
IDENTIFYING GOODNESS
TREASURING EACH MOMENT
UNITING IN KINDNESS
DELIGHTING IN LAUGHTER
EPRESSING JOY

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 Chun
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.



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

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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