



the open door

THE OFFICIAL FBC NEWSLETTER

March 4, 2026 #08

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WILD GAME SUPPER
MARCH 5, 2026 | 6:00 PM
ROBIN RISHER
FUNNY STORIES & OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
as seen on YouTube & TikTok



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY MARCH 8

SPRING FORWARD
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS!
[+ 1 HOUR]



WILD GAME SUPPER
Please bring your favorite wild game dishes, along with salads and desserts, to share.



SUNDAY, MARCH 8

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS "SPRING FORWARD"
Set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7.

NO BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST IN MARCH.

SMALL GROUP FAMILY NIGHT
Kids and youth will join the adult small groups at preferred location.



Prayers

LET'S REMEMBER

Please remember Bro. Evan and Meredith Humphries in your prayers as Bro. Evan enters a season of rest, renewal, and refreshment during his sabbatical.



CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD;
AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.
PSALM 51:10



WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 8

Pray for
HUBERT YATES
as he leads worship
service this Sunday.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG

Easter Offering

Church Goal: \$5,000
Given to Date: \$1,310

Week of Prayer March 8-15



PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

March 8

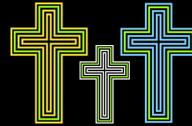
Younger: Brian & Courtney Hancock
Older: Mackenzie Shepard & Jennifer Bounds

March 15

Younger: Shannon & Peyton Howell
Older: Laura Thrash & Gail Turner



DEACON OF THE WEEK



Sunday, March 8

Troy Hight

Sunday, March 15

Ryan Jenkins

Sanctuary Flowers

The sanctuary flowers this Sunday are placed in loving memory of June Fulton for her birthday on March 9. They are given by Forrest Fulton, children, and grandchildren.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Grant Taylor Jenkins

Congratulations to Ethan & Taylor Jenkins on the birth of their son, Grant Taylor Jenkins, born on February 15, 2026. He weighed 9 lbs. and 21 inches. Grant is being welcomed by his big brother, Levi and proud grandparents, Tim and Mashelle Harrison.

Wynn Thomas Harrison

Congratulations to Austin & Whestley Harrison on the birth of their son, Wynn Thomas Harrison, born on March 2, 2026. He weighed 8 lbs. and 3 oz. Wynn is being welcomed by his big brothers, Whestin and Whitt and proud grandparents, Tim and Mashelle Harrison.

SPRING BREAK

March 9-13

NO SUPPER
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
6:00 PM ACTIVITIES ONLY

B.A.L.L. LUNCHEON

Tuesday, March 17
12 Noon • Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker: Craig Stevenson

Bring your favorite dish or dessert and join us for a time of fun and fellowship. All senior adults are invited to attend.

STAFF ARTICLE

Exciting Times at Our Daycare

There is a great sense of excitement at our daycare as we prepare for several upcoming events and celebrate an important milestone—graduation.

Throughout the year, our children have grown academically, socially, and emotionally, and these special events give us the opportunity to showcase their progress.

From themed activity days and family engagement events to special classroom celebrations, our daycare community is looking forward to memorable moments filled with learning and laughter. These experiences not only bring joy but also strengthen the bonds between children, families, and staff.

We are especially excited about our upcoming graduation ceremony, which will be held on **April 30th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** This meaningful event will honor the hard work and growth of our children as they prepare to take the next step in their educational journey.

Graduation is a proud and joyful occasion, and we look forward to celebrating this milestone together. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve this center and to be a part of the children's growth and success. Our staff has been exceptional—dedicated, compassionate, and committed to providing a nurturing and enriching environment for every child. It is an honor to work alongside such an outstanding team and supportive families as we continue to guide and inspire our students each day.

Sage Mesley



2026 OCC ITEMS
MARCH
 INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED TOOTHBRUSHES

A collection box is available outside the church office.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS 4:45-5:45PM

M · E · N · U
 MARCH 18

WORKERS FOR MARCH 18

Servers: Brenda Barnett, Peggy Van Devender
 Cleanup: Gayle Belenchia
 Payment Table: Nancy William

LASAGNA
 GREEN BEANS
 SALAD
 DESSERT
 KIDS: HOT DOGS



Widows & Widowers BANQUET

Thursday, March 26
 6 pm | Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP by Friday, March 20
 Call the church office at 601-656-1507 for reservations and transportation, if needed.



Neshoba Baptist Center KIDS DNOW



WORSHIP: CHRIS LAYTON
SATURDAY, MARCH 28
 9:00 am - 2:00 pm • Grades 1st - 6th
 SPEAKER: AARON TUCKER

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

Always Only Jesus
 presented by
 First Baptist Church
 Music Ministry



MARCH 29, 2026 | 11:00 AM

CHILDREN & YOUTH ASSOCIATIONAL Bible Drill



SUNDAY, MARCH 29
 1:30 PM • NESHOPA BAPTIST CENTER

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Daylight Saving Time Begins
 Deacons Meeting • 8:30 am
 Special Time of Prayer • 9:30 am
 Sunday School • 9:45 am
 Worship Service • 11:00 am
 Small Group Family Night • 5:00 pm

MONDAY, MARCH 9

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

B.A.L.L. Officers • 10:00 am

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am
 NO Wednesday Night Supper • 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm
 NO Children's Choir • 5:30 pm
 NO Preschool Choir • 5:45 pm
 Mission Friends • 6:00 pm
 Kids Blast • 6:00 pm
 Youth • 6:00 pm
 Chancel Choir • 6:00 pm
 Prayer Meeting • 6:00 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

CMC Team Meeting • 8:30 am
 Special Time of Prayer • 9:30 am
 Sunday School • 9:45 am
 Worship Service • 11:00 am
 Small Groups • 5:00 pm

CLC HOURS: MON.-FRI. • 7 AM - 12 NOON

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Evan Humphries
Minister of Music William Smith
Minister of Students Austin Aultman
Minister of Children Jackie Cheatham
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

March 1, 2026

Budget: \$18,502.73
 Wednesday Night Supper: \$467.00
 Office Refund: 85¢
 Upward Concessions: \$10.00
 Father/Daughter: \$470.00
 Brotherhood: \$10.00
 Youth/Children T-Shirt Fundraiser: \$2,260.00
 Child Ministries: \$200.00
 Music: \$10.00
 Youth: \$5.00
 Ruth's Promise: \$310.00
 Harvest Church: \$150.00
 Renovate Church: \$25.00
 Disaster Relief: \$10.00
 Children's Camp: \$100.00
 Annie Armstrong: \$1,310.00
 Lottie Moon: \$10.00
 State Missions: \$10.00
 Budget Offering Given to Date: \$615,729.62
OVER Budget: \$13,406.34
WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT: \$23,166.28
BUDGET AMOUNT RECEIVED 02/22/26: \$18,502.73

SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 1, 2026

| DEPARTMENTS | PRESENT |
|--------------|------------|
| Preschool | 23 |
| Children | 23 |
| Youth | 16 |
| Adults | 135 |
| TOTAL | 197 |

SMALL GROUPS

March 1, 2026

| DEPARTMENTS | PRESENT |
|--------------|------------|
| Preschool | 16 |
| Children | 16 |
| Youth | 19 |
| Adults | 63 |
| TOTAL | 114 |