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THE OFFICIAL FBC NEWSLETTER

February 25, 2026 #07

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**B.A.L.L. OUTING**  
*Tootie's*  
COUNTRY BUFFET  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26  
MEET AT 11:15 AM  
*All senior adults are invited.*



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



**CHURCHWIDE**  
*Father & Daughter*  
*Banquet*  
Saturday, February 28  
6:00 pm in the CLC



**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

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

 **NO BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST DUE TO THE WILD GAME SUPPER.**

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



*Prayers*

## LET'S REMEMBER

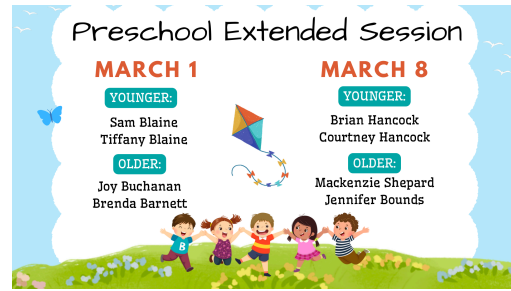
Please remember Bro. Evan and Meredith Humphries in your prayers as Bro. Evan enters a season of rest, renewal, and refreshment during his sabbatical.





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

### Preschool Extended Session

<p><b>MARCH 1</b></p> <p><b>YOUNGER:</b> Sam Blaine Tiffany Blaine</p> <p><b>OLDER:</b> Joy Buchanan Brenda Barnett</p>	<p><b>MARCH 8</b></p> <p><b>YOUNGER:</b> Brian Hancock Courtney Hancock</p> <p><b>OLDER:</b> Mackenzie Shepard Jennifer Bounds</p>
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### DEACON OF THE WEEK

	<p><b>MARCH 1</b> Bill Gilley</p> <p><b>MARCH 8</b> Troy Hight</p>	
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### Sanctuary flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in memory of Billy Sharp. They are given with love by his family.



### Foyer flowers

The foyer flowers are placed in appreciation of all those who have stepped up and helped with Wednesday Night Supper. They are given with love from Cindy Brown & Kay Rowell.



## Worship Service

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Pray for  
**AUSTIN AULTMAN**  
as he leads worship  
service this Sunday.

<h3 style="margin: 0;">WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS</h3> <p style="margin: 0; color: red;">4:45-5:45PM</p>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">MENU</h3>
<p style="color: red; margin: 0;"><b>WORKERS FOR MARCH 4</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Servers:</b> Carol Kilpatrick, Laura Thrash</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Cleanup:</b> Brian Hicks</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Payment Table:</b> Nancy William</p>	<p style="margin: 0;"><b>MARCH 4</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;">PIZZA</p> <p style="margin: 0;">SALAD</p> <p style="margin: 0;">DESSERT</p> 

# M A R C H

*Ushers*

Jim Fulton	Tanner Rhodes
Jonathan Hight	Joe Wood
Brian Jay	

*Sanctuary Greeter*

Nancy Williams

*Welcome Center Greeters*

Gary & Sue Keen

FBC Wild Game Supper will be held on Thursday, March 5. Please bring your favorite wild game dishes, along with salads and desserts, to share. If you have any wild game meat to donate, please contact Bill Gilley at 601-416-0360.



## STAFF ARTICLE

What a great worship service Sunday!!!! Thank you FBC for showing up physically and spiritually. God truly shined during our time together. Did your heart swell when the choir presented "Psalm 150"? I know mine did. The choir and praise band modeled shouting for joy to the Lord on every musical instrument, even the loud sounding Cymbals. Sometimes we forget how the authors of Scripture invite us to worship. We get caught up in our traditions and personal preferences and miss the blessing. The Holy Spirit invites us to be still and loud in worship. For some reason, it is easier for Baptist to be still than loud. Yet, when we do both in our hearts, God always shows up. Let us never be afraid of worshipping the way the authors of Scripture instruct. Just like in every area of life, when we do it God's way, things go better.

October 12-15 our BALL group plans to travel to Pigeon Forge for the fall Celebrators conference. We plan to attend the conference featuring David Jeremiah, Philip Waldrep, the Gaither Vocal Band, Charles Billingsby, and a host of other worship leaders and Bible teachers. We also plan to attend at least one Pigeon Forge style show and eat at a couple of nice restaurants during our free time.

For more information, contact the church office or pick up a brochure during Sunday School or any time. Our goal this year is to take whoever signs up. We can take up to twenty-five people this year but no minimum. Remember, we always welcome our friends and family traveling with us not just FBC members. Don't miss the blessing!

Shouting for Joy!  
William W. Smith



**OCC PREPARATION 2026**  
**FEBRUARY ITEMS:**  
**Stuffed Animals & Dolls**

OPERATION Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

A collection box is available outside the church office.



**ANNIE ARMSTRONG**  
*Easter Offering*  
**CHURCH GOAL: \$5,000**  
**Week of Prayer March 8-15**

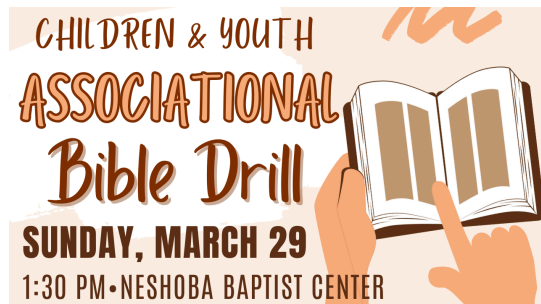


**SPRING BREAK**  
**March 9-13**  
**NO SUPPER**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**  
**6:00 PM ACTIVITIES ONLY**



**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.



**CHILDREN & YOUTH**  
**ASSOCIATIONAL**  
**Bible Drill**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**  
**1:30 PM • NESHOPA BAPTIST CENTER**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY**  
**TO SHUT-INS**

- SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER (ADULT 3)
- DECEMBER - FEBRUARY (ADULT 2)
- MARCH - MAY (ADULT 1)
- JUNE - AUGUST (YOUTH)

Let's remember our shut-ins by reaching out in love and encouragement. You can minister to them by sending a card or letter, making a phone call, blessing them with flowers or a fruit basket. Your kindness can brighten their day and remind them they are loved and not forgotten.

## ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Special Time of Prayer • 9:30 am  
 Sunday School • 9:45 am  
 Worship Service • 11:00 am  
 Praise Team Retreat • 12 Noon-2:00 pm  
 Small Groups • 5:00 pm

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am  
 Wednesday Night Supper • 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm  
 Church Bible Drill (Children) • 5:30 pm  
 Children's Choir • 5:30 pm  
 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

### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Wild Game Supper • 6:00 pm

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am  
 CMC Closed Staff Development Day

### SATURDAY, MARCH 7

CHURCHWIDE Day of Fasting

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

**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

### FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Budget: \$21,649.68  
 Wednesday Night Supper: \$293.00  
 Office Refund: \$1.00  
 Upward Concessions: \$844.41  
 Father/Daughter: \$150.00  
 Neshoba Food Pantry: \$50.00  
 Youth/Children T-Shirt Fundraiser: \$835.00  
 World Hunger: \$50.00  
 Library: \$50.00  
 Youth: \$5.00  
 Music: \$10.00  
 Budget Offering Given to Date: \$597,226.89  
**OVER Budget: \$18,069.89**  
**WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT: \$23,166.28**  
 BUDGET AMOUNT RECEIVED 02/22/26: \$21,649.68

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### FEBRUARY 22, 2026

DEPARTMENTS	PRESENT
Preschool	26
Children	24
Youth	11
Adults	121
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>182</b>

## SMALL GROUPS

### FEBRUARY 22, 2026

DEPARTMENTS	PRESENT
Preschool	20
Children	16
Youth	17
Adults	68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121</b>