



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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B.A.L.L. LUNCHEON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
12 Noon • Fellowship Hall

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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
2ND ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE

**Christmas
ART SHOW**

NOVEMBER **19** 5:30PM - 6:00PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

HOSTED BY THE GA/RA/MISSION
FRIENDS CLASSES AT FBC PHILLY

**Come browse and take home Christmas
artwork created by FBC's children!**

ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED WILL GO TOWARDS
OCC SHOEBOX SHIPPING COSTS.



Church Family,

Andrew Hannah shared with our Brotherhood this past Sunday about the good things happening at Harvest Church and the purchase of a church building. About a month ago, I was in New Orleans for a pastor's conference. While I was there, I got to spend some time with Andrew and walk through the church. I cannot be any more excited for the future of Harvest. Next time you see me, ask me to show you the video of the worship area. For the past four years, Harvest has been meeting in Phillis Wheatley Community School. While this has been a blessing for them, they are looking forward to moving into their new space. The building sits in the same area where Harvest is already doing ministry. This purchase will allow them the opportunity to do long-term ministry in this area of New Orleans.

Harvest is currently doing a fundraiser to help cover costs related to the building. Purchasing a shirt, sweater, or hat will help them with these efforts. You can go to their Facebook page or click the link in this email to access the fundraiser. Harvest has also put together a detailed document outlining the specifics of the purchase. This link will also be in the Open Door email. If you have trouble accessing any of these links, feel free to text me or call the church office. Please continue to pray for Harvest Church!

In Christ,
Evan

WELCOME OUR NEW CMC DIRECTOR

We are excited to officially welcome Sage Mesley as our new Child Ministry Center Director. For the past six months, Sage has done an amazing job serving as interim director - bringing warmth, stability, and a genuine love for our children and families. We are so thankful for her leadership and heart for this ministry!



OPPORTUNITIES

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

November 16

Younger: Chad & Emily Crosswhite

Older: Amy Allen & Betsy Melton

November 23

Younger: Josh & Mamie Thompson

Older: Brian & Courtney Hancock

DEACON OF THE WEEK

November 16

11 am Service – Bill Gilley

November 23

11 am Service – Troy Hight

HOSPITAL

Don McKay

UMMC, RM 354



2026 FLOWER CALENDAR

If you would like to reserve a date on the 2026 Flower Calendar to place sanctuary flowers in memory or in honor of someone special, please call the church office at 601-656-1507.



A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank my church family for your prayers and support for my brother, Terry Brown during his illness. Your kindness meant so much to our family. Terry is now completely healed and resting in the presence of our Lord.

*With sincere appreciation,
Craig Brown*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU



NOVEMBER 19
Chicken Spaghetti
Green Beans
Salad
Rolls
Dessert
Kids: Nuggets

Servers: Christy Bounds, Sylvia Stevens

Cleanup: Sue & Gary Keen

Money Table: Nancy Williams

**THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY
NIGHT SUPPER NOVEMBER 26.**

**OCC TRIP**
Dec. 1-2, 2025

HOTEL INFO
Holiday Inn Express
Peachtree Corners-Norcross
7035 Jimmy Carter Blvd
Norcross, GA 30092

MON 12/1
Leave church at 6:45 am.
Stop for lunch on the way.
Arrive at processing center around 2:30 pm.
Work shift from 3:00-7:00 pm.
Eat then check into rooms.

TUES 12/2
Be at the processing center at 8:45 am.
Work from 9:00 am -3:00 pm.
Take break for lunch at processing center.
Back at church approx. 7:00-8:00 pm.

ROOM COST

1 person/room	\$117
2 people/room	\$58.50
3 people/room	\$39
4 people/room	\$29.25

ADDITIONAL INFO
Participants will be responsible for 4 meals.

SIGN UP OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE.



A gift for you

6:00 PM
DECEMBER 6
DECEMBER 7

PRESENTED BY
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MUSIC MINISTRY



**Christmas
BLESSING BOXES**

PACK BOXES: DECEMBER 10

5:30 IN THE CLC

CHRISTMAS BLESSING BOXES
COST: \$40 PER BOX

We will once again prepare Christmas Blessing Boxes to share with families in our community this holiday season. Individuals, groups, and Sunday School classes are invited to give toward purchasing food for the boxes.

Growing up Cole

I know that it's the Thanksgiving season, but...when you grow up Cole, November meant it was time to take the Cole family Christmas card photo. When I was growing up, the photo Christmas card was what everyone sent. It was a way to show your family and friends how much your children had grown, who got braces and glasses.

My Father was a photo guru of sorts. We had tripods when tripods weren't cool, flash bulb cameras with the big bulbs you could take only one photo with and of course a dark room to develop your film. Yep, we had it all.

First, the right clothes combination had to be selected. It wasn't like it is today with coordinating colors. It was mostly the right tie for the boys and of course Leah and I sported our velvet dresses that mother made for us and no, they did not match the boy's ties. The funny thing about most of our family Christmas card photos was that my Dad was never in it. He was the photographer and it looked like my Dad had left the family alone for Christmas.

Oh there were so many poses and locations and it couldn't look like last year's photo. One year, my Dad has us all looking up like the second coming was on the way. Of course it was November, so there was no Christmas tree to gather around or gifts to hold just us huddled together for a picture.

The best part was receiving other family Christmas cards and looking at their goofy family photo. When my parents passed away and we cleaned out the house, there were stacks of old family Christmas cards from families that we sent cards to each year. It's a memory now...but a good one.

As we celebrate these seasons of family gatherings and love, snap a photo even if it is goofy and treasure it. Someone will enjoy looking at it years to come. Say Cheese!

See You Sunday,
Laura



NESHOBA BAPTIST FOOD PANTRY

First Baptist Church is responsible for collecting food for the Neshoba Baptist Food Pantry from **December until the end of February**. There will be a box outside the church office for donations of non-perishable food items during that time.



**Lottie Moon
CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

**CHURCH GOAL
\$40,000**

WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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.
Handbell Choir.....	4:00 p.m.
Divorce Care	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Night Small Groups	5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

First Responders Appreciation Day	
Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

B.A.L.L Luncheon	12 Noon
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
Supper	4:45-5:45 p.m.
Church-Wide OCC Art Show	5:30 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.
Chancel Choir	6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Special Time of Prayer.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Church-Wide Thanksgiving Meal.....	12 Noon
NO Handbell Choir.....	4:00 p.m.
NO Divorce Care	5:00 p.m.
NO Sunday Night Small Groups.....	5:00 p.m.

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
Tiffney Loper.....	Education Ministry Assistant
Sage Mesley.....	Child Ministry Center Director
Linda Griffis	Christian Life Center Director
Michael Duke.....	Upward Director
Bruce Bounds.....	Facilities Manager
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Church Email	fbphilly@netdoor.com
Church Website.....	www.fbcphilly.com
Kindergarten/Child Care	(601)656-5015

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Budget	\$20,730.00
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$479.21
Upward.....	\$100.00
Ruth's Promise	\$125.00
Brotherhood	\$89.00
Youth Camp	\$125.00
Children's Camp	\$500.00
Christmas Blessing Boxes	\$80.00
Food Pantry	\$25.00
Operation Christmas Child Trip	\$70.00
Ava Byars youth Memorial	\$1,000.00
Harvest Church.....	\$25.00
Renovate Church	\$25.00
Utilities Refund	\$250.00
Music.....	\$10.00
Budget Offering Given to Date	\$176,104.20
Under Budget	\$55,558.60

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$23,166.28
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 11/09/25:	\$20,730.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

November 9, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	23	26
Children	33	31
Youth	20	11
Adults	261	139
Total	337	207

SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS

November 9, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	34	23
Children	36	24
Youth	26	16
Adults	116	85
Total	212	148

