



# THE OPEN DOOR

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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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**YOU ARE INVITED**

*First Baptist Church*

*175<sup>th</sup> Celebration*

**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**FIRST BAPTIST  
PHILADELPHIA**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM**

**WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM**

**POTLUCK LUNCH 12 NOON**

Please bring a side dish/dessert.  
Meat will be provided.



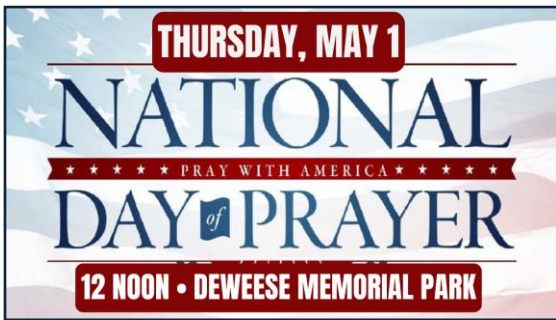
Church Family,

"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it." - Matthew 16:18

I am looking forward to our church celebrating its 175th anniversary this Sunday morning. 175 years is a long time. To put it into perspective, Millard Fillmore was the 13th President of the United States, and America was only 74 years old at the time. From the time the first church was formed in Acts 2 until Christ comes again, God intends to use His church to carry out His kingdom mission here on the earth. I am thankful for how God has used FBC in the past and how He will use us in the future.

On another note, be sure to support our children and preschoolers as they lead us in worship tonight. These kids and adults have invested a great deal of time in getting ready for tonight. We have some great leaders who work diligently with the children and preschoolers each week. These children will be among the leaders of FBC when we celebrate our next anniversary in 25 years.

In Christ,  
Evan



**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

YOU ARE INVITED TO A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION HONORING PAT MIOTON ON HER 85<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY.

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, MAY 3 FROM 2-4 PM AT PAT MIOTON'S HOUSE. NO GIFTS PLEASE, JUST YOUR PRESENCE.

**ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES!**



Reminder Sunday school will be from 9:45-10:15 am this Sunday morning May 4<sup>th</sup> because of the 175<sup>th</sup> celebration service starting at 10:30 am.

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION**

May 4

Younger: Macealin Miller & Joy Buchanan  
Older: Sharon McKay & KK Coats

May 11

Younger: Brenda Barnett & Teresa Hight  
Older: Ken & Patti Robey

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

May 4

11 am Service – Randy Hanna

May 11

11 am Service – Alain Kaboré

**USHERS FOR MAY**

Herman Alford	Charley Phillips
Bruce Bounds	Don McKay
Bob Henson	Rex Rounsaville
Jim Johnson	Gerald Winstead

**SANCTUARY GREETERS FOR MAY**

Bruce Bounds & Debbie Stokes

**WELCOME CENTER GREETERS FOR MAY**

Brian & Angie Jay

*Sanctuary Flowers*

*The flowers in the sanctuary Sunday are given to the glory of God for His faithfulness for 175 years. Praise be to God.*



*Foyer Flowers*

*The flowers in the foyer Sunday are in honor of Pat Mioton for her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. They are given by her family.*

**FRAMED PHOTOS NEEDED!!**

**The 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary team is requesting framed photos for tables at the luncheon.** Examples include-weddings, baptisms youth or children activities/groups, former members, events, etc. Please leave your photos in the church office. You can collect your pictures immediately following the lunch on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Birth Announcements*

*Congratulations to Grant and Bri Guild on the birth of their son Graham Joseph Guild, born April 23, 2025. Graham weighed 7 lbs., and 1 oz. He is being welcomed by his big sister, Devin and big brother, Harrison.*

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

SERVED 4:45-5:45 PM



### MENU FOR MAY 7

Chicken & Dumplings

Green Beans

Green Salad

Fruit

Rolls & Dessert

Kids Menu: Chicken Nuggets

**Servers:** Christy Bounds, Makayla Fernandez

**Cleanup:** Rene Wood, Brenda Nowell

**Money Table:** Nancy Williams



### *The Children's Corner*

The comfort zone, it's a place with which we are all familiar. It's routine. It's comfortable. We enjoy it there, but what about when God calls us out of our comfort zone. We are skillful at making excuses, aren't we? "I don't know how." "I don't have the time." "I don't have the patience." "I've already served." "That's someone else's job." "I have to pick someone up from the airport." The list goes on and on. In reality we are human and we can always find an excuse for not doing something that may inconvenience us. Sometimes God calls us out of that comfort zone. So, what do we do when this happens? Let's consider the prophet Jeremiah. He was young and had plenty of excuses. Jeremiah 1 tells us Jeremiah was not only young, but he was afraid and didn't know what to say or do. But then God reminded him that He knew him in his mother's womb and had a plan for his life. He would help Jeremiah know what to say, and He would always be with him. "Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you," declares the Lord." (Jeremiah 1:8) The Lord also said told him "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth." (Jeremiah 1:9) When we give God excuses, He reminds us of His promises that He will always be with us, go before us and provide for us. If He calls you to a task, He will equip you for it.

What is God calling you to do? Vacation Bible School is June 2-6 and we need volunteers to help us "Magnify" the Lord as we look closely at the details of God's amazing world and proclaim the goodness of God with the children of our church and community. If you would like to help, please contact me or the church office. I encourage you to pray and ask God to show you where to serve Him. Don't be afraid. He is with you!

Love in Christ,  
Mrs. Jackie

**ANNUAL CPC MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER**  
CPC OF PHILADELPHIA, MS PREGNANCY & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

**THURSDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 5-8 PM**

**DINING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**SPONSORING RESTAURANTS:**  
BLOOMO DINER, CITY LIMITS, MCALISTER'S DELI,  
TOOTIE'S, RONNIE'S STEAK & GRILL

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: (601) 656-9712  
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### *Parent/Child Dedication*

Sunday, May 11

Worship Service

If you have a baby/child who has not been dedicated, and you would like to participate in this service, please contact the church office NO later than Monday, May 5.

**FAMILY NIGHT**

Worship  
Bible Study  
Fun Activity

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14**  
6 PM IN THE CLC

**SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP PICNIC**

SUNDAY, MAY 18TH • 5 PM

**JUMPERS. KICKBALL. PIZZA**

All small groups will meet in the grass area by the playground.



### *Graduate Recognition Service*

*May 18, 2025*

If you have a senior who will be graduating from high school in May and would like to participate in our Graduate Recognition Service, please let us know in the church office. The DEADLINE to get your name on the list is May 12. The Senior Breakfast will be on Sunday, May 18, at 8:30 am and the Recognition Service will be held during the worship service at 11:00 am.

#### **COLLEGE GRADUATES**

Our college graduates will be recognized in the worship service on May 19. If you are graduating from college, please call the church office by May 12 in order for your name to be listed in the Open Door.

## WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY, MAY 4

#### *First Baptist Church 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration*

Media Center.....	9:15 a.m.
Special Time of Prayer.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....	10:30 a.m.
Potluck Luncheon (CLC).....	12 Noon
NO Small Groups.....	5:00 p.m.

### MONDAY, MAY 5

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Night Supper.....	4:45-5:45 p.m.
Media Center.....	5:30 p.m.
Children's/Preschool Choir.....	5:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir.....	6:00 p.m.
Mission Friends.....	6:00 p.m.
Kids Blast.....	6:00 p.m.
Youth.....	6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MAY 8

Annual CPC Fundraiser.....	5-8:00 p.m.
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### SUNDAY, MAY 11

Mother's Day	
Deacons Meeting.....	8:30 a.m.
Media Center.....	9:15 a.m.
Special Time of Prayer.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....	9:45 a.m.
Parent/Child Dedication.....	11:00 a.m.
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
Tiffany Loper.....	Education Ministry Assistant
Tiffany Long.....	Child Ministry Center Director
Linda Griffis.....	Christian Life Center Director
Michael Duke.....	Upward Director
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Kindergarten/Child Care.....	(601)656-5015

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

### April 27, 2025

Budget.....	\$19,154.63
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$476.00
Designated.....	\$150.00
175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary.....	\$125.00
Children's Camp.....	\$200.00
B.A.L.L.....	\$50.00
Ruth's Promise.....	\$125.00
Renovate.....	\$25.00
Harvest Church.....	\$4,325.00
Music Designated.....	\$10.00
Postage.....	\$6.00
Annie Armstrong.....	\$25.00
Annie Armstrong Given to Date.....	\$11,398.25
Budget Offering Given to Date.....	\$821,307.15
Over Budget.....	\$80,762.80

<b>WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:</b>	<b>\$21,408.68</b>
<b>BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 04/27/25:</b>	<b>\$19,154.63</b>

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

### April 27, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	35	22
Children	31	22
Youth	25	10
Adults	271	135
Total	362	189

## NO SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS

### April 27, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	36	27
Children	35	27
Youth	34	16
Adults	105	84
Total	210	154