



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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NIGHT OF WORSHIP

CHANCEL CHOIR • CHILDREN'S CHOIR • ADULT/YOUTH PRAISE TEAMS • PRAISE BAND

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 AT 6:00 PM



HISTORY OF ROCK AND ROLL THRU 1959



presented by
Allen Hardy

B.A.L.L. LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19
12 NOON • FELLOWSHIP HALL

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



Church Family,

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it. - Hebrews 13:2

Dr. Will Wall, the pastor at FBC Meridian, did an exceptional job highlighting the importance of welcoming guests into our church. First, he said that every single one of us is a greeter within the church. It is all of our responsibility to make others feel welcome at FBC. When it comes to guests, he said we can either be a travel agent or a tour guide. A travel agent sends the person or group on a trip but does not go with them. A tour guide physically goes on the trip and introduces them to each component of the trip. New guests likely feel uncomfortable or nervous about going into a new setting, and one of us can calm their uncertainties by acting as their tour guide on a Sunday morning.

Regardless of the person, it is our responsibility as followers of Christ to show hospitality to everyone who sets foot on our campus. As Dr. Wall challenged us to take a few pointers from the greatest fast-food restaurant of all time, Chick-fil-A. It is "our pleasure" to serve those who come to our campus. What we can give them is far greater than any chicken. We have the good news of the gospel!

In Christ,
Evan

BUDGET NEWS

The 2025/2026 First Baptist Church and Child Ministry Center budgets will be presented this Sunday morning. They will be discussed on Wednesday, August 20 during prayer meeting and voted on Sunday, August 24 during the morning worship service.



Child Ministry Center Director Position

Our Child Ministry Center Team is receiving applications for the position of Director of our Child Ministry Center. If you are interested in applying for this position, applications are available in the church office. All applications must be received through the church office.



The 2025/2026 Leadership Nominating Team report will be discussed on Wednesday, August 20 during prayer meeting.

OPPORTUNITIES

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

August 17

Younger: Debbie Beddingfield & Cindy Brown

Older: Patti Robey & Kamryn Kaboré

August 24

Younger: Michael & Laurel Beckham

Older: Sharon McKay & Mackenzie Shepard

DEACON OF THE WEEK

August 17

11 am Service – Randy Hanna

August 24

11 am Service – Alain Kaboré

HOSPITAL

Harry Carter

Anderson



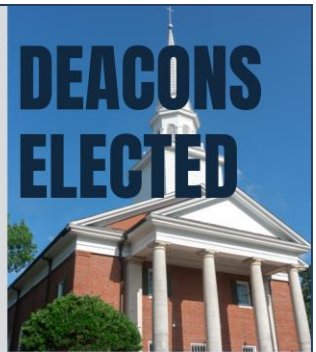
NEW FACILITIES MANGER

We would like to welcome our new Facilities Manager, Bruce Bounds, to our staff.

The following men were elected to serve a three year term as Deacon beginning September 1.

Taylor Dickerson
David Durant
Austin Harrison
Joey Kilgore
Robert Warner

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER
FOR OUR DEACONS DURING
THIS NEW CHURCH YEAR.



Thank You

First Baptist Church

On behalf the Neshoba Central Elementary faculty and staff, thank you for the snack and prayer bags. Teaching and caring for children is a responsibility and a great joy, and knowing that our community is behind us praying. Encouraging us and even fueling us with snacks. Your gesture not only nourished our bodies but lifted our spirits.

Thank you for being such a supportive in our mission to love, teach and inspire the students we serve. We are blessed to have such a supportive community in Neshoba.

With heartfelt appreciation-
Ms. Plott, Principal at Neshoba Central Elementary

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER



MENU FOR AUGUST 20

Tacos (tortillas or chips)
Mexican Rice
Corn
Jell-O
Dessert
Kids Menu: Same

Servers: Christy Bounds, Gayle Belenchia

Cleanup: Beth Henson, Joe & Rene Wood

Money Table: Patti Robey

Suppers are served from 4:45-5:45 pm. To sign up for reservations call the church office at 601-656-1507.



I hope everyone is looking forward to joining together, generation to generation, for a night of worship this Sunday evening at 6:00 PM. We plan to involve every age group in multiple ways. People born during different decades will be leading as we sing songs from multiple generations together. We plan to include our Praise Band/Team, Children's Choir, Chancel Choir, and newly formed Youth Praise Band/Team.

All the elements of Biblical Worship will be present: Vision, Humility, Exaltation, illumination, and commitment. We also plan to include revelation and response opportunities throughout. We hear from God; we sing to God, and we sing and speak to each other just like believers did during Bible times. We hope to fill the Sanctuary with hearts singing and shouting His praise.

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

5:00pm Adult Praise Band/Team Practice

5:30pm Youth Praise Team Band Sound Check

5:30 pm Children assemble in the Children's Worship Area to warm up for the service with Jackie and Morgan

5:45 pm Chancel Choir Warm-up in the Choir Room

6:00 pm Worship

William W. Smith

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD **GOAL FOR 2025: 600 SHOEBOXES**

AUGUST FOCUS ITEMS: SCHOOL SUPPLIES/CRAFTS

Any donated items can be placed in the box outside the church office. Donations can be made to the church office as each box costs \$10 to ship. Thank you for helping spread the Gospel through the gift of shoeboxes!

HAPPY LABOR DAY
September 1

The church office, CLC, & CMC will be closed.
NO EVENING ACTIVITIES SUNDAY, AUGUST 31.

DEACON
Ordination Service
Sunday, September 7 | 6 pm

Taylor Dickerson
Austin Harrison

Small group KICK OFF

Sunday September 14 5 pm in the CLC
A meal will be provided.

Where discussions go DEEP & bonds grow deeper.

If you were not a part of a small group last year it is a great way to get to know your church family in a smaller group setting. There is a small group for everyone! Invite a friend or two and come enjoy this time of fellowship.

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B.A.L.L. TRIP
NOVEMBER 10-12, 2025

\$100 DEPOSIT
DEADLINE OCTOBER 6

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WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

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.
Night of Worship @ FBC	6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
Supper	4:45-5:45 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.
Youth	6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Special Time of Prayer.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Deacon/Staff/Church Council Planning	6:00 p.m.
Sunday Night Roundtable	6:00 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
Linda Griffis	Christian Life Center Director
Michael Duke.....	Upward Director
Bruce Bounds.....	Facilities Manager
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

August 10, 2025

Budget	\$13,963.50
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$12.00
B.A.L.L. Trip	\$200.00
Operation Christmas Child.....	\$25.00
Music.....	\$20.00
Utilities Refund	\$250.00
Brotherhood	\$173.00
Sunday School Refund	\$135.00
Budget Offering Given to Date	\$1,089,693.54
Over Budget	\$31,766.04

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$21,408.68
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 08/10/25:	\$13,963.50

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

August 10, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	35	28
Children	31	27
Youth	25	16
Adults	271	126
Total	362	197

