

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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Celebrate
EASTER

LORD'S SUPPER AT THE CROSS
MARCH 28 | 5-6:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 29 | CHURCH OFFICE,
CLC & CMC CLOSED

EASTER EGG HUNT
MARCH 30 | 10-11:30 AM

EASTER SUNDAY
MARCH 31

EARLY SERVICE	8:00
BREAKFAST	8:30
SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:45
MORNING WORSHIP	11:00
NO SMALL GROUPS	

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We need several men on Easter Sunday to help set up chairs in the courtyard.
PLEASE be in the courtyard by 7:00 am. Thank you!



Church Family,

I was so encouraged by the Easter musical this past Sunday! Bro. William did a superb job planning and leading the musical. I also appreciate those who served in the choir, praise team, orchestra, narrators, audio-visual team, and on the live stream. I believe the musical prepared our hearts to focus on Christ this week as we look to celebrate our risen Savior this weekend. You may even want to go to the church's Facebook or YouTube page to listen to the musical again.

There are numerous words used to describe the different characteristics of God. The greatest picture of God's character was displayed on the cross through Jesus Christ. We see God's love by sending His only Son to the cross. Nothing required God to send His Son or made Him send His Son, but God did so out of love. We see God's abundant grace and mercy when Christ died on the cross for all our sins. When the thief on the cross next to Jesus asks Jesus to remember Him, out of Christ's abundant grace and mercy, Jesus remembers him. We see God's power when Christ rose from the tomb conquering sin and death. Because of Christ's resurrection, sin no longer has mastery over us. I hope we can continue to remember God's attributes and how His character impacts our lives now and for all eternity. I look forward to seeing everybody at worship this Sunday!

In Christ,
Evan



This will be a silent, come and go Lord's Supper. Please come and partake of the Lord's Supper and remember what Jesus did for us on the cross.

Thank You

Dear Deacons,

A big "thank you" to all the deacons who hosted our lovely Widows/Widowers Banquet on March 21st everything was very nice. The meal was delicious, pretty decorations and great entertainment. Thanks for making us feel special and loved, you are the best. We love you!

Lou Morgan

OPPORTUNITIES

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

March 31

Older: Ken & Patti Robey
Younger: Taylor & Casey Quick

April 7

Older: Ryan & Candace McKay
Younger: Drew & Laura Massey

DEACON OF THE WEEK

March 31

11 am Service – Caleb Jay

April 7

11 am Service – Scott Bounds

USHERS FOR APRIL

Scott Bounds	Richard Lee
Craig Brown	Greg Nowell
Alex Dees III	Brice Richardson
David Durant	

SANCTUARY GREETER FOR APRIL

Dee Dee Bailey

WELCOME CENTER GREETER FOR APRIL

Sandi Lewis

HOSPITAL

Ellene Turcotte
Alice Nelson

Louisville
Laird, Union

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are given in honor and to glorify Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior.



Foyer Flowers

The flowers in the foyer Sunday are given in the celebration of the beautiful, yet short life of Henry Graham Guild. He is received by his Lord and Savior Jesus and yet greatly missed by his parents and siblings; Grant, Bri, Devin and Harrison.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

BY LETTER

Scott & Debbie Beddingfield
18 Knight Street
Philadelphia, MS
662-315-0447 (Scott)
662-315-5461 (Debbie)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

MENU FOR APRIL 3

Chicken Spaghetti
 Green Beans
 Green Salad
 Garlic Bread
 Dessert
 Kids Menu: Pizza



Servers: Carol Kilpatrick, Janice Griffin

Cleanup: Brian Hicks, Ashley Peebles

Money Table: Patti Robey



Spring and New Beginnings

Springtime! It is that wonderful time of year that makes me think of new beginnings. We move from short cold days to long warmer days. I like to look out my office window to see the sun shining bright, the grass greener, the sky bluer, little lizards crawling on the tree, and smiling church members coming to the door.

New beginnings are approaching in my life. In May, we will have two kids graduating. Macy will graduate from Mississippi State University and Layla, the baby will graduate from Neshoba Central High school. We are very proud of the beautiful young ladies (adults) they have become. Since Layla turned 18 she considers herself an adult! Welcome to my world!

In a few short months, I will enter the “empty nest” phase of life. Well not completely empty...my most needy child (Todd) will still be in the nest. I know there are some parents who count down the days and can’t wait for “empty nest” and then there are some that think life may never go on. I will admit I just try not to think about it! But hey, it’s coming whether I like it or not. Within this year, I have felt I’ve been on a roller coaster of time and forgot to buckle up. I think it may appear more to moms that have seniors. So, when I do ponder on this phase of life, I take it to the Lord and pray that He will use me and my time to glorify Him.

We are quickly approaching Easter, that time of rebirth that comes each Spring not only in nature but also in our personal lives. It reminds us of the great gift and the great sacrifice made by our Savior so we might have everlasting life. Easter brings us hope, joy and all the glorious signs of Spring’s new growth everywhere and within us.

Hope to see you Easter Sunday!

Tiffney



CHILDREN/YOUTH Associational Bible Drill

Sunday, April 7
 1:30 pm | Baptist Center

WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Early Service.....	8:00 a.m.
Breakfast.....	8:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
NO Small Groups.....	5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Night Supper.....	5:00 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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Media Center.....	9:15 a.m.
Special Prayer Time.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....	9:45 a.m.
CMC Recognition Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Associational Bible Drills (Baptist Center).....	1:30 p.m.
Small Groups.....	5:00 p.m.

CHURCH STAFF

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

March 24, 2024

Budget.....	\$12,652.37
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$499.00
Children D-Now.....	\$10.00
Children Refund.....	\$1,141.65
Discipleship Training.....	\$10.00
Cole Foundation.....	\$250.00
Ruth's Promise.....	\$50.00
Operation Christmas Child.....	\$25.00
Deacons.....	\$150.00
Children Ministry.....	\$50.00
Annie Armstrong.....	\$1,100.00
Budget Offering Given to Date.....	\$647,615.86
Over Budget.....	\$16,524.26

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$21,036.40
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 03/24/24:	\$12,652.37

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

March 24, 2024

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	39	32
Children	25	18
Youth	32	17
Adults	294	138
Total	390	205

SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS

March 24, 2024

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	26	18
Children	40	30
Youth	41	20
Adults	133	94
Total	240	162