



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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R.O.D.E.O. Sunday School Emphasis



Round up those Sunday School Members!!

Pastor Paragraph

Thank you Deacons and Church Family for accepting the "Christmas Coat Challenge" to go over and above what we had given for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. As of Monday we had collected over \$36,000. This is \$10,000 over our goal. Praise the Lord! All of this offering will go to help our missionaries to share the Good News of Jesus with people around our world.

This past Sunday we held a retirement reception for three ladies who have served us faithfully as a church for numerous years. Pam Phillips has served as our Educational Ministry Assistant for 21 years and 5 months. Teresa Hill has served as our Church Pianist for 19 years and 9 months. Gail Turner has served as our Christian Life Center Director for 5 years and 8 months. We have been blessed by the faithfulness and giftedness of each of these ladies. 1 Peter 4:10 says, "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." These ladies have used the gifts God has given them in serving our Lord and us. It has been a blessing and a joy to serve with these ladies. Thank you for a job well done.

This Sunday, January 6, we will have a prospective Student Minister and his family with us. He will meet with our youth on Saturday night at 6:30pm, our college students on Sunday morning at 9:45am and share his testimony during our morning worship service. Please be in prayer for him and his family as they come in view of us calling him as our Student Minister.

I am looking forward to all the Lord has in store for us in this New Year. See you Sunday.

Love,
Bro. Dan

HOSPITAL

Myra Thrash

Laird Swingbed 103

Sympathy

We extend our Christian sympathy to Forrest Fulton and family at the death of his sister, Shirley Fulton.



OPPORTUNITIES

EXTENDED SESSION

<u>January 6 (Babies)</u>	<u>January 6 (Toddlers)</u>
Cindy Brown	Caleb Jay
Sloan Cheatham	Morgan Jay

<u>January 13 (Babies)</u>	<u>January 13 (Toddlers)</u>
Willie Jackson	Josh Lewis
Susan Jackson	Lindsay Lewis

JANUARY TEAM MEMBER:

Pam Thrash

LIBRARY

<u>January 6</u>	<u>January 13</u>
Shirley Breazeale	Eunice Jones

DEACON OF THE WEEK

<u>January 6</u>	<u>January 13</u>
Bill Gilley	Robert Warner
Charley Phillips	Scott Bounds

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Scott Bounds	Bill Griffis
Craig Brown	Don Kilgore
Randy Cheatham	James Mooney
Alex Dees, III	Greg Nowell
David Durant	

SANCTUARY GREETER FOR JANUARY

Brian Jay

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS FOR JANUARY

Kenneth & Pat Posey

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in memory of Alaina Puckett for her 24th birthday which was on December 28. They are given by her parents, Joe and Amanda Puckett.

NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offering envelopes for 2019 are available outside the church office. They are in alphabetical order. If you do not find your envelopes, please contact the church office.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Fiction

Tangled Webs Series
Men of Valor #3 by Irene Hannon

MENU FOR JANUARY 9

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Green Beans/Green Salad
Texas Toast/Dessert



Serve: Pat Mioton, Mary Wilson

Cleanup: Gerald Winstead, Dee Dee Bailey,
Suzanne Gheyri, Geraldine Watson

Money Table: Willie & Susan Jackson

Notes from the Child Ministry Center

This time last year we were moving into our new building and anxiously awaiting the moment we open the doors for everyone to see. Our new building has been such a blessing and has provided us with so much more than I ever dreamed. During our first year of being open our average enrollment is 116. Let me repeat that **116**.

116 kids and their families we have had the privilege to minister to, love on, play with and teach throughout the week during the year of 2018. Some of the families have visited our church and even joined the church. God is using our Child Ministry Program in big ways and he is not done yet.

After we got moved into the building, we started working on the playground. We were able to make both playground areas bigger. We leveled out the playgrounds so the mulch would not wash away and put up a beautiful fence, walkway, and landscape around the playground area. All of this was an extra bonus to my excitement of the building.

For so long, my focus and goal was getting the new building and being able to provide high quality child care to the community. We achieved the goal of the new building and high quality child care. So what happens now? Do we stop? Do we just sit back and relax? I feel that when one goal is achieved you set another goal to accomplish. I think that is what keeps us on our toes and working to be the best we can be. I am not sure what our next goal is yet. But I will tell you I am praying about it and what God wants it to be, because I know with Him all things are possible.

I look forward to what God has planned for us in 2019.

With the Love of Christ,
Jennifer Prince

Reception at Neshoba Baptist Center

There will be a reception for Rev. Ben McDaniel and Rev. David Addy on Sunday, January 6, from 2 – 4 pm at the Neshoba Baptist Center. We want to thank Rev. McDaniel for faithfully serving as interim Director of Missions. We are blessed to have Rev. Addy coming to serve as our new Director of Missions. We want to welcome him and his family to Neshoba County.

Prospective Student Minister

This Sunday, January 6, we will have a prospective Student Minister and his family with us. He will meet with our youth on Saturday night at 6:30 pm, our college students on Sunday morning at 9:45 am and share his testimony during our morning worship service.



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Church Goal: \$26,000

Given to Date: \$36,236.96

WE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL!!

NESHOBA BAPTIST FOOD PANTRY

First Baptist is responsible for collecting food for the Neshoba Baptist Food Pantry from now until the end of January. There is a box outside the church office for donations of non-perishable food items. Thank you for helping with this important ministry.

Retired Men's Coffee

Meets on Tuesdays at 9 am
CLC Game Room

We will start up again on Tuesday,
January 8. All retired men are
invited to join us.



Pam's Thoughts

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express the way I feel at this time in my life. But I will do my best. I know for a fact that the Lord brought us to First Baptist Church. I also know that He put me in this Ministry Assistant position as a way for me to grow in Him while I tried my best to minister to you as my church family. I do not think of my work here as a job, but as a ministry. I have been able to share with other people using experiences from my life. It has been a joy and a privilege to serve the Lord and my church family for the past 21 years and 5 months. Charley and I will be involved here at FBC just as we have been.

Our church staff is the most wonderful group of people. It is amazing to work with Christian people. We have a bond that will always be special to me.

I want to sincerely thank all of you for the wonderful reception. The gifts, notes and words of appreciation were all so thoughtful.

In Christ's Love,
Pam

WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Media Center.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (R.O.D.E.O. Emphasis Begins).....	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Reception at Neshoba Baptist Center.....	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
NO Children’s Bible Drill.....	4:00 p.m.
NO Youth Worship Arts.....	4:00 p.m.
NO Handbell Choir.....	5:00 p.m.
Adult Discipleship Training.....	5:00 p.m.
Preschool Discipleship Training.....	5:00 p.m.
TeamKID (Grades 1-6).....	5:00 p.m.
Youth Discipleship Training.....	5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship Service.....	6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

Men’s Bible Study.....	7:00 a.m.
G.R.O.W.....	6:00 p.m.
Upward Practices Resume this Week	

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

Retired Men’s Coffee.....	9:00 a.m.
B.A.L.L. Officers Meeting.....	10:00 a.m.
NO Good News Club.....	3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Wednesday Night Supper.....	5:00 p.m.
Media Center.....	5:10 p.m.
Preschool Choir.....	6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir.....	6:20 p.m.
Mission Friends.....	6:30 p.m.
G.A.’s and R.A.’s.....	6:30 p.m.
Youth.....	6:30 p.m.
Contemporary Worship.....	6:30 p.m.
Prayer & Bible Study.....	6:30 p.m.
Praise Team Practice.....	7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

Upward Games Start.....	5:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

Upward Games Start.....	8:30 a.m.
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

Brotherhood Breakfast.....	7:30 a.m.
Deacons Meeting.....	8:30 a.m.
Media Center.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Children’s Bible Drill.....	4:00 p.m.
Youth Worship Arts.....	4:00 p.m.
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CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Dan Howard.....	Pastor
William Smith.....	Minister of Music
Jackie Cheatham.....	Minister of Children
Laura Thrash.....	Financial Ministry Assistant
Pam Phillips.....	Education Ministry Assistant
Jennifer Prince.....	Child Ministry Center Director
Gail Turner.....	Christian Life Center Director
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Totals of December 23, 24, 30, 2018

Budget.....	\$51,452.03
Wee Care.....	\$13,816.00
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$0.00
World Hunger.....	\$450.00
Food Pantry.....	\$100.00
Music Designated.....	\$100.00
Health Care Insurance.....	\$450.07
Passion.....	\$250.00
Designated (CMC).....	\$490.00
Hospitality Refund.....	\$29.96
Gifts of Thanks.....	\$840.00
Lottie Moon Offering.....	\$32,421.96
CMC Direct Deposits.....	\$13,530.00
CMC Deposit.....	\$2,015.00
Lottie Moon Offering Given to Date.....	\$36,236.96
Budget Requirement to date.....	\$376,961.40
Budget Offerings to Date.....	\$311,307.74
Under Budget.....	\$65,653.66
Wee Care Given to Date.....	\$538,968.90

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$20,942.30
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 12/23/18:	\$21,375.00
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 12/30/18:	\$30,077.03

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

	<u>December 30, 2018</u>	
Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	37	16
Children	48	24
Youth	34	11
Adults	324	137
Total	443	188