

God Cares, We Care
About You



"Casting all your cares on Him,
because He cares about you."
1 Peter 5:7 CSB

THE OPEN DOOR

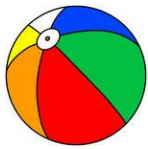
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"To the angel of the church of Philadelphia write...behold I have before thee a door having been open, which no one is able to close." Revelation 3:7-8

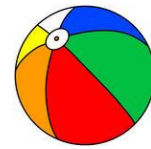
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B. E. A. C. H.



2018 Sunday School Promotion
Kick Off – “Beach Ball” Doughnuts & Juice
Sunday, January 7
9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
Bible **E**ducation **A**bout **C**hrist’s **H**ope

Dedication & Open House

for

Children’s Ministry Building

Sunday, January 7

2:00 - 3:30 pm



Happy New Year! We say this phrase often as we begin a new year. We really do not know whether it will be a happy year or a difficult year. A devotion I was reading on January 1 discussed needing faith as we move into the new year. We do not know what 2018 will be like, but we do know God. We know that He already knows what will happen in 2018. God knowing what will happen does not predetermine these things because we all have free will. We will be affected by things that happen in this year, but facing them with God's help and strength can make a big difference in how we get through this year. We also have the assurance that God will walk with us through this new year. The questions were asked in this devotion: "Will we trust in God or what we think? Will we trust God's Word or the world?" Faith is about trusting and believing God when we do not see or understand. We can trust Him in this new year.

Sunday, January 7, at 9:15am, in the Fellowship Hall, is the kickoff for our B.E.A.C.H. (Bible Education About Christ's Hope) Sunday School Emphasis. Bible Study is helpful as we begin a new year. In God's Word we find answers for life and directions for living life. May we make a special effort to be in Sunday School this Sunday.

We are beginning a new study in Discipleship Training Sunday, January 7, at 5pm, entitled, *Anxious For Nothing: Finding Calm In A Chaotic World*. This study is by Max Lucado. In this study Max discusses God's treatment plan for worry found in Philippians 4:4-9. Anxiety is a part of living in this world. Anxiety and worry do not need to control our lives. God's formula for defeating worry leads to His peace which surpasses all understanding. As we begin a new year may we seek to allow God's Word to direct us to learn how we can deal with anxiety.

We are nearing the completion of our Children's Ministry Building. Things will be complete this week. We appreciate W. G. Yates & Sons Construction Company working with us to construct our building. They have been a great resource and helpful in getting this building complete. We will have a Dedication Service and Open House on Sunday, January 7, 2:00-3:30pm. This will be a time to tour the building and to express thanks to the Lord for blessing us with this ministry building. Our Building and Renovation Team: Chairperson, Brenda Nowell, Don Culpepper, Linda Griffis and Stan Yates, has spent numerous hours working toward the completion of this vision which came out of our Strategic Planning Report adopted by FBC in 2008. Please express thanks to them for their commitment to seeing this project completed.

Join us Sunday as we begin a new year of worship and service to our Lord.

Love,
Bro. Dan

OPPORTUNITIES

EXTENDED SESSION

Month of January

Marsha Howard, Pam Phillips, Laura Thrash

Month of February

Carly & Tyler Rounsaville
Natalie & Matthew Scruggs

LIBRARY

January 7

Gloria Burkes

January 14

Eunice Jones

DEACON OF THE WEEK

January 7

Bill Gilley

Charley Phillips

January 14

Robert Warner

Ryan McKay

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Scott Bounds

Craig Brown

Randy Cheatham

Alex Dees, III

David Durant

Bill Griffis

Don Kilgore

James Mooney

Greg Nowell

SANCTUARY GREETERS FOR JANUARY

Brian Jay

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS FOR JANUARY

Kenneth & Pat Posey

Welcome New Member



By Baptism

Ava Byars

37 Tommy Drive

Philadelphia, MS

601-416-0708

NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES

New Offering Envelopes for 2018 are available outside the church office. They are in alphabetical order. If you do not find your envelopes, please contact Laura.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Church Goal: \$26,000

Received to Date: \$29,126

PRAISE THE LORD!!

Menu for January 10
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Green Beans
Green Salad
Texas Toast/Dessert



Serve: Pat Mioton, Dorothy Thomas
Clean Up: Beth Henson, Suzanne Gheyri,
Marsha Howard, Eunice Jones
Money Table: Jane Cole

***Anxious For Nothing:
Finding Calm
In A Chaotic World***



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In order to keep our linen closet in order, all tablecloths will be sorted by color hangers as to their size. When you check out the tablecloths, you must take them out on the color coded hangers and return them clean and hanging on the correct hangers. You cannot bring back tablecloths in a bag or anything other than on the hangers. In order to use the tablecloths, you must check them out in the church office. Thank you for helping us keep the linen closet sorted correctly.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Out with the Old, in with the NEW!! That is exactly what is happening with our Child Ministry Center. Not much longer and we will be housed in our new building, and we are so ready. I can't wait for everyone to see the new building. Our original opening date did not happen, but it is all in God's hands and I have had to remind myself that His plan is perfect. It has been a really long process but we can finally say we see the light at the end of the tunnel.

I want to invite everyone out to Open House Sunday, January 7, 2-3:30. Come and see what the Lord has blessed us with. Let us all celebrate as we open the doors of our new facility. I am so excited for the church to see what we have talked about for years. Once you go in you too will share in my excitement. Thank you for all of your prayers and words of encouragement throughout this process. I know you will continue to lift us up as we embark on a new year, in a new building, with many opportunities to serve our Lord!

With the Love of Christ,
Jennifer

Church Wide Mother & Son Dinner and a Movie

Saturday, January 20
6:00 p.m. at Ye Ole Drugstore Deli
Cost: \$20 per family
Pre-purchase tickets in the office by January 12.

CentriKid Blueprint – God's Design

Pulaski, MS
June 23-27
Total Cost: \$215
Deposit of \$60 is due by February 7

Neshoba Baptist Food Pantry

FBC is responsible for re-stocking the Food Pantry at the Baptist Center during the months of December, January, and February. Please bring canned goods or non-perishable food items and place in the box outside the church office.

WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Sunday School BEACH Promotion Kick Off.....	9:15 a.m.
Media Center.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Dedication & Open House for New Building.....	2:00 p.m.
NO Children's Bible Drill.....	4:00 p.m.
Youth Worship Arts.....	4:30 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 8

Men's Bible Study.....	7:00 a.m.
GROW.....	6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

B.A.L.L. Officers Meeting.....	10:00 a.m.
NO Good News Club.....	3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Wednesday Night Supper.....	5:00 p.m.
Media Center.....	5:10 p.m.
Kinder Korner (preschool only).....	5:30 p.m.
Children's Choir.....	5:30 p.m.
Preschool Choir.....	6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....	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 12

Upward Games Begin.....	5:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Upward Games.....	8:30 a.m.
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

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.
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CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Dan Howard.....	Pastor
William Smith.....	Minister of Music
Clay Pope.....	Minister of Students
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

December 31, 2017

Budget.....	\$36,010.21
Wee Care.....	\$18,154.33
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$.00
Designated CMC Playground.....	\$15,500.00
CMC Furnishings.....	\$150.00
Passion Conference.....	\$75.00
Designated CMC.....	\$15,000.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.....	\$400.00
CMC Direct Deposits.....	\$6,884.13
CMC Deposit.....	\$2,905.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Given to Date.....	\$29,126.00
Budget Requirement to date.....	\$335,506.78
Budget Offerings to date.....	\$304,820.11
Under Budget.....	\$30,686.67
Wee Care Given to Date.....	\$276,370.32

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$18,638.69
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 12/31/17:	\$36,010.21

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

December 31, 2017

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	20	10
Children	42	25
Youth	37	12
Adults	362	115
Total	461	162