

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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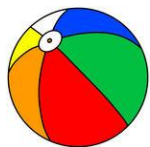
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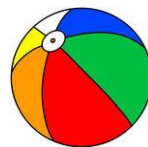
**2018 Season
of
Upward Basketball
and
Cheerleading**



**Begins this weekend!!
January 12 & January 13
Come and support our Upward Program!**



B. E. A. C. H.



2018 Sunday School Promotion
Bible **E**ducation **A**bout **C**hrist's **H**ope
Come to Sunday School &
BRING A FRIEND!!

Pastor's Paragraph

We had a great day Sunday as we began a New Year. It is always good to be able to begin a new year. The opportunities before us are something that we will discover as we move forward. We cannot move forward looking backwards. Paul, the Apostle, said, "Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14 NASB) Through God's forgiveness, grace and mercy we can put the past in the past and move forward. God knows what will take place in this new year. We can trust Him to lead us and guide us.

Paul, went on to say in Philippians 4:4-7, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (NASB) In our study, *Anxious For Nothing: Finding Calm In A Chaotic World*, Max Lucado stated that rejoicing in the Lord does not mean that we pretend we are happy all the time or that we live in a state of constant excitement. It means that we remember that the Lord is always with us, that He is in control and that He can bring good out of the bad. When God's word says, "Be anxious for nothing," (v.6) He is referring to living in an ongoing, perpetual state of anxiety. We all experience periods of anxiety over situations in our lives. The cure for these periods of anxiety, is to rejoice in the Lord.

The dedication of our Children's Ministry Building to the Lord was a glorious experience on Sunday. I appreciate our CMC Building and Renovation Team leading us in the fulfillment of the vision that God gave to us as a church in 2008. I am very thankful for our FBC family taking a step of faith in this ministry opportunity. We have seen the Lord leading in the completion of this ministry project. God's timing is always right. We are very thankful for W.G. Yates Construction Company working with us to complete this ministry project. God is already using this ministry building to draw people to Himself.

I am looking forward to Sunday as we worship together.

Love,
Bro. Dan

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.

OPPORTUNITIES

EXTENDED SESSION

Month of January

Marsha Howard, Pam Phillips, Laura Thrash

Month of February

Carly & Tyler Rounsaville
Natalie & Matthew Scruggs

LIBRARY

January 14

Eunice Jones

January 21

Beth Henson

DEACON OF THE WEEK

January 14

Robert Warner
Ryan McKay

January 21

Alain Kabore'
Randy Hanna

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this week are given in honor of Reese McKay for her birthday. They are given by Charlie and Cindy Brown.

Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements for 2017 are now available. They may be picked up in the church office.

Hospital

Aubrey Conn

Neshoba

Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy to George Saxon and Ethel Lundy at the death of their sister, Martha Smith.

We express our Christian sympathy to Sue Saxon and family at the death of her sister, Lillian McWilliams.

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Norman A. (Buddy) Johnson, III, the son of the late Mary Grace and Norman Johnson, Jr.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, calls, texts, and visits while I recover from my surgery. Thanks for the meals for my family.

Love,
Teresa Hight

Menu for January 17

- Pork Chops
- Creamed Potatoes
- Butter Peas
- Roll/Dessert



Serve: Brenda Barnett, Christy Bounds
Clean Up: Herman Alford, Suzanne Gheyri,
 Tiffney Loper, Ellene Turcotte
Money Table: Shirley Breazeale

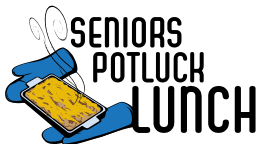
**Anxious For Nothing:
 Finding Calm
 In A Chaotic World**



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.



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.



B.A.L.L. Luncheon

The January B.A.L.L. Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, January 16, at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring covered dishes and join us for a time of fellowship.

Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, January 14
 7:30 a.m.
 Christian Life Center



"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Feelings come and feelings go (Martin Luther). That's the way it is with our emotions. Sometimes we have good reason for feeling the way we do, but not always. That is why I am learning to stand on the promises of God, not on how I feel in the present.

As we face a new year, I am reminded that God tells us through the author of 2 Corinthians that we are always new in Christ. Now, I do not always feel new. Sometimes I feel truly worn down and burdened by the things of this world. Yet, God says "all things are new." It is when my feelings do not match God's reality that I must step out on faith and trust Him fully. Our walk with Him does not have to be tired and worn. It can be fresh and alive in Christ. When we put our trust in Him, a whole new life begins for us. We are made new by His Spirit and work in our lives.

Like me, you may be thinking, "no matter how hard I try, I still do not feel new." Please know that this newness does not happen by self-effort or personal determination, it is by a new birth (John 3:3). Once we put our trust in Christ, we are made a "new creation" that spiritually never wears out or grows old. The Psalmist said it like this "He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God" (Psalm 40:3).

It is during those times that we do not feel the promises of God that we need to trust the promises of God the most. By faith we can keep doing the things we know God called us to and even start new ministries for His glory. There are so many ways to get involved in service at FBC. Please don't miss the blessing! May 2018 be the impetus to renewed commitments to our church family and God's work in Philadelphia MS.

Shouting for JOY!
William W. Smith
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**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

WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

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.
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 15

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

B.A.L.L. Luncheon	12:00 Noon
Good News Club	3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

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 19

Upward Games	5:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Upward Games	8:30 a.m.
Mother/Son Dinner & A Movie	6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Child Ministry Team Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Children's Team Meeting	9:15 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	4:30 p.m.
Adult Discipleship Training	5:00 p.m.
Preschool Discipleship Training	5:00 p.m.
TeamKID (Grades 1-6)	5:00 p.m.
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Evening Worship Service	6:00 p.m.

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

January 7, 2018

Budget	\$29,703.19
Wee Care	\$2,665.00
Wednesday Night Supper	\$40.00
CMC Furnishings	\$200.00
Discipleship Training Refund	\$15.00
Sunday School Refund	\$133.58
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	\$115.00
Annie Armstrong Offering	\$15.00
State Missions	\$15.00
CMC Direct Deposits	\$3,755.00
CMC Deposit	\$2,831.00
Budget Requirement to date	\$354,145.47
Budget Offerings to date	\$334,523.30
Under Budget	\$19,622.17
Wee Care Given to Date	\$279,035.32

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$18,638.69
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 01/07/18:	\$29,703.19

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

	<u>January 7, 2018</u>	
Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	20	17
Children	42	21
Youth	37	16
Adults	362	127
Total	461	181