

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

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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Focus on WMU
Sunday, February 11

William Carey University Chorale

Sunday, February 11

6:00 pm

First Baptist Church Sanctuary



LUAU

B.E.A.C.H. Sunday School

CELEBRATION

February 18

ALOHA!!

In lieu of the Luau, Sunday night services will be
held in the CLC beginning at 5:00 pm.
Our winner for the SS Promotion will be announced.

Pastor Paragraph

We praise the Lord for the 201 who joined us for Bible Study this past Sunday. If you do not have a Sunday School Class, please come and join us as we study God's Word together. As we study God's Word, we find promises that help us to live life, guidance for each day, and answers for life's challenging moments. Small group Bible studies provide us an opportunity to discuss questions we have about the Bible and opportunities for God to speak to us. We are planning our Sunday School Banquet for February 18 at 5pm in the CLC. We will have a meal, a time of worship and a time of recognition of Sunday School Classes and Teachers. During our B.E.A.C.H. SS Emphasis, please continue to invite people to be in Bible Study. A Sunday School growth principle is that attendance is related to the number of contacts made. As the number of contacts increase, the attendance will increase. Allow God to make a difference in your family by being in Sunday School this Sunday.

Sunday, February 11, is Focus on WMU Day at FBC. The Woman's Missionary Union has provided leadership and training in missions education for our churches over the years. The WMU is an auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention and was founded in 1888. The purpose of the WMU is to equip adults, youth, children and preschoolers with missions education to become radically involved in the mission of God. The WMU organization has always had a special place in my heart and ministry. My mother was very involved in WMU work in my home church. When I first began in the ministry, it was the president of the WMU at my first church that helped me to see the importance of missions and ministry. Mrs. Jessie Stewart nurtured me and lovingly shared with me valuable lessons that birthed a love for missions and taught me about sharing God's love with others. God has blessed me with pastoring churches that have had strong WMU leaders and mission minded people. Thank you WMU ladies for leading us in missions education.

Sunday, February 11, during our evening worship service we will have an opportunity to hear from the William Carey University Chorale. This is my alma mater. They will be leading us in worship on Sunday night. You will want to be here to hear them and to experience this time of worship. I am looking forward to our time of Bible study and worship on Sunday.

Love,
Bro. Dan

SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian sympathy to Wilmer Goforth and family at the death of his brother, Willis Goforth.

OPPORTUNITIES

EXTENDED SESSION

Month of February

Carly & Tyler Rounsaville
Natalie & Matthew Scruggs

Month of March

Brice & Ashley Richardson

LIBRARY

February 11

Joan Hight

February 18

Pat Posey

DEACON OF THE WEEK

February 11

Ryan Jenkins

David Durant

February 18

Bill Griffis

Joey Kilgore

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this week are given in honor of the 65th Wedding Anniversary of Rev. Duaine and Lou Morgan. They are given by their family.

Neshoba Baptist Food Pantry

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

VALENTINE FUNDRAISER



The CPC 8th Annual Valentine Fundraiser will be held on Thursday, February 8, from 5 – 9 pm. Several local restaurants will be participating in this event. All tips received will go to the Center for Pregnancy Choices. Please go out for a wonderful meal and support our local CPC. Bro. Dan will be serving at City Limits.



Wild Game Supper
Thursday, March 1
6:30 pm

Menu for February 14

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



Serve: Pat Mioton, Dorothy Thomas

Clean Up: Harry Bates, Suzanne Gheyri,
Linda Murray, Ellene Turcotte

Money Table: Nancy Williams



The newest song that we are singing at FBC is "Great Are You Lord", which was introduced to the Christian community during the 2013 passion conference. When I first started singing this new song by the Christian group *All Sons & Daughters*, I thought to myself, "great, another praise song that says the same thing a lot of other praise songs say." However, after singing it for several weeks and really thinking about the seemingly simple text, I began to realize a deeper meaning.

Jason Ingram, a Nashville song writer, came up with the phrase, "It's Your breath in our lungs so we pour out our praise" that "All Sons & Daughters" loved. They quickly composed the song around this idea and put it on their newest LP. They had no idea that in only a few months they would be leading an invitation following a Louie Giglio sermon with a similar message. Toward the end of the 2013 Passion conference, Louie preached from the Ezekiel passage about the dry bones. Louie did not know what song was selected for the invitation and had not heard the newest "All Sons & Daughters" LP. Yet, he ended his message with, "Worship is when we give God His breath back." This became a very special moment of worship as thousands of students quickly picked up the melody and sang out as unto the Lord. Many hearts were touched and lives changed.

This song begins with the lyrics, "You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness." A Bible verse about that concept is [2 Corinthians 4:6](#) (NKJV): "For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." Everything we have, life, breath, food, clothing, health, everything comes from God. We want to remember this as we worship together always. True worship is more than just singing a few songs we like or remember from our youth. True worship is our response to a Holy Living God who alone is worthy of our worship. May this new expression add to the many tools the Holy Spirit has already provided to help bring new life to old bones. For "It's His breath in our lungs / So we pour out our praise to Him only."

Shouting for Joy!

William W. Smith



Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements
for 2017 are available
in the church office.

CentriKid

Blueprint – God's Design

June 23-27

Total Cost: \$215

Deposit of \$60 is due by February 7

Children's Bowling & Skating Event

Saturday, February 10

3 – 5 pm

We will meet at Depot Bowling.

The cost is \$10 per person.

Children K – 6th Grade are invited.

Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, February 11

7:30 a.m.

Christian Life Center

All men and boys are invited.



WMU Valentine's Party

Neshoba Nursing Home

Tuesday, February 13

2:00 p.m.



RETIRED MEN'S COFFEE

WHEN: Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. (Starting February 6)

WHERE: Christian Life Center (CLC)

Come join us for coffee, prayer, devotion and fellowship. We will meet one day a week to enjoy time together and get to know each other. The Bible is clear that we are all connected to each other through Jesus Christ. We all have gifts and talents that can be shared in our church community. Let there be light, joy and peace.

WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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 (Focus on WMU).....	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.
William Carey University Chorale	6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Retired Men's Coffee.....	9:00 a.m.
B.A.L.L. Officers	10:00 a.m.
WMU Valentine's Party at Nursing Home	2:00 p.m.
Good News Club.....	3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Wednesday Night Supper	5:00 p.m.
Media Center.....	5:10 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, FEBRUARY 16

Upward Games	5:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Upward Games	8:30 a.m.
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Child Ministry Center Team Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Media Center.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Student Ministries Team Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Children's Bible Drill	4:00 p.m.
NO Youth Worship Arts	4:00 p.m.
NO Adult Discipleship Training	5:00 p.m.
NO Preschool Discipleship Training	5:00 p.m.
NO TeamKID (Grades 1-6)	5:00 p.m.
NO Youth Discipleship Training	5:00 p.m.
LUAU Beach Celebration for SS Promotion	5:00 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

February 4, 2018

Budget	\$21,842.04
Wee Care.....	\$4,670.00
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$398.50
Sunday School Refund	\$12.00
Youth XFuge.....	\$150.00
D-Now (Youth)	\$15.00
Honors Choir	\$40.00
CentriKid - Children	\$100.00
Food Pantry	\$90.00
Outreach Refund	\$5.00
Designated.....	\$6,500.00
Designated.....	\$10,000.00
Wee Care Furnishings	\$500.00
Lottie Moon Offering	\$15.00
Annie Armstrong Offering	\$15.00
State Missions Offering.....	\$15.00
CMC Direct Deposits	\$7,540.00
CMC Deposit	\$4,345.00
Budget Requirement to date	\$428,700.23
Budget Offerings to date	\$413,308.49
Under Budget	\$15,391.74
Wee Care Given to Date.....	\$291,672.65

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$18,638.69
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 02/04/18:	\$21,842.04

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

February 4, 2018

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	20	19
Children	42	24
Youth	37	19
Adults	362	139
Total	461	201