



# 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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## Donuts for Our City



March 11-12

Meet in the CLC at 8 am

Volunteers Needed!!

If you would like to help, there's a  
sign up sheet outside the church office.



## Pastor Paragraph

This past "Strengthening Families Weekend" was very helpful in providing opportunities to learn how to better communicate in our families, how our different personalities affect our relationships, learning what conflict style we use, how technology affects our homes and learning 40 ways to make our marriages rock. Dr. Mumbower and Kathy provided valuable leadership to this time. We appreciate Brandon Dewease coming to lead our children on Saturday.

I always look forward to our Wild Game Supper. Thursday, March 7, at 6:30 we will gather together in our Christian Life Center for a time of outreach, good food, fellowship, and information. We are happy to have Russ Walsh, Wildlife Bureau Director for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, to speak to us on the Chronic Wasting Disease affecting our deer population. We have a number of businesses who have donated door prizes that we will be giving away. Our Brotherhood Men have given of their time to prepare for this event. Please make your plans to attend and invite someone to come with you.

I want to encourage you to come to our Church Wide Security Training on Sunday, March 10, beginning at 5:00 in the church Sanctuary. The Department of Homeland Security will be leading this training. In the event of a situation that could occur during our worship time we want to know how we should respond. We want everyone to feel safe and secure when they come to worship. We as members need to know how we should respond and what we should do in order to help people who may be visiting with us. Please make this a priority for your family this Sunday evening. Child care will be provided for preschoolers.

Love,  
Bro. Dan



*We express our Christian sympathy to  
Randy Cheatham and family at the death of  
his brother, Dwight Cheatham.*

*We express our Christian sympathy  
to Brenda G. Nowell at the death of  
her uncle, George Dewease.*

## Prayer Emphasis for March

Pray for Philadelphia and  
Neshoba County



## OPPORTUNITIES

### EXTENDED SESSION

March 10 (Babies)  
Don McKay  
Anna Spence

March 10 (Toddlers)  
Jason Yarbrough  
Marianne Yarbrough

March 17 (Babies)  
Nelda Mooney  
Brenda Nowell

March 17 (Toddlers)  
Clay Byars  
Jessica Byars

### MARCH TEAM MEMBER:

Abby Jenkins

### LIBRARY

March 10  
Kay Bates

March 17  
Gloria Burkes

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

March 10  
Scott Bounds  
David Byars

March 17  
Caleb Jay  
Troy Hight

### USHERS FOR MARCH

Jeff Carter  
Willie Jackson  
Brian Jay  
J. J. Johnson

Billy Sharp  
Bob Turcotte  
Joe Wood

### SANCTUARY GREETER FOR MARCH

Scott Huber

### WELCOME CENTER GREETERS FOR MARCH

Willie and Susan Jackson

## *Sanctuary Flowers*

We have a few Sundays available for flowers for the upcoming months. To reserve a Sunday, please call the church office.

### THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the cards you sent and kind words you expressed at the passing of my sister, Syble McNair. Your prayers, support and love during this time meant so much to me.

With Love,  
Neda Byars

## *Widows & Widowers Banquet*

*Thursday, March 28*

*6 pm*

*Christian Life Center*

## **NO BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST**

In March

Due to Wild Game Supper

## Church Wide Security Training

Sunday, March 10

5-7 pm

Sanctuary

All ages are invited. Childcare will be provided.

Please make every effort to attend this important security training.

Sponsored by Mississippi Office of Homeland Security



*“Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress, Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes”, Hosea 3:1.*

## NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER FOR MARCH 13



## Week of Prayer for North American Missions

March 3 – 10

### Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Church goal: \$7,500.00

## Mississippi State BSU Mission Trip

The Finance Team has approved that a fund be set up to receive donations to help defray the cost of the Mission Trip for Calvin Prince. The BSU Mission Team will return to England this Spring. Anyone wishing to make a contribution may do so in the church office.

## WILD GAME SUPPER

Thursday, March 7

6:30 pm

Christian Life Center



Speaker: Russ Walsh  
Wildlife Bureau Director

Mississippi Dept. of Wildlife/Fisheries/Parks

A buffet of delicious wild game foods will be provided.

Please bring side dishes and desserts.

Door prizes donated by local businesses!!!

Personally, I would never use the word reckless to describe our heavenly Father or anything about Him. When I read the scriptures, I get the idea that God is the opposite of reckless. He plans everything out. He acts deliberately not impulsively. His nature is more like a rock or a mountain. It doesn't change with the wind. According to the Scripture, God is not like us. He doesn't change His mind the way we do and He does not get upset over changing circumstances. This is why the love that Hosea writes about and that Jesus taught about concerning the 99 and 1 (Matthew 18:12-14), may cause us some problems.

What man would keep forgiving and wooing an adulterous wife. Maybe he would once, or twice. Maybe if his wife pretended to love him, and continued to live with him, he might overlook some things. But what man would keep chasing after a spouse who obviously prefers adultery and fornication over the secure safe love relationship of a marriage. What good shepherd would leave 99 loyal loving sheep to rescue the one sheep that rebels and runs away? Yet, according to the scripture, that is what God does. No matter how many times we go astray, or what sins we choose over Him, He keeps pursuing us and drawing us back to Himself. He forgives us every time we ask. Even when we continue to rebel, He keeps loving us. Like in the parable of the 99 and 1, He leaves the 99 faithful to bring back the lost. Now, that may not be reckless in the truest sense of the word, but it seems reckless from our human perspective.

### **Shouting for Joy!**

*William W. Smith*

<http://www.fbephilly.com>



## The Road to Calvary

*A live Easter Drama depicting Jesus' birth, His life, His death, and His resurrection*

Sunday, March 31

6:00 PM

Featuring the "Road to Calvary" Choir,  
and the BSU Drama Ministry of  
East Central Community College

## Trip to Israel November 9-18, 2019



Cost: \$3,914.00 per person – Double Occupancy  
Register with a \$500 deposit no later  
than March 9, 2019 and save \$100.

## Retirement Reception

You are invited to attend a reception in honor of Linda Harrison on Sunday, March 10, 2-3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Linda is retiring after many years of service in our Child Ministry Center.

## WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring Forward)	
NO 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.
Retirement Reception for Linda Harrison.....	2:00 p.m.
Children's Bible Drill .....	4:00 p.m.
Youth Worship Arts/ Bible Drills .....	4:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir.....	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.
Church Wide Security Training .....	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

### MONDAY, MARCH 11

Men's Bible Study .....	7:00 a.m.
Donuts for Our City .....	8:00 a.m.
GROW .....	6:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Donuts for Our City .....	8:00 a.m.
Retired Men's Coffee.....	9:00 a.m.
NO Good News Club .....	3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

NO Wednesday Night Supper.....	5:00 p.m.
Media Center.....	5:10 p.m.
Preschool Choir.....	5:30 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 (N. American Mission Study).....	6:30 p.m.
Praise Team Practice.....	7:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY MARCH 14

Youth Game Day (Northside Park) .....	2-5 p.m.
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### SUNDAY, MARCH 17

CMC Team Meeting .....	8:30 a.m.
Children's Ministry Team Meeting (Parlor) .....	9:00 a.m.
Media Center.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Student Ministry Team Meeting .....	4:00 p.m.
Youth Worship Arts.....	4:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir.....	4:00 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.

## CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Dan Howard .....	Pastor
William Smith .....	Minister of Music
Rev. Evan Humphries .....	Minister of Students
Jackie Cheatham.....	Minister of Children
Laura Thrash .....	Financial Ministry Assistant
Tiffany Loper .....	Education Ministry Assistant
Jennifer Prince.....	Child Ministry Center Director
Brenda G. Nowell.....	Christian Life Center Director
Jennifer Prince.....	Upward Director
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## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

### MARCH 3, 2019

Budget .....	\$22,371.52
Wee Care.....	\$2,513.00
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$443.00
Coke Clearing .....	\$124.50
Disciple Training Books.....	\$30.00
Calvin Prince Fund.....	\$550.00
Israel Trip Deposit.....	\$1500.00
CMC Direct Deposits .....	10,365.00
CMC Deposit .....	\$2,154.00
Budget Requirement to Date .....	\$565,442.10
Budget Offerings to Date .....	\$482,899.71
Under Budget .....	\$82,542.39
Wee Care Given to Date.....	\$568,283.22

<b>WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:</b>	<b>\$22,371.52</b>
<b>BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 3/3/19</b>	<b>\$10,648.54</b>

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

	<u>March 3, 2019</u>	
Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	37	16
Children	48	14
Youth	34	13
Adults	324	118
<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>161</b>