



# 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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East Central Community College  
BSU Led Worship  
Sunday, March 24  
6 PM



## **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

## *Pastor Paragraph*

As Baptist we believe that once a person is saved that they are always saved. The eternal security of the believer is taught throughout the Bible. In John 10:27-28 Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice and I know them and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them and they will never perish and no one will snatch them out of My hand." (NASB) The grace and power of what God did for us through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus was sufficient to save us and to keep us saved. This fact does not provide us with the opportunity to do as we please and to sin knowing that God will forgive. Ephesians 2:8-10 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." (NASB) We cannot work our way into heaven, but we are expected to do good works, living for God, etc. as a result of us being saved.

We had a large group of people to do a good work in delivering donuts to our city on Monday. Thank you for giving of your time to serve our city with a random act of kindness. Jesus our Lord came to serve, not to be served. In Mark 10:45 Jesus said, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (NASB) We are acting like Jesus when we serve others. God promises us that he will not forget these acts of kindness. Hebrews 6:10 says, "For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints." (NASB) One person commented after we gave them a box of donuts, "I have never heard of someone doing this. You have made my day." Thank you FBC Family for always being willing to give to others in the name of Jesus.

We also used the box of donuts to invite people to *The Road To Calvary* worship service on March 31, at 6pm in our Sanctuary. During this Gospel choir and drama presentation, we are needing people who will commit to pray for the people who are sitting with them on their pew. We have 29 pews in which we do not have someone who has agreed to pray for the people on that pew during the service. If you would be willing to pray for people during this Gospel presentation, please come to the church office to see which pews are available.

Love,  
Bro. Dan

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### SYMPATHY

*We express our Christian sympathy to Bill Gilley and family at the death of his brother-in-law, Thomas Brown.*

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### THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the kindness you expressed to our family at the passing of my mother, Nell Cheatham. Your prayers support, and love during this time was very much appreciated.

With love,  
The Kevin Cheatham Family

## OPPORTUNITIES

### EXTENDED SESSION

#### March 17 (Babies)

Nelda Mooney  
Brenda S. Nowell

#### March 17 (Toddlers)

Clay Byars  
Jessica Byars

#### March 24 (Babies)

Rex Rounsaville  
Jo Ann Rounsaville

#### March 24 (Toddlers)

Mark Fleming  
Emily Fleming

### MARCH TEAM MEMBER:

Abby Jenkins

### LIBRARY

#### March 17

Gloria Burkes

#### March 24

Marsha Howard

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

#### March 17

Caleb Jay  
Troy Hight

#### March 24

Willie Jackson  
Scott Lewis

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## **Mother & Son Lunch'n Bowl**

Saturday, March 30

12 – 2 pm

\$5 per person

Meet at Depot Family Fun Center  
Preschool - 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited



There will be a sign up sheet hanging outside the church office. For more information see Mrs. Jackie.

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## *Widows & Widowers Banquet*

*Thursday, March 28*

*6 pm*

*Christian Life Center*

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## **Singing Churchmen Fall Mission Trip**

The finance team has approved a fund to receive donations for William Smith. Bro. William will participate in the Mississippi Singing Churchmen's fall mission trip to New England. Donations may be given through the church office.

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### Prayer Emphasis for March

Pray for Philadelphia and Neshoba County



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER



### MENU FOR MARCH 20

Chicken Tenders  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Butter Beans/Pear Salad  
Rolls/Dessert

**Serve:** Brenda Nowell, Ellene Turcotte

**Cleanup:** Suzann Gheyri, Beth Henson  
Janice Griffin, and Polly Gilley

**Money Table:** Gail Turner

### **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

Church goal: \$7,500.00  
Given to Date: \$1,800.00



### **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.

### **Mom's Morning Out**

Wednesday, March 20, 10:00 – 11:30 am

All moms are invited.

Come for a time of Bible Study.

Childcare will be provided.



### **Church Bible Drill**

Wednesday, March 20  
Children's Drill – 5 pm

Youth Drill – Following the Children's Drill  
Youth Assembly Room

### **BOOK SALE**

Sunday, March 24 & March 31

Outside the Church Library

Donations only!

Proceeds will go to Library Fund.



Trip to Israel  
November 9-18, 2019  
Meeting in Fellowship Hall  
Sunday, March 17  
3 pm

## *Tiff's Thoughts*

When I moved to Philadelphia, MS, thirteen years ago, I was nervous to become a part of the church my husband, Todd had grown up in. But this church family put their arms around me, and made me feel as if I had been here all my life. The love and support this church body has shown me over the years, is the main reason I felt such a strong urging from God to apply for this position. I am so humbled and honored to be writing this as the new education ministry assistant for our church family. I am humbled that God has opened this door to do His work through me just like He did through Mrs. Pam Phillips for many years. Many times in life we do not feel good enough for God's blessings, but I am extremely honored that God chose to bless me through opening this door. Please pray for my family and me as I make this transition. I would also like to thank you in advance for your patience with me, as I learn to do all the different tasks Mrs. Pam has done so well in her years of service. Words will never describe how grateful I am to serve in this church family.

With love,

*Tiffney Loper*

### **Trip to Israel November 9-18, 2019**



Cost: \$3,914.00 per person – Double Occupancy  
Register in church office with a \$500 deposit.

### **B.A.L.L Luncheon**

Tuesday, March 19

12 Noon

All Senior Adults are invited to come  
and bring a covered dish.



### **CLC REMINDER**

Church members, do you need to make exercise a part of your life? If so, the CLC has a very nice exercise room that is free to church members and their guests. No matter the weather, come walk in our temperature controlled gym. Hours are from 6 am to 12 noon each week day except Wednesday which is 6 am to 10 am.

## WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

### 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.
Israel Trip Meeting (Fellowship Hall) .....	3:00 p.m.
Student Ministry Team Meeting .....	4:00 p.m.
Youth Worship Arts.....	4:00 p.m.
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, MARCH 18

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Retired Men's Coffee.....	9:00 a.m.
BALL Luncheon.....	12:00 p.m.
Good News Club.....	3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Mom's Morning Out.....	10:00 a.m.
Children's Bible Drill .....	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Supper .....	5:00 p.m.
Media Center.....	5:10 p.m.
Youth Bible Drill .....	5:30 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 .....	6:30 p.m.
Praise Team Practice.....	7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Media Center.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Associational Bible Drill.....	1:30 p.m.
Youth Worship Arts.....	4:00 p.m.
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 (ECCC/BSU).....	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
Church Office.....	(601)656-1507
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Church Website.....	www.fbcphilly.com
Kindergarten/Child Care .....	(601)656-5015

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

### MARCH 10, 2019

Budget.....	\$20,267.00
Wee Care.....	\$103,405.07
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$606.00
Designated (CLC) .....	\$1,000.00
Calvin Prince Fund.....	\$125.00
Israel Trip Deposit.....	\$2,500.00
Utilities Refund .....	\$93.13
Office Refund.....	\$12.00
Annie Armstrong.....	\$970.00
CMC Direct Deposits .....	\$6,795.00
CMC Deposit .....	\$5,296.00
Budget Requirement to Date .....	\$586,384.40
Budget Offerings to Date .....	\$503,116.71
Under Budget .....	\$83,267.69
Wee Care Given to Date.....	\$671,688.29
Annie Armstrong Offering to Date .....	\$1,800.00

<b>WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:</b>	<b>\$20,942.30</b>
<b>BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 3/10/19</b>	<b>\$20,267.00</b>

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Departments	<u>March 10, 2019</u>	
	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	37	23
Children	48	20
Youth	34	16
Adults	324	147
<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>206</b>