

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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Children's Fundraiser Lunch

Sunday, April 15
Christian Life Center

Following the Morning Worship Service

Donations will be taken at the door. All money raised will help fund children's camp and other activities for our children.

Menu

Bar-B-Q Plates
Dessert



Pastor Paragraph

Our Easter celebration services were very meaningful to me. The 28-day devotion on the Lord's Supper was very helpful in preparing me for the Lord's Supper at the Cross. We had around 110 people who participated in the Lord's Supper at the Cross on Thursday evening. Even though we had to meet in the Sanctuary for the Lord's Supper service, I found the service very meaningful. The Chancel Choir Easter Musical, *Love Took His Breath Away*, was a wonderful reminder of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Both services on Sunday were well attended and very meaningful. Thank you Bro. William, Chancel Choir, soloists and instrumentalists for leading us in worship on Sunday. I appreciate our Brotherhood Men, Fellowship Team and Hospitality Team preparing breakfast for us Sunday. We had plenty of bacon and all other breakfast items. Everyone enjoyed this time of fellowship.

The resurrection of Jesus sets us apart as Christians among religions in our world. No other religion claims a living Savior who rose from the dead. The proof we have is overwhelming for our living Savior. May we continue to celebrate our love for Jesus every day. May we also remember He is alive every Sunday as we worship together. The resurrected Christ wants to make a difference in our lives each day.

We will begin a new study in Discipleship Training on Sunday, April 8, at 5pm. The study is entitled, *The Miracle Of Mercy*, by Rick Warren. Jesus said in Matthew 5:7, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." Our God is a merciful God. Join us as we seek to understand what it means to be merciful.

We have several ministry opportunities in the month of April during Ham Jam and Ella's Light. Sign up outside the church office if you would like to be a part of these ministries.

Love,
Bro. Dan

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Church Goal: \$7,500
Given to Date: \$4,540

OPPORTUNITIES

EXTENDED SESSION

Month of April

Kay & Katelyn Durant
Gary & Sue Keen

LIBRARY

April 8

Mazell Goforth

April 15

Shirley Breazeale

DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 8

David Durant
Bill Griffis

April 15

Joey Kilgore
Don McKay

Sanctuary Flowers

We have openings on the Flower Calendar. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, please call the church office to reserve a Sunday.



New Discipleship Training Study

We will begin a new DT study Sunday, April 8, at 5:00pm in the Adult 3 & 4 Sunday School Department room. The study is entitled *The Miracle of Mercy*. This is a six-session video series by Rick Warren. We will address topics such as: forgiving others unreservedly, helping those who are hurting, being patient with those who are difficult, showing kindness to our enemies and caring for those who are lost. All adults are invited to join us as we begin focusing on God's mercy.

Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy to Nan Watkins and family at the death of her father, Mickey Kuykendall.





April 11
 Chicken Spaghetti
 Green Beans
 Green Salad
 Texas Toast/Dessert



Serve: Pat Mioton, Dorothy Thomas
Cleanup: Gerald Winstead, Suzanne Gheyri,
 Eunice Jones
Money Table: Willie & Susan Jackson

The authors of the daily Bible study "Come to the Lord's Table" suggest that everyone who goes through the study get together at some point and have, what they call "A Love Feast". In a way, that is what we did at FBC throughout the Easter week starting with our Easter Musical, "Love Took His Breath Away". We feasted together on the Lord's love and mercy shown to us through the cross. We sang together, studied the scriptures together, partook of the Lord's Supper together, remembered the cross and Christ's resurrection together, and worshiped together all week.



There are sign up sheets outside the church office for **Ham Jam (April 13-14)** and for **Ella's Light (April 28)**. Please sign up if you would be willing to help with either or both of these events.

Thank you Chancel Choir, our Praise Teams, the Praise Band, Teresa Hill, Greg Jackson, Melanie Smith, our Easter Praise Band, our Audio Visual Team, and everyone who helped make Easter week meaningful at FBC. Because of your faithfulness and hard work, we were all encouraged and built up through the hope only Christ's love can bring. You truly shined this week. Thank you also FBC for your enthusiastic response in worship during our Easter program last Sunday evening and in all of the services throughout Easter Sunday. I was not only amazed at the good attendance, but touched by your participation in all of our Easter activities. It is obvious to me that "the Lord's Supper at the Cross" has become a good new tradition for us. It is also obvious to me that many people from outside of our church worshiped with us this week, I know in part because FBC members brought them. We had a truly wonderful week in the Lord!

Paint-A-Tile
Saturday, April 7
10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

There are time slots that can be reserved. Forms are available in the church office that include all the details needed. Completed forms are required before painting a tile. The tiles are available by donation. Contact Morgan Jay for more information – 601-575-2327.

Shouting for Joy!
William W. Smith
<http://www.fbcphilly.com>



Please join the celebration of

Estelle Fowler's

90th

Birthday

Saturday, April 14th, 2018
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
First Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
Myrtle Street Entrance
It's kind of a secret

Walk Away the Pounds

Come on ladies – let's walk away all those unwanted pounds!! We will begin these exercise classes on Tuesday, April 17, at 5:30 pm in the Christian Life Center. There will not be anything too hard – open to all ages!!



WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

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.
Associational Bible Drill.....	Leave at 1:00 p.m.
NO Children's Bible Drill.....	4:00 p.m.
Youth Worship Arts.....	4:00 p.m.
NO Youth Bible Drill.....	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, APRIL 9

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

Retired Men's Coffee.....	9:00 a.m.
B.A.L.L. Officers Meeting.....	10:00 a.m.
Good News Club.....	3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

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, APRIL 13

Ham Jam	Downtown Philly
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SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Ham Jam	Downtown Philly
Birthday Celebration for Estelle Fowler	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

CMC Team Meeting	8:30 p.m.
Media Center.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Children's Fundraiser Lunch (CLC)	12:00 noon
Student Ministry Team Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Children's Bible Drill	4:00 p.m.
Youth Worship Arts.....	4:00 p.m.
Youth Bible Drill	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.

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Dan Howard.....	Pastor
William Smith	Minister of Music
Jackie Cheatham.....	Minister of Children
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

April 1, 2018

Budget	\$14,650.00
Wee Care.....	\$2,067.00
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$384.00
Upward Concessions	\$37.00
Designated – Conference Room.....	\$5,000.00
Designated – Calvin Prince	\$155.00
Designated – Standing Firm.....	\$100.00
Annie Armstrong Offering	\$1,200.00
CMC Direct Deposits	\$8,260.00
Budget Requirement to date	\$577,539.75
Budget Offerings to date	\$527,845.04
Under Budget	\$49,694.71
Wee Care Given to Date.....	\$310,389.31
Annie Armstrong Offering Given to Date.....	\$4,540.00

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$18,638.69
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 04/01/18:	\$14,650.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

	<u>April 1, 2018</u>	
Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	37	18
Children	48	22
Youth	34	21
Adults	324	124
Total	443	185