

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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Ella's Light

Celebrate
Children



Saturday, April 28
10 am - 2 pm

FBC Myrtle St.
Parking Lot

Fun, Music,
Food & Fellowship

Pastor Paragraph

What a beautiful day of worship we had on Sunday. After all the rain on Saturday, we were blessed to have a day without precipitation to gather at the Lord's house. It is a joy to worship together with our church family. I was reminded in our Men's Bible Study on Monday morning that we all are called to be aware of the spiritual condition of the people around us. People we work with, meet in the stores or see as we go through our day are either going to Heaven or Hell. Max Lucado in his book, *Just Like Jesus*, caused us to consider what our world would be like without God. There would be no agape love, no forgiveness, no mercy, no grace, no hope, all the things we need to make it through each day. We are the ones who have been called by God to share the Good News of Jesus and the only Way to Heaven. May we be ready and willing to share Jesus when those opportunities come that God will bring us. A good question to begin a conversation with someone about the Lord is the question we learned in our FAITH training, "In your personal opinion, what do you understand it takes for a person to go to heaven?" Many times people will give a "works answer." Works answers would be such as: "I go to church. I am nice to others. I do not do bad things. etc." Salvation is not about working our way to heaven but about accepting Jesus as our Savior. He is the only Way.

We had an opportunity to share Jesus with people on Friday night of Ham Jam. We gave out around 500 bottles of water, bags with information about FBC, Gospel tracts and children's ministry information. Our helium filled balloons were in great demand on Friday night. Thanks to all who volunteered and helped on Friday night and those who volunteered to help Saturday. Ham Jam is an opportunity that is open to us to share the love of Jesus with our community and to be a witness for the Lord. I am grateful that we as a church are willing to minister in our community in this unique way.

Ella's Light is another opportunity we will have to share the love of Jesus with our community. We will conduct this Children's Ministry Event on Saturday, April 28, from 10am to 2pm in the south parking lot of the church. We will need a host of volunteers to greet people and help with all the things associated with this outreach opportunity. Please sign the volunteer list outside the office or see Mrs. Jackie if you could help us.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you on Sunday as we worship together.

Love,
Bro. Dan

MOVIE NIGHT



Sunday, April 29
5 – 7 pm
Christian Life Center
Refreshments will be served.

OPPORTUNITIES

EXTENDED SESSION

Month of April

Kay & Katelyn Durant

Gary & Sue Keen

LIBRARY

April 22

Joan Hight

April 29

Pat Posey

DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 22

Bill Gilley

Charley Phillips

April 29

Robert Warner

Ryan McKay

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this week are given in memory of Rena Harmon for her birthday. They are given by her children, Gloria Burkes, John Lovorn, and Jerry VanInderstine.

New Discipleship Training Study

We began a new DT study on 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 focus on God's mercy.

Thank You

Thank you church family for the wonderful support of our children's fundraiser lunch. It was a huge success. A special "thank you" to all the volunteers and parents for helping prepare the meal and desserts.

Love,
Mrs. Jackie



April 25

Chicken Tenders
Macaroni & Cheese
Butter Beans
Rolls/Dessert

Serve: Louise Sharp, Polly Gilley
Cleanup: Herman Alford, Suzanne Gheyri,
Sandi Lewis, Eunice Jones
Money Table: Nancy Williams

Paint-A-Tile



We will continue the "Paint-A-Tile" project. There may be another paint day planned in the near future. You may request that your tile/tiles be painted for you. Completed forms are required and are available in the church office. The tiles are available by donation. Contact Morgan Jay at 575-1213 or Dee Dee Bailey at 575-2327 for more information.

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!!



Spaghetti Dinner

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER LUNCH
SUNDAY, MAY 6
FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
IN THE C.L.C.
DONATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE DOOR.**

Growing Up Cole

In a short time, we will be celebrating Mother’s Day. Growing up in our family, Mother’s Day was a very special event. Daddy would get us up early and we would prepare a delicious breakfast served in bed to our mother.

Before arriving at church, we would stop by our Grandmother Cole’s house and cut a red rose from her rose bushes for each one of us four kids to wear along with daddy. Mother had her own corsage as was the tradition.

Now back in the day, First Baptist Church would recognize the oldest mother and the mother with the most children present. Now my grandmother Cole, would delight in the number of children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren she would have with her on Mother’s Day. Our Pastor would ask for families to stand and would weed them down to the largest family. We won by a landslide. My grandmother proudly walked down to the front and received her corsage to go along with the one she was already wearing. She beamed with joy. Little did she know that that joy would soon be short lived.

Up next, the oldest mother would be recognized. In the past, the same sweet lady had received this honor but she was now in the nursing home and the field was wide open. The Pastor started out at 100 years old...no one...95 years old...no one...90 years old...no one. So, he started with 89 and counted down. Now we all knew that our grandmother was 89 but she didn’t say a word. He went on down to 87 and Mrs. Annie Russell stood up. No sooner had she stood than she announced that she might be 87 but Maude Cole was older than her. Oh, no...did she just tell the whole church that my grandmother was older? Our Pastor asked my grandmother if she was older than 87 and since she had been called out by Mrs. Annie, she had no choice but to answer yes. You see, a woman’s age can be a touchy situation. She reluctantly went down front to collect her corsage.

My grandmother went on to live to be 100 years old but that was her last Mother’s Day to spend in church. Even if she didn’t like it, I’m glad she was the oldest mother there that day. Thank you, God, for blessing us with godly women in our lives.

See you in church,

Laura

**Children and Youth State Bible Drill
will be held Thursday, April 26 in
Starkville.**

We will leave from the church at 11:30

WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

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.....	4:00 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.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

Men's Bible Study	7:00 a.m.
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TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Retired Men's Coffee.....	9:00 a.m.
Good News Club.....	3:00 – 4:15 p.m.
Walk Away the Pounds.....	5:30 p.m.
GROW	6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Children & Youth – State Bible Drill in Starkville.....	11:30 a.m.
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SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Ella's Light	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Church Council Meeting.....	8:45 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.
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.
FBC Movie Night (CLC).....	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Dan Howard.....	Pastor
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Jennifer Prince.....	Child Ministry Center Director
Gail Turner	Christian Life Center Director
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

April 15, 2018

Budget	\$12,084.68
Wee Care.....	\$4960.33
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$447.00
Utilities Refund	300.00
Children's Fund Raiser	\$2,374.00
Coke Clearing	\$78.00
Designated – Calvin Prince	\$75.00
Refund Insurance	\$300.00
Father/Daughter Banquet	\$170.00
Wee Care – Tiles.....	\$531.00
CMC Furnishings.....	\$200.00
CMC Direct Deposits	\$5,255.00
CMC Deposit	\$3,195.50
Budget Requirement to date	\$614,817.13
Budget Offerings to date	\$565,581.42
Under Budget	\$49,235.71
Wee Care Given to Date.....	\$321,367.64
Annie Armstrong Offering Given to Date.....	\$4,555.00

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$18,638.69
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 04/15/18:	\$12,084.68

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

April 15, 2018

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	37	18
Children	48	29
Youth	34	13
Adults	324	127
Total	443	187