

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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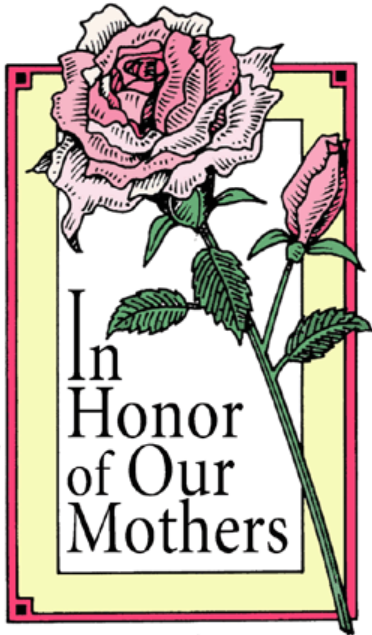
*"To the angel of the church of Philadelphia write...behold I have before thee a door having been open, which no one is able to close." Revelation 3:7-8*

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*Sunday, May 13*



*Happy Mother's Day*

*We will honor our Mothers during  
the Morning Worship Service.*

Parent/Child Dedication  
Sunday, May 13  
Morning Worship Service



Parent/Child Dedication

## Pastor Paragraph

I enjoyed Rev. Joe McKeever being with us for Senior Adult Day. Thank you Brotherhood men for preparing breakfast for our Senior Adults. I am very thankful for our Senior Adults. We are blessed with many of our Senior Adults who are still serving the Lord and FBC. It is interesting to me how becoming a part of this group has happened in such a gradual way. I remember when I turned 50 and started getting invitations to join AARP. I resisted and said that this did not apply to me. I have since become willing to enjoy the Senior Adult discounts which are offered. It seems that when you start accepting those Senior Adult discounts you have officially joined this group. I remember the first Senior Adult discount I received. It was when my hair started turning gray. I was in the drive-thru line at a local fast food place. I ordered and when I pulled around to pick up my food the lady at the window looked at me and said, "I will give you your Senior Adult discount." I thanked her and accepted that discount. As I pulled away I realized that I had arrived. I am just thankful that I can be a part of such a prestigious group. It does not matter what age grouping of which we are a part, our lives are to count for God.

God never stops using us in His service. I remember my grandmother when she turned 90 saying that she did not understand why the Lord left her here on the earth. She was having trouble getting around and felt like she could not do what she had always done. I told her that I knew one reason the Lord was leaving her here was so that she could pray for me. She prayed for me daily. That is one of the greatest things we can do for one another, and all of us can pray.

Bro. Joe McKeever said on Sunday that we should wake up every day and choose to make Jesus Lord of our lives and choose to live holy lives doing the right things. Another interesting thing he encouraged us to do was to take our Bibles and on the inside cover to write our salvation testimony. This will be something which our families will appreciate in years to come. May we accept Bro. Joe's challenge from Sunday's sermon to "Finish Strong."

Love,  
Bro. Dan



### HOSPITAL

Harold Lewis

Neshoba General

### SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian sympathy to Walt and Julie Rudolph and family at the death of his father, Hal Rudolph.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### EXTENDED SESSION

May 13

Brenda Barnett, Julie Rudolph, Linda Griffis

### LIBRARY

May 13

Kay Bates

May 20

Melva Gray

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

May 13

Bob Henson

Jim Johnson

May 20

Troy Hight

Willie Jackson

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## *Sanctuary Flowers*

*The flowers in the sanctuary this week are given by Harold and Dot Lewis in loving memory of their mothers, Mrs. Sallie Lewis and Mrs. Helen Tate.*

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## **Church Council/Deacon Planning Day**

Saturday, May 12

9 – 11 am

Fellowship Hall

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

### **By Baptism:**

Kamryn Kabore'  
913 Range Ave.  
Philadelphia, MS  
601-416-8860

### **By Letter:**

Wanda Majure  
518 Welch St.  
Philadelphia, MS  
601-562-1177

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TOM AND BECKY HENRY ASK YOU TO JOIN THEM FOR A

## *meet & greet*

HONORING THEIR SON

**TOMMY HENRY  
AND HIS BRIDE-TO-BE  
JESSIE KNOWLES**

2:00-4:00 PM  
SUNDAY MAY 20

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
PHILADELPHIA, MS



**May 16 (Last One)**

Catfish  
French Fries/Hushpuppies  
Turnip Greens/Cole Slaw  
Dessert

**Serve:** Tammy Huber, Linda Murray  
**Cleanup:** Scott Huber, Suzanne Gheyri,  
Gail Cochran, Eunice Jones  
**Money Table:** Madeline Vuncannon



We had a great day Sunday with our Senior Adults. Thank you, Joey Kilgore and our Brotherhood for preparing breakfast in their honor Sunday morning. What a wonderful way to start the day. We also enjoyed Dr. Joe McKeever, especially his remarks during our prayer breakfast. He emphasized the importance of developing a love for Scripture and spending time reading it. Probably the single most important thing that we can do to grow in the Lord and also help our children and grandchildren grow, is to read the Word for ourselves. Sadly, according to multiple surveys, few people living in our day actually read the Bible for themselves. Dr. McKeever reminded us that it is never too late to start. Thank you Jim Johnson, our BALL president, and all of our BALL officers for helping us plan the day. Many hearts were encouraged because of your faithfulness.

I am thankful to have had some very good examples in my life. My grandmother and my father both developed a habit of spending time with the Lord on a regular basis long before I was born. Reading the Word was so important to my grandmother, that when she was dying with cancer and could no longer read for herself, she had her grandchildren take turns reading the Word to her out loud. I know she is not alone in this kind of devotion. Many of our seniors at FBC are just as faithful. Because of your good example and also the good example of some who have gone before you, we do not have any excuses (Hebrews 12:1).

Our next Senior adult emphasis is coming soon, May 17, when we visit historical Carrollton, MS. We will leave FBC at 8:00a, tour the town and eat lunch before heading back home to Philadelphia. Then coming up in November is our Fall Ball Sponsored trip. This year we plan to go back to New Orleans November 14-16. We plan to stay at the Four Points Sheraton on Bourbon Street, eat a lot of good food, and enjoy multiple tours and attractions. If you are interested in either of these adventures, please sign up in the church office. Shouting for Joy!

*William W. Smith*

**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.

**Graduate Recognition Service**

**May 20, 2018**

If you have a senior who will be graduating from high school in May and would like to participate in our Graduate Recognition Service, please let us know in the church office. The DEADLINE to get your name on the list is May 13. The Senior Breakfast will be on Sunday, May 20, at 8:30 am and the Recognition Service will be held during the Morning Worship Service at 11 am.

**COLLEGE GRADUATES**

Our college graduates will be recognized in the Morning Service on May 20. If you are graduating from college, please call the church office by May 13 in order for your name to be listed in the Open Door.



MR. AND MRS. DONALD MCKAY  
REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE  
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

*Mollie Clair*

TO

*Ricky Brent Johnson*

SATURDAY, THE NINETEENTH OF MAY  
TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN  
AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
414 PECAN AVENUE  
PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW  
BRIDGES, THE VENUE  
237 BYRD AVENUE  
PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI

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

The monthly B.A.L.L. Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 15, at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. A representative from Sta-Home Health Agency will present our program. Please bring some delicious potluck dishes and join us!

That's So Daniel  
FBC Children's Musical  
Sunday, May 20  
6:00 pm



## WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY, MAY 13

Deacons Meeting .....	8:30 a.m.
Media Center.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service (Parent/Child Ded.).....	11:00 a.m.
Youth Worship Arts.....	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.

### MONDAY, MAY 14

GROW Team .....	6:00 p.m.
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### TUESDAY, MAY 15

Retired Men's Coffee.....	9:00 a.m.
B.A.L.L. Luncheon .....	12:00 Noon
Walk Away the Pounds.....	5:30 p.m.
Child Ministry Center End of Year Program .....	6:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

Wednesday Night Supper (Last one until Aug.) .....	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, MAY 17

B.A.L.L. Trip to Carrollton.....	Leave at 8:00 a.m.
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### SATURDAY, MAY 19

Wedding of Mollie McKay & Brent Johnson .....	4:00 p.m.
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Graduate Breakfast .....	8:30 a.m.
Media Center.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service (Graduate Recognition) .....	11:00 a.m.
Meet & Greet for Tommy Henry & Jessie Knowles.....	2:00 p.m.
Youth Worship Arts.....	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.
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<i>That's So Daniel</i> (Children's Musical) .....	6:00 p.m.

## CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Dan Howard.....	Pastor
William Smith .....	Minister of Music
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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Kindergarten/Child Care .....	(601)656-5015

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

### May 6, 2018

Budget .....	\$21,569.71
Wee Care.....	\$4,110.00
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$399.00
Boy Scouts .....	\$840.00
Wedding Rental.....	\$200.00
Office Refund.....	\$16.38
Disaster Relief.....	\$5.00
Good News Club .....	\$5.00
Youth Fundraiser.....	\$1,383.00
Lottie Moon.....	\$15.00
Annie Armstrong.....	\$15.00
State Missions .....	\$15.00
CMC Direct Deposits .....	\$7,720.00
CMC Deposit .....	\$3,368.50
Budget Requirement to date .....	\$670,733.20
Budget Offerings to date .....	\$628,129.63
Under Budget .....	\$42,603.57
Wee Care Given to Date.....	\$331,470.64

<b>WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:</b>	<b>\$18,638.69</b>
<b>BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 05/06/18:</b>	<b>\$21,569.71</b>

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

	<u>May 6, 2018</u>	
Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	37	23
Children	48	31
Youth	34	20
Adults	324	143
Total	443	217