



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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Kick-Off for 2018-2019 Church Year
September 2, 2018

Theme:

Prayer: God's Open Door
Revelation 3:8

Prayer Walk for our City
Sunday, September 2
4:00 pm

40 *days of*
Prayer

"40 Days of Prayer" Bible Study
Begins Sunday, September 2

Pastor Paragraph

This past Sunday was a busy day at FBC. Thanks to all who came and donated blood. We had a wonderful end of the church year celebration. We had great participation from our church family. Thanks to our Family Ministry Team for planning this event and leading this event. One of the team events was Bible trivia. Everyone missed one of the questions and we all had the same answer for that question. I believe the reason we got the wrong answer was that we were all in a hurry to turn in our answers to the questions, that we did not take time to carefully read the question. Once I took time to read the question again, I saw how we could misinterpret what was being asked and understood the correct answer. This just reminded me of how we must be careful as we share God's Word and do all we can do to communicate clearly the truth of His Word. There are many people in our world who are perverting the Gospel of grace and have not understood the true way to salvation. There is only one way to be saved and that is by grace through faith in Jesus. (Ephesians 2:8-9) There is only one way to live the Christian life and that is as we have received Jesus, so we are to walk in Him. (Colossians 2:6)

This Sunday, September 2, we begin a new church year. God has blessed us in this past year and I look forward to how God is going to use us in this new year. Our theme for this new year is "Prayer: God's Open Door." Revelation 3:8 says, "I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name." (NASB) The open door we have before us in this new year is an opportunity to talk to God and to hear from God, our Creator. This is God's message to us for this new church year. We will begin this Sunday with an opportunity to participate in "40 Days of Prayer." This study will deal with the purpose of prayer, how we can pray with confidence, the pattern for prayer presented by Jesus, how long we should keep praying about something, how to pray in a crisis and why doesn't God always answer the first time I pray. This study on prayer will be offered on Sunday mornings at 9:45am and will be meeting in the Adult 3&4 Sunday School Department Room. If you are not going to Sunday School or are looking to begin attending, this is a great opportunity to start this Sunday, September 2. We will offer this study also on Sunday evenings beginning September 2, during Discipleship Training at 5:00pm in the Adult 3&4 SS Department room. A third opportunity to study "40 Days of Prayer" will be during lunch, 12 noon to 1pm, beginning Monday, September 10. We will meet each Monday during lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Prayer was a foundational part of the relationship Jesus had with His Father while He was on earth. Jesus helps us to see that prayer is essential in our relationship with the Father.

Sunday, September 2, at 4pm we will prayer walk around our City. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall at 4pm.

Love,
Bro. Dan

OPPORTUNITIES

EXTENDED SESSION

September 2 September 9
David & Dee Dee Bailey Clay & Jessica Byars

SEPTEMBER TEAM MEMBER:

Carly Rounsaville

LIBRARY

September 2 September 9
Shirley Breazeale Pat Posey

DEACON OF THE WEEK

September 2 September 9
Scott Bounds David Durant
David Byars Bill Griffis

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this week are given in honor of the birth of Smith Monroe Scruggs, son of Matthew and Natalie Scruggs. They are given by his grandparents, Greg and Brenda Nowell and Dan and Leslie Scruggs.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Matthew and Natalie Scruggs on the birth of their son, Smith Monroe Scruggs, born on August 24. He weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz. and was 20 in. long. Proud grandparents are Greg and Brenda Nowell, and great-grandparents Barney and Lavinia Nowell. Smith is being welcomed by his big brother, Tac.

SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian sympathy to Myra Thrash and family at the death of her niece, Pat Jones.

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Jeff Carter Billy Sharp
Willie Jackson Bob Turcotte
Brian Jay Joe Wood
J. J. Johnson

SANCTUARY GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Scott Huber

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Joe & Rene Wood

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 5

Chopped Steak & Gravy
Baked Potato
Corn/Green Salad
Rolls/Dessert



Serve: Sandi Lewis, Polly Gilley
Cleanup: Beth Henson, Suzanne Gheyri,
Cindy Brown, Louise Sharp
Money Table: Willie & Susan Jackson

Good News Club

Our Good News Club will be held at Philadelphia Elementary School beginning on Tuesday, September 11. It is held each Tuesday from 3:00 – 4:15 pm. If anyone would be interested in helping with this ministry, please call the church office by August 26.

Mother's Morning Out

Wednesday, Sept. 12
10:00 am – 11:30 am
CLC Game Room
Nursery provided.



Wedding Shower

All the ladies of the church are invited to attend a Wedding Shower in honor of Brook Miles and Austin Hight on Sunday, September 9, from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

40 days of Prayer

This study begins on September 2. There are three different times available for participating in this class.

Sunday, September 2

9:45 am in Adult 3-4 SS Dept. Room
5:00 pm in Adult 3-4 SS Dept. Room

Monday, September 10

12 Noon – 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Student Ministry

During the upcoming church year, we as a congregation will focus on prayer. The youth group is going to kick off the new church year by having a prayer night where we as a group come together and pray about different things. There will be five prayer stations set up in the youth department. Each station will emphasize a different thing to pray for. The five prayer stations are:

- Pray for Our Personal Walk with Christ – We are all sinners, but God saved us by sending His son to die on the cross. Pray that we will cast our sins on the cross knowing that Jesus paid the price for them, so that we would not have to.
- Pray for Comfort – Something that we consistently don't have in our lives is comfort. Pray that God will give us the peace that surpasses all understanding so that we won't worry about everything.
- Pray for Local Missions – Pray for the people in Philadelphia/Neshoba County that don't go to church, or have never heard the Gospel.
- Pray for National Missions – Pray for the United States of America. We tend to forget that America is one of the nations that we are supposed to take the Gospel to. Pray that people will rise up to share the Gospel with the friends, the family members, and the neighbors that need to hear it.
- Pray for International Missions – There are billions of people in the world that have never heard the Gospel. Pray that someone will take the gospel to them and that they will receive the Gospel.

If you feel led to join the youth in praying over these issues, feel free to come to the youth lobby on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 6:15pm (that is the first Wednesday of the new church year). We will spend the majority of our time praying and have a worship session at the end of the prayer time. Once again, feel free to join the youth in praying on September 5. If you are feeling led to get more involved with the youth group, feel free to contact the church office at 601-656-1507.

Thoughts and Prayers,
Calvin Prince

Upward Basketball & Cheerleading



Registration has started. We have registration forms available in the church office. Call Gail Turner for more information.

A Taste of New Orleans

Senior Adult Trip
November 14-16

Deadline to sign up is September 18!!

Availability is limited – filling up FAST!!
Brochures are available in the church office.

WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Media Center.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Prayer Walk for Our City.....	4:00 p.m.
NO Youth Worship Arts	4:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir.....	5:00 p.m.
40 Days of Prayer Study Begins	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, SEPTEMBER 3

Church Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Retired Men's Coffee.....	9:00 a.m.
Walk Away the Pounds.....	5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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.
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, SEPTEMBER 6

B.A.L.L. Day Trip to Louisville Leave FBC at 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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.
Wedding Shower--Brook Miles & Austin Hight	1:30 p.m.
Ordination Council for Caleb Jay	4:00 p.m.
Youth Worship Arts.....	4:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir.....	5:00 p.m.
Adult Discipleship Training (40 Days of Prayer)	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.
Deacon Ordination/Installation Service	6:00 p.m.

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Dan Howard.....	Pastor
William Smith	Minister of Music
Jackie Cheatham.....	Minister of Children
Calvin Prince	Interim Student Minister
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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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

August 26, 2018

Budget	\$14,029.75
Wee Care.....	\$4,767.21
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$430.00
Music Designated.....	\$5,000.00
Office Refund.....	\$441.83
Upward.....	\$80.00
B.A.L.L. Designated	\$1,000.00
Audio Visual	\$20.00
Christmas Blessing Boxes.....	\$1,000.00
CMC Direct Deposits	\$9,345.00
CMC Deposit	\$2,295.00
Budget Requirement to date	\$969,212.03
Budget Offerings to date	\$886,469.71
Under Budget	\$82,742.32
Wee Care Given to Date.....	\$479,745.59

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$18,638.69
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 08/26/18:	\$14,029.75

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

August 26, 2018

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	37	14
Children	48	23
Youth	34	16
Adults	324	125
Total	443	178