



THE OPEN DOOR

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
414 PECAN AVENUE
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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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State Missions Emphasis

Wednesday, September 12

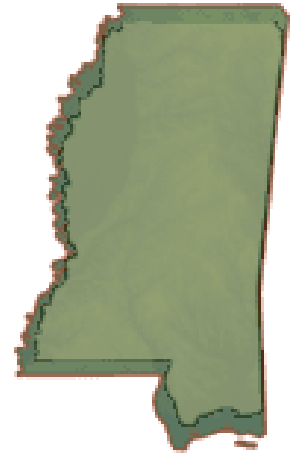
6:30 pm

Our guest speaker will be Shane McGivney with the
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions

State Offering Goal: \$2,100,000

Church Goal: \$3,500



Ministry/Missions Fair

Sunday, September 16

9:30 am

Tables will be set up in the hall outside the
church office displaying the work of our
Ministry Teams at FBC and opportunities
for us to join in serving our Lord.

Pastor Paragraph

Thank you for your prayers as I preached Sunday for the 70th Anniversary service at Beacon Street Baptist Church. We had a wonderful worship service and meal following the service. It was a joy to reflect upon the faith that the people of FBC had when they began Beacon Street Baptist Church. May we pray for our sister church as they continue to serve the Lord. I appreciate Calvin Prince preaching for me at FBC and Jackie Cheatham doing the children's sermon.

We began Monday, September 10, our Men's Bible Study time at 7:00am. This is open to all of our men. We are studying Max Lucado's new book, *Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives On The Promises Of God*. Max makes the statement that there are 7,487 promises in God's Word. (p.5) He reminds us that God is not only a promise maker but a promise keeper. Max says that the question for us is not will God keep His promises, but will we build our lives upon them? Max encourages us to make the following declaration a part of our everyday life: "We are building our lives on the promises of God. Because his Word is unbreakable, our hope is unshakable. We do not stand on the problems of life or the pain in life. We stand on the great and precious promises of God." (p.14) Our circumstances are not always good and can be shaky at times, but the promises of God are always true and provide stability for our life. May we build our lives on the promises of God.

Sunday, September 16, beginning at 9:30am, we are planning a Ministry/Missions Fair. We will have tables in the hall outside the office displaying the work of our Ministry Teams and opportunities for us to join in serving our Lord. Please plan to come early to Sunday School for this time of fellowship. We will have donuts and coffee as you browse through the ministry opportunities. There will be cards on each table by which you can sign up to be a part of any of these ministries.

Sunday, September 16, we continue our *40 Days of Prayer* study. Join us as we continue to learn about prayer and participate in praying together.

Love,
Bro. Dan

HOSPITAL

Mildred Estes
Nadean Slaughter

Neshoba Swingbed
Baptist, ICU

SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy to Barbara Dunn and family at the death of her mother, Audie Stewart.

We express our Christian sympathy to Stan & Debra Yates and family at the death of her son, Russ Owen.

THANK YOU

Thank you FBC family for the overwhelming outpouring of love and kindness to our family during the loss of our son, Russ Owen. Our hearts were lifted time after time and God's tender mercy and grace were felt---Oh, what a blessing all of you were and continue to be! God is sooooo GOOD!

Stan and Debra Yates and Family

OPPORTUNITIES

EXTENDED SESSION

September 16 (Babies) September 16 (Toddlers)
Grant & Bri Guild John Alford
Debbie Ingram

September 23 (Babies) September 23 (Toddlers)
Nicole Henley Harry & Kay Bates
Hayley Warner

SEPTEMBER TEAM MEMBER:

Carly Rounsaville

LIBRARY

September 16 September 23
Brenda Barnett Kay Bates

DEACON OF THE WEEK

September 16 September 23
Joey Kilgore Bill Gilley
Don McKay Charley Phillips

Sanctuary Flowers

We have openings on the flower calendar for the remainder of September, and some for October and November. Please call the church office if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary.

40 days of Prayer

There are three different times available for participating in this class.

Times for Sundays

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

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

Beginning Monday, September 10

12 Noon – 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall



By Letter

Brenda Gibson
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS



MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 19

Catfish
French Fries/Hushpuppies
Turnip Greens/Cole Slaw
Dessert

Serve: Marsha Howard, Brenda Nowell
Cleanup: Gerald Winstead, Suzanne Gheyri,
Janice Griffin, Ellene Turcotte
Money Table: Bill Gilley

B.A.L.L. Neshoba Lake Fellowship

The B.A.L.L. (Be Active Live Longer) Lunch for September will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 12 Noon at Neshoba Lake. Please bring side dishes and desserts – hamburgers will be provided. The Pug Key Bluegrass Band will meet us there. For those who need a ride, the van will leave from the CMC parking lot in the back at 11:30 a.m.

FBC Care Ministry

The Care Ministry at FBC is an opportunity to provide help to people within our church family who may need assistance of varying kinds. **Roberta Byars** is our Care Coordinator. There are several different categories such as *Transportation to Doctor, Grocery Pick-up, Yard Work, Minor Repairs, and Miscellaneous*. There will be a sign up sheet available in your Sunday School Department this Sunday, or you may call the church office or Roberta Byars, 601-416-4669.



IT IS WITH GREAT JOY THAT WE

Chrissi Luke & Ryan Turner

WITH OUR CHILDREN
INVITE YOU TO SHARE IN OUR HAPPINESS
AS WE EXCHANGE VOWS OF MARRIAGE

SEPTEMBER 15th, 2018

6:30 pm
First Baptist Church
414 Pecan Avenue
Philadelphia, MS

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

Growing Up Cole

A large part of our Cole Family worked at Cole Brothers with the exception of my father and his sister. We loved going down the hill from our Grandparents house to Cole Brothers.

Inside the building were these large slides or ramps that were used to send the merchandise down to the loading dock. As long as they were not loading trucks, we could slide down the ramps. We did this over and over. There were so many rooms to play hide and seek that the day would pass by quickly.

On one particular day, for some reason I can't remember, my sister and I went with our uncle, Wilbur Franks, out to make some calls. In order to make the trip more pleasant for him, he let each of us pick out our favorite candy bar. I chose Baby Ruth (which was my favorite at the time). Because Cole Brothers dealt in wholesale quantities, candy came in a box of 24. He gave us our own box of 24 candy bars.

Who gives a child 24 candy bars? Only the best uncle in the WORLD! So off we go. Leah and I were unwrapping candy and he was making his business stops. This was heaven on earth! One candy bar down...get out another...and another...and you get the idea. When the adventure was ending he looked into the back seat to see two little girls green around the gills sprawled out on his back seat...candy wrappers everywhere. No, we didn't finish the box that day. And for the life of me I don't like Baby Ruth candy bars anymore.

This year our church theme is "Prayer: God's Open Door". God answers our prayers with yes, no or not now. God knows what we need and when we need it. He also knows what we don't need – like 24 candy bars at one time!

See you at church Sunday!
Laura

Upward Basketball & Cheerleading

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



**Attention: All Youth
See You at the Pole**

Wednesday, September 26
Times vary according to the schools.

Saw You at the Pole

6:30 pm
East Philadelphia Baptist Church

Kids D-Now

Saturday, September 22
9 am - 5 pm
East Phila. Baptist Church
Grades 1-6



WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Child Ministry Center Team Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Children's Team Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Ministry/Missions Fair	9:30 a.m.
Media Center	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service	11:00 a.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 (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.
Evening Worship Service	6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Men's Bible Study Begins	7:00 a.m.
40 Days of Prayer Bible Study	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
G.R.O.W.	6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Retired Men's Coffee	9:00 a.m.
B.A.L.L. Neshoba Lake Fellowship (van leaves 11:30)	12 Noon
Good News Club Begins	3:00 – 4:15 p.m.
Walk Away the Pounds	5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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	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.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Kids D-Now (East Philly)	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

September 9, 2018

Budget	\$14,812.90
Wee Care	\$2,221.00
Wednesday Night Supper	\$666.00
Brotherhood	\$33.00
Office Refund	\$405.32
Upward	\$240.00
CMC Furnishings	\$50.00
Parking Lot	\$75.00
Kids D-Now T-shirts	\$20.00
Discipleship Training Books	\$80.00
Youth Designated	\$550.00
Equipment Refund	\$185.21
Sunday School Refund	\$24.00
State Missions	\$335.00
CMC Direct Deposits	\$6,655.00
CMC Deposit	\$2,275.00
Budget Requirement to date	\$41,884.60
Budget Offerings to Date	\$36,703.71
Wee Care Given to Date	\$486,376.59
State Missions Offering to Date	\$715.00

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$20,942.30
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 09/09/18:	\$14,812.90

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

September 9, 2018

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	37	22
Children	48	14
Youth	34	19
Adults	324	134
Total	443	189