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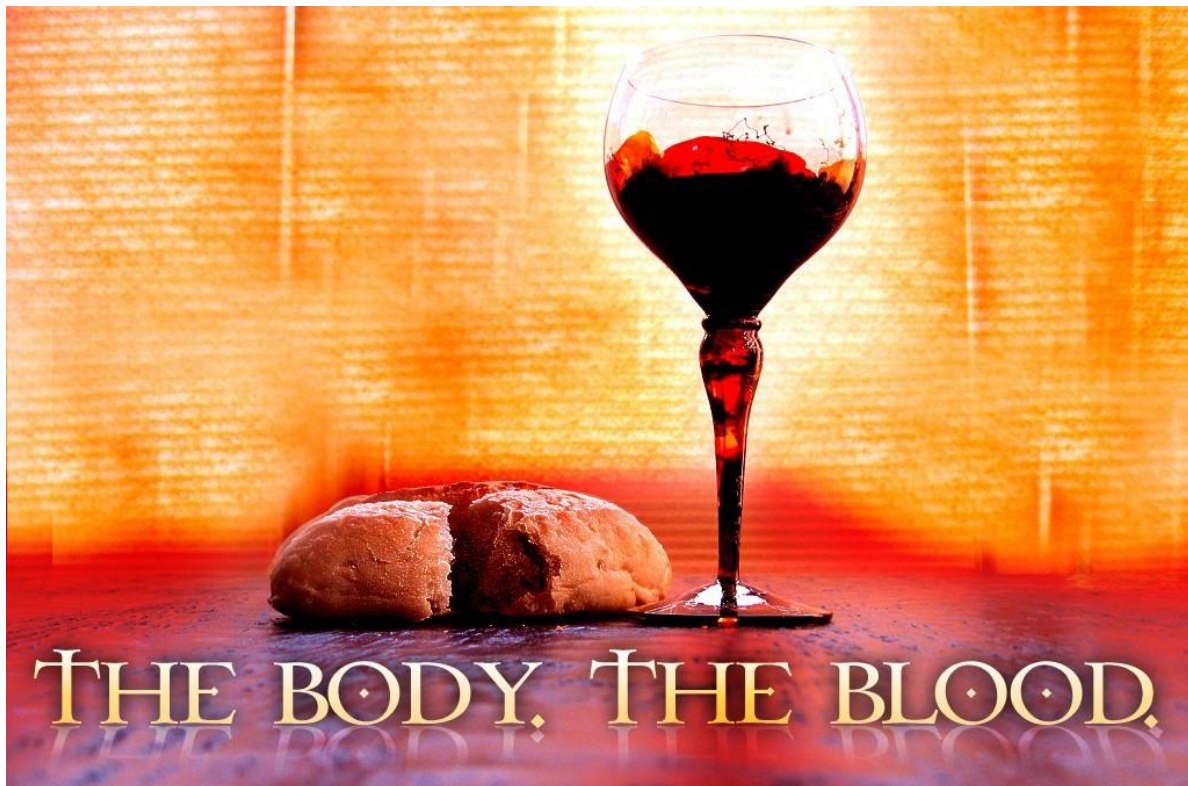
"To the angel of the church of Philadelphia write...behold I have before thee a door having been open, which no one is able to close." Revelation 3:7-8

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The Lord's Supper



*Sunday, October 7
11:00 am*

Pastor Paragraph

It is hard to believe that September is gone and that 2018 is quickly coming to an end. Our emphasis on prayer during this new church year has been meaningful. With the things happening in our country, I am reminded of the great need we have for prayer. The things happening in our lives every day remind us that prayer is needed. To know that we can pray at any time about anything regardless of where we are and know that God, The Creator of the Universe, will hear us and answer us is an awesome thing. We are very blessed to have the promises of God written down in His Word to remind us about God's faithfulness to us.

Each month during this church year we are being asked to focus our prayers in certain areas. During October we are praying for Mississippi. Our Mississippi Baptist Convention will meet during this month. We need God's continued leadership to reach our state, nation and world for Christ. Our Neshoba Baptist Association will also meet during this month. We have an outreach to children through two events this month with Kid Blast and our Fall Festival. There are people living in Mississippi that need to come to Jesus and to know that He is able to transform their lives. May we pray for Mississippi this month.

We will be observing the Lord's Supper on Sunday during our morning worship service. It is always a special time for me as we come to the Lord's Table and remember what Christ did for us. Jesus died upon the cross and shed His blood so that our sins could be forgiven. The elements of the bread and the cup are powerful reminders/symbols of the great love that God has for each of us. I look forward to partaking at the table with you on Sunday.

Love,
Bro. Dan

HOSPITAL

Courtney Bounds	Andersons
Scottie Chunn	Andersons, 242
Nadean Slaughter	Baptist, 5050

Applications for Ministry Positions Being Received

The Personnel Team is receiving applications for two positions which will become vacant at the end of December. Pam Phillips, Education Ministry Assistant, will be retiring at the end of December. Gail Turner, Christian Life Center Director, will also be retiring at the end of December. If you have questions about these positions please call the church office. If you would like to apply for either position, an application may be received from the church office. We are accepting applications from church members only at this time.

Neshoba Baptist Associational Meeting

Tuesday, October 9, 6:30 pm
Pine Grove Baptist Church

OPPORTUNITIES

EXTENDED SESSION

<u>October 7 (Babies)</u> Scott & Tammy Huber	<u>October 7 (Toddlers)</u> Josh & Lindsay Lewis
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October 14 (Babies) Sylvia Huffman Suzanne Hyatt	October 14 (Babies) Ryan & Candace McKay
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OCTOBER TEAM MEMBER:

Emily Fleming

LIBRARY

<u>October 7</u> Marsha Howard	<u>October 14</u> Shirley Breazeale
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DEACON OF THE WEEK

<u>October 7</u> Scott Lewis Stan Yates	<u>October 14</u> David Byars Scott Bounds
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USHERS FOR OCTOBER

Scott Bounds	Bill Griffis
Craig Brown	Don Kilgore
Randy Cheatham	James Mooney
Alex Dees, III	Greg Nowell
David Durant	

SANCTUARY GREETER FOR OCTOBER

Brian Jay

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

David & Kay Durant

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.

Birth Announcements

Congratulations to Adam and Jennifer Huffman on the birth of their son, Joshua Quinn Huffman, born on September 25, 2018. He weighed 9 lbs., and was 21 inches long. Joshua is being welcomed by proud grandparents, George and Sylvia Huffman, and his big sister, Eloise Rosemary Huffman.

Congratulations to Wesley and Sarah McGee on the birth of their son, Wyatt Owens McGee, born on September 26, 2018. He weighed 5 lbs., 13 oz., and was 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are A. W. and Nelda Mooney.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS



MENU FOR OCTOBER 10

Chopped Steak & Gravy
Baked Potato
Green Salad
Rolls/Dessert

Serve: Pat Mioton, Mary Wilson
Cleanup: Beth Henson, Suzanne Gheyri,
Polly Gilley, Wanda Majure
Money Table: Shirley Breazeale

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 is a signup sheet outside the church office or you may call the office or Roberta Byars, 601-416-4669.

Brotherhood Breakfast Sunday, October 14 7:30 am

Christian Life Center
All men and boys are invited to attend.
Lundy Brantley will be our guest speaker.



Youth Fun Day Saturday, October 13 2 – 4 pm in the CLC

New Church Directories

The new church directories for 2018-2019 are now available in the church office. We ask that you only take one per family.

Candy Donations Needed!!

Fall Festival is coming soon. It will be held on Wednesday, **October 24**, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Christian Life Center. We need donations of individually wrapped candy to be used as prizes for the games. There is a box outside the church office for donations. Thanks for your help!!



"Then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on the LORD'S side - come to me"! Exodus 32:26

Recently I read an article on Facebook written by a friend of mine trying to persuade Christians that most were on the wrong side of things politically. For some reason, as I was reading his thoughts, the old hymn "Who is on the Lord's Side?" by Frances R. Havergal popped into my mind. I kept thinking, "Does it really matter that much what side of things we are on concerning politics?" I mean, we can always change sides; our leaders do it all the time. But when it comes to being on the Lord's side, that is a totally different thing. When we choose to follow Christ, as Bro. Dan preached recently, the Holy Spirit puts His seal on our hearts. We can't just switch sides.

So I guess we need to ask the question "What is the Lord's side?" According to Scripture, the LORD's side is the side of forgiveness, mercy, healing, hope, and love. Anything in life that does not include these things probably is the wrong side. Yes, we know that one day Jesus will come back in vengeance and justice. With one word, all of His enemies will fall. But the authors of Scripture teach us that NOW is the time of grace and mercy, not justice. So, how do we practice grace in a world filled with so much hate and confusion? The hymn writer gives us some clues by asking more questions "Who will serve the KING? Who will be His helper? Who will leave the world's side? Who for Him will go?" Then she answers with "by . . . mercy, by His love, joyfully."

So to me, the most important question I can ask myself when I get confused about what is going on in my world is "Am I on the LORD'S side"? Am I practicing grace, forgiveness and love? Am I showing mercy and compassion? Or am I adding to the fray and confusion?

Shouting for JOY!
William W. Smith

KID BLAST

Friday, October 12
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Christian Life Center
Age 3 – 6th graders
are invited!!



Children's Bible Drill

Children's Bible Drill (3rd – 6th grade) will begin on Sunday, October 7, at 4:00 p.m. in the Children's Sunday School area.

WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Media Center.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service (Lord's Supper)	11:00 a.m.
Children's Bible Drill Begins	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, OCTOBER 8

Men's Bible Study	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, OCTOBER 9

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.
Walk Away the Pounds.....	5:30 p.m.
Neshoba Baptist Associational Meeting (Pine Grove)...	6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

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.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Kid Blast (CLC).....	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

Youth Fun Day (CLC)	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

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.
Children's Bible Drill	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
Church Office.....	(601)656-1507
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Church Email	fbphilly@netdoor.com
Church Website.....	www.fbcphilly.com
Kindergarten/Child Care	(601)656-5015

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

September 30, 2018

Budget	\$14,924.21
Wee Care.....	\$2,005.00
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$345.00
Upward.....	\$1,940.00
B.A.L.L. Trip	\$2,736.00
CMC Furnishings.....	\$200.00
Parking Lot.....	\$25.00
Kids D-Now T-shirts	\$50.00
Music & Choir	\$290.00
Youth (Bibles).....	\$206.00
Disaster Relief.....	\$250.00
Youth Xtreme.....	\$150.00
State Missions	\$520.00
CMC Direct Deposits	\$10,745.00
CMC Deposit	\$1,745.00
Budget Requirement to date	\$104,711.50
Budget Offerings to Date	\$74,442.32
Under Budget	\$30,269.18
Wee Care Given to Date.....	\$491,771.92
State Missions Offering to Date	\$2,560.00

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$20,942.30
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 09/30/18:	\$14,924.21

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

	<u>September 30, 2018</u>	
Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	37	16
Children	48	23
Youth	34	17
Adults	324	132
Total	443	188