



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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Children's Musical



Sunday, December 9
6:00 pm

Pastor Paragraph

God blessed us this past weekend through our Music Ministry presentation of *Sanctuary*. This was a wonderful reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. I had several people mention to me who were visiting our church that they have made our choir Christmas music a part of their Christmas traditions. Presenting our Christmas music and drama the first weekend in December helps us to begin our celebration of Christmas being reminded that it is all about Jesus. Thank you Bro. William, choirs, Standing Firm, instrumentalists, drama team, and audio/visual team for all the practices and preparation for sharing with us the Christmas story. We are very blessed as a church to have a quality Music Ministry.

This week we are praying for our International Mission Board Missionaries during this Week of Prayer. Many of these missionaries are serving in very difficult places in which they are restricted in some ways as they share the Gospel. God always provides those opportunities to share as we seek Him. Please lift our IMB missionaries up to the Lord. Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal for International Missions is \$26,000. We are receiving monies for this offering now and will try to reach our goal during our Christmas Eve service. Please pray about what the Lord would have you to give to this offering.

We will be sharing with needy families during this Christmas time. We have had identified for us 70 families that we will be helping through providing a box of food that will provide a complete meal for them. Our Christmas Blessing Boxes will be put together and delivered on Sunday, December 16, following a pot luck lunch after our morning worship service. We will need people to help us pack the boxes and deliver the boxes on December 16.

See you Sunday as we continue our celebration of Jesus.

Love,
Bro. Dan

HOSPITAL

Nelda Mooney
Myra Thrash

Rush, 653
Laird Swingbed 103

SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian sympathy to Lisa Perkins and family at the death of her father, Bud Kennedy.



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OPPORTUNITIES

EXTENDED SESSION

December 9 (Babies)

Abby Jenkins
Kara Kabore'
Tiffney Loper

December 9 (Toddlers)

Mark & Emily Fleming

December 16 (Babies)

Cody & Anna Spence

December 16 (Toddlers)

Clay & Jessica Byars

DECEMBER TEAM MEMBER:

Natalie Scruggs

LIBRARY

December 9

Brenda Barnett

December 16

Kay Bates

DEACON OF THE WEEK

December 9

Willie Jackson
Jim Johnson

December 16

Bob Henson
Ryan Jenkins

Sanctuary Flowers

We will **NOT** make reservations for Sanctuary Flowers for December. The Advent wreath will be used on the altar table.

Christmas Blessing Boxes

We will have a potluck lunch and pack the blessing boxes on Sunday, December 16, following the morning worship service. We are asking individuals, groups, and Sunday School Classes to give toward purchasing the food for the boxes. The cost is \$35 per box.



Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, December 9

7:30 a.m.

Christian Life Center

Our guest speaker will be Guy Nowell, Neshoba County Chancery Clerk. All men and boys are invited to attend.

NESHOBA BAPTIST FOOD PANTRY

First Baptist is responsible for collecting food for the Neshoba Baptist Food Pantry from now until the end of January. There is a box outside the church office for donations of non-perishable food items. Thank you for helping with this important ministry.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

December 12

Meatloaf
Creamed Potatoes
Corn/Green Salad
Rolls/Dessert



Serve: Pat Mioton, Mary Wilson
Cleanup: Beth Henson, Suzanne Gheyri,
Linda Murray, Cindy Brown
Money Table: Shirley Breazeale

ATTENTION: COLLEGE STUDENTS

Your balance for Passion
Conference is due NOW.

Week of Prayer for International Missions

December 2 – 9, 2018

Your prayers transform lives.



**Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering**
Church Goal: \$26,000

Youth Christmas Party



The Youth Christmas Party will be at the home of Joey and Beth Kilgore on Sunday, December 16. We will leave the church at 7:00 pm and return at 8:30 pm.



**NEW OFFERING
ENVELOPES**

The offering envelopes for 2019 are available outside the church office. They are in alphabetical order. If you do not find your envelopes, please contact the church office.

Children's Corner

It's that time of year again. Christmas music is crooning on our radios and smart phones. The stores are decorated with festive red and green. Our mailboxes are filled with ads, sales, and catalogs. Most people are running around looking for that perfect gift that will soon be beautifully wrapped beneath the tree. Prettily wrapped packages are at the forefront of nearly everyone's minds, especially kids'. So, with so much commercialized Christmas being spread, how do we keep Jesus as the center of it all?

Christmas provides a wonderful opportunity to pour the truths of the gospel into the hearts of our children. When asked what the greatest commandment was, Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22: 37, 39

This Christmas season help your children focus on God by having daily family devotions that center around the Christmas story and create a family tradition that focuses on doing acts of kindness for others. One of my favorites is The Giving Manger. Every family member does an act of kindness each day and then adds a piece of straw to the manger. On Christmas Day Jesus is placed in the manger filled with kind deeds and love. Also, participate in the many Christmas activities that our church offers.

Children's Christmas Musical- Dec. 9
Children's Christmas Party- Dec. 12
Lazy Acres Christmas Lights Tour- Dec. 14
Preschool Christmas Party- Dec. 19
Family Caroling- Dec. 19
Candlelight Service- Dec. 24

Take advantage of this time of year to show your children that Jesus is the greatest gift they could ever receive and the greatest gift they could share with others. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas.

Love in Christ,
Mrs. Jackie

Children to Lazy Acres



Our children will travel to Lazy Acres on Friday, December 14, to view the Christmas Lights!! We will leave at 5:00 pm and return about 9:30 pm. The cost is \$10 and includes: admission, cookie and hot cocoa. There is a signup sheet outside the church office.



WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Brotherhood Breakfast	7:30 a.m.
Deacons Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Media Center.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Teachers Meeting (Fellowship Hall).....	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.
Handbell Choir.....	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.
Children's Christmas Musical.....	6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

Men's Bible Study	7:00 a.m.
Child Ministry Center Christmas Program	6:00 p.m.
NO G.R.O.W. IN DECEMBER.....	6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Wednesday Night Supper	5:00 p.m.
Media Center.....	5:10 p.m.
Children's Choir Christmas Party	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, DECEMBER 14

Children to Lazy Acres	Leave at 5:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

CMC Team Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Media Center.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Potluck Lunch to pack Blessing Boxes (CLC).....	12 noon
Children's Bible Drill	4:00 p.m.
Youth Worship Arts.....	4:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir.....	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.
Youth Christmas Party	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Dan Howard.....	Pastor
William Smith	Minister of Music
Jackie Cheatham.....	Minister of Children
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Pam Phillips	Education Ministry Assistant
Jennifer Prince.....	Child Ministry Center Director
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

December 2, 2018

Budget	\$21,576.05
Wee Care.....	\$2,777.33
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$404.50
Health Insurance Refund	\$450.07
Xtreme.....	\$400.00
Passion	\$150.00
CMC Furnishings	\$200.00
B.A.L.L. Refund.....	\$952.00
Christmas Blessing Boxes	\$455.00
Lottie Moon Offering	\$255.00
CMC Direct Deposits	\$11,145.00
CMC Deposit	\$1,518.50
Lottie Moon Offering Given to Date.....	\$655.00
Budget Requirement to date	\$293,192.20
Budget Offerings to Date	\$216,791.05
Under Budget	\$76,401.15
Wee Care Given to Date.....	\$514,079.57

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$20,942.30
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 12/2/18:	\$21,576.05

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

	<u>December 2, 2018</u>	
Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	37	20
Children	48	19
Youth	34	19
Adults	324	144
Total	443	202