

THE OPEN DOOR

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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LOVE OUT LOUD FBC 2.0
1 JOHN 3:18

"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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Wednesday Evening Activities will resume at FBC

**September 9
6:00 pm**



Mission Friends (Daycare)
Kid Blast (Children's Church)
Youth (Christain Life Center)
Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
Prayer Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Bible Study with Alain Kabore' (Handbell Room on 3rd Floor)

**Kick-Off for 2020-2021 Church Year
September 13, 2020**

**Theme:
Love Out Loud FBC 2.0
1 John 3:18**

Pastor Paragraph

Marsha and I had an opportunity to spend time with our Grandchildren over the Labor Day Weekend. As they are getting older, I realized that they are changing and the things we once did with them we need to update and do some things differently. As much as I would like to keep them young and innocent, that will not happen. They still will allow us to hug and kiss them and they will say, "I love you" and I hope those things will not change. I know that there will be a day when they will not want to hang out with their grandparents, but I hope that will be just a day or two. I realize more and more that we only have a certain amount of time to pass on to them those things that are most important. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child (*Grandchild*) in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it." (NASB)

One of the things about which we talk with our Grandchildren often is how God made a beautiful world in which we live. Sometimes it is small things that happen and we begin to recognize that they are learning some of the things we are trying to share. We had an opportunity to walk along the seashore with our grandchildren looking for shells and hermit crabs. We were finding some pieces of shells but no big shells. My Granddaughter, Vada, saw a small bird that she began to chase. She found several big shells as she followed that bird. That night as we were doing our Bible story/Prayer time with them and talking about the beautiful world God created and the variety of things He created, I could see that they were understanding more than I realized about God. Jackson, my Grandson, thanked God for the day and all that He created. Vada, during her prayer, thanked God for sending the small bird that she was chasing that led her to find the bigger shells. The fact that at 9 years old she is beginning to see God working in her life by sending a bird to bless her even with things like bigger shells, was an answer to prayer. God does want to bless us as His children. Children are very perceptive and remember more than we realize. I pray that the example we set during the time we have left as parents and grandparents will have an influence for our Lord on the lives of others.

It was a joy this past Sunday to worship together two times on Sunday morning and to begin to worship together in our Sanctuary on Sunday evening. As we begin a new church year, may we take advantage of every opportunity to join together for Bible Study and Worship.

Love,
Bro. Dan



All the ladies are invited to a Drive-Through Bridal Shower for Sydney Keith and Brady Stephenson Sunday, September 13, 2:00-4:00 pm at East Philadelphia Baptist Church. Brady is the grandson of Charley and Pam Phillips.

OPPORTUNITIES

EXTENDED SESSION

September 13

Brenda G. Nowell
Caroline Cheatham

September 20

Laura Thrash
Caroline Cheatham

DEACON OF THE WEEK

September 13

8:30 a.m. Service – Ryan McKay
11:00 a.m. Service – David Bailey

September 20

8:30 a.m. Service – Mark Fleming
11:00 a.m. Service – Bill Gilley

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Jeff Carter	Brian Jay
Jonathan Hight	Billy Sharp
Scott Huber	Joe Wood
Willie Jackson	

SANCTUARY GREETER FOR SEPTEMBER

Scott Huber

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Joe & Rene Wood

Hospital

Eunice Jones

Neshoba



We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Robert Sparks for the loss of his mother.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in loving memory of Myra Thrash. They are given by the Roger Clark family.



WOMEN ON MISSIONS PROJECT

To show our appreciation to our Emergency Room nurses, we will be making snack/goody bags. Anyone wishing to contribute to this mission project may do so in the church office.

Random Act Of Kindness



We are planning to do a Random Act Of Kindness for our community on Saturday, September 12. We will meet at the church in the Christian Life Center at 9:00 am. We will be distributing gifts cards in two locations. We will divide into two teams in order to conduct this Random Act Of Kindness. We ask that you bring your own mask. We will provide gloves for you to wear. Persons of all ages are invited to participate.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 13
7:00 am
Christian Life Center



All men and boys are encouraged to attend!

New Books in the Library

Dead Silence by Robin Carroll
Opening Moves by Steven James (The Bowers Files)



Come join us for **Sunday School** at **9:45 am**. There's a Sunday School class for everyone!

Some Sunday School classes have been moved to large areas for social distancing purposes. The following Sunday School classes will meet in these locations:

1. Adult 1-C Kevin Cheatham, Teacher
(Adult Assembly Room 3rd Floor)
2. Redeemed – Roberta Byars, Teacher
(Christian Life Center)
3. Believers – Laura Thrash, Teacher
(Handbell Room 3rd Floor)
4. Faith Builders – J.J. Johnson, Teacher
(Fellowship Hall)
5. Genesis Class – Linda Murray, Teacher
(Adult 3 & 4 Assembly Room 2nd Floor)
6. Singles 1 – Durant/Yates, Teacher
(Youth Assembly Room 2nd Floor)

If your class is not on this list you will meet in your regular Sunday School room.

New Beginnings

With the new church year beginning around the same time as a new school year, it is a great time to reflect on the year ahead of us and prayerfully consider how to better let God use each of us in the new church and school year ahead of us. This new school year already seems to be off to a great start, with Layla starting high school. Dylan, Macy, and Sam off to their college/career worlds, and Ally continuing post-graduate schooling. As for the new church year, only a week into it, I am filled with excitement thinking about the blessings we are sure to receive if we faithfully follow God's calling in our lives.

A few Sundays back, Bro. Dan preached about Moses' and his many excuses for why God could not use him. One point that hit home with me is how God will never call a person to do something that He has not already equipped them with the tools to carry out the calling. I identified with Moses' reservations as I felt God leading me to accept his calling to teach the 1&2-year old toddlers. Never in my life, did I think God could use me as a teacher in a Sunday school class. While I am still not so sure why God led me to take on this role, I am filled with excitement as I have already started getting to know these precious toddlers.

Knowing fully that God led me to take on this calling this year, I have had to completely trust in Him and step out on faith. In my previous Sunday school class, Mrs. Roberta always gave us great scriptures that are short and easy to learn. This past week as I was typing those up for her, God further reinforced that I was following the call He laid out for me. In Psalms 37:5 it says, "Commit your way to the LORD trust in him, and he will act." As it is written in the Bible, LORD in all caps refers to God in the form Yahweh, which means "He brings into existence whatever exists". We have to commit to following the way that God has already brought into existence. When we are faithful to trust in His way and not our way, He will bless us for our obedience. I am so thankful for this church family and look forward to what this new church year has to bring.

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Attention: ALL YOUTH

See You at the Pole
Wednesday, September 23
Times vary according to
the schools.

Saw You at the Pole
Neshoba Baptist Center
Youth will leave FBC
parking lot at 6:00 pm.



WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Brotherhood Breakfast	7:00 a.m.
Morning Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Deacons Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Adult Discipleship Training (Fellowship Hall).....	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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Chancel Choir	6:00 p.m.
Mission Friends.....	6:00 p.m.
Kid Blast	6:00 p.m.
Youth (CLC).....	6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (State Missions Emphasis)	6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Morning Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
Sunday School at FBC	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
New Members Lunch (CLC)	12 Noon
Adult Discipleship Training (Fellowship Hall).....	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.

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Dan Howard	Pastor
William Smith	Minister of Music
Rev. Evan Humphries	Minister of Students
Jackie Cheatham.....	Minister of Children
Laura Thrash	Financial Ministry Assistant
Tiffany Loper	Education Ministry Assistant
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Brenda G. Nowell.....	Christian Life Center Director
Jennifer Prince.....	Upward Director
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

September 6, 2020

Budget	\$24,552.25
Wee Care	\$2,903.33
Child Ministries.....	\$23,500.00
Refund Children	\$280.69
Designated.....	\$747.68
Lottie Moon.....	\$10.00
Annie Armstrong.....	\$10.00
State Mission.....	\$830.00
CMC Direct Deposit	\$13,805.00
CMC Deposit	\$200.00
Budget Requirement to Date	\$21,001.20
Budget Offerings to Date	\$24,552.25
Over Budget	\$3,551.05
Wee Care Given to Date.....	\$1,025,407.16

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$21,001.20
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 9/6/20:	\$24,552.25

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

September 6, 2020

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	35	15
Children	46	17
Youth	30	12
Adults	370	104
Total	481	148