



THE OPEN DOOR

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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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Attention: ALL YOUTH



See You at the Pole

Wednesday, September 23

Times vary according to
the schools.

Saw You at the Pole

Baptist Center

Youth will leave FBC
parking lot at 6:00 pm.

Pastor Paragraph

Beginning a new church year is an exciting time. There may not be as much excitement and as many fireworks as beginning a new calendar year, but it is an opportunity for us to begin a new in many ways. We have all been affected by COVID-19. This virus has changed many of the ways in which we live life and do church. We certainly have been made aware of the need to wash and sanitize our hands, importance of keeping things clean, being considerate of others and the space around us. I appreciate the spirit in which you have cooperated in wearing masks and socially distancing.

With all the changes, the thing that excites me the most about this new church year is the opportunities we will have to serve the Lord and to see God continue to work in and through FBC. Our theme for this new church year, "Love Out Loud FBC 2.0," encourages us to seek ways that we can let the love of God flow through us. 1 John 3:18 in the *Good News Bible* translation says, "My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action." What does it mean to Love Out Loud FBC 2.0? First, we are to love like Jesus loved to the point of being willing to sacrifice our lives for Christ. Second, we are to love in practical ways seeking to meet the needs of those around us. We will have several opportunities for us to serve our community together and seek to meet needs. Third, we are to love with word, tongue, deeds and truth.

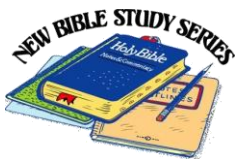
Love is to be our motive in all that we do. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 13:3, "And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing." (NASB) What we do is important and how we do it is important. Paul said also in Colossians 3:17, "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." (NASB)

I pray that we will all join together in this new church year, in loving our church family, our community, and our world with the love with which Jesus has loved us.

Love,
Bro. Dan

"Goliath Must Fall"

(New Adult Discipleship Training Study)



It is likely that all of us have a giant in our lives or will have one in our lives at some point. A giant may be defined as an adversary that's diminishing our ability to live a full life. In this six-session video Bible study, Pastor Louie Giglio uncovers a new-found twist in the story of David and Goliath and shares how we can live free from our giants. Join us on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm beginning September 20, in the Fellowship Hall for this study.

OPPORTUNITIES

EXTENDED SESSION

September 20

Laura Thrash
Caroline Cheatham

September 27

Tiffney Loper
Layla Loper

DEACON OF THE WEEK

September 20

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

September 27

8:30 a.m. Service – Scott Bounds
11:00 a.m. Service – Troy Hight

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

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Weegie Thomas and Steve Turner at the death of their family member, Yvonne Cheatham.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are given by the family of Kennedy McKay as an offering of thanksgiving and praise for the Lord's miracle of healing for her hip. Thank you to our church family for your faithfulness in prayer.

Psalm 30:2 "O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You healed me."



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

By Statement

Kaye Rowell
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Associational Kids DNow
 Saturday September 26
 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
 1st – 6th grade

Hosted by Trinity Baptist church
 See Mrs. Jackie to sign up.



New Church Directories

The new church directories for 2020-2021 are now available in the church office. We ask that you only take one per family.

Sunday/Wednesday Evening Activities have resume at FBC

Sunday Activities

TeamKID 5 pm
 Youth Discipleship Training 5 pm
 Adult Discipleship Training 5 pm
 Evening Worship Service 6 pm

Wednesday Activities 6 pm

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

Women's Enrichment is Coming Back Soon

Ladies, mark your calendar for October 8 at 6:00 pm in the Christian Life Center. We will be doing a LOL project for our new church year. If you would like to participate, we are asking you to sign up outside the church office. For more information, you may contact Brenda G. Nowell 601-656-1507.



Ham Jam

Saturday, October 17



First Baptist Church will be participating in Ham Jam. We will have a sign up sheet outside the church office. Stop by, pick a time slot and come participate.

Growing Up Cole

Living in Mississippi in the summer is difficult without the comfort of air conditioning. BUT...there was a time when I knew nothing about that cool comforting air.

In our house, we had a large attic fan in the hallway. The whomp, whomp, whomp of the fan pushing the air down the hallway with the transoms over each door open to allow the air to flow into each room was our sound machine. Of course the windows were open and the screens in place to keep the pest outside. We even needed cover at night to keep us comfortable. Then reality hit! A window air conditioner was unleashed and life was not the same.

Now with only one window air conditioner for the house, guess where it went. Not in my bedroom but into our parent's bedroom. It was like stepping into a freezer. I didn't know that I was hot until we got it. Now, in order for it to cool properly, the bedroom door had to remain closed. Guess where everyone gathered. You got it...maybe they should have thought it through before they so quickly placed it in their bedroom. We would find any excuse we could to go into that room of cold bliss.

Before the "AC" arrived, going outside to play was no different than playing inside. The temp was just about the same. But no...not anymore...it was HOT outside.

I think that if I was a whiney child it was because I was HOT and just didn't know it.

Hope to see you Sunday in the cool comfort of the sanctuary of First Baptist Church.

Laura



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

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.



Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions

Church Goal: \$3,500
 Given to Date: \$2,365

Mississippi: Tell This People

"He said, 'Go and tell this people...'
 Isaiah 6:9a

WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

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
CMC 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 23

See You at the Pole	Before School
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.....	6:00 p.m.
Bible Study with Alain Kabore'	6:00 p.m.
Saw You at the Pole Rally (Baptist Center).....	6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Associational Kids DNow (Trinity)..... 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Morning Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Church Council 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.

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
Jennifer Prince.....	Child Ministry Center Director
Brenda G. Nowell.....	Christian Life Center Director
Jennifer Prince.....	Upward Director
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

September 13, 2020

Budget	\$14,679.03
Wee Care	\$1,245.00
Children Kids DNow T-Shirts.....	\$10.00
Brotherhood	\$17.00
Office Refund.....	\$3.55
State Mission.....	\$1,205.00
CMC Direct Deposit	\$9,155.00
CMC Deposit	\$65.00
Budget Requirement to Date	\$42,002.40
Budget Offerings to Date	\$39,231.28
Under Budget	\$2,771.12
Wee Care Given to Date.....	\$1,026,652.16

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$21,001.20
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 9/13/20:	\$14,679.03

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

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Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	35	16
Children	46	14
Youth	30	19
Adults	370	102
Total	481	151