

# THE OPEN DOOR

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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**LOVE OU 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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## Brotherhood Breakfast

**Sunday, January 10  
7:30 am  
Christian Life Center**



Guest Speaker will be Bro. Lawrence Pool

All men and boys  
are encouraged to attend!

## **Pastor Paragraph**

Sunday was a wonderful day of worship as we began a New Year. I want to especially thank our College Students who led us in worship during our evening worship service. We are very blessed to have College Students who are willing to share their God given gifts and abilities with us. It was very evident that God is working in the lives of these young men and women. May we continue to pray for all our students as they complete this school year.

As we begin a New Year, we are beginning several new opportunities for us to grow in our faith and discipleship. This Wednesday, January 6, at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, we will begin our January Bible Study for 2021. We will be studying the Epistles of John: 1, 2, 3. John wrote these letters in an effort to combat false doctrines about the identity of Jesus and how His identity impacted a believer's everyday life. The focus of this study is on how a person's understanding of Jesus impacts our daily lives in practical ways. False teachers with an incomplete understanding of Jesus as both human and deity have sought to mislead believers and continue to seek to do so today. As believers we have fellowship with Christ, who is God incarnate. Through this study we will learn that through walking in the light of this relationship with God and living in love, we are secure in the eternal life given through faith in Jesus.

A second opportunity to grow in this New Year will happen on Sunday evenings at 6:00pm during Discipleship Training. Sunday, January 10, we will begin a study of *Kingdom Agenda: Living Life God's Way* by Dr. Tony Evans. The kingdom of this world is fighting for our loyalty, tempting us to embrace the sinful and selfish values of our culture. God offers something better. Dr. Evans in this study provides Biblical characteristics of the God's kingdom agenda. We will discover our identity, role and responsibilities in God's kingdom, as well as the rights and blessings granted to kingdom citizens. Only one King is worthy of our supreme devotion. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for this six-session video Bible study.

As we begin a New Year, may we take advantage of every opportunity to learn more about our God, who will lead us, guide us and provide strength for us in this year.

Love,  
Bro. Dan

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For your protection, we ask that you lock your vehicle while at FBC. Please, do not leave items of value in your car. Thanks!

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## **NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES**



The offering envelopes for 2021 are available outside the church office. They are in alphabetical order. If you do not find your envelopes, please contact the church office.

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

### **EXTENDED SESSION**

January 10

David & Kristen Huffman

January 17

Sandi Lewis & Caroline Cheatham

### **DEACON OF THE WEEK**

January 10

11 am Service – Scott Bounds

6 pm Service – Troy Hight

January 17

11 am Service – Cody Spence

6 pm Service – Caleb Jay

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### **USHERS FOR JANUARY**

Scott Bounds

Richard Lee

Craig Brown

Greg Nowell

Alex Dees, III

Brice Richardson

David Durant

### **SANCTUARY GREETER FOR JANUARY**

Jennifer Bounds

### **WELCOME CENTER GREETERS FOR JANUARY**

Brenda G. Nowell & Wanda Majure

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### *Sanctuary Flowers*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in honor of Reese McKay's birthday. They are given by Charlie and Cindy Brown.*



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### **SYMPATHY**

We express our Christian sympathy to Gary Allen and family at the loss of his brother, Danny Allen.

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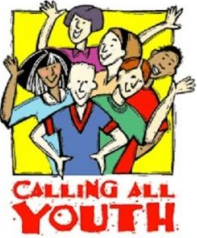
## *Thank You*

To Our Church Family,  
Our family would love to thank you for the prayers, support, words of encouragement, and love during this time. You have always been there for us for many years throughout Bill's illness and words cannot express how much we appreciate you!! We are very blessed from the kindness shown through phone calls, text messages, beautiful heartfelt cards, letters, visitors, food and fellowship!! Our whole family shares a peace that can only come from God!! We love you all!!

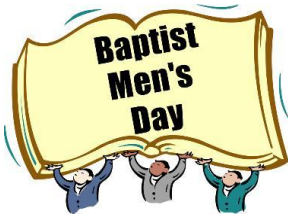
Love,  
Angie, Blake, Grant, Nohemi Gordon, & Pat Mioton



**Sanctity of  
Human Life Sunday**  
January 17, 2021



**D-Now**  
January 29 & 30  
7:00 pm  
Neshoba Coliseum



Sunday, January 31

**LOTTIE MOON OFFERING**

Church Goal: \$27,000  
Given to Date: \$38,395



**WE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL!!**

**NESHOBA BAPTIST FOOD PANTRY**



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



The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.” Isaiah 58:11

“The water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:14

“Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him” John 7:38

In our day, millions of people are drawing from different and various wells...some from the well of media outlets, some from the entertainment industry, some from government and party loyalty, education and intellectual challenges, religion, and nostalgia. Some even from the aesthetics of worship – the sound of the praise band – the positive but misleading words of a talented speaker. Some are drawing from so many sources they can no longer discern truth or think clearly.

The number of places we can go in modern society for strength and encouragement is boundless. However, all the worlds’ rivers eventually run dry. The news and social media outlets must come up with a new story almost every hour. Government must create new problems to solve. We get bored with the same old same old in church. We hire a new praise band every couple of months because the old one is out of date. Every source we turn our attention toward for comfort and encouragement eventually runs its course and loses its luster, except one.

Only the river of life, found in a relationship with the one true living God never runs dry. It is new every morning. When we look to our Savior for strength and encouragement, He always satisfies. When we open His Word for direction and wisdom, the treasure chest is always full. He always renews and refreshes our souls. In this dry and weary time, He is the one that brings life, peace, hope, joy, and strength. He is always relevant, encouraging, and new. Why look to another source? Why put our trust in the things of religion, politics, entertainment, education, fame, or anything else? Why do we give ourselves to social media and the like when there is a much deeper more fulfilling source to turn our attention? Keeping our eyes on Jesus, we become in Him springs of water welling up to eternal life.”

Shouting for Joy!

*William W. Smith*



## WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

Brotherhood Breakfast .....	7:30 a.m.
Deacons Meeting .....	8:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service .....	11:00 a.m.
NO Youth Worship Arts .....	4:00 p.m.
Adult 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.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

NO Chancel Choir .....	6:00 p.m.
Mission Friends .....	6:00 p.m.
Kid Blast .....	6:00 p.m.
Youth .....	6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting .....	6:00 p.m.
Bible Study with Alain Kabore' .....	6:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY JANUARY 17

CMC Meeting .....	8:30 a.m.
Praise Team .....	9:15 a.m.
Sunday School .....	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service .....	11:00 a.m.
Youth Worship Arts .....	4:00 p.m.
Adult 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.

## 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

### January 3, 2021

Budget .....	\$46,981.44
Wee Care .....	\$54,555.00
Refund Utilities .....	\$105.78
Refund Salaries .....	\$1,788.98
Refund Office .....	\$5.00
Youth Camp Deposit .....	\$50.00
Youth Ministries .....	\$3,947.99
Designated (Genesis Class) .....	\$200.00
Designated (Wesley Smith) .....	\$8,000.00
Designated CMC Savings .....	\$20,000.00
Designated .....	\$10,000.00
Refund Sunday School .....	\$11.00
Lottie Moon .....	\$7,260.00
Annie Armstrong .....	\$10.00
State Mission .....	\$10.00
CMC Direct Deposit .....	\$10,640.00
CMC Deposit .....	\$320.00
Lottie Moon Offering Given to Date .....	\$38,395.00
Budget Requirement to Date .....	\$378,021.60
Budget Offerings to Date .....	\$403,281.39
Over Budget .....	\$25,259.79
Wee Care Given to Date .....	\$1,122,358.15

<b>WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:</b>	<b>\$21,001.20</b>
<b>BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 01/03/21:</b>	<b>\$46,981.44</b>

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

### January 3, 2021

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	35	12
Children	46	13
Youth	30	14
Adults	370	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>121</b>

