



# THE OPEN DOOR

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
414 PECAN AVENUE  
PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350  
601-656-1507

*"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 BACK TO SCHOOL OUTING



### PARTY SAFARI

Flowood

Saturday, August 6

8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Cost: \$10.00 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade

Preschoolers welcome with a parent.

Sign up in the church office by August 3.

See Mrs. Jackie for more details.

## Nominated Deacons

The following men have been nominated to serve a three-year term as Deacon beginning September 4.

Scott Bounds  
David Byars  
Michael Duke  
Caleb Jay  
Tyler Rounsaville

They will be voted on August 7 in the Morning Worship Service.

## **Pastor Paragraph**

Church Family,  
This Sunday morning was such an encouraging service. The music could not have been more worshipful. I am thankful for the attitude of worship that exists in the worship services. This gives us a small glimpse into what it is going to be like in heaven.

*Therefore we do not lose heart...* - 2 Corinthians 4:16

This first part of 2 Corinthians 4:16 keeps coming to my mind. Paul's encouragement to the church in Corinth applies to our lives today. Whatever situation you find yourself in today, do not lose heart. Paul also wrote in 1 Thessalonians 4 that we are not like those "who have no hope." Paul knows the hope we have in Christ. Paul is also familiar with the difficulties of life. He had been through unthinkable situations where he could have given up all hope. Paul continued to be empowered by the Holy Spirit during difficulties. Cry out to Him and trust in Him as you feel afflicted, perplexed, persecuted, and struck down. As believers, we have the hope the world needs. Take heart!

I hope you have a great week!  
Evan

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### **PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION:**

In order to get all directory information updated, we are asking that you and your family follow the schedule below to come fill out an information form and take a family photo to be included in a new directory. If you are unable to attend on your Sunday School class' scheduled date, you can come another day or visit the church office at any time. If you do not attend Sunday school, we will also be taking church wide photos on each of the following Sundays from 12:00 Noon-12:30 pm.

#### **August 7:**

9:30 am – Redeemed (Byars)  
10:00 am – Beacons (Cheatham)  
10:30 am – Believers (Thrash)  
12:00 Noon-12:30 pm Church Wide Photos

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### **FLOWER CALENDAR**

We have several spots open on the flower calendar for the next few months. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone, please call the church office 601-656-1507.

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### ***New Members***

#### **By Statement**

Samantha Colyer  
562 Center Ave S Apt. 1B  
Philadelphia, MS 39350  
601-880-3015

#### **By Statement**

Savannah Riley  
6842 Hwy 494  
Littlerock, MS 39337  
318-557-4316

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

### **EXTENDED SESSION**

August 7

Ben & Ashley Peebles

August 14

Tyler & Carly Rounsaville

### **DEACON OF THE WEEK**

August 7

11 am Service – David Durant  
6 pm Service – Troy Hight

August 14

11 am Service – Cody Spence  
6 pm Service – Bob Henson

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### **USHERS FOR AUGUST**

Herman Alford	Charley Phillips
Bruce Bounds	Don McKay
Bob Henson	Rex Rounsaville
Jim Johnson	Gerald Winstead

### **SANCTUARY GREETER FOR AUGUST**

Bruce Bounds

### **WELCOME CENTER GREETERS FOR AUGUST**

Greg & Brenda Nowell

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### **HOSPITAL**

Stan Yates

Merit Health Center

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### ***Sanctuary Flowers***

*The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are given in honor of our teachers. Thank you for touching the lives of our children in such a positive way.*

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### **SYMPATHY**

We express our Christian sympathy to Mrs. Estelle Fowler and family at the loss of her brother, Bobby Glen Sharp.

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### **Wednesday Night Suppers Return!**

Our Wednesday Night Suppers resume on August 17. Suppers are served from 5:00-6:00 pm. If you want to join us for supper please call the church office 601-656-1507 to make sure you are signed up and on the reservation list.



## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 7**

### **Sunday School Teachers Meeting**

9:00 am - Fellowship Hall

### **Educators Appreciation Day**

Morning Worship Service

### **Night of Prayer for Our Schools**

We will meet at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. We will worship together and have devotion. Following the devotion we will prayer walk our schools.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.



## **Christmas in August**

Everyone is invited to the first Christmas party of the year, August 10 @ 6:00 p.m. in the CLC. We plan to eat pot-luck supper and preview this year's Christmas musical. We truly hope you will join us for this special event.

## **IMPACT Training**

Thursday, August 11

5:15-8:30 pm

East Philadelphia Baptist Church

The impact training will be for pastors, and leaders of adults, youth, children, and preschool. The training is for lay leaders and church staff. The focus of the training will be disciple-making with emphasis on both reaching the lost and discipline the saved.

## **YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT**

### **TOP GOLF**

Birmingham

Saturday, August 13

7:45 am-5:00 pm

Cost: \$10 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Sign up in the church office  
by August 7.



## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER VOLUNTEERS**

We will start making our Wednesday night supper volunteer workers list soon. The list from last year will be used. Please contact Brenda S. Nowell at 601-416-4660 if you want to drop your name from the list. If you are a new worker and want to be added, please sign up outside the church office. For more information call Brenda S. Nowell.

Hi everyone!

I wrote at the beginning of the summer, so it's only fitting that I write at the end as well! Things are winding down for my internship, and I am absolutely pumped to show y'all what I've been working on. If you are unaware, my two big projects for the summer are building a new website for the church and creating an online directory. Don't panic! We'll be able to do hard copies as well!

We've had a great turnout for updating information and taking photos so far, and we have one week left of our campaign. If you see Candace McKay around, be sure to give her a HUGE "thank you" for all her help with taking photos. If you haven't had your photo taken, we'll be taking photos on Sunday from 9:30-11:00 a.m. and directly after church. If you can't come on Sunday, you will be able to upload one yourself! Call the church office with questions. I also want to emphasize that anyone who is not a part of our church family will **not** have access to our online directory. The directory will be accessible only through our members' emails and their created password, so don't worry about it being public.

The app and directory will be available on September 4, and I'll be here on that Sunday to give a short introduction to the app. If you'd like one-on-one help using the app, I'll be available from 4:30-5:45 p.m. on September 4 to help you log in and learn how to use the app. Physical copies of our new directory will be available in the middle of September.

With the website, I am over-the-moon excited! Also on September 4, our brand-new website will go live. This website is much easier to navigate, and everything you need will be on there, just easier to find and prettier to look at! You can now watch our livestreams directly on our website (we will still be streaming to Facebook and YouTube), view the Open Door, give online, and see our events calendar on one, seamless page. There are other pages as well! On September 4, be sure to visit [fbcphilly.com](http://fbcphilly.com) online to scroll through.

Church family, I have loved serving you in this capacity. I've grown, challenged myself, and learned a lot! The Lord has been faithful to sustain me, and I know He will continue to do so. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to labor for Christ with you.

Love and blessings,  
Zoie Henson

## **BROTHERHOOD**

### **Breakfast**

Sunday, August 14

7:30 am

Christian Life Center

**Guest Speaker: Lane Moseley**

All men and boys are  
invited to attend!



## WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

Sunday School Teachers Meeting.....9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship Service (Vote on Deacons).....11:00 a.m.  
 NO TeamKID (Grades 1-6) ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 NO Youth Discipleship Training ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 NO Man Church..... 5:00 p.m.  
 NO Adult Discipleship Training ..... 5:00 p.m.  
*Night of Prayer for Our Schools* ..... 5:00 p.m.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 8

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....8:30 a.m.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

B.A.L.L. Officers .....10:00 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....8:30 a.m.  
 NO Wednesday Night Supper (Until August 17)..... 5:00 p.m.  
 NO Preschool Choir (Until August 17)..... 5:30 p.m.  
 NO Children's Choir (Until August 17) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 Chancel Choir (Christmas in August)..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Mission Friends..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Kid Blast ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Youth ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Man Church ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Bible Study with Alain Kabore' ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Prayer Meeting..... 6:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

Impact Training (EPBC)..... 5:15-8:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....8:30 a.m.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Youth Event Top Golf (Birmingham)..... 7:45 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

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.  
 TeamKID (Grades 1-6)..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Youth Discipleship Training ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Man Church ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Adult Discipleship Training ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Evening Worship Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

## CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Evan Humphries ..... Pastor  
 William Smith ..... Minister of Music  
 Jackie Cheatham.....Minister of Children  
 Laura Thrash ..... Financial Ministry Assistant  
 Tiffney Loper ..... Education Ministry Assistant  
 Andrea Moore ..... Child Ministry Center Director  
 Brenda G. Nowell..... Christian Life Center Director  
 Michael Duke ..... Upward Director  
 Church Office ..... (601)656-1507  
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 Church Website ..... www.fbcphilly.com  
 Kindergarten/Child Care ..... (601)656-5015

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

### July 31, 2022

Budget .....	\$27,529.76
Wee Care.....	\$1,648.33
CMC Direct Deposit .....	\$23,598.00
CMC Deposit .....	\$110.00
Budget Offering Given to Date .....	\$1,020,450.93
Under Budget.....	\$14,155.47
Wee Care Given to Date.....	\$1,536,741.64

<b>WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:</b>	<b>\$21,554.30</b>
<b>BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 07/24/22:</b>	<b>\$27,529.76</b>

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

	<u>July 31, 2022</u>	
Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	35	24
Children	46	7
Youth	30	18
Adults	370	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>169</b>