

# 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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# UPWARD GAMES

Friday 5:30-8 pm  
Saturday 8 am -12 Noon

## HAVE BEEN CANCELED

# BROTHERHOOD Breakfast

All men and boys are invited to attend!

## Fellowship

### JANUARY 12TH

7:30 AM IN THE CLC  
Speaker:  
Tyler Nicholson





Church Family,

*O satisfy us in the morning with your lovingkindness, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.*  
-Psalm 90:14

What does it take for us to be satisfied? Does our day have to go exactly like we planned? Are we only satisfied when we have good days or only when good things happen? Satisfaction comes when our desires are made happy. Our flesh is constantly wanting to be fulfilled by something. As followers of Christ, our minds have been and are being transformed to view these desires differently. The steadfast and always abounding loving kindness of God will be what satisfies us. When our flesh tries to convince us that something else will satisfy us, I hope we will be reminded that it is only His loving kindness that will satisfy us.

On another note, we are planning on starting D-Groups back next week. These groups will be using the S.O.A.P. (Scripture, Observe, Apply, Pray) method to read and journal through Galatians, Ephesians, and Philippians this spring. Each week, the groups will come back together to discuss the passages they completed and recite the memory verse for that week. Currently, we have over 40 adults signed up to be in a D-Group. We had 20 adults in D-Groups last fall, and I am excited to see how God uses these groups to help be disciples and make more disciples.

In Christ,  
Evan

**OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Offering envelopes have been delayed on getting here. Hope to have them to you soon as possible. We apologize for the inconvenience.



**D-GROUP TRAINING**  
Sunday, January 12  
4 pm | Fellowship Hall  
Tuesday, January 14  
12 Noon | Fellowship Hall



SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 • 5-7 PM  
If you have not joined a small group and have any questions, please call the church office 601-656-1507.

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION**

January 12

Younger: Coker & Chelsea Fulton  
Older: Laura Thrash & Racheal Page

January 19

Younger: Josh & Mamie Thompson  
Older: Gail Turner & Kamryn Kaboré

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

January 12

11 am Service – Tyler Rounsaville

January 19

11 am Service – Randy Hanna

**HOSPITAL**

Kenneth Gray

Anderson

**SYMPATHY**

*We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Carolyn Dearman.*



***Sanctuary Flowers***

*The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in honor of Reese McKay's birthday. They are given by Dee and Cha.*

**NESHOBA BAPTIST FOOD PANTRY**

First Baptist Church 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.

***Annual Corporate Meeting***

The Annual Corporate Meeting of First Baptist Church will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at the conclusion of the morning worship service.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**BY BAPTISM**

Tanner & Macy Rhodes  
15590 Hwy 15 South  
Philadelphia, MS 39350  
769-236-9151 (Tanner)  
601-562-8766 (Macy)





# WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

SERVED 4:45-5:45



## MENU FOR JANUARY 15

Tacos  
Spanish Rice  
Corn  
Peaches  
Dessert  
Kids: Same

**Servers:** Sandi Lewis, Sue Keen

**Cleanup:** Gary Keen, Janice Griffin

**Money Table:** Nancy Williams



## **NESHOBA D-NOW**

January 31-February 3  
Central Hills Retreat Center

**\$30 DUE JANUARY 12**

## **SUMMER CAMP**

July 10-14  
Knoxville, TN

**REGISTER BY JANUARY 12**

All youth are invited to attend...bring a friend!



## CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

June 26-30  
Pulaski, MS

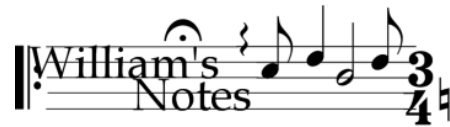
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\$50 deposit due February 2

See Mrs. Jackie for more information.

## **ATTENTION LADIES!**

Ladies we will be having a valentine party for the Neshoba Nursing Home Tuesday, February 11 at 2 pm. Food items needed are pimento sandwiches, homemade cookies, chips, punch and Hershey kisses. Also needed are valentine plates, napkins, and cups. But most of all we need ladies' dressed in red or pink dresses with smiling faces to visit with the residence. The party is a tradition that dates back to the 70's and last year was great. Contact Louise Sharp 601 562 0132 to volunteer to bring food or paper goods.



*"My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me."*

*Psalms 63:8*

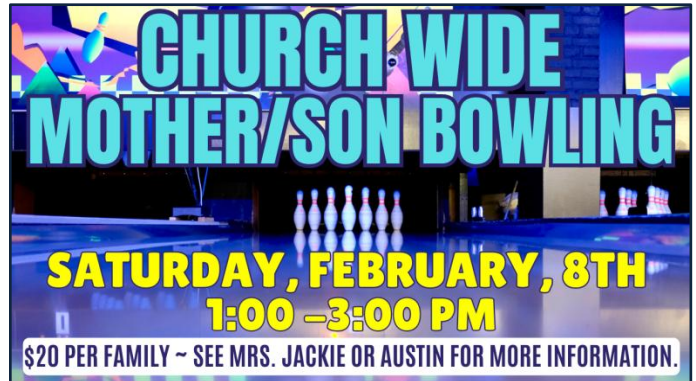
This is one of my favorite scripture passages. It reminds me of how God can sustain and keep me safe no matter the circumstance. Unfortunately, I do not always cling to God. Far too often I put my hope in the things of this world like money, talents, politics, religion, and relationships in general. In comparison, this is like clinging to dust. God alone never fails. It is when we hold to Him that we find strength, comfort, and quiet from the fear of evil. It is His right hand, His strong hand, which holds us tight.

David wrote Psalm 63 during a time of great distress. We are not sure about the particulars, but we know he is somehow separated from his normal sources of help and security. He feels all alone and vulnerable. However, in his distress he remembers worshiping God in the Sanctuary, the tabernacle in Jerusalem. Thinking about and meditating on this experience compelled David to shout out in praise, "Your love is better important than needed food or water. Even before God's rescue, David begins to rejoice in victory. He praised God spontaneously even in the bleakest of circumstances. Focusing on God, gave David all the strength and courage for living he needed.

Shouting for Joy!

William W. Smith

**Ps 100**



## WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Brotherhood Breakfast .....	7:30 a.m.
Deacons Meeting .....	8:30 a.m.
Media Center.....	9:15 a.m.
Special Time of Prayer.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
D-Group Training .....	4:00 p.m.
Small Groups .....	5:00 p.m.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 13

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

B.A.L.L. Officers .....	10:00 a.m.
D-Group Training .....	12 Noon

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Night Supper .....	4:45-5:45 p.m.
Media Center.....	5:30 p.m.
Children's Choir .....	5:30 p.m.
Preschool Choir.....	5:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir .....	6:00 p.m.
Mission Friends.....	6:00 p.m.
Kid Blast .....	6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.
Youth .....	6:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
Upward Games .....	5:30-8:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Upward Games .....	8:00 a.m.-12 Noon
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### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

CMC Team Meeting .....	8:30 a.m.
Media Center.....	9:15 a.m.
Special Time of Prayer.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....	9:45 a.m.
Sanctity of Human Life.....	11:00 a.m.
Annual Corporate Meeting .....	Following Service
Small Groups .....	5:00 p.m.

**CLC HOURS MONDAY – FRIDAY 7 AM – 12 NOON**

## CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Evan Humphries .....	Pastor
William Smith.....	Minister of Music
Austin Aultman.....	Minister of Students
Jackie Cheatham .....	Minister of Children
Laura Thrash.....	Financial Ministry Assistant
Tiffany Loper .....	Education Ministry Assistant
Tiffany Long .....	Child Ministry Center Director
Linda Griffis .....	Christian Life Center Director
Michael Duke.....	Upward Director
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Kindergarten/Child Care .....	(601)656-5015

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

### January 5, 2025

Budget .....	\$86,191.40
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$18.00
Children.....	\$100.00
Upward Concessions .....	\$561.00
Bereavement.....	\$340.00
OCC/Atlanta.....	\$33.34
Food Pantry .....	\$225.00
Building Fund .....	\$5,000.00
Renovate Church.....	\$50.00
Harvest Church.....	\$150.00
Ruth's Promise .....	\$200.00
Designated.....	\$25,000.00
Disaster Relief.....	\$10.00
Child Ministries.....	\$200.00
State Missions .....	\$10.00
Annie Armstrong.....	\$10.00
Lottie Moon.....	\$10.00
Lottie Moon Given to Date .....	\$41,357.05
Budget Offering Given to Date .....	\$460,002.55
Over Budget .....	\$57,992.78

<b>WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:</b>	<b>\$21,036.40</b>
<b>BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 01/05/25:</b>	<b>\$86,191.40</b>

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

<u>January 5, 2025</u>		
Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	35	25
Children	31	26
Youth	25	15
Adults	271	129
Total	362	195