

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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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



Annual Corporate Meeting

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

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Choose **LIFE**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH

B.A.L.L.

LUNCHEON

JANUARY 21ST | 12 NOON | FELLOWSHIP HALL

SPEAKER: HERSCHEL KILPATRICK

Please bring a covered dish or dessert and join us for a time of fun and fellowship. All senior adults are invited to attend.



Church Family,

Instead of "How's life working for you?", we'll ask, "How is your life working for the people around you?" – Bob Goff

We started a new series in Sunday night small groups this past Sunday night called *Love in Chaos* with Bob Goff. Bob posed this question to us during the video. What a powerful thought to think through as we examine ourselves in relation to loving others. We tend to think of ourselves with rose-colored glasses. We can also become consumed with ourselves and only focus on how life is going for us personally. Those who live closest to us know us best. They see how we respond when it is difficult to love, and our patience wears thin. We may think we're doing a great job loving others, but we must be aware of how our actions are impacting those closest to us.

I want to challenge us to talk to someone we're close to who will kindly and truthfully tell us how our life is working for those around us. It may be really difficult to think about how our actions have impacted those closest to us. However, God offers us forgiveness for where we have messed up and a way to love others the way Christ loves us. We can love as Christ loves us through God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives.

In Christ,
Evan

Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements for 2024 are now available. They may be picked up in the church office.

Offering Envelopes



OFFERING ENVELOPES

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



Come exercise with us...men and women!

Get your year started off on the right foot! Come join our exercise class *Revive Us Again*. We meet weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 am in the CLC. If you have any questions contact Carol Kilpatrick at 601-650-5249. Everyone is invited and bring a friend!

OPPORTUNITIES

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

January 19

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

January 26

Younger: Drew & Laura Massey
Older: Ryan & Candace McKay

DEACON OF THE WEEK

January 19

11 am Service – Randy Hanna

January 26

11 am Service – Alain Kaboré

HOSPITAL

Tonya Culpepper

Anderson



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary Sunday are given in memory of Alaina Puckett's 30th birthday which was on December 28. They are given by her parents, Joe and Amanda Puckett.



Food Collection

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.



Welcome New Members

BY BAPTISM

Lyz Lyle Humphries
10110 Road 1714
Philadelphia, MS 39350

Lily Spence
102 Pleasant Ridge Dr.
Philadelphia, MS 39350

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

SERVED 4:45-5:45



MENU FOR JANUARY 22

- Chicken & Dumplings
- Green Beans
- Green Salad
- Rolls
- Dessert
- Kids: Chicken Nuggets

Servers: Christy Bounds, Brenda Barnett

Cleanup: Herman Alford, Ashley Peebles

Money Table: Nancy Williams



BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th



YOUTH NESHOPA D-NOW

January 31-February 3
Central Hills Retreat Center

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

July 10-14 | Knoxville, TN

\$50 DEPOSIT DUE FEBRUARY 2



All youth are invited to attend and bring a friend!



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.

UPWARD NEWS

For 26 years, First Baptist has been blessed with the ministry called Upward Basketball and Cheerleading, which has become a centerpiece of our community. It is so much more than an opportunity for kids to learn the rudiments of the game of basketball or cheer; the program is used to shape and mold hearts and minds with the love of Christ. Through every game and practice, interaction an opportunity exists through Upward Sports to develop sportsmanship and Christlike values that encourage integrity into each child.

One of the most meaningful things with Upward is that it has to do with spiritual development. During every game, halftime is used for devotions in a way to reflect and encourage one another. These are shared through scripture, personal testimony, or a song that can be uplifting; it gives the players, parents, and spectators an opportunity to hear and reflect on God's word. The coaches are very much involved with this ministry-through leading the devotions and prayer at every practice to keep spiritual growth at the heart of the program.

This ministry would not be possible without the tireless dedication of so many. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the volunteers, coaches, concession stand workers, and parents who invest their time, energy, and hearts into making Upward a success year after year. Your commitment to the program enables it not only to function smoothly but also to have an eternal impact on the lives of others. Whether coaching a team, preparing a snack, or cheering from the stands, every act of service plays a role in the mission of pointing others to Christ.

If you are willing to take part in a halftime devotion, would like to give some of your time, or could help us with anything, we would welcome it! Please contact Michael Duke at 601-728-9588. Games run on Friday nights from 5:30 to 8:00 pm and Saturday mornings from 8:00 to 12:00. All are welcome to attend and see this ministry in action. Let's continue to make this ministry a powerful influence in teaching integrity, sportsmanship, and Christlike behavior on and off the court.

Michael Duke
Upwards Director



CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

June 26-30 • Pulaski, MS

2nd-5th Completed | Cost: \$100

\$50 DEPOSIT DUE FEBRUARY 2

See Mrs. Jackie for more information.



WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

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.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Revive Us Again Exercise Class	8:30 a.m.
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

B.A.L.L. Luncheon	12 Noon
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

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 24

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Upward Games	8:00 a.m.-12 Noon
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Media Center	9:15 a.m.
Special Time of Prayer	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Baptist Men's Day	11:00 a.m.
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 12, 2025

Budget	\$59,934.89
Wednesday Night Supper	\$350.00
Children	\$500.00
Music	\$10.00
Bereavement	\$25.00
Brotherhood	\$58.00
Food Pantry	\$100.00
Designated	\$5,000.00
Utilities Refund	\$464.21
Harvest Church	\$300.00
DNow	\$120.00
Youth Camp	\$165.00
Child Ministries	\$93.56
Cole Scholarship	\$1,436.23
Mother/Son Bowling	\$20.00
Budget Offering Given to Date	\$519,937.44
Over Budget	\$96,769.24

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$21,036.40
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 01/12/25:	\$59,934.89

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

January 12, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	35	28
Children	31	25
Youth	25	16
Adults	271	147
Total	362	216

SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS

January 12, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	36	28
Children	35	30
Youth	34	30
Adults	105	92
Total	240	180