



# 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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## B.A.L.L OUTING

LEAVE FBC 8:15 AM  
RETURN BY 3:30 PM

## FRENCH CAMP

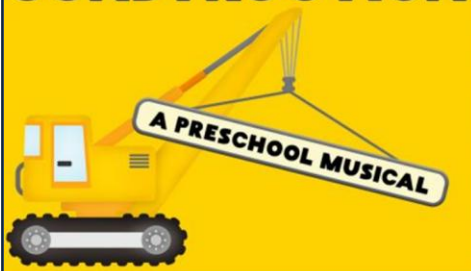
THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH



ALL SENIOR ADULTS ARE INVITED.  
BRING MONEY FOR LUNCH.

## PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

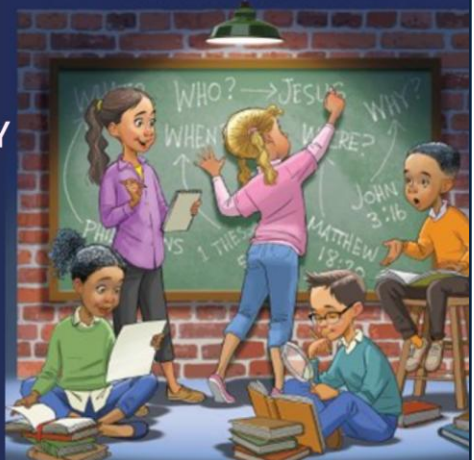
### KIDS under CONSTRUCTION



WEDNESDAY  
APRIL  
30<sup>TH</sup>  
6:00 PM

## Who, What, When, Where, Why

Discovering a  
Relationship  
with Jesus  
An Easy-to-Perform Musical for Kids







## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

SERVED 4:45-5:45 PM



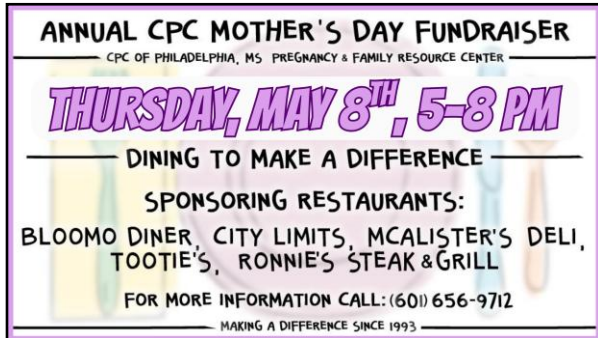
### MENU FOR APRIL 30

Pork Chops  
Mashed Potatoes  
English Peas  
Fruit  
Rolls & Dessert  
Kids Menu: Hot Dogs

**Servers:** Sandi Lewis, Sue Keen

**Cleanup:** Brenda Nowell, Brian Hicks

**Money Table:** Patti Robey



### **Parent/Child Dedication**

Sunday, May 11

Worship Service

If you have a baby/child who has not been dedicated, and you would like to participate in this service, please contact the church office NO later than Monday, May 5.



### **FRAMED PHOTOS NEEDED!!**

***The 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary team is requesting framed photos for tables at the luncheon.***

*Examples include-weddings, baptisms youth or children activities/groups, former members, events, etc. Please leave your photos in the church office. You can collect your pictures immediately following the lunch on May 4<sup>th</sup>.*



Thank you to our Chancel choir, praise band, audio-visual team, the breakfast crew, our deacons, and everyone who helped make Easter Week special. In part because of your efforts, we truly had several very meaningful moments together staring with "The Road to Calvary" presentation on Palm Sunday. During the week, more than a hundred people participated in the Lord's Supper at the cross we had one of the biggest Easter Egg Hunts ever, and more than three hundred worshipers joined Easter day counting both services. All our volunteers truly shined as people from outside our church family joined us in every service, I know in part because FBC members brought them.

One of my favorite moments in worship this week, and there were many, happened Sunday morning at the early service during the singing of the gospel Hymn "Because He Lives." When the Gaither's penned these words, things were not that different politically and spiritually than what we are living through today. To make things worse, Bill had been down physically and emotionally with mononucleosis, and they were receiving hateful comments from so-called friends concerning their ministry. Gloria explains it like this "It was on New Year's Eve that I sat alone in the darkness and quiet of our living room, thinking about the world and our country and Bill's discouragement and the family problems – and about our baby yet unborn. Who in their right mind would bring a child into a world like this? I thought. The world is so evil. Influences beyond our control are so strong. What will happen to this child? I cannot quite explain what happened at that moment, but suddenly I felt released from it all. The panic that had begun to build inside was gently dispelled by a reassuring presence that engulfed my life and drew my attention. Gradually, the fear left, and the joy began to return. I knew I could have that baby and face the future with optimism and trust. It was the Resurrection affirming itself in our lives once again. It was LIFE conquering death in the regularity of my day."

Shouting for Joy!

William W. Smith

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### **Graduate Recognition Service**

**May 18, 2025**

If you have a senior who will be graduating from high school in May and would like to participate in our Graduate Recognition Service, please let us know in the church office. The DEADLINE to get your name on the list is May 12. The Senior Breakfast will be on Sunday, May 18, at 8:30 am and the Recognition Service will be held during the worship service at 11:00 am.

#### **COLLEGE GRADUATES**

Our college graduates will be recognized in the worship service on May 19. If you are graduating from college, please call the church office by May 12 in order for your name to be listed in the Open Door.

## WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY, APRIL 27

CMC Team Meeting .....	8:30 a.m.
Church Council .....	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.
Small Groups .....	5:00 p.m.

### MONDAY, APRIL 28

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Night Supper .....	4:45-5:45 p.m.
Media Center.....	5:30 p.m.
Preschool/Children's Musical .....	6:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MAY 1

National Day of Prayer (DeWeese Memorial Park).....	12 Noon
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### SUNDAY, MAY 4

#### *First Baptist Church 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration*

Media Center.....	9:15 a.m.
Special Time of Prayer.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....	10:30 a.m.
Potluck Luncheon (CLC) .....	12 Noon
NO 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
Tiffney 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

### April 20, 2025

Budget .....	\$10,455.50
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$467.00
175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary .....	\$25.00
Brotherhood .....	\$100.00
Designated.....	\$20,000.00
Ruth's Promise .....	\$355.00
Youth.....	\$25.00
Music Designated.....	\$10.00
Annie Armstrong.....	\$600.00
Annie Armstrong Given to Date .....	\$11,373.16
Budget Offering Given to Date .....	\$802,152.52
Over Budget .....	\$82,766.58

<b>WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:</b>	<b>\$21,408.68</b>
<b>BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 04/20/25:</b>	<b>\$10,455.50</b>

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

### April 20, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	35	26
Children	31	27
Youth	25	5
Adults	271	127
Total	362	185

## NO SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS