

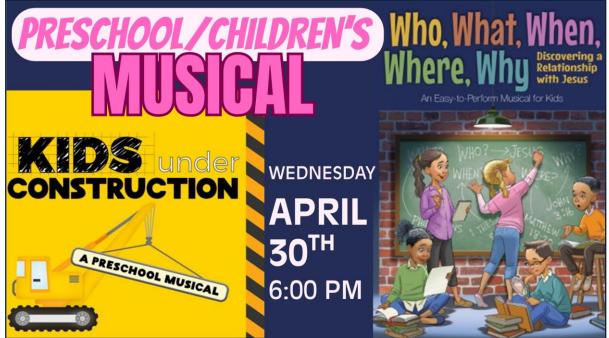
# THE OPEN DOOR

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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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Church Family,

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord." - 1 Corinthians 15:58

Let us never forget that we serve a risen Savior! Christ conquered sin on our behalf by dying on the cross. Christ conquered death by rising from the tomb. Because of what He did for us on the cross and in the tomb, we are enabled to be *steadfast* and *immovable*. The resurrection of Christ has impacted us in such a powerful way that it causes us to *abound in the work of the Lord*. Our motivation to work is driven by the resurrection of Christ. As we serve by the strength that He supplies, we are pointing others to the resurrection hope we have in Jesus.

As followers of Christ, we are confident that our reward is waiting for us in heaven. Therefore, we do not abound in the work of the Lord to please men or to promote ourselves. We abound in the work of the Lord in order to please our Father. Our mission statement as a church begins with, "We exist to Glorify God...." Our salvation and our work as followers of Christ are done to glorify the Father. I hope we will be reminded of the resurrection hope we have in Christ and how His resurrection impacts our everyday lives.

In Christ, Evan





## **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

April 27

Younger: Julie & Shelby Rudolph Older: Austin & Whestley Harrison

May 4

Younger: Macealin Miller & Joy Buchanon Older: Sharon McKay & Patti Robey

#### DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 27

11 am Service – David Bailey

May 4

11 am Service - Randy Hanna

#### USHERS FOR MAY

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

#### SANCTUARY GREETERS FOR MAY

Bruce Bounds & Debbie Stokes

#### WELCOME CENTER GREETERS FOR MAY

Brian & Angie Jay

#### **HOSPITAL**

Harry Carter

Swingbed, Neshoba

#### **SYMPATHY**

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Sonny Oliphant.

## Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are given by Sue Lewis in honor of her piano students.



### Foyer Flowers

The flowers in the foyer this Sunday are in honor of Kennedy McKay for her birthday. They are given by Dee and Cha.

## Birthday Celebration

You are invited to a Birthday Celebration honoring Pat Mioton on her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. Join us on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00-4:00 pm at Pat Mioton's house. No gifts please, just your presence.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

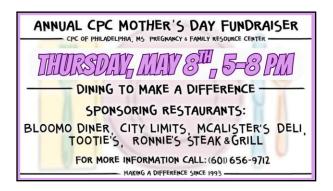
SERVED 4:45-5:45 PM



#### **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 4th.



Thank you to our Chancel choir, praise band, audiovisual 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 http://www.fbcphilly.com



# 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				
MONDAY, APRIL 28	_			
Revive Us Again Exercise Class	8:30 a.m.			
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			
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)				
NO Small Groups	5:00 p.m.			

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

# **CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Evan Humphries	Pastor
	Minister of Music
Austin Aultman	Minister of Students
Jackie Cheatham	Minister of Children
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Tiffney Loper	Education Ministry Assistant
Tiffany Long	. Child Ministry Center Director
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# **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

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

# 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