

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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**BASKETBALL &
CHEERLEADING**
AGES: K4-6TH GRADE

EVALUATIONS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

1ST-2ND GRADE • 8:00 AM
3RD-4TH GRADE • 9:15 AM
5TH-6TH GRADE • 10:30 AM

NO EVALUATIONS FOR
K4/K5 & CHEERLEADERS

REGISTER ONLINE: @[HTTPS://REGISTRATION.UPWARD.ORG/UPW86975](https://registration.upward.org/upw86975)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MICHAEL DUKE 601-728-9588



HAM JAM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

WE ARE ASKING VOLUNTEERS
TO WORK ONE HOUR SHIFTS
AT THE FBC BOOTH AT HAM
JAM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
VOLUNTEER, PLEASE SIGN UP
OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE.



Church Family,

In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice; in the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch.
– Psalm 5:3

David is the author of this chapter in Psalms. David, like Jesus, spent time in prayer to the Father. I picture David rising early in the morning and going to that secluded place for prayer. Compared to the middle of the day, early morning and late at night are usually the calmest times of the day. While God can always hear our prayers, there are fewer distractions first thing in the morning. Growing up as a shepherd, I would imagine David was used to the calmness of the quiet early mornings and the alone time he got to experience with God. I can only imagine that he would fondly think of his shepherding days when he would become king.

Two parts of this verse focus on David's individual relationship with the Father. First, David knows that God will hear his voice when he cries out to Him. God hears the prayers of His children. Second, David is eagerly waiting for a response. He is watching and waiting for God's response, like a lookout on a watchtower. He is expecting to get some type of response from God. We may not always like God's response to our prayers, but we would do well to eagerly watch for God's answer to our prayers. We can seek God early and often, knowing that He hears our prayers and will respond.

In Christ,
Evan

New Members Class October 2-23

Wednesday Nights from 5:45-6:15 pm
We will meet in the church parlor.

STS CONFERENCE

December 28-30 • Pigeon, Forge
COST: \$50 | SIGNUP BY OCTOBER 6
All juniors, seniors, and college students are encouraged to attend...invite a friend! For more information contact Austin Aultman.

Neshoba Baptist Association Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 8 @ The Baptist Center
Refreshments 6 pm • Meeting 6:30 pm
Speaker: Dr. Jon Martin MBCB

Bridal Shower

All the ladies of the church are invited to attend a "Come and Go" Bridal Shower in honor of Adrienne Sisson, bride-elect of Kip Fulton on Sunday, October 6 from 1:30-3:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

OPPORTUNITIES

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

October 6

Younger: Tyler & Carly Rounsaville
Older: Jordan Dickerson & Racheal Page

October 13

Younger: David & DeeDee Bailey
Older: Don & Sharon McKay

DEACON OF THE WEEK

October 6

11 am Service – Randy Hanna

October 13

11 am Service – Alain Kaboré

USHERS FOR OCTOBER

Scott Bounds	Richard Lee
Craig Brown	Greg Nowell
Alex Dees, III	Brice Richardson
David Durant	

SANCTUARY GREETER FOR OCTOBER

Debbie Stokes

WELCOME GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

David & Kay Durant

Please remember Jackie and Kevin Chatham in the month of October, as Mrs. Jackie enjoys her sabbatical.



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are given in honor of the Bridal Shower for Adrienne Sisson bride elect of Kip Fulton.

Welcome New Member

BY LETTER

Kathy McNair
10530 Road 355
Union, MS 39365
601-480-4011

Thank You!

A note of thanks to each of you who made me feel loved during my sickness. The calls and cards were wonderful and all the meals were great! I love you dearly and appreciate all you did.

*God bless you,
Mrs. Lou Morgan*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS



MENU FOR OCTOBER 9

Hamburger Steak/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Butter Beans
Fruit
Rolls & Dessert
Kids Menu: Hot Dogs

Servers: Janice Griffin, Brenda Barnett

Cleanup: Ashley Peebles, Brian Hicks

Money Table: Patti Robey



At present, we are making final preparations for our upcoming November BALL sponsored trip. Please join us in prayer as we head to Louisville and Covington Kentucky. We will be traveling, eating, and fellowshiping together for basically 4 days. We will be journeying through Genesis 1-11, encountering dozens of Bible characters. We will meet Noah and his family as they build the ark and are saved from the waters of the worldwide flood. We will find out how the biblical flood answers questions such as "Where did fossils come from?" and "How did rock layers form". We will also explore the science behind the creation and other biblical events, including the biblical perspective on races and languages. We will consider together how God's Word stands up to the test of time, remaining relevant and essential for living in today's world.

Please pray that we will be safe, enjoy each other's company, and grow in the Lord together. Pray also that we will be lights in the darkness every place we go. We never know who we may meet on a trip like this one. Every year it seems as if God opens the door for members to share their faith as we travel. We cherish your prayers.

Shouting for JOY!

William W. Smith

Psalms 100

Watchman Prayer Ministry

This prayer ministry focuses on praying for our country, state, city and church. We dedicate one hour each week to lift up each one of these to God. The need is great. If you would like to join us the sign-up sheet is in front of the office. The instructions are on the cabinet outside the library. If interested but do not feel like you can take a specific time, please take the information and pray. Read 2 Chronicles 7:14. Have questions; call Sue Keen 601 562 8450.

MARGARET LACKEY STATE OFFERING

Church Goal: \$4,000

Given to Date: \$2,291

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Any donated items can be placed in the box outside the church office. Donations can be made to the church office as each box costs \$10 to ship. Thank you for helping spread the Gospel through the gift of shoeboxes!

OCTOBER FOCUS ITEMS: TOYS/ACTIVITIES/WOW ITEMS

EXAMPLES INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO: BALL, DOLL/STUFFED ANIMAL, PUZZLES, SOCCER BALL & PUMP, MUSICAL INSTRUMENT, SMALL GAMES, BINOCULARS, COMPASS, ETC.



FALL FESTIVAL

CANDY DONATIONS

FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING SOON!
WE NEED DONATIONS OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY TO BE USED AS PRIZES FOR THE GAMES. THERE IS A BOX OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR DONATIONS. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

CAKE WALK

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN PROVIDING CAKES, BROWNIES, COOKIES, & CUPCAKES FOR OUR FALL FESTIVAL CAKE WALK. THE ITEMS DO NOT NEED TO BE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED BUT MAY BE PACKED BY THE DOZEN. PLEASE BRING THEM IN A DISPOSABLE CONTAINER TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY 5PM ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 OR BRING THEM TO THE FALL FESTIVAL THE DAY OF.



BROTHERHOOD Breakfast Fellowship

ALL MEN & BOYS ARE INVITED!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:30 AM IN THE CLC

SPEAKER: BILL GILLEY



THE LORD'S SUPPER

Do this in remembrance of Me

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

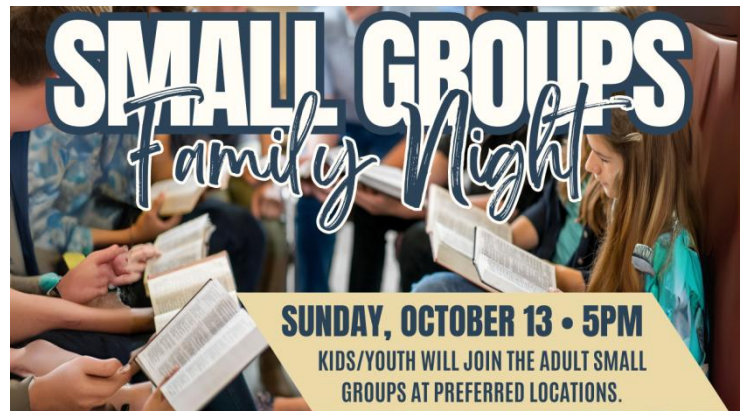
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE



SMALL GROUPS Family Night

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 • 5PM

KIDS/YOUTH WILL JOIN THE ADULT SMALL GROUPS AT PREFERRED LOCATIONS.



WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Media Center.....	9:15 a.m.
Special Time of Prayer.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Bridal Shower (Adrienne Sisson).....	1:30-3:00 p.m.
Small Groups.....	5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

B.A.L.L. Officers.....	10:00 a.m.
Baptist Association Annual Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

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.
New Members Class.....	5:45 p.m.
Chancel Choir.....	6:00 p.m.
Mission Friends.....	6:00 p.m.
Kid Blast.....	6:00 p.m.
Youth.....	6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Ham Jam.....	8:00 a.m.
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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.
The Lord's Supper.....	11:00 a.m.
Small Groups (Family Night).....	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
Church Office.....	(601)656-1507
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Kindergarten/Child Care.....	(601)656-5015

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

September 22, 2024

Budget.....	\$9,882.00
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$638.00
Office Refund.....	\$1.50
B.A.L.L. Trip.....	\$1,198.00
Children's Ministry.....	\$50.00
Music.....	\$10.00
Operation Christmas Child.....	\$25.00
Ruth's Promise.....	\$50.00
Designated.....	\$44,688.45
Budget Offering Given to Date.....	\$80,425.96
Over Budget.....	\$4,207.68

September 29, 2024

Budget.....	\$27,996.00
Wee Care.....	\$140.00
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$456.00
Office Refund.....	\$1.00
B.A.L.L. Trip.....	\$5,435.00
Children's Ministry.....	\$325.00
Music.....	\$10.00
Operation Christmas Child.....	\$125.00
Ruth's Promise.....	\$125.00
Praise Brand.....	\$5,000.00
Youth Designated.....	\$100.00
Christmas Boxes.....	\$50.00
Harvest Church.....	\$25.00
Renovate Church.....	\$25.00
Strength to Stand Conference.....	\$200.00
Child Ministries.....	\$260.00
Budget Offering Given to Date.....	\$108,421.96
Over Budget.....	\$2,629.91

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$21,036.40
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 09/22/24:	\$9,882.00
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 09/29/24:	\$27,996.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

September 22, 2024

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	35	22
Children	31	26
Youth	25	14
Adults	271	138
Total	362	200

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

September 29, 2024

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	35	30
Children	31	28
Youth	25	11
Adults	271	144
Total	362	213