

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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CHURCH WIDE
MOTHER/SON BOWLING
February 8th
1-3 pm
\$20 PER FAMILY
SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE



Sunday, February 9th
BROTHERHOOD
BREAKFAST
SPEAKER:
BRO. DAN HOWARD



CHURCH WIDE
Father & Daughter Banquet
Saturday, February 15th
6 pm | Christian Life Center
\$25 PER FAMILY - SIGN UP BY FEBRUARY 2ND
SEE MRS. JACKIE FOR MORE DETAILS.



There's
Room
for
YOU!



Church Family,

As I have heard several times over the last couple of weeks, "Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad." There is so much truth to that comparison! God calls us to pursue wisdom as His followers. God's wisdom is perfect. We have no need to look for wisdom anywhere or try to figure out what true wisdom is. As I have prepared for the series each week, I am reminded of Christ and His perfect display of wisdom on the earth.

1 Corinthians 1:23-24 says, "but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." Christ is God's wisdom living in front of humanity. Both the power of God and the wisdom of God are on display in Jesus Christ. Jesus is the perfect example of wisdom. He shows us how to treat our enemies. He shows us how to treat our friends. He shows us how to handle our relationships. As we continue reading through the book of Proverbs, we must carefully consider how each proverb relates to the life of Jesus and His teachings. Then, after we have examined our lives, we take our imperfections to Christ for restoration.

In Christ,
Evan



NURSING HOME VALENTINE PARTY

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.



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.

OPPORTUNITIES

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

February 9

Younger: Catherine & Lilly Hicks
Older: Tyler & Carly Rounsaville

February 16

Younger: Drew & KK Coats
Older: Jennifer Bounds & Sandi Lewis

DEACON OF THE WEEK

February 9

11 am Service – Cody Spence

February 16

11 am Service – Mark Fleming

HOSPITAL

Kenneth Gray

Andersons



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary Sunday are in honor of Dot Lewis for her 90th Birthday. They are given by her family.

Flower Calendar

We have openings on the Flower Calendar for the next several months. If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone, please call the church office at 601-656-1507 to reserve a date.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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

OFFERING ENVELOPES

2025 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up outside the church office.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

BY BAPTISM

Sebastian Cooney
10011 Road 541
Philadelphia, MS

BY BAPTISM

Hayden Crosswhite
10311 Road 424
Philadelphia, MS



Today February 5 supper menu has been changed to PIZZA & HOT DOGS. Sorry for the inconvenience.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
SERVED 4:45-5:45 PM



MENU FOR FEBRUARY 12

- Beef Tips, Rice & Gravy
- Butter Beans
- Green Salad
- Rolls & Dessert
- Kids: Hot Dogs

Servers: Tiffney Loper, Brenda Nowell
Cleanup: Brian Hicks, Beth Henson
Money Table: Patti Robey

As parents we want our children to be happy, but happiness depends on circumstances. What we should really want for them is joy. People are inherently self-centered. We like things done our way. However, God has called for us to overcome our natural tendencies and to put Him and others above ourselves, even if it makes us step out of our comfort zone. It's the only way to experience true joy.

One way to teach our children to love God and others is to model the behavior we want to see in them. Growing up I could see that my parents had a love for God and young people. They taught Sunday School, Discipleship Training and VBS at our small country church. I grew up listening to conversations between the two of them about things they could do to encourage the young people, and I could hear the compassion in their voices when they talked about a child or teenager that was hurting. My parents taught me the true meaning of JOY.

Jesus
Others
You

Jesus tells us in His own words found in John 15: 11-13. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

Are we teaching our children how to find joy? Are we showing our children how to love God by loving others? We must be aware of the needs of people around us, to reach out to them and get involved. We are to see others through the eyes of Jesus. We are to have compassion. True compassion is not an emotional feeling. It is a deliberate decision to meet the needs of others despite how we may feel about the situation or the person.

Life is an opportunity to love God by serving others. Have your children seen you love God with your life today?

Love in Christ,
Mrs. Jackie

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Sunday

February 16, 2025

B.A.L.L. LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

12 NOON • FELLOWSHIP HALL

Bring a dish or dessert and join us for a time of fellowship. All senior adults are invited to attend.

SPEAKER: SUPREME COURT JUSTICE JENIFER BRANNING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 • 11 AM | 6 PM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 • 6 PM

REVIVAL

REV. JAMES LEWIS

WORSHIP LEADERS
COURTNEY SMITH BRANDON HARDIN
STEVE & BECKY CARVER

UPWARD GAMES

FRIDAY 5:30-8 PM
SATURDAY 8 AM-12 NOON

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A DEVOTION, PLEASE CONTACT MICHAEL DUKE 601-728-9588.

WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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.
Small Groups	5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Revive Us Again Exercise Class	8:30 a.m.
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

B.A.L.L. Officers	10:00 a.m.
Nursing Home Valentine Party	2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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, FEBRUARY 14

Revive Us Again Exercise Class	8:30 a.m.
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Father & Daughter Banquet	6:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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.
WMU Emphasis Sunday	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
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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Church Email	fbphilly@netdoor.com
Church Website	www.fbcphilly.com
Kindergarten/Child Care	(601)656-5015

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

February 2, 2025

Budget	\$27,690.50
Wednesday Night Supper	\$481.00
Child Ministries	\$200.00
Upward Concessions	\$507.00
Children's Camp	\$375.00
Benevolence	\$25.00
Children's Bowling	\$40.00
Harvest Church	\$400.00
Youth Fund	\$100.00
Ruth's Promise	\$200.00
Music Designated	\$10.00
Children's D-Now	\$10.00
Youth Camp	\$365.00
Fahter/Daughter Banquet	\$275.00
CLC	\$1,000.00
Disaster Relief	\$10.00
State Missions	\$10.00
Annie Armstrong	\$10.00
Lottie Moon	\$10.00
Postage	\$5.00
Budget Offering Given to Date	\$591,723.81
Over Budget	\$105,080.38

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$21,408.68
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 02/02/25:	\$27,690.50

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

February 2, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	35	22
Children	31	24
Youth	25	15
Adults	271	134
Total	362	195

SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS

February 2, 2025

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	36	29
Children	35	23
Youth	34	21
Adults	105	92
Total	240	165