

# THE OPEN DOOR

First Baptist Church  
414 Pecan Avenue  
Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350  
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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  
Music Ministry



*presents*

hope IS BORN



DECEMBER 7TH & 8TH | 6PM



Church Family,

Christmas is quickly upon us. We will begin the Advent season this Sunday, December 1. In reading about the history of Advent, I found that some nonbelievers have been known to celebrate the Advent season as a fun way to countdown to Christmas. We are doing more than counting down the days to Christmas. We truly believe that God came down in human flesh to pay the debt we couldn't pay for ourselves. Our focus will be on the hope, peace, love, and joy of Christ as we prepare for Christmas. Without the coming of Christ, there is no need to celebrate. I have listed the tentative sermon passages for the next month for you to review before each service. Pray that God would make His hope, peace, joy, and love reign in our lives.

- December 1 – Luke 1:46-55 (Hope)
- December 8 – Luke 2:21-35 (Peace)
- December 15 – Matthew 2:1-12 (Joy)
- December 22 – John 17:22-26 (Love)
- December 24 – Luke 2:1-20



In Christ,  
Evan



### Week of Prayer for International Missions



**December 1- 8**  
*Your prayers transform lives.*

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**  
Church Goal: \$35,000

International Mission Study • December 11 • 6 pm

### Operation Christmas Child Trip

Atlanta, Georgia - December 9 & 10

Call the church office at 601-656-1507 for more information and to sign up.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### **PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION**

December 1

Younger: Allen & Peyton Howell  
Older: Brice & Ashley Richardson

December 8

Younger: Sam & Tiffany Blaine  
Older: Judy Fleming & Melissa Duke

### **DEACON OF THE WEEK**

December 1

11 am Service – Brice Richardson

December 8

11 am Service – Michael Duke

### **USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

Jeff Carter	Billy Sharp
Jonathan Hight	Joe Wood
Brian Jay	

### **SANCTUARY GREETER FOR DECEMBER**

Pam Thrash

### **WELCOME CENTER GREETERS FOR DECEMBER**

Ronnie & Laurie Page

### HOSPITAL

Ryan Jenkins

St. Dominic

**SIGN-UP FOR A  
D-GROUP HERE!**



### *Welcome New Member*



### BY BAPTISM

Terry Fleming  
723 Pecan Avenue  
Philadelphia, MS 39350  
601-575-4074

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

SERVED 4:45-5:45

## MENU FOR DECEMBER 4

Chicken Spaghetti  
Green Salad  
Dessert  
Kids: Hot Dogs

**Servers:** Sue Keen, Brenda Barnett  
**Cleanup:** Gary Keen, Ashley Peebles  
**Money Table:** Patti Robey



## MENU FOR DECEMBER 11

Chili  
PB & Jelly Sandwich  
Dessert

**Servers:** Christy Bounds, Brenda Nowell  
**Cleanup:** Jeff Carter, Gayle Belenchia  
**Money Table:** Patti Robey

**NO SUPPER ON DECEMBER 18!**

## Christmas BLESSING BOXES

We will once again prepare Christmas blessing boxes to take to some families in our community. We will pack the boxes on Wednesday, December 11 at 5:30 pm in the CLC. We are asking individuals, groups, and Sunday school classes to give toward purchasing the food for the boxes. The cost is \$40 per box.



## Christmas BLESSING BOXES

Church Goal: \$3,000 Given to Date: \$1,670



*The Lord's Supper*  
Sunday, December 15  
Morning Worship Service

## PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN'S Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15  
6:00 pm



## Neshoba Baptist Food Pantry

First Baptist Church is responsible for collecting food for the Neshoba Baptist Food Pantry from December 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.



## FBC Season of Advent

The **1st Sunday of Advent** symbolizes **Hope** with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

The **2nd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes **Peace** with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

The **3rd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes **Joy** with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

The **4th Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. **Love**

**Christmas Eve** – symbolizes the birth of our Savior and Lord.

Shouting for JOY!  
William W. Smith  
Ps 1000

**B.A.L.L. Luncheon**  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 • 12 NOON  
HOME OF PAT MIOTON

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-WIDE  
Christmas Caroling**  
December 18 - 6:00 pm

*Christmas Eve*  
**CANDLELIGHT  
SERVICE** 5 pm  
Handbell Choir | 4:45 pm

## WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

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, DECEMBER 2

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

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.....	5:30 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, DECEMBER 6

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

<i>Hope</i> IS BORN Musical.....	6:00 p.m.
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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

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.
<i>Hope</i> IS BORN Musical.....	6:00 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

### November 24, 2024

Budget.....	\$11,791.64
Wee Care.....	\$150.00
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$396.00
Postage.....	\$3.66
Upward.....	\$2,961.00
Blessing Boxes.....	\$520.00
B.A.L.L.....	\$2.56
Youth.....	\$710.00
Children.....	\$800.00
Harvest.....	\$50.00
Renovate.....	\$50.00
Operation Christmas Child.....	\$3,009.55
Budget Offering Given to Date.....	\$255,163.96
Under Budget.....	\$19,895.37

<b>WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:</b>	<b>\$21,036.40</b>
<b>BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 11/24/24:</b>	<b>\$11,791.64</b>

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

### November 24, 2024

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	35	27
Children	31	24
Youth	25	13
Adults	271	132
Total	362	196

## SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS

### NO Small Groups November 24, 2024

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	36	00
Children	35	00
Youth	34	00
Adults	105	00
Total	240	00