

# 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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## RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DEACON COUNCIL

In the year 2025, First Baptist Church will celebrate 175 years of ministry in Philadelphia, MS. The Deacon Council recommends that a committee be established to coordinate and plan for that event. We recommend a 6 person Committee – Anniversary Celebration Committee be established. In anticipation of the Church voting to establish the Anniversary Celebration Committee, the Deacon Council recommends that the following persons be elected to serve.

David Byars  
Barbara Edwards  
Morgan Jay  
Max Loper  
Candace McKay  
Laura Thrash

We will vote on Sunday, November 10 in the worship service.



**BROTHERHOOD  
Breakfast  
Fellowship**

All men and boys are invited to attend!

**NOVEMBER 10**  
7:30 AM  
CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER  
SPEAKER: ALLEN HOWELL

## Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, November 10  
7:30 am in the CLC  
Speaker: Allen Howell

## Youth Fundraiser Lunch

Sunday, November 10  
12 Noon in the CLC  
All donations go to the youth camp fund. Everyone is invited to eat.



**YOUTH  
FUNDRAISER  
LUNCH**

BAKED POTATO/SALAD BAR

**NOVEMBER 10**  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE



Church Family,

Meredith and I appreciate the opportunity to attend the Mississippi Baptist Convention (MBC) last week. It was so encouraging to hear what is going on around our state and the impact Mississippi churches are making. Outside of the business of the convention, we got to hear some great preaching and be a part of some powerful worship.

This year marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cooperative Program (CP). "The CP is Southern Baptists' unified plan of giving through which cooperating Southern Baptist churches give a percentage of their undesignated receipts in support of their respective state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention missions and ministries" (sbc.net). The money Mississippi churches give to the Cooperative Program goes to the ministries of the MBC and then to the ministries of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). The MBC estimated churches in Mississippi would give almost \$31 million to the CP this year. A little over \$18 million will stay in Mississippi to support ministries like the Baptist universities and collegiate ministries, disaster relief, the Baptist Children's Village, and the work of the MBC across our state. The remaining money will be sent to the SBC to support the Internal National Mission Board, the North American Mission Board, theological education, operations of the SBC, and the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission. While we cannot see every way this money impacts lives for the gospel, I am thankful for the impact our church gets to make through the CP.

In Christ,  
Evan

## OPPORTUNITIES

### **PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION**

November 10

Younger: Tyler & Alex Stovall  
Older: Taylor & Tyler Nicholson

November 17

Younger: Austin & Whestley Harrison  
Older: Ronnie & Laurie Page

### **DEACON OF THE WEEK**

November 10

11 am Service – Bill Gilley

November 17

11 am Service – Troy Hight

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### HOSPITAL

Barbara Dunn

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### **Welcome New Member**

#### **BY BAPTISM**

Ty Rounsaville  
10770 Hwy 486  
Philadelphia, MS 39350



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### **ATTENTION!**

Please check your email to fill out a survey for the Christian Life Center. If you need a hard copy contact Linda Griffis at 601-656-1507. Thank you!

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### **Operation Christmas Child Trip**

Atlanta, Georgia - December 9 & 10  
Call the church office for more information and sign up.

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### **WMU HIGHLIGHT**

The WMU compassion ministry highlighted for this quarter is Worldcraft. Artisans' creations are bought at fair market value from those associated with our mission areas. Sandi Lewis and Sue Keen will be at the Worldcraft display in front of the office on Sunday and in the CLC foyer on Wednesday nights. Instructions to order will also be available at the display for access to purchase. Take a look at the available items. Christmas is right around the corner; help support these worldwide artisans with gifts offered from varying categories. Check a gift off your list while supporting a ministry.

#### **WorldCrafts**

**To view products** - GO TO <https://www.wmystore.com>

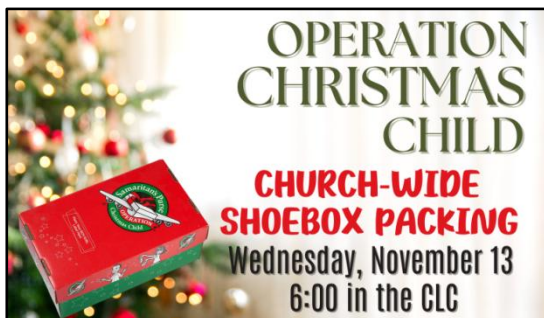
Click the Compassion Ministries tab, click on WorldCrafts under logo

Items are for sale by item category - JEWELRY, ACCESSORIES, HOME DÉCOR, CHRISTMAS, STATIONERY

Click on the category then click on the item, add to cart to order. Thank you!



*Sunday School Departments have been assigned to our different First Responders and Law Enforcement. Please take goodies to your assigned areas to show our appreciation for all they do for our community.*



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

SERVED 4:45-5:45



### MENU FOR NOVEMBER 13

Beef Tips & Gravy  
Rice  
Cheese Broccoli  
Garlic Bread  
Dessert  
Kids Menu: Hot Dogs

**Servers:** Makayla Fernandez, Bri Guild

**Cleanup:** Beth Henson, Herman Alford

**Money Table:** Nancy Williams

### **B.A.L.L. Luncheon**

Tuesday, November 19

12 Noon – Fellowship Hall

*Guest Speaker: Linda Griffis*

Bring your favorite dish or dessert and join us for a time of fellowship.

All senior adults are invited.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CHURCH-WIDE

*Christmas Art Show*

Hosted by the GA's, RA's, & Mission Friends

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20TH**

FBC Fellowship Hall  
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Browse & take home Christmas artwork created by FBC's children.

Any donations received will go towards OCC shoeboxes!



### **WE NEED UPWARD VOLUNTEERS!**

We need upward volunteers in many different areas: coaches, referees, concession stand workers, and halftime devotions. If you would like to volunteer in one of these areas contact Michael Duke at 601-728-9588.

### **UPWARD GAMES KICK-OFF**

**JANUARY 3 & 4, 2025**



### **CHURCH-WIDE *Thanksgiving Meal***

We will have our annual Thanksgiving meal with our First Responders and Law Enforcement Sunday, November 24 in the CLC following the worship service. Ham, turkey, and dressing will be provided. Bring your family and a side dish or dessert and let's celebrate God's bountiful blessings.

## Jackie's Sabbatical

Thank you church family for a time of rest and renewal the last few weeks during my sabbatical. My family and I are truly appreciative of the generous gift. During this time, I had several opportunities for enriching my personal relationship with the Lord and for gaining tools to build upon the children's ministry at FBC. The extra time that I had with Kevin while visiting the northern U.S. during this fall season was an amazing experience. Thank you for giving me the time to see God's beautiful nature in such a special way!

ReFocus was the theme of the ETCH (Equipping the Church and Home) conference that I attended in Nashville. During the conference I was reminded that it takes the church working together to reach the community for Christ. How do we do that? We do it by building relationships. We have to be intentional to make personal connections and to help people understand that they are welcome and wanted in God's family.

When I attended the Ministry Leadership conference in Sandy Cove, Maryland. The theme continued. The week reminded me of how important my personal relationship with Christ is, not only for myself, but for the people around me. You cannot serve well from an empty cup! After listening to wonderful speakers and having round table discussions with other ministry leaders from around the U.S., my cup was spilling over! Again, we talked about relationships.

I again was reminded that we build God's Kingdom with relationships. We must have a personal growing relationship with Jesus. Then with Jesus as the center, we work our way out of the concentric circles of us, our immediate family, church family, community, nation and world. When we think about reaching the world, it becomes a daunting task, but with God we can, one person at a time. Be intentional this week to share the gospel with someone. Share the love of Jesus with someone. Invite someone to church. Build a relationship with someone. Who is your one?

Thank you again for the sabbatical! I am truly humbled for the amazing experience and for the opportunity to continue to serve the children and families at FBC.

Love in Christ,  
Mrs. Jackie

### *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: \$155**

## WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| 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. |
| Youth Fundraiser Lunch (CLC) ..... | 12 Noon    |
| Small Groups .....                 | 5:00 p.m.  |

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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| First Responders/Law Enforcement Appreciation Day |           |
| Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....               | 8:30 a.m. |

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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| B.A.L.L. Officers ..... | 10:00 a.m. |
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### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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| Revive Us Again Exercise Class..... | 8:30 a.m.      |
| Wednesday Night Supper .....        | 4:45-5:45 p.m. |
| Media Center.....                   | 5:30 p.m.      |
| Handbell/Chancel Choir.....         | 5:30 p.m.      |
| OCC Shoebox Packing (CLC) .....     | 6:00 p.m.      |

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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| Revive Us Again Exercise Class..... | 8:30 a.m. |
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### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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| 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.  |
| Worship Service.....        | 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   |
| Tiffany 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                  |
| Fax .....                    | (601)656-3664                  |
| Church Email .....           | fbphilly@netdoor.com           |
| Church Website.....          | www.fbcpshilly.com             |
| Kindergarten/Child Care..... | (601)656-5015                  |

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

### November 3, 2024

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Budget .....                        | \$32,316.19  |
| Wednesday Night Supper.....         | \$52.00      |
| Wee Care.....                       | \$50.00      |
| CMC.....                            | \$200.00     |
| B.A.L.L. ....                       | \$100.00     |
| Bereavement.....                    | \$2.00       |
| Music.....                          | \$10.00      |
| Choir Top.....                      | \$50.00      |
| OCC .....                           | \$200.00     |
| Ruth's Promise.....                 | \$250.00     |
| Upward.....                         | \$335.41     |
| Disaster Relief.....                | \$10.00      |
| Harvest Church.....                 | \$350.00     |
| Christmas Blessing Boxes.....       | \$155.00     |
| Children.....                       | \$100.00     |
| Lottie Moon.....                    | \$10.00      |
| State Missions .....                | \$10.00      |
| Annie Armstrong.....                | \$10.00      |
| Budget Offering Given to Date ..... | \$207,092.85 |
| Under Budget.....                   | \$4,491.25   |

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| <b>WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:</b>     | <b>\$21,036.40</b> |
| <b>BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 11/03/24:</b> | <b>\$32,316.19</b> |

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

### November 3, 2024

| Departments | Enrolled | Present |
|-------------|----------|---------|
| Preschool   | 35       | 26      |
| Children    | 31       | 20      |
| Youth       | 25       | 15      |
| Adults      | 271      | 137     |
| Total       | 362      | 198     |

## SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS

### November 3, 2024

| Departments | Enrolled | Present |
|-------------|----------|---------|
| Preschool   | 36       | 22      |
| Children    | 35       | 22      |
| Youth       | 34       | 14      |
| Adults      | 105      | 86      |
| Total       | 240      | 143     |