

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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hope IS BORN
presented by
First Baptist Church
Music Ministry

DECEMBER 7TH & 8TH | 6:00 PM

BROTHERHOOD
Breakfast

All men and boys are invited to attend!

Fellowship

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 8
7:30 AM
CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER



Church Family,

Luke 1:48 "For He has had regard for the humble state of His bondslave; For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed."

We clearly see Mary's humble heart in this passage in Luke. Mary knew that she would be counted as blessed for generations to come because she was the mother of Jesus. Even if God calls us to serve Him in a way that others will count us as blessed, we do not need to forget that we, like Mary, are still His bondslaves. We are His servants, and He is our Master. We serve at the pleasure of the Master because that is where we will find true contentment and joy.

Mary also speaks to the care the Father has for His bondslave. Mary knows that God has not forgotten her. Even in her humble state, God still has regard for her. He sees her and cares for her. Mary's identity is in her relationship with the Father. Despite the challenges she is facing, being pregnant outside of wedlock. She is still only concerned with her role as a bondslave of God. We are bondslaves who are loved by God and called to humbly serve Him regardless of the role God has for us.

In Christ,
Evan

Operation Christmas Child Trip

Atlanta, Georgia - December 9 & 10

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



INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY

Wednesday, December 11
6 pm in the CLC

Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering
Church Goal: \$35,000
Given to Date: \$1,905



OPPORTUNITIES

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

December 8

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

December 15

Younger: Beau & Bethany Alphin
Older: Beth Henson & Mackie Huffman

DEACON OF THE WEEK

December 8

11 am Service – Michael Duke

December 15

11 am Service – Caleb Jay

SYMPATHY

We would like to express our Christian sympathy to Gary Allen and family at the loss of his brother, Chris Allen.

SIGN-UP FOR A D-GROUP HERE!



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 LORD'S SUPPER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

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.

Thank You

Thank you for your concern and sympathy shown to Tyler and Tyger Greer and the Griffin Family during our time of sorrow. Please keep the prayers going on our behalf!

Mary Griffin

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

SERVED 4:45-5:30



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!



I love a pre-lit, white light Christmas tree. However, during my childhood, my family always decorated a pre-lit, colored light Christmas tree. Whether it is white lights or colored lights, there is something calming about looking at the lights.

One of the most amazing wonders that light reveals is color! Can you imagine a world with no color? Can you imagine Christmas with no color? God places tiny cones in our eyes that interact with the presence of light to cause us to see the colors all around us.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” John 1:1-5

God desires for us to draw close to Light. Jesus is that Light that helps our eyes to see color, goodness and hope in the world.

As you notice all the Christmas lights this season, let them remind you of our Amazing God and God’s love for us. With Jesus in our lives, we can shine His light to others this Christmas season and throughout the upcoming New Year!

On Tuesday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m., the three and four year old CMC classes will present the program, *Let's Go to Bethlehem*. It is my prayer, the program will point people to the Light, which is the most important thing we can do this season.

Let’s be lights, ourselves, showing others Jesus by reflecting His Light into a world that lives in darkness.

Merry Christmas from the CMC!

Love and Light,
Tiffany



WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

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 is Born</i> Musical.....	6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

B.A.L.L. Officers	10:00 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Night Supper	4:45-5:30 p.m.
Media Center	5:30 p.m.
Children's Choir.....	5:30 p.m.
Preschool Choir	5:30 p.m.
Pack Blessing Boxes (CLC).....	5:30 p.m.
Mission Friends.....	6:00 p.m.
Kid Blast.....	6:00 p.m.
Youth.....	6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (CLC)	6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Revive Us Again Exercise Class.....	8:30 a.m.
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

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.
The Lord's Supper.....	11:00 a.m.
Preschool/Children's 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
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Tiffany Loper.....	Education Ministry Assistant
Tiffany Long	Child Ministry Center Director
Linda Griffith	Christian Life Center Director
Michael Duke	Upward Director
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

December 1, 2024

Budget.....	\$22,103.21
Wednesday Night Supper	\$18.00
Food Pantry.....	\$145.00
Choir Top	\$40.00
Blessing Boxes	\$1,620.00
CMC.....	\$200.00
Ruth's Promise	\$750.00
Disaster Relief.....	\$10.00
Harvest.....	\$100.00
Lottie Moon	\$1,790.00
State Missions.....	\$10.00
Annie Armstrong	\$10.00
Budget Offering Given to Date	\$277,267.17
Under Budget.....	\$18,950.59

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$21,036.40
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 12/01/24:	\$22,103.21

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

December 1, 2024

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	35	21
Children	31	25
Youth	25	16
Adults	271	136
Total	362	199

SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS

December 1, 2024

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	36	29
Children	35	26
Youth	34	25
Adults	105	81
Total	240	161