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MAY 2021



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MURRAY, KENTUCKY





NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

KEITH INMAN

This past year has given many of us the opportunity to go deeper, below the surface, in our thinking as Covid brought a corporate experience to a variety of emotions. One fruit of the Spirit that I have come to better understand is joy. James writes in James 1:2-4, "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect (mature) and complete, lacking in nothing."

I am not sure why I have struggled to define joy. One possibility is that I have not had multiple experiences with trials. My life, to this point, has had fewer trials than many of my brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. I am blessed in so many ways. While it is true I have had some deeps hurts and experiences, comparatively speaking, life has been good. Better than good. However, for me, this past year has been hard. On occasion, I have felt the struggle of trials. These trials have been birthed by both reality and imagination. Regardless, James has encouraged me to "keep the faith" and endure.

As a church we have experienced trials. We have been called to endurance. We have been given the invitation to "count it all joy". Sunday School classes have had to adjust; camps and outreach events have been cancelled. Baptisms have decreased; attendance has decreased; deaths have increased. Our choir loft has been empty.

So, what is joy? Joy is celebrating the presence of Jesus. I have endured because the reality of His presence with me has reminded me that I am not alone. I do not have to face challenges in my own strength. I can take courage and embrace hope because He has promised to never leave me, nor forsake me. I can endure because He keeps His promises. I can endure because God does not waste experiences. Life challenges, when met with joy, can result in a mature believer: a believer who trusts God with life circumstances. May we always trust God, knowing He always wants what is best for us.

May the joy of the Lord be our strength! Celebrate the presence of the Lord!

Pastor Keith

GET READY FOR

PICKLEBALL AT FBC

6:00 - 8:00 PM

EVERY MONDAY

ALL ADULTS WELCOME

Meet in the gym in the
Family Life Center



NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE/DISCIPLERSHIP PASTOR JASON ELLERBROOK



Church Family,

On Saturday, April 17, a group of men from FBC joined together to serve at the Jonathan Creek Men's Day while several women met at the Family Life Center at First Baptist to experience the LifeWay Women Live Simulcast. That evening, The Gap Sunday School class celebrated two of their families with a baby shower that included a cookout and a campfire. On Sunday, April 18, leaders joined together on Zoom for Sunday School Teacher & Small Group Facilitator Training with Rick Howerton. That evening, 60-plus high school students and LifeGroup leaders celebrated the end of spring season with a fellowship and the college student ministry joined together for a cookout at our home. This is just small a snapshot of God's grace as He is allowing us to gather in transformational groups that are centered around His Word and Christ-centered relationships. There are many more opportunities on the horizon for our groups and ministries at FBC Murray.

I want to also highlight the FBC Men Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 15. Men are invited to join us in the Family Life Center at FBC Murray from 8 am - 10 am. Our special guest speakers will be Manhood Coach, JT McCraw, and former NFL and College Football Coach, Alan Lowry. Coach Lowry was the architect of the Music City Miracle that led to the Tennessee Titans' only Super Bowl appearance. Block off your calendars and sign up at fbcmurray.org/men. The cost is \$4 (\$1 for college students).

Please pray about how you can plug into a ministry area, a Sunday School class, or a LifeGroup. God is calling some of you to serve as teachers, facilitators, or volunteers. Others are in a season of life needing to be served and discipled. Wherever you find yourself at this stage of your journey, know that there is a place for you at First Baptist. Now is the time to get plugged in and see what the Lord will do!

In Christ,

Jason Ellerbrook
Executive Pastor of Discipleship



**MEN'S BREAKFAST
FEATURING FORMER NFL
COACH ALAN LOWRY AND
JT MCCRAW**

**May 15 | 8 am |
Family Life Center
| \$4 for adults |
\$1 for college students**

**National
Day of
Prayer**

May 6

**Family Life Center
7-9 pm**

**Come worship with us as we pray over
our church, our city, our state, our
nation, and our world.**





NOTES FROM M.A.G.I.C. MINISTRY

BOYD SMITH

M.A.G.I.C. Friends,

The month of May is one of my favorite months of the year. Trees reveal their tender green leaves and many flowers have already burst through the ground to bring about their beautiful colors. Temperatures are nearly perfect for going for a short walk while enjoying the sunshine. It has been over a year since we last met together, and as you know, we have had some of our dear friends to enter the glorious presence of Jesus. Many of our seniors have had their vaccinations now and we've seen an increase in worship attendance as people are longing to be together. I long for us to begin our monthly fellowships again. I want your feedback so I am going to work up a questionnaire to find out whether you're ready to return. We will include a self-addressed envelope for your convenience. I look forward to hearing from you.

Proverbs 27:17 *"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."*

Pastor Boyd

NOTES FROM MUSIC MINISTRY

MIKE ROSE



Hello Friends!

It is so good to see so many returning to in-person worship services! It seems as if we are growing each Sunday, and it is fantastic to see folks that we haven't seen for over a year. With each passing week, it seems as if we will be back to a new normal very soon. It has been great to have led worship this past year with small groups helping, but I look forward to using the loft again as we welcome our choir back to the 8:30 service.

I have been in correspondence with our composer for this year, Camp Kirkland. You will remember that this event was originally planned for 2020, but with the events of 2020, many of our plans had to be pushed back. We are hoping that the Composer Weekend can be scheduled and come to a reality this summer. Camp has been really flexible with our schedule, and I am grateful that we work with professionals who understand situations and will work with us to accommodate such situations.

I am planning on our Worship Choir getting together soon to begin on this music. We have this event, and the "Sing, Christmas" event, also originally scheduled for 2020, to prepare for this Summer and Fall. When this all begins, it will begin at a frantic pace. I am excited about what is going to be happening around 203 S. Fourth St. in the next few months! In order for this to happen, we need new members in our group. If you would consider joining us, we would be delighted to have you! We do have a lot of good fellowship as we prepare each week to enhance the worship experience of all our members and attendees on Sunday mornings. If the Lord has blessed you with this ability, please plan on joining us. You (and we) will be glad you did!

It is such a pleasure to serve at First Baptist. I am grateful for the opportunity!

Blessings!
Mike Rose



NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRY

JON KYLE ALLRED

On April 24-25, students are going to Crossings, Jonathan Creek where they will have opportunities to fellowship, hear stories of redemption from their leaders, and just have a blast! Students will be able to hear the 'stories' of their adult leaders, of how they came to Christ and what God is currently teaching them. At the end of the weekend, students will be instructed on 'how to' share their personal story of redemption with others. What a great it will be weekend!

We also finished our LifeGroups on April 18. What a joy it was to hear students and leaders share what God taught them through His Word. All glory to the Lord for the ways He is transforming the lives of students in youth ministry!

Jon Kyle



"ON THE GO: FAMILY MINISTRY" PODCAST

PODCAST LAUNCH!



Go to fbcmurray.org/media to check out our brand new podcast! Posted every Thursday.




Remind 101 texts



Text @fbcmkky to 81010 to stay connected and up to date on all youth ministry things!

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION BANQUET
MAY 23, 2021



We will be celebrating our graduating high school seniors at both services on May 23! Seniors, head over to fbcmurray.org/students and fill out the Senior Recognition form.

NOTES FROM KIDS 1ST MINISTRY

RACHEL RIQUELME



May is here! How crazy! This month, our preschoolers will be studying how God's way is perfect and our elementary kids are learning about commitment in MidWeek. On Sunday mornings, children will be learning about the firm foundation the early church was built on! What a joy it is to walk alongside these children as they grow in their knowledge of Jesus!

VBS is closer than you think! Vacation Bible School is happening June 6-10. Contact me at rriquelme@fbcmurray.org to sign up to volunteer!

Sunday School and Kids 1st Worship:
Preschool and Elementary

The Church United:
A Firm Foundation

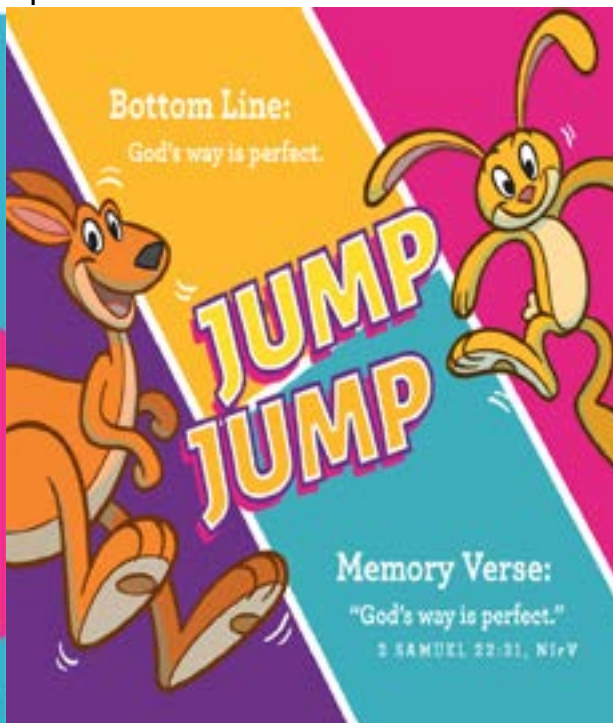
5/2: Letters to Church Leaders

5/9: The Jerusalem Council

5/16: Paul's Second Journey

5/23 No Other Gospel

5/30: Paul Gave Hope





NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

TINA MYERS

Moms – Please stop by the library beginning Sunday, April 25th, to register for items to be given away on Mother’s Day.

Books by Dr. Tony Evans, our author of the month, will be on display until the end of April. Our author of the month for May is Robert Whitlow. His Christian Fiction books resemble those of secular author John Grisham. Both men and women will enjoy these books. Stop by and find one that interests you!

Church Library



Come check out all the resources we have! Library cards are free and not given based on church affiliation.



HOURS

Sunday: after 1st and before and after 2nd service

Tuesday: 9 am - 2 pm

Wednesday: 9 am - 4 pm

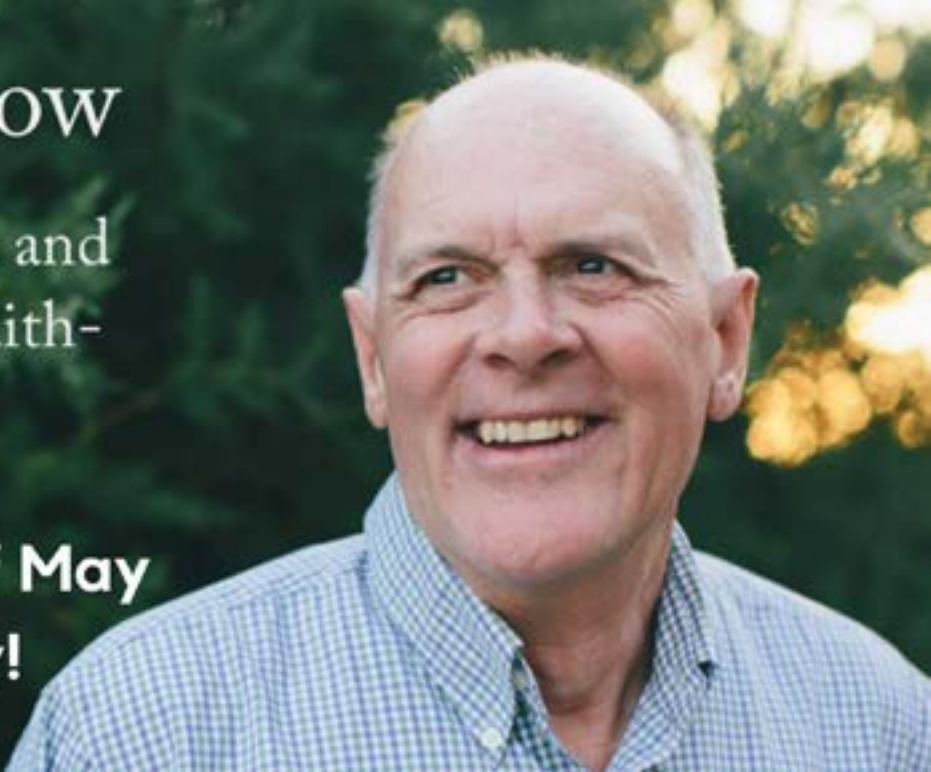
Thursday: 9 am - 2 pm



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Robert Whitlow

Accomplished attorney and best selling author of faith-based legal dramas



**Author of the Month of May
at the FBC Library!**

TruthView

Short videos posted weekly that answer tough theological questions

Find the videos at fbcmurray.org



BLESSING BOX



Keep our Blessing Box stuffed with non-perishable food items!

Located in the FLC parking lot, facing South 3rd St.



MEET THE CHURCH MEMBERS The Clark Family



We are the Clark Family. Jonathan and Erin have been married for 16 years this August. They have four children. Jackson is 13 and in the 8th grade. Frazier is 9 and in the 4th grade. Chaney is 8 and in the 3rd grade. Nathan is 4 and attends the MDO preschool program here at FBC. Jonathan is the Campus Minister of the Baptist Campus Ministry at Murray State. He has been in that role for 7.5 years.

We have been at FBC Murray now for 7 years. As a Campus Minister, Jonathan and Erin are invested in the lives of college students both on the campus through BCM as well as with FBC. As parents, they are also involved in various components of the Children and Student Ministry at FBC. Jonathan teaches a Sunday School class and together with David and Leigh Ann Barrett, Jonathan and Erin lead the Singles Ministry (The Post) at FBC. Jonathan and Erin are both encouraged by the truths they consistently see in Scripture as they desire to walk with the Lord and teach their children likewise.

Summer at First Baptist

Check out our Summer Calendar for 2021. Kids events will be **BLACK**, Youth events will be **RED**, College events will be **GREEN**, and church events will be **WHITE**. Combined **Worship Services on Sundays will begin on May 30 at 10 am. Sunday School will be at 9 AM.**

May 28: Holiday World

June 3: Kids Day

June 6-10: Vacation Bible School

June 13: Pool Party at the Oaks Country Club

June 14: College Bible Study at the Riquelme House

June 15: Preschool Story Hour (1 PM) and Kids Reading Club (2 PM) in the library

June 15: Youth Day at Mega Quest in Louisville, KY

June 16: Family Ministry Day

June 17: Kids Day at Tenacity Training in Paducah, KY

June 21: College Bible Study at the Ellerbrook House

June 22: Preschool Story Hour (1 PM) and Kids Reading Club (2 PM) in the library

June 22: Youth Day at Atomic Fun Center in Paducah, KY

June 24: Kids Day | Build a birdhouse for senior adults

June 27: Christmas in June

June 28-July 3: Youth at FUGE Camp in Union University

July 28: College Bible Study (Location TBD)

June 29: Preschool Story Hour (1 PM) and Kids Reading Club (2 PM) in the library

July 1: Kids Day at Atomic Fun Center in Paducah, KY

July 6-8: Mega Rec Camp (Kids from 8:30 am-1:00 pm. Youth from 12:30 pm-3 pm)

July 6: Preschool Story Hour (1 PM) and Kids Reading Club (2 PM) in the library

July 8-10: High School Senior Trip to Gatlinburg

July 11: Pool Party at the Oaks Country Club

July 12: College Bible Study at the Inman House

July 13: Preschool Story Hour (1 PM) and Kids Reading Club (2 PM) in the library

July 19: College Bible Study at the Allred House

July 20: Preschool Story Hour (1 PM) and Kids Reading Club (2 PM) in the library

July 22: Camp Reset for Youth Students

July 25-28: Kids Camp at Crossings Jonathan Creek

July 26: College Bible Study at Mike Rose's house

July 27: Preschool Story Hour (1 PM) and Kids Reading Club (2 PM) in the library

July 29: Kids Day at the Park

**Dates are subject to change.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEEDLINE

There is a collection box located in the Welcome Center for you to drop off non-perishable food items to be donated to Needline. For the month of May, the featured item is **canned tuna**. Different food/household items will be collected each month.

NEW MEMBERS

Kenny, Jennie, and Kolton Tucker joined by **Letter on Sunday, March 28**.

CHURCH INFORMATION

FINANCES (AS OF MARCH 31, 2021)

\$ 347,761.00	Budgeted as of 3/31/2021
\$ 301,288.07	Budget Receipts as of 3/31/2021
\$ 285,907.90	Budget Expenditures as of 3/31/2021
\$ 154,000.00	WMO 2021 Goal
\$ 16,801.07	WMO Receipts as of 3/31/2021
\$3,476,416.03	Family Life Center Receipts as of 3/31/2021
\$ 316,572.05	Family Life Center Borrowed as of 3/31/2021

MEMORIALS

FINANCIAL

Contributions to the 2021 World Mission Offering have been received in honor of Gary & Marla Geib Hendrick and Rick Melton and in memory of Oneida Boyd.
Contributions to the Family Life Center Building Fund have been received in memory of A. R. Hatcher, Fay Nell Flora, and Oneida Boyd and in honor of Mildred Newton and Molly Lamb.

LIBRARY

The book, *Reversed Thunder: The Revelation of John and the Praying Imagination*, by Eugene H. Peterson, has been given to the FBC Library in memory of Mrs. Oneida Boyd.

ATTENDANCE

	8:30 am Service	11:00 am Service	The NET
March 28	105	203	20
April 4	193	308	N/A
April 11	130	192	10
April 18	121	242	20