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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

KEITH INMAN

Yesterday we completed the third session of our MidWeek Bible Study in our Sanctuary. We will meet each Wednesday night at 6:15 pm through November 18. While we are in the study, our children and youth are engaged in their MidWeek programming. I have thoroughly enjoyed our study of 1 Peter. We are utilizing RightNow Media, a recent gift we have given to all FBC members, friends, and guests. RightNow Media is a tremendous resource. I hope you are taking advantage of using it for personal Bible study to enhance your walk with and knowledge of Christ. I have so enjoyed teaching with Jason Ellerbrook as he brings great clarity to the Scriptures. If you feel safe, please join us for three more teaching sessions this coming month. If you can't make it to the Sanctuary, you can access the livestream on Wednesday nights on our FBC Facebook and YouTube pages. May we all grow in our experience of salvation and "taste and see that the Lord is good!"

We are making decisions regarding our future church schedule, outreach events, and programming. Obviously, COVID-19 is a major factor. Unfortunately, we are in a time where we will not be able to do some things that have been a part of our ministry expression as a church. Please know we will seek to keep you informed about upcoming services and events. Your prayers are appreciated!

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INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather, a decision regarding the cancellation of Sunday morning services will be made by 6:00 am. If services are cancelled, WPSD (Channel 6) and WAAJ-FM (89.7) will be notified by 6:15 am. We will announce via our website, social media, phone system, and church-wide email. A cancellation decision will be made by noon concerning Sunday and Wednesday evening activities and be reported in the same manner.

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE/DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR JASON ELLERBROOK



We are thankful that God continues to move at FBC Murray. This has been a season of change, but we know that God is at work. We have resumed Kids1st Worship and childcare on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 am worship service. We are currently offering in-person Sunday School classes for middle school, high school, and college students. A few adult Sunday School classes have resumed meeting in-person while most of the classes continue to meet online. Find a Sunday School class that is right for you by emailing info@fbcmurray.org.

We will have combined worship services from November 29-January 10 at 11:00 am. This allows Sunday School classes to continue meeting on their current schedule as we celebrate the Christmas season together as a church family!

FBC Men Life Groups are off to the races. There are six Life Groups meeting at various times during the week in-person and on Zoom. There is also a Men's Bible Study led by Dave Eaton on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm on Zoom. I would strongly encourage every man to attend this group! It is one of the best studies I've ever experienced. If you are interested in being a part of a Life Group or the Men's Bible study, email me at jellerbrook@fbcmurray.org and we will get you connected!

Continue to pray for our college students as classes begin to wind down and the semester comes to a close before Thanksgiving. We know that this has been a year like no other. We are very thankful for the students that call FBC their church home. They have worked hard to stay safe, help others, and still remain plugged into the life of our church. Their leadership and service help fuel the worship ministry, student ministry, and Kids1st ministry at FBC.

We have had to face and overcome many challenges in 2020. I am certain there will be more. With every challenge also comes opportunity: the opportunity to show the world who we are and whose we are! Let's rest in this promise and trust in the Lord as we seek every opportunity to serve Him: "Youths may faint and grow weary, and young men stumble and fall, but those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint." - Isaiah 40:30-31





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

BOYD SMITH

It is so good to see those of you who have returned to us in recent weeks. I know it's not exactly like it used to be but we are making progress. I think we should have a church-wide "mask burning offering" when this pandemic is finally over! What do you think? We finally have a pretty autumn and we can't make the trip over to Barkley Lodge this year. Lord willing, 2021 will be a great year and I have a feeling we will all appreciate one another even more by then. To show how much we love and miss you, we have been putting signs in yards that read, "We love and miss you" with the First Baptist logo. I only wish that I had done this earlier when the virus first hit. I hope these signs are an encouragement for those of you who are still not able to attend yet. We love our M.A.G.I.C. family!

Please let me know if you need anything. I've been making visits but it's hard to get around to see everyone (and not everyone feels comfortable having guests yet). If I haven't gotten to you and you would like a visit, please call the church office and let Debbie know. I will get to you as soon as I can. Love to you all!



NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRY JON KYLE ALLRED

TruthView is a new video series dedicated to helping kids and adults build their biblical literacy and understand tough theological concepts. Rachel and I dive into subjects to help you grow in your knowledge of the Word. Check out this week's video on the FBC Facebook or YouTube pages! We hope you will watch and discuss these videos with your family on Thursdays.

LifeGroup Holiday Party is on Sunday, November 15, in host homes. We look forward to resuming LifeGroups in the New Year!

DNOW 2021 will be at Crossings at Jonathan Creek on April 17-18. The cost is \$75. A \$50 deposit is due March 1. Cash or checks can be turned into the church office beginning in January.

Church Camp 2021 will be at Crossings at Jonathan Creek on June 25-29. The cost is \$300 per person. A \$100 deposit is due by February 1, 2021. Cash or checks can be turned into the church office beginning in January.





NOTES FROM KIDS1ST MINISTRY

RACHEL RIQUELME



MidWeek

Our elementary students will be learning about gratitude this month. Gratitude is letting others know you see how they've helped you. In Week 1, we will be reading 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and learning that there is always something to be grateful for. In Week 2, we will be reading 2 Samuel 6:12b-22a and learning we can celebrate what God has done. In Week 3 we will be reading Luke 17:11-19 and learning we can say "thank you."

Our preschoolers and kids at Mother's Day Out will be learning "Who is good? God is good." In Week 1, they will read James 1:17 and Genesis 1 to learn how God created a world full of good gifts. In Week 2, we are reading 1 Kings 17:7-16 and learning about a widow who prepares food for Elijah and God continues to provide food for her. In Week 3 we will read Exodus 17:8-13 and learn that Aaron helped his brother, Moses, by holding his arms up when they got weak.

Kids1st Worship

We are learning about Jesus' crucifixion, Jesus' resurrection, the Emmaus disciples, how Jesus appeared to the disciples, and that Jesus returned to Heaven.

Crossings 2021

It is time to sign up for kids camp at Crossings! This year our kids who have finished 2nd grade-5th grade are going to camp on July 25-28, 2021. We will be staying in Hurst Lodge. The cost is \$320. The deposit is \$75 and will be due at the first of the year. Scholarships are available, so let me know if cost is a concern by emailing me at rriquelme@fbcmurray.org. Cash or checks can be turned into the church office beginning in January.

WMO

This year for the World Mission Offering we are giving our Kids1st families the book "Raising Kids with a Heart for Mission" by Daniel Akin. We hope that you will read this book and use it to equip you to understand the vital role you play in conveying and modeling a missional life for your children. Look for this book in the Welcome Center in a few weeks.





NOTES FROM MUSIC MINISTRY

MIKE ROSE

In the midst of this pandemic, we are searching for ways where we might involve more people in music leadership. It is such a shame to be in a situation where our choir cannot sing on Sunday mornings. I have utilized many of these wonderful folks a few at a time, but I am looking forward to getting together as soon as we can and singing as a group again at 8:30 am.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible for us to sing the Christmas musical we had planned for this year: "Sing Christmas." We will be scheduling this music for another year, hopefully next year. It will be one of the most wonderful events we have had in house since I have been in this position. On Sunday, December 20, during our combined 11:00 am worship service, we will be having a special program entitled "Christmas Joy." There will be lots of special music (solos, duets, and instrumentals) and readings. We will also sing many beloved hymns and carols together as we celebrate the birth of our Savior! I am excited about Christmas this year, as I am every year, and we will indeed be having Christmas music filling our Sanctuary.

Thank you again and again for allowing me to minister with you at First Baptist. It is such a pleasure to work in this community. I pray that God would continue to bless this church as we continue to reach folks for Jesus Christ. Come and join us as we use music to reach these people in our community!

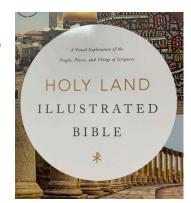


NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

TINA MYERS

Congratulations to Mrs. Roberta Jones who has three articles featured in a new Bible entitled *Holy Land Illustrated Bible*. Roberta and her husband, Gary, have donated several copies of this new Bible to the FBC Library. The Bible is filled with interesting articles and beautiful pictures. It is written in the Christian Standard Version.

There are two copies available for check out in the library. We will also be giving one away in a drawing on Sunday, November 22. Please stop by the library to update your patron information, learn about our online system, and register to win this Bible!



The library will be back open for regular hours beginning the first week of November. Those hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. We are also open before and after each service on Sunday mornings. A reminder to parents that are homeschooling or have children in virtual learning: we have a large assortment of books for children and youth.

The library is looking for new volunteers to join our team. If you are interested in working two to four hours during the week or helping on Sunday mornings, please call the library at 270-753-1282 or email library@fbcmurray.org.



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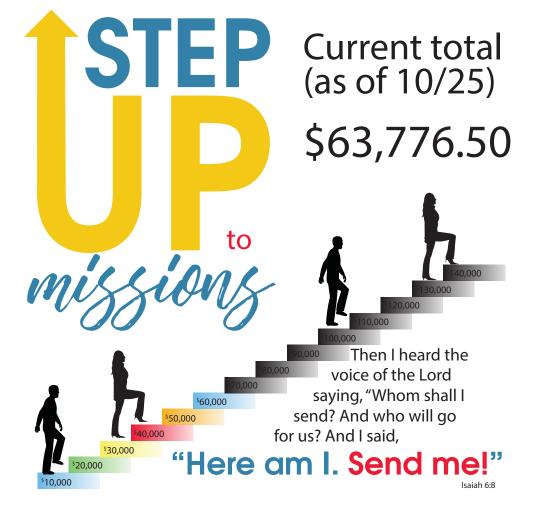








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At First Baptist Church, the World Mission Offering (WMO) supports local, national, and international missions. We need your help to help reach our \$140,000 WMO goal.

Ways to Give

- 1. Place cash or checks in the offering box (designate WMO)
 - 2. Mail checks to the church (203 S. 4th St)
 - 3. Give online at fbcmurray.org/wmo



Sunday, November 1 9:30-10:45 am | Room 310

Are you new to FBC Murray? Our Discover First class is an excellent way for you to meet members of the FBC family and learn how to get involved in our church ministries.

Breakfast will be provided.

Register for Discover First at fbcmurray.org/discover-first.



Emmanuel Apeh
Clegg Austin
Al Chapman
Marty Davenport
Mike Lovins
David Parker
Fred Stalls
Jeff Stewart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday, November 1. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night to make it to church on time!

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The church office will be open until noon on Wednesday, November 25. The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 26. The church office will resume regular office hours on Monday, November 30.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

The decorating committee invites the FBC family to help decorate our Sanctuary and Welcome Center for Christmas. They will meet in the Welcome Center on Sunday, November 29 at 2:00 pm. For more information, contact Belinda Stevens at bstevens@fbcmurray.org.

CHRISTMAS JOY

In lieu of our "Sing Christmas" Musical, we will be having a Christmas Joy program in our combined 11:00 am service on Sunday, December 22. The program will consist of special music as well as beloved hymns and carols to celebrate the birth of our Savior!

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICES

Combined worship services will be held November 29-January 10 at 11:00 am. Sunday School classes will meet at their present times as we celebrate the Christmas season together.

STAY CONNECTED

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CHURCH INFORMATION

FINANCES (AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2020)

\$1,028,361.00	Budgeted as of 09/30/2020
\$ 934,373.50	Budget Receipts as of 09/30/2020
\$ 888,066.30	Budget Expenditures as of 09/30/2020
\$ 140,000.00	WMO 2020 Goal
\$ 58,461.50	WMO Receipts as of 09/30/2020
\$2,864,770.97 \$ 969,014.84	Family Life Center Receipts as of 09/30/2020 Family Life Center Borrowed as of 09/30/2020

MEMORIALS

FINANCIAL

Contributions to the 2020 World Mission Offering have been received in memory of Maxine Jones (mother of Tim Thurmond and grandmother of Jamie Allred) and in honor of the marriage of Kurt and Hannah (Cochran) Kroeger.

LIBRARY

The book, *The New American Commentary – Ephesians*, has been given to the FBC Library in memory of Mrs. Betty Chandler by the Be-One Adult Sunday School class.

THANK YOU NOTES

Joyce Underhill thanks the church for their prayers, love, cards, food, and visits following the passing of her husband, Randall.

ATTENDANCE

	8:30 am Service	11:00 am Service	The NET
September 27	103	174	43
October 4	58	193	26
October 11	53	219	29
October 18	70	218	60
October 25	48	200	30

