



# OCTOBER MANNA

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**RESUMES WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14**  
KIDS, STUDENTS, AND ADULTS

Kids\* – Student Education Building  
Students – Family Life Center  
Adults – Sanctuary

\*RSVP required at [fbcmurray.org/rsvp](https://fbcmurray.org/rsvp)



# NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

## KEITH INMAN

“My friend,” John Adams wrote to Thomas Jefferson toward the end of both of their lives, “you and I lived in serious times.” (The Adams-Jefferson Letters)

There have been many “serious times” throughout history which challenged Christians to rise up and face forces that are destructive and demeaning to mankind. As James Emery White reflected upon the days of Adams and Jefferson, he wrote, “Serious times met with serious lives.” Thomas Paine wrote, “These are times that try men’s souls.” Paine’s opening sentence in “The Crisis” papers stated: “The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country.” It was these words that inspired the soldiers of Washington to not give up, which led to a victorious shift that led to the birth of a nation.

Another revolution took place some 2,000 years ago. First Century Christians gave birth to a unique expression of the presence of God in the heart of the Roman Empire. It cost them their lives; but it was in the losing of their lives that they found Life. They went to their grave knowing their life mattered. It counted for something. It made a difference. Someone benefitted from a faith that refused to be compromised.

Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine.” Matthew 5:14-16. His followers did just that; and made history.

James Emery White went on to say that, “For Jesus, seizing the day meant responding to the challenge of the moment.” 1 Chronicles 12:23 says, “These are the men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do.”

Our country, our community, and our families are in a unique time for those of us who proclaim Christ, who identify as “Christian,” who say we are followers of Christ. It is a serious task to represent Christ to a lost world. The commandments of Christ to love the Lord and our neighbor are repeated throughout Scripture. Our words, our actions, and our attitudes are to be shaped by the presence of Christ within us, for God is love.

God did not save us so that we might have it better “down here.” God saved us for His glory and that we might take others with us “up there.” He is not nearly as concerned about our bank accounts as we are. He is concerned about us remembering that one day we will give an account to Him regarding how we chose to live this ONE life down here.

We, as the Church, find ourselves in a hostile world and we should lament the state of affairs we find ourselves in. However, the answer is found here: “If My people, who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

The answer we need for life does not come from Washington. The Church is the Hope of the world. In the middle of chaos, fires, floods, pandemics, hatred, vile actions, and a disregard for God and His Son, Jesus, God continues to speak: If My people. . .

# NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE/DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR

## JASON ELLERBROOK



Proverbs 16:9 says, “The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.” Every day I wake up with the assurance that God is in control. God has provided for and protected our church family in amazing ways during this time. As we continue to practice safety and plan ministry, we are seeing God at work in us and through us.

### October Ministry Launch Dates

Sunday, October 11

- Student Sunday School at 9:45 am in the Family Life Center
- Kids1st Worship and preschool childcare during the 11:00 am worship service only

Wednesday, October 14

- Student MidWeek at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center
- Kids1st MidWeek at 6:15 pm in the Education Building
- Church-wide Adult Bible Study at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary
- Men's Bible Study led by Dave Eaton via Zoom only will continue to meet at 7:00 pm

The church-wide adult Bible study is a RightNow Media study of 1 Peter by Kyle Idleman. Keith, Boyd, and myself will be leading this study. Remember that RightNow Media is available to every individual in the church. You can sign up for free access by scanning the QR code below.

We are also planning to launch FBC Men's Life Groups (in-person and via Zoom) the week of October 11. Men interested in joining a Life Group can email me at [jellerbrook@fbcmmurray.org](mailto:jellerbrook@fbcmmurray.org). Life Groups meet on various days and times.

If all goes according to plan these will be our next steps in helping families connect, grow, and serve at FBC Murray. The serving hearts and giving spirits of the families in our church continue to allow us to boldly share the Gospel and meet the needs of those around us.

Only God truly knows what will happen over the next several days and weeks. Now is the time to engage and make a Kingdom impact on our community and our world. As we continue to navigate this time with sincere concern and caution, let's be the first to say “Yes Lord” to whatever He asks of us!



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

BOYD SMITH

By the time you read this article, the deadline for ordering box lunches from Zaxby's will have passed. Depending on how things will go in 2021, maybe we can do it again.

Speaking of 2021, I saw a post on Facebook where someone jokingly said, "I'm not moving my clocks back on November 1 because I don't want an extra hour this year." I'm sure a lot of us feel this way. It's been a very difficult year for everyone. However, if we aren't careful, we will forget that the Lord is SO GOOD! Psalm 136 says "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good." We are blessed beyond measure and we know that these difficult days will come to pass eventually.

In October, we are scheduled to have our annual luncheon at Barkley Lodge. We will keep you informed whether that will be possible or not. Don't forget to let us know if you need us to bring you communion cups for the Lord's Supper on Sunday, October 25. These will need to be delivered the week of October 12-17.



# NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRY

JON KYLE ALLRED

What have we learned so far from COVID-19? Surely we haven't gone through the intricate web of uncertainty and the abrupt interference of our busy American routines to plunge head-first into isolation and quarantine and haven't learned anything. I have learned many things. However, one inconvenient lesson I've learned has recently surfaced like the monster that hides under the bed, ready to snatch at your legs as you lie down to sleep! It's inconspicuous, not easily noticed, more enticing at night (when tired and not willing to engage with a good book or human conversation) and often grabbing my attention in the most vulnerable moments. I'm talking about my cell-phone addiction.

I have an inkling that you just resonated with my addiction. Why? As Tony Reinke points out in his book *12 Ways Your Phone Is Changing You*, "Within a few years of its unveiling, the smartphone had become part of us, fully integrated into the daily patterns of our lives. Never offline, always within reach, we now wield in our hands a magic wand of technological power we have only begun to grasp. But it raises new enigmas, too. Never more connected, we seem to be growing more distant. Never more efficient, we have never been more distracted."

He's right. This has been a problem for me. Reinke reminds us, "Tech wiz Steve Jobs introduced the iPhone at Macworld Expo on January 9, 2007, as a 'giant' 3.5-inch high-res screen requiring no physical keyboard or stylus. Unlike the clunky smartphones to date, he announced: 'We're going to use the best pointing device in the world. We're going to use a pointing device that we're all born with – born with ten of them. We're going to use our fingers.' From





that moment, the magic of multitouch technology would introduce highly accurate fingertip gestures to a pocket device, bringing humans into more intimate proximity to their computing technology than ever before. When Jobs later announced, as an aside, ‘You can now touch your music,’ the magnitude of the statement was too mystical to grasp in the moment.” Well, it’s not too mystical to imagine anymore. It’s reality. There’s something euphoric about swiping your finger in the typical vertical or horizontal motion that gives us comfort. We get a thrill by checking our social media feeds. We can’t seem to do anything in the mornings without first checking that little electronic gremlin. It sucks us in, doesn’t it? It’s like we feel as though we can’t live without it. What if I miss an email? What if by delaying my response to an email – the sender gets offended or worse – they feel like I don’t care? What if I don’t immediately text them back? What if I miss live and breaking news? What if I don’t get to see what my grandmother’s cousin’s friend had for dinner last night?



These are anxieties that we live with. Why? We are simply addicted to our devices. We run our lives by our devices. In fact, we tend to converse with our devices and spend more time with them than we do actual people. Let alone, God. An older statistic from 2015 (much higher now in 2020) tells us, “...among American adults eighteen to twenty-nine years old, 86 percent own a smartphone, up from 52 percent four years earlier. In the same demographic, 50 percent own a tablet, up from just 13 percent four years earlier.” (Reinke, pg. 38). Jacques Ellul suggested, “our technology exerts a sort of terrorism over us. We live under the threat that if we fail to embrace new technologies, we will be pushed aside into cultural obsolescence, left without key skills we need to get a job, disconnected from cultural conversations, and separated from our friends.” (Reinke, pg. 38).

Why am I admitting to you this addiction? Why am I saying this? Also in Reinke’s book, Tony says, “We check our smartphones about 81,500 times each year, or once every 4.3 minutes of our waking lives...” (Reinke, pg. 41). Which that means that you will be tempted to check your phone three times before you finish this October edition of the Manna! This is serious. What’s the solution? I know prayer and the Word of God is key. I know repenting of my sin is necessary. I know asking the Lord to help me curb technology appetites and the overindulgence of ‘zoning out’ with that little device will be a good first step. I also know that reaching out to solid, Christian-based, gospel-driven books will be super helpful. I’m on this journey, and I would like for you to go with me!

Let’s read two books on the subject. First, Tony Reinke’s book (which is mentioned several times in this article) will be a good place to start. Again, it’s called *12 Ways Your Phone Is Changing You*. Read it. Devour it. Take notes. Pray and seek God’s face with this resource. Another good book would be to read Andy Crouch’s book entitled *The Tech-Wise Family*. This is a great book that gives us the resources to not only be able to curb those technological addictions – but to see that your life is also about ‘building character, wisdom, and courage rather than accepting technology’s promises of ease and instant gratification.’”

Dear Lord Jesus, I repent. I have put my cellphone and other electronic devices in a position that stirs my affections and captures my attention more than is needed (and frankly wanted). Please help me. I repent. I thank you for your glorious gospel. I thank you for the forgiveness already won in Christ! May I return to a less-distracted version of the person you have created me to be! To God be the glory! Amen!”



# NOTES FROM KIDS 1ST MINISTRY

## RACHEL RIQUELME

### Reopening Kids1st Worship and MidWeek

We are preparing to welcome our kids back this month! Our goal is to have Kids1st worship and our preschool area open at 11 am beginning Sunday, October 11 and to relaunch Midweek on Wednesday, October 14. To do this, we need you! Sign up to serve at [fbcmurray.org/serve](https://fbcmurray.org/serve).

You can read our reopening instructions below. More information is to come in a video!

- **You must RSVP and pre-register your children each week for Kids1st Worship and MidWeek** so we can make sure our class sizes are safe. You can do this at [fbcmurray.org/rsvp](https://fbcmurray.org/rsvp). This also gives us the opportunity to streamline check in so that we don't group up and create an unsafe environment as we enter the preschool or elementary areas.
- Children who are in our 4 and 5 year old classrooms and up will be asked to wear masks, as will our volunteers. We will be taking temperatures at the door.
- Please don't send anything from home with your child. Small children may have diapers, wipes, and bottles, but please don't send toys, bags, or other items with your older children.
- When you enter the welcome area of either floor you will be greeted by someone from our children's team who will check your child in and walk them to their class. Parents, we ask if you are not volunteering that week to please not enter the classroom areas.
- Please pick your children up immediately after your service or Bible study ends. Please do not linger in the welcome area of either floor.

### Kids1st Bible Study Content

This month in Kids1st Worship our unit is called "To the Cross." As people began to turn against Jesus, He journeyed toward Jerusalem where He knew He would be arrested and crucified. Jesus continued to tell people that they needed to repent, and He prepared His true followers for His death. Soon after Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, He was betrayed, arrested, tried, and crucified. Our Big Picture Question this month is: "What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead."

### MidWeek Bible Study Content

Our preschoolers and children at Mother's Day Out will be learning that God is with you wherever you go through their theme "Singing in the Rain." We will be learning how God saved Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the fire, how God saved Moses in the basket, how God heard Hagar's son crying in the desert and gave them water they needed, and how God told Noah to build an ark and saved him and his family from the flood. We will be memorizing "God is with you wherever you go," from Joshua 1:9.

Our elementary-aged children will be learning about integrity, or "choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do." They will be learning about Daniel's integrity in Daniel 1, how there are no secrets from God in 1 John 1:9, and about Naaman and Elisha's servant from 2 Kings 5 and how we should focus on what is true from Philippians 4:8. We are memorizing Proverbs 10:9, which says "Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught."

### Crossings - July 25-28, 2021

It is time to start thinking about Crossings! This year our kids who have finished 2nd grade-5th grade are going to camp July 25-28. 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](mailto:rriquelme@fbcmurray.org).

# NOTES FROM MUSIC MINISTRY

MIKE ROSE



During this time of pandemic, we have had many friends helping out in worship. I want to thank Lisa Ray, Joyce Herndon, and Eleanor Spry for the wonderful work on the piano and organ. You will notice many new pieces that they have learned over the past several weeks. I'm grateful to have folks like this to work with.

I also want to thank Pam Barron, Ryan Cunningham, and Thomas Powell for the dedication they have to enhancing our worship experiences together. We have many talented people at First Baptist Church, and it's just so nice to have such to work with.

I also want to thank all of those people who have given their Sunday morning to sing with me and help me lead worship. I'm going to try something different in the coming weeks and I will be in contact with you about this at a later date.

Again, it is so good to be a part of what God is doing at First Baptist. God bless you.

# NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

TINA MYERS



We have recently added several new Bible Study Resource Kits for youth to our library collection. If you are a parent or work with youth, stop by and look at these new studies. We also have the Parent Hub located just outside the library which contains books for parents of children of all ages. Please check these books out in the library.

Remember that you are now able to look online to see what books/materials are available in the library, reserve items, and renew items that you have checked out. We also have e-books and audio books that can be checked out for a period of two weeks. To get started, visit our website at [fbc-murray.org/library](http://fbc-murray.org/library). You will need your library card number to use these services. Call the library or stop by to get your number or if you need help getting started.

Current library hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm and on Sundays before and after each church service.



**Visit the Parent Hub across from the library to find several books designed to help you in each stage of your parenting journey. Books have to be checked out of the library.**



# GIFT CARD POUNDING

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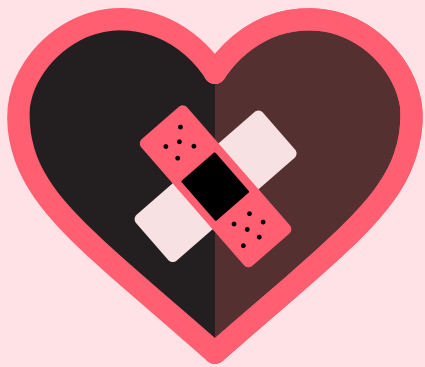
SUNDAY, OCT. 4 | BASKET IN WELCOME CENTER  
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**DISCOVER**  
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**Sunday, October 4  
9:30-10:45 am  
Room 306**

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](http://fbcmurray.org/discover-first).**



Give blood. Save lives. Do it often.

## BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, October 14

5:00-8:30 pm | Room AE310

Our next blood drive is planned for Wednesday, October 14, from 5:00-8:30 pm in Room 310. The procedure usually takes 30-45 minutes. You must be at least 18 years of age and weigh at least 110 lbs. A sign-up sheet is located in the Welcome Center or you may contact Debbie in the church office. Please plan to donate!





**RESUMES WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 14**

**KIDS** \*RSVP required at  
[fbcmurray.org/rsvp](http://fbcmurray.org/rsvp)

*Student Education Building*

Doors open at 6:10 pm

Classes begin at 6:15 pm

**STUDENTS**

*Family Life Center*

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Worship begins at 6:00 pm

**CO-ED ADULTS**

*Sanctuary*

Class begins at 6:15 pm

RightNow Media Study | 1 Peter

Led by Keith, Jason, and Boyd



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# World Mission Offering 2020 Budget Breakdown

## INTERNATIONAL

Lottie Moon (International Mission Board).....	\$50,000
Global Hunger Relief.....	\$2,000
Brazil Mission Trip.....	\$5,000
A.M.O.R.....	\$5,000
Gideons.....	\$2,500
Send Relief (BGR).....	\$4,000
Zimbabwe Mission Trip.....	\$1,500
Guatemala Mission Trip.....	\$3,000
English Language Institute/China.....	\$3,000
Zimbabwe Discipleship Ministry.....	\$3,000

## NORTH AMERICA

Annie Armstrong (Church Planting).....	\$14,000
Chrysalis Interventions.....	\$1,500
Steve Hale Ministries.....	\$1,000
Navigators.....	\$3,000

## STATE AND LOCAL

Eliza Broadus (Kentucky Missions).....	\$7,000
Main Street Youth Center.....	\$2,000
Soup for the Soul.....	\$2,000
Baptist Campus Ministries.....	\$9,000
Sunrise Children's Services.....	\$7,000
Life House.....	\$3,000
Kentucky Disaster Relief.....	\$1,000
Neartown.....	\$1,000
Summer Impact.....	\$1,500
Special Needs.....	\$8,000

# TOTAL GOAL: 140,000



# HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT



As you prayerfully prepare to pack your shoebox gift, please remember that your shoebox may be the only gift the child ever receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last.

## 1 SHOEBOX



Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted boxes are available on our website.

## 4 PRAY

Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of the child.



## 2 "WOW" ITEM

Select a quality **"wow"** toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.



## 5 DONATE \$9 PER BOX

A donation of **\$9** per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online. If you use our **Follow Your Box** feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!



## 3 OTHER GIFTS

Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



## 6 DROP OFF

Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week in November**. Visit our website to find one near you.



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Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be available in the Welcome Center beginning Sunday, October 11. Donations can also be made at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org). Shoeboxes need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 8.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DAY AND GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER AND REPENTANCE

This Saturday, September 26, we will be hosting a prayer time in the Family Life Center from 9-11:00 am in honor of the National and Global Day of Prayer and Repentance. Participants can stay as long as they want. A prayer guide will be provided.

## DEACON SELECTION PROCESS

Names of nominated deacons will be in the October 1 Thursday Update and October 4 bulletin. On Sunday, October 11, church members will vote for deacons by ballot in both worship services. Church members can cast an absentee ballot in the church office or over the phone (270-753-1854) during the week of October 5-8. An electronic ballot will also be sent to church members' emails on Sunday, October 11, for those worshipping from home. Electronic ballots are due by Sunday, October 11 at 11:59 pm.

## COCHRAN-KROEGER WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Chad Cochran along with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kroeger request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their children, Hannah Cochran and Kurt Kroeger on Saturday, October 3 at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

## STAY CONNECTED

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# CHURCH INFORMATION

## FINANCES (AS OF AUGUST 31, 2020)

\$ 922,888.00	Budgeted as of 08/31/2020
\$ 849,658.25	Budget Receipts as of 08/31/2020
\$ 781,581.28	Budget Expenditures as of 08/31/2020
\$ 140,000.00	WMO 2020 Goal
\$ 48,348.82	WMO Receipts as of 08/31/2020
\$2,855,903.82	Family Life Center Receipts as of 08/31/2020
\$1,028,742.38	Family Life Center Borrowed as of 08/31/2020

## MEMORIALS

### FINANCIAL

A contribution to the Family Life Center has been received in memory of Sarah Hussung.

A contribution to the World Mission Offering has been received in honor of the marriage of Hailey Harrison and Brandon Anderson.

## THANK YOU NOTES

Sylvia Sanert would like to thank the church for their prayers, love, cards, food, and visits over the past months.

## ATTENDANCE

	8:30 am Service	11:00 am Service	The NET
August 30	72	210	68
September 6	75	117	N/A
September 13	71	185	48
September 20	67	170	28



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