

MANNA

JULY 2021



**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**
MURRAY, KENTUCKY



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

KEITH INMAN

"For William and Carole – with our prayers (see Ephesians 4:32, 5:1) From Lars and Elisabeth (Elliot) Gren Jan. 1, 1984."

These are the words penned by Elisabeth Elliot in her book "The Mark of a Man". Elisabeth was known for her tenacity to fulfill God's purpose in her life even though her husband had been murdered on the mission field by the very people to whom they sought to express the love of Jesus. In this book, given as a wedding present to Carole and me, she gives these words of challenge: "The world cries for men who are strong – strong in conviction, strong to lead, to stand, to suffer. I pray you will be that kind of man."

This book has been in my possession for 37 years. It is a book about character, Christ-like character. Through the years, I have been challenged and encouraged by several books—books written with a motivation for me to be who God has called me to be. The book of Ephesians has been used by God to encourage His children to know who they are and act accordingly. Paul, in so many words, admonishes us to know our identity and express it through activity. Match your walk with your talk. If you profess Christ as your Lord and Savior, demonstrate it!

Paul knew that our influence is a given, so make it count. Rick Warren stated: "God's purpose is first and foremost to shape you into the image of Jesus." This is the influence for which we should all strive. Jesus' life demonstrated distinctive traits. Those of us who seek to follow Him must walk that same path.

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children." Ephesians 4:32, 5:1.

With love,
Keith



Christmas in June Fellowship

JUNE 27
6:00-8:00 PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST UGLY CHRISTMAS
SWEATER AND BRING YOUR FAVORITE
CHRISTMAS COOKIE.
DINNER IS PROVIDED.



July 11 and August 8 POOL PARTY AT THE OAKS

6:00 pm
363 Oaks Country Club, Murray, KY
Come and swim for free at
the Oaks Country Club!

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE/DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR JASON ELLERBROOK



The summer is in full swing, and we are excited to see what God is doing. The 10:00 am combined worship services have been incredible this summer. We have had several comments about how great it is to have the church worshipping together again. Now is the time to re-engage and get involved in a Sunday School class and join us in-person for worship! It is beautiful to see the body of Christ joining together to lift His praises.

Please be in prayer for several significant events in the life of our church. The students and children will be attending summer camps in July. The Summer Impact Team is having a huge impact and will be leading our Mega Rec Camp July 6-8. We are also looking forward to the church-wide pool party at The Oaks Country Club on Sunday, July 11.

As we plan and prepare for the fall, we are excited to have some very special guest speakers joining us to launch into a new school year. After over a year of navigating the pandemic, it also feels like a relaunch at FBC Murray. We pray that God leads you to plug into the discipleship opportunities at FBC Murray and find your place of service. If you want to connect, email me at jellerbrook@fbcmurray.org or call the church office to set up an appointment with me. I want to get to know each of you and your families as we head into this new season together! God is at work and we get to be a part of it!

In Christ,

Jason



INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY?

HELP US PLAN THE 9TH INTERNATIONAL
BACKYARD COOKOUT THAT WILL BE
HELD IN AUGUST!

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
PLANNING THE INTERNATIONAL
COOKOUT, JOIN US FOR A MEETING
ON JULY 7 AT 1:00 PM IN ROOM
AE310 AT FBC.**

Contact Cheryl Crouch at 270-293-9442
if you have any questions.

Child bedlessness is
a national problem.
Join us as we work
to meet the physical
needs of those here
in Western KY!



**FBC
JULY 17
9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

BUILD-A-BED

Tools are not
required. Work gloves
and safety glasses
are optional.



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NOTES FROM MATURE ADULTS GROWING IN CHRIST (SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY) BOYD SMITH

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

We are cruising into July and the summer heat has finally arrived as well. It has been a long time since we have had our monthly fellowships, and that time is coming to an end! On Monday, August 23, we will have our first fellowship of the year. It will be a noon potluck luncheon in the Family Life Center. If cooking is a hardship for you and you would rather buy something already cooked, I will be happy to pick something up for you from Food Giant. I would need to know in advance (Friday before the actual day of the luncheon). We will try to have a few catered meals to help out as well. Be sure to invite any new members who may not be aware of this ministry. I can hardly wait to see you all there!

Pastor Boyd

NOTES FROM MUSIC MINISTRY

MIKE ROSE



Hello Church!

We are very busy at this time with music and worship at First Baptist. It is so nice to worship together, and we are thankful that we are able to do this during the summer months. Our Worship Choir has begun full rehearsals and we have eight new members! This is just wonderful, and I encourage you to join us downstairs, at 4:30 pm on Sunday afternoons as we prepare worship music during the summer and make ourselves ready for the Composer's Weekend with Camp Kirkland in August. I am excited about Camp being with us as I speak to him often about what we want to accomplish during this weekend. You will not want to miss the worship concert on the afternoon of August 15. This will be a wonderful time of worship and praise!

This Sunday, at the business meeting, the ministerial staff is presenting a significant recommendation that has been approved by the Budget, Finance, and Stewardship Committee. Our church has the opportunity to host the most popular church music group in the entire world! I am so excited that this is materializing. Pending church approval, we will notify you of the date and details when everything is finalized! This group never comes to churches of our size, and I am grateful that God is opening the door for us to have them in Murray! Be in prayer that we can work out all the details and finalize the contract. This will be one to which you will want to invite your friends to attend with you.

Again, it is great to work along side of you here in Murray. Come join us as we lead others to worship and praise. You will find our group to be a welcoming and fun place to be!

Mike



**2021 FBC Murray
Composer's Weekend**

**August 13-15 | FBC Sanctuary
Featuring Camp Kirkland**





NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRY

JON KYLE ALLRED

We had a great time at Mega Quest! A small group of 20 went to Louisville Mega Caverns, an incredibly complex system of man-made caves, where students climbed for a couple of hours in a two-story ropes course environment! We learned about the passage Hebrews 12:1-2 and that no matter the obstacles that occur in our faith – the JOY set before us, in Jesus and longing for our future home of Heaven, gives the believer the encouragement to persevere! Check out our group in the photo below!

Please pray for our students as they head to FUGE Camp June 28-July 3!



GRADES 6-12
July 6-8
12:00 PM-3:00 PM
Family Life Center
\$30 (\$40 max per family)
Lunch is included.



Scan the QR code to sign up for Mega Rec Camp!

Remind 101 texts



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



Join us for a FREE day camp filled with worship, water games, fellowship, Bible teaching, and messy games.
Lunch is provided.



Grades 6-12

July 22

10 am-2 pm

Family Life Center



Mega Quest Crew

FUGE CAMPS

June 28-July 3

PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS AT FUGE!



NOTES FROM KIDS1ST MINISTRY

RACHEL RIQUELME



A huge thank you to everyone one who came to VBS, taught at VBS, and served at VBS! We had 100 kids and at least 75 adults helped. A big thank you to Danny Zuckschwerdt for all of his dedication decorating for VBS; it was incredible!

Have you signed your child up for Mega Rec Camp? Mega Rec Camp is July 6-8, 9:00 am-12:30 pm, in the Family Life Center for kids that have just finished grades K-5.

First Loves Murray is coming up on August 2. The mission of First Loves Murray is to provide school clothing items to 50 underprivileged students (grades K-12) in the Murray and Calloway County Schools. Check out the graphic below for more info!

MidWeek starts back in August and we need teachers! If you would like to volunteer, email me at rriquelme@fbc-murray.org!



Help us give 50 students back-to-school clothes and shoes!

Giving \$100 sponsors an elementary school student and \$125 sponsors a middle or high school student, but gifts of any amount are welcome. Checks can be made out to FBC and mailed to 203 S. 4th St. Murray, KY 42071.

Please designate First Loves Murray in the memo line!

GRADES K-5
July 6-8
9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Family Life Center
\$30 (\$40 max per family)
Lunch is provided.



Scan the QR code
to sign up for
Mega Rec Camp!



kids summer schedule

JULY 1: KIDS DAY AT MURRAY
CENTRAL PARK (2:30-3:30 PM)

JULY 6-8: MEGA REC CAMP
(9:00 AM-12:30 PM)

JULY 25-28: KIDS CAMP AT
CROSSINGS

JULY 29: KIDS DAY AT MURRAY
CENTRAL PARK (2:30-3:30 PM)





NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

TINA MYERS

Kids are invited to join us in the library every Tuesday this summer for some reading fun! Story hour for ages 2-5 is at 1:00 pm and Kid's Reading Club for kids who have finished K-5th grade is at 2:00 pm. Story hour involves a story and craft/activity. In reading club, we are reading the first book in "The Wingfeather Saga" by Andrew Peterson. The book is called On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness and participants are asked to bring their own copy of the book.

Our author of the month for July is Angela Hunt. Angela is a Christy Award winner and is the best-selling author of more than 150 works including picture books, non-fiction books, and novels. Her novels are enjoyed by readers who expect the unexpected. Angela's books will be on display in the library beginning July 1st.

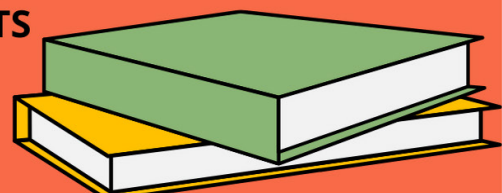
READING HOUR AND BOOK CLUB

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR: 1:00 PM

READING CLUB: 2:00 PM

THOSE THAT HAVE FINISHED GRADES K-5 ARE WELCOME TO READ BOOK 1 IN "THE WINGFEATHER SAGA" BY ANDREW PETERSON. PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR OWN BOOK!

**EVERY TUESDAY THROUGH JULY 27!
SIGN UP AT FBCMURRAY.ORG/EVENTS**



AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

ANGELA HUNT



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MEET THE CHURCH MEMBER

Ojoniko Abah



My name is Ojoniko Nathan Abah. I am originally from Nigeria, from a family of four. I graduated from Murray State University with a degree in Computer Science and currently work at Industrial Training Services here in Murray.

I have been coming to FBC since I started attending college at Murray State in August 2016 and became a member earlier this year. I currently serve as a drummer on the worship team and also help lead a youth life group on Sunday evenings during the school year.

The scripture that I am currently clinging to right now is Romans 8:28: "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." That verse of Scripture is one that reminds me of the fact that there are no accidents or, as Dr. R.C Sproul puts it, "There is no maverick molecule in the universe". Every moment of our lives as believers is orchestrated by The Good, Wise, and Sovereign God and He has garnished every second of it with His good purpose which is (as Romans 8:29 points out), that "we are conformed to the image of Jesus." We can daily trust Him with the good, bad, and the ugly, and on the other side of eternity, we will see more clearly that He ordained and caused everything to fit together into a mosaic that is beautiful beyond words for His Glory and our good.



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SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER POP UP

**JUNE 28
6:00-8:00 PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER
\$5**



**COME JOIN US FOR A FUN TIME OF FELLOWSHIP WITH
OLD FRIENDS AND NEW ONES! ENJOY DINNER,
TESTIMONY, PRAYER TIME, AND MENTORING TOOLS.
RSVP ONLINE AT FBCMURRAY.ORG/WOMEN OR TO
MARTHA RIDDLE AT 270-293-1947**

**Dress and Dinner are casual.
Childcare is unavailable.**



THE CONFERENCE WILL BE
LED BY CAREY PURDOM OF
KAIROS MINISTRY AT
BRENTWOOD BAPTIST IN
BRENTWOOD, TN.



Disciple-Her Huddle

**JULY 31
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER
\$10
LUNCH IS PROVIDED**



TESTIMONY BY AMY
STANSELL, BRENTWOOD
BAPTIST.

DISCIPLE-HER HUDDLE IS A DAY FOR WOMEN TO BE INSPIRED AND EQUIPPED WITH A
BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF WHO THEY ARE IN CHRIST AND HOW TO CARRY OUT THE
MISSION OF CHRIST IN THEIR SPHERES OF INFLUENCE.

SIGN UP AT FBCMURRAY.ORG/WOMEN OR CONTACT DEBBIE J. BELL AT 270-293-3804.

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 continue through August 1 at 10:00 am. Sunday School will be at 9:00 AM.

June 27: Christmas in June (6:00-8:00 PM)

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

June 28: College Bible Study at Megan Downey's House (6:00 PM)

June 28: Shoulder-to-Shoulder Pop-up Women's Event (6:00 PM)

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

July 1: Kids Day at Murray Central Park (2:30-3:30 PM)

July 6-8: Mega Rec Camp (Kids from 9:00 AM-12:30 PM)

(Students from 12:00-3:00 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 (6:00 PM)

July 12: College Bible Study at the Inman House (6:00 PM)

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

July 17: Build-a-Bed at the FLC (9 AM-12 PM)

July 19: College Bible Study at the Allred House (6:00 PM)

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

July 22: Camp Reset for Youth Students (10:00 AM-2:00 PM)

July 25-28: Kids Camp at Crossings Jonathan Creek

July 26: College Bible Study at Mike Rose's house (6:00 PM)

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

July 29: Kids Day at the Park (2:30-3:30 PM)

July 31: "Disciple-Her Huddle" Women's Conference (8:30 AM-2:30 PM)

**Dates are subject to change.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS

Billy Ray, Kari, Annabel, and Claire Wilcher joined by Letter on Sunday, June 6.
Bob and Beverly Quinn joined by Letter on Sunday, June 13.

CHURCH INFORMATION

FINANCES (AS OF MAY 31, 2021)

\$ 588,519.00	Budgeted as of 5/31/2021
\$ 517,800.40	Budget Receipts as of 5/31/2021
\$ 501,208.89	Budget Expenditures as of 5/31/2021
\$ 154,000.00	WMO 2021 Goal
\$ 30,677.02	WMO Receipts as of 5/31/2021
\$3,520,872.32	Family Life Center Receipts as of 5/31/2021
\$ 272,588.78	Family Life Center Borrowed as of 5/31/2021

MEMORIALS

FINANCIAL

Contributions to the 2021 World Mission Offering have been received in memory of Alice Bell, Ann Churchill, and Mike Lovins.

Contributions to the Family Life Center Building Fund have been received in memory of Mike Lovins and Ann Churchill.

LIBRARY

The Reformation Commentary on Scripture – Philippians and Colossians, has been given to the FBC Library in memory of Ann Churchill.

VAN DRIVER

The van driver for the month of July is John Rudolph. If you would like a ride to Sunday School (9:00 am) or the combined worship service (10:00 am), contact John at 270-752-0179.

ATTENDANCE

10:00 am Service

May 30	350
June 6	370
June 13	308
June 20	363



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