



MANNA

NOVEMBER 2021



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

KEITH INMAN

It's Pastor Appreciation Month and in the big picture, I am so blessed. Besides our local FBC congregation, one of the main conduits of blessing comes from our FBC staff. I would like to express my appreciation to these special people:

- **Jason Ellerbrook** – Jason is one of the most sincere, genuine, and encouraging people I know. Through the years, I have watched God's favor rest upon him.
- **Boyd Smith** – Twenty-six years of loving First Baptist. Boyd has been a great prayer partner and source of encouragement. We have laughed together and cried together.
- **Jon Kyle Allred** – Jon Kyle carries a deep passion for God's Word and worship. He sincerely desires for people to experience and know the Lord.
- **Rachel Riquelme** – Rachel brings depth to Children's Ministry and her ministry includes the entire family. She is a learner and is consistently doing things "behind the scenes" that may go unnoticed.
- **Mike Rose** – A sincere desire to serve our church and is sensitive to people and their needs. Mike is willing to assist fellow staff members with assignments "outside" of his "job description."
- **Megan Downey** – Megan is our newest staff member and I hope you will make time to connect with her. She loves college students and using her gifts for the Lord. With her here as a college student and her years on staff at the Baptist Campus Ministry, we knew she would be a joyful blessing to our church.
- **Debbie Settle** – Debbie loves FBC! This coming year she will celebrate 50 years of service at FBC! With a fantastic memory, she finds herself answering many questions from the staff. She brings a wonderful disposition to our office environment.
- **Belinda Stevens** – Belinda has integrated herself in a most wonderful way into the day to day working and ministry of our church. She gives her heart and soul to this place.
- **Lori Morgan** – Details, details, details, and with a smile. And, what a voice!
- (Debbie, Belinda, and Lori – all three bring a great competence to making the daily operations of our church "work".)
- **Tina Myers** – Our new librarian greets you with a smile and "how can I help you" attitude.
- **Lisa, Joyce, Eleanor** – I do not have the words to express my gratitude for how you lift my spirit through music.
- **Allen and Jasper** – We could not do this without you.
- **Lauren and Pam** – MDO thrives under your leadership.
- **Volunteers** – You brighten our day and make our task easier.
- **Deacons** – Thank you for your wisdom and maturity.

There is another side to the story when it comes to your church staff of which I would like to remind you. Your staff works hard and the working COVID environment has been challenging. Nineteen months is enough already! Sometimes we get discouraged, disappointed and possibly depressed. We experience stress, and anxiety. Sometimes we have problems within our families that are painful. We have health concerns. There are times we are challenged financially. In this world, raising kids can be a challenge and we may feel as if we are failing at parenthood. It is hard to see FBC members we have loved for decades die. It is hard to see FBC members we love leave and go to another church. It is sad to see FBC members move to another town or city. We cannot do what we do without you. We miss seeing you at church. We don't always like the sermons or the music. We talk about one service or two and not preferring the way the Lord's Supper elements are distributed. We desire things to be better. Sometimes we get it right. Sometimes we don't. We all want to see lives transformed by the love and grace of Jesus.

Your staff: we pray, laugh, work, sing, worship, meet, eat, plan, and discuss life together. We love one another. And we love you.

Keith

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE/DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR

JASON ELLERBROOK



Church Family,

A special thanks to everyone who assisted with making the Getty Concert a great success! Mike Rose, Jon Kyle Allred, and Rachel Riquelme caught a vision two years ago – to bring the Getty's community to FBC – little did we know that God would open that door. It was a great night of worship with many guests from our community and beyond.

There was also a great turnout last week as we launched our second round of midweek Bible Studies. These are all open studies that you can join at any time, for adults of all ages and no materials are required. Three of the studies are co-ed and one of them is specifically for women. Join us for dinner at 5:00 pm and choose from one of these groups.

“Red Letters: Studying the Words of Jesus”: led by Dave Eaton, meets in room 306

“The Kingdom Agenda”: led by Jason Ellerbrook, meets in room 310

Prayer Meeting: led by Keith Inman, meets in the Chapel

“Renovated: A Wife According to God's Design”: facilitated by Paula Alcott, meets in room 304 (adult women of all ages)

As we hopefully find ourselves transitioning from the pandemic to an “endemic”, our goal is to continue to provide responsible discipleship and outreach events for our families – taking into consideration the safety of our educators and health care workers – while continuing to fulfill our mission of making disciples and reaching the lost.

A few of these outreach opportunities are right in front of us.

1. Sunday morning, October 31 - **Kids First Pumpkin Party**. The night before this event, if you have your porch light on, you will find that it is the one time of the year that your neighborhood and your kids come to your front door! The church has provided invitations and special items so we can cover the neighborhoods where we live.

2. Friday, December 3 - **Main Street Merriment**. This annual Murray Christmas tradition is back, and our church will also be hosting the Town and Gown Celebration that evening. We will be sharing more details of how you can be involved in serving through FBC Murray during this downtown community celebration! We hope to serve hundreds of people at the Family Life Center that day and in the Sanctuary that evening!

There are so many ways you can serve at FBC Murray. Our staff is reaching out and having conversations about the ministries that need leaders and volunteers. If you have thoughts, ideas, or want to serve in some capacity, please reach out to me or one of our staff members.

Serving You Through Him,
Jason



It's not too late to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm! There are Bible studies for kids, students, and adults.

Come and connect with a small group of people!



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MURRAY, KENTUCKY



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

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

I hope you are enjoying the change of the season. Autumn is my favorite season (but winter is nearly tied with it) and the Lord reveals his creativity as we watch the leaves turn various colors. Don't forget about our November trip to Casey Jones on November 22. You'll need to call the office by November 17 to make reservations for that trip.

As hard as we tried to get reservations for Patti's, it just wasn't meant to be this year. Who would have thought that they would be fully booked in December when you make reservations as early as September? The M.A.G.I.C planning team met and discussed a lot of options and we felt that this year we will stay local. Therefore, we will be going to Sirloin Stockade. We have made reservations there and I can promise you they will take care of us. The date will be the same (December 13). Please call the office by December 8th if you are going with us.

Project GG (God's Grace)

As co-laborers with PROJECT GG (God's Grace), First Baptist Church helps to provide medical equipment to those in our community who can't afford to buy it. When a need arises, someone from PROJECT GG contacts us and if we have it available, we get it to the representative of PROJECT GG. The equipment can be new or used (as long as it's in good condition). Here is a list of equipment that's often requested: wheelchair, walker, adjustable cane, crutches, toilet seat extender, potty chair, shower chair, shower bench, blood pressure kit, and knee scooters. If you have these and want to donate them, please let me know and I'll pick them up. We would like to have these immediately so they will be available when we get the call. If you have any questions call the church office.

Boyd

NOTES FROM MUSIC MINISTRY MIKE ROSE



Hello Church!

I cannot say enough about the event we had in October with the Gettys. This was an historical event: one which we will remember for a long time to come. Thanks to everyone who had a part. I appreciate all of the volunteers for the many hours put into this effort.

Elnor Richardson and his crew (thank you too, Danny) did a marvelous job with the stage extension they were asked to complete. It is functional and beautiful. Thank you so much for taking this on and for doing it with excellence!

Our next big music event is music for the Christmas season. We will be doing "Sing Christmas" in December. If you are willing to work with us, we'd be happy to have you with us at 4:00 pm on Sunday afternoons in the choir loft. We will be learning songs from this musical, and I am excited about putting this together for presentation. This one will be a sing-a-long, and I'm sure you will enjoy this time of singing and praise during this holiest of seasons!

It's such a joy to serve God alongside you here at First Baptist.

Blessings,
Mike



NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRY
JON KYLE ALLRED

YOUTH FALL RETREAT CONTENDING

WE WILL BE STUDYING THE BOOK OF JUDE

NOVEMBER 19-21, 2021

THE HILL IN HARDIN, KY

\$100 TOTAL | \$50 DEPOSIT DUE NOVEMBER 1

Remind 101 texts

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



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NOTES FROM KIDS1ST MINISTRY

RACHEL RIQUELME



Calling all daughters, moms, aunts, grandmas, or female guardians! Sign up for our Mother/Daughter retreat at The Hill in Hardin, KY on November 12-13! Girls in grades K-6th are invited. Our theme is "Treasured". Moms and daughters will have many times throughout the weekend to engage in meaningful conversations about God, their emotions, friendships, and more. The retreat will cost \$110 per pair (mother and daughter) and \$45 for each additional person. Sign up at fbcmurray.org/kids!

Our Scope and Sequence helps families keep up with where we are in scripture each week at Kids1st. Pick yours up in the Kids1st area on a Sunday or Wednesday!

It is time to think about Crossings! The deposit is \$80 and is due on December 31. Cash or checks can be turned into the church office.

On Sunday mornings, Kids1st will be learning about God's Rescue Plan!

In MidWeek, our preschoolers and MDO kids will be learning about thankfulness through their theme "Community Garden". Elementary kids are learning about contentment, which is being happy with what you have, through their theme "UpCycle".

"TREASURED"

MOTHER/DAUGHTER RETREAT

NOVEMBER 12-13

THE HILL, HARDIN, KY

\$110 PER PAIR, \$45 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER

GIRLS IN GRADES K-6

MOMS, GRANDMAS, AND AUNTS ARE INVITED!

REGISTER AT FBCMURRAY.ORG/KIDS



Bottom Line:

I can thank God for everything.

Memory Verse:

"I will give thanks to the
Lord with my whole heart."

PSALM 111:1, ESV



KIDS 1ST WORSHIP AND
SUNDAY SCHOOL

God's Rescue Plan

GOD PROVIDED ISAAC (GEN 21-22)

GOD CHANGED JACOB (GEN 25-33)

GOD HAD A PLAN FOR JOSEPH (GEN 37-50)

GOD CONTROLS EVERYTHING (JOB)



NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

TINA MYERS

Stop by the library to see our display of books recommended by some of our library patrons. You will find many interesting fiction and non-fiction books, chosen because patrons found them to be enjoyable or helpful!

Our author of the month for November is Randy Alcorn. Randy is a *New York Times* bestselling author of over forty books. We have many of his books, both fiction and non-fiction in our library. His books will be on display through November 30.

FBC library is thankful and blessed to have a wonderful group of volunteers. They are Mary Dunn, Leslie Ellerbrook, Patsy James, Diane Jonas, Nancy Jones, Judy Ingersoll, Judy Rose, Karmel Stewart, and Bobbie Weatherly. If you see these ladies, please thank them for helping in the library!

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

RANDY ALCORN



Praise the Lord.
Give thanks to
the Lord, for he
is good; his
love endures
forever.

PSALM 106:1



**FIRST
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MURRAY, KENTUCKY

FBC MURRAY

Thanksgiving

**FOOD
DRIVE**

NOVEMBER 1-30

THERE ARE MANY FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT MAY NOT HAVE A TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING MEAL DUE TO FOOD INSECURITY. FOOD THAT IS COLLECTED WILL BE PLACED IN THE RIVIERA COURTS AND FLC PARKING LOT BLESSING BOXES.

DROP OFF SOME NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, INCLUDING THANKSGIVING TYPE FOOD, SO FAMILIES CAN HAVE A TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING MEAL! EXAMPLES OF FOOD TO BRING ARE CANNED VEGGIES, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, BOXES OF STUFFING, ETC.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO "ADOPT" THE BLESSING BOX IN RIVIERA COURTS FOR A WEEK, SIGN UP AT FBCMURRAY.ORG.

BLESSING BOX



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

Located at Riviera Courts near the office.

SIGN UP TO FILL THE BOX AT FBCMURRAY.ORG!

Help us reach our 2021 WMO Goal!



Received as of 10/24/21: \$78,644.21

Give to the World Mission Offering at fbcmurray.org/give

	2020	2021
WMO TOTAL GOAL	\$140,000	\$154,000
INTERNATIONAL		
LOTTIE MOON (INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS)	\$50,000	\$55,000
GLOBAL HUNGER RELIEF (SEND RELIEF)	\$2,000	\$2,200
BRAZIL MISSION TRIP	\$5,000	\$5,500
A.M.O.R.	\$5,000	\$5,500
GIDEONS	\$2,500	\$2,750
SEND RELIEF (FORMERLY BAPTIST GLOBAL RESPONSE)	\$4,000	\$4,400
ZIMBABWE MISSION TRIP	\$1,500	\$1,650
GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP	\$3,000	\$3,300
ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE/MOROCCO	\$3,000	\$3,300
ZIMBABWE DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY	\$3,000	\$3,300
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL	\$79,000	\$86,900
NORTH AMERICA		
ANNIE ARMSTRONG (NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS)	\$14,000	\$15,400
CHRYSLIS INTERVENTIONS	\$1,500	\$1,650
STEVE HALE MINISTRIES	\$1,000	\$1,100
NAVIGATORS	\$3,000	\$3,300
TOTAL NORTH AMERICA	\$19,500	\$21,450
STATE AND LOCAL		
ELIZA BROADUS (KENTUCKY MISSIONS)	\$7,000	\$7,700
MAIN STREET YOUTH CENTER	\$2,000	\$2,200
SOUP FOR THE SOUL	\$2,000	\$2,200
BAPTIST CAMPUS MINISTRIES	\$9,000	\$9,900
SUNRISE CHILDREN SERVICES	\$7,000	\$7,700
LIFE HOUSE	\$3,000	\$3,300
KENTUCKY DISASTER RELIEF	\$1,000	\$1,100
NEARTOWN RECOVERY	\$1,000	\$1,100
SUMMER IMPACT	\$1,500	\$1,650
TOTAL STATE AND LOCAL	\$33,500	\$36,850
SPECIAL NEEDS	\$8,000	\$8,800
GRAND TOTAL	\$140,000	\$154,000

MEET THE CHURCH MEMBERS

Joey and Pam Williams



We chose FBC because they had a wonderful youth program. Our daughter wanted to attend because she had several friends here. Our girls were both very active in youth activities and loved FBC. We have been attending FBC for 40 years.

We appreciate the love for the Lord that is demonstrated by the ministers and members of FBC. We have made friends 40 years ago who today are like our family. The opportunities to serve are numerous and to serve with our friends has been a learning experience and a blessing. Not only has our church family grown in numbers, but we have grown spiritually because of others who were more mature and willing to invest time and love other people. We love the music in both services and Pam especially loves singing in the choir. We also love going to MidWeek Fellowship Suppers and studying the Word in MidWeek Bible Study.

We are currently involved with the ALIVE Sunday School Class, the International Ministry, and the Greeters Ministry. Pam attends and sometimes hosts small groups with the Women's Shoulder to Shoulder Ministry, is a member of the Betty Sledd Ladies Mission Group, serves on the Benevolent Committee, sings in the choir, and volunteers in the office.

Get connected with a Sunday School class! This is how you can get connected with the church. If you go to a class and it doesn't fit, try another and another and another until you find a place that you are comfortable. God intended for us to be with other Christians and to fellowship and pray together.

We love our Sunday School Class!



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MURRAY, KENTUCKY

Sunday, November 7



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS

Linda Roach joined by Letter on Sunday, October 10.
Ferial Ware joined by Statement on Sunday, October 24.

RADIO/TV

Our 8:30 am worship service is aired at 11:00 am on WAAJ-FM 89.7. Our services are also broadcast on Thursday at 8:00 pm on Murray Electric System's channel 15.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Wednesday night Fellowship Suppers are at 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Adult meals are \$4, children ages 3-12 are \$3, college students are \$1, and children 2 and under are free. Each week will include the following: vegetable side item, salad, bread, desserts, and drinks.

November 3: Barbecue sandwich

November 10: Chicken taco soup

November 17: Chicken and dressing

November 24: NO MEAL

BLESSING BOX

Don't forget about the Blessing Boxes in the FLC parking lot and at Riviera Courts. We are in need of people to bring shelf-stable items to stock the boxes. Items like mac and cheese, peanut butter, beef jerky, pasta, granola bars, and others are appreciated! If you would like to "adopt" the box in Riviera Courts for a week, sign up at fbcmurray.org!

CHURCH INFORMATION

FINANCES (AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2021)

\$1,043,283.00	Budgeted as of 9/30/2021
\$ 890,066.55	Budget Receipts as of 9/30/2021
\$ 939,424.18	Budget Expenditures as of 9/30/2021
\$ 154,000.00	WMO 2021 Goal
\$ 61,326.18	WMO Receipts as of 9/30/2021
\$3,607,335.89	Family Life Center Receipts as of 9/30/2021
\$ 186,892.41	Family Life Center Borrowed as of 9/30/2021

MEMORIALS

FINANCIAL

Contributions to the 2021 World Mission Offering have been received in memory of Betty Sue Vinson and Edna McKinney.

Contributions to the Kids Camp Scholarship Fund have been received in memory of Debbie Seay and in honor of Rachel Riquelme.

Contributions to the Family Life Center Building Fund have been received in memory of Edna McKinney and Gary W. Jones.

A contribution to the 2021 General Budget (in support of the Music Ministry) has been received in memory of Margaret Wilkins.

VAN DRIVER

The van driver for the month of November is John Rudolph. If you would like a ride to the traditional worship service (8:30 am), Sunday School (9:45 am), or the contemporary worship service (11:00 am), contact John at 270-752-0179.

ATTENDANCE

	8:30 am Service	11:00 am Service	College
October 3	116	240	47
October 10	123	186	8
October 17	137	249	17
October 24	130	219	50

