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APRIL 2021



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MURRAY, KENTUCKY





NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

KEITH INMAN

The needs in our community will always be here to one degree or another. Your gifts to our World Mission and Benevolent Offerings this past year have enabled us to give more support to a variety of entities and ministry partners around the world. While this list is not all-encompassing, here are a few expressions of hope provided by FBC to those in need and those meeting needs that are above and beyond what it is our World Mission Offering budget:

Support for and cooperation with ministry/mission partners and non-profits such as:

- Soup for the Soul
- Main Street Youth Center
- Steve Hale Evangelistic Association
- HOPE Calloway-(formerly Gentry House/Murray Calloway County Homeless Coalition) that has the Opportunity House shelter for women/children
- Rental, fuel, and utility assistance
- Emergency housing, particularly during cold weather
- Blessing Box for food distribution, located by our Family Life Center
- Adoption assistance
- Medical assistance
- Internet assistance through schools during COVID-19
- Tiger/Laker Christmas; First Loves Teachers
- Students and individuals for mission service
- Crossings Camp support due to the impact of COVID-19
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace (bed construction) Construction project in Mexico
- YoungLife
- NAMB Church Plant in Boston – King’s Hill Church

This list is not exhaustive; however, along with our World Mission Offering recipients not listed, it gives a good picture of your faithful giving for the Kingdom and cause of Christ.

Thank you FBC!



DR. PAUL CHITWOOD

PRESIDENT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

DR. CHITWOOD WILL BE SPEAKING AT FBC ON
MARCH 28 AT THE 8:30 AND 11:00 AM
SERVICES. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

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NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE/DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR JASON ELLERBROOK



Church Family,

We are thankful to see friends and family returning to in-person worship on Sunday mornings. Many of our Sunday School classes are beginning to return to in-person as well. This will be a season of returning for our church. The church staff has made prayer and devotion the priority in our weekly meetings. We are focusing on the concept of returning to the Lord. Malachi 3:7 says, "Since the day of your fathers, you have turned from my statutes; you have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of Armies." Instead of praying things will return to normal or return to the way they were before COVID-19, will you join us in praying for spiritual renewal? Will you pray for an awakening that leads to repentance and revival? Will you pray for the opportunity to share the Gospel with the lost and advance His Kingdom here in Murray, KY and beyond? It's a new day and God wants to do a new thing at FBC Murray. Let's pray and prepare for a new day of returning!

See below for some exciting opportunities to connect, serve and grow. All sign ups can be found on our website at fbcmurray.org.

Saturday, April 17 – Jonathan Creek Men's Day: Jonathan Creek Camp and Conference Center has requested the help of our men and teenage sons with a workday at the camp. They need help with general maintenance, loading and hauling, etc. We will meet at the camp and serve from 9 am - 3 pm with lunch provided.

Sunday, April 18 – Sunday School Teacher & Small Group Facilitator Training: Sunday School teachers and Bible Study teachers/facilitators are invited to join us for a 5:30 pm Zoom training with Rick Howerton, Church Consultant with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Rick also served at LifeWay as the small group and discipleship specialist. If you teach or facilitate a group at FBC, we strongly encourage you to participate in this training session. You will receive the link to the Zoom session on April 18.

Saturday, May 15 - FBC Men's Pancake Breakfast: 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 online! The cost is \$4 (\$1 for college students).

We will continue to implement best practices throughout the spring to make our gatherings safe for all involved (including masks, social distancing, temp checks, and hand sanitizer stations). As Palm Sunday and Easter approach, please pray and think about how you can serve at church and share Christ in your context! You are loved and lifted up!

In Christ,

Jason Ellerbrook
Executive Pastor of Discipleship


Men's Volunteer Day at Jonathan Creek



APRIL 17, 2021
9 AM - 3 PM / LUNCH PROVIDED
SIGN UP AT
FBCMURRAY.ORG/MEN



SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING



Rick Howerton
Zoom Training
April 18
5:30 pm
For Sunday school teachers,
LifeGroup leaders, and any who
lead a small group.



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

BOYD SMITH

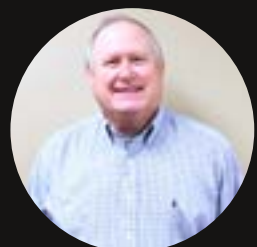
M.A.G.I.C. Friends,

It has been a slow recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, but we are beginning to see some promising signs. There are fewer positive cases in Calloway County as well as the nation as a whole. I believe we are headed in the right direction and hopefully we will take some major steps to normalcy within months. Now that spring is here, perhaps we will benefit from getting outside and enjoying fresh air and the newness that spring brings. It has been exciting to see our attendance increase among our senior adults. Whether you have had your vaccination or not, we will continue to be as safe as possible. Please let me know if you need anything. If I can't take care of it, I bet I can find someone who can!

Love to you all!
Pastor Boyd

NOTES FROM MUSIC MINISTRY

MIKE ROSE



Hello First Baptist,

I cannot tell you how happy I am to be seeing more and more folks attending in person. This shows that we are beginning to get back to life as normal. There are many plans which are on the calendar, and I am just hoping and praying that we will be able to see them happen! I am most excited about having our Worship Choir meeting again soon. If you are interested in joining this group, please let me know and we will get you a seat and robe ready! You can just email or call me if this is something you think you might be interested in. There is a place for you!

I am hoping that the Composer Weekend will still happen...an organ concert will happen, and another large event might even happen this fall. We will need many people to participate for this all to take place.

God has given us a wonderful place to serve, and we are just about to get back to where we were over a year ago. We have a lot to do...I pray that we will quickly get back singing together again. Let us know if you are available! I am so thankful that God has put me in this place. Come and join me as we work together to further the Kingdom.



**2021 FBC Murray
Composer's Weekend**

**June 26-27 | FBC Sanctuary
Featuring Camp Kirkland**





NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRY

JON KYLE ALLRED

FBC YOUTH DNow

April 24-25

Total cost: \$75

Go to fbcmurray.org/students to find more information!



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FUGE CAMPS

WE LOVE CAMP!

June 28-July 3

Total cost: \$300

Cash and checks only

More info to come soon!



"ON THE GO: FAMILY MINISTRY" PODCAST

PODCAST LAUNCH!



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



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

NOTES FROM KIDS 1ST MINISTRY

RACHEL RIQUELME



April is right around the corner! The beginning of this year is flying by and we are thankful to be in-person here at FBC. Our kiddos are learning lots of new things at FBC! This month, our preschoolers will be studying how Jesus wants to be their forever friend and our elementary kids are learning about peace in MidWeek. On Sunday mornings, children will be learning about the Great Commission! What a joy it is to walk alongside these children as they grow in their knowledge of Jesus.

We need your help! With Easter around the corner, we are needing an additional number of volunteers in our children's ministry to accommodate those that will come into our church on Easter Sunday.

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

Memory Verse:
"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."
EPHESIANS 3:18, NIVV

Bottom Line:
Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

PEACE

PROVING YOU CARE MORE ABOUT EACH OTHER THAN WINNING AN ARGUMENT

Kids 1st Worship + Sunday School

preschool + elementary

IN THE GREAT COMMISSION, JESUS COMMANDED HIS FOLLOWERS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS. EARLY CHURCH LEADERS MADE DISCIPLES BY SHARING THE GOSPEL, BAPTIZING NEW BELIEVERS, AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY JESUS. OUR MISSION AS CHRISTIANS IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

WHAT IS OUR MISSION AS CHRISTIANS? OUR MISSION IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1 Easter: Jesus' Crucifixion and resurrection. Matthew 26-28; John 20	2 Peter Escaped from Prison Acts 12 God rescued Peter from prison.	3 Paul's First Journey Acts 13-14 Paul and Barnabas told Jews and Gentiles about Jesus.	4 The Church Divided 1 Corinthians 1-6 The gospel unites all kinds of people in love.
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GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND REMEMBER, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE END OF THE AGE. MATTHEW 28:19-20

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR EASTER AND VBS! CONTACT RACHEL TO GET SIGNED UP!



NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

TINA MYERS

The library is now featuring a different author each month. We will be alternating between fiction and nonfiction authors to help church members and patrons know more about what is available. Our author for March was fiction writer Terri Blackstock. The author for the month of April is Dr. Tony Evans. Dr. Evans is a renowned pastor, teacher, author, and speaker. His books will be on display in the library throughout April.

Parents, bring your children by the Library on Easter Sunday for an Easter treat!

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



AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Dr. Tony Evans



Check out his books in the FBC Library during the month of April!



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EASTER

The best day ever.



FBC
Murray



April
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8:30 AM
11:00 AM



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BLESSING BOX

Keep our Blessing Box stuffed with non-perishable food items! If the box is full, you can drop items off in the church office.

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



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MEET THE CHURCH MEMBERS Joyce and Don Herndon



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In June 1985, Don and I moved to Murray with our daughters, Angie (15) and Betsy (13), to join my family's business. The first night we visited FBC, Laura Jones invited Angie to go to a youth fellowship at the Rexroat's...and they said they would even bring her home! We joined FBC the next Sunday! Wayne Halley asked me to join the choir and fill in on the organ. I have such wonderful memories playing with Allene Knight on piano. Don started teaching Sunday School in the children's department. When Fred Workman retired from teaching in the youth department, Don stepped in and has been teaching there ever since...over 35 years! My loves are music, children and older people. I am currently serving as co-organist and helping in three-year-old Sunday School. The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Study group is so special to me. In 1986 when my mother died, Mary Nell Riley and the other sweet ladies loved and guided me through my grief. This group of friends still pray for my family. I also cannot leave out our choir-- they are such a group of caring musicians who praise God in practice and service. We have missed each other so much during Covid19. Hopefully, soon we will be together again singing God's praises.

A favorite Scripture of mine is Ephesians 3:20-21, one we memorized in Bible Study. "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."

What is something Don and I love to do? A special tradition we have kept over many years is to go to the Tennessee mountains each March with our dear Christian friends from Alabama. We moved next door to them in 1976 and God has blessed our friendship ever since.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU NOTES

Gary and Nancy Jones thank the church for all the prayers during the time Gary was in the hospital.

Gerald and Lynda Cooper thank the church for praying during their time of sickness.

NEW MEMBERS

Sandra and Chris Baggett joined by letter on February 28, 2021.

Sherry Hewell joined by letter on February 28, 2021.

Wyatt Riquelme joined by profession of faith and baptism on February 28, 2021.

Ojoniko Abah joined by statement on March 14, 2021.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Attention all students! If you are affiliated with FBC and pursuing a degree (especially students with an emphasis in Christian or music ministry), you are welcome to apply for a scholarship through FBC. You can download the scholarship application at fbcmurray.org/scholarship. The deadline is Wednesday, April 14, 2021. Email Lori Morgan (lmorgan@fbcmurray.org) or call the church office (270-753-1854) for more information.

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 March, the featured item is **dried beans**. Different food/household items will be collected each month.

STAY CONNECTED

Keith Inman - Senior Pastor

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Jason Ellerbrook - Executive/Discipleship Pastor

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Jon Kyle Allred - Student Pastor

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Mike Rose - Traditional Worship Leader

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CHURCH INFORMATION

FINANCES (AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021)

\$ 240,758.00	Budgeted as of 2/28/2021
\$ 206,764.52	Budget Receipts as of 2/28/2021
\$ 192,999.42	Budget Expenditures as of 2/28/2021
\$ 154,000.00	WMO 2021 Goal
\$ 9,228.69	WMO Receipts as of 2/28/2021
\$3,460,316.36	Family Life Center Receipts as of 2/28/2021
\$ 332,455.79	Family Life Center Borrowed as of 2/28/2021

MEMORIALS

FINANCIAL

Contributions to the 2021 World Mission Offering have been received in memory of Allen Russell and Fay Nell Flora.

A contribution to the Bill Adams Scholarship Endowment has been received in memory of Bill Adams and in honor of his birthday.

A contribution to the 2021 General Budget has been received in honor of Betty Lyons' birthday.

Contributions to the Family Life Center Building Fund have been received in memory of Sina Richardson, Robbie Trevathan, and Fay Nell Flora.

LIBRARY

The book *Galatians For You* and the accompanying study guide by Timothy Keller, have been given to the FBC Library in memory of Mrs. Robbie Trevathan.

A monetary donation to purchase books in memory of Mrs. Sarah Hussung, has been given to the FBC Library.

ATTENDANCE

	8:30 am Service	11:00 am Service	The NET
February 28	48	126	22
March 7	94	190	24
March 14	76	208	17
March 21	91	222	44



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