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AUGUST 2021



**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**
MURRAY, KENTUCKY



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

KEITH INMAN

Dear families of First Baptist,

Creating wills and estate plans are at an all-time high for adults of all ages.

Google traffic on the topic “How to Make a Will” is at its highest level. Now is a great opportunity to remind you of the free legacy planning service from PhilanthroCorp that First Baptist Church Murray offers as a ministry to our members. No matter where you are in the planning process – whether you already have an existing will or estate plan or are just beginning to think about this important step – PhilanthroCorp can help you. Learn more about the services of PhilanthroCorp through our website, fbcmurray.org/philanthrocorp.

This free service is completely confidential and it is all done over the phone. If you would like more information about beginning or updating your will through PhilanthroCorp and have a representative of PhilanthroCorp contact you, go to our website, click the “Give” tab, then “Estate Planning” and scroll down to fill out the contact form. We want to help you make sure that you have a plan in place to take care of your family and provide peace of mind.

Once again, this service has been provided by First Baptist Church. In the public arena, this service is provided at a significant cost. We want to ensure that you can have peace of mind when it comes to planning your estate.

Pastor Keith



**BEGINNING AUGUST 8, WE WILL RESUME
OUR NORMAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND
WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES.**

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP: 8:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 11:00 AM

8th Annual International Backyard Cookout

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO HELP GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RETURNING INTERNATIONAL MSU STUDENTS. THE COMMITTEE WILL PROVIDE HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS. WE NEED YOU TO PROVIDE OTHER FOODS. IF YOU CAN ATTEND, CONTACT REBECCA CUNNINGHAM AT 270-293-4412 FOR MORE INFO. JOIN US AS WE ENGAGE THESE STUDENTS WITH THE GOSPEL!

**YOU'RE
INVITED!**

**Tuesday, August 17
5:00 PM**

**Home of Steve and
Paula Alcott:
61 Robertson Rd.
South**

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE/DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR

JASON ELLERBROOK



Church Family,

On Wednesday, August 11, our Wednesday night Fellowship Supper and Midweek programming will resume. The Fellowship Supper will begin 5:00 pm, and Bible Studies for men and women will begin at 6:00 pm. Adult, Students, and Kids1st will meet from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm.

On Wednesday nights we will be offering a choice between two studies for the men and the women. You can sign up for the study of your choice at fbcmurray.org/midweek. Some studies offer a guide or a book and signing up will ensure that we order one for you. To ensure that you receive a book by August 11, please sign up by August 4! These studies do not require a book and you are welcome to join them at any time during the semester. Go to fbcmurray.org/midweek and sign up or sign up in the Welcome Center!

Also, mark your calendars for these special Sundays in August:

August 8 – Promotion Sunday: Special guest speaker Rick Howerton will be preaching as we return to 8:30 am and 11:00 am services. There will be a lunch and training following the 11:00 am worship service in the Family Life Center for lifegroup leaders, mentors, Sunday School teachers, and small group leaders. Rick is a small group specialist and has served as a specialist for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He recently accepted a position as Special Consultant for LakePointe Church in Rockwall, TX, one of the fastest growing churches in America.

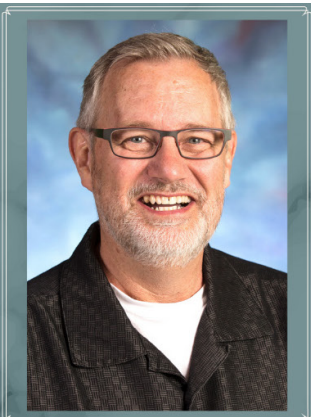
August 15 – Composer Concert: Special guest Camp Kirkland will be leading worship in the 8:30 am service. There will be a special concert with Camp and the FBC Choir at 4:30 pm that afternoon. This will be the culmination of the FBC Choir and Camp Kirkland working together that weekend.

August 22 – First Loves MSU: As we welcome our university students back to Murray, our pastor Keith Inman will be preaching, and we will be providing lunch for the international and college students immediately following the 11:00 am service.

August 29 – Blue & Gold Sunday: Special guest speaker Coach Tommy Bowden will preach both services. A lunch for high school and college athletes and coaches will take place in the Family Life Center immediately following the 11:00 am service. Former Clemson head football coach, Tommy Bowden, travels the country speaking to men and has been an ambassador of Fellowship of Christian Athletes for over 30 years.

God is on the move at FBC Murray! In *Experiencing God*, Henry Blackaby said, “Right now, God is working all around you.” Let’s see where He is at work, get involved, and come experience Him!

In Christ,
Jason



SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING

Rick Howerton
KBC Church Consultant

August 8
12:30 pm

Immediately following the 11:00 am worship service, there will be a lunch and training for Sunday school teachers, LifeGroup leaders, and any who lead a small group. Sign up at fbcmurray.org/groups!





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

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

Our first luncheon since pre-pandemic will be on Monday, August 23. It will be held in the Family Life Center at 12:00 pm. Please call the church office no later than Thursday, August 19, to make a reservation so we can place our order. We will have pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, potato salad, baked beans, and potato chips. It's going to be wonderful to have everyone together.

Pastor Boyd

NOTES FROM MUSIC MINISTRY MIKE ROSE



Hello Church,

As I write this, we are finalizing plans for Composer Weekend with Camp Kirkland. This will involve our Worship Choir on August 13 and 14, and will feature Camp leading worship at 8:30 on Sunday morning, August 15. We will then host a worship concert featuring his music that afternoon at 4:30 pm in our Sanctuary. Please make plans to come and participate with us. This is a very exciting time in the life of our church. Camp has arranged some of our favorite tunes including "Written in Red", "In Christ Alone", and "Mercy Saw Me". There will also be anthems included that will be new to you. This will be a wonderful time of worship that you will not want to miss!

Then, we will begin working immediately on Christmas music! "Sing, Christmas" was the piece we originally wanted to present last year, but COVID prevented us from rehearsing and presenting this music. This is a total sing-a-long, one which you will love. There will be more on this music at a later date. We would love for you to join us as we begin learning the music and prepare to present it to you in December!

Then, in between these two events, we will be hosting Keith and Kristyn Getty in October! This is perhaps the most exciting event I have ever had a part in planning! Many of the songs we sing on Sunday mornings (in both services) come from this very talented ministry group. We have been working on getting this ministry to Murray for over a year, and it is finally coming together. They hardly ever visit churches our size; most of their visits are to arenas and large auditoriums. This is such a blessing for us at FBC. Wow, but there are a lot of folks who are involved in planning and getting this done! You will want to purchase tickets for this night as soon as they are available. Tickets will go on sale on August 15. I anticipate that they will sell out very quickly! I am delighted that they are coming to Murray and to First Baptist Church. You will want to use this event to invite your non-church friends. It will be a night to remember! The date for this is October 14.

There are plenty of opportunities for you to become involved. Please ask us how to use you in promoting the cause of Christ through music. There is room for you!

Blessings,
Mike



NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRY

JON KYLE ALLRED

PROMOTION SUNDAY

August 8
9:45-10:45 am
Family Life Center

»» LIFEGROUP

COME EXPERIENCE LIFE CHANGE IN A SMALL GROUP SETTING WITH STUDENTS YOUR AGE. LIFEGROUPS ARE HELD ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS AND ARE LED BY COLLEGE STUDENTS.

LIFEGROUP LAUNCH IS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, AT 5:00 PM.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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MIDWEEK

JOIN US ON AUGUST 11 AS WE RESUME OUR MIDWEEK SERVICES!

SEE YOU AT 6:00 PM IN THE WORSHIP CENTER OF THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER!

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



Promotion Sunday is August 8! During the Sunday School hour, at 9:45 am, kids will move into their new Sunday School classes. Those that are going into 6th grade, will transition into the youth group!

MidWeek will begin on August 11. Preschoolers will be learning about God's power. The kind of power that parts water to make dry paths. The kind of power that provides food and water when there is none. Our God is so powerful! Elementary kids will be learning about Jesus when he was a child. How he grew in wisdom and how God wants us to discover wisdom too.

During Sunday School and Kids1st we will be learning about the book of Revelation. Kids will learn that when Jesus returns, He will undo everything that was ruined by sin, and He will make everything new and right forever.

We are in need of preschool volunteers and 2 elementary teachers for Midweek. There is also a need for more nursery volunteers for the 11:00 am worship service. If you are interested, reach out to 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!

**PROMOTION
SUNDAY**

August 8
9:45-10:45 am



NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

TINA MYERS

We have had a great time this summer in Preschool Story Hour and Kids Reading Club. In addition to hearing a story and making a craft each week, the preschoolers have learned about the library and have enjoyed checking out books. Please continue to stop by the library on Sundays before or after Sunday School to let them find new books that they are interested in! Kids Reading Club participants should continue reading their book from the "Wingfeather Saga" since we didn't have time to finish it. When you finish, stop by the library and tell us about the ending of the book and you will receive a treat! Also, we now have the complete set of the "Wingfeather Saga" books available for check out.

Stop by the Library to see book recommendations from FBC Staff members. You will enjoy seeing what each person picked, and you might even decide to take their advice. Some of us even chose children's books! We also have many new books displayed in the window and inside the library – stop by and choose something you will enjoy!

Our author of the month for August is Lee Strobel. He is the author of *The Case for Christ* and many other apologetics books. His books will be on display beginning August 1.

Church Librarian
Tina



LEE STROBEL



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Lee Strobel is an apologist and an atheist turned Christian. Check out his book, *The Case For Christ*, and others in the library this month!

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

GETTY MUSIC PRESENTS

CHRIST OUR HOPE

KEITH & KRISTYN GETTY



FALL TOUR 2021

Thursday, October 14, 2021 | 7:30

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MURRAY | MURRAY, KY

203 SOUTH 4TH ST. MURRAY, KY 42071

Join Keith & Kristyn Getty with their Irish and Bluegrass musicians for an exciting and inspirational evening of singing together!

\$15 | General Admission

TICKETS WILL BE RELEASED ON AUGUST 15 MORE INFORMATION: Please call 270-753-1854

fbcmurray.org

MEET THE CHURCH MEMBERS

Larry and Debbie Bell



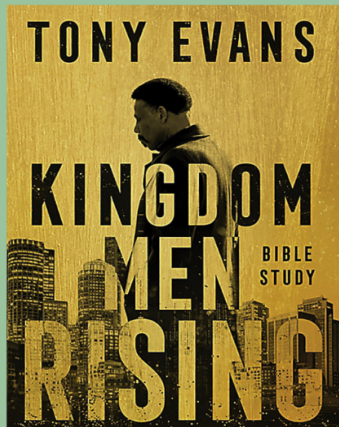
I'm just an ordinary person, that's for sure. Some would say boring, and one person told me I was funny. One, in 70 years, so it is doubtful if I am funny. There is a general consensus in my family that I am a nerd. I love to study the Bible, read lots of books, garden, and quilt. My husband is Larry Bell. We've been married for 49 years, and we have two grown children. Doug Bell is married to Heather and they are also members of FBC. They are the parents of Dylan, age 20, and Lydia, age 15. Our daughter, Carrie, is married to Jon Whitaker and they have a daughter and a son, Anna, age 17, and Levi, age 14. It is interesting to have adult children and almost grown grandchildren. I do really miss the adoration that I received from the grands when they were young!

I have attended FBC my entire life, even attending before I was born. I became a Christian around age 9 and have grown in my faith and following Christ as the years progress. The impact of dedicated saints of God who were my teachers and leaders through childhood and youth is beyond measure. The heritage and connection I feel to this church are huge. My grandchildren are the fifth generation in my family to attend FBC, going back to my Grandmother, Pearl Jones, who joined in the 1940s. I am passionate about the Church, the Bride of Christ. I have learned that we are steady as a congregation, like a big old ship. We toss and turn occasionally through storms, mostly of our own making, but hold our course and keep our eyes on the Savior.

I am presently the teacher for the Priscilla Sunday School Class. About ten years ago we began a journey of studying every book of the Bible in chronological order. We finished with Revelation sometime in 2020. Many feel we should try to do it again. I am a member of the Missions Team, serve on the Needline team, and am also involved in the leadership of the Shoulder-to-Shoulder Women's Ministry.

Currently, my favorite scripture is Philippians 4:6-7. "Be anxious for nothing, but with prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God that passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

"KINGDOM MEN RISING"



This book is written by Tony Evans and is designed to exhort men to exercise the God-given place in the home, community, and culture they were created for through an examination of landmark texts from the Bible. It will be led by Jason Ellerbrook. The book will be \$10.

MEN ONLY



SESSION ONE:
AUGUST 11 - SEPTEMBER 29

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
6:00-7:30 PM

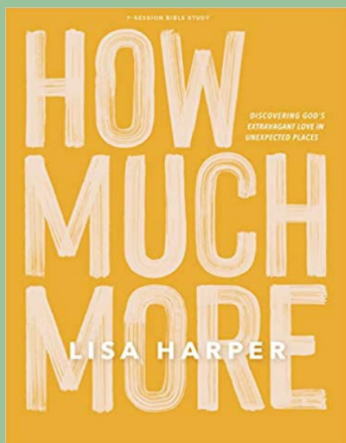
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IN THE WELCOME CENTER,
OR BY CALLING THE
CHURCH OFFICE
(270-753-1854)**

IN-DEPTH STUDY OF SCRIPTURE



This group will study a book of the Bible in-depth. The exact book has not been decided at this time. This group is led by Dave Eaton.

"HOW MUCH MORE"



This book is written by Lisa Harper. We will discover God's redemptive heart through scripture and how he longs to redeem us. We will tackle overlooked passages in scripture and uncover how they reveal God's love and goodness. This study is led by Diane Thiede. The book will be \$10.

WOMEN ONLY

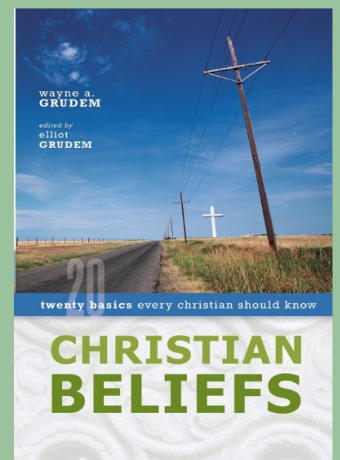


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"CHRISTIAN BELIEFS"



This book is written by Wayne Grudem and is a condensed version of Systematic Theology. We will walk through theological concepts that you may not be familiar with. This study will be led by Megan Downey. The book will be \$10.



POOL PARTY AT THE OAKS

August 8

6:00 pm

363 Oaks Country Club Rd.
Murray, KY

Come and swim for free at
the Oaks Country Club!

FIRST BAPTIST CORDIALLY
INVITES YOU

AN EVENING WITH CAMP KIRKLAND

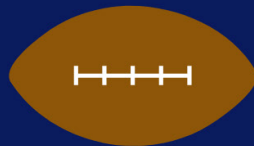
musician and arranger

AUGUST 15 | 4:30 PM

FBC SANCTUARY



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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AUGUST 29 8:30 AM AND 11:00 AM TOMMY BOWDEN

Join us on August 29 at both services as renowned football coach, Tommy Bowden, is our guest speaker! Athletes from Murray High, Calloway, and Murray State are invited to join us for a lunch with Coach Bowden immediately following the 11:00 am service.



WE ARE THANKFUL FOR OUR SUMMER IMPACT TEAM!



Collin Sissom



Reed York



Shelby Jump



Jackson Turner



Ashley Dalton



Molly Yates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS

Nora Allred joined by Profession of Faith/Baptism on Sunday, July 11.
John Ellerbrook joined by Profession of Faith/Baptism on Sunday, July 11.
Ben Poor joined by Profession of Faith/Baptism on Sunday, July 11.

THANK YOU NOTES

Lynda Cooper thanks the church for praying for her when she had leg surgery.

RADIO/TV

Beginning Sunday, August 8, our radio broadcast will transition to 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 beginning August 11. Adult meals are \$4, children under 12 are \$3, college students are \$1, and children 2 and under are free. Each week will include the following: vegetable side items, salad, bread, desserts, and drinks.

August 11: Fried Chicken

August 18: Baked Spaghetti

August 25: Baked Ham

We are looking for 2 cook helpers to help with Fellowship Suppers. One will work from 4:00-7:00 pm, the other will work 5:00-7:00 pm (\$8 an hour). Email bstevens@fbcmurray.org if you are interested.

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 box. 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, sign up at fbcmurray.org!

CHURCH INFORMATION

FINANCES (AS OF JUNE 30, 2021)

\$ 695,522.00	Budgeted as of 6/30/2021
\$ 614,423.44	Budget Receipts as of 6/30/2021
\$ 605,628.81	Budget Expenditures as of 6/30/2021
\$ 154,000.00	WMO 2021 Goal
\$ 35,749.58	WMO Receipts as of 6/30/2021
\$3,531,889.99	Family Life Center Receipts as of 6/30/2021
\$ 261,790.10	Family Life Center Borrowed as of 6/30/2021

MEMORIALS

FINANCIAL

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

Contributions to the Family Life Center Building Fund have been received in memory of Mike Lovins, Gary W. Jones, Bethel & Sina Richardson, and Marshall Garland and in honor of Betty Sue Vinson.

LIBRARY

The book, *Giving Is the Good Life – The Unexpected Path to Purpose and Joy* by Randy Alcorn, has been given to the FBC Library in memory of Alice Bell.

The book, *Kingdom Encounters – Experiencing More of God When Life Hurts* by Tony Evans, has been given to the FBC Library in memory of Louanne Wright.

The book, *I Wish You Enough – Embracing Life's Most Valuable Moments One Wish at a Time* by Bob Perks, has been given to the FBC Library in memory of Larue Mitchell.

VAN DRIVER

The van driver for the month of August is Steve Springer. 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 Steve at 502-552-5984.

ATTENDANCE

10:00 am Service

June 27	328
July 4	339
July 11	332
July 18	446
July 25	345



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