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FEBRUARY 2022



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MURRAY, KENTUCKY



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

KEITH INMAN

FBC Family,

These have been interesting days in the life of our church. Obviously, I will soon be passing the torch as your pastor to someone the Lord will send our way to lead us as a church. Significant decisions will be made and your prayers are so important. We all need to commit to praying for our Pastor Search Committee.

This is a most important time in the history of FBC. COVID has presented us with a new dynamic regarding onsite or online attendance. We have had right at 50 of our precious members leave this earth since the beginning of this pandemic. Sunday morning Bible Study is low in attendance, as well as our worship gatherings. This is a national occurrence in the life of the vast majority of churches.

I am grateful for a staff that lives and serves together in harmony. The challenge of making decisions each week has brought us together for encouragement and prayer. It can be discouraging at times.

As you would expect with First Baptist, there are things to be celebrated. Our Men's Ministry and our Women's Ministry are nurturing an environment of discipleship and fellowship, encouraging one another to grow in the grace of God. Small groups and large groups are meeting on Wednesday nights and throughout the week. We are seeing our children respond to the Gospel and declare salvation through baptism. And faithful servants continue to minister to our international students.

As I would expect, the tornado tragedy brought out the best of FBC. Close to \$100,000 has been given to our tornado mission relief fund. About a third of this amount came from our members; a third from outside donors; and a third from a church who observed our efforts with the disaster relief and wanted to commend and support our efforts. We are working with strategic partners to meet the continuous needs of those affected by this tragedy.

Our Family Life Center was turned into a strategic headquarters for our Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief Teams and other disaster relief entities utilized our church facilities. It is estimated that over 200 folks used our church as a home base for ministry during the month of December. In addition to these 200, many FBC members made trips to Mayfield and other areas to help. First Baptist was asked by the management of Kenlake State Park to take the leadership role in helping displaced families and individuals housed there at our state park. The response was incredible! Meals were provided and other needs met. I am so grateful we were able to utilize the FLC in this effort and further grateful that the debt on our building will be completely paid off when we have \$87,000 more in giving.

Our World Mission Offering goal was exceeded with over \$177,000 given for missions: just amazing! In addition, over \$20,000 from our Benevolent Fund has been given to meet practical needs of families in the area, from rent and utility payments to food and clothing; the funds were distributed through the local school systems.

I am further pleased to share that while we were at \$32,000 in the red budget-wise, we finished \$59,123.82 in the black with giving versus actual expenditures!

We have some challenges and opportunities. We continue to seek wisdom. May grace, peace, and love

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE/DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR JASON ELLERBROOK



Church Family,

I encourage you to find a Sunday School class to plug into. Our church has several different Sunday School classes to choose from and this is where you are most likely to build your strongest relationships at church. If you need help finding one and plugging in, please let me know. Jonathan Clark is serving as our Discipleship Director, which includes Sunday School, and we are excited to see how God will grow our classes and groups in the days ahead.

It is exciting to welcome university students back for the spring semester! Dr. David Eaton is leading FBC College in Bible Study on Sunday nights at 7:00 pm. Following 45-50 minutes of a “deep dive” with Dr. Dave, attendees can expect small group discussion, open gym, games, occasional theme nights, tournaments, and of course a surprise snack each week. You don’t have to be a university student to join us on Sunday nights. Hey, I just like hanging out with college students, attending Dave Eaton Bible studies, and eating snacks. If that’s you...come join us!

I also want to encourage you to get involved in MidWeek programming at FBC. Fellowship Supper begins at 5:00 pm and our Men’s Ministry, Women’s Bible Studies, and COED prayer group begin at 6:00 pm. Getting involved in MidWeek is a great way to connect and grow with the body of Christ.

It has been so awesome to see how God has used you, FBC Murray, to step up and serve over the past couple of months. So many individuals and families have been looking for hope. In addition to giving upwards of \$100,000 for the Disaster Relief Fund, we have seen the bride of Christ exceed the World Mission Offering goal by several thousand dollars. Even more, there were a countless number of church members who served in Mayfield, Marshall County, KenLake, and right here...as we lodged upwards of 200 different people over a three-week period in our Family Life Center. Because of so many who faithfully pledged and gave, the Family Life Center is very close to being completely paid off. Thank God for His provision and faithfulness!

As we thank God for what He has done...we must also trust God for what He will do!

Church leaders and staff at FBC Murray are praying and thinking about what needs to be done to upgrade the first and second floor of Kid’s First and the children’s playground area to provide an incredible environment where kids will come to know and follow the Lord. God has graciously and generously given us the resources we need to invest in the future of FBC Murray. We can only hope the future of our church shines even brighter than the past. Please be in prayer as we continue to move forward for His glory! More to come...

In Christ Alone,

Jason



rightnow MEDIA

Our church’s Bible study library **is now digital...**

AND GIGANTIC.

We have purchased unlimited access to thousands of Christian videos and are giving free access to everyone in our church.

Text FBCMURRAY to 49775 to sign up!





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

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

By the time you read this we will have already had our first M.A.G.I.C. luncheon of 2022. Our next one is scheduled for February 28 at 12:00 pm in the FLC and the meal will be catered. I haven't decided where it will be catered from yet, but who can argue with a free meal? I've got exciting news for you. First Baptist Church will be hosting the 2022 Seniors Celebration! It will be held on April 22 and at this time, we don't have all the details yet. We will discuss whether to change previous plans within the next month. We were scheduled to have an out of town trip to Discovery Park and that may be too close to the 2022 Seniors Celebration. I'll keep you updated on that as well. Stay warm and safe! Love you all.

Boyd

NOTES FROM MUSIC MINISTRY MIKE ROSE



Hello Friends!

Now that we are back to having two services on Sunday mornings, it's time for us to begin adding members for our 8:30 am worship choir. We will be beginning very shortly to add members for this group...after this strain of COVID dies down a bit. I am looking forward to what will be happening soon at FBC! We rehearse on Sundays at 4:30 pm in the choir loft, and will resume soon as we wait for this season of illness to pass.

Easter is just around the corner, and we have purchased some very special music for Easter this year. We will begin working on this music shortly, and will need to have a loft full to be able to do this music well. I am excited about working with Jon Kyle and the Praise Band on music for this wonderful day in the life of our church. It will be a great day! Come and join us as we work together to help others worship.

We also have procured a set of timpani which will be used on occasion in our 8:30 service to enhance the worship experience. We will begin using these in a few weeks, and will begin slowly integrating this into our 8:30 services. I am excited about the possibilities of using these instruments during worship. My hope is that we can add other instruments as we worship together!

Again, it is such a pleasure to work alongside you as we do the task to which God has called us! Come and join us!

Blessings,

Mike

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather, a decision regarding the cancellation of Sunday morning services will be made by 6:00 am. If services are canceled, WPSD (Channel 6) and WAAJ-FM (89.7) will be notified by 6:15 am. We will announce via our website, social media, and church-wide email. A cancellation decision will be made by noon concerning Sunday and Wednesday evening activities and be reported in the same manner.



NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRY

JON KYLE ALLRED

If you have any questions about any of the events below, please email Jon Kyle at jallred@fbcmurray.org!

5TH QUARTER



FEBRUARY 4

9:30PM - 12:00 AM

FBC FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Immediately after the MHS vs. CCHS basketball game.

**JOIN US AS WE PLAY
UNDERGROUND CHURCH!**

All 6th-12th graders are welcome!
Food will not be served.

ESCAPE GAMES

"FOOLISHNESS"

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

FEBRUARY 18 & 19

3:00-10:00 PM

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

60 MINUTE GAMES

**10 PEOPLE MAX PER GROUP
(MINIMUM OF 4)**

\$8 PER PERSON

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CROSSINGS



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MURRAY, KENTUCKY**

Student Camp @Crossings



July 3-7

\$325 per student

\$75 deposit due February 23

**Sign up at
fbcmurray.org/students**



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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FBC Youth! Join us for DNOW at Jonathan Creek, April 22-24. The total cost is \$125. A deposit of \$75 is due by March 16 to reserve your spot. The final payment is due April 13. Sign up at fbcmurray.org/students!

NOTES FROM KIDS1ST MINISTRY

RACHEL RIQUELME



This month in Sunday School and Kids1st Worship, we are learning:

- The People Didn't Go Into The Land (Numbers 13-14)
- Moses Disobeyed God (Numbers 20)
- God Healed the People (Numbers 21)

In MidWeek, our kids are learning about compassion! Preschool and MDO children will be learning that Jesus loves everyone!

We need volunteers in our Kids1st ministry! There is a need for volunteers in the preschool area one time a month. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Rachel!



KIDS THAT HAVE FINISHED GRADES 2-5

JULY 17-20

\$320

\$80 DEPOSIT DUE MARCH 21

**SIGN UP FOR CROSSINGS 2022 KIDS
CAMP AT [FBCMURRAY.ORG/KIDS](https://fbcmurray.org/kids)**



NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

TINA MYERS

Stop by the library to see the display of books that have been influential to Pastor Keith on his spiritual journey. These books are located right inside the door on the rolling display case.

A reminder that we have added non-fiction books to our online e-book and audio book collection. All you need is an electronic device and your library card number to use this system. Come by or call the library (270-753-1282) for assistance or to get a library card.

Parents, please bring your child to the library on Sunday, February 13th for a special Valentine's treat!

The author of the month for February is Francine Rivers. She is a New York Times bestselling author and after becoming a Christian, she wrote *Redeeming Love* as her statement of faith. A retelling of the biblical story of Gomer and Hosea, this book is now considered by many to be a classic work of Christian fiction and it continues to be one of the industry's top selling titles year after year. Francine has published numerous novels with Christian themes, and her books have been translated into over 30 languages. Her books will be on display until February 28.

THE GUY

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2022

MARCH 5 / MARCH 12

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MURRAY, KY



**SHERMAN
SMITH**

*former NFL Coach,
Tennessee Titans & Seattle Seahawks*



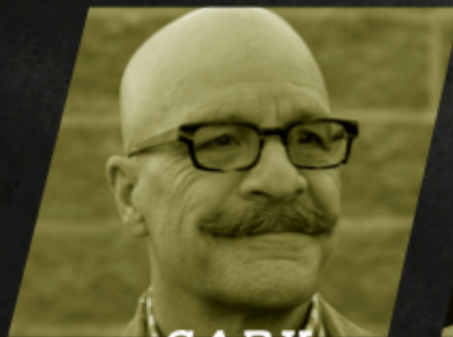
**JT
MCCRAW**

*Man Coach and Executive Pastor,
Bethel World Outreach*



**JOAQUIN
MOLINA**

*Pastor of Spring Of Life Fellowship, Miami
Author of What Is A Man*



**GARY
MORGAN**

Pastor of Urban Missions, FBC Nashville



**JASON
ELLERBROOK**

*Executive Pastor of Discipleship,
FBC Murray, KY
Co-Creator of Crossings Camps
and Former Leader of LifeWay Men*



**TIM
BROWN**

*Founding Pastor of Church at The Corner,
Bowling Green, KY; Author of God and A Man
Founder of REUP Men's Movement*

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It's not too late to join a MidWeek group! Check out the studies below for adults:

Adult women:

- *"Christian Beliefs"* by Wayne Grudem, led by Megan Downey, location room AE306.
- Shoulder-to-Shoulder Bible Reading Groups, led by Debbie J. Bell and Paula Alcott, location room AE304.

Adult men:

- *"I Am A Church Member"* by Thom Rainer, led by Jason Ellerbrook, location AE303.

Adult men and women:

- Prayer meeting, led by Keith Inman, in the chapel.



THE 2ND SESSION OF MIDWEEK
WILL BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 23.



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Join us for our shoulder-to-shoulder seminar, **HOW TO LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, MIND, SOUL, AND STRENGTH**

FEBRUARY 19 • 8:30 AM -12:30 PM • ROOM AE303

During our time together on Saturday morning, February 19, we will use Luke 10:27 as our foundation. We will explore the basics of our Heart, Mind, Soul, and Strength. You will have the opportunity to discover your strengths and your challenges in each area. You will learn how the quadrants work in cohesion with each other around issues that come up in your life. We hope you will gain insight into where some of the ongoing struggles we all encounter may come from. This will be an opportunity to gain a fresh appreciation for how "fearfully and wonderfully" we are made in these 4 quadrants, as we are reflections of the image of God while allowing Him to grow us up and transform us in each area.

**We need help stocking the Blessing Boxes
at Riviera Courts and in the Family Life
Center parking lot! If you, your family, or
your small group would like to adopt the
Riviera Courts Blessing Box, sign up at
fbcmurray.org.**



Blessing Box

MEET THE CHURCH MEMBERS

Warren and Laurie Edminster



I am a professor and administrator at Murray State. My wife, Laurie, teaches at Murray High School. We have 3 daughters, 1 son-in-law, and 1 granddaughter.

Laurie and I joined FBC in 2000, shortly after we moved to Murray. I serve on the Missions Ministry Team and participate in the men's ministry. Laurie sings on the worship team. My family has been very involved with the mission trips to Zimbabwe. We took a group to help with renovating a Baptist Hospital in Zimbabwe in 2011. A lot of college students signed up, so the Baptist Convention of Zimbabwe (BCZ) asked if we would host a college student retreat as part of our trip, which we did. Zimbabwean students helped with the renovation during the day, and we had Bible studies and worship services in the morning and at night. During that retreat, it became evident that there was a great need for young adult discipleship, and the BCZ asked if we would consider coming back. After much prayer, we returned the following year and then five more times, usually every other year. Each time we would hold 2 young adult retreats at various locations around Zimbabwe. BCM and FBC College students participated in each trip, emphasizing Bible study and the building of discipleship groups. From the first trip, Willie Banda, a young Zimbabwean pastor with a heart for youth, helped us with trip logistics and traveled with us. In between FBC trips, Pastor Banda continues to work with different groups of Christian young adults around the country. We have not been able to travel to Zimbabwe since the pandemic started, but I hope to be able to get a trip together soon.

Currently, my favorite passages of scripture are Philippians 1:6, *"I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* and Ephesians 2:10, *"For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them."* -Warren

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS

James Ellerbrook joined by Profession of Faith/Baptism on Sunday, January 23.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Members and friends of First Baptist Church have established scholarships to help students further their education. Scholarship applications for Fall 2022/Spring 2023 are available in the church office and on the church website, fbcmurray.org, under the "Contact" tab. Limited scholarship funds are available and are awarded each year to students with FBC affiliation, in particular with emphases on Christian and Music Ministry. If you have any questions or need further information, you may contact Lori Morgan at the church office: 270-753-1854 or by email: lmorgan@fbcmurray.org. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Fellowship Suppers are Wednesday evenings at 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center! Adult meals are \$5, 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.

- **February 2:** Poppyseed chicken
- **February 9:** Meatloaf
- **February 16:** Potato Soup
- **February 23:** Chicken Pot Pie

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.

CHURCH INFORMATION

FINANCES (AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021)

\$1,391,044.00	Budgeted as of 12/31/2021
\$1,358,785.64	Budget Receipts as of 12/31/2021
\$1,299,661.82	Budget Expenditures as of 12/31/2021
\$ 154,000.00	WMO 2021 Goal
\$ 177,275.20	WMO Receipts as of 12/31/2021
\$3,696,913.10	Family Life Center Receipts as of 12/31/2021
\$ 97,682.21	Family Life Center Borrowed as of 12/31/2021

MEMORIALS

Financial

Contributions to the 2021 World Mission Offering have been received in honor of David Parker, and Randy & Rebecca Cunningham.

Contributions to the Family Life Center Building Fund have been received in memory of Edna McKinney, Janice Howe, and Cindy Ragsdale and in honor of Randy & Rebecca Cunningham.

A contribution to the Disaster Relief Fund has been received in honor of Ken & Shirley Winters, Lisa Ray, and Debbie Settle.

VAN DRIVER

The van driver for the month of February is Ken Ashlock. 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 Ken at 270-227-1835.

ATTENDANCE

	8:30 am Service	11:00 am Service
December 26	NA	234
January 2	NA	240
January 9	NA	240
January 16	NA	257
January 23	102	210



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