HANNA JUNE 2021





NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

KEITH INMAN

As we begin the transition to summer, I want to remind you of the time change of our worship services. We will transition to one combined worship service that begins at 10:00 am. Sunday School will begin at 9:00 am instead of 9:45 am. Parents, please promptly pick up your children at 9:45 am so our children's team can begin to prepare for large group worship.

We are excited about the opportunity to serve our community through the Blessing Boxes that have been installed in the Family Life Center parking lot and at Riviera Courts. What an awesome opportunity to help physically meet the needs of those in our community. At Riviera Courts, 80-90% of the occupants are food insecure, with most of them being children. Here is how you can help: bring shelf-stable foods, check on the Blessing Box outside the office weekly, encourage friends to donate food, and pray. Help us meet the needs of those in Murray by stocking the box. Check out the list below of foods that are good to bring.

Lastly, I am thankful for what God is doing and what He will do. This summer is sure to be an encouraging and exciting time for those within our church. Check out the summer calendar to get involved!

Pastor Keith



BLESSING BOX

Help us stock 2 Blessing Boxes! Check out the list below of what food to bring.

Canned chicken or tuna Fruit cups Pasta Sauce Complete pancake mix and syrup Juice boxes Canned beef stew Nutrigrain bars Granola bars Slim Jims Shelf-stable milk Peanut butter crackers

> Blessing Box at FLC: 301 S. 4th St. In parking lot

Blessing Box at Riviera Courts: 1414 N. 12th St. Behind office

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE/DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR JASON ELLERBROOK



Just in the past several weeks, we have had several opportunities for the church to serve and connect, including FBC Murray's sponsorship of opening night of baseball at the park, the FBC Men's Breakfast, and Connect Sunday. It is awesome to see relationships being built and people being served!

None of these opportunities could happen without the body of Christ working together! It takes us all doing our part to make a difference.

There is one immediate area where we could use some help. We need helpers for VBS. If you have not yet volunteered and are able to, please go to fbcmurray.org/kids and fill out the form or contact Rachel at rriquelme@fbcmurray.org. VBS can have a significant impact on leading kids to the Lord and reaching families. It is quickly approaching. Please sign up to serve at VBS June 6-10!

Remember to keep an eye out for the weekly Thursday Update and grab a copy of the Summer Schedule of Events. Go to fbcmurray.org and check out all of the opportunities to serve and be involved in the ministries at the church!

We are excited to see what God does in and through FBC Murray this summer!

In Christ,

Jason



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.





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

I hope you are enjoying spring. What a joy it is to see so many of you on Sundays now especially without your masks. It's finally beginning to feel somewhat normal again. We have received a good response from the questionnaire we sent out last month. Here is the breakdown of the four questions:

- <u>23</u> 1. I am ready for monthly luncheons/dinners in the Family Life Center.
- 16 2. I am ready for out-of-town luncheons/dinners.

<u>16</u> 3. I am ready for various out-of-town activities such as Discovery Park of America (Union City), Elk and Bison Prairie, Badgett Playhouse (Grand Rivers), Planetarium Observatory (Golden Pond), Playhouse in the Park, Quilting Museum (Paducah) and other various activities.

<u>6</u> 4. I am not ready to resume activities due to the Coronavirus but look forward to them when it's no longer an issue. NOTE: Some of these indicated they were having health issues at this time but may be able to return in the future.

As you can see from the results, M.A.G.I.C. friends are ready to return! Therefore, we will schedule a meeting with the leadership in the near future and be ready for our first fellowship in August.

Pastor Boyd

NOTES FROM MUSIC MINISTRY



What a difference a month makes! It looks as if we are going full steam ahead, and I am delighted to see so many back in worship. It is also good to see so many choir members back in their places at 8:30 am on Sunday morning! I am hoping to add more for the summer as we meet at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings prior to the 10:00 am service. If you would like to come and sing with us during the summer months, please feel free to join us at 9:45 am downstairs beginning May 30.

We will begin full rehearsals on June 13 at 4:30 pm. We have added a few new members and have plenty of space for you to join us. We will be rehearsing music arranged by Camp Kirkland in anticipation of him being with us in August. This will be an exciting time and I hope to have a loft absolutely full of FBC members for this weekend. Camp is probably the most prolific of all Christian composers for the church with over 1,000 pieces in his catalog. We are indeed fortunate to be able to have him with us. This is an event which was scheduled for 2020, and he has graciously agreed to come this August. I am excited about this event, and hope you will join me as we learn from one of the best during this weekend of fellowship and praise together.

We are planning to schedule Rodney Barbour again to play our wonderful Rodgers 903B organ. For 20 years, he was employed by the Rodgers Company to go throughout the world and demonstrate these wonderful instruments. He has been a personal friend from the time we attended seminary together 40 years ago. I look forward to us hosting Rodney again this fall.

Then there is a HUGE event we are trying to plan for October. I am beyond excited that this event might indeed materialize. I know I continue to say this but...more at a later date. We might be able to make an announcement about this one next month!

Does it seem possible that we have been together for five years?! I am so grateful to you for putting up with me for this season! It has been such a wonderful experience for me. Please consider joining our worship choir. We really do have so much fun together, and it would be great to have you with us. For the summer months we need extra singers, and this would be a super time to come and try us out with no commitments!

Mike



NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRY

JON KYLE ALLRED

Congrats to our High School Seniors! We celebrated them in our annual High School Senior Recognition Service with a lunch banquet that followed on May 23rd. We had 10 graduates! Please pray for them as they start this new chapter in their lives.



NOTES FROM KIDS1ST MINISTRY

RACHEL RIQUELME



VBS is here! It is June 6-10, from 5:00-7:30 pm. We still need many volunteers so please sign up at our website! Families, please sign your children up at fbcmurray.org.

Summer Reading starts on Tuesday, June 15, and is every Tuesday in our library. Preschool Story Hour will begin at 1:00 pm and elementary kids will meet at 2:00 pm for Kids Reading Club. We are reading "The Wingfeather Saga" by Andrew Peterson. Please purchase the first book, <u>On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness</u>.

June 3: Join us for Princess and Brave Knight Day. We will have lessons, a nerf war, a tea party, and a lot of fun. Sign up online at fbcmurray.org/kids or scan the QR code below.

June 17: We are going to Tenacity Training in Paducah. Kids do not have to have an adult to come. We are renting the whole ninja gym, so it will be a very fun day!

Serve Opportunity: We will have a Backyard Bible Club on Wednesday, June 23, and Thursday, June 24, at Riviera Courts from 12:00-1:30 pm. Please join us!

June 24: Bring your family to the FLC and build a birdhouse at 2:30 pm. Deliver it to a senior adult of your choosing!

See the summer brochure for more fun opportunities.





NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN TINA MYERS

Kids, join us Thursday, June 3, for a fun day at the FLC! There will be a **Princess Tea Party** for girls who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. We will have a story, snacks, and fun activities for our princesses. Boys who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm for a Brave Knights Party. We will have a story, snack, and Nerf War for our brave knights. Stop by the library or see Mrs. Tina or Mrs. Rachel for more information.

Beginning Tuesday, June 15, and ending Tuesday, July 27, we will have Preschool Story hour at 1:00 pm and Kid's Book Club at 2:00 pm on Tuesdays in the library. Kid's Book Club will be reading the first book in "The Wingfeather Saga" by Andrew Peterson. The book is On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness and participants need to have their own copy of the book.

Books by Robert Whitlow, our May author of the month, will be on display through May 31. Our author for the month of June is Priscilla Shirer. She and her husband are the founders of Going Beyond Ministries. She has written several books and Bible studies, many of which we have here in our library.

During combined services this summer, the library will be open during the Sunday School hour and for 15 minutes after the worship service. We are also open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.



AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Shirer

riscilla

BLOOD DRIVE



Wednesday, June 16 5:00-8:30 pm | FLC Sign up in the Welcome Center.

Give blood. Save lives. Do it often.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

MURRAY, KENTUCKY



GOOD NEWS FOR MOMS WHO ARE TIRED OF TRYING TO BE GOOD ENOUGH BIBLE STUDY

JEANNIE CUNNION

MOMS. SIGN UP IN THE WELCOME CENTER FOR THIS SUMMER BIBLE STUDY. IT WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM. BEGINNING IUNE 2. SIGN UP BY MAY 30!

MEET THE CHURCH MEMBERS The Alcott Family





Steve and I came to Jesus earlier in life and to FBC Murray in 1978. We were blessed to raise 3 daughters and our family now includes 15. Our family motto is Be Multiplied! That is the short version, the longer version is Be Multiplied: Generationally and Spiritually According to God's Design.

When Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men," He gave us purpose and an adventure that has made our lives rich and full. Has it been work? Yes. Did it take time and energy? Yes. It still does! The Christian life is one thing from which we never retire. But we also never could have imagined the joy and blessings we have received! God has put wonderful friends in our FBC fellowship to pray and work with and brought students from all over the world to know and love! Until our eyes were opened, we never even saw that the world is

right here in Murray, KY!

Jesus came to re-establish His Kingdom. He lived and died to overcome Satan and the kingdom of darkness, and we want to live our lives in such a way as to take as much ground for His Kingdom as possible. Besides the International Ministry, Steve and I feel that this is best accomplished through the Discipleship Ministry at FBC as we become trained and equipped to be his disciples. The world we live in is growing in darkness, and we need every Christian unified and fully mature doing what God has called each of us to do to push back the darkness. An important scripture to us that discusses this is Ephesians 4:12-16. The Christian life is not a once and done experience. Jesus does not call us to be converts, Jesus calls us to be disciples. Understanding the

Kingdom has helped us understand the lifestyle and culture for which Jesus called us to be His ambassadors. It is the journey of a lifetime with the purpose of leaving behind a legacy – the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Steve and I look forward to the days ahead at FBC Murray as we work in fellowship together to fulfill His purposes!

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 begin on May 30 at 10:00 am. Sunday School will be at 9:00 AM.

June 3: Kids Day June 6-10: Vacation Bible School June 14: College Bible Study at the Riquelme House June 15: Preschool Story Hour (1 PM) and Kids Reading Club (2 PM) in the library June 15: Youth Day at Mega Quest in Louisville, KY June 17: Kids Day at Tenacity Training in Paducah, KY June 21: College Bible Study at the Ellerbrook House June 22: Preschool Story Hour (1 PM) and Kids Reading Club (2 PM) in the library June 22: Youth Day at Atomic Fun Center in Paducah, KY June 24: Kids Day | Build a birdhouse for senior adults June 28-July 3: Youth at FUGE Camp in Union University June 28: College Bible Study (Location TBD) June 29: Preschool Story Hour (1 PM) and Kids Reading Club (2 PM) in the library July 1: Kids Day at Atomic Fun Center in Paducah, KY July 6-8: Mega Rec Camp (Kids from 8:30 am-1:00 pm, Youth from 12:30 pm-3 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 12: College Bible Study at the Inman House July 13: Preschool Story Hour (1 PM) and Kids Reading Club (2 PM) in the library July 19: College Bible Study at the Allred House July 20: Preschool Story Hour (1 PM) and Kids Reading Club (2 PM) in the library July 22: Camp Reset for Youth Students July 25-28: Kids Camp at Crossings Jonathan Creek July 26: College Bible Study at Mike Rose's house July 27: Preschool Story Hour (1 PM) and Kids Reading Club (2 PM) in the librar July 29: Kids Day at the Park

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU NOTES

The Murray State Baptist Campus Ministry thanks FBC for the sponsorship of their Spring Banquet for missions.

NEW MEMBERS

Don and Jan Jones joined by Letter on Sunday, May 23. Ron and Belle Wall joined by Statement on Sunday, May 23.

CHURCH INFORMATION

FINANCES (AS OF April 30, 2021)

- \$ 454,764.00 Budgeted as of 4/30/2021
- \$ 396,891.59 Budget Receipts as of 4/30/2021
- \$ 398,561.14 Budget Expenditures as of 4/30/2021
- \$ 154,000.00 WMO 2021 Goal
- \$ 25,081.64 WMO Receipts as of 4/30/2021
- \$3,486,477.38 Family Life Center Receipts as of 4/30/2021
- \$ 306,816.58 Family Life Center Borrowed as of 4/30/2021

MEMORIALS

FINANCIAL

Contributions to the 2021 World Mission Offering have been received in honor of Gary & Marla Geib Hendrick and Rick Melton and in memory of Oneida Boyd. Contributions to the Family Life Center Building Fund have been received in memory of A. R. Hatcher, Fay Nell Flora, and Oneida Boyd and in honor of Mildred Newton and Molly Lamb.

LIBRARY

The book, <u>Age Is Just a Number: 101 Tales of Humor and Wisdom for Life After 60</u>, by Amy Newmark, has been given to the FBC Library in memory of Helen Weaver. The book, <u>Beyond</u> <u>Compare: Moving Past the Habit That Holds You Back</u>, by Kristen White, has been given to the FBC Library in honor of Debbie Jones Bell.

ATTENDANCE

	8:30 am Service	11:00 am Service	The NET	
April 25	135	265	21	
May 2	132	223	30	
May 9	146	173	N/A	
May 16	108	209	N/A	
May 23	140	217	N/A	

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