

December Manna

2020

Online Services

November 29 & December 6

11:00 am on Facebook and YouTube

Combined Worship Services

December 13 - January 10

11:00 am in-person and online





NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

KEITH INMAN

Who would have thought last March that the intensity of COVID-19 would be waiting for us as we enter the holiday season? Yet, here we are, engulfed in uncertainty, which has made our sermon series in the book of Samuel all the more timely. David is at a discouraging time in his life where he needs a true friend. His life is full of tough times. He is isolated from his family, his friends, and waiting for the fulfillment of his anointing as king by Samuel upon his life. As we watch the story of David unfold, we see his disappointment and even more than one brush with death! Here is a young giant killer, with thousands of fans, wondering what went wrong. As David pushes through his fatigue, frustration, failure, and fears, little did he know that God was behind it all preparing him to be king. It turned out to be a lonely road.

For some of us, these themes are all too real in the days of COVID. Frustrations, discouragement, and the need for friendship are front and center. We have been addressing these life experiences currently in our time together on Sunday morning. This past Sunday, we looked at loneliness. Life may seem to be in "lockdown," but that doesn't mean we have to be disconnected, out of touch, and anxious. God is inviting us to experience Him. Philippians 4:6-7 says "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

We have four new deacons who will be serving us for the next three years beginning in January: Emmanuel Apeh, Clegg Austin, Al Chapman, and Mike Lovins. Their ordination will be adjusted to fit the challenges of COVID. These will be joined by four deacons who have previously served: Marty Davenport, David Parker, Fred Stalls, and Jeff Stewart.

We are going into a season where needs can be overwhelming and magnified. I am so grateful for the generosity of our church family. Your benevolence offerings and mission giving are making it possible to encourage people during some challenging times. Some of these include: Tiger Christmas - \$3,000; Laker Christmas - \$4,000; Hope Calloway (formerly The Gentry House and Murray Calloway County Homeless Coalition) - \$3,000; Needline - \$1,000. In addition, various families have been assisted with various needs. This giving is in addition to the ministries we support through our World Mission Offering.

We expect many needs to emerge during these upcoming winter months. Your giving is now giving hope to people who need to know they are not forgotten. I am so grateful for the ministries with whom we partner. As we look to the immediate near future, I hope you will join me in giving to our FBC budget, World Mission Offering, and our Family Life Center. May the peace and grace of Jesus flow to you and through you during these days.

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NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE/DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR

JASON ELLERBROOK



We are so thankful to be a part of the church family at FBC. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for welcoming my family with open arms. We have been blessed by your kindness in so many ways. The cards, notes, gift cards, words of encouragement...I could go on and on. This church has a culture of love and belonging, and we are grateful to be a part of it!

I am also thankful for the way you all have walked through the year 2020. In the midst of so many uncertainties you have continued to give and serve. Your patience and resolve have allowed us to provide a safe place for people to worship and grow in the midst of a global pandemic. Your commitment has allowed us to open up the doors and serve the families who feel comfortable in small gatherings. Your desire to spread the Gospel has led to a growth in discipleship opportunities.

We have seen God at work through Zoom and in-person gatherings with men, women, students and children. Many of you continue to be careful and cautious - staying at home and staying safe. We know that this has been a difficult season. We know that you long to return to our building when you can be with your Sunday School classes and fellowship with the body of Christ. Know that we want to serve you. Don't hesitate to reach out to the ministry staff if there is something we can do to help you... even if you just need a visit or someone to pray with.

As we enter into Advent, our Sunday morning schedule will look a little different due to the uptick in COVID-19 cases in Calloway County. As families gather for the Thanksgiving holiday, we know the coming weeks could show an increased spread of this virus in our community. Our goal as a church has been to continue ministry while doing all we can to provide a safe environment for worship and discipleship.

On Sunday, November 29, and Sunday, December 6, we will not have in-person worship services. Instead, we will have online worship services broadcast on our FBC Facebook and YouTube pages at 11:00 am. Guest speakers Jeff Palmer and Terry Ellis will bring powerful messages during these online worship services. With the exception of the church business meeting scheduled for Sunday, December 6 at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary, there will be no on-campus activities on these two Sundays. There will be extra precautions taken to practice social distancing during the business meeting.

We plan to resume in-person and online combined worship services from December 13-January 10 at 11:00 am. There will be no 8:30 am worship service during this time. We will also resume on-campus Sunday School (for classes that have chosen to meet in-person) and Kids1st Worship on December 13. Many classes continue to connect and meet on Zoom. We encourage you to reach out to your Sunday School class or contact the church office for more information on Sunday School class locations and meeting times.

During this season of uncertainty, we are doing all we can to plan and adjust by being sensitive to the needs and health of our families while continuing to advance the gospel. We have so much to be thankful for especially knowing that God sent us his son Emmanuel. He has all authority in heaven and on earth, and He promised to be with us, always!

**Combined
Worship Services**

**December 13 - January 10
11:00 am**

In-Person and Online



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

BOYD SMITH

If you feel the way I do about 2020, you are ready for this year to come to a close. It has been a challenging year in so many ways. We have been so limited regarding the activities we can have right now. Hopefully next year we can have our regular scheduled activities again. We usually have our November luncheon where the Murray Women's Club Chorus ushers in the Christmas season BUT that can't happen this year. Debbie and I will put our heads together and see if we can come up with something special in either November or December. We will get word to you once we know what we will be doing. Never again will I take for granted those special times of fellowship we had.



NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRY

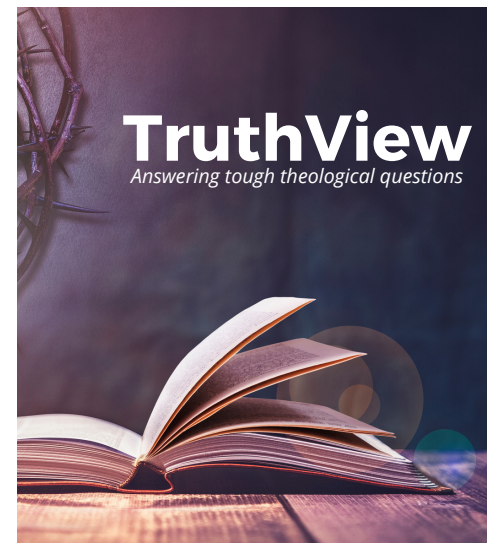
JON KYLE ALLRED

Remind is the best way to stay connected to all things student ministry at FBC. Remind is a texting service we use to communicate youth-specific events. Sign up for free by texting the number 81010 with the message @5cb0c9.

TruthView is a new video series dedicated to helping kids and adults build their biblical literacy and understand tough theological concepts. Rachel and I dive into subjects to help you grow in your knowledge of the Word. Check out this week's video on the FBC Facebook and YouTube pages! We hope you will watch and discuss these videos with your family on Thursdays.

DNOW 2021 will be at Crossings at Jonathan Creek on April 17-18. The cost is \$75 and payment is due by March 1. Cash or checks can be turned in to the church office beginning in January.

Church Camp 2021 will be at Crossings at Jonathan Creek on June 25-29. The cost is \$300 per person. A \$100 deposit is due by February 1, 2021. Cash or checks can be turned in to the church office beginning in January.



NOTES FROM KIDS1ST MINISTRY

RACHEL RIQUELME



Kids1st Worship

This month in Kids1st Worship and in the preschool area we are having so much fun celebrating Jesus' Birth! On December 6 (online), we will read Luke 1:26-33, 38, 46-49 and learn that an angel visits Mary and tells her she will have God's Son, Jesus. On December 13, we will read Luke 2:1-7 and learn that Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem where Jesus, God's Son, is born. December 20 is a Family First Sunday (preschool available, but no Kids1st). On December 27, we will read Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11 and learn that wise men follow a special star to find Jesus so they can worship Him.

Ugly Christmas Sweaters

In light of online services on November 29 and December 6, we will have a drive-thru from 4-5 pm on Monday, November 30, at the Family Life Center for kids who have been attending Kids1st Worship at 11:00 am to pick up a kit to make an ugly Christmas sweater. Kids will be able to wear their ugly Christmas sweaters or pajamas to church for the whole month of December!

Dough Holy Night

In light of online services on November 29 and December 6, we will have a drive-thru from 4-5 pm on Monday, November 30, at the Family Life Center for kids who have been attending Kids1st Worship at 11:00 am to pick up their Christmas "Dough Holy Night" kits. These kits will have a fun video to watch, cookie making supplies, and a devotion to do as a family so you can create a special night of celebrating our Savior's birth. If you can't pick up the kits at this time, they will be available in the Welcome Center on Sunday, December 13.

WMO

This year for the World Mission Offering we are giving our Kids1st families the book *Raising Kids with a Heart for Mission* by Daniel Akin. We hope that you will read this book and use it to understand the vital role you play in conveying and modeling a missional life for your children. Look for this book in the Welcome Center.

MidWeek

We are preparing for January MidWeek and need volunteers! Please email me at rriquelme@fbc-murray.org if you are willing to serve.

Sunday School

As we begin to think through returning to in-person Sunday School, we have many classes where a teacher is needed. Please email me if you can serve as a Sunday School teacher or helper!

Crossings 2021

It is time to sign up for kids camp at Crossings! This year our kids who have finished 2nd grade-5th grade are going to camp on July 25-28, 2021. We will be staying in Hurst Lodge. The cost is \$320. The deposit is \$75 and will be due at the first of the year. Scholarships are available, so let me know if cost is a concern by emailing me at rriquelme@fbc-murray.org. Cash or checks can be turned in to the church office beginning in January.

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 cancelled, WPSD (Channel 6) and WAAJ-FM (89.7) will be notified by 6:15 am. We will announce via our website, social media, phone system, 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 MUSIC MINISTRY

MIKE ROSE

It is that time of year...the favorite holiday for those of us who love to eat and watch football! I am looking forward to this time in our church year... though it will look quite different than it has in years past! God has continued to bless us beyond measure, and I am grateful for His outpouring on us here at First Baptist. I hope you have a great Thanksgiving next week.

Christmas Joy 2020 is just around the corner! We will be celebrating Christmas with music on December 20 in our 11:00 am combined worship service. I will be needing several other folks to help by singing, reading, or playing their instrument for this wonderful time of worship and celebration. If you are willing to help, and you have talent for this sort of program, please let me know and I will try to get you plugged in to what we are planning for this day!

For those of you who would like to sing Christmas Carols, we will be singing carols as a part of the Christmas at First live nativity on Wednesday, December 9. This will be a fun time as we socially distance ourselves while proclaiming the birth of Jesus for those who drive by in their cars and worship and sing with us. If you are interested in singing with us, please send me an email at mrose@fbc-murray.org with your interest. I promise to get back with you shortly!

I am delighted to serve at First Baptist! Like you, I am hoping that things will get back to "normal" soon. It will be good to have our Sanctuary full again, worshipping and praising our great Savior! Thank you for the opportunity to work alongside you here in Murray!



'TIS THE SEASON FOR REMEMBERING

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REPLAYS

FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

2018 MUSICAL - DEC. 6 AT 7:00 PM

2019 MUSICAL - DEC. 13 AT 7:00 PM

Christmas Joy

Sunday,
December 20
11:00 am

Christmas Joy will feature special music (solos, duets, and instrumentals) as well as beloved hymns and carols to sing along together. Invite your family and friends to this incredible service as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.



NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

TINA MYERS



We will be giving away a *Holy Land Illustrated Bible*, which has three articles written by Roberta Jones, on Sunday, November 22. Please stop by the library to register to win the Bible. While you are there, be sure to pick up a copy of directions for using our e-book and audio book online system. This instruction sheet also includes directions for using our online catalog to view, reserve, and re-check books.

The library has resumed its regular schedule. The library is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The library is also open before and after each worship service on Sundays. This will continue when we transition to one service, as we will be open 15 minutes before and after the service.

If you would like to volunteer in the library for two to four hours each week or on Sunday morning, please call 270-753-1282 or email library@fbcmurray.org.



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Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 24

4:30 pm | Sanctuary

Sign up at fbcmurray.org/christmas-eve
or call the church office at 270-753-1854
by Sunday, December 6.



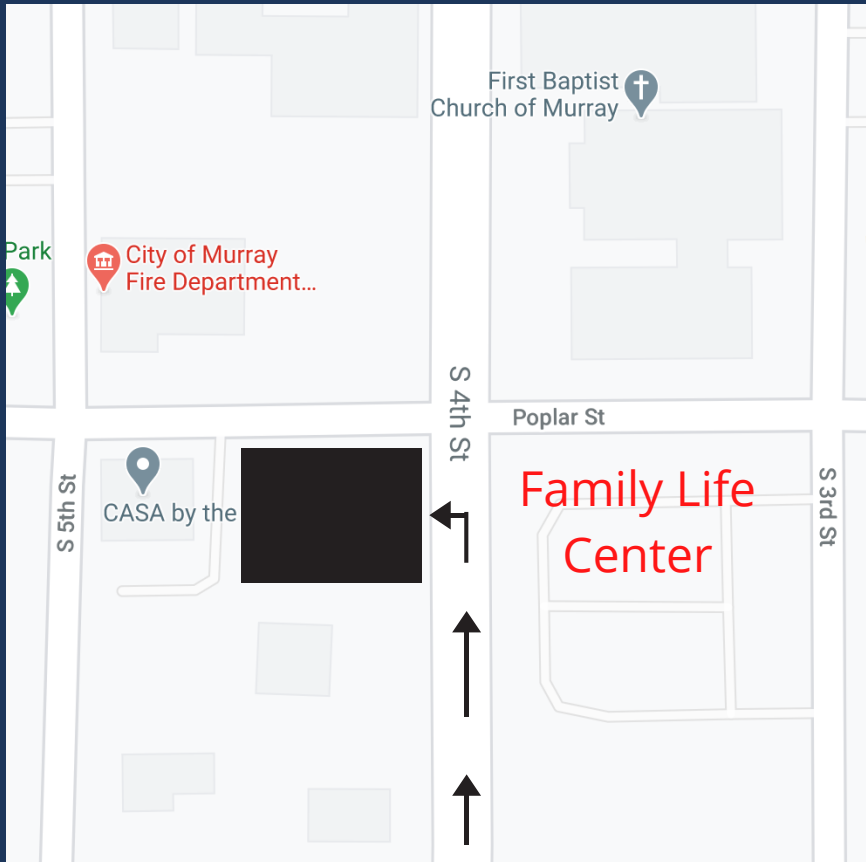
CHRISTMAS AT FIRST

DRIVE-THRU LIVE NATIVITY



Wednesday, Dec. 9 | 5-7:30 pm

Weather Backup: Dec. 16 | 5-7:30 pm



Drive-Thru Map

Enter the gravel lot (across from the Family Life Center) via S. 4th St. A drive-thru guide will be given at this first station.

Join us on Wednesday, December 9, from 5-7:30 pm for a drive-thru live nativity at FBC! In case of inclement weather, the live nativity will be on Wednesday, December 16, from 5-7:30 pm. Families in our church and community will see different Christmas scenes and receive a gift filled with take-home activities. We not only want to be a blessing to our community, we want to proclaim the joyous birth of our Savior in a year where hope is greatly needed!

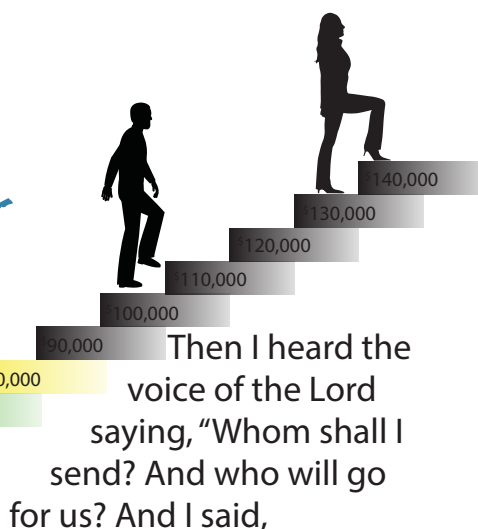
To make this outreach event happen, we need you! We need all hands on deck to help with building sets, setting up, directing traffic, participating in the nativity, and more. Social distancing and masks will be required for volunteers. Email Rachel Riquelme at rriquelme@fbc-murray.org if you can help!

YEAR-END GIVING

Please make sure all 2020 contributions are placed in the offering box by December 27 or postmarked by December 31 to count towards your 2020 tax return.

**STEP
UP** to
missions

Current total
(as of 11/15)
\$84,612.50



"Here am I. Send me!"

Isaiah 6:8

At First Baptist Church, the **World Mission Offering (WMO)** supports local, national, and international missions. We need your help to reach our \$140,000 WMO goal.

Ways to Give

1. Place cash or checks in the offering box (designate WMO)
2. Mail checks to the church (203 S. 4th St)
3. Give online at fbcmurray.org/wmo

First Baptist Church, Murray

2021 Operating Budget

	2020	2021
INCOME	Budget	Budget
Budget Receipts (weekly need-\$26,751)	\$1,371,148	\$1,391,044
Mother's Day Out	\$133,062	\$128,268
Total Income	\$1,504,210	\$1,519,312
EXPENSES		
Cooperative Program	\$83,811	\$84,531
Pastoral Ministry	\$4,060	\$4,850
Music/Worship Ministry	\$11,439	\$10,079
Student Ministry	\$21,099	\$19,505
International Ministry	\$7,485	\$7,485
College Ministry	\$11,615	\$12,115
Kids First Ministry	\$24,980	\$25,533
Mother's Day Out	\$131,003	\$134,309
Family Life Center	\$4,550	\$3,900
Prayer & Care Ministry	\$2,094	\$2,355
Communications & Outreach	\$8,375	\$20,505
Women @ First	\$2,780	\$3,030
Church Programs	\$34,664	\$27,682
Staff Salaries, Benefits, Expenses	\$807,340	\$831,299
Office Support	\$46,799	\$40,824
Facilities, Utilities, & Insurance	\$302,116	\$291,310
Total Expense	\$1,504,210	\$1,519,312
World Mission Offering Goal	\$140,000	\$154,000

Detailed copies of the 2021 budget will be
available in the church office, in the Welcome
Center, and at the December 6 Business Meeting.
The budget will be voted on at the December 13
morning service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE - THANKSGIVING HOURS

The church office will be open until noon on Wednesday, November 25. The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 26. The church office will resume regular office hours on Monday, November 30.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

The decorating committee invites the FBC family to help decorate our Sanctuary and Welcome Center for Christmas. They will meet in the Welcome Center on Sunday, November 29 at 2:00 pm. For more information, email Belinda Stevens at bstevens@fbcmurray.org.

DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE

The deacon ordination service for Emmanuel Apeh, Clegg Austin, Al Champan, and Mike Lovins will be Sunday, December 13, at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. All ordained men (including past and present deacons) are invited to an ordination council meeting at 4:30 pm in the Chapel prior to the ordination service.

CHURCH OFFICE - CHRISTMAS HOURS

The church office will be closed December 23-29 for the Christmas holiday. The church office will have regular office hours on Wednesday, December 30 (8:00 am-4:30 pm). The church office will close at noon on Thursday, December 31. Regular office hours resume Monday, January 4.

STAY CONNECTED

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CHURCH INFORMATION

FINANCES (AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2020)

\$ 1,133,834.00	Budgeted as of 10/31/2020
\$ 1,016,512.56	Budget Receipts as of 10/31/2020
\$ 1,005,426.45	Budget Expenditures as of 10/31/2020
\$ 140,000.00	WMO 2020 Goal
\$ 63,776.50	WMO Receipts as of 10/31/2020
\$ 2,883,950.12	Family Life Center Receipts as of 10/31/2020
\$ 959,149.04	Family Life Center Borrowed as of 10/31/2020

MEMORIALS

FINANCIAL

A contribution to the World Mission Offering has been received in memory of Joy Faye Melton, mother of Rick Melton.

Contributions to the Family Life Center have been received in memory of Ann Carr.

THANK YOU NOTES

The Cunningham family thanks the church for their prayers and cards during Naomi's recent surgeries.

ATTENDANCE

	8:30 am Service	11:00 am Service	The NET
November 1	73	191	30
November 8	62	204	24
November 15	52	181	44



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