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March 2023



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MURRAY, KENTUCKY



NOTES FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

WILL MCKAY

Who am I?
What am I here for?
What path should I follow?
How will I be able to tell whether or not I'm progressing?

These are all important questions that religions and philosophies, individuals and communities have attempted to answer in various ways throughout history. These same questions are ones that we must answer and utilize as we determine our path forward together as a congregation. Without shared conviction about these answers, we run the risk of spinning our corporate wheels—exerting great energy without making progress simply due to lack of a unifying goal and strategy for cooperation.

I am excited about beginning a process this month that will enable FBC Murray to clearly articulate our shared vision, mission, strategy, and measures. Clarity with these fundamental concepts—stated as questions above—will drive alignment within our ministries, budgets, and future plans. Without clarity and alignment, we each scatter and do what is right in our own eyes. . . but with clarity and alignment, we can walk with confidence and cooperation into a shared future as bright as God's promises!

Will you please join me in prayer for this?

I love you—

Pastor Will



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

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

As I write this article, the sun is shining and it's 63 degrees on February 13! It looks as if we might have an early spring and I know that makes many of you happy. I hope we have that kind of weather for our March fellowship on Monday, March 27. We will load up the bus at 11:30 am at the Family Life Center and head over to Sirloin Stockade for lunch. Be sure to sign up by Wednesday, March 22, so we can let them know how many tables to group together. Our attendance was way down in January. Please call your friends and remind them to join us. I hope to see YOU there!

Boyd

NOTES FROM MUSIC MINISTRY MIKE ROSE



Hello Friends!

It's so good to finally be experiencing a little bit of warm weather! With the change in season, we look forward to Spring and Easter! If you are interested in singing with us during this season, please let me know. We rehearse each Sunday night at 6:00 pm in the choir room and would love for you to join us. There is plenty of room for you!

We are always looking for singers and instrumentalists. Please see Michael or me if you have any interest in the praise team or the worship choir. We would love to use your talents as we help others to worship Christ.

We are working hard to involve as many people as we can in the worship team. It is such a pleasure to work with you here at First Baptist Church. Let us know if you'd like to be involved!

Blessings,
Mike

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FOR MIDWEEK!



At 6:00 pm, children will meet on the 1st and 2nd floors of the Education Building, middle and high school students will be in the Worship Center of the Family Life Center, and adults will have gender-specific studies on the 3rd floor of the Education Building.

Men meet in **room 303** and are working through discipleship topics based on passages of scripture. Warren Edminister is leading.

Vickie Travis and Debbie J. Bell are leading a group for young moms in **room 304**, Debbie Plummer is leading a group for women of all ages in **room 306**, and Laura Coleman is leading a group for young/college-age women in **room 305**.

NOTES FROM KIDS1ST MINISTRY

RACHEL RIQUELME



Our TAWG (Time Alone With God) for the month of March will be replaced with the Lent journal. It can be found at fbc-murray.org/kids.

Our kids will be moving from the Old Testament to the New Testament on Sunday, March 5! We've been working through the Bible chronologically, and we will start in Matthew on March 5. We are so excited to celebrate this accomplishment!

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour for Daylight Saving Time on March 12! Our kids will be participating in some special activities on this day.

We are in need of volunteers and teachers for Kids1st during the third MidWeek session (April 12-May 17). If you are interested in serving, email me at rriquelme@fbc-murray.org.

Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it! Register to volunteer online at fbc-murray.org/vbs and keep your eyes open for a VBS booth in the Welcome Center.

We are looking for ministry-minded college students to serve at FBC over the summer! Our summer interns assist in leading, coordinating, and serving at VBS, Mega Rec Camp, Crossings camp, and more! Email me at rriquelme@fbc-murray.org for the job description and an application!



TRAINING DATES FOR VBS



Training #1: Content Training for all leaders and volunteers | Sunday, March 26, at 4:00 pm in room 310

Training #2: Sharing the Gospel and more for all leaders and volunteers | Sunday, May 7, at 4:00 pm in room 310

Makeup Training for new volunteers and last-minute questions | Wednesday, May 24, at 6:00 pm in room 310

VBS Work Week: Set up your room and help decorate the main areas. The building will be open Tuesday, May 30 - Thursday, June 1, 10:00 am-5:00 pm.



NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

TINA MYERS

Melissa Brown was the winner of the free book for signing up for a library card in January. If you don't already have a library card, it takes just a few minutes to sign up for one. We can also show you how to set up an account for e-books and audio books on your phone or tablet.

We had a great time at Parent's Night Out on February 10! The children enjoyed pizza, made crafts, and participated in activities related to Valentine's Day.

Our book display for March will include books related to Easter and Lent. The books will be on display through Easter Sunday.

NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRY

STUDENT LEADERSHIP UNIVERSITY

JUNE 12-15

TOTAL: \$699

DEPOSIT OF \$100 DUE MARCH 12



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fbc murray student ministry

NOTES FROM MOTHER'S DAY OUT

LAUREN DUNLAP



Mother's Day Out is a ministry of Kids1st and provides childcare and preschool opportunities for children ages 6 months through pre-Kindergarten. The program operates on a school year calendar (August – May) and is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. MDO is a state-certified childcare center, so drop-ins are not permitted. Enrollment is for the full school year and parents may request any combination of days that are available. FBC members have priority on the waiting list, so please call if you would like to inquire about enrolling your child for the 2023-2024 school year. Visit our website at www.fbcmurray.org.mdo or contact Lauren Dunlap during MDO hours at 270-753-3711 for additional information.

In February, every child at Mother's Day Out made a card that was delivered to the Hospice House, Spring Creek, and Brookdale for Valentine's Day. MDO Staff covered the Blessing Box at Riviera Courts in February as well. What a great way to show God's love to those in our community!

March 28th-30th, MDO will be hosting an Art Auction for the World Mission Offering. Each child at Mother's Day Out will create one or two pieces of art that parents, family members, and church members can purchase. Each class is making a collaborative art project to be auctioned as well. Proceeds will go toward the World Mission Offering. Last year we raised \$1400, and we are hoping to raise more money this year to support the WMO! Look for pictures of our projects on the Mother's Day Out Facebook page later in the month.



BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, March 22
5:00-8:30 pm | Room AE310

Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact the church office at 270-753-1854.





2023 DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

Bringing Help, Hope, and Healing



MARCH 18
Benton

Chaplaincy Training:
March 17-18

For new volunteers
and those recertifying
or cross-training

DR@KYBAPTIST.ORG

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502-489-3527

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CHURCH INFORMATION

BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a business meeting on Sunday, March 26, in the chapel at 5:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Join us in welcoming Hannah Parker as an executive assistant in this temporary, part-time position!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Members and friends of First Baptist Church have established scholarships to help students further their education. Scholarship applications for Fall 2023/Spring 2024 are available in the church office and on the church website, fbc-murray.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@fbc-murray.org. **The deadline for applications is Wednesday, April 12, 2023.**

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Fellowship Suppers are on 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.

- **March 1:** pizza casserole
- **March 8:** chicken taco soup
- **March 15:** chicken cornbread casserole
- **March 22:** baked potato bar
- **March 29:** baked ham

BLESSING BOX

This month's items are canned chicken and tuna! Items can be dropped off in the basket by the banner in the Welcome Center. Sunday School classes and families are invited to sign up to adopt the blessing box in Riviera Courts for a week at a time. Sign up at fbcmurray.org/serve.

RADIO/TV

Our 10:30 am worship service is aired at 10:30 am on WAAJ-FM 89.7. Our service is also broadcast on Thursday at 8:00 pm on Murray Electric System's channel 15.

NEW MEMBERS

Collin Sissom joined by Statement on Thursday, February 2.
Scott and Beth Frame joined by Letter on Sunday, February 5.
Bill Knoff joined by Letter on Sunday, February 19.
Lauren Knoff joined Statement on Sunday, February 19.

FINANCES (AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023)

\$	146,035.00	Budgeted as of 01/31/2023
\$	85,602.87	Budget Receipts as of 01/31/2023
\$	102,498.97	Budget Expenditures as of 01/31/2023
\$	165,000.00	WMO 2023 Goal
\$	7,117.03	WMO Receipts as of 01/31/2023

FINANCIAL MEMORIALS

Financial Memorials

Contributions to the 2023 World Mission Offering have been received in memory of Sharon Wells.

Library Memorials

The following books have been given in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Butler:
The Golden Alphabet: An Exposition of Psalm 119 by Charles H. Spurgeon
Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations by Jimmy Scroggins
The Lifegiving Parent: Giving Your Child a Life Worth Living for Christ by Sally Clarkson
Walking Grandma Home: A Story of Grief, Hope, and Healing by Nancy Bo Flood

VAN DRIVER

The van driver for the month of March is David Barrett. If you would like a ride to Sunday School (9:15 am) or the worship service (10:30 am), contact David at 731-363-5737.

ATTENDANCE

January 29	399	
February 5	356	203 S. 4th St., Murray, KY 42071
February 12	371	fbcmurray.org
February 19	373	270-753-1854