

COME MEET WILL, JENNIE, LIAM, AND SAMMY

In View of a Call Weekend Schedule August 26-28, 2022

All Pastor Candidate Events will be in the
Welcome Center of the main building.

All group events are “come and go” and you are welcome to attend any
gathering if the time for your particular group is not convenient.

Everyone is invited.

All families and spouses of any designated group are welcome.

Friday, August 26

5:00-6:30pm – Deacons, Sunday School Teachers, and Midweek Teachers

Saturday, August 27

9:00-10:00am – Senior Adults

10:00-11:00am – Program Leaders and Committee Members

11:00am-12:00pm – Music and Media Ministries

2:30-3:30pm – Families with Youth and Children

3:30-5:00pm – Church-wide Fellowship

Sunday, August 28

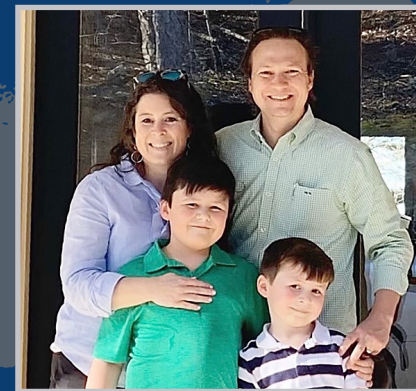
9:30am – College Sunday School Class

10:30am – Worship and Sermon in the Sanctuary

Business meeting and vote immediately following worship service

In-person voting only

YOUR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS



WILL MCKAY

AS THE NEXT PASTOR OF

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MURRAY, KY

GUIDED BY GOD

We unanimously and enthusiastically recommend Will McKay to you as the next Senior Pastor for First Baptist Church Murray. After reviewing a large pool of candidates, we thank God for leading us to Will. We have listened to many of his sermons, spoken directly with a dozen background references, and had hours of in-person interviews and deep spiritual conversations with Will and his wife, Jennie. The McKays have a heart for the lost, a passion for missions and discipleship, and a love for the Church. God has repeatedly confirmed our conviction that Will is called to pastor FBC, and we are thrilled to present him to First Baptist Church Murray “in view of a call.”

Pastor Search Committee: Sarah Cunningham, Chair
David McDowell, Assistant Chair
Don Herndon
Warren Edminster
Jill Asher
Catherine Lanier
David Parker

PASTOR WILL MCKAY BIOGRAPHY

Will McKay was born in Dyersburg, Tennessee on July 31, 1978. He spent most of his life in Memphis before moving with his wife and two sons to Arkansas in 2016. They currently live in Conway, and Will travels the state to serve pastors and churches through his role as Team Leader of Evangelism and Church Health with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Will grew up under the ministry of Adrian Rogers at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, and came to know the Lord when he was twenty years old. About a year later, in February of 2000, the Lord called Will to preach. Will began coaching baseball, teaching middle school boys, and participating in mission trips during the first couple of years following his call to ministry.

Will and Jennie met at Kirby Woods Baptist Church (also in Memphis) in the fall of 2002; they were married on October 9, 2004. Jennie attended nursing school prior to joining the staff of Bellevue Baptist Church, where she served in the Girls Ministry for five years prior to having Liam (2011) and Samuel (2015).

Will worked for several years in the logistics industry, where he cultivated executive and administrative skills while continuing to actively serve at Bellevue. He and Jennie taught in the College Ministry, led mission teams to Central America, and discipled



groups of students in their home. Will served as a deacon at Bellevue for two years, and as a member of several church committees, including the first Bellevue Loves Memphis advisory team.

In 2009, Will joined the Next Gen staff at Bellevue, where he served for three years as a Student Pastor and four years as College and Young Adult Pastor. After seven years at Bellevue, Will and his family moved to Monticello, Arkansas, where Will was Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church for four years. In July of 2020, Will accepted the call to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Will is a lifelong learner, having earned an undergraduate and master's degree from Union University, as

well as a Master of Divinity from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; he is currently pursuing a PhD in Biblical Spirituality from SBTS.

Will's ministry has been marked by a strong emphasis on biblical teaching, multi-generational discipleship, and

missions. The McKays share a family mission to honor the Lord by making disciples that will multiply to the ends of the earth, to the end of time. They are eager to learn more about how the Lord is already at work through FBC Murray, and how they can best join that work by using their spiritual gifts.

QUOTES / ENDORSEMENTS

PASTOR WILL MCKAY

I rejoice over the opportunity for FBC Murray to call Will McKay as your next pastor! I came to know Will as a fellow State Director of Evangelism and immediately found him to be a sharp, convictional leader. He will be as much of a blessing to your church as I know FBC will be to the McKay family!

Rob Patterson

Evangelism Team Leader

Kentucky Baptist Convention

Will has many strengths in his ministry. Two that will be apparent quickly will be the gift he has in expository preaching and his ability to lead the church into its Biblical responsibility of discipleship. Will's ability to take God's Word and share it through his preaching shows the depth of his study in God's written Word. Will, Jen, Liam, and Sammy will be great assets in leading the church as well as discipling the city of Murray for God's Kingdom!

Terrell Outlaw, Deacon Chair and

Administrative Leadership Team Chair

First Baptist Church, Monticello, Arkansas

I believe that God is giving the First Baptist family a wonderful gift in Will McKay. Will has stood out from the crowd among the student body of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been gifted with a tremendous mind that has an insatiable appetite for the Bible. Will wants to know God's Word, and he desires to teach it effectively. At the same time, Will has been given a big heart – the heart of a pastor – that loves the people of the church and is burdened for those outside the church. God has uniquely equipped Will to shepherd His people. I rejoice at what I see God doing in bringing together my friend, Will, and the people I love at First Baptist Murray.

Craig Parker

Special Assistant to the President

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Will loves God's Word and has a heart for disciple making. He is a gracious and strong leader and is very bright. At First Baptist Church Murray, he will do a wonderful job for God's Kingdom.

Rob Mullins, Senior Pastor/Founder

Crossroads Baptist Church

Pastor Rob was Will's College Minister at Bellevue Baptist Church