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SEPTEMBER 2021



**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**
MURRAY, KENTUCKY



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

KEITH INMAN

Dear FBC Family,

You are a very generous people! In spite of dealing with COVID-19 these past 18 months, FBC continues to be faithful as the Body of Christ in supporting the ministries of this church, and we continue to keep our commitments to our ministry partners through our **World Mission Offering**. You've also gone the extra mile in ministry for local needs through your support of our **Benevolent Offering** and the generous amount that was contributed for our **First Loves Murray** endeavor that allowed us to help over 60 children with back-to-school clothes and shoes.

At the end of this past year, one of our members chose to give a very generous financial contribution to our Family Life Center. In light of this contribution and other sacrificial gifts, it seems appropriate to challenge all of us to seek God's will regarding our own contributions. This coming October will mark the end of mine and Carole's personal FLC pledge. Fortunately, we have been able to increase our pledge 20%. With a recent estate gift from one of our members, the current balance on our Family Life Center obligations is down to just around \$220,000 to pay off all of our FLC notes.

So, here is my appeal to you which also resonates with our Budget, Finance & Stewardship Committee: **Let's challenge ourselves to pay off our building debt** and rid ourselves of this monthly expense to our church! This will allow us to focus on our mission giving and our everyday church budget expenses. Currently we are approximately \$120,000 behind in our giving compared to budget needs and close to \$50,000 below meeting our actual expenditures.

If you have paid your pledge in full: thank you! Would you consider joining me with a further contribution? If you are new to our church, would you consider joining our church in meeting this financial obligation? The FLC has already proven to be a great asset in ministry. I also encourage you to pray regarding the state of your current giving through the tithes and offerings of FBC. Together, this church has a rich legacy of blessing Murray and the world. Let's keep it up!

Pastor Keith

FROM THE CREATORS OF WAR ROOM AND COURAGEOUS
KENDRICK BROTHERS'

SHOW ME THE FATHER

EVERYONE HAS A FATHER STORY AND IT'S STILL BEING WRITTEN

Purchase your tickets at fbcmurray.org
Special Premiere showing Sept. 9 at 7:30 pm



IN THEATERS SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

ShowMeTheFatherMovie.com

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SOME MATERIAL MAY BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 13

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NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE/DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR

JASON ELLERBROOK



Church Family,

There is no greater opportunity than now for our family at FBC Murray to reach out to the community and introduce our neighbors to Jesus Christ. God has given us two great opportunities to do so in the next couple of months.

On September 10, 2021 the film, *Show Me The Father*, will open in 1000 select theaters around the country. *Show Me The Father* is produced by Kendrick Brother Films – the studio that brought films like *FireProof*, *War Room*, and *Overcomer* to the big screen. Sony/Provident Films has chosen the Cheri Theater in Murray, Kentucky to be one of those theaters. As you know, our theater is owned and operated by members of our church family who have a passion for advancing the gospel. FBC Murray has been given the unique opportunity to experience a premiere showing of this film on Thursday, September 9 at 7:30 pm. Tickets for this showtime will be available for \$8.00 per person on our website. The challenge for us is to commit to filling up the 295 seat theater with 250 people! This is a great opportunity to invite friends who might not come to church but would be more willing to join you for dinner and a movie!

Our church is also helping to lead the way by encouraging other churches in the area to purchase group tickets or showtimes. Our goal is to help the Cheri fill every showtime on opening weekend. This would be unprecedented and turn the heads of movie studios in Hollywood. This is an opportunity to impact culture, strengthen families, and change the world for the glory of God.

We also are looking at ways to potentially sponsor tickets or even a showtime for some of the athletic programs at Murray State. Many of these student athletes are unchurched and have painful fatherhood stories. This film focuses on the fatherhood journey that everyone has and reminds them that their journey is not finished. There is a perfect, loving Father available for all of us. Please contact me at jellerbrook@fbcmurray.com if you feel led to support this effort.

On Thursday, October 14, **Keith and Kristyn Getty** will join us for a night of worship at FBC Murray! The Gettys are the most sought-after congregational worship leaders in the world. They are excited about having an impact right here in OUR COMMUNITY! In celebration of our church's rich legacy of evangelism and missions, we are offering tickets for this worship concert at \$15 per person. This is a special gift for our church family and hopefully will provide you the opportunity to reach out to friends and family that need to experience worship and encounter Christ. Purchase your tickets before September 19, as the price increases to \$25 when we open the tickets to the public.

I believe we will pack the theaters in September and our sanctuary in October. I also believe these transformational events will lead to salvations and changed lives.

God has given us favor in allowing FBC Murray to follow Him and lead others through these two events. Millions of dollars have been invested by the movie and music industry in this film and the Getty events! God has brought both to our doorstep!

Tickets for the Getty event are available now at fbcmurray.org/getty and you can also purchase tickets for *Show Me The Father* at fbcmurray.org.

Let's be the Church and reach out to our friends! Join us in investing in, praying for, and experiencing these catalytic events and invite your friends and families to do so as well!

In Christ,
Jason Ellenbrook



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

M.A.G.I.C. Friends

Even though we have experienced an increase in the Delta variant, we are still moving forward with our normally scheduled activities but with caution. We will continue to monitor the updates as they come and be prepared to make any changes as needed.

Here is the remaining schedule for M.A.G.I.C. activities this year:

September 27: Catered meal, 12:00 pm in the FLC

October 25: Lunch at Barkley Lodge

November 22: Lunch at Casey Jones (Jackson, TN)

December 13: Lunch at Patti's Settlement

NOTE: IF YOU WANT TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH AT PATTI'S ON DECEMBER 10, YOU MUST SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 27. RESERVATIONS WILL FILL UP QUICKLY!

FBC Family,

We have an opportunity to assist those in our community who have health issues and can't afford to purchase medical equipment. We are working with **Project GG (God's Grace)** to make this happen. We want to collect **one of each** of the items listed below so we will have them when the need arises. All items need to be in good working order and clean. We will sanitize them once we receive them. Here are some of things we want to make available when we receive a request: wheelchairs, walkers, canes, knee scooters, and any other medical equipment that could be helpful. We will gladly pick up these items for your convenience.

Pastor Boyd
Sherry Hewell, Project Coordinator

NOTES FROM MUSIC MINISTRY MIKE ROSE



What a wonderful weekend we had with Camp Kirkland! Our choir was there, and we worked hard on this material. You were there for the Worship Concert, and I am delighted that this event went over so well. Thank you to everyone who had a part in this event. We will plan on having another such event sometime in the future, and will look forward to doing this again.

Now for the Getty Concert! Make sure to mark October 14 on your calendar! Again, our choir will be involved with singing with Keith and Kristyn; this will be another exciting event for our choir, our church, and the entire community! We will begin working on this music as soon as it is received from the Getty team, and we anticipate receiving this very soon! Again, you do not want to miss this event!

Then, we will begin working on music to celebrate Christmas, 2021! This will look similar to the program we had last year, although it will involve our choir singing a major portion of this program! We hope to have a loft absolutely full of singers for Christmas, and we invite you to join us as we begin rehearsals on this music soon!

There is a place for you with us. I look forward to welcoming other new members to our group. Please consider joining us; you will be glad you did!

Blessings,
Mike



NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRY

JON KYLE ALLRED

We will kick off our LifeGroups for the semester on Sunday, August 29. It's going to be awesome! I love to see students join Bible-based small groups with college leaders. We have about 14 college leaders helping us and that is something to praise God about! I'm thankful for the leadership the college students show by pouring into our student ministry. Please continue to pray for the students to grow closer to Christ in this small group context.

Jon Kyle



COME EXPERIENCE LIFE CHANGE IN A SMALL GROUP SETTING WITH STUDENTS YOUR AGE. LIFE GROUPS ARE HELD ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS AND ARE LED BY COLLEGE STUDENTS.

Remind 101 texts

Text @fbcmky to 81010
to stay connected and
up to date on all
youth ministry things!



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MURRAY, KENTUCKY

NOTES FROM KIDS1ST MINISTRY

RACHEL RIQUELME



We are looking for Midweek volunteers for October and November. This would be a 6 week commitment in the fall and then again in March and part of April. We need four people to teach elementary and two to teach preschool.

We are in need of someone to help during Sunday School with our youngest kids, our babies! If you would like to cuddle, sing to, and teach babies that church is a loving place, please email me at rriquelme@fbcmurray.org.

We are also looking for volunteers for our 11:00 am preschool rotation. You would serve one hour one time a month.

For September during Midweek:

Elementary Kids will be learning about initiative: seeing what needs to be done and doing it. The memory verse is Colossians 3:23.

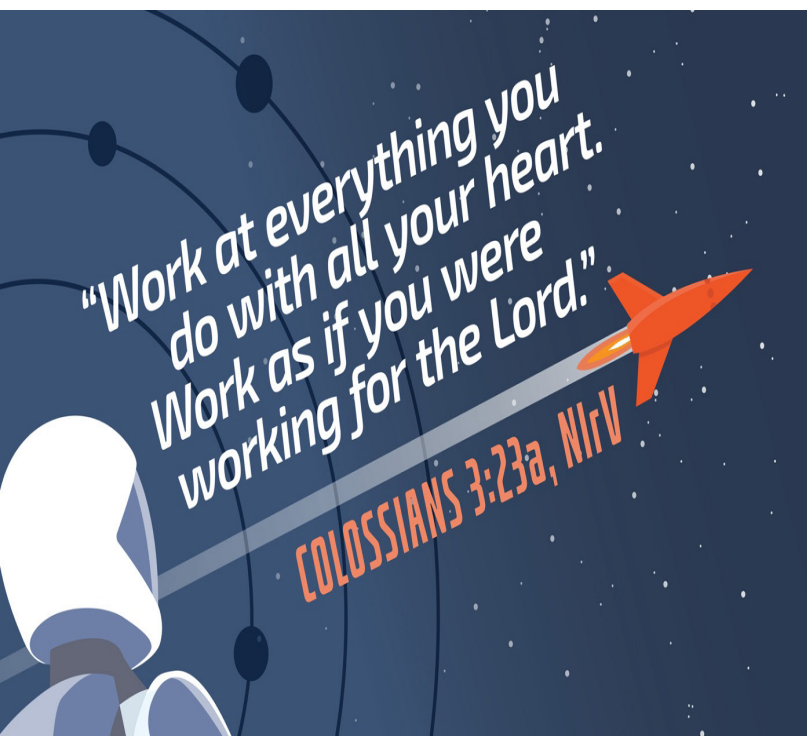
Preschoolers will be learning that God is always with them through their theme, Toy Box. Their memory verse is 2 Chronicles 32:8.

Chapel is back during MDO. We are so excited for our kids to have a chance to worship and learn about God's Word! They will also be learning that God is always with them.

For Sunday School and Kids 1st Worship we are going back to the beginning and will be in Genesis. It is a great time to start back to Sunday School if you have gotten out of the habit! We will be going through the Bible chronologically in our theme from Creation to Chaos.

Thank you all so much for your generosity to First Loves Murray! Because of your faithfulness to give, we were able to help 62 children and teens get clothes and shoes for school. Our goal was 50 and you all exceeded it! Not only were we able to help with the physical need of clothes and shoes, but we were able to connect with each child and family, invite them to church, and pray with them.

Rachel





NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

TINA MYERS

It's hard to believe summer is over and everyone is back in school! We have several Accelerated Reader books in the library if your child is required to gain points for reading. These books are marked with a yellow dot and can be found in children's easy books, juvenile books, and adult fiction books. Homeschool parents, please come and see what we have available that may be of help to your studies and invite your fellow homeschooling friends.

It's time for another book giveaway! We have lots of good books that need new homes. Books will be displayed on a table in the library beginning August 29. Stop by and take as many as you want for yourself or to give to a friend.

Our author of the month for September is Nancy Rue. Nancy writes both adult and juvenile fiction books. She has written more than 120 books and has won two Christy Awards as well as the Women of Faith Novel of the Year award. Nancy's books will be on display until September 30.

Church Librarian
Tina



AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Nancy Rue



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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GETTY MUSIC PRESENTS

CHRIST OUR HOPE

KEITH & KRISTYN GETTY



FALL TOUR 2021

Thursday, October 14, 2021 | 7:30 pm
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MURRAY | MURRAY, KY

203 SOUTH 4TH ST. MURRAY, KY 42071

Join Keith & Kristyn Getty with their Irish and Bluegrass musicians for an exciting and inspirational evening of singing together!

Early Bird Price | \$15
Price Increase on September 19 | \$25

fbcmurray.org/getty

MEET THE CHURCH MEMBERS

Ryan and Courtney Vanover



"Some of my fondest childhood and teenage memories include the body of believers at First Baptist Church and the activities that pointed me to Christ. These special people modeled Christ's love to me, and in turn, I developed a love for children.

My dad and grandparents were active members, and my mother is currently an active member. I was saved as a 4th grader at GA Camp at Jonathan Creek. Teenage years of Acteens, mission trips, and youth group showed me the importance of fellowship with other believers and reading and memorizing God's Word. After attending college out of town, Ryan and I were married at FBC in 1999. He joined by letter shortly after. Together, we traveled to Brazil with a team from FBC to assist AMOR in spreading the Gospel.

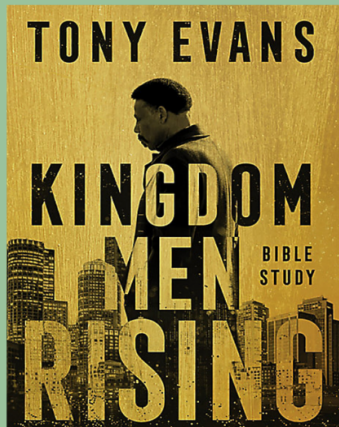
We have three daughters. Alexis Young (husband, Ethan Young), Lily, and Avery Vanover. Our greatest joy, as their parents, is that they have a relationship with Christ and trust Him. Currently, Ryan serves as a deacon and on the Facilities and Grounds committee. I enjoy teaching in Kids1st Sunday School.

I teach kindergarten at Murray Elementary. This is my 22nd year! Ryan is a building contractor and owner of Vanover Construction. Alexis is a student at West KY Technical College and is employed at Murray Lumber Co. Her husband Ethan is employed at Murray-Calloway Co. Hospital as an advanced EMT. Lily is a student at Murray State University, majoring in Exercise Science. Avery is a freshman at Murray High School.

We believe that our God is so faithful. As we examine the timeline of our lives, we can clearly see Him at work in our marriage and family. When we put our trust in Him, He continues to cover us in His grace. We can see how He filled us back up when we were wrecked with fear, as we grieved, and when we failed Him. We trust in His plan for us because He is good.

'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.' Romans 8:28 (NIV)" - Courtney Vanover

"KINGDOM MEN RISING"



This book is written by Tony Evans and is designed to exhort men to exercise the God-given place in the home, community, and culture they were created for through an examination of landmark texts from the Bible. It is led by Jason Ellerbrook. The book is \$10.

MEN ONLY



**SESSION ONE:
AUGUST 11 - SEPTEMBER 29**

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
6:00-7:30 PM**

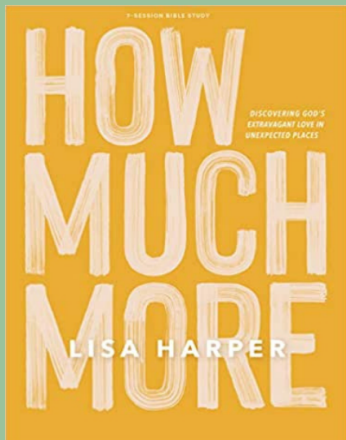
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IN THE WELCOME CENTER,
OR BY CALLING THE
CHURCH OFFICE
(270-753-1854)**

IN-DEPTH STUDY OF SCRIPTURE



This group is studying "Red Letters: The Words of Jesus". This group is led by Dave Eaton.

"HOW MUCH MORE"



This book is written by Lisa Harper. We are discovering God's redemptive heart through scripture and how he longs to redeem us. We are tackling overlooked passages in scripture and uncovering how they reveal God's love and goodness. This study is led by Diane Thiede. The book is \$10.

WOMEN ONLY

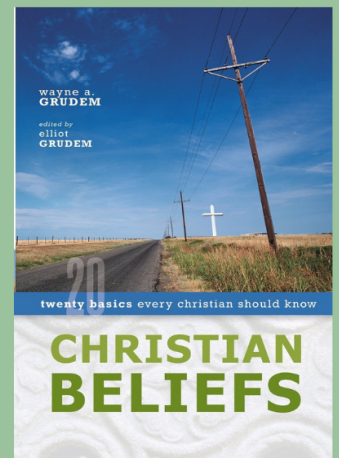


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"CHRISTIAN BELIEFS"



This book is written by Wayne Grudem and is a condensed version of Systematic Theology. We are walking through theological concepts that you may not be familiar with. This study is led by Megan Downey. The book is \$5.



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RENOVATED

A Wife According to God's Design

2021 SIMULCAST

OCTOBER 1 & 2

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

\$10 (PAY AT EVENT)

October 1: 5:30-9:15 pm
October 2: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Women, we invite you to join us at
Renovated: A Wife According to God's Design!
Those that are single, married-minded, engaged,
and married are invited! Childcare is unavailable.
College women can attend for free. Sign up at
fbcmurray.org/women.

renovated.live | thewelltraining.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS

Jimmy Kjellberg joined by Profession of Faith/Baptism on Sunday, August 15.

THANK YOU NOTES

The Murray State Baptist Campus Ministry thanks FBC College Ministry for sponsoring a meal for their leadership training.

Sleep In Heavenly Peace Ministry thanks FBC for helping build 20 beds for children in Western Kentucky.

Heartland Ministries Radio thanks FBC for the support of their ministry.

Wanda and Dot McNabb thank FBC members for the encouragement and support as they were ill with COVID-19.

Ken Carstens thanks FBC for praying for his family during the loss of his father.

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.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Wednesday night Fellowship Suppers are at 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Adult meals are \$4, children 12 and under are \$3, college students are \$1, and children 2 and under are free. Each week will include the following: vegetable side items, salad, bread, desserts, and drinks.

September 1: poppyseed chicken

September 8: chili

September 15: meatloaf

September 22: barbecue chicken

September 29: Mexican

We are looking for a cook helper to assist with Fellowship Suppers from 4:00-7:00 pm (\$8 an hour). Email bstevens@fbcmurray.org if you are interested.

BLESSING BOX

Don't forget about the Blessing Boxes in the FLC parking lot and at Riviera Courts. We are in need of people to bring shelf-stable items to stock the box. Items like mac and cheese, peanut butter, beef jerky, pasta, granola bars, and others are appreciated! If you would like to "adopt" the box in Riviera Courts, sign up at fbcmurray.org!

CHURCH INFORMATION

FINANCES (AS OF JULY 31, 2021)

\$ 802,526.00	Budgeted as of 7/31/2021
\$ 702,511.69	Budget Receipts as of 7/31/2021
\$ 736,077.67	Budget Expenditures as of 7/31/2021
\$ 154,000.00	WMO 2021 Goal
\$ 42,394.96	WMO Receipts as of 7/31/2021
\$3,548,127.66	Family Life Center Receipts as of 7/31/2021
\$ 245,780.55	Family Life Center Borrowed as of 7/31/2021

MEMORIALS

FINANCIAL

Contributions to the 2021 World Mission Offering have been received in memory of Debbie Seay, Mike Lovins, and Darrel McFerron.

Contributions to the Kids Camp Scholarship Fund have been received in memory of Debbie Seay.

Contributions to the Family Life Center Building Fund have been received in memory of Gary W. Jones.

VAN DRIVER

The van driver for the month of September is David McDowell. 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 David at 270-227-3109.

ATTENDANCE

	10:00 am Service	8:30 am Service	11:00 am Service	College
August 1	297	NA	NA	NA
August 8	NA	145	255	NA
August 15	NA	155	275	NA
August 22	NA	129	272	30



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