



# MANNA

## August 2022



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
MURRAY, KENTUCKY





# NOTES FROM THE TRANSITIONAL PASTOR

RUSTY ELLISON

Church family,

I know most of you have heard by now that Jon Kyle, Jamie, and daughters are not making their planned move across country to the Los Angeles area where they were going to live and work as JK pursued a degree at Master's Seminary. As many of you also are aware by now, they had sold their home and over the last couple of weeks JK has dealt with Covid.

I know the Allreds are disappointed. As they sort through the recent events and seek God's direction, they are here with us. Our Personnel Committee and BFS have already met once on this situation. What I want to say to all of us is that the Allred family has given a great part of their lives to ministry here with us, encouraging our students and discipling them. Now Jamie and JK need our support and encouragement as they begin to understand what God has in store for them as they move forward. I ask you to pray for them and take every available opportunity to love on them during this season of their lives.

By the time you read this, summer will be about over...our students and kids have been to Crossings Camp at Jonathan Creek. Mega Rec is over! Families are getting end of summer vacations in and preparing for back to school. There is much going on in families and in our church. Your staff is working hard in preparation for fall.

Jason and I met with Ken Asher, our deacon chair, a couple of weeks ago to talk about the Sunday worship schedule this fall. Later that week, we met with the deacons to discuss our service schedule. For many reasons, the deacons unanimously affirmed that we continue with only one service during this time of transition. As your Transitional Pastor, I fully support this decision, believing it to be in the overall best interest of the church at this time. I know and understand that some of you will be disappointed, but please patiently understand the need for us to be together every Sunday for worship. The church can revisit this matter under the leadership of your new pastor. **In the meantime, we will have Sunday School at 9:15 am with worship at 10:30 am. This new schedule will begin on August 14.**

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support as we navigate the "in between" time together. I'll see you Sunday with a Bible in your hand and the love of Christ in your heart as we worship and praise God together!

Blessings,  
Rusty

## FBC MURRAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Beginning August 14, we will  
transition our Sunday  
School time to 9:15 am and  
Worship to 10:30 am.



# NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE/DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR

## JASON ELLERBROOK



Church Family,

God is at work at FBC Murray. As I write this update, I find myself between a meeting with the FBC Murray adult leaders and meeting back up with our kids after their Bible Study. I am so thankful that God has given us the opportunity to minister to kids and their families. Our Children's Minister, Rachel Riquelme, has really stepped up during a time when we have been short-staffed to organize, plan, and implement many of our transformational events this summer. I am thankful for her love and passion for our families and kids and for her desire to serve well at FBC Murray.

At VBS, our church had 218 in attendance; 93 volunteers served over 125 kids.

Last week, July 11-15, at Mega Rec Camp we served 78 kids and had 25 volunteers helping. This was our largest Mega Rec Camp ever! Many of the volunteers were youth students!

This week, July 17-20, we have 46 kids and adults attending Crossings Kids Camp.

Several students have decided to follow Jesus this summer, and we are seeing kids and their parents making decisions to follow the Lord and join in the fellowship of our church.

Amid all that is going on this summer, I have seen staff and church members really step up and support one another as we try to do our part in advancing the Kingdom and serving the Church.

There are many questions regarding the future of our church and we don't have all the answers right now. One day at a time, we are depending on God to do all we can to be faithful with what He has given us. Sometimes it is our nature to look forward to what God is going to do. Don't miss out on what He is already doing.

Pressing On,  
Jason



**Beginning August 17**

**Fellowship Supper | 5:00 pm**

**MidWeek Bible Study | 6:00-7:30 pm**

Join us for dinner at 5:00 pm in the FLC! Adult meals are \$5, children ages 3-12 are \$3, college students are \$1, and children 2 and under are free.

Following dinner at 6:00 pm, children will meet on the 1st and 2nd floor of the Education Building, middle and high school students will be in the Worship Center of the FLC, and adults will have gender-specific studies on the 3rd floor of the Education Building. Stay tuned for information about adult Bible Studies!



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

Hello M.A.G.I.C. Friends!

Can you believe that we are more than halfway through our summer schedule?! Wanda and I picked the hottest days of the summer to move but we've got everything moved out and moved in. Now it's just a matter of finding what we need when we need it! At any rate, our new address is 1609 Catalina Dr.

Now, on to more important things! Our first M.A.G.I.C. luncheon of the fall is scheduled for Monday, August 22, at 12:00 pm. We will be providing the meal so all you have to do is provide us your name. That's a shrewd way of reminding you to call the office and sign up! We want to have plenty of food but we don't want to buy too much. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, August 17. I look forward to a wonderful time together. We have special guests coming but need to make sure they are still available since we booked them last fall. Until then, stay cool and drink plenty of water! Love you all.

Boyd

# NOTES FROM MUSIC MINISTRY MIKE ROSE



Hello Friends!

So far, it has been a wonderful summer at First Baptist Murray. I am enjoying our combined worship experiences and the music that goes with it. Thank you so much for all the kind words and encouragement that you have given to our worship team. It has been just fantastic for all of us to have this opportunity to work with one another. Michael and the Praise Team have been absolutely wonderful, and we are grateful for every chance to help folks worship on Sunday mornings!

We still need a few more singers for our Worship Choir as well as more instrumentalists for this group. If you feel you could use your gifts in worship, please come see me. We would love to plug you into this ministry. We do have a lot of fun together, and I am sure you would enjoy yourself as we meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm for rehearsals. We are about to embark on learning several new songs and this would be a perfect time to join us!

We need to think about Christmas and the music which we prepare for this annual time on our church calendar. I have thought long and hard about this and I think we will do something similar to what we did last December. We will sing songs everyone knows and put together a program of carols and readings which will help us celebrate the birth of Christ. It will be a great event and one I'm sure you would enjoy preparing with us. If you are interested in this, please see me.

Again, it is such a pleasure to work alongside you as we minister to folks here in Murray and Calloway County. I am grateful that you allow me to minister with you. God bless you as we continue to further the cause of Christ here at First Baptist Murray!

Blessings,  
Mike



# NOTES FROM KIDS1ST MINISTRY

RACHEL RIQUELME



First Loves Murray is happening the first week of August and we need you to sponsor children! It is such a great way to minister to our community. Middle and High School students are \$150 and Elementary aged students are \$125 and we are hoping to sponsor 100 students!

We have an end of summer bash Sunday, August 7, immediately following morning worship and a pool party that evening at 6:00 pm. The bash will include hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks, and the Murray Bank ice cream truck! We will have inflatables, corn hole, board games, gaga ball, 9 square in the air, and more! Make plans to attend!

Our 5th graders will promote to youth and will be cheered and clapped out on promotion Sunday. Promotion Sunday is Sunday, August 14th! Kids will go to their new classes for Sunday School and our new kindergartners will attend Kids1st Worship for the first time!

It is time for 1st Grade Bible Presentations! If you have a rising 1st grader and want to present their new big kid Bible to them and pray for them, join us as we corporately celebrate this milestone on Sunday, August 14. Please contact Rachel at [rriquelme@fbc-murray.org](mailto:rriquelme@fbc-murray.org) or 606-224-3160. Bibles are \$35 and checks can be made out to FBC Murray with 1st grade Bible Presentation in the memo line. Checks can be placed in the wooden box outside the Sanctuary or in the offering plates on Sunday morning.

Midweek begins Wednesday, August 17, at 6:00 pm!

Our kids are helping kick off the World Mission Offering this year by singing on Sunday, September 25. The song is Revelation 7:9. We are practicing in Kids1st worship.

Kids1st needs preschool volunteers one Sunday a month for one hour at 10:30 am to serve in the baby room and older preschool room. If you are interested in serving, please contact me.

## End of Summer Bash!

August 7

Immediately following the 10:00 am worship service, join us for hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, inflatables, gaga ball, and more!



## NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRY

JON KYLE ALLRED

Here are some key dates for youth ministry in August:

- August 10: Youth Summer Hang @ Family Life Center | 6:00 pm
- August 14: Promotion Sunday!
- August 17: MidWeek begins | 6:00 pm
- August 26: Crosstown Classic Football Tailgating Party @ Roy Stewart Stadium | 5:00-7:00 pm
- August 28: LifeGroup Launch Party @ Family Life Center | 5:00-6:30 pm



# NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

TINA MYERS

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and it will soon be time to head back to school. Remember to stop by and see our new graphic novels (comic books) about Bible heroes. Also, we have Accelerated Reader books available for those whose teachers or schools require AR points.

The author of the month for August is former Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy. In addition to his sports career, he is also a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author whose books include *Quiet Strength*, *Uncommon*, *The Mentor Leader*, and *Uncommon Marriage*. He has also written a children's book. Tony's books will be on display until August 31.

If you would like to become a library volunteer, send an email to [library@fbc-murray.org](mailto:library@fbc-murray.org) or call 270-753-1282. We are always looking for new people to join our team!

## NOTES FROM MOTHER'S DAY OUT

LAUREN DUNLAP



Hello FBC Family,

We are gearing up for another great year at Mother's Day Out! I can't believe that August is upon us and we will soon have children in our hallways 3 days a week. We have about 20 new enrollees and about 50 returning students for the 2022-2023 school year. We also have 14 teachers and floaters who will be leading and guiding these little ones this year. Our first day in session is Tuesday, August 23.

In the coming weeks, please pray for our program, our families, and the staff. Mother's Day Out is an amazing program and we have a wonderful opportunity to serve those in our community by providing quality childcare while also laying a spiritual foundation. Thank you for loving and supporting this program well each year! We are excited to see how the Lord works through this ministry in the coming months.

In Him,  
Lauren



**Help us give 50 students  
(or 100!) back-to-school  
clothes and shoes!**

Giving \$125 sponsors an elementary school student and \$150 sponsors a middle or high school student, but gifts of any amount are welcome. Checks can be made out to FBC and mailed to 203 S. 4th St., Murray, KY 42071.

**Please designate First Loves Murray in the memo line!**



## August Prayer Guide

A Prayer Guide for the Pastor Search Committee, the process, and the people of FBC

For the next several weeks, these prayer points will be aligned with our corporate study of *Experiencing God* and based upon the scriptures and teachings throughout this study. May this bring us as the body of Christ into a greater experience of unity in one spirit, one heart, and one mind.

### August 1

2 Corinthians 5:14 | Pray that the Pastor Search Committee will be compelled by the love of Christ to stay before Him during this journey and that their individual time before the Lord will be sustained by their relationship with the Father through Christ.

### August 2

Romans 8:38-39 | Pray that we as the members of First Baptist Church will not allow anything to separate us from the love of Christ and from one another.

### August 3

John 6:44-45, 65 | Pray that the Pastor Search Committee will listen to the Father and learn from Him, being enabled by His Spirit to press on in wisdom.

### August 4

Jeremiah 31:3 | Pray that the coming pastor will be drawn by the loving kindness of the Lord into his next season of ministry.

### August 5

Hosea 11:4 | Pray that the Pastor Search Committee will be absolutely convinced of God's love for them individually as the anchor of their faith in knowing His Spirit shall lead them forward in the search.

### August 6

John 15:16, 19 | Pray that the coming pastor will know in his innermost being that he has been chosen by God and called to be on mission with Him.

### August 7

Matthew 16:17 | Pray that the Pastor Search Committee will be blessed in knowing that the Father shall reveal His will to them.

### August 8

Deuteronomy 30:6 | Pray for each of the members of First Baptist Church to allow the Spirit to circumcise every heart so that we individually and corporately will respond to our love relationship with the Lord with all our hearts, minds, and wills.



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## August 9

Mark 6:7-13 | Pray for the Pastor Search Committee, the staff, and Rusty Ellison to be confident in knowing as they have been given difficult assignments, the Lord has not sent them out helpless but has given them the physical and spiritual resources by His authority to carry out the work.

## August 10

Exodus 3:14 | Pray for the Pastor Search Committee, the staff, Rusty Ellison, and the people of FBC to know God experientially as the I AM who will provide everything we need.

## August 11

Exodus 17:15 | Pray that all of the people of First Baptist will recognize that we are God's people and He is our God as we represent Him in our community.

## August 12

Psalms 86:9 | Pray that we as a church will worship the Lord in reverence and honor, acknowledging Him as worthy of our praise.

## August 13

Psalms 5:11 | May the coming pastor and the staff who love the name of the Lord boast of Him as their Source for all things during this journey.

## August 14

Psalms 29:2 | May the whole of God's people praise God for who He is, thank Him for what He is doing that we cannot see; glorify Him, love and adore Him, and seek Him and trust Him for all things.

## August 15

1 John 4:16 | Pray that the Pastor Search Committee will know and believe that the love God has for them will sustain them, accepting that His will and timing are always best.

## August 16

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 | Pray for the Pastor Search Committee and the whole of the congregation to be fully convinced that God will not allow us to miss His best for our church.

## August 17

Amos 3:7 | May we give thanks to the Lord for His work through the Pastor Search Committee to accomplish His purposes.

## August 18

John 5:30 | Pray that the Pastor Search Committee will rest in knowing that they, like Jesus, have come to this place not to do their will but the will of the Father who has chosen them for this time and this place of service.



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## August 19

2 Kings 6:17 | Pray that our eyes will be open to seeing that God is the One at work in the midst of this journey, performing wonderful miracles and accomplishing His purposes as He provides for His people.

## August 20

Psalms 100:3 | Pray that all of us will understand that our powerful God, who is the Creator of all things, wants a love relationship with us and is the Source of all we need.

## August 21

John 3:14-15 | Pray for the Lord to use Rusty Ellison to draw people to Himself and to cause us to seek Him always.

## August 22

1 Kings 8:56 | Pray that the Pastor Search Committee will know that as God reveals what He is about to do, it will be good and He will be the one to bring it to pass.

## August 23

1 Kings 19:12 | May the church and the Pastor Search Committee know it is God Who is speaking to us and understand what He is saying.

## August 24

Isaiah 55:8 | Pray that the Pastor Search Committee will have the grace to wait on God's timing and His ways, reflecting their absolute dependence on Him alone.

## August 25

John 8:47 | Pray that the Pastor Search Committee and staff will continue to devote time and effort to cultivate a love relationship with God so that they will know His will and voice.

## August 26

John 14:9-10 | Pray that the Pastor Search Committee will not view the moments of God's silence as if He is no longer speaking to them but will continue to look for those moments when they individually and corporately encounter His Spirit who reveals God's direction and guidance.

## August 27

Leviticus 19:1-2 | Pray that the people of First Baptist truly view God as holy and will respond by being holy in thought, word, and deed.



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## August 28

Genesis 17:1 | Pray that the Pastor Search Committee and staff will continue to live in God's presence as the Almighty God who will do what He says He will do.

## August 29

Proverbs 19:21 | Pray that the Pastor Search Committee and staff will experience God working through them as they allow the Lord to reveal His purposes and plans.

## August 30

Psalms 33:11 | Pray that the Lord will accomplish His purposes through the Pastor Search Committee.

## August 31

Matthew 6:10 | Pray that all of the church and the coming pastor will allow God to accomplish His goals in His way according to His Kingdom agenda.



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JOIN US FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL

# International Cookout Luanu themed!

The International Committee invites YOU to help give a warm welcome to our new and returning international MSU students! If you would like to serve, contact Paula Alcott at 270-293-2903.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

5:00 PM

HOME OF STEVE AND PAULA ALCOTT: 61 ROBERTSON RD. SOUTH, MURRAY, KY



# POOL PARTY AT THE OAKS

363 OAKS COUNTRY CLUB RD., MURRAY, KY

JOIN US AT THE OAKS COUNTRY CLUB FOR  
OUR FINAL POOL PARTY OF THE SUMMER ON  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, AT 6:00 PM!

## LET'S PLAY PICKLEBALL!



FBC MURRAY  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
301 S. 4TH ST., MURRAY KY



SENIOR ADULTS: MONDAYS | 9:00-11:00 AM

ADVANCED PLAYERS: MONDAYS | 6:00 PM

BEGINNER/NOVICE PLAYERS: TUESDAYS | 6:00 PM

all players must be 18+ years old

This month's items are pop tarts and peanut butter! 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. The need is greater than ever with the rising cost of food!

Sign up at [fbcmurray.org/serve!](http://fbcmurray.org/serve!)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEW MEMBERS

Lilliayn Mathis joined by Profession of Faith/Baptism on Sunday, July 17.

### FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Fellowship Suppers are 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.

- **August 17:** Baked ham
- **August 24:** Hawaiian meatballs and rice
- **August 31:** Barbecue chicken

Blessing Box

## RADIO/TV

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

# CHURCH INFORMATION

## FINANCES (AS OF JUNE 30, 2022)

\$ 716,638.00	Budgeted as of 06/30/2022
\$ 663,589.68	Budget Receipts as of 06/30/2022
\$ 700,540.13	Budget Expenditures as of 06/30/2022
\$ 161,702.00	WMO 2022 Goal
\$ 38,940.13	WMO Receipts as of 06/30/2022

## MEMORIALS

### Financial

Contributions to the 2022 World Mission Offering have been received in honor of Bill & Debbie Settle's and Larry & Debbie Bell's 50th wedding anniversaries.

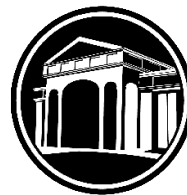
## VAN DRIVER

The van driver for the month of August is Tyler DeLaney. If you would like a ride to Sunday School (8:45 am) or the worship service (10:00 am), contact Tyler at 731-414-7089. Beginning August 14, Sunday School will begin at 9:15 am and worship will begin at 10:30 am.

## ATTENDANCE

### 10:00 am Service

July 3	314
July 10	327
July 17	337



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