# OCTOBER 2021





## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

KEITH INMAN

#### Dear FBC Family,

This past month, we launched the World Mission Offering emphasis in an effort to further be a Great Commission partner. Our goal this year is \$154,000. On our website, and other soon-to-be communications, you will find the entities which we support. In addition to these, we have also supported Kings Hill Church in Boston, a church plant which is sponsored by our North American Mission Board. I am grateful for our ability to do so.

It has been a roller coaster ride this past year in so many ways. No segment of our society has been untouched by the pandemic in which we have found ourselves. The ups and downs have been expressed in our church life too. Our church staff has had several conversations with people struggling with mental health issues, in addition to everyday challenges. Attendance is currently running about two thirds of pre-covid numbers.

In the middle of all of this, I am so grateful to be part of our FBC staff. Without exception, they continue to bless me and this church. They have persevered through the cancellations, the "how comes", the "what ifs", the "oh no's", and the "help us Jesus" days of these past 19 months. There have been days of discouragement. And, yet this staff has prayed and prayed and prayed together, lifting one another up.

October has been designated as Staff Appreciation Month. I hope you will take the time to express encouragement to our FBC staff. They love the people of FBC and are grateful to serve you.

Pastor Keith

#### **PRAYER MEETING**

Join us for a prayer meeting on Wednesday nights in the Chapel! Pastor Keith Inman will be leading the prayer meeting.

#### IN-DEPTH STUDY OF JESUS' WORDS

This group will study "Red Letters" and will do an in-depth study of Jesus' words. This group is led by Dave Eaton. This group will meet in room 303.

#### ALL GROUPS ARE COED



#### SESSION TWO: OCTOBER 13 - NOVEMBER 17 WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6:00-7:30 PM



#### SIGN UPS NOT REQUIRED.

#### KINGDOM AGENDA

The unifying central theme throughout the Bible is the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom. The conjoining thread from Genesis to Revelation is focused on one thing: God's glory through advancing God's Kingdom. It will be led by Jason Ellerbrook. This group will meet in room 306.

#### NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE/DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR JASON ELLERBROOK



#### Church Family,

Thank you for coming together as the body of Christ to support our local theater and the film *Show Me the Father*! Many of you came out on Thursday, September 9, to see the film premiere while so many others have seen it over the past several weeks. On Friday, September 10, Steve and Paula Alcott took a group of International Students as well. Our church's decision to purchase a showtime also led to the opportunity to host a private screening for Coach Dean Hood and the Murray State University football team. I was able to attend that screening and God moved in the lives of several that attended. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ and helping to take the Gospel beyond the walls of our church building! That is our legacy and that is our future.

On Thursday, October 14, we will have the opportunity to reach people that might not walk through the doors of our church on Sunday morning. A Night with Keith and Kristyn Getty will be an incredible time of celebration and worship. We pray that our church family will invite friends and family that need to be there! We made an investment so that tickets would be very affordable to purchase for you and the people you want to invite as guests. You can get your tickets for \$25 per person at www.fbcmurray.org/getty. That is a 50-70% discount of what it would usually cost to attend this event. There will also be a training for children's leaders and music ministers in the FLC that day. We are reaching out to churches around the area, and many are already signing their leaders up for that training, at a cost of \$70, which inlcudes one concert ticket. If you have a personal relationship with a church that might be interested in the training workshop, PLEASE reach out to them and let them know that tickets to the public are available at this discounted rate!

Finally, this weekend, October 1-2, is the RENOVATED conference for women. I encourage all women who would like to learn what it means to be a wife according to God's design to attend. The women's ministry of our church, led by Debbie J. Bell and Paula Alcott, is anchored by a passion for God's word, deep discipleship, and one-on-one mentorship opportunities. The stories I have heard about women in our church who have walked with the Lord for decades discipling and mentoring young women who desire to grow in their faith are significant. I encourage every woman in the church to contact Paula or Debbie to see how they can get involved.

In a world that is getting darker and darker, God is shining brighter and brighter through us! His Church is the hope of the world, and our church is a part of that! I pray through the power of the Helper that Jesus will work through us to bring glory to the Father and advance the Kingdom!

For His Glory, Jason



Give blood. Save lives. Do it often. BLOOD DRIVE Wednesday, October 13

5:00-8:30 pm | Room AE310

Our next blood drive is planned for Wednesday, October 13, from 5:00-8:30 pm in Room 310. The procedure usually takes 30-45 minutes. You must be at least 18 years of age and weigh at least 110 lbs. A sign-up sheet is located in the Welcome Center or you may contact Debbie in the church office. Please plan to donate!



#### NOTES FROM <u>MATURE ADULTS GROWING IN</u> <u>CHRIST (SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY)</u> BOYD SMITH

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

The month of October is one of my favorite months of the year. We are scheduled to have our next luncheon at Barkley Lodge on October 25. We will depart from the Family Life Center at 10:30 am. Please sign up by October 20, so that we can give the restaurant an idea of how many to prepare for; it also helps us to know how many buses we need to take, as well as how many drivers we need. We always have a great time and I hope that you will go with us.

#### FIVE MOST IMPORTANT PRAYERS:

David: Search me Moses: Show me Samson: Strengthen me Isaiah: Send me Peter: Save me

My prayer for you is 3 John 1:2, "Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers."

In Christ, Pastor Boyd

# NOTES FROM MUSIC MINISTRY



The event I have been so excited about is just about to happen on October 14. I have been looking forward to our night with Keith and Kristyn Getty for months and months! Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make this happen; it is going to be a wonderful event for Murray. There are still tickets available for \$25! See our church website, www.fbcmurray.org/getty for details. We need to completely fill up our Worship Center for this concert.

We will be hosting a workshop event in the Family Life Center from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on the same day, and it will allow you to participate in a time where you will have the opportunity to be challenged by this wonderful couple and experience even more of their great music. Come and join us for this event. The cost for the workshop is \$70 and includes a ticket to the concert.

We will quickly transition to preparing for Christmas at First Baptist. I have a super book entitled, "Sing Christmas", which had been put on hold due to the pandemic. We will be doing several pieces from this book of sing-alongs on December 19. We will supplement these with solos, instrumentals, and readings. This too, will be a significant time in the life of our church. If you would like to join us as we prepare for this event, we will begin rehearsals on October 17. It will be a fun time together as we sing and fellowship in preparation for this holy season in the life of our church. I am excited about getting this ready, and hope you will join us as we make these preparations.

This is an exciting season at FBC! There are plenty of areas in our church for you to get plugged in to and to serve!

Blessings, Mike



# NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRY

In September, we kicked off a Wednesday 'Theology' class, called First Academy, for students from 4:00-5:00 pm in the FLC. It's going great! Students are learning the deeper truths and doctrines of Christianity.

LifeGroups have gotten off to a great start! We have seven groups (three middle school and four high school) all led by college students and young adults! Continue to pray for the students to experience life change and for effective small groups that will facilitate growth in their spiritual journey.

A LOOK AHEAD – Fall Retreat! November 19-21 @ The Hill, Hardin, KY. \$100 per student.



Wednesdays 4:00-5:00 pm FLC

FIRST ACADEMY

This is a Theology class teaching the major doctrines of the Bible! If you want to go deeper in the Word and learn about your faith, come check it out! Refreshments served! Meets in the FLC. JK teaches through Wayne Grudem's Systematic Theology textbook and other sources.



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

CONTACT JON KYLE IF YOU ARE WANTING TO GET CONNECTED TO A LIFEGROUP!

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** 

**Remind 101 texts** 

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

#### NOTES FROM KIDS1ST MINISTRY RACHEL RIQUELME

It is October! This month brings so much fun. We are not doing Fall Festival this year, but we still want to be intentional about reaching our communities. So, we are asking all of our families and church members to make Trick-or-Treating at your house a priority. What other time of the year do our neighbors come to our doors!? It is such a great opportunity to reach our neighbors with the light of Christ. We are providing some really great giveaways like splat balls, slime, and pop its with our Kids1st information on them and with church brochures. Pick up your own bag of goodies at church beginning October 17 to hand out to your neighbors.

Thursday, October 14: 11:00 am | Kids and Family Hymn Sing in the FLC. Families and their children are invited to join us for 45 minutes in the gym to sing with Kristyn Getty and learn how to incorporate worship in your home.

Wednesday, October 20: 6:00 pm | Kids1st Bake Off! 1st-3rd graders will have a bake off from 6:00-7:30 pm, working in teams to make fun desserts. 4th & 5th graders will compete in Chopped Kids 1st edition.

Sunday, October 31st: 9:45 am-12:00 pm | Kids1st Pumpkin Party. Kids can dress up and join us for a pumpkin party! Games, the pumpkin gospel, and lots of candy and fun!

Our Scope and Sequence helps families keep up with where we are in scripture each week at Kids1st. Pick yours up in the Kids1st area on a Sunday or Wednesday!

#### THE GOSPEL PROJECT FOCUS:

# CREATION IS RUINED

Sin Spread to People- Gen 4–5 God Spared Noah- Gen 6-10 People Rebel Against God- Gen 10:32–11:9 God Made a Covenant with Abraham- Gen 12–20 Melchizedek Blessed Abraham- Gen 14, Heb 5,7



MURRAY KY

PICK UP YOUR TREATS AND

CHURCH INFORMATION ON OCTOBER 17 TO GIVE OUT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ON

HALLOWEEN.





# NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

We still have books on our giveaway table that need new homes! We have several non-fiction books and have recently added some great fiction books to the table. Stop by and grab some books for yourself or to give to a friend. Books will be available through Sunday, October 10.

Our author of the month for October is John Ortberg. Many of John's writings are about "spiritual formation" which is how we become more like Jesus. He brings scripture alive with practical application and warm humor. His books will be on display through October 31.

Parents, please bring your kids by the library on Sunday, October 31 for a special fall treat!

Church Librarian Tina



the a training and discipleship ministry



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

#### GETTY MUSIC PRESENTS

# CHRIST OUR HOPE Keith & Kristyn Getty





#### FALL TOUR 2021

## Thursday, October 14, 2021 7:30 pm FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MURRAY, KY 42071

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

Ticket price | \$25

Purchase your tickets at fbcmurray.org/getty or scan the QR code with your phone's camera.



#### FBC MURRAY COLLEGE DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT OCTOBER 3 | 7:00 PM PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE

Teams of 5 people Deadline to sign up: October 1

Submit your teams to Megan Downey 606-547-8280



#### MOTHER/DAUGHTER RETREAT

#### NOVEMBER 12-13

#### THE HILL, HARDIN, KY

\$110 PER PAIR, \$45 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER

GIRLS IN GRADES K-6

MOMS, GRANDMAS, AND AUNTS ARE INVITED!

**REGISTER AT FBCMURRAY.ORG/KIDS** 

	2020	2021
WMO TOTAL GOAL	\$140,000	\$154,000
INTERNATIONAL		
LOTTIE MOON (INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS)	\$50,000	\$55,000
GLOBAL HUNGER RELIEF (SEND RELIEF)	\$2,000	\$2,200
BRAZIL MISSION TRIP	\$5,000	\$5,500
A.M.O.R.	\$5,000	\$5,500
GIDEONS	\$2,500	\$2,750
SEND RELIEF (FORMERLY BAPTIST GLOBAL RESPONSE)	\$4,000	\$4,400
ZIMBABWE MISSION TRIP	\$1,500	\$1,650
GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP	\$3,000	\$3,300
ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE/MOROCCO	\$3,000	\$3,300
ZIMBABWE DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY	\$3,000	\$3,300
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL	\$79,000	\$86,900
NORTH AMERICA		
ANNIE ARMSTRONG (NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS)	\$14,000	\$15,400
CHRYSALIS INTERVENTIONS	\$1,500	\$1,650
STEVE HALE MINISTRIES	\$1,000	\$1,100
NAVIGATORS	\$3,000	\$3,300
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TOTAL NORTH AMERICA	\$19,500	\$21,450
STATE AND LOCAL		
ELIZA BROADUS (KENTUCKY MISSIONS)	\$7,000	\$7,700
MAIN STREET YOUTH CENTER	\$2,000	\$2,200
SOUP FOR THE SOUL	\$2,000	\$2,200
BAPTIST CAMPUS MINISTRIES	\$9,000	\$9,900
SUNRISE CHILDREN SERVICES	\$7,000	\$7,700
LIFE HOUSE	\$3,000	\$3,300
KENTUCKY DISASTER RELIEF	\$1,000	\$1,100
NEARTOWN RECOVERY	\$1,000	\$1,100
SUMMER IMPACT	\$1,500	\$1,650
TOTAL STATE AND LOCAL	\$33,500	\$36,850
SPECIAL NEEDS	\$8,000	\$8,800
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GRAND TOTAL	\$140,000	\$154,000

### MEET THE CHURCH MEMBERS Clay and Mary Evelyn Goodman



"Clay and I are high school sweethearts! We both graduated from Murray State in 2014 and were married the summer of 2015. After that, we lived in Starkville, Mississippi where Clay was a graduate student at Mississippi State and I taught high school math. After welcoming our first baby girl, Rosy, in 2018, Clay accepted a job teaching at Murray State and we moved back to Western Kentucky. Our second baby girl, Lucy, was born in January of 2020 bringing us to our family of 4! We love being together, and we spend a lot of our time on walks around our neighborhood or on a family hike at I RI I We have been members at FBC for 2.5 years and we teach the

preschool Sunday School class together.

This is our favorite verse in this season of life: Psalm 114:24 "This is the day which the Lord has made; let's rejoice and be glad in it." This season for our family has been full of a lot of changes and adjustments. No matter the struggles or joys of the day or season, it's been so important for us to center our hearts around the Lord. To recognize that this day is the day that He has made and that we should be joyful and thankful to Him! Such a simple message, but a message with a profound effect on our lives if we take it to heart."

-Mary Evelyn Goodman

## **Pray for Hannah Parker**

MISSIONARY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

HANNAH ASKED THE CHURCH TO SPECIFICALLY PRAY THIS PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE OVER HER AND HER TEAM:

"FOR THIS REASON ALSO, SINCE THE DAY WE HEARD THIS, WE HAVEN'T STOPPED PRAYING FOR YOU. WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL IN ALL WISDOM AND SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING, SO THAT YOU MAY WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD, FULLY PLEASING TO HIM: BEARING FRUIT IN EVERY GOOD WORK AND GROWING IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, BEING STRENGTHENED, WITH ALL POWER, ACCORDING TO HIS GLORIOUS MIGHT, SO THAT YOU MAY HAVE GREAT ENDURANCE AND PATIENCE, JOYFULLY, GIVING THANKS TO THE FATHER, WHO HAS ENABLED YOU TO SHARE IN THE SAINTS' INHERITANCE IN THE LIGHT."

COLOSSIANS 1:9-12

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

There are no new members this month.

#### 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 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.

October 6: NO MEAL October 13: sloppy joes October 20: chicken tetrazzini October 27: potato/ham soup

#### **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 Rivieria Courts, sign up at fbcmurray.org!

## CHURCH INFORMATION

#### FINANCES (AS OF AUGUST 31, 2021)

- \$ 936,280.00 Budgeted as of 8/31/2021
- \$ 807,184.85 Budget Receipts as of 8/31/2021
- \$ 844,647.27 Budget Expenditures as of 8/31/2021
- \$ 154,000.00 WMO 2021 Goal
- \$ 49,596.61 WMO Receipts as of 8/31/2021
- \$3,560,989.35 Family Life Center Receipts as of 8/31/2021
- \$ 233,092.06 Family Life Center Borrowed as of 8/31/2021

#### MEMORIALS

#### FINANCIAL

Contributions to the Family Life Center Building Fund have been received in memory of Betty Sue Vinson, Annie Nance, Betty Stewart, and Clark Bush, and in honor of Nancye Shutt.

Contributions to the 2021 World Mission Offering have been received in memory of Betty Sue Vinson.

#### VAN DRIVER

The van driver for the month of October is Ken Ashlock. 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 Ken at 270-227-1835.

#### ATTENDANCE

	8:30 am Service	11:00 am Service	College
August 29	149	314	20
September 5	111	188	NA
September 12	154	236	18
September 19	112	268	22
September 26	126	180	17



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