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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MURRAY, KENTUCKY

July 2020



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

KEITH INMAN

It was so good to see 175 of us gathered this past Sunday, Father’s Day, to experience corporate worship in our FBC Sanctuary. This is certainly down from our average of “615ish” the first ten Sundays of the year. In the summer months, we usually run 475-500 total attendees. However, these are different times and it is understood why many will remain home. I support your decision, knowing we will see each other again.

Speaking of seeing each other, it is truly amazing to think many of us are going MONTHS without actually SEEING one another. And, even as we gathered, masks prevented us from seeing the beautiful faces of our brothers and sisters in Christ. I sure look forward to the end of COVID-19! However, in the meantime, I encourage you to connect with someone. We all need a touch!

Briefly, as a reminder, allow me to share the precautions we took this past Sunday: everyone that arrived received a temperature check at the door, a mask was provided, social distancing was encouraged in the Welcome Center, seating in the Sanctuary was arranged for adequate separation, collection of the offering was at the door (no passing of the plate), and all surfaces were sanitized before and after the services (using a combination of a mist machine and sanitizer wipes). Please know we are seeking to provide the safest atmosphere possible. When the day comes and overflow space is needed, we will use the Family Life Center.

Our church calendar has undergone massive change: cancellations, postponements, and adjustments. We still face some major challenges regarding preparation for Mother’s Day Out and the timing of the return for Sunday School and MidWeek. On the MDO side, our leadership is going the extra mile to meet the state requirements. On the Sunday School/Bible Study small group side, we are keeping in consideration the lead of our local schools and health authorities.

This coming Sunday, June 28, Jason Ellerbrook will be with us in view of a call to serve as our executive pastor. Jason is a man of tremendous character and credentials and will be a great addition to our staff, church, and community. To learn more about Jason, visit fbcmurray.org/pastoral-candidate. I am grateful to Brian Collier, Tim Thurmond, our personnel committee, BFS committee, and deacons for their support during this search process.

FACEBOOK LIVE Q&A SESSION

Get to know the executive/discipleship pastor candidate!

Saturday, June 27
7:00 pm
Facebook Live



Jason Ellerbrook

**SUBMIT QUESTIONS TO
INFO@FBCMURRAY.ORG**



**RSVP FOR ONE OF OUR
JUNE 28 WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:30 am | 11:00 am

fbcmurray.org/rsvp

NOTES FROM M.A.G.I.C. MINISTRY

BOYD SMITH



It has been nearly four months since our last M.A.G.I.C. luncheon. The coronavirus pandemic has been the number one most talked about story since it started. The staff and I are ready for “normalcy” again. It was great to see those who attended the services last Sunday, even with the governor’s restrictions. We made the most of it and enjoyed worshipping together. What a joy it was to have people together for the single purpose of praising our Lord Jesus. Hallelujah to the glory of God!

I inquired about when I would be allowed to make visits in the hospital, nursing homes and assisted living housing and was told that I may be able to start back in July. I want you to know that I’m ready to make home visits in July for anyone who would like a visit. I won’t be offended by anyone who feels uncomfortable with visits yet. So, if you would like a visit please call the church office (270-753-1854) and let us know. It’s past time for me to show you pictures of my newest granddaughter. Love and miss you all!

NOTES FROM MUSIC MINISTRY

MIKE ROSE



It is so good to be back together again! I have missed meeting with you so much. I don’t know when our choir will be singing again, but hopefully it will be in the near future.

We need to begin preparing for Christmas soon. We would normally be preparing as a group sometime around the first of August, but this will not be possible this year. We have purchased many copies of “Sing, Christmas” and have met to begin organizing this music for distribution.

This year’s Christmas program is a sing-along! We have plenty of copies of music, so please let me know if you want to join in by emailing me at mrose@fbc Murray.org. Weekly rehearsals will not be required this year. With it being such an unusual year, I think the sing-along will be a nice way to usher in the Christmas season at FBC. I have plenty of music to share, so join us!

I am asking choir members to begin learning this music on their own. I will soon be distributing the music along with a learning CD with individual parts and a listening CD. If we could get members to begin learning the music on their own, when we are able to meet later this year everyone will be familiar with the music and ready to rehearse as a group!

We do have two projects posted to Facebook and YouTube. The first was the Hymn Sing in April, and the other was the Instrumental Worship Concert we did earlier this month. Thank you so much to all those who participated in these two events. Both of these events allowed us to use music to worship our Lord!

We will be hosting a live Hymn Sing on July 12 at 6:00 pm in our Sanctuary. If you would like to meet and sing with us, we would be happy to have you. If you would rather listen to it on Facebook and YouTube, we certainly understand. We’re thankful technology allows you to listen in and use this medium to worship as you sing with us!

As always, it is such a pleasure to work alongside you as we minister to folks here in Murray, Kentucky! To God be the glory!



HYMN SING

Sunday, July 12

6:00 pm in the Sanctuary



NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRY

JON KYLE ALLRED

Hey everyone! The summer is here and usually we are rolling along pretty fast in student ministry... not this summer. Due to COVID-19 arriving and literally changing our entire summer, we have slowed down a bit. This is not a bad thing! In Philippians 3:13, Paul reminds us to “forget what was in the past and to look forward to what is ahead!” If anyone needs this reminder, it is me. I often have mourned the loss of ministry opportunities, face-to-face gatherings and youth fellowships, one-on-one conversations (in person), etc. Summer is a great time in youth ministry to connect. It is a unique time in the life of the student to strengthen relationships.

Yet, Paul encourages us in God’s Word to “look forward to what lies ahead...” That is my current prayer and attitude! I am ready and willing to listen to what the Lord is saying during these times. I am striving to be humble so that in meekness I am willing to be taught from the Lord during these trying times. How is the Lord speaking to you during these times? I pray we don’t just ‘sit around’ and mourn the loss of ministry and gatherings and relationships! I pray we renew our trust in the Lord. He knows what is best and is in control. Forget the past...forget what your previous plans were...let’s look forward to what God is going to do from here on out!

Party on the Porch:

Each Monday and Tuesday during the month of June, the Impact Team and I visited the homes of students for a time of games, refreshments, and a devotion! We stayed outside and brought ministry to the doorstep of our FBC families. It was so much fun!

Looking Ahead:

July 1 – “Summer Camp at the U!” registration due at noon. Cost is \$300.

July 15 – Mega Rec Day Camp at the Family Life Center (middle school only)

July 16 – Mega Rec Day Camp at the Family Life Center (high school only)

July 20-24 – Summer Camp at the U!

July 28 – “Camp Reset” from 10am-2pm at the Family Life Center (middle school only)

July 30 – “Camp Reset” from 10am-2pm at the Family Life Center (high school only)

To find registration forms and learn more about each event, visit fbcmurray.org/students.

COVID-19 Update

*In conjunction with CDC guidelines and the church staff, the student ministry will not gather collectively until the first MidWeek, which we hope will be in August. As we have small activities and gatherings throughout the summer, we will strive as a youth staff to work responsibly with the health standards that have been set by the CDC and our church staff. If you have any questions about these practices, please feel free to reach out to me at any time. The protection of your child is of utmost importance to us!



July 20-24
Union University

Camp will be filled with corporate worship, group recreational games, and late-night fun! \$300 includes all activities, food, and lodging.

Register by July 1 at noon
fbcmurray.org/students



July 15: Middle School
July 16: High School

To keep your kids safe at MEGA REC Camp, we are meeting in small groups to play low contact games. Games will be played outside, weather permitting.

Sign up at fbcmurray.org/events



Philippians 3:13-14
Forgetting what lies behind
Straining forward to what lies ahead

Join us for a FREE day camp filled with worship, fellowship, Bible teaching, and messy games. Pizza will be served for lunch.

Middle School

July 28

10 am-2 pm

Family Life Center

High School

July 30

10 am-2 pm

Family Life Center

RSVP at fbcmurray.org/students



NOTES FROM KIDS 1ST MINISTRY

RACHEL RIQUELME



July 13: 2nd and 3rd grade
July 14: 4th and 5th grade
July 15: Middle School
July 16: High School

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Sign up at fbcmurray.org/events



SUMMER SUNDAE NIGHT

INTERACTIVE GAMES VIA
ZOOM

JUNE 28 AT 7 PM

MEETING ID: 319 069 8046
PASSWORD: FBCFun

BRING YOUR OWN
ICE CREAM SUNDAE

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

7:30 pm outside the
Family Life Center



Sunday, July 19
and
Sunday, July 26



You're invited!

Women's Zoom Meeting

Thursday, June 25 | 7:00-8:15 pm

Meeting ID: 785 657 2941

Dear Friends,

The Shoulder-to-Shoulder Women's Discipleship Ministry will be having a Zoom meeting this Thursday, June 25, from 7:00-8:15pm. The first 30 minutes will be a time to catch up with each other! If you are like us, you have probably done more cooking in the last 3 months than the last 3 years! Please come prepared to talk about a new recipe you have tried or an old favorite you dug out and made again.

Martha Parker will be teaching on Discipleship Essentials. Martha Riddle, along with Rebecca Burton and Pam Williams, will be sharing testimonies related to the impact of discipleship in their lives.

Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." He also said in John 4:35, "Do not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest. I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.'" Does the harvest seem ripe to you? What do you see? What is your perspective? How deep are your convictions?

As Nathanael said to Philip, we hope you will "Come and see!" Please join with us this Thursday night. We look forward to seeing you!

Yours,

Paula Alcott, Jamie Allred, Debbie J. Bell, Rebecca Burton, Martha Parker, Martha Riddle, Diane Thiede, and Pam Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open to the public Monday-Thursday from 10 am-2 pm. We ask that you limit visits to matters that cannot be handled by email or over the phone. Please wear a mask when entering the church office.

CHURCH LIBRARY HOURS

The church library is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 am-2 pm.

RADIO/TV BROADCASTS

If you are unable to watch our online service, you can tune in to WAAJ-FM 89.7 on Sundays at 11:00 am or on Murray Electric System's channel 15 on Thursdays at 8:00 pm.

RSVP FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

To ensure we do not exceed the 50% seating capacity regulation from the Governor's Office, we are using an RSVP system for our worship services. To RSVP, go to fbcmurray.org/rsvp or call the church office at 270-753-1854. **RSVPs will need to be made each week.** Only one RSVP is needed per household. If the Sanctuary reaches capacity, overflow seating will be available in the Family Life Center. Services will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube at 8:30 am and 11:00 am.

OFFERING

Instead of passing a plate, we will collect an offering at the end of our in-person services using the secure offering collection boxes. When we have benevolent offerings, we will use a separate container. A benevolent envelope will be provided for you when entering the Sanctuary. We ask that you give using a check with "benevolent offering" in the memo line. Offerings can also be mailed to the church office (203 S. 4th St.).

CHURCH INFORMATION

FINANCES (AS OF MAY 31, 2020)

\$ 580,101.00	Budgeted as of 05/31/2020
\$ 535,718.43	Budget Receipts as of 5/31/2020
\$ 495,880.23	Budget Expenditures as of 05/31/2020
\$ 140,000.00	WMO 2020 Goal
\$ 29,553.14	WMO Receipts as of 05/31/2020
\$ 2,760,440.48	Family Life Center Receipts as of 05/31/2020
\$ 1,107,492.85	Family Life Center Borrowed as of 05/31/2020

MEMORIALS

FINANCIAL

A contribution to the Budget has been received in honor of Paul Lyons.

A contribution to the World Mission Offering has been received in memory of Sarah Hussung.

STAY CONNECTED

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July Calendar

Sunday, July 5: Worship Services (8:30 am and 11:00 am)

Monday, July 6: Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 12: Worship Services (8:30 am and 11:00 am)

Sunday, July 12: Hymn Sing (6 pm in the Sanctuary)

Monday, July 13: MEGA REC Camp (2nd & 3rd grade)

Tuesday, July 14: MEGA REC Camp (4th & 5th grade)

Wednesday, July 15: MEGA REC Camp (Middle School)

Thursday, July 16: MEGA REC Camp (High School)

Sunday, July 19: Worship Services (8:30 am and 11:00 am)

Sunday, July 19: Family Movie Night (7:30 pm outside the FLC)

July 20-24: Student Summer Camp at the U

Sunday, July 26: Worship Services (8:30 am and 11:00 am)

Sunday, July 26: Business Meeting (5:30 pm in the Sanctuary)

Sunday, July 26: Family Movie Night (7:30 pm outside the FLC)

Tuesday, July 28: Middle School "Camp Reset" (10 am-2 pm at the FLC)

Wednesday, July 29: First Loves Murray

Thursday, July 30: High School "Camp Reset" (10 am-2 pm at the FLC)

Public Church Office/Library Hours

Church Office: Monday-Thursday, 10 am-2 pm

Church Library: Tuesday & Wednesday, 10 am-2 pm