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Sunday, March 27th

UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS

MID-WEEK EVENTS

Wednesdays, March 2,9,16,23,30
3:30 pm A.S.K 4 Jesus
4:15 pm FBC Kids
5 pm Family Dinner
6 pm Adult Bible Study
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

PRIMETIME TRIP

10 am Thursday, March 3

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

8 am Saturday, March 5

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES

Fri.-Sat. Making Peanut Rolls, March 4-5
5 pm Sunday Night Live, March 6,13,20
7 pm Mon.-Thurs., H.S. Guys Groups
6:30 pm Tuesdays, H.S. Girls Group
Wed.-Sun., H.S. Girls Retreat, Mar. 30-Apr. 3
Mon.-Fri., Guys Grp. Ski Retreat, Mar. 28-Apr. 1
Fri. & Sat., M.S. Retreat, March 11-12

LIGHT KIDS CONFERENCE

7:30 am Saturday, March 12

BUSINESS MEETING

11:15 am Sunday, March 13

ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

9 am Saturday, March 19

CHICKEN & DUMPLING DINNER

11:30 am Sunday, March 20

COMM. GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

12 pm, March 25, Church of the Nazarene

EASTER

Sunday, March 27

6:30 am Sunrise Service, Town Center Park
9 am All Church Breakfast
10 am Easter Celebration
11:15 am Easter Egg Hunt

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JESUS IS RISEN

I heard about a grandfather who wanted to see how much his four-year-old granddaughter knew about the Easter story. He put her on his lap and asked, "Julie, why do we celebrate Easter?" Without hesitating, she said, "Jesus was crucified. After He died, His body was put into a grave. They rolled a big stone in front of the opening. A bunch of soldiers guarded the tomb. On the third day, there was a big earthquake and the stone rolled away."

Grandpa was pleased with how much his granddaughter knew about the Easter story but then she continued, "When the earthquake happened, the entire town came out by the grave. And if Jesus came out and saw His shadow, they knew there would be six more weeks of winter!" At least she had part of the story right. The claim is that Jesus Christ rose bodily from the dead. The Resurrection is the supreme miracle of Christianity -- it's at the very heart of the faith.

Paul said it in 1 Corinthians 15:17: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless." The Resurrection is either one of the most wicked, heartless, vicious hoaxes ever or it is the most fantastic fact of history.

The Bible teaches that after professional executioners crucified Jesus, His corpse was placed in a solid rock tomb. After His body was covered with about 100 pounds of spices, it was extensively wrapped in strips of linen cloth. A very large stone, estimated to weigh about 2 tons, was then rolled in front of the entrance to the tomb. Roman soldiers was assigned to secure the tomb. Matthew 27:66 tells us that in addition to the



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Roman guard, they put an official Roman seal on the stone. Anyone who happened to make it past the Roman soldiers would then have to break this seal.

It is a powerful testimony to the Resurrection of Jesus.

Critics down through the years have not been able to refute the empty tomb -- instead they've come up with other possibilities. Maybe the disciples stole the body? But this seems far-fetched. Christianity rises or falls on the empty tomb. It is the one silent and infallible witness. Critics cannot explain it away.

Multiple Witnesses. The early Christians did not believe Jesus had risen just because of the empty tomb -- they believed because they saw Him with their own eyes. When they talked to others about Jesus, they did

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EXPERIENCE EASTER WITH US AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 20 AT 10:00 AM

FBC Kids will open the service with their usual fanfare on this Sunday before Easter with Bill Boudet speaking from the pulpit. We also will be participating in "One for the Cross" to help the Bald Knob Cross of Hope Fund. Following the service there will be a chicken and dumpling luncheon in the fellowship hall to help raise funds for the summer mission trip to Jamaica. Make plans to attend a day filled with great activities.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

MARCH 25 AT 12:00 NOON

The Murphysboro Ministerial Alliance is planning the Annual Community Good Friday Service. The Church of the Nazarene will be hosting the service and Father Gary of St. Andrew's Catholic Church will be sharing a Good Friday message. This is a community event, everyone is welcome.

EASTER CELEBRATION

MARCH 27, SUNDAY

6:30 AM COMMUNITY SUNRISE SERVICE

TOWN CENTER PARK ON WALNUT ST.

Just as the sun comes up Easter morning, FBC and the Church of the Nazarene are co-hosting a sunrise service at the Murphysboro Town Center Park located next to the Sallie Logan Library. There will be music, a resurrection message, coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts.

9:00 AM THE EASTER BREAKFAST

Everyone is invited to a great breakfast with all the trimmings. Eggs, ham, fruit, pastries, and a lot more. Bring the whole family as well as your friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome.

10:00 AM WORSHIP CELEBRATION

This is a celebration with worship of our Lord and Savior's Resurrection. This year's service is in keeping with that celebration theme with music, scripture readings, and a Message of Salvation and Hope. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to come celebrate with us.

11:15 AM ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Immediately following the worship service, the annual Easter egg hunt will begin on the front lawn. All children are invited to participate as the adults get to watch all the excitement.

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not say, "We found an empty tomb," instead, they said, "We saw Jesus alive!"

The most outstanding proof that Jesus rose from the dead is that more than 515 eyewitnesses saw him on 12 different occasions. Acts 1:3 says that, "After His suffering, He showed Himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a period of 40 days and spoke about the kingdom of God."

Paul, when writing a letter to a group of new Christians, laid it all out in 1 Corinthians 15:3-6: "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep."

Peter writes in Acts 2:32: "God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact." It's interesting that Peter preaches this sermon right in the heart of Jerusalem -- the very city where Jesus was crucified and buried. People knew the tomb was empty and that Jesus had appeared to hundreds of people -- it was verifiable.

Changed Lives. Those who met the Resurrected Jesus have had their lives totally transformed. The Resurrection is validated by the changed lives of His followers. John 20:19-20 lets us in on a scene that would forever change their outlook -- and their lives: "On the evening of that first day of the week [Easter Sunday evening], when the disciples were together with the doors locked out of fear...Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord."

Jesus appeared to them and said, "Peace be with you." This overwhelming peace cut

through their own guilt and feelings of failure. Their fear was replaced with joy. Peter was changed from a coward who had denied Christ three times to a man of rock who became one of the pillars of the new church.

Not only did the resurrected Christ impact this group of individuals, His life-changing power has transformed people from the third decade of the first century down through today. The combined testimony of changed lives attributed to the risen Christ runs into the billions, from every race and tribe and language and nationality in the world. Despite the various intellectual and social backgrounds, believers are united in their conviction that Jesus Christ is alive.

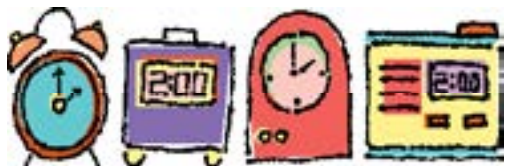
Jesus has changed my life. And, from talking to many of you, I know that He has changed yours as well. His life-changing power is just as available to us today as it was to that group of frightened followers on Easter Sunday night.

After investigating the evidence for the Resurrection, the question ultimately comes down to this: So What? What difference does it make in my life?

The evidence for the Resurrection is overwhelming -- and relevant to your life. The evidence demands a verdict. It's time to make your decision. It's time to encounter the living Christ for yourself. If you want irrefutable proof for the Resurrection, then let Jesus change your life. Open yourself up to Him. Turn to Him now. Embrace the living Lord Jesus.

This article is from a sermon and it gives us the reason for our salvation. We serve a risen Savior who helps us to live a victorious Christian life. Have a wonderful Easter season and the beginning of spring.

Happy Easter. GOD BLESS
Pastor Shaker



IT'S COMING... DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

On Sunday, March 13th, Daylight Savings Time springs forward. Be sure to turn your clocks **forward one hour** before going to bed Saturday night, March 12th. You want to be sure to be on time for church Sunday morning!

"NEW REAL ESTATE PROJECT" NEEDS HELP

FBC recently purchased the house on the corner across the street (324 N. 15th St.). The cost was \$17,000 and an additional \$8,000 is needed to have the house demolished and the disposal of the debris. A generous benefactor has pledged \$2,000 toward the demolition project. Please prayerfully consider help with these costs. If you would like to give, be sure to note on your offering "new real estate project."

OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR JANUARY 2016:

	This Month	To Date
Needed	\$ 29,150.32	\$ 29,150.32
Given	\$ 34,800.40	\$ 34,800.40
Over (Under)	\$ 5,650.08	\$ 5,650.08

FBC HAS A NEW STAFF MEMBER

FBC is pleased to announce that **Jeff Wright** has volunteered to be our new financial secretary. If you have questions concerning your contributions, the church budget or finances, contact Jeff using the office phone number, 687-1769, or e-mail him at jeff@fbcmurphy.org. If you run into Jeff, please be sure to welcome him as our newest staff member.

DEACON CARE TEAM REPORT

Valentines were sent to our shut-ins sharing God's unending love and our Christian love for them.

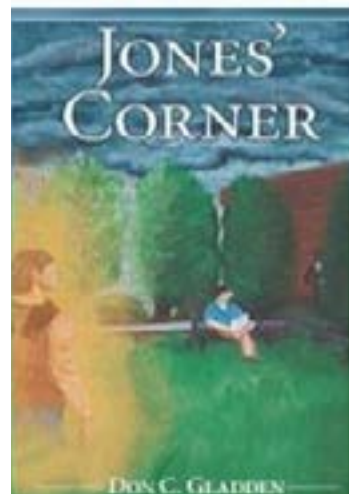
We have 23 individuals we serve. God has truly blessed our church family with God loving, interesting, fun and caring Christian shut-ins.

We gave in remembrance four roses this month to FBC members who lost loved ones.

Lee Kim (former FBC Christian counselor) will do a workshop in April. She will talk about grieving and tragedy. Lee is a caring, interesting teacher who will walk us through the steps with God's healing. Everyone is invited as she takes us through the steps of: loss of loved ones, divorce, loss of a home, tragedy or disasters in life. Please join us.

TRIMESTER BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULED

The trimester business meeting will be **Sunday, March 13th**, immediately following the worship service at approximately at 11:15 am. Please plan to stay.



MURPHYSBORO AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT FBC

On **Sunday, March 13th**, local author, Don Gladden will be the guest speaker during the morning worship service (10 am).

Don has retired from a 25 year career in Christian boardcasting but has moved back to his childhood home, Murphysboro with a new career as a novelist. His book, *Jones' Corner* was published in October and his fiction suspense thriller has received very good reviews.

Don will be sharing his many life experiences as well as how his faith influenced the writing of his novel. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors and give Don a huge FBC welcome.

FBC TO GET A SPRING CLEANING



After a long winter of tracking in dirt and grime into the building... spring is here and it's time for the annual Spring Cleaning and Work Day on **Saturday, March 19th**. It starts at **9:00 am** and be sure to bring your cleaning supplies. The more people to help, the faster the building can be cleaned from top to bottom. If you plan to help, please contact Kathie Grob at 924-7017.

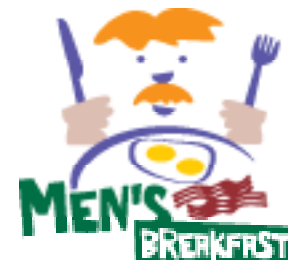
IT'S A MYSTERY...WHERE ARE THEY GOING?

The PrimeTime seniors are in for a surprise. All active senior adults are invited to have a leisurely lunch on **Thursday, March 3rd** at destination unknown. It will be a surprise! The bus will leave the church at **10:00 am**. Lunch will be dutch treat. If you would like to go, the sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or contact the church office to have your name added to the list.



THE MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

The Men's Breakfast Group will be meeting on **Saturday, March 5th, at 8:00 a.m.** in the fellowship hall. All men and their teenage sons and grandsons are welcome to come enjoy the fellowship as well as having a great leisurely breakfast with a light devotional.



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STUDENT MINISTRIES

**HIGH SCHOOL GUYS
ANNUAL SPRING RETREAT**
IN THE
COLORADO ROCKIES

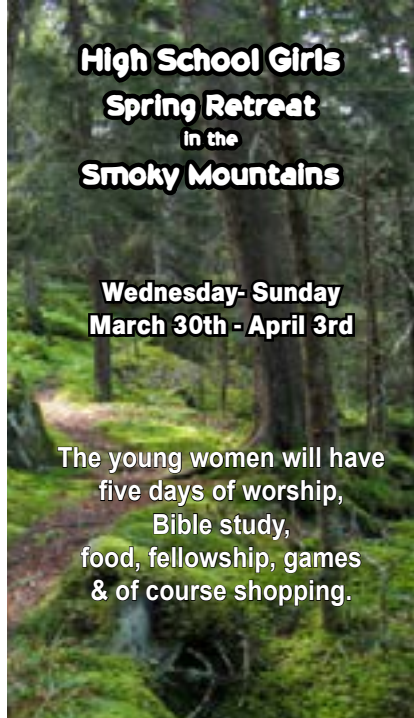
**Monday - Friday
March 28th - April 1st**



The young men will have a week filled with worship, Bible study, food, fellowship & of course skiing & snowboarding

**High School Girls
Spring Retreat**
in the
Smoky Mountains

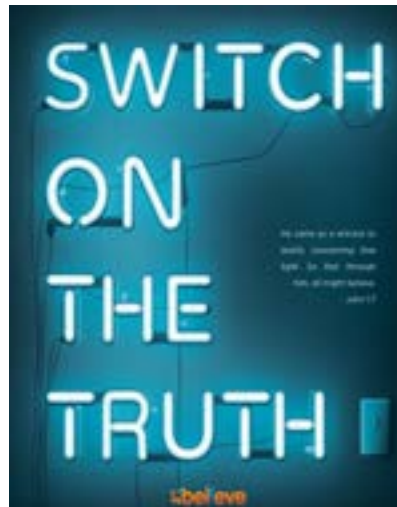
**Wednesday- Sunday
March 30th - April 3rd**



The young women will have five days of worship, Bible study, food, fellowship, games & of course shopping.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

**SWITCH
ON
THE
TRUTH**



Friday-Saturday March 11th-12th
Cost: \$50 + 3 Fast Food Meals
Retreat is in Kansas City, MO

A few sponsorships are still needed: \$150 for guys retreat, \$100 for girls & \$50 for middle school. Please prayerfully consider helping a youth attend their annual retreats. Feel free to contact Jesse Boudet (713-7505) for more details.

PEANUT ROLLS FOR SALE!

A Summer Camp Fundraiser
Cost is \$12 per dozen

**Place your order by contacting Jesse Boudet,
Kristy Dunning or the church office.**

Pickup is March 4th - 5th

Please consider adopting a box of peanuts for \$50.

Powdered sugar & Imperial margarine donations are also needed.



CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS DINNER FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, March 20
11:30 AM - 1 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Everyone is invited to get their fill of FBC's finest chicken and dumplings. (Baptists are known for making the best.) It's all you can eat for a donation, any donation, pay what you think they are worth. Your generosity will help someone go on the summer mission trip. Be sure to show some of that Baptist hospitality and invite your family, friends and neighbors.

**READY
SET
GO!**



FBC KIDS TO ATTEND KIDS CONFERENCE

**Aldersgate UMC
in Marion, IL**

Saturday, March 12
7:30 am - 3:00 pm

Kids 1st through 5th grade will be traveling to Marion for a spirit filled day of fun & learning. The bus will leave the church at 7:30 am and will return at approximately 3:00 pm. If you have questions, please contact Barb Troutman or Marci Boudet.

LIGHT KIDS CONFERENCE
KIDSCONFERENCE.ORG



MARCH IS "AMERICA FOR CHRIST" MONTH

The America for Christ (AFC) Offering 2016 theme—"Discipleship: Becoming More Like Christ" reminds us that service is a way of life for Christ's church. Extending the hope, love and compassion of our Lord to our neighbors and communities is a powerful demonstration that we have been transformed. We must embody the love of our Lord in work and deed. Giving to the AFC offering is one way to show the love all of the above. For your convenience, enclosed with this newsletter is an America for Christ offering envelope.



Nursery Attendants

March 6

Kathie Grob, Ashley Brown,
Heidi Oploh

March 13

Kathie Grob, Cameren Grob
Connor McBride

March 20

Kathie Grob, Elli Oploh,
Taylor Rose

March 27

Kathie Grob, Diane Reader,
Cameren Grob

Unable to help? Please contact
Kathie Grob at 924-7017.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

March 6

Leah Rowe

March 13

Pat & Jan Etherton

March 20

Albert & Trish Boudet

March 27

Keith & Carol Klaine

If you are unable to help, please
contact the church office 687-1769.



MEALS ON WHEELS

March 28 -April 1

Monday

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Gayle Gillmore

Tuesday

Christina Smith & Frank Aldridge
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

Wednesday

Candy Watt & Alice Berry
Mark & Darlene Pautler

Thursday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

Friday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady



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VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our many

GREETERS

March 6

Chuck & Kim Grammer

March 13

Albert & Trish Boudet

March 20

Patsy Roberts & Lou Bigler

March 27

Scott & Tina Evans

If you are unable to help, please
contact Cindy Stamm 319-0781

WELCOME CENTER

March 6

Betty Cox

March 13

Lou Polsgrove

March 20

Albert & Trish Boudet

March 27

Anna Jenkins

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

2	Adrienne Hardwig	15	Tina Shinskey
2	Logan Evans	15	Addilyn Reiman
3	Mindy Byram	16	Christina Oldham
4	Scott Evans	17	David Coleman
4	Amy Reiman	17	Barb Troutman
5	Darrell Verbal	17	Brad Blaise
6	Herb Dougan	18	Trey Troutman
6	Melinda Holland	20	Frank Aldridge
6	Jan Etherton	26	Grant Brown
6	Myah Kelley	27	Jeff Reiman
9	Vivian Murphy	28	Jerry Nance
9	Pat Etherton	29	Jared Blandford
11	Patty Koenig	30	Becky Doerr
12	Patricia Boudet	30	Kylie Martin
14	Ed Miller	30	Rachel Edgar
14	Jonathan Hunziker		