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APRIL UPcoming EVENTS

LIFE'S DISASTER
HOPE & RECOVERY WORKSHOP
10 am Saturday, April 2

DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
9 am Sunday, April 3,10,17,24

CROSSFIRE YARD SALE
7 am Saturday, April 9

PRIMETIME TRIP TO BAR-B-QUE BARN
10 am Tuesday, April 5

MID-WEEK EVENTS
Wednesdays, April 6,13,20,27
3:30 pm FBC Kids Club
5 pm Family Dinner
6 pm Adult Bible Study
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES
2 pm Sunday, M.S. Only, April 3
6 pm Wed., Next Step Youth Class, April 6,13,20
2 pm Sun., Bowling w/ Youth of Area IV, April 10
5 pm Sunday Night Live, April 17
Friday-Saturday Lock-In, April 22-23
7 pm Mon.-Thurs., H.S. Guys Groups
6:30 pm Tuesdays, H.S. Girls Group

AB CHURCH GRR AREA IV GATHERING
2 pm Sunday, April 10

MEN'S STEAK NIGHT DINNER
5 pm Sunday, April 17

COMMUNITY SPRING FESTIVAL
3 pm Sunday, April 24

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APRIL 2016 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

WORSHIP

*"I praise you because I am fearfully
and wonderfully made; your works are
wonderful, I know that full well."*

-Psalm 139-14

Worship is expressing our love to God for who He is, what He said, and what He is doing. When we speak of worship, we are talking about something only believers can do. We magnify God's name in worship by expressing our love and commitment to Him.

There are many appropriate ways to express our love to God, by praying singing, obeying, trusting, giving, listening, testifying and responding to His word. God, not man is the focus and center of worship.

Worship is acknowledging who God is, His holiness, Psalm 99:5, *"Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy,"* the Palmist states He is Holy.

God is loving in John 3:16. His love is willing to put His son on the cross for you and me because our sin separates us from Him.

In Isaiah 57:15-18, God is saying I want you back, I will heal you and guide you. As you read this passage we realize that His love for us is unbelievable. After all the things we have done, He is the only

one who loves us regardless of our state. He wants us to come to Him with a contrite heart and lowly spirit so He can revive us.

Our worship should be reserved for God alone. Jesus says in Luke 4:8, *"It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"*

God is worthy because of His position as king, honor and respect belongs to Him, the God of the universe. Our praise is based on His attributes. David says in Psalm 29:1-2, it is due Him. Jesus also states that if we don't praise God, even the *"stones will cry out"* (Luke 19:40).

God's presence must be sensed in the service. People are won to Christ by feeling God's presence. It is the sense of God's presence that melts hearts to serve Him. Our worship service starts the minute we step into the sanctuary, and we need to leave everything else outside. We have to come with the attitude that without His unmerited grace we are lost. Then it becomes a source of joy to our God. Worship is an attitude of the heart. A person can go through the outward motions but not be worshiping (Psalm 51:16-17, Matthew 5:5-3). God sees the heart, and He desires and deserves sincere, heartfelt praise and worship.

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For pickup, call
Jesse Boudet
at 713-7505



YARD SALE

Saturday, April 9, 7 am - NOON

The Crossfire Youth are sponsoring a yard sale to be held in the back parking lot.

So...Clean out your closets, garages, basements, attics & from under your beds.

Let items that you no longer need become someone's new treasure
& help the FBC Youth go to summer camp

Bring your donated items to the Youth House or church.

Buy early at the Preview Sale Friday evening, April 8th, 5-7:00 pm

Men's Steak Night dinner Sunday, April 17, 5 pm

Speaker: **Congressman Mike Bost**

The FBC Men's Group is rounding up some beef for a feast.

Calling all men...the grills will be hot...

**Do you like your steak rare, medium rare,
medium done, or charcoaled??**

They're fixing them the way you like them!!!

**If you plan to attend, please contact Dan Pullis at 967-4800
by April 13th so he can reserve a steak just for you.**

A donation would be appreciated.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

Dear Church Friends,

As I was reviewing the daily gift report, I saw your gift to Camp Echoing Hills. I want to personally thank you for your support of the ministry Jan and I began almost 50 years ago. Thank you so much for your friendship these past few years. On behalf of Camp Echoing Hills, thank you!!

Rev. D. Cordell Brown
Founder, Camp Echoing Hills

Dear Church Family,

I am so very grateful for all the prayers and phone calls due to the recent heart and shortness of breath scare. Evidently the heart problem detected by my regular physician by EKG was a fluke. When my heart rate is elevated the electrical problem shows up. That's the simple version. So, excuse me, I am to be cool, calm and collect at all times. Ha Ha. However my asthma is an increasing problem. Will check that out with a respiratory specialist soon. Thank you again for your thoughts and prayers.

Gratefully,
Lou Bigler

Church Family,

It was very nice of you to think of us in this time of sadness. Thank you for the lovely rose, kind and thoughtful words and all your prayers. They were a comfort to us.

God bless you all,
Linda & Jeff Wright

The family of Gene Crawshaw acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you so much for the floral arrangement and prayers.

The Crawshaw Family

Dear FBC,

Thank you so much for the food. It really means so much as I was dreading cooking. Just boiling an egg and peeling it or making oatmeal is a job. I can not eat much at each meal so I have a lot of mini meals. I had potato salad, some beans, and a half piece of angel food cake after Carolyn brought it. All this food will last me about 5 days. I appreciate you thinking of me.

Love,
Kathryn Etherton

Pastor Shaker and the FBC Family,

We were deeply touched by the funeral message you delivered for Aunti. She was such a loving, serving person and will be sorely missed by her family and friends. Thank you for honoring her and capturing her servant's heart and such heartfelt words. Thank you to the church family for the meal provided and all their prayers. God bless!

Family of Helen Williams

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We must be willing to humble ourselves before God. Surrender every part of our lives to His control and adore Him for who HE is, not just what He has done. Worship is a life style, not just an occasional activity. Jesus said the father is seeking those who will worship Him, "in spirit and truth" (John 4:23).

I hope each time we step into the worship service we will come prepared to give God glory and honor because it belongs to Him. God Bless.

In Christ's steps,
Pastor Shaker

Crossfire

STUDENT MINISTRIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

2016 SUMMER CAMP

June 19-24 SAVE THE DATE!

MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY EVENT

Sunday, April 3rd

YARD SALE

Saturday, April 9th

ABC/GRR Area 4 BOWLING EVENT

Sunday, April 10th – 2-7 pm

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Sunday, April 17th – 5-8 pm

LOCK-IN

Friday, April 22nd - Saturday, April 23rd

NEXT STEPS

Baptism/Membership

Classes for Youth

Wednesdays in April

@ 6 pm

Got Questions?

Jesse Boudet – Youth Pastor

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JUNE 12-16

SUNDAY - THURSDAY

LIFE'S DISASTERS ...

Hope

& RECOVERY

WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 10 am
at the **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Featured Speaker: Dr. Lee Kim, Ph.D.

Divorce, Death, Loss of a Relationship, Caregiver,
Children in Trouble, Health Issues, Job Loss,
Financial Issues, Loss of Home,
Family Problems, Natural Disaster, ...

Have you experienced a disaster?
What happens when your life changes forever?
How do you cope? How do you manage your own
struggles while trying to console others?

This workshop will discuss the stages of disaster recovery.
It will help you identify your current stage,
what will help during each stage of recovery and
will prepare you for the next stage.

If you have experienced a life altering event, and you need
to know how to cope and understand why you feel the
way you do, please take the time to join the discussion
and learn how you can recover.

MURPHYSBORO MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE IS SPONSORING...



Community SPRING FESTIVAL

Sunday, April 24, 3-5:00 pm

Murphysboro Youth Center

on Walnut Street next to the Sallie Logan Library

FBC IS STARTING A LENDING LIBRARY



We are excited to announce that the Church is establishing a lending library that will be located in the choir room behind the sanctuary. The idea behind the library is that each of us can have a part in creating it by donating Christian books and/or novels to fill the shelves. Many of us have books that have been sitting on our bookshelves at home that we've read and don't know what to do with, so why not donate them and share them with others in our church?

If you are interested in contributing to this effort, please contact Judy Rawls (534-2480) or Carol Brown (687-4875) to let them know you have books to donate.

We are also in the process of creating a library committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Judy or Carol and let them know you would like to help.



PRIMETIME IS ON THE ROAD TO HARRISBURG

Spring is in the air and the PrimeTime seniors will be on the road to the Bar-B-Que Barn in Harrisburg on **Tuesday, April 5th**. 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. All active senior adults are welcome.



DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

SUNDAYS, APRIL 3, 10, 17, 24

9:00 AM IN PASTOR SHAKER'S OFFICE

Have you accepted Christ as your Savior and would like to be baptized? Do you want to learn more about the FBC family of faith? Do you know who the Baptist are or what it means to be a Baptist? If so, this is the class for you. If you are interested in being a part of this study group, please contact Pastor Shaker.

Taking this class does not obligate you in any way.



ANNUAL GATHERING OF AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES GREAT RIVERS REGION AREA IV

The annual AB Churches of the GRR Area IV gathering is at the Crainville Baptist Church in Carterville on **Sunday, April 10th**, with registration at **2:00 pm**. The speaker will be Chris Lash, Director of University Ministries and Rev. Paul Gibson, the Executive Minister of ABC/GRR.

Dinner will be served at 5:15 pm. The FBC Choir will be leading the music for the evening worship at 6:00 pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Shaker to make your reservations.





April 3

Kathie Grob, Ashley Brown,
Heidi Oploh

April 10

Kathie Grob, Connor McBride
Cameren Grob

April 17

Kathie Grob, Elli Oploh,
Taylor Rose

April 24

Kathie Grob, Diane Reader,
Cameren Grob

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

April 3

Clif & Judy Penrod

April 10

Dale Blaise Family

April 17

Vic & Patty Koenig

April 24

Jeff & Linda Wright

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



MEALS ON WHEELS

April 25-29

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

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Jane Beese & Alice Berry



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VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our many

GREETERS

April 3

Ed & Terri Miller

April 10

Bill & Kim Oploh Family

April 17

Gene & Carole Ebersohl

April 24

Matt & Elaine Hardwig

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

WELCOME CENTER

April 3

Vic & Patty Koenig

April 10

Glenann Kiel

April 17

Ed & Terri Miller

April 24

Jeff & Linda Wright

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

2	Ruth Attig	18	Jim Wright
3	Nicolette Samuel	18	Tina Mileur
5	Megan Graeff	19	Ty Schwarz
6	Mikah Mifflin	19	Dorothy Welch
6	Merryn Elliott	21	Shirley Hardwig-Winter
8	Kim Halliday	21	Dalton Marnati
9	Ryan Karg	23	Earl Creath
10	William Hamby	23	Chase Stamm
10	Debbie Davis-Murrie	25	Emily Boudet-Reiman
11	John Edgar	26	Willette Yearian
13	Tim Sims	27	Brian Baggott
14	Austin Hardwig	30	Leila Reiman
15	Brittany Jones		
15	Ellee Doerr		
16	Joan Mifflin		
17	Lindsey Blaise		
17	Jimmy Holland		

