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Upcoming Events in May

FBC KIDS FAMILY PARK HOPPING
11:15 am Sunday, May 1

PRIMETIME TRIP
ALONGI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT
10:30 am Tuesday, May 3

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & LUNCHEON
12 pm Thursday, May 5
Community Service,
Davis McCann Civic Center

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES
Wednesdays, May 4, 11
3:30 pm A.S.K. 4 Jesus
5 pm Family Dinner
6 pm FBC Kids
6 pm Bible Study w/ Pastor
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR
Wednesdays, May 4, 11, 18
6 pm Bible Study w/ Pastor

MOTHERS' DAY
Sunday, May 8

GRADUATION SUNDAY
10 am Sunday, May 22

MEMORIAL DAY
Monday, May 30
Church Office Closed

FBC MURPHY

Connect. Grow. Go.

MAY 2016 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

STEWARDED CREATIVITY

In the words of author Michele Shea, "Creativity is...seeing something that doesn't exist already. You need to find out how you can bring it into being and that way be a playmate with God."

Playing with God? What an odd concept! It is especially jarring to present the notion in this solemn book dedicated to the mystery of human suffering. If you wouldn't be inclined to pair God with frivolity in the same thought, the idea may even seem to smack of sacrilege. But consider a sampling of God's words to Job.

"Who let the wild donkey go free? Who untied its ropes?... It laughs at the commotion in the town; it does not hear a driver's shout." (Job 39:5,7)

"The wings of the ostrich flap joyfully, though they cannot compare with the wings and feathers of the stork... She treats her young harshly, as if they were not hers; she cares not that her labor was in vain, for God did not endow her with wisdom or give her a share of good sense. Yet when she spreads her feathers to run, she laughs at horse and rider."

(Job 39:13, 16-18)

"Can you pull in Leviathan with a fish-hook or tie down its tongue with a rope? Can you put a cord through its nose or pierce its jaw with a hook? Can you make a pet of it like a bird or put it on a leash for the young women in your house?" (Job 41:1-2,5)



As God describes his creation, note the colorful language and clever word pictures. It is even possible to see the subtle humor. God's attitude toward his servant's pain is certainly not flippant or facetious, but he does direct Job to think about incongruities and mysteries of life.

Are you able to appreciate the glimpses of humor

and joy that often punctuate life's circumstances, even the times of grief or sorrow? Seeing more than just the bleak picture is one way in which creativity brings depth to our experiences. When we allow ourselves to fully embrace the world as it is--often confusing, nonsensical or contradictory--creativity helps us to make sense of the human condition.

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Kids & Youth Camp Sponsorship

Hi There,

We are excited about another year of summer camps! The opportunities and experiences that our students and children take away from these camps can make a huge difference in their lives.

We hope you see the value in what we do for the kids and students in our community. Our hope is to see each and every one be able to go. Every year we see many make decisions to both follow Jesus and grow closer to Him.

As you can imagine, these camps require your support both prayerfully and financially. This year our goal is to take 70 people! This will cost right around \$23,000. After asking parents to pay half of the cost of camp, we still need help with the rest. If you can support us in any way that would be amazing! Please pray about it.

This year camp will be on Kentucky Lake. Youth Camp is June 19th -24th and Kids Camp is July 13th -16th.

If you would like to take part in this endeavor, please choose an envelope on this sponsorship wall. We have many to choose from! Simply put the amount in the envelope and place it in the offering plate. We will reach our goal by clearing this board!

Thank you so much for prayerfully considering sponsoring a child or student! May God bless you for your time and support!

FBC Kids and Crossfire Student Leadership



Check out the Sponsor Wall located in the sanctuary & help a child go to camp!

2016 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL AND MINISTRY TEAMS

Outreach & Evangelism

Judy Rawls, Vicki Ardrey, & Elaine Hardwig

Missions

Emily Reiman & Kristy Dunning

Children & Adult Discipleship

Carol Brown

Youth Discipleship

Brian Schuman & Kristy Dunning

Staff Relation & Policies

Vic Koenig

Finance & Stewardship

Kevin Lipe

Buildings & Grounds

Darrell Ewbank & Judy Rawls

Special Events

Terri Miller & Elaine Hardwig

Worship Ministry Team

Kevin Lipe & Vicki Ardrey

College Group Discipleship

Kristy Dunning & Gina Hunziker

Kitchen & Dinner Team

Terri Miller & Gina Hunziker

Strategic Action

Vicki Ardrey

Nominating

Brian Schuman

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If God saw fit to incorporate humor, joy and creativity into the natural world, doesn't it follow that he would take delight in our own use and appreciation of these elements of life. "A cheerful heart is good medicine," (Proverbs 17:22). The medical profession still prescribes a combination of humor and hope as the best medicine.

(Taken from the Stewardship Study Bible; Zondervan, Copyright 2009 Stewardship Council, Cert. #SCS-COC-000648.)

WORDS OF APPRECIATION TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

The family of Kathryn Etherton acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

Thank you all so much for the flowers you sent for my mother's service.

Sincerely,
Gary Lawhorne

To My First Baptist Family,

Thank you everyone for your prayers, cards, visits, calls and flowers during my recent surgery. Every act of care has blessed me.

Judy Penrod

OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR MARCH 2016:

	This Month	To Date
Needed	\$ 27,221.20	\$ 88,468.90
Given	\$ 26,828.03	\$ 90,398.77
Over (Under)	\$ (393.17)	\$ 1,929.87

Calling All Kids 3 years old - 5th grade

Expedition NORWAY

Vacation Bible School
June 12 - 16
Sunday-Thursday

Family Kickoff Night
5 - 6:30 pm Sunday June 12
5 pm VBS...then at 6 pm Finger Food
June 13-16, 9 am-noon Monday-Thursday
Register today at www.fbcmurphy.org

Crossfire STUDENT MINISTRIES

LOCK in

All Middle & High School Students

LOCK-IN

May 20-21

7 pm Friday - 7 am Saturday

\$15 per person

Food...Gross Games...Give-a-Ways...Run-Around Games...

Music...Video Games...Movies

Register by texting Moses Gary @ 618.713.7118

MILES FOR MISSIONS



5K RUN FUNRAISER

SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH

Riverside Park, Murphysboro

Check In: 7 am

Race Begins: 8 am

Register online at www.fbcmurphy.org

\$20 EARLY Registration by MAY 20th includes t-shirt

\$25 Registration AFTER May 20th

Got questions...contact Kristy Dunning at 618.534.3054

Proceeds go to the 2016 Jamaica Summer Mission Trip



MURPHYSBORO CHURCHES LOOKING FOR LOCAL MISSION PROJECTS

There are many people in our Murphysboro community who could use the same kind of assistance that we do on our summer missions trips. Berean Christian Church and FBC have come together to create a team to do local missions outreach. They would like to start helping in the community as soon as possible. If you know of someone who needs help with house repairs, painting, yard work, etc., please contact Kristy Dunning at (618) 534-3054.

PRIMETIME TO ENJOY THE SPRING SCENERY



Calling all active senior adults. PrimeTime will be traveling to DuQuion for a leisurely lunch at the Alongi's Italian Restaurant on **Tuesday, May 3rd**. The bus will leave the church at **10:30 am**. Lunch is dutch treat. The ride to DuQuion will be filled with the sights of spring...trees budding and flowers blooming. If you would like to go, the sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Our nation is in need of God's direction and power as our country struggles with violence, sin, and the Godless direction our society is taking. We need everyone to come together on this day to pray together in one voice, asking for our Lord's help.

The Murphysboro Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring the National Day of Prayer Community Service on **Thursday, May 5th**, at **12:00 noon** at the Davis McCann Civic Center on 14th St. There

will be a sack lunch provided.

This will be a community event with all the Murphysboro churches and community leaders participating together to pray for our community, families and our nation.

Graduation Sunday May 22nd 10:00 am



A special time during the morning worship service on **Sunday, May 22nd** will be dedicated to our church family graduates.

Middle school, high school, college and military graduates who are an active part of our church will be honored for their academic accomplishments. We would hate to forget someone, so if you know of a middle school, high school, college or military graduate that is active in our church family and should be recognized, please contact Terri Miller at 713-6888. We would like to honor each student by telling a little bit about the school activities and/or awards they may have received.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this wonderful service which will be filled with many blessings.

MAY SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

The school year is drawing to a close and FBC Wednesday night line up will change. FBC Kids Club will meet on **May 4th** and will conclude for the summer on May 11th. **May 11th** will be the last FBC Kids Club on Wednesdays until school starts in the fall. Monday Fun Day will begin on June 6th from 12:00 noon to 4:30 pm. Several events are being planned for the Monday Kids Club, so be sure to watch your "Bapties" and Sunday bulletins for the upcoming details.

Family Dinner will be served on **May 4th, 11th, and 18th**. May 18th will be the last dinner for the summer and the meals will begin again when the children go back to school in August. There will be a Wednesday Night Activities Kick-Off, so watch for the announcement and date.

Bible Study w/ Pastor will be **meeting on May 4th, 11th, and 18th** and Pastor is hoping to complete the study on Luke on May 18th. If for some reason, the study is not completed by that date, it will meet one more time on June 1st. There will be no study on May 25th--Pastor Shaker will be visiting his family in Ohio. After the completion of the book of Luke, Bible Study w/ Pastor will be taking a summer break.

MOTHER'S DAY IS A SPECIAL DAY AT FBC



It's always wonderful when we here at FBC can have a special service. The Mother's Day Worship (**Sunday, May 8th**) is just that kind of service. It's all about the uniqueness of mothers' love.

All mothers will be honored and we have a special little gift for each.

Give your mother the best gift possible by sitting in the pew next to her on Mother's Day...she will love it!!!



MONDAY, MAY 30



CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

The church office will be closed **Monday, May 30th**, so the staff may spend the Memorial Day holiday with their families. In case of an emergency, please contact Sue Lynn Johnson, Lou Polsgrove or one of the Deacons. Have a safe and blessed holiday!!

IN THE NURSERY

May 1

Kathie Grob, Ashley Brown,
Heidi Oploh

May 8

Kathie Grob, Connor McBride,
Cameron Grob

May 15

Kathie Grob, Elli Oploh,
Taylor Rose

May 22

Kathie Grob, Diane Reader,
Cameron Grob

May 29

Kathie Grob

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

May 1

Matt & Melinda Guthman Family

May 8

Buddy & Helen Payne

May 15

Ed & Terri Miller

May 22

Clif & Judy Penrod

May 29

Chuck & Kim Grammer

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



MEALS ON WHEELS

May 23-27

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



POST THIS ON YOUR
REFRIGERATOR!

GREETERS

May 1

Anna Jenkins & Judy Raines

May 8

Angela Barke & Lauren Martin

May 15

Scott Hunziker & Valerie Lipe

May 22

Rodney & Carol Brown

May 29

Jeff & Linda Wright

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

WELCOME CENTER

May 1

Murl Johnson

May 8

Judy Raines

May 15

Matt & Elaine Hardwig

May 2

Scott & Tina Evans

May 29

Sherri Schimpf

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!

4	Ron Eastwood	25	Sue Lynn Johnson
5	Justin Stilley	25	Harry Allard
10	Sebastian Smith	26	Krista Elliott
11	Laura Wright	27	Debbie Burroughs
14	Terra Troutman		
17	Morgan Mifflin		
18	Timothy Sanchuk		
20	Pansy Jones		
21	Linda Coleman		
21	Monica Kirkpatrick		
22	Philip Hunziker		
22	Melissa Brady		
24	Melba Mifflin		
25	Koral McBride		



VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our many