





Upcoming EventsinSeptember

LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Monday, September 5

PRIMETIME TRIP TO PIONEER CABIN 10:30 am Thursday, September 8

COMMUNION SERVICE AT RIVER TO RIVER 5:30 pm Thursday, September 8

APPLE FESTIVAL EVENTS SEPT. 13-17

12 noon Tuesday, Carnival Workers Luncheon 7 am Wednesday, Prayer Breakfast 6:30 pm Wednesday, Gospel Sing 8 pm Wednesday, Youth Praise Band performing 3:30 pm Friday, Kiddie Parade 11 am Saturday, Grand Parade

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Wednesdays, September 7,21,28 3:30 pm FBC Kids Club 3:30 pm Crossfire Youth 5 pm Family Dinner 6 pm Bible Study w/ Pastor 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES

5:30 pm Monday, M.S. Girls Sept. 12,19,26 6:30 pm every Tuesday, H.S. Girls, 7 pm every Tuesday, H.S. Guys 3:30 pm Wednesday, Crossfire, Sept 7,21,28 9 pm Friday, Laser Tag Lock In, September 9 11:30 am Sunday, M.S. Scavenger Hunt, Sept. 18

> **BLOCK PARTY & TALENT SHOW** 11:30 am Sunday, September 25

BE STILL & KNOW EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN CONFERENCE

6-8 pm Friday, September 30 8:30 am-4:30 pm Friday, October 1



MISUNDERSTANDING

"I know that the Lord secures iustice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy. Surely the righteous will praise your name, and the upright will live in your Psalm 140:12-13 NIV presence."

Have you ever been misunderstood? When you are misunderstood, you have no defense. Sometimes it's downright

unbearable. Sometimes vou have said something innocently and others have taken it wrong. When you try to correct the misunderstanding it usually gets worse. The harder you work, the worse it gets. It is sometimes paralyzing.

Recently I read a story in Charles Swindols book, Three Steps Forward, Two Steps Back!

There was a young attorney in Texas who worked for a big law firm. Traditionally the boss gave a turkey to each of the employees during Thanksgiving season. The young attorney did not have a family so he did not know what to do with it for several years. One year his close friends replaced his turkey with one made of papier-mache and

weighted it with lead to make it feel genuine and attached a real turkey head and tail. But it was a bogus bird through and through.

Later that afternoon the young attorney took his bird and got on a bus to go home. He was wondering what he was going to do with it. Along came a man who looked discouraged and down, and sat beside him. The attorney felt bad for the gentleman so

> he gave it to him to take it to his family for the holiday. He got off the bus and waved goodbye to the attorney and said "God bless you. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. I will never forget vou." Can you picture this man going home to his family and begin to unwrap the brown paper, only to find a fake bird with a real head and tail of a turkey. The next Monday the

friends of the attorney were dying to find out what he did with the bird, and when they heard the story they were ashamed and went each day looking for the gentleman on the bus so they could clear up the misunderstanding.



"It never tails...Every time I teach on David and Golfath there're a few kids who think they have license to go have and pulverize their big beathers."



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You know that was just a story, but in the Bible we have misunderstandings about David. Read 1 Samuel 18:5-9, "Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the troops, and Saul's officers as well. When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres. As they danced, they sang: "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands."

Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" And from that time on Saul kept a close eye on David."

David had finished killing Goliath, the giant. He was just a boy. So Saul asked David to do some things for him and he was successful. He did not know the people were making folk songs of David's victories and compared it to Saul.

Saul misunderstood that David was after his throne and kingdom. David was not looking for anything but following orders. But Saul interpreted it wrong.

Jesus was misunderstood many times.

What do we do when we are misunderstood? David in Psalm 14:6 says, "O Lord, "You are my God." Hear my cry, I count on you." We need to do the same, ask God to take care of it because in misunderstandings assumptions are made, imaginations run wild and we can never defend this. But God can and will. God will be our defender.

When we turn it over to God, he will

take care of it and give you peace. God has a way of changing our bad situations into good endings. We also learn through misunderstandings and grow.

"How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you." Psalm 139:17-18 NIV A wonderful promise!

Have a wonderful beginning for fall.

God Bless, Pastor Shaker

DEACONS REPORT

The Deacon Care Team is the connection between our shut-ins, and FBC. We stay connected to those who are members of FBC. They once were teachers, on committees, prayed and worshipped with all of us. They are visited in their homes and when they are in the hospital. We send cards, make phone calls and serve communion to them. They receive birthday cards on their special day. We pray, laugh, cry and keep them updated on what is happening.

Four times a year we go to River to River Assisted Living to have a service with communion.

There are currently 5 couples, 4 men and 11 women who are served. They are a joy to serve!

We continue to help our church family when a financial need arises, and to those in our community which your generous donation on Communion Sunday helps. Thank you!

We care so much for our shut-ins. COME JOIN OUR TEAM!



9 pm friday & Saturday september 9 - 10

All middle and high school students and their friends are invited for a night filled with fun, fun, fun on **Friday, September 9th**. At approximately 10 pm, everyone will be loaded into the church bus (& van if needed) to travel to Belleville for a night of unlimited laser tag, unlimited arcade games, soda and pizza at "Lazer Rock." The cost is \$20 per person. If you would like to go, be sure to contact Jesse Boudet at 713-7505 by the deadline of Wednesday, September 7th. Registration and consent forms must be completed.

It's SMALL GROUPS FOR CROSSFIRE

Middle School Girls

5:30 RW. EXERY MONRY

3M THE FELLOWSHIR HALL

High School Girls
6.30 RM. EXERY THESPRIX.
3N THE FELLOWSHIR HOLL

High School Boys
7 RM. EXERY THE SPAN
AT THE NEUTH HOUSE

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY



The church office will be closed **Monday**, **September 5th**, so the staff may spend the holiday with their families. In case of an emergency, Pastor Shaker can be reached at home. Have a great and safe Labor Day!!





LUNCHEON PLANNED FOR CARNIVAL WORKERS

A luncheon is being planned for the Apple Festival Carnival workers and vendors on **Tuesday, September 13th, at 12:00 noon.** If you would like to help, please contact DeAnn Stilley at 687-2494.

ENJOY AN EVENING OF GOSPEL MUSIC AT THE APPLE FESTIVAL

The Apple Festival Gospel Sing will be on **Wednesday, September 14th,** starting at **6:30 pm**. The concert will be on the Apple Town Stage at the corner of Spruce and 13th Street.

For the first time our **FBC Youth Praise Band** will be performing on the grand stand during the gospel sing at approximately 8:00 pm. Be sure to be there to support these talented and wonderful young adults. They will bring their spirit filled energy and the audience will love them as much as we do.

All the evening's entertainment is free but don't forget your lawn chairs for the most comfortable seating.

APPLE FESTIVAL PRAYER BREAKFAST TICKETS AVAILABLE

The Murphysboro Ministerial Alliance is inviting everyone to help kick off a great Apple Festival celebration by attending the annual Apple Festival Prayer Breakfast. This year's breakfast will be held at the Davis McCann Civic Center on **Wednesday, September 14th, at 7:00 am.**

A donation of \$5 at the door would be appreciated.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

There will be **NO** FBC Kids Club, Crossfire Youth, Family Dinner and Bible Study with Pastor on Wednesday, September 14th, so everyone can attend and enjoy the Apple Festival Gospel Sing. All activities will resume on September 21st.

OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR JULY 2016:

	This Month	<u>To Date</u>
Needed	\$ 29,489.75	\$ 215,070.11
Given	\$ 31,572.66	\$ 206,999.54
Over (Under)	\$ 2,082.91	\$ (8,070.57)

PRIMETIME ON THE ROAD AGAIN!



PrimeTime will be on the road **Thursday, September 8th** to travel to the Pioneer Cabin in Willisville for a leisurely lunch. Lunch is dutch treat. The bus will leave the church at **10:30 am.** 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. All active senior adults are invited.



COMMUNION AT RIVER TO RIVER ASSISTED LIVING

Our Deacon Team is planning their quarterly Communion Service at the River to River Assisted Living facility on **Thursday**, **September 9th at 5:30 pm** in the east building. Everyone is invited to be a part of the service. The residents love having the fellowship, so please plan to attend.



ABC-GRR 49TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region will be gathering for their 49th Annual Assembly at the Thelma Keller Convention Center at the Holiday Inn in Effingham, Illinois on **Friday and Saturday, September 23rd-24th**. Pastor Shaker is planning to attend for the Saturday session. If you would like to know more about the conference or would like to attend, please contact Pastor Shaker or the church office for the registration forms and itinerary.

WORLD MISSION OFFERING IS RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL WORLDWIDE



Your gifts to the World Mission Offering help to raise up, place and send new global servants and volunteers to reach and touch lives for Jesus around the world. They also help to fill gaps for those workers who haven't yet reached their support goals, enabling crucial ministries to continue. Your gifts help support International Ministries' more than 240 global partners who are actively sharing God's message of hope, love and healing with a lost and hurting world. Your

gifts help recruit and train new global workers, open up new global mission fields, respond to global disasters with relief and development funds through One Great Hour of Sharing and much more.



September 4

Kathie Grob Heidi Oploh

September 11

Kathie & Cameren Grob, Connor McBride

September 18

Kathie Grob, Elli Oploh, Rose Taylor

September 25

Kathie Grob, Diane Reader, Hannah Sims

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

September 4

Dale Blaise Family

September 11

Vic & Patty Koenig

Septermber 18

Matt & Melinda Guthman Family

September 25

Ed & Terri Miller

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



GREETERS

September 4

Albert & Trish Boudet

September 11

Patsy Roberts & Lou Bigler

September 18

Ed & Terri Milelr

September 25

Scott & Tina Evans

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

WELCOME CENTER

September 4

Murl Johnson

September 11

Judy Raines

September 18

Scott & Tina Evans

September 25

Matt & Elaine Hardwig

MEALS ON WHEELS September 26-30

Monday

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady Gayle Gillmore

Tuesday

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady Christina Smith & Frank Aldridge

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

Meghan Blechle

Darrell Ewbank

Lynn Brady

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HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

1	Caitie Grither	24	Ernie Miller
3	Mitzi Summers	24	Jeff Wright
4	Lauren Martin	24	Karissa Lemons
6	Bob Heiple	25	Don Rahming
8	Kathie Grob	25	Ron Rahming
10	Hannah Sims	27	Kristy Dunning
11	Adam Coleman	29	T.J. Reiman
13	Keith Davis		
13	Valerie Kerns		
14	Leanna Schnautz	_	
15	Kim Grammer	C	elebrating
17	Mary Faston	\sim	CICUIALITIE

