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## OCTOBER EVENTS

### EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN CONFERENCE

9 am Saturday October 1

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

October 5,12,19,26

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

11:15 am M.S. Scavenger Hunt, October 2

3:30 pm Every Wednesday, Crossfire Youth

5:30 pm Every Monday M.S. Girls Group

6:30 pm Every Tuesday H.S. Girls Group

7 pm Every Tuesday, H.S. Guys Group

4 pm Family Bonfire & Weiner Roast, October 30

### COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT

at Longfellow Park

5 pm Tuesday, October 4

### PRIMETIME TRIP

10:00 am Tuesday, Cape Girardeau, MO, October 4

### FBC KIDS

### FAMILY BONFIRE & WEINER ROAST

at Rodney & Carol Brown's Home

5 pm Sunday, October 9

### CHICKEN & DUMPLING FUNDRAISER DINNER

11:30 am Sunday, October 23

### TRUNK 'N TREAT

11:15 am Sunday, October 30

### FBC TRICK OR TREAT OUTREACH

5-8 pm Monday, October 31



### "CALL ME" -GOD

*"This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it—the Lord is his name: 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'"*

- Jeremiah 33:2-3 (NIV)

The passage helps us to ponder and reflect what God can do:

1. We are to call. (pray)
2. We are to expect an answer.
3. We are to know the unknown.

Most of us are not patient; we want our circumstances to go away or solved quickly rather than finding out what God wants to teach us or show us great things through the situation we are in. There is a purpose in the middle of our trials. It forces us to have faith on what God is teaching us through HIS word (scripture). Sometimes God wants us to focus on recognizing who is the source of all things in our life. Our security should come from God, not on money, friends or family but GOD. This is very hard because our culture again and again stresses that if we don't do things for ourselves no one is going to do it for us, which is totally against what God wants from us, complete faith and trust in



HIM. When we do this, our focus is on God and not ourselves.

God wants us to come to Him first. He loves for us to come to Him because the word says He is the author of our lives, Jeremiah 33:2. He created the earth and established it. We need to remember as Charles Stanley says, "The shortest distance between our problems and their solutions is the distance between our knees and the floor."

First we call (pray), secondly God answers. Verse 3, "*Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.*" God will not disappoint us. When HE says He will do something HE WILL KEEP HIS PROMISES.

It is not a question of will He answer? but what? we want to hear. Yes, that is our expectations when He doesn't answer the way we want. We think God has ignored our request but it is not true. His answers are, yes, wait, no--it is one of the three.

Just because we did not hear from God, we start to think, maybe we are not living right or guilty of things we have done, etc. God is sovereign. He has the right to do

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

# CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS

## DINNER FUNDRAISER

to benefit 2017 Summer Mission Trip

**SUNDAY, October 23rd**

**11:30 AM - 1 PM**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**



It's said that chicken and dumplings sooth the soul...a true comfort food and Baptists are known for making some of the best. Everyone is invited to chow down on FBC's finest. You get to enjoy a little piece of heaven and it's all you can eat. What do you think they are worth?

They are the best and your donation will help send someone on the summer Mission Trip to Jamaica. Be generous because the dumplings will be amazing. Show some of that Baptist hospitality and invite your family, friends and neighbors.

# HALLOWEEN OUTREACH AND TRICK OR TREATING

**MONDAY OCTOBER 31ST 5-8:00 PM**



We will have a crew of people here at FBC for a Halloween Outreach on Halloween night **Monday, October 31st from 5-8:00 pm**. Be sure to bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews for hotdogs, drinks and of course, candy, candy, candy!! Everyone is welcome, tell all your friends.

Candy donations would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers to give out the food and treats are needed. If you would like to help, please contact Moses Gary at 713-7118.

## WORDS OF APPRECIATION

For all your prayers, cards, visits and food, Murl and I thank you so much. Our FBC family is such a true blessings.

Murl & Sue Lynn Johnson

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To each every kind hearted person at FBC. Thank you all from the very depths of my heart! Your generous and continued support make the challenge of having enough food at all times so much easier. I thank you all so very much for the peace of mind you offer and for the food you make possible for the hungry.

Murphysboro Food Pantry



## DEACONS REPORT

The Deacon Care Team serves 24 shut-ins. We offer communion during our visits with these members. We also call and send cards to them and others in our church family.

A Communion Service was held on September 8th at River to River Assisted Living. We have 4 residents who are from FBC.

Deacon Care Team is reading and discussing a book entitled, I Could, I Might, I Can, I Should, I Will! Nine Traits of Outwardly Focused Christians. Great read.

September 18th, three young ladies were baptized: Lilli Robinson, Taylor Clemmons and Hannah Cole. We will pray and encourage them in their Christian walk.

Thank you for your support through your prayers and financially.

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according to HIS infinite wisdom, regardless of our goodness. His answers are always motivated by grace and love for us.

The third thing we learn from this verse is God will *"show you great and mighty things (NIV)*. The Message Bible says, *"wondrous things you could never figure out on your own."*

We normally do not want to wait after we pray, we move on to do what we have already decided--God cannot--and will not--bless anything we do that is not of Him. Again our upbringing and culture dictates our behavior. John 15:16 says, *"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."*

We are to seek His face because God wants to show Himself to us. We need to humble ourselves, and say "God you are good, we need you," with a submissive spirit. God is showing us in these verses that as we pray He will unveil insights that were previously a mystery to us. God wants to do much more than just meet our needs and answer our questions. He wants our lives and love for Him. He does not answer us according to our timetable, but always answers on time.

God is showing us to reach our community, meet our neighbors, help them to meet God and find His resources for their lives. We have an exciting journey before us. So, let us commit ourselves to pray and also through our actions invite others into the presence of God,

Have a wonderful fall.

God Bless,

Pastor Shaker

# Calling Kindergarten - 5th Graders!!

# **fbc** Kids Every Wednesday

## 3:30-6:00 pm

Snack, homework, games, crafts and Bible study

Transportation provided. If you have questions, please contact Barb Troutman at 924-7018.



## FBC Kids & their Families BONFIRE & WEINER ROAST

### 5 pm Sunday, October 9th

@ Rodney & Carol Brown's home  
(212 Shannon Rd.)

Need a ride...meet at the church at 4:30 pm.  
If you would like, bring a finger food to share  
(chips, veggies, cookies,

# crossfire

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

## FAMILY BONFIRE + WEINER ROAST

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, STARTING AT 4:00 PM

at John & Kristy Dunning's home,  
2368 Watt Hill Road, Murphysboro

Bring your family & a covered dish  
or finger food to share & join the fun.  
The hotdogs for roasting, buns & drinks will be provided.  
If your family can't come, you come anyway!



## PRIMETIME ON THE ROAD IN OCTOBER

The PrimeTime group will be traveling to Cape Girardeau, MO for a leisurely lunch at either Olive Garden or Red Lobster on **Tuesday, October 4th**. You get to pick. If you would like to go, the sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. The bus will leave the church at **10:00 am**. Lunch is dutch treat. All active senior adults are welcome.



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## 2017 MISSION TRIP JAMAICA

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART  
OF NEXT SUMMER'S MISSION TRIP  
OR YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT  
KRISTY DUNNING AT 534-3054.

## OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR AUGUST 2016

	This Month	To Date
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Over (Under)	\$ (1,925.90)	\$ (9,996.47)

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**October 2**

Kathie Grob, Heidi Oploh

**October 9**

Kathie Grob, Connor McBride,  
Cameren Grob

**October 16**

Kathie Grob, Elli Oploh,  
Taylor Rose

**October 23**

Kathie Grob, Diane Reader

**October 30**

Kathie Grob

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

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

**October 2**

Buddy & Helen Payne

**October 9**

Murl & Sue Lynn Johnson

**October 16**

Chuck & Kim Grammer

**October 23**

J. Goforth, K. Dunning, & G. Hunziker

**October 30**

Leah Rowe

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



**MEALS ON WHEELS**

October 24-28

**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**

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady  
Jane Beese & Alice Berry

**CLOSING PRAYER VOLUNTEERS**

**October 2**

Matt Hardwig

**October 9**

Valerie Lipe

**October 16**

Christina Smith

**October 23**

Brandon Johnsey

**October 30**

Moses Gary

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**GREETERS**

**October 2**

Bill & Kim Oploh Family

**October 9**

Matt & Elaine Hardwig

**October 16**

Gene & Carole Ebersohl

**October 23**

Anna Jenkins & Judy Raines

**October 30**

Angela Barke & Lauren Martin

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

**WELCOME CENTER**

**October 2**

Sherri Schimpf

**October 9**

Bill & Kim Oploh

**October 16**

Pat & Jan Etherton

**October 23**

Frank & Shirley Aldridge

**October 30**

DeAnn Stilley

**HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!**

3	Bradley Evans	19	Bailey Goad
3	Steve McBride	20	Amy Russell
3	Bernice Nance	21	Melinda Guthman
3	Kamryn Martin	21	Tim Attig
5	Shirley Aldridge	21	Sherri Schimpf
5	Tammy Davis	22	Megan Archer
7	T.J. Martin	22	Hannah Samuel
7	Christina Smith	23	Judy Penrod
9	Leah Sims	24	Carleigh Schimpf
10	Garrett Burroughs	25	Matt Hardwig
11	Isabelle Doerr	26	Betty Elwell
12	Kim Hudson	27	Marie Schumaker
12	Fern Shannon	27	Debbie Woosley
14	Eleanor Blaise	28	James Verbal
15	Ryan Eastwood	28	Payton Myers
16	Elli Oploh	28	Matt Guthman
17	Doris Rathjen	31	Dale Schimpf
18	Shane Webb	31	Morgan Echols
19	Murl Johnson	31	Keith Roberts

**VOLUNTEERS**

Thanks to our many