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Upcoming Events

STAND UP FOR VETS
10 am Saturday, November 5

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
Sunday, November 6

SPECIAL SUNDAYS
10 am November 6, Worship w/ Baptism
10 am November 13, Honoring Our Veterans

MEET & GREET LUNCHEON
11:15 am Sunday, November 6

PRIMETIME TRIP
10:30 am Thursday, November 8

CROSSFIRE TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER
5 pm Sunday, November 13

WORSHIP CONFERENCE
9 am Saturday, November 19

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES
6 pm Wednesday, November 2,9,16,30
5:30 pm Every Monday, M.S. Girls
6:30 pm Every Tuesday, H.S. Girls
7 pm Every Tuesday, H.S. Guys
H.S. Girls Making Peanut Rolls, November 18

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 pm Tuesday, November 15

BUSINESS MEETING
11:15 am Sunday, November 20

DECORATE THE CHURCH
4 pm Monday, November 21

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
7 pm Tuesday, November 22

HANGING OF THE GREENS
6:30 pm Sunday, November 27

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NOVEMBER 2016 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

HEART OF THANKSGIVING

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

-Lamentations 3:22-23

As I'm sitting and pondering what I can say for the newsletter it came clear to me what Jeremiah said in the above verse God's "compassions never fail." They are new every morning: great is your faithfulness. It is dreary and cold outside but in my heart there is "SONshine," because of what Jesus did for me on the cross.

I'm reminded of a story I heard of two friends who bumped into one another. One of them looked sad, almost on the verge of tears. His friend asked "what has the world done to you?" The sad fellow said, "Let me tell you, three weeks ago my uncle died and left me \$40,000.00. Two weeks ago, a cousin I never knew died and left me \$85,000.00 free and clear.

The friend interjected, it seems like you have been greatly blessed. But the sad fellow said, "You don't understand, last week my great aunt passed away and left

me \$250,000.00. But, the friend said, "Why are you still looking so glum and sad." The sad friend announced, "But this week I have not received anything."

Trouble with receiving something on a regular basis, we eventually come to expect it. We have gradually fallen into an "entitlement mentality" in our Christian life. We have been blessed so much that we become complacent and are not willing to give thanks for anything we receive from God.

"Attitude is everything." Well it is no different when it comes to Thanksgiving. The attitude we carry with us through life is of great importance. We are to truly live lives that show gratitude toward God for His many blessings in our lives.

It may be gray and cold in my world this morning, but I need to learn to give thanks to the life HE has given me.

Jesus is an amazing example. In Matthew 15:36, "Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people." Jesus gave thanks before HE fed the five thousand in Luke 22:14-20. He gave thanks for the calvary and cross



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The Christmas Season Is Here!!!

Come Decorate the Church

Monday, November 21, at 4:00 pm

Everyone is invited to an evening of holiday spirit and fun. Bring the whole family to help kick off the Christmas season by decorating the church.

The fun will begin as soon as everyone arrives.

"HANGING OF THE GREENS"

Sunday, November 27, at 6:30 pm

The congregation will be led through this special holiday service that reminds us of the significance of the decorations which adorn our Sanctuary and building each Christmas season. This is a great service to invite family, friends & neighbors to as we enter the season of our Lord Jesus' birth. Following the service there will be a time of fellowship with cookies and punch.

16TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Sunday, December 4

5:30 pm Appetizers

6:00 pm Dinner

The Christmas Banquet has become a wonderful event for the church family to gather together for an elegant evening of great food and warm fellowship. Following the meal the FBC Kids will provide holiday music for everyone to enjoy. Cost: \$12 Adults \$5 Children Under 3 years are free.

Bring your family and friends for a wonderful evening filled with Christ centered holiday spirit!!



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twice, which was going to bring pain and suffering to Him, but life for us.

John 11:41 says, "So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me." Jesus gave thanks for answered prayer. Let us focus this year on what we have and improve our attitudes and give thanks to Him. Some suggestions to give thanks:

- a. Be thankful when we make mistakes, they will teach us valuable lessons.
- b. Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build strength and character.
- c. Be thankful for limitations because they give us opportunities for improvement.
- d. Be thankful for difficult times, during those days we grow.
- e. Be thankful when we are tired because it means we are making a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for good things, but a life time of fulfillment can come to those who are thankful for setbacks and hardships can become blessings in time.

This year, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, may we each see God for who HE really is and see ourselves as who we really are; people who have been blessed beyond measure and people who need to give thanks to the giver of all good gifts.

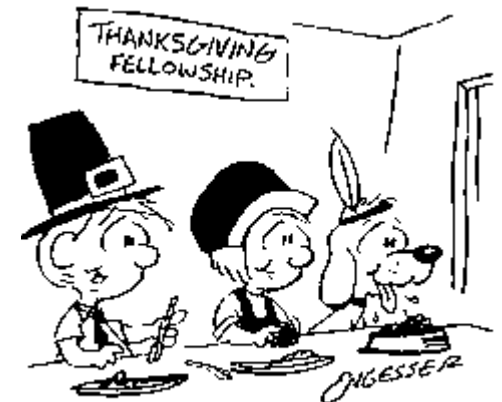
Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

In Christ's steps,
Pastor Shaker

DEACON CARE TEAM REPORT

A month of outreach for our community The Deacons represented First Baptist by presenting the Murphysboro Police Department, EMTs, Fire Department and the Jackson County Sheriffs Department with FBC ink pens and a bucket full of snacks. We appreciate all they do for our community. Please pray for these brave men and women.

Stand Up for Vets is another community outreach we are passionate about. Come join us in honoring our veterans and their families. The date is November 5th, 10 am-2 pm at 17th and Pine street. Come work in the tent, donate items to give away or come by to greet and say "Thank you for serving." God bless our veterans and all who are serving now.



"I prefer turkey nuggets."

OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR SEPTEMBER 2016:

	This Month	To Date
Needed	\$ 29,489.75	\$ 271,641.37
Given	\$ 27,570.99	\$ 262,405.57
Over (Under)	\$ (1,918.76)	\$ (9,235.80)

FOOD PANTRY ASKS FOR HOLIDAY FOOD ITEMS

For the holiday season, the Murphysboro Food Pantry would love to have a holiday food basket for all those who are unable to afford the additional expense of the special meal.

They are asking everyone to bring canned and boxed foods and please include items such as boxed stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, dessert mixes, canned vegetables and fruits, etc.

The food pantry is also in need of volunteers to do the many tasks that need to be done. Just two or three hours, one day a week would be helpful.

Your time and generosity will be a blessing as well as a wonderful gift to someone less fortunate.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES

The church office will be closed **Friday, November 11th**, so the staff can observe the Veterans Day holiday and spend time with their families.

The office will also be closed **Thursday, November 24th**, and **Friday, November 25th**, for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. In case of an emergency, Pastor Shaker can be reached at home.

The **Wednesday evening activities**, including FBC Kids, Crossfire Youth, Family Dinner, and Bible Study w/ Pastor will NOT take place on **November 23rd**.

The staff would like to wish you a happy and safe Thanksgiving Day and weekend! During this season of thankfulness, please remember to count the many blessings our Lord has graciously bestowed upon all of us.

HELP SAY THANK YOU BY GIVING TO THE RMMO



Retired
Ministers +
Missionaries
Offering

Your simple yet profound act of giving, allows the ABC to share in an act of Grace that reminds the ministers, missionaries and widowed spouses who served so faithfully that they are remembered with love and gratitude.

The offering supports those who have dedicated their lives to God's service

by providing emergency assistance in times of need and a thank you check at the end of each year. We hope that RMMO will continue to serve as a joyous tradition for ABC congregations and that you will be greatly enriched this season by The Grace of Giving.

For your convenience, a RMMO envelope is included with this newsletter.

PLANNING FOR 2017 AT THE NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING



There will be a business meeting on **Sunday, November 20th**, immediately following the worship service at approximately **11:15 am**.

The 2017 budget, new officers, deacons, and counsel members are on the agenda.

MEET & GREET LUNCHEON FOR OUR NEWEST MEMBERS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 11:30 AM

Everyone is invited!! It will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome the newest members of the FBC family of faith.

The meal will be provided, so bring your whole family. The afternoon will be filled with good food and great fellowship.

TRIVIA NITE

Sunday, November 13th
5-8 pm in Fellowship Hall

Come on out & test your wits at our

Sixth Annual TRIVIA NITE!

Get 8 of your friends together & sign up your Team,
or we will find a Team for you!!!

10 Rounds of Pure Trivia! \$10 per person
PRIZES!!

Popcorn & Drinks Provided

To register call Kristy Dunning at 534-3054

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PRIMETIME ON THE ROAD TO THE RED ONION

All active senior adults are invited to have a leisurely lunch at The Red Onion in Equality, Illinois on **Tuesday, November 8th**. The bus will leave the church at **10:00 am**. Lunch is 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.

A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS



A special presentation on **Sunday, November 13th** during the worship service will recognize our veterans and how they served this great country.

If you are a part of the First Baptist family of faith, a veteran or currently serving in the military, and you have never submitted a picture of yourself with your military service and rank information, be sure to get your information to Jesse Boudet or the church office as soon as possible because we would love to include you as we honor our veterans.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE



The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by the Berean Christian Church (1530 Illinois Ave.) on **Tuesday, November 22nd, at 7:00 pm**. Brother Charlie Allen from Elm Street Baptist Church will be sharing a Thanksgiving message. This is a community event and everyone is welcome!!

H.S. GIRLS MAKING PEANUT ROLLS



Just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday events. The High School Girls Group will be making those fabulous FBC Peanut Rolls on **Friday, November 18th**. The cost is \$12 a dozen. If you would like to order a dozen or two or three (they freeze wonderfully), contact a High School girl, Kari Graff or Kristy Dunning.



Be a Part of
Southern Illinois Community
STAND UP FOR VETS
Saturday, November 5, 2016
10 am - 2 pm



Corner of North 17th & Pine Street, Murphysboro

Southern Illinois Community STAND UP FOR VETS is an event we pray will raise awareness of rural homelessness among veterans here in Southern Illinois. Our goal is to bring the community together in order to serve all veterans in need.

FBC's Deacon Care Team is collecting items to help local veterans. Below is a list of items that would be beneficial to those in need:

Sleeping bags	Combs	Snacks
Blankets	Brushes	home-baked goodies:
Pillows	Hairpins	Cookies
Coats	Nail clippers	Candy
Hats	Q-tips	Pumpkin bread
Gloves	Band-aids	Banana bread
Ear muffs	Chapsticks	Muffins
Socks	Body wash	Hot cocoa mix
Underwear (new only)	Deodorant	Peanut butter
Wash cloths	Shampoo/conditioner	Crackers
Towels	Razors	Granola bars
Kleenex	Shaving cream	Hard candy
Toilet paper	Lotion	Lifesavers
Wipes	Body powder	Canned food items:
Hand soap	Tooth paste	must be pop top cans:
Sanitary pads	Tooth brushes	Chunky soups
NO mouthwash	Toothbrush holders	Stew
NO hand sanitizer	Dental floss	Chili
(nothing w/ alcohol in it)	Denture cups	Chicken dumplings
NO gift cards	Denture tablets	Raviolis
	Denture adhesive	Canned meats

Donations can be dropped off at the church office or a donation bin is located in the lobby just outside the Sanctuary.



IT'S TIME FOR THE TIME CHANGE!

Daylight savings time ends Sunday, **November 6th**. Before going to bed on Saturday night, November 5th be sure to turn your clocks back one hour.

Worship Seminar.com

Saturday November 19, 2016

First Baptist Church

401 N. 15th Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

For more information:

call Jesse Boudet at 618-687-1769

or go to www.WorshipSeminar.com

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- ♦ *Pastors* – Find fresh biblical insights about worship to share with your people.
- ♦ *Worship Leaders* – You'll get a ton of information you can use immediately.
- ♦ *Singers & Instrumentalists* – Better understand your role in helping lead the congregation.
- ♦ *Worship Committee Personnel* – Make better-informed decisions regarding worship.

Register by November 8, 2016 & pay just \$39 per person.
 Afternoon session is an additional \$15. Add a spouse for only \$19.
 All FBC worship teams members \$25.

Strategic Planning Congregational Survey Results

First Baptist has been in a strategic planning mode for a while now. The Strategic Action Team was formed to gather information from the congregation. This assessment of input from the congregation will help towards determining the long term plans for the church.

On August 14, 2016, the Strategic Action Team, came before the church family with information concerning prospective goals and asked the congregation for their input. Below are the results of that survey with 116 members participating.

Age/Total	Property Acquisition		Building		Seniors	
	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
0-19/16	14	2	16	0	11	4
20-29/11	11	1	11	0	7	3
30-39/14	11	2	14	0	7	5
40-49/18	16	1	15	2	10	6
50-59/18	17	1	17	1	13	5
60-69/20	17	1	14	2	11	6
70-79/10	8	1	10	0	7	2
80-90/12	8	2	10	0	6	4
Totals	102	11	105	5	72	35

Develop 4/5 subcommittees

- a. Property Acquisition
- b. Multi Purpose building
- c. Senior Living and Support
- d. Financial Advancement
- e. Church Life and Worship-this s/c already exists and meets.



November 6

Kathie Grob & Carmelia Schuman

November 13

Kathie Grob & Katie Tolbert

November 20

Kathie Grob & Savannah Schuman

November 27

Kathie Grob & Mayah Kelley

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

November 6

Keith & Carol Klaine

November 13

Albert & Trish Boudet

November 20

Jeff & Linda Wright

November 27

Ed & Terri Miller

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



MEALS ON WHEELS
NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 2

Monday

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Gayle Gilmore

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



November

POST THIS ON YOUR
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THANKS TO OUR MANY
VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS

November 6

Rodney & Carol Brown

November 13

Scott Hunziker & Valerie Lipe

November 20

Jeff & Linda Wright

November 27

Diane Reader & Valerie Lipe

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

WELCOME CENTER

November 6

Chuck & Kim Grammer

November 13

Lou Polsgrove

November 20

Betty Cox

November 27

Albert & Trish Boudet

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

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|----|---------------------|----|------------------|
| 4 | Moses Gary | 19 | Julie Blandford |
| 8 | Albert Boudet | 20 | Beverly Eastwood |
| 9 | Pauline Miller | 20 | Gabriel Klaybor |
| 10 | Linda Wright | 22 | Rodney Brown |
| 10 | Natalie Karg | 27 | Dale Blaise |
| 11 | June Brouillette | 27 | Kyle Goss |
| 12 | Trina Creath | 28 | Mae Smith |
| 13 | Lauren Samuel-Unger | | |
| 14 | Paul Echols | | |
| 14 | Dalton Rose | | |
| 15 | Cathy Porter | | |
| 16 | Bobby Boudet | | |
| 16 | Emily Solverson | | |
| 16 | Adreanna Pilz | | |
| 17 | Leah Rowe | | |

