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Tuesday, February 14

FEBRUARY UPcoming EVENTS

DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

9 am Sundays, February 5,12,19,26

PRIMETIME TRIP TO BANDANA'S

10:30 am Tuesday, February 7

MID-WEEK EVENTS

Wednesdays, February 1,8,15,22

3:30 pm FBC Kids Club

3:30 pm Crossfire Youth

5 pm Family Dinner

6 pm Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor

7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DINNER FUNDRAISER W/ KIDS' FUN NIGHT

6 pm Saturday, February 11

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES

11 am Sat., Middle School Retreat, Feb. 17-18

5:30 pm every Monday, M.S. Girls

6:30 pm every Tuesday, H.S. Girls

7 pm every Tuesday, H.S. Guys

3:30 pm every Wednesday, Crossfire Youth

PRESIDENTS' DAY

Monday, February 20

Church Office Closed

FBC MURPHY

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FEBRUARY 2017 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

WHY FORGIVE?

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times." -Matthew 18:21-22

Since we're imperfect people, we're bound to have trouble with

forgiveness. I'm convinced that relationships are built not on a standard of perfection, but on our ability to ask for forgiveness, and upon our willingness to extend forgiveness. In other words, grace must impact both our friendships and our forgiveness.

If you and I want to have relationships that last for the long haul, then we must be willing to extend forgiveness to others. Here's another way to say it: In every relationship you have, you will constantly be called on to forgive and to ask for forgiveness.

Forgiveness is costly -- it's not easy to

ask for forgiveness and it's certainly not easy to extend forgiveness to those who've wronged us. Proverbs 18:19 says that, "An offended brother is more unyielding than a fortified city, and disputes are like the barred gates of a citadel."

Forgiveness is the virtue we most enjoy and least employ. There are at

least two reasons why we struggle with forgiveness:

Forgiveness is not natural. That's why it's so hard to do.

Forgiveness is not fair. Our sense of justice wants to be vindicated.

Of all the people in the Bible, Peter stands out as the most

mathematical of the disciples. He was a stickler for detail, always trying to pin down the precise meaning of everything Jesus said. Do you remember when Jesus engineered a miraculous catch of fish? It was Peter who sat down and counted each squirming one to find out that they caught 153. If you were to take your Bible and count the number of times that

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Valentine's Dinner

and

Kids' Fun Night

Saturday, February 11th at 5:30 pm

in the Fellowship Hall

Barbecue Chicken and all the trimmings

Cost is \$12 for adults & \$8 for Children

for the KIDS upstairs ... pizza, crafts & a movie

for the ADULTS downstairs ... dinner & "Family Feud"



The evening's entertainment will have some lively competition for everyone to enjoy. You can be a part of the game or just watch all the fun.

If you would like to attend, contact Kathie Grob at 924-7017 or Jesse Boudet at 713-7505 to make your reservations.

This event is always filled with great food, good entertainment & a whole lot of fun!

This is a Summer Camp Fundraiser.

2017 CHURCH OFFICERS, LEADERSHIP COUNCIL & DEACONS

Church Officers

Vicki Ardrey, Moderator
Helen Payne, Treasurer
Gina Hunziker, Clerk

Leadership Council

Chuck Grammer
Ed Miller
Emily Boudet
Kristy Dunning
Vic Koenig
Darrell Ewbank
Judy Rawls
Angie Robinson
Sheila Echols
Elaine Hardwig
Cathy Porter
Melinda Guthman

Deacon Care Team

Carol Dunning
Diane Reader
Sue Lynn Johnson
Valerie Lipe
Lou Polsgrove
Bob & Marsha Heiple

We extend a special thanks to those leaders who have completed their leadership terms: Leah Rowe, Laura Sims, Terri Miller, Kevin Lipe, Brian Schuman, and Carol Brown. Thank you for your time, energies and a job well done!



WORDS OF APPRECIATION TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

My Church Family and Pastor Shaker,
I want to thank you for all my Christmas gifts, cards and all the cookies and candy. Thanks to the ones who made all the goodies. You will never know what a blessing for us shut-ins until you are on the receiving end like me. Everything was delicious. A big thank you to my special Deacon, Lou Polsgrove. Thanks Lou for the delivery of my Christmas and for all the other visits and bringing me the weekly bulletin. It helps me keep up on what goes on at church. This woman is truly a worker for the Lord.

Happy New Year to all,
Mary Easton



OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR DECEMBER 2016:

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Needed	\$ 29,782.32	\$ 368,732.60
Given	\$ 31,782.84	\$ 362,672.51
Over (Under)	\$ 2,000.52	\$ (6,060.09)

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Peter messed up, you'd discover that he needed forgiveness on at least 7 different occasions.

Being a numbers-guy, one day Peter came up to Jesus and asked him a question in Matthew 18:21, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times? I find his question a bit amusing. Here's Peter, the one who needed personal forgiveness on at least 7 different occasions himself, being concerned with how many times he had to forgive someone else. He was trying to discover a mathematical formula for grace.

When you think about it, we all have some barriers that keep us from giving the gift of forgiveness to others. We have a threshold that we don't want to cross, a limit we won't go beyond. I can think of at least three barriers of an unforgiving heart: To be honest, forgiving someone seven times is commendable. Most of us get frustrated if we have to forgive someone twice. Jesus isn't suggesting that we count the number of times we forgive someone -- 298, 299, 300 -- only 190 to go! Not at all. Seventy times seven means there is no limit to the number of times we are to forgive someone. you don't keep score when it comes to forgiveness.

To forgive is to cancel the debt. When we've wronged someone, and they choose to forgive us, they are in essence saying, "I cancel the debt. The slate has been wiped clean. You don't owe me anything -- I release you from ever having to pay me back."

Three action steps if you're in need of forgiveness.

1 - Face Your Friend. The first step you need to take if you're the guilty party is to

meet with your friend or foe face-to-face. In Matthew 5:24, Jesus put it this way, "If your brother has something against you... go and be reconciled to your brother." Is there someone you need to "go" to this week? Anyone you need to call? Do you need to stop over to someone's house or office?

2 - Own The Wrong. The second step, after you've faced your friend, is to own the wrong that has been done. There's a phrase I use when I play basketball that I think is applicable here. When I lose the ball out of bounds or miss a shot, I often point to myself and say, "My bad." It's my way of saying that it's no one else's fault. I messed up. Friends, when we mess up in our relationships, Jesus wants us to own the wrong, to say, "My bad." It's not enough to just acknowledge a mistake -- we need to own it.

3 - Ask For Release. After facing your friend and owning the wrong, the next step is to ask for release. I suggest that you actually say the words, "Please forgive me." If your friend says something like, "It's no big deal, don't worry about it," you might want to say, "I appreciate that, but I need to have your forgiveness. Do you forgive me?" It's really important to be released from the debt.

3 Reasons to Forgive

Because we've received grace and forgiveness

An unforgiving spirit inflicts torment
Forgiveness frees people including ourselves.

C.S. Lewis has said, "To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."

*Article from Sermon Central Media



DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Several church family members have expressed an interest in becoming a part of the membership of FBC. Pastor is starting his class, "Discovering Church Membership" starting **Sunday, February 5th at 9:00 am** (the Life Group/Sunday School hour) in his office.

This class teaches about what comes with a committed relationship with Jesus, what is expected of us as Christians, why baptism is

important, what it means to be Baptist, who are the American Baptist, how FBC is set up and operates, and much, much more.

The classes will be on **Sundays, February 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th** with a baptism on February 26th for those who have accepted Christ as their personal savior.

Taking this class does not obligate you in any way and it's just a wonderful class with a lot of great information.



PRIMETIME TO ENJOY LOCAL BARBECUE IN FEBRUARY

The PrimeTime seniors will be off for a leisurely lunch at Bandana's (in Carbondale) for some really great barbecue on **Tuesday, February 7th**. The bus will leave the church at **10:45 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... Invite your friends!!!

Church Office Closes for Presidents' Day Monday, February 20th

The church office will be closed Monday, February 20th, so the staff may spend the Presidents' Day holiday with their families.

In case of an emergency, Pastor Shaker can be reached at home. Have a wonderful and safe holiday!!



Crossfire

STUDENT MINISTRIES

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Cincinnati, OH



OPEN

TO BE GENEROUS IN EVERY WAY

February 17-18
Friday-Saturday,

Cost: \$50 +
3 Fast Food Meals

Leave Church at 11 AM
Back around Midnight

Contact Jesse Boudet to register

Registration deadline is February 12th - space is limited

**All Youth...Don't forget...
Valentine's Dinner**

**Everyone needed to help
Saturday, February 11**

JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ANNUAL YARD SALE
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 8 AM - 12 NOON

DECEMBER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

These minutes were approved at the January 22, 2017 Leadership Council Retreat.

Deacon's Report: Deacons gave \$25 gift cards to four young men in our congregation and \$75 to START for their Christmas dinner for the workshop. It approved \$100 to help a family in need of food and toiletries. Sixty-two containers were filled with cookies and candy and delivered to shut-ins.

Missions: Church cookbooks are for sale to raise money for the orphan ministry. The Jamaica mission trip will be commencing July 21, 2017.

Children's Discipleship: Council is looking at possible dates for a "Parents Day Out."

Youth Discipleship: The Winterjam concert is January 28th.

Staff Relations: A staff meeting is scheduled for January.

Finance and Stewardship: The 2017 budget was approved at the Special Business Meeting on December 4th. The donations and pledges are still coming in on Shaker's anniversary Israel trip.

Buildings and Grounds: Steve Wilderson has volunteered his time to do painting. He is training some of the youth and they have started working on the fellowship hall. We are still waiting on bids for gravel for a parking area on the new property across the street. The balcony roof leak has been repaired.

Strategic Action Team: Informa-

letter and someone will give a presentation in the January Council meeting.

2017 Council, Officers and Deacons approved: Moderator: Vicki Ardrey; Treasurer: Helen Payne; Clerk: Gina Hunziker; Leadership Council: Sheila Echols, Cathy Porter, Ed Miller, Chuck Grammer, Melinda Guthman, and Angie Robinson; Deacons: Bob and Marsha Heiple.

Pastor's Report: FBC is hosting a 3 on 3 basket ball tournament in March. The Kelly family is organizing and talking with the Murphysboro Middle School principal to finalize a date. The four-week prayer march initiative for our church neighbors was a great success and the youth wants to do it again in the spring. We are looking at dates and locations. The next baby dedication will be January 29th, 2017. We are going to start a prayer bulletin insert each week to focus on two families or persons.



"It's titled 'Call for Volunteers.'"



Nursery Attendants

February 5

Kathie Grob & Carmella Schuman

February 12

Kathie Grob & Katie Tolbert

February 19

Kathie Grob & Savannah Schuman

February 26

Kathie Grob & Myah Kelley

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

February 5

Matt & Melinda Guthman Family

February 12

Buddy & Helen Payne

February 19

Ed & Terri Miller

February 26

Murl & Sue Lynn Johnson

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



MEALS ON WHEELS

February 27 - March 3

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

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady



FEBRUARY

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REFRIGERATOR!

VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our many

GREETERS

February 5

Pat & Jan Etheron

February 12

Richard & Glenann Kiel

February 19

Albert & Trish Boudet

February 26

Lou Polsgrove & Lou Bigler

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

WELCOME CENTER

February 5

Sherri Schimpf

February 12

Bill & Kim Oploh Family

February 19

Pat & Jan Etherton

February 26

Frank & Shirley Aldridge

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

3	Hannah Cole	21	David Blaise
5	Cathy Blaise	22	Tina Evans
5	Carole Ebersohl	22	Kasey Schwarz
6	Brittany Hunziker	23	Bill Boudet
6	Adam Reiman	24	Rachel Burroughs
9	Shirley Dougan	26	Audra McBride
9	Stephanie Dillow	27	Janet Caraway
9	Lou Bigler	28	Jarrold Echols
11	Brett Doerr	28	Alaina Dillow
13	Jayne Blandford		
13	Judy Raines		
13	Alesia Beanland		
13	Taylor Rose		
14	Julie McGinnis		
15	Patti Boudet		
16	Harry & Gayle Gillmore		
18	Eddie Reiman		

