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Upcoming Events in May

PRIMETIME TRIP
REID'S HARVEST HOUSE
10:30 am Tuesday, May 2

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE
12 pm Thursday, May 4
Community Service with Luncheon
Davis McCann Civic Center

YARD SALE & PLANT SALE
5-8 pm Friday, May 5
7 am-12 noon, Saturday, May 6

GRADUATION SUNDAY
10 am Sunday, May 7

FAMILY FUN DAY
AT LAKE MURPHYSBORO
4 pm Sunday, May 7

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES
Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17
3:30 pm FBC Kids Club
3:30 pm Crossfire M.S. Youth
5 pm Family Dinner
6 pm Bible Study w/ Pastor
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

MCALLISTER FUNDRAISER
5-8 pm Tuesday, May 9

MOTHERS' DAY
Sunday, May 14

COMMUNITY SPRING FESTIVAL
CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH LIFE CENTER
5 pm Friday, May 19

MEMORIAL DAY
Monday, May 29

FBC MURPHY

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MAY 2017 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

JESUS LOVES ME

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

-John 3:16-17

As a young child I remember singing "Jesus loves me this I know." This song has always been with me throughout my life. Throughout my life I have been blessed by His love toward me through tough times and good times.

Recently, our church gave us the privilege of visiting the Holy Land. While we were there, we visited several places Jesus travelled, met with people, did miracles, ultimately was crucified and arose to sit at the right hand of God. During the visit, I really understood my childhood song "Jesus Loves Me."

Jesus left everything to come to earth. Not only that, the land He came to was not anything like the beautiful hills and mountains of our country or the never ending streams and landscapes either. It

is a place which is dry and drab. There were no roads or conveniences but falling rocks and occasional rainfall. We did not see the acres and acres of trees and flowering bushes we see here. The guide shared that they didn't receive sufficient rainfall on a regular basis to grow enough crops to feed their people. Everything had

to be imported. I can go on and on but Jesus did come because He loved me. He came to a family where they did not have much. He wanted to identify with people like me. He had to work as a carpenter's helper. He understood day to day living. Jesus interacted with people who were fisherman, the unwanted lepers, blind and crippled,

also with people who were in authority, rich and well to do. He understood life in many aspects. He was with the people at weddings, at funerals, at the synagogues. He also served at the campfires and sat with people of means. Jesus understood despair, needs, suffering, shame and not being wanted and being abused. Why?

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FAMILY FUN DAY

Lake Murphysboro
Sunday, May 7 4 pm

Activities Games Food
Drawings for Prizes!!!

Bring your fishing poles

Come Prepared for a Little Competition
at a Whiffle Ball Touranment

Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs & all the trimmings

An Afternoon of Fun! Fun! Fun!

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Because "Jesus loves me."

The visit to Israel made me realize to what lengths Jesus went to get me back to Him and tremendous sacrifices He made, accepted humiliation and pain for me. So don't let me take it for granted--all the blessings I receive each and every day.

I must also recognize His dedication to spending time with His father, being obedient to His father, following through the commitment He made to die on the cross at calvary. Why? Because "Jesus loves me."

As a visitor to Israel, I realized fully why the disciples were so dedicated, even to die for Him. Others like Paul, Timothy, Jude and Barnabas were willing to spread the gospel wherever they traveled and paid the price.

My hope is let me not call myself a Christian to have a comfortable life, a blessed life and forget what Jesus did for me. The least I could do is to follow His footsteps of servanthood, obedience and commitment to proclaim His message through my life.

Lead Me to Calvary

"King of my life, I crown Thee now Thine shall the glory be lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow Lead me to calvary.

Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget Thine agony, lest I forget Thy love for me, lead me to calvary.

May I be willing, Lord, to bear daily my cross for Thee even Thy cup of grief to share Thou hast borne all for me.

Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget Thine agony, lest I forget Thy love for me lead me to calvary."

Now I know fully how much "Jesus loves me."

In Christ's steps,
Shaker

WORDS OF APPRECIATION TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

A big THANK YOU to Don Rahming for fixing the lights in the youth house and installing new lighting around the exterior of the church building.

If you see Don be sure to thank him for all his hard work and generosity.

Thank you so much for allowing the library to use your church facility for our 2nd Annual Trivia Fundraiser! The library simply doesn't have enough open space to accommodate this type of activity so we appreciate being able to utilize your spacious basement.

Jeanne Goforth and her family were such a huge help. Jeanne is just a gem. Thank you!

Loretta Broomfield - Sallie Logan Library

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO PAINT & DO ODD JOBS IN THE CHURCH BUILDING

Several areas in the building are in need of painting and minor repairs. Some just need painting, others will need to be scraped/ repaired. The Buildings and Grounds Team are seeking volunteers to take on a single area or more. Here is the list of areas in need of painting: south entrance, kitchen, fellowship hall and outside yellow curbs; scraped and painted: youth director's office, webmaster/interns office, Deacons room and copy room. Other odd jobs: conference and Deacons rooms ceiling tiles and youth house kitchen/bathroom floors stripped and waxed.

If you would like to help, please contact Judy Rawls, Darrell Ewbank, Ed Miller, Chuck Grammer or the church office.

waiting on the last bid for sealcoating the existing parking lot. A member asked the council to consider making the volleyball court an extension of the existing parking lot. Jimmy Leaton is taking the bus test to get his CDL license so he can drive the bus--approved by consensus..

Security: Judy Rawls attended the Sheep-dog seminar and received a lot of information concerning security. Wednesday security needed--doors have been left unlocked and this will need to be looked into.

Special Events: Easter breakfast is April 16 (no Sunday morning classes). Shaker's 10 year anniversary reception with light lunch is April 23.

Worship Ministry: Phil Deshazo will speak on March 26. Palm Sunday is April 9. Easter Sunrise Service with other churches at Smyser Plaza on April 16--St. Peter's will be leading the service with other churches joining them including us. Easter Worship April 16. Graduation Sunday is May 7. Youth Sunday is May 21.

College Group Discipleship: Scholarships are available through ABC, FBC, and Ministerial Alliance. Need to make students aware of the scholarship and what council can do to help. Bethany College Preview Weekend is March 30-April 2.

Strategic Action Team: Betty King house appraisal has been ordered. Attended the City Council meeting to broach the subject of closing Logan Street between 15th and 16th Streets.

The cost of a Feasibility Study is approximately \$7000.00 This information will be presented at the next business meeting.

Nominating Team: Have asked a couple of church members to consider becoming deacons.

Pastor's Report: Trip to Israel is March 20-April 1. Steve Wilkerson is going to lead the 30 Days of Prayer initiative in May. Area IV has asked if our church would be willing to host the April, 2018 conference.. They would need 6-7 rooms and we would provide lunch and snack. Approved by consensus.

Director's Report: Have been using a LED bar to light behind the pulpit. Asked if we wish to purchase the LED light bar for \$550. It is a wireless system. Approved by consensus--will be paid for out of the Kroger fund.

Next Leadership Council meeting will be April 18th, at 6:30 pm.



"Let's give 'em a good start with some holy water!"

PRIMETIME TO ENJOY THE SPRING SCENERY



Calling all active senior adults. PrimeTime will be traveling to Chester for a leisurely lunch at Reid's Harvest house on **Tuesday, May 2nd**. The bus will leave the church at **10:30 am**. Lunch is dutch treat. The ride to Chester 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.

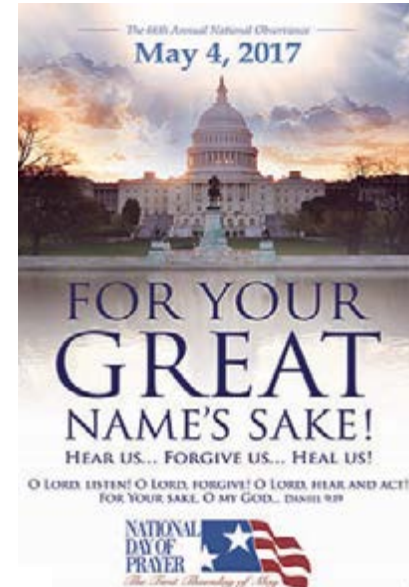
THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

"O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive!, Hear and Act! For your sake, O my God" -Daniel 9:19

Our nation is in need of God's direction and power as our country struggles with violence, sin, and the God-less 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 4th**, 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 7th 10:00 am

A special time during the morning worship service on **Sunday, May 7th** 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 Angie Robinson at 567-9328. We would like to honor each high school and college 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.

YOU'RE INVITED!

FRIDAY, MAY 19TH 5-7PM
@ CCC LIFE CENTER



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ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS STUDENT NEEDS IN MURPHY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MARCH 2017 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Additions to the Agenda: June 4 social event for leadership council families.

February, 2017 minutes were approved.

Financial Report: February 2017 report was approved by consensus. \$8645.00 has been collected for pastor's trip.

Deacons Report: Sent a teen to WinterJam. Sent thank you notes. Visitations made. Contributions made for tornado victims. Looking at helping with mission trip.

Ministry Team Reports:

Outreach and Evangelism: Easter Outreach will be shared with congregation and there will be invitations for the congregation to give out. Dinner for 8 Program will try to launch in May. There will be information to give out. Ministerial Alliance Spring Festival is May 19.

Missions: 2017 Jamaica Mission Trip: Team will be providing help with a construction project. Chicken and dumpling dinner raised \$1,114.00. Will be sending out support letters. Next fund raiser is Tag Day. *Community Garden:* Ron McLaughlin is working on this project. 2016 Mission percentage giving is still being worked on. Kristy gave MHS counselors information on the Ministerial Alliance Scholarship. Rachel Edgar will be doing a Missions Moment. Rachel Edgar and Nick Dobbs are willing to meet with small groups to provide information on their mission trips.

Children Discipleship: Kids Camp July 19-22--Kathie Grob will be attending and would like to take Nowel as a volunteer helper.

Youth Discipleship: There are 7 guys and 1 girl graduating. In the process of setting up local missions projects--may partner with Berean again and will be

done on Saturdays. Youth Worship groups practices each week and have a devotion. Someone is willing to sponsor a worship training or a worship conference. High School youth group will be meeting on Sunday evenings.

Adult Discipleship: Gene and Carole Ebersohl will be stepping down as teacher.

Staff Relations/Policies: Staff meeting in April (they meet quarterly). Applying for the internship grant through GRR. Kristy and Jess are working on this. Nursery now has 3 people for Sunday School period.

Finance and Stewardship: Young Estate Update--auction completed totaling approximately \$2.1 million. Our congregation needs to hear more about legacy giving and including the church in their wills, etc.

Buildings and Grounds: Spring Cleaning is April 8th. Put a reminder in the bulletin. Form and Bulding and Ground Ministry Team--will ask congregation members to join the team and take some of the responsibilities. Having the boiler evaluated. Working on church lighting. Working on the bus rust issue. New parking lot estimates and sealcoating--received rock bids and

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OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR MARCH 2017:

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Needed	\$ 39,603.64	\$ 109,519.47
Given	\$ 30,301.13	\$ 92,607.85
Over (Under)	\$ (9,302.51)	\$ (16,911.62)

McALISTER'S
DELI
presents
**FUNDRAISER
NIGHT!**

HELP SUPPORT YOUR ORGANIZATION BY
PARTICIPATING IN FUNDRAISER NIGHT!

2017 Summer Mission Trip to Jamaica

At McAlister's Deli of Carbondale

Tuesday, May 9th 5-8 pm



**10% OF ALL SALES GO TO
YOUR ORGANIZATION!**

The 'Maker Fun Factory' logo is set against a brick wall background. It features the words 'MAKER' in large, colorful, block letters and 'FUN FACTORY' in a similar style below it. Various mechanical gears and a cartoon bee are integrated into the design. A sign on the right side of the logo reads 'Created by GOD Built for a Purpose'.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 11-15, SUNDAY-THURSDAY
Family Kickoff Night
5-6:30 pm Sunday June 11
5 pm VBS Fun...then at 6 pm Finger Food
June 12-15, 9 am-noon Monday-Thursday
Register today at www.fbcmurphy.org



YARD SALE & Spring Plant Sale

Friday, May 5, 5-8 pm
Saturday, May 6, 7 am-noon

The Crossfire Youth are sponsoring a yard sale & plant sale to be held in the back parking lot.

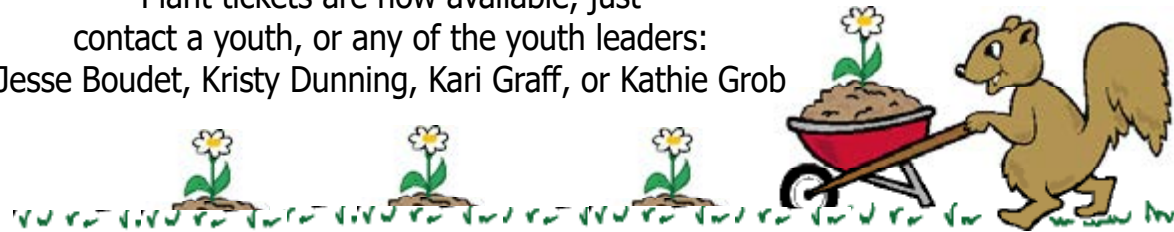
There will be fundraiser tickets from McNitt Growers for hanging baskets, spring potted plants & flats of annuals.



So....Clean out your closets, garages, basements, attics & from under your beds.

Let items that you no longer need become someone's new treasure & help the FBC Youth go to summer camp.

Plant tickets are now available, just contact a youth, or any of the youth leaders: Jesse Boudet, Kristy Dunning, Kari Graff, or Kathie Grob



Bring your donated items to the Youth House or church.

or

For pickup, call Jesse Boudet at 713-7505

TIME FOR SUMMER BREAK...SCHEDULES FOR MAY

The school year is drawing to a close and FBC Wednesday night line up will change. FBC Kids Club and Crossfire Middle School Youth will meet on **May 3rd, 10th, and 17th**. Monday Fun Days will begin in June after VBS. Several events are being planned for the Monday Kids Club, so be sure to watch your "Bapties" and your Sunday bulletins for the upcoming details.

Bible Study with Pastor will meet and the Family Dinner will be served on **May 3rd, 10th, and 17th** but will be taking a summer break. Bible Study and Family Dinners will begin again when the children go back to school in August. There will be a Wednesday Night Activities Kickoff, so watch for the announcement and date.

FYI...Crossfire High School Youth will meet on **Sundays, May 7th, 14th, and 21st** but will also be taking a break for the summer months. Crossfire Student Ministries will be having special summer events so watch for the upcoming details. Sunday night High School Crossfire will resume in August.

Stay cool and have a wonderful and safe summer!!

SPECIAL DAY AT FBC... MOTHERS' DAY



It's always wonderful when we here at FBC can have a special service. The Mothers' Day Worship (**Sunday, May 14th**) 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!!!

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

MONDAY, MAY 29



The church office will be closed **Monday, May 29th**, so the staff may spend the Memorial Day holiday with their families.

In case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Shaker at home. Have a safe and blessed holiday!!





IN THE NURSERY

May 7

Kathie Grob & Carmella Schuman

May 14

Kathie Grob & Katie Tolbert

May 21

Kathie Grob & Savannah Schuman

May 28

Kathie Grob & Myah Kelley

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

May 7

Suzanne Goad Family

May 14

Dave & Vicki Ardrey

May 21

Rhett & Angela Barke

May 28

Paul & Sheila Echols

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



MEALS ON WHEELS May 22-26

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



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GREETERS

May 7

Jeff & Linda Wright

May 14

Chuck & Kim Grammer

May 21

Diane Reader & Valerie Lipe

May 28

Lou Bigler & Lou Polsgrove

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

WELCOME CENTER

May 7

Ed & Terri Miller

May 14

Murl Johnson

May 21

Judy Raines

May 28

Scott & Tina Evans

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	Chuck Attig		
22	Melissa Brady		
24	Melba Mifflin		
25	Koral McBride		



VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our many