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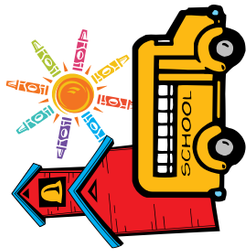

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

PRIMETIME TRIP TO SUNNY STREET CAFE
10:45 am Tuesday, August 8

CROSSFIRE STUDENT MINISTRIES
1 pm Tues., Aug. 8 M.S. Girls Day at the Beach
6:30 pm Tuesdays, H.S. Girls Group
7 pm Tuesdays, H.S. Guys Groups
7:30 pm Aug. 11, Friday, M.S. Girls Sleep Over

TRIMESTER BUSINESS MEETING
11:15 am Sunday, August 6

MEET THE TEAM
Saturday, August 19

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICKOFF AUGUST 23
WEDNESDAY NIGHT AUGUST 30
3:30 pm FBC Kids Club
Crossfire Student Ministries
5 pm Family Dinner
6 pm Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

MISSION TRIP RECEPTION
1 pm Sunday, August 13

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AUGUST 2017 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

MIRACLES

Pastor Shaker is one of the seventeen individuals giving their time and energies to minister to a small church in Jamaica so he was unable to write an article for the August newsletter. He gave me a few very beautiful devotionals written by FBC member, Joan Mifflin.

Joan has worked diligently as a spiritual leader at FBC (Sunday School teacher, Deacon, circle hostess, board member, prayer warrior, etc.) as well as for many years she was in the Pastoral Care Department at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital until she retired. Some of her devotionals have been published by leading daily devotional magazines. She has touched and changed many lives for God's kingdom. We are truly blessed to have her as a part of our family of faith.

I hope you enjoy this devotional as much as I did.

"This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases."
-Matthew 8:17

Thought for Today: He Himself took our infirmities, and bore our sickness."

Have you heard the song, "I Believe in Miracles for I believe in God?" Do you believe in miracles: Are they only something that happened a long time ago? Not so. A miracle can happen to you anytime and often does. It is something so wonderful, so out of the ordinary, so unexplainable that you know it is surely an act of God. Many of us have walked through the fires of serious illnesses, death of a loved one, loss of fortunes, rejection from friends and family. Many have laid down, pulled the cover around our heads and prayed that God would take us home--get us out of pain that wracks our bodies and numbs our mind. Instead of giving into our cry of defeat, He gives a miracle of grace. Grace to keep going when we feel as if we can't. He lifts us up, dusts us off and sets our feet on a straight path. Then it's up to us to keep going.

Prayer: Praise you Father! Your love is so wonderful, it shows us that You care so much for your people. Help us to share this love with someone today who says they don't believe, because we do believe and you are the miracle God. Amen.

WEDNESDAY

FALL KICKOFF

AUGUST 23

6:00 PM ADULT BIBLE STUDY

with PASTOR SHAKER

Calling All Kids Kindergarten - 5th Grade

fbc Kids

3:30-6PM

The FBC bus will pick up children after school from the two Murphysboro grade schools. Contact Barb at 924-7018 for the details.

FAMILY DINNER 5 pm

7:15 pm JOIN THE CHOIR

crossfire STUDENT MINISTRIES

All youth are invited to an evening of fun with a great Bible study.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION FOR THE FBC FAMILY OF FAITH

Thank you so much to all who prayed for Debbie during her surgery and recovery. Prayers were answered. Praise God. A special thanks to the Deacons, Pastor Shaker, and Jeff Wright during a time of stress for our family.

Kevin, Debbie,
Ethan, & Alyssa Penrod

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Thank you for being so thoughtful. Thanks so much for the flowers. They really meant a lot.

Jo & Stan Graeff

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS AUGUST ENROLLMENT TIME

It's time to enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program. Enrollment is only allowed in the month of August. The good news is that if you are already enrolled you do nothing.

By linking your Kroger card to FBC, every purchase you make, a donation will be made to the church.

If you would like to link your Kroger card to FBC, go to www.Kroger.com (select Community, then Community Rewards and sign up) or just call 1-800-576-4377, option 3, ask to join the Kroger Community Rewards program. Our organization number is #11028.

FBC receives approximately $1000 annually. Thank you Kroger!

I would like to thank all the young men and Jesse for coming to my home and moving the sand bags used during the flooding. Your thoughtfulness was so kind and truly unexpected. God bless you all!!

Joan Mifflin

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Thank you to all the ladies who prepared the food for the luncheon. The meal was wonderful and enjoyed by all.

The rose flower arrangement was beautiful and much appreciated.

The kindness and generosity of the church was overwhelming and so appreciated. Thank you so much.

The Family of Betty Allard

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Dear Friends at FBC,

We want to tank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kind contribution toward our support in May. May God's peace and presence be with you always!

Gratefully,
Mark & Ana Celine Willis
Wycliffe Bible Translators

OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR JUNE 2017:

	This Month	To Date
Needed	$ 29,597.10	$ 203,220.26
Given	$ 34,788.87	$ 187,014.14
Over (Under)	$ 5,191.77	$ (16,206.12)

TRIMESTER BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULED

There will be a Trimester Business Meeting on **Sunday, August 6th**, immediately following the morning worship service at approximately **11:15 am.** There are several items on the agenda. The June financial statements are now available at the Welcome Center for all those who would like to preview it before the meeting. Please make plans to attend.

PRIMETIME SUMMER TRIP IN AUGUST

PrimeTime will be having a leisurely lunch at the Sunny Street Cafe in Carbondale on **Tuesday, August 8th.** The bus will leave the church at **10:45 am.** Lunch is dutch treat. After lunch the plan is to stop at the University Mall for a little browsing. 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.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DIRECTOR NEEDED

It's time to start planning our holiday schedule. A Christmas program is a fun holiday event. Our 2017 Christmas Program is in need of a director. It can be one person, a couple of individuals or a team that work well together. Please prayerfully consider taking on this wonderful holiday tradition.

If you have questions or would like to become the director, please contact Pastor Shaker.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS NEED VOLUNTEERS

Our Wednesday evening activities will be kicking off on Wednesday, August 23rd. FBC Kids Club has approximately 30-40 kids every week. Feeding this group has become an important part of our ministry. There are 35-40 adults, 30-40 children and 25-35 youth who are all Wednesday night regulars. Simple and easily prepared foods will be offered (kids like simple foods). Would you please prayerfully consider volunteering to be a part of our kitchen crew one Wednesday a month? If you would like to discuss where you could help, have questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Christina Smith (519-0829) or Pastor Shaker.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 20, 2017

Meeting opened with prayer and Helen Payne presented chapter 5 of Who Moved My Pulpit. Chuck Grammer will present chapter 6 next month.

Additions to the Agenda: Elaine Hardwig was appointed Vice Moderator. Create a team to start planning the 150th Anniversary Celebration in 2019. July Council Meeting will be July 18th. Trimester Business Meeting will be August 6th.

The May, 2017 minutes were approved by consensus.

Financial Report: The May, 2017 Financial Report was approved by consensus. A transfer of $15,000 from the surplus to general fund was approved by consensus. Discussion on how to deal with the Building Fund within the 2018 budget.

Outreach & Evangelism: Gathering of 8 Program is May/September with 2 groups. Men's Steak Night is July 16th with a guest speaker.

Missions: Community Missions Intern Nick Dobbs--he and Rachel are working on funding their missions. 2017 Jamaica Mission trip is coming along. Suzanne gave an update on her trip to Israel.

Children Discipleship: VBS went well. Kids Camp is July 19-22 with the number adults needed and will be setting up the fund raising board. Are looking into the Intern replacement when James goes to college. More Kids/Family events like Family Fun Day are needed.

Youth Discipleship: Youth are at camp.

Adult Discipleship: Request for a Young Adult Sunday School class.

Staff Relations/Policies: they are meeting.

Finance & Stewardship: Possible Ameren Equalizer.

Buildings & Grounds: Updated Building & Grounds maintenance list. Refrigerator in kitchen repaired. Vic Koenig Chevrolet estimate of bus repair accepted and will have repairs done in August. May be receiving a check in the near future from the Young Estate. Some boiler repairs have been taken care of. Will have Bob H. and Scott H. get together to discuss more issues.

Security: A small room has been converted to the new security office. Working on the Wednesday night security needed for the fall.

Special Events: All Church Picnic set for October 1st.

Worship Ministry: Area IV Conference in April 2018 will be help at FBC on a Sunday afternoon with usually around 100 people.

Strategic Action Team: Strategic meetings are continuing. Working on information re: Legacy giving and strategic plan.

Kitchen/Dinner: Wednesday Dinner Support is needed and will be setting up a meeting to strategies.

Pastor's Report: 30 Days of Prayer groups are continuing. May have picnic for all participants. We need to remember to thank our sound booth volunteers and other volunteers in the church who are a huge help.

The next Leadership Council meeting will be Tuesday, July 18th, at 6:30 pm.

Want to get your newsletter faster.
Send an email to
office@fbcmurphy.org asking
"Email my "Bapties", please."
It will arrive quicker!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

August 6
Kathie Grob
Carmella Schuman

August 13
Kathie Grob
Katie Tolbert

August 20
Kathie Grob
Savanah Schuman

August 27
Kathie Grob
Mayah Kelley

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

GREETERS

August 6
Albert & Trish Boudet

August 13
Lou Polsgrove & Lou Bigler

August 20
Ed & Terri Miller

August 27
Scott & Tina Evans

If you are unable to help, please contact Cindy Stamm.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

August 6
Pat & Jan Etherton

August 13
Rodney & Carol Brown

August 20
Albert & Trish Boudet

August 27
Jeff & Linda Wright

WELCOME CENTER

August 6
Anna Jenkins

August 13
Albert & Trish Boudet

August 20
Jeff & Linda Wright

August 27
Vic & Patty Koenig

MEALS ON WHEELS

August 28-September 1

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

August

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HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

1	DeAnn Stilley	14	Sheila Echols
4	Macie Mifflin	15	Shirley Forbes
5	Madeline Dunning	15	Noah Coleman
6	Dawson Graff	17	Trinity Troutman
7	Thomas Reams	18	Charles Attig
8	Amy Karg	19	Kari Graff
10	Julie Sikorski	20	Bennett Grither
10	Kelly Mileur	22	Marsha Heiple
10	Zane Goad	22	Doug Edgar
12	Eric Waddington	23	Myles Guthman
13	Angela Barke	24	Brian Blaise
13	Frances Reiman	28	Jesse Boudet
14	Andrea Waddington	29	Clay Brewer

VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our many

AUGUST 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 **8:30 AM** Coffee Hour **8:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study **9:00 AM** FBC Kids' Worship **9:00 AM** Sunday School & Life Groups **10:00 AM** Worship **1:00 PM** Youth Worship Band Rehearsal	31 **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study **12:00 PM** FBC Kids Monday Fun Day **5:45 PM** Worship Meeting **7:00 PM** Praise Team Rehearsal	1 **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study **6:30 PM** H.S. Girls Group **7:00 PM** H.S. Guys Groups	2 **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study	3 **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study	4 Outcry Youth Festival **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study	5 Outcry Youth Festival
6 Outcry Youth Festival **8:30 AM** Coffee Hour **8:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study **9:00 AM** FBC Kids' Worship **9:00 AM** Sunday School & Life Groups **10:00 AM** Worship **11:15 AM** Trimester Business Meeting **1:00 PM** Youth Worship Band Rehearsal	7 **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study **5:45 PM** Worship Meeting **7:00 PM** Praise Team Rehearsal	8 **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study **10:00 AM** PrimeTime Trip **1:00 PM** Middle School Girls Swimming Party at Cedar Lake **6:30 PM** H.S. Girls Group **7:00 PM** H.S. Guys Groups	9 **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study **7:15 PM** Choir Rehearsal	10 **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study	11 **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study **7:30 PM** Middle School Girls Sleep Over	12
13 **8:30 AM** Coffee Hour **8:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study **9:00 AM** FBC Kids' Worship **9:00 AM** Sunday School & Life Groups **10:00 AM** Worship **1:00 PM** Mission Trip Reception **2:00 PM** Youth Worship Band Rehearsal **6:00 PM** Crossfire High School Youth Group	14 **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study **9:00 AM** Deacon Care Team **5:00 PM** Adult Small Group **5:45 PM** Worship Meeting **7:00 PM** Praise Team Rehearsal	15 **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study **6:30 PM** H.S. Girls Group **6:30 PM** Leadership Council Meeting **7:00 PM** H.S. Guys Groups	16 **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study **7:15 PM** Choir Rehearsal	17 **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study	18 **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study	19 Meet the Team
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27 **8:30 AM** Coffee Hour **8:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study **9:00 AM** FBC Kids' Worship **9:00 AM** Sunday School & Life Groups **10:00 AM** Worship **1:00 PM** Youth Worship Band Rehearsal **6:00 PM** Crossfire High School Youth	28 Meals on Wheels **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study **5:45 PM** Worship Meeting **7:00 PM** Praise Team Rehearsal	29 Meals on Wheels **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study **6:30 PM** H.S. Girls Group **7:00 PM** H.S. Guys Groups	30 Meals on Wheels **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study **3:30 PM** Crossfire Youth **3:30 PM** FBC Kids Club **5:00 PM** Family Dinner **6:00 PM** Bible Study w/ Pastor **7:15 PM** Choir Rehearsal	31 Meals on Wheels **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study **6:30 PM** Adult Small Group	1 Meals on Wheels **7:30 AM** Prayer in Pastor's Study	2