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LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Monday, September 4

PRIMETIME TRIP - BENNIE'S ITALIAN FOODS 10:30 am Thursday, September 7

COMMUNION SERVICE AT RIVER TO RIVER 6 pm Thursday, September 7

APPLE FESTIVAL EVENTS SEPT. 12-17

12 noon Tuesday, Carnival Workers Luncheon 6:45 am Wednesday, Prayer Breakfast 6:30 pm Wednesday, Gospel Sing 6:30 pm Wednesday, FBC Choir Singing 4 pm Friday, Kiddie Parade 11 am Saturday, Grand Parade

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Wednesdays, September 6,20,27 3:30 pm FBC Kids Club 3:30 pm M. S. Crossfire Youth 5 pm Family Dinner 6 pm H. S. Crossfire Youth 6 pm Bible Study w/ Pastor 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES

5:30 pm Monday, M.S. Girls Sept. 11,18,25 6:30 pm every Tuesday, H.S. Girls Group 7 pm every Tuesday, H.S. Guys Groups 3:30 pm Wednesday, M.S. Crossfire, Sept 6,20,27 6 pm Wednesday, H.S. Crossfire, Sept. 6,20,27 9 pm Friday, Laser Tag Lock In, September 22



SEPTEMBER 2017 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

Great Is Thy

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

"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 with it."

-Lamentations 3:22-23

Jeremiah points out that God will be faithful every step of the way. This book is about the lamentation of the prophet as

he watched the way the Israelites were not responding to God's guidance. So Jeremiah forces himself to bring truth to the forefront of his thinking. He realizes that if he does not think positively of God's goodness he could be drawn into discouragement, despair and bitterness.

Although Jeremiah is aware of the plight of the people, he understands that it is of their own making.

Jeremiah focused his mind so he could break out of this pattern and cycle of despair. What Jeremiah did was something we need to do as well. We need to engage our will and purposely focus on things other than our problems. We need to intentionally think about all the goodness we have had in God.

First of all we need to be thankful for our salvation. Verse 22 says, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail." It states because of God's great love we should not be consumed--His compassion never fails. God stands by the people He has chosen. God loves us because He promised to love

us and nothing can cause Him to break his promise. As bad as we often think things are, if it were not for God, things would be much worse. We all can look back in our lives and see how God has brought us through our difficult times and circumstances. Compassion literally means "to be moved in

the heart out of love for another."

Verse 23 says, "They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." They are new every morning, think of this, each and every day we are given new blessings not old ones recycled. They are new and fresh every morning. God's blessings are never too early or too late.

God will give us more if we need more or (continues on page 13)



ALL CHURCH PICNIC * FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, October 1, 11:30 am Kiwanis Pavilion at Riverside Park



There will be gift baskets filled with great prizes for the winners.

For the most comfortable seating, don't forget your lawn chairs.



Everyone is invited to an afternoon of good food, fun games, and wonderful fellowship.
Immediately following morning worship the whole church will travel to Murphysboro Riverside Park for a picnic lunch of barbecue with all the trimmings.

After everyone has eaten their fill, let the games begin... human fooseball, battle light arena, and a bag throw tournament.



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if we need something else, He will give us that as well. Because His love for us is so immense He will never withhold anything. We need to remember He gave His son Jesus to die on the cross for my needs and sinfulness. His compassion will never fail.

How encouraging, refreshing and wonderful that we have a God who is always faithful, in spite of our shortcomings. God can be trusted. We often talk about God's love, power and greatness but fail to rest in his assurance of His faithfulness.

Jeremiah saw the destruction of His beloved city, Jerusalem, His people taken into captivity. It would have been easy for him to question God, but Jeremiah says "Great is Thy Faithfulness."

God is consistent in His character. God is Holy, God is merciful, God is truth, God is love. There is no change in Him. Psalm 33:4 says, "For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does." God is faithful to say He is true to His word.

We can rest assured that God always keeps His promises. There is no greater hope than knowing that God is totally reliable.

I praise God for His mercies each morning. We may be faint and weary but our Heavenly Father is all powerful, His feelings are steady. He is unchangeable. The song "Great is Thy Faithfulness" sums it up all for

me

What an encouragement to live for Him no matter what our needs are. We can count on God's faithfulness.

We are hoping to have a great fall. Hope you enjoy the change of colors and glorify God's blessings.

In Christ's steps, Pastor Shaker



HURRICANE HARVEY

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF PLANS

FBC has set up a Relief Fund for the hurricane Harvey disaster and more is in the works. Please watch our web page as well as check your weekly bulletin for updates on what is being planned.

But most importantly, please, please pray for all those who have been affected by this catastrophic event.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY



The church office will be closed **Monday**, **September 4th**, so the staff may spend the holiday with their families. In case of an emergency, Pastor Shaker can be reached at home. Have a great and safe Labor Day!!



FRIDAY & SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 22-23

All middle and high school students and their friends are invited for a night filled with fun, fun, fun on **Friday, September 22nd**. At approximately 10 pm, everyone will be loaded into the church bus (& van if needed) to travel to Belleville for a night of unlimited laser tag, unlimited arcade games, soda and pizza at "Lazer Rock." The cost is \$20 per person. If you would like to go, be sure to contact Jesse Boudet at 713-7505 by the deadline of Wednesday, September 20th. Registration and consent forms must be completed.

It's SMALL GROUPS FOR CROSSFIRE

Middle School Girls
5:30 pm, every Monday
in the Fellowship Hall

High School Girls 6:30 pm, every Tuesday, in the Fellowship Hall

High School Boys

7 pm, every Tuesday at the youth house

BAPTISM/MEMBERSHIP CLASSES FOR YOUTH STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

All students who have accepted Christ as their personal Savior and would like to be baptized and all those who are interested in knowing more about the FBC family of faith are invited to be a part of a small group study on baptism and church membership **Sundays**, **September 3, 10, and 17th** at **9:00 am** during the Sunday School/Small Group hour. If you are an adult and are interested, please contact Pastor Shaker concerning the FBC Discovering Church Membership Class. FYI...there will be a baptism service on September 24th.



PRIMETIME ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

PrimeTime will be on the road **Thursday, September 7th** to travel to Benny's Italian Restaurant in Marion for a leisurely lunch. Lunch is dutch treat. The bus will leave the church at **10:30 am.** 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. All active senior adults are invited.



COMMUNION AT RIVER TO RIVER ASSISTED LIVING

Our Deacon Team is planning their quarterly Communion Service at the River to River Assisted Living facility on **Thursday, September 7th at 6:00 pm** in the east building. Everyone is invited to be a part of the service. The residents love having the fellowship, so please plan to attend.



FBC TO HOST FEED THE TEAM

Come, show your support of the MTHS football team by volunteering to help with the "Feed the Team" on **Friday, September 8th,** at **3:30 pm** in the fellowship hall. Desserts and volunteers to prepare, serve and clean up are needed. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact DeAnn Stilley at 521-2963.



ABC-GRR 50TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region will be gathering for their 50th Annual Assembly at the Double Tree by the Hilton Hotel St. Louis in Chesterfield, Missouri on **Friday and Saturday, September 29th-30th**. Pastor Shaker is planning to attend. If you would like to know more about the conference or would like to attend, please contact Pastor Shaker or the church office for the registration forms and itinerary.





LUNCHEON PLANNED FOR CARNIVAL WORKERS

A luncheon is being planned for the Apple Festival Carnival workers and vendors on **Tuesday, September 12th, at 12:00 noon.** If you would like to help, please contact DeAnn Stilley at 521-2963.

ENJOY AN EVENING OF GOSPEL MUSIC AT THE APPLE FESTIVAL

The Apple Festival Gospel Sing will be on **Wednesday, September 13th,** starting at **6:30 pm**. The concert will be on the Apple Town Stage at the corner of Spruce and 13th Street.

The FBC Choir will be performing on the grand stand during the gospel sing at approximately 6:30 pm. Be sure to be there to support our Choir. They always do a wonderful job of representing the talent here at FBC.

All the evening's entertainment is free but don't forget your lawn chairs for the most comfortable seating.

APPLE FESTIVAL PRAYER BREAKFAST TICKETS AVAILABLE

The Murphysboro Ministerial Alliance is inviting everyone to help kick off a great Apple Festival celebration by attending the annual Apple Festival Prayer Breakfast. This year's breakfast will be held at the Davis McCann Civic Center on **Wednesday, September 13th, at 6:45 am.**

Tickets are available in the church office or a \$5 donation at the door would be appreciated.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 13TH

There will be **NO** FBC Kids Club, Crossfire Youth, Family Dinner and Bible Study with Pastor on Wednesday, September 13th, so everyone can attend and enjoy the Apple Festival Gospel Sing. All activities will resume on September 20th.

OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR JULY 2017:

| | This Month | To Date |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Needed | \$ 31,108.64 | \$ 234,328.90 |
| Given | \$ 26,981.10 | \$ 213,995.24 |
| Over (Under) | \$ (4,127.54) | \$ (20,333.66) |



SHOP FBC IN THE PARLOR

Every Sunday after worship the Parlor is open with all kinds of FBC merchandise: t-shirts, polos, pens, pray sign, cookbooks, etc. They can be yours for a donation. The shirts, signs, and pens donations go toward the cost of breaking even on the expense. The Orphan Ministry Cookbook is \$15 and all proceeds help orphan children and their families.

Be sure to stop by the parlor after worship.

THE HUMPHREYS FAMILY NEEDS YOUR OLD SHOES

Jason and Danelle Humphreys are growing their family again. They are going to bring home another brother. Mason is a 10 year old boy with hemophilia. He currently is in China where he is not receiving adequate medical treatment for his condition. Your old shoes will help fund his adoption.

They will send your old shoes to Fund 2 Orgs that works with small-entrepreneurs in helping create, maintain and grow a small shoe business in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. Proceeds from the sale of these used shoes collected in this shoe drive fundraiser is used to feed, clothe and house their families.

The Humphreys will receive 40 cents for every pound of shoes collected. The money will go directly toward the adoption fees. They must collect 7,500 pair of shoes to be eligible for our their first pickup on November 1st. This earns \$3,000 toward their next agency fees due. They will continue the shoe collection through February 1, 2018. The more they collect the more they can earn to help bring Mason to his forever home.

To follow their story go to their Facebook page <u>Bringing Home a Brother</u>. Shoes can be dropped off in Murphysboro at the First Baptist Church.

They cannot except house slippers, metal cleats, or unpaired shoes. They need to be gently used condition please.













WMO IS CALLING DISCIPLESHIP: "COME FOLLOW ME"

Your gifts to the World Mission Offering helps people around the world meet Christ, to grow as disciples and to serve as channels of God's love. This year's offering will focus on three areas of action: peace and justice, abolishing global slavery, and economic and community development. Your gifts help support International

Ministries' more than 240 global partners and 1300 volunteers who are actively sharing God's message of hope, love and healing with a lost and hurting world.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 18 2017

Meeting was opened with prayer. Angie Robinson presented Chapter 6 of Who Moved My Pulpit. Chuck Grammer will present chapter 7.

Additions to the Agenda: Meet the Team - the church will have a presence. Will need 4-6 people to help cook at 3 pm. They are also doing a book to commemorate the 100th of Murphysboro v. Carbondale. We will purchase an ad--half page at a cost of \$125 to be taken from Outreach.

Last Meeting's Minutes: The June, 2017, minutes were approved by consensus.

Financial Report: The June, 2017, Financial Report was approved by consensus. Requested change "Income from Surplus Fund" to "Transfer from Surplus Fund".

Outreach and Evangelism: Police/Fire-fighter Recognition Meal – July 26, will be provided by the Deacons. Would like to see outreach to other schools, not just the High School.

Missions: Community Missions Interns
Update – Nick Dobbs is coordinating local
missions work here in Murphysboro.
Nick Dobbs and Rachel Edgar are working on
their funding for their mission internships.
Andrew Bailey will be in the states in August
and will be a part of the Missions Sunday.
2017 Jamaica Mission Trip Update – July
21-29. August 13 will be Mission Sunday for
the Kids Camp, Jamaica Missions Trip and
Suzanne's trip to Israel.

Children Discipleship: Kids Camp 7/19-22 – are ready to go. Will have 21 kids and 7 adults. Have already reserved the lodge for next year's camp. Intern Replacement – will wait until school starts and see what is needed. Fun Day Monday is going well.

Finance and Stewardship: New Missions Financial Report – discussed. Young Estate Funds – Received a check for \$300,000.00. Will be creating a team to prioritize the needs of the church. Will share this information at the August Business meeting. Would like each member to be thinking of church needs.

Building and Grounds: Replacing some seals on the boiler; gutters have been scheduled; bus has been repaired and the decals will be taken care of next; refrigerator has been repaired out of the Building Fund. Approved by consensus moving forward with the new parking lot adjacent to the large lot on the south side. Sanctuary A/C issues — maintenance has been scheduled.

Security: Wednesday Security Needed For Fall – Ed and Terri Miller will be Wednesday security.

Special Events: 150th Anniversary Team – will get started on (2019). Church Picnic 10/1.

Worship Ministry: Sound System Updates – new board for sound will cost \$8000, may have someone to cover ½ the cost. Current board is 15 years old. Promotion role – best way to get information to the congregation – texts, notifications, Facebook, announcements? Will continue to consider different ways. Possible Play – Church play? Will see if

anyone is interested in directing.

Kitchen/Dinners: Wednesday Dinner Support the Youth will be helping; Christina will be making up some menus; will speak to the congregation beginning of August; will need the budget increased.

Strategic Action Team: Strategic Plan Legacy Giving – getting a letter ready to send out.

Nominating Team: Will set up a new committee next month.

Pastor's Report: Would like to start a discipleship program for visitors/new members/ new families. Shaker would be willing to do some training for this. Vicki and Angie volunteered to help with this. Angie, with Van, will ask Melinda and Matt to start up a small group.

The next Leadership Council meeting will be Tuesday, August 15th, at 6:30 pm.

Business Meeting: Sunday, August 6th, after worship.

FBC COMMUNITY MISSION INTERN REPORT 2017

This summer I have been blessed with the opportunity to intern with First Baptist Church of Murphysboro. They brought me onto their team in order to help coordinate and lead local mission opportunities in our neighborhoods here in Murphysboro. Our goal this summer was to encourage and inspire our members to be a light in our community and to open up opportunities for them to do so. My hope is that I have inspired others to continue reach-

ing out and serving our community long after this summer is over.

We were able to serve our community in many different ways. We volunteered with Habitat 4 Humanity to build a home in Murphysboro. We led prayer walks through our community in order to pray for very specific and important parts of our community. I gathered small groups of volunteers for small projects helping members of our church with physical projects that they themselves could not do.

First Baptist Church of Murphysboro allowed me to help out in other ways this summer as well. I went to summer camp with their elementary age kids as a chaperone. I spent a week helping with their VBS program for local kids. I was also able to lead a handful of bible studies for FBC's high school guys small groups on Tuesday nights.

All in all, my hope is that the congregation could see how many opportunities there are to serve in our community every day. I believe that "ministry" is simply how God wishes us to live our daily lives, share His love and His gospel with all who we encounter. This summer I was able to show others how we here at FBC can reach out into our community and make a lifestyle out of it.

Nick Dobbs FBC Community Mission Intern



September 3

Kathie Grob Carmella Schuman

September 10

Kathie Grob Katie Tolbert

September 17

Kathie Grob Savanah Schuman

September 24

Kathie Grob, Mayah Kelley

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

September 3

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

September 10

Matt & Elaine Hardwig Family

Septermber 17

Suzanne Goad Family

September 24

Dave & Vicki Ardrey

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



GREETERS

September 3

Bill & Kim Oploh Family

September 10

Matt & Elaine Hardwig Family

September 17

Gene & Carole Ebersohl

September 24

Anna Jenkins & Judy Raines

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

WELCOME CENTER

September 3

Glenann Kiel

September 10

Ed & Terri Miller

September 17

Judy Raines

September 24

Murl Johnson

MEALS ON WHEELS September 25-29

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

Darrell Ewbank

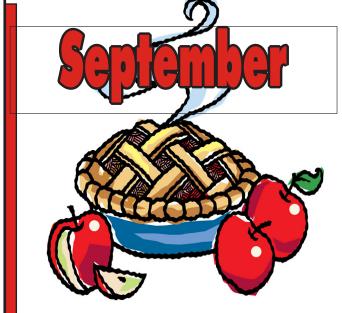
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Ernie Miller

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POST THIS ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

| 1 | Caitie Grither | 24 | Jeff Wright |
|----|-----------------|----|----------------|
| 3 | Mitzi Summers | 24 | Karissa Lemons |
| 4 | Lauren Martin | 25 | Don Rahming |
| 6 | Bob Heiple | 25 | Ron Rahming |
| 8 | Kathie Grob | 27 | Kristy Dunning |
| 10 | Hannah Sims | 29 | T.J. Reiman |
| 11 | Adam Coleman | | |
| 13 | Keith Davis | | |
| 14 | Leanna Schnautz | | |
| 15 | Kim Grammer | _ | |
| 17 | Mary Easton | | elebrating |
| 17 | Meghan Blechle | | |



SEPTEMBER 2017

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