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OCTOBER EVENTS

ALL CHURCH PICNIC & FAMILY FUN DAY

Murphysboro Riverside Park
12 noon Sunday October 1

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

October 4,11,18,25
3:30 pm FBC Kids Club
3:30 pm Middle School Crossfire Youth
5 pm Family Dinner
6 pm High School Crossfire Youth
6 pm Bible Study w/ Pastor
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES

3:30 pm Every Wednesday, M. S. Crossfire Youth
6 pm Every Wednesday, H. S. Crossfire Youth
5:30 pm Every Monday M. S. Girls Group
6:30 pm Tuesday, Oct. 10,17,24 H. S. Girls Group
7 pm Tuesday, Oct. 10,17,24 H. S. Guys Groups
4 pm Family Bonfire & Weiner Roast, October 22

PRIMETIME TRIP

10:00 am Tuesday, Cracker Barrel
in Cape Girardeau, MO, October 3

COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT

at Longfellow Park
5 pm Tuesday, October 3

CHICKEN & DUMPLING FUNDRAISER DINNER

11:30 am Sunday, October 22

TRUNK OR TREAT

11:15 am Sunday, October 29

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT OUTREACH

5-8 pm Tuesday, October 31



"SUFFICIENT GRACE"

"Or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 2 Corinthians 12:7-9

Cancer is a devastating and debilitating disease. It brings pain not only to the person but also to the people around them. I have often wondered how does this help in our spiritual growth. Yes, I do go through those moments when I visit the people at home, hospitals and doctors offices. I don't have an answer but I do know it does in time.

Since most of you know, my friend Dan Peterson is going through this ordeal, I'm beginning to see God's grace is sufficient. As I stood at Dan's bedside, I was able to see what God has accomplished through his life. He has served people with disabilities over thirty years and has seen suffering and pain every day. Before that in Vietnam, he was a medic with the Marines and saw first hand the pain and suffering of his fellow soldiers. He did not just watch it, but

made an effort to ease their pain and also share the love of Jesus Christ through his compassion. Through his servant hood many a young person has been mentored and are in service to God.

As Paul's life underscored this truth, he was given a thorn in his flesh, three times Paul pleaded with the Lord to take it away from him. But, the answer was "my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Our weakness not only helps develop Christian character it also deepens our worship because in admitting our weakness, we affirm God's strength.

Max Lucado in his book Grace shares: "A thorn in the flesh. Such vivid imagery. The sharp end of a thorn pierces the soft skin of life and lodges beneath the surface. Every step is a reminder of the thorn in the flesh. The cancer in the body. The sorrow in the heart. The child in the rehab center. The red ink on the ledger. The felony on the record. The craving for whiskey in the middle of the day. The tears in the middle of the night. The thorn in the flesh.

"Take it away," you've pleaded. Not once, twice, or even three times. You've out prayed Paul. He prayed a sprint; you've prayed the Boston Marathon. And you are

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IT'S TWO GREAT KIDS EVENTS IN OCTOBER

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday October 29th, 11:15 am

Everyone looks forward to this annual event. On Sunday, October 29th, immediately following the worship service, the annual trunk & treat parade will begin in the church parking lots. All children are asked to bring their Halloween costumes to church and change into them following FBC Kids Worship. They will then parade through the church's parking lots so everyone can see their costumes and they will be hoping that the trunks of the cars will be filled with goodies. So kids, pack those costumes...adults, load those trunks with treats, and be ready for the Trunk or Treat Parade.

HALLOWEEN OUTREACH AND TRICK OR TREATING

TUESDAY OCTOBER 31ST 5-8:00 PM

We will have a crew of people here at FBC for a Halloween Outreach on Halloween night Tuesday, October 31st from 5-8:00 pm. Be sure to bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews for hotdogs, drinks and of course, candy, candy, candy!! Everyone is welcome, tell all your friends. Candy donations would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers to give out the food and treats are needed. If you would like to help, please contact Moses Gary at 713-7118 or Kathie Grob at 924-7017.



Eliminate the Kroger fund line and add as Other Income. The college group will help people sign up.

Kitchen/Dinners: Wednesday Dinners start 8/23.

Strategic Action Team: Strategic Plan/Feasibility Study. Legacy giving – Letter to send to members is ready to go. Will send a thank you letter to Mr. & Mrs. Zerbst, executors of the Young Estate.

Nominating Team: Create new team – Lou Polsgrove and Angie Robinson volunteered. Will contact a third at large person to serve in this role.

Pastor's Report: Is starting a membership class. Wants to put together a committee to brainstorm re: children's Sunday school.

The next Leadership Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 19th, at 6:30 pm.



FYI ... October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR AUGUST 2017

	This Month	To Date
Needed	\$ 39,025.20	\$ 273,354.10
Given	\$ 28,717.51	\$ 242,712.75
Over (Under)	\$ (10,307.69)	\$ (30,641.35)

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about to hit the wall at mile nineteen. The wound radiated pain, and you see no sign of tweezers coming from heaven. But what you hear is this: "My grace is sufficient for you."

Grace takes on an added dimension here. Paul is referring to sustaining grace. Saving grace saves us from sins. Sustaining grace meets us at our point of need and equips us with courage, wisdom, and strength. It surprises us in the middle of our person transatlantic flights with ample resources of faith. Sustaining grace promises not the absence of struggle but the presence of God."

As I watch Dan leaning toward heaven, I also see the legacy he is leaving behind. I see his unique spiritual depth, his coworkers faith in God's goodness. I see the indelible impact he has made in my life. He is graciously allowing God to show forth His power to the rest of us. Yes, it is agonizing to see our loved ones suffer. God shows the futility of the sin filled world is only a passing phase for the eternity of glory awaiting us. So let us draw closer to the Lord who loves us and redeems us. Yes, we will all one day meet back together without our pain, heartache and suffering in HIS glorious presence.

Our God is an awesome God in spite of our struggles on the earth. Let me close with what Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9:8, "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

Enjoy the beautiful fall and rejoice in Him. Have a wonderful Fall.

God Bless.
In Christ's steps,
Pastor Shaker

AUGUST 15, 2017 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

Devotional: Chuck Grammer presented chapter 7 of Who Moved My Pulpit.

Additions to the Agenda:

Council Retreat in January – Roger Palmer from Crossings will come and lead a leadership retreat. \$0 cost but we can do a love offering. Can also invite Deacons and others in leadership positions.

The July, 2017, minutes were approved by consensus.

The July, 2017, Financial Report was approved by consensus.

Outreach and Evangelism: Meet the Teams 8/19. Jesse volunteered to help Darrell and will have some of the high school boys help with putting up the tents.

Missions: 2018 Mission Trip – have scheduled a meeting in September to discuss next year's trip. Andrew Bailey was here and met with and spoke to several groups. Showed a documentary. Rachel Edgar & Nick Dobbs are moving forward with their missions.

Childrens Discipleship: Kids Intern Replacement – meeting to discuss. Events to get into schools & Outreach – meeting to discuss.

Youth Discipleship: Youth groups will be meeting on Wednesday.

Adult Discipleship: Young Adult Class – Jesse met with Jessica Grammer. New Small/Life Groups – letter was sent out regarding the class Vicki currently leads. Sunday School Record Keeping – Do we need to continue? Does Laura needs a backup? Vicki will check with Laura to see if she has any ideas.

Staff Relations/Policies: Jeff Wright will be retiring as Financial Secretary at the end of the year. An announcement will be put in the bulletin, newsletter and website, to start immediately.

Finance and Stewardship: Stewardship Month – Will be October. Team will consist of Sheila Echols, Judy Rawls and Helen Payne. Young Estate Fund Team – Sheila Echols, Judy Rawls and Helen Payne volunteered to look at institutions and interest rates to invest the money initially. Team will then be formed and allocation of funds will be researched for further discussion.

2018 Budget Team – Angie Robinson, Sheila Echols and Helen Payne volunteered.

Building and Grounds: B/G Team Report. Boiler Update – has had some maintenance work done, will be doing some more. Gut-tering – will get scheduled. New Parking Lot – will be completed in September. Emergency/Evacuation Plans – Jackson County has someone who will meet with us to help us devise a plan. Possible House Acquisitions – Checked out the house for sale that is south of the parking lot.

Sanctuary Lighting – met with person regarding the lights in the sanctuary. LED lights, all linked to the computer system.

Security: Main Office Access – Security team has a key.

Special Events: ABC GRR Region conference 9/29 – let Jesse know if you wish to go. Church picnic 10/1 – will be at Riverside Park. ABC GRR Area 4 meeting April 2018 – we are hosting. 150th Anniversary Team 10/2019 – Vicki will work on it.

Worship Ministry: Sound System Updates – looking into. Baptism Sunday and Classes – will be in September.

College Group Discipleship:

Starting a new study. Budget – no budget line. Can we use \$1000 from the Kroger fund to become the College fund line? Will need to add a line item for 2018.

CHICKEN & DUMPLING DINNER FUNDRAISER

to benefit 2018 Summer Mission Trip

SUNDAY, October 22nd

11:30 AM - 1 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL



Summer Mission Trip. Be generous because the dumplings will be amazing. Show some of that Baptist hospitality and invite your family, friends and neighbors.

It's said that chicken and dumplings soothe the soul...a true comfort food and Baptists are known for making some of the best. Everyone is invited to chow down on FBC's finest. You get to enjoy a little piece of heaven and it's all you can eat. Make a donation...any donation, whatever you think they are worth. They are the best! And your donation will help send someone on the

CITY OF MURPHYSBORO SPONSORING COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT



It's a night for the whole family. The City of Murphysboro is sponsoring their annual Community Night Out on **Tuesday, October 3rd** from **5-7:00 pm** at Longfellow Park on North 20th and Wall Street in Murphysboro. It will have it all: fire trucks, police cars, food with drinks, face painting, games for all and our FBC Crossfire youth will be providing a s'mores station (chocolate, marshmallow and graham crackers). Yummy! Everyone is welcome!

JUST A LITTLE REMINDER... HUMPHREYS NEED YOUR SHOES



The Humphrey family is still collecting old shoes to help with the cost of adopting Mason. The collection barrel is in the elevator alcove next to the handicap parking lot at the back of the building. If you need pickup, contact Jesse.

Crossfire

STUDENT



FAMILY BONFIRE + WEINER ROAST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, STARTING AT 4:00 PM

at John & Kristy Dunning's home,
2368 Watt Hill Road, Murphysboro

Bring your family & a covered dish
or finger food to share & join the fun.
The hotdogs for roasting, buns & drinks will be provided.
If your family can't come, you come anyway!

PRIMETIME ON THE ROAD IN OCTOBER



The PrimeTime group will be traveling to Cape Girardeau, MO for a leisurely lunch at the Cracker Barrel on **Tuesday, October 3rd**. If you would like to go, the sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. The bus will leave the church at **10:00 am**. Lunch is dutch treat. All active senior adults are welcome.

FBC Kids & their Families BONFIRE & WEINER ROAST Is Being Planned for October



All FBC Kids Club and their families are invited to an evening of games, roasting hotdogs and marshmallows as well as fun, fun, fun. It will be a great night for the whole family. The date and time will be sent out by our FBC Kids 313131 text messaging system or visit our website at www.fbcmurphy.org.

If you have not signed up yet...text to phone #313131, enter message FBCKids, and your phone will receive a confirmation. When final plans on this event are completed you will receive a text message with all the details.

IT WAS FREEZING BUT THEY DID IT ANYWAY

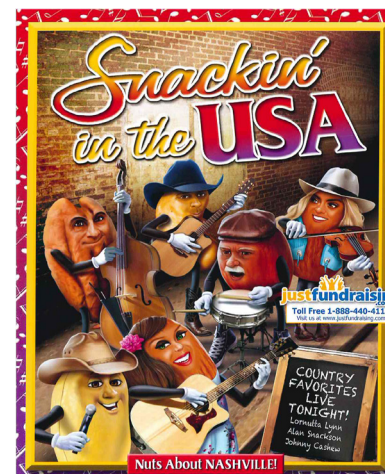
We are so blessed and feel so honored that two individuals decided to accept Jesus as their personal Savior and become the newest members of the FBC family of faith. Sunday morning, September 24th had some challenges and the water in the baptistry was freezing cold but **Swazy Vaughn and Sabastian Smith** decided a little cold water was not going to stop them from making their statement of salvation and they were baptized. God bless you both and you are going to be amazing witnesses for Jesus.



CONGRATULATIONS MATTHEW!

We would like to congratulate Matthew Satterlee on earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He earned 23 merit badges and served his troop and community in a variety of leadership rolls. One of Matthew's Eagle Scout projects was the set of steps and walkway from our back parking lot into the Youth House. They are just great and a whole lot safer ... thank you Matthew and God bless you for your hard work!! Matthew is the son of Scott and Lori Satterlee.

SUMMER CAMP SNACKIN' IN THE USA



The kids and youth who are planning on attending Crossings Summer Camp next year will be selling bags of snack foods beginning September 25th. There will be chocolate covered nuts, gummy bear and worms, dried fruits, trail mixes, party mixes, pretzels, and many more. The packages range from 5-14 oz. The cost is \$7 per package. Half of all sales will go to the Summer Camp Fund.

If you would like to help the kids and youth sale or have questions, please contact Kathie Grob at 924-7017.





October 1
Carmella Schuman

October 8
Katie Tolbert

October 15
Savanah Schuman

October 22
Myah Kelley

October 29
Carmella Schuman

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

October 1
Rhett & Angela Barke

October 8
Paul & Sheila Echols

October 15
Vic & Patty Koenig

October 22
Dale Blaise Family

October 29
Matt & Melinda Guthman Family

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



WELCOME CENTER

October 1
Matt or Elaine Hardwig

October 8
Scott or Tina Evans

October 15
Sherri Schimpf

October 22
Bill or Kim Oploh

October 29
Pat or Jan Etherton

MEALS ON WHEELS

October 23-27

Monday
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Gayle Gillmore

Tuesday
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Christina Smith & Frank Aldridge

Wednesday
Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Mark & Darlene Pautler

Thursday
Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

Friday
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Jane Beese & Alice Berry

OCTOBER



**POST THIS ON YOUR
REFRIGERATOR!**

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

3	Bradley Evans	20	Amy Russell
3	Steve McBride	21	Melinda Guthman
3	Bernice Nance	21	Tim Attig
3	Kamryn Martin	21	Sherri Schimpf
5	Shirley Aldridge	22	Hannah Samuel
5	Tammy Davis	23	Judy Penrod
7	Christina Smith	24	Carleigh Schimpf
9	Leah Sims	25	Matt Hardwig
10	Garrett Burroughs	26	Betty Elwell
11	Isabelle Doerr	27	Marie Schumaker
12	Kim Hudson	27	Debbie Woosley
12	Fern Shannon	28	James Verbal
14	Eleanor Blaise	28	Payton Myers
15	Ryan Eastwood	28	Matt Guthman
16	Elli Oploh	31	Dale Schimpf
17	Doris Rathjen	31	Morgan Echols
18	Shane Webb	31	Keith Roberts
19	Murl Johnson		
19	Bailey Goad		

VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our many

OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 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 12:00 PM All Church Picnic & Family Fun Day at Riverside Park 1:00 PM Youth Worship Band Rehearsal	2 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 5:30 PM M.S. Girls Group 5:45 PM Worship Meeting 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	3 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM PrimeTime Trip 5:00 PM Community Night Out at Longfellow Park	4 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 3:30 PM Crossfire M.S. Youth 3:30 PM FBC Kids Club 5:00 PM Family Dinner 6:00 PM Bible Study w/ Pastor 6:00 PM Crossfire H.S. Youth 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 6:30 PM Adult Small Group	6 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	7
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