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SERVICE REQUESTED CHANGE

Upcoming Events

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS Sunday, November 5

SPECIAL SUNDAYS

November 12, Honoring Our Veterans November 26, Hanging of the Greens

PRIMETIME TRIP

10:30 am Tuesday, November 7

CROSSFIRE TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER 5 pm Sunday, November 12

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES

6 pm Wednesday, November 1,8,15,29 5:30 pm Every Monday, M.S. Girls 6:30 pm Every Tuesday, H.S. Girls 7 pm Every Tuesday, H.S. Guys H.S. Girls Making Peanut Rolls, November 17

> LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING 6:30 pm Tuesday, November 14

DECORATE THE CHURCH 4 pm Tueday, November 21

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE 7 pm Tuesday, November 21

HANGING OF THE GREENS 10 am Sunday, November 26

TRIMESTER BUSINESS MEETING 11:15 am Sunday, December 3

CHRISTMAS BANQUET 5:30 pm Sunday, December 3



GOD IS LOVE

Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." -Romans 8:39

Lately as I see the happenings around us it seems like the world is out of control. It is confusing and perplexing why a God of love lets things happen. You know as I listen to God's word thru Paul, I'm relieved

to know nothing can separate us from the love of God. We still serve a wonderful God, a loving God. In the midst of this dark time we as children of God have a responsibility to share His love.

Psalmist says in Ps. 63:3 "Because your living kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise you."

We need to take this lesson from the Psalmist and praise God for his love for us. I remember the story of Dwight L. Moody. Once he was preaching in Chicago, a drunk man walked into the church service and saw a sign above the pulpit that read "God is Love." It struck him with anger, he slammed the door and muttered to himself, God is not love. If God was love. He wouldn't love a miserable man like him. It is not true so he walked away, but the statement kept coming back to him. "God is love, God is love" so he

decided to go back to the church confused and desperate and sat in the back of the church as Moody continued to preach. When the service ended and all the people were gone, D. L. Moody saw this man setting and crying. So he approached him and asked him if the sermon had touched him. The man replied, "Sir I did not listen to the sermon but the words above your

> pulpit "God is Love" broke my heart. So Moody sat down and explained the depth of God's love. The man broke down and gave his life to Jesus for the first time he understood that God really did love him.

There are many people in our world today who see the chaos in the world and wonder if God is love. I often wonder why we, the Christians, who

have been given and shown love have not reached out to the lonely and desperate people. Is it because we are so busy taking care of ourselves and we forget the hurting around us?

We have a greater responsibility to see through the eyes of Jesus, who has redeemed us and given us hope in spite of our inability to fathom the full scope of God's love. He has revealed to us in many ways that we can clearly understand.

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God is Love

The Christmas Season Is Here!!!

Come Decorate the Church

Tuesday, November 21, at 3:30 pm
Everyone is invited to an evening of holiday spirit and fun.
Bring the whole family to help kick off the Christmas season
by decorating the church.
The fun will begin as everyone arrives.

"HANGING OF THE GREENS"

Sunday, November 26, at 10:00 am

The congregation will be led through this special holiday service that reminds us of the significance of the decorations which adorn our Sanctuary and building each Christmas season. This is a great service to invite family, friends & neighbors to as we enter the season of our Lord Jesus' birth.

17TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Sunday, December 3

5:30 pm Appetizers 6:00 pm Dinner

The Christmas Banquet has become a wonderful event for the church family to gather together for an elegant evening of great food and warm fellowship. Following the meal the FBC Kids will provide holiday music for everyone to enjoy. Cost: \$12 Adults \$5 Children Under 3 years are free.

Bring your family and friends for a wonderful evening filled with Christ centered holiday spirit!!

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Through the laughter of a year old or the colorful sunset, or through the fall leaves around us and many other ways that HE loves us. Because God is God, He does as He pleases, and it pleases Him to love us without cause. From the beginning of time God does not love us because we love Him. 1 John 4:19 says, "We love Him because He first loved us."

God's love is unending, so we are the extension of God's love to the hurting and desperate world. John 3:16 says, "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."

This fall let us be the bridge to people who are blind for some reason and let them see God is love.

Fall colors are in full bloom so enjoy His generous love and share Him with people you come across.

God Bless. Pastor Shaker

OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR SEPTEMBER 2017:

	This Month	<u>To Date</u>
Needed	\$ 27,185.98	\$ 299,830.98
Given	\$ 26,061.62	\$ 268,774.37
Over (Under)	\$ (1,124.36)	\$ (31,056.61)

Do You Get Your "Bapties" by Snail Mail?



Want to get your newsletter faster.

Send an email to

office@fbcmurphy.org asking

"Email my "Bapties", please."

It will arrive much, much, quicker!

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Sunday after Thanksgiving. Christmas Eve and Christmas Services—will have the Christmas Eve service.

Strategic Action Team: Strategic Plan/ Feasibility Study – still meeting. Legacy giving – Thank you letter sent to administrators of the Young Estate. Legacy letter ready to send. Looking at matching program to be done by the 150th anniversary. **Nominating Team:** Team in place. Lou Polsgrove/Deacons. Patty Koenig/At Large. Meeting with Pastor Shaker and Vicki on 9/21.

The next Leadership Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 17th, at 6:30 pm.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSES

The church office will be closed **Friday, November 10th**, so the staff can observe the Veterans Day holiday and spend time with their families.

The office will also be closed **Thursday**, **November 23rd**, **and Friday**, **November 24th**, for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. In case of an emergency, Pastor Shaker can be reached at home.

The Wednesday evening activities, including FBC Kids, Crossfire Youth, Family Dinner, and Bible Study w/ Pastor will NOT take place on **November 22nd**.

The staff would like to wish you a happy and safe Thanksgiving Day and weekend! During this season of thankfulness, please remember to count the many blessings our Lord has graciously bestowed upon all of us. Praise God!!



LEADERSHIP COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

Meeting was opened with prayer. Chapter 8 of "Who Moved My Pulpit" was presented.

Additions to the Agenda: Next meeting Oct. 17th – Vicki not available, Elaine will run the next meeting. Leadership conference – Roger Palmer from Crossings is scheduled on Jan. 20th. He will preach on Jan. 21st. Pastoral Relations Team Update.

The August, 2017, minutes were approved by consensus.

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

Outreach and Evangelism: Halloween Outreach Event being planned. Community night Out is October 3rd, 5-7 pm. Kristy will head this up.

Missions: 2018 Mission Trip – Will continue to support Jamaica but will not be going back in 2018. Young Estate Funds Mission giving – possibility giving a percentage back to the community. Disaster Relief – Harvey & Irma Storms – ABC extended One Great Hour of Sharing, all will be going to hurricane disaster relief. Ron McLaughlin going down South to work. Will send \$200 with Ron out of the National Disaster Relief Fund, in case he sees a need.

Children Discipleship: Kids Curriculum/
Teachers--We need to do something to
increase interest in the Sunday morning
Children's Program. Kristy will head up a
Parent Outreach Team. Look into using the
Sunday curriculum on Wednesday and have
a handout for the kids to take home. We will
get a list of kids to call for pick up on Sunday
mornings. They will need to contact the church
office so they can be added to the list for the
bus drivers. Events to get into grade schools
and Outreach – Barb is thinking of things to
accomplish this.

Trunk R Treat at church—October 29th. **Youth Discipleship:** Partnering with "The Million Words Club"--talking to Dawn about us being involved.

Adult Discipleship: Young Adult Class

will start in October and Shaker will be teaching. New Small/Life Groups – see above. SS Record Keeping – Laura does not mind keeping the records. Discussed placing binder in each classroom with roster for attendance.

Staff Relations/Policies: Hiring Policy—Staff Relations will vet applicants and then present to council. Financial Secretary Position – Will schedule interview of Grant Kelly. Kid's Intern Position – Logan Doerr.

Finance and Stewardship:

Stewardship Month – update and theme. Will have visuals and graphs the 1st Sunday. Will send out a letter with update of individual's giving. Will plan something each quarter. Young Estate Funds/ Legacy Fund–Have earmarked \$30,000 for missions. Council decided on the following course of action. Community Savings Account and \$50,000: savings account at Regions Bank. 2018 proposed budget.

Building and Grounds: Guttering scheduled. New Parking Lot discussed options. Emergency/Evacuation Plans—Jackson County Health Department to assist implementation of a plan. New Voicemail Unit —\$1280 to replace the voicemail unit. Approved by consensus. Sanctuary Lighting--working on.

Security: Ed and Terri Miller are providing security on Wednesday evening. **Special Events:** ABC GRR Region conference 9/29. Church picnic 10/1 will be at Riverside Park, meal will be catered. ABC GRR Area 4 meeting April 2018—we are hosting. 150th Anniversary Team 10/2019 — Vicki Ardrey and Jessica Grammer will serve. October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

worship Ministry: Drums – looking into other options. Sound System Updates—looking into. Baptism Sunday–2 people being baptized, meal will be provided afterwards in the Fellowship Hall for everyone. Hanging of the Greens—the



FBC Kids & their Families HAYRIDE & WEINER ROAST

4 pm Sunday, November 5TH

@ Rodney & Carol Brown's home (212 Shannon Rd.)

All kids and their families are invited to an evening of outdoor fun at a hayride and wiener roast.

Need a ride...meet at the church before 4 pm
Bus has limited seating but cars can follow the bus.

There will be hotdogs, chips, drinks and s'mores.

Finger foods to share would be greatly appreciated.

TRIVIA NITE

Sunday, November 12th 5-8 pm in Fellowship Hall

Come on out & test your wits at our

Seventh Annual TRIVIA NITE!

Get 8 of your friends together & sign up your Team, or we will find a Team for you!!! 10 Rounds of Pure Trivia! \$10 per person PRIZES!!

Popcorn & Drinks Provided
To register call Kristy Dunning at 534-3054

All proceeds will benefit the 2018 Summer Mission Trip

presented by ... GPUSSIPU



IT'S TIME FOR THE TIME CHANGE!

Daylight saving time ends Sunday, **November 5th.** Before going to bed on Saturday night, November 4th be sure to turn your clocks <u>back one hour</u>.



PRIMETIME ON THE ROAD TO REID'S HARVEST HOUSE

All active senior adults are invited to have a leisurely lunch at Reid's Harvest House in Chester, Illinois on **Tuesday, November 7th.** The bus will leave the church at **10:00 am.** Lunch is dutch treat. 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 to have your name added to the list.



A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

On **Sunday, November 12th** during the worship service a special presentation will recognize our veterans and how they served this great country.

If you are a part of the First Baptist family of faith, a veteran or currently serving in the military, and you have never submitted a picture of yourself with your military service and rank information, be sure to get your information to Jesse Boudet or the church office as soon as possible because we would love to include you as we honor our veterans.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by the First Presbyterian Church (51 Creasant Dr.) on **Tuesday, November 21st, at 7:00 pm.** Our very own Pastor Shaker will be sharing a Thanksgiving message. This is a community event and everyone is welcome!!



H.S. GIRLS MAKING PEANUT ROLLS

Just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday events. The High School Girls Group will be making those fabulous FBC Peanut Rolls on **Friday, November 17th**. The cost is \$12 a dozen. If you would like to order a dozen or two or three (they freeze wonderfully), contact a High School girl, Kari Graff, Kristy Dunning or the church office.



PRAYER FOR OUR LOVED ONES

Pastor Shaker has set aside Saturday, November 11th, as "FBC Day of Prayer for Loved Ones." Scriptures tells us in in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." If you have a child, sibling, parent, grandparent, cousin, any loved one who is in need of special prayer, Pastor is asking you and the FBC Family of Faith to meet at the church on **Saturday, November 11th, from 9:30**am-12:00 noon so that these special needs can get special prayer. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Shaker.

FOOD PANTRY ASKS FOR HOLIDAY FOOD ITEMS

For the holiday season, the Murphysboro Food Pantry would love to have a holiday food basket for all those who are unable to afford the additional expense of the special meal.

They are asking everyone to bring canned and boxed foods and please include items such as boxed stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, dessert mixes, canned vegetables and fruits, etc.

The food pantry is also in need of volunteers to do the many tasks that need to be done. Just two or three hours, one day a week would be helpful.

Your time and generosity will be a blessing as well as a wonderful gift to someone less fortunate.

HELP SAY THANK YOU BY GIVING TO THE RMMO





Retired Ministers+ Missionaries Offering

Through our faith in God, and our gratitude for the salvific actions of Jesus Christ we are called to be faithful servants of the gospel and to live out the ministry of Jesus in word and deed. The gratitude that we have for Jesus' gift to us is the seed

from which springs the gratitude that manifests toward the people of God. The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering supports those who have dedicated their lives to God's service by providing emergency assistance in times of need and a thank you check at the end of each year. We hope you will join us in honoring God's committed servants.

An envelope is included with this newsletter.

PLANNING FOR 2018 AT THE TRIMESTER BUSINESS MEETING



There will be a business meeting on **Sunday**, **December 3rd**, immediately following the worship service at approximately **11:15 am**.

The 2018 budget, new officers, deacons, and counsel members are on the agenda.



November 5

Kathie Grob & Carmelia Schuman

November 12

Kathie Grob & Katie Tolbert

November 19

Kathie Grob & Savanah Schuman

November 26

Kathie Grob & Mayah Kelley

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

November 5

Buddy & Helen Payne

November 12

Ed & Terri Miller

November 19

Murl & Sue Lynn Johnson

November 26

Chuck & Kim Grammer

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



GREETERS

November 5

Chuck & Kim Grammer

November 12

Lou Polsgrove & Lou Bigler

November 19

Frank & Shirely Aldridge

November 26

Tina Shinskey & Carol Klaine

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

WELCOME CENTER

November 5

Frank & Shirley Aldridge

November 12

DeAnn Stilley

November 19

Chuck & Kim Grammer

November 26

Betty Cox

MEALS ON WHEELS NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 1

Monday

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady Gayle Gilmore

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

<u>Friday</u>

Jane Beese & Alice Berry Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

June Brouillette

Lauren Samuel-Unger

Adreanna Reiman-Pilz

Trina Creath

Paul Echols

Dalton Rose

Cathy Porter

Leah Rowe

Bobby Boudet

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POST THIS ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

	Moses Gary	19	Julie Blandford
1	Rebekah Savage	20	Beverly Eastwood
	Albert Boudet	20	Gabriel Klaybor
	Pauline Miller	22	Rodney Brown
0	Linda Wright	27	Dale Blaise
0	Natalie Karg	28	Mae Smith



ANKS TO OUR MANY

LUNTEERS

NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor's Appreciation Sunday 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 Trunk n Treat 12:00 PM Father & Son H. S. Event 1:00 PM Youth Worship Band Rehearsal	7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 5:30 PM M.S. Girls Group 5:45 PM Worship Meeting 6:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 5:00 PM Hallween Outreach and Trick or Treating	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	7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 6:30 PM Adult Small Group	3 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	4 1:00 PM H. S. Guys Skyzone/Movie Event
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