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UN-DECORATE THE CHURCH
1 pm Sunday, January 7

MID-WEEK EVENTS
Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31
3:30 pm FBC Kids Club
3:30 pm Crossfire M. S. Youth
5 pm Family Dinner
6 pm Bible Study with Pastor
6 pm Crossfire H. S. Youth
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES
5:30 pm Jan. 8,15,22,29, M. S. Girls Group
6:30 pm Tuesdays, H. S. Girls Group
7 pm Tuesdays, H. S. Guys Group

PRIMETIME TRIP TO CRACKER BARREL
10:30 am Thursday, January 11

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 pm Tuesday, January 16

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
9:30 am Saturday, January 20

CROSSFIRE WINTER JAM CONCERT
12 noon Saturday, January 27

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JANUARY 2018 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

A CHALLENGE FOR THE NEW YEAR

"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night." -Psalm 1:1-2

First, Find time for God- Build that Personal relationship with Christ. Look at your day... where in that day can you make an appointment to spend with Jesus. Then write under that time slot in your calendar Jesus. Invite Jesus to meet you. In this time you can read your Bible, read a inspirational magazine or book, pray, sing, walk, journal, etc. Jesus would rather meet with you for one minute a day than 20 minutes one day a year. As you build that relationship, you will learn to hear the voice of God through the Holy Spirit, and The Holy Spirit will then personally convict, guide, rebuke, teach, counsel, comfort. And when that happens our relationship will deepen and we will grow.

Second, choose to in 2018 to truly **make Jesus Lord of your life** by sacrificing your money, your time, and your talents for His plan and His ways. Look at your life and ask what areas of your life are not turned over to God. A little story to illustrate: The

cheerful girl with bouncy golden curls was almost five. Waiting with her mother at the checkout stand, she saw them: a circle of glistening white pearls in a pink foil box "Oh please, Mommy. Can I have them? Please, Mommy, please?" Quickly the mother checked the back of the little foil box and then looked back into the pleading blue eyes of her little girl's upturned face. "A dollar ninety-five. That's almost \$2.00. If you really want them, I'll think of some extra chores for you, and in no time you can



save enough money to buy them for yourself. Your birthday is only a week away and you might get another crisp dollar bill from

Grandma." As soon as Jenny got home, she emptied her penny bank and counted out 17 pennies. After dinner, she did more than her share of chores and she went to the neighbor and asked Mrs. McJames if she could pick dandelions for ten cents.

On her birthday, Grandma did give her another new dollar bill, and at last, she had enough money to buy the necklace. Jenny loved her pearls. They made her feel dressed up and grown up. She wore them everywhere Sunday school, kindergarten,

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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH,

9:30 am - 3 pm

Calling all
Leadership Council Members (Past & Present)

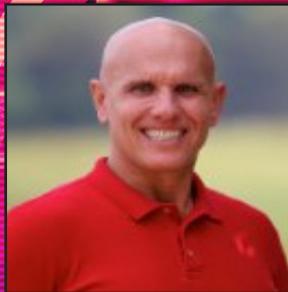
Deacons

Children & Youth Leaders

Sunday School Teachers

Small Group Leaders

Anyone who is or is interested in helping in a leadership capacity



Roger Palmer

Ministry Consultant
at Crossings Ministries Camp
in Louisville, Kentucky

Roger is a dynamic speaker and he will focus on these topics:

"Daily Pursue Christ and His Word"

"Pray with Passion and Purpose"

"Equip the Saints and Make Disciples"

"Serve Our Community and Be Fishers of Men, Not Keepers of the Aquarium"

If you would like to attend or have questions,
please contact Vicki Ardrey or the church office.

Roger will also be sharing a message during the morning worship service
on Sunday, January 21st, at 10 am

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even to bed. The only time she took them off was when she went swimming or had a bubble bath because her mother said if they got wet, they might turn her neck green.

Jenny had a very loving daddy and every night when she was ready for bed, he would stop whatever he was doing and come upstairs to read her a story.

One night when he finished the story, he asked Jenny, "Do you love me?"

"Oh yes, Daddy. You know that I love you."

"Then give me your pearls."

"Oh, Daddy, not my pearls. But you can have Princess the white horse from my collection. The one with the pink tail. Remember, Daddy? The one you gave me. She's my favorite."

"That's okay, Honey. Daddy loves you. Good night." And he brushed her cheek with a kiss.

About a week later, after the story time, Jenny's daddy asked again, "Do you love me?"

"Daddy, you know I love you."

"Then give me your pearls."

"Oh Daddy, not my pearls. But you can have my baby doll. The brand new one I got for my birthday. She is so beautiful and you can have the yellow blanket that matches her sleeper."

"That's okay. Sleep well. God bless you, little one. Daddy loves you." And as always, he brushed her cheek with a gentle kiss.

A few nights later when her daddy came in, Jenny was sitting on her bed with her legs crossed Indian-style. As he came close, he noticed her chin was trembling and one silent tear rolled down her cheek. "What is it, Jenny? What's the matter?" Jenny didn't say anything but lifted her little hand up to her daddy. And when she opened it, there was her little pearl necklace. With a little quiver, she finally said, "Here, Daddy. It's for you."

With tears gathering in his own eyes, Jenny's kind daddy reached out with one hand to take the dime-store necklace, and

with the other hand he reached into his pocket and pulled out a blue velvet case with a strand of genuine pearls and gave them to Jenny. He had them all the time. He was just waiting for her to give up the dime-store stuff so he could give her a genuine treasure.

So it is with our Heavenly Father. He is waiting for us to give up the cheap things in our lives so that He can give us beautiful treasures. Here's the question: Are you holding on so tightly that you are missing your opportunity to be blessed.

Third, in the midst of the hardships and trials that may come in 2018, choose to lean hard on God.... life happens.... Financial troubles, emotional, family dynamics and there are many others. When we face these times we often want to quit... lock ourselves away.... pull the covers over our heads... and just stop... life happens to us all... but those who have a relationship with God have divine strength and un-surpassing peace that the unbeliever does not have. It is here where the power of our testimony draws other people to our awesome God.

When everything comes easy and life makes sense and there are doubts, it is our nature to forget God. When life falls apart and doubts arise, our tendency is to look for answers. It is God's higher value to teach us how to trust Him in the middle of our doubts and provide answers that comfort us.

When you walk through times of adversity and doubts and come out on the other side, often our faith is deepened and our confidence in God is strengthened.

We have an amazing year ahead of us, with God on our side.

God bless,
Pastor Shaker

*Article was taken and put together from several resources.

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board mixer was installed; training is ongoing. 2018 wireless microphones: all of the wireless microphones must be replaced due to a government regulation that mandates an emergency frequency and this is the same that the microphones use. The cost is estimated at \$5,000-\$5,500 with installation and this includes a \$250 each rebate for the current microphones.

Security: Increased security/security changes will be discussed at the December 3 business meeting. The Ministerial Alliance will have someone present information re: security. More cameras are needed inside and outside for security. The outside doors will be locked during Choir practice.

Special Events: The Christmas banquet is 12/3/17. The youth will be serving for tips. Kathie Grob and Barb Troutman will prepare the meal. Kay Reiman family will decorate. The ABC GRR Area 4 meeting at FBC in April, 2018. Planning for this will begin in January, 2018. 150th Anniversary Team

Worship Ministry: Hanging of the Greens 11/26/17 during the morning service. Church decorating for Christmas 11/21/17 starting at 3:30 pm. Christmas Eve services: morning worship service and evening service will be held.

Strategic Action: Information regarding Legacy Giving was presented to the congregation.

Nominating Team: Team: Lou Polsgrove, Patty Koenig, Angie Robinson. Deacons will have a full team +1; new members to include Sylvia Carvel, Jeff Wright, Carol Klaine. Council Nominations: Jessica Grammer, David Brooks, Christina Smith; Moderator: Vicki Ardrey; Clerk: Gina Hunziker; Treasurer: Helen Payne

Senior Pastor's Report: The prayer walks are continuing and the size of the group is in-

creasing.

Director's Report: May sell the old sound board.

2018 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Moderator: Vicki Ardrey
Treasurer: Helen Nelson-Payne
Clerk: Gina Hunziker

Leadership Council

Judy Rawls
Angie Robinson
Elaine Hardwig
Sheila Echols
Cathy Porter
Ed Miller
Chuck Grammer
Melinda Guthman
Christina Smith
Jessica Grammer
David Brooks
Dale Blaise

Deacon Care Team

Sue Lynn Johnson
Carol Dunning
Lou Polsgrove
Sylvia Carvell
Jeff Wright
Carol Klaine
Valerie Lipe

OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR NOVEMBER 2017:

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Needed	\$ 28,914.76	\$ 357,822.49
Given	\$ 29,961.30	\$ 331,382.17
Over (Under)	\$ 1,046.54	\$ (26,440.32)

Crossfire

STUDENT MINISTRIES

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



Saturday,
January 27th
COST: \$25 + PINNER
LEAVE CHURCH AT NOON ...
BACK AROUND MIDNIGHT

CONCERT IS IN ST. LOUIS...REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH
GOT QUESTIONS, TEXT OR CALL JESSE AT 713-7505

PRIMETIME ON THE ROAD TO MARION



All active senior adults are invited to have a leisurely lunch at Cracker Barrel in Marion on **Thursday, January 11th**. The bus will leave the church at **10:30 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.

LET JOHN KNOW YOU MISS HIM

John Brannon has had some health challenges recently and for the past couple of years. Please, please, send John messages of encouragement, prayers and kindness to help him with his recovery. Mail your cards and letters to: John Brannon, c/o Saline Caring Nursing & Rehab Center, 120 S. Land St., Harrisburg, IL 62946. Thank you.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

FBC Murphysboro,

Thank you so much for choosing to spend your week with us at Jonathan Creek Camp! We pray that the Lord used your time with Crossings to have a huge Gospel impact on both you and your students. Our success every summer is directly tied to our ability to build and maintain a solid relationship with everyone who steps foot on our properties, and we are so thankful that you have chosen to partner with our ministry. If there is anything we can do to help further our partnership with you, please let us know!

Crossings Staff

Dear Members of First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your recent donation to Wycliffe's supplemental income fund. Our family benefitted from that fund last month and it was truly an answer to prayers! We are grateful for your support of scripture translation work and are blessed by your sacrificial gift. We sincerely appreciate your prayers.

In Christ,

Bill & Kerry Bremmer

Dear FBC,

Your kind and thoughtful contribution for the ministry of Murphysboro Community Christmas Dinner is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Many thanks and blessings.

Cross & Flame Ministries

Ed & Jennifer O'Donnell

Thank you so much for the goodies. Your act of thoughtful kindness made my day and I thoroughly enjoyed them.

Willette Yearian

Dear Members of the First Baptist Church,

I wish to thank you for your many prayers over the last few months. I think that at this time our prayers have been answered. I am almost back to 100% with my shoulder and arm doing fine. Again thank you.

I am afraid though that I am in need again. My sister was just told she has stage 1 breast cancer. Her name is Judy George and she lives in Newton, IL. She attends the First Baptist Church on Washington St. there. I know the members of that church are praying for her as they did for me. So, I am asking you for your prayers once again. It worked so well for me, I am hopeful it will work as well for her. Thank you & bless you.

Love,

Brenda Davis

Thank you so much for feeding our football team again this year. The kids really appreciate you.

Coach Carter

Dear Church Family,

Our heartfelt thanks to our church family for your prayers, calls, cards and the beautiful flowers sent to celebrate the long and blessed life of our beautiful and loving mother/grandmother when God called her home on September 25th surrounded by her children. Our sadness is laced with joy knowing she has gained her wish to see Jesus and be reunited with her husband, daughter and other family.

You welcomed us into your midst light years ago and we are so grateful and blessed to be part of this wonderful, loving and accepting church family.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

Jeanne Goforth, Kristy, John, Madeline, & Kathryn Dunning, Gina Hunziker, Abby & Cali Landewee, Tammy Davis, Chandler & Bennett Grither

NOVEMBER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting was called to order on November 14, 2017, at 6:30 pm.

Additions to the Agenda: Reminder of the Leadership Conference on January 20, 2018. October Meeting's Minute approved by consensus.

Financial Report: There was discussion about the background checks going over budget. This is in part to needing several renewals, needing more checks for camp chaperones and the bus drivers being more costly than regular checks. The October, 2017 Financial Report was approved by consensus.

Deacon's Report: The Deacon Care Team met on November 13, 2017 with Shaker. The Deacons will have communion at River to River on 12/14/17. Deacons will be taking cookies/candy to the shut-ins on 12/11/17. The Deacons donated to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The Deacons will send out Thanksgiving cards to the shut-ins. The Deacons shared the visits with their assigned shut-ins.

Outreach and Evangelism: The Kelly's will coordinate the 3-on-3 basketball tournament next year. Ministry teams should meet at the beginning of the year to plan their events to work within their budgets.

Missions: 2018 Mission Trip: We will apply for the Matthew 25 Grant for the Alaska trip. Hope Orphan Ministry will try to contact the Humphrey's to present the mission moment on 11/26/17 with love offering after the service. The Mission Board will assist Moses with a \$500 payment toward his educational costs. The Mission Team will partner with the Salvation Army for the Red Kettle Campaign on Saturday, 12/9/17. Food Pantry: Kim Oploh's employer will donate to non-profit organizations. The Board members

were asked to pray about how Young Estate funds can be best distributed in 2018.

Children Discipleship: Pasta with Santa on 12/13/17. The children's Christmas play on 12/29/17.

Youth Discipleship: The Worship Team is planning the Hanging of the Greens service and Christmas service (12/24/17). Youth are helping with Wednesday night dinners. The youth progressive dinner 12/10/17. Youth are planning a murder mystery dinner in March 2018; Connor McBride to assist. Small groups may attend a concert in St. Louis. Kari Graff will resign as the High School Girls small group leader in 2018. Kathie Grob coordinated a snack sales fundraiser for camps; went very well.

Adult Discipleship: Attendance binders have been placed in classrooms.

Staff Relations: Discussed a 'thank you' for Jeff Wright for his 2 years of volunteer service as the Financial Secretary. Approved a \$250 gift card. Staff/Custodian discussion: Reviewed the job description. Discussion about the Director's position. No consensus was reached to make a change at this time. Staff bonuses discussed.

Finance and Stewardship: 2018 budget proposal was presented. Young Estate Fund Team: Dale Blaise, Patty Koenig, Dave Ardrey have volunteered to serve on this team. ABC investment opportunities: Vicki will obtain more information from ABC for this.

Building and Grounds: Guttering: Chuck is working on this. New parking lot: if it is striped straight instead of at angles we won't need to have entrance/exit onto the street. A 'no parking area' will be indicated to allow access into the lot. Emergency/Evacuation plans are being worked on. The new sound

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NURSERY
Volunteers

January 7
Carmella Schuman

January 14
Katie Tolbert

January 21
Savanah Schuman

January 28
Mayah Kelley

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

January 7
Pat & Jan Etherton

January 14
Rodney & Carol Brown

January 21
Matt & Elaine Hardwig

January 28
Suzanne Goad Family

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



MEALS ON WHEELS

January 22-26

Monday
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Gayle Gillmore

Tuesday
Christina Smith & Frank Aldridge
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

Wednesday
Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Mark & Darlene Pautler

Thursday
Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

Friday
Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady



**POST THIS ON YOUR
REFRIGERATOR!**

GREETERS

January 7
Pat & Jan Etherton

January 14
Anna Jenkins & Glenann Kiel

January 21
Albert & Trish Boudet

January 28
Ed & Terri Miller

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

WELCOME CENTER

January 7
Glenann Kiel

January 14
Ed or Terri Miller

January 21
Murl Johnson

January 28
Judy Raines

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

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| 1 | Nancy Edgar | 28 | Pam Lipe |
| 2 | Gene Ebersohl | 29 | Debbie Penrod |
| 3 | Wilma Brewer | 30 | Harper Lynn Waddington |
| 3 | Kathy Doerr | 31 | Patsy Roberts |
| 3 | Jo Graeff | 31 | Gina Hunziker |
| 4 | Chuck Grammer | | |
| 8 | Dick Kiel | | |
| 8 | J. J. Pieron | | |
| 9 | Taylor Clemmons | | |
| 19 | Avery Guthman | | |
| 20 | Cody Brashear | | |
| 21 | Brad Sims | | |
| 24 | Mandy Herring | | |
| 25 | Brent Woosley | | |
| 26 | Carolyn Ewbank | | |



VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our many

JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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