



Wednesday, February 14

Upcoming EVENTS

PRIMETIME TRIP TO BANDANA'S

10:45 am Tuesday, February 6

MID-WEEK EVENTS

Wednesdays, February 7,14,21,28

3:30 pm FBC Kids Club

3:30 pm M.S. Crossfire Youth

5 pm Family Dinner

6 pm Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor

6 pm H.S. Crossfire Youth

7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES

5:30 pm Monday, M.S. Girls, Feb. 12,19,26

6:30 pm every Tuesday, H.S. Girls

7 pm every Tuesday, H.S. Guys

3:30 pm every Wednesday, M.S. Crossfire Youth

6 pm every Wednesday, H.S. Crossfire Youth

4 pm Sun. M.S. Girls Super Bowl Party, Feb. 4

Saturday, H.S. Skyzone/Movie Night, Feb. 17

11 am Fri.-Sat., Middle School Retreat, Mar. 2-3

PRESIDENTS' DAY

Monday, February 19

Church Office Closed

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

DINNER AT SIUC

Friday, February 23

BELIEVE M. S. RETREAT IN SPRINGFIELD

Friday-Saturday, March 2-3

3ON3YOUTH BASKETBALLTOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 10

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 17

FBC MURPHY

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FEBRUARY 2018 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

DO YOU KNOW GOD?

"God, investigate my life; get all the facts firsthand. I'm an open book to you; even from a distance, you know what I'm thinking. You know when I leave and when I get back; I'm never out of your sight. You know everything I'm going to say before I start the first sentence. I look behind me and you're there, then up ahead and you're there, too—your reassuring presence, coming and going. This is too much, too wonderful—I can't take it all in!" -Psalm 139:1-6 (MSG)



J. I. Packer says,
"Ignorance of God --
ignorance of both His ways
and of the practice of
communion with Him -- lies
at the root of the church's weakness
today."

The writer David says how God
knows every deed, thought, motivation
around us, about us, everything.
Sometimes we don't let people get to
know us completely because we are
afraid they will find something about us

that they won't like. But God already
knows everything about us. Even the
number of hairs on our head. (Matt.
10:30), and He still accepts us. Further,
David (vs. 6) says, "such knowledge
is too wonderful to me. I cannot
comprehend it."

Be honest as you can be with
yourself. Do you know God? Do I
know God? It is the
secret of true success,
the source of our
wisdom beyond our
understanding, the
strength during our hard
times. People of God
are no different. Look
at the church at large
today. You have to agree
that the lack of knowledge

of God is the cause of our wavering
spiritual life, inconsistency between our
talk and walk, ineffective in our prayer
life.

What does it mean to know God
and to live with a knowledge of Him?
It means intimacy and integrity, to

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PRIMETIME TO ENJOY LOCAL BARBECUE IN FEBRUARY

The PrimeTime seniors will be off for a leisurely lunch at Bandana's (in Carbondale) for some really great barbecue on **Tuesday, February 6th**. The bus will leave the church at **10:45 am**. Lunch will be dutch treat. 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!!!

INTERVARIETY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP DINNER

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship ministers to college students and faculty through small group Bible studies, large group gatherings, leadership training, thoughtful discipleship, and life-changing mission trips. Carbondale InterVarsity has reached many international students with their message of friendship, fellowship and Jesus Christ. As a time of outreach and fellowship the students have a weekly dinner together and FBC has volunteered to help by preparing a meal on the last Friday of each month (**February 23rd** this month).

If you are interest in helping, please contact Rachel Edgar at 201-0698 or Kristy Dunning at 534-3054.

RETREAT FOR OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS



March 2-3, Friday & Saturday
Cost is \$50 + 3 Fast Food Meals
Leave Church at 1 pm Friday
Be Back at approximately 10 pm Saturday

All middle school students (6-8 grades) are invited to an amazing weekend in Springfield that will focus on a personal relationship with Jesus. It will be filled with great experiences that will help our students grow in their Christian walk.

Deadline to register is February 11th and space is limited.

To register or have questions, please contact Jesse at 713-7505

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experience the kind of relationship with God that He wants. We need to open up our innermost being to Him. Just like He revealed His innermost nature to us. Knowledge of God is more than an accumulation of facts, it is more than ideas about Him, or some broad perception of Him.

Most of you know me as your pastor. How well do you really know me? Do you know my favorite color, what foods do I like most, some would say Indian food, really, what kind of music do I enjoy, you might know my age. But how well do you know how God is working in my life. You can only get to know the details if you spend a lot of time speaking, sharing and asking questions about my life. You would not know these things about me unless you had a much closer relationship than we do. It is the same with our knowledge of God.

It is easy to get surface knowledge and think that is enough. Knowledge of God and our relationship with Him comes when we know. Psalm 139:22-23 says, *"I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies. Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts."* The psalmist wants God to search him, test him and find what is not good (sin) in him, and lead him.

A true and intimate relationship must be based on truth and honesty. We are Christians and we claim to know God,

His character and His commands should be intertwined with ours. Knowing God requires a consistent life of faithfulness. Obedience is the secret of a growing knowledge of God.

We have more knowledge than any other time in history. Our technology is changing everyday. We are smarter than any other time in history. We are not destroyed by lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of in-depth study of scripture, prayer and living out the will of God. Our character is shaped by cultural values rather than the knowledge of God.

We were created to know, to love, to glorify and to serve God. We were meant to experience intimacy with God, to know His heart, His desires, His plan for our lives. God makes the first move. Our knowledge, our relationship with God begins with Jesus Christ. DO YOU KNOW GOD? HE KNOWS YOU.

Have a wonderful day. Yes, spring is coming and be good to your Valentine.

God Bless,
Pastor Shaker

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING PLANNED

There will be a short Business Meeting on **Sunday, February 11th**, immediately following the worship service at approximately 11:15 am. Filling a vacancy on Leadership Council is on the agenda. It will be a short meeting so please plan to attend.

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2018 Wireless Mics – Cost \$8050, would last 15 years and have rechargeable batteries. \$250 rebate per microphone, for a total of \$1500 and will have savings on batteries. Approved, pay out of Building Fund. This is due to the government changing the currently used frequency to an emergency frequency. Oven Thermostat – ordered.

Bus is having issues starting – has a second battery that has been dying, battery has been changed. Bought jumper cables for the bus and van. New Key Entry System – Council will consider this and revisit at January meeting.

Emergency Management Team: More cameras needed. Emergency/Evacuation Plans needed. Will have people on the team for emergencies other than security. Will look into de-escalation training. Judy is checking with insurance regarding liability. Will look into fire alarms in the church. Move the rail outside the southwest door. Add more handicap seating space by removing part of the pew in the rear center row. Memorandum of Understanding – to recognize who is on the team and has the authority to act in case of emergency.

Special Events: ABC GRR Area 4 Meeting – April 2018. Vicki will get a meeting scheduled with Patty Bilyeu to get details and start the process. Ron McLaughlin also asked if we could host the ABC Men's Brotherhood on Tuesday before April 10th. 150th Anniversary Team – 10/2019. Christmas Banquet – well attended, great food and entertainment. Hands For Christ was given a financial gift. Had \$450 in tips.

Worship Ministry: Sound system Update – working on minor adjustments. Christmas Eve Service will be at 6 pm. Church undecorating is after church on January 7th. Please plan to help; the more help the quicker the task is completed.

College Group Discipleship: Scholarship information will be communicated to the appropriate youth.

Kitchen/Dinners: Received the health certificate.

Strategic Action Team: Legacy Giving

Pastor's Report: Went to the High School to speak to students after a student committed suicide. Mentioned to Ministerial Alliance need to get more involved with the schools. Will be on vacation after Christmas.

Director's Report: Server is still working but is outdated. Wifi routers around church has provided great coverage. Will be checking into security features, not as secure as he would like it to be.

The next Leadership Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 23rd, at 6:30 pm.

OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR DECEMBER 2017:

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Needed	\$ 28,914.76	\$ 357,822.49
Given	\$ 45,062.02	\$ 376,444.19
Over (Under)	\$ 16,147.26	\$ 18,621.70

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY



The church office will be closed Monday, February 19th, so the staff may spend the Presidents' Day holiday with their families.

In case of an emergency, Pastor

Shaker can be reached at home. Have a wonderful and safe holiday!!



WEDNESDAY BRINGS A BUS LOAD OF HUNGRY FBC KIDS

FBC Kids Club on Wednesday afternoons bring a lot of excitement and fun as well as an opportunity to minister to many community children. It also brings some very, very hungry kids to our after school program. Barb is always in need of prepackaged snacks and drinks. Some of the kids favorites are strawberry and brown sugar cinnamon Poptarts, Rice Krispy Treats and Kool-Aid Jammers. If you could help by donating after school snacks, they would be thoroughly enjoyed and greatly appreciated.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

We extend a special thanks to those leaders who have completed their church leadership terms: Emily Reiman, Kristy Dunning, Vic Koenig, Darrell Ewbank, Cathy Porter, Diane Reader, Bob and Marsha Heiple. Thank you for your time, energies and a job well done! God bless you all.

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank you all for remembering us with your love. Deacons and Deaconess Bob and Marsha Heiple, Buddy and Helen Payne, Joan Mifflin, and Loren Carpenter have been wonderful bringing us communion, cookies, candies and holiday treats you made for us.

Thank you for your visits and prayers with Jeff Wright and Leah Sims. Thanks for the lovely cards that are inspiring and appreciated from Carol Dunning, Valerie Lipe, Lou Polsgrove and Jeanne Goforth.

We are so blessed. God bless all of you for your kindness.

In Jesus' Name,
Bill and Viola Fox





Got Questions?
Contact Kevin Kelley
at 967-3411

Murder Mystery Dinner

Fundraiser

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, \$25 PER PERSON

To make your reservations or have questions, contact Jesse Boudet.
Watch your weekly Sunday bulletins and the March "Bapties" for more details.

DECEMBER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting was convened with opening prayer.

Additions to the Agenda: Reminder: Roger Palmer from Crossings is scheduled at Leadership Conference on Jan. 20th.

November minutes were approved by consensus.

November Financial Report approved by consensus.

Ministry Team Reports:

Outreach and Evangelism: 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be March 10th. Walking/Praying Team is going very well. Meeting and praying with a lot of people they meet along the way.

Missions: 2018 Mission Trip will start meetings in January. Date of trip is 7/22 – 7/29, going to Anchorage, Alaska, through Grace Works. Young Estate Mission Funds discussion about allocating the \$30,000 fund to missions. Discussed that we need to let the congregation know what our thoughts and process was for titling 10% of the Young Estate gift to outside missions. 1st Sunday in January Helen will present this information to the congregation.

Children Discipleship: Pasta with Santa 12/13 went well. FBC Kids Christmas Party will be 12/20. Christmas Play will be 12/29.

Youth Discipleship: Millions Words Club/FCA Support – Jesse asked the Ministerial Alliance for a \$1000 donation to help w/ FCA and to start a Middle School chapter. Kathie Grob took the Middle School girls caroling. Shaker speaks to each youth group every few months. Jesse went with some of the high school seniors to talk to recruiters. Mission group youth and Jesse helped with the bell ringing at Wal-Mart

for the Salvation Army. Helped with the Dodgeball tournament with FCA. Jesse is in close contact with youth and helps them deal with life issues. Helped with the Angel Tree. Ethan Cook will be bringing the message the last Sunday in December while Shaker is on vacation.

Adult Discipleship: Young Adult Class – will continue to work on this.

Staff Relations/Policies: Update on custodial position. Ron is resigning as of 12/31/17. Interviewed and proposal made to hire Steve Wilkerson as of 1/1/18 for 25 hours per week at \$12 per hour, approved by consensus. Will change the wording in the job description to supervise and coordinate mowing and snow removal. Will conduct performance review after 6 months with evaluation. Judy suggested that we propose to each classroom that they give their room a thorough cleaning 2 times a year. Director's Position – Jesse has researched the tax advantages like Pastor receives with licensing by the church. It would qualify Jesse to meet the tax requirements. Will check with ABC. Approved by consensus. Salary will be the same but on different line items.

Finance and Stewardship: Young Estate Fund Team – Melinda Guthman, Dale Blaise, Dave Ardrey and Patty Koenig. ABC investment opportunities meeting scheduled with Joseph Huse from ABC Foundation On January 18th at 1:30 pm at church. Young Estate team will attend and have notified Helen Payne, Sheila Echols, Shaker, Jesse and Vicki Ardrey.

Building and Grounds: Guttering pending. New Parking Lot, the concrete bumpers in place and lot is striped.

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Nursery Schedule

February 4
Carmella Schuman

February 11
Katie Tolbert

February 18
Savanah Schuman

February 25
Myah Kelley

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

February 4

Suzanne Goad Family

February 11

Rhett & Angela Barke

February 18

Paul & Sheila Echols

February 25

Dale Blaise Family

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

GREETERS

February 4
Scott & Tina Evans

February 11
Lou Polsgrove & Lou Bigler

February 18
Bill & Kim Oploh Family

February 25
Matt & Elaine Hardwig

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

WELCOME CENTER

February 4

Matt or Elaine Hardwig

February 11

Scott or Tina Evans

February 18

Sherri Schimpf

February 25

Kim Oploh

MEALS ON WHEELS

February 26 - March 2

Monday

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leaday
Gayle Gillmore

Tuesday

Christina Smith & Frank Aldridge
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leaday

Wednesday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Mark & Darlene Pautler

Thursday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leaday

Friday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leaday



February

POST THIS ON YOUR
REFRIGERATOR!

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

3	Hannah Cole	22	Tina Evans
5	Cathy Blaise	22	Kasey Schwarz
5	Carole Ebersohl	23	Bill Boudet
6	Brittany Hanson	24	Rachel Burroughs
6	Adam Reiman	26	Audra McBride
9	Shirley Dougan	27	Janet Caraway
9	Stephanie Dillow	28	Jarrod Echols
9	Lou Bigler	28	Alaina Dillow
11	Brett Doerr		
13	Judy Raines		
14	Julie McGinnis		
15	Patti Boudet		
16	Harry & Gayle Gillmore		
18	Eddie Reiman		
21	David Blaise		



VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our many

FEBRUARY 2018

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