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Upcoming Events

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
Sunday, November 4

MEET & GREET ERIK DAVIS
Sunday, November 4

SPECIAL SUNDAYS
November 11, Honoring Our Veterans
November 18, Baby Dedication
November 25, Hanging of the Greens

PRIMETIME TRIP
10 am Tuesday, November 6

TRIMESTER BUSINESS MEETING
11:15 am Sunday, November 11

CROSSFIRE TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER
5 pm Sunday, November 11

CROSSFIRE LOCK-IN
8 pm Sunday, November 11

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES
6 pm Wednesday, November 7, 14, 28
5:30 pm Mondays, M.S. Girls
7 pm Mondays, H.S. Guys
6:30 pm Tuesdays, H.S. Girls

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
6 pm Tuesday, November 13

DECORATE THE CHURCH
11:30 am, Sunday, November 18

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
at St. Andrews Catholic Church
7 pm Tuesday, November 20

HANGING OF THE GREENS
10 am Sunday, November 25

CHRISTMAS BANQUET
5:30 pm Sunday, December 2

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NOVEMBER 2018 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

GRATEFUL AND REJOICING HEART

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
-Philippians 4:6

Thanksgiving time is slowly approaching. Many of us are preparing our homes in anticipation of friends and family coming. Some of us are cleaning and may do some baking in advance. Others are thinking about how big a turkey they will need to feed everyone or perhaps just want to relax and watch football all day. Whatever the case may be, you are making plans for Thanksgiving.

In all our planning we need to allow time for God. It is God who allows us all the blessings and gifts bestowed on us.

As I look back, we did not have a special celebration for Thanksgiving in India. I'm so grateful we do in the United States of America. It is an exclusively American Christian holiday that everyone celebrates.

First of all, we need to thank God for our gift of salvation. We should have praise on our lips. *"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of*

praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name" Hebrews 13:15.

Secondly, Psalm 30:4 reads, *"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name."* We need to set aside a time to think of God's attributes and His Holy Spirit living within us.

Thirdly, we need to thank God for His inspired word, and the truth it teaches us about Him, His son, and His plan for our salvation (2 Timothy 3:16).

The blessings of knowing and growing in God's truth should be a source of unending thankfulness.

Fourthly, we can rejoice that God does not merely save us, but through His spirit and His scriptures, He refines and sharpens us to serve Him. *"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* Philippians 1:6

As we turn on the evening news, it seems like the world is gripped by chaos, moral, social and economic problems

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THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS HERE!

Come Decorate the Church

Sunday, November 18, at 11:30 am

Everyone is invited to an afternoon of holiday spirit and fun. Bring the whole family to help kick off the Christmas season by decorating the church. The fun will begin immediately following the worship service.

"HANGING OF THE GREENS"

Sunday, November 25, 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.

18TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Sunday, December 2

5:30 pm Appetizers

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm FBC Kids Present: "NO TIME FOR CHRISTMAS"

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.

Cost: \$12 Adults \$5 Children Under 3 years are free.

Following the meal the FBC Kids will present a holiday musical about a group of friends finding that the holiday season can be too busy. They learn the true spirit of Christmas can only be found in a manger at the first Christmas.

Bring your family and friends for a wonderful evening filled with Christ centered holiday spirit!! Make your reservations by contacting the church office.

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that dominate, but solutions are scarce. But, thank God we have an eternal and compassionate God we can depend on.

We also need to thank God for the churches that have stayed the course in proclaiming God's truth in spite of pressures and many other struggles.

As we sit around our turkey/ham dinner surrounded by family, let us not forget His blessings. Maybe each of us can share and count our many blessings with each other in God's presence.

Let me encourage you not to allow this Thanksgiving to come and go without taking inventory of our blessings, giving gratitude is not something that should pass from our minds with the passing of the season. It's an attitude of a God focused response to circumstances that should continue each moment, of each day, of each year.

The Samuel family is thankful for all the many things which have transpired and are grateful to the church family as well.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

In Christ's steps,
Pastor Shaker

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"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 on the 1st of every month!



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is our youth and ministry to children.

Nominating Team: Have met. Will be meeting with a large group this Saturday.

Pastor's Report: Great Offering – Sept. 23rd – for churches with financial needs. They will have to go through a process to receive funds. Baptism – Changed to October 7th. Jesse and Vicki are leading the classes and Shaker is meeting with everyone that is wanting to be baptized.

Director's Report: Need to add Technology to Leadership Council – Dave has agreed to be on that team. Bradley Evans will be learning about the technology.

The next Leadership Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 18th at 6:00 pm.

DON'T FORGET THE FOOD PANTRY

For the holiday season, the Murphysboro Food Pantry is planning food baskets for those who are unable to afford the additional expense of the holiday meals.

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

The food pantry always needs volunteers. 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.

OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018:

| | This Month | To Date |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Needed | \$ 27,389.04 | \$ 290,807.52 |
| Given | \$ 31,701.30 | \$ 254,320.40 |
| Over (Under) | \$ 4,312.26 | \$ (36,487.12) |

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL SEPTEMBER, 2018

Meeting was called to order with prayer.

Additions to the Agenda: Danny Pullis has resigned from the Leadership Council.

Last Meeting's Minutes: The August, 2018, minutes were approved by consensus.

Financial Report: The August, 2018, Financial Report was approved by consensus.

Ministry Team Reports:

Outreach and Evangelism: Report on Lunch for Carnival Workers – went really well, had an interpreter. Fall Picnic/Outdoor Worship Service 10/14. Community Night Out 10/2. Feed the Football Team 10/12 – has been organized.

Missions: Pastor Rafael (Jamaica) visiting 9/21-23 – Saturday evening wienie roast and Sunday dinner after church for Fellowship. Praying for Mission Team as they start to look and plan for 2019. Andrew Bailey is going to South Africa. Will give a one-time \$1000 donation and will resume the \$100/month mission donation. World Mission Offering will go to the Stantons. Bought a tablet for Javaughn for his ministry studies. Met with Rachel Edgar, will be making a one-time \$1000 donation and increasing her monthly gift to \$150. GRR offering this Sunday will be used regionally. Will be making a \$1000 gift to Pastor Rafael to help with expenses. MMS FCA - meeting was standing room only, will be moving to auditorium. Have an average of 45-50 students. Will be providing t-shirts to anyone who joins.

Children Discipleship: Baptism is scheduled for October 7.

Youth Discipleship: Parenting Conference 10/26-28 – we will promote this. Lock-in Friday Community Night Out October 2. Will help with Church in the Park. Middle School girls have volunteered to do Trick or Treat at the church October 7 Bonfire hosted by Rodney & Carol Brown.

Adult Discipleship: Names and locations of

classes provided for Welcome Center? Helen will take care of this.

Staff Relations/Policies: Staff Research Team: Will report on progress. Have several applicants. Have done phone/Skype interviews with 2 and have one more.

Finance and Stewardship: Jesse followed up on Young Estate fund. Independent Audit – Helen will check with Scott. Will need to get lien waivers from all subcontractors who did work on the new boiler.

Building and Grounds: Discussion on creating handicap access into parlor. Need more information. Boiler – installation progress continues. Update on flooring and doors for Fellowship Hall – Continuing to look for appropriate product and pricing. Tumblers being removed from locks so that back door will be only door used? Railing on the southwest door – meeting look at all hand rails into the church. Replaced the hot water heater in the youth house. Will need to occasionally flush it out so no build up. Gutter – working on. Bus is having work done – new throttle body and rubber bushings in the sway bar.

Emergency Response Team: Cameras – postponing the cameras. Map of building/Emergency/Evacuation plans. MOU prepared for team

Special Events: 150th Anniversary Team – 10/2019 – Meeting scheduled on Sept. 20 at 5:00 pm.

Worship Ministry: Working on service for October 14 – outdoor service/picnic.

College Discipleship: Nothing at this time.

Kitchen/Dinners: New gas grill has been donated and works great.

Strategic Planning & Action: Legacy Team – met on Sept. 11 with further discussion of information to create a pamphlet to provide more information to congregation. Significant legacy



MEET & GREET
ERIK DAVIS
CANCELLED
Following lunch there will be
a time for your questions.
Please come meet Erik & pray for God's guidance &
direction for the FBC family of faith.



TRIVIA NITE
Sunday, November 11th
5-8 pm in Fellowship Hall
Come on out & test your wits at our
Eighth 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 2019 Summer Mission Trip
presented by... **CROSSFIRE**



Daylight-Saving Time Ends

IT'S TIME FOR THE TIME CHANGE!

Daylight saving time ends Sunday, **November 4th**. Before going to bed on Saturday night, November 3rd be sure to turn your clocks back one hour.

PRIMETIME ON THE ROAD TO CAPE GIRARDEAU

All active senior adults are invited to have a leisurely lunch at Olive Garden in Cape Girardeau on **Tuesday, November 6th**. The bus will leave the church at **10:00 am**. Lunch is dutch treat. If you would like to go, the signup 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 11th** 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 the church office as soon as possible because we would love to include you as we honor our veterans.



PLANNING FOR 2019 AT THE BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a business meeting on **Sunday, November 11th**, immediately following the worship service at approximately **11:15 am**. The 2018 budget, new officers, deacons, and counsel members are on the agenda.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by St. Andrews Catholic Church (724 Mulberry St.) on **Tuesday, November 20th, at 7:00 pm**. Our very own Pastor Shaker will be sharing a Thanksgiving message. This is a community event and everyone is welcome!!



CALLING ALL MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

All youth are invited to the Crossfire Lock-In **Sunday-Monday, November 11th-12th**, from **8:00 pm-8:00 am**. There will be movies, video games, food, games, prizes, fun, fun and more fun all night long. Invite your friends...all youth are welcome. If you have questions or for more details, contact Jesse Boudet.



BABY DEDICATION BEING PLANNED

A Baby Dedication Service is being planned for **Sunday, November 18th** during the morning worship service. If you have a baby, child/children, or grandchildren that you would like to commit to teaching and dedicating them to Jesus Christ, please contact Pastor Shaker. He would love to talk about the service with you.



Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering

HELP SAY THANK YOU BY GIVING TO THE RMMO

Through our faith in God, and our gratitude for our salvation given by 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. RMMO exists to alleviate the stress and hardship of unexpected expenses for those who dedicated their lives serving the family of God. Your generosity makes this possible and is an example of the thankfulness that flows from our abiding faith in God.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES FOR HOLIDAYS

The church office will be closed **Monday, November 12th**, so the staff can observe the Veterans Day holiday and spend time with their families.

The office will also be closed **Thursday, November 22nd, and Friday, November 23rd**, 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 21st**.



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!!

GREETERS SCHEDULE

November 4

Anna Jenkins & Gleann Kiel

November 11

Albert & Trish Boudet

November 18

Ed & Terri Miller

November 25

Lou Bigler & Lou Postgrove

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

November 4

Dave & Vicki Ardrey

November 11

Rhett & Angela Barke Family

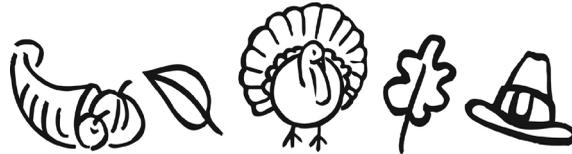
November 18

Paul & Sheila Echols

November 25

Dale Blaise Family

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



SO MANY BLESSINGS

MEALS ON WHEELS NOVEMBER 26-30

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

Friday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady



NOVEMBER

POST THIS ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

| | | | |
|----|------------------|----|-----------------|
| 4 | Moses Gary | 20 | Gabriel Klaybor |
| 8 | Albert Boudet | 22 | Rodney Brown |
| 9 | Pauline Miller | 27 | Dale Blaise |
| 10 | Linda Wright | 28 | Mae Smith |
| 10 | Natalie Karg | | |
| 12 | Trina Creath | | |
| 13 | Lauren Unger | | |
| 14 | Paul Echols | | |
| 14 | Dalton Rose | | |
| 15 | Cathy Porter | | |
| 16 | Bobby Boudet | | |
| 16 | Adreanna Pilz | | |
| 17 | Leah Rowe | | |
| 19 | Julie Blandford | | |
| 20 | Beverly Eastwood | | |



grat·i·tude

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noun

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

WELCOME CENTER

November 4

Kim Oploh

November 11

Pat & Jan Etherton

November 18

Frank & Shirley Aldridge

November 25

DeAnn Stilley

THANKS TO OUR MANY
VOLUNTEERS

NOVEMBER 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 28 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 Trick or Trunk | 29 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 5:30 PM M.S. Girls Group 7:00 PM Adult Small Group 7:00 PM H.S. Guys Groups | 30 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 5:45 PM Worship Meeting 6:30 PM H.S. Girls Group 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal | 31 Halloween 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 5:00 PM Trick or Treat Outreach @ 17th Street Warehouse Parking Lot 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal | 1 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study | 2 Erik Davis Weekend 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study | 3 Erik Davis Weekend 10:00 AM Staffing Lunch and Tour 5:00 PM Leadership Dinner at Giant City Lodge |
| 4 Daylight Saving Time Ends 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 w/ Erik Davis 11:15 AM Meet & Greet Erik Davis | 5 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 9:00 AM Deacon Care Team 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 5:30 PM M.S. Girls Group 7:00 PM Adult Small Group 7:00 PM H.S. Guys Groups | 6 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM PrimeTime 5:45 PM Worship Meeting 6:30 PM H.S. Girls Group 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal | 7 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 3:30 PM FBC Kids Club 3:30 PM M.S. Crossfire Youth 5:00 PM Family Dinner 6:00 PM Bible Study w/ Pastor 6:00 PM H.S. Crossfire Youth 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal | 8 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 12:00 PM Ministerial Alliance Luncheon 5:00 PM 150th Anniversary Meeting | 9 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study | 10 2:00 PM Private Party in Fellowship Hall |
| 11 Veterans Day 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 w/ Noisy Offering 11:15 AM Business Meeting 5:00 PM Trivia Night 8:00 PM Crossfire Lock-In | 12 Church Office Closed for Veterans Day 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 5:30 PM M.S. Girls Group 7:00 PM H.S. Guys Groups | 13 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 5:45 PM Worship Meeting 6:00 PM Leadership Council Meeting 6:30 PM H.S. Girls Group 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal | 14 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 3:30 PM FBC Kids Club 3:30 PM M.S. Crossfire Youth 5:00 PM Family Dinner 6:00 PM Bible Study w/ Pastor 6:00 PM H.S. Crossfire Youth 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal | 15 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study | 16 Brooks/Robertson Wedding Rehearsal 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study | 17 Brooks/Robertson Wedding |
| 18 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 w/Baby Dedication 11:30 AM Decorating the Church | 19 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 5:30 PM M.S. Girls Group 7:00 PM Adult Small Group 7:00 PM H.S. Guys Groups | 20 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 5:45 PM Worship Meeting 6:30 PM H.S. Girls Group 7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal | 21 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class | 22 church office closed Thanksgiving Day | 23 church office closed 5:00 PM InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Dinner @ SIU-C | 24 |
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