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APRIL EVENTS

EASTER EVENTS

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1
5:30 am Sunrise Service at Bald Knob Cross
9 am Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
10 am Celebration Worship
11:15 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt

PRIMETIME TRIP TO RED BARN

10 am Tuesday, April 10

MID-WEEK EVENTS

Wednesdays, April 11, 18, 25
3:30 pm FBC Kids Club
3:30 pm Crossfire Middle School Youth
5 pm Family Dinner
3:30 pm Crossfire High School Youth
6 pm Bible Study with Pastor
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES

5 pm Mondays, M.S. Girls Group
6:30 pm Tuesdays, H.S. Girls Group
7 pm Tuesdays, H.S. Guys Groups
3:30 pm Wednesdays, Crossfire Youth
H.S. Girls Retreat April 1-4
H.S. Guys Retreat in Colorado, April 2-5

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD MEETING

6 pm Tuesday, April 10

ABC-GRR AREA 4 MEETING

2 pm Sunday, April 15

ANNUAL YARD & SPRING PLANT SALE

Friday & Saturday, April 20-21

PRAYER WALK

9 am Saturday, April 21

MUSIC FOR MISSIONS

2 pm Sunday, April 22

PEANUT ROLLS

Friday, April 27

LEGACY GIVING BRUNCH

9 am Saturday, April 28

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APRIL 2018 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

HUMILITY

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." -James 4:10

The world seems to be adrift without any guidance. As you look around there is more chaos than ever before. We seem to be more self centered and not care what others think or feel. It seems we are in a culture that often rewards the proud and even admires and applauds the prideful. In the past the ones who were great always were modest and humble, gracious and mild mannered.

Humility gets God's attention. In Isaiah 66:2b we read, *"These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word."* Humility draws the gaze of our Sovereign God.

What is humility? It's not timidity, weakness, or being a wimp. NO, humility is standing before God at the cross in all our weakness and failures, and then living life in the shadow and power of the cross.

When our relationship was broken,

Jesus humbled himself at the cross. He lay down His life for ours on a cruel cross, taking our punishment, death (as we read in Romans 6:23 wages for our sin is death) shedding His blood, the price for our disobedience, and restoring our relationship with God. Just like Jesus humbled himself at the cross, we too must humble ourselves at the cross.

+ Humility is born at the cross and grows up in the time of prayer.

+Humbled disciples of Jesus Christ are quick to thank others for all the help they receive.

+Humble people recognize the gifts God has given us and our hearts are filled with gratitude.

+Humble followers of Christ are willing to ask for help and accept help.

+Humble people are willing to laugh at themselves.

+Humble people are willing to learn from anyone.

+Humble people can accept gratitude and appreciation for a job well done.

Jesus is an amazing teacher. He says in Mark 10:45, *"For even the Son of Man did*

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TRUE HUMILITY

You are invited to the...

50th Annual Area 4 Gathering!

Sunday, April 15th from 2 to 7 pm
First Baptist Church of Murphysboro

*We are so excited to celebrate 50 years with the
American Baptist Churches
Great Rivers Region Area 4!*

*Please make plans to join us for a time of worship,
teaching, and encouragement!*

\$15 per person

Awesome Events for kids and students!
Check out event details and registration
on our website at
www.fbcmurphy.org!

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not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many," is what humility means. Jesus defines the difference between exemplary life and sacrificing life. He came with the understanding HE must be willing to die for others. Our Christian life should not just reflect the Lord's example, but it should draw attention to the sacrifice Jesus made for our disobedience and sinfulness. The precious verses of Mark 10:32, *"They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him"* it shows Jesus leading the way with determination and steadfastness. Jesus is aware of what will happen, betrayed, arrested, accused, condemned, abused, insulted, beaten, humiliated and ultimately executed. There was no hesitation or reluctance in His steps. He was leading the way with confidence. He accepted the fact that without His life of sacrifice, we cannot be redeemed. Someone had to pay the penalty for the sins of mankind. We cannot free ourselves from pride, selfishness, ambition, and our hopelessness. Our greatest foe is pride. We encounter this every minute of everyday.

Our greatest friend should be humility. How do we change what is a practical strategy:

- (a) Reflect on the wonder of the cross.
- (b) Begin our day acknowledging the need for God.
- (c) Begin to express gratitude to God.
- (d) Cast your cares on Jesus Christ.
- (e) Count your blessings, small and big.

The world should not be our measuring stick but our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

His blessings are many and God's promises are true. I love you but most of all God loves you.

In Christ's steps,
Shaker



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES TAKE SPRING BREAK

Murphysboro School District's Spring Break is April 2nd-6th. There will be **NO FBC Kids Club, Crossfire Youth, Family Dinner and Bible Study with Pastor on Wednesday, April 4th.** All will resume the following week, April 11th. Have a wonderful and safe Spring Break.

BUSINESS MEETING

The trimester Business Meeting will be **Sunday, April 8th**, immediately following the morning worship service at approximately 11:15 am. Please plan to attend.

OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR FEBRUARY 2018:

| | <u>This Month</u> | <u>To Date</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Needed | \$ 32,046.99 | \$ 65,025.08 |
| Given | \$ 22,334.02 | \$ 47,650.76 |
| Over (Under) | \$ (9,712.97) | \$ (17,374.32) |

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

UNITY

EPHESIANS 4:3
MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THE UNITY
OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE BOND OF PEACE.

MAY 3, 2018

#PRAY4UNITY
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

DAVIS MCCANN CIVIC CENTER
N. 14TH ST., MURPHYSBORO
12:00 noon
Lunch will be provided.

***PEANUT ROLLS
FOR SALE!***

A Summer Camp Fundraiser

Cost is \$12 per dozen

**Place your order by contacting Jesse Boudet,
Kristy Dunning or the church office.**

Pickup is April 27th

Please consider adopting a box of peanuts for \$50.



MUSIC FOR MISSIONS

NINE 88 Concert

Sunday, April 22

2:00 pm
FBC Sanctuary

**Everyone is invited to an afternoon of
fellowship worshipping the Lord with great music!**

Bring all your family, friends and neighbors!!

**It will be Spirit filled fun
that will help send kids to camp!!!**

**Calling all Men!!
FBC is Hosting the**

**Area 4 Quarterly
Men's Brotherhood Meeting
Tuesday, April 10th, 6:30 pm**

All men are invited to an evening of worship with men from all over Southern Illinois as they come together to fellowship.

There will be an update from the American Baptist Disaster Relief Team on the Puerto Rico hurricane relief projects as well as they will be introducing a possible partnership to help with more reconstruction. Dinner will be provided. If you are interested, please plan to attend.

If you have questions or for more information, please contact Ron McLaughlin at 534-2946.



BROTHERS
IN CHRIST



YARD SALE & Spring Plant Sale

Friday, April 20, 5-8 pm
Saturday, April 21, 7 am-noon



The Annual Yard & Plant Sale
will be held in the back parking lot.

So....Clean out your closets, garages, basements, attics & from under your beds.

Let items that you no longer need become someone's new treasure
& help the kids & youth go to summer camp

There will be hanging baskets & spring potted plants fundraiser tickets from McNitt Growers.

**Bring your donated items
to the Youth House or church.**

or

**For pickup, call Jesse Boudet
at 713-7505**



*Join me in a "conversation" about the future and "Legacy" of FBC
Saturday, April 28th, at 9:00 am
FBC Fellowship Hall.
Thank you,*

Pastor Shaker

*Guest Speaker: Joseph Huse
Development Consultant American Baptist Foundation*

Please RSVP by April 18 at 687-1769.

Love One Another

Prayer WALK

Praying for Each Home in Murphysboro
One House at a Time!

The Prayer Walk Team is planning to touch every home in Murphysboro with prayer. They have been walking and praying on Tuesday mornings. They have stopped and prayed at approximately 3000 individual homes for 125 city blocks but still have many, many more homes in need of prayer. A Prayer Walk Morning is being planned on **Saturday, April 21st** (weather permitting). If you would like to pray for the families of our community, please be at the church at **9:00 am**. Let the light of Christ shine through you as you walk and pray in Murphysboro.

If you have questions, please contact Steve Wilkerson or Ron McLaughlin.

PRIMETIME IS ON THE ROAD TO HARRISBURG



Spring is in the air and the PrimeTime seniors will be on the road to Harrisburg on **Tuesday, April 10th** for a leisurely lunch at the Red Barn. The bus will leave the church at **10:00 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.

GRADUATES NAMES NEEDED

A special time during the morning worship service on **Sunday, May 6th** will be dedicated to our church family graduates.

Middle school, high school, college and military graduates who are an active part of our church will be honored for their academic accomplishments. We would hate to forget someone, so if you know of a middle school, high school, college or military graduate that is active in our church family and should be recognized, please contact Angie Robinson at 567-9328. We would like to honor each high school and college student by telling a little bit about the school activities and/or awards they may have received.

ation Plans/Map of Building – getting the map printed up. There are no pull alarms in the building and need a heat detector in the boiler room.

Special Events: Easter Brunch – Elaine will contact Pam Lipe to see if she will coordinate again. ABC GRR Area 4 Meeting 4/15 – Shaker, Jesse, Vicki met with Patty Bilyeu. We now know of our assignments and will be circulating a volunteer sheet for various aspects of the conference, including evening meal. 150th Anniversary Team – 10/2019 (w/Pictorial Directory) – will begin work on this following Area 4 meeting in April.

Worship Ministry: Easter Sunrise Service – not well attended. Discussed going to Bald Knob Cross Sunrise Service. Can use the van and bus to transport people. All agreed. Easter Worship – coming together.

Kitchen/Dinners: Jesse has been sending over youth to help and it has been working great.

Strategic Planning & Action: They have met. Dale spoke of needing someone to be a “Jesse” for the adults. We need to be seriously looking at in addition to Jesse and Shaker, to help with their duties and take some of their load and maybe potentially fill their position. Would like everyone to think and pray about what the new direction needs to be.

Nominating Team: Welcomed Dan Pullis onto council.

Pastor’s Report: Will be starting a men’s small group. ABC Brotherhood will meet here April 10th and the Disaster Relief Group. The Saturday Men’s Group will be starting back up. We will be handing out tomato plants again this year. Shaker will be attending a Pastor’s Conference next week, Phil Deshazo will be filling in.

Director’s Report: Have been asked if

we plan on putting in another volleyball court for the neighborhood. Possibly put in a larger garden across the street and use it as a teaching garden.

The next Leadership Council meeting is Tuesday, March 20th, at 6:00 pm.

Area 4 Conference: Sunday, April 15 at 2 pm.



**“CULTIVATING LEADERS,
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES,
HEALING COMMUNITIES”**

Our Lord Jesus Christ intends every member of every church to do the work of this ministry. Ministry is to build up each other’s faith and love. God’s design is to use human support and encouragement to sustain the faith of his children and to lighten the burden they bear in the service of love.

The America for Christ Offering “Cultivates Leaders” by chaplaincies, specialized ministries, scholarships; “Equips Disciples” through evangelism, workshops and support; “Heal Communities” with disaster response, disability ministries, refugee resettlements and much, much more. AFC Offering reminds us that it is in our service to the church and our community that many experience the Christ in us.

AFC is helping the world see the spirit of Christ living in our modern world.

For your convenience, an AFC Offering envelope is included with this newsletter.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2018 MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Last Meeting’s Minutes: The January, 2018 minutes were approved by consensus.

Financial Report: Question asked if church liability insurance would cover an incident such as a shooting? The January, 2018 Financial Report was approved by consensus.

Outreach & Evangelism: Easter Prayer Walking/Inviting; 2018 Budget – possibly combine this and Special Events? 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament – all is taken care of, will donate \$100 to Saluki FCA.

Spring Picnic/Outdoor Worship Service 5/6
Missions: 2018 Alaskan Mission Trip; Intervarsity dinners – we will be doing the 4th Friday each month; Noisy offering this Sunday; Will discuss the \$25,000 balance of the Young Estate donation next meeting.

Children Discipleship: Wednesday Kids Club Food Needs – need donations of snacks and drinks; Kids Leader Conference Report – was very beneficial; Kids Camp 2018 – Kathie is working on and will talk about this Sunday; Palm Sunday – will order palms for the kids.

Youth Discipleship: Million Words Club/FCA Support – FCA slated to start in March. Million Words Club will have a reading night and we will help with the snacks and pizza. Will see if the High School FCA kids can go each time to the Middle School and help. Who Did It Mystery Event Fundraiser 3/17 Youth Camp 2018 – is being worked on. Have set up a date for Roger Palmer to have a Parent Conference at the church on October 26-28. Moses has resigned. Jesse is now teaching the Sunday morning class. Senior High Schoolers are transitioning to the College group. Youth are wanting to do the Walk For Life and visit the Humane

Shelter. Middle Schoolers, doing a lot of events closer to home.

Adult Discipleship: Young Adult/Professional Class Update – has started meeting. Looking at possibly using the old choir room. New Small/Life Groups – Shaker has some interest for this.

Staff Relations/Policies: Steve is doing a great job as custodian.

Finance & Stewardship: Possible Financial Class – Possibly Dave Ramsey style, there is an initial cost & cost per family. Van Robinson has indicated he would be willing to lead but would like some material to work with.

Stewardship – Helen and Dale are looking at various possibilities.

Legacy Giving Team: Legacy Giving Team: Melinda Guthman, Dale Blaise, Dave Ardrey, Patty Koenig. ABC Investment Opportunities – anonymous gift of \$600 to surrender \$150K CD to proceed with investment per council approval at January meeting. Meeting held on February 13th – have contacted Joseph Huse at ABC Foundation – looking to schedule and implement Planned Giving Seminar on April 28th with a brunch.

Building & Grounds: Guttering done. New Key Entry System – still checking on. Church Cleanup Date - may not need for the entire church, will check on cleaning the pews. Plans for summer Lawn Care – Ed Miller volunteered to take care of the lawn. Water and Air Leaks around Side Door – Chuck is taking care of. Steve has taken care of some things on the maintenance/repair list.

Emergency Management Team: Cameras – Have them, will get them installed and interfaced. Emergency/Evacu



April 1
Carmella Schuman

April 8
Katie Tolbert

April 15
Savanah Schuman

April 22
Myah Kelley

April 29
Carmella Schuman

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

April 1
Easter Breakfast

April 8
Jeff & Linda Wright

April 15
Murl & Sue Lynn Johnson

April 22
Chuck & Kim Grammer

April 29
Leah Rowe

If you are unable to help, please
contact church office at 687-1769.



MEALS ON WHEELS

April 23-27

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
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Jane Beese & Alice Berry



**POST THIS ON YOUR
REFRIGERATOR!**

GREETERS

April 1
Chuck & Kim Grammer

April 8
Jeff & Linda Wright

April 15
Carol Klaine & Valerie Lipe

April 22
Frank & Shirley Aldridge

April 29
Buddy & Helen Payne

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

WELCOME CENTER

April 1
Lou Polsgrove

April 8
Betty Cox

April 15
Anna Jenkins

April 22
Albert & Trish Boudet

April 29
Jeff & Linda Wright

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

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|----|---------------------|----|------------------------|
| 2 | Ruth Attig | 18 | Jim Wright |
| 3 | Nicolette Samuel | 19 | Ty Schwarz |
| 5 | Megan Graeff | 21 | Shirley Hardwig-Winter |
| 6 | Mikah Mifflin | 21 | Dalton Marnati |
| 6 | Merryn Elliott | 21 | Lilli Robinson |
| 10 | William Hamby | 23 | Earl Creath |
| 10 | Debbie Davis-Murrie | 23 | Chase Stamm |
| 11 | John Edgar | 25 | Emily Reiman |
| 13 | Tim Sims | 26 | Willette Yearian |
| 14 | Austin Hardwig | 30 | Leila Reiman |
| 15 | Brittany Jones | | |
| 15 | Ellee Doerr | | |
| 16 | Joan Mifflin | | |
| 17 | Lindsey Blaise | | |
| 17 | Jimmy Holland | | |



Happy Birthday!

VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our many

APRIL 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 EASTER H.S. Girls Retreat 8:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 9:00 AM All Church Easter Breakfast 9:00 AM FBC Kids' Worship 10:00 AM Easter Celebration Worship 11:15 AM Kids Easter Egg Hunt | 2 H.S. Girls Retreat H.S. Guys Retreat 5:30 PM M.S. Girls Group 5:45 PM Worship Meeting 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal | 3 H.S. Girls Retreat H.S. Guys Retreat | 4 H.S. Girls Retreat H.S. Guys Retreat 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal | 5 H.S. Guys Retreat 6:30 PM Adult Small Group | 6 | 7 |
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| 22 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 1:00 PM Youth Worship Band Rehearsal 2:00 PM Music for Missions | 23 Meals on Wheels 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 | 24 Meals on Wheels 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 6:30 PM H.S. Girls Group 7:00 PM H.S. Guys Groups | 25 Meals on Wheels 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 | 26 Meals on Wheels 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 6:30 PM Adult Small Group | 27 Meals on Wheels 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 12:00 PM Making Peanut Rolls 5:00 PM InterVarsity Fellowship Dinner at SIU-C | 28 9:00 AM Legacy Plan Luncheon |
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