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Upcoming
Events
in
May

PRIMETIME TRIP

10:30 am Tuesday, May 1

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

12 pm Thursday, May 3
Community Service with Luncheon
Davis McCann Civic Center

GRADUATION SUNDAY

10 am Sunday, May 6

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Wednesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23
3:30 pm FBC Kids Club
3:30 pm Crossfire M.S. Youth
5 pm Family Dinner
6:00 pm Crossfire H.S. Youth
6 pm Bible Study w/ Pastor
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

MCALLISTER FUNDRAISER

5-8 pm Thursday, May 10

MOTHERS' DAY

Sunday, May 13

COMMUNITY SPRING FESTIVAL CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH LIFE CENTER

5 pm Friday, May 18

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 28

MISSION TRIP CAR WASH

Saturday, June 2

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MAY 2018 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

HOW DOES YOUR GIVING REFLECT GOD'S GRACE?

by Rick Warren

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NIV)

If you want to measure how much you understand grace and how much you're living by grace, look at your giving.

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Notice the "alls" — "all grace," "all things," "at all times," "having all that you need" — those are the promises related to the person who becomes like Christ. What was Christ like? He was a giver. God loved the world so much that he gave. Until you learn to be generous with your time, money, resources, and opportunities, you're not going to be like Christ. Nothing is greater proof that you understand grace than being lovingly gracious

and generous to other people and to God.

If you're uptight or defensive when your pastor starts talking about giving, it means you don't understand grace. Look at the verse again. He says if you give cheerfully and liberally, God will take care of all your needs — all the time, in every way, however you need them.

Here's the question: Are you going to trust the God who gave his life for you? If you can trust him enough for salvation, can't you trust him in your finances?

The truth is, you really don't own anything. God just loans it to you for 70 or 80 years. It's all His in the first place. If my daughter comes to me, and I give her five bucks to buy me a present, where's the money really coming from in the first place?

God does that with us. He gives to us generously. Then he says, "Now show a little gratitude. Be generous in giving, including your tithe." Does he need the money? No. He wants you to become like him. He wants you to have a heart that says, "I can't wait to give in every area."

Romans 8:32 says, "Since God loved us enough to give us his own son, won't he love us enough to take care of every one

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

McALISTER'S
DELI
presents
FUNDRAISER NIGHT!
HELP SUPPORT YOUR ORGANIZATION BY PARTICIPATING IN FUNDRAISER NIGHT!

COME HELP THE MISSION TRIP TEAM & ENJOY GOOD FOOD

Here is a great way to help Summer Mission Trip Team, make plans to have dinner at McAlister's Deli on **Thursday, May 10th from 5-8:00 pm** at the Carbondale location. No need to prepare dinner, just bring the whole family, purchase dinner and 10% of your purchase will be donated to the Alaska Mission Trip Fund. The Mission Trip Team will be there to greet and service your table. Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors ... it's good food, wonderful family environment and great tea!

COMMUNITY SPRING FESTIVAL
Family FUN NIGHT

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE COMMUNITY SPRING FESTIVAL

The Murphysboro Ministerial Alliance churches are working together for a family fun evening on **Friday, May 18th, from 5-7:00 pm** at the Christ Community Life Center, 805 N. 16th Street. There will be carnival games, food, face painting and much more. Tickets are 25 cents each. All proceeds will go toward student needs of Murphysboro School District.

Bring the whole family!

TAKING A SUMMER BREAK

The school year is drawing to a close and FBC Wednesday night will be taking a summer break. FBC Kids Club, Crossfire Youth, Family Dinner and Bible Study with Pastor will meet on **May 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd**. Monday Fun Days will begin in June after VBS. All our Wednesday night activities will resume in mid August with a Wednesday Night Kickoff, so watch for the announcement. Stay cool and have a wonderful and safe summer!!

Worship Ministry: Easter Sunrise Service at Bald Knob Cross 4/1. Easter Worship 4/1. Guest Speaker Patty Bilyeu 4/8. Graduation Sunday – 5/6.

There will be a closing prayer at the end of Sunday morning service. Will have a sign-up sheet.

College Group Discipleship: College Class Update – sending Nick Dobbs a care package. Started a new book - planning an end of semester event.

Strategic Action Team: Land Acquisition Team: Property Online Auction – property south of parking lot for sale online. Cannot buy property without church membership approval. Future Staffing Discussion/Direction – Need to develop a plan. Vicki will get something on paper.

Nominating Team: Helen Payne is resigning from the Treasurer position as soon as a replacement can be found.

Pastor's Report: April 22nd will be Music For Missions, 988 will be here from 2-4 pm. Donations will go to summer camp. Would ask that we watch out for our neighbors in church. If we see they are absent, call and check on them.

Business Meeting Sunday, April 8th after worship.

Next Leadership Council meeting will be April 17th, at 6:00 pm.

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of our other needs?"

The fact is, you can say you love God and sing that you trust God and put him first, but your checkbook is where you can show just how much God's grace means to you.

Talk It Over

- * Would you call yourself a cheerful giver? Why or why not?
- * How have you seen God bless your finances or provide for you as you have been faithful to tithe?
- * In what ways does your life reflect gratitude for God's grace?



CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

The church office will be closed **Monday, May 28th**, so the staff may spend the Memorial Day holiday with their families.

In case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Shaker at home.

Have a safe and blessed holiday!!



MOTHERS' DAY... A SPECIAL DAY!

It's always wonderful when we here at FBC can have a special service. The Mothers' Day Worship, **Sunday, May 13th** is just that kind of service. It's all about the uniqueness of mothers' love.

All mothers will be honored and we have a special little gift for each.

Give your mother the best gift possible by sitting in the pew next to her on

Mother's Day...she will love it!!!



OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR MARCH 2018:

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Needed	\$ 37,869.92	\$ 102,895.00
Given	\$ 26,604.33	\$ 74,255.09
Over (Under)	\$ (11,265.59)	\$ (28,639.91)

MARCH 2018 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order with prayer.

Minutes: The February, 2018, minutes were approved by consensus.

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

Ministry Team Reports:

Outreach and Evangelism: Easter Prayer Walk 3/24. Spring Picnic/Outdoor Worship Service 5/6 – rescheduled for October 14. Ministerial Alliance Spring Festival 5/18 – we will have a couple of games. 6-8 pm at old MCA building. Have asked for a donation for tickets. Graduation Sunday will be 5/6.

Missions: 2018 Mission Trip – Kristy is applying for a \$1500 grant. Community Garden - Ron McLaughlin will be doing again this summer. Mission Meeting Update – will be helping a church in Puerto Rico. Will be giving the year's worth of donation to the Food Pantry to take advantage of their matching program. Donated \$100 to the 2018 Senior Prom dinner. Donated \$300 to the church in Jamaica to help with VBS. Donated \$3000 to the Living the Dream missionaries to help with the purchase of a vehicle.

Children Discipleship: New Curriculum – ordered and have started using it, love it. Connecting with Parents – will be reaching out to parents, to encourage involvement. Palm Sunday 3/25. Easter Egg Hunt 4/1. VBS 6/10-14 – Shipwreck theme Kids Camp – 7/29-8/1

Youth Discipleship: Million Words Club/FCA Support. Youth Camp 6/16-21. Parenting Conference 10/26-28. Possible Intern for Summer – would like to hire an intern for the summer.

Adult Discipleship: Young Adult/Profes-

sional Class Update – are meeting. New Small/Life Groups. Saturday Men's Breakfast starting back up.

Staff Relations/Policies: Next staff meeting in April – meets Quarterly.

Finance and Stewardship: Possible Financial Class. Stewardship Plan/Discussion
Legacy Giving Team: Conversation with Pastor and Planned Giving Seminar Brunch 4/28

Buildings and Grounds: New Key Entry System – CTS cost is approx. \$4000 and comes with 50 fobs. Water and air leaks around side door – fixed. Water coming through North side Wall – will re-caulk when a little dryer. Heat Sensor in Boiler Room – Approx. cost is \$1500-2000 for heat sensor, alarm pulls and panic button that is mobile. Approved by consensus, take out of Building Fund. Will look into server space, etc. for the security cameras to be on their own computer.

Security: Cameras – Have them, will get them installed and interfaced. Emergency/Evacuation Plans/Map of Building. Church liability Insurance – Anyone with concealed carry should have their own insurance and will have them sign a MOU and ask for proof of insurance.

Special Events: Easter Brunch – several volunteered to help with clean up. ABC Brotherhood Meeting 4/10 – 6-8 pm, 40-50 people. Will be speaking about Puerto Rico and how they are still struggling after the hurricane. Will be asking us to partner with a church for a certain number of years. Shaker would like to donate \$1000 from our emergency fund. Approved by consensus. ABC GRR Area 4 Meeting 4/15 – registration starts at 2 pm. 150th Anniversary Team – 10/2019.

PRIMETIME TO ENJOY THE SPRING SCENERY



Calling all active senior adults. PrimeTime will be traveling to Cape Girardeau for a leisurely lunch at Broussard's Cajun Cuisine on **Tuesday, May 1st**. The bus will leave the church at **10:00 am**. Lunch is dutch treat. The ride to Cape will be filled with the sights of spring...trees budding and flowers blooming. If you would like to go, the sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



sack lunch provided.

This will be a community event with all the Murphysboro churches and community leaders participating together to pray for our community, families and our nation.

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Our nation is in need of God's direction and power as our country struggles with violence, sin, and the Godless direction our society is taking. We need to come together in Unity on this day to pray together in one voice, asking for our Lord's help.

The Murphysboro Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring the National Day of Prayer Community Service on **Thursday, May 3rd**, at **12:00 noon** at the Davis McCann Civic Center on 14th St. There will be a



Graduation Sunday May 6th 10:00 am


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.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this wonderful service which will be filled with many blessings.



CROSSINGS SUMMER CAMP IS AN AMAZING CHRISTIAN CAMP WITH AWESOME FUN ACTIVITIES AND CONCERTS, LIFE TRANSFORMING MESSAGES, AND A GREAT PLACE FOR KIDS AND YOUTH GROUPS TO GROW CLOSER TOGETHER IN THEIR PURSUIT OF JESUS.


 CROSSINGS STUDENTS

WIRED

FOR WORSHIP
 6th - High School June 16th-21st

PSALM 1 • PSALM 51 • PSALM 19 • PSALM 103 • PSALM 95



3rd - 6th grades July 29th-August 1
GOD'S PURSUIT OF US

All kids and youth from 3rd - 12th are welcome to have a fun, Jesus filled week at an amazing camp. The cost is \$350. Payment and financial assistance may be available. Please contact Kathie Grob or Jesse Boudet asap if you would like to attend.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 10-14, SUNDAY-THURSDAY

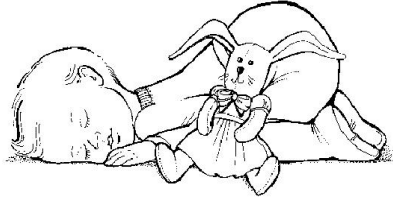
Family Kickoff Night

5-6:30 pm Sunday June 10

5 pm VBS Fun...then at 6 pm Finger Food
June 11-14, 9 am-noon Monday-Thursday



Register at www.fbcmurphy.org



IN THE NURSERY

May 6

Carmella Schuman

May 13

Katie Tolbert

May 20

Savanah Schuman

May 27

Myah Kelley

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

May 6

Keith & Carol Klaine

May 13

Pat & Jan Etherton

May 20

Albert & Trish Boudet

May 27

J. Goforth, K. Dunning, G. Hunziker

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



MEALS ON WHEELS

May 29-June 1

Monday

Memorial Day

No Delivery

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

May 6

Paul & Sheila Echols

May 13

Van & Angie Robinson

May 20

Marsha Heiple & Joan Mifflin

May 27

Tony & Cindy Stamm

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

WELCOME CENTER

May 6

Vic or Patty Koenig

May 13

Glenann Kiel

May 20

Ed or Terri Miller

May 27

Judy Raines

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!

4	Ron Eastwood	22	Chuck Attig
5	Justin Stille	22	Melissa Brady
10	Sebastian Smith	24	Melba Mifflin
11	Laura Wright	25	Koral McBride
14	Terra Troutman	25	Sue Lynn Johnson
18	Timothy Sanchuk	25	Harry Allard
21	Linda Coleman	26	Krista Elliott
22	Philip Hunziker	27	Debbie Burroughs



**MAY
BIRTHDAYS**

VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our many

MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 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	30 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	1 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM PrimeTime Trip 6:30 PM H.S. Girls Group 7:00 PM H.S. Guys Groups	2 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	3 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 12:00 PM National Day of Prayer at Davis McCann Civic Center 6:30 PM Adult Small Group	4 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	5 8:00 AM Mission Trip Tag Day 1:00 PM H.S. Guys Skyzone/Movie Night
6 Graduation 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 12:00 PM Graduation Picnic 1:00 PM Youth Worship Band Rehearsal	7 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	8 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 6:30 PM H.S. Girls Group 7:00 PM H.S. Guys Groups	9 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	10 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 5:00 PM McAlister's Mission Trip Fund Raiser 6:30 PM Adult Small Group	11 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	12
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27 Honoring Our Veterans 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	28 Church Office Closed Memorial Day 5:30 PM M.S. Girls Group 5:45 PM Worship Meeting 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	29 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	30 Meals on Wheels 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	31 Meals on Wheels 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 6:30 PM Adult Small Group	1 Meals on Wheels 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	2 Mission Trip Car Wash Fund Raiser