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LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Monday, September 3

LADIES EXERCISE CLASSES
10 am Monday & Wednesday

PRIMETIME TRIP - REID'S HARVEST HOUSE
10 am Tuesday, September 4

COMMUNION SERVICE AT RIVER TO RIVER
6 pm Thursday, September 6

APPLE FESTIVAL EVENTS SEPT. 11-16
12 noon Tuesday, Carnival Workers Luncheon
6:45 am Wednesday, Prayer Breakfast
6:00 pm Wednesday, Gospel Sing
4 pm Friday, Kiddie Parade
11 am Saturday, Grand Parade

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES
Wednesdays, September 5, 19, 26
3:30 pm FBC Kids Club
3:30 pm M.S. Crossfire Youth
5 pm Family Dinner
6 pm H.S. Crossfire Youth
6 pm Bible Study w/ Pastor
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES
5:30 pm Monday, M.S. Girls Sept. 10,17,24
7 pm Monday, H.S. Guys Groups, Sept. 10,17,24
3:30 pm Wed., M.S. Crossfire, Sept. 5,19,26
6 pm Wednesday, H.S. Crossfire, Sept. 5,19,26
9 pm Friday, Laser Tag Lock In, September 21

DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
9 am Sunday, September 16 & 23



GOD LOVES ME

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it"

-John 1:1-5

As a young man when I first read this passage I did not understand clearly what John was writing. Most people said to me I need to read the Gospel of John so I could see God's love for me. It took me years to understand these verses. Now I feel, how could I have been so clueless.

God was, God is and God will be. There is no beginning to God and there is no end to God. Our infinite mind cannot comprehend it. We need to accept it. But our world always wants everything explainable. If God is explainable by man, I do not need him. I would rather have a God who is so big and capable that He could carry me through my struggles and problems which seem

to come out of nowhere. I would love having a God who says rest in me, I will take care of you, trust me things will fall into place.

Scripture says that the number of God's years is unsearchable. In Job 36:26, "How great is God—beyond our understanding! The number of his years is past finding out." We will never know the first time God was God. He is eternal. God was never bound by time as we perceive it. That's why God sent his son, Jesus Christ, to our world in human form. Jesus followed God's instructions in the physical world and showed us that God can be trusted and He had a plan. God's plan for Jesus was to go through all the things you and I go through, pain, suffering, disappointments, betrayal, loss of loved ones and more. Jesus was emotional; He cried, got angry, He was compassionate. He loved and He was patient and more. That's why He could say I have overcome the world and you can too.

David in Psalms 139:7-10, "Where can

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PRIMETIME ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

PrimeTime will be on the road **Tuesday, September 4th** to travel to Chester for a leisurely lunch at Reid's Harvest House. Lunch is dutch treat. The bus will leave the church at **10:00 am**. 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. All active senior adults are invited. Invite your friends.

COMMUNION AT RIVER TO RIVER ASSISTED LIVING

Our Deacon Team is planning their quarterly Communion Service at the River to River Assisted Living facility on **Thursday, September 6th at 6:00 pm** in the east building. Everyone is invited to be a part of the service. The residents love having the fellowship, so please plan to attend.



THE LADIES ARE MOV'IN IT

Calling all ladies! There is a Senior's Ladies Exercise class on **Monday and Wednesday mornings** starting at **10:00 am** in the children's department of the Education Building. The class focuses on balance and stretching exercises.

Got questions or for more details, please contact Judy Rawls.



BAPTISM/MEMBERSHIP CLASSES FOR ALL AGES IN SEPTEMBER

All kids and students who have accepted Christ as their personal Savior and would like to be baptized are invited to be a part of a small group study lead by Jesse Boudet on baptism and church membership. If you are an adult and would like to participate in FBC Discovering Church Membership class, please contact Pastor Shaker. The classes will be meeting on **Sundays, September 16th and 23rd at 9:00 am** during the Sunday School/Small Group hour. Taking the classes does not obligate you in any way.



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I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." says it doesn't matter where we are, He still can guide us.

To show us humans that we must not despair--Jesus entered and became man, imprisoned in flesh and restricted himself to help us see it is possible. God in Jesus went from needing nothing to needing air to breath, food to eat, shoes to walk. Oh what a transformation because we need Him. He was willing to set aside being God and humbled himself to be a man. God gave up his heaven's crown for a crown of thorns.

The following scriptures tell us what He did: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." 1 John 4:10

And these following scriptures helps

us understand He is aware of our humanness:

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ." 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

"Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones." Isaiah 49:13

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin." Hebrews 4:15

"Jesus wept." John 11:35

Now I hope we can all begin to understand John 1:1-5.

We have an awesome God. We don't have to feel abandoned. He is always near.

You know HE IS COMING BACK to take us to HEAVEN where He lives. I'm looking forward to it. Hope you are too.

God bless. Have a blessed fall with the beautiful colors in the trees and gentle breezes on your backs.

In Christ's steps,
Pastor Shaker

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doors for Fellowship Hall – bid is just under \$18,000. Warranty will be 10 or 15 years. New doors will cost approximately \$7000. There are church members who are interested in the old doors. Parking lot sealing/stripping – went with Egyptian, will be done first week of August. SP Microphone needs replaced – will order the piece needed.

Bradley Evans has been talked to about helping with Technology and is considering same.

Will be putting out a prioritized list to the congregation. Will be setting up an office to keep all the files, etc. Emergency Response Team: Cameras – need to upgrade the cameras we have, wiring is already in place.

Special Events: 150th Anniversary Team – 10/2019 – Preliminary Team met 6/18, consisting of Vicki Ardrey, Jessica Grammer, Paul Echols, Sylvia Carvell, Suzanne Goad – will probably look to add a few more members or have peripheral assignments to other folks. Will discuss pictorial directory to be done in conjunction /prior to celebration.

Worship Ministry: Are meeting regularly.

College Group Discipleship: Planning a trip to Holiday World Sunday.

Kitchen/Dinners: Kristy is writing a grant which will help provide extra food at the Wednesday evening dinners, for people to take home. School starts August 15, Wednesday suppers will start the next week.

Strategic Planning & Action: Legacy Team – met June 26 and discussed information to provide to Joseph Huse at ABC Foundation to create a pamphlet to provide more information to the congregation. Another meeting scheduled in August to continue this process.

Nominating Team: 1 from council, 1 from deacons, 1 member at large – slate of names needed by October 15ish. Vicki will fill the council slot. Need temporary Deacon to fill for the rest of the year – Matt Hardwig and Angie Robinson will fill in.

Pastor's Report: Prayer Walk was completed today. They will be meeting with community church leaders Saturday and hope to start something this fall. Will be gone on August 5th, Phil Deshazo will fill-in.

The next Leadership Council meeting will be Tuesday, August 21st at 6:00 pm.

The next Business meeting will be July 22nd at 11:15.



ENJOY AN EVENING OF GOSPEL MUSIC AT THE APPLE FESTIVAL

The Apple Festival Gospel Sing will be **Wednesday, September 12th**, starting at **6:00 pm**. The concert will be on the Apple Town Stage at the corner of Spruce and 13th Street.

Many of the local Christian talent and churches will be participating in the evening's entertainment. It is always a wonderful evening of uplifting and spirit filled fellowship. FYI...the stage is located next to the food vendors which is a big plus. Awesome music and great food...can't get any better than that.

All the evening's entertainment is free but don't forget your lawn chairs for the most comfortable seating.

LUNCHEON PLANNED FOR CARNIVAL WORKERS

The annual luncheon is being planned for the Apple Festival Carnival workers and vendors on **Tuesday, September 11th, at 12:00 noon**. If you would like to help, please contact DeAnn Stilley at 521-2963. This event is a wonderful time of fellowship and witnessing.

APPLE FESTIVAL PRAYER BREAKFAST TICKETS AVAILABLE

The Murphysboro Ministerial Alliance is inviting everyone to help kick off a great Apple Festival celebration by attending the annual Apple Festival Prayer Breakfast. This year's breakfast will be held at the Davis McCann Civic Center on **Wednesday, September 12th, at 6:45 am**.

Tickets are available in the church office or at the door. A donation would be appreciated.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 12TH

There will be **NO** FBC Kids Club, Crossfire Youth, Family Dinner and Bible Study with Pastor on Wednesday, September 12th so everyone can attend and enjoy the Apple Festival Gospel Sing. All activities will resume on September 19th.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY



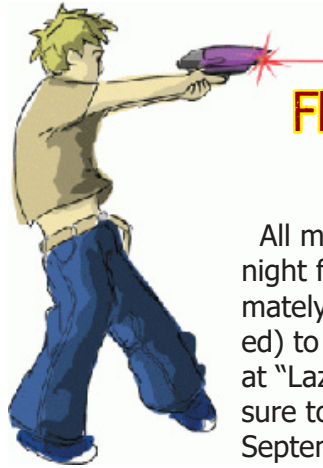
The church office will be closed **Monday, September 3rd**, so the staff may spend the holiday with their families. In case of an emergency, Pastor Shaker can be reached at home. Have a great and safe Labor Day!!



Crossfire

LAZER TAG

LOOK IN



9 PM
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 21-22

All middle and high school students and their friends are invited for a night filled with fun, fun, fun on **Friday, September 21st**. At approximately 10 pm, everyone will be loaded into the church bus (& van if needed) to travel to Belleville for a night of unlimited laser tag, soda and pizza at "Lazer Rock." The cost is \$20 per person. If you would like to go, be sure to contact Jesse Boudet at 713-7505 by the deadline of Wednesday, September 19th. Registration and consent forms must be completed.

IT'S SMALL GROUPS FOR CROSSFIRE

Middle School Girls
5:30 pm, every Monday
in the Youth House

High School Boys
7 pm, every Monday
at Jesse's House

2018 ABC-GRR CONFERENCE



The American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region will be gathering for a conference on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 27th-29th** at the First Baptist Church of Bloomington, Illinois. If you would like to know more about the conference or would like to attend, please contact Pastor Shaker or the church office for the registration forms and itinerary.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 17, 2018

Meeting was opened with prayer. Helen Payne present Chapter 6 of I Am a Church Member.

The June, 2018, minutes were approved by consensus.

Angie asked if the Silkworm shirts/coveralls are for the Prayer Walk participants. Yes. Sheila asked why the Senior Citizens Fund is in the red. Money goes in and out, it is for Primetime. Will have Grant move \$200 from Missions. Jesse asked if we could move the balance of the Surplus Fund into the Regions Business Savings Fund – yes. The June, 2018, Financial Report was approved by consensus.

Outreach and Evangelism: Fall Picnic/Outdoor Worship Service – will be October 14th, service start at 10:00. Meet The Teams – will be August 18th. Angie will coordinate.

Missions: New Missions Giving – are getting a list of the 12 and will send out the \$1000 each after team gets back from mission trip. Shaker is preparing a letter to send to let them know what we are doing. 2018 Mission Trip Update – leaving Saturday.

Children Discipleship: Kids Camp 7/29-8/1 – will check with Missions team after camp if any help is needed with the cost. Summer Monday Fun Days – have had good numbers, are helping with the garden. Kids Ministry Leader Meeting to be scheduled

Youth Discipleship: See Director's Report Parenting Conference 10/26-28. Looking for HS Girls Group Leader. Taking a

summer break from youth group. George Kuhlman stepping down from Youth Praise Team due to school commitments. Summer Camp – took 43 and it went great. Two accepted Christ. James activities – listed. Have registered for camp next year – youth and kids. Grant will be taking over background checks.

Adult Discipleship: Young Adult Class. New Small/Life Groups. Saturday Men's Breakfast starting back up – first breakfast will be August 11 at 8:00, Mayor Will Stephens will be speaking.

Staff Relations/Policies: Staff Research Team – Continue to meet – creation of list of Universities/Colleges and other agencies to submit letter with job description. Job description is on the church's website.

Finance and Stewardship: Some of Young Estate funds are being held in escrow awaiting one of the heirs to return paperwork to attorney. Jeff Wright is willing to meet with Grant to look over and answer any questions upon Jesse's departure. Angie asked if we can do an independent audit. Helen will ask Scott Evans. May ask a group of members to form a committee to volunteer to do it.

Building and Grounds: New Key Entry System installed. Council members given key fobs. Boiler – moving forward. Scott Hunziker working with company doing installation. Playground Equipment/Area -- Discussion that this will be done in phases. Will get an estimate and a plan together. Dan will get with Chuck and Dave Ardrey. Update on flooring and

GREETING!

September 2

Chuck & Kim Grammer

September 9

Carol Klaine & Valerie Lipe

September 16

Frank & Shilrey Aldridge

September 23

Paul & Sheila Echols

September 30

Buddy & Helen Payne

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

September 2

J. Goforth, K. Dunning, G. Hunziker

September 9

Leah Rowe

September 16

Keith & Carol Klaine

September 23

Albert & Trish Boudet

September 30

Jeff & Linda Wright

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



MEALS ON WHEELS

September 24-28

Monday

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Gayle Gillmore

Tuesday

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Christina Smith & Frank Aldridge

Wednesday

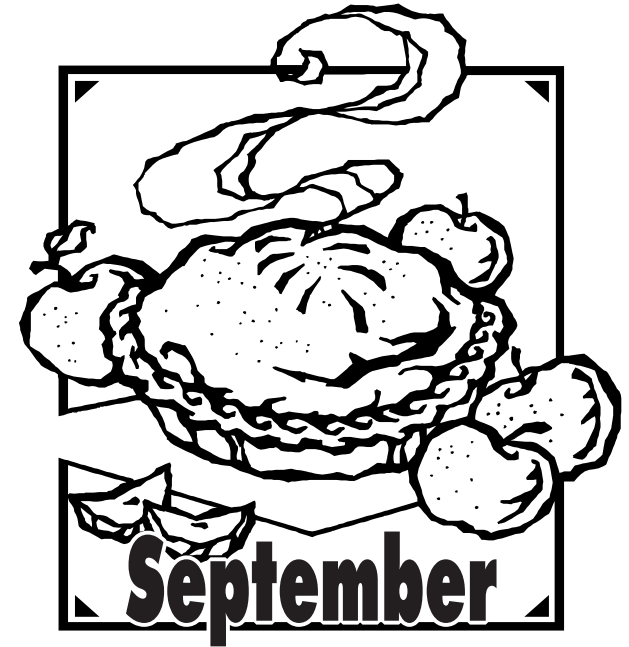
Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Mark & Darlene Pautler

Thursday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

Friday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady



POST THIS ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

1	Caitie Grither	24	Jeff Wright
4	Lauren Martin	24	Karissa Lemons
6	Bob Heiple	25	Don Rahming
6	Lola Wilkerson	25	Ron Rahming
8	Kathie Grob	27	Kristy Dunning
10	Hannah Sims	29	T.J. Reiman
11	Adam Coleman	29	Lauren Karg
13	Valerie Kerns		
14	Leanna Schnautz		
15	Kim Grammer		
17	Meghan Blechle		
19	Cody Creath		
19	Darrell Ewbank		
23	Lynn Brady		
24	Ernie Miller		



VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our many

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The light shines in the darkness, & the darkness has not overcome it”

John 1:1-5

SEPTEMBER 2018

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26 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	27 Meals on Wheels 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class	28 Meals on Wheels 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 5:45 PM Worship Meeting 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	29 Meals on Wheels 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 3:30 PM FBC Kids Club 3:30 PM Middle School Crossfire Youth 5:00 PM Family Dinner 6:00 PM Bible Study w/ Pastor 6:00 PM High School Crossfire Youth 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	30 Meals on Wheels 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 6:00 PM H.S. Girls Leaders Meeting	31 Meals on Wheels 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	1
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