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UN-DECORATE THE CHURCH

11:30 am Sunday, January 6

MID-WEEK EVENTS

Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30

3:30 pm FBC Kids Club

3:30 pm Crossfire M. S. Youth

5 pm Family Dinner

6 pm Bible Study with Pastor

6 pm Crossfire H. S. Youth

7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES

5:30 pm Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, M. S. Girls Group

7 pm Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, H. S. Guys Group

6:30 pm Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, H. S. Girls Group

PRIMETIME MYSTERY DESTINATION

10 am Tuesday, January 8

MEET & GREET JAKE HAHNEMANN

10 am - 2 pm Sunday, January 13

COLE SCHWARZ FUNDRAISER

Murphysboro American Legion

4-7 pm Sunday, January 13

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

11:30 am Sunday, January 20

CROSSFIRE WINTER JAM CONCERT

1 pm Sunday, January 27



BE NOT ANXIOUS

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

- Philippians 4:4-8

Paul, what are you talking about? Being anxious is what I do most of the time. What if it is the norm? You seem to start with a saying "Rejoice in the Lord and finish with Rejoice always" (it is a hard thing to do). These are the thoughts that are going through my mind as I read these words in Philippians.

Paul was sitting in a cell with no windows and maybe would receive one meal a day. But his attitude was amazing. He knew his days were numbered but wanted his church to know life is to be enjoyed in all circumstances. Paul's attitude teaches us an

important lesson: our inner attitudes do not have to reflect our outward circumstances. Paul knew that no matter what happened to him, Jesus Christ was with him. Paul had his joy and inner peace in Christ. He wanted his church to know it is easy to get discouraged about unpleasant circumstances or to take unimportant events too seriously.

Imagine never being "anxious about anything." It seems like an impossibility. We all have worries on the job, in our homes, at school, etc. Paul's advice is to turn our worries into prayers. If you want to worry less, pray more. When you start to worry, stop and pray. We need to accept that we are not in control. God is. Let God's peace guard our hearts against anxiety.

Paul would like us to program our minds and thoughts that are true, noble, light, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praise worthy. Replace harmful input with wholesome materials. Ask God to help you focus your mind on what is good and pure. Paul's writing from a prison cell is a great example. He could be complaining, whining and thinking of all the discomfort but instead he says rejoice again, rejoice. Just as Jesus gave these words in Luke 21:34,

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MEET & GREET JAKE HAHNEMANN

Candidate for
Director of Family Ministries
SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 10 AM

11:30 am Lunch in Fellowship Hall

Following lunch there will be
a time for your questions.

Please come meet Jake & pray for God's guidance &
direction for the FBC family of faith.

COLE SCHWARZ BENEFIT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 4-7 PM

Murphysboro American Legion



Pasta Dinner with Bread, Salad & Dessert
Adults: \$12 Children age 3-10: \$5 Under 3 Free
Carry-Outs Available

Silent Auction

Entertainment: Honey & Tar Bill Carr

**For tickets contact Barb Troutman at 924-7018,
the Schwarz/Wright Family or at the door.**

Cole is a part of the our FBC Family of Faith. He is the son of Mike & Kasey (Wright) Schwarz and grandson of Jeff & Linda Wright. Please pray for Cole's continued recovery and make plans to attend this dinner to help the family with Cole's ongoing medical expenses.

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"Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap." If we are not careful our hearts will be weighed down with anxieties of life.

- a) Let us **Celebrate** God's goodness.
Rejoice in the Lord always. (vs. 4)
- b) **Ask** God for help.
"Let your request be made known to God" (vs. 6)
- c) **Leave** your concerns with him
with thanksgiving.
- d) **Meditate** on good things.
Think about the things that are good and worthy of praise. (vs. 8)

C A L M

(Taken from Max Lucado's book, Anxious For Nothing.)

"It is not God's will that you lead a life of perpetual anxiety. It is not his will that you face every day with dread and trepidation. He made you for more than a life of breath-stealing angst and mind-splitting worry. He has a new chapter for your life. And he is ready to write it."

We have an amazing year ahead of us because Jeremiah 29:11-13 tells us, *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."* When we seek God, his plans will prosper. We need to make that commitment intentional.

Have a wonderful New Year.

God bless,
Pastor Shaker

2019 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Moderator: Kristy Dunning
Treasurer: Helen Payne
Clerk: Laura Sims

Leadership Council

Ed Miller
Chuck Grammer
Melinda Guthman
Christina Smith
Jessica Grammer
David Brooks
Dale Blaise
Kari Graff
Connor McBride
Tammy Davis

Deacon Care Team

Lou Polsgrove
Sylvia Carvell
Carol Klaine
Valerie Lipe
Diane Reader

We extend a special thanks to those leaders who have completed their leadership terms: Vicki Adrey, Gina Hunziker, Judy Rawls, Angie Robinson, Elaine Hardwig, Sheila Echols, Sue Lynn Johnson, and Carol Dunning. Thank you for your time, energies and a job well done! God bless you all!

OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR NOVEMBER 2018:

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Needed	\$ 31,528.35	\$ 351,302.75
Given	\$ 33,904.33	\$ 312,612.81
Over (Under)	\$ 2,375.98	\$ (38,689.94)

NOVEMBER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting was called to order with prayer on November 13, 2018, at 6:00 pm. October Meeting's Minute approved by consensus.

Financial Report: The October 2018 Financial Report was not available. They will be reviewed the following week and approved at December 2018 meeting.

Deacon's Report submitted.

Ministry Team Reports:

Outreach and Evangelism: Pasta with Santa planned for 12/5. Discussing a Saturday neighborhood Christmas outreach. Donating \$100 to Murphysboro Police Department to assist in their community outreach efforts.

Missions: Praying for Jamaica MT 2019. Sending \$500 to Pastor Eliseo W. Deligero Jr. for purchase of Bibles for Philippines missions. Jeremy & Michael Steiner will visit 12/2/18. Gifting \$1,000 to Kasey & Mike Schwarz for their family needs due to son's health issue. Still waiting on MMS FCA to design t-shirt.

Children Discipleship: Still looking for volunteers for security during Wednesday night activities. Would be nice to also have volunteers outside during parent pickup.

Youth Discipleship: Lock-in went well with 28 kids in attendance. Youth will be serving at Banquet. Planning progressive dinner in December. Winter Jam trip tickets have been purchased for January. Jesse was able to get a discount for purchasing tickets early.

Brian & Tamara Schuman are teaching middle school Sunday School class.

Moses is teaching HS Sunday School class.

Adult Discipleship: Kay has information to update the class information for Welcome Center. There is a Monday night Bible study. Checking with Kathie Grob to see if it is an open class. Weekly exercise class going well. Men's group on hold.

Staff Relations/Policies: Met 11/5/18 and no

problems. Scheduling Skype interviews for family pastor candidate(s) for 11/14/18. Shaker has arranged coverage for Steve Wilkerson's December vacation.

Finance and Stewardship: Waiting on audit at this time.

Building and Grounds: Moving forward on installation of fellowship flooring. Donor is paying. Bus is still in shop. Still waiting on installation of railing for southwest door. We will have an independent company conduct maintenance for new boiler. They will test and replenish fluids as needed.

Emergency Response Team: Security cameras do not have high clarity. We have outdated system and would cost approximately \$20,000 for new system.

Special Events: Christmas Banquet planned for 12/2. Need an organized list for clean-up volunteers.

Worship Ministry: Staying after church on November 18th to decorate for Christmas. Jesse will send text November 17th to remind congregation. Hanging of the greens planned for November 25th. Choir concert planned for December 16th.

Kitchen/Dinners: Christina Smith taking Health Department test.

Strategic Planning & Action: Received draft brochure from ABC Foundation

Nominating Team: Will need a council member to replace Vicki in January on nominating team. Still in need of additional deacons and 3 for Leadership Council

Technology: Jesse is scheduling meeting for technology volunteers. Jonathon updates the annual Veteran's Day slideshow.

Pastor's Report: Two babies will be dedicated during the November 18, 2018 service.

Director's Report

The next Leadership Council meeting will be Tuesday, December 18th at 6 pm.

Crossfire

STUDENT MINISTRIES

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



Sunday, January 27th, 1 pm

Enterprise Center, St. Louis, Missouri

Cost: \$25 + Dinner

Leave Church at 1 pm ... Back around Midnight

Register by Wednesday, January 23rd

GOT QUESTIONS, text or call Jesse at 713-7505

MUCH LOVED STAFF MEMBER LEAVING FBC

It is with a heavy heart that we make this announcement--after 12 years of service, Jesse Boudet is leaving the staff of FBC. In his years here, Jesse has contributed and accomplished so much (There is just too much to list). I personally will remember him as the cute blonde haired little boy as well as a man of details, the go to guy, and a gifted, committed Jesus loving man. He has touched lives and grew God's Kingdom with the young people of FBC and reached into our community to attract youth with the message of Jesus Christ. God has big plans for Jesse and we will continue to pray for him and his ministry. Jesse, God bless you on your next adventure!

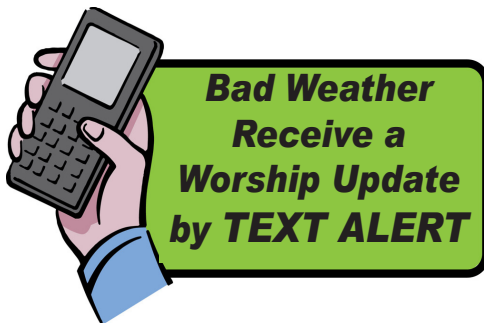
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Murphysboro



*Rooted in the Past
Growing into the Future*

touch will be here on **Tuesday-Thursday, March 5th, 6th, and 7th from 2-9:00 pm.** This is a perfect opportunity to have a family portrait taken. The Directory Team will be in contact by letter and will be scheduling appointments by phone in February.

Be sure to watch the website, bulletins and the "Bapties" for more details on the upcoming 150th Anniversary Celebration as they become available.



It will send you a text message confirming your sign up. If you have questions or need help, feel free to contact the church office.

2019 Offering Envelopes



2019 IS 150 YEARS

This year will be a very special milestone for the FBC Family of Faith. God has blessed FBC with 150 years of ministry.

The Anniversary Team has chosen a theme: Psalms 78:4, *"We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done."* Rooted in the Past, Growing into the Future.

Please save these dates for the **Anniversary Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, October 19-20.** Several events are being planned for these days and the hope is many former members, pastors and friends will be coming to Murphysboro to be a part of the celebration.

The first item being planned is the 150th Anniversary Edition of the **All Church Pictorial Directory.** Life-

CHURCH CANCELLED...GET A TEXT MESSAGE

During the winter months weather conditions may make it necessary for worship and other church events to be cancelled. We will send out a mass text message to all those who have cell phones. If you do not get our reminder texts and would like to receive them, you can sign up by text 313131, type "fbcmurphy" in the message box and send.

2019 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

The 2019 contribution envelopes are available for pick up in the church parlor. If you cannot find a box designated for you and/or would like to have a set, please contact Grant Kelley or the church office.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you for all the delicious cookies and candy that were made for our shut-ins. They were special and very appreciated. Thank you to the High School Girls Group for the beautifully hand-made ornament that they made for our shut-ins and the Middle School Girls Group who visited and participated in the River to River Communion Service. All your acts of kindness were truly a blessing to our shut-ins.

Deacon Care Team

FBC,

Thank you all for your prayers in my time of need. Interceding with God on behalf of others is among our most important responsibilities as Christians.

Know that your prayers were and are essential in my healing process. We see miracles everyday, of that I am a perfect example. God is hearing and answering our prayers to be sure. You are blessings to me as are my doctors and staff.

Thank you again and please continue to pray for myself and others as I will for you.

Praise God Almighty for He is Good!

Yours in Christ,
Jeff Wright

Thank you for your thoughts and support during this difficult time. Your kindness has meant more to our family than we could ever express.

Family of Linda Graff,
Steve, Laurie, & Carol

Thank you to my FBC Family for the wonderful Christmas package. I have enjoyed its goodies. I want to thank those who have visited me--your visits have lifted my spirits and warmed my heart. God bless you all.

Gordon Biggs

FBC,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers in memory of our mom. We appreciate your love and support.

Family of Fern Hankins
Deb & Bobby Woosley Family

Sincere and heartfelt "thanks" to each person who had a part in preparing the awesome box of home-made "goodies" we received from FBC this Christmas. Thanks also to the High School girls for the hand-made Christmas ornament that topped this gift! Last but not least, thanks to Lou and her "chauffeur" Mary who brought the gift and for their delightful visit - what a blessing we received and we are truly grateful.

Gene & Carole Ebersohl

Thank you for feeding our football team this past season. Your generosity was very much appreciated. Thanks again.

Gary Carter
MHS Head Football Coach

To the Fellowship of Believers at First Baptist Church,

May God richly bless you for helping us touch the lives of our campers this past summer! There was a lot of fun and fellowship for all involved, and an opportunity to show each person that God loves them and gave Himself for them. Thanks for helping us share that message of hope and love!

God Bless,
Buddy Busch
Echoing Hills Camp

Thank you for your donation. Your donation helps us further our vision and continue to move forward at Bald Knob Cross.

Board of Directors
Bald Knob Cross of Peace

GREETERS!

January 6

Scott Hunziker
Tina Shinsky

January 13

Rodney & Carol Brown

January 20

Chuck & Kim Grammer

January 27

Jeff & Linda Wright

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

January 6

J. Goforth, K. Dunning & G. Hunziker

January 13

Leah Rowe

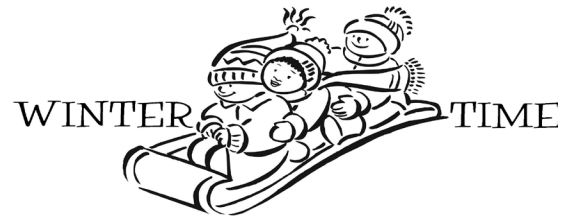
January 20

Keith & Carol Klaine

January 27

Jeff & Linda Wright

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



MEALS ON WHEELS

January 21-25

Monday

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Gayle Gillmore

Tuesday

Christina Smith & Frank Aldridge
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

Wednesday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

Thursday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

Friday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady



January

POST THIS ON YOUR
REFRIGERATOR!

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

1	Nancy Edgar	28	Pam Lipe
2	Gene Ebersohl	29	Debbie Penrod
3	Wilma Brewer	30	Harper Lynn Waddington
3	Kathy Doerr	31	Patsy Roberts
3	Jo Graeff	31	Gina Hunziker
4	Chuck Grammer		
8	Dick Kiel		
8	J. J. Pieron		
9	Taylor Clemmons		
19	Avery Guthman		
20	Cody Brashear		
21	Brad Sims		
24	Mandy Herring		
25	Brent Woosley		
26	Carolyn Ewbank		



WELCOME CENTER

January 6

Anna Jenkins

January 13

Glenann Kiel

January 20

Jeff & Linda Wright

January 27

Ed & Terri Miller

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-Philippians 4:4-7

Thanks to our many
VOLUNTEERS

JANUARY 2019

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