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Thursday, February 14

# UPcoming EVENTS

**PRIMETIME TRIP TO CHESTER**  
10 am Tuesday, February 5

## MID-WEEK EVENTS

Wednesdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27  
3:30 pm FBC Kids Club  
3:30 pm M.S. Crossfire Youth  
5 pm Family Dinner  
6 pm Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor  
6 pm H.S. Crossfire Youth  
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

## CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES

5:30 pm Monday, M.S. Girls, Feb. 4, 11, 25  
6:30 pm every Tuesday, H.S. Girls  
7 pm Monday, H.S. Guys, Feb. 4, 11, 25  
3:30 pm every Wednesday, M.S. Crossfire Youth  
6 pm every Wednesday, H.S. Crossfire Youth

## VALENTINE'S DINNER

6 pm Saturday, February 16

## PRESIDENTS' DAY

Monday, February 18  
Church Office Closed

## BUSINESS MEETING

11:15 am Sunday, February 24

## PHOTO SESSIONS FOR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

2-9 pm Tuesday-Thursday, March 5, 6, 7

## 3 ON 3 YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 23

# FBC MURPHY

Connect. Grow. Go.  
FEBRUARY 2019 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

## GOD VALUES YOU

*"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."*

Psalms 139:14

This Psalm written by David is so special because it brings us a confidence which we lack sometimes--we second guess ourselves about our self worth. The Psalmist brings out that we are God's very special people.

Let us visualize David sitting on a hillside watching his father's sheep and having nothing to do but think. His thoughts are turning toward God. He is aware that God knows so much about him. We know Jesus says in Matthew 10:30-31, "And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." We need not fear, He even knows the number of hairs on our heads.

David is reminiscing about when he was fearfully and wonderfully made, God cared for him enough to "knit him" together in a marvelous and awe-inspiring way. This led

him to realize and believe that God cared so much that HE would always be there for him.

Psalms 13:7-10 says, "Where can 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." God would be there for him wherever he was, and God's love for him gave him value and purpose. There are people who believe that we are a complex collection of chemical interactions; some even think that God does not exist.

David, as he watched the sheep, is feeling the breeze blow over his body, looks at his hands and feet, he can feel his heart beat and watches how his chest rises and falls with each breath. He knows it is not an accident, but designed by God himself.

We are created by God for something more than selfishness and seeking

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



# Annual Valentine's Dinner

A Hoedown, Boot Stomp'in Good Time in Fellowship Hall!

**Saturday, February 16th, 6 pm**

Wear your western gear!

\$12 for Adults

\$7 for Children 4-12 years old (Under 3 Free)

Lassoed Parmesan Chicken

Grazing Salad

Campfire Baked Spud

Root'n Toot'n Veggie Mix

Boot Lick'n Good Dessert

To make your reservations, please contact  
**Kathie Grob (924-7017) or the church office.**

All proceeds from the meal and entertainment  
will help send children & youth to summer camp.

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pleasure. We are made to do great things.

In Ephesians 2:10, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do," it says we are God's workmanship and are created to do good works.

David was thinking positively about himself. He had confidence and courage not based on his personal abilities and potential, but upon God's power and grace.

David was a man who faced giants and led his men against the enemies of Israel. His confidence was based entirely on the realization that he was created in the image of God and was special to Him.

"You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me" Psalms 139:1-5. David knew God valued him and gave him a purpose.

This Psalms 139 was a love song for David. He was declaring his undying love for God. He expresses his adoration of God. He twice asked God to examine his heart to make sure it was clean and acceptable. Nothing in David's life mattered to him nearly as much as God. He was in love with God. The Bible tells us that David was "a man after God's own heart."

This is where we want to get in our relationship with God. It's when we truly realize how much God cares for us that our lives take on new meaning and purpose.

This is good news to us who know and

love God because no matter what we do or where we go we can never be far from God. Paul says in Romans 8:35-39, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

I encourage you today to be yourself, be who God has designed and created you to be, and stop searching for approval from others. God has created you exceptionally and uniquely for a reason and when you do that you will experience God's overwhelming peace and joy.

Have a blast--God knows you and loves you like no one else can.

God Bless.

In Christ's steps,  
Pastor Shaker

## BUSINESS MEETING PLANNED

There will be a Trimester Business Meeting on **Sunday, February 24th**, immediately following the worship service at approximately 11:15 am. Please plan to attend.





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Sims. Still need 3 council and 3 deacons.  
Technology: Bradley Evans will be taking over for Jesse as Tech Volunteer. David Brooks will be taking over sound system.

Pastor's Report: Substitute employee arranged for Steve's vacation in December. Callie was baptized on a Saturday and have 3 more wanting to be baptized. 3 on 3 Basketball – Kevin is wanting to do it again. Should do Stewardship sooner, have had some inquires.

Next Leadership Council Meeting: council Retreat Sunday, January 20th.

### MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS



Several FBC volunteers take one week every month to help the Senior Adult Services with the Meals on Wheels program. The church family helps deliver meals to home-bound individuals in

Murphysboro.

We are in need of a few good people who have time one morning a month for 3 hours. There is an opening on the fourth Tuesday of each month. There are several of our people who deliver more than one day so if you are available to help, please contact the church office.

If you may be interested but have questions as to how this program works and/or what it takes to help, please contact Lou Polsgrove.

Please, please prayerfully consider being a part of this wonderful ministry to the shut-ins of our community.



### CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY



The church office will be closed **Monday, February 18th**, so the staff may spend the Presidents' Day holiday with their families.

In case of an emergency, please contact a Deacon or Kristy

Dunning. Have a wonderful and safe holiday!!

### OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR DECEMBER 2018:

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Needed	\$ 30,488.13	\$ 381,790.88
Given	\$ 73,094.50	\$ 385,707.31
Over (Under)	\$ 42,606.37	\$ 3,916.43



### PRIMETIME ON THE ROAD TO CHESTER IN FEBRUARY

The PrimeTime seniors will be off for a leisurely lunch at Reid's Harvest House in Chester for some really great food on **Tuesday, February 5th**. 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...invite your friends!!!



**February 25th, at 7:15 pm** in the church parlor using the above quote as the theme. The studies will highlight spiritual growth with spiritual feeding. Taking on subjects like finding positive strength during turmoil, creating good attitudes in the worldly world, and looking for the everyday blessings. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kathie Grob.

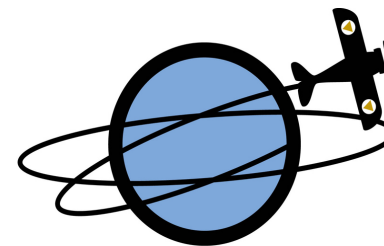
### SMALL GROUP STARTING IN FEBRUARY

"Your diet is not only what you eat. It's what you watch, what you listen to, what you read, the people you hang around. Be mindful of the things you put into your body emotionally, spiritually, and physically."

A small group Bible Study is starting on **Monday,**

### MISSION REPORT

The Mission Team meets once a month to discuss how we can financially and prayerfully support various mission ministries to advance Jesus Christ's kingdom. The following are ministries we supported in 2018: Rachel Edgar with Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Nick Dobbs while serving this past year in the country of Georgia Jeremy and Michel Steiner serving in South Africa Andrew Bailey while serving in Thailand and will be ministering soon in South Africa



### MISSIONS Report

Pastor Thomas in Jamaica assisting with expenses as he traveled to the United States  
Compass Aviation-the Porters  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) at Murphysboro High School and Middle School  
The Stantons in Hungary  
Assisting with cost of FBC Murphy leaders attending Summer Camp  
Assisting with purchase of Bibles for a ministry in the Philippines

## SCHEDULE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 2019 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



This fall, October 19-20, FBC will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary with a weekend filled with great events. The Anniversary Team would also like to have an anniversary edition pictorial directory.

Lifetouch photographers will be at FBC **Tuesday-Thursday, March 5th-7th, from 2-9:00 pm** to

take photos of all our family of faith. Appointments can now be scheduled in three ways: by contacting the church office, going to [www.fbcmurphy.org](http://www.fbcmurphy.org) or the fbcmurphy Facebook page. Look for the link below and it will take you to the sign up schedule. You can schedule or if needed, change it.

If you have problems signing up, please feel free to contact the church office.

# Lifetouch.



To schedule your photography session [CLICK HERE](#).

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Murphysboro



*Rooted in the Past  
Growing into the Future*

## SEEKING PHOTOS OF CHURCH EVENTS

The Anniversary Celebration will be a great opportunity to share old and not so old photographs of church events. If you have pictures, negatives, slides, or even old home movies taken at the church, we would love to make copies. There will be a display of pictures and church memorabilia during the weekend anniversary events in which we will include your piece of FBC history. It will then be archived for the next anniversary event in 25 years. Just bring them to the church office where they will be labeled. Your items will be returned after copies are made.

## DECEMBER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

Council opened with prayer.

Devotional: Melinda Guthman presented chapter 3 of "Becoming A Welcoming Church".

Addition to the Agenda: Copier will need to be replaced in the next year.

The November, 2018, minutes were approved by consensus.

The October, 2018, and November, 2018, Financial Reports were approved by consensus.

### Ministry Team Reports:

Outreach and Evangelism: Hot cocoa outreach cards/packets – Delivered at Pasta with Santa

Missions: Praying for Jamaica MT 2019. Voucher for airline tickets from Eric taking another position-will use the voucher to present to Jesse as a thank you, planning a trip to South Africa to visit the missionaries we sponsor there. Orphan Ministry contribution to two adoptive families. Donated \$500 for Bibles for Philippines missionaries. Pastor Shaker's Thailand mission trip - \$300 donation for the mission.

Children Discipleship: Pasta with Santa Event update – went well, great outreach.

Youth Discipleship: Director's Report submitted. Christmas Party – went great. WinterJam Concert is 1/27.

Adult Discipleship: Names and locations of classes provided for Welcome Center.

Staff Relations/Policies: Staff annual Christmas bonuses - \$100 each. Staff Research Team: Have a candidate coming for visit with team on December 22.

Finance and Stewardship: Stewardship Meeting – plan for Spring 2019.

Building and Grounds: Update on flooring and doors for Fellowship Hall – hand-

ed out information on Sunday, 12/9, about floors and doors. Bus/Van Issues – bus is fixed. Van needs some repairs. Railing on southwest door – Samron is going to look at it. Wedding custodial fee – Steve needs help, so increase fee to pay an extra person. Raise fee \$100 to \$250 for custodian. Roof on balcony leak – will have someone look at.

Emergency Response Team: Discussion of security team available for Wednesday activities – Ed and Terri Miller have volunteered.

Special Events: 150th Anniversary Team – 10/18-19-2019 – Church directory photos scheduled for March 5-7, 2-9 p.m. Will need help from church members. Christmas Banquet Event update – went well.

Worship Ministry: Continue to meet and plan worship services weekly. Choir concert moved to December 23. Christmas Eve service planned – 6:00 p.m. Moses Gary guest speaking 12/30. Nick Dobbs will also be speaking. Undecorate Church on January 6 following church service.

College Group Discipleship: Nothing at this time.

Kitchen/Dinners: Nothing at this time.

Strategic Planning & Action: Legacy Team – Met with Joseph Huse on 12/10 to discuss draft brochure and make suggested revisions – will be submitted to graphics department and sent to us in January.

Nominating Team: Still need additional Deacons and Leadership Council. New to the Leadership Council will be Kristy Dunning, Tammy Davis, Kari Graff and Laura

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**February 3**

Frank & Shirley Aldridge

**February 10**

Carol Klaine & Valerie Lipe

**February 17**

Paul & Sheila Echols

**February 24**

Buddy & Helen Payne

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

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

**February 3**

Albert & Trish Boudet

**February 10**

Murl & Sue Lynn Johnson

**February 17**

Pat & Jan Etherton

**February 24**

Rodney & Carol Brown

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



**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**February 25 - March 2**

**Monday**

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady  
Gayle Gillmore

**Tuesday**

Volunteer Needed & Frank Aldridge  
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

**Wednesday**

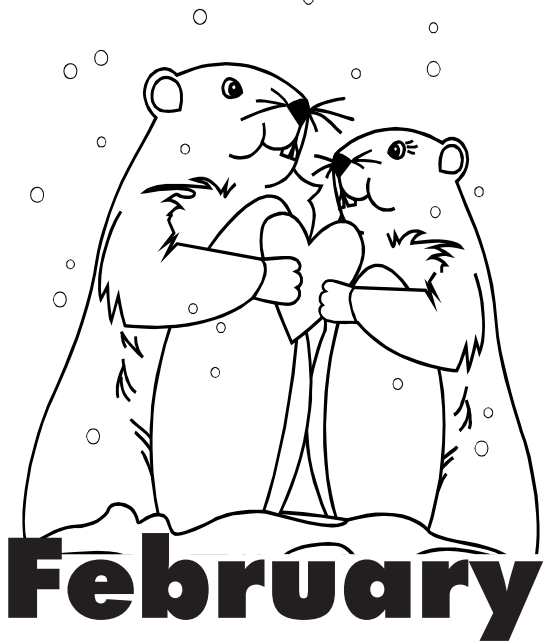
Jane Beese & Alice Berry  
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

**Thursday**

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Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

**Friday**

Jane Beese & Alice Berry  
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady



POST THIS ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!

**HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!**

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|----|------------------------|----|------------------|
| 5  | Cathy Blaise           | 22 | Tina Evans       |
| 5  | Carole Ebersohl        | 22 | Kasey Schwarz    |
| 6  | Brittany Hanson        | 23 | Bill Boudet      |
| 6  | Adam Reiman            | 24 | Rachel Burroughs |
| 9  | Shirley Dougan         | 26 | Audra McBride    |
| 9  | Stephanie Dillow       | 27 | Janet Caraway    |
| 9  | Lou Bigler             | 28 | Jarrold Echols   |
| 11 | Brett Doerr            | 28 | Alaina Dillow    |
| 13 | Jayne Blandford        |    |                  |
| 13 | Judy Raines            |    |                  |
| 14 | Julie McGinnis         |    |                  |
| 15 | Patti Boudet           |    |                  |
| 16 | Harry & Gayle Gillmore |    |                  |
| 18 | Eddie Reiman           |    |                  |
| 21 | David Blaise           |    |                  |



"I praise you because I am fearfully & wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Psalm 139:14

**WELCOME CENTER**

**February 3**

Murl Johnson

**February 10**

Judy Raines

**February 17**

Scott or Tina Evans

**February 24**

Matt or Elaine Hardwig

**VOLUNTEERS**

Thanks to our many



## FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>9:00 AM</b> FBC Kids' Worship <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School & Life Groups <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>11:15 AM</b> Special Business Meeting <b>1:00 PM</b> Winterjam Youth Concert in St. Louis	<b>28</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>5:30 PM</b> M.S. Girls Group <b>7:00 PM</b> H.S. Guys Groups <b>7:15 PM</b> Adult Small Group	<b>29</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>5:45 PM</b> Worship Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> H.S. Girls Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>30</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>3:30 PM</b> FBC Kids Club <b>3:30 PM</b> M.S. Crossfire Youth <b>5:00 PM</b> Family Dinner <b>6:00 PM</b> Bible Study w/ Pastor <b>6:00 PM</b> H.S. Crossfire Youth <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>1</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>2</b> Groundhog Day
<b>3</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>9:00 AM</b> FBC Kids' Worship <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School & Life Groups <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship	<b>4</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>5:00 PM</b> Legacy Team Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> M.S. Girls Group <b>7:00 PM</b> H.S. Guys Groups	<b>5</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> PrimeTime Trip <b>5:45 PM</b> Worship Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> H.S. Girls Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>6</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>3:30 PM</b> FBC Kids Club <b>3:30 PM</b> M.S. Crossfire Youth <b>5:00 PM</b> Family Dinner <b>6:00 PM</b> Bible Study w/ Pastor <b>6:00 PM</b> H.S. Crossfire Youth <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>8</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>9:00 AM</b> FBC Kids' Worship <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School & Life Groups <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship w/ Noisy Offering <b>11:30 AM</b> Leadership Council Retreat & Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>9:00 AM</b> Deacon Care Team <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>5:30 PM</b> M.S. Girls Group <b>7:00 PM</b> H.S. Guys Groups	<b>12</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>5:45 PM</b> Worship Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> H.S. Girls Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>13</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>3:30 PM</b> FBC Kids Club <b>3:30 PM</b> M.S. Crossfire Youth <b>5:00 PM</b> Family Dinner <b>6:00 PM</b> Bible Study w/ Pastor <b>6:00 PM</b> H.S. Crossfire Youth <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>15</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>16</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Valentine's Dinner
<b>17</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>9:00 AM</b> FBC Kids' Worship <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School & Life Groups <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship	<b>18</b> Church Office Closed Presidents Day <b>5:30 PM</b> M.S. Girls Group	<b>19</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>5:45 PM</b> Worship Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Leadership Council Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> H.S. Girls Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>20</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>3:30 PM</b> FBC Kids Club <b>3:30 PM</b> M.S. Crossfire Youth <b>5:00 PM</b> Family Dinner <b>6:00 PM</b> Bible Study w/ Pastor <b>6:00 PM</b> H.S. Crossfire Youth <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>22</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>5:00 PM</b> InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Dinner at SIUC	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>9:00 AM</b> FBC Kids' Worship <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School & Life Groups <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>11:15 AM</b> Business Meeting	<b>25</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>5:30 PM</b> M.S. Girls Group <b>7:00 PM</b> H.S. Guys Groups <b>7:15 PM</b> Adult Small Group	<b>26</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>5:45 PM</b> Worship Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> H.S. Girls Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>27</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>3:30 PM</b> FBC Kids Club <b>3:30 PM</b> M.S. Crossfire Youth <b>5:00 PM</b> Family Dinner <b>6:00 PM</b> Bible Study w/ Pastor <b>6:00 PM</b> H.S. Crossfire Youth <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>1</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>2</b>