





REQUESTED SERVICE CHANGE



PRIMETIME TRIP TO GIANT CITY LODGE 10:30 am Tuesday, April 2

MID-WEEK EVENTS

Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24 3:30 pm FBC Kids Club 3:30 pm Crossfire Middle School Youth 5 pm Family Dinner 6 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 7 pm Mondays, H.S. Guys Groups 6:30 pm Tuesdays, H.S. Girls Group 3:30 pm Wednesdays, M.S. Crossfire Youth 6 pm Wednesdays, H.S. Crossfire Youth

DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP 9 am Sundays, April 7, 14, 28, May 5

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11 am Saturday, April 13

EASTER EVENTS

10 am Palm Sunday Worship, April 14 12 noon Community Good Friday Service, April 19 EASTER SUNDAY, April 21 8:30 am Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 10 am Celebration Worship 11:15 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt

> **ANNUAL YARD SALE** Friday & Saturday, April 26-27

SHARE YOUR FRUITS PLANT GIVE AWAY 11:15 am Sunday, April 28

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 6 pm Thursday, May 2

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 8 am Saturday, May 11



CHURCH

example of Christ." In Ephesians once again Paul says, "Follow God's example."

The church was committed to one thing "Christ-likeness." They were committed to being like Jesus, not to another individual with shortcominas.

A. W. Tozer said, "If you have a hundred

pianos you want to tune and you start tuning one to the other, what a mess. But if you have a tuning fork, tune all the pianos to that one tuning fork, and they'll automatically be tuned to each other." Paul says the Thessalonians' church didn't have it easy because Satan was not too pleased so he

brought dissention. When a church that is saved and surrenders to imitating Christ, it is going to antagonize the world. There is going to be suffering but it will have the Holy Spirit to help it through its suffering.

The Thessalonian church was also a soul winning church--Thessalonians 1:6-8, "You

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where people know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Our

objective is to find people who are in need of the love and reconciliation through

How does

Jesus look at a

Church? Paul in 1

us a pattern for a

church.

Thessalonians gives

the saving blood of Jesus and share our experiences.

"We always thank God for all of you and

continually mention you in our prayers.

We remember before our God and Father

inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

-1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

your work produced by faith, your labor

prompted by love, and your endurance

God wants a surrendered church, committed people. Thessalonians were not people who talked about it, but they were imitators. They did not just talk about their Christian experience, they lived it. In 1 Corinthians 11:1 Paul says, "Follow my example, as I follow the

Be Our Guest this Easter First Baptist Church

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Palm Sunday Worship April 14th at 10:00 am FBC Kids will open the service with their fanfare on this Sunday before Easter.

Our missions highlight will be "One for the Cross" which will benefit the Bald Knob Cross of Hope.

Community Good Friday Service April 19th at 12:00 noon

The Murphysboro Ministerial Alliance sponsors & coordinates the Annual Community Good Friday Service. The First Baptist Church of Murphysboro is hosting the service with Rev. Bryce Pitlick of the First Christian Church sharing a Good Friday message. This is a community event, everyone is welcome.

Easter Celebration April 21st, Sunday

8:30 am The Easter Breakfast

Please come and enjoy a great breakfast with all the trimmings. Bring the whole family as well as your friends and neighbors for some great food and wonderful Easter fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

10:00 am Worship Celebration

This is a celebration with worship of our Lord and Savior Jesus' Resurrection. This service will have it all, great music, scripture readings, and a Message of Salvation and Hope.

11:15 am Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Immediately following the worship service, the annual Easter egg huntwill begin on the front lawn. All children are invited to participate as the adults watch all the excitement. (Pastor's column continued from page 1)

became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it." Paul says because of your actions, people are talking about you everywhere I go. What a testimony for a church.

Heine, the German philosopher, once said, "You show me your redeemed life, and I might believe in your redeemer."

The world saw such exemplary lives and dramatic transformation in their character, the world could not believe it. It created a platform for the church to go proclaim the power of God's word.

The Thessalonian church was a saved, surrendered, suffering, soul winning church but they did not stop there. They also talked about the second coming of Christ. The Lord wants us to remind the world that He is coming again. But this time as a King and Judge of the world.

How does Jesus look at our church? A saved, surrendered, suffering, soul winning and looking forward to HIS second coming or otherwise? It is something to think about.

My desire is to be like the Thessalonian church, vibrant, enthusiastic, joy overflowing and others looking at us and saying we can see Jesus in full glory. "So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, *blameless and at peace with him.*" 2 Peter 3:14.

Have a wonderful spring, enjoy all the blessings God has given us and be grateful for His mercy.

God bless, Pastor Shaker

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be **closed Friday**, **April 19th**, so the staff can spend Good Friday with their families. In case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Shaker at home.

Don't forget the church will be hosting the Community Good Friday Service on April 19th, starting at noon.

OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR FEBRUARY 2019:

<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Needed \$ 33,804.33 \$	72,802.34
Given \$ 27,507.00 \$	52,332.00
Over (Under) \$ (6,297.33) \$ (20,470.34)



'What could I say? They are her most Eastery shoes."



Do you have old (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 so they can be displayed during the anniversary celebration weekend. They will become your piece of FBC history and we will then

archive it for the next anniversary event in 25 or 50 years.

Just bring them to the church office where they will be labeled. Your photos will be returned to you after copies are made. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Paul Echols.



JUST FOR THE GUYS

It's back! Calling all men and boys. A Men's Prayer Breakfast is being planned for **Saturday, May 11th**, at 8:00 am in the fellowship hall.

If you were unable to have your photo-

If you have questions concerning add-

SAVE THE DATE

October 19 & 20

This event is always filled with good food, great fellowship and an inspirational devotional.

Men, be sure to invite your sons, grandsons, and nephews. All the guys are welcome.

So, mark your calendars today and plan to attend.

150TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE Lifetouch took photographs March 5th-7th. By Monday morning, March 4th,





PRIMETIME TAKING THE SCENIC ROUTE

Spring is in the air and the PrimeTime seniors will be on the road to enjoy the scenery at Giant City Park on Tuesday, April **2nd** for a leisurely lunch at the Giant City Lodge. The bus will leave the church at **10:30 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.

CALLING ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Murphysboro Fellowship of Christian Athletes is sponsoring an evening of spirit filled fellowship for all middle and high school students on Wednesday, April 3rd at the Murphysboro Middle School. The evening's entertainment will begin at **7:00 pm** with a live concert by "The Stray." Terrence Talley will be on hand with an inspirational and uplifting message for all the youth.

THE FCA VALUES

FBC will be taking the church van and if needed, the bus. Be at the church no later than 6:30 pm. If you have questions or if you plan to go with the Crossfire Youth, please contact Jake.



DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP BEGINS IN APRIL

Have you accepted Jesus as your personal Savior and would like to be baptized? Do you want to know more about the First Baptist Church Family of Faith? Do you know what a Baptist is? All these questions will be answered beginning Sunday, April 7th, 9:00 am in Pastor Shaker's Study. It is a four week study, Sundays, April 7, 14, 28 and May 5th.

If you are interested in being a part of this study group, please contact Pastor Shaker or the church office. Everyone is welcome and taking the class does not obligate you in any way.



"THE EASTER EXPERIENCE"

The Easter Experience is a truly spiritual experience. This unique film brings the passion and resurrection of Jesus to life through dramatic storytelling. This 80 minute film is great for families, small groups, or individuals during the Easter season. The Easter Experience will be shown in the fellowship hall on Monday, April 8th, beginning at **7:00 pm**. The movie will take you on the journey back to experience what happened in the hours leading up to Jesus' arrest and crucifixion. Please make plans to attend and be sure to invite your family and friends. Everyone is welcome.



pulled pork cooked and prepared by Roger Twenhafel. For a donation of \$32 you will get 4 pounds of smoked pulled pork. Place your order by April 10th and pickup will be Saturday, April 13th

An order form sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Contact Kathie Grob at 924-7017 or the church office. Please share this with your family and friends. The meat

freezes well so you can enjoy now and save some for later. Call today.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

RIVERSIDE PARK PAVILION SUNDAY, MAY 19 10 AM WORSHIP IN THE PARK 11:15 AM PICNIC LUNCH FOLLOWING THE MEAL ... LET THE FUN & GAMES BEGIN!

ing is complete, ceiling repair is needed. Fellowship Hall: Venting and air mover for AC will be installed at a cost of \$4,500-\$5,000. New AC unit will cost approximately \$5,000.

<u>Special Events</u>: Church Directory photo sessions will be March 5-7. Sign up on-line for appointment, or contact Vickie Ardrey or Kay Reiman. 150th Anniversary October 19-20, will be working with the team.

<u>Worship and Ministry Team</u>: Sound Team met January 27. There will be a Baptism and Membership service sometime after Easter. We would like to add banners between the stained glass windows to fill blank space. Easter service planning is in process.

<u>College Discipleship</u>: Kathryn (Dunning) Hunziker will be moving to St. Louis in the near future.

<u>Kitchen and Dinners</u>: Christina Smith is looking for more help on Wednesday nights.

<u>Strategic Planning & Action:</u> Legacy Team is making a brochure to help with Legacy Giving. Also working on a stewardship brochure (see above).

<u>Nominating Team</u>: Moses Gary has agreed to serve on the Council. We still need 3 more people to serve on the Leadership Council. Deacon Care Team still needs 1 more person.

<u>Tech Report</u>: Bradley Evans will take over for Jesse Boudet as the Tech Volunteer. Dave Brooks will take over for Jesse managing the sound system. Need someone to take over the digital master calendar and texting/group emails.

<u>Pastor's Report</u>: Phil Deshazo will be speaking while pastor is in Thailand. There will be a "Work as Worship" retreat on March 16. Cost is \$30. Kay Reiman's 25th work

anniversary with FBC is February 15th

The next Leadership Council meeting will be March 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Trimester Business Meeting March 10 after worship service (rescheduled from 2/24).

GRADUATES NAMES NEEDED

A special time during the Worship in the Park service on **Sunday, May 19th** 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 the church office. 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.

SHARE YOUR FRUITS PLANT GIVE AWAY

On **Sunday, April 28th**, immediately following the morning worship service, Ron McLaughlin will be gifting everyone a tomato and/or pepper plant. Please take them home and plant it. When they bear their produce, please enjoy it, but if your plant produces more than you can eat, please think about sharing with someone or giving it to a Food Pantry.

Thanks Ron for sharing your fruits of kindness and thoughtfulness!

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2019 MINUTES

Meeting was called to order with prayer. Devotional: Two books by author Thom

S. Rainer were discussed. Additions to the Agenda/Miscellaneous:

Airline voucher for Jessie Boudet's Africa trip, Mowing church grounds, Reassignment of Jesse Boudet's duties

Last Meeting Minutes: December 16, 2018 minutes were approved by consensus. <u>Financial Report</u>: The December 2018 and January 2019 Financial Reports were approved by consensus.

Deacons Report: The new officers of the Deacon Care Team are for Chair, Lou Polsgrove; Treasurer, Sylvia Carvell. Helped 3 families with financial needs in December. Served Communion at River-to-River on December 13. Middle school girls and leaders assisted. Served Communion at the Christmas Eve service. Delivered Christmas treats to 20 shut-ins and 8 other families who were all very appreciative. Thank you FBC! Sent 3 remembrance flowers to families in December. Some Deacons may attend a Stephen Ministry workshop on Feb 2 in Cape Girardeau. Shared prayer concerns and visits with shut-ins. Reviewed chapter 5 of "Becoming a Welcoming Church," by Thom Rainer

Ministry Team Reports:

Outreach and Evangelism: 3-on-3 Basketball tournament March 23. Neighborhood invitations for Easter outreach. Community Spring Festival April 26. FBC will be responsible for two games. Volunteers needed to help with the games. May 18 Church in the Park event. Food and games following service.

<u>Missions:</u> Commit date is March 1 for Jamaica trip. ABC Church dues for Area 4. FCA High School support – Bill Boudet

Youth Discipleship: Winter Jam concert on January 27. Moses Gary is leading HS

Guys Group and Wednesday Youth Group until the new Family Pastor gets involved. To be reassessed at that time. Kathie Grob handling Summer Camp this—will transition to the new Family Pastor next year.

<u>Children's Discipleship</u>: The Kid's Light Conference in Marion is March 30.

<u>Family Discipleship:</u> Jake Hahnemann will start with a \$10,000 budget.

Staff Relations: Hired Jake Hahnemann as Family Pastor. They have secured temporary housing and FBC is providing \$1,000 for moving expenses. Start date is March 1. A scholarship application packet has been sent out to help cover school costs

<u>Finance and Stewardship</u>: Internship grant proposal for summer internships from the ABC Great Rivers Region are due April 30. Working on a giving brochure, "Ways to Give." Discussing whether the annual giving envelopes should continue to be printed. We need volunteers to help members sign up for the Kroger rewards program.

Building and Grounds: Volunteers to handle the mowing of church grounds. Ed and Terri Miller have been doing it for two years. Cost to hire someone would be \$150-\$175/week. Storm door on rental house is broken/needs repair. Fellowship Hall renovations - \$10,000 in Building Fund to cover cost of floors. Need more hand rails, especially on SW Door, Men's corner bathroom is being updated Director's office will need updates (Jesse Boudet's office). Both photocopiers will need replacement soon (getting bids). Thermostats need to be replaced. Youth house furnace is running thanks to Scott Hunziker. Tuckpointing on the bell tower needs to be

luckpointing on the bell tower needs to be done. It is causing a significant amount of leaking in the southeast corner of the roof. Bid on job is \$7,100. As soon as tuckpoint-(continues on the page 8)



GREETERS

April 7 Albert & Trish Boudet

> April 14 Ed & Terri Miller

April 21 Scott & Tina Evans Family

April 28 Lou Polsgrove & Lou Bigler

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

We always thank God for all of you & continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God & Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, & your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." -1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

April 7 Dale Blaise Family

April 14 Vic & Patty Koenig

April 21 Easter Breakfast

April 28 Buddy & Helen Payne

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



WELCOME CENTER

April 7 Chuck & Kim Grammer

> April 14 Lou Polsgrove

> > April 21 Betty Cox

April 28 Anna Jenkins

MEALS ON WHEELS April 22-26

Monday Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady Gayle Gillmore

Tuesdav Ron McLaughlin & 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 Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady Jane Beese & Alice Berry

POST THIS ON YOUR **REFRIGERATOR!**

April

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

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3	Nicolette Samuel	19	Ty Schw
5	Megan Graeff	21	Shirley I
6	Mikah Mifflin	21	Dalton N
6	Merryn Elliott	21	Lilli Rob
10	William Hamby	23	Earl Cre
10	Debbie Davis-Murrie	23	Chase S
11	John Edgar	25	Emily Re
13	Tim Sims	26	Willette
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17	Jimmy Holland	No.	



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APRIL 2019

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