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## OCTOBER EVENTS

### PRIMETIME TRIP

10 am Tuesday, Olive Garden, October 1

### COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT

at Longfellow Park  
5 pm Tuesday, October 1

### FEED THE TEAM

3:30 pm Friday, October 4

### YOUTH LASER TAG LOCK-IN

9:30 pm Friday-Saturday, October 4-5

### CHICKEN & DUMPLING FUND-RAISER DINNER

11:15 am Sunday, October 6

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

October 2,9,16,23,30  
3:30 pm FBC Kids Club  
3:30 pm Middle School Crossfire Youth  
5 pm Family Dinner  
6 pm High School Crossfire Youth  
6 pm Bible Study w/ Pastor  
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

### CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES

3:30 pm Every Wednesday, M. S. Crossfire Youth  
6 pm Every Wednesday, H. S. Crossfire Youth  
5 pm Every Sunday Girls Small Group  
7 pm Every Monday, H. S. Guys Groups  
9:30 pm Friday, Youth Laser Tag Lock-In, Oct. 4-5

### 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 19  
3 pm Open House  
5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner  
7 pm Celebration Service  
10 am Sunday, Anniversary Worship, October 20

### TRUNK OR TREAT

11:15 am Sunday, October 27

# FBC MURPHY

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OCTOBER 2019 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

## "GRACE OF GIVING"

*"And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving."* 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

What is the "grace of giving" (2 Cor. 8:7)? Pastor and author Gene Getz points out how the Macedonians exhibited the grace of giving in a way that was spontaneous, eager, and sacrificial. "Nowhere in the Scriptures are Christians commanded to give away what is absolutely necessary for

their existence. But the believers in Macedonia gave anyway. There was no coercion... They were eager to help meet other Christian's material needs ... But a more significant reason than human need prompted this sacrificial generosity. They gave "themselves first to the Lord"--which is the larger context in which Christians are to use their material possessions. It involves, first of all presenting our bodies as "living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God." (Romans 12:1)

Getz points out that Paul encouraged the quality of gracious giving as a sign of the believers' maturity in the body of Christ. When the Corinthians were converted to Christ, they were given abundance of "grace gifts" (see 1 Corinthians 1:4-5,7). However, as Paul enumerated the ways in which this grace was manifested--"in faith, in speech, in knowledge"--he broadened the concept beyond spiritual gifts. He referred to complete earnestness and love (2 Cor. 8:7), qualities that are comprehensive and reflect spiritual maturity among all members of the body of Christ. In other words, Paul wasn't simply referring to a spiritual gift of giving bestowed on certain

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# 150th Anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Murphysboro

*"Rooted in the Past, Growing into the Future"*

150 years of sharing the message of Salvation through Jesus Christ.

150 years of praying, growing, & standing on the Word of God.

150 years of being a Spirit led Church Family.

150 years of God's Abundant Blessings.



Please join us as we celebrate the  
150th Years  
of First Baptist Church  
October 19-20

### Saturday

3 pm Open House  
5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner  
7 pm Celebration Service  
with Kateena LeForge

### Sunday

8:30 am Coffee & Fellowship  
10 am Celebration Worship Service

A big weekend is planned. The church will be unlocked at **3:00 pm on Saturday, October 19th**, for an Open House. There will be an historical display as well as video presentations of the church history and some first hand accounts of how FBC has affected and changed the lives of its members and church families. A Fellowship Dinner will be served at **5:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your family and friends. The real fun starts at **7:00 pm** with an evening of the old and new. The service will have Kateena LaForge, who has amazing musical talent. She will be singing some of our favorite hymns and music (the music will include a list of the old and favorites as well as some of the newer music). Pastor Jeff Gordon, Rev. Steve Pate, and Ryan MacFarlene will be sharing their memories and thoughts. The evening will reflect on the many blessings and gifts that God has given FBC 150 years.

**Sunday, October 20th**, will begin at **8:30 am** with an extended time for fellowship with coffee, juice, pastry and fruit. There will be no Sunday School and Small Groups so everyone will have time to spend with guests and visitors. The Celebration Worship Service will begin at **10:00 am**. It will be a service filled with worship and praise...praising our Lord for the 150 years of ministry. Please invite your family and friends to a weekend of looking at the past and looking forward to the future.

acoustical accordion doors. Men's bathroom update progress: installing new vanity and water heater. New parking lot resurfacing – waiting on weather conditions suitable for oil and chip. Railing on SW entrance is still needed. Purchase of concrete planters for \$900 (for two) plus masonry work approved by consensus. Team is waiting on estimates for the youth house soffit repair. Ed Miller would like to see a "Cleanliness Policy" established for the new bus.

Special Events: 150th Anniversary – commemorative paper fans to place in the pews have been purchased. We need candy donations and a vehicle to pull trailer for the Apple Festival float – announce in bulletin. 150th Commemorative ornaments will be available for purchase for \$8-10. Katina LaForge will be the guest speaker for the 150th Saturday evening dinner.

Worship and Ministry Team: Mission Sunday will be on 8/25 with presentations from camps and mission trip.

Nominating Team: We still need 2 more people to serve on the Leadership Council. Deacon Care Team still needs 3 more people.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Shaker Samuel has been asked to speak at Rainbow Acres in Arizona, an ABC ministries camp, September 6-9.

Baptisms are being planned. Pastor Samuel would like to see the men's group weekly Bible Study revived.

The next Leadership Council meeting will be 9/17 at 6:00 p.m.

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individuals in the Corinthian church (see also Romans 12:6-8). He was exhorting the members to grow in the spiritual quality all believers must develop if they're going to remain in the will of God.

This story from stewardship theologian T. A. Kantonen (1900-1993) illustrates that quality, the grace of giving.

In a seminar on Christian social ethics we were discussing the use of money when Dr. Otto A. Piper, then a professor at Princeton Theological Seminary, told us this incident from his post-war work of collecting funds for the relief of the needy in German universities. Dr. Piper described to a group of Princeton students the conditions of abject poverty in which German students were struggling and asked his hearers to do what they could to help. The next morning a young married couple, both graduate students, came into Dr. Piper's office, placed three hundred dollars on his desk and said, "We heard your talk last night. We have talked it over, and this is our answer to your appeal." He was astonished at the generosity of the gift and said, "are you sure you can afford this much?" They replied ... "We have saved this money to buy some things that we need... But ... God has been so good to us and we can get along. Those people in Germany need this money more than we do."

(Taken from the Stewardship Study Bible; pg. 1522; copyright 2009 by Stewardship Council; published by Zondervan)

In Christ's steps,  
Pastor Shaker

## NEWS FROM JAMAICA

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Am writing to the leadership and mission team 2019, First Baptist Church, Murphysboro.

My name is Javaughn Taylor, Pastor in training to serve at Central Gospel Chapel. I am so grateful for the continued support your mission team has given to us. What a blessing you've been.

John 12:26

"Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me". Indeed the brethren and community members have experienced the love and appreciation that you have given to them; we pray that the Lord will bless your ministry generosity! The team was selfless and serve with a open heart and I appreciate you guys for that. As for me, I'm grateful for the birthday gift I have received. And the support of the mission team with finances at my college. Good news! Approximately 10 children from the community and 7 from the outer community is now attending Sunday school each Sunday morning leads up to 17 new Sunday school children. But the biggest impact the team left is that 5 parents are now in new life class waiting to be baptized. What a mighty God we serve!

We are looking forward for your continued support and prayers as I take up the task to lead the people of Central Gospel Chapel, we will keep FBC Murphy in our Prayers and I hope in the near future I can come back to your assembly and serve you.

Thank you from Javaughn Taylor.



### OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR AUGUST 2019

	This Month	To Date
Needed	\$ 37,830.77	\$ 247,909.41
Given	\$ 24,933.00	\$ 212,379.46
Over (Under)	\$ (12,897.77)	\$ (35,529.95)



ATTEMPTS TO MAKE THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER MORE EXCITING TO READ WERE GETTING OUT OF HAND.



## PRIMETIME ON THE ROAD IN OCTOBER

The PrimeTime group will be traveling to Caper Girardeau for a leisurely lunch at the Olive Garden on **Tuesday, October 1st**. If you would like to go, the sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. The bus will leave the church at **10:00 am**. Lunch is dutch treat. All active senior adults are welcome. There is plenty of room on the bus so invite your friends.



## CITY OF MURPHYSBORO SPONSORING COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT

It's a night for the whole family. The City of Murphysboro is sponsoring their annual Community Night Out on **Tuesday, October 1st** from **5-7:00 pm** at Longfellow Park on North 20th and Wall Street in Murphysboro. It will have it all: fire trucks, police cars, food with drinks, face painting, and games for all. FBC will be providing a s'mores station for everyone to enjoy. This is a community event and everyone is welcome!

## CHICKEN & DUMPLING DINNER FUNDRAISER

to benefit 2020 Summer Mission Trip

**SUNDAY, October 6th**

**11:30 AM - 1 PM**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**



It's said that chicken and dumplings soothe the soul...a true comfort food and Baptists are known for making some of the best. You get to enjoy a little piece of heaven and it's all you can eat. Make a donation...any donation, whatever you think they are worth and eat your fill. They are the best! All donations will help send someone on the Summer Mission Trip. Be generous because the dumplings will have all the trimmings. Show some of that Baptist hospitality and invite your family, friends and neighbors.

GIRLS SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Calling all middle and high school girls!  
Just for you...  
It's a Girls Night!!

Every **Sunday evening at 5:00 pm** there will be a Bible Study for teenage girls. They are studying the book of Galatians. It is a video series with a group discussion. Friends are welcome to join the discussions. For more details, contact Kathie Grob or Frances Reiman.



PLANNING TO FEED THE TEAM

FBC will be feeding the Murphysboro High School Football Team before their game with West Frankfort on **Friday, October 4th**. This is a great way to show our support for players and the school. A meal is being planned. If you would like to help, would like to donate, or have questions, please contact DeAnn Stilley or Pastor Jake.

TRUNK OR TREAT ON A SUNDAY MORNING



Trunk or Treat

Everyone looks forward to this annual event. On **Sunday, October 27th**, immediately following the worship service, the annual trunk & treat parade will begin in the church parking lots. All children are asked to bring their Halloween costumes to church and change into them following FBC Kids Worship. They will then parade through the church's parking lots so everyone can see their costumes and they will be hoping that the trunks of the cars will be filled with goodies. So kids, pack those costumes...adults, load those trunks with treats, and be ready for the Trunk or Treat Parade.

Meeting was called to order with prayer. Devotional was discussed.

Last Meeting's Minutes: July 16, 2019 minutes were approved by consensus.

Financial Report: The July 2019 Financial was approved by consensus. Giving for the year is down \$45,000.

Deacon's Report: There will be a communion service at The Voyage Senior Living center on Thursday, September 5. Discussed need for donations to the Murphysboro Food Pantry and more volunteers needed. Visits with shut-ins were shared and discussed.

Leadership Covenant: Date for the Leadership Conference is Sunday, November 3 after church.

Outreach and Evangelism: Meet the Team is 8/24. Feeding the carnival workers will be the same as last year at 12:00 noon.

Missions: The Middle School FCA has two new sponsors, Stacy Stanton and Monica May. Committee will set up a time for Jake Hahnemann to meet with them. Melody Zhang, Assistant Director of Children's Hope International will speak at FBC on 10/27. The team approved a love gift of \$1,000 for the Don Caraway family.

Youth Discipleship: "Evidence of the Gospel" teaching series beginning in the fall. Late night trip to Laser Tag on 10/4/19. Day of Service at SPIN on Saturday, with the girls group serving and guys group will serve another Saturday.

Children's Discipleship: Literature is here for the new Sunday ministry curricu-

lum beginning on 9/8.

Family Discipleship: Kari Graff is working on an outreach with teachers.

Staff Relations: The Children's Intern has resigned. It was discussed and decided by consensus that we should ask for volunteers and wait to see how everyone copes before trying to fill the position. Music Director position: It was decided by consensus to make an offer to Jacob Kersh. There is still a need for a custodial assistant to help one Sunday a month. It was suggested that we ask for volunteers, perhaps on a rotational basis. Send out the request for volunteers via text messaging.

Finance and Stewardship: Stewardship team met on 8/19. 9/15 will be the kick-off for the stewardship campaign. Team members will be visiting Sunday morning groups. There will be video presentations each week leading up to the 150th anniversary. Ways to give and lists of needs will be printed in the bulletin each week.

Building and Grounds: Lockbox installation is complete. Wooden front doors need repair. There are two proposals in the works: one to replace all of the doors, the other is refinishing, weather-proofing and replace hardware, which will be less costly and will retain the current traditional look. Flagpole needs to be replaced. Parlor and sanctuary dividers need to be replaced. Chuck Grammer will get prices for cloth



**October 6**

Matt & Elaine Hardwig

**October 13**

Anna Jenkins & Judy Raines

**October 20**

Angela Barke & Lauren Martin

**October 27**

Scott Hunziker & Tina Shinsky

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

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

**October 6**

Chuck & Kim Grammer

**October 13**

Jeanne Goforth, Kristy Dunning & Gina Hunziker

**October 20**

150th Anniversary

**October 27**

Keith & Carol Klaine

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



**WELCOME CENTER**

**October 6**

Ed & Terri Miller

**October 13**

Judy Raines

**October 20**

Matt & Elaine Hardwig

**October 27**

Scott & Tina Evans

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**October 28-November 1**

**Monday**

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady  
Gayle Gillmore

**Tuesday**

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady  
Ron McLaughlin & Frank Aldridge

**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



**October 2019**

**POST THIS ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!**

**HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!**

3	Bradley Evans	19	Bailey Goad
3	Steve McBride	21	Melinda Guthman
3	Bernice Nance	21	Tim Attig
3	Kamryn Martin	21	Sherri Schimpf
5	Shirley Aldridge	22	Hannah Samuel
5	Tammy Davis	23	Judy Penrod
7	Christina Smith	24	Carleigh Schimpf
9	Leah Sims	25	Matt Hardwig
10	Garrett Burroughs	26	Betty Elwell
11	Isabelle Doerr	27	Marie Schumaker
12	Kim Hudson	27	Debbie Woosley
12	Fern Shannon	28	James Verbal
14	Eleanor Blaise	28	Payton Myers
15	Ryan Eastwood	28	Matt Guthman
16	Elli Oploh	31	Dale Schimpf
17	Doris Rathjen	31	Morgan Dillow
18	Shane Webb	31	Keith Roberts
19	Murl Johnson		



*... we will tell to the coming GENERATION the glorious deeds of the LORD ...*

*Psalm 78:4, NRSV*

**VOLUNTEERS**

**Thanks to our many**

# OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</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>5:00 PM</b> Girls Small Group	<b>30</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>12:00 PM</b> Adult Small Group <b>7:00 PM</b> H.S. Guys Group	<b>1</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:30 AM</b> PrimeTime <b>5:00 PM</b> Community Night Out at Longfellow Park <b>5:45 PM</b> Worship Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>2</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 with Pastor <b>6:00 PM</b> H.S. Crossfire Youth <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>4</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>3:30 PM</b> Feed the Team <b>9:30 PM</b> Crossfire Laser Tag Lock-In	<b>5</b> Crossfire Laser Tag Lock-In
<b>6</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> Chicken and Dumpling Dinner <b>5:00 PM</b> Girls Small Group	<b>7</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>12:00 PM</b> Adult Small Group <b>7:00 PM</b> H.S. Guys Group	<b>8</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>5:45 PM</b> Worship Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>9</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 with Pastor <b>6:00 PM</b> H.S. Crossfire Youth <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>11</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>12</b>
<b>13</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>5:00 PM</b> Girls Small Group	<b>14</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>12:00 PM</b> Adult Small Group <b>7:00 PM</b> H.S. Guys Group	<b>15</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>7:00 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>16</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 with Pastor <b>6:00 PM</b> H.S. Crossfire Youth <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>18</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>19</b> <b>150th Anniversary Celebration</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Open House <b>5:30 PM</b> Fellowship Dinner <b>7:00 PM</b> Celebration Service
<b>20</b> <b>150th Anniversary Celebration Sunday</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Fellowship & Coffee Hour <b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> 150th Anniversary Worship <b>10:00 AM</b> FBC Kids' Worship <b>5:00 PM</b> Girls Small Group	<b>21</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>12:00 PM</b> Adult Small Group <b>7:00 PM</b> H.S. Guys Group	<b>22</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>5:45 PM</b> Worship Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>23</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 with Pastor <b>6:00 PM</b> H.S. Crossfire Youth <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>25</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>26</b>
<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> Trunk or Treat <b>5:00 PM</b> Girls Small Group	<b>28</b> Meals on Wheels <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>12:00 PM</b> Adult Small Group <b>7:00 PM</b> H.S. Guys Group	<b>29</b> Meals on Wheels <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>5:45 PM</b> Worship Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>30</b> Meals on Wheels <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 with Pastor <b>6:00 PM</b> H.S. Crossfire Youth <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> Meals on Wheels <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>1</b> Meals on Wheels <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>2</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Private Party in Fellowship Hall