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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
Sunday, November 3

PRIMETIME TRIP
10 am Tuesday, November 5

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES
November 6, 13, 20
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
7 pm Choir Rehearsal

CROSSFIRE TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER
5 pm Sunday, November 10

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES
3:30 pm Wednesdays, M.S. Crossfire, Nov. 6,13,20
6 pm Wednesday, H.S. Crossfire Nov. 6,13,20
5 pm Sundays, Girls Group
7 pm Mondays, H.S. Guys

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
6 pm Tuesday, November 13

DECORATE THE CHURCH
11:30 am, Sunday, November 24

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
at First Presbyterian Church
7 pm Tuesday, November 26

HANGING OF THE GREENS
10 am Sunday, December 1

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NOVEMBER 2019 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

THANKFUL FOR OUR WEAKNESSES

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." -2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Our culture does not embrace weakness. It seems that this trait will make you appear to be someone who cannot handle life's problems. Our society thinks that people will walk all over you if you are weak. Where as God says it is in our weakness He will be glorified. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Weakness keeps us from boasting. God's desire for us is to empty ourselves of pride. Weakness keeps us depending on God. Our insufficiencies keep us at the throne of Grace. "The more we are able to acknowledge our weakness, the greater our opportunity to experience God's power in

our lives." (Kyle Idleman in the book, Grace is Greater.)

The strategy Jesus used to select His disciples shows that the power of God is best when people he chose were weak. He did not choose the influential and most powerful people of the day for spreading the gospel. The disciples were not the spiritual elite. They were uneducated,

common, and from the low class of that time. Seven of the apostles were fisherman, one who wanted to overthrow Rome, a tax collector, who the Jews thought was a traitor, and the rest were tradesman of the time. He chose them because His power was to be made perfect in their weakness so that the outcome of their efforts would be credited to HIM and not to the individuals. They received the best seminary education possible by the master.

Jesus chose them because the power of the Holy Spirit will be seen in their service.

They were willing to be open vessels for Jesus to work through. They changed the world. 1 Corinthians 1:27-29 says, "But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak



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DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

Everyone is invited to an afternoon of holiday spirit and fun on **Sunday, November 24th**. Bring the whole family to help kick off the Christmas season by decorating the church.

The fun will begin immediately following worship service at approximately **11:30 am**. Pizza will be served for lunch but be prepared to work. The more people that help, the faster everything will get done and cleaned up.

Make plans to help...this is always a fun afternoon filled with the holiday spirit.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

The annual Hanging of the Greens will once again be during the morning worship service on **Sunday, December 1st, at 10:00 am**.

The congregation will be led through this special holiday service that reminds us of the significance of the decorations which adorn our Sanctuary and building each Christmas season. This is a great service to invite family, friends and neighbors to as we enter the Advent season of our Lord Jesus's birth.

PRIMETIME ON THE ROAD TO CHESTER

All active senior adults are invited to have a leisurely lunch at Reid's Harvest House in Chester on **Tuesday, November 5th**. The bus will leave the church at **10:00 am**. Lunch is dutch treat. 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 to have your name added to the list.



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things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him."

We are to admit our weaknesses. We will never discover the hidden strength until we do. It is the power of God that take us through life.

We need to learn to be thankful for the problems we face, the regrettable experiences, the personal traits, and failures God has woven through our life.

We need to learn to share our weaknesses. God longs to work through us because of our weaknesses. Telling others about them is the last thing we want to do, but when we do, we find that we are not the only ones going through them. It actually helps others to feel vulnerable and we enjoy God's grace together.

God's purpose in our weakness is to glorify the grace and power of His son Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10) God's design is to make in our weakness a show case of Jesus' power.

Hebrews 11:32-40 says, *"And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went*

about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect." This exemplifies God's power by the way men and women of faith have endured. Now they are an encouragement to us in our daily walk.

The ultimate purpose of God in our weakness is to glorify the kind of power that moved Christ to the cross and kept Him there until the work of love was done.

Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:23-25, *"but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength."* It is the wisdom of God.

We may not understand why we have weakness, but we know God can use it for His glory and our reward is eternity with Him and share HIS GLORY.

Hope you are looking forward to Thanksgiving and to being grateful for our family in Christ.

In Christ's steps,
Pastor Shaker

OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019:

	This Month	To Date
Needed	\$ 34,632.15	\$ 282,541.56
Given	\$ 27,155.88	\$ 244,145.96
Over (Under)	\$ (7,476.27)	\$ (38,395.60)

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL SEPTEMBER, 2019

Meeting was called to order with prayer.

Last Meeting Minutes: August, 2019 minutes were approved by consensus.

Financial Report: The August 2019 Financial was approved by consensus.

Deacons Report: The Deacon Care team met September 9. Pastor Jake Hahnemann conducted communion service at Voyage Senior Living on September 9. Four residents attended.

Agreed to contribute \$200 to START for their Thanksgiving and holiday dinner/parties. Information was distributed about an upcoming SIH workshop on 10/22 "Celebrating Spiritual Care."

Visits with shut-ins were shared. Sylvia Carvell will announce to congregation that SPIN needs blanket donations.

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

Ministry Team Reports:

Outreach and Evangelism: Community Night Out is 10/1 (smores station). Feed the Team is 10/4 (contact Deann Stilley). Council members decided that we will not host Halloween night trick-or-treating as it does not set the stage for effective outreach. We will continue to do the Sunday Trunk-or-Treat.

Missions: The mission team plans to go back to the Sunday morning "Mission Moment" presentations.

Youth Discipleship: "Evidence of the Gospel" teaching series is on Wednesday nights. Late night Laser Tag on 10/4/19.

Children's Discipleship: Kids are excited for the new Sunday ministry curriculum – we are two weeks in. There is a need for a teacher for the third to fifth grade group. A text message or announcement in the bulletin will be presented as an "opportunity to serve."

Family Discipleship: Team members are making a focused effort to connect new staff members to church families.

Staff Relations: There is still a need for a custodial assistant to be trained to help one Sunday a month. Will send out the request for a volunteer via text messaging.

Finance and Stewardship: Stewardship campaign – we have 3 of 4 speakers lined up for the next 4 weeks. Minimum wage increases January 1; we need to evaluate how this will affect our budget for 2020.

Building and Grounds: Railing on SW entrance is in progress – confirming ADA compliance. Team is waiting on estimate from Jake Miller for the youth house soffit repair.

Special Events: 150th Anniversary celebration team meeting Thursday to finalize plans. Council members agreed that we should have the children's Christmas program on Sunday morning during the service and have a dinner afterward in the fellowship hall in lieu of the Christmas banquet this year.

Worship and Ministry Team: Jacob Hersh will start working with the Praise team this week. Choir will resume practices on 9/25.

Nominating Team: Kristy Dunning, Vicki Ardrey, and Carol Klaine will be seeking volunteers for the 2020 cycle for Deacons, Council Members, and Clerk.

Pastor's Report: Paul Gibson will be speaking this Sunday 9/22

The next Leadership Council meeting will be 10/15 at 6:00 p.m.



TRIVIA NITE

Sunday, November 10th
5-8 pm in Fellowship Hall

Come on out & test your wits at our
Nineth Annual TRIVIA NITE!
Get 8 of your friends together & sign up your Team,
or we will find a Team for you!!!
10 Rounds of Pure Trivia! \$10 per person
PRIZES!!
Popcorn & Drinks Provided
To register call Kristy Dunning at 534-3054

All proceeds will benefit the 2020 Summer Mission Trip
*presented by... **Crossfire***



IT'S TIME FOR THE TIME CHANGE!

Daylight saving time ends Sunday, **November 3rd**. Before going to bed on Saturday night, November 2nd be sure to turn your clocks back one hour.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVENTS

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church (51 Crescent Dr.) on **Tuesday, November 26th, at 7:00 pm**. Rev. Melissa Waterman will be sharing a Thanksgiving message.

The Murphysboro Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall (606 Plum St.) on Thursday, November 28th, from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Deliveries for shut-ins should call 687-2012 by noon on Tuesday, November 27th. Volunteers are always needed, please contact 687-2012 for more information.



Both events are community events and are open and free to all!

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

In October, FBC celebrated its 150th Anniversary with a weekend that was filled with some great events. Saturday, October 20th, had an open house with dinner and a special service that included great entertainment by Kateena LaForge and speakers, Pastor Jeff Gordon and former member and friend, Pastor Steve Pate. The Sunday morning worship on October 20th was a blessing. It was a wonderful morning filled with many, many praises!

To commemorate the church's birthday, there were ornaments designed and made for the event. There are still some available in the church office for anyone who would like to have a keepsake. An \$8 donation



would be greatly appreciated.

HELP SAY THANK YOU BY GIVING TO THE RMMO



Retired
Ministers &
Missionaries
Offering

We are thankful for the American Baptist ministers, missionaries, and their families. It was their dedication and sacrifice that helped spread the message of Jesus Christ around the world.

RMMO is more than assistance for retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses. It exists to alleviate the stress and hardship of unexpected expenses for those who dedicated their lives serving the family of God. It is a thank you for the many years of service. Your generosity makes this possible and is an example of the thankfulness that comes from our faith in God.

Envelopes for the RMM Offering are available at the Welcome Center and church office.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES FOR HOLIDAYS

The church office will be closed **Monday, November 11th**, so the staff can spend Veteran's Day with their families.

The office will also be closed **Thursday, November 28th, and Friday, November 29th**, for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. In case of an emergency, Pastor Shaker or Pastor Jake can be reached at home.

The Wednesday evening activities, including FBC Kids, Crossfire Youth, Family Dinner, and Bible Study w/ Pastor will NOT take place on **November 27th**.

The staff would like to wish you a happy and safe Thanksgiving Day and weekend! During this season of thankfulness, please remember to count the many blessings our Lord has graciously bestowed upon all of us. Praise God!!

150th Anniversary Poem

by Vicki Ardrey

Church is the place we grow up
Church is the place we learn
It teaches us how to pray
And to be better persons every day

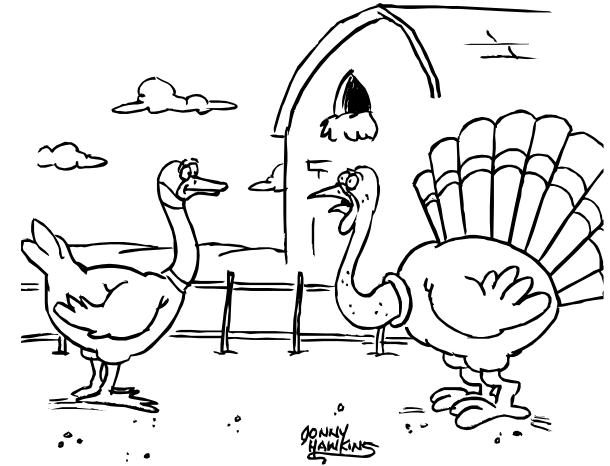
We know that God is all around
But at church He is easy to be found
Always in our thoughts and prayer
God is good and is everywhere.

First Baptist has been here for many years
150 as a matter of fact, we hear
A church full of laughter and tears is a fact
Sure will be hard to follow this act.

We plan for this church to last a long time
As our age begins to climb
We hope this family sticks around
But let the new generations abound.

Our church continues to reach for the ranks
To which we give God many thanks
We come together for worship and praise.
Our prayer is we will reach the lost in many ways!!

Let's celebrate this church's 150 years
By shouting Hallelujah and other cheers
We'll show God our overflowing love
By remembering all the angels up above.



"I'm praying they opt for fast food...
or that they pray and fast."

DON'T FORGET THE FOOD PANTRY

For the holiday season, the Murphysboro Food Pantry is planning food baskets for those who are unable to afford the additional expense of the holiday meals.

They are asking everyone to bring canned and boxed foods such as stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, dessert mixes, canned vegetables and fruits, etc.

The food pantry always needs volunteers. Just two or three hours, one day a week would be helpful.

Your time and generosity will be a blessing as well as a wonderful gift to someone less fortunate.

Do You Get Your
"Bapties" by Snail Mail?



Want to get your newsletter faster.
Send an email to
office@fbcmurphy.org asking
"Email my "Bapties", please."
It will arrive on the 1st of every month!



GREETERS SCHEDULE

November 3

Rodney & Carol Brown

November 10

Chuck & Kim Grammer

November 17

Jeff & Linda Wright

November 24

Carol Klaine & Valerie Lipe

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

November 3

Albert & Trish Boudet

November 10

Jeff & Linda Wright

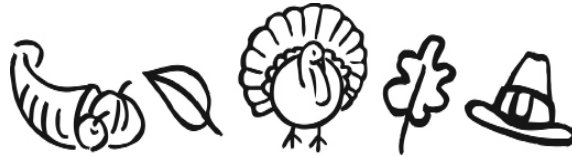
November 17

Pat & Jan Etherton

November 24

Rodney & Carol Brown

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



SO MANY BLESSINGS

MEALS ON WHEELS NOVEMBER 25-27

Monday

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Gayle Gilmore

Tuesday

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Christina Smith & Frank Aldridge

Wednesday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Mark & Darlene Pautler

Thursday

Thanksgiving Day
No Delivery

Friday

No Delivery



NOVEMBER
POST THIS ON YOUR
REFRIGERATOR!

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

4	Moses Gary	22	Rodney Brown
8	Albert Boudet	27	Dale Blaise
9	Pauline Miller		
10	Linda Wright		
12	Trina Creath		
13	Lauren Unger		
14	Paul Echols		
14	Dalton Rose		
15	Cathy Porter		
16	Bobby Boudet		
16	Adreanna Pilz		
17	Leah Rowe		
19	Julie Blandford		
20	Beverly Eastwood		
20	Gabriel Klaybor		



WELCOME CENTER

November 3

Sherry Schimpf

November 10

Jeff or Linda Wright

November 17

Kim Oploh

November 24

Pat & Jan Etherton

*Let us come
before him with
thanksgiving.*

Psalm 95:2, NIV

THANKS TO OUR MANY
VOLUNTEERS

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:30 AM Coffee Hour 8:30 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 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 11:15 AM Trunk or Treat 5:00 PM Girls Small Group	28 Meals on Wheels 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 12:00 PM Adult Small Group 7:00 PM H.S. Guys Group	29 Meals on Wheels 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	30 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 M.S. Crossfire Youth 5:00 PM Family Dinner 6:00 PM Bible Study with Pastor 6:00 PM H.S. Crossfire Youth 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	31 Meals on Wheels 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	1 Meals on Wheels 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Private Funeral	2 8:30 AM Private Event in Fellowship Hall
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