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UN-DECORATE THE CHURCH

11:30 am Sunday, January 5

MID-WEEK EVENTS

Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29

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 pm Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 Girls Group

7 pm Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 H. S. Guys Group

PRIMETIME TRIP-CRACKER BARREL

10:30 am Tuesday, January 7

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

11:30 am Sunday, January 19

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

10 am Sunday, January 26

COMING IN FEBRUARY CROSSFIRE WINTER JAM CONCERT

1 pm Sunday, February 9

FBC MURPHY

Connect. Grow. Go.

JANUARY 2020 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

CONSECRATED, LORD, TO THEE

"For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."
-Galatians 2:19-20

This is from a devotional. I want to share as we begin the new year to renew our lives and consecrate to Jesus that we belong to Him. We all struggle but here is a testimony to encourage us.

Frances Ridley Havergal received Christ at a young age but struggled for years with Christian victory. "I had hoped that a kind of tableland had been reached in my journey, where I might walk awhile in the light, without the weary succession of rock and hollow, crag and morass, stumbling and striving;

but I seem born back into all the old difficulties of the way, with many sin-made aggravations. I think the great root of my trouble and alienation is that I do not make an unreserved surrender of myself to God; until this is done I shall know no peace. I am sure of it."

She struggled throughout her twenties and thirties, pulled in one direction by the acclaim of great London crowds who loved her singing and in another direction by the Holy Spirit. Then one day, at age thirty-six, she read a booklet entitled "All For Jesus," which stressed the importance of making Christ King of every

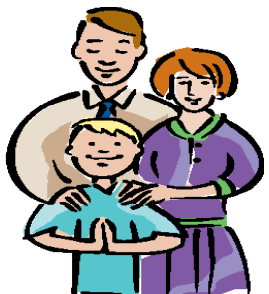
corner and cubicle of one's life. Frances made a fresh, complete consecration of God. Years later her sister asked her about it, and she replied: "Yes, it was on Advent Sunday, December 2, 1873,



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JANUARY BAPTISMAL SERVICE PLANNED

Pastor Shaker and the Worship Team are planning a baptismal service on Sunday, January 26th during the morning worship service. If you have accepted Christ as your Savior and would like to be baptized, please contact Pastor Shaker or Pastor Jake a.s.a.p. There is still time for you to take the "Discovering Church Membership Class" so that you can be a part of this very special worship service.



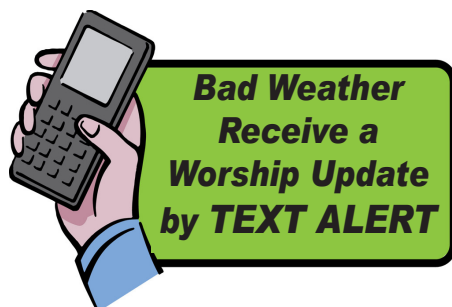
Parent-Child Dedication

BABY/CHILD DEDICATION SUNDAY BEING PLANNED

A special service is being planned for **Sunday, February 9th**, during the morning worship at **10:00 am**. There are families who have indicated that they would like to have their children/babies dedicated. The Dedication is the parents and/or families making a commitment to teach and instruct their children in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Praise God!! This will be a wonderful service filled with joyous celebration.

If you would like to have your child or children dedicated, please contact Pastor Shaker or Pastor Jake so you and your family can be included in the celebration.

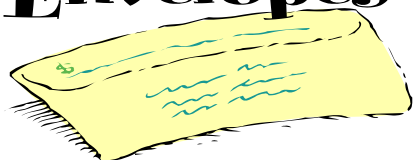
CHURCH CANCELLED...GET A TEXT MESSAGE



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.

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.

Offering Envelopes



2020 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

The 2020 contribution envelopes are available for pick up at the Welcome Center. 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.

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I first saw clearly the blessedness of true consecration. I saw it as a flash of electric light. There must be full surrender before there can be full blessedness. God admits you by the one into the other. He showed me this most clearly."

Shortly after, Frances found herself spending several days with ten people, some of them unconverted and others of them Christians not fully surrendered. "Lord," she prayed, "give me all in this house." Before she left, all ten were yielded Christians. On the last night of her visit, Frances, too excited to sleep, wrote her "Consecration Hymn," the song that became here life's theme. She took its words seriously and prayed earnestly over them every December 2 making changes to her life and lifestyle as needed. the first verse says:

"Take my life and let it be,
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love."

I hope you have a blessed New Year and believe God will do marvelous miracles with our consecrated lives.

In Christ's steps,
Pastor Shaker

OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR NOVEMBER 2019:

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Needed	\$ 30,645.95	\$ 336,396.99
Given	\$ 40,212.10	\$ 311,952.00
Over (Under)	\$ 9,566.05	\$ (24,444.99)

2020 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Moderator: Kristy Dunning

Clerk: Linda Wright

Treasurer: Needed

Leadership Council

Christina Smith

Jessica Grammer

David Brooks

Dale Blaise

Kari Graff

Connor McBride

Tammy Davis

Vicki Ardrey

Judy Rawls

Kevin Penrod

Tina Evans

Tony Stamm

Deacon Care Team

Lou Polsgrove

Sylvia Carvell

Carol Klaine

Valerie Lipe

Diane Reader

Sue Lynn Johnson

Linda Wright

We extend a special thanks to those leaders who have completed their leadership terms: Helen Payne, Laura Sims, Ed Miller, Chuck Grammer and Melinda Guthman. Thank you for your time, energies and a job well done! God bless you all!



NOVEMBER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting was called to order with prayer on November 19, 2019, at 6:00 pm.

Meeting's Minutes: October 15, 2019 minutes were approved by consensus.

Financial Report: The October 2019 Financial Report was approved by consensus

Deacon's Report : The Deacon Care team met November 8, 2019. The Methodist Church requested help supporting the annual Murphysboro Community Christmas Dinner. Deacons agreed to contribute \$150. SIH is hosting a workshop on December 13 "Finding Your Hidden Treasure." Deacons delivered 5 blankets to SPIN. Deacons plan to bring this need before the church again. Visits with shut-ins were shared.

Leadership Conference: The conference was on November 3 with speaker Tony Foeller of Harvest Baptist Church in Anna. One issue that arose in discussion was the need for better communication among staff, council members and ministry teams. Jake Hahnemann suggested subscribing to a "Spiritual Gifts Assessment" program for \$200/year.

Ministry Team Reports:

Outreach and Evangelism: Birthday party for Jesus will be on December 4 from 5-7 p.m.

Missions: RMMO - ABC will be collecting offerings for the Retired Ministers and Missionaries. (This offering also helps support retired missionaries' and ministers' widows.) Andrew Bailey attending on December 15 to give a brief address to the congregation. Youth will be making peanut rolls for Missions fundraising on December 13.

Youth Discipleship: FBC is taking a fan bus to watch Murphysboro Red Devils play in the basketball state playoffs. Girls groups are going caroling. Progressive Dinner and Christmas party for 6th grade through High School is on December 8. Youth Team Leadership met on November 17. Winter Jam concert is on February 9. Youth leaders

are looking for new service projects.

Children's Discipleship: Volunteer needed to lead the Wednesday after-school program beginning in January. Christmas program/Children's musical "No Vacancy" will be on Sunday morning, 12/15/19.

Staff Relations: Barb Troutman is retiring effective 12/31. FBC will be honoring her service on Sunday, 12/15. Tracy Hunziker has resigned as Staff Pianist, effective immediately. Jacob Kersh has requested the purchase of new choir folders. The next staff meeting is December 9. Kristy Dunning will attend.

Strategic Planning: Committee/Team meeting on December 2. Next agenda item will be reviewing the church constitution.

Finance and Stewardship: The proposed 2020 budget was reviewed and approved by consensus for presentation at the December 8 Trimester Business Meeting. The 2020 budget includes the cost of an internal audit.

Building and Grounds: Men's small bathroom – divider doors to be added.

Special Events: Christmas dinner December 15 after children's program Sunday morning.

Worship and Ministry Team: Hanging of the Greens service will be on Sunday morning, 12/1. We need to purchase a drum set. Jacob Kersh is researching the cost of electronic drums. Phil and Chris Deshazo have stepped down from the Praise Team.

College Discipleship: Low involvement due to most of the age group serving in other capacities.

Kitchen and Dinners: Christina Smith needs volunteers/dinners planned for Wednesday nights February through May.

Nominating Team: The slate for 2020 Deacons and Leadership Council members was approved for presentation at the December 8 Trimester Business Meeting.

Technology: Ryan Blaise is training for sound tech. Dave Brooks needs a few more

WORDS OF APPRECIATION TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

Sorry I have been so slow in thanking all of you for all of your prayers, concerns, cards and visits during my 27 days in the hospital and long recovery. Thanks especially to Shaker and Jeff Wright for making the trips to St. Louis. After I heard all of the things that went wrong while I was in the hospital, I feel sure that the only reason I am here is an answer to all the prayers. God bless you all.

Helen Nelson-Payne

Dear FBC Family of Faith,

Thank you for your prayers and concern during my recovery from surgery and for the delicious meals so lovingly prepared, the cards, transportation to doctor appointments, hospital, and for all the many ways you helped me.

Thank you also for your time, love acts of kindness, and words of encouragement. It is a blessing to belong to such a wonderful church family, where God's love is clearly evident.

I thank my God for making all things possible and I thank God for you.

Sincerely,

Valerie Lipe

Phil. 1:3 I thank my God every time I think of you.

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

Thank you very much for the cards. Mona fought to the end. She had put her life in the hands of God and was at peace because of her deep Christian faith.

May God bless you all.

Martin Kerns

I want to thank the deacons and all those who prepared the cookies, candy and snacks. I really enjoyed them. The candy was really good and the cookies too.

I also want to thank you for the beautiful cards you send all year.

Willette Yearian

Thank you for all the delicious cookies and candy that were made for our shut-ins. They were special and very appreciated. All your acts of kindness were truly a blessing to our shut-ins.

Deacon Care Team

We would like to say "thank you" for your generous and thoughtful gifts this holiday season. We appreciate the love and support that you give throughout the year. May God bless each and everyone of you and may 2020 be a safe and happy year.

In Christ love,

Your Church Staff



(continued Nov. Council Minutes)

reliable volunteers for sound and lighting.

Senior Pastor's Report: Pastor Shaker would like to see small groups gathering to pray for our church. Baby dedication service will be in January.

The next Leadership Council meeting will be 12/17/19 at 6:00 p.m.

The next Trimester Business Meeting will be on 12/8/19 after the morning service.

GREETERS!

January 5

Tony & Cindy Stamm

January 12

Pat & Jan Etherton

January 19

Anna Jenkins & Glenann Kiel

January 26

Albert & Trish Boudet

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

January 5

Buddy & Helen Payne

January 12

Vic & Patty Koenig

January 15

Matt & Melinda Guthman Family

January 26

Dale Blaise Family

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



MEALS ON WHEELS

January 27-31

Monday

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Gayle Gillmore

Tuesday

Ron McLaughlin & Frank Aldridge
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

Wednesday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

Thursday

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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		
4	Jim Carlock		
8	Dick Kiel		
9	Taylor Clemmons		
19	Avery Guthman		
20	Cody Brashear		
21	Brad Sims		
25	Brent Woosley		
26	Carolyn Ewbank		



Happy
Birthday
to You

*"For through the law I died
to the law so that
I might live for God.
I have been crucified with Christ
and I no longer live,
but Christ lives in me.
The life I now live in the body,
I live by faith in the
Son of God, who loved me
and gave himself for me."*

Galatians 2:19-20

WELCOME CENTER

January 5

Albert Boudet

January 12

Vic or Patty Koenig

January 19

Anna Jenkins

January 26

Glenann Kiel

Thanks to our many
VOLUNTEERS

JANUARY 2020

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