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## MATTHEW 6:19-31

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

*"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!*

*"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.*

*Do Not Worry*

*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?*

*"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"*

# **FBC MURPHY** C o n n e c t . G r o w . G o . MAY 2020 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

## WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT WORRY?

You probably remember the "What Would Jesus Do?" trend from the late '90s. It seemed everywhere you looked, plastered across T-shirts, hats, jewelry, and all kinds of other merchandise, the WWJD slogan was a blithe, shallow reminder to live up to Christ's moral code.

But Christianity is not about mere morality. It's about the atoning work of Christ on our behalf. With that in mind, we can ask much better and more sanctifying questions, like "What did Jesus do?" and "What did He say?" Our ability to avoid and defeat sin comes not from imagining Christ in our circumstances but from obeying His clear commands and following the example of His life in Scripture. Knowing what Jesus said about sin is key to overcoming it.

God's Word says about how we must control and conquer our worry. In Matthew 6:25 Jesus commanded His followers, "Do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"

As children of God, we have a single goal—treasure in heaven; a single vision—God's purposes; and a single Master—God,

not money (Matthew 6:19-24). Therefore, we must not let ourselves become preoccupied with the mundane things of this world—"what [we] shall eat, or what [we] shall drink" (Matthew 6:25).

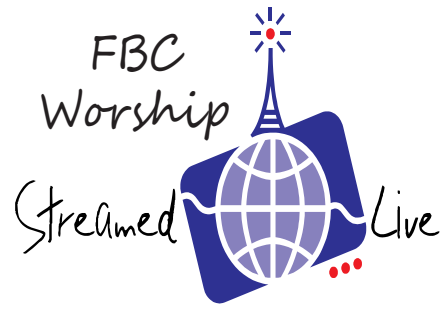
Perhaps in our modern society, such a warning seems a bit obscure. After all, there's a market of some sort on practically every corner. And we've got so much water in our homes, we don't often think about running out.

It usually takes some kind of disaster—like the massive storm that hit the eastern United States recently—to shake loose the cobwebs of sustained comfort and remind us that our basic necessities are often abundant, but never guaranteed. And even then, such disasters usually amount to only a temporary interruption of our normal routine.

Life in the world of the New Testament was not so simple. There were times when the snows didn't come to the mountains and, as a result, the streams didn't run. Sometimes a plague of locusts would devour the crops, bringing about famine in the land. When there was famine, there was also no income. And

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## FBC WORSHIP IS LIVE STREAMED EVERY SUNDAY MORNING



We know everyone is missing worshipping together as a family of faith but God has provided the means through modern technology for us to worship together even in each of our homes. This has been a blessing to so many. I noticed one of our supported missionaries was tuning in from where he is stationed. It amazing how God's message through Live Streaming can reach so many. So be sure to tune-in at FBCMurphy FaceBook page every Sunday morning at 10:00 am. If you miss

it...no worries because it is recorded and available to you at your convenience.

FYI...Pastor Jake and Pastor Shaker have been doing devotionals and short Bible Studies also on our FaceBook. Check them out.

## INFORMATION ON KIDS & YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

To All Parents and Students,

It is with deep regret that we are writing to inform you that our plans to attend Crossings Camp in Jonathan Creek, KY this summer are going to be canceled due to COVID-19. This decision was not made lightly, but after prayer and consideration our church council believes that this is the wisest move to make based on the uncertainty of the circumstances at hand.

With that said, we recognize that many of you have already put a lot of money towards attending camp this summer and are curious about what this means for you. There are three options for you at this point:

- 1) You can request a FULL refund.
- 2) If your student would like to attend camp next year, you can apply that money towards camp in 2021.
- 3) You can donate the money to Crossings Camp to help sustain them during this season.

Regardless of which option you pick, please notify Kathie Grob of your decision so that we can know how to allocate the money appropriately. Once again, we know that this is a disappointment and understand that you may have questions about this decision. If that is the case, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Jake at (618) 697-1491, or Kathie Grob at (618) 924-7017.

We pray that you are all staying safe and healthy in this season!

In Christ,

Pastor Jake Hahnemann and Kathie Grob

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

With all the uncertainty when the church will be returning to normal activities, the council has decided that the details for the 2020 FBC Vacation Bible School schedule are needing to be re-viewed. More information and definite details will be decided when the government mandate dates are released.

So keep an eye on the "Bapties" newsletter, FBC Murphy website, and the FBC Murphy Facebook page for the details as they are determined.

Please continue to pray for God's will and direction in this time of great need.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Shaker or Pastor Jake.

## HIRING CHURCH SECRETARY

After 26 years of serving as your church secretary, I have decided to retire. God truly blessed me when he place me in this position. I have loved, loved my job and FBC has become my family in so many ways.

The church council is taking resumes for a self motivated individual that has good people and communication skills; computer knowledge in Adobe In-design and Word softwares, and general office secretarial skills. The position is under the direction of the Senior Pastor.

If you want to know more about the position or would like a job description, feel free to contact Pastor Shaker or Jessica Grammer.

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when there was no income, no one could purchase food, clothing, or other necessities.

Jesus' saying not to worry about such things is especially powerful in the context of His day. Certainly that is an indictment of our own worry about life's basics. Jesus then asks rhetorically, "Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing?" (Matthew 6:25). Of course it is, but you wouldn't know it judging by what's advertised today and what people seem to feel they need to be pursuing.

So many people in our society are totally consumed with the body—they decorate it, build it up, extravagantly clothe it, put it in a nice car, send it off to a nice house, stuff it full of food, sit it in a comfortable chair, hang a bunch of jewelry all over it, take it out on a boat, let it swim, teach it to ski, take it on a cruise, and so on. But life is not contained in those things; it transcends all the externals. Life comes from God—and the fullness of life from Jesus Christ.

Taken from a devotional from John Macarthur (Adapted from *Anxious for Nothing*.)

If you are like me, I do worry and feel anxious about what is going on in our country. But Jesus has assured us He will take care of our needs. We just need to rest in HIM.

Hope this devotional will help. Be healthy and safe.

In Christ's steps,  
Pastor Shaker

## HONORING OUR 2020 GRADUATES



When our church family is able to meet again, we would like to recognize the academic accomplishments of our middle school, high school, college and military graduates. We would like to honor each high school and college student by telling a little bit about their school activities and/or award they may have received. 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 Pastor Jake at 697-1491.

## Happy Birthday!



### MAY BIRTHDAYS

4	Ron Eastwood
5	Justin Stille
10	Sebastian Smith
11	Laura Wright
14	Terra Troutman
17	Morgan Mifflin
18	Timothy Sanchuk
21	Linda Coleman
21	Monica Kirkpatrick
22	Philip Hunziker
22	Melissa Brady
24	Melba Mifflin
25	Koral McBride
25	Sue Lynn Johnson
26	Krista Elliott
27	Debbie Burroughs

## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MARCH MINUTES

Meeting called to order with prayer. Devotional: Pastor Shaker Samuel read Exodus 17: 8-13 and James 5:16 Additions to agenda-COVID-19 outbreak and possible quarantine - Jessica Grammer brought to the Councils attention the importance of following the State's mandates and following the suggested guidelines.

Last Meeting's minutes: February 18, 2020 minutes were approved by consensus.

Financial Report: January and February reports were not available for approval. Vicki stated that Scott Evans was reconciling the accounts.

Deacon's Report: The Deacon's met March 9th.

Ministry Team Reports:

Outreach and Evangelism: 3 on 3 Basketball has been cancelled.

Missions: An additional donation of \$1,000.00 was made to the Murphysboro Food Pantry.

Youth Discipleship: Peanut Roll fund-

raising has been cancelled.

Children's Discipleship: Yard Sale has been cancelled. Jake has chosen VBS dates of May 31 - June 04, will be deciding on curriculum.

Family Discipleship: Small groups meetings have been cancelled.

Wednesday's Mens Bible Study has been cancelled. Small Family Group meeting on Thursdays has been cancelled. Prayer groups of 3 will commence as scheduled, independent groups will decide on where and when to meet.

Staff Relations: Custodian position has been filled by Allison Hickam. Will be interviewing applicants for Financial Secretary and Church Secretary positions. Will schedule a Staff meeting. All staff salaries will be paid during the Stay-at-home period.

Financial and Stewardship: Continuing to balance other accounts for accuracy. Will implement tracking memorial gifts and sending notifications to family members.

Building and Grounds: Chuck Grammer has added installing the hand rail at Southwest door to his schedule. Replaced kitchen hot water heater. Rental house basement toilet was broken. Security Alarm system notifications has been switched from alarm to cell service. Getting bids on the following repairs: Completing the A/C installation to the Parlor. Drainage Issues on North side of Education wing. Bell Tower rubber roofing and Rental house shingles. Roofing/Brick flashing leaks

on Education Wing Windows. Exposed bricks in the stairwells.

Broken Parlor doors.

Emergency Response Team: Map of Building/ Emergency evacuation plan was tabled.

Special Events: Easter Brunch has been cancelled.

Worship Ministry: Sunday Services will be aired online on the churches Facebook page. Choir accompanist position has been filled, Maria is schedule to start working with the Choir in April.

Kitchen and Dinners: Wednesday's Family dinner has been suspended until further notice.

Strategic Planning and Action: Committee is making progress in reviewing the constitution.

Nominating Team: Nothing to report

Technology: Kevin received two quotes to replace the Church Secretary's computer. Funds were approved for the purchase. He also reported that Bradley thought the Sanctuary's Sound/Media system was working fine.

Senior Pastor Report

Family Pastor Report

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned 7:20

Reminders and Next Meeting: If possible will be Tuesday, 04/21/2020 6:00 pm. Next Trimester Business Meeting: March 2020 has been cancelled

