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September 2020 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER



NEW GENERATION SMALL GROUP

Every Sunday at 9:00 am

SUNDAY MORNING KIDS GROUPS

Starting September 13th

From 9:00-9:45 am
4 Years -2nd Grades
3rd -5th Grades

SUNDAY MORNING STUDENT GROUP

Starting September 13th From 9:00-9:45 am
6th - 12th Grades

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Every Sunday at 10:00 am

Children will be dismissed to Children's Church

CROSSFIRE HS BOYS MONDAY NIGHT

7:00 pm September, 14, 21, & 28

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm

CROSSFIRE GIRLS GROUP THURSDAY NIGHT

6:00 pm September 3, 17, & 24

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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"I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me."
-**Philippians 3:10-12 (NIV)**

We are living in unique times. What we are facing is not normal. So, we are anxious, fearful and sometimes even in despair. We could fall for this or hold on to our rock, Jesus Christ. Paul in other words is saying adversity strengthens us.

Never before have we experienced the lock down of cities, countries, closing borders, travel ban, shutting down services, and etc. These things frighten us, but we have someone who is greater. Someone who is in charge of our times. We need to lean on HIM for comfort and not be ruled by fear.

What is God's goal in adversity? It is for us to get closer to Him. He does not want us to panic or give us sorrow. He is teaching us about His love and faithfulness.

When adversity comes, we feel vulnerable, not in control and wonder why God is allowing this. We feel pain and

disappointment rather than the need to reach for God's strength and His wisdom.

In times of difficulty God is our strength. Proverbs 18:10, "The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe." (NIV) This says that He is our strong fortress. We can run to him and be safe. Hebrews 10:35, "So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded." This tells us not to throw away our confidence because we will be rewarded.

The first thing we need to do is turn to God and ask what are you teaching me through this? People often want a quick answer to get over the adversity. A lot of times it does not happen, as we are seeing with the Coronavirus. It seems like it is lingering on and there is no end. This is not true God knows there is an end. We need to rest in His promises, surrender our selfish feelings and desires, and draw closer to God.

Adversity has a way of pushing us beyond our strength, and then we will find God waiting to gather us in His arms. John 10:27 & 28, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, no one will snatch them out of my hand." (NIV) It is comforting to know

Small Groups

ETOPSITE

STUDENT MINISTRIES

HIGH SCHOOL GUYS GROUP

EVERY MONDAY AT 7:00 PM IN THE YOUTH HOUSE

GIRLS GROUP

EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:00 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

Middle School & High School Girls



Church Week
Thanks for turning in
your receipts!!!
Because of you
we will receive
\$118.07

The church office will be closed Monday, September 7th, so the staff may spend the holiday with their families. In case of an emergency, contact Pastor Shaker.

Have A Great & Safe Labor Day!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY



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we are protected. We find shelter from the storms of life and feel God's presence and have the ultimate security.

We can be sure that God will use our trials to shape our life, so that we reflect God's love and care for others. He knows the future and knows the outcome. We need to refine our hope and settle our hearts into a place of contentment and trust. God is walking through this with us. We are not alone.

We need to focus our heart on Jesus and not the situation at hand. The world seems to give only negative information, but we have an amazing God who created us and the universe. He is on our side. Stay close to God in your devotion and prayer. He will guide us through this season we are going through.

How we react helps the people who are watching us to draw from our faith and shows them Christ's love. We become God's witness through our faithfulness.

Paul says in Romans 5:3-5, "We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love." (NLT) Trials develop endurance and strength of character. It also helps us realize God's love for us.

Continue to pray for our children at school, our shut ins, and families struggling through this time. Also praise God for His blessing each and every day.
God Bless.

In Christ's Steps
Shaker

WORLD MISSION OFFERING IS RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL WORLDWIDE



Your gifts to the World Mission Offering help to raise up, place and send new global servants and volunteers to reach and touch lives for Jesus around the world. They also help to fill gaps for those workers who haven't yet reached their support goals, enabling crucial ministries to continue. Your gifts help support International Ministries' more than 240 global partners who are actively sharing God's message of hope, love and healing with a lost and hurting world. Your gifts help recruit and train new global workers, open up new global mission fields, respond to global disasters with relief and development funds through One Great Hour of Sharing and much more.

WITH DEEP APPRECIATION

Jane Rorex
(Pastor Doug Rorex)
&

Vi Fox & Jane Hohmerer
(Bill Fox)

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 21, 2020

Meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Shaker. Pastor Shaker read a passage from Chapter 3 of 1st Timothy.

May and June minutes were approved by consensus.

Financial Report: The May report was approved by consensus.

Deacon's Report: The Deacon's met on July 13.

Ministry Team Reports:

Outreach and Evangelism:

Missions: Using the remaining tithe portion of the Payroll Protection Grant to purchase gift cards and donating them to the Social Workers of Murphysboro and Trico School Districts, to assist with student needs.

Youth Discipleship & Children's Discipleship: Mission Trip team to coordinate "Backyard VBS", four Sunday evenings starting August 9. High School groups are happy to be meeting.

Family Discipleship: Started meetings with a group of college students, a good number have been attending for several weeks.

Men's and Women's groups meet during the week.

Staff Relations: The new Church Secretary, Gayla Jones, is adapting well. We will be recognizing Kay Reiman's retirement during the Worship service on August 16th service. Committee has updated the Family Pastor/Youth Director job description and will be sending it to area Christian colleges/universities.

Financial and Stewardship: As Youth and Children's ministries have not been meeting due to the state mandated restrictions on gatherings, the monthly transfers to Youth

and Children's Savings Funds have been put on hold. Rural King is offering to donate 10% of patron's sales receipts to the Church from August 2 - August 15. Church members are to submit their receipts to the church office.

Building and Grounds: Bid received for repairing Drainage issue \$6,945. Bid received for replacing Bell Tower rubber roof, \$4,225. Council approved funding to have Drainage and Bell Tower's rubber roof repaired. Voss is waiting on a much needed and hard to find part to complete the Parlor A/C installation. Bid received for windows and siding for Youth house \$9,250. Worship Director's office needs to be updated.

Getting bids on the following repairs:

- Roofing/Brick flashing leaks on Education Wing Windows.
- Exposed bricks in the stairwells.
- Broken Parlor doors.
- Rental house roof.

Emergency Response Team:

Special Events (Outreach):

Worship Ministry: Team meets every 1-2 weeks. Sunday Services continue to aired online on the FBC Murphy Facebook page.

Kitchen and Dinners:

Strategic Planning and Action:

Nominating Team:

Technology: Volunteers are needed to run the sound booth. A second camera is needed for recording and live-streaming the Worship Service.

Senior Pastor:

Meeting adjourned 7:50

Reminders and Next Meeting: Tuesday,

August 18, 2020 6:00 pm.

Next Trimester Business Meeting: TBD



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Caitie Grither
4	Lauren Martin
6	Bob Heiple
6	Lola Wilkerson
8	Kathie Grob
10	Hannah Sims
11	Adam Coleman
14	Leanna Schnautz
15	Kim Grammer
17	Meghan Blechle
19	Darrell Ewbank
23	Lynn Brady
24	Ernie Miller
24	Jeff Wright
24	Karissa Lemons
25	Don Rahming
25	Ron Rahming
27	Kristy Dunning
29	T.J. Reiman

Murphysboro Food Pantry Needs Your HELP!!

The Need is Great
Please be Generous

Items to Donate

Non Perishable Items:
Hamburger Helper
Stuffing Mix
Breakfast Cereal
Mac & Cheese, Pasta
Boxed Dinners

Canned Items
Vegetables
Fruit
Pasta Sauces
Ravioli/Spagettios

Check Expiration Dates!!

Fresh Produce is always appreciated

Collection Points:

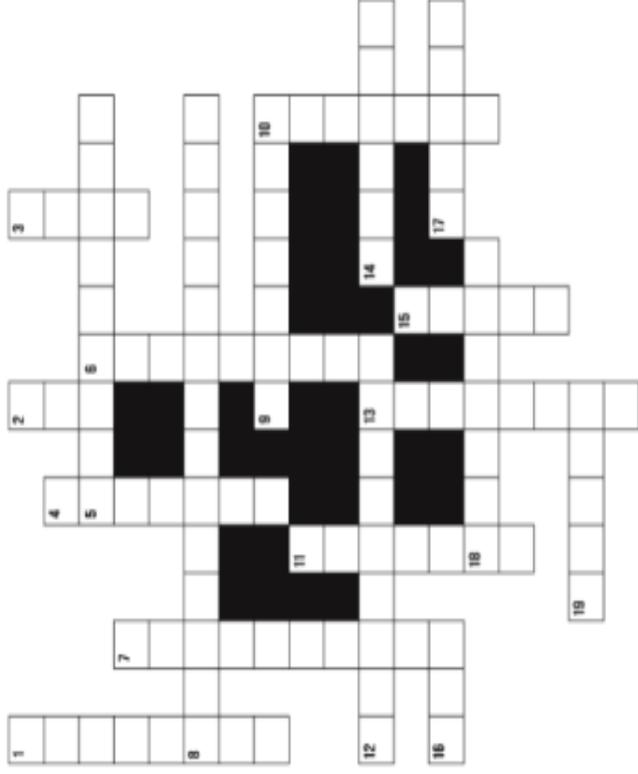
Elevator Entrance
South West Entrance
South East Entrance
Back Entrance to the Kitchen

Thank You
For Helping the
Murphysboro
Food Panty Feed
Our Neighbors



Puzzle!

Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God." Complete this crossword that emphasizes the natural phenomena of God's created world.



1. windy snowstorm
2. thick, obscuring mist
3. frozen rain pellets
4. an area's normal weather conditions
5. sudden electrostatic discharge in the sky
6. violent tropical storm
7. shaking of the earth's crust
8. northern lights
9. partial or full blockage of the sun or moon
10. wearing away of the soil
11. large mass of snow and ice
12. mass of snow, earth or rocks sliding down a mountain
13. the degree of moisture in the air
14. a spring that spews boiling water and steam
15. condensed water vapor in the atmosphere
16. frozen water
17. deluge
18. when day and night are of equal length
19. frozen dew or vapor

Answers: 1. blizzard, 2. fog, 3. hail, 4. climate, 5. lightning, 6. hurricane, 7. earthquake, 8. Aurora Borealis, 9. eclipse, 10. erosion, 11. glacier, 12. avalanche, 13. humidity, 14. geyser, 15. cloud, 16. ice, 17. flood, 18. equinox, 19. frost

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Enroll through the Kroger App by linking your Kroger card to FBC, every purchase you make, a donation will be made to the church.



**Children's and Student Groups
Start Sunday September 13th**
From 9:00-9:45

There will be three groups:

- 4 Years -2nd Grade
- 3rd- 5th Grade
- 6th -12th Grade

Please pick up your student at 9:45.

During Morning Worship the children will be dismissed to Children's Church

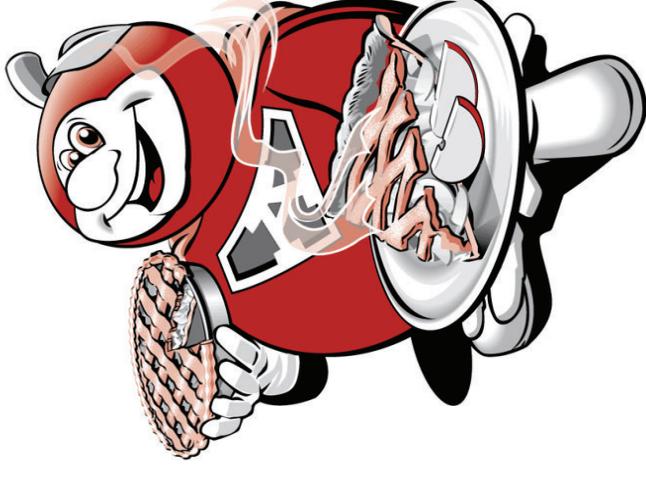


Vacation Bible School Update

VBS this year was held in August on Sunday evenings. It was held outside to meet the Covid guidelines. There were around 10 students participating weekly.

Thanks to all those that volunteered and met the challenges faced during this time.

Your efforts were greatly appreciated!!



Check out what's happening at the new website

www.murphysboroapplefestival.org

SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 8:40 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9:00 AM New Generation Small Group 10:00 AM Worship 5:30 PM In The Wild-VBS	31 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 7:00 PM Crossfire HS Guys Group	1 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	2 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 5:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study	3 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	4 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	5
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