

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9 AM
Living Out God's Word Small Group
New Generation Small Group
FBC Kids Club
4 Years -2nd Grades
3rd -5th Grades
Crossfire Students
6th - 12th Grades

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Every Sunday at 10:00 am
Children will be dismissed
to Kid's Church

CROSSFIRE HS GUYS GROUP
Mondays at 7:00 pm
CROSSFIRE GIRLS GROUP
Thursdays at 5:30 pm

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES WILL
NOT TAKE PLACE ON 11/11 & 11/25**

MEALS TO-GO OUTREACH
Wednesday 11/4 & 11/18
at 5:00 -6:00 pm
WOMEN'S & MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

MISSION TRIP MEETING
Sunday, November 15th after Worship

DECORATE THE CHURCH
Sunday, November 22nd after Worship

HANGING OF THE GREENS
Sunday, November 29th during Worship

BUSINESS MEETING
Sunday, December 6th after worship

Let us come
before him with
thanksgiving.
Psalm 95:2, NIV

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NOVEMBER 2020 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

LOOKING BEYOND OURSELVES

2 Kings 6:8-23

"8 Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place." 9 The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." 10 So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places. 11 This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?"

12 "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom." 13 "Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." 14 Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city. 15 When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had



surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked. 16 "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

18 As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, "Strike this army with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.

19 Elisha told them, "This is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for." And he led them to Samaria. 20 After they entered the city, Elisha said, "Lord, open the eyes of these men so they can see." Then the Lord opened their eyes and they looked, and there they were, inside Samaria. 21 When the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, "Shall I kill them, my father? Shall I kill them?" 22 "Do not kill them," he answered. "Would you kill those you have captured with your

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Decorating for Christmas

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

Everyone is invited to an afternoon of holiday spirit and fun on **Sunday, November 22nd**. 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

HANGING OF THE GREENS

The annual Hanging of the Greens will once again be during the morning worship service on **Sunday, November 29th, 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.

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own sword or bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and then go back to their master." 23 So he prepared a great feast for them, and after they had finished eating and drinking, he sent them away, and they returned to their master. So the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel's territory."

Trusting God means looking beyond what we can see to what God sees.

The story of Elisha tells us how sometimes we do not know how well God protects us. He has a better plan for us.

We see and face small and big trials in our lives. That is why we need to learn how to respond to our trials and difficulties. This is not the natural way. We tend to fear what we do not know, so we need to cultivate our intimate relationship with God; He knows how things will turn out. There is a difference between what we see and what He sees. Our faith needs to be strong knowing God is in control.

Who knows what God may accomplish through prayer. The prophet Elisha experienced the miraculous protection of God as the result of prayer. The king was looking to kill Elisha, so he sent a huge army to kill him. God sent a huge army to surround the City of Dothan.

The scripture says that Elisha's servant was fearful and the prophet asked God to open the servant's eyes. When the servant looked up, the hillside was filled with horses and chariots of fire-God's angels were protecting them. The king's army was blinded because the prophet prayed and asked for it. This again allows us to know that our prayers do find results. We are assured of God's protection as our intimacy with God increases. How do we intercede before God and see our prayers answered:

- Our prayers must flow from the heart.
- Our prayers must have a link between our need and God's inexhaustible resources.
- Our prayers need to be compassionate-we need to see through the eyes of Jesus.

d) We need to desire God's will and the best outcome from God's perspective.

e) We need to persevere and be consistent. James 5:16 says, *"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."* Prayer is effective and powerful.

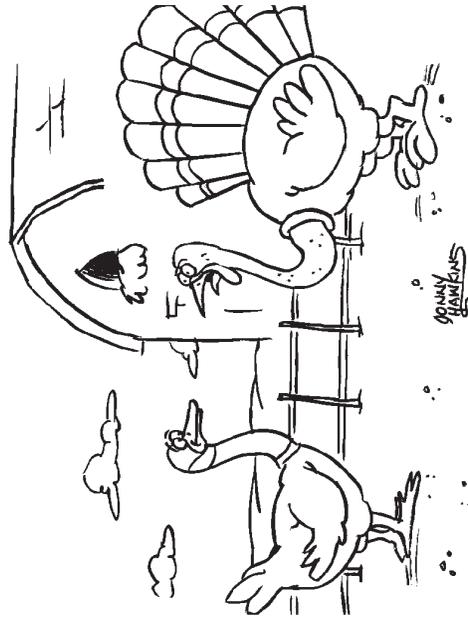
Finally, we need to accept that God knows best and will answer accordingly.

We can face any situation with confidence and hope, because it is not our strength, wisdom, energy or power that brings victory. Whatever we do is because of Jesus Christ's ability. When we trust HIM, we tap into an inexhaustible resource.

Hope you are enjoying the fall weather and looking forward to Thanksgiving and spending time with family. Let us also remember to be grateful for all our blessings.

God Bless.

In Christ's Steps,
Shaker



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

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Shaker.

Devotional: Pastor Shaker read several passages in Romans, John, Luke, he talked about seeking the Spirit, seeking guidance, and direction, then listening to the spirit for healing and peace. Acts 16:6-7, it talks about where do we get our direction? The Spirit leads us, do we listen to the Spirit? God rewards us when we seek Him.

Last Meeting's minutes: August minutes were approved by consensus.

Financial Report: The July report was approved by consensus.

Deacon's Report: The Deacon's met on August 14.

Ministry Team Reports:

Outreach and Evangelism:

September's "Apple" themed outreach was successful. Gift bags were appreciated.

Youth Discipleship & Children's Discipleship: August's VBS went well. Gave VBS attendees, a Fire and Ice gift certificate for a free snow cone.

Sunday school/small groups commenced on September 13. Attendance was small, didn't have any problems wearing masks.

Children's Church went well. Have a vacancy for a teacher.

Adult Discipleship:

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

Staff Relations:

Committee has tweaked the job description for the Director of Youth and Children's Ministry position to work as a Facilitator for school outreach. Will be posting the position on several websites.

Financial and Stewardship:

Committee working on Budget for 2021.

Building and Grounds:

Repairing drain to begin soon. Bell Tower rubber roof complete. Voss is waiting on a much

needed and hard to find part to complete the Parlor A/C installation. Repairs on youth house has begun. Estimated bid for Parlor Sound-proof dividers is \$9,041 (low end, not installed).
Getting bids on the following repairs:

Roofing/Brick flashing leaks on Education Wing Windows

Exposed bricks in the stairwells.

Suggested replacing toilets in Education Wing.

Emergency Response Team:

Map of Building / Emergency evacuation plan was tabled.

Worship Ministry:

Choir practice has resumed, with weekly devotion and practicing small ensembles.

Will look into opening additional space to accommodate increased attendance.

Sunday Services continue to aired online on the FBC Murphy Facebook page.

Discussing holding services outdoors.

Kitchen and Dinners:

Discussing providing Wednesday afternoon To-Go Meals for students.

Strategic Planning and Action:

Revised Constitution reviewed and discussed, will make minor changes.

Nominating Team:

New team of 3 consisting of 1 Council member, 1 Deacon and 1 at large. Will provide a document of Duties and Responsibilities to nominees.

Technology:

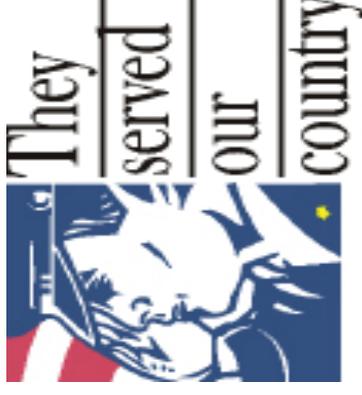
Kevin provided specs for a camcorder and a camera for recording and live-streaming the Worship Service. Committee discussed the items and chose the camera. Kevin will contact Don Rahmig for installation. Volunteers are needed to run the sound booth.

Senior Pastor:

Pastor continues to visit members.
Meeting adjourned 8:10

Reminders and Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 6:00 pm.

A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS



A special presentation on **Sunday, November 15th** during the worship service will recognize our veterans and how they served this great country.

If you are a part of the First Baptist family of faith, a veteran or currently serving in the military, and you have never submitted a picture of yourself with your military service and rank information, be sure to get your information to the church office or send to the tech team (techsupport@fbcmurphy.org by 11/8. We would love to include you as we honor our veterans.

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend Veterans' Sunday.



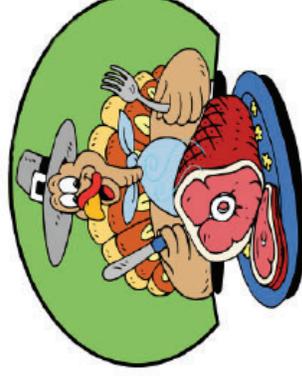
PLANNING FOR 2021 AT THE DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

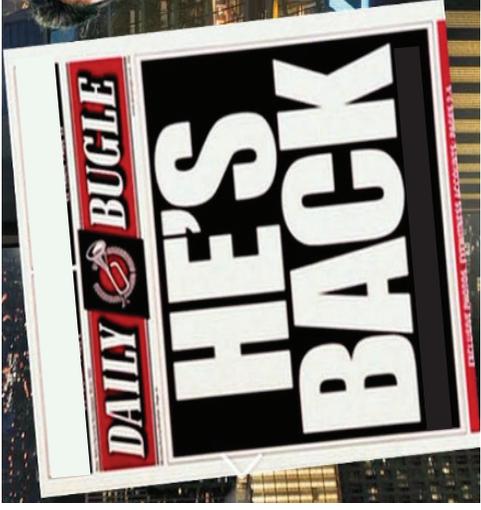
There will be a business meeting on **Sunday, December 6th**, immediately following the worship service at approximately **11:15 am**. The 2021 budget, new officers, deacons, and counsel members are on the agenda.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be at the Knight's of Columbus (606 Plum St.) on Thanksgiving Day. Drive through meals will be handled out starting at 11:00.





HE'S BACK! PRAISE GOD!

Jesse Boudet

**Our New
Director of
Ministries**

**GOD IS DONE IT AGAIN! PROVIDED THE
RIGHT PERSON TO MEET OUR NEEDS.
WELCOME BACK JESSE!!**

Small Groups

EXPLORE

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

SUNDAY CROSSFIRE STUDENT GROUP 9:00-9:45 6TH-12TH GRADE

**WEDNESDAY CROSSFIRE YOUTH 6:00-7:00 6TH-12TH GRADE
NOVEMBER 18 AND DECEMBER 2, 9, & 16**

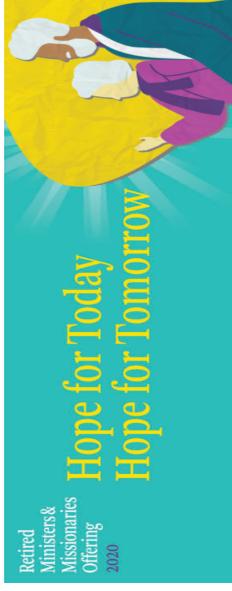


FOOD PANTRY ASKS FOR HOLIDAY FOOD ITEMS

For the holiday season, the Murphysboro Food Pantry would love to have a holiday food basket for all those who are unable to afford the additional expense of the special meal.

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

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



HELP SAY THANK YOU BY GIVING TO THE RMMO

Following God's call doesn't come without certain sacrifices. Retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses often have limited options for adequately planning for the future. RMMO provides financial support for retired ministers, missionaries and their spouses who have helped build our churches. When our retired ministers and missionaries experience worry for unforeseen expenses, RMMO exists to help alleviate the stress and hardship of unexpected expenses.

Your generosity to RMMO will help meet the needs of those who spent their lives doing what God commissioned them to do... spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



**ORDER A POINSETTIA
IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE**

8" foil-wrapped pot: \$11

**Envelopes are at the
Welcome Center**

Real Thanksgiving is Thanksliving!



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

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

**BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY**



PEANUT ROLLS

Just in time for the Christmas holiday events. The Mission Team will be making those fabulous FBC Peanut Rolls on **Friday, December 4th**. The cost is \$12 a dozen. If you would like to order a dozen or two or three (they freeze wonderfully), contact Kristy Dunning or the church office.

Volunteers to help would be appreciated!!!

DEMONSTRATE YOUR THANKFULNESS THIS SEASON

Each holiday season, First Baptist Church anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year.

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at www.fbcmurphy.org and locate the Online Giving button. Or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed **Wednesday, November 11th**, so the staff can observe the Veterans Day holiday and spend time with their families.

The office will also be closed **Thursday, November 26th**, and **Friday, November 27th**, for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. In case of an emergency, Pastor Shaker can be reached at home.

The **Wednesday evening activities** will **NOI** take place on **November 11th & 25th**.

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.



NOVEMBER 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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