



CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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*** NOEL Hallelujah MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR ***

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES WILL
NOT TAKE PLACE ON 12/23 & 12/30**

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9 AM
LIVING OUT GOD'S WORD SMALL GROUP
NEW GENERATION SMALL GROUP

FBC KIDS CLUB

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

CROSSFIRE STUDENTS

6th-12th

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Every Sunday at 10:00

Children will be dismissed to Kid's Church

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Worship Service
Sunday, November 29

BUSINESS MEETING

11:15 am Sunday, December 6

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

10 am Sunday, December 20

**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

6 pm Thursday, December 24

Upcoming December Events



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DECEMBER 2020 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

A CHILD IS BORN

Isaiah 9:6

*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his
shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

(NIV)

Isaiah wrote this prophecy at least a hundred years before they were taken in captivity; nearly 600 years before the birth of Jesus.

Our policies and government seem as though they are a necessary evil. We recognize the failures of human solutions, but we know something must be done to fix what is broken in the world. What man cannot do, God has done. He gave us the Messiah.

"The government will be on His shoulders" affirms His lordship. This verse also looks to His future when Christ will reign in the kingdom, which will encompass all the governments of the world.

At that time the world will rest on His shoulders, but until that time His rule is invisible, because He is the ruler of the



world, even now.

Who are the ones He rules? He rules those who trust Him and obey Him as Lord and Savior. Jesus said in John 14:6 "Jesus answered, *'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'*" (NIV) No one else can match what He said. It is He to whom we must ultimately trust to rule our lives.

Jesus reign is free from chaos. He is the one who brought creation to order out of chaos. He brings order to the troubled lives of all who surrender to Him. He is God. He brings order to the troubled lives of all who surrender to Him. Their lives will find the power of the mighty God unleashed in their lives to help them to obey.

The Bible says in Revelation 1:8 "*I am the Alpha and the Omega,*" says the Lord God, "*who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.*" (NIV) This is very reassuring to us to know who is in control.

He alone comprehends the complexities of time and eternity. There never has been peace on earth in the sense we think. Wars and rumors of war have characterized the entire time since Jesus birth.

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But we need not despair if we have yielded our lives to the authority of His government. Psalms 147:11 "the Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love." (NIV) We must acknowledge that He gave His own sinless, guiltless life on our behalf. He died for our sins to save us from God's righteous wrath. Romans 5:6-8, "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!" (NIV)

We are looking forward to the day when the final solution, through Him, will bring world peace. His will be the greatest government, because it will be ruled by the greatest ruler-- the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. He is our only hope. As we look forward to the Christmas Season, we need to hold on to that what we are going through will end and there is a glorious future ahead of us.

The Pastor, Nicolette, and Hannah, as a family, extend our Christmas greetings and blessings on each and every one of you.

God Bless

In Christ's Steps
Pastor Shaker



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSES FOR HOLIDAYS

The church office will be closed **Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th** so the staff may spend the Christmas holiday with their families. Please bring your holiday guests and family to the **Christmas Worship** at 10 am on Sunday, December 20 and **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** at 6:00 pm on Thursday, December 24th.

The church office will also be closed on **Friday, January 1st**. In case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Shaker.



During this Christmas season, your church staff wishes you the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace that knowing Jesus brings. May your Christmas be filled with joy. May God continue to bless you in the coming year as He has blessed us so richly this past year. Thank you for letting us serve you in 2020!

Pastor Shaker, Gayla, Jesse, Denise, Jacob, Bradley, Allison, Maria & Kathie



Hanging of the Greens

10 am Sunday, November 29

This holiday service starts the advent season of our Savior's birth. It will take everyone through the significance of the decorations which adorn our Sanctuary and building.

Christmas Worship

10 am Sunday, December 20

Hallelujah, Jesus Is Here! It will be a service of great celebration of our Lord's birth and will have it all...carols, worship, praise, prayer and a message filled with the most glorious gift of all...the message of Jesus Christ & the amazing gifts He gives to the world.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

6 pm Thursday, December 24

This is a very special service with our church being decorated with candlelight, holiday decor and the sounds of the Christmas season. It will be a beautiful and reflective service of the wondrous gift of Jesus' birth.

27TH MURPHYSBORO COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER



to aired online on the FBC Murphy Facebook page.

Kitchen and Dinners: Resumed Wednesday night To-Go Meals. The members of the mission trip team are passing out the Wednesday night's meals.

Nominating Team: Team consists of Judy Rawls, Linda Wright and Kathy Grob.

Technology: Planning the installation of the new camera for recording and live-streaming the Worship Service. Volunteers are needed to run the sound booth.

Senior Pastor: Pastor continues to visit members. Mentioned that Kathy Grob will host a Wednesday evening Ladies Bible Study start Wednesday, October 21.

Meeting adjourned 7:40
Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 6:00 pm.
Next Trimester Business Meeting: December 06, 2020



BUSINESS MEETING PLANNED
There will be a business meeting on **Sunday, December 4th**, immediately following the morning worship service at approximately **11:15 am**. The 2020 budget, Constitution, new officers, deacons and counsel members are on the agenda. Plan to stay. Your input is always important and welcome. Packets can be picked up at the Welcome Center or you can call the office and have one mailed/mailed to you.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Shaker.

Devotion: Pastor Shaker read from Jeremiah Additions: Scott Evans attended to discuss the layout of the Financial report.

Deacon's Report: The Deacon's met on October 12.

Ministry Team Reports:
Outreach and Evangelism: Church will participate in the neighborhood trick or treating, Saturday, October 31.

Missions: The Mission Trip Team held a carwash at Wright's Do it Center on Saturday October 10, had nice weather, washed lots of cars. Wright's will match 20% of the amount raised.

Children's Discipleship: Sunday school attendance is small and going well.
Staff Relations: Committee changed the title to from Director of Youth and Children Ministry, to Ministry Director and interviewed Jesse Boudet, for the position. The Council approved the title change and the hiring of Jesse, with the start date of Wednesday, October 21.

Building and Grounds: Repairing drain to begin Mid October. Parlor A/C is complete in Music room, awaiting ceiling installation completion. Replace carpet in Music room. Council approved permission to get bids. Getting bids on the following repairs:
* Water leaking down wall in the Deacon Care Team closet, it unclear where the leak begins.

* Roofing/Brick flashing leaks on Education Wing Windows.
* Exposed bricks in the stairwells.
Special Events(Outreach): Trunk or Treating will take place after worship service on October 25.

Worship Ministry: Sunday Services continue

Everyone is invited to the 27th Annual Murphysboro Community Drive Through Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, **December 25th from 11:00 am-1:00 pm** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 606 Plum St.

This is a community event and everyone is welcome.



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.

PEANUT ROLLS FOR THE SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Just in time for Christmas and your holiday events. The Summer 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 at 534-3054 or the church office. The peanut rolls can be picked up at the church on Friday evening, December 4th and Sunday morning, December 6th.



HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

3	Carol Brown	30	Christina Hunziker
3	Verna Nobel	31	Mike Mifflin
5	Justin Raines	31	Joel Samuel
6	Karen Rahming		
6	Machelle Mifflin		
6	Carol Klaine		
7	Glenann Kiel		
9	Maddie Rowe		
13	Kay Hamilton		
13	Traci Hunziker		
13	Nancy Ellis		
13	Blake Derocher		
14	Zander Smith		
14	Dakota Smith		
16	Tylor Grob		
21	Sylvia Carvell		
21	Jesse Stilley		
27	Helen Payne		
27	Connor McBride		
27	Karter Holland		
28	Courtney Raines		
28	Ethan Penrod		
29	Terri Miller		



CARES Act Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

How the CARES Act May Benefit You

On March 27, the U.S. Congress and President Trump passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act. for 2020 only, the CARES Act makes a new deduction available for charitable gifts: up to \$300 per taxpayer (\$600 for married couple) in annual contributions.

* For taxpayers who don't itemize their deduction in 2020

* For taxpayers who do itemize their deductions in 2020

* For donors who are age 70 1/2 or older

WORDS OF APPRECIATION FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We appreciate Pastor Shaker taking part in praying at the cemetery. John thought so much of Pastor Shaker and the church, Thanks for the beautiful white rose in the vase in memory of John. Thank you for your prayers and visits throughout John's journey.

Pam & Paul (Gene) Crain

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Thank you for your support to the Miller family.

Thank you for your kind words. Bruce & Kathy Doerr

DECEMBER 2020

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