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Sunday, February 14

FEBRUARY UPcoming EVENTS

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

NEW GENERATION SMALL GROUP

FBC KIDS CLUB
4 Years-5th Grade

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10 AM
Worship
Children will be dismissed to Kid's Church

WEDNESDAYS EVENINGS 6-7 PM

The Men's Bible Study
is led by Steve Wilkerson
studying John.
Women's Bible Study
is led by Kathie Grob & Judy Rawls
studying Isaiah.

CROSSFIRE YOUTH SMALL GROUP
Grades 6th-12th
Wednesday Evenings 5-7 PM

MEALS-TO-GO
Starts back up in February

LOOKING FORWARD
June 6-11 VBS
June 25-29 Crossings Youth Camp
July 28-31 Crossing Kid's Camp

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FEBRUARY 2021 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

HOLY SPIRIT LED

"While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, 'Simon, three men are looking for you. So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them'" Acts 10:9-19-20 (NIV)

The above passage is an intriguing one. We all have questions and wonder who can give me a correct answer. We do not want to make wrong decisions, so we ask the people whom we trust.

The scripture tells us the only guide worth trusting is the Holy Spirit. He is the one who knows our past because we read in Psalm 139: 13, *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb."* (NIV) He is saying that God actually knit me in my mother's womb. In Psalm 139:2, *"You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar."* (NIV) we read that God had searched and knew him. So where should we go for answers? It is God. Jesus has provided us with the counselor, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit knows God's plan and purpose for us each and every day. He also knows what is good and right for us. Jeremiah 29:11, *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you,*

plans to give you hope and a future." says He knows the plans for us and they are good. Obviously the Holy Spirit is the one to go to for answers. In John 16:13, *"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come;"* (NIV) Jesus said the Spirit is truth who will give answers from God. The Holy Spirit need to be like our compass.

God knows what to do and when to do it. When we read about the disciples, we find that they were led by the Spirit. The Spirit also provided personal and specific guidance. Acts 11:12, *"The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six*

brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house." Acts 13:2, *"While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them,'"* and Acts 16:6, *"Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia,"* (NIV) shares that Paul and his companions were kept from preaching in the province of Asia.

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Small Groups

Crossfire

STUDENT MINISTRIES

HIGH SCHOOL GUYS GROUP

EVERY MONDAY AT 7:00 PM IN THE YOUTH HOUSE

STUDING THE BOOK OF JONAH

GIRLS GROUP STARTS 2/11/21

Middle School & High School Girls

EVERY THURSDAY AT 5:30-7:00 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

STARTING A FRANCIS CHAN VIDEO SERIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDENT GROUP 5:00-7:00 PM

6TH-12TH GRADE @ THE YOUTH HOUSE

DINNER, GAMES AND BIBLE STUDY (BOOK OF JAMES)

TALK TO JESSE AT 618-713-7505 IF YOU WANT TO JOIN OR HAVE QUESTIONS



Kathi Grob is the new
**Sunday Morning
Kids Coordinator.**

She will be in the kids area
during 9 AM classes and Kid's
Church.

CHILDREN'S GROUPS
EVERY SUNDAY

From 9:00-9:45
4 Years -5th Grade

Please pick up your student at 9:45.

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

They are currently learning:
Armor of God
Fruits of the Spirit
Spiritual Gifts

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the leader of the early church relied on the Holy Spirit. How do we access the Holy Spirit?

(a) We need to know Jesus as our personal Lord and Savior. Admitting we are sinners, and we need to be washed by the blood of Jesus Christ.

(b) We must stay yielded to the Spirit so we can give mental assent to the Spirit, and we must obey His prompting.

(c) We must listen to the Spirit when it directs us from something harmful. For example, sensing/feeling trouble, an uneasiness in our spirit of heaviness, etc. Also when the Holy Spirit is directing us towards helpful things, we feel peace, eagerness to do good, and also a feeling of joy,

Finally, we must believe and obey the

guidance of the Holy Spirit. For this to happen we also need to actively seek the Holy Spirit. In Hebrews 11:6, *"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."* (NIV) we read that by faith and earnestly seeking Him, we find Him.

This is not only good for each one of us, it is also good for our families and the church body.

The spirit of truth is like an inner compass for guidance. His will gives us answers.

Have a Happy Valentines Day.

God's Blessings

In Christ's Steps

Pastor Shaker



**SAVE THE
DATE
VBS
JUNE
6-11**



Youth Camp June 25-29

Kid's Camp July 28-31

Deadline to register 3/28

\$75 reserves your spot

Scholarships available on case by case
if needed.

Packets available from Jesse.

CROSSINGS
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**Church Office Closes
for Presidents' Day
Monday, February 15th**

The church office will be closed Monday,
February 15th, so the staff may spend the
Presidents' Day holiday with their families.

In case of an emergency,
Pastor Shaker can be reached at home.
Have a wonderful and safe holiday!!

WORDS OF APPRECIATION TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you to our church family for the flower, the prayers & the love shown always and especially at this time.

God's Love . . .

Barbara, Vicki & Family

I just wanted to say thank you for the cookies. It was very thoughtful of everyone. We (GJAL) all appreciated them.

Sheri (teacher's aide)

Thanks very much to each and every person who prepared cookies/candies delivered by our special ladies for the Ministry Care Team. Gene & I were among the recipients & it truly was "fun" to mimic Forest Gump & choose a cookie/candy to sample! Gene has fully recovered from his surgery & the goodies helped, for sure! in Christian Love,

Gene & Carole Ebersohl
Love in Christ our Lord.

Thanks for the cookies!

Carruthers School

We appreciate your continual support. Always! You guys give BIG! Take Care.

Megan Austin

Murphysboro Food Bank

Thank you so much for your end of year giving that helped meet a big need for us financially. You gave over a thousand dollars in Nov/Dec. This helps free us up to focus on our new roles. Your partnership is helping new people across the US hear of Christ.

Ryan & Beth McFarland

Dear First Baptist Church,

Hello, my name is Amanda Speith and I am the Coordinator of Student Success at Trico CUSD 176. I am writing to express a profound and overwhelming thank you for the gift cards you sent to support our students. Your contribution to our school and students is greatly appreciated and I am excited about working with you to meet the needs of our Trico Family.

Best Regards
Amanda Speith



**Yearly giving statement have been mailed out.
If you didn't receive one contact Denise.**

Email her at

**financialsecretary@fbcmurphy.org
or contact the Church Office**



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**Available at the
Church on Tuesday
February
23rd**

DECEMBER 15, 2020 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

Opening Prayer: Pastor Shaker

Devotional: Pastor Shaker shared why God chose the name Jesus, Jehovah (Yahweh) will save. Immanuel, God with us. Matthew 1:21 & 23

Ministry Care Team Report: The Ministry Care Team met on December 14.

Ministry Team Reports:

- Youth Discipleship: Youth small groups are still meeting. Sent cookies and hot chocolate Thank You gifts to Community Employees. Sent out Thinking of You and Dairy Queen gift cards to students. Made gift bags for Shut-Ins. Helped a family provided by the Jackson County Health Department..

- Children's Discipleship: Sunday morning ministry attendance is small and going well. Teacher position for the 3rd-5th graders, has been filled. Helped a family in need. Information was provided by the Jackson County Health Department.

- Adult and Family Discipleship: Men's and Women's small groups attendance is steady. Starting additional groups.

- Staff Relations: Team and Shaker met with the staff, reviewed their duties and responsibilities.

- Financial and Stewardship: Brought to our attention that the Building Fund's negative funds needed to be rectified before year end. Council voted to transfer funds from the Business Savings Account to the Building Fund. Offering Envelopes will be placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday.

- Building and Grounds: Updating Worship Director Office, getting bids on carpeting. Kitchen Refrigerator/Freezer broke, new freezer has been ordered. Boiler Pump repaired. Getting bids on the following repairs: Water leaking in the Ministry Care Team's

closet. Roofing/Brick flashing leaks on Education Wing Windows. Exposed bricks in the stairwells. Parlor Sound-proof dividers

- Emergency Response Team: Judy offered to present "Refuse to be a Victim" defense class.

- Worship Ministry: Sunday Services continue to aired online on the FBC Murphy Facebook page.

- Kitchen and Dinners: Wednesday night To-Go Meals will continue on February 3.

- Nominating Team: Volunteers still needed for Leadership and Ministry Care Teams.

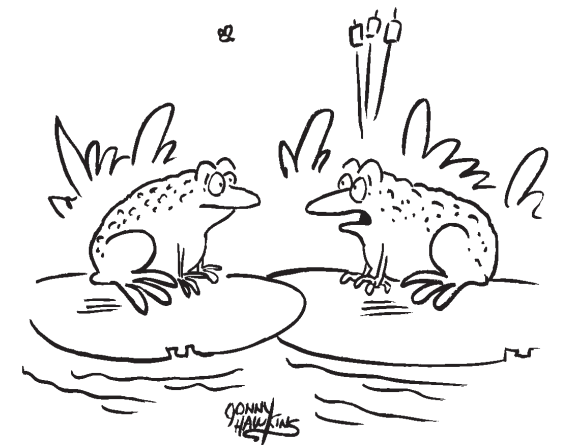
- Technology Team: Volunteers are needed to run the sound booth. New streaming camera has been installed, streaming continuing to improve.

- Senior Pastor: Pastor continues to visit members.

Meeting adjourned 7:47 Reminders and Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 5:00 pm.

Next Trimester Business Meeting: March 16, 2021



"Do you promise to love me, warts and all?"

Volunteers Needed:

The Worship Team is looking for musicians and singers. Please talk to Jacob, the Worship Director if you are interested. Contact the Church Office @ 687-1769 or email Jacob at jacob@fbcmurphy.org.

The Sound and Video Team is looking for Volunteers. Contact Jacob, Bradley, or Jesse if interested or contact the church office @ 687-1769.

Leadership Council and Ministry Care Team are still in need of people to serve.

The Building and Grounds team is hard at work! The Youth House is getting new wiring, siding, windows, and new internet connections. The Worship Office is being renovated with a new ceiling, paint job, and carpet. The van is getting repainted. Various leaks around the church are being fixed



The High Schools guys group is offering to do odd jobs at peoples houses to help pay for their future events and retreats. Talk to Jacob to arrange for them to work for you. \Contact Jacob at: jacob@fbcmurphy.org or the Church Office @ 687-1769



We continue to stream Worship Service on Sunday morning. Please tune in if you can't make it in person. We continue to make improvements to our streaming platform. Here's the link:

<https://business.facebook.com/firstbaptistmurphy/videos/255797712777321/>

MISSION News

Every month in 2021, Missions will be highlighting a different mission we support.

Information on that mission will be given out during worship, as well as put in the newsletter, bulletin, website and Facebook.

February's Mission is the Food Pantry



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

3	Laura Sims	21	David Blaise
3	Hannah Cole	22	Tina Evans
5	Cathy Blaise	22	Kasey Schwarz
5	Carole Ebersohl	23	Bill Boudet
6	Brittany Hanson	24	Rachel Burroughs
6	Adam Reiman	26	Audra McBride
9	Shirley Dougan	27	Janet Caraway
9	Stephanie Dillow	28	Jarrod Echols
9	Lou Bigler	28	Alaina Dillow
11	Brett Doerr		
13	Jayne Blandford		
13	Judy Raines		
13	Alesia Beanland		
14	Julie McGinnis		
15	Patti Boudet		
16	Harry & Gayle Gillmore		
18	Eddie Reiman		



FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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