



UPCOMING MARCH 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 5-6 PM
MEALS-TO-GO

WEDNESDAYS 6-7 PM
THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
is led by Steve Wilkerson
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
is led by Kathie Grob & Judy Rawls

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

MARCH 6-10
HS GUYS COLORADO RETREAT

MARCH 26
PEANUT ROLLS

MARCH 28
YOUTH BONFIRE 5-9 PM
At the Dunnings

APRIL 1
MAUNDY THURSDAY
Church Open for Prayer 5-9 PM
Virtual Service Live on Facebook at 7:00 pm
and playing in the auditorium



FBC MURPHY

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MARCH 2021 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

GOD IS OUR ROCK

*"Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.
From the ends of the earth I call to you, I
call as my heart grows faint; lead me to
the rock that is higher than I. For you
have been my refuge, a strong tower
against the foe."* Psalm 61:1-3(NIV)

Have you ever wondered how the author of "The Wizard of Oz" came up with the Land of Oz? According to Frank Baum, one day he was glancing at the filing cabinet in his office and one of them was labeled O-Z. He discarded the dash and the name OZ came about. There might be several stories about how he came up with it. One story is, Oz is Hebrew word meaning:



"strength, might, power." Perhaps Baum knew this and thought it was the perfect name for a sham wizard who needed to project an oversized image for himself. (This is from a devotional by Ann Spangler, and this is her speculation.) This is a wonderful story.

In Hebrew scriptures the word oz is often used to describe God's power or strength.

As you look into the history of Psalm 61 when David might have written it, you will find he was in a terrible place. His sons were rebelling against him and the oldest

was even wanting to kill him. He was on the run and his problems were pursuing him. He had no where to turn but to God. David knew how God had always been his strength. So we see him cry out to God. Pleading for him to hear him. David finds solace and refuge in God. Psalm 62:1-2, *"Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken,"*(NIV) shows the strength is in God.

When we are going through our struggles we have a source we can go to. Maybe the pandemic is stressing you, causing you health problems, financial problems, emotional distress or depression. God is our answer again. We read in, Psalm 62:8, *"Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge,"*(NIV) tells us where to pour out our hearts and take refuge.

We need to hold on to some important things about God:

- (a) He is still on the throne.
- (b) He is in charge of the situation.
- (c) He can be trusted.

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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

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GROUP

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

STARTING A FRANCIS CHAN VIDEO SERIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH 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

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
about Spiritual Gifts**



ORDER A
LILY IN MEMORY
OF A LOVED ONE
ORDERS DUE SUNDAY MARCH 14TH
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(d) He is our help and

(d) He is great and He is good.

Our attitude is everything. We need to center our thoughts on Jesus because ultimately He will carry you through the situation. God's all surpassing strength is always with us. Look at the end of Psalm 61:8, *"Then I will ever sing in praise of your name and fulfill my vows day after day,"* (NIV) David says he will praise God continually both in the good and difficult times. No longer should we be held captive by our problems. When we are resting in God's strength, we will not be shaken. We cannot depend on our own talents, strength and abilities to get through difficult times. The sooner we learn God is our rock and strength, we are better off. Let us lean on God and be on our way to joy. Unlike the Wizard of Oz, who is a sham, God is our refuge.

Looking forward to spring. God Bless!

In His Steps
Shaker

CROSSFIRE YOUTH + THEIR FAMILIES

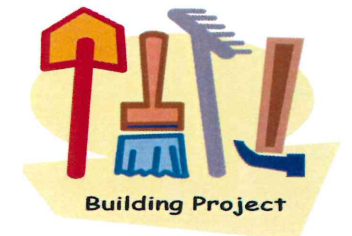
BONFIRE + WEINER ROAST SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH, STARTING AT 4:00 PM



at John & Kristy Dunnings
2368 Watt Hill Rd, Murphysboro

Parking is limited
The bus will leave the church at 3:45 pm

A Pavilion is in the works for the Fenced in Area
For use by the church, youth, & kid's ministry
\$15,000 for on materials is projected
Monetary Donations and Labor Donations to help Build
will be graciously accepted.



PEANUT ROLLS

Just in time for the Easter. The Mission Team will be making those fabulous FBC Peanut Rolls on **Friday, March 26th**. Pick up on Saturday. The cost is \$15 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!!!

MISSION of the Month

InterVarsity Ministry Update from Rachel Edgar

God has been so faithful in continuing to impact the lives of college students during the pandemic! Despite being virtual, our fellowship plant has seen over 15 students become regularly involved in small group, and one new student leader. Praise God!

As the economic situation has impacted many of my financial partners for the ministry, we are needing \$1,000/month more in support for the upcoming school year. If you would prayerfully consider becoming a monthly partner at \$25, \$50 or \$100/month, I trust that God will call the people needed to meet the ministry's needs. ☐

To give, you can go to
givetoiv.org/redgar or contact Rachel at rachel.edgar@intervarsity.org



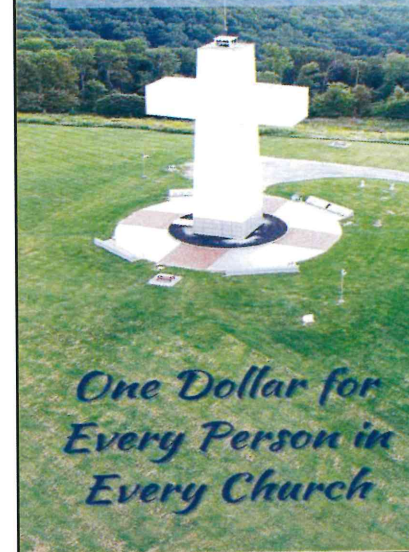
Your Building and Grounds team is hard at work trying to maintain safe and welcoming facilities for all to enjoy. The Youth House has been rewired to bring it up to code. The new internet connection is up and running like a charm. Windows and siding are on order and all work on the Youth House should be completed by mid-April. The Worship Office work has been completed. The next project in the works is upgrading some of the wiring in the rental house. New GFIs in the kitchen, correct type exterior outlets with covers, a bit of rewiring and a new breaker box. Several other projects, that we hope to announce soon, are in the planning stages. Please, if you see something that needs fixing, bring it to our attention and we'll do our best to get it done!



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

*One for
the Cross*



*One Dollar for
Every Person in
Every Church*

COLLECTED
PALM
SUNDAY
MARCH 28



HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

2	Adrienne Hardwig	15	Addilyn Reiman
2	Logan Evans	15	Steve Wilkerson
3	Mindy Byram	16	Christina Oldham
4	Scott Evans	17	David Coleman
4	Amy Reiman	17	Barb Troutman
5	Darrell Verbal	17	Brad Blaise
6	Herb Dougan	18	Trey Troutman
6	Melinda Holland	20	Frank Aldridge
6	Jan Etherton	26	Grant Brown
6	Myah Kelley	27	Jeff Reiman
9	Pat Etherton	27	Judy Rawls
11	Patty Koenig	28	Jerry Nance
12	Patricia Boudet	29	Jared Blandford
14	Ed Miller	30	Becky Doerr
14	Jonathan Hunziker	30	Kylie Martin
15	Tina Shinskey	30	Rachel Edgar
15	Maxine Crowell		

Leadership Council Meeting January 19, 2021

Opening Prayer: Pastor Shaker

Devotional: Pastor Shaker spoke of Intentional Change, using JFK's inaugural speech, replacing country for church, "Ask not what your church can do for you, but ask what you can do for your church".

Deacon's Report: The Deacon's met on January 11.

Ministry Team Reports:

- Outreach, Evangelism & Missions: Kristy Dunning, Tina Evans A member of the Mission Board will have personal contact with every ministry that is receiving financial support from FBC on a monthly basis. This will allow the board to evaluate each of these ministries to determine if their activities are aligned with our church's mission and for continued support. One ministry will be promoted monthly to the church through the monthly newsletter, social media, and Sunday morning worship.

- Youth & Kids Ministry: Kari Graff, Tammy Davis Sunday Morning Kids Class and Kids Church is going great! We had 11 kids last Sunday! Kids church will focus on the Armor of God, Fruits of the Spirit, and Spiritual Gifts over the next 2 months. The MS/HS small group that we moved from Sunday's at 9am to Wednesdays at 6pm has started and we are working on building that up. Kids and Youth Summer Camp has moved their deadlines for 1st payments for students to the end of March. We have moved Kathie on Staff from Nursery Coordinator to Sunday Morning Kids Coordinator. She will be back in the Kids area from 8:30am-11:30am each week making sure kids are taken care of along with the volunteers.

- Adult Small Groups & Bible Studies Ministry: Kari Graff & Steve Wilkerson Men's Group, lead by Steve Wilkerson and Women's group, lead by Kathie Grob and Judy Rawls meet on Wednesday evenings Two adult groups/Sunday school classes, led by Vicki Ardrey and Suzanne Goad, meet in

person and via Zoom on Sunday mornings. We hope to have more classes in the future.

- Building and Grounds: Judy Rawls, Tony Stamm Worship Director Office update is underway. Youth house siding/windows/wiring/backstairs carpeting. Committee approved making Youth house repairs. Getting bids on the following repairs: Water leaking in the Deacon Care Team closet, it's unclear where the leak begins. Roofing/Brick flashing leaks on Education Wing Windows. Exposed bricks in the stairwells. Parlor Sound-proof dividers. Cost of building Pavilion. The Committee approved the transfer of \$30,000.00 from the Investment account to cover needed repairs.

- Worship Ministry: Vicki Ardrey, Tina Evans Sunday Services continues to be aired online on the FBC Murphy Facebook page.

- Technology Team: Kevin Penrod Volunteers are needed to run the sound booth. Team looking into running a cable for a Wireless Bridge/Internet to Youth house. Working on getting new speakers connected and synced with sound booth.

- Senior Pastor: Pastor continues to visit members. Encouraged Committee to reach out to members.

- Ministry Director: Has met with staff and volunteers, looking forward to holding events and meetings for the youth.

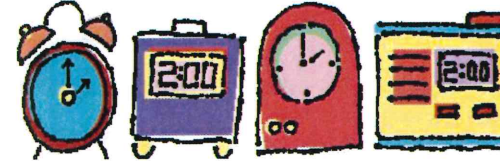
Meeting adjourned 8:30

Reminders and Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:00 pm.

Next Trimester Business Meeting: March, 2021

IT'S COMING... DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

On Sunday, March 14th, Daylight Savings Time springs forward. Be sure to turn your clocks **forward one hour** before going to bed Saturday night, March 13th. You want to be sure to be on time for church Sunday morning!



AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2021 For the Purpose of Equipping Saints EPHESIANS 4:11-13 (NIV)

MARCH IS "AMERICA FOR CHRIST" MONTH

The America for Christ (AFC) Offering 2021 theme—"For the Purpose of Equipping Saints" based on Ephesians 4:11-13; "the gifts he gave were that some would be apostles some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers. to equip the saints for the work of the ministry." We must embody the love of our Lord in work and deed. Giving to the AFC offering is one way to show the love all of the above. For your convenience, enclosed with this newsletter is an America for Christ offering envelope.

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
Proclaim. Transform. Worship.

Trimester Business Meeting

The trimester business meeting will be **Sunday, March 21** immediately following the worship service at approximately at 11:15 am. Please plan to stay.

MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 8:40 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9:00 AM FBC Kids Club 9:00 AM Living Out God's Word Small Group 9:00 AM New Generation Small Group 10:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Kid's Church	1 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 7:00 PM Crossfire HS Guys Group	2 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	3 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 5:00 PM Wednesday Dinner To-Go Program 5:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00 PM Crossfire Youth Small Group 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study	4 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 6:00 PM Crossfire Girls Group	5 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	6
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