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## APRIL UPcoming EVENTS

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

**SUNDAY MORNINGS STARTING  
APRIL 11TH**  
Infants-5th Grade  
AWANA GO!  
9-10 am  
AWANA KIDS CLUB  
10-11 AM

**SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10 AM**  
WORSHIP

**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

**LOOKING FORWARD**  
THURSDAY, MAY 6TH  
National Day of Prayer

# FBC MURPHY

Connect. Grow. Go.  
**APRIL 2021 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER**

## JESUS~EXAMPLE OR SACRIFICE?

*Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."*

*Matthew 26:39(NIV)*

Some believe that Jesus came to show us how to live a good life-- and to be sure, he *is* our example of righteousness. We are to become like him. But that isn't the reason Jesus came. He came to earth so that he could die a sacrificial, substitutionary, all-sufficient atonement death for your sins.

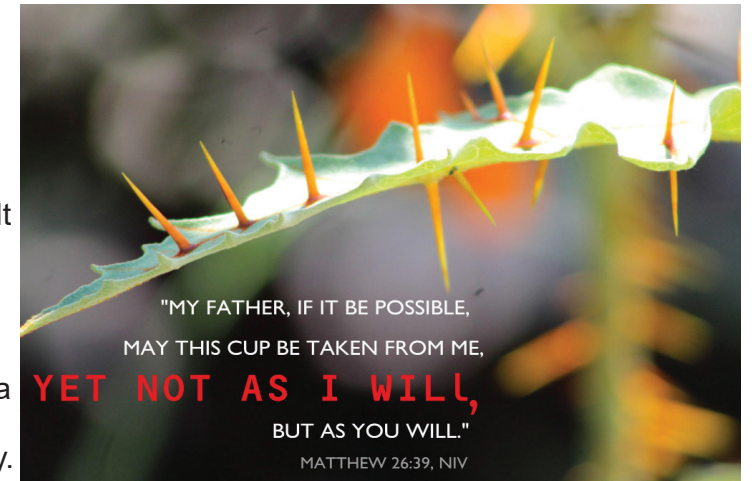
If Jesus had not come, there would be no crucifixion or resurrection. The New Testament consistently confronts us with this message: *Christ died for us.*

Jesus came so that you and I might have eternal life through the forgiveness he provides. But we must come to him and confess our transgressions. When we do, he saves us and removes the burden of our guilt and shame.

Accepting him as your Savior is an act of faith and not of works. There is nothing you can do to earn salvation. It is a free gift he gives to those who come to him seeking his mercy.

If you are looking for forgiveness on the basis of your pleas, promises and performance, then you will remain in your sins. Only if you accept his sacrifice will you open yourself to receiving the fullness of God's life-giving Spirit. Take time right now to tell him that you need him and that you want to be set free from every sin that would prevent you from experiencing his best. When you do, your life will change. The burden of your heart will lift, and you will be free to experience the fullness of God's unconditional love.

*Excerpt from the Charles Stanley Life Principle Bible*



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

# Introducing...



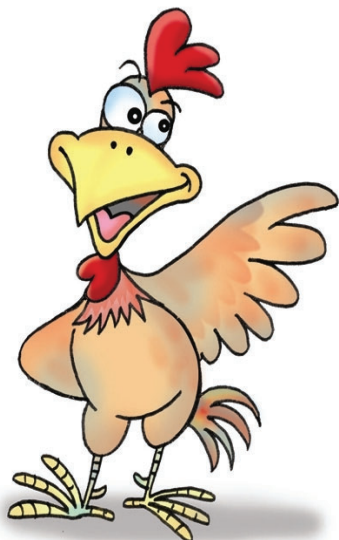
A Brand New Kids Program!!!

Infants-5th Grade!

AWANA GO! starts at 9AM

AWANA Kids Club is at 10AM during Worship

For more details check out [www.fbcmurphy.org/AWANA](http://www.fbcmurphy.org/AWANA)



## CHICKEN & DUMPLING DINNER FUNDRAISER

**SUNDAY, April 18th**

**Pick up TO-GO after Worship Service**

Donations Accepted

Everyone is invited to get some of FBC's finest chicken and dumplings. (Baptists are known for making the best.) Your generosity will help with the expenses on the summer mission trip. Be sure to let your family, friends and neighbors know.

## 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  
Southwest Entrance  
Southeast Entrance  
Back Entrance to the Kitchen

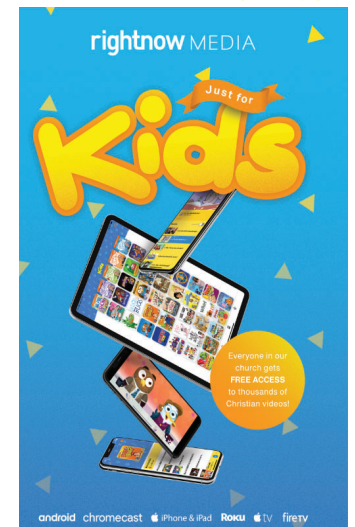
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For Helping  
Murphysboro  
Food Panty Feed  
Our Neighbors

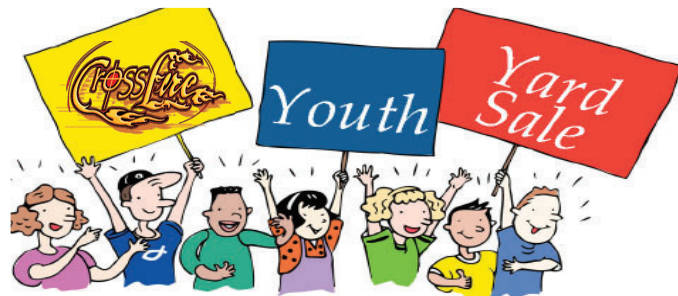


## WORDS OF APPRECIATION TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

Thanks so much for the donation and for having me as a guest to speak about the pantry and our ongoing mission for Jackson County. I felt welcomed and I really enjoyed the service, and enjoyed speaking to the congregation.

Thank so much!  
Megan Austin





## YARD SALE

**Saturday, May 8, 8 am - 2 pm**

Call Kathie Grob at 618-924-7017, to make arrangements to bring your donated items to the Youth House or church. Donation accepted after after April 26th.  
Buy early at the Preview Sale Friday evening, April 8th, 5-7:00 pm



The Crossfire Youth are sponsoring a yard sale to be held in the back parking lot.

So....Clean out your closets, garages, basements, attics & from under your beds.

Let items that you no longer need become someone's new treasure & help the FBC Youth



### GRADUATES NAMES NEEDED

Middle school, high school, college and military graduates who are an active part of our church will be honored for their academic accomplishments in May. We would hate to forget someone, so if you know of a middle school, high school, college or military graduate that is active in our church family and should be recognized, please contact the Church Office 618)687-1769 by the end of April. We would like to honor each high school and college student by telling a little bit about the school activities and/or awards they may have received and their future plans.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

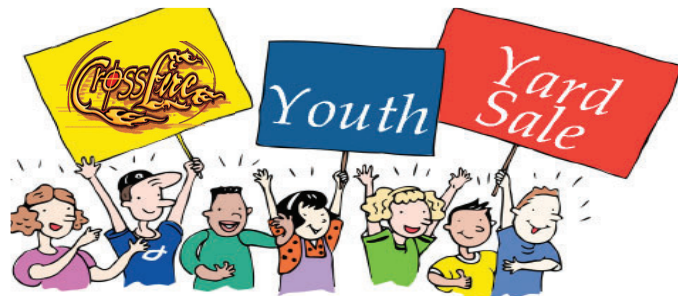
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**JUNE 6-11**  
**SUNDAY - THURSDAY**



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## February 16 Leadership Council Minutes

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Shaker

**Devotional:** Spiritual Growth and Teaching- Presented by Steve Wilkerson and Judy Rawls Steve spoke on Spiritual Discipline and Spiritual Growth. Judy spoke on Why we should read the Bible daily.

**Ministry Care Team Report:** The Care Team met on February 8.

**Ministry Team Reports:**

- Outreach, Evangelism & Missions: Mission focus for February was Megan Austin, who presented a video on the Murphysboro Food Pantry. Mission's focus for March will be, Rachel Edgar and April will be the McFarland's. Planning to have the church open for a public prayer time the evening of Maundy Thursday, April 1, in the evening from 5-9 pm, will publicize to church family and the general public.

- Youth & Kids Ministry: Kari Graff, Tammy Davis Sunday Morning Kids Class and Kids Church is going great! More kids and families are starting to attend. Been having 7-11 kids each week at Kids Church. Kathie Grob, Frances Reiman and Karen Perschbahr started a Girls Group on February 11. The Guys Group went on a retreat March 6-10 in Colorado. Youth Summer Camp papers have been given out. There will be an Easter egg hunt after the worship service on April 4. Will do some events as Kids/Youth. (Hiking in April). Planning on having a Yard Sale April 8-10. Looking into the AWANA program. VBS will be June 6-11.

- Adult Small Groups & Bible Studies Ministry: Kari Graff & Steve Wilkerson The Men's Group, led by Steve Wilkerson and Women's group, led by Kathie Grob and Judy Rawls that meet on Wednesday evenings, are going well. Two adult groups/Sunday school classes, lead by Vicki Ardrey and Suzanne Goad, meet in person and via Zoom on Sunday mornings. Would like to discuss establishing a visitation/follow up program for visitors, new families and families of the students that attend our youth small groups, VBS, or other events that the kids are involved in.

- Financial and Stewardship: Vicki Ardrey First PPP loan was forgiven. Second PPP loan has been applied for and awaiting approval.

- Building and Grounds: Judy Rawls, Tony Stamm, Youth house siding and windows on

order. Worship Director Office has been painted and carpet installed. Youth house rewiring completed.

Roof leak in old sound booth resolved. Discussed the cost of Pavilion, approved moving forward with this project. Getting bids on the following repairs:

Rental house inspected for wiring issues. 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.

- Special Events/Kitchen & Dinners: Frances Reiman Wednesday night dinners have resumed. Fellowship/Dining hall will open for the Wednesday meals in March. Discussing the possibility of having an All-Church dinner on Graduation Sunday.
- Worship Ministry: Vicki Ardrey, Tina Evans Sunday Services continues to be aired online on the FBC Murphy Facebook page. Shaker and Jacob discussed a Maundy Thursday service and the Easter Worship service.
- Technology Team: Kevin Penrod Volunteers are needed to run the sound booth. Team was successful installing WIFI Bridge and set up from the main building to Youth house. Will be ordering a new Apple iMac for the Media Center. Planning on using current iMac within the church.
- Senior Pastor: Pastor continues to visit members. Encouraged Committee to reach out to members.
- Ministry Director: Appreciates how enthusiastic the staff is to help and assist with new projects and ideas.

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

Next Trimester Business Meeting:  
March 21, 2021



## Mission Of The Month



Ryan & Beth MacFarlane



Ryan & I began our journey on staff with Athletes in Action at Michigan State University from 2009-2011. God impacted us through Athletes in Action as we were athletes in college (Ryan- Michigan State baseball, Beth- Rutgers gymnastics). We got married in May 2011 and served at AIA at Virginia Tech & Radford from 2011-2016. Since 2016, we are serving in national roles on the Campus Training & Development team at Athletes in Action headquarters in Xenia, OH. We also love parenting and playing with our girls, Janae (born in 2013) & Brynlee (born in 2016)!

Thanks for partnering with us!

# EVERY TEAM SPORT NATION

### A Note From Ryan

My goal as the SportLinc Director is to resource schools with no sports ministries (AIA, FCA, etc). I believe there are believers in local churches near these schools that may just need a resource or a coach to help them to reach their school.



Thursday, May 6th



Because of you.  
We received \$129.44  
For the months of November to February

# APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> Palm Sunday <b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>8:40 AM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>9:00 AM</b> FBC Kids Club <b>9:00 AM</b> Living Out God's Word Small Group <b>9:00 AM</b> New Generation Small Group <b>10:15 AM</b> Kid's Church	<b>29</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>7:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Guys Group	<b>30</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>31</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>5:00 PM</b> Wednesday Dinner To-Go <b>5:30 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire Youth <b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>1</b> Maundy Thursday <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>5:00 PM</b> Maundy Thursday-Church Open for PRAYER <b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire Girls Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Maundy Thursday-Facebook Streaming Service	<b>2</b> Good Friday-Office Closed <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Easter Sunday <b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>8:40 AM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>9:00 AM</b> FBC Kids Club <b>9:00 AM</b> Living Out God's Word Small Group <b>9:00 AM</b> New Generation Small Group <b>10:00 AM</b> Easter Celebration <b>10:15 AM</b> Kid's Church <b>11:15 AM</b> Kid's Easter Egg Hunt	<b>5</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>7:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Guys Group	<b>6</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>7</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>5:00 PM</b> Wednesday Dinner To-Go <b>5:30 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire Youth <b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>8</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire Girls Group	<b>9</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study	<b>10</b>
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