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Upcoming Events in May

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9 AM
LIVING OUT GOD'S WORD SMALL GROUP
NEW GENERATION SMALL GROUP
AWANA GO!
9-10 am

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10 AM
WORSHIP
AWANA KIDS CLUB
10-11 AM

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

THURSDAYS 1:00 PM
BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR
Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 9
MOTHERS' DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 23
GRADUATION & BABY DEDICATION

FBC MURPHY Connect. Grow. Go. **MAY 2021 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER**

JESUS PRAYS FOR YOU

"Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us."

Romans 8:34(NIV)

If you follow Jesus there won't be any storms, is not a true statement. Because Jesus says in John 16:33, *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.*

In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. (NIV)," we will have storms in our lives.

Sometimes we create our own storms. We hang out with the wrong people, we overspend, or we over commit. These are troubles we bring upon ourselves. In Matthew 14:22-24,

"Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it," (NIV) the disciples were in a storm but this was not of their making. They were there because Jesus asked them to get in the boat and go across.



They are His disciples, they were obedient to their master and they were in a storm.

Now imagine yourself in the boat with them. How would you feel? You would have fear, and doubt about whether you would make it. You are wondering where is Jesus? The answer is in Matthew 14:23, *"After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there*

alone," (NIV) In Romans 8:34 we read He is interceding for us. When we are going through our troubles-storms He is praying for us. It helps us to know while we are struggling He is interceding to God for us. In another place we read in Luke 22:32 that when Peter was being tested by Satan, Jesus is saying "I have prayed for you." Max Lucado says, *"when we forget to pray, he*

remembers to pray, when we are full of doubt, He is full of faith, when we are unworthy to be heard, He is ever worthy to be heard." (excerpt for the book Unshakable Hope).

Jesus is our high priest, and he loves us. In the gospels we read that He is God's Son and the Father listens to Him, whatever He asks. This again is a comfort to know we are never alone. The Comforter/Counselor/Holy Spirit is

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Calling All Kids 3 Years Old - 5th Grade

VBS IS BACK THIS YEAR!!!



VBS KICK OFF!

Sunday, June 6th from 5-8 pm

VBS ALL WEEK

Monday, June 7th - Thursday, June 10th from 9 am-Noon

VBS FINALE!

Sunday, June 13th from 5:30-8 pm

Register your Kid today at www.fbcmurphy.org/VBS



BIG CREEK MISSIONS

Mission Trip

Where: Big Creek Missions,
Wheelwright, KY

When: Monday 7/5 - 7/10

Who: Students & Adults

What: Community Outreach
Children's Ministry

Possible Construction Projects



WORDS OF APPRECIATION TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness during an especially difficult time. The white rose is beautiful. Thanks.

Paul & Sheila Echols

This donation really helps us get to our Community Challenge Goal! So far you have contributed \$1610, between general, deacon's funding and extra giving. We are so grateful!

Megan Austin
Murphysboro Food Pantry

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always with us.

My friend Chris experienced a storm when he was nine years old. He was diagnosed with a case of mononucleosis. The doctor ordered him to stay indoors for the entire summer. Chris was rambunctious, athletic, outgoing kid. To be told to spend a summer indoors? No Little League baseball, fishing trips, or bike rides? Might as well trap an eagle in a birdcage.

This was a nine-year-old's version of a tempest.

Chris's dad, however, was a man of faith. He resolved to find something good in the quarantine. He sold guitars in his drugstore and wasn't a half-bad guitarist himself. So he gave Christ a guitar. Each morning he taught his son a new chord or technique and told him to practice it all day. Chris did. Turns out, he had a knack for playing the guitar. By the end of the summer, Chris was playing Willie Nelson tunes and beginning to write some songs of his own. Within a few years he was leading worship in churches. Within a few decades he was regarded as the "most sung songwriter in the world." Perhaps you've heard some of his music: "How Great Is Our God," "Holy Is the Lord," "Jesus Messiah." (excerpt for the book Unshakable Hope).

I can't help but think that Jesus was praying for nine-year-old Chris Tomlin."

I hope if you are going through life's storms have confidence. Jesus is interceding for you before the Father as He sits at the right hand of God.

Have a wonderful summer. God's blessings on you and your family.

In His Steps,
Shaker





The **High School Girl's Group** is planning a retreat to draw closer to each other and the Lord.

We are going to be making **Bundt Cakes and Cookies** to support the trip. The choices of cake will be **chocolate, strawberry or lemon** for \$10 each.

The choices for **cookies** will be **chocolate chip, or thumbprint** for \$10 a dozen. Items will be available for **pick up on May 8th** at the church from **8am-12pm** (during the yard sale) and at church on **Sunday morning, May 9th**.

We appreciate your support. Please contact the church office at 687-1796 or Tamara Schuman at 525-5250 to place an order.



**Youth Camp
June 25-29**

**Kid's Camp
July 28-31**



**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY**

The church office will be closed **Monday, May 31th**, so the staff may spend the Memorial Day holiday with their families.

Sunday
May 23rd
Contact
Pastor Shaker if
you want to
participate



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

Leadership Council Minutes March 16, 2021

Leadership Council Meeting March 16, 2021 6:00 pm
Opening Prayer: Pastor Shaker
Devotional-Spiritual Growth and Teaching-Steve presented Matthew 8:28-34.

Ministry Team Reports:

- Outreach, Evangelism & Missions: Kristy Dunning, Tina Evans Approved 14 \$300.00 one-time gifts to monthly ministries due to a surplus of funds in the general missions account. Approved 2 \$500.00 love gifts to 2 families. Postcards will be sent out for Maundy Thursday/Easter events. The church will be open for prayer and remembrance time the evening of April 1, Maundy Thursday, from 5-9 pm.
- Youth & Kids Ministry: Kari Graff, Tammy Davis Youth: Kathie Grob to organize summer camps, attended the Crossings Camp Zoom meeting, The Guys Group had their retreat in Colorado. Youth Group is going well, studying James, averaging 15-20. Guys Group is available to work at people's houses. Kids: Kids club is going well, hoping the new program will be a good draw. There will be an Easter egg hunt after the worship service on April 4. Team leaders met with AWANA Kids Ministry Program Leaders and will be moving forward with a new Kids program. AWANA area Directors will be the guest speaker on Sunday, March 14. AWANA will start at 10:00 am on Sunday, April 11. Will still offer classes from 9-10 am. VBS will be June 6-11.
- Adult Small Groups & Bible Studies Ministry: Kari Graff & Steve Wilkerson Praying for teacher or mentor for Young Adults, Families, Couples, etc. Discussed the need of 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 Received the second PPP loan. Rural King will donate 10% of receipts to Church from March 14-27.
- Building and Grounds: Judy Rawls, Tony Stamm Youth house siding and windows on order. Water leak in the Ministry Care Team closet has been located. Received a bid of \$415.00 for repair. Rental house wiring issues have been addressed, on waiting list. Pavilion plans are in the works, need decide on roofing color. Getting bids on the following repairs: Replacing and installing a the Flag Pole. 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, following Covid guidelines.

- Worship Ministry: Vicki Ardrey, Tina Evans Sunday Services continues to be aired online on the FBC Murphy Facebook page. Palm Sunday and Easter Services are being discussed/planned. A pre-recorded service will be presented on Facebook, Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm, which will feature a memorial video of church family members who have passed in the last year. Mask decision and Pavilion announcement seems to be well accepted Piano will be tuned sometime in March. Choir has been postponed until after Easter. Ear monitors being tried for 30 days.

- Technology Team: Kevin Penrod Volunteers are needed to run the sound booth. Last months, iMac computer purchase, may be delayed due to company updates and overseas production. Team thinks a second digital camera would help with flow streaming the church service.

- Spiritual Growth and Teaching: Steve Wilkerson and Judy Rawls Discussed the importance of individual prayer and Bible study. Sending daily prayer requests to the Leadership Council and Bible verses via text.

- Senior Pastor: Pastor Shaker has been with the church for 15 years and announced that he will retire on December 31, 2021.

- Pastoral Relations: Vicki Ardrey The team met to discuss Pastor Shaker's retirement. Have contacted the area ABC office to start the Pastor search process. Will create a search committee.





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 April 26th.

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 go to summer camp



One Great Hour

O F S H A R I N G

Donations Will be Collected During the Month of May

OGHS supports disaster relief, development projects, and refugee ministries of the American Baptist Churches and its partners. Where your gifts made a difference. One Great Hour of Sharing provides emergency relief and funds for the development projects which address chronic needs.



Graduation Sunday

May 23th 10:00 am

A special time during the morning worship service on **Sunday, May 23th** will be dedicated to our church family graduates.

Middle school, high school, college and military graduates who are an active part of our church will be honored for their academic accomplishments. 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 at 697-1769. We would

like to honor each student by telling a little bit about the school activities and/or awards they may have received.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this wonderful service which will be filled with many blessings.



The National Day of Prayer celebrates 70 years of prayer for America THIS YEAR!

How wonderful it is to live in a nation where, by law every year on the first Thursday of May, the President proclaims a day of prayer for our nation.

Join with us and millions of believers across the nation on Thursday, May 6th, as we pray this year's theme "Lord, Pour Out Your Love, Life and Liberty." From 2 Corinthians 3:17

Visit our website at nationaldayofprayer.org and join us at 8 pm ET for our National Broadcast! Let's PRAY FOR AMERICA - TOGETHER!



MOTHER'S DAY IS A SPECIAL DAY AT FBC

It's always wonderful when we here at FBC can have a special service. The Mother's Day Worship (**Sunday, May 9th**) is just that kind of service. It's all about the uniqueness of mothers' love.

All mothers will be honored and we have a special little gift for each.

Give your mother the best gift possible by sitting in the pew next to her on Mother's Day...she will love it!!!



CHEW CHEW SNACKS ARE NEEDED!

If you want to help with VBS but can't be there? Consider donating food items.

Contact Frances Reiman
at (618) 684-3663

Mission of the Month

Rainbow Acres is a Place to Shine

Rainbow Acres is a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 Christian community with heart that empowers persons with developmental disabilities to live to their fullest potential with dignity and purpose. We provide exceptional housing, life-enriching programs, and loving, holistic healthcare in a safe, vibrant, inclusive ranch-style community. We work with each resident Rancher and their family to learn their needs and develop a living health plan that best fits their preferences. Rainbow Acres is located just a short drive north of Phoenix, Arizona in the high desert of Camp Verde. People from all faiths are welcome.

Our residents, called Ranchers, are valued as individuals. Each is important, personally known by caregivers and staff, and nurtured to live a happy and full life. On a daily basis, resident Ranchers choose from meaningful education classes and recreational pursuits such as music and arts enrichment, sports and physical fitness, science-based learning in horticulture and ecology, horseback riding and animal care and so much more. Ranchers live, work and socialize with their peers on the Ranch, and are also important members in the local community. Rainbow Acres offers residents life skills classes and vocational training to prepare our Ranchers to engage in work assignments at local companies and volunteer with partner nonprofits.

Rainbow Acres is anchored in the core values of faith, hope, love and compassion, and all care is delivered by the principles of the Golden Rule. These values become part of each Rancher, caregiver and employee and are manifest in a friendly community that is filled with remarkable and authentic joy and growth. New milestones, miracles, and expanded capabilities of the Ranchers are witnessed every day. This is a place where friends become family, and Rainbow Acres becomes home.

Your donations are needed to support the great works of Rainbow Acres.
Please make a secure gift at www.rainbowacres.com/give or call 928-567-5231
to reach our Development team. We appreciate your friendship!



Please contact Rainbow Acres for more information at 928.567.5231

RainbowAcres.com



PRIMETIME TO ENJOY THE SPRING SCENERY



Calling all active senior adults. PrimeTime will be traveling to Chester for a leisurely lunch at the **Reid's Harvest House on Tuesday, May 4th.** The bus will leave the church at **10:30 am.** Lunch is dutch treat. The ride to will be filled with the sights of spring...trees budding and flowers blooming. If you would like to go, the sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

GREETERS

May 2

Ed & Terri Miller

May 9

Lou Polsgrove & GlenAnn Kiel

May 16

Matt & Elaine Hardwig

May 23

Anna Jenkins & Judy Rawls

May 30

Robert Heiple & Tina Shinskey



HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!

4	Ron Eastwood
5	Justin Stilley
10	Sebastian Smith
11	Laura Wright
14	Terra Troutman
17	Morgan Mifflin
18	Timothy Sanchuk
21	Monica Kirkpatrick
22	Philip Hunziker
22	Melissa Brady
24	Melba Mifflin
25	Koral McBride
25	Sue Lynn Johnson
26	Krista Elliott
27	Debbie Burroughs



MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 8:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 8:40 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9:00 AM AWANA GO! 9:00 AM Living Out God's Word Small Group 9:00 AM New Generation Small Group 10:00 AM AWANA Kids Club	26 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 7:00 PM Crossfire HS Guys Group	27 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	28 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 5:00 PM Wednesday Dinner To-Go 5:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00 PM Crossfire Youth 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study	29 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 1:00 PM Bible Study w/Pastor 6:00 PM Crossfire MS Group	30 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	1 9:00 AM Pavilion Work Day
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