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## Upcoming Events

### July

**SUNDAY MORNINGS 8:30 AM**  
COFFEE HOUR

**SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:00 AM**  
LIVING OUT GOD'S WORD SMALL GROUP  
NEW GENERATION SMALL GROUP  
CHALLENGE SEEKERS  
AWANA GO!

**WEDNESDAYS 6-7 PM**  
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
Led by Steve Wilkerson  
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
Led by Judy Rawls

**PRIMETIME TRIP**  
OLIVE GARDEN  
Cape Girardeau, MO  
10 am Tuesday, July 13

**MISSION TEAM TO  
WHEELWRIGHT, KY**  
Monday-Saturday, July 5-10  
Commissioning Service July 4

**CROSSINGS KIDS CAMP**  
Monday-Friday, July 28-31  
Commissioning Service July 25

**FBC KIDS MONDAY FUN DAY**  
11 pm Monday, July 12 & August 2

**COMING IN AUGUST**  
AB Men's Gathering, AWANA Splash, & 988

# FBC MURPHY

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## JULY 2021 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

### HOW DO WE KNOW THE LAW?

by Judy Rawls

In 1914 the first stop sign was posted - the lettering was Black with a white background. Why were stop signs created? To provide safety for drivers. It was a new law that required drivers to stop until it was safe to proceed.

In 1922 stop signs were standardized

In 1924 - lettering was Black with a yellow background.

In 1954 - lettering was changed to white with a red background, which is what we have today.

Regardless of their color, shape, and size, the law remains the same, Stop means Stop. That has not changed in 107 years and won't change for another 107 or 1,000 years for that matter. It is there to protect.

What has changed is how people apply the law, years ago, stop meant stop and most everyone came to a full and complete stop at a stop sign. Today however, I think most people see a stop sign as a suggestion...it's okay to proceed if you slow down then go if the intersection appears clear; or they just feel like forcing the issue. Some folks believe

that you aren't breaking the law if you don't get caught.

To get a driver's licenses, you must study the laws, take a written exam and then you must take a driving test to show your proficiency...yes? When we were 15/16 years old, we couldn't wait to get our license. We studied, we had our parents or friends quiz us on the book of traffic laws so that we were sure we would pass the test, the first time! We had them take us driving until we became proficient enough to pass the driving

portion and acquire our license. You remember?

Then why do we not do the same when it comes to learning about God's laws/commandments? Why are we not excited to read the Bible and learn God's Word and God's laws?

God's laws and commandments haven't changed over the centuries...but unfortunately man's interpretation of His laws have.

We all know the 10 Commandments haven't changed but by how some folks live their

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



11-4:00 pm Monday July 12th & August 2nd  
 More Information will be sent by text.  
 Make sure you're on the FBC Kids Text List

# Baptism

A **Baptismal Service** is being planned. If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and would like to be baptized; would like to know more about the FBC Family; or what it means to be a Baptist, please contact Jesse at 713-7505 for information on the children's and youth **NEXT STEP class** or Pastor Shaker at 687-1769 for information on **Discovering Church Membership**. Taking the classes does not obligate you in any way.

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lives today you wouldn't know the Commandments even exist. Read Exodus 20.

1 Timothy 4:1 says "At the end of this age, many will depart from the true faith one after another, devoting themselves to spirits of deception and following demon-inspired revelations and theories."

From "gospels" that promise financial blessings to teachings that reimagine sexuality and hell, it seems as though the fundamental teachings about the one true faith are fraying at the edges.

1 Timothy 4: 7-8 "Be engaged in the training of truth that brings righteousness. For athletic training only benefits you for a short season, but righteousness brings lasting benefit in everything."

If we are not reading and studying God's Holy Word, how do we understand which laws and commandments we are to follow? Someone recently asked the question, "How do I know which laws/commandments are applicable for today?" We know that some of God's instructions are no longer binding. For example: When we read Hebrews 8:3-9:28 we learn that God specifically instructed Moses on how the tabernacle was to be built and Moses was told that he must "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." Additionally, we learn in chapter 9, how the tabernacle was set up from its first room to the Most Holy Place, where only the high priest entered, once a year, "and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance." But we do not follow these instructions today since we are no longer under the old covenant because our sins have been washed away by the blood of Christ, the mediator of the new covenant. In

other words, Christ is our high priest, and we can approach Him directly, anytime we want. We do not need anyone to intercede for us when asking for forgiveness, for wisdom, for kindness or a loving spirit. We can go directly to the source. But if we don't read and study the Bible, how will we know this?

A major reason why the influence of Christianity has been weakened in the western world is because the church is giving the message that we need to trust man's theories and not the Word of God.

How do we counteract? **DICIPLES**HIP – learning together – growing together in our love and knowledge of God's Word. Reading and studying the Word and letting the Holy Spirit guide you. Do not be deceived by the evil of this world, do not let anyone tell you that the Bible is no longer relevant because it was written centuries ago.

Hebrews 4:12 tells us that, "...the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword..." God's Word doesn't change. Isaiah 40:8 tells us that "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

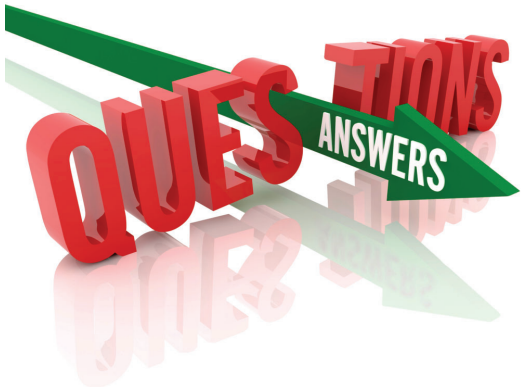
Romans 12:2 "Do not be conformed any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will."

How do we know what laws/commandments to follow today? By reading the most beautiful Book ever written and learning from The Master.





**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)**



***Pastor Shaker is now taking questions & will be answering them in the month of August.***

***Submit your question by July 15:***

***Send an email with your question to: [officer@fbcmurphy.org](mailto:officer@fbcmurphy.org)***  
***or write your question on connection card***  
***& place it in the offering plate.***



## **BIG CREEK MISSION Trip**

**Where:** Wheelwright, KY  
**When:** Monday 7/5 - 7/10  
**How you can Help:** Donations Needed

Clothing: coats, jackets, gloves,  
Toiletries: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, travel  
 size shampoo/conditioner, diapers, wipes.  
School supplies: single subject notebooks, pocket  
 folders, loose leaf paper, crayons, pencils, colored  
 pencils, pens, markers, scissors, glue sticks, rulers,  
 calculators, pencil boxes, binders, protractors.

There will be a collections box in the parlor.  
 Bring donations by Sunday, July 4th.

Commissioning: Sunday July 4th During Worship

**Ever had a question about God or life  
 you would just love to have answered?**

**In the month of June  
 here at FBC, we will try to  
 answer some of YOUR questions  
 during worship.**



**3RD GRADE THROUGH CURRENT 6TH GRADER**  
**COMMIONING SERVICE, SUNDAY JULY 25TH**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 28TH RETURN ON SATURDAY, JULY 31ST**



### **PRIMETIME ON THE ROAD IN JULY**

The PrimeTime seniors will be off to Olive Garden in Cape Girardeau, MO to enjoy a leisurely lunch on **Tuesday, July 13th**. The bus will leave the church at **10:00 am**. Lunch will be dutch treat. If you would like to go, the sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or contact the church office.

### **Words of Appreciation**

To our First Baptist Church Family, Greetings. It certainly has been a difficult few years. June 15th would have been my sweet mother's birthday and I have been doing a lot of reflecting and missing her terribly.

But--a part of that has also been happily remembering all of the kind people who showed such concern and friendship to my mother and our family over the years.

Whether you were a member of a church committee, a long time friend or coworker, your kind words checking in to see how we were doing, dropping off a card or making a call.....THANK YOU! We appreciated your concern and compassion then and continued to be comforted by the memories still.

With much love and gratitude! Peace, love and blessings--with deep gratitude to the people of First Baptist.

From the family of Janet Wittenborn.





# Mission of the Month



Companion with the Poor, Inc. (CWTP) is a non-profit, Christian organization that reaches out to the poorest communities in Metro Manila by planting holistic churches that meet the spiritual and physical need to the most marginalized in the least reached slums. CWTP partners with local churches to plant sustainable churches.

Dr. Paul Rollet serves with them in the Philippines. There are 12 full time missionaries in training, and 5 part time. Please pray for them as they finish up! CWTP has started 6 new churches over the last year in the middle of the pandemic, and is continuing 6 other churches that were started before the pandemic. Overall, since 2000, CWTP is up to over 60 churches planted! They already have over 50 adults, youth, and children meeting for bible studies, feeding programs, and community development activities on a weekly basis. God is really doing some amazing things in the community! Please, again, continue to pray for our team and church partner, as well as our other CWTP church planting teams.



Will you come make a joyful noise? Will you sing praises to your lord? Will you come back to choir and revive our choir family?

It is probably a pretty good consensus that First Baptist has been missing its choir. Wouldn't it be a great opportunity to return and watch the congregation smile during special music sung by the choir?

Let's all pray about this, dig deep into our volunteer attitude, and come back and give it a try . . . It may be a lesser commitment initially, just to get back into a routine, but let's come back and be a part of watching it grow.

First practice will be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. – with our return to the stage shortly thereafter.

Sure hope you will all come be a part of the Choir Revival – what an awesome way to come fellowship with choir friends/family and sing praises for the rest of our church family.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Vicki Ardrey at 618-201-4372.

## Leadership Council Meeting May 18, 2021 6:00 pm

Opening Prayer: Pastor Shaker

Devotional-Spiritual Growth and Teaching-Steve presented the results of the questionnaire, sharing a couple of questions that were asked: What does alone time look like? And What am I looking for as I read the Bible?

Ministry Team Reports:

- Outreach, Evangelism & Missions: Kristy Dunning, Tina Evans Mission Moment for July will be the CWTP/Philippines. Mission Trip team has 15 members, going to Eastern Kentucky, July 5-10. Will partner with AWANA for an August Outreach Event. Missions gave \$100.00 to "One for the Cross". With the Congregation's substantial monthly gifts to the Food Pantry, it was decided to redirect the Missions monthly funds to another organization.
- Youth & Kids Ministry: Kari Graff, Tammy Davis Youth: Everyone loves the Youth House renovations. MS/HS Girls and HS Boys Groups meet weekly. Yard Sale brought in \$1,100.00. HS Girls bake sale raised \$550.00 for their retreat. Guys Group is available to work at people's houses. Zane Goad is helping Jesse teach on James at Youth Group. Have 45 students going to Youth Camp. MS Girls is led by Kathie Grob and HS Girls is led by Tamara Schuman. Students will be helping with VBS, looking forward to Youth Camp in June and Mission Trip in July. A couple students are helping with Sunday mornings Audio and Video in the sound booth. Kids: AWANA program, is going great! Kids are learning memory versus and having a great time. The program will run through the summer and Promotion Sunday will happen in August. AWANA Sunday will be May 30th. The leaders and kids will be doing the adult worship, so everyone will get to see the program in action. Monday Funday's will be back the summer. Barb T. Kids Camp will be in July. AWANA Event for School Kickoff is being planned for August. Will be applying for a \$2,000.00 new ministry grant funded through ABC.
- Adult Small Groups & Bible Studies Ministry: Kari Graff & Steve Wilkerson Pastor Shaker will resume his Thursday afternoon Bible Study. The Men's Group, lead by Steve Wilkerson and Women's group, lead 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.
- Financial and Stewardship: Vicki Ardrey Financial Report: Balances to the end of March 2021 were approved by consensus. Scott Evans continues to reconcile account balances to get reports up to date. Shaker and Jesse met with ABC and they were told the church could reimburse them for Health Insurance premiums. This would help them out because reimbursements are tax free. Council approved this for the 2021 budget. A Health Insurance line item will be added, but total expenses for the year will not change at all.
- Building and Grounds: Judy Rawls, Tony Stamm

New freezer has been delivered. Rental house wiring is done. Pavilion moving forward, making progress on building structure. Van and Bus have both been serviced and are ready for camp and mission trips. Need to remove telephone pole and realign the fence, to keep Church Bus secure. Water leak in the Ministry Care Team closet has been located. Roof needs to be dry before work can begin. Discussed relocating, replacing and installing new Flag Pole. Will be discussing landscaping front of church. Getting bids on the following repairs: Trimming trees. Roofing/Brick flashing leaks on Education Wing Windows. Exposed bricks in the stairwells. Parlor Sound-proof dividers.

- Special Events/Kitchen & Dinners: Frances Reiman The last Wednesday night meal was served May 12. The team will be taking a break for the summer, will resume in the fall. Hosted 10 at the Ministerial Alliance meeting. Preparing the snacks for VBS. Coffee hour to resume Sunday, June 6th.
- Worship Ministry: Vicki Ardrey, Tina Evans Sunday Services continues to be aired online on the FBC Murphy Facebook page. Jacob has Worship plans through May, Mother's Day, Graduation, Baby Dedication and AWANA. Internship Grant approved and received. Will work on filling the position in August. Council approved to discontinue the wearing of masks, social distancing seating, and removing the tape on the pews, effective Sunday, June 6, 2021.
- Technology Team: Kevin Penrod Volunteers are needed to run the sound booth. New Mac mini has been installed and working great. Will clean/recycle old MacBook to use in other classes. Using RES1 to stream now to FB and YouTube. Stand-alone player on website to be added next. Still getting bids on Sanctuary Speakers, ordered a new BOSE board for the BOSE system – old one died. Have 2 new volunteers for sound. Working on getting website up to date and make livestream look good each week (potential new pastors will be looking at this)
- Staff Relations: Tammy Davis Reviewing job descriptions for Kathy and Denise.
- Pastoral Staffing: Tony Stamm Committee continues to meet weekly. Met with ABC GRR Rep on Monday, May 10th. On Sunday, May 16, the team updated the Church on their progress and passed out surveys to the congregation on what they want in the next Pastor. These results will be compiled and added to the packet. Council approved a Total Compensation Package range from \$55-80,000 to be used in the search process. They are working on the Church profile. Plan to start reviewing applicant profiles by the end of June.

Reminders and Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 6:00 pm.

Next Trimester Business Meeting: TBD

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES FOR  
INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

The church office will be closed  
**Monday, July 5th**, so the staff  
may spend the Independence  
Day holiday with their families.

In case of an emergency,  
please contact Pastor Shaker at  
home.

Have a safe & wonderful 4th of  
July!!



**GREETERS**

**July 4**

Pat & Jan Etherton

**July 11**

Matt & Melinda Guthman Family

**July 18**

Ed & Terri Miller

**July 25**

Lou Polsgrove & GlenAnn Kiel

If you are unable to help, please  
call the church office.



Thanks To You!  
Church Week  
at Rural King  
Raised \$100  
Through Your  
Kroger Card

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

**July 4**

Jeff & Linda Wright

**July 11**

ALbert & Trish Boudet

**July 18**

Murl & Sue Johnson

**July 25**

Pat & Jan Etherton

If you are unable to help, please  
contact the church office.

**HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!**

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|----|------------------|----|------------------|
| 1  | MacKenzie Watson | 19 | Vic Koenig       |
| 2  | Vicki Ardrey     | 19 | Kathryn Hunziker |
| 2  | Viola Fox        | 20 | David Brooks     |
| 2  | Lula Polsgrove   | 20 | Rick Brady       |
| 2  | Tanner Troutman  | 21 | Mike Mifflin     |
| 2  | Rachel Brady     | 21 | Erika Miller     |
| 2  | Chelsea Davis    | 22 | Abby Hunziker    |
| 3  | Donna Fager      | 22 | John Dunning     |
| 4  | Courtlyn Barke   | 24 | Scott Hunziker   |
| 6  | Barbara Creath   | 25 | Ruth Pulcher     |
| 6  | Kevin Penrod     | 25 | Ed Reiman        |
| 8  | Shaker Samuel    | 25 | Amanda Woosley   |
| 8  | Jeanette Myers   | 28 | Tim Goad         |
| 10 | Loraine Hunziker | 28 | Jacob Miller     |
| 14 | Loren Carpenter  |    |                  |



# JULY 2021

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
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| <b>27</b><br><b>8:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour<br><b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>8:40 AM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal<br><b>9:00 AM</b> AWANA GO!<br><b>9:00 AM</b> Small Groups<br><b>9:00 AM</b> Small Groups<br><b>10:00 AM</b> AWANA Kids Club<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship  | <b>28</b><br><b>FBC Kid's Funday Monday</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Guys Group   | <b>29</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Girls   | <b>30</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Bible Study<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study | <b>1</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire MS Group<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Team Practice  | <b>2</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study  | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>4</b><br><b>Independence Day</b><br><b>8:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour<br><b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>8:40 AM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal<br><b>9:00 AM</b> AWANA GO!<br><b>9:00 AM</b> Small Groups<br><b>10:00 AM</b> AWANA Kids Club<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship with Communion and Mission Team Commissioning | <b>5</b><br><b>Office Closed for 4th of July</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Guys Group  | <b>6</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Girls  | <b>7</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Bible Study<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study  | <b>8</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire MS Group<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Team Practice  | <b>9</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study  | <b>10</b> |
| <b>11</b><br><b>8:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour<br><b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>8:40 AM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal<br><b>9:00 AM</b> AWANA GO!<br><b>9:00 AM</b> Small Groups<br><b>10:00 AM</b> AWANA Kids Club<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship   | <b>12</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>9:00 AM</b> Ministry Care Team<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class<br><b>11:00 AM</b> FBC Kids Monday Fun Day<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Guys Group | <b>13</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Prime Time Olive Garden Trip<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Girls | <b>14</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Bible Study<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study | <b>15</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire MS Group<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Team Practice | <b>16</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study | <b>17</b> |
| <b>18</b><br><b>8:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour<br><b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>8:40 AM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal<br><b>9:00 AM</b> AWANA GO!<br><b>9:00 AM</b> Small Groups<br><b>10:00 AM</b> AWANA Kids Club<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship   | <b>19</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Guys Group   | <b>20</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Girls<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Leadership Council Meeting    | <b>21</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Bible Study<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study | <b>22</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire MS Group<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Team Practice | <b>23</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study | <b>24</b> |
| <b>25</b><br><b>8:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour<br><b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>8:40 AM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal<br><b>9:00 AM</b> AWANA GO!<br><b>9:00 AM</b> Small Groups<br><b>10:00 AM</b> AWANA Kids Club<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship with Mission of the Month Speaker & Kid's Camp Commissioning            | <b>26</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Guys Group   | <b>27</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Girls   | <b>28</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Bible Study<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study | <b>29</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire MS Group<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Team Practice | <b>30</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study | <b>31</b> |