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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Upcoming Events in September

**LABOR DAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**
Monday, September 6

**APPLE FESTIVAL EVENTS
CARNIVAL WORKERS LUNCHEON**
12pm Tuesday, September 14th

PRAYER BREAKFAST
7am Wednesday, September 15th

GOSPEL SING
5pm Wednesday, September 15th
(NO FBC Wednesday Night Activities)

KIDDIE PARADE OUTREACH
3:15pm Friday, September 17th

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES
5pm Family Dinner
6pm Men's Bible Study
6pm Women's Bible Study
6pm Crossfire Youth Group
7:15pm Choir Practice
NO Wednesday Night Activities 9/15

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS RETREAT
September 3rd-7th

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS RETREAT
September 24th-26th

YOUTH LASER TAG LOCK IN
Friday, October 1st - Saturday, October 2nd
9pm-7am

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UNDER GOD'S CARE

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."
Philippians 4:4-8 NIV

Paul writes his letter to the Philippians from prison. Although his freedom is cut, he stills says he cannot be

cut off from God. In Philippians 1:9, *"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,"* NIV he says that his blessings abound in spite of the circumstance he is in.

He is able to say that because of his faith in Jesus Christ, and greater knowledge of Him,

and deeper in sight about who God is, and His love is.

This attitude only increases his trust, faith and mercy.

Paul goes on to say in chapter 4:4b, *"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"* NIV, to rejoice always, not just once but twice. His attitude teaches us an important lesson--our inner attitude does not have to reflect our outward circumstances. He was full of joy because he knew that no matter what happened to him, Jesus Christ was with him.

It is easy to be discouraged about unpleasant circumstances or to take unimportant things

too seriously. We need to look at life from the proper perspective. Our ultimate joy comes from



Christ dwelling within us.

Most of our anxiety is the stress we feel when we are not in control or not able to handle the task at hand. God has given us a sure answer that might surprise us. It is something called PRAYER.

I'm reminded of an illustration I read "There

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PRIMETIME UPDATE

PrimeTime will be taking a break in the month of September, but will be going to Cracker Barrel in Marion on October 5th. Lunch is dutch treat. The bus will leave the church at **10:30 am**. 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. All active senior adults are invited.



Congratulations to Ron McLaughlin for being awarded the **"2021 Man of the Year"** by the ABMen.



JOIN OUR
STUDY

Bible Study
with the Pastor
Thursdays at 1:30

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was this grandma who had never flown, and had to take her first flight to see her dying sister. She was worried about the idea of flying. After the visit the family met her at the airport and asked her about her flight. "Well, did the plane hold you up ok?" She grudgingly replied, "Well yes," and quickly added, "But I never did put my full weight down on it." A lot of us are like that grandma. We never fully put our trust or confidence that God will take care of us.

We must recognize that our anxiety is often a lack of trust in God's ability to provide our needs.

Our Christian life consists in receiving God's abundant blessings. As Jesus says in John 10:10, *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."*

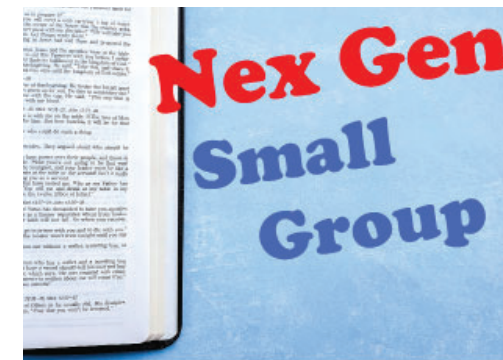
Paul's advice is to turn our worries into prayers. Do you want to worry less? Then pray more. True peace is not found in positive thinking, in the absence of conflict, or in good feelings. It comes from knowing that God is in control. Our citizenship in Christ's kingdom is sure, our destiny is set, and we can have victory because of Jesus Christ.

Paul tells us to program our minds with thoughts that are pure, true, right, noble, lovely and admirable.

The pandemic has distracted us so much that many times we forget who we belong to-- Jesus Christ.

Hope you have a wonderful fall, knowing we are under God's care.

In Christ's Steps
Pastor Shaker



A **NEW** small group for **post high school** guys and gals, called Next Gen Small Group, is meeting on **Sundays at 7pm** at the **Youth House**. It is led by Jacob Kersh. Reach out to him at 309-323-3659 if you have any questions.

Spread the word!



Because of a grant we received, we are looking to **hire a new music intern to help with our worship team**. We are looking for an adult who can sing and/or play an instrument, and we would prefer someone with experience and/or formal training.

If you or someone you know might be interested, feel free to call or text Jacob Kersh, our Worship Director, at 309-323-3659.

2021 NATIONAL MEN'S ONE DAY EQUIPPING CONFERENCES
O'Fallon, IL Sept 11th
Keynote Speakers
Crawford Loritts has traveled throughout the US and world, speaking at evangelistic outreaches, conferences, colleges and seminaries. He has been the featured speaker at Super Bowls, NCAA Final Four Chapel and the Pentagon. He served on staff with Cru and as the Sr. Pastor of Fellowship Bible Church, Roswell, Georgia. Crawford is the author of 9 books and host of two national radio programs. Crawford and Karen have 4 adult children and 11 grandchildren.
Gary Rosberg is the co-founder of the international ministry America's Family Coaches with his wife Barb of 45 years of marriage, they are respected conference speakers, executive life and marriage coaches, award-winning authors and radio hosts. Together, they have written over a dozen prominent marriage and family resources and DVD series with almost 1 million total copies in print worldwide and available in more than twelve different languages.
2021 CONFERENCE FEE STRUCTURE
Early Registration Group*.....\$47 per man (At least 10 or more men registering together)
Early Registration*.....\$56 per man (For 9 or less men)
Student Registration*.....\$32 per man (Ages 13-22 Full-time college students and ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY)
Standard Registration.....\$62 per man
Lunch.....\$8 per man
16 DIFFERENT EQUIPPING SEMINARS
For the past **15 years** the RPM Team has been committed to offering seminars at Iron Sharpens Iron that are equipping & encouraging to every man. They are meant to inspire you to live as a Godly Man in an ungodly world. Whether you are 13 or 80 you will find relevancy and variety in the bible focused teaching at our conferences.
Conference Schedule
8:30 AM Conference Begins Morning Main Session
10:15 AM Morning Break
10:45 AM Morning Seminar - Choice of 8 Seminars
12:55 PM Lunch Break - Fellowship/Exhibits Open
12:55 PM Mid-Day Main Session
2:00 PM Afternoon Seminar - 8 New Seminars
3:15 PM Afternoon Break
3:30 PM Afternoon Main Session
4:55 PM Conference Ends
Conference Location:
First Baptist Church
1111 E. US Highway 50
O'Fallon, IL 62269
REGISTER WITH THE MEN OF YOUR CHURCH
WWW.RPMFM.ORG

All Men are Invited! The Men's Bible Study Group is going to a Men's Conference, **Iron Sharpens Iron**, on Saturday, September 11th. This is a one day conference in O'Fallon, IL.

To register, or for more information, contact Steve Wilkerson at 303-0393.

Crossfire



Friday, October 1st - Saturday, October 2nd
9 pm - 7am

All middle and high school students and their friends are invited for a night filled with fun, fun, fun on **Friday, October 1st**. At approximately 10 pm, everyone will be loaded into the church bus to travel to Belleville for a night of unlimited laser tag, go karts, arcade games, soda and pizza at "Lazer Rock." The cost is \$20 per person. If you would like to go, be sure to contact Jesse Boudet at 713-7505 by the deadline of Wednesday, September 22nd.

Registration and consent forms must be completed.

JOIN A SMALL GROUP!!!

Middle School Girls
5:30PM EVERY THURSDAY
IN THE YOUTH HOUSE

High School Girls
6PM EVERY TUESDAY,
IN THE YOUTH HOUSE

High School Guys
7PM EVERY MONDAY
AT JESSE'S HOUSE

Crossfire Youth Group is back on Wednesdays from 5 to 7pm.

All Middle School and High School students are invited for games, food, and Bible study!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY



The church office will be closed **Monday, September 6th**, so the staff may spend the holiday with their families. In case of an emergency, Pastor Shaker can be reached at home. **Have a great and safe Labor Day!!**

Leadership Council Meeting Minutes July 20, 2021 6:00 pm

Opening Prayer: Pastor Shaker

Devotional-Spiritual Growth and Teaching-Application and discussion of several scripture versus: Romans 14:17-19, II Timothy 3:16 & 17, John 10:35.

Ministry Team Reports:

• **Outreach, Evangelism & Missions:** Kristy Dunning, Tina Evans Approved Love gifts of \$350 to Pastor Eliseo in the Philippines, to assist with the purchase of an electronic drum set. Sent Amazon gift cards to church families for a wedding and three babies.

• **Youth & Kids Ministry:** Kari Graff, Tammy Davis
Youth: Students did a great job helping with VBS and were awesome on the Mission Trip. They learned how to minister and deal with tough people. Training students to assist with Sound. August 25 will be a Kick-Off for School. Baptism will be August 29. Laser Tag Lock-IN is tentatively scheduled for October 1.

Kids: AWANA program, is going great! Kids are learning memory versus and having a great time. Monday Funday's are going great. Barb T. is leading them. AWANA Splish Splash outreach will be August 22. More details to come. Students will be helping with AWANA in September.

• **Adult Small Groups & Bible Studies Ministry:** Kari Graff & Steve Wilkerson Need small groups and leaders for MS & HS students and Young Adults on Sunday mornings.

• **Financial and Stewardship:** Vicki Ardrey
Financial Report: Scott provided a revised April report, after a full reconciliation was complete and the end of May report. April and May reports were approved by consensus. Scott Evans continues to reconcile account balances to get reports up to date. Will begin work on the PPP Loan Forgiveness Application, hope to have it submitted soon for consideration and forgiveness.

• **Building and Grounds:** Judy Rawls, Tony Stamm
Pavilion moving forward, making progress on building structure. Flagpole has been ordered, waiting installation. 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. Carpet for Pastor's study, office and Jesse's office-end of summer. Repairs to soffit on south/west side of building. Landscaping in front of church, to hide A/C

units and pipes.

Need someone to keep track maintenance/service, tags, etc. for the church bus, van and trailer.

• **Special Events/Kitchen & Dinners:** Frances Reiman Wednesday night dinners will resume on August 25th, serving in the Fellowship Hall. The men's group and Jesse's youth group have volunteered to serve meals, too.

• **Worship Ministry:** Vicki Ardrey, Tina Evans Sunday Services continues to be aired online on the FBC Murphy Facebook page. Jacob and team are working on a more balanced set of contemporary music and hymns.

• **Technology Team:** Kevin Penrod
Volunteers are needed to run the sound booth. Bradley upgraded computers/server to Powerchurch 12. Installed Apple TV in Kids room. Live-stream going to FB and YouTube are working great. May need to tweak sound. Kevin and Bradley analyzed the InDesign app on Gayla's pc. Council approved ordering of a new computer for Jesse. Discussed a new Bose soundboard for the Bose speaker and possibly purchasing a new Live-stream camera and switcher by year's end.

• **Staff Relations:** Tammy Davis There will be a staff meeting on August 5.

• **Pastoral Staffing:** Tony Stamm Committee has the Church Profile ready for review/editing. Plan to have profile submitted to ABC GRR by the end of the month. Working on the Packet paperwork required by ABC, before they can review applicant profiles.

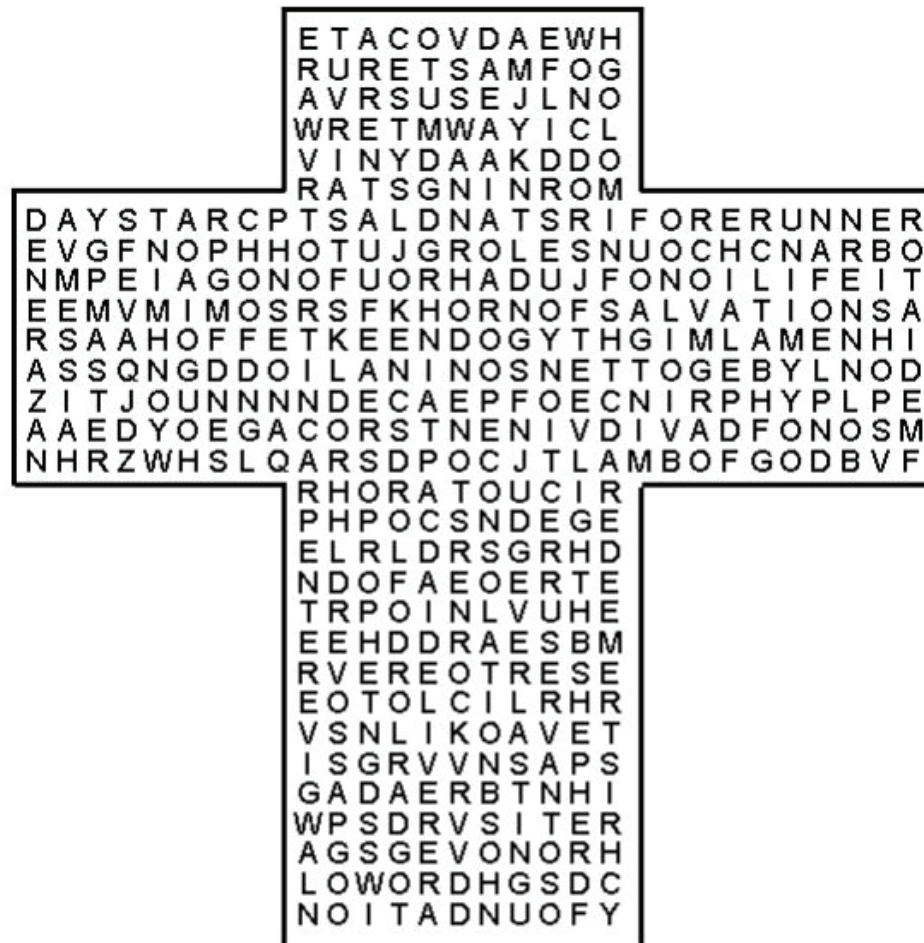
Team has discussed on refreshing/redesign of the Logo to go with the Church Profile.

Team plans on handling/reviewing all applications in August. Shaker and Jesse will come in after the team has narrowed down the applications/applicants to assess the Theological aspects.

Reminders and Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 6:00 pm.



But Whom Do You Say That I AM?



Advocate
Almighty
Alpha and Omega
Amen
Apostle
Beloved Son
Bishop
Branch
Bread
Captain
Carpenter
Chosen
Christ
Consolation
Cornerstone
Counselor
Day Star
Deliverer

Door
Emmanuel
Everlasting
Faithful and True
First and Last
Forerunner
Foundation
Governor
Head
High Priest
Holy and Just One
Horn of Salvation
I AM
Jesus
Judge
King
King of Kings
Lamb of God

Lawgiver
Life
Light
Lion of Judah
Lord
Lord of Lords
Master
Master
Mediator
Messiah
Mighty God
Morning Star
Nazarene
Only Begotten Son
Passover
Priest
Prince of Peace
Prophet

Redeemer
Resurrection
Rock
Savior
Servant
Shepherd
Son of David
Son of God
Son of Man
Vine
Way
Wonderful
Word

Mission of the Month

For over 50 years, Echoing Hills has supported thousands of families, friends, and neighbors through our outreach to people with disabilities. We believe in creating opportunities for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and assisting them in reaching their fullest potential.

Our journey began with Cordell Brown's dream of serving people like himself, with only \$300 and a handful of friends who believed, Echoing Hills became a reality. From that humble beginning and two rustic cabins in rural Ohio, we now serve individuals with disabilities all over the state of Ohio with camping, travel, residential, healthcare and adult services. Our services all support our beliefs that all individuals can live purposeful lives with dignity and respect.

Their mission is to revolutionizing lives where people live, learn, connect, play and worship. Their purpose is to create opportunities for individuals with disabilities to know and experience Jesus Christ. They believe that all people with disabilities can live purposeful lives with dignity and respect. Through our residential and recreational services, Echoing Hills assists people with special needs to achieve their highest potential.



Notes of Thanks

This generous donation can do so much good for so many families! We appreciate it.

Take Care,
Megan Austin
Murphysboro Food Pantry

Our family wants to thank you for so much love that has been felt since we have learned of Addilyn's diagnosis. Your prayers and gifts has allowed our family so peace through the turmoil.

We are happy to report that Addilyn is responding as planned to treatment and she is tolerating it well.

Due to the hospital time, (as as a part of her art therapy), Addi has been painting.

Please take this painting from Addi and us as a thank you for being a part of her and our healing process. Thank you

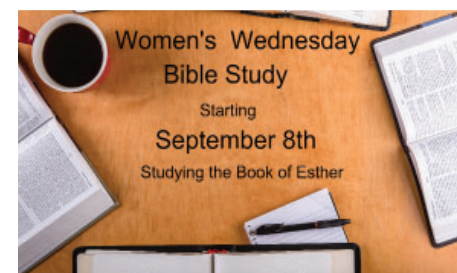
With Love, The Reiman Family

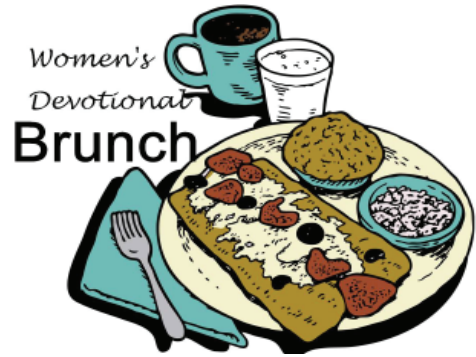


Baby Dedication

A Baby Dedication Service is being planned for Sunday, September 19th.

Please talk to Pastor Shaker at 687-1769 if you have a young one that you would like to dedicate!





"Just like walking in the Spirit . . it is best done WITH friends."

There will be an **FBC Women's Devotional Brunch** every third Tuesday starting **September 21st** at 10:00 am.

It will be at **Kathie Grob's** home. Please let her know if you can make it. Contact her at 924-7017.

GREETERS

September 5
Scott & Tina Evans

September 12
Tony & Cindy Stamm

September 19
Pat & Jan Etherton

September 25
Matt & Melinda Guthman Family

If you are unable to help, please contact the church office at (618) 687-1769

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

September 5
Ed & Terri Miller

September 12
Volunteer

September 19
Leah Rowe

September 26
Dale Blaise Family

If you are unable to help, please contact the church office at (618) 687-1769



September is full of Retreats!

The HS Girls Small Group will be going to Florida from Friday, September 3rd through Tuesday, September 7th.

The MS Girls will be heading to Kentucky on Friday, September 24th through Sunday, September 26th. **Please be praying for them!** (And the leaders!)



LUNCHEON PLANNED FOR CARNIVAL WORKERS

A luncheon is being planned for the Apple Festival Carnival workers and vendors on **Tuesday, September 14th, at 12:00 noon**. If you would like to help, please contact DeAnn Stilley at 687-2494.



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

1	Cindy Deshotels	23	Lynn Brady
1	Caitie Grither	24	Ernie Miller
3	Mitzi Summers	24	Jeff Wright
4	Lauren Martin	24	Karissa Lemons
6	Bob Heiple	25	Tracy Glodo
6	Autumn Creath	25	Don Rahming
6	Lola Wilkerson	25	Ron Rahming
8	Dale Creath	25	Christy Solverson
8	Kathie Grob	27	Kristy Dunning
10	Hannah Sims	28	Matt Solverson
13	Valerie Kerns	29	T.J. Reiman
14	Leanna Schnautz		
15	Kim Grammer		
17	Meghan Blechle		
19	Cody Creath		
19	Darrell Ewbank		



SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:30 AM Coffee Hour 8:30 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 8:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 9:00 AM AWANA GO! 9:00 AM Small Groups 10:00 AM AWANA Kids Club 10:00 AM Worship/Baptism 6:30 PM Next Gen Small Group	30 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 7:00 PM Crossfire HS Guys Group	31 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 6:00 PM Crossfire HS Girls Group 7:00 PM Worship Team Practice	1 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 5:00 PM Family Dinner 6:00 PM Crossfire Youth 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study 7:15 PM Choir	2 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 6:00 PM Crossfire MS Girls Group	3 HS Girls Group Retreat 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	4 HS Girls Group Retreat
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