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### MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

5 pm Family Dinner  
6 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study

### CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES

#### MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

7:00 pm Mondays HS Guys  
6:00 pm Tuesdays HS Girls  
4:30-6:00 pm Wednesdays  
5:30 pm Thursday MS Small Group

### PASTOR SHAKER'S LAST WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 9th

### LEADERSHIP COUNCIL RETREAT

Tuesday, January 18th

### SR. PASTOR CANDIDATE WEEKEND

Friday, January 14th, 6-8 pm

Leadership Council Dinner with Candidate

Saturday, January 15th, 10 am - 2 pm

Brunch and Q & A with Candidate

Sunday, January 16th

8 - 9 am Coffee Hour with Candidate

10 - 11 am Worship with Candidate Message

11:30 am - 1 pm Visit with Candidate & Family

### CROSSFIRE YOUTH GAME NIGHT

Sunday, January 16th, 5-11 pm

### CONGREGATIONAL VOTE

Sunday, January 23rd

### TENTMAKER PROJECT, WYATT GEORGE

Sunday, January 23rd

### AWANA WINTER PLAY

Sunday, January 30th



### DRIFTING

BY JUDY RAWLS

*We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.*

*Hebrews 2:1*

*The writer of Hebrews is telling us that if we do not pay attention to or ignore what we have heard or been taught as Christians, then our tendency will be to "drift away". Drifting away is defined as "to move away from something slowly or to gradually distance from someone after a period of closeness".*

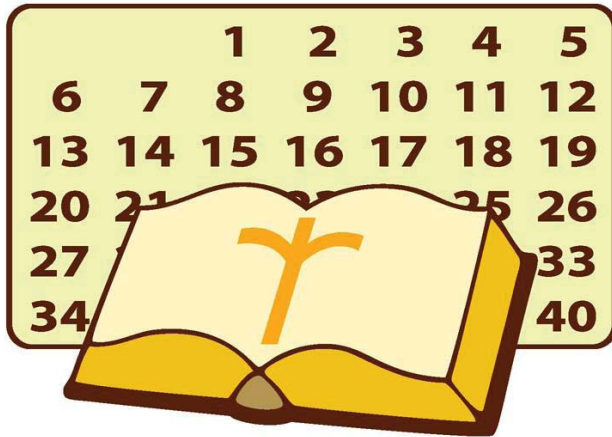
*Is that what is happening in our churches today? Are our members simply drifting away? Let us ask ourselves why. Is it because it's more comfortable to sit at home and watch or listen to the service via the internet or television? Have they become complacent after two years of fear rather than of faith? Or is it that they are occupying themselves "with the cares and entertainments of this world - filling up time with sports, with political news, with so many temporal and other not-so-important things..." (Veronis). Are they carelessly giving*

*their time to the here and now, what is in front of them and what will entertain them right now, rather than what is eternal? Have they become "lukewarm"? Have they forgotten the faith of their youth?*

*In our society today we are continually bombarded with the "lies of Satan" to seek whatever pleasures and entertainment we can. Life should be fun and easy, don't complicate your life by dedicating time to study the Word and nourish your spiritual life. Don't disappoint your kids by taking them to life groups and church rather than letting them play sports or go fishing. It's not really that important in the grand scheme of things. These are the lies we hear every day. Are we listening?*

*In his book Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis says "We have to be continually reminded of what we believe. Neither our belief in Christianity nor any other belief will automatically remain alive in the mind. It must be fed. And as a matter of fact, if you examined a hundred people who had*

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# Senior Pastor Candidate Weekend

**Friday, January 14th**  
Leadership Council Dinner  
With Candidate 6-8 pm

Meeting and Practice with Praise Team  
Meeting with Staff

**Saturday, January 15th**  
Brunch & Q & A With Candidate  
Fellowship Hall 10-2 pm

**Sunday, January 16th**  
Coffee Hour  
Meet the Candidate 8-9 am  
Candidate Message 10-1 am  
Visit with Candidate & Family 11:30 - 1 pm

# Crossfire

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

### CROSSFIRE YOUTH

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 4:30-6:00 PM IN THE YOUTH HOUSE

### HIGH SCHOOL GUYS GROUP

EVERY MONDAY AT 7:00 PM IN THE YOUTH HOUSE

### HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GROUP

EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:00 PM IN THE YOUTH HOUSE

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUP

EVERY THURSDAY AT 5:30 PM IN THE YOUTH HOUSE

**Youth Game Night!**



**January 16th,  
5-11 pm**

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*lost their faith in Christianity, I wonder how many of them would turn out to have been reasoned out of it by honest argument? Do not most people simply drift away?"*

*If we do not pay attention to our spiritual life, if we do not nourish it daily through reading our Bible, prayer, and meditation; if we do not regularly meet with God's people then we too will drift away. Ignoring our spiritual disciplines will diminish our desire for spiritual growth that will lead to a waning spiritual life. The writer of Hebrews tells us to "pay more careful attention to what we have heard". Why? Because what we hear at church, what we read in The Word, is the path to salvation. Throughout the Old Testament the Prophets reminded the Israelites continually, "Remember! Remember what God has done for you. Remember how God has acted in your lives. Remember the deception of this world and all of its enticing temptations and beware of how they will lead you away from the One True God. Remember!" (Veronis).*

Paul warned us to stay vigilant. In Revelation, John receives warning to tell the Church of Ephesus that "you have left your first love" and warned the Church in Laodicea that they had become "lukewarm".

Drifting away has been a temptation for people of faith in every generation, which is why we must learn from the past and be on guard, be vigilant, and be attentive. These past two years have allowed many to become lazy about their church attendance

or prioritizing or participating in Bible study groups. Are you one of them?

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if is showing mercy, let him *do it cheerfully. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*" (Romans 12:4-11 NIV)

*Our church body is not complete  
without you. . .  
are you complete without us?*



## 2022 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Moderator: Vicki Ardrey  
Clerk: Linda Wright  
Treasurer: Judy Rawls

### Leadership Council

Kevin Penrod  
Tina Evans  
Tony Stamm  
Steve Wilkerson  
Francis Reiman  
Kathie Grob  
Anna Pilz  
Dan Perschbacher  
Jake Miller

### Ministry Care Team

Diane Reeder  
Sue Lynn Johnson  
Linda Wright  
Carol Dunning

We extend a special thanks to those leaders who have completed their leadership terms:

Kristi Dunning, Kari Graff,  
Tammy Davis, Lou Polsgrove,  
Sylvia Carvell

Thank you for your time, energies and a job well done! God bless you all!



All members of the 2022 Leadership Council are asked to attend the annual retreat on **Tuesday, January 18th** at **5:15 pm.**

If you cannot attend, please contact Pastor Shaker or Vicki Ardrey.

### **Words of Appreciation**

Thanks to each person who helped in preparing the Goodie Package of cookies/candy delivered to our home by Lou, "Santa's Helper," of the Ministry Care Team. Was appreciated!

Gene & Carole Ebersohl

Thanks so much for thinking of us on our wedding day. I(Ethan) appreciate & cherish all the Godly guidance & family I experienced while at FBC.

The Cooks

Best wishes for a holiday season filled with warmth and wonder. We appreciate the good you all deposit into the world.

Merry Christmas

Megan Austin

Muphysboro Food Pantry

The Ministry Care Team would like to thank you for all your donations. They make their ministry possible.

## Leadership Council Meeting November 16, 2021

Devotional-Spiritual Growth and Teaching- Ephesians 5:15

Last Meeting's minutes: October minutes, were approved by consensus.

### **Ministry Team Reports:**

• **Outreach, Evangelism & Missions:** Kristy Dunning, Tina Evans Mission Moment for December will be the RMMO video, taking donations for the RMMO in December. January MM will be the Tent Project, Wyatt George will speak. Summer 2022 Mission Trip fundraisers, Chicken & Dumpling Dinner raised \$950 and Trivia Night raised \$600. Approved a one time support of \$250 to the ABC missionaries and \$500 to the Children's Ministry for Angel tree gifts. Mission Trip Team will help decorated the church for Christmas, Sunday, November 21. FBC will have a booth at the Hometown Christmas Event on December 3.

• **Youth & Kids Ministry:** Kari Graff, Tammy Davis 5 were Baptized on 11/14. Next Step Classes are a successful source for assisting those interested in being baptized. Held a Youth and Kids Leadership Team meeting to stay connected and in the loop. Will meet quarterly. Kids and Youth will help with the Hanging of the Greens service, Sunday, November 28 and will work with Ministry Care Team to do something for the Elderly for Christmas. Kathy Grob will be resigning as the Nursery/Sunday Morning Kids Coordinator, at the end of the year.

**Youth:** Laser Tag Outreach Lock IN will be this Friday, November 19. Students will serve at the Christmas Banquet/Retirement Party, tips will go toward Summer Camp Fund. Crossfire Christmas party and dinner will be on December 12.

**Kids:** Kids Bon-Fire, Halloween Outreach and Trunk or Treat were great! Started doing Communion with the Kids and Leaders.

Will partner with the Mission Team for giving Angel Tree gifts in December. Pizza with Santa will be on December 8. Kids Christmas Party will be on December 12. AWANA will be taking a break in December. Kids will practice for a winter play, which will be presented in January. AWANA is planning a 'Frosty Fiesta' Fun Sunday in January.

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

• **Financial and Stewardship:** Vicki Ardrey Financial Report: End of October report was presented. Report was approved by consensus. 2022 Budget will be put on display starting Sunday, November 20.

• **Building and Grounds:** Judy Rawls, Tony Stamm Soffit on south/west side of building, should be completed. Trees have been trimmed. Church Van needs some minor repairs. Future Projects: Landscaping for front side of church to hide A/C units and pipes. Carpet for Pastor's office, study and Jesse's office. The owner of the building at the corner of Logan and 16th Street offered the church an opportunity to purchase the property. Council discussed the options and decided not to purchase the property.

• **Special Events/Kitchen & Dinners:** Frances Reiman Served 12 attendees at the Ministerial Alliance luncheon on Wednesday, November 11. Pizza with Santa will be Wednesday, December 8 at 5:30pm.

• **Worship Ministry:** Vicki Ardrey, Tina Evans Sunday Services continues to be aired online on the FBC Murphy Facebook page. Choir practices on Wednesday evenings. Jacob working on Hanging of the Greens during the Worship

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service on November 28. Christmas service will be on December 19, Christmas Eve service will be on December 24. Sunday, January 9, will be Pastor Shaker's last service.

- **Technology Team:** Kevin Penrod Bradley did a great job revamping the Veteran's video. Estimated cost of lamps for Sanctuary projector at \$250, recommended that both projector lamps be changed at the same time, plus cost of renting scaffolding for installation. Put on hold. Recommended purchasing a secondary camera and switcher for using both cameras. Suggested updating to LED/LCD projectors.
- **Staff Relations:** Tammy Davis, Jesse Boudet Have met and reviewed all staff evaluations and job descriptions.
- **Pastoral Staffing:** Tony Stamm Met with GRR area, Executive Minister, Paul Gibson. Job description posted online, has resulted in several showing interest. Committee continues to work through applicants.
- **Nominating Team:** Judy Rawls, Linda Wright, and Kathy Grob. Will seek new Leadership Council and Ministry Care Team members and have slate of candidates for Business Meeting.
- **Transition Team:** Members are-Vicki Ardrey, Jesse Boudet, Tina Evans, Kevin Penrod, Steve Wilkerson.
- **Senior Pastor:** Will be conducting Baptisms. Tent Project, Wyatt George will speak in January 2022.



Answers for Women

2022  
**Rooted**  
Standing Firm in a Twisted World

March 31–April 2, 2022  
Answers Center at Ark Encounter  
Williamstown, KY

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Laura Story | Darrell Harrison | Ken Ham  
Dr. Georgia Purdom

SPEAKERS  
Martha Peace, Bill Jack, Mike Johnson, Debbie Meador,  
Roger Patterson, Patricia Engler, Abby Owen, and Kyle Mann

Music by The Foto Sisters  
Special Concert by Laura Story

AnswersForWomen.org

10 YEARS  
10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

## Mission of the Month

# The TentMaker Project

173 Lamb's Lane  
Murphysboro, IL 62966

### CHURCH CANCELLED...GET A TEXT MESSAGE

During the winter months weather conditions may make it necessary for worship and other church events to be cancelled. We will send out a mass text message to all those who have cell phones. If you do not get our reminder texts and would like to receive them, you can sign up by: text 313131, type "fbcmurphy" in the message box and send. It will send you a text message confirming your sign up. If you have questions or need help, feel free to contact the church office.

## The Tentmaker Project

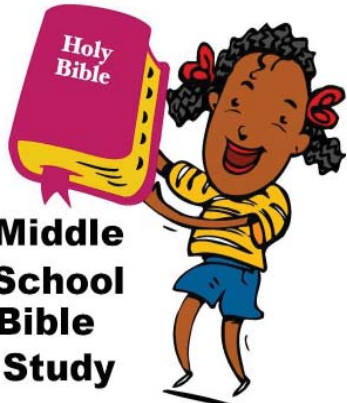
What is TMP? TMP is a small business ministry . Working through the local church in Uganda, loans are made to people to start or grow a business. The church is expanding and peoples' lives are being changed through this common sense approach of economic development in poor communities.

We teach biblical stewardship, assess business needs and assets of church members, and do micro-finance in Uganda, East Africa. Wyatt George traveled to Uganda in 1999 and saw a need in the local church. People and their pastors were very poor and needed financial boosts to improve their lives. The TentMaker Project puts out grants and loan applications in Presbyterian churches. Loan applicants who have credible businesses receive our counsel and training. When they continue with the process and the funding is available, they sign a repayment note. The funding is appropriated in needed stages and the deacons help us follow up. As they make progress they are encouraged to help others.



Bad Weather  
Receive a  
Worship Update  
by TEXT ALERT





### Middle School Bible Study

To be able to get God's Word Out to **Middle school boys and girls**, there will be a **Bible Study on Thursdays** from 5:30-7:00 pm. If you know of any Middle School boy or girl; child, grandchild, or neighbor, let them know they are welcome.

**If you need more details text or call Kathie Grob at 618-924-7017.**

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

#### January 2

Ed & Terri Miller

#### January 9

Chuck & Kim Grammer

#### January 16

Leah Rowe

#### January 23

Dale Blaise Family

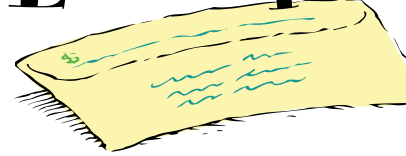
#### January 30

Suzanne Goad

If you are unable to help, please contact the Church Office at 618-687-1769



## Offering Envelopes



### 2022 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

The 2022 contribution envelopes are available for pick up in the Parlor. If you cannot find a box designated for you and/or would like to have a set, please contact Denise McDowell or the church office at 618-687-1769.



# January

### GREETERS

#### January 2

Lou Polsgrove & GlenAnn Kiel

#### January 9

Matt & Elaine Hardwig

#### January 16

Anna Jenkins & Judy Rawls

#### January 23

Robert Heiple & Need Volunteer

#### January 30

Need Volunteer

If you are unable to help, please contact the Church Office at 618-687-1769

Pastor Shaker's Last Sunday will be January 9th. Please be a part of his last Worship Service.



Say Goodbye to Our Pastor and Family

We are taking up a collection in recognition of his service. Put your donation in an envelope and designate it "Pastor Shaker Retirement Gift."

### HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

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|----|-------------------|----|---------------|
| 1  | Nancy Edgar       | 31 | Patsy Roberts |
| 2  | Gene Ebersohl     | 31 | Gina Hunziker |
| 3  | Wilma Brewer      |    |               |
| 3  | Kathy Doerr       |    |               |
| 3  | Jo Graeff         |    |               |
| 4  | Chuck Grammer     |    |               |
| 19 | Avery Guthman     |    |               |
| 20 | Cody Brashear     |    |               |
| 21 | Brad Sims         |    |               |
| 24 | Mandy Herring     |    |               |
| 26 | Carolyn Ewbank    |    |               |
| 28 | Pam Lipe          |    |               |
| 29 | Debbie Penrod     |    |               |
| 30 | Harper Waddington |    |               |



# VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our many



## JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>9:00 AM</b> Small Groups <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>6:30 PM</b> Next Gen Small Group	<b>27</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Guys Group	<b>28</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Girls Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Team Practice	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Crossfire MS Small Group	<b>31</b> Church Office Closed	<b>1</b> Happy New Year
<b>2</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>8:30 AM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>9:00 AM</b> AWANA GO! <b>9:00 AM</b> Small Groups <b>10:00 AM</b> AWANA Kids Club <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship with Communion <b>6:30 PM</b> Next Gen Small Group	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>7:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Guys Group	<b>4</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Girls Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Team Practice	<b>5</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Crossfire Youth <b>5:00 PM</b> Family Dinner <b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>5:30 PM</b> Crossfire MS Small Group	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>8:30 AM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>9:00 AM</b> Small Groups <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship-Pastor Shaker's Last Service <b>6:30 PM</b> Next Gen Small Group	<b>10</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ministry Care Team <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>7:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Guys Group	<b>11</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Girls Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Team Practice	<b>12</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Crossfire Youth <b>5:00 PM</b> Family Dinner <b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir	<b>13</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>5:30 PM</b> Crossfire MS Small Group	<b>14</b> Senior Pastor Weekend <b>6:00 PM</b> Leadership Council Dinner with Candidate	<b>15</b> Senior Pastor Weekend <b>10:00 AM</b> Brunch and Q & A with Candidate
<b>16</b> Senior Pastor Weekend <b>8:00 AM</b> Coffee Hour with Candidate <b>8:30 AM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service with Candidate Message <b>11:30 AM</b> Visit with Candidate & Family <b>5:00 PM</b> Crossfire Youth Game Night <b>6:30 PM</b> Next Gen Small Group	<b>17</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>7:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Guys Group	<b>18</b> <b>5:15 AM</b> Leadership Retreat <b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Girls Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Leadership Council Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Team Practice	<b>19</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Crossfire Youth <b>5:00 PM</b> Family Dinner <b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir	<b>20</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>5:30 PM</b> Crossfire MS Small Group	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>8:30 AM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer in Pastor's Study <b>9:00 AM</b> Small Groups <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship/Congregational Vote/Tentmaker Project <b>6:30 PM</b> Next Gen Small Group	<b>24</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>7:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Guys Group	<b>25</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Crossfire HS Girls Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Team Practice	<b>26</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Crossfire Youth <b>5:00 PM</b> Family Dinner <b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir	<b>27</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Ladies Exercise Class <b>5:30 PM</b> Crossfire MS Small Group	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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