

APRIL EVENTS

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

9-10 am
Young Adult/Family
Challenge Seekers
Living God's Word
Next Generation

7-8 pm
New Generation

MID-WEEK EVENTS

WEDNESDAYS

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

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES

5-7 pm Youth Group
6:30 pm MS Small Group
7-8 pm HS Guys Groups
7-8 pm HS Girls Group
No Youth or Small Groups April 6

PEANUT ROLLS

12 noon Friday, April 8
4 pm, Friday, April 8 Pick Up

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD MEETING

6 pm Tuesday, April 12
Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Cartersville

H.S. GIRLS BAKING EASTER DESSERTS & EGG THE YARD

12 am Saturday, April 16th

EASTER CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 17


8:30-9:30 AM EASTER BREAKFAST
10 AM EASTER CELEBRATION WORSHIP
11:15 AM KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT

FBC WOMEN'S BRUNCH

10 AM, Tuesday, April 19
Mary Lou's, Carbondale

YOUTH HIKING TRIP

12-4 PM Sunday, April 24



FBC MURPHY

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APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

I WILL GROW

Recently I discovered a new song "Springtime" By: Chris Renzema that has greatly impacted my heart. I encourage you to look this song up and listen to it before you begin. Here are the lyrics.

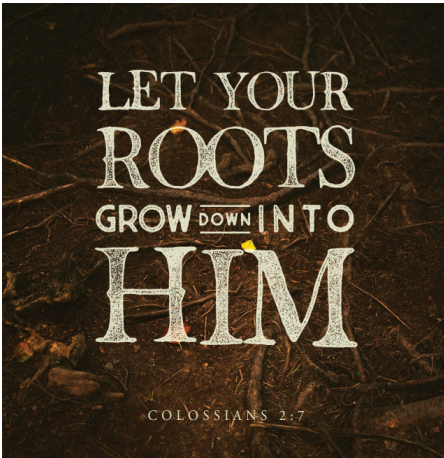
"Springtime" By: Chris Renzema

*You're the resurrection
That we've waited for
You buried the night
And came with the morning
You're the King of Heaven
The praise is Yours
The longer the quiet
The louder the chorus*

Oh-oh-oh-oh Oh-oh-oh-oh

*We will sing a new song
'Cause death is dead and gone with the winter
We will sing a new song
Let "Hallelujah's" flow like a river
We're coming back to life
Reaching toward the light
Your love is like springtime*

*You're the living water
God, we thirst for You
The dry and the barren
Will flower and bloom
You're the sun that's shining*



*You restore my soul
The deeper You call us
Oh, the deeper we'll go*

*We will sing a new song
'Cause death is dead and gone with the winter
We will sing a new song*

*Let "Hallelujah's" flow like a river
We're coming back to life
Reaching toward the light
Your love is like springtime*

*Come tend the soil
Come tend the soil of my soul
And like a garden
And like a garden
I will gro-o-o-ow
I will gro-o-o-ow
Come tend the soil
Come tend the soil of my soul*

*And like a garden
And like a garden I will gro-o-o-ow
I will gro-o-o-ow I will gro-o-o-ow
I will gro-o-o-ow*

*We will sing a new song
'Cause death is dead and gone with the winter
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Let "Hallelujah's" flow like a river
We're coming back to life*

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Experience Easter with us at the First Baptist Church

Palm Sunday Worship

10:00 am, April 10

FBC Kids will open the service with a fanfare of celebration on this Sunday before Easter. This special day has been designated "One for the Cross" Sunday to help the Bald Knob Cross of Hope Fund.

EASTER CELEBRATION April 17, Sunday

The Easter Breakfast

9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to a great breakfast with all the trimmings. Breakfast Casserole, ham, fruit, pastries and a lot more. Bring the whole family as well as your friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

10:00 am in the Sanctuary

This is a celebration of our Lord and Savior's Resurrection. The service will be filled with celebration music, scripture readings, and a Message of Salvation and Hope. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to come celebrate with us.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

11:15 am on the front lawn

Immediately following the worship service, the Easter Egg Hunt will begin on the front lawn. All children are invited to participate as the adults get to watch all the excitement

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*Reaching toward the light
Your love is like springtime
Like springtime*

Hallelujah, praise God, He is the Resurrection and death is dead and gone with the winter. Oh He is the living water and He restores my soul. Come tend the soil of my soul. And like a garden I will grow.

Colossians 2: 6-7

"6 And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. 7 Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."

Do you want to grow? Acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and follow Him. He is the Resurrection and the Living water. Let your roots grow down into Him and build your life on Him. Then you will grow and you will overflow with thankfulness! "Let 'Hallelujah's' flow like a river." Praise God as He tends the soil of your soul, shows you the light to grow towards, and provides the Living water.

I pray your roots grow deep into Christ. Then you will grow.

Pastor Nathan

Tithe – February 2022

Contributions:	\$25,635.35
Actual Expenses:	\$26,131.39
Difference:	\$ (496.04)
Budget:	\$26,131.39

EASTER EGG CANDY NEEDED

The annual Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn has always been a fun and exciting major event for our children and visitors on Easter Morning. This year they are estimating approximately 600 eggs will be needed. The candy to fill those eggs is also needed. The eggs are 2 1/4 inches long, so the candy must be bite size and individually wrapped. Examples are chocolate kisses, Hershey miniatures, Life Savers, bite size Snickers, Milky Ways, miniature peanut butter cups, foil wrapped chocolate eggs, Crabby Patties, etc. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Just drop off a bag or two at the church office. Thank you!

EAT GREAT PIZZA & HELP SUPPORT THE SUMMER MISSION TRIP

This summer missions trip team will partner with Whiffle Boys Pizza for a fundraiser to help with the expenses of the annual mission trip. On **Monday, April 25th**, from **3-10 pm**, we will receive 15% of all sales that mention FBC. You must specifically mention First Baptist Church when ordering your meal for us to get the donation. So mark your calendar and let Whiffle Boys Pizza fix your dinner on April 25th.



Leadership Council Meeting February 15, 2022

Opening Prayer: Jesse Boudet.

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

Ministry Care Team Report: The Care Team and Jesse Boudet met on February 14.

Ministry Team Reports:

Outreach, Evangelism & Missions: Love gift was given. The Quilt Raffle funds donated to the Kentucky Disaster Relief. Local and national disaster relief accounts were updated. Gift cards will be distributed to several couples for babies and weddings. Easter Outreach, coordinated with Pastor Nathan. Mission trip to Jamaica canceled due to COVID travel constrictions. Working on an alternate location. Moved \$1,000 from General Missions to Fund, Feeding our Neighbor. Added Remme Sr. Citizen's Fund.

Youth & Kids Ministry: **YOUTH:** Needing a leader for a 9 AM MS Small Group. Youth Group topics for meetings: A Burning Bush, Water into Wine, A Talking Donkey, and Abraham and Issac. Small Group topics: The Chosen, One Day at a Time, and Come to the Table RNM. Youth prepared and served February 23 meal, Wednesday meal and the All Church Lunch with Pastor on March 6. WINTERJAM Concert is on March 13. HS Guys Group Retreat will be March 7-10. Theme: Men of the Bible. Hiking Trip and Picnic at Giant City April 24.

Youth Grad Party May 15. Youth to help with VBS June 5-10. Summer Mission trip being planned for July 10 -15. Youth Camp dates are July 20-24. Youth and Kids Lead Team will meet with Pastor Nathan, for a time to share testimonies. Dan Perschbacher will teach a class on the Gospel and leading people to Jesus for Youth/Kids Leaders.

KIDS: Winter Play was GREAT! A big THANK YOU to Tamara and Barb. Noisy Offering for Summer Camp raised \$385.59. AWANA started back on January 23, and is doing great! Valentine's Party held February 13. AWANA Grand Prix Prep in March. The Event in April. The Light Kids Conference April 2. Easter Egg Hunt Outreach April 17. AWANA will end in May for a Summer break. Kids Camp July

27-30. Splish Splash sometime in August.

Adult Small Groups & Bible Studies Ministry: Small Groups continue to meet on Sunday mornings.

Wednesday evening groups averaging 10 per class.

Ladies Morning Group is having good success. Need small groups and leaders for MS students on Sunday mornings. Kristy's group is studying the Book of Mark. Ron's group is using the AB Quarterly Study. Suzanne's group is studying Galatians. Vicki's group is finishing Thessalonians.

Financial and Stewardship: End of January report was presented and approved by consensus.

Nominating Team: Continues to seek new Ministry Care Team members for vacancies.

Building and Grounds: Received statement for Elevator maintenance. Will seek bids when contract ends.

Special Events/Kitchen & Dinners: Wednesday night meals are feeding 40-60 people per week. Discussion for Easter Brunch ongoing.

Worship Ministry: Sunday Services continues online on the FBC Murphy Facebook page. Choir will transition to supporting and participating with Praise Team. Rehearsal are at 5:15 on Friday.

Technology Team: Projector lamps have been installed. Cost \$350 total. A private donation was made to fund the purchase of Pastor Nathan's computer. Tech Team and Building and Grounds are looking into why the sanctuary lights flickering. Need to look at replacing/updating the Sanctuary Speakers and Amps. Need volunteer to mix the livestream. Need to look at replacing Sanctuary Video Projectors/LED Screens.

Next Business Meeting: Sunday, March 27.



PEANUT ROLLS!

A Summer Camp Fundraiser

Make a \$15 donation & get a dozen

Order today by contacting the church office.

Pickup is Friday, April 8th after 4 pm
& Sunday, April 10



YARD SALE

Friday, May 6, 6-8 pm
Saturday, May 7, 7 am-1 pm

The Annual Yard
will be held in the back parking lot.
Clean out your closets, garages, basements,
attics & from under your beds...

Let the stuff that you no longer need become someone's new treasure
& help the kids & youth go to summer camp.

Starting April 19, Bring your
donated items to the church.

or

For pickup, call Kathie Grob
at 924-7017



LADIES DEVOTIONAL BRUNCH

The monthly Ladies Devotional Brunch is changing it up a bit by gathering at Mary Lou's Cafe on the strip in Carbondale on **Tuesday, April 19th, at 10 am.** All ladies are invited to have a leisurely meal (Mary Lou's is known for its great breakfasts) with a thoughtful time of devotional with prayer and also some really great fellowship. Got questions, contact Kathie Grob.

MEN'S QUARTERLY BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Calling all men! The Men's Quarterly Brotherhood Meeting is **Tuesday, April 12th at 6 pm** at **Grand Avenue Baptist Church** (116 W. Grand Ave. Carterville). The meal will be a fish fry with a time of worship and a guest speaker. If you have questions or need a ride, please contact Ron McLaughlin at (618) 534-2946.

Crossfire

CROSSFIRE YOUTH

STUDENT MINISTRIES

EVERY WEDNESDAY 5-7 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP 6:30 PM

HIGH SCHOOL GUYS & GIRLS 7-8 PM

FYI...Crossfire & Small Groups are not meeting on April 6



CROSSFIRE OFF TO THE WILDS OF THE WOODS

Crossfire Youth will be on the move **Sunday, April 24th**, for an afternoon of hiking fun. Meet at the church at **12 noon** for a destination that has yet to be determined. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing and don't forget your water bottle. For more information just contact Jesse.



2022 YOUTH AND KIDS SUMMER CAMP

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Youth Camp will be June 20-24

Kids Camp will be July 27-30

For more information or to register visit www.fbcmurphy.org or talk with Jesse Boudet, Kathie Grob, or the Church Office at (618) 687-1769.



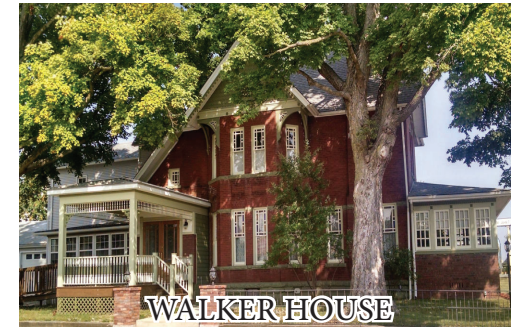
LET THE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS HELP WITH YOUR EASTER CELEBRATION

Need some sweet treats for your Easter celebration? The High School Girls group are taking orders for some really **great desserts** for your Easter dinner or gathering. On April 15th-16th they will be making bunny face (w/coconut or w/out) cakes (\$20 donation), lemon bunt cakes (\$15 donation), dozen iced sugar cookies or cupcakes (\$12 donation) as a fundraiser for their annual retreat. Deadline to order is April 10th.

The girls are also doing **Egg Your Yard**. How would like to wake up on Easter morning (April 17th) to a yard full of candy/prize filled Easter Eggs?!?! Here's an idea... have them hid in your grandchildren's, niece's/nephew's or the kids' next door yards. For donations of \$25=25 eggs, \$45=50 eggs, or \$90=100 eggs will be delivered and hid. What a fun way to surprise a loved one.

Deadline to order is April 12th.

To place your order on both of these great fundraisers, please contact Tamara (618) 525-5250, Cindy (618) 319-0781 or the church office.



724 Walker House Ministries provides community outreach in and around Murphysboro. They create opportunities to enrich lives by facilitating programs that serve people in need. Their volunteers believe that serving others enriches the people who reach out as well as the people they serve. They provide hospitality by putting extraordinary emphasis on making people feel welcome and valued, and to create opportunities for people to connect in meaningful ways. Started by Ed and Jennifer O'Donnell, Walker House has developed a passion for reaching out to those in need by creating a team that serves meals to the community. They believe that helping hungry people involves more than simply handing them a plate of food. Ed and Jennifer hope to create an environment that guests view as something special and provide an experience that makes them feel appreciated. This Ministries is located at the historic residence of 724 Walnut Street in Murphysboro.

Our Missions Team here at FBC believes in this mission and serving the community of Murphysboro. Providing meals and building relationships is something we love investing in. Because of your faithful giving, 10% of your weekly general giving goes to missions like these. We will be sending \$3,000 to them this month to help continue this great ministry to Murphysboro. If you would like to give in addition to your tithe, please designate "Walker House" on your giving.

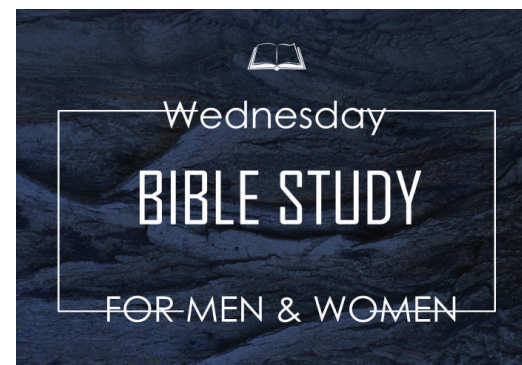


AWANA Kids Program!!! Infants-5th Grade!

**9 am
AWANA GO!**

**10 am
AWANA Kids Club**

For more details check out
www.fbcmurphy.org/AWANA



**Come for Family Dinner
5-6 pm
Stay for Bible Study
6-7 pm**



Women's Exercise Class

Monday and Thursday Morning's
at 10:00 am'

Contact Judy Rawls
(618) 534-2480 or
The Church Office
(618) 687-1769
for more information.



GREETERS

APRIL 3

Anna Jenkins & Judy Rawls

APRIL 10

Bob Heiple & Tina Shinsky

APRIL 17

Volunteer Needed & Valerie Lipe

APRIL 24

Buddy & Helen Payne

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

APRIL 3

Matt & Melinda Guthman Family

APRIL 10

Dave & Vicki Ardrey

APRIL 17

EASTER BREAKFAST

APRIL 24

Chuck & Kim Grammer

If you are unable to help, please
contact the church office 687-1769.

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

2	Ruth Attig	21	Dalton Marnati
3	Nicolette Samuel	21	Lilli Robinson
5	Megan Graeff	23	Chase Stamm
6	Mikah Mifflin	25	Emily Boudet-Reiman
6	Merryn Elliott	26	Willette Yearian
10	Debbie Davis-Murrie	30	Leila Reiman
11	John Edgar		
13	Tim Sims		
14	Austin Hardwig		
15	Brittany Wheeler		
15	Ellee Doerr		
16	Joan Mifflin		
17	Lindsey Blaise		
17	Jimmy Holland		
18	Tina Mileur		
19	Ty Schwarz		
21	Shirley Hardwig-Winter		



Thanks to our many
VOLUNTEERS

APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:30 AM Coffee Hour 8:30 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9:00 AM AWANA GO! 9:00 AM Small Groups 10:00 AM AWANA Kids Club 11:15 AM Trimester Business Meeting 6:30 PM Next Gen Small Group	28 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class	29	30 5:00 PM Family Dinner 6:00 PM Crossfire Youth 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM MS Group 7:00 PM HS Girls Group 7:00 PM HS Guys Group	31 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class	1 April Fool's Day 6:00 PM Worship Team Practice	2
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10 Palm Sunday 8:30 AM Coffee Hour 8:30 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9:00 AM AWANA GO! 9:00 AM Small Groups 10:00 AM AWANA Kids Club 10:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM Next Gen Small Group	11 9:00 AM Ministry Care Team 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class	12 6:00 PM Men's Brotherhood Meeting at Grand Ave. Bapt. Church, Carterville 7:00 PM HS Girls Group	13 5:00 PM Family Dinner 6:00 PM Crossfire Youth 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM MS Group 7:00 PM HS Girls Group 7:00 PM HS Guys Group	14 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class	15 Church Office Closed Good Friday 8:00 AM HS Girls Baking 6:00 PM Worship Team Practice	16 12:00 PM HS Girls Baking Cakes 5:00 PM Egg the Yards
17 EASTER 8:30 AM All Church Easter Breakfast 8:30 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 10:00 AM Easter Celebration Worship 11:15 AM Kids Easter Egg Hunt 6:30 PM Next Gen Small Group	18 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class	19 10:00 AM Ladies Devotional Brunch at Mary Lou's 6:00 PM Leadership Council Meeting 7:00 PM HS Girls Group	20 5:00 PM Family Dinner 6:00 PM Crossfire Youth 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM MS Group 7:00 PM HS Girls Group 7:00 PM HS Guys Group	21 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class	22 6:00 PM Worship Team Practice	23
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