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Upcoming Events in May

ONLINE AUCTION FOR BRIAN SCHUMAN
May 1st through 8th

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE
Thursday, May 5th
6:30 am
Davis McCann Civic Center
Bagged Breakfast To Go Provided

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES
5 pm Family Dinner
5:00-7:00 pm Crossfire H.S. Youth
6:30 pm Crossfire M.S. Youth
6 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study

MOTHERS' DAY
Sunday, May 8th

MEMORIAL DAY
Monday, May 30th

COMING IN JUNE

VBS
June 5th -9th

CROSSINGS YOUTH CAMP
June 20th-24th

CAKE BAKING CONTEST
June 19th

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MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Hello, My Dear Brothers and Sisters!

April was such an amazing month filled with so many blessings! We journeyed together along side the life of Jesus! Celebrating and worshipping Him. My heart was filled with joy seeing our many students worshipping God on Palm Sunday, waving palm fronds and singing "Hosanna"! Easter Sunday was wonderful, and it was incredibly encouraging to see our Church filled with so many people worshipping our Risen King Jesus together!

The church was also able to cheerfully give in support of The Walker House ministry. An amazing local ministry focused on providing a free meal every Sunday evening. We are excited to help support this local ministry and plan on having a monthly church volunteer night! This is a great way to get involved in our community! Please come out with us and share the love of Jesus!

I want to say a special "Thank you" for all the extra prayers for my family and for our new baby! Another blessing of April! Praise God for the unbelievable blessing of our son!

Kai Nathan Borish! Born April 13th.

God granted us the home birth of our dreams! Joy had a quick 3 hour labor and I was so fortunate to be able to catch baby Kai. The midwives arrived shortly after he was born and within a few hours we were all resting in bed together as a fam-



ily! Praise God for this tremendous blessing! And thank you so much for all the prayers!

God accomplished many more great things last month through our Church! Ministries supported, needs met, prayers answered, and miracles witnessed! Remember the story of your journey and your testimony have the power to bring someone into a saving

relationship with Jesus Christ! Step out and make disciples as we are called by Christ Jesus! Bring people alongside your journey to meet your best friend Jesus.

Looking ahead to May.

We are excited to honor all of our sweet mothers this Mother's Day! We have a special service and a gift for all mothers; so be sure to join us and celebrate our magnificent moms this Mother's Day! May 8th. May brings with it the end of school and the start of summer! Please be in prayer for our students, parents, teachers, staff, and faculty as

they finish the school year. We look forward to celebrating with our graduates! We will also have a special Sunday to honor the students in our AWANA program Sunday May 22nd.

I am so excited for May as we begin our **new series "Our House"**. As we journey together through this series, we will take an in

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



YARD SALE

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



**Bring your
donated items to the church.**

or

**For pickup, call Kathie Grob
at 924-7017**



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!!!



TAKING A SUMMER BREAK

The school year is drawing to a close and
FBC Wednesday night will be taking a
summer break: Crossfire Youth, and Fam-
ily Dinner. Monday Fun Days will begin in
August. All our Wednesday night activities
will resume in mid August, so watch for the
announcement.

**Stay cool and have a wonderful and
safe summer!!**

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Two steps and a handicap accessible ramp will need
be installed for access from/to the sanctuary.
Received statement for Elevator maintenance. Will
seek new bids when current contract ends. The light
issue in the Ladies Restroom has been resolved.
Jesse mentioned some Bus and Van upcoming main-
tenance. It was also suggested by a mechanic that
the vehicles be parked in full shade to protect the tires
and paint. Future Projects: Landscaping for front side
of church to hide A/C units and pipes. Bus and Van
need IDOT # and logo signage. Pavilion side of church
need lights repaired/replaced.

• Special Events/Kitchen & Dinners: Frances Reiman
Wednesday night meals are going well. Kristy reported
that they are feeding 40-60 people per week and she's
keeping track of supplies. 95 people attended the
church luncheon, welcoming Pastor Nathan and family
on March 6. Easter Brunch will be on April 17 from
8:30 to 9:30. Wednesday evening meals will stop at
the end of May until school resumes in August.
• Worship Ministry: Vicki Ardrey, Tina Evans, Steve
Wilkerson Sunday Services continues to be aired
online on the FBC Murphy Facebook page. Team is
adjusting well, working on sound for singers and
instruments. Considering changing the routine of the
service. Will start passing the offering plate in April.
Will have Communion for three Sundays in April. An
offering highlight video will be shown on April 10.
Discussed Easter Service.

• Technology Team: Kevin Penrod Projector lamps have
been installed. Bradley is updating the website weekly,
maintaining the server, computers, printers/copies,
livestream and streaming devices, projectors, TV's,
sound board, sanctuary lighting control, etc. Tech
Team and Building and Grounds are looking into why
the sanctuary lights flicker. A private donation was
made to fund the purchase of Pastor Nathan's com-
puter. Tech Team suggested purchasing DSLR camera
with microphone and a GoPro action type mini camera
for special video coverage, and a new microphone for
the pastor Nathan for around \$1,791. Council ap-
proved purchases. Need to look at replacing/updating
the Sanctuary Speakers and Amps. Need someone to
mix the livestream. Need to look at replacing Sanctu-
ary Video Projectors/LED Screens. Recommended
purchasing a secondary camera and switcher for using
both.

• Staffing Relations: Vicki Ardrey, Anna Pilz Allison
Hickam resigned from the custodial position. Steve
Wilkerson will fill in temporally. Team is working on
the job description and hoping to fill the position soon.

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depth look at our church's beliefs. The core
beliefs that make up "Our House" and the
scripture that backs those beliefs.

May will be an amazing month to invite
friends and family to church! Honor your
mother on Mother's Day, celebrate with the
students on AWANA Sunday, and kick-off this
new journey "Our House," discovering what
scripture teaches and why that is the founda-
tion of our Church.

Praise God for all the blessings He pours out
onto our Church and our Church family!

Remember the words of Jesus in John 8:

12 When Jesus spoke again to the people,
he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever
follows me will never walk in darkness, but will
have the light of life."

May we continue to walk with Him and share
His love and light with everyone around us.
Amen!

-Pastor Nathan



The Church Office will be closed

Monday, May 30th, so the staff may
spend the Memorial Day holiday with
their families.

Have a safe and blessed holiday!!



Volunteers are welcomed and encouraged.

• Pastoral Relations: Tony Stamm, Anna Pilz Pastor
Nathan is here and joining us today! Looking to
add more people to the team. Pastor Nathan is
hoping to be moved into his new house by the end
of March, first week of April. Council approved two
weeks of Paternity leave for Pastor Nathan in April.
• Ministry Director: Jesse Was excited to be work-
ing with Pastor Nathan and looking forward to see-
ing good things happening for the Church.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 6:00 pm.
Next Trimester Business Meeting: Sunday, March
27, 2022

MARCH 2022 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Opening Prayer: Nathan Borish

Devotional-Spiritual Growth and Teaching: Steve Wilkerson, Judy Rawls Steve presented Sinclair Ferguson's study guide from Devoted to your Church, with a four- question platform and discussed the verse from 1 Corinthians 15:58.

- Outreach, Evangelism & Missions: Tina Evans, Kristy Dunning Mission Moments for April will be the Walker House, May, CRU, June Mission Trip. Mission Moments will continue to be in the bulletin and news-letter but may not all be promoted from the stage. Purchased gift cards for young people connected to FBC for babies and weddings. Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt were discussed with Pastor Nathan. Discussed future outreach plans/opportunities. Approved \$100 for Pastor Elisio's Philippine ministry to buy tables. Chicken Dumpling Dinner raised \$1,058.00 to go towards the summer Mission trip. Orphan Ministry to coordinate a visit to Angel's Cove in Mt. Vernon. Walker House B&B needs of a commercial kitchen to support their community outreach program of serving free Sunday evening meals. The cost of the kitchen is \$30,000. In April, the Mission Team will encourage congregational giving with a goal of \$3,000, making up the difference from General Missions. Team will evaluate monthly supported ministries for continued support in May.

- Youth & Kids Ministry: Jesse Boudet, Dan Perschbacher, Anna Pilz

YOUTH: Jesse, Dan, Anna and Nathan met to discuss Youth and Kids. Youth and Kids Lead Team will meet with Pastor Nathan in May for a time to share testimonies. Dan Perschbacher will teach a class on the Gospel and leading people to Jesus for Youth/Kids Leaders. WINTER JAM Concert went well. HS Guys Group Retreat was a success. Looking for a leader for a 9 AM MS Small Group Youth Groups and Small Groups are still meeting. Youth Group will be going to Nathan's this week, Dan is speaking, Jacob will lead them in Worship. Hiking Trip and Picnic at Giant City will be April 24. Youth Grad Party will be May 15. Youth will help with VBS June 5-10. 45 Youth are registered for Camp, June 20-24. 16 Youth are registered for the summer Mission trip, July 10 -15.

KIDS: Valentine's Party went well. AWANA is doing great! AWANA Grand Prix Prep will be Saturdays in April. The Event will be in May. The Light Kids Conference on April 2 has been canceled. Palm Sunday-kids will have palms during worship songs, April 10. Kids will be in Worship Easter Sunday, Easter Egg

Hunt following service, will be April 17. Kids will be in Worship on Mother's Day, May 8. AWANA Sunday will on May 22, presenting Awards. AWANA will be taking a summer break. Kids Camp will be July 27-30. Splash Splash sometime in August. Will be planning a Baptism.

- Adult Small Groups & Bible Studies Ministry: Steve Wilkerson, Kathie Grob The Small Groups continue to meet on Sunday mornings. Wednesday evening groups averaging 10 per class. Ladies Morning Group is having good success, meeting at local restaurants. They'll meet at Mary Lou's in Carbondale, in April. Need small groups and leaders for MS students on Sunday mornings. Hope Orphan Group hasn't met since Covid restrictions, plan to meet in April.

- Financial and Stewardship: Judy Rawls, Vicki Ardrey Financial Report: End of February report was presented. Report was approved by consensus. Discussion regarding the state of the budget and the shortage of income to meet operating requirements of the church followed the presentation of the Financial Report. While we have the Legacy Fund to fall back on, the Council determined that it would be prudent to maintain a certain level of reserve of funds, referred to as the Emergency Operation Fund (EOF), to ensure the continued operation and maintenance of the church building. The EOF will be used in the event of major equipment failure, such as an A/C unit replacement, or major damage to the church due to a weather event. Use of the funds must be approved by the Council prior to committing them. This fund will also include three months of operating expenses in the event of any incident that may prevent or slow income, such as the recent Covid epidemic. The Council set the EOF at \$125,000 for repair, \$75,000 for operating expenses. The remaining portion of the Legacy Fund will be used as necessary to meet the needs of the church until such time as our income/tithes increase or it is depleted. Discussion is ongoing regarding other cuts that can be made to reduce costs/expenses.

- Nominating Team: Linda Wright, Kathie Grob. Helen Payne has agreed to join Ministry Care Team.

- Building and Grounds: Tony Stamm, Jake Miller Looking into changing stage lighting. Looking into cost effectiveness of changing thermostats throughout building. Sanctuary ceiling cracks need to be repaired. Jake getting bid and timeline. Checking on leak in Care Team room. Pastor Nathan has proposed removing the center section of wall between the parlor and the sanctuary to improve traffic flow between the two.



Mission of the Month

Our Jamaica Ministry partners are Pastor and Mrs. Raphael Thomas, founders of Blessing Basket International. BBI is a ministry that partners with churches and other organizations to pursue the Great Commission as outlined in Matthew 28:19-20 and promote the Great Commandments. Wherein the Great Commission refers to the making of disciples of Jesus Christ of all nations

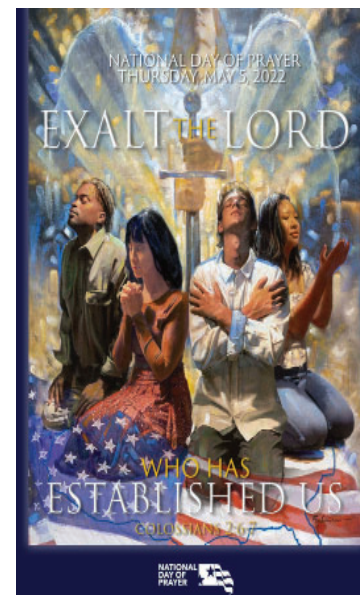
and the Great Commandment refers to loving God with Heart, soul, strength and mind, and loving neighbor as self. The Thomas's are our ministry hosts when the FBC Team travels to Jamaica, providing our lodging and working alongside the team at Central Gospel Chapel in Aleppo, St. Mary Parrish.

Financial support from FBC Missions provides funding that helps our church family at Central Gospel Chapel, who are now led by Pastor Javaugh Taylor. Pastor Taylor has initiated youth programs of cash crop farming and encouraging youth participation in church services through dance and music. Central Gospel is also engaged outreach to the local community. The children's Sunday School program is growing, children and families are being led to salvation and the Gospel is being shared! The FBC Summer Mission Team hopes to return to Jamaica in 2023, to continue the partnership with our church family there and provide assistance in VBS, the parsonage rebuilding program and reaching out to the people of Aleppo in Christ's name.

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Our nation is in need of God's direction and power as our country struggles with violence, sin, and the Godless direction our society is taking. We need to come together in Unity on this day to pray together in one voice, asking for our Lord's help.

The Murphysboro Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring the National Day of Prayer Community Service on **Thursday, May 5th, at 6:30 am** at the Davis McCann Civic Center on 14th St. There will be a bagged Breakfast to Go





CROSSINGS SUMMER CAMP IS AN AMAZING CHRISTIAN CAMP WITH AWESOME FUN ACTIVITIES AND CONCERTS, LIFE TRANSFORMING MESSAGES, AND A GREAT PLACE FOR KIDS AND YOUTH GROUPS TO GROW CLOSER TOGETHER IN THEIR PURSUIT OF JESUS.

Youth Camp

6th - High School
June
20th-24th



The Book of Daniel

How do we live with wisdom and remain faithful to God when we live in a culture that is hostile to God and his ways? Can we be resilient in the midst of fiery furnaces, too? The Book of Daniel is a story of four young Israelites who learned that God is faithful to his promises, God is in control of both history and our individual lives, and God's present invisible rule will one day result in a glorious and permanent rule.



They will camp out in John 15 to explore the amazing joy of being connected to Jesus and growing in a relationship with Him

Kids Camp July 27th-30th

All kids and youth from 3rd - 12th are welcome to have a fun, Jesus filled week at an amazing camp. Payment and financial assistance may be available. Please contact Kathie Grob or Jesse Boudet ASAP if you would like to attend.

2022 VBS

JUNE 5TH-9TH, SUNDAY-THURSDAY
Kickoff Sunday!
Sunday, June 5th from 5-8 PM
June 6th-9th, 9AM - Noon
Monday-Thursday



Register at www.fbcmurphy.org/VBS



Want to Show How Good You Are At Baking Cakes, and Help Kids Go to Church Camp, at The Same Time.

Categories:

Best Overall Cake, Best Theme,
Best Tasting, Best Decorated

\$10 Entry Fee

Cupcake Walk & Silent Auction Too
Call Kathie Grob to Register at 618-924-7017

GREETERS

May 1

Ed & Terri Miller

May 8

Lou Polsgrove & GlenAnn Kiel

May 15

Matt & Elaine Hardwig

May 22

Anna Jenkins & Robert Heiple

May 29

Buddy & Helen Payne

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

May 1

Leah Rowe

May 8

Dale Blaise Family

May 15

Suzanne Goad

May 22

G. Hunziker/J. Goforth/K. Dunning

May 29

Valerie Lipe

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



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.



GRADUATES NAMES NEEDED

Middle school, high school, college and military graduates who are an active part of our church will be honored for their academic accomplishments in May. 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 (618)687-1769. We would like to honor each high school and college student by telling a little bit about the school activities and/or awards they may have received and their future plans.



POST THIS ON YOUR
REFRIGERATOR!

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!

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



**MAY
BIRTHDAYS**

VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our many

MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Brian Schuman-Online Auction-Fundraiser 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 10:00 AM Worship with Communion 6:30 PM Next Gen Small Group	2 Brian Schuman-Online Auction-Fundraiser 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class	3 Brian Schuman-Online Auction-Fundraiser	4 Brian Schuman-Online Auction-Fundraiser 5:00 PM Crossfire Youth 5:00 PM Family Dinner 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	5 Brian Schuman-Online Auction-Fundraiser 6:30 AM Murphysboro National Day of Prayer 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class	6 Brian Schuman-Online Auction-Fundraiser 6:00 PM Annual Yard Sale 6:00 PM Worship Team Practice	7 Brian Schuman-Online Auction-Fundraiser 8:00 AM Annual Yard Sale
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