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Upcoming Events

NEW YEAR'S WORSHIP
Sunday, January 1st

OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY
Monday, January 2nd

UN-DECORATING THE CHURCH
Sunday, January 8th

MISSION TRIP PLANNING MEETING
Sunday, January 8th

AWANA KIDS CLUB
Resumes Sunday, January 8th

NORTH OF 50 EVENT
Tuesday, January 10th

**COME TO THE TABLE
DINNER AND WORSHIP**
Wednesday, January 11th

VOLUNTEERING AT WALKER HOUSE
Sunday, January 15th

LADIES DEVOTIONAL BRUNCH
Tuesday, January 17th

CHILI COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER
Sunday, January 22nd

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL RETREAT
Sunday, January 29th

**ELEVATE STUDENTS
WINTERJAM CONCERT**
Sunday, February 5th

**ELEVATE STUDENTS
SUPERBOWL PARTY**
Sunday, February 12th

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FBC MURPHY Connect. Grow. Go. JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Turning the Page on a New Year

Hello! Happy New Year my dear Brothers & Sisters! May God bless you abundantly this year and may you give Him all the praise & glory forever and ever, Amen!

It was so wonderful to celebrate with you as a Church family on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! I pray you continue to be safe and warm throughout the winter season.

As we Look back on Last year, we see how God continues to Bless us as a Church! I encourage you to take a moment to praise & thank God for something amazing He did through our Church family in 2022! I also want to encourage you to share what God is doing through our Church family and in your own life with everyone around you!

Evangelism is as simple as celebrating the work of Christ in your life and through your Church as often as you can, with everyone you can!

And in case you needed something to talk about and celebrate! Don't forget this!

God wrapped up 2022 with an amazing miracle!

First Baptist Church agreed to purchase the Logan School for \$1.00 !!! That is correct! One DOLLAR ! The full story is inside so be sure to read and see how God is working!

One major project that will take place utilizing the amazing blessing & miracle of the Logan School is a Christmas Fundraiser! This year for Christmas we hope to offer a Christmas Light walkthrough experience as a Church Fundraiser! More details to come but please be in prayer for this outreach event and Fundraiser!

One way you can help is to bring any and all Christmas decorations you have to the Church! We need: Lights, Trees, Wreaths, Greens, Figurines, Houses, Snowflakes, Yard Statues, and all things Christmas!

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If you see a great deal or a free Christmas item that is beautiful and you think will help make the experience magical then please bring it in! We will be collecting supplies all year.

While you are praying for this Fundraiser event please also be in prayer for ministry ideas utilizing the Logan School. When fully renovated, the School will include: A Gym, Cafeteria, 10 Large Classrooms, an Auditorium, and 1.5 Acres of outside space.

We would love to hear your ministry ideas utilizing the space! Please pray that God speaks to you and to our Church so that we can best use this amazing blessing to bring people to Him!

2023 seems to be starting off on an exciting note!

Our New Series starting us off this year will be "Turning the Page." In this series we will talk about the struggle we all share to keep things moving and be encouraged especially during these winter months. How we have grown in the past and will grow in the future. . . your story is not over just because you are stuck on a page. New beginnings, new chapters, and starting with Scripture! Don't miss this amazing series!

One Final Note: The Newsletter will be transitioning to a new structure. This new structure will include more months so that we can send out less newsletters throughout the year with the same or greater amounts of information! This will save us 50% or more in costs associated with the newsletter. Thank you for your understanding!

I thank you for your faithfulness, your support, and your continued prayers. I am so blessed to be on this Journey with you.

With Love,
- Pastor Nathan

ALL PRE-K THRU 6TH GRADERS INVITED!!!

Awana Clubs
WHERE KIDS MATTER.

**STORIES! - MUSIC!
SNACKS! - GAMES!
LEARNING! - FUN!**

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**EVERY SUNDAY
FROM 5-7PM**




ELEVATE STUDENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

**WILD WEDNESDAYS
EVERY WEEK FROM 5-7PM!
FOOD-GAMES-BIBLE STUDY-WORSHIP-PRIZES
6TH-12TH GRADERS-INVITE FRIENDS!**

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SUPERBOWL PARTY

**Sunday, February 12th
From 5-8pm
@ the Youth House
Food! Prizes!
Watching the Game!
And a Pickup Football Game Outside!**

WINTERJAM CONCERT

**Sunday, February 5th
From Noon-11pm
Taking the Bus
Cost: \$20 + Dinner
11 Bands!
It's always a great time!**

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Will be decorating Sanctuary after Thanksgiving meal. Discussed Hanging of the Greens and the order of the morning worship service on Sunday, November 27. Will be Christmas Caroling for the city on Friday, December 2. Plans and ideas were discussed for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

- **Technology Team:** Kevin Penrod. Streaming services still working fine, with very low viewers. Need 2-3 large screen monitors for classrooms and visual aids. Future Needs: Update Sanctuary audio (speakers and wiring, maybe new sound board/controller). Analysis of present audio system is being sought. Need someone to mix the livestream. Need to look at replacing Sanctuary Video Projectors/LED Screens, in the near future.
- **Staff Relations:** Vicki Ardrey, Anna Pilz Tabled until the Budget is approved.

- **Strategic Planning:** Vicki Ardrey, Dan Perschbacher Team discussed updates to the Constitution and additional review. Team discussed updates the Employee handbook.
- **Nominating Team:** Kathie Grob, Linda Wright Kathie will invite the new Leadership Council members to attend the December meeting.
- **Budget Team:** Judy Rawls Budget team consists of Judy, Jesse, Scott, Denise, and Vicki. Presented the 2023 Budget.
- **Lead Pastor's Report:** Nathan Covered everything during meeting.
- **Ministry Director's Report:** Covered everything during meeting.

Reminders and Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 6:00 pm

Next Trimester Business Meeting: December 18, 2022

Closing Prayer: Pastor Nathan

CHILI Cook-Off

**Sunday, January 22nd
11:15am after Worship**

Join Us For one "Hot" Competition!
Give a Donation and have a Bowl of Chili with all the toppings and a Hot Dog!

This is helping to send Kids and Students to Summer Camp!



NOVEMBER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

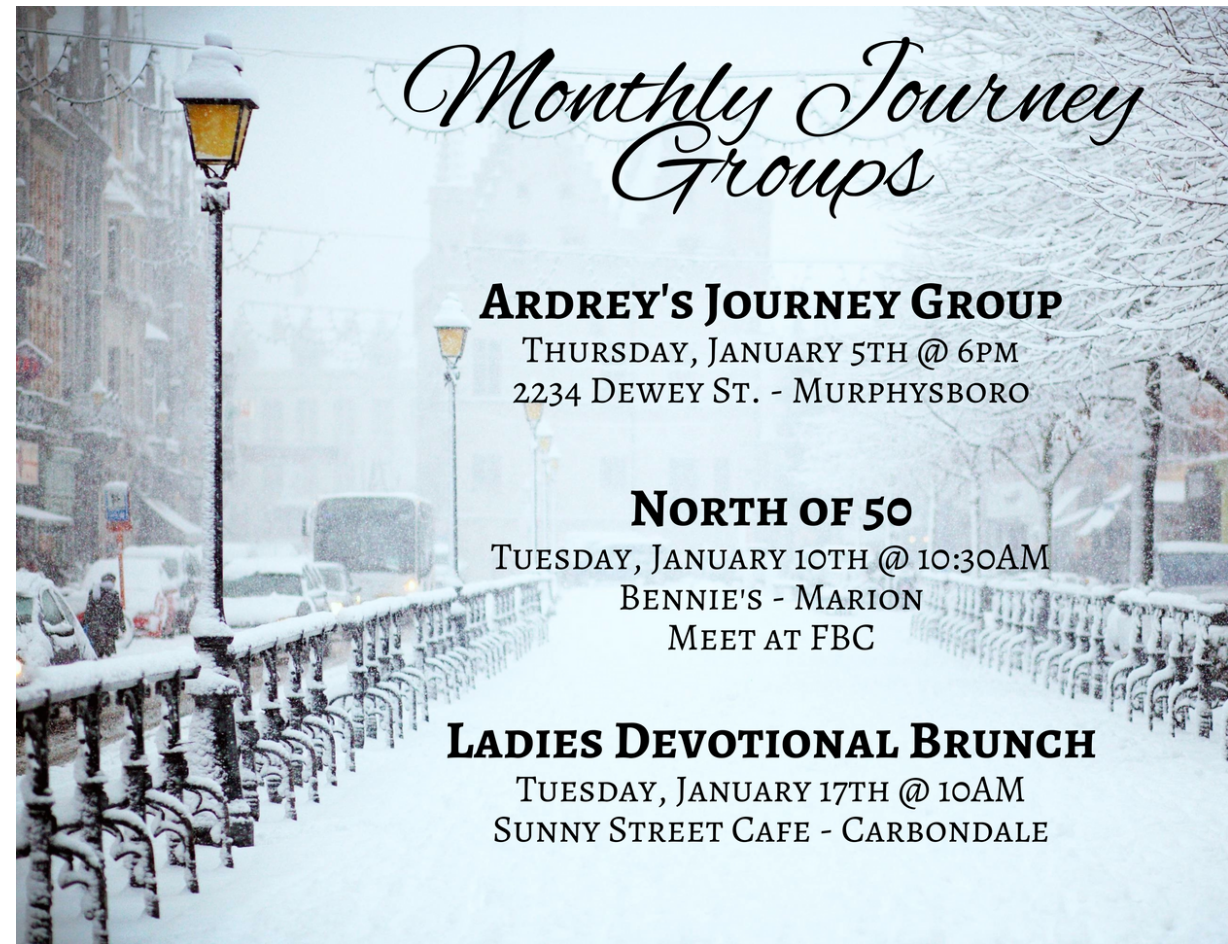
Opening Prayer: Nathan Borish

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

Ministry Care Team Report: The Care Team met on November 14.

Ministry Team Reports:

- **Outreach, Evangelism & Missions:** Tina Evans, Kristy Dunning Halloween outreach went well. Discussed Mission Moments for the rest of the year. December Mission Moment will be You Matter. Pasta with Santa will be on Wednesday, December 7.
- **Youth & Kids Ministry:** Jesse Boudet, Dan Perschbacher, Anna Pilz
- **ELEVATE Student Ministries:** The bonfire at Nathan's house went really well. Helped with Community Night Out. MS Guys had a movie night and helped move Christmas decorations. Helped pass out candy on Halloween. Youth Group and small groups are happening weekly. Youth Group helped with trivia night for Mission Trip. HS Girls group will be having a baking fundraiser. Had a Mission Trip meeting for youth's parents. Youth will be serving for tips at the Christmas Dinner on December 4. 2023 Camp Registration is open. Will be having a youth leadership meeting in January Team members meet regularly to discuss Youth and Kids.
- **KIDS:** TREK Kids Club program and Small Group on Sunday mornings are going great! TREK Small group meet Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 am. TREK Kids Club meet Sunday mornings from 10-11:15 am. AWANA is meeting on Sunday nights from 5-7 pm. The bonfire at Nathan's house went really well. Trick or Trunk Costume Parade after church. Trunk or Treat Outreach was a great event! Passed out candy at the church on Halloween. Kids came out in Worship for Veteran's Day Moment. Kids will be helping with Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 27. Pasta with Santa outreach will be Wednesday, December 7. Christmas party will be on Sunday, December 18. Kids will be in the Christmas Worship service on Sunday, December 25. Winter Play practices coming up. Play is scheduled for Valentines Day.
- **Adult Small Groups & Bible Studies** Ministry: Kathie Grob The Small Groups continue to meet on Sunday mornings. Wednesday evening groups continue to meet. There are 22 small groups meeting throughout the month. Will make a spreadsheet of all Journey Groups meeting details. Kathie asked, Why is it important to Journey together with other Christians? Unity is very important to God. It pleases Him when he sees his people dwelling together in Unity. God is one in 3 persons, yet they remain one and united. God wants His people who was created in His image remain united in all things.
- **Financial and Stewardship:** Judy Rawls, Vicki Ardrey Financial Report: Reports for October was presented. Report was approved by consensus. Discussed the 2023 Budget in order to present it to the congregation in December.
- **Building and Grounds:** Judy Rawls, Tony Stamm, Jake Miller Unable to report any updates due to Tony and Jake's absence. Church ceiling/attic insulation will be installed when it gets cold. Will update lease. Jacob K. has asked to move into the Rental house. Future Projects: Painting and lighting the area around the men's room and elevator. Large list on Google, Keep. Landscaping needed to hide a/c units in front of church. Outside door signs and Walnut Street signs. Painting the Cubby area in the Nursery. Selling mower.
- **Special Events/Kitchen & Dinners:** Frances Reiman Served lunch to 10-15 attendees at the GRR Men's Quarterly meeting on October 11. Christmas Banquet will be on Sunday December 4 at 5:30. Cost for adults will be \$15.00 and children \$10.00. Kathie Grob and Barbara Troutman have volunteered to oversee the details. Pasta with Santa will be on Wednesday, December 7. Hosts for January 11 meal is set.
- **Worship Ministry:** Vicki Ardrey, Tina Evans, Jacob Kersh Services are going well. Sunday Services continues to be aired online on the FBC Murphy Facebook page and on Youtube. Discussed the order of specials and the order of the songs. Discussed the order of the Veteran's Day service.



Monthly Journey Groups

ARDREY'S JOURNEY GROUP

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH @ 6PM
2234 DEWEY ST. - MURPHYSBORO

NORTH OF 50

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH @ 10:30AM
BENNIE'S - MARION
MEET AT FBC

LADIES DEVOTIONAL BRUNCH

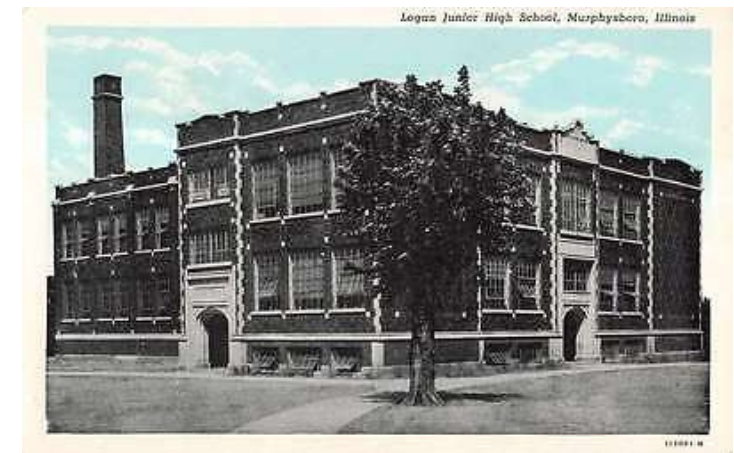
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH @ 10AM
SUNNY STREET CAFE - CARBONDALE

OUR GENEROUS GIVING AT A GLANCE November 2022

Monthly Need:	\$ 29,115.83
Monthly Giving:	\$ 22,512.00
Difference	\$ -6,603.83



*2023 Offering Envelopes have been ordered
and will be available as soon as they come in. Thank you for your patience!*



The Logan School

The Story begins before time began because it was always God's good and perfect plan for us to have the Logan School be apart of the First Baptist Church Murphysboro Campus!

Many people in our Church went to the Logan School growing up and many people, like myself, have dreamed of using the School for Church ministries!

Scene 1: I had an opportunity to meet with the mayor and was reminded at the end of the meeting to ask about the Logan School. I jokingly asked if he would just give it to me. Not by accident, the mayor actually had a meeting with the owner, Dr. VanAcker, in just a few weeks and invited us to tour the building with them.

Scene 2: We tour the building and discover it is in great shape, has been fully abated, and he is willing to sell it to us. Again jokingly I ask him to just give it to me. However, he explains he has \$90,000.00 in the building and would be hoping to recover those funds. I explain that I will need to take this to Leadership and to the Church and asked for some time.

Scene 3: At the next Leadership council I share the story and say jokingly he wants 90 grand but I just want him to give it to me. Upon hearing this Karen Perschbacher, a member of our Leadership council paused the meeting and encouraged us all to pray for God to give us the Logan School. We fervently prayed and asked God to bless us with this School. Give us a red sea moment. Move the Mountain!

Scene 4: Three days pass from the meeting and the prayer. Still no call. Suddenly my Phone rings! It is Dr. VanAcker asking if we are still interested in the Logan School? I say yes we are. He goes on to explain that he is willing to give it to us for \$1.00.

Scene 5: I get to relive and share the story of God's blessings as I explain the news at our Church business meeting. We vote unanimously as a Church to purchase the Logan School for \$1.00!

Scene 6: You get involved. Pray for the process. Pray for ministry ideas utilizing the Logan School. When fully renovated the School will include: A Gym, Cafeteria, 10 Large Classrooms, an Auditorium, and 1.5 Acres of outside space. We would love to hear your ministry ideas utilizing the space! Please pray that God speaks to you and to our Church so that we can best use this amazing blessing to bring people to Him!

Behind the Scenes: After years of wishing, praying, and waiting for God's perfect timing the opportunity has finally arrived! Praise God for this tremendous blessing!



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You Matter!

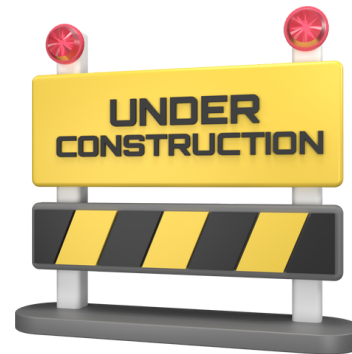
SUNDAYS

Journey Groups	9AM
TREK Kids Club	10AM
Journey Worship	10AM
AWANA Kids Club	5PM

WEDNESDAYS

ELEVATE Students	5PM
Journey Groups	6PM

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The Parlor Project has begun! Painting has started, and there are plans to refinish the floors, increase accessibility (including ADA), create seating for fellowship and small groups, and a lot more! Thanks for being patient with us as we complete this project!

**COFFEE HOUR
HOSTS**

**JANUARY 1ST
NO COFFEE HOUR**

**JANUARY 8TH
SUZANNE GOAD**

**JANUARY 15TH
GINA HUNZIKER,
JEANNE GOFORTH
& KRISTY DUNNING**

**JANUARY 22ND
VALERIE LIPE**

**JANUARY 29TH
JEFF & LINDA WRIGHT**

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**HAPPY
New Year**

Praise be
to his
glorious
name
forever;
may the whole
earth be filled
with his *glory*.

Psalms 72:19, NIV



**STARTS BACK
MONDAY
JANUARY 9TH**

MEETS AT 10:00 AM
MONDAY & THURSDAYS
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



**Thanks To Our Many
VOLUNTEERS**

**2023 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

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Kay Reiman 618-319-0825

Clerk

Terri Miller 618-713-6888

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Lead Pastor

Nathan Borish 817-724-3865

Ministry Director

Jesse Boudet 618-713-7505

GREETERS

**JANUARY 1ST
ED & TERRI MILLER**

**JANUARY 8TH
LOU POLSGROVE
& GLENANN KIEL**

**JANUARY 15TH
VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

**JANUARY 22ND
ANNA JENKINS
& BOB HEIPLE**

**JANUARY 29TH
BUDDY & HELEN PAYNE**

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HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

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



January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30am Praise Team Rehearsal 10:00am Worship with Communion	2 Office Closed For News Year's	3	4	5 6:00pm Faith Friends, Fun & Fellowship Journey Group(Ardrey's)	6	7 7:15pm Worship Team Practice
8 8:30am Coffee Hour 8:30am Praise Team Rehearsal 9:00am Adult Small Groups 9:00am Trek Kids-Small Group 10:00am Trek Kids Club 10:00am Worship 11:00am Undecorating the Church 5:00pm AWANA	9 9:00am Ministry Care Team 10:00am Ladies Exercise Class 7:00pm D & D Small Group	10 10:30am North of 50 Event	11 5:00pm COME To The TABLE Monthly Dinner 5:00pm EVELVATE Youth Wild Wednesday 5:00pm Young Families Journey Group 6:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm HS Guys Group	12 10:00am Ladies Exercise Class	13	14 7:15pm Worship Team Practice
15 8:30am Coffee Hour 8:30am Praise Team Rehearsal 9:00am Adult Small Groups 9:00am Trek Kids-Small Group 10:00am Trek Kids Club 10:00am Worship 12:00pm Walker House Community Outreach 5:00pm AWANA	16 10:00am Ladies Exercise Class 7:00pm D & D Small Group	17 10:00am FBC Women's Devotional Brunch 6:00pm Leadership Council Meeting	18 5:00pm EVELVATE Youth Wild Wednesday 5:00pm Young Families Journey Group 6:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm HS Guys Group	19 10:00am Ladies Exercise Class	20	21 7:15pm Worship Team Practice
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