



# MANNA

April 2020



I am the  
*resurrection*  
and the  
*life*

John 11:25

# Services and events have been cancelled through Sunday, April 5.

Join us on Facebook or our website ([fbcmurray.org](http://fbcmurray.org)) at 11:00 am on Sundays for an online service.

Despite major inconveniences, life goes on.

On Wednesday, Boyd and I (Keith) attended a graveside service to honor Norma Jean Wallis. She was laid to rest beside her husband in a cemetery plot across the street from their old homeplace: a place where they had raised their sons and created many fond memories. We read some of her favorite scriptures and sang some of her favorite hymns. The hammer of a nearby woodpecker and the sound of a barking dog disappeared as we reverently spoke of her love for family and friends. Tears fell. There were no handshakes or hugs. Caution prevailed. But grief was expressed as this small group reflected upon a life well lived. Jesus promised He would have a place prepared for Norma. Now, she knows His words to be true. "For I know whom I have believed, and I'm persuaded that He is able to keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day." That day is now here. That day awaits us all. Norma waits for us. And now, she stands amazed in His presence. There will be a service of celebration at some point in the future. I encourage her Sunday School class and others to join in the meaningful celebration of faith.

There were also two conversations with two distinct couples planning a wedding ceremony. Now, because of a pandemic, those plans have been changed. The celebration ceremony will be much, much, smaller. However, it will be just as real, just as significant. And, once again, a larger celebration event awaits them, hopefully sooner rather than later.

These are days where the seriousness of a virus and social distancing keeps us apart physically. I encourage you to write that note, send that text, make that call, and take advantage of social media.

## Events Cancelled:

Senior Living Celebration

Student DNOW

Murray State Combined Luncheons

The NET

Annual Bible Reading Marathon

## Events Postponed:

Iron Sharpens Iron Conference:  
Now August 1

Business Meeting: New Date TBD

Ballroom Dancing: New Date TBD

Women's Discipleship Conference:  
New Date TBD

PhilanthroCorp Luncheon: New Date TBD

Senior Spring Banquet: New Date TBD

Grace Marriage: Now Fall MidWeek



# NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

KEITH INMAN

Good Day, Church,

These are interesting days. While many folks have the ability to “work from home” or “work off-site,” I have chosen to come up to my church office and spend time in solitude, reflecting on the life, love, and forgiveness of Jesus. I have reflected upon how Jesus forgave me.

Today, two songs have intensified my awareness that I am in the presence of God. I have never sung them in public because I haven’t been able to find the music!

The first song is called the “Holy of Holies.” Some of you may remember in the old days a group called Truth. Yes, a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away! You can find it on YouTube by Truth. Others have recorded it, too. Please don’t rush through the lyrics:

### **“Holy of Holies” by Truth**

In the Holy of Holies Behind that heavy veil,  
Sat the Ark of the Covenant Where the Most High dwelt.  
And only the High Priest Could enter therein,  
To offer up a sacrifice For atonement of sin.  
But the veil was rent in an instant Revealing that holy place,  
For on hill nearby on a rugged cross Justice met Grace.

Now I can go into the Holy of Holies,  
I can kneel and make my petition known.  
I can go into the Holy of Holies,  
And although I’m just a common man,  
Because of God’s redemption plan,  
I can boldly approach the throne.

The blood of sacrifices is no more required.  
For the blood of Christ, the spotless Lamb  
Completely paid the price.  
In the sacrifice of worship, we’ll open heaven’s door,  
Allowing us to enter in the presence of the Lord.

These are words that take me to the throne of God. Sometimes I will play this song over, and over, and over. I reflect upon God’s grace and mercy. Different phrases at different times overwhelm me! I reflect upon the price He paid that I might have total access to Him because of His sacrifice.

“Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.”

This Easter, may we cherish these words even more:

“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” -Hebrews 4:14-16 NASB

The other song I have listened to today is a song recorded by The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. Jason Crabb sings the solo part. In my moments when I have shamed myself or feel so inadequate, I stand amazed at His forgiveness of all my sins: past, present, and future. Drink deep the lyrics of this song.

**“I’m Amazed” by The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir**

No one knew how alone I was feeling, And the emptiness I tried so hard to hide.  
Though I laughed and said my life was fine without You.

I was covering up the secret tears I cried.  
Then one day someone told me of Your mercies,  
And the love You showed on a Hill called Calvary.  
There You died and purchased my redemption,  
When You broke sin’s power and set my spirit free.

I’m amazed that You love me, I’m amazed how You care.  
Through Your precious blood I’ve found pardon.  
And my sins are washed, they’re all washed away.  
All my sins are washed away.

Yes there’ve been days when I’ve failed You.  
Lord You know the many times I’ve gone astray.  
But I’ve learned Your love is stronger than my weakness,  
And Your ear is open every time I pray.  
No one else has ever cared for me like You, Lord.  
Other friends could never be as close to me.  
I’m not afraid to face the problems of tomorrow,  
Knowing You are everything I’ll ever need!

Many people are experiencing a personal vulnerability they have never experienced before.

Let’s show them Jesus and share His incredible message. “For God so loved...”

*-Keith*



We regret that the Senior Living Celebration for Friday, April 17 has been cancelled. I know I wasn't the only one looking forward to this day.

If you need anything at all, do not hesitate to call the church office at 270-753-1854 and leave a voice-mail. We have several volunteers who are ready to do errands on your behalf (grocery shopping, lawncare, etc.).

We look forward to getting back on a normal schedule soon.

*-Boyd*



# NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRY

JON KYLE ALLRED

Students and families,

While we are in a period of not having physical services, there are still several ways to connect with our ministry. Read below to learn how!

## SUNDAYS

**Sunday School:** We will continue going through the Gospel Project as we have been in our Sunday School classes. Every Sunday morning the material will be posted on the “Student” tab of the website ([fbcmurray.org/students](http://fbcmurray.org/students)). The Sunday School guide posted will contain material for preschool, children, and youth.

**Sunday Morning Worship:** Log on to our church Facebook page at 11:00 am (First Baptist Church of Murray) or visit our church website ([fbcmurray.org](http://fbcmurray.org)) to view the worship and sermon each week!

**LifeGroups:** LifeGroups will not meet in person for the rest of the year, but they will meet online. We will continue studying 2 Timothy. Due to everything being online now, please pay attention to the time changes of LifeGroups. All lifegroups will last a maximum of 1 hour.

Middle School Boys | Cody Dalton | 5:00 pm  
Middle School Girls | Jenny Karraker | 5:30 pm  
High School Boys | Jon Kyle Allred | 6:00 pm  
High School Girls | Megan Downey | 6:30 pm

## WEDNESDAYS

**First Academy:** Jon Kyle will be posting doctrinal lessons and questions from Wayne Grudem’s “20 Basic Christian Beliefs” in the online Student Connect portal. Find this on our youth webpage or church Facebook on Wednesdays.

**MidWeek:** Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm, a video sermon will be posted to FBC Murray’s Facebook page and website under the “Students” tab. The service will last 25 minutes maximum. At 6:30 pm, students are invited to join in a Zoom meeting (the link will be sent in a Remind text) to discuss questions that will be facilitated by the youth staff. This Zoom “meeting” will last 30 minutes maximum.

## ZOOM

This is the online platform we will use to meet with students. As the host, I have full access to mute students’ audio and allow students to join the group. The group will end when I exit the meeting. It is a safe way for our group to meet and allows us to continue to build our community.

### To join on a phone:

- Follow the link sent out via our Remind text.
- The link will prompt you to download Zoom. You do not need an account to join. There will be a prompt to put your name in once the meeting starts.
- Once downloaded, click the “Join Meeting” button and enter in our meeting ID found in the Remind text, or re-click the link sent out via Remind, then click “Join Meeting.”
- This will lead you to the meeting and place you in the waiting room until the host admits you into the video meeting.

### To join on a computer:

- Follow the link sent out via our Remind text that says “Join Meeting.”
- A tab will open up and a download will start for the Zoom program.
- Once downloaded, a screen will pop up to prompt you to allow video and audio. Click “allow.”
- This will lead you to the meeting and place you in the waiting room until the host admits you into the video meeting.

### Note:

- All downloads are free.
- You do not need to make an account if you do not want to. All you need is the link for the meeting.
- Please make sure you are able to use the audio on your device.
- You may need to manually give the app permission in your phone settings.

### PARENT AND STUDENT CONNECT

We have put together a variety of resources for parents and students to use at home. You can locate it under the “Students” tab of our website ([fbcmurray.org](http://fbcmurray.org)).

### SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY AND BANQUET

As of now, our Senior Recognition Sunday and banquet will remain on May 3. If you are a senior parent, email five pictures of your student (birth-present) to Megan Downey at [megeldowney@gmail.com](mailto:megeldowney@gmail.com) by Wednesday, April 1.

### CANCELLATIONS

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Be sure to check out our website ([fbcmurray.org/students](http://fbcmurray.org/students)) to stay up to date on all things student ministry. Also, follow our Facebook page (First Baptist Church of Murray) and our Instagram page (@fbcmurraystudents) for changes to the church schedule, links to the MidWeek service videos, and other videos that will be uploaded within the coming weeks.

*-Jon Kyle*



Hi Kids1st Families,

Here is a list of weekly resources and activities you can expect while we are online:

#### Sunday: Kids1st at Home

A PDF and video will be uploaded to the Kidst1st Facebook group and the “Preschool and Children” tab on our website ([fbcmurray.org](http://fbcmurray.org)) each Sunday. These are provided to lead your family in Sunday School. We are using the Gospel Project and studying the life of Jesus.

#### Monday: Chapel at Home

Look for our chapel video on Monday in the Kids1st Facebook page and YouTube channel. We will watch the Wonder Clubhouse and follow along just like we do at MDO Chapel.

## Tuesdays & Thursdays:



## Tuesdays and Thursdays: The Hannah and Kaley Show

The Hannah and Kaley Show is a funny show mocked after the So and So Show. It is available on our Kids1st YouTube channel. To access our Kids1st YouTube, email Rachel at [rriquelme@fbcmurray.org](mailto:rriquelme@fbcmurray.org) for the link!

We need questions from kids! Parents, ask your kids what questions they have and text them to me. You can also post them in the Kids1st Facebook Group. Hannah and Kaley will answer them on the show!

## Wednesdays:



## Wednesdays: MidWeek at Home

On our church Facebook page and on our “Preschool and Children” webpage, videos and parent discussion guides are provided so that you can lead your family in our MidWeek programs at home. Currently, elementary kids are studying forgiveness and preschool children are learning that they can follow Jesus.

## Fridays: Fun Fridays

Each Friday, a fun family activity will be posted in our Kids1st Facebook Group.

## Hangouts with Serenity

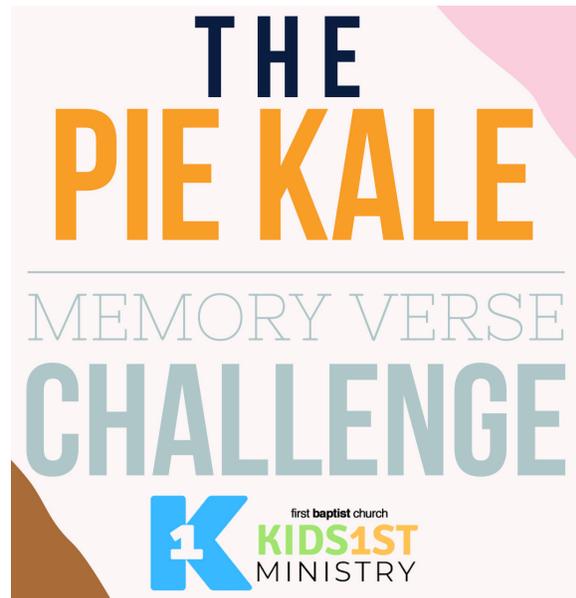
Serenity will be contacting our kids and FaceTiming them, setting up Zoom meetings, and sending them mail and videos to stay connected.

## Story Time with Kale and Hannah

Hannah and Kaley will occasionally post stories on our Kids1st YouTube channel. Stay tuned for lots of amazing stories!

## Pie Kale Memory Verse Challenge

Kids are encouraged to memorize John 1:1 and share a video of it with me. After everyone learns the verse, we will pie Kaley for everyone to see!



## First Baptist Day at the Ball Park - May 4

Join us on Monday, May 4 as our church goes to the Murray City Park's Baseball League Opening Day. We will throw out the first pitch, sing the national anthem, operate concessions, announce who is up to bat, and more!

## Midweek C Teachers

Email me ([rriquelme@fbcmurray.org](mailto:rriquelme@fbcmurray.org)) to sign up to serve for MidWeek C.

## VBS - Kids Adventure Week

It is time to sign up for VBS! Our theme is Concrete and Cranes. We are learning about how to build a strong foundation of faith. Email me ([rriquelme@fbcmurray.org](mailto:rriquelme@fbcmurray.org)) to sign up to volunteer. Our training is on Sunday, April 26 in the Conference Room at 4:00 pm.

Thank you for your flexibility and patience as we navigate this unexpected time in our lives. I pray your children are doing well and that you are taking advantage of this time to minister to them. Please let me know if I can serve your family in any way!

*-Rachel*

# NOTES FROM MUSIC MINISTRY

MIKE ROSE

Hello First Baptist,

Never before have we ever seen anything like this! What a difference a month makes! We do know that God is in control and we just continue to count on Him to lead us through these troubled times. It is so good to have Him and to have one another to lean on during times like these! I continue to pray for those who are less fortunate than we are and trust that God would bless them as He has blessed us.

I continue to work on Composer's Weekend, June 12-14. At this time, we will be having representatives from Memorial Baptist and Cadiz Baptist to join us for the weekend. I am anticipating a full loft as we welcome Camp Kirkland with us as our composer for the weekend. Camp is probably the most prolific of all Christian arrangers, having published well over 1,000 pieces for churches throughout the world! Many of our favorite anthems, ones which you will know, were arranged by this fine Christian composer! I look forward to meeting him for the first time on June 12, but after talking with him, I feel I already know him. We are so fortunate to have secured such a talented musician to lead us for this event. If you sing, this one is for you. We will meet in the Choral Suite downstairs on Friday June 12, at 6:30 pm and on Saturday morning at 9:00 am. We would love to have you join us for fellowship and a fantastic learning experience! You will not soon forget this event. Come and sing with us!

If you don't sing, be absolutely sure to not miss the concert on Sunday, June 14 at 4:00 pm! This will be a wonderful event for you to invite your friends! The FBC Choir will be at its absolute best on this date and I am hoping that we have a house full! Please help us and share this information with those in your social circle!

Then, soon after this event, we will begin preparation for our Christmas program, "Sing Christmas!" This will be a different kind of program and much more information will be given to you at a later time when it is available! This is another event for which we will be encouraging participation. Think about what your part might look like for this program!

There are plenty of opportunities of service at First Baptist! Thank you for your continued support and encouragement! We'll be back together soon!

-Mike

## 2020 FBC Murray Composer's Weekend

**June 12-14 | FBC Sanctuary**  
**Featuring Camp Kirkland**

Friday: Meet in Choral Suite at 6:30 pm

Saturday: Meet in Choral Suite at 9:00 am

Sunday: Concert at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary



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## MOTHER'S DAY OUT preschool

Mother's Day Out is a special ministry of Kids First that provides childcare and preschool opportunities for children ages 6 months through pre-kindergarten. The program operates on a school year calendar (August – May) and is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. Mother's Day Out is a state-certified childcare center, so drop-ins are not permitted. Enrollment is for the full school year and parents may request any combination of days that are available. FBC members have priority on the waiting list, so please call if you would like to inquire about enrolling your child in this exceptional program!

To learn more, visit our website at [www.fbcmurray.org](http://www.fbcmurray.org). You can also contact Lauren Dunlap at [mdo@fbcmurray.org](mailto:mdo@fbcmurray.org) or 270-753-3711.

## Murray Electric System's Channel 15



**Streaming our online  
services on Thursdays  
at 8:00 pm**

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OTHERS?**



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# WAYS TO **GIVE**



## EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS

**Did you know?** A recent study reveals that 13% percent of the people give 80% of the money to the church. Can you imagine what could be accomplished if all of us gave what we truly believed God is asking of us?

### **Ways you can give to First Baptist Church:**

1. **Mail your check** to the church: 203 S. 4th St., Murray 42071.
2. **Online banking** through your bank (set up a one-time or recurring check to be written to the church).
3. **Automatic draft** form from the church office completed to have funds debited directly from your account.
4. **Checking debit\*** on our website by visiting the "give online" tab and then choosing the picture of a check (the church incurs a nominal percentage fee).
5. **Debit/credit card\*** on our website (the church incurs a nominal fee).
6. **Text\*** amount and fund to 270-232-2203 (ex. 250 Budget). The first time that you text you will receive a link to enter your information. You can also type "keyword" to see a list of funds or "help" for instructions (the church incurs a nominal fee). See more information on our website.
7. **Appreciated assets:** Stocks, bonds, mutual funds, land, house, etc.
8. **Planned giving vehicle** (like a will).
9. **Distribution from Qualified Retirement Funds** (Ex. IRA).

*\*First Baptist Church acknowledges the convenience associated with the use of debit and credit cards. Therefore we provide this option as an alternative method for contributing to First Baptist Church, but trust and encourage you to be a good steward of the Lord's resources.*

# CHURCH INFORMATION

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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 270-705-2343

## STAY CONNECTED

Facebook: First Baptist Church of Murray

Instagram: @firstbaptistchurchofmurray

Website: [fbc Murray.org](http://fbc Murray.org)

## FEBRUARY FINANCIALS

\$ 210,946.00  
 \$ 215,255.36  
 \$ 207,500.81

\$ 140,000.00  
 \$ 13,588.45

\$ 2,684,203.25  
 \$ 1,135,809.54

\$ 39,480.63  
 \$ 20,803.00  
 \$ 17,339.00  
 \$ 9,645.00  
 \$ 316,419.00  
 \$ 302,522.99

\$ 3,573.45  
 \$ 757.00  
 \$ 900.00  
 \$ 100.00  
 \$ 140,000.00  
 \$ 17,426.45

\$ 1,978.29  
 \$ 5,956.00  
 \$ 14,891.00  
 \$ 270.00  
 \$ 2,707,298.54  
 \$ 1,126,339.97

Budgeted as of 02/28/2020  
 Budget Receipts as of 02/28/2020  
 Budget Expenditures as of 02/28/2020

WMO 2020 Goal  
 WMO Receipts as of 02/28/2020

FLC Receipts as of 02/28/2020  
 FLC Borrowed as of 02/28/2020

## MARCH GIVING

Budget Receipts from 03/01/2020  
 Budget Receipts from 03/08/2020  
 Budget Receipts from 03/15/2020  
 Budget Receipts from 03/22/2020  
 Budgeted YTD  
 Budget Receipts YTD

WMO Receipts from 03/01/2020  
 WMO Receipts from 03/08/2020  
 WMO Receipts from 03/15/2020  
 WMO Receipts from 03/22/2020  
 WMO 2020 Goal  
 WMO Receipts YTD

FLC Receipts from 03/01/2020  
 FLC Receipts from 03/08/2020  
 FLC Receipts from 03/15/2020  
 FLC Receipts from 03/22/2020  
 Family Life Center Receipts to Date  
 Family Life Center Borrowed to Date

# MEMORIALS

## FINANCIAL

Contributions to the Family Life Center have been received in memory of Blanche Blalock.

A contribution to the Bill Adams Scholarship has been received in memory of Bill Adams.

A contribution to the World Mission Offering has been received in memory of Pauline Parker.