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MARCH 2021



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MURRAY, KENTUCKY





NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

KEITH INMAN

When James Calvert went out to the Cannibal Island of Fiji with the message of the gospel, the captain of the ship on which he traveled tried to talk him out of going. "You will risk your life and all those with you if you go among such savages," he said. Calvert's magnificent reply was, "We died before we came here."

In that sense it is possible to be dead even though you are alive. Corrie Ten Boom's life offers a modern example of this principle. Her remarkable story is told in the book, *The Hiding Place*. She lived with her family in Holland just before World War II broke out. The Nazi military machine was beginning to press in on European Jews like the jaws of a vice. Jews who had any chance were fleeing Germany and other neighboring countries, but the German military machine was on the alert to capture any fleeing Jews. In response, an underground railroad was formed among compassionate people to help the Jews to escape. Corrie Ten Boom's home was part of the underground system. Eventually, she and her sister were arrested and condemned to a German concentration camp for their part in assisting Jews.

Her life in the concentration camp was terrible beyond belief. In any civilized country, not even animals would be legally treated the way she and the thousands of other people in the camp were treated. Her sister, of weaker constitution than Corrie, died in the camp. Though on any given morning when she awoke, she was breathing and her heart was beating, Corrie, herself, was as good as dead. Only a short time stood between her and the gas chamber. Then one day, due to a clerical error, she was inexplicably freed. Snatched from the jaws of death, she was given her life back again.

Winston Churchill once said there is nothing quite so exhilarating as being shot at and missed. That must have been how Corrie Ten Boom felt. Death shot at her and missed. In that sense we've all been shot at. We have all died, spiritually; but God has given us a second chance. While we are dead, we may respond to his gift of life and receive a spiritual life.*

The series I am preaching through Ephesians has been a joy to prepare and study. I encourage you to "go back" and listen to any of the sermons you may have missed. There is so much material "out there", written by very gifted scholars and pastors. Here are some of the resources I am utilizing through this series. Tony Merida, Christ-Centered Commentary; Zondervan's Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament; Holman's New Testament Commentary; Bob Warren, Ephesians Commentary; Tony Evans, The Kingdom Agenda; R. Kent Hughes, Preaching the Word, Ephesians; Pete and Stuart Briscoe; Alistair Begg; Enduring Word Commentary; Soniclight.com; Crossway.org; N.T. Wright; blueletterbible.org; Skipheitzig.com, among others.

*Holman's New Testament Commentary, p. 109

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NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE/DISCIPLERSHIP PASTOR

JASON ELLERBROOK



Church Family – Here are some details concerning some spring discipleship and training opportunities for men, women, and college students. If you are looking for ways to plug in by joining or facilitating a group, please contact me at jellerbrook@fbc Murray.org or call me at 270-753-1854.

Men's Life Groups

We have several men's life groups meeting throughout the week. Some are meeting in person while others are meeting on Zoom. The purpose of these groups is to help men connect with each other and grow closer to God. Contact me at jellerbrook@fbc Murray.org for more information or if you are interested in finding a group that works for you.

Men's Bible Study

Men are invited to attend the Men's Bible study led by Dave Eaton on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Men are welcome to jump in at any time over the course of this study. Contact Warren Edminster at wedminster@murraystate.edu for more information and to receive the Zoom meeting invite for this group.

Women's Discipleship & Mentorship

Learn more about women's discipleship and mentorship opportunities by contacting Paula Alcott at salcott@twc.com or Debbie Bell at dbell8371@yahoo.net. They can connect you with the women leading groups or other women interested in joining a group. Zoom and in-person groups available.

MidWeek Studies for Adults

Mark your calendar for the MidWeek Bible Study on Wednesdays from 6:15 – 7:15 pm in the sanctuary. Pastor Keith takes us on a deeper dive into the book of Ephesians. Join us for a great time of discussion and fellowship.

College Sunday School and The Net

College Sunday School meets at 9:45 am in the upstairs mezzanine of the Family Life Center. Students also meet on Sunday nights in the FLC at 7:30 pm for The Net (a college hangout time that includes worship, games, food, table conversations, etc). This is a great time to build relationships with other college students while being challenged to follow Jesus!

Kentucky Disaster Relief Training at FBC Murray

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 20, to attend the Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief training. FBC Murray will be hosting this event. There will also be a chaplaincy training opportunity on Friday, March 19. The registration fee is \$40 per person (\$20 per person for returning volunteers) and includes lunch, manual background check, and ID badges. This training is essential for those interested in being equipped to volunteer with local, regional, and global mission opportunities that involve disaster relief. See below for more information.



Disaster Relief Training | March 20 | 9 am-4 pm

This training will equip you to serve with local, regional, and global missions in addition to certifying you to serve as a KBC Disaster Relief volunteer.

The registration fee for new volunteers is \$40 and \$20 for returning volunteers.

Go to kybaptist.org/dr to register!



NOTES FROM M.A.G.I.C. MINISTRY

BOYD SMITH

M.A.G.I.C. Friends,

By the time you read this we should be over the recent winter storm. I'm probably all alone on this but I LOVED IT. Now I can look forward to a beautiful Spring. As we move into the month of March, I want to make you aware that Daylight Saving Time begins on the 14th. Be sure to move your clock up by one hour. Maybe that will help us feel like it's spring time. Meanwhile, we will help one another through the storms of life. We have been busy trying to call as many of our homebound/elderly as we can. It's a task way too big for one person so the staff has graciously volunteered to help me make those calls.

Have you gotten your vaccination yet? If not, do you need someone to help you get your name on the list? Do you need someone to drive you to the vaccination sites? We have people willing to help you. Just call the office and we will take it from there. We are all the family of God and that's what we do; we take care of one another. Do you have other needs that we can help with? Please let us know how we can help.

I want to close with one of my favorite scripture passages. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path." Proverbs 3:5-6. WHAT A PROMISE! Love to you all.

NOTES FROM MUSIC MINISTRY

MIKE ROSE



We are excited about the pandemic coming to an end really soon. As it ends, we will be starting up our music program quickly! It was good to have the organ concert from 2019 recently on Facebook Live, and it is still on for those who missed it...but it will be so much better to have Rodney Barbour again, live in our sanctuary, and I am working with him as I write this to schedule an organ concert in 2021!

The Camp Kirkland event in June is still scheduled, and I hope that by then we can have a loft full of singers as we sing this wonderful music together. Camp is probably the most prolific of all Christian composers, and we are really fortunate that he will be joining us this summer.

Then in the fall we are still working on a major event, and we will be sharing more about this if and when it becomes a reality. And... for Christmas, we will share another wonderful Christmas musical as we all sing this one together! I am looking forward to getting back to normal soon, and cannot wait until we can firm up these as well as other plans!

We will be having choir rehearsals again soon, and we would love to have you join us on Sunday evenings at 4:30 pm. There is room for you in our music ministry...come and join us!

2021 FBC Murray Composer's Weekend

June 26-27 | FBC Sanctuary
Featuring Camp Kirkland





NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRY

JON KYLE ALLRED

FBC YOUTH DNow

April 24-25

Total cost: \$75

Deposit of \$50 due March 1

Cash and Checks only



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FUGE CAMPS

JOIN US FOR FUGE CAMP AT UNION UNIVERSITY

June 28-July 3

Total cost is \$300

A deposit of \$60 is due March 10

Cash and checks only

Register at fbcmurray.org



NOTES FROM KIDS 1ST MINISTRY

RACHEL RIQUELME



February is already coming to a close and it is time to begin learning new things in children's ministry! Sunday mornings, your children will be learning about the Good News of the Gospel that spread in the early church. For MidWeek, preschoolers will be learning about how they can love like Jesus and elementary kids will be studying patience! We are excited to teach them and walk alongside them as they grow in their knowledge of Jesus.

We know it is hard to get ready for church when you lose an hour of sleep! We are celebrating Daylight Saving Time on March 14 with a PJ Party! Come to church in your pajamas and join the party!

It is time to sign up for Crossings! Kids who have finished 2nd-5th grade are invited to come to camp the week of July 25-28. The total cost is \$320 and a deposit of \$75 is due by March 22 to reserve your spot. Scholarships are available, so let me know if cost is a concern by emailing me at rriquelme@fbc Murray.org. Cash or checks can be turned in to the church office. Register online at fbc Murray.org/kids.

VBS is around the corner. Be thinking about the areas that you would like to serve in and watch out for more info!

Kids 1st Worship + Sunday School preschool + elementary

From Jews
to Gentiles

THE GOSPEL IS GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE, BOTH JEWS AND GENTILES. THROUGH THE EARLY CHURCH, THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS SPREAD BEYOND JERUSALEM. THE LORD SAVED MORE AND MORE PEOPLE EVERY DAY, AND THE CHURCH GREW.

1 Peter and Cornelius
Acts 10
The good news about Jesus is for everyone.

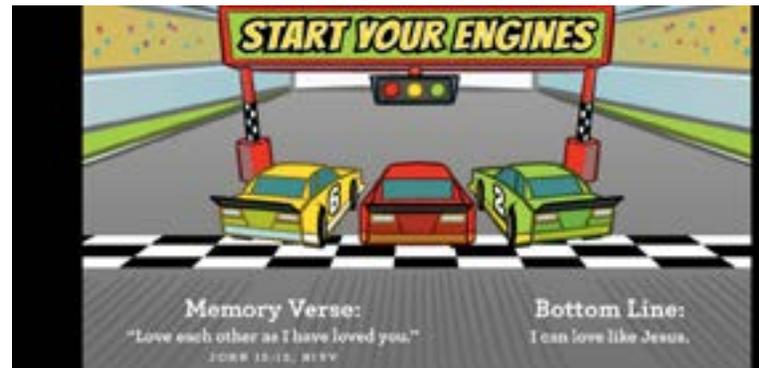
2 Barnabas in Antioch
Acts 11
The gospel continued to spread.

3 Jesus is Better
Hebrews 1-8
Jesus is better than anyone and anything.

4 Hall of Faith
Hebrews 11
People who love Jesus live by faith.

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL? THE GOSPEL IS THE GOOD NEWS THAT GOD SENT HIS SON JESUS, INTO THE WORLD TO RESCUE SINNERS.

LET THE HEAVENS BE GLAD AND THE EARTH REJOICE,
AND LET THEM SAY AMONG THE NATIONS, "THE LORD REIGNS!"
1 CHRONICLES 16:31





NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

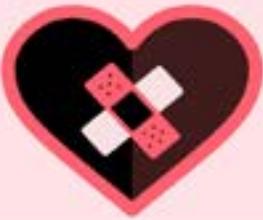
TINA MYERS

The library now has several of the books recommended by Susie Walther in the women's online conference led by Paula Alcott. These books are displayed all together on the rolling shelf as you enter the library. Even if you didn't participate in the conference, please stop by and look at these interesting books!

If you are new to our church and have never been to the library, please stop by and say hello. I would love to show you all the wonderful things our library has to offer!

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather, a decision regarding the cancellation of Sunday morning services will be made by 6:00 am. If services are canceled, WPSD (Channel 6) and WAAJ-FM (89.7) will be notified by 6:15 am. We will announce via our website, social media, and church-wide email. A cancellation decision will be made by noon concerning Sunday and Wednesday evening activities and be reported in the same manner.



BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, March 10
5:00-8:30 pm | Room AE310

Give blood. Save lives. Do it often.



MEET THE CHURCH MEMBERS





Audree and Trevor Williams

Trevor and I have been married for two and a half years. I grew up in Murray; my parents actually attend FBC (Shawn and Ginny Harper). Trevor is a Murray transplant and grew up in central Kentucky in Owen County. We met while working at Crossings at Jonathan Creek in 2016. Trevor continues to work for Crossings as the Food Service Manager and Hospitality Coordinator. I teach a preschool class at Mother's Day Out here at FBC. We are adding to our family and are expecting a baby boy in late May. I have been attending FBC since 2015 when I started college and was very involved in the international ministry. Trevor joined FBC in 2017 before we got married and jumped in with me serving with international students. Since then, we have joined the Gap Sunday School class which has provided a community for us and has allowed us to dig into scripture with a great group of people. We have served some in children's ministry, college ministry, and have recently started a community group/Bible study for newlywed couples in our home.

Our Sunday school class has been a big encouragement to us this past year. When Trevor's mom passed away this past summer, the Gap class rallied around us in prayer and checked in on us often. Not only did they support us with continual prayer but also with their generosity. We were so grateful for their kindness and support during difficult days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU NOTES

Mike Lovins thanks the church for thoughts and prayers during his time in the hospital.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Attention all students! If you are affiliated with FBC and pursuing a degree (especially as an international student or with an emphasis in Christian or music ministry), you are welcome to apply for a scholarship through FBC. You can download the scholarship application at fbcmurray.org/scholarship. The deadline is Wednesday, April 14, 2021. Email Lori Morgan (lmorgan@fbcmurray.org) or call the church office (270-753-1854) for more information.

NEEDLINE

There is a collection box located in the Welcome Center for you to drop off non-perishable food items to be donated to Needline. For the month of March, the featured item is **macaroni and cheese**. Different food/household items will be collected each month.

STAY CONNECTED

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CHURCH INFORMATION

FINANCES (AS OF JANUARY 31, 2021)

\$ 133,754.00	Budgeted as of 1/31/2021
\$ 122,888.37	Budget Receipts as of 1/31/2021
\$ 101,216.83	Budget Expenditures as of 1/31/2021
\$ 154,000.00	WMO 2021 Goal
\$ 5,842.38	WMO Receipts as of 1/31/2021
\$3,453,307.04	Family Life Center Receipts as of 1/31/2021
\$ 378,197.05	Family Life Center Borrowed as of 1/31/2021

MEMORIALS

FINANCIAL

Contributions to the Family Life Center have been received in memory of Allen Russell and Robbie Trevathan.

A contribution to the 2021 World Mission Offering has been received in memory of Sina Richardson.

ATTENDANCE

	8:30 am Service	11:00 am Service	The NET
January 31	49	199	42
February 7	54	151	50
February 14	N/A	N/A	N/A
February 21	59	182	29



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