



# Bulletin

## East Memphis Rotary Club

Nina Gourley, President

November 16, 2022  
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2022-2023  
Our 34th Year

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Meeting 12:00 Noon

Shady Grove Event Center, 5530 Shady Grove, Memphis, TN 38120

### Upcoming Meetings

November 30, 2022  
Brian McCurry  
Memphis Athletic Ministries

December 7, 2022  
Christmas Luncheon at  
White Station Elementary



December 15, 2022  
Christmas Party  
Home of  
Debra & Doug Owings

December 21, 2022  
No Meeting  
Christmas Week

December 28, 2022  
No Meeting  
New Year's Week



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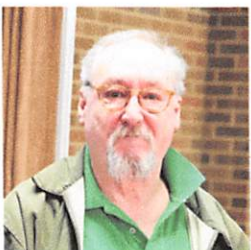
### Our Guests



Jason Stuart,  
guest of the  
speaker,  
Gina Sweat



Mike  
Thompson,  
guest of Bill  
Pickens



Chip Barton,  
guest of Mark  
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### November 30, 2022

#### Brian McCurry, Memphis Athletic Ministries



Brian McCurry grew up in North and South Carolina, but calls Myrtle Beach, SC home. He attended college at Clemson University and is a huge Tiger fan. During his college years, Brian met his wife Betsy while serving together on a summer mission trip to Slovakia through their college ministry.

The McCurry's moved to Memphis in 2004, giving leadership to the same college ministry in Memphis and West Tennessee. That was followed by fourteen years of serving as a Pastor here in Memphis and for a short stint back in Chapel Hill, NC. During that time, he earned a Masters degree from Union University in Germantown. Brian joined the team at Memphis Athletic Ministries as Chief Development Officer in January 2022.

Brian and Betsy have three children: Ben and Bailey who both attend UT-Knoxville and Brooke who attends Houston High School. In his free time, Brian is a sports fanatic. He loves Grizzlies basketball, Clemson football, and all things fantasy sports. He also enjoys cooking and eating BBQ with his friends and family. Fun fact: Brian was recently certified as a judge for the Memphis in May World Championship of BBQ.

### November 16, 2022

#### Gina Sweat, Memphis Fire Chief

by Cal Overman



It was such a pleasure to have the Memphis Fire Chief with us today, Gina Sweat! What an outstanding and informational program. Here are some key takeaways we learned:

- over 1,700 personnel work there
- it is the 9th largest in the US
- 57 fire stations across the city
- 34 ambulances & 56 fire trucks
- in 2021, 155,000 runs were made across the city

Man, do they stay busy, or what? Thank you to the firefighters and EMS workers that go above and beyond for our city! Your dedication and perseverance each and every day is what makes Memphis so great!



Nina, Jason Stuart, Gina Sweat and Beth Dowdie, who arranged today's speaker.