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# The Visitor

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## The Story of Ruth

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Since Easter, we have been in the book of Ephesians in worship. It is been a rich study; I have enjoyed delving into this letter from the first century. In October, we are shifting back to the Old Testament. We are going to be doing a 7 to 8 week study on the book of Ruth.

Perhaps you have studied this book before. Almost anyone who has grown up in Sunday school is familiar with the dynamics of the story. Several months ago, I began preparing to lead this study. I began reading a book entitled *The Gospel of Ruth: Loving God Enough to Break the Rules* by Carolyn Custis James. Her work brings new insights into the well-loved story. We have purchased three copies of this book for the church library. I would encourage each of you to read this as a supplement to the preaching series. The book is also available in ebook format and audio format from Amazon.com.



The Ruth series also has another twist. Matt Headley and Doug Gregg will be joining me in the pulpit. Matt, Doug and I have met several times to discuss the book of Ruth. Our discussions have provided an opportunity to unpack the story together. Matt and Doug will each preach one week during the series. It may seem strange to see me seated in the pew during a worship service. However, the team approach to preaching offers us the opportunity to hear from different voices.

We are still in the process of finalizing plans for the latter part of the series. Nevertheless, we look forward to testing out a few creative ideas for worship in November. In the meantime, I hope that each of you will take the opportunity to read the story ahead of time. We will begin the series on **Sunday, October 6**.

## Worship in October

As we begin our study in the book of Ruth, you may want to read the Scriptures ahead of time. The October schedule is:

- October 6 - Tough Times (Ruth 1:1-5)
- October 13 - The Cost of Following (Ruth 1:6-22)
- October 20 - Boaz's Field (Ruth 2:1-23)

- October 27 - The Threshing Floor (Ruth 3:1-18)

## Music Interest Survey Still Available

If you didn't fill out the Music Interest Survey in the bulletin, it is not too late! See Matt Headley or pick up a form in the back of the sanctuary and let someone know about your music interest and capabilities. If you aren't already in Sanctuary Choir, it's not too late, or you can think about joining the Unity Choir that will sing during Thanksgiving and Advent programming. Exact schedules will be shared in next month's Visitor

## Organists Leading with Excellence in Early Worship Gathering

Julie Kirklin and Molly Flodder have done an excellent job stepping in and sharing their gift of playing the organ for our Early Worship Gatherings through September. Since the role of church organist became a non-paid position with the recent budget modifications, Rebecca Roland stepped down from the church organist role in August. The Music Ministry Team recognizes their commitment of service to our church and to God in aiding our worship on Sunday mornings. Please express your support and appreciation as they continue to serve our church in this new capacity.

## Open Door Food Distribution

Open Door Ministries will be passing out food to needy families from 7:30-9:30 AM on select Wednesdays in the fall. If you know of someone who could use help with food, please let Duane Davis know. If you have a group (SS Class, Mission Circle or Life Group) that would like to help distribute food, please contact Matt at [matt@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:matt@fbcmuncie.org).

## Last Call for Information

If you have not given a photo, birth and death dates of a First Baptist person who passed away in the past year, this is the last call. Give your information to Mary Ann Bayer at 289-5593. A short memorial of these dear departed friends will be part of both services on **Sunday, November 3**.

## Pastoral Care Team Members

**Tim Stigers** and **Doug Gregg** will be making hospital visits for our pastors on occasion. Thank you for their willingness to help care for those who are sick.

## Friendship Class

The Friendship Class for Special Needs Adults will start **Tuesday, September 10** at **7:00 PM** at Riverside Baptist Church. We still can use some more volunteers. I know those who volunteer will receive great blessings! If you have questions, please call Jane Patton 765-759-8276.

## Missional Community Gathering

The Missional Community will meet at the church **Wednesday, October 9 at 5:15 PM**. Everyone in the church is invited to join us for dinner. We will gather for a pitch in meal. Bring your children, your favorite dish and join us for fellowship and discussion.

The Fall Missional Community Session goes through November. On the first week of the month (the first week begins with the first Sunday of the month), we will gather on Wednesday evening for a meal and family worship. This is a time to bring your favorite dish and your children for a shared meal and worship. We will keep the environment kid friendly. The purpose of these gatherings is to connect with others in the Missional Community. On the second and fourth weeks of the month, everyone will meet in Life Groups in homes. On the third week of the month, we will gather as a large group for a mission project.

## Missional Community Service Project for October

Our October mission project is going to be so fun! We will be going to **The Heritage Retirement Village Lincoln House** located at 1400 S PATRIOT DR YORKTOWN, IN 47396. We will be meeting on **Saturday October 26 from 2:45-4:45 PM**. We plan to do a short devotional, some music and games with the people that live there! We are going to meet in the parking lot and will go in as a group! (Please try to be on time so we can start by or before 3, as they have dinner at 5 and we want to be finished up by then.) Hope to see you there!

## Beef and Board Trip

Sue Mutter is organizing a trip to Beef & Boards Dinner Theater for the production of Les Misérables. The price of \$55/person includes dinner buffet, coffee, tea, lemonade, gratuity, tax and show. She has 38 seats total reserved for this wonderful show. Les Misérables is the inspirational, award winning musical that follows the life of Jean Valjean. Set during the French Revolution, Les Misérables is a story of redemption and grace. Money must be paid by Oct. 7, 2013. The show is on **November 7**; the group is leaving the church at **4:30 PM**. You can contact Sue Mutter at [slawson62@aol.com](mailto:slawson62@aol.com).

## Calendar

**Sundays** – 9:15 AM Early Gathering/Early Sunday School (Intergenerational Class, K-5th grade, Junior & High School), 10:15 AM Fellowship Time (enjoy coffee, donuts, and fellowship), 10:45 AM Late Gathering/Late Sunday School

**Tuesdays** – 7:00 PM - Friendship Class at Riverside Baptist Church

**Wednesdays** – October 2 and 16 (10 AM) - Bible Study at Riverside (Jan Largent Leading)

October 9 and 23 (1 PM) - Midweek Bible Study at Riverside (Wade Leading)

5:30 PM Pitch-in meal for those in Wednesday evening activities, 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal and Children's Choir/Kids Club, 7:10 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**October 6** – Life Group Leaders Lunch at Stigers Home

**October 9** – Open Door Food Distribution, Missional Community Gathering

**October 10** – Senior Adult Day in New Castle

**October 23** – Life Group Leaders Meeting

**October 28** – Worship Arts Team Meeting

## October Birthdays

We would like to say Happy Birthday to the following people in the month of October. Please let them know that you are thinking of them on their special day.

10/1 Marcy Hollis	10/20 Donna Fouch
10/4 Avery Roberts	10/20 Edward Strother
10/5 Edith Flaherty	10/21 Donn Roberts
10/6 Sarah Egly	10/21 Kameron Spangler
10/11 Debbie Gregg	10/22 Autumn Earls
10/13 Stephen Reid	10/24 Don DeWitt
10/14 Matt Brooks	10/25 Ashlynn Randolph
10/15 Lydia Burton	10/25 Carolyn Shelton
10/16 Jack Klingensmith	10/29 Vicki Conley
10/16 Muriel Michael	10/29 Danyalle Nealy
10/16 Gayle Songer	10/29 Thomas St. Myer
10/17 Anson Tooley	10/31 Amelia Roberts
10/19 George McGalliard	