



# The Visitor

## New Schedule

Wade Allen

In just a few weeks, we will be transitioning to a new Sunday morning schedule. This is no small change for a congregation. However, we are excited about new opportunities as a result of this shift. I wanted to let you all know about a couple of changes regarding Sunday school. First of all, we are looking forward to increased time given to Sunday school in the new schedule. Classes should now have a full hour to fellowship, pray and study. The schedule looks like this:

- 9:15 am – 10:15 am – Early Worship/Early Sunday School
- 10:15 am – 10:45 am – Fellowship time in the Lower Auditorium
- 10:45 am – 11:45 am – Late Worship/Late Sunday School

### Early Hour

Early Worship (traditional style) will take place in the sanctuary during the early hour. Youth and Children Sunday school will also meet during the early hour. Also, two intergenerational adult classes will meet during this time. These classes will function in two-month blocks. In other words, every two months the teachers and/or topics may shift. One of the classes will be primarily topic based. The teacher will deal with current issues relating them to Scripture. The second class will be Scripture based and will initially follow the sermon schedule.

The topical class will be taught by Doug Gregg through the end of June. This class will meet in the church lounge. They will be studying a book by Tony Campolo entitled 20 Hot Potatoes Christians are Afraid to Touch. The Scripture based class will be taught by Tim Stigers and Jim Butler and will meet in the lower auditorium. Since the sermons will be in Genesis following Easter, this class will also be in Genesis.

### Fellowship Time

One of the benefits of the new schedule will be an increased opportunity for fellowship. In our current schedule, everyone is rushing around to make it to Sunday school on time. The new schedule will grant a full 30 minutes to spend time talking with people who possibly attend another service. I hope that everyone will take advantage of this occasion.

### In Worship

4/1/12

#### **In the Hand of God**

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4/8/12

#### **God's Doorway \*Easter\***

Wade Allen

4/15/12

#### **In the Beginning**

Wade Allen

4/22/12

#### **The 7th Day**

Wade Allen

4/29/12

#### **Randy Gruendyke**

Taylor U. Pastor

## SCHEDULE CHANGE CONT.

Late Hour

Late Worship (contemporary style) will take place in the sanctuary during the late hour. A chief problem with our current schedule was Sunday school classes running into the late hour. Many times late worship will begin with only half of the people in attendance during the opening song. The earlier start time will also allow students to make it back to campus for lunch. During this hour the Bykota, Two by Two and Friendship classes will meet along with a new intergenerational class. The intergenerational class will be a discussion based class that operates on two month blocks. In other words, every two months the teachers and/or topics may shift. The first block will begin April 15 and go through June. Bill Eidson, Susan Londt, Allen Shelton and others will rotate teaching this class. Change sometimes brings fear. We aren't always sure how everything will work out. I would encourage you to anticipate the positive in the new schedule. Let's continue to explore, listen and be flexible as we make this transition as a church family. As Paul writes to the church at Philippi,

*"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:4-5 NIV)"*

Please feel free to contact me or any church council member with questions about the new schedule.

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ROBERT'S RAMBLINGS

It is interesting, perhaps even inspiring, that our two churches work together in so many regards. This fact flies in the face of much conventional wisdom. It would be normal to think that we should be competitors, but we are not. In fact, we compliment each other. Riverside provides space for the friendship class, but the class would not be able to function were it not for the people from First Baptist who help. We have two joint picnics each year, Spring at First Baptist & Fall at Riverside. Riverside recently hosted an event when people from the two churches went Christmas caroling. The same organist plays for both churches. In fact, I work for both churches, as pastor to one and Minister for Pastoral Care at the other. First Baptist provides a valuable service to the community with the OPT program, as well as other ministries. Several self-help small groups meet regularly each week at Riverside. There is a TOPS group in both churches. Montesorri has met at Riverside for years. The list goes on.



Too often churches compete with each other, vying for the same prospects when they move to town, etc. This is not the way it should be. We each exist, not to outdo the other in trying to get people to come to our own church, but to complement each other in the work we all do for the kingdom of God. After all, we are each part of the same body, the Body of Christ to be exact. We belong together and are each a part of something greater. That is the way it should be, and so may it be!

Amen

## GENESIS SERIES

I have enjoyed time in the Psalms through the Lenten season. I have gained a new appreciation for this treasury of devotions. The psalms gift us with insight from ancient worshipers; they give us the human/divine encounter from the human side. So what is next?

After Easter, we will spend time in the book of Genesis. I wanted to give you a peek into where we are going in this study. We could easily spend several years in this book. It is a lengthy account of the beginning of the world through the period of the Patriarchs. However, we only plan to spend about 20-25 weeks in the book.

Genesis might be divided into two major sections. The ESV Study Bible suggests a two-part division: Primeval History (1:1–11:26) and Patriarchal History (11:27–50:26). The first section begins with Creation and goes to the story of Abraham. The second part picks up with Abraham and covers the story of his family through Joseph. We will spend about nine weeks in the first part (finishing it up around Father's Day); the second part should take us into the fall. We will not cover every verse; rather we will select passages attempting to maintain the flow of the book.

You might want to note that an intergenerational Sunday school class will be available during each Sunday school hour to engage the story on a deeper level. Here is a tentative plan for the first part of the study. I provide it for you in hopes that you will read ahead and prepare to engage the Scripture together in the coming weeks.

- 4/15 In the Beginning (Genesis 1:1-25)
- 4/22 The 7th Day (Genesis 2:1-4)
- Randy Gruendyke from Taylor University will be with us on April 29
- 5/6 Eden (Genesis 2:4-17)
- 5/13 Creating Woman (Genesis 2:18-25) \*Mother's Day
- 5/20 The Fall (Genesis 3:1-24)
- 5/27 The Wickedness of Humanity (Genesis 6:1-8)
- 6/3 Noah (Genesis 6-9)
- 6/10 The Tower (Genesis 11:1-8)
- 6/17 A Father's Legacy (Genesis 11:10-32)

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READ LIKE A ROCKSTAR

Thaddeus Rex, national recognized writer, educator and motivational speaker and creator of "Read Like a Rock Star", will be the speaker at the Circles Dinner on Thursday, April 12, from 6-8 p.m. in the Lower Auditorium. Rex learned about the Circles movement and is coming gratis to speak to Circles families who are working their way out of poverty and the Allies who support them. The community is invited to attend. Dinner is included for a freewill donation. Please RSVP to [americorps@teamworql.org](mailto:americorps@teamworql.org) or to 747-7158.

## CHILDREN'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Children's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the lower auditorium of First Baptist. Children from birth to 5th grade are invited to come. We have loads of fun hunting eggs, crafting, gaming, snacking and most of all focusing on what Jesus did for us on the Cross. If you are blessed with a child in your life, whether it be your own, a grandchild, niece/nephew, cousin, friend, etc, we would love to have them join our fun. If you have questions please contact Christy Allen 717-5229.

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy week will begin Sunday, April 1 with Palm Sunday. There will be services throughout the week. Here is a list of different services that you can attend.

- Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 5 at 7:00 PM at First Baptist Church
- Community Good Friday Service - Friday, April 6 at 12:00 PM. This service will be open to the community at take place at High Street United Methodist Church.
- Easter Sunday - 9:30 AM - We will be sharing an Easter breakfast at First Baptist Church  
- 10:45 AM - Immediately following the breakfast we will be joining in Worship to celebrate Christ' resurrection.

We hope that you will make plans to join us at these times of worship.

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## THANK YOU

First Baptist.

Thank you so much for giving us a place to lay out heads for "Acquire the Fire" weekend.. This was a our first "Acquire the Fire" event & it was AWESOME! We were truly blessed by your kindness!

Sincerely,  
Westport Baptist Youth

## APRIL EVENT CALENDAR

**Sundays (Beginning April 15)**

9:15 a - Early Gathering &amp; Early Sunday School

10:15 a - Fellowship Time

11:15 a - Late Gathering &amp; Late Sunday School

**Tuesdays**

7:00 p - Young Adult Bible Study at Stiger's

7:00 p - Friendship Class for Group Homes  
(Riverside)**Wednesdays**10:00 a - Women's Small Group at Riverside  
(April 4 & 18)

4:00 p - Prayer Shawl Ministry

5:30 p - Wednesday Evening Meal

6:00 p - Children's Program

6:15 p - Band Rehearsal

6:30 p - Handbell Rehearsal &amp; Prayer Hour

7:40 p - Choir Rehearsal

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**April 1**

9:15 a - Early Gathering

10:15 a - Sunday School

11:15 a - Late Gathering

**April 5**

7:00 p - Maundy Thursday Service

**April 6**

12:00 p - Community Good Friday Service

**April 7**

10:30 a - Children's Easter egg Hunt

**April 8 - Easter Sunday**

9:30 a - Easter Breakfast

10:45 a - Easter Worship

**April 12**

6:00 p - TEAMwork Circles Dinner

**April 15**

5:00 p - Youth Group at Flodder Home

**April 19**

6:00 p - TEAMwork Circles Dinner

6:30 p - Children's Ministry Team Meeting

**April 22**

5:00 p - Youth Group at Flodder Home

**April 26**

6:00 p - Circles BigView &amp; Dinner

**April 29**

5:00 p - Youth Group at Flodder Home

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SOMETHING MISSING

If there is an event, story, photo or special thanks that you would like put in the May newsletter, please email a request to [will@fbcuncie.org](mailto:will@fbcuncie.org) or fill out an event information form. This form can be submitted through the church website, mailed, hand-delivered, or faxed into the church office. Be sure to indicate "May Newsletter" on the form or in the subject line of the email. The **deadline** for the information to be submitted is **Tuesday, April 24!**

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

**We'd like to say Happy Birthday to the following  
April birthdays!**

Amanda Harwood - April 1  
Hunter Petroviak - April 3  
Sarah Bade - April 4  
John Mulcahy III - April 4  
Colleen Massoth - April 6  
Megan Morency - April 6  
Cami Shuttars - April 6  
David Earls - April 7  
Lindsey Markwart - April 7  
Anna Allen - April 9

Susan Londt - April 15  
Robert Burton - April 15  
Victoria Bouton - April 16  
Marianne Tooley - April 17  
Kendra Ervin - April 21  
Paul Frazee - April 21  
Maddy Crawford - April 25  
Billie Frogge - April 25  
Jane Patton - April 25  
Ray Conley - April 30