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**The Visitor**  
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## **Budget Discernment Team Update**

*Wade Allen*

Our summer has proven to be eventful. We are working through several difficult decisions as a congregation. I wanted to take a few minutes to update you on where we are in the Church Budget Discernment Process. The CCT (Church Coordination Team) is the group working through this process. The team met twice in June. We hope to propose a balanced budget by late summer. The decision can be stated,

We need to develop a balanced budget for mid-year 2013. We need to determine ways of adjusting our budget to bring expenses in line with income. These adjustments are on a trial basis (the remainder of 2013).

In many ways, we are planning for the future. Some of the adjustments may carry over into 2014. Yet we want to consider this budget a trial. If aspects of ministry are hindered because of modifications, we can make alterations in 2014.

The team has identified three major areas to explore. Adjustments will need to be significant. Curbing minor expenses will not be enough. Given this, we will continue to explore ways to decrease expenses in every possible way beyond the identified areas.

The options identified by the team are:

1. Reduction of Staff Expenses - There are many options along these lines. From decreasing non-pastoral staff to decreasing hours of all staff, we are exploring how changes in staff will affect ministry.

2. Volunteers Cleaning the Church - Having the church cleaned professionally is a considerable expense. We are exploring potential decreases in frequency along with measuring volunteer capacity for the job.
3. Finally, we are analyzing our missions giving.

The decision is not an either/or decision. The proposal may include a hybrid of one or all of these areas. The CCT is in the Listening Stage of the process at this point. The CCT has developed a list of listening actions. Over the next several weeks, team members will carry out this strategy. The strategy involves conversations with key people who may be affected by budget adjustments. It also includes planned prayer and a discerning of the information received through the strategy. The CCT will examine all the information and provide a balanced budget to the church for approval in August.

Please keep this team in your prayers as they discern God's direction for First Baptist Muncie.

## Media Help Needed in Early Service

Help is needed for operating the projector in the early service. Please contact Matt Headley or Eric Paille if you are interested in helping.

## Sermon Series in Ephesians

We continue in Ephesians through the month of July. We hope that you will take time to prepare for worship as you read the text for each week.

- July 7 - Randy Gruendyke from Taylor University (Genesis 3)
- July 14 - Stealing v Giving (Ephesians 4:28)
- July 21 - Our Mouth (Ephesians 4:29-30)
- July 28 - Bitterness v Kindness (Ephesians 4:31-5:2)

## Church Softball Team

The First Baptist Softball Team is having a great year. It has been a great experience of building relationships and having fun. All games are held at the Muncie SportsPlex east of town off Hwy 32. Plan to come out and support the team. July games are:

- Monday, July 1 at 7:00 PM vs. Calvary Christian (Field C)
- Tuesday, July 9 at 9:00 PM vs. University Christian (Field C)
- Monday, July 15 at 7:00 PM vs. River of Life (Field B)
- Monday, July 22 at 7:00 PM vs. Selma UMC (Field C)

## Children's Music Camp

Kingdom of the Son music camp will be held **July 15-19** at First Baptist Church. All children between Kindergarten and 6th grade are invited to attend the camp. Please call Barb Eidson at (765) 284-4825 or (765) 744-0161 for more information.

## Music Discernment Process

Over the past few months, our music discernment team has been asking the question:

How might we develop an overall strategy for the use of music in our worship gatherings that will enable:

- 1) participation in music ministries of excellence
- 2) creation of a manageable rehearsal schedule (logistics: time, space, participants, resources)
- 3) an understanding of our limited resources (stewardship)
- 4) Unity across styles & preferences

As the music discernment team continues and it's Listening Phase we are beginning to examine some options for decisions. We've been working hard to faithfully discern God's will and the moving of his Spirit in this part of our church life. We hope to be reaching some decisions by the end of the summer. Please keep this team in prayer as we work to serve God and our church.

## Camp Barnabas

The youth will be attending Camp Barnabas in Purdy, MO from **July 4-13**. Please keep them in your prayers and they travel and serve. They will be leaving from the Allen home at **2:00 PM** on **Thursday, July 4**.

## Men's Choir Announcement

Calling All Men! There will be a Men's Choir singing in both services on Sunday, July 21st. If you can only sing in one of the services, please do not hesitate to join us. We will have three rehearsals:

- Wednesday, July 10th - 7:45-9:00PM in the Riverside Baptist, Sanctuary
- Wednesday, July 17th - 7:45-9:00PM in the Riverside Baptist, Sanctuary
- Sunday, July 21st - 8:30-9:05AM in the First Baptist, Choir Room

Please attend at least two of these rehearsals. We will be singing Rollo Dilworth's "Shine on Me." If you have questions, please contact Cynthia Smith: [cynthialucilesmith@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthialucilesmith@yahoo.com)

## Open Door Passing Out Food at First Baptist

Open Door Ministries will be passing out food to needy families from **7:30-9:30 AM** on **July 10** and **July 24** dates. If you know of someone who could use help with food, please let Duane Davis know. Small groups (Life Groups, SS Classes and Mission Circles) are helping to distribute food.

## Fulbright Fundraising Yard and Bake Sale

Do you have unused items around your home that are taking up needed space? Do you have a gift for baking? Cynthia and Aaron Smith are having a Fulbright Fundraising Yard and Bake Sale, at their home (1321 W. Washington), to grow their travel expenses fundraising total for their Fulbright Award to Switzerland on August 9-10. The Sale will extend to August 17, if enough items are unsold from the previous weekend. Bring your sellable, unwanted items to First Baptist and the Smith's will collect them. For large items,

contact the Smiths to make arrangements. Unsold items will be donated to local charities. If you are interested in providing baked goods or volunteering to help with the Sale, contact the Smiths at 828-553-7203 or [cynthialucilesmith@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthialucilesmith@yahoo.com) Best, Cynthia

## Thank Yous

**Matt & Heather Headley** – Heather and I would like to thank the church for your prayers, support and encouragement through the past four years as I completed seminary. We rejoice in the way God has brought us into your lives and look forward to serving Him together with you in the future.

**Team Portland 2013 (Bicycle Team 4KforCancer)** – Dear First Baptist Church, Thank you so much for your hospitality and hosting our riders! We really appreciate all of your support. Your support makes our ride possible. With your help, and the help of generous people like you across the country, the 4K Can really make a difference in the lives of so many in the cancer community. With gratitude.

**Sue Mutter** – Thank you to everyone who shared prayers with our family during the passing of our daughter Amy. A special thank you to Wade for his words at the service and Ward Head for assisting with the music. You truly shared God's love and peace with our family through your actions.

## Calendar

**Sundays** – 9:15 AM Early Gathering/Early Sunday School, 10:15 AM Fellowship Time, 10:45 AM Late Gathering/Late Sunday School

**Wednesdays** – Riverside/FBC Summer Bible Study

**July 1** – Church Softball Game (7:00 PM)

**July 4-5** – Church Office Closed

**July 4-13** – Youth at Camp Barnabas

**July 9** – Church Softball Game (9:00 PM)

**July 10** – Open Door Food Distribution (7:30 AM), Men's Choir Rehearsal (7:45 PM)

**July 14** – CCT Meeting (4:00 PM)

**July 15-19** – Children's Music and Drama Camp (9 AM - Noon)

**July 15** – Church Softball Game (7:00 PM)

**July 16** – Music Discernment Team Meeting (7:00 PM)

**July 17** – Men's Choir Rehearsal (7:45 PM)

**July 22** – Church Softball Game (7:00 PM)

**July 24** – Open Door Food Distribution (7:30 AM), Life Group Leaders Meeting (5:30 PM)

## July Birthdays

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

7/1 Shirley Pittenger  
7/4 Connor French  
7/6 Ward Head  
7/6 David Rodriguez  
7/9 Betty Brown  
7/9 Kaes Petroviak  
7/11 Barb Eidson  
7/11 William Nealy  
7/12 Kara St. Myer  
7/13 Joanne Sewell  
7/15 Maria Chavez

7/15 Cole Gnap  
7/18 Jody Osborn  
7/21 Emily Goul  
7/21 Leslee Leason  
7/25 Bryan Bouton  
7/29 Doug Gregg  
7/29 Chad Massoth  
7/31 Larry Fouch  
7/31 Finn Massoth  
7/31 Keith Roberts