



# The Visitor

## New Roles for College Students

Wade Allen

The air is buzzing with Fall excitement. We attended our first high school football game this past week; college students were back in worship on Sunday. Several new additions to our family come by way of college students. First, Will Drumright is replacing Alex as our new Administrative Assistant. Will graduated in the spring from the University of Alabama and is now working on a Masters of Sports Psychology at Ball State. Will is from Brentwood, Tennessee. Second, we have two new Mary Elizabeth Wood mentors from Taylor University. Audrey Boyers and Bailey McElravy have been around First Baptist for a while, but come this fall to learn about ministry. We are excited about all that God is doing in their lives; we are glad to be a part of their growth. You will read more about them in the coming months.

We have also adopted a mission statement as a church which is reflected in our new Sunday morning bulletins. Much time and energy was put into the crafting of this statement.

*A Spirit-led people gathered to care for and empower each other by stewarding God's resources to impact our community for Christ*

This statement is unpacked in further detail on the church Web site. I hope that you will take the time to read it. If you would like a printed copy of this document, please let us know.

As God continues to work in our midst, may we be empowered to be all that He has called us to be.

### In Worship

9/4/2011

#### Hospitality

Matt Headley

9/11/2011

#### All for One

Wade Allen

9/18/2011

#### Whatever It Takes

Wade Allen

9/25/2011

#### Fighting Temptation

Wade Allen

## ROBERT'S RAMBLINGS

Riverside has long seen its mission as “a small church with a big heart whose doors are open to everyone in Jesus’ name.” That mission is well stated in its covenant, which is read each time we celebrate communion. A portion of that covenant is quoted here:

We will cultivate within our church an accepting and creative environment for all seeking persons, respecting diversity of experience as together we grow in Christian love.

We will open our doors to the world, to love its people, and to be engaged with them in the struggle for life.



Even though Jesus was known, and often criticized, for His openness to all people, it was quite a bold venture for a group of His followers to claim that as their mission in His name. Even before we moved to Muncie, we were aware of the mission of Riverside and its unique mission to this community. While we joined First Baptist when moving here, the openness of the people of Riverside impressed us. It was a moving and humbling experience when I felt led to take on the task of being their pastor as I approached retirement.

One aspect of a mission of openness is that you do not know where that may lead you. You do not know who it is that may walk through an open door. It may be someone you never anticipated. It may even be a pleasant surprise! That has certainly been the case when the doors of the church were opened to the friendship class, a class for developmentally disabled adults. We never dreamed that it would include them, but that was consistent with the mission in every way. A direct result was that soon after the class began, several members of the class, along with their caretakers, began worshiping with us. That has continued now for over a year, even during the summer months when the friendship class is not in session. I think I speak for the entire membership in saying that this has been one of the most enriching experiences any of us have had in church. They worship with us, sing with us, and pray with us. They are a vital part of our church family. Hopefully many of them will attend the church picnic on September 25 as well. We are grateful to know we are a small church with a big heart whose doors are open to everyone in Jesus’ name.

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PRAYER VIGIL

The church will be having a 24-hour prayer vigil beginning at 8 a.m. on Friday, September 9 and concluding on Saturday, September 10 at 8 .m. The purpose of the prayer vigil is to seek God’s direction for our church, particularly our decision about staffing for 2012 and beyond. We are asking at least 48 of you to sign up for a 30 minute time slot. You do not have to be at the church during this time slot. Some of the slots will be during the middle of the night. You simply need to spend this time in prayer. We will provide you a guide for you to use as you pray. We would also like to encourage some of you to consider fasting during this time. Some may fast for the entire 24-hour period, others for a portion of the time, or even a meal. You can sign up for a time slot on the church website.

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SENIOR ADULT NEWS

There are a number of Sr. Adult events coming up in the month of September. First is the Sr. Adult camp that will be held Sept. 6-8 at Camp Tippecanoe. The Sr. Adult day will be held in Seymour, IN on Oct. 13. Reservation and a \$10 fee are due by Sept. 11. Finally Gems and Teens will meet on Sunday September 18 from 4-6 pm. For more information contact Shirley Pittenger at [jpittenger@juno.com](mailto:jpittenger@juno.com), 282-0632.



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OASIS UPDATE

We are now into the 2011-2012 school year at Ball State and The Oasis Campus Ministry continues to minister with students. We are now scheduling volunteers to assist us by providing for our Sunday night dinners and our Fall Exam Week Breakfast. If you or your class or group are willing to assist with these things, please contact Pastor David at [david@bsuoasis.org](mailto:david@bsuoasis.org) or at 765-744-8406.



Although we have received approximately \$600 toward putting in our new parking area, we are far from the \$4,000 we need to raise and we continue to need financial support from individuals, groups, and congregations. First Baptist has been and continues to be a strong supporting congregation for this ministry and we are very grateful. Please pray for us as we begin this new school year and pray that in the coming months we will be able to secure new donors and volunteers to support this ministry as well as to involve more new students.

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OPT DINNER

Our church has the privilege of doing the OPT dinner again this year on September 29th. We need help with preparing food, serving and clean up. Our meal this year will be breakfast casseroles (your choice), frozen fruit cups and breakfast rolls (your choice). Contact Debbie Gregg at [DebraJGregg@comcast.net](mailto:DebraJGregg@comcast.net) or 730-2796 if you would like to help serve this event in any way.



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SOMETHING MISSING?

If there is an event, story, photo or special thanks that you would like put in the October newsletter, please email a request to [will@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:will@fbcmuncie.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 "October Newsletter" on the form or in the subject line of the email. The **deadline** for the information to be submitted is **Monday, September 26!**

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawl Ministry meetings will start Wednesday, September 21 at 4:00pm in the conference room. We welcome any newcomers who would like to participate in this ministry. Even if you don't knit or crochet, please join us and we will teach you. For more information contact Dana Davis at Twoddavis@aol.com, 765- 358-3911 or 765-212-8318



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YOUTH FALL RETREAT

On October 7-9th, youth in grades 6-12th have the opportunity to enjoy a weekend in South Haven, Michigan. We have reserved a house located on the Lake Michigan and are planning activities that youth will enjoy. Among some of these activities will be a bonfire on the beach Saturday night, dining at an awesome local pizzeria, shopping in the downtown shops, late night snacking on some local Michigan pies and lots more. Youth trips are one of greatest tools to form friendships and bonds among each other. Take advantage of this time to grow as a young person and to strengthen relationships among your peers.

Casey and Katie Brasell, Cami Jatoba, and Wade and Christy will be working through a study on boy and girl relationships. Some of the topics will include: sorting through the messages that our culture sends out on dating relationships, how to use biblical principles and common sense in setting boundaries for these relationships, our responsibility to God and each other within relationships.

Youth will be leaving from Wade and Christy's house on Friday, October 7th at 4:30 p.m. Youth should bring money for supper on the road Friday and Sunday. We will also be checking out the downtown area on Saturday. Youth, it is up to yours and your parents discretion on how much money you would like to bring for this. All other meals will be covered. The cost for the trip will be \$50.00. Please do not let the cost of the trip cause you to avoid joining us.

Wade will be leading a parents information meeting regarding the material that will be taught on the Fall Retreat. This is scheduled for September 18 at 4:00 PM at First Baptist Church. This is also the date for the Gems and Teens. It is important for you to know what we will be covering for the weekend. You will also be introduced to Casey and Katie Braswell, and Cami Jatoba. These are wonderful young adults who we believe will have a positive impact on your youth. Please try and work this date into your schedule.

Space is limited for this Fall Retreat. As always, friends are welcome to join us, we just need them to sign up. Youth can register online at <http://fbcmuncie.org/youth-fall-retreat/>. Be sure to print, fill out and return the medical form to Christy Allen, along with your \$50 payment (unless you have indicated that you need a scholarship).

Please register by October 2nd, for questions contact Christy Allen 717-5229

## SEPTEMBER EVENT CALENDAR

**Sundays**

9:15 a - Classic Worship  
 10:15 a - Sunday School  
 11:15 a - Contemporary Worship  
 TBA - Youth Group Events

**Tuesdays**

7:00 p - 20s & 30s Bible Study

**Wednesdays**

10:00 a - Women's Small Group at Riverside  
 (September 7 and 21)  
 4:00 p - Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 (Begins September 21)  
 5:30 p - Wednesday Evening Meal  
 6:15 p - Children's Program  
 6:30 p - Handbell Rehearsal  
 6:30 p - Prayer Hour  
 6:30 p - Band Rehearsal  
 6:30 p - Financial Peace University  
 7:40 p - Choir Rehearsal  
 (Begins September 14)

**September 9-10**

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

**September 11**

5:00 p - Youth to Lemen Home

**September 12**

7:00 p - Leadership Council Meeting

**September 18**

4:00 p - GEMs and Teens  
 4:00 p - Youth Fall Retreat Parent Meeting

**September 19**

7:00 p - Leadership Council/Diaconate Meeting

**September 22**

5:00 p - Teamwork Ally Overview Session  
 6:00 p - Circles Big View

**September 25**

4:00 p - Riverside/First Baptist Picnic  
 5:00 p - Youth to Lemen Home

**September 29**

OPT Dinner

**September 30**

20s & 30s Campout at Richardson's

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Monty Stinson - Sept 1  
 Sam Stinson - Sept 1  
 Harry Irwin - Sept 2  
 Mallory Flodder - Sept 4  
 Nancy Stinson - Sept 4  
 Edith Ford - Sept 5  
 Roberta McGriff - Sept 7  
 Cathy Henderson - Sept 8  
 Jonathan Milton - Sept 9

Alex Harker - Sept 10  
 Helen Heath - Sept 11  
 Arch Mutter - Sept 11  
 Joan Thornburg - Sept 11  
 Will Drumright - Sept 13  
 Dick Randall - Sept 15  
 Elizabeth Ratchford - Sept 16  
 Chloe Durke - Sept 17  
 Gene Warner - Sept 18



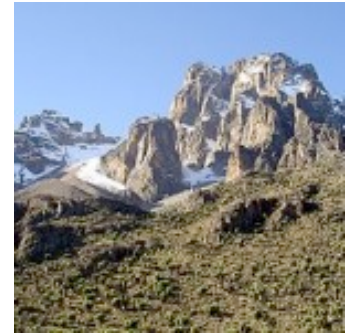
Ella Mae Lemen - Sept 21  
 Michael Bade - Sept 23  
 Makayla Butler - Sept 24  
 Polly Ratchford - Sept 24  
 Lynn Sciscoe - Sept 25  
 Mary Van Deventer - Sept 27  
 Anna Ratchford - Sept 28



## NED'S CLIMB

Ned Campbell (Bill and Barb Eidson's son-in-law) plans to climb Mt. Kenya (16,335 feet) in September. He has not done mountain climbing before.

WHY? Ned's goal is to raise \$1.00 for every foot of Mt. Kenya he climbs to expand the 900 square-foot Kager Medical Dispensary into a regional medical clinic. Kager is located in western Kenya and is part of the on-going Jubilee Village Project. As of this writing Ned has surpassed his goal with \$18,000 pledged — that is if he makes it to the top of Mt. Kenya!



WHEN? Ned leaves the USA on September 10th. The climb is September 12-15. After the climb Ned will hook up with a couple of other men from Indianapolis in Nairobi and all 3 will travel to Kager for Village Visit #8. This visit will be September 15th -25th when all three will return to Indianapolis.

PLANS? The 2,000 square-foot addition to the Dispensary will include the following: 1. Baby Clinic 2. Delivery Room 3. Laboratory 4. Dentist Office 5. Room for minor surgery

We as a family and the people of Kager Village would appreciate your prayers particularly during the time of September 10th – 25th.

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