

Recycling at Church

Blue trash bags are in the office and kitchen for recycling of internal paper, plastic, glass, aluminum, and tin cans. Let's do our part to take care of God's creation.

Youth Ministry Update

This Sunday, **Dec 22**: Sunday School will be led by Anna Allen. Next Sunday, **Dec 29**: No Sunday School.

Sermons Online

If you missed last Sunday, you can always catch up on the sermons online. One way is to watch the videos on the church website at fbcmuncie.org/videos.

If you have a phone or tablet, you can also subscribe to the audio only version podcast at <https://fbcmuncie.org/podcast/fbcmuncie.xml>

Church Calendar

If you are interested in using the building or just want to see what is going on at First Baptist, you can access an updated version of the church calendar at <https://fbcmuncie.org/calendar>.

Next Week in Worship

Next Sunday, December 29, we will be studying,

Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)

We hope you will take a few minutes in the coming week to read the scripture and prepare for worship.

Giving Update

As of November 30

Income YTD \$228,819

Expense YTD \$263,018

We now have \$246,607 contributed to the Legacy Campaign out of our \$302,512 pledged. This leaves \$55,905 to be collected.

We have given \$22,047 this year to local, national, and worldwide ministries as of November 30.

Diaconate

The diaconate serves in areas of membership, visitation and communion.

Troy Hersmhan	Emily Anderson	Brian Green
Chad Massoth	Andrew Dawson	Pam Kistler
Dale Stone	Larry Van Deventer	Darlene Shulze

Pastors

DR. Wade Allen	wade@fbcmuncie.org 765-760-1520
DR. Clifton Davis	clif@fbcmuncie.org 203-362-7042

Choir Director

DR. Bruce McFarland bruce.mcfarland@gmail.com
765-374-6011

Church Coordination Team

MODERATOR James Heimlich	TREASURER Dan Lemen
CLERK Patty Russell	WORSHIP Chris Hill
CARE Barbara Campbell	ADULT Julie Davis
CHILDREN Britney Sue	YOUTH Deena Green
OUTREACH MaryAnne Bayer	PROPERTY Chris Wright
AT-LARGE Steve Reid	AT-LARGE Ray Conley

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM - Noon, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Monday-Friday)

309 E. Adams Street, Muncie, IN 47305

PHONE 765-284-7749

<https://fbcmuncie.org>



A Spirit-led people
gathered to discover and
join God's presence
in our communities

Dec 22, 2019

Sermon:

Urbanized Eden
Revelation 21:22-22:21

Christmas Eve Service

We will gather for a special candlelight communion service on **Christmas Eve** at **7 PM**. This is a wonderful time to begin this Christmas celebration with your church family.

Wednesday Music Rehearsals

6:00 PM Praise Team, 6:15 PM Handbells, 7:30 PM Choir. Interested in playing an instrument or singing at second service? Please contact Clifton Davis. If you are interested in playing handbells, contact Barbara Eidson or Dana Davis. For adult choir contact Bruce McFarland.

Combined Service

We will be gathering in a combined worship service on **Sunday, December 29**, at **10:45 AM**.

Church Office Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's, **December 23 to January 3**. The office will resume normal hours on **Monday, January 6**. If you have an emergency, please contact one of the pastors listed on the back of the bulletin.

Children's Christmas Caroling

On **Sunday, December 22**, children in preschool through 5th grade are invited to stay after church for an afternoon of Christmas caroling! We will have a pizza lunch immediately following second service downstairs in the lower auditorium and then head to a local nursing home (to be determined) to sing a handful of Christmas songs to the residents. Parents are welcome to join us for lunch, then caravan over to the nursing home. The kids will also be delivering small decorated pots with poinsettias around the nursing home! This is sure to put smiles on many faces! Please see Dawn Dawson or Britney Sue with any questions.

Bible Study

Early Sunday School: Sundays, 9:15 AM (Intergenerational Class, children's classes for various ages, youth Sunday school class) Late Sunday School: Sundays, 10:30 AM (Friendship) & 10:45 AM (Intergenerational Class)

Friendship Class

The Friendship Class is for special-needs adults. Volunteers are needed to help with the classes. If you have questions about the class or would like to volunteer, call Jane Patton at 759-8276.

December Visitor

The December Visitor is available online. You can download it at <https://fbcmuncie.org/visitor>.

Youth Scholarships

Teens from First Baptist will be traveling to Green Lake, Wisconsin for their annual ski retreat from **January 17-20, 2020**. If you would be interested in providing a scholarship for one of our teens, please contact Wade.

Easter Show Sign Up

Easter show on **Saturday, April 4, 2020**. The \$95 cost includes show ticket, buffet meal, driver gratuity, and coach to Bloomington, Indiana. Pick up at Meijer at 8:00 AM. Return at approximately 8:00 PM. This will be an excellent show to see. Seats are going fast so reserve your seat soon. To sign up, call Suzy Mutter at 765-749-3484.

Salvation Army Bells

Everyone at the church knows we used to ring bells for Salvation Army. I know we all loved to ring Bells until they put us outside... But you can still ring bells for The Salvation Army at the church on Sunday where its nice and warm on the inside. Please see me, Sue Lawson Mutter, if you would like to ring bells at the church. Our goal this year is \$1,000.00. I know a lot of you make regular donations to The Salvation Army so please bring them to church and drop them in. Bells will be located in the hallway downstairs and upstairs. Today is the deadline to get your money in. Once again, Thanks for all your help with showing the Muncie Mall that we can collect a lot more money and we don't have to stand outside in the freezing cold to do it! *Sue Lawson-Mutter*

Story Project Book Is Now Available for Purchase

A big thank-you to everyone who had a hand in putting together We Are the Clay, the book of stories that resulted from our year of work on the Story Project. If you did not preorder the book at church but wish to buy a copy, you can now purchase it on Amazon (with free shipping if you are an Amazon Prime member) at <http://bit.ly/fbc-story-project>. The cost of the book is \$15, and all proceeds go to First Baptist Church. If you have any questions, see Julie Davis or any member of the Story Project Team.

Visitor or Bulletin Information

If you would like an announcement in the February Visitor, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, January 19**. You can also email articles for the weekly bulletin by Tuesday of each week.

Financial Reports

Financial reports and CCT meeting summaries are available in the church office on the receptionist's desk.