



# The Visitor

OCTOBER 2020

## Into the Fall

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As we begin our tenth month of 2020, it has already proved to be a memorable year. We make our way into the fall and toward the holiday season with uncertainty looming in the air. All the while, we are grateful for some sense of normalcy at church. We have been meeting in person since July. Children's ministry programs began the Sunday after Labor Day. We are living into a new normal around First Baptist. With the vast amount of change in our church, our community, and our world, it seemed appropriate to do our best to minimize the change for the rest of the year. My prayer is that we would continue to remain unified and determined in the unsettled world in which we live. May God give us the strength and courage to depend on Him for all we need.



This edition of the *Visitor* will recap our plan for the fall. You may have already read some of the information, but we have found that we can never overcommunicate in our world today. I hope you will take a few minutes to read through it.

## Worship Schedule

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- ▷ October 04 - The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:5–15)
- ▷ October 11 - Fasting 101 (Matthew 6:16–18)
- ▷ October 18 - Treasure (Matthew 6:19–21)
- ▷ October 25 - Worry (Matthew 6:25–34)

## Sunday Morning Recap

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Just in case you are considering coming back to in-person worship this fall, here is a quick reminder/recap of what you need to know for Sunday mornings.

- ▷ We will continue to meet at our **combined service time of 10:45 AM**
- ▷ Self-screen for any COVID symptoms. Please stay home if you're not feeling well
- ▷ Children over 8 and adults are required to wear a mask (children 3–8 yrs old are strongly encouraged to wear a mask).
- ▷ Everyone needs to check in with a greeter.
- ▷ Drop children off in their age-appropriate room before the service begins.
- ▷ Remember to physically distance (leave 1 or 2 pews between non-family members).
- ▷ The balcony is open for seating.
- ▷ Bring your own Bible.
- ▷ Please exit promptly when the service is over and limit fellowship to outside.

## Children's Ministry

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We opened up our child care and children's classrooms in September. While attendance in the rooms is still low, things are going well. Below is our list of safety precautions and guidelines for dropping off your little ones.

- ▷ There are sanitizing stations and children's masks outside of each classroom.
- ▷ Be sure to have your child's/children's name tag on before dropping him/her off, as this is a requirement.
- ▷ If you are leaving your child/children in the Infant/One's room or with Dave and Joyce, please wait in the hall and maintain physical distance as each family drops off their child/children.
- ▷ There's a slight change for the K–5th graders. All K–5th will meet downstairs in the lower auditorium before the service begins. The mentees will have everything they need to provide the lessons in this space.
- ▷ You can read more at <https://fbcmuncie.org/children>.

## New Opportunity to Support Missionaries

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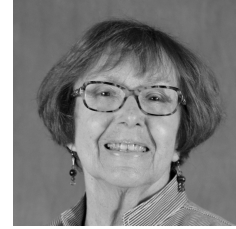
Think about supporting the Snells in their new life with Cadence, a group of missionaries that support military families all over the world. They are currently raising support for their living expenses. Meredith grew up in this church, and Matt is from a church in Pennsylvania. They met at Wheaton College, married afterward, and lived and worked with the Army for more than twenty years. After Matt's and Meredith's training, they will be assigned somewhere where they will specifically be missionaries to the military.

## Pillowcase Project and Other Opportunities for Outreach

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*by MaryAnne Bayer*

The pillowcase project with the YWCA and A Better Way Women has been put on hold due to the COVID virus. Dana Davis, Nina Oisten, and Barb Edison have been making pillowcases to take to Christian Ministries, Kid's Peace, and the YWCA women in late November or early December. If you would like to make pillowcases on your own, please contact MaryAnne Bayer at 289-5593 for kits. Thanks to everyone here for your support.



**Other Opportunities for Outreach** – Socks for Christian Ministries (Brian Green); Canned goods and paper products for Christian Ministries (Steve Reid); Personal items and cleaning supplies for the YWCA Women (MaryAnne Bayer); Pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House to 2nd to 5th graders and Items for Christmas boxes, needed before November 1 (Colleen Massoth and Jane Patton); World Mission Offering in October (envelopes will be available at check-ins); Leftover cotton fabrics for pillowcases (MaryAnne Bayer); Large cans of vegetables for Episcopalian Sunday afternoon dinners (Steve Reid)

## Care Ministry

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*by Cheryl Flaherty*

Due to state restrictions on large gatherings, we will not have the Harvest Dinner in November.

However, we will still assemble and deliver fruit baskets to our homebound and nursing home residents. We also include staff. We have 22 residents and 6 staff members.

In order to keep everyone safe, volunteers will sit 1 or 2 at a table in the lower auditorium to assemble baskets. All supplies will be provided. If you want to volunteer, but don't feel safe doing so at church, you can pick up the supplies, assemble the basket at your home, and then deliver it. Every volunteer will deliver the baskets they make. Deliveries will be grouped according to proximity of residents.

The date for this event will be **Saturday, November 7, at 10:00 AM**. Please consider volunteering for this event. Our residents love receiving this gift from the church. You may contact me by calling 765-520-7260 or emailing me at [cl.flaherty@comcast.net](mailto:cl.flaherty@comcast.net). Thank you.



## Dinner and Show

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Sue Mutter is organizing a group to attend the Beef and Boards Dinner and Show *It's a Wonderful Life* on **Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020**. Cost is \$80.00 for the matinee show, which includes dinner, show ticket, and charter bus ride.

Pick-up is in the Meijer parking lot at noon. You can call Suzy at 765-749-3484 to make your reservation or for more information.

## Visitor Articles

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If you would like an announcement in the November Visitor, please email it to [wade@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:wade@fbcmuncie.org) by **Sunday, October 18**.

## In-Person Check-Ins

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If you have been at church the last week several weeks, you noticed our greeters getting you checked in on iPads. We are asking everyone, adults and kids alike, to check in. Please begin to make this a habit! This is important for many reasons, but currently it will help us track attendance and be able to do any contact tracing if that's ever necessary. All the info is stored in our database and can be accessed with the click of a button! (You must enter through the main sanctuary doors or the elevator entrance. All other doors will be locked.)

There is a choice of two ways to check in:

- ▷ enter the last four digits of your phone number
- ▷ enter your last name

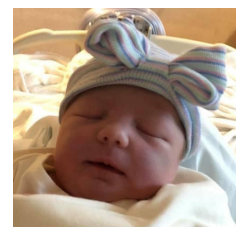
Don't worry, though; there will be someone to help you until we all get acclimated!

If you are serving somewhere on Sunday morning (nursery, worship, sound, etc.), please stop by the check-in station before heading to your scheduled post. We want to be as accurate as possible with our attendance.

## Birth Announcement

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We want to congratulate Andrew and Jaden Johnson (and big brother Landon!) on the birth of their daughter, Elodie Rose! She was born on Sept 23, 2020, weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz. and 21 inches long. We are excited to meet Elodie and welcome her to the FBC family!



## Facebook Live Prayer Time

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During this season of social distancing, we continue a weekly Facebook Live prayer time! Look for one of our smiling faces **every Wednesday at 7:00 PM**. Make sure to like our church Facebook page, First Baptist Church Muncie Indiana, to be able to watch and share any prayer requests or praises.

<https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistmuncie>

## YouTube Channel

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Several videos have been produced to help in this transition. You can find these videos on the church YouTube Channel.

Please go to the channel and SUBSCRIBE! This is where all church videos will go, including sermons, music, announcements, children's lessons, etc.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/fbcmuncieorg>

## October Birthdays

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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.

10/06 - Sarah Egly	10/21 - Donn Roberts
10/09 - Ella Dawson	10/24 - Spencer Scruggs
10/13 - Stephen Reid	10/25 - Ashlynn Randolph
10/15 - Lydia Burton	10/25 - Carolyn Shelton
10/16 - Gayle Songer	10/27 - Sue Mutter
10/16 - Muriel Michael	10/27 - Zoey Cummins
10/18 - Mark Flodder	10/31 - Maizey Sims
10/19 - Chance Lemen	10/31 - Maleah Sims
10/19 - Owen Dawson	
10/20 - Donna Fouch	