



The Visitor

SEPTEMBER 2020

Continual Adaptation

To say that the beginning of the school year has been unusual is an understatement. With protocols changing from week to week, it has been a stressful time as a parent. Anxiety, stress, and change have been the only constants this year. However, I am extremely pleased with how the leadership team (Church Coordination Team) at First Baptist Church Muncie has navigated the turmoil. As we move into September, much is still unknown about restarting programs and ministries that we love. At the same time, we have regained some constancy in several aspects of church life.



Allow me to encourage you to be patient. Team leaders are working hard to figure how to safely begin essential ministries in our church. As we look back over the past several months, we have moved slowly, yet steadily in our building reopening. It has been a learning process. From live streaming our services to enacting cleaning procedures, our leaders have adapted, adjusted, learned new skills. I am grateful for their work. I hope that you will pray for wisdom and discernment as we move forward.

Worship Schedule

- ▷ September 06 - Thank You (Philippians 4:10–23)
- ▷ September 13 - Loving Our Enemies (Matthew 5:43–48)
- ▷ September 20 - The Secret Place (Matthew 6:1–6)
- ▷ September 27 - The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:7–15)

Operation Christmas Child

Can you believe it is already time to start collecting items to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child?! The children's team will start collecting items in September and you may drop off your items in the designated boxes in the church office. The deadline to donate is November 8. Here are some ideas of what to include:

A “Wow” Item – doll (consider including accessories such as doll clothes or a small doll bed); soccer ball (with a manual air pump so that the ball can be re-inflated); stuffed animal; an outfit of clothing to wear; small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder); backpack

Personal Care Items – comb; hairbrush; toothbrush; washcloth; bar soap (packaged and/or in a container); adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do NOT include liquid antibiotic ointment.); reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space); blanket; non-liquid lip balm; flashlight (solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed); compact mirror; nail clipper and file; stick deodorant; washable/reusable cloth menstrual pads

Clothing and Accessories – shirts and pants; pillowcase dress (loose-fitting sundress); underwear; shoes and socks; flip-flops; hat/scarf/mittens; decorative hat; wrist watch; sunglasses; tote bag/purse; bead jewelry / bead kit; hair accessories (hair clips, hair ribbons, elastic hair bands, etc.)

Crafts and Activities – pencils; small manual pencil sharpener; colored pencils; pencil case; pens; crayons; markers; coloring pads; coloring books; picture book; notebooks; glue stick (no liquid glue); small adhesive tape; watercolor set (finger paint palette, crayons/markers [non-liquid containers], paint brushes, canvas or paper); building blocks; playdough (consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough); stickers; puzzles; binoculars; compass; chalkboard with chalk; tool set with work gloves; fishing kit; brightly colored rope or twine; gardening kit with gloves and trowel (no seeds); magnets; kaleidoscope; skipping/jump rope; playing cards; marbles

Toys – foam ball; kickball (with manual air pump so the ball can be re-inflated); tennis ball; finger puppets; slinky; Etch-A-Sketch; play cars/trucks/boats; plastic tools; plastic dinosaurs; interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (include extra batteries); baseball and mitt; yo-yo; small Frisbee; small kite; hacky sack; toy cars

A Personal Note – You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself, your family, or group. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

Do NOT Include – candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other

fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans

Dinner and Show

Sue Mutter is organizing a group to attend 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 12 noon. You can call Suzy at 765-749-3484 to make your reservation or for more information.

Children's Ministry Update

Britney Sue

The children's ministry team is working on a plan to safely re-open in-person childcare and Children's Church this Fall. We will send out more detailed information to families and volunteers as soon as plans are finalized. Thank you for your patience during the time, and please reach out to me or anyone on the children's team with questions or concerns.



Visitor or Bulletin Information

If you would like an announcement in the October Visitor, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, September 20**. You can also email articles for the weekly bulletin by Tuesday of each week.

Facebook Live Prayer Time

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

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>

September Birthdays

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

09/01 - Monty Stinson
09/01 - Nancy Hall
09/01 - Sam Stinson
09/02 - Harry Irwin
09/04 - Mallory Flodder
09/05 - Edith Ford
09/08 - Cathy Henderson
09/11 - Dannie Campbell
09/13 - Austin Martin
09/16 - Joshua Heimlich

09/17 - Chloe Durke
09/19 - Andrew Johnson
09/21 - Ella Mae Lemen
09/21 - Gabrielle Heimlich
09/24 - Polly Ratchford
09/24 - Will Smith
09/27 - Mary Van Deventer
09/28 - Anna Ratchford
09/28 - Lila Anderson