



The Visitor

NOVEMBER 2020

Emphasis on Gratitude

by Wade Allen

As we approach the holiday season, uncertainty around the COVID-19 pandemic continues. As we consider this past year, we might have a tendency to focus on difficulties. Let me encourage us, as a congregation, to take a different approach.



We are instructed, in the Scriptures, to consider the ways God has been faithful to us. We are to offer praise to God, even when life is not what we desire. Therefore, we are going to spend several weeks in a mode of gratitude. On the three Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will hear your stories about God's faithfulness to us in this arduous year. We will also explore the bible's insistence to pause and consider the good, in the midst of the hard. These will be special worship services with a blend of testimony and study.

“ Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. — Eph 5:19-20 NIV

Worship Schedule

- ▷ November 01 - Plank Eye (Matthew 7:1-5)
- ▷ November 08 - A Thankful Heart: Part 1 (Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22)
- ▷ November 15 - A Thankful Heart: Part 2 (Luke 1:39-55)
- ▷ November 22 - A Thankful Heart: Part 3 (Ephesians 5:19-20)
- ▷ November 29 - The Potter (Isaiah 64:1-9)

Children's Ministry

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>.

Friendship Sunday School Class Update

The Friendship class had their first class on Sunday, October 11 and will plan to meet at 9:30 AM on the 2nd and 4th Sunday until the end of the year. We are meeting in the Friendship room on the second floor. Louise Head will be teaching the 2nd Sunday and Steve Reid will teach the 4th Sunday. If you are interested in attending or volunteering to lead this class, please contact Louise or Steve.

Dinner and Show

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

If you would like an announcement in the December Visitor, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, November 15**.

Care Ministry

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. Thank you.

In-Person Check-Ins

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.

Thank-You Notes

Joe and Shirley Johnson – I have been enjoying each service on my iPhone. Please keep it going! Thanks again.

Bob and Vicki Hartley – Thank you, Wade, and all of the family at First Baptist Church. Your kind words, thoughts, and prayers enlightened us during this stressful time with the health and healing of our daughter Shannon. It hasn't been an easy road for her, but her faith is stronger than I realized and we are grateful for that too. She is cancer-free and feels God's presence in bringing her this far. Continued prayers and support will get her through recovery.

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

If you are not able to make it in person to church, you can join us online each Sunday.

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

November Birthdays

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

11/04 - Jaden Johnson	11/21 - Deena Green
11/08 - Michael Songer	11/21 - Faith Hendrickson
11/08 - Teaira Kerrigan	11/24 - Kara Boye
11/13 - Jackson Cope	11/25 - Dick Flaherty
11/14 - Betty Clark	11/26 - Brady Lemen
11/14 - Sandy Davis	11/27 - Dawson Allen
11/14 - Sofie Pannell	11/29 - James Heimlich
11/17 - Bethany Resler	11/29 - Maren French
11/18 - Britney Sue	
11/18 - Darlene Hill	