

## The Story Project

The Story Project is all about helping you discover and put into words a specific way that God has been at work in your life—either in the past or the present. Once you see God's fingerprints, your willingness to share that with other people in our church will be an encouragement to all of us. Can we help you get started? Or do you have more questions? Your Story Team stands by ready to help: Bill Eidson, Daniel Morency, Gayle Songer, Jessica Fink, Julie Davis, Kelli Petroviak, Kelly Rodriguez, Michelle Heimlich, Molly Flodder, Sandy Davis, and Wade Allen. You can read more about the project at [fbcmuncie.org/story](http://fbcmuncie.org/story).

## Sunday Morning Study

Are you looking for a good way to connect with other adults on Sunday mornings? James Heimlich leads a great Sunday School class during the first-service hour. This group, which meets in the Bride's Room, includes adults of all ages and has a welcoming discussion format. If you attend second service, take a Sunday or two to come earlier and try it out.

## Financial Reports

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

## 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.

## Nursery Workers

Our goal is to have a staffed nursery each Sunday, with two adults in the crib room (birth to one year) and one adult in the one-year-old class. To be a nursery volunteer, you simply need to have a background check on file at the church. Please see Britney Sue or Colleen Massoth if you are interested in becoming a nursery volunteer. We would love to have you on our wonderful team of workers!

## 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](http://fbcmuncie.org/videos).

If you have a phone or tablet, you can also subscribe to the audio only version podcast at <http://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 [fbcmuncie.org/calendar](http://fbcmuncie.org/calendar).

## Time of Response

If you feel led by the Holy Spirit to respond publicly, you are invited to do so during the response song. The pastor will be down front to receive those wanting to publicly confess a new relationship with Jesus or to join the church family. If you would like to pray, the altar is open for private prayer or the pastor would be glad to pray with you. You are invited to respond as God would lead you.

*Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. 2 Cor. 6:2*

## Next Week in Worship

Next Sunday, May 05, we will be studying,

### New Direction (Acts 10)

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

## Prayer List

A prayer list is available in the back of the sanctuary. You can also view the prayer list online at <http://fbcmuncie.org/prayerlist.pdf>



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

Apr 28, 2019

Sermon:  
Great Commission  
Matthew 28:16-20

## Wednesday Music Rehearsals

6:00 PM Praise Team, 6:00 PM Handbells, 7:30 PM Choir

Interested in singing in the FBC Choir this season? Contact Bruce McFarland! Interested in playing drums, bass, or synth at second service? Please contact Clifton Davis! Thanks!

## Camp Tippy

Camp time! It is time to register for camp. All registrations need to be in by **May 1**. Please register online at <https://abcin.campmanagement.com/enroll> or call Shirley at 282-0632 for more information or questions.

Forms are also available at the church. Please let Shirley know if you have a child going, as the church pays half of the camp fee. Camp Tippy is located in North Webster, Indiana.

## Church Friends Lunch

On **Sunday, May 5**, following second service, people will gather in the patio room at By Hand and Fork for special fellowship at the fourth "Church Friends Lunch." The restaurant is at 1617 N. Wheeling and will accommodate up to 80 of our church family. You can register at <http://bit.ly/friends-lunch>. If you do not use a computer, you may call the church office to be added to the list for lunch. This time to eat and fellowship also comes with a couple of brief exercises to help people get to know each other better.

## Pastoral Evaluation Provides Positive Feedback

*By James Heimlich, Moderator*

In an effort to affirm the work that our pastor Dr. Wade Allen does in leadership of our congregation, the Church Coordination Team (CCT) determined late last year to conduct an evaluation.

After developing instruments for Wade to do self-evaluation and for a random sample of the congregation to evaluate similar characteristics, the exercise was rolled out in early March. A total of 34 people, 40% from the first service and 60% from the second completed questionnaires focusing on the following work areas: - Spiritual Formation and Self-Care - *Preaching and Worship Leadership* - Administration - *Discipleship* - *Mission and Evangelism Issues* - *Pastoral Care* - *Leadership* - Team Building and Equipping\*

\*Most outstanding work areas

All of the responses were strongly positive, and only a small portion (15% or less) on only a few questions marked anything besides Strongly Agree and Agree and Somewhat Agree to statements ranging from "Honors confidentiality" to "Models a spirit of love and a servant attitude."

The open-ended questions provided the most positive and outstanding feedback of all. Typical comments were: "Wade and his family are wonderful assets to FBC and the community." "We are blessed to have Pastor Wade and pray that God will see fit for him to be with us another 10 years." "I'm very impressed with Pastor Wade's leadership and pastoral capabilities in our church. I look forward to his continued guidance."

The CCT also asked Wade to create a short list of goals on which he would focus during the next year. He was able to strengthen and polish those goals based on information from the survey. One goal on which Wade will focus along with the CCT's leadership is "Create a strategy for involving and equipping new people in church leadership."

While the CCT hopes to conduct a survey every 2-3 years, we will continue to provide support to our pastor as he undertakes his goals each year.

"I appreciate the chance to be part of this process," said Pastor Wade. "It was encouraging to be affirmed and helpful to have some constructive criticism as well. I had not had such a thorough evaluation in my ministry and found it very helpful. Christy and I appreciate those who worked on this project and all those who participated in providing feedback."

As moderator, my thanks go out to the team who helped create the survey and administer it. Molly Flodder helped to develop the survey instruments and to lead the process and Roger Morency and Dan Lemen worked on formatting the survey, creating the list from which to draw the random sample and distributing the survey instruments. The other members of the work team included Jared Bishop, Ray Conley, Bob Hartley, Penny Morris, Wilma Neal, and Gayle Songer.

## Bible Study

Early Sunday School: Sundays, 9:15 AM (Intergenerational Class, children's classes for various ages, middle school Sunday school class) Late Sunday School: Sundays, 10:15 AM (Bykota) & 10:30 AM (Friendship and an 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.

## Visitor or Bulletin Information

If you would like an announcement in the June Visitor, please email it to [wade@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:wade@fbcmuncie.org) by **Sunday, May 19**. You can also email articles for the weekly bulletin by Tuesday of each week.

## April Visitor

The April Visitor is available online. You can download it at [fbcmuncie.org/visitor](http://fbcmuncie.org/visitor).