



# The Visitor

OCTOBER 2019

## Change

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The past few weeks have provided fantastic weather for those of us who live in Central Indiana. Yet we know the leaves will soon fall, and we will begin to pull out bulkier clothes from our closets. Change is on the horizon. Living in a four-season climate supplies variety. If you don't like the weather, just wait a bit and it will change. Congregational life is similar. Change is inevitable.



As both our culture and our congregation shifts, we have found it necessary to adapt. Please keep First Baptist Muncie in your prayers as we navigate upcoming changes. The Constitution and Bylaw Revision Team should complete its work in the coming weeks. The Legacy Implementation Team will begin to move forward on building improvements. The Story Project Team will complete its work in the next few months. All the while, ongoing ministries continue to adjust to new dynamics. You can read more about all that is happening in this edition of *The Visitor*.

## Worship Schedule

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- ▷ October 06 - The Woman and the Dragon (Revelation 12)
- ▷ October 13 - Two Monsters (Revelation 13)
- ▷ October 20 - Endurance (Revelation 14)
- ▷ October 27 - Sincere Worship (Revelation 15)

## Children's Choir Update

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Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to join our Children's Choir! Practice will start again on **October 13** at **10:00 AM** in the downstairs children's choir room. The kids will be singing a few songs for Thanksgiving this year with a performance on November 24. Please see Clif Davis or Jenny Durke with any questions.

## Senior Adult Day

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Senior Adult Day is **Thursday, October 10**. The event is hosted by Richmond First Baptist Church and is sponsored by ABC of Greater Indianapolis, ABC of Indiana and Kentucky, and BHI Retirement Communities. The theme will be *Preserving Our Past and Protecting Our Future*. For reservations, please contact Shirley Pittenger by September 29. The cost is \$10.00. The church van will leave FBC at 7:45 AM and usually returns by 4:00 PM.

## Senior Adult Camp

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Senior Adult Camp will be held **October 25–27** at Tippecanoe Baptist Camp, North Webster, Indiana, for adults aged 55 and over. This year's theme is *Here Am I, Send Me*. Please send your form for registration to the camp, but let Shirley Pittenger know by **October 15** if you are going. Our church will pay half of your fee. Information is available on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary door. If you have questions, please contact Shirley at 282-0632.

## Coats Against the Cold

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Have your children outgrown their winter coats from last year? I have a solution for you! Hearts and Hands United-Coats Against the Cold! They will gladly take new and GENTLY used coats, hats, and gloves/mittens, as well as monetary donations! There are several drop-off locations around town: Bailey's Cleaners, Yorktown Public Library, Riverside United Methodist Church, The Garden at Gethsemane United Methodist Church, and the Center Township Trustee's Office. Please contact Colleen Massoth with any questions at 765-744-1350.

## Story Project Update

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The Story Project team continues to work hard to produce the book you've written! If you wrote a story, by now you should have received a copy of that story in the mail with instructions to contact me personally **no later than October 13** if you need any changes made to your submission. After that date the interior design of the book will begin and we will not make further changes to the text. The design of our book cover has now been finalized, and I think you're going to love it! I'm excited to see more and more of the publication details fall into place. Thank you for investing your time and energy into helping First Baptist tell stories that others need to hear. Here are a couple more you can look forward to reading:



One member of the FBC family recounts the wonderful story of God's healing power in her life. Her healing process from cancer surgery did not go as it was supposed to. However, God was watching over her and guiding the doctors and nurses who struggled to help her get well.

A woman who has been a member of the First Baptist family for only a couple of years was called to be the mother of many. She and her husband entered foster care hoping to find a child they might adopt and made an impact on the lives of more than 50 children who came into their home.

## Focus on Christian Ministries of Delaware County

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This summer we had an opportunity to visit and learn more about our neighbor Christian Ministries.

Christian Ministries has a long history in Muncie, serving those in need within our community. You may be aware of their men's homeless shelter that is open during the fall and winter months, but did you know that they also offer temporary housing for families in need? Christian Ministries also provides for other needs. They have a food pantry, thrift store (with proceeds going toward programs of services of Christian Ministries), emergency assistance for persons who are in need of paying rent or utilities before eviction or utilities are shut off, a blanket cupboard, and baby care, as well as school and Christmas assistance.

First Baptist has a long history with Christian Ministries. Not only have we continuously given a percentage of our funds to their ministry in support, we have a history of volunteering with their ministry. Numerous individuals have helped over the years by giving financially and donating food and other items.

Do you want to be more involved or learn more about this important ministry and neigh-

bor? We will have a monthly opportunity to assist in providing meals for the men's shelter starting this October. This will continue through the fall and winter. Check the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary for ways that you can participate in supporting Christian Ministries.

## Friendship Class

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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.

## Keeping Up

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As we study the book of Revelation, it will be important to stay up to date with the study. If you miss a week or two, you might find it hard to make sense of how it all fits together. Let me encourage you to take the time to listen to the podcast or watch the sermon videos online. Summer is a season of travel and vacation. That makes this particular study a challenge. However, with the technology that we have available, you can keep up each week and get the most out of this study.

You can subscribe to the podcast or watch the sermon videos at <https://fbcmuncie.org/keepup>.

## Trunk or Treat

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Families are invited to join us for Trunk or Treat night at the church on **Saturday, October 26, from 4:30 to 5:30 PM!** To make this event possible, we are in need of several people to volunteer their "trunks" for this event. Vehicle participants may choose to decorate their car trunks and pass out candy to the kids. If you want, you can decorate your trunk according to a theme (Pinterest is full of ideas!) and even wear a costume that goes with it (completely optional)! We do ask that all costumes be kid friendly. In order for the families of small kids to enjoy this event, we're asking for several people (youth are welcome to help too!) to volunteer their car for the evening. If you're unable to host a trunk but still want to help, we are in need of candy donations! Please drop off any candy donations in the church office by October 20. In case of inclement weather, we will bring the trick-or-treating inside the church. Please see Britney Sue or anyone on the children's team if you're interested in being a vehicle participant. This was a very successful event last year, and we are looking forward to another fun evening this year!

## Shut-In Fruit Baskets

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On **Saturday, November 2**, from **10:00 AM to noon** in the Lower Auditorium (kitchen), volunteers will be needed to assemble and deliver fruit baskets to our shut-in members. If you are interested in volunteering contact Barbara Campbell at 765-722-0703.

## Children's Shoebox Collection

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The children's team is collecting items to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please drop off your items in the designated boxes in the church office. The deadline to donate is **November 10**. Here are some ideas of what to donate:

**A "Wow" Item** – doll (consider including accessories such as doll clothes or a small doll bed); soccer ball (make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated); 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; wristwatch; 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 (do not include 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 rope / jump rope; playing cards; marbles

**Toys** – foam ball; kickball (include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated); 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.

**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 an 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.

## Special Legacy Day Set for November 24

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On **Sunday, November 24**, we will not only have the Harvest Dinner but will devote the service to commemorating First Baptist Church's legacy. This will provide us all an opportunity to mark the impending end of the three-year Legacy Capital Campaign and to celebrate our church building, some long-time leaders of our congregation, and much wonderful work going on in our midst. Watch the November *Visitor* for more details.

## Church Friends Lunch Set for October 20

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On **Sunday, October 20**, attendees of both services will come together to fellowship over lunch to be held at the church. There will be a brief exercise to help people get to know each other better and lunch will be prepared by a small team of people. This event is FREE to you and your family! Mark your calendars and sign up at <http://bit.ly/fbc-oct-lunch>.

## Capital Campaign Funding

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At the end of October or first of November the third annual gift to the Legacy Capital Campaign is due. This is a reminder so we can continue our renovations that are planned. Thank you for your wonderful support.

## Salvation Army Bells Ringing

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FBC has been ringing Salvation Army bells at the Muncie Mall since 1991. In recent years, the mall has changed their idea where the bell ringers should be. A few years ago they moved us to the vestibule, and then to the outside of the mall. We have some ninety-year-old ringers who ring alone in inclement weather at the mall. This becomes a safety factor for our ringers. Last year, we rang in the hallways of our church so our ringers were safe and warm. Furthermore, we raised as much money as we did at the mall. We plan to do that again this year so we can continue to support the Salvation Army while providing a safe environment for our ringers.

## Joining God in the Neighborhood Update

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This summer we explored many wonderful ministries in our neighborhood. In August, our team leaders met to discover what we have learned during this process, to discern where God is at work, and to decide how we can be involved. We received feedback from those who participated, and we learned that as a church we would like to have a stronger focus in a ministry area, to give FBC a purpose in outreach. In 2020, we will kick off a year of focus. Our focus will be on food in our neighborhood. Plan on being involved as we join God in providing this basic need in our neighborhood. More information to come.

We at FBC have several opportunities to share our care. We have seven opportunities coming up now, and each of you can choose at least one in which to participate.

- ▷ Collect pop tabs for McDonalds House / Colleen Massoth
  - ▷ Contribute or help put together Christmas boxes / Jane Patton
  - ▷ Bring in toiletries and cleaning supplies for the YWCA women / Mary Anne Bayer
  - ▷ Hearts and Hands coat collections/ Colleen Massoth
  - ▷ Meals for Men's sleeping room / Mary VanDeventer & Patti Warner once a month from October through April
  - ▷ World Mission offering in October / Mary Anne Bayer
  - ▷ Ringing Salvation Army Bells / Sue Mutter
- Check out the bulletin board on the main level for information.

## Visitor or Bulletin Information

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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 20**. You can also email articles for the weekly bulletin by Tuesday of each week.

## Harvest Meal Date

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The Harvest Dinner and the service focusing on the legacy of our church throughout its 160 years will be held on **November 24, 2019**. Please reserve this date on your calendar and look for further information about this day.

## Thank You Notes

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**The Jennings Family** – Dear First Baptist Church, thank you so much for the beautiful peace lily for mother's funeral. It is just beautiful and is so appreciated. Thank you again.

**Jarvis – William Family** – To our church family: Thank you so much for the cards and gifts but most of all the time you took out of your busy schedules to join our family and friends to celebrate the 90th birthday party of a most deserving and loving and caring lady of God, Nova Jarvis. Your love and kindness cannot be measured in words.

## 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.

10/04 - Aaron Garrett	10/19 - Owen Dawson
10/06 - Sarah Egly	10/20 - Donna Fouch
10/09 - Ella Dawson	10/21 - Donn Roberts
10/13 - Stephen Reid	10/24 - Spencer Scruggs
10/15 - Lydia Burton	10/25 - Ashlynn Randolph
10/16 - Gayle Songer	10/25 - Carolyn Shelton
10/16 - Muriel Michael	10/27 - Sue Mutter
10/17 - Anson Tooley	10/27 - Zoey Cummins
10/18 - Mark Flodder	10/29 - Danyalle Nealy
10/19 - Chance Lemen	