



The Visitor

DECEMBER 2019

Closing Out the Decade

I am deeply grateful to serve such a loving and caring congregation. While we may not be large in number, the family of believers at First Baptist is remarkable. We have taken on several major projects this year which are worth celebrating.

I am thrilled that we can now read more about the stories of our congregation through the work of the Story Project Team. The Legacy Implementation Team is busy at work putting your gifts to good use to secure and renovate our building. The Constitutional Revision Team has worked hard to bring our church documents up-to-date, making them relevant in our culture.

As we close this year, this decade, we have much to celebrate. I look forward to stepping into 2020 with you.



Worship Schedule

- ▷ December 01 - Victory over Evil (Revelation 19)
- ▷ December 08 - Final Judgment (Revelation 20)
- ▷ December 15 - All Things New (Revelation 21:1–21)
- ▷ December 22 - Urbanized Eden (Revelation 21:22–22:21)
- ▷ December 24, 7:00 PM - Christmas Eve (Revelation 22:8–21)
- ▷ December 29 Combined Service at 10:45 AM - Troy Hershman Preaching

Combined Service

We will be gathering in a combined worship service on **Sunday, December 29**, at **10:45 AM**.

Church Business Meeting

A special business meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, December 15**, at **10:15 AM** to vote on the revised constitution, bylaws, and the 2020 budget. These documents will be available for you to review on December 1. There will also be an informational meeting for those of you who have questions or would like to share suggestions on **Wednesday, December 11**, at **5:00 PM** in the church office.

Church Office Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's, December 23–January 3. The office will resume normal hours on Monday, January 6.

Children's Christmas Caroling

On **Sunday, December 15**, children in preschool through 5th grade are invited to stay after church for an afternoon of Christmas caroling! We will have a pizza lunch immediately following second service downstairs in the lower auditorium and then head to a local nursing home (to be determined) to sing a handful of Christmas songs to the residents. Parents are welcome to join us for lunch, then caravan over to the nursing home. The kids will also be delivering small decorated pots with poinsettias around the nursing home! This is sure to put smiles on many faces! Please see Dawn Dawson or Britney Sue with any questions.

Easter Show Sign Up

Easter show on **Saturday, April 4, 2020**. The \$95 cost includes show ticket, buffet meal, driver gratuity, and coach. Pick up at Meijer at 8:00 AM. Return at approximately 8:00 PM. The brochure is available on the bulletin board. This will be an excellent show to see. Seats are going fast so reserve your seat soon. To sign up, call Suzy Mutter at 765-749-3484.

Christmas Caroling and Dinner

The First Baptist Church and Riverside Avenue Baptist Church Caroling, Dinner, and Program (Paul White) will be **Sunday, December 8**. Caroling starts at 3:30 PM and Dinner is served at 6:00 PM. The program will follow dinner. Meat, drinks, and table service will be furnished. Please bring a dish or two to share. You may come to all or any part of the three-part evening. This is for everyone and is another way to meet new friends. If you plan to go caroling, please contact Jane Patton or Terry Harke. This helps us set up groups to visit our shut-ins.

Story Project Books Available

by Julie Davis

First Baptist launched the Story Project in January. It's now December, so we've been working on it for an entire year! Thanks to each of you who wrote or otherwise shared your stories, we will soon have a book, *We Are the Clay*, in our hands. You had an opportunity to preorder that book on Sunday, November 24, and will have another preorder opportunity on Sunday, December 1. Preordered copies will be available for you to pick up here at church in the near future. (We will let you know the date as soon as we know!) Beyond that, once the book is up on Amazon, anyone will be able to order it online and have it sent to their home.



The Story Project team hopes you'll enjoy learning more about the people around you at First Baptist. No matter how long you've been attending here, I bet you'll discover something you didn't know! If you find the book encouraging, consider buying a copy for someone you know who would benefit from reading about ways God has been at work in others' lives. Above all, pray that this work will glorify God. When people read our stories, we want them to be able to see what a faithful and loving God we serve. He has been at work in me; He has been at work in you. And He wants to work in them, too—shaping them to be more like Christ in every way. They may be the next story God will tell!

Visitor or Bulletin Information

If you would like an announcement in the January Visitor, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, December 15**. You can also email articles for the weekly bulletin by Tuesday of each week.

Thank You Notes

Clif and Julie Davis – Dear Church Family: Thanks for all the love and support you give us! We enjoyed your presence at Clif's recital and are busy eating the treats in the fruit basket!

Allen Family – Thank you for the delightful fruit basket. We enjoyed the wonderful assortment of fruit and goodies. We are grateful to serve a thoughtful and kind congregation.

Muriel Michael – Thank you! I am enjoying the fruit and goody basket. Frozen grapes are my replacement for ice cream. May God Bless you all.

Gerry Minnick – I thank you each and every one of you. Blessings to you. My grandson needed a car so I gave him mine. I would love to come to church but I really can't. Love you all.

Betty Arthur – Thank you for the delicious fruit basket. Thanks also to Gabby, who drew a picture for me. It is always good to know there are children at church.

Nancy (custodian) – Thank you so much for my fruit basket. The bread and nuts were delicious. You made my day. Please thank Carolyn Hershman for my precious card.

December Birthdays

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

12/01 - Ann Heilman Cannette
12/02 - Tyler Stinson
12/04 - Shirley Johnson
12/06 - Eliana Heimlich
12/06 - Justus Hendrickson
12/08 - Emma Wright
12/09 - Julie Morency
12/11 - William Eidson
12/19 - Levi Allen
12/20 - Harold Gill
12/20 - Willow Brown
12/21 - Danielle Heimlich

12/25 - Brian Green
12/26 - Grace Wright
12/26 - Josh Barr
12/26 - Randy O'Bryant
12/27 - Winona Frey
12/29 - Ginger Hendrickson
12/30 - Jennifer Howard
12/30 - Robert Kirklin
12/31 - Paula Furnish
12/31 - Rodney Head