

because it usually takes 3-4 cans to serve the 100+ men, women and children who attend these dinners. The large cans are available at Walmart, MidStates Concessions (on Burlington) and Gordon Food Service in Anderson.

Stay tuned to "The Visitor" for more opportunities of giving and service in the coming months. After all, knowing that our neighbors are struggling to meet needs is something that should be of concern to all of us.

## 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 church lounge, 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.

## Visitor or Bulletin Information

If you would like an announcement in the March Visitor, please email it to [wade@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:wade@fbcmuncie.org) by **Sunday, February 16**. You can also email articles for the weekly bulletin by Tuesday of each week.

## Financial Reports

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

## Youth Ministry Update

This Sunday, **Jan 26**: Sunday School will be led by Levi Allen. Next Sunday, **Feb 02**: No Sunday School. Youth may attend the intergenerational class with James Heimlech that meets on the basement level.

## 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 <https://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 <https://fbcmuncie.org/calendar>.

## Next Week in Worship

Next Sunday, February 02, we will be studying,

### Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-12)

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 <https://fbcmuncie.org/prayerlist.pdf>

## Giving Update

As of November 30

Income YTD           \$228,819

Expense YTD           \$263,018

We now have \$262,355 contributed to the Legacy Campaign out of our \$302,512 pledged. This leaves \$40,157 to be collected.

We have given \$22,047 this year to local, national, and worldwide ministries as of November 30.



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

Jan 26, 2020

Sermon:  
**Leave Your Nets**  
**Matthew 4:12-23**

## Wednesday Music Rehearsals

6:00 PM Praise Team, 6:15 PM Handbells, 7:30 PM Choir. Interested in playing an instrument or singing at second service? Please contact Clifton Davis. If you are interested in playing handbells, contact Barbara Eidson or Dana Davis. For adult choir contact Bruce McFarland.

## Bible Study

Early Sunday School: Sundays, 9:15 AM (Intergenerational Class, children's classes for various ages, youth Sunday school class) Late Sunday School: Sundays, 10:30 AM (Friendship) & 10:45 AM (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.

## January Visitor

The January Visitor is available online. You can download it at <https://fbcmuncie.org/visitor>.

## CCT Meeting

The next CCT Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 18**, at **7:00 PM** in the church office.

## Story Project Book Is Now Available for Purchase

A big thank-you to everyone who had a hand in putting together *We Are the Clay*, the book of stories that resulted from our year of work on the Story Project. If you did not preorder the book at church but wish to buy a copy, you can now purchase it on Amazon (with free shipping if you are an Amazon Prime member) at <http://bit.ly/fbc-story-project>. The cost of the book is \$15, and all proceeds go to First Baptist Church.

## Youth Teachers Needed

We are in need of Sunday school teachers for the youth class during the 9:15 AM hour. There is a curriculum available to provide a template for the lesson, or you are welcome to create your own lesson. We are hoping to find someone to teach this class regularly, but in the interim, we are asking for volunteers. All volunteers will need to have a background check to work with minors. We are also needing people to host the youth in their homes on the third Sunday evening of each month for dinner and a group activity. Hosts will not need to provide a lesson, just to open their home and provide food. We have a great group of youth, and it's really important we continue providing this ministry to them.

Please contact Christy Allen or Deena Green if you are interested in being a part of this ministry. Also, for the most current information regarding the youth schedule, please see the youth page on the church website at <https://fbcmuncie.org/youth>.

## Opportunity to Serve at Christian Ministries

We have agreed to provide one meal a month for the men's Sleeping Room for 7 months this winter. We have now provided 4 meals so far. Check the dates for the next 3 months on the *Joining God in the Neighborhood* bulletin board on the main level hallway. You can also contact Patti Warner at 765-748-3057 if you could provide a meal. The group can be as small as 4-5 or as large as 12. This is one way to help people with food insecurities. It is also an Outreach from First Baptist Church. The men have been super thankful.

## Food Insufficiency in Our Community

*By MaryAnne Bayer, Outreach Ministry*

As we focus on how we can "Join God in the Neighborhood" to meet the needs of those around us, our church is focusing on food insufficiency during 2020. Food insufficiency is distinguished by restricted household food stores and too little food intake among adults or children in the household,

In spite of a country full of wealth and privilege, food insufficiency is an issue. On the topic of food insufficiency in children, according to the Brookings Institute, "Despite improvements across a number of economic indicators, rates of child experience of and exposure to food insecurity have failed to see reductions. In 2017, 17.0 percent of children in the United States—totaling 12.5 million children—experienced food insecurity. This means that they lived in a household that at some point during the year did not have consistent access to adequate food due to a lack of money or other resources.

In Indiana, that percentage is 16.3, a little lower than the national number, but in Muncie, with one in five children living in poverty, that number is higher.

Several services in our community attempt to address food insufficiency, and we are working to help some of them. There are two opportunities for this first quarter:

1. **HELP NEEDED:** We are to furnish meals to the men's sleeping room several more times before warm weather comes. Two snowbirds handled the first few dinners—meals for 15-20 men. We need to have others take on this opportunity for the next couple of months. The sign-up sheet including dates needed is on the bulletin board in the main hallway. Please let Patti Warner know that you have signed up. She can answer any questions about this work.
2. **INSTITUTIONAL CANS NEEDED:** We are currently collecting institutional sized cans of vegetables for the Grace Episcopal Church dinners on Sunday afternoons. There are several cans in the office and we could use more. Team up with a family member or friend and bring four of the same kind of food,