



The Visitor

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Easter Plans

Wade Allen

Easter comes late this year. The latest possible date for Easter is April 25. A few of you might remember when it last occurred on that date (1943). The next time it falls on the latest possible date will be 2038. All the same, Easter falls on **April 20** this year. This gives us plenty of time for the grass to green.



Services – I wanted to fill you in on Easter plans at First Baptist. Easter is a high point in worship for Christians throughout the world. It is day when we celebrate the Risen Christ. We are going to veer from our usual plans a bit this year. Instead of coming together for one service, we are going to hold two services with distinct styles. As we do each week, the early service will begin at **9:15 AM** and the late service will be at **10:45 AM**. Having two services will give each planning team the opportunity to celebrate each style in full. Having two times will also allow for families with out of town plans to worship early.

Brunch – For the past few years, we have held an Easter brunch during the early worship hour. This year, we will have a lighter self-serve brunch between services (**10:15-10:45 AM**). This will give everyone a chance to be together on this special Sunday. We would encourage everyone to plan to have breakfast at First Baptist on Easter Sunday.

Good Friday – One final note about Holy Week: First Baptist will host the community-wide Good Friday service at noon. Willie Jackson, pastor at Union Missionary Baptist Church, will be preaching. Willie is a powerful preacher and joining our Christian brothers and sisters on this special day will certainly be a treat.

We hope that you all will mark your calendars for these dates.

Worship in April

As we begin the month of April, you may want to read the Scriptures ahead of time. The April schedule is:

- April 6 - Raising the Dead (John 11:1-45)

- April 13 - Passion Week (Matthew 27:11-54)
- April 20 - He Has Risen (Matthew 28:1-10)
- April 27 - After God's Heart (Introduction to David)

Following Easter, we will begin an extended series through the life of David. We will find ourselves in 1 and 2 Samuel (as well as the Psalms) throughout this study.

Community Lenten Services

Community Lenten services are being held **at noon each Wednesday** until Holy Week this year at St. Francis Catholic Church. These services are an annual project in support of Christian Ministries of Delaware County. Some may recall that they were held several years at First Baptist.

The theme for this year is Faith on Campus. A different campus ministry will be featured each week. As Lent is a time of preparation, it seemed appropriate to focus on the various ministries in our community which work with young people preparing for their life's work. Our own American Baptist Campus ministry, the Oasis, will be featured on March 26, with David Jones speaking.

There will be no Wednesday service during Holy Week, but there will be a community noon Good Friday Service on **April 18** which this year will be at First Baptist. This service was originally planned to be at Union Missionary Baptist Church, but was moved after extensive water damage to their building. However, Rev. W. J. Jackson, pastor at Union will be speaking. Jerico Hughes, a Ball State student currently directing the music for our traditional service, will be directing the music for Good Friday as well. Please take advantage of these opportunities to join in worship with others in our community.

Easter Flowers

It's time to purchase spring flowers to decorate the church in honor or in memory of someone dear. There will be a form in the bulletin on **March 30** and **April 6**. Fill it out and attach your check. **Thursday, April 9** will be the last day you may order from several varieties of spring flowers in time to decorate the front of the church for Easter. You may take your flowers home on Easter Sunday morning or leave them to be delivered to shut-ins.

New Nursery Room

We have outgrown our nursery! Starting **Sunday, April 6** we will have a new nursery room! It is located across from the current nursery, where the library used to be. Birth-12 months (or walking) will be in the new nursery. One-year-old toddlers will be in the old nursery. Joyce and Dave will still have the 2-year-old toddlers. This will be a great thing for our babies/toddlers, and we are thrilled with how well everything is coming together!

If you are a nursery volunteer, please pay special attention to the new schedule! With this new room comes a few changes to scheduling. There will be two volunteers scheduled in the new nursery and one volunteer scheduled with the 1-year-old toddlers. Having an additional room allows us to divide the children by age, making the number of children per room more manageable. We appreciate your patience as we work through this change! If you have any questions please contact Colleen Massoth (765) 744-1350

Wednesday Children's Program

Do you want your child to learn more about Jesus, read the Bible, be in a fun environment where they will be treated with respect and loved unconditionally? Then we have the place for you! Patty and Rachel Russell invite kids to join us in singing, worship, and learning on **Wednesday evenings** from **6-7 PM** (Dinner provided at 5:30 PM). Beginning **April 2**.

Easter Egg Hunt

We invite all children, birth-5th grade, and their families to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt! A light lunch will be provided, along with other fun activities! Join us on **Sunday, April 13** following the late worship service. If you can, please call/text your RSVP to Colleen Massoth (765) 744-1350 or Christy Allen (765) 717-5229.

At this time, we are also asking for candy donations to fill eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt! Grab a bag next time you're at the store, and drop it off in the church office by **Sunday, April 6**. Thanks so much in advance!

Eva Kor, Holocaust Survivor in Muncie

Mrs. Eva Mozes Kor - a living Holocaust survivor (she and her twin sister Miriam having survived serving as subjects in Josef Mengele's infamous "Twin Studies" in the Nazi Death Camp in Auschwitz, Poland during the 2nd World War) - will be in Muncie to give a free lecture - at Emens Auditorium on Thursday - **April 3**.

The event will begin at **3 PM**, with the showing of a 40-minute documentary titled: *Forgiving Dr. Mengele*, followed by a few brief remarks and introductions, and then - Eva will address the audience at **4 PM**.

Senior Adult Day

Senior Adult Day is **April 10** in Bedford, IN.

Reservations and money are due to me, Shirley Pittenger, on or before **March 23**. The fee is \$10 a person.

We are looking for a big group to go as we had the most in attendance last October. They have a spectacular program planned so you won't want to miss it. Thanks, *Shirley*

Suzy's Fun Trips

On **June 18-24**, there is a 7 day, 6-night trip planned to Dallas-Fort Worth. The cost is \$609. During the getaway, you will be taking a tour of George Bush's Presidential Library, Sixth Floor Museum, South Fork, and lots of other sites. If interested contact Suzy Mutter at 765-749-3484.

New Members



Sarah Gough (pictured here with her husband, Mike) found First Baptist Church on the Internet, surfed our site, listened to sermons and then reached out to Wade about becoming involved. Their meeting caused Sarah to want to learn more about the Lord and our church and, in January, she and Mike visited and, after one service, she came forward in a profession of faith to join the church and ask for baptism. Their involvement was short-lived. Shortly after that, Mike learned his job was transferring him to Detroit. However, Sarah asked that she be baptized before they left. In February, Sarah was baptized and the next morning the two pulled out for their new home, where they plan to be affiliated with a church. We wish God's blessings on the Goughs and are grateful for the brief time they were part of our church.

Missional Community Update

Life Groups – Life Groups continue to meet each month during the spring. Leaders meet each month for fellowship and discussion. There are four life groups currently at First Baptist.

Leaders	Day	Time
Allen	Sunday	2:00 PM
Rodriguez	Saturday	3:00 PM
Fink	Monday	6:30 PM
Paille	Sunday	5:30 PM

April Social Event – On Sunday **April 6** at **about 4 PM**, you are invited to join the missional community in their April social event. We will be going to see a movie at AMC Showplace 12 near the Muncie mall. Because of the way that theaters schedule their showtimes, it is hard to determine the exact time or whether the movie we'd like to see will be in theaters, but the goal is to see "Son of God". More details will be released as we get closer to the date. If the movie does not work out, our back-up plan is to go bowling at Clancy's Village Bowl at **3 PM**. The movie will likely cost about \$15 per family. Bowling will be about \$5 per family. Please join us for fun and fellowship!

April Mission Project – The Paille small group is planning the April mission project. Details are not yet available.

Camp Tippy

It is time to think about camp at Tippecanoe Baptist Camp and Retreat Center. A camping experience can change your life forever. In a Christian environment, a beautiful, peaceful setting, and no distractions from outside of the camp, the opportunities for a rich experience are endless.

The camp schedule is on the bulletin board and the camp forms will soon be available. Invite a friend, and encourage your parents to volunteer for a week as help is always needed. Come join others in a Christ-centered ministry. You will be glad you did. I'm glad I did, and I have gone 66 summers so far, and I never

get enough. If you have any questions, give me a call or see me at church. Also, let me know when you are going. – Shirley Pittenger, 282-0632

New Address for the Headleys

Many have been asking for a new address for Matt, Heather, Hannah and Noah. They are now living at:
624 College St SW Jacksonville, AL 36265

You can also contact them at mpheadley@gmail.com or hdheadley@gmail.com.

Open Door Food Distribution

On **April 9** and **April 23**, Open Door Ministries will be passing out food to needy families from 7:30-9:30 AM. If you know of someone who could use help with food, please let Duane Davis know. If you have a group (SS Class, Mission Circle, or Life Group) that would like to help distribute food, please contact James Martin (765-729-7968 or baronjlm@aol.com).

Seminar for Memory Function

On three Thursdays, **April 3, 10, and 17** from **1-2:30 PM**. Charles Gilbert will be leading DVD lectures produced by The Teaching Company. They will explore the real research (not the fads) on how memory functions — and then apply these findings to help you make better use of the memory abilities you have. By tapping into a series of scientifically proven strategies, tricks, and techniques, and by practicing them through dynamic exercises, you'll emerge from the end of this short course with the ability to process information more effectively and to increase your chance of remembering almost anything you want.

No Charge — reservations required by April 1

Topics Covered Each Date:

- April 3: Your Amazing Prehistoric Memory; Encoding Information with Images
- April 10: Maximizing Short- and Long-Term Memory; Why and When We Forget
- April 17: Keeping Your Whole Brain in Peak Condition; Human Memory Is Reconstruction, Not Replay

For reservations call 765.285.8975

Visitor and Bulletin Information

If you would like to place an announcement in the church bulletin please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org. If you have an article for the May newsletter, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, April 20**.

Calendar

Sundays – 9:15 AM Early Gathering/Early Sunday School (Intergenerational Class, K-5th grade, Junior High & High School), 10:15 AM Fellowship Time (enjoy coffee, donuts, and fellowship), 10:45 AM Late Gathering/Late Sunday School

Tuesdays – 7:00 PM - Friendship Class at Riverside Baptist Church

Wednesdays – 6 PM Handbell Rehearsal and Children's Program, 7:10 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

April 3 – Eva Kor, Holocaust Survivor Presentation

April 6 – Churchwide Movie Night

April 9 – Open Door Food Distribution

April 10 – Senior Adult Day

April 13 – Children's Easter Egg Hunt

April 18 – Community Good Friday Service

April 20 – Easter Sunday

April 21 – CCT Meeting

April 23 – Open Door Food Distribution

April Birthdays

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

4/3 Hunter Petroviak
4/4 John Mulcahy III
4/6 Colleen Massoth
4/6 Megan Morency
4/6 Cami Shutter
4/7 Dave Earls
4/7 Lindsey Markwart
4/9 Anna Allen
4/10 Sam Hershman
4/11 Ken Nicola

4/15 Susan Londt
4/16 Robert Burton
4/17 Victoria Bouton
4/21 Kendra Ervin
4/25 Maddy Crawford
4/25 Billie Frogge
4/25 Jane Patton
4/25 Addie Thurston
4/30 Ray Conley
4/30 Freida Roberts