



# The Visitor

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## Study on David

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David is one of my favorite people in the Bible. His life is full of ups and downs, celebrations and tragedies; he is following God in one scene and running full long away from God in another. All the while, he is described as a passionate follower of God.

Don't you wish you could sit down and talk to David? It would even be nice to see a Barbara Walters interview with him. While we don't have this luxury, we do have a tremendous amount of information and writing on David. From 1 Samuel 16 to 1 Kings 2, his life is unpacked in detail. We also have parallel material in 1 Chronicles 2-29. Not to mention, almost half of the psalms are ascribed to David. We not only have the biographical information, but we have a treasury of David's emotions, feelings and conversations with God through the psalms.



On April 27, we begin (began) a series on the life of David. We will remain in this story until the fall. I am excited about this study. I strive to spend equal time in both the Old and New Testaments. I often gravitate toward the New, but we cannot properly understand the New apart from the Old. Some scholars actually refer to the Old Testament as the *First Testament*. Jesus certainly understood himself as fulfilling the Scriptures. He is called the *Son of David*.

Paul describes David in his Acts 13 sermon.

(Acts 13:22 NIV) After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

While David is a God follower, he is far from perfect. Jesus (David's Son) will be the *true* David. He will align fully with the heart of his Father. But David does a pretty good job at living in relationship with God. David's passion for God is strong. We find him dancing in the streets (2 Samuel 6); his worship is intense. We also read of his pleading with God for forgiveness after making one of the worst mistakes of his life (Psalm 51); his prayers are raw. I suspect that we will find bits of our lives in David's life. We will travel back in time 3000 years and find a man who is much like you and me.

I hope you will follow along each week as we unpack David's story. May we be challenged and inspired by his life. May we be empowered to live our lives with the same sort of passionate relationship with God.

## Worship in May

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

- May 4 - Unlikely Hero (1 Samuel 15:34-16:13)
- May 11 - An Unlikely Mother (1 Samuel 1)
- May 18 - David's Songs (1 Samuel 16:14-23)
- May 25 - David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

## Room Renovations

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Two rooms have been renovated this month at First Baptist. The first room is on the first floor. As you may have read about last month, the nursery has been expanded into the room that housed the church library. You might find it interesting that this room once served as the crib room. It looks a bit less like a hospital room than it did in the past, but the space has proven to be beneficial as we have been busting at the seams in the nursery.

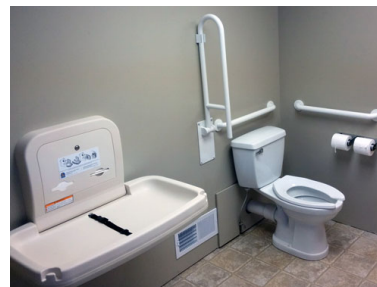
The second room is a handicap accessible bathroom on the lower level. The bathroom replaces a seldom used snack machine room. It includes a fully compliant handicap stool, a changing table and sink. If you have a chance, check out these two new additions to the building.



(a) 1960 Nursery Room (Same room as new nursery)



(b) New Nursery Room



(c) New Bathroom on Lower Level

## Missional Community Update

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**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.

**May Social Event** – The Missional Community social event will be on **Sunday, May 4**. We are going bowling at Clancy's at **4:00 PM**. Bring \$5/person or \$10/family to cover the cost of shoes and bowling. Everyone is invited to join the fun.

**May Mission Project** – In May, the Missional Community Mission project is on **Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00 PM**. We will join the ongoing ministry of the Friendship Class. The Friendship Class is a weekly program that engages developmentally disabled adults in Bible study, crafts and games. Everyone is invited to join the group at Riverside Baptist Church each Tuesday evening, but this month, we encourage Missional Community families to learn more about this ministry on this special evening.

## **Ray is back!**

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Mr. Clean (AKA Paul Ray Conley) is officially back from an unwanted but well deserved sabbatical. He has been seen recently at FBC resuming his volunteer maintenance projects – bigger (due to a lack of ocean cruise food control) and better than ever. Ray usually works in the afternoon and evening of his days off when no one is around (as a boy he never learned to play well with others or share his toys/tools).

On a more serious note his return gives testimony that Ray and his family are continuing to come through a dark valley in their lives because of their faithfulness and God's mercy and grace.

When you see Ray, embarrass him by thanking him for his relentless efforts, but keep your distance if he is holding a paint brush in his hand.

We love you Ray and we thank you for all you do. Welcome home. - Joe S.

## **Right Now Media**

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Our church is always looking for ways to serve you as you live out your faith throughout the week. We are inviting you to have a free account to an exciting new video library called RightNow Media. It's essentially the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" because you will have instant access to thousands of great videos for kids, youth, parents, married couples and more.

There are over 2,000 videos from some great teachers. If not already, you will soon be receiving an official "invitation email" to give you FREE access to this library. If you haven't received it already can you check your mail filter and accept the invite today? Because it was coming from RightNow's system, it may have got caught there.

Simply find the email, click on the link, put in your name and a password and you're all set. All of the videos are FREE for everyone to use.

You have the ability to view these videos on your computer, phone, tablet, or even on your television! You can also view them in a group setting using a projector. There is a simple way to "cast" the video to a TV at your home or even at church for Sunday School or another group meeting. Check out the vast array of videos and begin learning right now!

## **Camp Tippy**

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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

## **Restroom Update:**

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Two years ago Jane Patton asked Church Council to consider the installation of a wheelchair accessible restroom in the basement next to the elevator. The project received their support and was accomplished in time for Easter Sunday service.

The original plan was to build the bathroom in stages, as the required funding was raised. The project was undertaken in large part due to four generous lead gifts of \$1000. Terry Harke was indispensable, serving as volunteer in-house project manager. As the work progressed, however, it became apparent that it would be necessary to precisely coordinate the construction, electrical, and plumbing phases in order to efficiently complete the project. Unfortunately, the total cost has gone well beyond the original estimates of two years ago due to unanticipated contingencies of remodeling a building that is more than 85 years old.

If you are willing to make a financial gift toward this project and would like to honor or memorialize a loved one, please contact Joe Songer or Dan Lemen. Anonymous gifts may be placed in an offering envelope and marked for the "Restroom Project". Appropriate recognition of designated gifts will be made when all funds have been received.

Thank you for your consideration.

## **Open Door Food Distribution**

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On **May 14** and **May 28**, 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).

## **Friendship Family**

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Ball State has a program that combines the city of Muncie with the University's international students. The program is called "Friendship Family." This program assigns students to families that have volunteered to share family time once or twice a month with "their" student. Most of the students miss home and are wishing to increase their vocabulary and other English skills. Families that I know who have participated in this program continue to do so year after year. They find it both fascinating to learn about another culture and enriching to their own family as knowing another person always enhances one's life. Please consider requesting a student for the summer session, starting in the fall, or anytime. There is usually a list of students waiting to be welcomed into a family. More information is available at this web site: <http://bit.ly/friendshipfamily>

Thank you, Diane Brooks, MA TESOL/linguistics

## **Suzy's Fun Trips**

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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.

## Spring Picnic

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First Baptist/ Riverside Avenue Baptist Annual Spring Picnic, **Sunday, June 1 at 4:00 PM** at FBC. Meat, beverage, and table service will be furnished. Please bring a dish or two to share and lawn chairs. Special guests will be the RABC Friendship Class, YWCA residents and other special guests. Common Ground will provide the entertainment. A freewill offering will taken for the entertainment.

## Organ Music with Jelani

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**June 8 at 2:30 PM** at Warren Central High School at 9600 E 16th Street in Indianapolis, Jelani will give a concert on the huge theatre organ at the school. Advance tickets are \$12 for adults and students are free. \$15 tickets will be available at the door for concert seating. You may call Tim Needler at 317-255-8056 for advance tickets or give MaryAnne Bayer \$12 for each ticket you want by May 22 and she will have your tickets to you before the concert. Checks should be made to CIC-ATOS.(Central Indiana Concert – American Theatre Organ Society.

## Visitor and Bulletin Information

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If you would like to place an announcement in the church bulletin please email it to [wade@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:wade@fbcmuncie.org). If you have an article for the June newsletter, please email it to [wade@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:wade@fbcmuncie.org) by **Sunday, May 18**.

## Thank You Notes

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**The Revolution** – Thank you so much for allowing us to use your beautiful building for our women's retreat. It was the perfect space for us. We are grateful to partner in ministry with you all.

**Ball State Excellence in Leadership** – Thank you so much for being a part of our event *Get a Kick Out of Reading*. It was a huge success and we owe a lot of that to you and your volunteer work. As Ball State students, we love getting to know people of the community and it was great working with all of you. Thanks so much.

**Patti and Gene Warner** – Our Dearest Church family, Words cannot convey the heartfelt gratitude that we have for the unceasing prayers during Timothy's recent illness. Timothy is at his parents home recouping and gaining strength. He plans to return to Chicago and his place of employment on Monday April 21. We give God the Glory and our wonderful prayer warriors for lifting he and our family up to The Lord. May God Bless you all.

**Committee For A Positive Influence** – I want to thank you for your help in promoting, and subsequent donation to the efforts of bringing Eva Kor to Muncie. I am sure we were all greatly heartened by the success of the event - on so many levels. I do not know how it could have gone any better. A big thing - like this event - is only made possible - but somehow the whole big bunch of little things are accomplished - at one time. It took everyone - doing all the things they did - to make this work out so well.

## Calendar

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**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

**May 4** – Missional Community Social Event (Bowling at Clancy's)

**May 11** – Mother's Day

**May 14** – Open Door Food Distribution

**May 18** – Life Group Leaders Lunch

**May 19** – Church Coordination Team Meeting

**May 20** – Missional Community at Friendship Class

**May 26** – Muncie Mission Chapel Service

**May 28** – Open Door Food Distribution

## May Birthdays

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

5/4 Troy Hershman

5/5 Duane Davis

5/5 Joy McConnell

5/6 Terry Harke

5/6 Lincoln Harris

5/6 Matthew Headley

5/7 Daniel Bouton

5/7 Mitchell Fountain

5/9 Sally Butler

5/9 Roger Morency

5/12 Kathleen Fox

5/13 Phyllis Jennings

5/13 Gretchen Reid

5/16 Andrew Bouton

5/16 Molly Flodder

5/16 Allen Shelton

5/19 Thadd Brooks

5/19 Sarah Harker

5/21 Brian Clements

5/21 Jennifer Conley

5/21 Lois Craig

5/21 Carolyn Hershman

5/22 Jacob Hershman

5/22 Kim Lee

5/23 Alyvia Smith

5/25 Jackson Crawford

5/25 Darlene Shulze

5/28 Ethan Hudson

5/29 Patti Warner

5/31 Camila Green