



The Visitor

JUNE 2014



Staffing

Wade Allen

We celebrate with Matt and Heather this month. Matt was appointed as pastor of First United Methodist Church in Weaver, Alabama. Please keep the Headleys in your prayers as they begin their ministry on June 1. While we are thankful for God's provision for them, we certainly miss Matt and Heather. The question of church staffing at First Baptist remains. Will we hire another associate pastor?



As you may know, we are in the middle of a discernment process around this issue. We have met twice with the Church Coordination Team to map out a way to discern God's movement among us. In our first meeting, we began to explore the possibilities. Certainly, First Baptist has been changing over the past several years. With an influx of young families, our children's ministry rooms are filling. At the same time, music leadership continues to be essential. What about church administration tasks? What is the best way to steward our resources in regards to church staffing?

This is not an easy question. We have much work to do. The number of possibilities seem endless. During the summer months, we will begin to develop a *listening strategy* to discern God's plan. We need to determine the appropriate level of staffing in regards to our resources. We need to discern our greatest needs in light of God's calling for our congregation. Everyone will have opportunity for input. Please keep this matter in prayer as you pray for your church. Ask God to reveal, clarify, prompt and provide. Open your heart to God's plan, setting aside our personal preferences as we seek His direction.

Worship in June

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

- June 1 - After the Giant (1 Samuel 18)
- June 8 - Difference Makers (1 Samuel 17) Doug Gregg
- June 15 - The Call of a Father (Ephesians 6:1-4)
- June 22 - Valley of Shadows (1 Samuel 19-21, Psalm 23)
- June 29 - David's Cave (1 Samuel 22-23)

Spring Picnic

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.

Missional Community Update

The Missional Communities are on a two-month break (June-July). Life groups may continue to meet for fellowship during the summer months. However, no social events or service projects are scheduled for June/July. Group leaders use this time to evaluate and plan for the coming session. The fall session will begin in August. If you are interested in joining a life group in the fall session, let Wade or a life group leader know. Please keep leaders in your prayers this summer as they discern direction for the fall.

Vacation Bible School in July

Vacation Bible School is around the corner! It will be for grades K-3rd Grade (the grade that the child will be entering in the fall). Mark your calendars and come join the Savannah Safari on **July 13-July 17, 6-8 PM**, with a **dinner** each night at **5:30 PM**. This is a free event, so all you have to do is come ready for a great time! We will be asking for specific items to be donated for projects the children will be doing to reach out to the community, so keep an eye out for a list. Registration and more information coming soon!

Right Now Media

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

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. The church will pay for half of the cost if you are interested in going. Also, let me know when you are going. – Shirley Pittenger, 282-0632

Church Softball

The First Baptist Softball team continues play during the month of June. The following games are scheduled for June. All games are held at the Muncie Sportsplex.

Date	Opponent	Day of Week	Time
June 2	Crossover	Monday	8 PM
June 9	University	Monday	9 PM
June 16	Compass	Monday	6 PM
June 23	Calvary Christian	Monday	6 PM
June 30	Commonway	Monday	8 PM

Open Door Food Distribution

On **June 11** and **June 25**, 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).

Organ Music with Jelani

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.

Youth to Camp Barnabas

The youth will be traveling to Purdy, MO from **July 4-12** to serve at Camp Barnabas. Camp Barnabas offers life-changing opportunities to people with special needs and chronic diseases. Each summer, more

than 1,500 campers from all over the country, nearly 200 staff members and thousands of volunteers go to Camp Barnabas to experience the love and acceptance shown to campers that empower them to live a life of ability. The staff resolutely pursues activities that push the limits of what the outside world says is impossible for these campers. All the typical activities of summer camp are adapted to meet each person's individual need like zip-lining, swimming, canoeing, fishing, camping, ropes course, rifles, archery and other outdoor activities. The ratio of volunteers to campers is 1:1 with volunteer medical personnel in the onsite health facility. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they serve.

Friendship Family

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

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 July newsletter, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, June 15**.

Thank You Notes

Becki Clock, Christian Ministries – Thank you so much for your continued support of Christian Ministries. Your prayers, your gifts and your talents are so vital to our ministry. We could not do what we do without you.

Dear Pastor Wade, Thank you to First Baptist for hosting the community Good Friday service. Your church is such a wonderful location and place of worship. You always make everyone feel so welcome. It was a wonderful service and we really appreciate all you did to make it possible. Thank you also for adding the benediction to the end! God Bless you.

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

Wednesdays – 7:10 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

June 1 – Riverside/FBC Spring Picnic

June 2 – Softball Game

June 9 – Softball Game

June 15 – Father's Day

June 16 – Softball Game

June 17 – CCT Meeting

June 22 – Children Pizza and Park

June 23 – Softball Game

June 30 – Softball Game

June Birthdays

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

6/1 Diane Brooks	6/12 Marc Sue
6/1 Michael Graham	6/14 Kelli Petroviak
6/3 Grace Eaton	6/16 Jim Hiatt
6/6 Betty Arthur	6/16 Samantha Ratchford
6/6 Jon Stinson	6/18 Winola Miller
6/8 Heather Barr	6/18 Olivia Sue
6/8 Casey Braswell	6/19 Eric Paille
6/9 Hunter Barr	6/20 Jessica Fink
6/9 Wilma Neal	6/21 Joyce Cross
6/10 Katelynn Cooper	6/24 Sally Jones
6/11 Anette Atterson	6/24 Joe Songer
6/11 Dawn Dawson	6/26 Shelby Harris
6/11 Catie Earls	6/27 Tory Pierce
6/11 Randy Washburn	6/30 Emma Langdon
6/12 David Cross	6/30 Colt Rutter