



The Visitor

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David Series Update

Wade Allen

As we move into August, we continue to talk about David. I hope that you have enjoyed the series as much as I have enjoyed the study that goes along with it. On more than one occasion, I have found myself perplexed; I wondered why I had not seen this before. Having spent 20 years in ministry (with three post high school degrees in Bible/ministry), how did I miss this story? It has been informative and enjoyable.



As we continue our study, we move into the second part of David's life. Psalm 78 provides a summary statement.

(Psalms 78:70–72 NIV) He chose David his servant and took him from the sheep pens; from tending the sheep he brought him to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance. And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.

We have covered God taking David from the sheep pens and bringing him to the position of king. Now that he is king, the drama does not end. We read in 2 Samuel,

(2 Samuel 5:4 NIV) David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years.

So we are not quite halfway through David's life. There is much more to come. I would encourage you to catch up on the story if you have missed a Sunday or two. I have created a playlist on YouTube at <http://bit.ly/fbc-david> with all of the sermons in the series.

I look forward to continuing to explore the life of David with you as we move into fall together.

Worship in August

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

- August 3 - David and the Ark (2 Samuel 6)
- August 10 - When God Says No (2 Samuel 7)

- August 17 - Mephibosheth/Camp Barnabas Sunday (2 Samuel 9)
- August 24 - David and Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11)
- August 31 - Turning From Sin (2 Samuel 12, Psalm 51)

Welcome Clif Davis and Family



Members of First Baptist Church voted in mid-July to hire Clifton Davis to become the church's Interim Minister of Worship. We'd like to welcome Clif and his family to our church family! Clif has always been involved in music. As he puts it "It's in my blood!"

Clif was born in Rockford, IL. When he was young, his family moved to Philadelphia. He spent the rest of his childhood in the city of brotherly love and attended and graduated with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree in 1990. Clif received his master's degree from Southern Seminary in Louisville, KY. Clif currently attends Ball State as a doctoral student in choral conducting. His graduate assistantship this year includes working

with the BSU Women's Chorus. During the school year, he also works at Taylor University playing the piano and teaching about church music.

While Clif was the choir conductor at Culbertson American Baptist Church in New Albany, IN, his life changed forever when he met Julie. The Ball State student was home visiting the choir one Sunday morning. Her parents sang in the choir and told her "you will love our new choir director!" And they hit the nail right on the head! Twenty-plus years later they "are still making beautiful music together!" Since then, Clif has served in a few other churches including ones in Chesterton (IN), Marion (IN), and Fairfield (CT).

Julie and Clif have three children: Sandy, Heidi, and Ian. Sandy will be a freshman this fall at Ball State, and Heidi and Ian are both in the Mississinewa School System in Gas City, IN. Julie is a freelance editor for publishing houses like Baker Books and Moody Press.

On Sunday mornings you'll find Clif playing the piano, singing, and leading prayers. He is also interested in partnering with the ministry at FBC in order to help craft moments where people encounter the transforming power of God.

"Music can help us express our love for God and allow God's Spirit to help us live out the truth that we are being made new," Clif writes in an email. "The optimism of Paul in saying the old is gone and the new has come is something I hope we live out together in FBC."

Clif is also also working on some unconventional ideas for Sunday worship. He loves working together with creative people to find fresh ways to communicate the unchanging truth about Jesus. "I think God often gets our attention through surprising events," he continues. "I mean if God uses talking donkeys, what can't God use!"

CLIFTON DAVIS:

Favorite holiday Easter because of the promise of new life

Favorite movie "The Mission" because of the music

Favorite books The one I'm reading right now! (Fiction for fun, non-fiction for school!)

Favorite place My wife and I have hiked and canoed Turkey Run State Park several times so I have fond memories there. Switzerland and Singapore were both breathtaking. I miss living three blocks from Long Island Sound. Pretty much I like being outside!

Bucket List I'm more a live in the moment kinda guy than a bucket list.

If you are interested in getting involved with the church choir or praise team, find Clif and let him know after either service!

“I understand my role as helping set the table for God’s people to come and enjoy the feast on Sunday mornings,” he concluded. “I also would like to help people in the arts feel safe and able to offer their gifts at FBC. God created a variety of skills and styles and passions, but together we can do something more than each of us could on our own.”

Missional Community Update

The Fall Missional Community Session begins in August. We continue to have social events, mission projects and life groups as a part of this ministry. Each month, we will have a social event on the first Sunday of the month. On the second and fourth weeks of the month, life groups will meet in homes. The third week of each month will be a time of mission for all life groups. Life groups are now closed to new members until next session. However, everyone is invited to join in on the social events and mission projects.

Mounds State Park (August Social Event) – The social event for August will be at Mounds State Park in Anderson on **Sunday, August 3**. We will gather around 1:30 PM for a picnic lunch (everyone bring your own lunch). We will spend time hiking or swimming or checking out the nature center. Each car will need to pay \$5 for entrance into the park. If you want to swim, bring another \$3/person. We hope everyone can join us for this time of fellowship and relaxation.

Personal Care Items Drive

August is a hard month for many families in poverty. In spite of back-to-school supply drives, there are many extra expenses in getting children ready to be in school. An issue that arises when money is especially tight occurs with “personal care items.” Food stamps do not cover toiletries, soap, cleaning supplies, feminine products or diapers as well as all other non-food items. In recognition of this need, we will be providing items to families involved in Circles, the TEAMwork for Quality Living initiative that meets in our church every Thursday night.

There will be a container for those items outside the west sanctuary doors on **August 17** and **August 24**. When you are at the grocery store, pick up an extra bottle of shampoo, a box of kleenex, can of deodorant, or package of diapers to help a struggling family.

Meals on Wheels (August Mission Project) – We will be working in August to help the *Meals on Wheels* deliver food. We have agreed to provide five teams (at least two people must serve on a team) for the third week in August. We will need one team on **Monday, August 18**, three teams on **Tuesday, August 19** and one team for **Thursday, August 21**. The Allen life group is organizing this project. Please contact Wade Allen (wade@fbcmuncie.org, 765-760-1520), Colleen Massoth (colleenmassoth@gmail.com, 765-744-1350) or sign up on the missional community bulletin board if you are willing to take a slot.

Lori Kate to Present

On **Sunday, August 3**, Lori Kate will be presenting in the Lower Auditorium during both Sunday School hours. Lori is a friend of Patti Warner.

Lori Kate grew up in Elkhart, Indiana, with a Jewish father and a Gentile mother. When she was 8, both she and her father became believers in Jesus after years of earnest prayers and witnessing from her mother. Music played a vital role in the family during their school years with Lori Kate learning the clarinet and piano and her sister Leah learning the bassoon and piano as well. After attending Cedarville University and graduating with a music education degree, Lori Kate traveled with the Jews for Jesus' musical mobile evangelistic team; The Liberated Wailing Wall for two years. During this time, the Lord directed her paths to Israel, and in 1998, she became an Israeli/American citizen.

Lori Kate would say that after looking back on her life of musical and evangelistic training, God was preparing her for a bigger purpose which allowed her the opportunity and privilege of living in a foreign country, speaking a different language and raising a family in God's Holy Land. Besides being a full-time wife and a loving mom to her 14 and 9 year old boys, she is in high demand as a music teacher in the Jezreel Valley. She teaches clarinet, saxophone, flute, piano, and recorder.

Lori Kate looks forward to coming home to Indiana each summer with her children to visit family and friends. During her time in America, she enjoys opportunities to share her testimony and tidbits about life in Israel. Further she communicates current events in Israel, and a big part of her ministry is to play traditional Jewish music and Messianic songs on her clarinet and flute, and to encourage Christians in churches to fervently support Israel and pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Psalm 122:6 says, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee."

Church Grounds

Any GARDENERS out there that would be willing to help with the yard work around our church? We need just a few people willing to give a couple of hours every two weeks or so to keep our property looking a little more "loved." We have a fantastic yard service that keeps the grass under control, but the weeds and trash around the parking lot and church perimeter tend to get neglected. Let me know if you have the time and interest in serving in this way. This, too, is a ministry and a way to serve. Nina Oisten, 282-7322 or nroisten@gmail.com

Friendship Class

The Friendship Class for special-needs adults will begin its fall programing **Tuesday, Sept. 16**. Volunteers will be needed to help with the classes. If you have questions about the class, call Jane Patton 759-8276. You will be blessed if you decide to volunteer!

Camp Barnabas Sunday

On **Sunday, August 17**, the teens who attended Camp Barnabas will be sharing about their experience. At the same time, we will study 2 Samuel 9 (the story of Mephibosheth). As we discuss David's heart of compassion, we will reflect on our teen's selfless action of serving with developmentally disabled children/adults. The teens will share in both services.

New Members



Mathias “Mat” (left) and Heath (right) Brooks were baptized several weeks ago and became members of First Baptist Church. Both boys were born in Guatemala and are sons of Diane Brooks. Each will be entering sixth grade. Mat loves social studies and is interested in learning about Native Americans. If he could be anywhere, he would enjoy being someplace where he could be quiet and watch animals. Watching wild animals, like lions and tigers, would be especially interesting. Heath enjoys science and the weather and also likes spelling in school. Someday he would like to be a storm chaser and a good father.

The Brooks family is moving to Mount Pleasant, Iowa, where their mom is taking a new job. When asked what they would remember most about FBC, Mat said, “the people, especially Levi Allen,” and Heath said, “getting baptized.” Both boys are

grateful for their spiritual growth while in the FBC congregation. Heath said, “It is important to go to church to learn more about God so you can get a better connection to Him.”

Ladies, make a joyful noise!

A unity women’s chorus comprised of ladies from both services will sing on **Sunday, August 17**. There will be two 45-minute rehearsals, each at 7:30 p.m. on the two previous Wednesday evenings: **August 6** and **August 13**. Molly Flodder, who will be directing the group, said: “Our goal is to have at least 20 women who will sing a beautiful arrangement of ‘Amazing Grace’ in both the services that Sunday.

If you have questions about joining in, call Molly at 282-0657 or Barb Eidson at 284-4825.

Discover First Baptist

“Discover First Baptist” is the title of a one-day class for:

- individuals who have joined since Wade Allen became our pastor (2008),
- those considering joining First Baptist, and
- persons who just want to learn more about our church.

Bill Eidson will talk briefly about the history of First Baptist, Pastor Wade will lead a discussion on Baptist beliefs, and Adam Fink will explain the church’s organizational structure and opportunities for service.

This class will be **Sunday, September 14** from **noon to 2:30 PM**. Lunch will be served, and childcare will be provided. You may register for the class by calling the church office at 284-7749 or by going to <http://bit.ly/discover-fbc> to register online.

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 September newsletter, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, August 24**.

Update on Headley Family

Matt & Heather Headley (Hannah & Noah too.) – It has been a few months since we last communicated with the whole church, and we are excited to share with you how God has been at work in our lives.

As most of you know, last November we discerned that God was calling us to be sent out from Muncie. After five years of being trained and equipped for ministry through seminary and professional experience, it appeared that God was bringing our time in Muncie to a conclusion. This was a difficult and heart wrenching matter to consider. We were very happy and comfortable in Muncie, and didn't know where we should go. The only place that seemed to make sense was where we had a network of relationships through which to establish our next ministry. We prayed and talked about how to prepare for the future. Matt began conversations with denominational leaders responsible for appointing pastors in United Methodist churches in Northeast Alabama.

On February 23, Matt was ordained by First Baptist Church during a Sunday morning worship service. We experienced an emotional and memorable time of saying goodbye during a special lunch in the fellowship hall after the service. A week later, we loaded up our things in a couple of trucks and trailers and moved to Alabama. We didn't know what kind of ministry God would lead us to, but we left in faith that he would show us the way. Our families were naturally very excited for us to be "coming home," but we felt we were leaving a true home at the same time.

It was a happy and strange experience to be back in the town where we met, went to college together, and were married. We wondered when and how God would provide opportunities for us to engage in new ministry with a church. Matt began working with Heather's brother doing construction work. We began the strange experience of visiting local churches, both reluctant and eager to identify a new church family.

God began showing his faithfulness as our provider right away. Only two weeks after we moved to Jacksonville, we were told that there was a high probability Matt would be appointed to a local church. Heather began receiving opportunities to accompany music students in the local university. She was also contacted by her former piano professor, who is preparing to retire and has passed her students along to Heather. On April 3, Matt was offered the position as the pastor of Weaver First United Methodist Church. In May we were introduced to the leaders of the church, and our first Sunday to join them in worship was on June 15.

We have now been getting to know the church for just over a month. We are beginning to learn everyone's names and have identified several challenges the church is facing. Leading a church is exciting and sometimes scary business! We have jokes that Matt needs to get a WWWD bracelet (What Would Wade Do?) to help him channel his "inner Wade" as he navigates these challenges. We can't help but notice the similarities between First Baptist Muncie and Weaver First Methodist. Both churches have dealt with the challenges of having two styles of worship services. Both churches have had to reduce three staff members in recent years. Both churches reside in cities where a bearcat is the high-school mascot! We thank God for giving us the experiences to prepare us for this journey.

We want you to know how grateful to God we are for the time we shared with you, and for the way he prepared us for our present ministry through that time together. We continue to pray for you daily, and have enjoyed hearing about the ways God continues to work among and through you. We hope to have the opportunity to visit you soon. Our lives are deeply enriched by the memories we have with you. We love and miss you all.

You can contact the Headleys at: Matt & Heather Headley, 713 Timber Way, Weaver, AL 36277 Phone: 256-644-7334, email: mpheadley@gmail.com

Thank You Notes

The Reid Family – Dear 1st Baptist friends, I would like to thank you all so much for visiting Mom [Phoebe] the last few years. Susan and I appreciated those visits. I know that from the bottom of my heart Mom appreciated the visits also. She loved all of you so much.

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent for mom's funeral and for making a video of her service. Also, thank you for the meal that you served for our family. Phoebe and Bill loved First Baptist so much and invested so much of their lives there. You blessed us with your gracious acts of service at this time of our loss. – Thank You, Susan and Steve

The Family of Hazel Hammons – Dear First Baptist Church, thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement you sent to my mother's funeral. It meant a lot to us that you remembered Hazel at this difficult time. Kind regards, Terry Hammons and family

Geoff Brueggen – To my FBC family, Thank you very much for your support in the past and your willingness to support me again. The work of the Kingdom is just getting started in the Middle East, but I am excited to take part in it, and blessed to have First Baptist Church backing me financially and in prayer. May God continue to bless and direct FBC and everything he calls you into!

Conley Family – The Conley and Oisten families wish to thank the First Baptist Church family and others in the community for their generosity in remembering Vicki at the time of her passing in late November. With the monetary gifts, the FBC media projection system was totally revamped, increasing the quality of media each of our services.

FBC Children – Thank you to Jessica Fink, Colleen Massoth and the Children's ministry team for all of the work to make VBS possible in July.

Calendar

Life Groups will be meeting at various times throughout the month.

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

August 2 – Burton 50th Anniversary Celebration at Riverside

August 3 – Lori Kate Presenting during SS Hour / MC Social Event

August 17 and 24 – Personal Care Drive

August 18, 19, 21 – Meals on Wheels

August 18 – CCT Meeting

August 27 – Sanctuary Choir Resumes

August Birthdays

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

8/6 Michelle Martin	8/21 Nathan Shutters
8/7 Don Jennings	8/21 Barbara Turner
8/7 Ginny Randall	8/23 Stacey Paille
8/12 Melva Ratchford	8/24 Tom Kistler
8/13 Irene Hiatt	8/25 Larry Van Deventer
8/15 Eli Richardson	8/27 Nova Jarvis
8/16 Chris Hill	8/28 Cole Randolph
8/17 Alexa Chamboneth	8/29 Carolyn Harke
8/20 Brittney Say	8/31 Mary Anne Bayer
8/21 Dana Davis	8/31 Isabel Heimlich
8/21 Krista Mulcahy	