



# The Visitor

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## Study in James

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It is sometimes a challenge to know what to study as a congregation. We try to keep a healthy balance between Old Testament and New Testament. We have typically been following the lectionary from Advent through Easter. Some years, we have stuck it out through Pentecost. Typically from Spring through the Fall, we have worked through various books of the Bible. We have covered Hebrews, Galatians, Acts, Joel, 1 Corinthians, Genesis, Ephesians, Ruth. This year, we have spent a good portion of the year in the life of David (primarily 1 and 2 Samuel). I have found the study invigorating and challenging.



As we move into October, we conclude our series over the life of David. The last sermon in this series is October 5. This means it is time for something new. We have 7 weeks until we begin Advent. What are we going to do?

We are going to begin a seven week study on the book of James. You might already know that James is the half-brother of Jesus. He did not believe in Jesus until after Jesus' resurrection. However, once he saw the resurrected Jesus, he was passionate about his faith. He soon became a primary leader in the early church. The book of James is perhaps the earliest book of the Bible. It was written just a few years after Jesus' death and resurrection (around 45 A.D.). His words to the early church are practical and to the point. As we prepare to engage the book of James together, allow me to challenge you to read ahead. May God continue to equip us to be the people he has called us to be as we study His Word together each week.

## Worship in October

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

- October 5 - The End of an Era (1 Chronicles 28-29)
- October 12- Tests and Trials (James 1:2-18)
- October 19 - Faith in Action (James 1:19-27)
- October 26 - Favoritism (James 2:1-13)

## Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening will be available to our First Baptist family on **Tuesday, October 7** in the Fellowship Hall. These health screenings might possibly save lives or prevent a serious disability caused by stroke, vascular disease, or osteoporosis. For more information or to register, pick up a pink registration sheet in the church office.

## Judson Choir in November

We will be hosting the Judson Choir, **November 6 at 7 PM**. On the Thursday evening (Nov. 6), we need volunteers for a meal and lodging, and sack lunches for their tour, on Friday. Please contact Dana Davis, Barb Eidson, Lydia Burton, Joe Songer, or Shirley Pittenger if you are available to help in any way. Keep this group in your prayers for a safe journey and uplifting repertoire.

## Missional Community Update

The Fall Missional Community Session continues in September. 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 the social events and mission projects.

**Children's Fall Party/October Social Event** – We are combining our October social event with our children's fall party on **Sunday October 5 at 4 PM** at the Hershman's . Come join us! We are having a pitch-in cook-out, so bring a side dish to share. Hotdogs, condiments, drinks, and s'mores will all be provided. Bring a lawn chair if you like. There will be games for the kids, a bonfire and a hayride. Directions to the Hershman's will be provided on the Missional Community bulletin board. Hope to see you there! Their address is: 1469 E CR 600 N New Castle, IN. 47362.

**October Mission Project** – On **Saturday, October 18**, our Missional community is going to work at Pam and John Barnhouse's home. We'll do some painting - inside and out, and stack some lumber. Plan on **10 AM to 2 PM**. Address and directions will come later.

### Life Group Days and Times –

Leaders	Day	Time
Allen	Sunday	2 PM
Rodriguez	Saturday	6 PM
Fink	Monday	6:30 PM
Stigers	Sunday	5:30 PM

## All Saints Day

On **Sunday, November 2**, we will commemorate All Saints Day with a brief tribute to those in our own church family who have passed from this life. If your loved one or family member has died since the first Sunday in November last year, please provide the picture of them that you would like used in the tribute. Give it to Mary Ann Bayer or leave it in the church office in an envelope with her name on it. Also include the birth and death date of the person. We will make certain you get the photo back after the tribute is over.

## Harvest Dinner in November

**Sunday, November 23**, our church family will gather for the annual Harvest Dinner. The meal will begin following the second service in the lower auditorium. Meat, beverages and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish with you if you plan to attend. This is a wonderful time to “meet and eat” with everyone in our church and a time to give pause for all the many blessings we have.

## Shut-In Baskets

On **November 22** we will be assembling fruit baskets for our shut-in members. If you know of someone who needs to be added to the shut-in list, please contact Cheryl Flaherty at 765-520-7260 or [c1.flaherty@comcast.net](mailto:c1.flaherty@comcast.net). If you would like to volunteer your services for assembling and/or delivery, please contact Cheryl.

## Part-Time Job Opportunity

The National Assessment of Educational Progress is seeking motivated individuals to proctor assessment sessions with 4th-, 8th-, and 12th- grade students in schools for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Must be available **January 26–March 6, 2015**. Paid training, paid time and mileage reimbursement for local driving, and weekly paychecks. This is a part-time, temporary position. To apply, visit our website at [www.westat.com/CAREERS](http://www.westat.com/CAREERS) and select “Search Field Data Collection Jobs.” Search for your state, find the NAEP Assessment Administrator position and select the “apply to job” button. For more information e-mail [NAEPrecruit@westat.com](mailto:NAEPrecruit@westat.com) or call 1-888-237-8036.

**Visitor and Bulletin Information** – 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 November newsletter, please email it to [wade@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:wade@fbcmuncie.org) by **Sunday, October 19**.

## Calendar

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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), 10:15 AM Fellowship Time (enjoy coffee, donuts, and fellowship), 10:45 AM Late Gathering/Late Sunday School

**Tuesdays** – 7 PM - Friendship Class

**Wednesdays** – 6 PM Praise Team (Sanctuary), 6 PM Children's Choir (Elementary Room), 6:30 PM Handbells (Choir Room), 7:40 PM Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)

**October 5** – Children's and Missional Community Cookout at the Hershmans

**October 7** – Life Line Screening

**October 18** – Missional Community Project

**October 27** – CCT Meeting

**October 29** – Life Group Leaders Meeting

## October Birthdays

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

10/1 Marcy Hollis

10/4 Avery Roberts

10/11 Debbie Gregg

10/13 Stephen Reid

10/14 Matt Brooks

10/15 Lydia Burton

10/16 Jack Klingensmith

10/16 Muriel Michael

10/16 Gayle Songer

10/17 Anson Tooley

10/19 George McGalliard

10/20 Donna Fouch

10/20 Edward Strother

10/21 Donn Roberts

10/21 Kameron Spangler

10/22 Autumn Earls

10/24 Spencer Scruggs

10/25 Ashlynn Randolph

10/25 Carolyn Shelton

10/27 Zoey Cummins

10/27 Sue Mutter

10/29 Danyalle Nealy

10/29 Thomas St. Myer

10/31 Amelia Roberts