



The Visitor

APRIL 2016

Month of Easter

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We sometimes limit the celebration of Easter to one day. Certainly, Resurrection Sunday is a high point for Christians. It is the day that we gather together to proclaim the reality of the risen Christ. As the angels at the tomb proclaim,

(Luke 24:6 NIV) He is not here; he has risen!

We too exclaim as the gathered church that we do not serve a dead teacher, rather we submit to the rule and reign of our risen King!

This year, Easter is early. We may be tempted to put the celebration behind us as we continue through the season of Spring. But Easter is not over. In fact, the season of Easter (Eastertide) begins on Easter Sunday and continues for 50 days (until Pentecost Sunday). We will recognize the liturgical calendar through the month of April as we move toward Pentecost. I would encourage you to continue to celebrate Easter each week as we journey together through the story of God.



Worship in April

The April schedule is:

- April 03 - Recognizing Jesus (Luke 24:13-35)
- April 10 - Open Your Eyes (Luke 24:36-49)
- April 17 - Arrested (Acts 21:18-23:35)
- April 24 - All Things New (Revelation 21:1-8)

Combining with The Revolution

Many will remember our joining the Revolution Church (a campus church) last April. We will repeat this experience on **April 17**. The service will take place during the late worship hour. We will still have early

worship on that Sunday in a traditional format. Wade will team-preach with Neil Kring, pastor of the Revolution during both gatherings. During the late worship hour, the Revolution band will join the praise team in musical leadership. Please help those visiting our building feel welcome as they share our worship space.

Kid's Sunday – Sunday, April 3 will be Kid's Sunday!!! The children of the church will be helping in a variety of ways with the early and late service, as well as with doughnut hour. They are excited for this opportunity to serve!

Church Softball

Spring is right around the corner and with spring comes church softball! First Baptist will once again be entering a men's team into the Delaware County church softball league. The 12-game + tournament season runs from early May to early August. Games are typically played on Monday or Tuesday nights. Cost per player is about \$35, which gets you a roster spot and a snazzy jersey. If you are interested or would like some more information, please see David Rodriguez, email him at drod7425@gmail.com or call him at 862-219-9573.

Missional Community Update

The spring session of missional communities is underway. There are two in-home life groups meeting this session along with a men's and two women's life groups.

Men's Ministry – The Men's Ministry continues to meet on select Saturday mornings at **8 AM**. Just to remind you of the schedule, the first Saturday is a breakfast. Everyone is invited, even if you do not participate in the Bible study. The second and fourth Saturdays are a Bible study. The third Saturday of the month is off. If you have any questions, please contact Wes Russell at 765-480-9500. The response so far has been tremendous. We hope you will consider joining this group.

Ladies Lunch Group – Downtown Ladies of FBC will be meeting at noon at Two Johnny's for lunch and a time of sharing every-other Monday. If you live or work in the downtown area or just want to meet for lunch, feel free to join us! If you have any questions, call Julie Kirklin, (765) 744-2814.

International Students Hosting

My name is Hanna DelaGardelle and I work in the Center for International Development at Ball State University. I'm seeking host families and individuals for our Pan-Africa Youth Leadership Program (PAYLP) for 24 participants from **March 30 – April 12**. We have 20 high school students and four adult mentors from Botswana, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Swaziland visiting campus to create and develop an entrepreneurial venture back in their home communities. There are three remaining participants who need hosts, two students (male and female), and one female adult mentor. There will be two other groups visiting Muncie from August 10 – 23 and October 12 – 25; furthermore, this will be our third consecutive year with the program. Please contact me at hvmurphy@bsu.edu or 765-285-2685 for a host application.

White Cross

It's that time. This year White Cross donations go to the Edna Martin Christian Center, Indianapolis. See the bulletin board in the lower hall to sign up for donations. Items are due by **April 3** and may be left in the designated box in the office. For any questions see Dana Davis or Jane Patton.

Operation Christmas Child

This year, we are going to do things a little differently for the shoeboxes we fill for Operation Christmas Child. In March and April, we are going to collect washcloths, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste. In May and June we're going to collect small toys, dolls, books, or soft toys. You can bring your donations to the church office. If you have questions, you can contact Jane Patton at 765-759-8276.

Camp-In

All elementary aged children and their parents are invited to take place in a special evening of games and camp-like activities on **Friday, April 1** from **6:00-8:00 PM**. The evening is designed as an introduction to summer camp at Tippecanoe Baptist Camp in North Webster, Indiana. Read more about Camp Tippy at <http://camptippy.org>.

Joyce and Dave Cross 50th Anniversary Celebration

Michelle Parkison and Chad Cross are hosting a 50th Anniversary Celebration for their parents, Dave and Joyce Cross, at First Baptist Church Lower Auditorium on **May 14, 2016** from **2-5 PM**. We hope to see you there! If you have questions, you can call Joyce at 765-625-0071.

TreeFort Ministries in Worship

The founders of TreeFort Ministries will be in worship on **May 1**. Justin and Sandy Ullom will be sharing their story and vision of what God has been doing in their lives. Treefort is in the process of creating a home for at-risk boys in northern Delaware County. The initiative, led by a board of directors, represents a safe and fun haven boys to grow and develop in healthy homes. There is no doubting the work of God as Treefort has grown from an idea to an actual place, and soon to be a new home under construction.

Visitor or 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 17**.

Calendar

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 – 7:00 PM Friendship Class at Riverside

Wednesdays – 6:00 PM Praise Team (Sanctuary) and Children’s Choir (Second Floor), 6:30 PM Handbells (Choir Room), 7:40 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

April 1 – Camp In

April 2 – Men’s Breakfast

April 3 – Kid’s Sunday

April 9 – Men’s Bible Study

April 14 – Senior Adult Day in Connersville

April 17 – The Revolution joining for worship

April 21 – ABW Meeting

April 23 – Men’s Bible Study

April 26 – CCT Meeting

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 Shutters
4/7 - Dave Earls
4/9 - Anna Allen
4/10 - Sam Hershman
4/11 - Ken Nicola
4/15 - Susan Londt
4/16 - Robert Burton

4/16 - April Lemen
4/17 - Victoria Bouton
4/21 - Kendra Ervin
4/25 - Maddy Crawford
4/25 - Billie Frogge
4/25 - Jane Patton
4/25 - Addison Thurston
4/27 - Sondra Heimlich
4/30 - Ray Conley
4/30 - Freida Roberts