



# The Visitor

MAY 2016

## The Twelve Disciples

*Wade Allen*

May is a month of transition. For students, many are completing another semester of classwork. Others are moving for summer jobs or even permanent places of employment following graduation. We have several people at First Baptist who will be leaving Muncie during this month. We will miss them and wish them well as they step into this new chapter in their lives.



During the month of May we will shift into a new sermon series. This summer (beginning May 22), we will begin a series over the life of the twelve disciples (apostles). We often put these men on a pedestal; we forget that they were real people with real inadequacies. In fact, they really had issues. At the same time, we find these men transformed as they experience the presence of Jesus and ultimately the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. I look forward to learning with you about their stories. As we learn about these men, we will find ourselves in their stories. We will be able to relate to their lack of understanding, their problems with pride, their lack of faith. Yet we find them dramatically changed as they encounter God's movement in their lives. We too will be challenged to allow God to mold us in similar ways as we study their lives. I hope you will be able to join us this series.

## Worship in May

The May schedule is:

- May 01 - TreeFort Ministries (Luke 5, 7, 14)
- May 08 - The Ascent (Luke 24:44-53)
- May 15 - The Descent (Acts 2:1-41)
- May 22 - The Disciples (Luke 6:12-16)
- May 29 - Peter (Luke 22:31-32)

## Summer Kids Meals Program to be FBC outreach

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First Baptist Church will be part of a summer outreach opportunity, and we quickly need to know who will help!

Partnering organizations, Chartwells K-12 food service, Muncie Community Schools, Open Door Health Services and FBC will provide free lunches for children at FBC for seven weeks, from **June 7-July 22** at the church. Through a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant, low-income youth and children under 18 will be able to get a free lunch. Many of Muncie's children do not eat a lunch in the summertime, according to Open Door employees.

"Chartwells approached Open Door," said Pastor Wade Allen, "and they wanted to participate but didn't have a suitable serving site with a suitable kitchen. So Open Door approached us and after we looked into the program and queried everyone on the Church Coordinating Council, it was agreed that this is something we should do."

There are three other feeding sites in Muncie this summer, all on the south side of town. The site at our church will be able to serve near-downtown children as they use our lower auditorium each day.

Every day, Chartwells personnel will bring in the lunch including a cold sandwich, vegetables, fruit and milk and take back anything that is unused. On Mondays and Thursdays Open Door personnel will help serve the food, visit with the children and provide a simple activity for them. FBC volunteers will be responsible for Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and help with brief activities while children wait in the Lower Auditorium to be picked up.

"Our CCT believes we should use our church building not only for ourselves but to serve others," said Wade. "This is a wonderful opportunity. At the end of the summer, we will evaluate whether we would get involved next summer if the program is repeated."

James Martin, Outreach Coordinator, and Wes Russell, Second Service-at-Large Coordinator, are in charge of recruiting volunteers.

"We need people to let us know immediately (before May 2) that they can help, even if they do not know their exact schedules until closer to the time of the feeding program," said Wes. "We can create a detailed schedule as June approaches. However, we have to know right now that there are people who can and will serve during the 11:30-12:30 time slot on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Our names need to be turned in and people need to fill out some paperwork relating to criminal checks. We will have participation sheets on two Sundays, April 24 and May 1." CCT will discuss whether partnering with a different community group might allow food to be brought in for parents of the children. In addition, there is discussion with Second Harvest Food Bank to see whether occasional food giveaways for the families might be scheduled during this time.

We ask that you prayerfully consider how you can help as our church reaches out to some of the most needy families in our community. If you have any questions about this, please see Wade Allen, Molly Flodder, Wes Russell or James Martin.

## Joyce and Dave Cross 50th Anniversary Celebration

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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 **2:00-5:00 PM**. We hope to see you there! If you have questions, you can call Joyce at 765-625-0071.

## Missional Community Update

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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 **8:00 AM** through the month of May. 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.

**Women's Bible Study** – There is a women's bible study that meets at Melanie Graham's home on Monday afternoons at 4:00. They are beginning a new study book starting on **May 9**, and all women are welcome. Please call Melanie at 765.722.0302 for more information!

## Baptism Lunch

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Ian Davis will follow Christ in baptism on **Sunday, May 8**, during the late service. In celebration of that event, Clif and Julie would like to invite the First Baptist Church family to a spaghetti dinner held in the lower auditorium following the second service. So that they can plan for the correct number of people, please RSVP on the sign-up sheet at the front of the sanctuary after services on April 24 or May 1, or call the church office by May 5.

## Office Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

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This year's office volunteer luncheon will be on **Tuesday, May 24** at **11:30 AM** in the fellowship hall. Our theme for this year will be "Country Time at first Baptist Church". The luncheon will be an opportunity for us to say "Thank you" to the people who give their time so that the church can stay open through the week. If you are one of our office volunteers come and let us honor you with good food and fun together.

## TreeFort Ministries in Worship

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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 for 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.

## Summer Kick-Off Family Picnic

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The Children's Committee at First Baptist Church would like to invite all families of children birth thru 5th grade to join us for a picnic at Tuhey Park on **Sunday, May 22 at 12:15 PM**. We will provide Subway Sandwiches and bottled water. Families will be asked to sign up to bring side items of chips, fruit or dessert. It is also recommended that a blanket be brought for your family to sit on and drinks if you prefer something other than water. After lunch, children will have a time to play and interact together. An email will be sent for the sign-up sheet of side items and RSVPs. Please see Christy Allen if you are unsure whether or not the church office has your email address.

## Tippecanoe Baptist Camp

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On Friday evening, April 1, a Camp-In was held at the church for children and their families. With the help of Mark Dunn, Jay Pittenger and Kelli Petroviak, Shirley was able to transform the lower auditorium into a camp like setting with trees, flowers, grass, all kinds of critters found at camp, and a fire bowl.

The purpose of this event was to inform the families of the many opportunities offered by our Tippecanoe Baptist Camp through a mock set-up of a day at camp. Rebecca Scott, the resident camp manager, came to talk with the families about the camp experience and showed a video of the various activities available to the campers. Duane Davis also shared his experience as a cabin leader and camp grandpa.

A day of camp for the 17 campers began with registration, making a name tag necklace out of an old piece of tree, and Pastor Wade's sermonette on the fruits of the spirit. Kelli led the children in music with several songs that included teaching them the official camp song! Colleen Massoth, Katie Shutters and Shelby Harris then led the children in an object lesson during their share groups followed by a craft project, sack races and a fly swatter and balloon race. We ended our day with s'mores around the fire bowl complete with a cross and camp fire built by Jay, more camp songs and a closing prayer by Pastor Wade. It was a great evening of fun for all of the "campers" and adults there to support our camp ministry.

If you were not able to attend the Camp-In and would like more information, please contact Shirley Pittenger at 282-0632 or at [jpittenger2@juno.com](mailto:jpittenger2@juno.com). Extra camp forms and information are in a yellow folder on the desk in the church office.

## Turning 100

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Vera Roeger Rhinehart celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by friends and family at Golden Living on April 12. Her actual birthday was **April 15, 1916**. Vera worked at Indiana Bell for many years. After retirement, she was part of a clown ministry. At her celebration, fellow clowns brought fun, games, and jokes for all to enjoy. Vera was dressed in her clown persona, Rosie.



Vera was one of the first people baptized in our current building in 1929. She attended the dedication ceremony for our building, walking over from the old building on May 12, 1929 along with 1200 others. Vera recalls this day and describes entering our current building with a sense of awe.

## **Volunteers for DVD Ministry**

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The DVD Ministry has need for persons to run the camera during early service, burn DVDs and or deliver to shut-ins. If you can help in any of these areas, please contact Duane Davis at 765-708-1881 or 765-358-3911.

## **Visitor or 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 22**.

## **Calendar**

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**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)

The last Children's Choir rehearsal for the season will be on **Wednesday, May 4**.

**May 1** – TreeFort Ministries in Worship

**May 8** – Mother's Day

**May 12** – Summer Feeding Program Training

**May 14** – Men's Bible Study and Dave/Joyce Cross Anniversary Celebration

**May 17** – CCT Meeting

**May 20** – Summer Feeding Program Training

**May 21** – Men's Bible Study

**May 22** – Children's Family Summer Kickoff

**May 24** – Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

**May 30** – Memorial Day

## 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 - Jeremiah Fink

5/6 - Terry Harke

5/6 - Lincoln Harris

5/7 - Daniel Bouton

5/7 - Mitchell Fountain

5/8 - Clifton Davis

5/9 - Roger Morency

5/13 - Phyllis Jennings

5/13 - Gretchen Reid

5/16 - Andrew Bouton

5/16 - Mekayla Cooper

5/16 - Molly Flodder

5/16 - Allen Shelton

5/19 - Rachel Russell

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

5/29 - Patti Warner