



The Visitor

JULY 2016

Mid-Summer Ministry

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The month of July is a time when many find themselves taking breaks from work, traveling to other cities or states, and breaking away from the normal routines of life. At First Baptist, we find this mid-summer month filled with ministry. This edition of the Visitor will highlight various activities and worship services for the month of July.



Changes in Worship – You will want to make note that we are gathering in a combined worship service on July 3. The holiday weekend makes for a wonderful time to gather in one service. Also, we have several guest speakers during the month of July.

Youth and Children – The youth are serving as missionaries at Camp Barnabas and the children will be involved in Vacation Bible School during the month of July. Please continue to keep the Staff Discernment Team in your prayers as they search for and interview Youth Pastor candidates.

Breaks from Normal Routines – Choir, Bells, Life Groups and Friendship Class are on break during the summer months. Plan to be a part of these ministries when they resume in the fall.

While July offers a change in normal patterns of ministry, we look forward to God's continued movement among us during the month of July.

Worship in July

The July schedule is:

- July 03 - Nathaniel or Bartholomew (John 1:44-51)
- July 10 - Mission to Slovenia (Sally Barret)
- July 17 - Matthew (Matthew 9:1-13)
- July 24 - Thomas (John 11, John 14, John 20)
- July 31 - Three Lesser Known (Luke 6:14-16)

Combined Service on July 3

On **Sunday, July 3**, we will gather in a combined worship service at **10:45 AM**. While many are out of town on this holiday weekend, we will gather in one service for worship. Bill Eidson and Rob Frey will be teaching on the disciple Nathanael or Bartholomew. All Sunday school classes will meet during the early hour (9:15 AM).

Sally Barrett in Worship on July 10

On **Sunday, July 10**, Sally Barrett, missionary to Slovenia, will be teaching in both worship services. Many of you love and know Sally. She is back in Indiana this summer and we are happy to hear what God is doing in her life as she shares in worship.

Youth to Camp Barnabas

Ten youth will be serving as missionaries at Camp Barnabas **July 8-15**. At Camp Barnabas, perspectives are changed and disability is redefined. Our campers are empowered by the love, acceptance and encouragement they receive during their week at camp. Through adaptive activities, our campers are told yes. They can be normal for a week. Our missionaries help to give our campers experiences that will impact them forever. They leave with a new friend and a changed life. Camp Barnabas goes beyond just a week of camp, it becomes life-changing. Please pray for our teens as they serve in this way.

You can send notes of encouragement to our teens by emailing camper@campbarnabas.org and including their name in the subject line. The teens serving are: Dawson Allen, Anna Allen, Kate Rollins, Anna Ratchford, Sebastian Brown, Tori Long, Alex Childs, Anna Childs, Helena Condon, and Elizabeth Shreves.

Vacation Bible School

MEET US IN THE BAYOU!!!

Save the date, we are doing an AWESOME VBS this summer! The dates will be **Sunday, July 17-Thursday July 21**, from **6-8 PM**. If your little one will be entering Kindergarten through 5th grade, this event is for them! Jessica Fink is accepting RSVP's so if you know you can come, contact her at jrfink07@gmail.com or 765.894.3799

Marriage Enrichment Group Events

Indianapolis Indians Baseball Game, Victory Field-Please contact Adam Fink (tickets \$10-16) **Friday July 8** - vs Toledo Mud Hens-Game Time **7:15 PM** Friday Fireworks & 20th Anniversary Celebration – To commemorate the 20th anniversary of when baseball was first played downtown under the lights, the first 2,500 fans receive a light up Victory Field replica along with fireworks post game. Rain date Friday July 22, 2016- vs Charlotte Knights.

Summer Feeding Program Update

Due to low turnout, the Muncie Community Schools has decided to discontinue service at First Baptist. Thank you to all who volunteered to serve the children of our community. We are disappointed that we were unable to continue this ministry, but look forward to ways in which God might be calling us to serve our community in the future. We learned much from this experience and consider it an opportunity to grow in our knowledge of serving our community.

Missional Community Update

Life Groups are on a break during the months of June and July. We will resume in August. If you are interested in being a part of an in-home life group, please let Wade know and we will get you plugged into a group for the fall.

Friendship Class on Break

The Friendship Class that meets at Riverside Baptist on Tuesday evenings will be on break during the summer months. The group will resume in the fall.

Building Restoration Informational Meeting

Joe Songer and James Martin will be sharing about building restoration plans and possibilities on **Sunday, July 10** from **10:15-10:45 AM** in the lower auditorium. Plan to join them during this time to find out more about projects involving the restoration of our building.

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 August newsletter, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, July 17**.

Thank You Notes

Mike and Melanie Graham – Mike and I feel so blessed to have you as our extended family! We really appreciate all of the calls, cards, visits, meals, and especially prayer that was bestowed upon us during my recent (extended!) stay in the hospital. It means the world to us to have such a kind and caring friends in our lives. Additionally, thank you for praying alongside us these past tough 3 years. God is good and we count you among our greatest blessings! We love you!

Sue Mutter – Thanks for all the visits, food and prayers. The flowers were beautiful. Archie was a very special man and will be greatly missed.

Property Team – Property Platitudes to: 1) Troy Hershman for re-landscaping the area east of the circle drive. 2) Bob Oisten for constructing a main hall bulletin board and replacing the door to the men’s basement restroom. 3) Chris Wright (and Marge) for donating tools from his dad’s workshop to the church – a great reminder of all the work Bill did for FBC through the years. In addition, Chris has worked diligently over the last two years upgrading our lighting and sound systems. Like father, like son. Thank you all.

P. Goodyear, C. Harke, R. Burton, D. Lemen, J. Songer – Baptist House Board – Thanks to Wes Russell for organizing the Saturday morning men’s group to remove the hail damaged roof and thanks to Greg Williams and Mark Flodder for replacing the roof. This provided a great savings to the ministry.

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

Wednesdays – 6:00 PM Praise Team

Choir and Handbell rehearsals will resume in the fall.

July 3 – Combined Worship Service

July 7 – Church Softball Game

July 8-15 – Youth at Camp Barnabas

July 10 – Building Restoration Meeting

July 17-21 – Vacation Bible School

July 18 – Church Softball Game

July 25 – Church Softball Game

July 26 – CCT Meeting

July Birthdays

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

7/1 - Shirley Pittenger
7/4 - Connor French
7/5 - Ian Davis
7/6 - Ward Head
7/6 - David Rodriguez
7/9 - Betty Brown
7/9 - Kaes Petroviak
7/11 - Barb Eidson
7/11 - William Nealy

7/12 - Kara St. Myer
7/13 - Joanne Sewell
7/21 - Emily Goul
7/25 - Bryan Bouton
7/29 - Chad Massoth
7/31 - Coby Anderson
7/31 - Larry Fouch
7/31 - Finn Massoth