



**FIRST
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The Visitor

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Wisdom

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I have greatly enjoyed our summer series on the disciples. We conclude this series the first week in August. I have learned much through our study of these ordinary men turned passionate Jesus followers. Following this series (and a one week focus on Camp Barnabas), we turn to a series on the book of Proverbs. We have been careful to spend adequate time in the Old Testament as we plan our worship services. We spent several weeks discussing the life of David in 2014 and the life of Solomon (David's son) in 2015. It seemed like a study in Solomon's writings would be a good place for the fall of 2016.



In last year's study on Solomon, we learned about his God-given wisdom. He was given an incredible choice by God.

(1 Kings 3:5 NIV) At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Solomon chose wisdom. The bible tells us that he was the wisest man to have ever lived.

(1 Kings 3:12 NIV) I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

Proverbs is Solomon's book of wisdom; it is incredibly practical. From mid-August until Advent, we will be working through Proverbs. I look forward to our time together in this study.

Worship in August

The August schedule is:

- August 07 - Judas Iscariot (John 12-13)
- August 14 - Camp Barnabas Sunday (Matthew 25:40)
- August 21 - The Way of Wisdom (Proverbs 1:1-7)
- August 28 - A Trap (Proverbs 1:8-19)

Missional Community Update

Several life groups are resuming in August along with a women's bible study and a men's group. If you are interested in being a part of any of these groups, please contact Brad Rodgers who is the Adult Ministries Coordinator.

Trip to Shpshewana

On **Thursday, August 11**, the church van will leave First Baptist at **9:00 AM**. The group (combined First Baptist and Riverside) will be traveling to Menno-Hoff in Shpshewana to learn about the story of the Mennonites and Amish. The tour lasts about 1 hour. There will be time for browsing and shopping. Cost for the museum is \$7.00. You will also need money for lunch. Talk to Terry Harke if you are interested in attending.

Anniversary Celebration

The children of Joe and Gayle Songer invite you to celebrate their first 50 years of marriage at First Baptist Church on **Sunday, August 21** from **2 to 5 PM**. Everyone is invited. Your presence is your gift.

Operation Christmas Child

Suggestions for August and September are school supplies: coloring books, pens, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, scissors, glue sticks, solar calculators, 6 inch rulers or tape measures, ink pad sets and writing paper. Remember the size of a shoe box. Contact Jane Patton if you have questions.

Camp Barnabas Sunday

The youth have returned from Camp Barnabas. They will be sharing about their experience on **Sunday, August 14** during both services. You can see the pictures from Camp Barnabas at <http://bit.ly/fbccampb>.

95th Birthday

Melva Ratchford will be celebrating her 95th birthday party at Westminster Village (Village Room) on **Thursday, August 11** from **2:00 - 4:00 PM**. Everyone is invited to stop by and wish Melva a Happy Birthday.

Southern Gospel Concert set for August 14

Three groups comprised of First Baptist members will be part of a Southern Gospel celebration hosted at First Baptist on **Sunday, August 14**, at **4:30 PM** at the church.

The “Eastern Gate” Quartet featuring Joe Songer and former pastor Woody Noblitt will be singing. In addition, “Glory,” a gospel quintet comprised of Molly Flodder, Bob and Julie Kirklin, Dan Lemen, and former staff member Betsy Whaley will be part of the program. Finally, Chords of Friendship" in which Cheryl Flaherty plays dulcimer, will be playing country instruments at this event. Members of the congregation will be asked to join in on some of the singing, and it should prove to be a great way to praise the Lord. Invite your friends and neighbors and come out for this event.

Church Volunteer Opportunity

Several area churches are providing volunteers at DreamFest, an area-wide experience festival to benefit TEAMwork for Quality Living. The event is set for **Saturday, August 27**, from **12:00 - 5:00 PM** at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. At the event, volunteers will work 3 hour shifts as community members come around to “Dream, Learn and Do.” Instead of just looking at displays or buying something, attendees will be able to experience activities ranging from riding in the back of a monster truck to tap dancing to participating in the World’s Slowest Bike Race or trying a cooking technique. In addition, attendees can vie for chances to win a hot air balloon ride, a deep sea fishing trip and other “bucket list” dreams.

Sponsors have purchased entry packages for more than 250 low-income households to attend the event free. TEAMwork, a mission of FBC, will use the funding to help fulfill their mission: “empowering people in poverty toward self- sufficiency.” If you are interested in helping, sign up on the clipboard near the nursery bulletin board in the west hallway or contact Molly Flodder at 760-1134.

ChristFest Choir

On **Saturday, August 20**, ChristFest will be held at Canon Commons (just a few blocks from the church). “Love Won” (a band made up of some of the second service worship leaders) will be leading at 5.40 pm. Come enjoy a great afternoon of worship and support FBC! Others are welcome to sing in a community choir. Practices for the community choir will be held at **6:00 PM** on **July 25, August 1, 8, and 15** at Tabernacle of Praise. No sign-up required, just show up for the practices.

Camp Tippy Update

Our Baptist camp ministry was enjoyed by eight youth from our church during June and July. They studied God’s word, made new friends, and were involved in many activities. It was a growing experience for all of them. Those attending were Andrew Bouton who went to Leadership Camp, and others attending the Explorer, Trailblazer and Challenge camps were Lincoln Harris, Carolyn Hershman, Victoria Bouton, Andy Heimlich, Olivia Burget, Chole Durke, and Tiara Kerrigan. Adult leader Shirley Pittenger worked two of the camps.

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 September newsletter, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, August 21**.

Thank You Notes

Kent and Loretta Sherwood – Pastor Wade and First Baptist Church family, thank you so much for your love and support during our journey with my step-father, Arch Mutter. Your meals brought into our home, visits with Arch and Mom, the funeral meal after the service, your kind words and prayers have all been so appreciated! Thank you all for showing us Christ's love through service.

The Children of First Baptist – Thank you to Jessica Fink and all the volunteers who served at Vacation Bible School in July. May God honor your commitment of time and energy for the children.

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 September.

August 1 – Church Softball Games

August 8 – Church Softball Game

August 14 – Southern Gospel Concert

August 16 – CCT Meeting

August 20 – Christ Fest

August 27 – DreamFest and Marriage Enrichment Group to Mounds

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

8/7 - Don Jennings

8/7 - Ginny Randall

8/12 - Melva Ratchford

8/13 - Irene Hiatt

8/16 - Chris Hill

8/17 - Alexa Chamboneth

8/20 - Brittney Say

8/21 - Dana Davis

8/21 - Beau Mansker

8/21 - Krista Mulcahy

8/21 - Nathan Shutters

8/21 - Barbara Turner

8/24 - Tom Kistler

8/25 - Larry Van Deventer

8/27 - Nova Jarvis

8/28 - Cole Randolph

8/29 - Carolyn Harke

8/31 - Mary Anne Bayer

8/31 - Isabel Heimlich