



# The Visitor

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## Good News

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*Wade Allen*

In the last few weeks, we have been able to celebrate much as a church. From a successful grant proposal to a victorious dissertation defense to the acknowledgment of 50th wedding anniversaries, it has been a season of good news. As I think about all that God is doing in our midst, I am thrilled to be a part of the ministry at First Baptist during this season.



Good news. That phrase gets our attention. Certainly, we do not like bad news. But there is more to this phrase. It implies that something *new* is happening and it is good. The Greek word for *gospel* is *euangelion*; it means *good news*. The noun form occurs 76 times in the New Testament and the verb form is found 54 times. The writers of the New Testament understood this phrase as a primary focus of what God was doing among them. Jesus' life and mission fulfills all that God has been doing since the beginning of time. God continues on a life-transforming mission in our world and this is *good news*. We are called to proclaim this message to the world in which we live.

When we get good news, we need to remember that better news is found in God's interaction with the world. Jesus told his followers,

(Mark 16:15 NIV) Go into all the world and preach the gospel (good news) to all creation.

I am thankful for the good news in particular areas of our church. I am enthusiastic about what lies ahead for us. Yet, I realize that our good news is only a flicker of all that God is doing in our world. May we continue to join Him on his mission in our world.

## Worship in September

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The September schedule is:

- September 04 - Neil Kring from the Revolution Church will be preaching
- September 11 - An Urgent Appeal (Proverbs 1:20-33)
- September 18 - Which Path? (Proverbs 2)
- September 25 - Trust (Proverbs 3:1-8)

## **Fruit Baskets for Shut-ins**

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The Member Care Committee will be assembling and delivering Fall Fruit Baskets on **Saturday, November 12, 2016**, at **9:00 AM**. We currently have 18 people on our list. We usually need 10 to 12 people to assemble and 5 to 6 people to deliver. We normally are finished by 10:30 AM. If you have a homebound relative who would like to receive a basket please call Cheryl Flaherty at 765-520-7260.

Please prayerfully consider assembling or delivering baskets. Our homebound residents really enjoy receiving these gifts. This is a small ministry that has huge benefits for for all involved. Please call Cheryl at the above mentioned phone number.

## **Veteran's Day Recognition**

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In November we will recognize our active and retired veterans. We haven't done this for while so I need your help. Please send a picture (maybe in uniform) with dates served, service, and rank. If you attended an academy, please let me know that also. I would like to have that information all by **September 21**. Thank you in advance for your help. MaryAnne Bayer

## **Choir and Bells Resuming**

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Always wanted to sing? Play an instrument? Join us on **Wednesday, September 7**, at **6:30 PM** for bells and at **7:40 PM** for choir. Choir leads worship most first services (September through June) and Bells about every six weeks. Contact Clifton Davis at [clif@fbcuncie.org](mailto:clif@fbcuncie.org) for more information.

## **Young At Heart Camp**

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The camp for Senior Adults - ages 55 and over - will be held at the Tippecanoe Camp and Retreat Center on **October 25, 26, and 27**. Registration fee is \$80 and due at time of sending in registration forms. The forms are on the desk in the church office in a yellow folder. This is a time for fun, fellowship, ministry and good food. For further information please contact Shirley Pittenger, camp director, at 282-0632 or e-mail: [jpittenger2@juno.com](mailto:jpittenger2@juno.com)

## **Missional Community Update**

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Several life groups began 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.

## **American Baptist Biennial**

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The American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky will be holding their 2016 Biennial gathering at First Baptist Muncie on **Friday, September 30** and **Saturday, October 1**. At this biennial gathering, churches

from across our region will be making new connections with other Baptists from across Indiana and Kentucky. They will converse around a variety of topics related to the new paths God is calling us to travel together as the American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky. Susan Gillies, Interim General Secretary of the ABCUSA, will be the speaker for the Biennial. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Linzi Rodgers.

## Community Cookout

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The Fall Riverside/First Baptist Picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, September 18** beginning at **4:00 PM** at Riverside Avenue Baptist Church. Join us for an evening of good food, games, music and more! Drinks, burgers, brats, hot dogs and pork patties will be provided. Bring a friend, a chair, and a dish to share.

## Operation Christmas Child

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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.

## 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 October newsletter, please email it to [wade@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:wade@fbcmuncie.org) by **Sunday, September 18**.

## 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 Riverside (begins September 13)

**Wednesdays** – 6:00 PM Praise Team, 6:30 PM Handbells, 7:40 PM Choir

**September 7** – Handbells and Choir Resume for the Fall

**September 13** – Friendship Class Resumes for the Fall

**September 18** – Community Picnic at Riverside

**September 20** – CCT Meeting

**September 30** – American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky Biennial at First Baptist Muncie

## September Birthdays

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

9/1 - Nancy Hall	9/17 - Chloe Durke
9/1 - Monty Stinson	9/17 - Meagan Fountain
9/1 - Sam Stinson	9/18 - Gene Warner
9/2 - Harry Irwin	9/21 - Gabrielle Heimlich
9/4 - Mallory Flodder	9/21 - Ella Mae Lemen
9/5 - Edith Ford	9/23 - Kimi Dahl
9/8 - Hannah Headley	9/24 - Makayla Butler
9/8 - Cathy Henderson	9/24 - Tyler Cummins
9/11 - Helen Heath	9/24 - Sarah Gough
9/12 - Noah Headley	9/24 - Polly Ratchford
9/13 - Austin Martin	9/25 - Lynn Sciscoe
9/14 - Kimberly Lewis	9/27 - Mary Van Deventer
9/16 - Joshua Heimlich	9/28 - Anna Ratchford
9/16 - Elizabeth Ratchford	