



The Visitor

OCTOBER 2016

October Plans

Wade Allen

Through the month of October, we will continue our study in the book of Proverbs. I have found this study extremely practical. As we get to the latter part of October, we will transition into a topical study on a few key issues that Solomon discusses throughout the book of Proverbs. Topics like our words, anger, money and friendship will be a part of the mix. I am looking forward to delving into these topics with and discovering what the wisest person who has ever lived has to say about them.



On October 15, Christy and I will be attending inauguration of Northern Seminary's eleventh president, Dr. William D. Shiell. As the President of the American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky, I will be representing our Region at this event. First Baptist Muncie has a longstanding and significant relationship with Northern Seminary. I am excited about new initiatives at Northern and count it a privilege to represent our Region and First Baptist Church Muncie at the inauguration.

As we continue through the fall months at First Baptist, I am thankful for all that God is doing in our midst. As you read through this edition of the Visitor, please offer prayers for the various activities and gatherings taking place during this month.

Worship in October

The October schedule is:

- October 02 - Plenty and Pain (Proverbs 3:9-12)
- October 09 - Wisdom Living (Proverbs 3:13-35)
- October 16 - Seeking the Coming City (Hebrews 13:12-14)
- October 23 - Wise Words (Proverbs 18:21)
- October 30 - Anger (Proverbs 14:17)

From the Youth Pastor

Hello Church family! I am excited to be here at First Baptist. I know it has been officially a month of being hired as the new Youth Pastor, but I still feel very new to the job.

Currently I am in the process of forming what we are calling the YLC -Youth Leadership Core. The objective of this leadership core is to be discipled from Megan and myself, while learning how to outreach at their High School. Hopefully this starts to show an increase in numbers for our regular youth group night.

I anticipate a slow start to the youth group as I do not want to dive in without having prepared the leadership core, the church, or even myself. I know that you are very anxious to see a great influx of youth. From my recent experience, this process of having youth attend church can be challenging especially in today's world.

Please be patient as I try to discern exactly what God wants out of First Baptist's Youth, the YLC , and myself going forward. Continually pray for a god-centered youth group here. And, as always, feel free to ask me any questions you may have.

“David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.” (Psalm 78:72)

– Nathan

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child boxes are in the works! We still need small toys for 10-12 year boys , small soft dolls – no Barbie dolls are accepted, small combs and or brushes. Thanks so much for all you have donated. Contact Jane Patton if you have questions.

Fuel

FBC will be hosting our first Fuel gathering **Saturday, November 19**, from **7-9 PM** in the youth room. There will be food, worship music, a short sermon, and prayer in hopes of filling up participants spiritual tank. If you know any high school or college student aged individuals that might be interested or have questions, please have them contact Brad Rodgers @ 765-631-9605 or bdrodgers2@gmail.com

Fruit Baskets for Shut-ins

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.

Alpha Center

The Alpha Center is a non-profit agency serving Delaware County Community since 1978. It provides adult day services for older adults in a safe, stimulating and supervised environment. It offers these persons a level of independence so they can remain in their homes and maintain self-sufficiency. If living with family, the goal is to maintain a level of independence while giving family members a respite. It operates Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more information or questions contact Blayne G. Umansky at 765-286-2800. They are located at 315 S. Monroe St. Muncie. The website is www.alphacenterdayservices.org.

Trunk or Treat

We are thrilled to announce we will be having a Trunk or Treat this year! The date is set for **Saturday, October 29** from **6-8 PM**. Bring your little pumpkins, princesses, ninjas, superheroes and any other favorite characters and join us for a safe, fun evening! (We have a backup plan for bad weather, so please plan to attend no matter what Mother Nature has in mind:!) We are looking for volunteers for this! If you have a car and want to decorate your trunk and pass out candy, please contact Julie Morency at 765-716-8968.

Lost and Found

There is a new Lost and Found box in the Welcome Center. If something is lost, please check in the church office. Items unclaimed for a month will be given to the Muncie Mission.

All Saints Day and Veteran's Day Recognitions

In November we again commemorate those who have gone home to heaven in the past twelve months. The following Sunday we will also recognize our active and retired veterans. We haven't done this for while so I need your help. For both occasions, send the picture of your loved one and, in the case of those deceased, birth and death date. For veterans who are currently part of our church, 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 as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your help. MaryAnne Bayer

Young At Heart Camp

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

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 November newsletter, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, October 23**.

Thank You Notes

The Family of Bob Edrington – Hello, we have so much to thank you for: Wade's visits to Bob, the planter, the wonderful meal provided by the ladies, the beautiful organ music at the service. Most of all thank you for your prayers over the past year. We appreciate all of you! Blessings

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 and Children's Choir, 6:30 PM Handbells, 7:40 PM Choir

October 1 – American Baptist Biennial at First Baptist

October 13 – Senior Adult Day

October 18 – CCT Meeting

October 29 – Trunk or Treat

October Birthdays

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

10/6 - Sarah Egly

10/9 - Ella Dawson

10/13 - Stephen Reid

10/15 - Lydia Burton

10/16 - Muriel Michael

10/16 - Gayle Songer

10/17 - Anson Tooley

10/19 - Owen Dawson

10/19 - Chance Lemen

10/20 - Donna Fouch

10/20 - Edward Strother

10/21 - Donn Roberts

10/22 - Autumn Earls

10/24 - Spencer Scruggs

10/25 - Ashlynn Randolph

10/25 - Carolyn Shelton

10/27 - Zoey Cummins

10/27 - Sue Mutter

10/29 - Danyalle Nealy

10/29 - Thomas St. Myer