



The Visitor

NOVEMBER 2016

Gratitude and Advent

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While Christmas decorations and supplies have been in stores since August, we are not quite there yet. We still have a major holiday to observe; Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away. November is a season of gratitude and anticipation.

At First Baptist we are getting ready. We still have a few more weeks in our Proverbs series, but Thanksgiving and Advent are just around the corner. As we think about holiday plans, may we also consider all that God is doing among us. May we find ways to contemplate all that God has given us and carefully consider how he might be calling us to join him this holiday season. As you read through this edition of the Visitor, please consider how you might be involved in the various events and opportunities mentioned below.



Worship in November

The November schedule is:

- November 06 - Money (Proverbs 11:24-25)
- November 13 - Friendship (Proverbs 18:24)
- November 20 - A Thankful Heart (Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22)
- November 27 - Wake Up (Romans 13:11-14)

Thanks Singing Festival

The annual Thanks Singing Festival will be held at the Church of the Living God on **November 6 at 3:00 PM** the address of the church is 1120 East Washington Street (just east of East Washington Academy). Several of our choir members will be participating and our handbell choir will play the offertory. Food items will be accepted and the offering will go to Christian Ministries. Hope to see you then!

Combined Service Harvest Sunday

On **Sunday, November 20**, we will gather in a combined service at **10:45 AM**. All Sunday school classes will meet at **9:15 AM**. This is our Harvest Sunday celebration; it is a way we celebrate Thanksgiving as a congregation. Everyone is invited downstairs for a pitch in meal following the service. Please bring enough food for your family and some extra to share. Turkey, ham, rolls and beverages will be provided. Clean up help will be greatly appreciated.

Dan and Brittany Barr

Dan and Brittany Barr will be joining us on **Sunday, November 20** to share about their ministry in the Philippines. The Barrs are grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the missionary kids of Davao City, Philippines at Faith International Academy. To serve these children is a real honor and allows them to support Bible translations in the south Philippines and Indonesia while they work to impact the lives of the students both now and for the future. They will be speaking for a few minutes during the service on this day.

Children's Ministry News

Sunday November 13, we would like to invite all FBC kiddos to go bowling. We will meet at Clancy's Village Bowl on Wheeling Ave. after church (around noon). We only ask that you pay for your family to bowl. We will be providing pizza/drinks for everyone! This is such a fun, family-friendly activity, the kids will love it! We hope to see you there!

For our children's serve project this month, we will be having a food drive. We would LOVE to see the whole church participate and get the kids excited about this! November is a very fitting month to show our children how to selflessly give to those in need. Watch for boxes around the church to drop your donations!

If you have questions, please contact Colleen at colleenmassoth@gmail.com or 765-744-1350.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child boxes are in the works! We still need small toys for 10-12 year old boys, small soft dolls – no Barbie dolls, small combs and/or brushes are accepted. Donations are also needed for shipping the boxes. 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 **7:00-9:00 PM** in the youth room. There will be food, worship music, a short sermon, and prayer in hopes of filling up participant's 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 bdrogers2@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.

Suzy's Fun Trips

Christmas Trip to Louisville tour with spending night at Galt House, Nashville, Grand Ole Opry, shows and tour of Nashville. **December 1-5, 2016** (5 days-4 nights) \$720.00 includes all gratuities. Call Suzy for more in 765-749-3484.

Time to Ring Bells

We are signed up to ring Salvation Army Bells at the Muncie Mall **December 13 and 15**. We will ring from **10:00 AM to 8:00 PM** at Penneys and Macy's. Sign up sheets will be available at the Harvest Dinner and then in the lower hall.

Men's Bible Study

A bible study for men will meet on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM** beginning **November 2** and will be using the book by R. Kent Hughes titled *Disciplines of a Godly Man*. If you plan on attending, call or text Wes Russell at 765-480-9500 so that he can get a count on ordering books.

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 December newsletter, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, November 20**.

Thank You Notes

Helen Peirson Family (Jerry, Jan, Vicki and Jim) – Helen was very proud to be a member of First Baptist. The church was an extension of family for many years for our family. Thank you to all who loved her and supported her various jobs in the church. The flowers are beautiful. Wade, your eulogy was perfect and well-spoken. We will miss her.

MaryAnne Bayer – Thank you ever so much for your prayers, cards, visits, and food during my recent illness. Your caring helped me through a journey I did not plan. You are a wonderful church family.

WIBU Board – Thank you so much for allowing us to park in your parking lot. Our Empowerment Series was a great success and we appreciate your generosity.

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, 7:00 PM Men’s Bible Study, 7:40 PM Choir

November 6 – Thanks Singing Festival

November 12 – Fruit Basket Preparation

November 15 – CCT Meeting

November 19 – Fuel Gathering

November 20 – Combined Worship and Harvest Dinner

November Birthdays

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

11/3 - Lexi St. Myer

11/4 - Bradley Rodgers

11/7 - Sara Martin

11/8 - Michael Songer

11/11 - Katie Braswell

11/11 - Teresa Funk

11/11 - Emme Hembree

11/12 - Pam Barnhouse

11/14 - Betty Clark

11/14 - Sandra Davis

11/14 - Sofie Pannell

11/17 - Bethany Cummins

11/18 - Darlene Hill

11/18 - Britney Sue

11/21 - Matthew Edwards

11/23 - Thelma Jones

11/23 - Patty Russell

11/24 - Kara Boye

11/25 - Dick Flaherty

11/26 - Brady Lemen

11/27 - Dawson Allen

11/29 - Maren French

11/29 - James Martin

11/30 - Jamie Harris

11/30 - Gerry Minnick