



The Visitor

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Joining Together

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I have been thinking much about the coming summer. I am looking forward to a season of renewal, rest and learning. At the same time, I am looking forward to all that will be happening at First Baptist while I am away. The CCT met in January for the initial planning stages of the summer. I have also met with several of our guest speakers to begin conversation around the summer preaching series. Much time and energy is currently going into making sure that this summer will be a wonderful experience for everyone at First Baptist.



As you may know, a key point of exploration this summer is the idea of Post-Christendom. Christendom can be defined as a period of history when the church held a place of power in culture. Fifty years ago, the church was the center of social life for many. The schools did not hold extra curricular events on Sundays or Wednesdays so that families could attend church. Most people attended church and saw the church as a key part of their community. Today, the role of church is much different. Most would agree that recent shifts in culture have placed the church on the sidelines of culture. This new dynamic is called Post-Christendom.

One of the new realities in this new world is that churches will need to find ways to work together, to partner in mission. This summer, we are going to spend time getting to know other churches in Muncie. Pastors from other congregations will be preaching in worship. Outreach events will be designed to help us get to know others in our community. We will be considering all that God is doing outside of our walls and learn what it means to join Him in it. It is going to be an exciting time. You will hear more about all that is being planned in the coming months.

Worship in February

The February schedule is:

- February 05 - Salt and Light Living (Matthew 5:13-16)
- February 12 - Examining The Heart (Matthew 5:21-37)
- February 19 - The Power of Love (Matthew 5:38-48)
- February 26 - The Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9)

Marriage Retreat

The Marriage Retreat committee is excited to announce that First Baptist Church has organized another retreat for this coming February. With lots of positive feedback from last year, we have eagerly planned our next retreat. With relevant, Bible-based discussion topics, fellowship, music, and quality time with our spouses, we look forward to what God has in store for our marriages.

The retreat will take place at the Artist Colony Inn in Nashville, IN on **February 17 and 18**. The cost is \$100 per couple. A \$25 deposit is required to hold your spot. Act fast! Only a limited number of rooms are available. (Sponsorships may be available. Please see Melanie Graham for more information.)

Missional Community Update

Life Groups are resuming in the month of February. There are two life groups that are meeting in homes along with a Women's Bible Study, a Men's Bible Study and a downtown women's lunch group. Contact Julie Davis if you are interested in being a part of a group this session.

Suzy's Day Trip

Sue Lawson-Mutter is organizing a day trip to the Vera Bradley Outlet Sale in Ft. Wayne on April 21, 2017. She is taking reservations now. The trip will include lunch and shopping at the outlet sale from 2:30-5:00 PM. Dinner in route home. Price TBA after February 1. Sign up now as reservations are going fast. Call, text or message Sue at 765-749-3484 to RSVP.

Operation Christmas Child

News: We can not include toothpaste or candy in this year's box.

In February and March, please bring toothbrushes and small picture books. For questions contact Jane Patton or Sharon Jackson.

Yearly Report of DVDs

Duane Davis and his team of helpers delivered or mailed 391 DVDs in 2016. They also made 58 extra DVDs throughout the year. Thank you to Duane and those who helped bring the church service to shut-ins throughout the year.

Life Line Screening

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer “yes” to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build-up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event **2/21/2017** at First Baptist Church . Register for a Wellness Package with Heart Rhythm for \$149. All screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1-888-653-6441 or go to www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle for more information or to pre-register.

Valentine’s Dance

Saturday February 11 from 5:00-9:00 PM. The dance will be held at The Living Room, 130 W. Jackson St. Muncie, IN 47305. We are having dinner, drinks, dessert and lots of dancing! Oh, and one last thing, be ready to channel your inner 80’s! Hair, attire, music! It’s going to be totally RAD! Please RSVP (text, call or email) to Colleen at 765-744-1350 or colleenmassoth@gmail.com.

Congratulations to the Turners

Barbara and Bill Turner are the proud Great Grandparents of a grandson named Micaiah Richard Fisher. He came into this world Thursday January 12, 2017 at 10:50 PM weighing in at 6 pounds 8 ounces and measuring 19 inches long. He is the son of Donovan and Stephanie Fisher of Lima, Ohio. Grandparents are Richard and Lisa Turner also of Lima, Ohio.

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 March newsletter, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, February 19**.

Thank You Notes

Allen Family – We are grateful for the Christmas gift that you all presented to us on Christmas Eve. It was helpful in hosting our extended family this holiday season. We are blessed to serve a generous congregation and look forward to serving with you as we follow God together on the path He has for us.

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

February 11 – Valentine’s Dance

February 17-18 – Marriage Retreat

February 21 – Lifeline Health Screening and CCT Meeting

February Birthdays

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

2/1 - Trentin Temple

2/4 - Florence Arnold

2/4 - Jeff Jones

2/5 - Brandy Say

2/5 - Pam Williams

2/6 - Ryan Swayer

2/7 - Marge Manor

2/7 - Linzi Rodgers

2/7 - Ernestine Shields

2/9 - Bracken Petroviak

2/10 - Betsy Whaley

2/11 - Gary Henderson

2/14 - Brenda Cox

2/16 - Melanie Graham

2/18 - Micah Braswell

2/19 - Brett Hawn

2/20 - Jo Boyce

2/21 - Haylee Mathis

2/23 - Joe Johnson

2/23 - Daniel Morency

2/23 - Penny Morris

2/24 - Wes Russell

2/27 - Christy Allen