



The Visitor

APRIL 2017

Easter and Beyond

Wade Allen

This spring is a unique time in the life of our church. Not only are we preparing for Easter, we are doing advanced planning for the rest of 2017. As we think about the central event in the story of God (the resurrection of Jesus), we are also considering how God might be calling us toward new and exciting directions for our future.

As a part of our sabbatical plan, we will be engaging our community in various ways. First of all, the congregation will kick off the summer by putting some tools in their toolkits to be better equipped for service. We will begin with training that helps us understand poverty and some of the people with whom we will become acquainted. (See article on Understanding Poverty Training on p. 3) In addition, a kickoff service event led by our children will open the door to service opportunities for people of all ages. (See article on Rustic Hope on p. 2). We hope that each person at First Baptist will plan to be involved in at least two projects.

A major component of the summer will be having special speakers on Sunday mornings that are, for the most part, from our community. The joy in having these people with our congregation is that they are all focused on our mission and have prayerfully engaged in discussing and praying for the direction of the preaching this summer. You can read more about each of these speakers in this edition of the Visitor. Finally, we have a workshop scheduled for Saturday, June 17th at 9 AM featuring David Fitch. Dave is a leading scholar in the area of Missional Theology/Post-Christendom/Church and Culture. He will be discussing his new book, *Faithful Presence: Seven Disciplines That Shape the Church for Mission*. If you have any questions about summer plans, be sure to ask me or a CCT member.

As we consider our identity and God's calling for our congregation, I will be preaching through a brief (3 week) series on our mission/identity/calling as a congregation. Beginning the week after Easter, we will be talking about three words: Building, Community, Presence. My hope is that this series will serve as a preface for the summer.



Worship in April

The April schedule is:

- April 02 - Jesus Wept (John 11:1-45)
- April 09 - Crucifixion of Jesus (Matthew 27:11-54)
- April 16 - He Has Risen (Matthew 28:1-10)
- April 23 - Building (Various Scriptures)
- April 30 - Community (Various Scriptures)

Good Friday and Easter Sunday

On **Sunday, April 16**, we will gather in two services (our usual schedule, 9:15 AM and 10:45 AM) to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. On **Friday, April 14**, we will gather with other churches from our community for a Good Friday service at First Baptist. It will begin at noon.

Rustic Hope

The Children's Ministry is pairing with Connie McElDowney at Rustic Hope for our April serve project. Rustic Hope is a non-profit ministry that offers free support to pregnant teens before, during, and after delivery. Connie offers her home, time, support and prayers to many young women. Pregnancy can be a very difficult time for young women, and they faithfully believe that providing loving support is imperative to healthy pregnancies. They are Christ centered and family focused. We would like to ask the everyone to consider donating to this amazing cause. The item drive will be the whole month of April. Items include, but are not limited to, diapers, wipes, formula, clothing, baby food, maternity clothes, dishes, pots/pans, cleaning supplies, towels, etc. Any of these items would be greatly appreciated! There will be a box in the Elementary Sunday School room for these donations. If you have any questions, contact Colleen at colleenmassoth@gmail.com

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Meghan Songer Frey to help her celebrate the arrival of Winona Rosalee. Come and meet this new little girl on **Saturday, April 22nd**. Brunch will be served at **11 AM**. if attending please RSVP to Mary Anne Bayer at \texttt{336-413-5763}. In lieu of a card please consider bringing baby wipes or diapers to support Rustic Hope, an organization assisting single mothers.

MS Walk

As March MS Awareness Month comes to an end, Bob and Vicki Hartley invite you to donate to "Team Artisans," their 2017 Walk MS team. Their daughter Shannon has MS and has personally benefited from the research your donations allow. She can now manage her MS with a daily pill rather than the daily injection she had been giving herself. We named ourselves "Team Artisans" because "Artisans" help connect all of us to the beauty found in what they create. Join us as we "connect to create a world free of MS... it WILL be a

beautiful thing!” Donations may be made online: <http://bit.ly/2nwzi5p> or through a check made out to: National MS Society with “Team Artisans” on the memo line sent to: Bob and Vicki Hartley, 5209 N Austin Drive, Muncie, IN 47304. Thank you in advance for your support.

Youth News

The youth program at First Baptist is steadily growing and taking shape. We are continuing to meet every Sunday evening at 6:30pm -8:00pm. We are studying multiple different facets of the basics of our Christian faith. We currently have anywhere from 8 to 15 youth on a certain night. We are now forming a team of individuals who will have monthly meetings in regards to growing and developing the youth we have, while fostering an environment for those interested in the future.



Also, there is a middle school Sunday morning class currently run by Nicole Phelps and Jamie Harris. They are meeting regularly Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the Youth Room upstairs. There has been a consistent core group of 4 students. If you have a middle schooler or know of one who may be interested in this Sunday school class, please contact Jamie.

Camp Barnabas Mission Trip

Date: July 8th - July 14th

Cost: \$50.00 deposit within seven days of registration

Register at: <http://bit.ly/Barnabas17>

Please contact Nathan Bussberg or Doug Gregg if you have more questions.

If you have a youth interested in attending Camp Barnabas have them sign up as soon as possible, we only have 16 spots left!

Understanding Poverty Workshop

This summer we will have numerous opportunities to serve those in our community living in poverty. The following training is provided to help us better understand those who we may serve. Do you know how to live without a checkbook? No Food, no money, 3 children What do you do? Take 2 hours to experience how 37 million Americans live in a POVERTY SIMULATION!

We will meet at **Second Harvest Food Bank** (6621 N. Old State Road 3, Muncie, IN 47303) **Saturday, April 29** from **9 AM–1 PM** (Lunch Provided).

Please consider joining us for this four-hour training session: 9-11 AM Poverty Simulation, 11-11:15 AM Break/Lunch, 11:15 AM–12:30 PM Understanding People in Poverty, 12:30-1 PM Volunteer 101.

To register please sign up at church. If you have questions, please contact Wes Russell 765-480-9500 or Molly Flodder 765-760-1134

Camp Night Carnival

The Camp Night Carnival is for all kids and parents who are interested in camp this summer. It will be held on **Saturday, April 8, 4 to 6 PM**. Our event will be in a lower auditorium. We will have new information and registration procedures. Looking forward to fun, food and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Pittenger at 282-0632 or jmsjpittenger2@gmail.com.

Easter Candy and Egg Hunt

It's that time of year again! Easter is just around the corner and we are needing candy donations! Please drop it off in the labeled box in the church office. The deadline for this is **April 5th**. Thank you in advance! The Easter Egg Hunt will be **Saturday April 8, 10 AM** at Tuhey Park. All children birth-5th grade are invited to come! In case of rain, the hunt will be at the church.

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 May newsletter, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, April 16**.

Summer speakers bring shared vision to First Baptist Sabbatical emphasis

by Molly Flodder

When the Sabbatical Team first envisioned how the summer speaking schedule would go, they talked about having one interim speaker during Wade's 16 weeks out of the pulpit. As they and the Church Coordinating Team leaders discerned and focused on what we needed to accomplish, it became clear that a shared community focus on "Building. Community. Presence." was propelling us forward. Prayer, study and discussion among these speakers have resulted in them working with Wade and other church leaders to create a summer schedule that will tie together a number of powerful texts into God's teaching about service and spiritual growth. Our own youth pastor Nathan Bussberg, an out-of-town author and speaker from Northern Seminary, and six local pastors and ministers, as well as a Christian leader of a local organization will lead us in that study and reflection this summer.



Carl Frost

CARL FROST has been serving in full time campus ministry at Ball State University for over 13 years. Carl grew up in Bloomington IL, but began attending Ball State University in 1999 where he received a degree in Television Production. It was during his Freshman year at Ball State that Carl decided to start a relationship with Jesus. Carl married his wife Carolyn in 2006 and they have three children Lincoln (8), Lily (5), and Wilson (2). Carl is passionate about helping young people encounter Jesus. When not doing ministry Carl enjoys watching the NBA, playing basketball, and moonlighting as an amateur stand up comedian.



Dr. David Fitch

DR. DAVID FITCH is B. R. Lindner Chair of Evangelical Theology at Northern Seminary Chicago, IL. He is also the founding pastor of Life on the Vine Christian Community, a missional church in the Northwest Suburbs of Chicago. He coaches a network of church plants in the CMA linked to Life on the Vine. He writes on the issues the local church must face in Mission including cultural engagement, leadership and theology and has lectured and presented on these topics at many seminaries, graduate schools, denominational gatherings and conferences. David's education includes B.A. Wheaton College, M.A. Northern Baptist Seminary and Ph.D. Northwestern University.



Neil Krings

NEIL KRINGS has been in campus ministry at Ball State since the early 90's. He is one of the pastors of the Revolution - a campus-focused church reaching Ball State and the community of Muncie. He and his wife Kelly have five children, two of whom are attending Ball State and the others are at Burriss. He enjoys fitness, biking, meeting new people, and reading.



Josh Holowell

JOSH HOLOWELL is a church planter in Muncie, starting City Hope Fellowship in the downtown area. He graduated from Ball State in 2009 with a degree in Architecture and will complete my Masters in Biblical Studies from Reformed Theological Seminary in 2017. Josh lives in downtown Muncie with his wife Whitney and their three children, Tyko, Finnigan, and Amelia. He loves to read, play board games, hang out with friends, and wear bright colors.



Nathan Bussberg

NATHAN BUSSBERG is the youth pastor at First Baptist. Nathan is a recent graduate of Indiana University East with a BA in Psychological Sciences. Nathan is married to Megan (2016). Nathan is an Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at Taylor University. Nathan enjoys playing Ultimate Frisbee, music, and watching 49er football.



Jim Sandberg

JIM SANDBERG has served the Church in pastoral ministry for 33 years, the last 25 of which have been at Tabor Church in southern Delaware County, Indiana. His passion is to teach and preach the Word of God so that the good news of Jesus Christ is clear and compelling. He has been married to Jennifer for 36 years; they have four grown children and four grandchildren. He loves fixing things, building things, and anything automotive.



Pastor Robert D. Scaife

PASTOR ROBERT D. SCAIFE was licensed to preach the Gospel of Christ in October 1995 and then ordained June of 2005, under his mentor, teacher and Father in the Ministry, Pastor W. J. Jackson, Sr., at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Under Pastor Jackson's leadership, Reverend Scaife served as leader of the Mens Ministry and continues to give leadership to the Ministers Classes (with a special focus on sermon preparation and leadership). In September 2015, Pastor Jackson retired and became Pastor Emeritus of Union. On March 19, 2016 Reverend Robert D. Scaife, called by God, was voted to lead God's people as the Pastor of Union Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor Rob also served our community as a Detective with the City of Muncie Police Department (Until June 10, 2016 when he resigned to focus on ministry at Union) and led the task force that focuses on gang activity. As a result of his servant leadership and excellent character, Pastor Rob was awarded the Herman Freed Integrity, Loyalty, Ethics and Attitude Award in 2005, Investigator of the Year Award in 2010, Muncie Black Expo Presidents Award for Community Service in 2014, and the Champions for Kids Civic Volunteer Award from Prevent Child Abuse, with his wife, in April 2015. Pastor Rob studied at Florida College and Ball State University and plans to further his education in biblical studies.



Minister Wilisha Scaife

MINISTER WILISHA SCAIFE is a passionate woman of God who describes herself as a Believer, dreamer, and life-long learner. She has been married to Robert Scaife for 23 years (June) and is the proud mother of 3 (Jauwan 25; Jayla 19; and Jasiah 12). Wilisha earned her BS in Organizational Leadership from Anderson University and her MA in Executive Development for Public Service (special focus in adult and community education and family engagement), from Ball State University. She is currently employed at Ball State University, in the Elementary Education Department, as an instructor and a the Family-Community Engagement Liaison and Program Coordinator. Along with her service as a child, family, and community advocate, Wilisha is a licensed minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She assists in preaching and teaching at Union Missionary Baptist Church where her husband, Robert, is the senior pastor. Wilisha has also presented at numerous conferences and professional forums nation-wide. Wilisha enjoys spending time with her family, especially taking long walks on summer evenings. You will find her supporting her children, in their many academic and extracurricular activities, cooking, and entertaining family and friends in her home. Wilisha's greatest desire is to live (and help others to live) a life that brings pleasure and glory to God!!! Phil. 2:13 (ESV)

DORICA YOUNG WATSON (not pictured) is manager of community engagement at Second Harvest Food Bank and leads the Circles initiative that helps highly motivated people move from surviving to thriving. The initiative has met at First Baptist Church for most of the past 11 years.

Dorica works with people in poverty and their intentional friends and accountability partners from middle income who help them in their journeys to build resources and become self-sufficient. In addition, she is a national trainer for Circles, helping many other communities in the same work and speaking locally in a variety of settings. She is especially passionate about encouraging people to build relationships with others.

Dorica, a Muncie native, holds a Bachelor's of Social Work degree from Ball State University and serves on the Social Work Advisory Committee there. She is active in a number of community organizations, including Hearts and Hands, one of the summer service projects FBC members can do to help kids get ready to go back to school. When she is not busy in the community, she enjoys her husband, her three children, extended family and friends.

Dorica is a member of and has had several leadership positions at Church of the Living God in Muncie.

10 Summer Service Opportunities

by Wes Russell, Outreach Coordinator, CCT

The only way you can serve God is by serving people – Rick Warren

Over the next several Sunday's we will be highlighting some of the various service projects that will be available to us this summer. The CCT has planned several projects and asks that you prayerfully consider serving in one of the opportunities listed below. Here are the projects that we will be providing information on and looking for volunteers to commit too. (Most dates are yet to be determined)

- Rustic Hope (Personal care item drive) begins in April
- Grace Episcopal Gathering Grace dinners (3pm on Sundays)
- Circles (formerly TEAMwork) weekly meeting dinners (Thursdays at First Baptist)
- Harvest Soup Kitchen sack lunch preparation (Monday through Friday)
- Urban Day Camp (growing and preparing food) – Grace Episcopal Church
- Hearts and Hands school supply/backpack giveaway – Fairgrounds (July 29th)
- Blood 'n Fire dinner – Saturday evening
- Salvation Army Food Pantry – FBC serves every fifth week
- Friendship Class at Riverside Church – Tuesday evenings
- Blood 'n Fire Food Pantry – Saturday's

As you can see there are projects for all ages and abilities and we encourage you to share your past experience and grow in a new one by participating in at least two projects this summer.

If you have questions or wish to lead one of these service projects please call Wes Russell at 765-480-9500 or Molly Flodder at 765-760-1134.

Fill a Gap

With Pastor Wade away this summer, most of us will need to step up to fill in. Our publications will be a little different, but will still help communicate what is going on at FBC. If you are interested in being on a team to help create or proofread the publications, see Julie Davis or contact her at jdd613@gmail.com.

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

Mondays – 4:30 PM Women’s Bible Study

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

April 5 – Community Lenten Service at St. Andrews Presbyterian

April 8 – Egg Hunt and Camp Carnival Night

April 9 – Youth Ministry Team Meeting

April 13 – Senior Adult Day in Lebanon

April 14 – Good Friday Service

April 16 – Easter Sunday

April 18 – CCT Meeting

April 22 – Baby Shower for Meghan (Songer) Frey

April 29 – Poverty Simulation

April Birthdays

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

04/03 - Hunter Petroviak
04/06 - Cami Shutters
04/06 - Colleen Massoth
04/06 - Megan Morency
04/07 - Dave Earls
04/09 - Anna Allen
04/10 - Sam Hershman
04/11 - Ken E. Nicola
04/15 - Susan Londt
04/16 - April Lemen
04/16 - Robert Burton
04/17 - Victoria Bouton

04/22 - Ariel Heimlich
04/25 - Addison Thurston
04/25 - Billie Frogge
04/25 - Jane Patton
04/25 - Logan Sue
04/25 - Maddy Crawford
04/27 - Sondra Heimlich
04/27 - William Wright
04/30 - Freida Roberts
04/30 - Ray Conley