

The Visitor

Revisited

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Weekly Opportunities

Early Sunday School: Sundays, 9:15 AM
(Intergenerational Class, children's classes
for various ages, middle school class)

Late Sunday School: Sundays, 10:15 AM
(Bykota) & 10:30 AM (Friendship Class &
Intergenerational Class)

Women's Bible study: Monday, 4:15 PM

Praise Team rehearsal: Wednesday, 7:00 PM

*The Men's Bible study, handbell choir, and
choir are on break at this time.

Life Groups

One of our life groups is continuing to meet during the summer months. They meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:00–8:00 PM and are currently studying the book of Revelation. June meeting dates are June 6 and 27. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Melanie Graham at 765-722-0302 for more information.

Prayer

Joining God in the Neighborhood has a five-step focus. The first of these steps is **Listen**. One way our church plans to listen to God this summer is to have short times of corporate prayer regularly scheduled. A leader will be present to guide the prayer time. Here are two opportunities in June:

- Wednesdays: 12:00–12:30 PM in the church office (press door buzzer to be admitted)
- Sundays: 10:20–10:35 AM in the Bride's Room (formerly Seekers Class room)



Building.
COMMUNITY.
Presence.

Joining God in the Neighborhood

Joining God in the Neighborhood is not *additional* work to be done this summer. Rather, it frames and guides our purpose in our mission this summer as we are Building. Community. Presence. Joining God in the Neighborhood will continue after the summer and sabbatical time. As a Spirit-led church, we are in a period of spiritually discerning how God is at work in our neighborhood and community and how we can join God in this work.

This summer we are engaging in community events and service opportunities, being involved with the people who comprise our neighborhood so we can discover how God is at work in and through them. After Pastor Wade has returned, there will be a time to reflect on what we have learned and what he learned this summer. Then plans will be made to discuss, as a church, how we can act upon these insights so that we can continue to join God in our neighborhood.

Author David Fitch to Lead Workshop

Dr. David E. Fitch, the B.R. Lindner Chair of Evangelical Theology at Northern Seminary with a PhD from Northwestern University, will be leading a workshop that is part of the summer lineup for FBC. It will be in the lower auditorium on Saturday, June 17, from 9:00–noon, with lunch to follow. The topic will follow the themes of his most recent book, *Faithful Presence: Seven Disciplines that Shape the Church for Mission*. Dr. Fitch will also speak in the combined service on the following morning, June 18.



Dr. Fitch, who founded Life on the Vine Christian Community (a missional church in the northwest suburbs of Chicago), is also co-pastor of Peace of Christ Church (Westmont, Illinois). He is the author of *The Great Giveaway* and co-author of *Prodigal Christianity*, and he speaks all over the country. According to Pastor Wade, “David has a very full calendar, so First Baptist is fortunate to have found a weekend during which he can come to share.”

Using his vast knowledge on the decline of Christendom—the declining importance of the church in today’s cultures—Dr. Fitch’s latest book demonstrates how long-standing disciplines can revolutionize the church’s presence in our neighborhoods, transform our way of life in the world, and advance the kingdom.

Molly Flodder, FBC moderator, said, “Dr. Fitch’s book is important and amazing, and his message can be transforming for our church. Even though it will be a busy weekend for many, I am going to find a friend who can come to the workshop, and I challenge each of you to do the same. At the very least, make sure you come and learn from this noted pastor and scholar.”

How to Sign Up for a Project

Each of the ten projects scheduled for this “Sabbatical Summer” are a chance for us to put our toe in the water of service in our neighborhood as we build long-term ways to join God in our neighborhood. Colleen Massoth has created a very useful bulletin board sign-up system right outside the sanctuary doors that anyone can use—especially those who may not be comfortable registering through a computer link.

Here’s how the system works:

1. Review the board and find the projects—plan to do two—for which you are interested in volunteering.
2. Fill out a volunteer slip, provided in one of the pockets on the board.
3. Place your slip in the corresponding envelope. For example, if you are interested in project C-5, place your completed slip in the C-5 envelope.

Please sign up for projects well in advance of the project date—preferably a week or more. If you have questions about the projects, contact Wes Russell (480-9500 or wesleyrussell2@gmail.com) or Molly Flodder (760-1134 or flodder@comcast.net).

Summer Contact Information

Pastors:

Dr. Clifton Davis	clif@fbcuncie.org	203-362-7042
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To add an event to the church calendar:

Adam Fink* 765-894-3798

To add information to the church website:

David Rodriquez** drod7425@gmail.com

To Place information in this monthly sheet:

Julie Davis*** jdd613@gmail.com

*For calendar: Please tell Adam the title of the event, date, start and end times, and a short description if needed.

**For website: Please send David the title, date, and description, along with your desired formatting.

***For monthly information sheet: Please email your information to Julie. Deadline for the July version of this newsletter is Sunday, June 25.

Church Softball League Schedule

The FBC softball team will play on the following dates in June:

Thursday, June 1 – 9:00 PM
(Field E - Grace Lutheran @ FBC)

Monday, June 7 – 7:00 PM
(Dick's Sporting Goods Field - Sound the Alarm @ FBC)

Monday, June 12 – 7:00 PM
(Cintas Field - FBC @ New Life Presbyterian)

Monday, June 26 – 7:00 PM
(Cintas Field - Blood 'n' Fire @ FBC)

More Info:

Pastoral Care

With Pastor Wade away this summer, most of us will need to step up to fill in the gaps. If you would be willing to help visit shut-ins or those in the hospital, please contact Gayle Songer (765-744-0991) or James Martin (baronjlm@aol.com).

Care Volunteer Luncheon

Please join Barbara Young and Cheryl Flaherty on Monday, June 12th, at 11:30 AM in the lower auditorium (fellowship hall) for a meeting and luncheon.

Camp Barnabas Trip

If you have a youth interested in attending Camp Barnabas, please have them sign up as soon as possible.

*Dates: July 8–14

*Cost: \$50.00 deposit within seven days of registration

Please contact Nathan Bussberg at 574-538-8137 if you have questions.

Thanks!

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the May 28th combined worship service and our wonderful lunch!

-Clif Davis

Church Coordination Team

Moderator: Molly Flodder

Worship: Adam Fink

Children: Colleen Massoth

Outreach: Wes Russell

Treasurer: Dan Lemen

Care: Barbara Young

Youth: Melanie Graham

At-Large: Bill Eidson

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