

The Visitor

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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. 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 July:

- 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)



FBC Is Visiting Realville

“This Poverty Simulation changed my view of being poor.”

Three thousand residents from our area have already participated in the Poverty Simulation. Now those of us from First Baptist have the opportunity to learn from this experience. **On Tuesday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m.,** this Poverty Simulation will be held at the **BSU Student Center.** (Please note: **The date and time given here is a correction to what you may have received on an earlier handout.**)

As part of this experience, which takes a little more than two hours, you will be given a new identity and will spend four “weeks” trying to help your family survive in poverty. You will be navigating life in Realville and will try to pay your bills, find a job, access public benefits, keep your kids in school, and keep your family fed. At the end, you’ll be debriefing with the others from Realville and hearing from people in Muncie who have had to live this kind of existence. The experience can be very powerful.

Older children and grandchildren—around 10 years and above—are welcome to play the roles of children and youth in Realville during the simulation.

Those on the First Baptist email list will get a link to sign up through email. As an alternative, **anyone** may sign up by calling the church office at 284-7749. You must be signed up by Friday, July 14, to participate. Questions? See Wes Russell or Molly Flodder.



Congratulations!!!

We are pleased to congratulate members, attendees, and other friends of First Baptist who have recently graduated:

Dawson Allen, Yorktown High School (son of Wade and Christy Allen)

Heidi Davis, Mississinewa High School (daughter of Clif and Julie Davis)

Ethan Hudson, Indiana University (grandson of Carolyn Shelton, Allen Shelton, and Donn and Frieda Roberts and a long-time attendee)

Ben Whaley-Jones, Model Laboratory School (Richmond, KY) (son of David Jones and Betsy Whaley and a long-time attendee)

Summer Plans for FBC Youth

In the months that Nathan Bussberg was FBC's youth pastor, his focus was primarily on high school youth. Nathan spent time with the teenagers in Bible study, attending their school events, and meeting with them for meals. He organized an overnight lock-in event for the youth in May, and he provided limited planning for the mission trip to Camp Barnabas which Doug Gregg has organized and is leading in July. The young people who will be working at Camp Barnabas are from First Baptist Church and from the church Doug pastors, Mounds Baptist Church in Anderson.

"Although we will not have a youth pastor this summer," said Melanie Graham, the Church Coordinating Team member responsible for youth ministries, "the active senior high participants have graduated or are away most of the summer, and we can operate without that leadership for them."

The short-term focus for youth ministries is on the middle school youth group, a larger component of FBC's youth program. "Jamie Harris has taught their Sunday School class for the past six months, providing outstanding leadership for those attending fifth through eighth grades," said Molly Flodder, church moderator.

Nathan provided some assistance in June with the middle school class, but now that he has left the church for a coaching position at Indiana Wesleyan University, Melanie, Jamie, and James Martin are working to develop a plan for this class during some Sundays that Jamie will not be available. Among the focus areas will be a structured intergenerational program that will blend the youth with adults in some study opportunities. In addition, projects and activities will be organized for and with the students during the next several months. If you have questions about the youth program at First Baptist, please contact Melanie Graham.

Why Am I Getting Emails from Colleen??

In the past, you have received all sorts of information through emails from Pastor Wade. While he is on sabbatical, that information needs to be distributed via someone else. Colleen Massoth, children's ministry coordinator for the CCT, has graciously agreed to send out churchwide announcements this summer. **Colleen Massoth or Wes Russell (the CCT outreach coordinator) may send you an email message that is actually from someone else!** Please read all the way to the bottom of those announcements so that you will know what is happening as well as whom to contact if you have questions.



"...and you spent 6.35 years of your life deleting spam from your e-mail."

A Date with Grace

Some of the service opportunities for the FBC summer of service have very specific time frames. Others are ongoing and, if persons are interested, can be accessed at other times that might be more convenient than the dates listed in the church promotional materials.

The two weekly events at Grace Episcopal Church are examples of this. Every Sunday a "Gathering Grace" lunch is served to low-income people at 3:00 p.m. at the church on the corner of Adams and Madison Streets. Every Sunday, all summer, the people at Grace can use two or three helpers to assist in preparing, serving, and cleaning up. Arriving at 2:15 and working until about 4:30 is all it requires. Just go to the kitchen there and report for duty.

Prior to that lunch is an Urban Day Camp, a great option if you are more interested in helping children with a pre-meal activity. To participate, arrive at the church at 1:30 p.m. and plan to stay until around 3:15.

Mark and Molly Flodder are the FBC contacts for these activities at Grace. Email Molly at flodder@comcast.net or call 765-760-1134 if you have questions or want to get involved on a Sunday other than the ones promoted. The Flodders will let the Grace teams know to expect you.

Joining God in the Neighborhood: An Ongoing Framework



“Joining God in the Neighborhood” is not additional work to be done during this summer. Rather it frames and guides our purpose in our mission of Building. Community. Presence., and will continue after the summer and sabbatical as well. As a church that is Spirit led, 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 His work. We are joining God in the following ways:

- 1) By contributing to our capital campaign, we will be engaging our neighborhood through maintaining the physical presence of our church and allowing community groups to utilize the facility.
- 2) By volunteering and engaging in community events and service opportunities, we will be physically involved with the people who comprise our neighborhood and will discover how God is at work in and through them.
- 3) By having a physical presence, we will discern God’s presence as we are building opportunities and relationships that will change our community, ourselves, and our church.

Church Softball League Schedule

The FBC softball team will play on the following dates in July and early August:

Thursday, July 6 – 9:00 PM (Field E - FBC @ Grace Lutheran)

Monday, July 10 – 7:00 PM (Field D - Conway @ FBC)

Monday July 17 – 6:00 PM (Cintas Field - New Life Presbyterian @ FBC)

Monday July 24 – 7:00 PM (Field D - FBC @ Blood ‘n’ Fire)

Monday July 31 – 7:00 PM (Cintas Field - FBC @ Conway)

Monday, August 7 – 8:00 PM (Cintas Field - FBC @ Sound the Alarm)

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).

Notes to the Church family

I want to thank all of you who sent Get Well cards and Sympathy cards and came to visit Bill at home and at the hospital. It meant so much to him. Also those who brought food and the ladies that fixed the wonderful dinner, the plant from the church, Barb for playing the piano for my grandchildren (Rick’s kids) and Ward for taking care of the music. But especially for all your prayers!

I love you all so much!
Barb Turner

(Also, Barb found a card that Bill had written out a thank-you that he meant to give to the Shawl Ministry, but never was able to follow through with it. The note follows below.)

To the Shawl Ministry,

I want to thank you for the gift. In my condition I am always cold. I needed something to wrap up and stay warm. Again I want to thank you for your prayers and the gift. This gift makes my heart grow warmer too.

Brother in Christ,
Bill Turner

Vicki and I want to thank you for your support and prayers throughout this difficult time. Please relay a message to FBC that the Fisher Family appreciates the cards, thoughts, prayers and support that the First Baptist family has given them during this time.

God bless you,
Bob and Vicki Hartley

Summer Contact Information

Pastor:

Dr. Clifton Davis clif@fbcmuncie.org 203-362-7042

To add an event to the church calendar:

Adam Fink* 765-894-3798

To add information to the church website:

David Rodriguez** 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 August version of this newsletter is Sunday, July 30.

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

Clerk: Patty Russell

Adult: Julie Davis

Property: Joe Songer

At-Large: Ray Conley

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