



The Visitor

MARCH 2018

Moving Toward Easter

March is a wonderful month. The air usually begins to warm, spring break allows us time to escape our normal routines, and I get to celebrate another birthday. I hope that this new month brings fresh life to you as you engage God's Word with me on Sunday mornings. I hope you will take a few minutes each week to read the passages as you prepare for worship.

Over the next several weeks, we will be making our way toward Easter. Through this Lenten season, we continue our study in the book of Mark. During this time we will walk with Jesus and his disciples through the most trying and difficult days of Jesus' ministry. This is a story that most of us have heard many times, yet my hope is that we would find fresh meaning as we engage the Scriptures together.

Just a quick reminder that Resurrection Sunday is April 1. We will gather in both services on this day (9:15 AM and 10:45 AM).



Worship Schedule

- March 04 - Mark Continued (Mark 11:1–12:44)
- March 11 - Getting Ready (Mark 13:1–37)
- March 18 - Betrayal and Trial (Mark 14:1–15:15)
- March 25 - The Crucifixion (Mark 15:16–41)

Sermon Series on Mark

We are currently in a sermon series on the book of Mark. We will continue in this series through Easter. We would encourage you to follow along in the series and read the passages ahead of time for next week. You can find the upcoming sermons at fbcuncie.org/worship.

Lenten Services

Community-wide Lenten services are held each Wednesday (noon) at High Street United Methodist Church through the season of Lent. Remaining services are as follows:

- March 7: Kingdom, Luke 13:18–21, Wilisha Scaife, Minister, Union Missionary Baptist Church
- March 14: Feeding, Luke 9:10–17, John A. Young, Pastor, Riverside UMC
- March 21: Cross, Luke 18:31–34, Andre Mitchell, Pastor, Deliverance Temple

A fellowship meal is offered in the Fellowship Hall downstairs each week. A donation of \$5.00 per person is suggested to defray expenses. A Good Friday service will be noon March 30 at Union Missionary Baptist Church, so there will be no Wednesday Lenten service that week.

Church Friends Lunch for First Quarter Coming Soon

People are not always able to get to know others in a worship setting. In 2018, the Church Coordination Team and Julie Davis, chair of Adult Ministries, will be hosting an occasional after-service lunch for church attendees to come together and get to know each other.

The first event will be Sunday, March 18, immediately following second service in the party room at Mancino's Pizza and Grinders. The whole family is welcome to come. People will order and pay in line as all customers do, and then eat in the "party room" with others from church. There will be a fun way to get to know people as well as see others with whom we are more familiar.

So that we can accommodate the seating for everyone, you must have a reservation to attend. Get this on your calendar. We will provide a way for you to sign up in the coming weeks.

Candy Donations

Easter is on the way! The Children's Team is already starting to make plans for our egg hunt! You can help us with the most important part—CANDY! Any candy donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the church office. Thank you in advance!

Sneak Preview - Daughters and Mothers, Sisters and Others

Later this spring, a team of FBC ladies will be hosting a "tea party" for women and girls and their guests. A feature of the event will be a chance to have quilts evaluated by a quilt expert. Stay tuned for more information!

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child needs books no larger than 10.5 inches by 6 inches, as well as socks and underwear sizes 2–12. You can leave your donations in the church office. Thank you, Jane Patton.

Soup Kitchen Auction Donations

The Soup Kitchen of Muncie will have its Annual Dinner and Auction on March 24, 2018, and is seeking donations of frequent-flyer miles or timeshare stays. If you have any questions, please contact Lois Altman 765-286-0897 or go to <https://soupkitchenofmuncie.org>.

Visitor or Bulletin Information

If you would like an announcement in the April Visitor or the weekly bulletin, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, March 18**.

YWCA Clothing and Coats

You have been very helpful to our neighbors at the YWCA. Please continue to clean out closets and drawers and bring items for the YWCA women. Julie Morency will be your contact person, or you may leave them in the basket in the church office marked "YWCA." Thank you in advance for your donations.

Thank You Notes

Bob, Vicki, and the Fisher family – Bob and Vicki Hartley and the entire Fisher family wish to thank all of those who were so supportive during the extended illnesses of William and Wilma Fisher. Your kindness and love shown through cards, visits, and prayers was comforting and reassuring of Christ's abundant love at First Baptist Church. Those who helped with the special luncheons after both of the funeral services made it such a relaxed and beautiful way to visit with family and friends while nourishing body and soul. The generosity and genuine love shown by the church family was greatly appreciated and will be a cherished memory. Thank you and may God bless each and every one who shares the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. In Christ's love.

Outreach Team – Thank you to all who donated food during the February food drive for Second Harvest Food Bank. Through your generosity, we were able to fill three of the green totes Second Harvest provided. Please remember to check out the Second Harvest website <http://www.curehunger.org/>. for more information about the Second Harvest programs and volunteer opportunities.

March Birthdays

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

03/05 - Barbara Campbell
03/06 - Adalyn Cummins
03/06 - Kaleigh Sheahan
03/08 - Emma Thurston
03/08 - Renee Pierce
03/09 - Andrew Dawson
03/12 - Nina Oisten
03/13 - Julie Kirklin
03/13 - Ray Bayer
03/15 - Louise Head
03/16 - Jon Kern
03/17 - Alaina Reed
03/19 - Mason Sims
03/19 - Mavery Sims

03/21 - Adam Fink
03/21 - James Petroviak
03/21 - Wade Allen
03/22 - Bob Ratchford
03/22 - Matthew Fink
03/24 - Cindy Hershman
03/24 - Ian Reid
03/24 - Jan Armstrong
03/24 - Susan Randolph
03/25 - Harper Rodriguez
03/26 - Alexis Johnson
03/26 - Dan Lemen