



# The Visitor

JUNE 2018

## Summer

Memorial Day is past and we are officially into summer. The days are finally warmer and schools are put on hold. Families travel, camps begin, summer jobs commence, and church attendance becomes sparse. As we move into the summer months, we are going to be working through several short sermon series. As I mentioned in last month's Visitor, we will wrap up a short series on the Ten Commandments before moving into 1 John during the month of June. I am looking forward to engaging these passages with you.

The Ten Commandments are often seen as a list of rules that govern morality. Yet we often overlook the context in which they were given. These guidelines were a gift to God's people who had recently been rescued from slavery. They did not fully understand what God-shaped living looked like. Through these directives, God defined what true God-centered living is.

John's first epistle is a letter to the churches in Asia Minor very early in their existence. The churches are struggling from the influx of false teachers and are beginning to get off track. John reminds them of the central component of Jesus-centered living: love. John's words to the early churches are extremely applicable to us today.



## Worship Schedule

- ▷ June 03 - Relationship with God (Exodus 20:3–11)
- ▷ June 10 - Others (Exodus 20:12–16)
- ▷ June 17 - Envy (Exodus 20:17)
- ▷ June 24 - We Have Seen (1 John 1:1–4)

## Summer Outreach Opportunities

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There are several times you could do a summer outreach: Forward S.T.E.P.S. (formerly OPT and Circles) dinners on Thursday evenings, school back-to-school backpack project at the Fairgrounds in July, assisting YWCA women by bringing clothing and toiletries to the basket marked in the office, Blood and Fire Ministry meals on late Saturday afternoons. It would be our hope that you would choose one place that you will make a difference in the neighborhood. Watch the bulletins and e-mail for more info.

## School Supply Drive

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We are helping *Hearts and Hands United* collect school supplies! They will use these supplies to fill backpacks and hand them out to hundreds of children in our community. This is an amazing charity and it directly impacts children's lives as they start a new school year. Drop any donations off in the labeled box in the church office. Thank you!!! (Some ideas are crayons, pencils, notebooks paper, folders, pink erasers, highlighters)

## Ladies Tea Party

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We're excited to see those of you who have already signed up to attend the Ladies Tea on **June 9, at 3:00**. We still have some spots left, but you must **register by June 3**.

The link for registration is <http://bit.ly/fbcladiestea>. This event is free, but there will be an opportunity to donate toward the cost of the event if you wish to help in that way. **Please make sure you receive confirmation that your registration is complete.** We have had a couple of people who thought they were registered but had not completed the process. Your registration should say "complete" in green on the screen, and you should receive a confirmation email from Planning Center. If you are unsure how to register, or if you want to confirm that you are on the list, please call Julie Davis at 203-306-7118. She will be happy to assist you!

## Warm Weather Life Group

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Have you wanted to try out a life group but have found the current model challenging for your schedule? First Baptist will soon have a "warm weather" life group! Unlike our other small groups, this group will meet from May through the late fall and be on break during the winter and early spring months. It's ideal for people who may have more availability during the summer than in the winter months. The group, which plans to get together on Thursday evenings twice a month, already has a strong core of 9 people, but would like to invite others to join them. Interested? Contact Cheryl Flaherty at 765-520-7260 or Molly Flodder at 765-760-1134 .

## Member Care Appreciation Lunch

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Please join us for our Member Care Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, **Thursday July 12 at 11:30 AM** in the lower auditorium. Hosted by: Barb Campbell and Cheryl Flaherty. If you serve as a volunteer in this area, please RSVP by **July 8**. Barb 765-722-0703 Cheryl 765-520-7260.

## Youth Ministry Happenings

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Perhaps you noticed that our middle school youth served in both worship services on Mother's Day. What other activities will they be doing soon? We're so glad you asked! This summer our middle school Sunday school class will continue to meet each Sunday, and there are additional activities planned for each month of the summer.

In June and July, Dawson Allen will be leading the Sunday school class through a study covering 1 John. On Father's Day you'll see the youth serving in our worship services once again. And on June 23 they'll enjoy a day swimming together at the Catalina Pool. Special activities for July and August will be shared in those issues of the Visitor.

In addition, plans are in the works to update the youth meeting space this summer. We would love to have you volunteer to help us paint, decorate, and hang needed items in the room. Would you give us a couple hours? If so, please call Christy Allen and let her know. She will contact you with further information when a firm date is set.

Thanks for praying for our youth and continuing to support them in all they do! If you have questions about our youth activities, please contact Christy Allen at 765-717-5229 .

## Capital Campaign

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Update: You have pledged 305,405 for our 3-year campaign. At this time \$133,695 has come in. Of that, \$3,460 has come in from persons who are supporting the project without a pledge. Thank you ever so much for supporting this project faithfully. It is amazing what can be done when we have a common project that will sustain our building, hopefully into the future.

One of the first projects that will be addressed this year is the signage project that will create new exterior and interior signage for the church. You will begin to see that project at work as the summer progresses.

## Church Friends Lunch

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We hope you've reserved the date for our next FBC Church Friends Lunch: **July 22 after second service**. This time we plan to have lunch picnic-style right here in our FBC shelter house. Mark Flodder will be at the grill and Adult Ministries will provide a few sides to go along with that. We plan to have some fun activities for the kids and something simple to help the rest of us get to know one another better.

We will be able to accommodate the **first 60 people** who sign up for this event, and **registration is open until Friday, July 20**. You may register online at <http://bit.ly/fbc-july-cfl>. **Please make sure you receive confirmation that your registration is complete**. We have had a couple of people who thought they were registered for previous events but had not completed the process. Your registration should say "complete" in green on the screen, and you should receive a confirmation email from Planning Center. If you are unsure how to register, please call Julie Davis at 203-306-7118. She will be happy to assist you!

## Pillowcase Project

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Our Pillowcase Project continues this summer with an additional class for A Better Way on **June 11 at 5:30 PM**. YWCA women sew on the 4th Thursday each month from 2:00-4:00, and we will add back our middle

schoolers from 10:00–12:00 on the 4th Thursday through the short summer (June 28). If you have cotton fabric or money you would like to donate to this project, please contact Maryanne Bayer at 336-413-5763 or Dana Davis 765-212-8318. We purchase the pillows from IKEA. After all, what good is a pillowcase if you don't have a pillow?

## Visitor or Bulletin Information

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If you would like an announcement in the July Visitor, please email it to [wade@fbcuncie.org](mailto:wade@fbcuncie.org) by **Sunday, June 17**. You can also email articles for the weekly bulletin by Tuesday of each week.

## Thank You Notes

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**Bryce Sigsbee** – On behalf of all the Lambda Chi Alpha brothers at Ball State University, I would like to thank you for letting us use the church for both our initiation and our Senior Ceremony! Best Wishes.

**Anna Allen** – Dear church family, thank you so much for the gift from graduation Sunday. I'm so grateful for the prayers and encouragement over the years!

**Sandy Davis** – Dear FBC, Thank you so much for your generous graduation gift! And thank you for being a wonderful home to my family and me over the past 4 years.

**Pillowcase Project** – Thank you to Ginger Hendrickson. We now have our second ironing board and two more irons for the sewing room.

## June Birthdays

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

06/01 - Michael Graham  
06/02 - Cameron Pannell  
06/02 - Kayonna Pannell  
06/06 - Betty Arthur  
06/06 - Jeff Lemen  
06/06 - Jon Stinson  
06/06 - Waylon Shelton  
06/06 - Wesley Shelton  
06/08 - Casey Braswell  
06/08 - Heather Barr  
06/09 - Hunter Barr  
06/09 - Wilma Neal  
06/11 - Anette Atterson  
06/11 - Dawn M. Dawson  
06/12 - David Cross

06/12 - Marc Sue  
06/13 - Julie Davis  
06/14 - Kelli Petroviak  
06/16 - Jim Hiatt  
06/16 - Samantha Ratchford  
06/18 - Olivia N. Sue  
06/19 - Eric Paille  
06/20 - Jessica Fink  
06/21 - Joyce Cross  
06/24 - Joe Songer  
06/24 - Sally Jones  
06/26 - Shelby L. Harris  
06/27 - Tory L. Pierce  
06/30 - Emma Langdon