



The Visitor

JULY 2018

Holy Spirit Series

Last month, I shared with you about the various sermon series for the summer. We finished a short (4-week) series on the Ten Commandments in June and began another short (4-week) series on John's first epistle. We will finish up the 1 John series in July and begin our final series for the summer.

This next series, which begins on July 22, will be over the Holy Spirit. While attending a prayer/reflection retreat in May, I began reading a new book by Northern Seminary Professor Scot McKnight. The book is entitled *Open to the Spirit: God in Us, God with Us, God Transforming Us*. McKnight unpacks the role, function, and importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian. This book will serve as a guide as we spend 7 weeks discussing the Holy Spirit. My hope is that we will learn to open ourselves to and live in dependence on the Holy Spirit each and every day. I am looking forward to this series.



Worship Schedule

- ▷ July 01 - No More Pretending (1 John 1:5–2:2)
- ▷ July 08 - How to Recognize Truth from Error (1 John 4:1–6)
- ▷ July 15 - Centrality of Love (1 John 4:7–21)
- ▷ July 22 - The Spirit and Jesus (Acts 10:38)
- ▷ July 29 - Work of the Spirit (John 14:8–17)

Summer Outreach Opportunities

There are several times you could do a summer outreach: Forward S.T.E.P.S. (formerly OPT and Circles) dinners on Thursday evenings, back-to-school backpack project at the Fairgrounds on July 28, assisting YWCA women by bringing clothing and toiletries to the basket marked in the church 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

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 off your donations in the labeled box in the church office. (Some ideas are crayons, pencils, notebook paper, folders, pink erasers, and highlighters.) Thank you!!!

Youth Ministry Update

Our middle school youth still have a couple of fun activities scheduled for July and August! In July, middle schoolers and their families are invited to take a hike together at Mounds State Park. This event will be **Sunday, July 22**, immediately following the Church Friends Lunch that will be held at our church shelter. We'll try to caravan over together in as few cars as possible to minimize entrance fees for everyone.

In August, middle schoolers are invited to a cookout after second service on **Sunday, August 12**, at Clif and Julie Davis's home in Gas City. We'll have food off the grill and games in the backyard. We will offer carpooling so as many middle schoolers as possible can make the trip. Please RSVP to Julie Davis at 203-306-7118 so we know how many people to plan for.

We still plan to update the youth meeting space this summer. Could you volunteer a couple hours of your time to help us? If so, please contact Christy Allen at 765-717-5229.

Thanks for continuing to pray for our youth. If you have any questions about our youth activities, please contact Christy Allen.

Combined Service on July 8

Note: We will gather in a combined service on **Sunday, July 8** at 10:45 AM. All Sunday school classes will meet during the early hour.

Pillowcases in July

Pillowcase opportunities abound in July. On **July 9** at **5:30** we will have the ladies from A Better Way. Our other opportunity is **July 26** from **10:00–12:00** with our middle schoolers and **2:00–4:00** with our YWCA women. We hope FBC ladies can be available to coach another participant or be there to instruct ironing methods to guarantee a neat project. Contact Maryanne Bayer at 336-413-5763 for more information.

Preschool Volunteers

Hi families! We are in need of volunteers to teach in the preschool classroom (both worship hours) during the months of **July** and **August** so that our current teacher, Miss Jenny, can take a much-deserved summer break! We just need a handful of people to take 1 or 2 Sundays to make this happen. Another person will be scheduled with you, and lessons will be provided! This is a fun opportunity to maybe get out of your comfort zone and be a huge blessing to our little ones of FBC! Please contact Britney Sue at 765-215-6586 or Colleen Massoth at 765-744-1350 if you're interested in helping out this summer. Thanks!

Operation Christmas Child

Current needs are small toys, books, T-shirts, underwear, and socks. If you have questions about the boxes, please contact Jane Patton at 765-393-5085.

Church Friends Lunch

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 if your email address is in the church database, 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.

Visitor or Bulletin Information

If you would like an announcement in the August Visitor, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, July 22**. You can also email articles for the weekly bulletin by Tuesday of each week.

Thank-You Notes

YMCA Women – Thank you for bringing clothing, toiletries, and nonperishable food for the ladies. They are so appreciative and thankful for your caring.

July Birthdays

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

07/01 - Shirley Pittenger
07/04 - Connor French
07/05 - Ian Davis
07/06 - David Rodriguez
07/06 - Ward Head
07/09 - Betty Brown
07/09 - Kaes Petroviak
07/11 - Barb Eidson
07/13 - Joanne Sewell

07/21 - Emily Goul
07/25 - Bryan Bouton
07/29 - Chad Massoth
07/29 - Doug Gregg
07/31 - Coby D. Anderson
07/31 - Finn Massoth
07/31 - Larry Fouch