



# The Visitor

AUGUST 2018

## Ten Years

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This month marks a special milestone for me and my family. We complete a decade with you at First Baptist in Muncie. As we consider the past ten years with you, we are filled with gratitude. To have served in a place that has loved us and our children is a great blessing. Pastors often work in congregations where their families develop a distaste for church life. At First Baptist in Muncie, you have encouraged our children to love God and love the church. They have witnessed how you have cared for us and are eager to serve the church as they begin to branch out into the world.



I am looking forward to celebrating this milestone with you. We have much to celebrate as a congregation. This anniversary is not just *my* anniversary as your pastor. It is *our* anniversary in this season of ministry. Thank you for the past ten years of shared Kingdom building. Thank you for loving me and my family. Thank you for your cooperation in discerning and following God's leading together. I look forward to continuing this work with you as we step into the second decade of ministry together.

## Worship Schedule

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- ▷ August 05 - Living Water (John 4:4-26; 7:37-39)
- ▷ August 12 - A New Work (John 3:1-8)
- ▷ August 19 - Gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-14)
- ▷ August 26 - Pastor Anniversary Sunday (various passages)

## Pastor's 10th Anniversary Celebration Set for August 26

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By Molly Flodder, Moderator

Only three of our pastors in 159 years have been with us ten years or longer. Pastor Wade Allen is one of them.

The Church Coordination Team (CCT) decided earlier this year to celebrate this milestone and appreciate Wade and his family while looking back at the transformative decade in the life of our church. The beginning of Wade's pastorate here was August 28, 2008, so we are celebrating the event on **Sunday, August 26**.

On that Sunday, we will have a **combined service** at **10:45 AM** with special music and a brief historical look at the decade. In keeping with Wade's series on the Holy Spirit, Wade will share personal reflections of his family's call to come to First Baptist Church, Muncie. Members of the original search committee will also share how God was leading our church to make that call to the Allen family.

We will also present Wade and his family with a special gift designated by the CCT.

Church will be followed by an all-church lunch in the Lower Auditorium featuring pulled pork and pulled turkey and all the trimmings, most of which are favorites of Wade's.

There will be opportunity to see lots of pictures from the past ten years of people, events, and activities in our church.

Here is how you can help: - Contribute to a gift we are making by writing a short thank-you note to Wade and his family. Doing this in your handwriting would be ideal. Mention a memory or a special appreciation that you have. Hand these notes to Michelle Martin or any member of the team (listed below) anytime before the Sunday of the event. If you prefer scanning and emailing your note, send it to [magandaphotos@gmail.com](mailto:magandaphotos@gmail.com). - Bring photos that you have of church-related events and people. Give prints to anyone on the committee or email digital photos to Michelle Martin or Roger Morency. Their emails are [magandaphotos@gmail.com](mailto:magandaphotos@gmail.com) and [roger.morency@gmail.com](mailto:roger.morency@gmail.com). - Volunteer to help the kitchen crew set up for or clean up from the special meal. Pray that this recognition will be a magnificent celebration for all of us! Many thanks to the team that is coordinating this anniversary event. They are: Barb Campbell, Ray Conley, Clif Davis, Bill Eidson, Adam Fink, Mark Flodder, Molly Flodder, Michelle Martin, Roger Morency, and Nina Oisten.

## Pillowcase Project in August

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We will be making pillowcases with A Better Way on **August 13** at **5:30 PM**. The second August opportunity will be **August 23** from **2:00–4:00 PM** with the YWCA women. We thank you for your support of this OUTREACH opportunity for our neighborhood. For more information, call Maryanne Bayer at 336-413-5763.

## Operation Christmas Child

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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.

## Melva Ratchford Open House

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The Ratchford/Boyce family will be hosting an open house to celebrate Mary “Melva” Ratchford’s 97th birthday on **Sunday August 12** from **1:00–2:30 PM** at Westminster Village Village Center Room. Please join us for the celebration!

## Camp News

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Camp Tippy is having their annual Dan’s Fish Fry on **August 4** from **4:00–7:00 PM**. Come enjoy fish and chicken and fellowship. There is still time to sign up for summer camp sessions. Check out the website at <http://camptippy.org> for the camp schedule and upcoming fall events!

## Suzy’s Trips

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A one-day trip to the *Ark Encounter* in Williamstown, Kentucky, is planned for **August 29**. \$80 includes ticket. We will eat at the buffet on site before heading back. Contact Suzy Mutter at 765-749-3484 if you are interested in going.

## Thank-You Notes

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**Sally Barrett** – Dear First Baptist Church, thank you so much for your prayers and support for the past eight years. You’ve been there my entire missionary journey. From mission trips to long-term. Thank you! And thank you for letting me share each time in front of the congregation. I don’t take it for granted. I feel so loved, cared and supported by this congregation. God bless.

**Nancy Foudray (mother of Michael Sims)** – To everyone who helped with the Ladies Tea: I just wanted to take this time to thank you for the time you gave, the sharing of your

talents, and the beautiful craft idea for the “little ladies.” Thank you for the memories that you helped to make. I truly had a blessed time!

**Ella Mae Lemen** – To my church family, thank you for the prayers, food, hospital visits and flowers during my hospital stay. You are a precious “family” and I love you all.

**Outreach Team** – Thank you for your support of the YWCA women, the Backpack Project for Kids, pillowcase project, and the Christmas boxes for children.

## Visitor or Bulletin Information

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If you would like an announcement in the September Visitor, please email it to [wade@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:wade@fbcmuncie.org) by **Sunday, August 19**. You can also email articles for the weekly bulletin by Tuesday of each week.

## August Birthdays

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

08/06 - Michelle L. Martin

08/07 - Don Jennings

08/12 - Melva Ratchford

08/13 - Irene Hiatt

08/16 - Chris Hill

08/18 - Honor Hendrickson

08/20 - Brittney Say

08/21 - Barbara Turner

08/21 - Beau L. Mansker

08/21 - Dana Davis

08/21 - Nathan Shutters

08/24 - Tom Kistler

08/25 - Larry Van Deventer

08/27 - Nova Jarvis

08/28 - Cole Randolph

08/29 - Carolyn Harke

08/31 - Isabel Heimlich

08/31 - Maryanne Bayer