



## Parts of the Story

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As the leaves begin to turn orange, red, and yellow, we will continue to walk through the story of God this October. As I am preparing sermons for this series, it usually takes a bit of time to connect one week to the next. The story of God is a complex and often confusing story. Yet discovering how each part flows into the next is invigorating. I have noticed connections that I have never seen.

Because of busy schedules and an increase in the spreading out of families, it is rare that every person is in worship every Sunday. We will often miss a part of the story when we are unable to attend worship. Let me encourage everyone to take the time to listen online at <http://fbcmuncie.org/video> when you miss a week. God's story is fantastic! It is richer, deeper, and more complex than any popular novel. Yet its consistent message of love, grace, and salvation continue to reveal the God we serve. You will not want to miss it.



## Worship Schedule

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- ▷ October 07 - The Commandments (Exodus 20:1–17)
- ▷ October 14 - Joshua: Faithful Servant, Triumphant Leader (Joshua 24:1–15, 16–26)
- ▷ October 21 - Made New (2 Samuel 12, Psalm 51)
- ▷ October 28 - Solomon's Wisdom (1 Kings 3:4–15)

## DVD Ministry Help Wanted

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Duane Davis faithfully creates DVDs and delivers them to those who are unable to attend worship each week. If you would be willing to help in this ministry, please contact Duane at 765-702-1881. He will be traveling in the coming months and could use help.

## First Baptist Welcomes Dr. Bruce and Paula McFarland

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Beginning this school year, Worship Arts Pastor Dr. Clif Davis has a full-time one-year contract to teach at Taylor University. Given his time constraints, he has amended his contribution at First Baptist Church to be two units rather than four, still overseeing and coordinating worship for the church and focusing primarily on contemporary music for the second service.

The church has hired Dr. Bruce McFarland at two units per week to conduct the sanctuary choir and lead worship in the first service. Bruce is joined by his wife, Paula, who plans to volunteer often to accompany the choir. Dr. McFarland completed his doctoral program in music in May of this year. He and Paula have been in the area five years and reside in Yorktown.

The McFarlands grew up in New York state and received their undergraduate training there. They spent almost twenty years in service to the Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea, where Bruce served as a music teacher. They came to the Muncie area from service in Rochester, New York.

Bruce and Paula are parents of six children and grandparents of four grandchildren. Their four oldest children are Rebecca, Ruth, Sarah, and Paul and they live in New Hampshire, Chicago, Brooklyn and Maryland, respectively. The two younger children, Peter and Anna, are in college at University of Miami and at Indiana Wesleyan.

Bruce said, "Bach said that the purpose of music was to 'glorify God and uplift mankind.' We are so pleased to be of service at First Baptist Church and to try to do just that!"

## Senior Adult Day in October

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Senior Adult Day, sponsored by American Baptist Churches of Indiana/Kentucky, American Baptist Churches of Greater Indianapolis, and BHI Senior Living, Inc., will be held at our church **Thursday, October 11**. This is an all-day event beginning in the morning. The program will include Paul White, singer, along with Eastern Gate; Dr. Kay Bales and Dr. Marilyn Buck of the office of President Mearns of Ball State; and Tamara Weaver and Damon Grove of the Indiana Attorney General's office. Lunch will provided by Amazing

Joe's. Volunteers will be needed for various parts of the day. Terry Harke and Shirley Pittenger are the chairpersons from our church. If you are interested in volunteering or signing up, contact Terry Harke 702-3631 or Shirley Pittenger 282-0632.

## **Legacy Campaign**

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At the moment we have more than \$110,000.00 in the Legacy Campaign fund. Next month will be the beginning of the second year of the campaign. It will also be when we expect your second check if you are giving one check a year. Please plan to bring your check on October 28 or November 4 to make it easier to compile annual gifts.

## **Pillowcase Project**

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The women continue making pillowcases twice a month. A Better Way will sew on **October 8** beginning at **5:30 PM**. The YWCA women will sew on **October 25** from **2:00–4:00 PM**. We again thank you for your support of our neighborhood project. If you would be interested in helping, you can contact MaryAnne Bayer 336-413-5763.

## **World Mission Offering**

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This year's World Mission Offering will be taken on **October 14** and **21**. The focus this year will be Evangelism and Discipleship, Abolishing Global Slavery, and Health and Wellness. Envelopes will be available in the pews for your donations.

## **Church Friends Lunch**

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The next Church Friends Lunch will be **Sunday, October 28**, after second service. We'll be meeting at the MCL Cafeteria in the Muncie Mall. MCL has given us some pretty specific instructions to follow. Their banquet room holds **55 people**, so that will be the cap on the number of folks who can attend. They have a policy that no outside food or drink can be brought into the room; anything eaten there needs to be purchased from MCL. As with our time at Mancino's last March, you will go through the line, pay for your own food, and then meet up with the group in the banquet room. **The deadline to register for this event is Friday, October 26**. Please register online at <http://bit.ly/fbc-octlunch>, or call Julie Davis at 203-306-7118 and she will help you. We hope you can join your FBC friends for this event!

## Member Care Fruit Baskets

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On **Saturday, November 3**, from **10:00 AM to noon** in the Lower Auditorium (kitchen), volunteers will be needed to assemble and deliver fruit baskets to our shut-in members. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Barbara Campbell at 765-722-0703.

## Senior Adult Camp

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Young at Heart Camp for senior adults, ages 55 and over, will be **October 24–26** at Tippecanoe Baptist Camp in North Webster, Indiana. The fee for the camp is \$80, but FBC will pay half. Information and the registration form will be on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. You can also call Shirley Pittenger , at 282-0632. Shirley will be directing the camp and looks forward to having you there. Please let her know if you are going.

## Operation Christmas Child

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The children's team is collecting items to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please drop off your items in the designated boxes in the church office. The deadline to donate is November 11th. Here are some ideas of what to donate:

**A “Wow” Item** – doll (Consider including accessories such as doll clothes or a small doll bed.); soccer ball (Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.); stuffed animal; an outfit of clothing to wear; small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder); backpack

**Personal Care Items** – comb; hairbrush; toothbrush; washcloth; bar soap (packaged and/or in a container); adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do NOT include liquid antibiotic ointment.); reusable plastic containers; cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.); blanket; non-liquid lip balm; flashlight (solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed); compact mirror; nail clipper and file; stick deodorant; washable/reusable cloth menstrual pads ## Clothing and Accessories shirts and pants; pillowcase dress (loose-fitting sundress); underwear; shoes and socks; flip-flops; hat/scarf/mittens; decorative hat; wristwatch; sunglasses; tote bag/purse; bead jewelry/bead kit; hair accessories (hair clips, hair ribbons, elastic hair bands, etc.)

**Crafts and Activities** – pencils; small manual pencil sharpener; colored pencils; pencil case; pens; crayons; markers; coloring pads; coloring books; picture book; notebooks; glue stick (Do not include liquid glue.); small adhesive tape; watercolor set (finger paint palette/crayons/markers [non-liquid containers], paint brushes, canvas or paper); building blocks; playdough (Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.); stickers; puzzles; binoculars; compass; chalkboard with chalk; tool set with work gloves; fishing kit; brightly colored rope or twine; gardening kit with gloves and trowel (no seeds); magnets; kaleidoscope; skipping rope/jump rope; playing cards; marbles

**Toys** – foam ball; kickball (Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.); tennis ball; finger puppets; slinky; Etch-A-Sketch; play cars/trucks/boats; plastic tools; plastic dinosaurs; interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (include extra batteries); baseball and mitt; tennis ball; yo-yo; small Frisbee; small kite; hacky sack; toy cars.

**A Personal Note** – You may enclose a note to the child & a photo of yourself, your family, or group. If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back.

**Do NOT Include** – candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans

THANK YOU!

## Looking for Vets

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First Baptist plans to honor our veterans on November 11. If you or someone you know in our church is a veteran, please bring a picture of that person in uniform (if possible) with dates and rank to MaryAnne Bayer. MaryAnne volunteers at the church office on Monday afternoons, and you can leave it at the office addressed to her. Please submit your pictures on or before October 8. We will honor our vets on November 11 . You may also contact MaryAnne at 336-413-5763.

## Trunk or Treat

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The children's event for October is a Trunk or Treat night at the church on **Saturday, October 27** from **5:30 to 6:30!** We are in need of several people to volunteer their "trunks" for this event. Vehicle participants may choose to decorate their car trunks (this is optional!)

and pass out candy to the kids. If you want, you can decorate your trunk according to a theme and even wear a costume that goes with it! Pinterest is full of theme ideas! In order for the families of small kids to enjoy this event, we're asking for several people (youth are welcome to help too!) to volunteer their car for the evening. If you're unable to host a trunk but still want to help, we are in need of candy donations! Please drop off any candy donations in the church office. In case of inclement weather, we will bring the trick-or-treating inside the church. Please see Britney Sue or anyone on the children's team if you're interested in being a vehicle participant. This will be an exciting evening for the kids and participants! Thanks!

## Visitor or Bulletin Information

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If you would like an announcement in the November Visitor, please email it to [wade@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:wade@fbcmuncie.org) by **Sunday, October 21**. You can also email articles for the weekly bulletin by Tuesday of each week.

## October Birthdays

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

10/06 - Sarah Egly	10/20 - Donna Fouch
10/09 - Ella Dawson	10/21 - Donn Roberts
10/13 - Stephen Reid	10/24 - Spencer Scruggs
10/15 - Lydia Burton	10/25 - Ashlynn Randolph
10/16 - Gayle Songer	10/25 - Carolyn Shelton
10/16 - Muriel Michael	10/27 - Sue Mutter
10/17 - Anson Tooley	10/27 - Zoey Cummins
10/18 - Mark Flodder	10/29 - Danyalle Nealy
10/19 - Chance Lemen	
10/19 - Owen Dawson	