



The Prophets

As we move into November, we often shift our time and energy toward the coming holidays. Shopping for gifts, making travel plans, and arranging schedules become priorities. We look forward to the days ahead. At the same time, we can easily get overwhelmed with all that needs to be done. As we continue to move through the story of God, we find ourselves in a similar mode. God has much to do with an obstinate people. But He is faithfully making plans for rescue and redemption.

In the month of November, we continue to work through Old Testament stories. Many of the sermons in the coming month will be in the prophets. Prophetic literature is not my favorite section of the Bible. But as I have prepared for the upcoming sermons, I have found our passages full of hope, promise, and anticipation for the coming Messiah. I am looking forward to working through God's story with you.



Worship Schedule

- ▷ November 04 - Wash and Be Clean (2 Kings 5:1–15)
- ▷ November 11 - Micah (Micah 1:3–5; 5:2–5a; 6:6–8)
- ▷ November 18 - Trust God (Isaiah 36:1–3, 13–20; 37:1–7, 35–48)
- ▷ November 25 - Jeremiah's Temple Sermon (Jeremiah 7:1–11)

New Chairs in Lower Auditorium

We hope you have noticed our new chairs in the lower auditorium, which were purchased with some of the Capital Campaign funds.

Volunteer Spotlight on Spencer Goodman

Have you had the opportunity to meet Spencer yet? You may not even be aware that we have a new volunteer at FBC. Spencer is volunteering by leading our Youth Sunday School Class and has been doing so for several weeks now. While living in Muncie, he found FBC through the church website and decided to come check out our church. Spencer is originally from Marion, Indiana. His father is a physical therapist assistant in Upland, Indiana, and his mother is the Dean of Nursing at Ivy Tech in Marion. Spencer also has a brother who is attending Ball State.

Spencer graduated from Ball State with a bachelor's degree in Spanish. He is currently taking a physics class at Ball State so that he can attend dental school in the future. He has lined up interviews for dental school with IU and another in Maine later this Fall.

Spencer is currently working at Ball Memorial Hospital. His hobbies include weightlifting, kickboxing, and reading biographies. He also enjoys watching TV and discussing politics and philosophy with his best friend and roommate.

Spencer feels that working the youth is "awesome." He goes on to say that he enjoys "being able to come to First Baptist every week and get to know how each of my kids are doing." He believes that he has been called to be a leader and that he can "lead the kids in thought, discussion, and theological inquiry." Spencer believes that "we all benefit from learning more of what the Bible can teach, and . . . having a solid foundation in the Bible will provide many of the morals that people need to be a successful, kind, and driven individual." He greatly desires to be a strong mentor to the youth at FBC.

Harvest Meal

This year's Harvest Meal will be held on **November 18**. On that Sunday, we will have a combined service at **10:45 AM**. Following the service we will gather in the lower auditorium for our Harvest Meal. Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided. We will have the pleasure of approximately forty Taylor University students joining us. Please bring a dish or two to share, and please adjust your recipes so that we will be able to accommodate them. Also **Saturday November 17** from **10:00 AM to noon** help will be needed to set tables and complete a small amount of food prep. Please contact Barb Campbell at 765-722-0703 if you are willing to help.

Special Commemorations Coming Up

The first Sunday in November we remember members of our church family who have passed on to be with the Lord in the last year. On the second Sunday, we recognize those who are veterans. Thank you to all who have made information available to MaryAnne Bayer and Roger Morency as they prepare for these commemorations and to both of them for helping us observe All Saints' Day and Veterans Day.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

'Tis the time for bell ringing. We are going to bring our annual support inside this year to our church. Standing outside at the mall in inclement weather when one is a senior citizen is not always smart. We have had at least two ninety-year-olds ring year after year. This year we will ring bells at our church on **November 18, December 9, and December 16**. Opportunities to ring begin at **8:30 AM** at the west and north sanctuary doors, **10:15–10:45 AM** in the lower auditorium at the east or west entrance, and at the end of the service at the west and north entrances. We usually raise around \$500–600 for the Salvation Army. We are setting a goal of \$550 for this season. If you want to donate a check, please make it out to Salvation Army. We can evaluate after this season whether we can move to this new model. Sue Mutter will be looking for volunteer bell ringers for these times. You can contact Sue at 765-749-3484.

Pillowcase Project

A Better Way will sew on **November 12** beginning at **5:30 PM**. The YWCA women will sew on **November 29** 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.

Member Care Fruit Baskets

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.

Thank-You Notes

Shirley and Terry – A special thank-you to everyone who helped with our Sr. Adult Day. And to Chad Massoth for providing a fantastic meal. All of your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Outreach – Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Offering. As of this writing, we do not know how much came in. However, when we know, we will let you know in the bulletin.

Visitor or Bulletin Information

If you would like an announcement in the December Visitor, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, November 18**. You can also email articles for the weekly bulletin by Tuesday of each week.

November Birthdays

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

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| 11/07 - Sara Martin | 11/21 - Deena Green |
| 11/08 - Michael Songer | 11/21 - Faith Hendrickson |
| 11/11 - Emme Hembree | 11/23 - Patty Russell |
| 11/11 - Katie Braswell | 11/23 - Thelma Jones |
| 11/11 - Teresa Funk | 11/24 - Kara Boye |
| 11/12 - Pam Barnhouse | 11/25 - Dick Flaherty |
| 11/13 - Anderson Smith | 11/26 - Brady Lemen |
| 11/14 - Betty Clark | 11/27 - Dawson Allen |
| 11/14 - Sandy Davis | 11/29 - James Heimlich |
| 11/14 - Sofie Pannell | 11/29 - Maren French |
| 11/15 - Macy Allen | 11/30 - Gerry Minnick |
| 11/17 - Bethany Cummins | 11/30 - Jamie Harris |
| 11/18 - Britney Sue | |
| 11/18 - Darlene Hill | |