



The Visitor

APRIL 2019

High Point

As we continue to work through Matthew's Gospel this Lenten and Easter season, we come to the high point of the story in April. Certainly, the death and resurrection of Jesus is the most significant event in all of history for the Christian. As Paul put it,

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. (1 Corinthians 15:17 NIV)

This year, we will celebrate the beginning of Holy Week with an all-church brunch on Palm Sunday along with a combined service (April 14). We will gather in our usual two services on Easter Sunday (April 21). I look forward to walking through the story as we conclude our study in Matthew this month.



Worship Schedule

- ▷ April 07 - Hidden Talents (Matthew 25:14–30)
- ▷ April 14 - King of Kings (Matthew 21:1–17)
- ▷ April 21 - He Has Risen (Matthew 28)
- ▷ April 28 - Great Commission (Matthew 28:16–20)

Sunday Morning Study

Are you looking for a good way to connect with other adults on Sunday mornings? James Heimlich leads a great Sunday School class during the first-service hour. This group, which meets in the Bride's Room, includes adults of all ages and has a welcoming discussion format. If you attend second service, take a Sunday or two to come earlier and try it out.

Spring Breakfast

A spring breakfast will be served on **Palm Sunday, April 14**, at **9:30 AM** in the lower auditorium. No youth or children's Sunday school will be held on this day. We will gather for a **combined worship service at 10:45 AM**. If anyone is interested in helping please call Barb Campbell at 765-722-0703.

Easter Candy

It's hard to believe, but it's that time of year already! Easter is right around the corner, and we are in need of candy donations for our annual children's Easter Egg Hunt! Please drop off your candy donations to the church office anytime between now and **April 7th**. Thank you! – The Children's Ministry Team

Camp Tippy

Camp time! It is time to register for camp. All registrations need to be in by May 1. Please register online at <https://abcin.campmanagement.com/enroll> or call Shirley at 282-0632 for more information or questions.

Forms are also available at the church. Please let Shirley know if you have a child going, as the church pays half of the camp fee. Camp Tippy is located in North Webster, Indiana.

Camp Night

We will have a camp informational time, devotions, games, and refreshments in the lower auditorium on **Saturday, April 13** from **6:30–8:00 PM**. Camp registrations are due by **May 1**. If you have questions contact Shirley Pittenger at 282-0632.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Children's Ministry Team is kicking off spring with our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Grab your baskets and join us at Morrow's Meadow in Yorktown on **Saturday, April 20**, at **10:00 AM**. Plastic bags will be provided to take home all that yummy candy! Donuts and juice will also be served. When the children are done with the egg hunt, they are welcome to play on one of the two playgrounds at the park. Please park in the parking lot next to Pizza King and close to the playground for younger kids. We will be set up close to the small pavilion area next to that playground. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Warm Weather Life Group Begins in May

A total of 14 members of the FBC family met last spring, summer, and early fall in an adult life group. Half of this group was made up of people who winter in warmer places. Most of the meetings were held in homes, and the focus was on individual topics.

"Several of the people in our group are retired and still traveling a lot," said Joe Songer, a group leader. "It made sense for us not to do a study that encompassed the whole time period, such as a study of a book in the Bible or a book by a Christian author."

This year, the group will do the same separate study focus so that people don't have to not participate if they can't be at every session. One presentation already established will be a visit from Rev. Bob Ball of Blood 'n Fire Ministries, who has done disaster relief work over the years with his grill, "Holy Smokes." Rev. Bob provided food and relief at Hurricane Katrina, for instance, and at many other locations, and he will talk about how Christians can help with this kind of relief.

The group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday evenings for study, discussion, and dessert, beginning with a kickoff session to be announced for a weeknight in May. If you have interest in being part of this group, contact Joe or Gayle Songer or email them at jmsonger@comcast.net.

Visitor or Bulletin Information

If you would like an announcement in the May Visitor, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, April 21**. You can also email articles for the weekly bulletin by Tuesday of each week.

We're on the Home Stretch!

by Julie Davis

I have really enjoyed reading the stories that have already been submitted to The Story Project! I love the variety we're getting—no two people have the same story to tell. People are relating all different types of experiences and are speaking of many distinctive ways that God has been at work through circumstances, people, Scripture, and the voice of His Spirit speaking to our spirits. Some of the stories are about “big” things and some are about everyday things. We are unique, and that is fully reflected through the stories we have to tell.



If you haven't yet submitted your story, there's still time: **the deadline for story submission is April 30**. Please remember **the team is here to help**:

- ▷ You can submit your story digitally to thestoryproject@fbcmuncie.org OR on paper in the church office.
- ▷ If you'd like one of our team members to help you get started or to give you feedback as you're writing, we'll pair you up with someone.
- ▷ If you don't feel able to write your story—for whatever reason—one of our story collectors will meet with you and record you telling it. It will then be transcribed.

Your story is important—and only you can tell it. When you choose to do that, God gets glory for His work in your life, and other people have the chance to learn and draw courage from your experiences. Maybe what you have to share today will give me hope that God is with me in what I face tomorrow. Don't take a pass on this opportunity. Ask for help if you need it, but don't just be a story keeper: be a storyTELLER.

Neighborhood Immersion Activity to Take Place in June

by Molly Flodder

Part of the Church Coordination Team's long-term focus when I ended my term as moderator in December was to continue a journey of discernment and experimenting in our community and neighborhood. Their intention is to learn fresh ways of being God's missionary people in our neighborhoods, not necessarily to create new work but, over time, to join God's work that is already happening.



Maryanne Bayer, coordinator of Outreach Ministry, will be heading up a June "Neighborhood Immersion" which will allow many of us to get away from our church to visit several places within a few blocks of our church where God and our fellow Munsonians are at work taking care of local needs.

This Immersion will give us opportunities to be in several locations in our community, viewing and providing a hand with what is going on. It will take place over 3–4 days/evenings and will be "a la carte" so that people can participate in what they have the time and interest to do.

Stay tuned to next month's *Visitor*, future bulletins, and church announcements as details materialize.

Church Friends Lunch Coming Up on May 5

On **Sunday, May 5**, after second service, FBC attenders are invited to attend our fourth "Church Friends Lunch" at By Hand and Fork restaurant, 1617 North Wheeling. Our group will have the patio room, which holds up to 80 people. There will be about ten minutes of get-acquainted activities and then opportunities for everyone to order breakfast or lunch entrees off the menu.

Someone who attended all three of our activities last year said, "I have been a member of First Baptist for almost fifteen years, but I haven't known many people in the other service that well. These events have been a wonderful way to put names with faces and to fellowship with others that love First Baptist like I do."

Get this on your calendar and watch your email. A reservation link will be going out after April 15 so that you may sign up. In addition, signups will be taken in the church office or over the phone.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Davis, Adult Ministries coordinator, or email her at jdd613@gmail.com.

Lunch Group Reconvenes in May

For the past four years, a group of four to six FBC ladies has met regularly for prayer, conversation, and lunch. This has been in addition to a small group or instead of a small group for each group member.

“We have taken a break for a few months and will reconvene on Monday, May 6,” said Molly Flodder, a member of the group. “This group has been a chance for us to share concerns or praises with other Christians and has been a blessing to each of us. Although I am retired now, I wasn’t when we first started, and this was a way I could be in communication with others when my schedule did not allow me to be in another small group.”

The group welcomes anyone (including men) and will meet the **first and third Monday of each month from 11:30–12:30 PM** at a restaurant convenient to downtown. Please watch the bulletin for more information about the first group meeting.

Contact Molly Flodder or email her at flodder@comcast.net if you have questions or want to get involved.

April Birthdays

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

04/03 - Hunter Petroviak	04/22 - Ariel Heimlich
04/06 - Cami Shutters	04/24 - Andi Dawson
04/06 - Colleen Massoth	04/25 - Addison Thurston
04/06 - Megan Morency	04/25 - Billie Frogge
04/09 - Anna Allen	04/25 - Jane Patton
04/10 - Sam Hershman	04/25 - Logan Sue
04/11 - Ken Nicola	04/25 - Maddy Crawford
04/14 - Jace Ingram	04/27 - Sondra Heimlich
04/15 - Susan Londt	04/27 - William Wright
04/16 - April Lemen	04/30 - Freida Roberts
04/16 - Robert Burton	04/30 - Ray Conley
04/17 - Victoria Bouton	