



Into the Fall

As we move into the fall months, much is happening in and around First Baptist Church, Muncie. Teams are working in various areas to revise church documents, to develop a collection of faith stories, and to implement the projects in the Legacy Campaign. At the same time, we continue our study of the book of Revelation.

In this edition of the Visitor, you will read about all that is happening in and around the church.



Worship Schedule

- ▷ September 01 - The Great Rescue (Revelation 7)
- ▷ September 08 - Pruning the Tree (Revelation 8)
- ▷ September 15 - Evil Is Ugly (Revelation 9)
- ▷ September 22 - Time Ending (Revelation 10)
- ▷ September 29 - Two Witnesses (Revelation 11)

Combined Service Labor Day Weekend

Please mark your calendars for a combined worship service on Labor Day weekend. We will meet in one service at **10:45 AM** on **Sunday, September 1**. All Sunday school classes will meet at 9:15 AM.

Story Project Update

Many things have been happening with your book during the month of August! The entire manuscript was reviewed by our first-level proofreader, who is a professional with more than 30 years of experience in Christian publishing. One of the great benefits of her work is that our stories have now been read by someone who doesn't know us. Because we know each other well, our brains sometimes fill in missing context as we hear each other share experiences or feelings—without us even realizing that is happening. Getting a more objective read from an outsider allows us to determine what things won't make sense without more explanation and helps us discover where the way we've expressed ourselves is either confusing or gives an impression of us that isn't accurate.



If the proofreader had a question about your story, you may be contacted by a Story Project team member during September to resolve those issues. **Regardless of whether there are any questions to resolve, before the end of September every person who submitted a story will receive, by US mail, a copy of that story in its final form.** Please check it over to make sure the details are correct, and contact me personally before the date mentioned in the letter that accompanies it if there is anything that needs to be changed. After the date given in the letter, the book manuscript will move forward to the interior design stage, and we will not make changes after that time.

Lots of great stories are just around the corner! Here are a couple you can look forward to reading:

A young family writes about their friendship with an older couple of the church who played a role in their journey toward church membership, the baptism of their older daughter, and their involvement in the church's ministries. They said of their friends, "They have been such a blessing and inspiration to our family. Our lives, as well as our spiritual journey, have been transformed by their loving guidance and inspiring hearts."

As a young seventh grader, this member was involved in a terrible car accident that would likely have been fatal had there been different circumstances. She reports that this accident, the prayers of others, and one switch in plans relating to the car they were driving helped her to know that God is real.

Friendship Class

The Friendship class starts back on **Tuesday, September 10**. The Friendship Class is for special-needs adults. Volunteers are needed to help with the classes. If you have questions about the class or would like to volunteer, call Jane Patton at 759-8276.

Keeping Up

As we study the book of Revelation, it will be important to stay up to date with the study. If you miss a week or two, you might find it hard to make sense of how it all fits together. Let me encourage you to take the time to listen to the podcast or watch the sermon videos online. Summer is a season of travel and vacation. That makes this particular study a challenge. However, with the technology that we have available, you can keep up each week and get the most out of this study.

You can subscribe to the podcast or watch the sermon videos at <https://fbcmuncie.org/keepup>.

Fall Picnic

The combined First Baptist Church and Riverside Avenue Baptist Church fall picnic is at Riverside Avenue Baptist Church **Sunday, September 15**, at **4:00 PM**. All are invited. Meat, drinks, and table service will be furnished. Please bring a dish or two to share and lawn chairs. . Common Ground will be doing the program outside. There will be a program outside. In case of bad weather it will be inside. Hope to see everyone. If you have any questions contact Terry Harke at 765-702-3631.

Operation Christmas Child

Attention everyone! It is not too early to think about Operation Christmas Child. Now is the time to buy school supplies: Crayola crayons, pencils, small notepads, etc. Please bring these to the church office. Thanks!

Youth September Activities

September 1 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 22, 12:45–3:00 PM – Youth and Youth Families Cookout at the home of Julie and Clif Davis, 1032 Walnut Creek Lane, Gas City

September 29 – Fellowship of the Fifth (No Sunday School, but the youth will go for breakfast together during the Sunday School hour and return for second service)

Youth and Youth Families Cookout

All youth and their families are invited to the Davises' home (1032 Walnut Creek Lane, Gas City) for a time of food and games. This is a time of relationship building for our youth, as well as for parents of youth. Please join us on **Sunday, September 22**, from **12:45–3:00 PM**. If you, as the parent/s, are unable to attend, but your youth is available, we will be happy to give them a ride! Please RSVP to Julie by Thursday, September 19.

Joining God in the Neighborhood Recap

Thank you to all who participated in our Joining God in the Neighborhood Digging Deeper in July. We found God and our neighbors reaching out to the neighbors in many different ways. We also had a luncheon on August 11 in which people shared what each agency was doing so we might be able to develop a vision for what Muncie FBC could be doing. There was an opportunity to visit twelve different agencies, and then six came to us to share with us on a Wednesday evening. You will be hearing more in another month or two.

Visitor or Bulletin Information

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

Thank You Notes

Shirley and Jay Pittenger – Dear church family, Jay and I think all of you for the many prayers, cards and flowers. Our days were blessed knowing of your love and care. Jay has a long way to go but he is a fighter. We don't know what all is ahead but we know God is in control. Jay is in rehab at Signature Healthcare and hard at work. PS. Thanks,too, for all the visits.

Dan and Ella Mae Lemen – To my church family – Thank you for the cards, prayers and beautiful peace lily for the passing of my mom. The love and support from you all is something our whole family will always remember, with love.

September Birthdays

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

09/01 - Monty Stinson
09/01 - Nancy Hall
09/01 - Sam Stinson
09/02 - Harry Irwin
09/04 - Mallory Flodder
09/04 - Nancy Stinson
09/05 - Edith Ford
09/08 - Cathy Henderson
09/11 - Dannie Campbell
09/13 - Austin Martin
09/13 - Will Drumright
09/16 - Elizabeth Ratchford

09/16 - Joshua Heimlich
09/17 - Chloe Durke
09/19 - Andrew Johnson
09/21 - Ella Mae Lemen
09/21 - Gabrielle Heimlich
09/24 - Polly Ratchford
09/24 - Will Smith
09/27 - Mary Van Deventer
09/28 - Anna Ratchford
09/28 - Lila Anderson