



Look Back and Forward

As we get closer to the end of the year, we realize that 2020 is nearly upon us. Not only will we close the year, but we come to the end of a decade. The date still looks futuristic to me, but I guess we will get used to it as we see it every day.

The end of a decade is a time when we reflect and consider the past ten years. It is also a time when we think about the future, looking ahead to how the world might change in the next ten years.

We will be looking back and ahead this month as we celebrate all that God has done, is doing, and is going to do in our midst. We will gather in a special service toward the end of this month. I hope you can join us. You can read more about this service as well as other events, projects, and emphases happening in and around First Baptist this month.



Worship Schedule

- ▷ November 03 - Seven Plagues (Revelation 16)
- ▷ November 10 - The Prostitute and the Monster (Revelation 17)
- ▷ November 17 - Babylon Fallen (Revelation 18)
- ▷ November 24 - Legacy Sunday (Isaiah 26:12)

Children's Choir Update

Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to join our Children's Choir! Practice is at **10:00 AM** in the downstairs children's choir room. The kids will be singing a few songs for Thanksgiving this year with a performance on **November 24**. Please see Clif Davis or Jenny Durke with any questions.

Combined Service

The Harvest Dinner and the service focusing on the legacy of our church throughout its 160 years will be held on **Sunday, November 24**. Please remember that this will be a combined service at **10:45 AM**.

Christian Ministries Sock Project

Can you imagine surviving the winter months without warm socks? Me neither! November 1–30, First Baptist Church and Christian Ministries are teaming up to gather NEW pairs of tube socks for children, women, and men. Christian Ministries currently has sleeping rooms for men and for families. They would like to provide these individuals with clean, warm socks for the cold winter months ahead. All socks should be of cotton blend in any color, but preferably white, gray, and black for men/women, and white or multicolor for children. Our goal is to gather at least 300 pairs of socks. Please bring your donations to the church office, where a designated tote will be provided. This is a great way to support our community during the winter months. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Green (second service) or Steve Reid (first service). Thank you for your donations. *Brian Green*

Friendship Class

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.

Shut-In Fruit Baskets

On **Saturday, November 2**, 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.

Salvation Army Bells Ringing

Everyone at the church knows we've rung bells for Salvation Army for many years. I know we all loved to ring bells until they put us outside . . . But you can still ring bells for the Salvation Army at the church on Sunday where it's nice and warm on the inside. Please see me if you would like to ring bells at the church. Our goal this year is \$1000. I know a lot of you make regular donations to the Salvation Army, so please bring them to church and drop them in. Bells will be located in the hallways downstairs and upstairs. December 15 will be the deadline to get your money in. And once again, thanks for all your help with showing the Muncie Mall that we can collect a lot more money and we don't have to stand outside in freezing cold to do it! Thanks, *Sue Lawson-Mutter*

Story Project Update

The Story Project Team is in the home stretch to produce the book you've written, and we hope to be crossing the finish line soon! The interior of the book has been designed, and those designed pages are in the hands of two people who are doing the final proofreading. They'll be hoping to catch any remaining typos and any errors with the pagination or headings that may have been introduced during the design phase. In addition, the project team met at the end of October to discuss ways to make those in our community and denomination aware of this special work that First Baptist Muncie has undertaken.



In just a few weeks you should be receiving definite information about how to get a copy of this book into your hands. Meanwhile, here are two more stories you can look forward to reading:

One elderly member of our church shared the story of his family's ministry to others. He related how God led him to meet and marry his wife and how the family shared their gratitude to Him through their gifts of music.

Another member of our church was a good student in school and had several career options. But in his youth, he had no idea that God would lead him to a lifelong occupation helping others.

Legacy Sunday Set for November 24

By Molly Flodder

As our building turns 90, our church turns 160, and our three-year Legacy Capital Campaign comes to a close, we are taking the occasion to celebrate the legacy of our church and appreciate the gifts of people and service that have been given to bring First Baptist Church to where it is.



While we have a beautiful building, our Legacy is not just about the beauty or the history of our building. It is about looking at everyone who comes together to serve the Lord and work in His church—everyone who is building a strong today as a foundation for a stronger tomorrow.

On **Sunday, November 24**, in a combined service, we will celebrate Legacy Sunday with an eye toward where we have been, where we are, and where we are going. There will be an opportunity to appreciate everyone who has played a role in the operation, development, and future of our church, as well as to point out a few people who have played long-term roles in particular areas such as administration, Christian education, and worship.

After the service, we will all participate in the Harvest Dinner. This will be a carry-in, and because we expect some extra guests, we will need each household to bring a family-sized side dish or dessert to add to the turkey, ham, and drinks already being provided.

A team effort is coming together to unveil this wonderful opportunity. In addition to teams working with Pastor Wade, Clif Davis, and Bruce McFarland on the service, Barb Campbell (Member Care Ministry) will need a lot of help in setting up, serving, and cleaning up for the dinner. Please call Barb at 765-405-1697 or leave a message in the church office if you are willing to help.

Visitor or Bulletin Information

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

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. 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>.

Church Business Meeting in December

There will be a special called business meeting on **Sunday, December 15**, at **10:15 AM** to vote on the revised constitution, bylaws, and the 2020 budget. Both documents will be available for you to read on December 1. There will also be an information meeting for those of you who have questions or would like to share suggestions on **Wednesday, December 11**, at **5:00 PM** in the church office.

Thank You Notes

The Jennings Family – Dear Muncie First Baptist Church Family, Thank you so very much for the beautiful Peace Lily for Mother’s funeral. It is so pretty. It really makes us feel loved during this time of loss. And thank you so much Wade for delivering such a meaningful funeral service, it was truly beautiful. Thank you so much, beloved church family.

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.

11/04 - Jaden Rausch	11/18 - Darlene Hill
11/07 - Sara Martin	11/21 - Deena Green
11/08 - Michael Songer	11/21 - Faith Hendrickson
11/08 - Teaira Kerrigan	11/23 - Patty Russell
11/11 - Emme Hembree	11/23 - Thelma Jones
11/11 - Katie Braswell	11/24 - Kara Boye
11/13 - Anderson Smith	11/25 - Dick Flaherty
11/14 - Betty Clark	11/26 - Brady Lemen
11/14 - Sandy Davis	11/27 - Dawson Allen
11/14 - Sofie Pannell	11/29 - James Heimlich
11/15 - Macy Allen	11/29 - Maren French
11/17 - Bethany Cummins	11/30 - Gerry Minnick
11/18 - Britney Sue	11/30 - Jamie Harris

