

*Welcome*

**FIRST**



**BAPTIST**

**M U N C I E**

# SUNDAY MORNING

## Welcome & Check-In

At each entrance, and at our welcome center, all ages are invited to check-in with a greeter. The Greeters can direct you where you need to go, and answer questions you may have. Children will also receive a name tag for nursery or children's church.

Bible Study / 9:30 - 10:15



### Intergenerational Bible Study (B-05)

Led by James Heimlich, this intergenerational Bible Study includes adults of all ages.

### Youth Large Group (201)

Sixth through twelfth (6th-12th) grade students join in discussions about life and faith.

### Children's Sunday School (B-03 & 102)

Classes are available for preschool-aged children through fifth grade (Pre-K- 5th). Through play, stories, and activities, kids learn about the great big love of God! Children's Choir opportunities also sometimes take place during this time.



Fellowship / 10:15-10:40

### Donut Hour (Fellowship Hall)

Between Bible study and Worship, join in a time of fellowship (and, of course, donuts)!

Worship / 10:45 (Sanctuary)

### Nursery Care (104)

For children ages 3 and younger, nursery care is available throughout the service.

### Children's Church (B-03 & 102)

Students preschool - fifth grade will be dismissed to Children's Church during the service.



### Communion Sundays (Sanctuary)

A service with the whole church family.

The first Sunday of each month is communion Sunday.

To allow the whole church family to participate, there is no Children's Church. We will all worship together in a service intentionally planned for all ages.

# ABOUT US

## WHO WE ARE



**First Baptist Church of Muncie, Indiana (FBCM)**, challenges each member to exercise his or her gifts for the glory of God. As a Spirit-led people gathered to join Christ's presence, FBCM proclaims the Kingdom of God in the Muncie community.

We are affiliated with the **American Baptist Churches - USA** and the **American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky**. American Baptists are a Christ-centered, biblically grounded, ethnically diverse people called to radical personal discipleship in Christ Jesus. American Baptists' commitment to Jesus propels us to nurture authentic relationships with one another; build healthy churches; transform our communities, our nations, and our world; engage every member in hands-on ministry; and speak the prophetic word in love.

FBCM is a covenant community of believers in Christ Jesus. Our commitment to one another is drawn from Scripture. The pledge we make is to be the family of God for you in this place:

- **Bearing** your burdens, as you bear ours. *(Galatians 6:2)*
- **Encouraging** you in the faith, as we are encouraged by you. *(1 Thessalonians 5:11)*
- **Delighting** in the Lord's ways *and* *(Psalms 86:11-13 & 37:3-6)*
- **Offering** our lives as a living sacrifice: Holy & Pleasing to God. *(Romans 12:1)*

# OUTREACH

## BEING NEIGHBORS

FBCM desires to join Christ where he is already at work in our world – in Muncie and across the globe. We do so personally, by sharing the mercy and love that God has shown us with others. We also do this with community partners, stewarding our resources to support them in their work.

### **Our ministry partners include:**

American Baptist, Home Mission Society, International Ministries - Mayra Giovanetti & Carlos Bonilla, World Relief; A Better Way, Blood 'N' Fire, Cadence Ministries, Christian Ministries (Muncie), CRU - Ball State Univ., First Choice for Women, Greater Europe Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Home Savers of Delaware County, Muncie Mission, Northern Seminary, Salvation Army, & Youth For Christ.

### **Ways you can connect with FBCM to serve our community:**

- **Volunteering** with our partner organizations or at community events.
- **Special offerings and projects** for disaster relief, mission work, and other needs.
- **Sewing Group (203)** - A multi-aged, monthly group which sews pillowcases to be filled with supplies for those in need.
- **Use our building for something great!** FBCM offers our facilities to host outside events and organizations. Our website has links to our building use policy at [fbcmuncie.org/reserve/](http://fbcmuncie.org/reserve/)

See the back page for upcoming service opportunities. For more information, contact [Outreach@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:Outreach@fbcmuncie.org)

*"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."*

# CHILDREN

PRESCHOOL THROUGH FIFTH GRADE | PRE-K - 5TH

FBCM is committed to creating a Children's Ministry which is:

## HOLISTIC AND SAFE

- CHECK-IN & OUT PROCEDURES
- BACKGROUND-CHECKED & TRAINED VOLUNTEERS

## AGE-APPROPRIATE

- AGE-DIVIDED CLASSROOMS
- LEARNING & WORSHIP THROUGH PLAY, STORY, & COLLABORATION.

## PART OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION

- REGULAR OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERGENERATIONAL ENGAGEMENT IN WORSHIP & SERVICE

With these three principles in mind, FBCM Children's Ministry includes programs such as:

- Sunday School & Children's Church
- Children's Choir
- Family Fun Days
- Vacation Bible School @ FBCM & Summer Camp @ Camp Tippecanoe ("Camp Tippy")

Finally, FBCM supports families as they disciple their children. FBCM provides online resources to help families continue their children's learning throughout the week.

If you have questions contact [Children@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:Children@fbcmuncie.org). To find more about upcoming Children's Ministry events or to see our family resources, go to the "Children" tab on FBCM's app!

# YOUTH

SIXTH THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE | 6TH - 12TH

FBCM's Youth Ministry exists to engage students as they navigate tough questions about their identity, beliefs, and desires for the future. FBCM aims to foster students' ownership of their faith in Christ and a life of integrity as they interact with others at home, school, and in the community.

FBCM's Youth Ministry includes programs such as:

- Youth Large Group (Sunday Morning)
- Youth Small Group (Sunday Evening @ 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)
- Second Saturdays (Monthly Social Events)
- Leadership Opportunities within Worship & Congregational Life
  - Praise Team; Media Team
  - Children's Ministry Volunteers
- Mission Trips full of service, fun, and worship!

Finally, FBCM supports families as they disciple their teenagers. FBCM provides online resources to help families continue their teenager's learning throughout the week. If you have questions contact [Youth@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:Youth@fbcmuncie.org)

To find more about upcoming Youth Ministry events or to see our family resources, go to the "Youth - The Moose's Message" tab on FBCM's app!





# WORSHIP

## IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

The Worship Ministry at FBCM understands that Christian worship is a lifestyle centered around responding to the revealed God of the Bible. Worship is also a series of interconnected actions like prayer, fellowship, giving full attention to the Bible, singing, and observing communion. When we gather, worship leaders help us by:

- **Greeting people as they enter**
- **Singing and playing a variety of instruments**
- **Supporting through the technical arts**
- **Leading in prayer & scripture reading**
- **Serving communion**

For more information about worship please contact our Worship Arts Pastor, Clif Davis at [Clif@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:Clif@fbcmuncie.org)

"BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER."  
- JESUS  
John 13:35 (NIV)

# ADULTS

## MINISTRY & DISCIPLESHIP

Adult Ministry aims to engage adults of all ages in intentional discipleship so we may follow Jesus and become more like him - full of grace and truth.

### Life Groups

We have several small groups which meet at various days & times for discipleship, Bible study, & encouragement. If interested in joining a small group, contact our Adult ministries representatives at [adult@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:adult@fbcmuncie.org)

### Prayer

FBCM intentionally schedules times of prayer. Some prayer events are seasonal while others are ongoing. Some are in-person and others online (Facebook Live).

### Women's Ministry - "Fresh Brewed Life"

Meeting throughout the year, these events include breakfast and hospitality for women of all ages. Come to share life together!

### Church Friends Lunch

These post-worship luncheons are opportunities for fun, food, and fellowship multiple times a year. Often takes place in the Fellowship Hall.

# MEMBER CARE

## LOVING ONE ANOTHER

We long for the Fruit of the Spirit to be shown in our lives, and in our care for one another.

The FBCM Church family should be just that, the family of faith for you in this place.

Our member care prioritizes holistic support in bereavement and grief, medical and pastoral care needs, and more.

Whether through prayer, delivering flowers, phone calls, meal trains, or "just checking in," we want to be there for one another. If you know of a need, please contact [membercare@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:membercare@fbcmuncie.org)

See back page for links to "Wednesday Weekly" news, event registrations, and to notify the church of pastoral care needs.

# MEET OUR PASTORS



KENDALL ELLIS

Co-Pastor - [Kendall@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:Kendall@fbcmuncie.org)

Kendall Ellis is one of the Co-Pastors of First Baptist, alongside her husband Jonathan Balmer. Her Bachelor of Arts degree in French Language and Literature is from Georgetown College in Kentucky. Kendall received her Master of Divinity and Master of Social Work from Baylor University (2022). Before serving as a Pastor, Kendall served various internships at the intersection of the church and non-profit worlds, served college women as a resident chaplain, taught in a juvenile corrections facility, and served as a youth minister at a church. In her free time, you can find Kendall hiking, attending to her plants, or baking sweet treats in the kitchen.

Kendall's favorite verse in Scripture comes from the Apostle Paul: "Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory." - Romans 8:17 (NIV)



JONATHAN BALMER

Co-Pastor - [Jonathan@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:Jonathan@fbcmuncie.org)

Jonathan is one of the Co-Pastors of First Baptist, alongside his wife Kendall Ellis. His Bachelor of Arts degree in English and History is from Georgetown College in Kentucky. Jonathan received his Master of Divinity from Truett Seminary at Baylor University (2020). Before serving as a pastor, Jonathan worked as a youth minister, taught high school English in the United States, and middle school English as a Foreign Language in South Korea. In his free time, Jonathan enjoys video games, podcasts, the Cincinnati Reds, and going to the movies.

Jonathan's favorite verse in Scripture are these words of Jesus: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." - John 16:33 (NIV)



CLIF DAVIS

Worship Arts Pastor - [Clif@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:Clif@fbcmuncie.org)

Clif is the Worship Arts Pastor at First Baptist. His Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree is from Villanova University and his Master of Divinity in Church Music is from Southern Seminary. Clif received his doctorate from Ball State University in 2016. He is happily married to Julia Downey Davis (since 1994) and they are blessed with three children. Clif enjoys making music, ethnic food, and whatever book he is currently reading.

Clif's favorite verse comes from the prophet Isaiah: "This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: 'Only in returning to me and resting in me will you be saved. In quietness and confidence is your strength.'" -Isaiah 30:15a (NLT)

See all our ministers, including our Deacons and Church Coordination Team, at our website: [fbcmuncie.org](http://fbcmuncie.org).

# FINDING YOUR WAY AT FBCM



## BASEMENT (B)

Fellowship Hall / Kitchen  
Bride's Room (B-02)  
Children's Center (B-03)  
Intergenerational Bible Study (B-05)

## GROUND (G)

A small floor with an elevator entrance near the circular drive  
(Adams street side of building - near front entrance).

## FIRST (1ST)

Welcome Center  
Sanctuary Main Entrances  
Church Offices\* (101)  
Preschool (102)  
Nursery (104)

*\*The best exterior entrance for the church office is at the Jefferson Street side.*

## SECOND (2ND)

Youth Center (201)  
Choir Room (202)  
Sewing Room (203)  
Library / Groom's Room (204)  
Sanctuary Balcony

## ACCESSIBILITY (♿)

Wheelchair accessible entrance at ground floor (G).

- Enter building from the circular drive on Adams Street
- Nearby elevator goes to all levels

Accessible restrooms on basement and first levels.

Baby changing tables available in nursery & accessible restrooms.

Assisted listening devices available in sanctuary, by request.



# STAY IN TOUCH WITH FBCM

SCAN ONE QR CODE & ACCESS ALL LINKS LISTED ON THIS PAGE.

LINKTREE IS A WEB SERVICE WHICH ORGANIZES HELPFUL LINKS ALL IN ONE PLACE.

Link Tree (link below ↓, or scan QR code right →):

[linktr.ee/fbcmuncie](https://linktr.ee/fbcmuncie)



## VISITOR INFO

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

### New here? Planning to visit?

Our online visitor form allows visitors to learn more, share their thoughts, and let the church know how they would prefer to be contacted.

[bit.ly/fbc-new](https://bit.ly/fbc-new)

We also have a quarterly publication named "The Visitor" with special features from FBC's church life.

[bit.ly/fbc-visitor](https://bit.ly/fbc-visitor)

## WEEKLY WEDNESDAY

WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Wednesday Weekly** e-newsletter Includes:

- A preview of Sunday Worship
- The latest updates from all areas of ministry
- Opportunities to connect
- Links to our calendar
- Information about events

[bit.ly/fbc-ww](https://bit.ly/fbc-ww)

## NOTIFY THE CHURCH

PRAYER, EVENTS, & UPDATES

### Do you need to share something with the church?

- Birth Announcement
- Notification of Death
- Special Birthday
- Special Anniversary
- Engagement / Marriage Announcement
- Retirement
- Non-Emergency Hospital Admission / Surgical Procedure
- Graduation
- Decision of Faith
- Phone Number / Address Change *or*
- Something else

[bit.ly/fbc-notify](https://bit.ly/fbc-notify)

## CHURCH APP

DOWNLOAD OUR CHURCH APP

- Connect with First Baptist Muncie through **Church Center** mobile app and web experience—an online space where you can explore, engage, and get involved throughout the week.
- This app is free and the information is secure to only those inside of the First Baptist family.

[fbcmuncie.org/app](https://fbcmuncie.org/app)

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