



Muncy Baptist Church Newsletter



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Drawing Closer: Some Things Have Changed *with Rev. Rob Rice, Pastor*

August has always held special significance in my life. Forty years ago, on August 29th, I entered this world on a Sunday, perhaps a sign of the future significance that Sundays would play in my life and career. Nine years ago, in the middle of August, I began ministry here at Muncy Baptist Church. These two significant events have caused me to reflect on just how many things have changed in the last decade of my life and in the life of our church.

When I came to Muncy Baptist Church, three of our four children were just beginning their education, with the fourth still young enough to be in diapers. This August, Alexa will be a senior, Kaylyn a junior, Cole a freshman, and Cohen, the little guy, in sixth grade! Time really does fly, and teenagers do really give you gray hair. 😊

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Nine years ago, when I came to Muncy Baptist Church, you couldn't walk down the center aisle of the sanctuary, we would sweat to near dehydration in the summer, we made coffee from the water out of the bathroom sink, and the downstairs was lovingly referred to as "the dungeon." Now, our church building reflects who we are as a congregation. You can walk down the center aisle, we don't worry about people having a heat stroke in the summer, and our fellowship areas (both upstairs and downstairs) allow us to welcome and fellowship with others.

Is it just me or have things significantly changed for the better? And all those external changes don't even speak to the inward and spiritual changes that have taken place in the lives of those in our church and community because of the work that God has done through us at Muncy Baptist Church. I know I talk a lot about what God is doing (especially in the last year) at our church, but part of the reason is to remind and encourage us that there is still work to do.

Just as I'm about to enter a new season of life, we as a church must see what God is doing not as the completion of a project, but as the start of a new opportunity to continue to grow and be the church and people that God is calling us to be. In order to help foster that growth, over the next several months, we will find ourselves in the book of Ephesians, which serves two purposes. In the first half of the book, we will remind ourselves of the foundational truth of the Gospel message and our salvation in Jesus Christ. Then in the second half, we'll be challenged to live out this truth in the life of the church. My prayer is that this new study will change and challenge us in this new season of life and ministry together to continue to be the church, and to live out our call and purpose so that together with the help of God, we can see His Kingdom built here in Muncy for His glory, honor, and praise!



Alexa's Baptism 2014



Easter 2022

A Willing Witness

I Will Trust God

with Rev. Dr. Don Edwards, Associate Pastor
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I Will Trust God # 1

(Read this meditation out loud to yourself...slowly...prayerfully.)

The Lord gives power to the faint and to them who have no power the Lord increases strength.

Remember that any spiritual recovery is a process. It does not come quickly. But with God's help you will heal from that which you are going through. God has promised to be with you always (Matthew 28:20). Trust God's healing process and "wait on the Lord."

Meditation to pray and to claim: *May I make God the abiding presence in my life.*

I will open my heart and my life to God, asking God to help me heal.

I will recover and grow stronger because God will lead me through the deep valleys of my sorrow and helplessness. I will trust God to be with me – always.

Prayer: May I open my heart and my life to God. May I seek God's presence day by day, believing that God is eager to heal my pain and my sorrow,

Question – Are you trusting God's healing process? Are you waiting on the Lord? – I Will Trust God!

God at Work

Muncy Baptist has once again received the blessing of a grant from the Waldron Memorial Fund at the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania (FCFP). This year, we received \$6,000.00, which will go into our general fund for regular ministry expenses. We are thankful for the gift and for the legacy of Margaret Waldron who was a faithful member of our church, and continues to help our ministry with the fund she set up many years ago.



Pastor Rob pictured with members of the FCFP Board

Without FCFP, we would not be able to fund these missions easily! All of us at Muncy Baptist Church would like to recognize the Foundation for making our projects possible. Thank you for helping us continue our ministry of connecting to Christ and serving together!

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Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries in August

Ivar & Pauline Johnson	08/07
Daniel & Sarah Rose	08/11
Jim & Patty Woodruff	08/18
Gary & Pam Rearick	08/19
Jody & Stephanie Sanders	08/19
Royce & Tiffany Boyles	08/21
John & Helen Smith	08/22
Ken & Darla Gottschall	08/26

Birthdays in August



Debbie Woodside	08/01
Lonise Fisher	08/02
Nancy Stump	08/03
Mitze Breneisen	08/04
Eve Breon	08/04
Robert Soars	08/04
Evelyn Mowrey	08/04
Emma Breneisen	08/07
Missey Geiger	08/10
Ken Gottschall, Jr.	08/10
Carter Fish	08/13
Noah Fish	08/13
Rocco Talerico	08/13
Barb Vermilya	08/14
Camaron Sones	08/16
Raisa Talerico	08/17
Patti Jo Edler	08/18
Kathy McCarty	08/19
Brooke Woodside	08/19
James Taylor III	08/20
John Vermilya, Jr.	08/21
Paula Fisher	08/25
Carol Bussom	08/26
MaryAnn Wertman	08/27
Nathan Yeagle	08/27
John DeWald	08/28
Melissa Gottschall	08/28
Ken Moyer, Jr.	08/28
Pastor Rob Rice	08/29

Don't see your anniversary or birthday?

Please let us know, so we can celebrate with you!