

Good News Letter

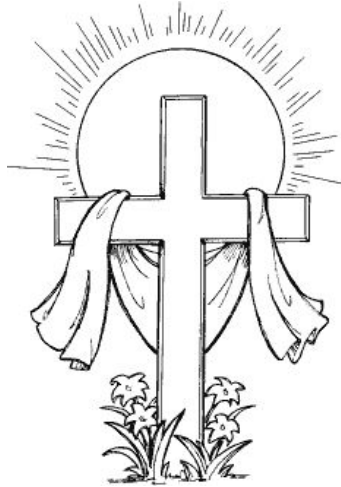
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There is good news all around us. We live in a time when the world's culture is negative and there is a sense of foreboding about the future, a collective sadness, or at least an anxiety about things in general. There is, nevertheless, at the same time much to celebrate and about which to be hopeful.

The season of Lent is all about the celebration of goodness and the nurture of hope. It compels us to prepare for the explosion of joy that comes with Easter, to make our hearts glad in anticipation of it, to acknowledge the ways unfaithfulness has crept into our thoughts and actions, and to recapture the splendor of the victory over death and evil that Easter proclaims.

April is the month when spring comes and spring provides the best Lenten metaphor, a great visual aid to enhance our ability to see the good news. The warm weather, the leafing out of trees and the budding of flowers create a beautiful landscape that brings refreshment to the soul after a long winter, and are symbolic each year of the coming of new life out the old.

I encourage everyone to participate in the Lenten activities and to be sure to celebrate Easter, the most



He is Risen

sacred day of the year in our tradition. We still have three sessions left in the Lenten study about prayer, the 31st of March, April 7th (led by Mike Reynolds), beginning at 6:30 P.M., and on the 14th, beginning at 6 P.M. with a fellowship potluck meal. There will also be the annual Maundy Thursday service on April 18 at 7:00 P.M., as well as the community activities on Good Friday, the cross walk at 11 A.M. and the service at 12 noon. Both of the Good Friday activities are at St. Mary Catholic Church.

Our prayer emphasis continues. I hope all of you have been blessed by the opportunity to pray for members of the church family, as well as for the encouragement that comes from knowing that someone is

praying for you. The prayers of the faithful, their attendance in worship, their acts of devotion and service in the community, which are ongoing especially in difficult times, are a strong part of the good news that is all around. Join them.

God Bless and Happy Easter!

-Mark

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 14

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship

6:00 Dinner and Lenten Study

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 18

7:00 pm candlelight

communion

Fellowship Hall

Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Service

Friday, April 19

Stations of the Cross

11:00 am

Worship Service

St. Mary 12:00 Noon

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 21

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship

Mark your calendars and plan to attend. You are encouraged to invite family and friends to all of these services.

Volunteers For April

Fellowship Time

April 7 Lovell
 April 14 Lee
 April 21 Grubbs
 April 28 Trigg

Panera Pick-Up

April 4 Chambers
 April 11 Faulk
 April 18 Faulk
 April 25 Lovell

Thank you all for volunteering. Our lists for this quarter are almost complete, but there are some openings yet for May.

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks for an overflowing box of items for Turning Point

Stephanie Rowe came to First Baptist to speak about Turning Point for a Mission Moment on February 24th. She said that the shelter was open after raising 3.2 million dollars to rebuild and add on to the the former Children's Home. Donations and volunteers are always needed. The shelter can house up to 41 people. There is a recreation and outside play area for children as well as a study area. It is a lock-down facility. She thanked us for our support.

An overflowing box of needed items was delivered to Turning Point. Turning Point is the shelter for those fleeing from domestic violence. The Turning Point facility in Delaware opened February 18th.

You were so generous to give laundry soap, lysol wipes, body wash, body lotion, shampoo, brushes, hair elastics, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, paper towels, toilet paper, razors, soap, bath gel, 3 pairs of girl's pjs, and a stuffed animal. What blessings to those in need!

Teacher Appreciation Bags

May 7th is National Teacher Appreciation Day. We will be showing our appreciation of the teachers at Conger Elementary with a bag of goodies for each of them. As we have in the past, we will be collecting items for the bags in April so that we can assemble the bags for delivery on May 7th.

We will use lunch size bags. While you are doing your grocery shopping in the next few weeks, think of a teacher that you remember from your childhood or teens. Think of something that

they might like as a way to say "thanks" to them for being a part of your life and encouraging you. We will pack 50 bags.

Here are some suggestions of items to leave in the box in the church entry: granola bars, chips, cheese crackers, fruit snacks, cookies, chocolate, hard candy, tootsie rolls, pencils, notepads, muffins, tea bags, microwave popcorn. We ask that items are individually wrapped.

Thank you for saying "thank you" to teachers!

Mission/Outreach Meeting

The next meeting for Mission/Outreach will be April 14th. The meetings are short. Everyone is welcome to come and bring their ideas and visions for our church.

Easter Offering

The offering in the Easter envelopes will go to Helpline this year.

Change For Change

Thank you all so much for contributing your loose change on March 10. We contributed \$192.50 to the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for Children!

-Pam Faulk

Come And Share A Meal

There will be two covered dish dinners in April. The first is on Sunday, April 14, at 6:00 before the last Lenten Study. The second will be on Wednesday, April 24. at 6:30 before the quarterly business meeting. All are welcome to both. Bring your own table service and a dish to share. Beverages are provided.

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.

Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Raleigh Gosser	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Raeleen George	Health Issues
Steve & Sharon Baker	Health Issues
Jeanne Ekelberry	Health Issues
Carol Serviss	Health Issues

Remember daily all the men and women in the military — Those stationed in the USA and those deployed throughout the world. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Personals

- Gabe Fogle has recovered from surgery to remove his wisdom teeth.
- Richard and Jody Lovell visited our church and the Lovell family on February 24.
- Pastor Mark's father was in the hospital and rehab due to a virus. He is now at home.
- Aidan Ferguson was in the Hayes production of Mary Poppins in March.
- Jerry and Lana Palmer have a new great-grandson, Julian.
- Aidan Ferguson was named on the Hayes Distinguished Honor Roll and Will Fogle was named on the Honor Roll for the second quarter.
 Congratulations guys!
- Janet Lathrop got to go to Florida for her granddaughter's wedding.
- On March 9 there was a nice article in the Delaware Gazette about the Piecemakers and their quilts which were on display at the Delaware Library in March. Jeanne Ekelberry is a member of the Piecemakers, and they meet monthly at our church.
- Carol Serviss was recently in Riverside Hospital with blood pressure issues.
- Dave Lovell was at Grady with an allergic reaction to a new medication.
- Jeanne Ekelberry was at Grady twice due to a severe case of the flu.

Women's Fellowship Fieldtrip

On Saturday, April 13, the women will meet at the church at 10:00 in order to carpool. We will then drive north to the Der Dutchman restaurant in Mansfield at the Route 97 exit off I-71. We are scheduled to have lunch there at 11:30. After lunch we will travel on up I-71 to the Ashland exit (about 30 miles) and tour Grandpa's Cheese Barn. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will be going.

Another Puzzle Night

If you have been down to the Fellowship Hall recently, you probably have noticed a number of half-done jigsaw puzzles out on the tables. These were started on our PUZZLE & PIZZA Night on February 23. All are welcome to come to the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 6 at 7:00 to finish these. Snacks will be provided.

Go Paperless

If you no longer need the paper version of "The Good News," there are two ways to "go paperless."

The newsletter is available in pdf form on our website at www.fbcdelaware.org. Just click on the "Newsletter" link on the left side of our home page to see a list of recent newsletters. We publish next month's newsletter on the last Sunday of each month. Newsletters from the previous three years are also available on our website.

A second method to receive the newsletter is by email. If you would like the newsletter emailed

Birthdays and Anniversaries



April

- 5 Evan Allison
- 10 Jane Mercer
 Connor Trigg
- 15 Ray Serviss
- 20 Spencer Chesser
 Tammy Ferguson
- 27 Colin Ferguson
- 29 Debbie Fogle
 Benjamin Trigg

Please report any errors.

to you shortly after it publishes each month, please send me your email address to be added to the mailing list.

-Larry Faulk, editor

Worship / Lay Leaders Needed

You are invited to serve as a Worship Leader and/or as a Lay Leader for a Sunday or a series of Sundays.

The deacons would like to extend the opportunity for more participants in our worship services. If you would be willing to read scripture or lead prayer during worship, please let me or Dr. Allison know of your interest.

Thanks,

-Larry Faulk

Andrews House Volunteers Needed

FBC is scheduled to serve and clean up at the Andrews House Second Friday dinner on April 12th and volunteers are needed. Please let me know if you can help that evening from 5:00 pm until about 7 pm.

Thanks,

-Larry Faulk 740-362-8637 or
lfaulk01@aol.com

Thanks for a Great Pancake Dinner

Thanks to Dave and Larry for cooking pancakes, sausage, and waffles for Shrove Tuesday. Thanks to Dave for making delicious blueberry topping. All was delicious!

We enjoyed a sing-a-long, Peter White played a medley of tunes including "Easter Parade," Brothers All singing "The Little Brown Church in the Vale" and Randy Turner sang "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You." We worked on finishing the puzzles that were not completed on Pizza and Puzzle night. It was a good time of fellowship.

Panera Pick Up Continues!

Thanks to ALL who pick up unsold items from Panera on Thursday evening at 8:45 p.m., bag them and take them to Andrews House on Friday morning at 8:30 a.m.

The items are used at the food pantries and given out at Andrews House to serve those in need. If you want to help with the pick up, see Pam Faulk or Mary Lou Lovell.

