

# Good News Letter

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Springtime is here, at least that is what the calendar says. Actually, I trust that the month of April will indeed bring warmer temperatures along with more daylight and refreshing rains. I am sure all the dormant trees and plants will come back to life. After this long year will also come an optimism that will be invigorating. Already, as I hope you are, I am enjoying more time outside even though at this writing the trees and the grass are still in winter mode.

The big news is that we have returned to in-person worship on Sunday mornings at 10 am. The last year has been trying for everyone and it is wonderful to be able to meet again, we believe safely, for worship. None of the other regular activities have been resumed, although there are conversations regarding how to gradually return to more normal scheduling and activities.

And Easter is the first Sunday of April, so that our spiritual sensitivities will be awakened by the celebration of Resurrection, life conquering death. It is all very much the same as it was last year in terms of the coming of spring. But it seems so different because last year the world was shutting down in the face of Covid. This year it is re-emerging.



Much has been lost in the last year, but the sting of that loss is removed by Easter. My prayer for each of you is for a refreshing renewal in your inner life (and outer life as well) and though I recommend continued caution regarding things pandemic, for blessing as we emerge from the restrictions of the past year, through the Risen Lord. One of the greatest Easter reflections comes from the prophet Isaiah (he was ahead of his time) in the 55th chapter, let me conclude with some excerpts from that great text:

**“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. . .**

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.**

**“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

**As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth:**

**It will not return to me empty . . . but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”**

Blessings,  
- Mark

## Holy Week Services

**Palm Sunday**  
Sunday, March 28  
10 am Worship

**Maundy Thursday**  
Thursday, April 1  
Online  
Devotion / Communion  
available

**Easter Sunday**  
Sunday, April 4  
10 am Worship



## JERRY LYNN PALMER

Jerry Lynn Palmer, formerly of Delaware, Ohio, died March 3, 2021 at Riverside Methodist Hospital with his devoted wife and children at his side.

Jerry retired from PPG Industries (Delaware) in 2001 after thirty-one years of service. He was a sales and technical service representative for the firm. Jerry was also a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force, having served four years active duty and two in the A.F. Reserves. Upon entering the Reserves, Jerry was promoted to Staff Sergeant.

Jerry was a member of First Baptist Church Delaware, where over the years he served the Lord in a number of capacities, including Moderator, Chair of the Board of Trustees, member of the choir and the men's singing group, Brothers All. Jerry loved spending time with his family and friends. Before moving to Circleville, Ohio, he especially enjoyed his monthly breakfast socials with his American Baptist Men's group. In addition, his monthly "get together" with his retiree friends was a much looked forward to treat as well. Jerry also enjoyed traveling, camping, baseball and The Ohio State University football games.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of fifty-seven years, Lana, and their children, Steven (Sandi Chandler Palmer) and Jennifer Palmer (Brad Kocher); sister, Barbara (Virgil Boyes, deceased); their grandchildren, Brady Palmer, Jeremy Chaffin (Charlotte Lucas Chaffin), Morgaine Chaffin Williams (Ian Williams), and Joshua Lenhart (Olivia Saulsberry); Great grandchildren, Adrian and Julian Williams.

A private memorial and graveside service was held on Monday, March 8th.

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**



#### **April**

- 2 Cathy Reynolds
- 4 Taylor Turner
- 5 Evan Allison
- 10 Lauren Reynolds  
Connor Trigg
- 15 Ray Serviss
- 20 Tammy Ferguson
- 27 Colin Ferguson
- 29 Deb Fogle  
Benjamin Trigg

*Please report any errors.*

### **Panera Volunteers for April**

- April 1 Faulk/Spears
- April 8 Lovell
- April 15 Grubbs
- April 22 Faulk/Spears
- April 29 Shears

Thank you all for volunteering. There is still one opening left in May that needs a volunteer.

## **Personals**

-Ben Geary was a patient at St. Ann's last month.

-Jennifer Turner was pictured on the front page of the March 18 edition of the Delaware Gazette in a story about Carlisle Elementary.

-Aidan Ferguson was quoted and pictured in the March 20 edition of the Delaware Gazette in an article about the Hayes production of LITTLE WOMEN, in which Aidan had a major role.

## **A Note From Jeanne Ekelberry**

As we start our 2nd year of masking, social distancing, etc., I thought of how fortunate we are.

Our family here in Delaware and in Columbus have not had Covid-19. My sister Nancy and daughter Stephanie in Huntngton, WV and her daughter Shelby and son-in-law Marty in Troy, MI have had it and are recovered.

My nephew Ben and his wife Candace had their 4th child this month. her name is Matilda Sabine, carrying on middle name from Star Wars.

I ask for prayers for grand daughter Kimberly and her husband ken as he finishes his 1st round of chemo.

Thanks to all who brought church to us these last months! The music, scenes of church, flowers, nature were wonderful. So many people made this happen. Thanks!

- Jeanne Ekelberry

## Thank You - CFC

Thanks to all who brought their change to church on March 14. We were able to send a check to Andrews House for \$199.50 for the Summer Lunch Program for Children in Delaware. You can always bring your change to church any time and put it into the plastic jar on the table in the Welcome Center, and I will keep it until the next Change for Change offering.

- Pam Faulk

## Maundy Thursday Service Online

We will not have our traditional in-person Maundy Thursday service. A video will be online on our website which will include the seventh in the series of Lenten Devotions that Dr. Allison has presented on "The Last Words of Christ".

## Easter Offering to Helpline

The Easter offering (special envelop in your envelop box) will go to Helpline to support their efforts.

## Quarterly Business Meeting Canceled

There will not be a Quarterly Business Meeting in April. Our next quarterly meeting will be in July. Hopefully, we will be able to have a meal and fellowship time then.

## Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.  
Please send changes to Larry Faulk ([lfaulk01@aol.com](mailto:lfaulk01@aol.com)).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Raeleen George	Health Issues
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's father & sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Ray & Carol Serviss	Health Issues
Candy Lee's sister Trudy	Health Issues
Ben Geary	Health Issues
Family of Jerry Palmer	Condolences on the death of Jerry

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

## Worship Videos to Continue

As we return to in-person worship, we have transitioned from creating online worship services in advance to recording the live services and then posting them later on our website.

We will try to edit the recordings on Sunday afternoon to make them available on the website by Sunday evening.

-Larry Faulk

## 2021 Church Directory

The Board of Deacons is planning to publish a new Church Directory this spring. There is a form on the last page of this newsletter for your convenience. The directory includes Members and Friends of First Baptist. We would like to include as many updated photos as possible. Please see me for a new photo.

## Mission/Outreach News

As we welcome spring after a long and confined winter, many people have continued their outreach for others. Last week I noticed the PIN basket was full again. Thanks to all who continue to bring in food items each week. Thanks to Peter White for delivering the items.

Candy Lee and Pam Faulk made soup for the Place of Warmth at Zion UCC. Men in need have a warm place to stay when the weather is below 20 degrees and are given soup.

Thanks to everyone who goes to Panera on Thursday night, in spite of rain or snow and cold weather, to get the unsold items to rewrap and take to Andrews House on Friday morning.

Thanks to all who gave so generously to the America for Christ Offering in March.

Thanks to all who emptied their pockets for the Change for Change to be given for the Summer Lunch Program for children in Delaware.

Jeanne Ekelberry has been very busy sewing all winter and gave 80 lovely washable coverups( adult bibs) to the residents at Willowbrook. She gave one to Ken Peterson and they were so well liked that Genevieve Peterson asked if she could make more. Jeanne and Elizabeth have been working on blankets that will be donated, as well. Way to go, ladies!

In April, we will collect money for an Easter offering which will be given to Helpline. Helpline takes calls from those in need and directs their calls to other agencies in Delaware (People In Need, Family Promise, Turning Point, Andrews House).

An upcoming Mission in May is Blanket Sunday honoring mothers by sending money to Church World Service

### Teacher Appreciation Bags

Last year because of COVID we did not prepare teacher appreciation bags. Conger will accept only prepackaged items ( popcorn, cookies, pretzels, candy, hot chocolate, tea bags etc.) in individual bags for teachers this year. During the month of April we will bring in items and place them in the boxes in the Welcome Center at church. Please bring items by April 25th so that we can assemble 60 bags for the May Appreciation Day. This year has been such a difficult year for teachers. The teachers will appreciate you thanking them.

#### First Baptist Church Directory

Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*(return this form to Larry Faulk)*

# First Baptist Church





101 North Franklin Street  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

# April

2021

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April Mission Focus:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easter Offering for Helpline</li> <li>Teacher Appreciation Bags for Conger</li> </ul>		March 30	31	<b>Maundy Thursday 1</b> Online Devotion / Communion available 8:45 Panera Pickup -Faulk/Spears	<b>Good Friday 2</b> 	3
 <b>Easter 4</b> 10 am In-person Worship	5	6	7	8	9	10
10 am In-person Worship 11 am Board of Christian Education mtg	12	13	<b>Holocaust Remembrance Day 14</b> 	15	16	17
10 am In-person Worship May newsletter deadline today	19	20	21	<b>Earth Day 22</b>  8:45 Panera Pickup -Faulk/Spears	23	24
10 am In-person Worship May newsletter available today	26	27	28	29	30	May 1