

Good News Letter

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I hope that this year's celebration of the resurrection of Jesus finds you well, that everything in your life is in good order. At church we are moving in the direction of normalcy. We gathered for Sunday School last week, and hope to continue. The American Baptist Men's and Women's groups will resume in April, on the 9th; the men for breakfast at the Corner Cafe at 8 am and the women for lunch at the church at 11:30 am. We also anticipate, after two years, meeting for a Maundy Thursday service downstairs in the fellowship hall at 7 pm. It is a blessing to return to these routines. And there is Easter on April 17. We look forward to a breakfast during the Sunday School hour.

It is not my intention to be negative at this time of the year when springtime makes the earth come alive and we celebrate the gift of eternal life, but I am aware that in the world and in our lives, all is not completely well and in good order. There are some things amiss.

It should be remembered that when Easter first happened, things did not change all that much. In the Mediterranean world and elsewhere, life went on pretty much as normal.



Resurrection has always been a universal truth. With the raising of Jesus, *it was revealed* that death and trouble and hardship *do not get the last word*. The power of Easter is that it happened in the midst of life's greatest contradiction. At the cross, death collided with the power of life and was conquered. That is the meaning of resurrection and the power and joy of Easter.

Here we are again, like our forebears in the faith, living in the middle of troubled times, more troubled than we have wanted to believe, celebrating defiantly this triumph of life over death, goodness over evil. That death and trouble are still in the world is only a part of the truth. The other part is that there is Easter in it too. There is no truer truth than resurrection.

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life . . ." (John 11:25) No matter what are the immediate circumstances, either personally or in the world, we rise on Easter and give praise to God for this victory of life. Consequently, with God's grace and help, let us resolve to be better than we have been; more generous and kind, more empathetic and forgiving, and more confident in the goodness of things, both in this life and the next.

Blessings,

Happy Easter,
- Mark

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10
9:30 am Lenten Bible Study
10:45 am Worship

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14
7:00 pm Communion
Fellowship Hall

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17
9:30 am Easter Breakfast
10:45 am Worship

Panera Volunteers for April

- Apr 7 Grubbs
- Apr 14 Faulk
- Apr 21 Faulk
- Apr 28 Grubbs

Thanks to all who volunteer for this mission.

PERSONALS

-Brennan Howe has been accepted at the Delaware Career Center for grades 11 and 12 to study hospitality and food service. Congratulations Brennan!

-Pastor Mark traveled to St. Louis to see his father whose health is failing.

-Randy and Calvin Turner went on a hunting/fishing trip to Georgia.

-Marci Cooper's father placed first in an event at the Arnold Classic.

-Emilie Showalter has a new position with Ohio Health.

- Randy Gardner's father-in-law recently passed away. Randy is the former pastor at Central Community Baptist Church.

- Randy Turner had a role in the recent Arena Faire's production of Twelfth Night.



Kenneth Peterson May 30, 1925 - March 14, 2022

Kenneth Edsel Peterson, 96 of Delaware entered Eternal Life early Monday morning, March 14, 2022 at his residence.

Born May 30, 1925 to his parents Ebert Russell & Jessie Hazel (Simmon) Peterson on their farm in Rock Island County, Il. Ken graduated from High School in Rock Island, Il in 1943. Called to the Army Air Corp during WWII, he became a tail gunner on a B17 stationed in England flying 20

missions over Europe, and discharged in 1945. After returning home he attended Augustana College in Rock Island, where he graduated in 1949. He married Genevieve E. Mac Neill on August 21, 1949 and they located in Rochester NY where he graduated from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in 1952.

Ken's pastoral duties were with the First Baptist Church in Morris Il, a period of time as a staff member in the Youth Department of American Baptist Churches USA encouraging young people all over the country to develop their leadership skills in service to others, Memorial Baptist Church in Dayton OH, First Baptist Church Lexington, MA, and Cherry Hill Baptist Church Dearborn Heights, MI. In a different role and creative servant he became a Facility Planner for American Baptist Churches USA traveling from home in Columbus OH to help congregations all over the central parts of the USA to create a new church building or to renovate a history filled old one. His history as a carpenter with skills in financial matters combined with his ability to relate to people made this a special unique ministry.

After retirement Ken and Genevieve became early residents of Willow Brook Delaware Run, Delaware OH in 2006.

Loving family include son Bruce (Dorothy) Peterson and their three daughters: Kristyn (Tony) Gansen, Jill (Jason) Bigelow, Casey Peterson, daughter Martha (Stephen) Rhodes and their two sons Brian (Aleasha) Rhodes, and Robert Rhodes.

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.

Great-grandchildren include: Sophie, Ellie, and Cole Gansen, Charlotte and Callum Bigelow, Wesley, Alayna, Elijah Rhodes. Ken's circle of extended family and friends include people all around the world.

A celebration of life for Ken will be held at a later date at Willow Brook Delaware Run.

Mission/Outreach News

Emerson and Ivy Wu have completed their missionary work abroad. They sent a beautiful hanging of a foot washing which is in the front of the sanctuary, along with their thanks. They thanked us for our financial support and prayers while in the mission field in Taiwan.

They are now residing in Las Vegas, Nevada and ask for prayers as they begin the new chapter of their lives.

We are now looking for a new missionary to support. At the congregational meeting in April, we will have some possibilities of missionaries needing financial support.

Thanks to all who brought change on March 13th for our Change for Change Sunday. Our total was \$143.

The money will be given to Andrews House for the summer lunch program for Delaware children.

Thanks to all who have given to the America for Christ offering.

Thanks to all who continue to pick up unsold items from Panera on Thursday evenings at 8:45 p.m., rebagging them, and taking them to Andrews House on Friday morning.

Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's father & sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Candy Lee's family	Health Issues
Condolences to the Peterson Family on the death of Ken	

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

On Easter we will have a special offering. It will be given to HELPLINE. HELPLINE assists those in need to find an agency (such as People In Need, Turning Point, Family Promise, and Andrews House) to help with individual and family needs.

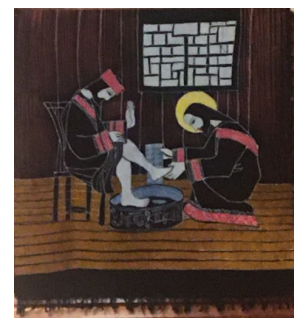
Thank You Bags for Teachers

In April our mission focus will be collecting items for the thank you bags for the teachers at Conger Elementary School.

Items suggested to bring for the bags include individual prepackaged items:

- popcorn
- Cookies
- Pretzels
- Hot chocolate
- Tea bags
- Candy
- Bars -granola, etc
- Chips
- Pencils

Last year we made 60 bags for the May Appreciation Day. Please bring the items by April 24th. Thank you.



WALL HANGING FROM THE WU'S

We recently received a gift of a wall hanging from Emerson and Ivy Wu along with the following note. " Peace and greeting!

Thank you very much for your congregation's faithful prayers and financial support since 1/31/2013. The partnership with us for the Global Chinese Mission was sincerely appreciated. As you may know, we will retire from International Ministries of Mission work on 3/1/2022. So, we no longer need the financial support for the mission work. Enclosed please find our recent journal (printed on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place) and a token of gift. The artwork of ethnic style dyeing cloth comes from Dali in Yunnan, China. the cotton wall hanging is handmade indigo tie-dye cloth that is plant blue dyed." This wall hanging can be found hanging on the pull-down door in our sanctuary.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIPS

On Saturday, April 9, the men of the church will meet at the Corner Cafe at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. On that same day at 11:30 a.m. the women will gather for lunch in the Fellowship Hall at church. Bring your own lunch and beverage, and we will discuss what we want to do for fellowship in the future months.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

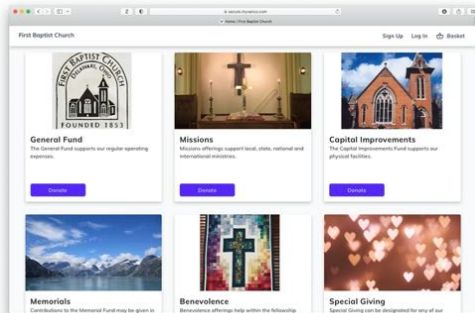
Regular Sunday school classes will finally resume on the Sunday after Easter, April 24. Candy Lee will be teaching the Adult I Class and using the Judson Journeys curriculum. Pastor Mark will lead the Adult II Class in a study of the Book of Revelations. Larry Faulk will teach the Teen Class, and Pam Faulk will teach the Youth Class. Classes will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

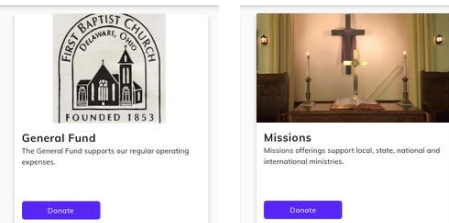
All are invited to Easter Breakfast before worship on Easter Sunday, April 17th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will include pancakes, blueberry syrup, sausage, fruit, pastries, and possibly scrambled eggs. All food and drink are provided. You only need to bring your appetite and your fellowship.

Online Giving Changes

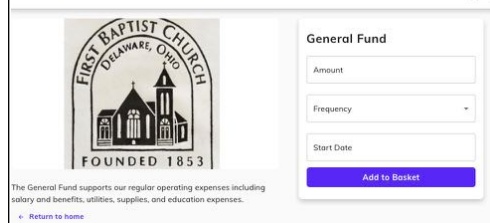
Our online giving website screens have changed. When you “click” on the link to donate, the donation screen has a new “look”:



You are presented with separate boxes for each of the giving areas: General Fund, Missions, Capital Improvements, Memorials, Benevolence, and Special Giving as well as one of the ABC Special quarterly offerings.



When you click on “donate” in one of the areas, you can enter an amount, a frequency, and a starting date.



On the next screen, you can choose to give by credit or debit card, or electronically from a checking or savings account. After entering your name and address, you can process your giving and save your profile to simplify future online giving.

If you need assistance in the process, please contact me at lfaulk01@aol.com or 614-204-1098. Your gifts to FBC are appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer










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April 2022

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items for Teacher Appreciation Bags • Easter Offering - Helpline 		March 29	30	31 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell	April Fools Day 1 	2
Fifth Sunday of Lent 3 9:30 am Lenten Bible Study 10:45 am In-person Worship Holy Communion 	4	5 7:00 Board of Christian Education	6	World Health Day 7  8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	8	9 8am Men's Breakfast Corner Cafe 11:30 Women's Lunch Fellowship Hall
Palm Sunday 10 Sixth Sunday of Lent 9:30 am Lenten Bible Study 10:45 am In-person Worship 	11 5:30 Board of Deacons	12	13	Maundy Thursday 14  7:00 Maundy Thursday Communion 8:45 Panera - Faulk	Good Friday 15 	16
Easter Sunday 17 9:30 am Easter Breakfast 10:45 am In-person Worship May newsletter deadline today 	18	19	20	21 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	Earth Day 22 	23
24 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am In-person Worship Teacher Items are Due May newsletter available today	25	26	27 6:30 Potluck Dinner 7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting	Holocaust Remembrance Day 28  8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	29	30