

Good News Letter

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Thank You Rev. Brown

Rev. Ellen Brown, who has been our interim pastor since June 1, 2014, has submitted her resignation. Her last day with us was Sunday, July 26.



We thank her for being our interim pastor for 14 months, for her hard work, leadership and friendship.

Editorial

Final Thoughts

As I leave you, I thank all of you for the tremendous experiences I've had here at First Baptist. It has been a privilege to serve among you during these past 14 months. You are a wonderful congregation with a heart for Christ, His church and the world both locally and globally.

Your interim period reflected the experience of every other church during an interim season, that it was a time of reflective and preparatory change. But some of it has been uncomfortable. Typically, change takes us out of our comfort zone and, as we are disturbed, we are stretched. My encouragement is that you stay on the "growing edge" and keep trusting the Lord's future for you.

As you look ahead to your future, move forward remembering the words of Moses, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid and

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Candidate Weekend Planned

On the weekend of July 31 - August 2, we will host Dr. Mark Allison as our candidate for permanent pastor of FBC.

Friday evening there will be an open house at Larry and Pam Faulk's house (705 Canal Street) from 7 - 9 pm.

Saturday morning, 9 - 12, Dr. Allison will meet with boards and committees in the Fellowship Hall. These meetings are open to all. Please join us for a covered dish dinner Saturday evening at 6 pm for fellowship and a question and answer time.

Dr. Allison will preach during worship on Sunday, August 2. There will be a called business meeting after the worship for the purpose of calling Dr. Allison as pastor. Please plan to share fully in the weekend activities.

*- Larry Faulk
Pastoral Search Chairman*

Dr. Mark E. Allison

Dr. Mark E. Allison is currently the pastor of the First United Baptist Church of Staunton, IL where he has served for the past 17 years. He has three sons attending the University of Missouri.

Dr. Allison received his B.B.A. from

Baylor University, his M.Div. and Ph.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained in 1989. Dr. Allison's balance of extensive educational training and research, along with his practical life experiences uniquely qualifies him to join with FBC Delaware in our journey of worship, study, and service.



Dr. Mark E. Allison

In addition to his dedication to preaching, teaching, and interpreting the faith, Mark brings a worth of compassion and caring to building relationships and encouraging personal growth in our faith.

*- Larry Faulk
Pastoral Search Chairman*

Note: A longer bio was passed out in church and mailed to those not in attendance. Copies are also available at the church. - editor

First Baptist Church T-shirts

First Baptist Church has t-shirts for sale which we can wear to promote FBC when we go on service projects such as Andrews House or Family Promise or "just out and about".

Shirts are available in men's sizes S, M, L, XL, or XXL for \$8 each. There is one on display in the Gathering Place.

See Larry Faulk to purchase one.

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do not panic, for the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you!" (Deuteronomy 3:16)

Soon you will have a new permanent pastor. When that day comes, here are a few guidelines to help make the transition easier:

1. **Remind your new pastor of your name** every time you meet him at least for the first three months. Keep in mind that you only have to learn one name but he has to learn all of yours. He won't remember you after meeting you only once, even if you think you are "unforgettable"!
2. **Pray for and encourage him regularly.** The first months of a new pastorate are tremendously important and exciting, but they are also highly stressful. So keep up your prayer support once your new pastor gets here. Tell him often that you are praying for him and affirm him in every way.
3. **Invite him into your home** so that he can get to know you "as you are" and you can get better acquainted with him. Discover his unique gifts for ministry, and who he is as a unique, real person whom the Lord has called to work alongside you.
4. As much as possible during the first few weeks after he is with you, offer to **help him get settled.** Take meals to him, show him where the grocery store is and accompany him to the area "hotspots." In every way, make him feel at home in Delaware and among the First Baptist Family.
5. At the same time, **give him some privacy.** Living in a fishbowl is never easy, so allow him time to get settled. Free him up to explore Delaware and the cultural life of the area. Stimulate his interest in the very places that you love so much.

Finally, here are a few suggestions that pertain particularly to the pastoral role:

1. **Support the worship and study opportunities of the church.** Nothing will encourage your new pastor more than seeing a

burgeoning congregation at worship, study, and in the practice of ministry. Make a commitment to support the activities of the church with your attendance.

2. **Increase your financial support to the church.** Your excitement about the future should naturally result in generous financial contributions. Put your money where your heart is! There's no reason why the church's giving cannot increase tremendously during your pastor's first year. What a gift that would be to the beginning of a new and explosive ministry!
3. **Look to your new pastor for new leadership.** Past practices and traditions are always more comfortable than change. But dwelling in the past can hamper the fresh movement of the Lord's Spirit. Your new pastor will bring new experiences, new perspectives, invaluable new ideas, and, of course, a different style than Tim or me. Still, it won't take you long to become comfortable with your new pastor, and you will begin to see a new future open up for the church. So be open to new ideas and methods, because there are other (often better) ways to accomplish the work of the kingdom. Follow the lead of your new pastor!
4. **Force your pastor to keep learning.** Continuing education opportunities, reading materials, and training events are important. Send your pastor to Missions' Conferences and pastoral training experiences. Keep the pastor growing and the church will keep growing.
5. As a strong American Baptist congregation in central Ohio, First Baptist has an important responsibility to the larger community and denominational family. Therefore, **encourage your new pastor to engage in ministry beyond First Baptist.** Make sure he is involved with the region, association, and the Delaware clergy group. And

introduce your pastor to folks you know in the community, which will be important.

6. **Don't say anything negative about your pastor's ministry for the first year.** Like a new pair of shoes, it will take time to feel comfortable with your new pastor's style of ministry. As such, grant him the freedom to be unique – in the pulpit, in leading meetings, and in working with Boards and the congregation. During this time of discovery, disallow crabby commentary, contrariness or grumbling among yourselves, or an over-emphasis on all the great things that happened in the past. Of course, you don't have to refrain from asking questions, engaging your pastor in theological dialog, or remembering your wonderful history. Far from it! But I am suggesting that you not "gossip" about your new pastor's ministry in the parking lot or *insist* on your preferences. That kind of discourse will throw a damper on the energy that your new pastor will bring. Remember that a new era demands *patience, open encouragement, and energetic support.* So give your new pastor at least a year of freedom from negativity. And, who knows, at the end of a year, you may discover that you have nothing negative to say!
7. **Don't neglect newly established ministries.** It will be easy to let up on your new outreach efforts, or let the search for someone to work with the youth "rest." New ministries can easily dissipate unless you keep working at them. So, *proactively* maintain ongoing programs, ministries and emphases, which will be one of the tremendous gifts you can give to your new pastor.

Thank you for these past 14 months. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you and have come to love you as a congregation. I praise God for the great things He has done,

is doing now, and will do in your future. You will continue to be in my thoughts, prayers, and heart!

"I ask that your minds may be opened to see his light, so that you will know what is the hope to which he has called you, how rich are the wonderful blessings he promises his people, and how very great is his power at work in us who believe."
Philippians 1:18-19a

Blessings,



Pastor Ellen

Mission/Outreach Team News

The Mission/Outreach Team met on July 19, 2015. We are pleased with the generosity of the congregation in supplying school items for Conger Elementary School students. The stack of spiral notebooks has overflowed from the table onto the floor. Larry Faulk will purchase head phones with the money that has been given. We have many glue sticks, and scissors, and a set of markers. We will have a final count in August, as the last Sunday to collect the items is July 26, 2015. Thanks to ALL who have donated. Let's get the children off to a great start for the school year!

Upcoming Missions

Get ready for UNDY SUNDAY! What is that you say? Well, on August 9th we are asking you to bring NEW PACKAGED UNDERWEAR to be given to the Common Ground Free Store. All sizes; mens, women's, and children's. Look for sales and let's overflow the table with undies!

Also needed: Gently used clothing (all sizes), shoes, household items (dishes, silverware, toasters, blankets, sheets, towels, washcloths, pots and pans, coffee makers and storage containers. Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, all sizes of diapers, paper towels and toilet paper.

PRAYER LIST

This list is prepared by the Deacons. Prayer requests will be removed after 2 months unless "renewed". Please send changes to Larry Faulk (Lfaulk01@aol.com).

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
The Deacons	Alvin Cox	Health issues
	Betty Porter	Recovery from oral surgery
	Christina Kilhefner	Transplant recovery
	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
	Steve Baker	Health issues
The Faulks	Bora Porter (Janet's daughter)	Health issues
	Mary Anderson	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!

September Mission will be People In Need.(PIN).

Woodward Free Lunch Program

Thank you to the volunteers from our church that have helped to serve: Alec Ferguson, Pam Faulk, Erin Faulk, Larry Faulk, Rev. Ellen Brown, Debbie Fogle, Will Fogle, Gabe Fogle, Randy Turner, and Mary Lou Lovell.

On Tuesdays, children are given books that have been donated to take home. Debbie, Will, and Gabe donated 4 big bags of books. The children were delighted to have a book or 2 to take home.

Family Promise

On July 21st and 23rd volunteers prepared meals for Family Promise and took them to the Family Promise House. Thank you Linda White, Pat Gosser, Genevieve Peterson, Jennifer Turner and Mary Lou Lovell

Panera Bread

Panera items continue to be a blessing to those in our community. The Thursday night pick up is being rotated by church members. Volunteers bag the bread and pastry items and put them in tubs. On Friday morning the volunteers deliver the items to Andrews House. Bread was given to 2 families who came to Andrews House on Friday

morning. Some of the bread was taken to the Woodward Lunch program to be given to families. The remaining items from Woodward were taken to a Food Pantry at a local church. Thanks to Pam and Ken Shears, Jean Ekelberry, Lana and Jerry Palmer, Pat and Raleigh Gosser, Chad Myford, Pam, Larry, and Erin Faulk, Debbie, Will, Gabe Fogle, and Mary Lou Lovell.

If you think you would like to help with this, talk to Pat Gosser or anyone who has done it. It benefits so many people!

Our next meeting will be August 16th at 11:15 a.m. (after Lemonade in the Shade.). Got ideas? Please come and join us!

– Mary Lou Lovell

First Baptist Missions for August

Common Ground Store on East Central Ave. that provides clothing and household items to people in need at no charge. Donations of household items can be gently used.

Coming Soon! – Undy Sunday!

Be on the look out for sales on new underwear that we can provide for

Common Ground. Bring your items to church and place them in the box provided.

– Mary Lou Lovell

Andrews House Angel Food Cakes

FBC has agreed to supply 10 Angel Food Cakes for the August 14th, Second Friday dinner. Please make contributions to Larry Faulk by Sunday, August 9th. Cakes are \$4 each.

– Larry Faulk

A BIG THANK YOU

In June we collected the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Our goal was \$700. At the end of the third week, we were not even close to that goal with just a little over \$300. Yet, at the end of the month, we were able to contribute \$1013! Way to go First Baptist! The generosity of our church fellowship is amazing.

Personals

• Emilie Trigg and Mike Showalter were married on June 10. A few days later Mike was injured during a swimming accident. He was rescued by Jackson Trigg. He spent several days in the hospital but is now home and back at work as a chef at Buehler's.

• Family members visited sisters Janet Lathrop and Carol Serviss recently.

– Pam Faulk

Church Directory Update

Please update your directory information for Emilie Trigg to Emilie and Mike Showalter, 44 Cheshire Street, Delaware, OH 43015. Anniversary date is June 10. We don't know Mike's birthday or their phone or email.

1 Year Ago

August 2014 Newsletter

Church groups began picking representatives for our Pastoral Search Committee.

5 Years Ago

August 2010 Newsletter

Our annual retreat at Camp Christian will be in early October.

25 Years Ago

August 1990 Newsletter

Dick Lee died on Aug. 2. He was our financial secretary for many years and served in many other offices. He was a WWII veteran and was active in the Boy Scouts and 4H.

30 Years Ago

August 1985 Newsletter

Claudia Eliot, the mother of Sally Williams, died on July 12. She held many church offices and is remembered for her fine Christmas programs.

The trustees started covering the walls in the new building with panelling to reduce heating bills and make the classrooms more comfortable. Thanks to Dave Lovell for leading the project.

40 Years Ago

August 1975 Newsletter

Our 3rd annual church retreat will take place at Camp Ohio. A \$12.50 charge per person will cover 5 meals and 2 nights' lodging.

Our Jr. High group will visit Cedar Point. Members include Teresa Grubbs, Connie Breece, and Cindy Lathrop; Terri Koltovich will drive.

45 Years Ago

August 1970 Newsletter

Gary Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Evans and grandson of Mrs. Ernestine Frost, visited while on leave from the Air Force.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- Aug. 3 Ray & Carol Serviss
- 4 Gabriel Fogle
- 5 Bruce & Elizabeth Bowman
- Carrie Trigg
- 7 Jennifer Cramer
- 8 Jean Syler
- Kate Cooper
- Ryan Cooper
- 11 Steve & Tammy Ferguson
- 17 George & Chris Riedmiller
- Andrew Smith
- 18 Pam & Larry Faulk
- 20 Spencer Kauf
- 21 Jim Stephenson
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson
- 24 Ken Shears
- 25 Raleigh Gosser
- 26 Sofia Kennedy
- 27 Linda White
- Penny Hagaman
- 30 Katie Riedmiller
- Archie Trigg

Names and dates are from the latest church directory.

Tools of Hope (June 21)

Thank You First Baptist! We contributed \$210 to Church World Service. Your donations will help Church World Service provide help and relief to those struggling in poverty and recovering from disasters. What a fantastic tribute to the men who have influenced our lives!

– Randy Turner, Financial Secretary

Giver	Honoring/Memorializing
Jim and Ann Brown	In Memory of: Fred Grubbs Sr. Charles Brown
Sherry Chambers	In Memory of: Bill Layton
Jean Ekelberry	In Memory of: Hewlett Trogdon John Vienot Ekelberry
Erin and Pam Faulk	In Honor of: Larry Faulk
Pam and Larry Faulk	In Honor of: Jeff Faulk Keith Anderson In Memory of: Ralph Cole Donald Faulk Ron Rose Wilbur Wickum
Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle	In Honor of: Vic Fogle Dave Lovell Ray Serviss Ray Morby In Memory of: Will Fogle Robert Lovell
Carol Grubbs/Jim Brown	In Honor of: Fred Grubbs In Memory of: Charles Brown
Jane Moore	In Honor of: Jim Snyder In Memory of: Jimmie Moore
Jerry and Lana Palmer	In Memory of: Cecil Palmer Ben Turney
Ken and Genevieve Peterson	In Memory of: Ebert Peterson Vernon MacNeill
Betty Porter	In Honor of: John Porter Dave Lovell Randy Turner In Memory of: Jim "Billy" Porter
Jennifer Turner	In Honor of: Heryl Turner Randy Turner Jim Snyder Phil Mercer
Randy Turner	In Memory of: Adren Jones Audy Turner Jimmie Moore N. G. Corder
Linda White	In Honor of: Michael Seckman In Memory of: Charles Seckman
Sally Williams	In Memory of: Donald Williams