

Good News Letter

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It has been a busy summer here at First Baptist Church. There was the wedding of Chris and Sarah Byall, the Betty Porter memorial service, major work to remove an unneeded and possibly unsafe chimney, and we participated in the first annual Delaware Family Festival. On July 16, several of our members hosted the lawn games and enjoyed the fellowship with about 350 people from our neighborhood. Five churches and four non-profit organizations sponsored the event and it was a great success. Plans are being made for next year. On top of all that the Arena Fair theatre group practiced a couple of nights each week their play, "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."

Meanwhile the fall season is filled with promise. Rally Day is September 11. There will still be two adult Sunday School classes, Pat Gosser will continue to teach one of them, and I will teach the other. I will write more about my plans in next months newsletter.

Also we will say goodbye to Claire Turner and Alec Ferguson as they are off to college.

This month we will introduce David Harris who will be serving as a pastoral intern for the coming year. David has been attending worship services with us most of the summer.



August

He comes to us from Pittsburgh PA, University of Toledo, and the Methodist Theological Seminary of Ohio. We have the opportunity to help him earn field education credits towards his degree. He will be helping us primarily by serving as a youth leader but will also

help in worship, Sunday School, and missions. I have enjoyed getting acquainted with David as I know some of you have in his summer-time visits.

Most of all we have the chance in all areas of church life to grow Christian fellowship. Relationships are the main concern in all of our gatherings and in our service together. With the end of August also comes the end of my first year as your pastor. It is hard to believe the time has passed so quickly. I have been wonderfully blessed. In the coming year my hope and prayer is for the increase of our friendships in Christ. Always remember the rule of love is the highest rule (Matthew 22:34-40)

Blessings to all,

- Mark

Movie Nights

The final movie night of the summer is Sunday 14, at 6:30 P.M. We will be watching a film entitled, "God's Not Dead." Everyone is welcome.

Bring a snack to share if you wish.

Volunteers

Volunteers for Fellowship Time

August 7	Jeanne Ekelberry / Carol Grubbs
August 14	the Faulks
August 21	Open (We need a volunteer)
August 28	Gossers

Volunteers for Panera Pick-up

August 4	Open (We need a volunteer)
August 11	Gossers
August 18	Open (We need a volunteer)
August 25	Faulks

Thank you to all who volunteer!! Let's see if we can get the rest of the slots filled. There are also openings in September.

- Pam Faulk

Delaware Family Festival a Success

The first annual area block party, the "Delaware Family Festival" was by all accounts a success. FBC was well represented among the nearly 300 (unofficial) attendees. FBC donated bottled water as well as hosted a station that included yard games, stained glass coloring book pages, and a bubble blowing area. Thanks to all who contributed water and/or games, and to those who attended and who helped staff our area. See you next year.

- Larry Faulk

Mission/Outreach News

We welcome David Harris, a student at the Methodist Theological Seminary, who will begin as intern on Aug. 5th. He will be involved in many areas of ministry working with Dr. Allison and the youth. We look forward to getting to know David.

Many youth and adults from our congregation participated in the first "Block Party" on July 16th on Winter St. from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. sponsored by several churches. We provided and led the lawn games. We had coloring pages with stained glass windows with information about our church's stained glass windows on them. Many youth took a few minutes to color them. We had great participation from the community and look forward to next year!

Our Mission focus for July has been collecting school supplies for the students at Conger Elementary School. We have donations of notebooks, pencils, crayons,

and board games to be used for indoor recess. Money has been donated for head phones. Envelopes are in the pews if you still want to donate as we extended the deadline to the first week in Aug. for the collection, as this weekend was tax free purchases for school supplies. Thank you all for your generous donations to get the students off to a great start for their school year!

Our August Mission Focus will be collecting new underwear of all sizes for Common Ground Free Store.

Panera Pick Up continues. Left over bread and pastries are picked up, rewrapped, and delivered on Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. to Andrews House on Winter St. If you would like to help wrap the bread (about 9:15 p.m. on Thurs. night) which takes about a half an hour, pick up or deliver, check the sign up form in the Gathering Room.

– Mary Lou Lovell

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
	Lovell Family	Condolences on the death of Mary Lou's father
	Ray Serviss	Health issues
	Alvin Cox	Health issues
	Christina Kilhefner	Transplant recovery
	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
	Steve Baker	Health issues
	Bora Porter (Janet's daughter)	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!

Undy Sunday

August is here and Undy Sunday is back!

Last year we had an overwhelming response to donate NEW underwear of all sizes to the Common Ground Free Store.

Everyone loves to have new underwear! Let's fill several boxes this year!

Please join us on August 14th at 11:15 for our next meeting. We welcome new ideas!

– Mary Lou Lovell

Personals

- Carol Serviss was treated and released from Grady.
- A surprise retirement party was held for Carol Grubbs on June 30 at Fling Insurance.
- On July 2 Sarah Durbin and Chris Byall were married in our church.
- Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk spent two weeks on an Alaska cruise tour.
- Jeanne Ekelberry spent several days traveling around the state of West Virginia gathering wildflowers for examples for a quilt.

- Randy Turner participated in the Arena Faire production of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang".

- David Harris will be our pastoral intern for this upcoming year. Welcome!

- Dr. Allison's sons visited over the last two weeks.

- Randy and Claire Turner are traveling to WV for family camp and to help do clean-up from the damaging floods.

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
- Andrew Smith
- 18 Pam & Larry Faulk
- 21 Jim Stephenson
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson
- 23 Bev Cox
- 24 Ken Shears
- 25 Raleigh Gosser
- 27 Linda White
- Penny Hagaman
- Archie Trigg

Please report any errors or omissions.

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

1 Years Ago

Aug 2015 Newsletter

Dr. Mark 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.

5 Years Ago

Aug 2011 Newsletter

Bertha Van Brimmer moved to the Sarah Moore Home.

25 Years Ago

Aug 1991 Newsletter

The Pastoral Search Committee has recommended that we hire Rev. Jody Lynn Brummet, 26. Plans are being made for her to visit our church.

Cap Gabriel vacationed with his son Nevin in Colorado.

Church Directory Update

Please make the following changes in your copy of the 2016 church directory.

Tim Chesser

I have changed my cell phone number. The new number is 860-215-0550.

