

Good News Letter

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One of the books that has found its way onto my shelf is a collection of devotions originally entitled, "The Believers Daily Treasure," It had been published by the Religious Tract Society of London, England, and was discovered in the 1950's to have been in the possession of Abraham Lincoln.

No one knows if Lincoln had read the book, and there is a dispute about the nature and extent of his faith, but in 1957 this little book was re-published as, Lincoln's Devotional, with an introduction by Carl Sandburg. I found this copy on the shelves at the church in Staunton, Illinois, and at one time, years ago, I spent a year reading the daily devotions.

Since this newsletter edition is for the month of August, I thought I might share the entry of August 1st. The text for the day is John 16:33,

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

The text is accompanied by this poem,

The path of sorrow, and that path alone,
Leads to the land where sorrow is unknown
No traveller e'er reached that bless'd abode
who found not thorns and briars in his road.



Of course, few have ever lived a life beset by thorns more than Lincoln; he lost his mother and sister at a young age, and later two of his four sons in their childhood, not to mention having presided over the divided America of the Civil War period.

If he was reading these devotions, we can be sure that he found in them encouragement and strength. At any rate, we can. No matter how burdensome life may become, we not only share the hope of heaven, but also the sure conviction in the belief that God is present with us throughout our lives.

I also intended to share the entry for the last day of the month, but I liked the sentiment in the entry of August 30th, and so I will leave it with you. The text is 2 Corinthians 1:9-10;

"We had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raiseth the dead: who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us."

And the poem:

His love in times past forbids me to think
He'll leave me at last in trouble to sink:
Each sweet Ebenezer I have in review
Confirms his good pleasure to help me quite through

I hope this August finds you in peace and your life filled with blessings as the summer draws to its conclusion and we anticipate fall with all of its busy activities.

Blessings,
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

It seems that the summer has flown by! Whether in the excitement of family vacations or in the joy of community gatherings, the heat of the summer has warmed our hearts and spirits. But as August looms closer, we face the (unfortunate) reality that another cycle of work and school is fast approaching on the horizon. As we wind down the last moments of peaceful relaxation and prepare our minds to return to those places, we cherish these last few days of summer and vacation.

During the month of August, there will be a back-to-school picnic "hosted" by the youth after the beginning of the new school year to celebrate the return to school. There will also be the regularly-scheduled youth group meeting to discuss the year-long outlook of the youth group, as well as preparing for a youth-sponsored Rally Day afternoon event.

Blessings and Peace,
-David L. Harris, Jr.

Volunteers For August

Fellowship Time

- August 5 Faulk
- August 12 Lee
- August 19 Grubbs
- August 26 Gosser

Panera Pick-Up

- August 2 Fogle
- August 9 Faulk
- August 16 Grubbs
- August 23 Faulk
- August 30 Lovell

Thank you all for volunteering your time!

Personals

- Ken Shears went skydiving with the U.S. Army golden Knights Skydiving Team this past month. Ask him to tell you about what a great experience he had.
- Evan Allison visited Pastor Mark in July, and they attended a Tiger baseball game in Detroit together.
- Will Fogle dislocated his knee during a tennis match and will have surgery this week.
- Erin Faulk recently took a cruise to New England and Canada.

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
Ken Peterson	Health Issues
Jim Brown	Recovery and Rehab
Kilhefner Family	Brother's Health Issue
Will Fogle	Surgery and Rehab
Archie Trigg	Eye Surgery

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

- Jim Brown had a bad fall and sustained several fractures in his hands and vertebrae. He is recovering in the rehab section of Sarah Moore right now.
- Archie Trigg will have surgery on his eye.
- Dan Chambers will be taking a 3-week trip to Montana. Sherry will be joining him for the end of the trip.
- Former member Paul Cagwin of Mt. Vernon recently died. You may remember that we reported the death of his wife Sandy in the last newsletter.

- Erin Faulk had one of her photographs selected to be exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

Women's Fellowship

Our August lunch will be at Bun's at 11:30. Please be sure to let Pam Faulk know if you plan to attend, so we have a count to give them.

In October we are planning a very special outing for all the women of the church. On Sunday,

October 14 at 5:00 there will be a 3-hour program for women presented at the Powell United Methodist Church. The cost is \$20 if we have a group of at least 10, so we are hoping for a good turn-out.

Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place and view the online video sent to your e-mail. This is similar to "Women of Faith". This will replace our October lunch which would have been on the 13th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

A Special Invitation

Our church family is invited to come and help us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We will have a party on August 18 from 2-4 in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and help us celebrate.

NO GIFTS PLEASE.

-Pam and Larry Faulk

Thank You Notes

• I want to thank you all for your generous donations to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We do not yet have a final total, but we did surpass our \$700 goal by your contributions during the month of June and also the Easter offering.

Pam Faulk

• Thank you all so much for your sweet card and lovely book. I am so grateful to have your support as I take the next steps in my life.
Love,
Emily Bowman

• Dear Pastor,

We are grateful for your support of Alderson Broaddus University as demonstrated through your congregation's recent gift of \$150. Along with our gratitude, you have our promise to strive to provide the highest quality, most affordable education we can...
...We have great pride in our institution, our students, and the promises the future holds. Private support is critical in our efforts to sustain Alderson Broaddus' mission, and we thank you for recognizing that! We value your commitment, and our students benefit from your contributions.

With sincere appreciation,
Dr. Jams "Tim" Barry, President
Interim Vice President for
Institutional Advancement
Alderson Broaddus University



Mission/Outreach News

The Block Party /Family Festival on Winter Street on July 14 was a success! From 11a.m.- 2 p.m. we enjoyed meeting children and adults and doing activities with those who stopped by our area. There was free food, haircuts, music, face painting, Kona Ice, and lawn games. First Baptist set up and supervised the lawn games (corn hole, hoola hoops, ball games, sidewalk chalk, coloring of stained glass window pictures, putting together a Noah's Ark puzzle, having fun with bubbles, and frisbees. If you missed the event this year, mark your calendar for next year's Block Party in July.

A HUGE thank you to the Faulks for setting up the awnings, tables, chairs and games. Thanks to ALL who provided water, supervised the games and helped set up and clean up. There is a poster in the Gathering Room with pictures of the fun!

We helped to plan the Block Party, donated water and gave a \$100.00 donation for expenses. We filled out evaluations of the event to give to the committee for their preparation of the Block Party for next year.

During July we have been collecting school supplies for children who lack the supplies to begin school at Conger Elementary School. We will collect them for 1 more week. Needed items are:

pencils	erasers
glue sticks	scissors
student ruled	notebooks
colored pencils	crayons

The box is filling up. Thanks to all who have already donated.

If everyone brought 2 items, we would have over 50 or more items to donate.

Also needed are headphones for children. We are asking for a \$10.00 donation. Larry Faulk will purchase these and they will be given to Conger with the school supplies at the beginning of August.

On rainy days when the students are inside for recess, board games or other games they can play being seated are used. If you can purchase one for this purpose, the teachers would be delighted

The next meeting of the Mission/ Outreach Group is scheduled for Aug 19th at 11:15. Please bring your ideas for reaching out in our community. Hope to see you there.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



August

- 3 Ray & Carol Serviss
- 4 Gabe Fogle
- 5 Bruce & Liz Bowman
Carrie Trigg
- 8 Kate Cooper
Ryan Cooper
Jean Syler
- 11 Steve & Tammy Ferguson
- 17 Andrew Smith
- 18 Larry & Pam Faulk
- 20 Brennan Howe
- 21 Ken & Genevieve Peterson
- 23 Bev Cox
- 24 Ken Shears
- 25 Raleigh Gosser
- 27 Penny Hagaman
Linda White
- 30 Archie Trigg

Please report any errors.

Undie Sundays

Undie Sundays are the Sundays of August when we collect new underwear for children and adults. We can use tee shirts, underwear, and socks. Who doesn't like to have a new pair of these items?

There will be a box in the entrance of the church for your items. At the end of August, they will be taken to the Common Ground Free Store for distribution.

Panera Pickup

Thanks to all who continue to help with the pick up of unsold Panera items!

Some of the bread is used for sandwiches for those parents eating with their children at the Delaware City Schools free lunch program. Many items are given to the Community Market at Highpoint Church and other food banks. Some of it remains at Andrews House for those that come in needing food.

If you have not been a part of the pickup, please consider taking a turn. The sign up sheet is in the Gathering Place .

- 8:45 p.m. Thurs. night
Get items from Panera
- Take the items and bag them in usable quantities and place them in tubs.
- Take the items to Andrews House on Friday morning at 8:45 a.m.

Praise God with Music!

Rally Day will be September 9th! I am looking for those who like to sing to be part of the choir! I am looking forward to seeing all those who have been in choir and some new faces to join us. We will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Our first rehearsal will be September 5th.

Brothers All

Brothers All will rehearse on August 12th and August 19th at 9 a.m. We are looking for men who like to sing. Come and join us!

Treasurer's Report *shortfall continues*

Second quarter income and expenses for the general operating fund were nearly equal. However, the first quarter deficit of \$6,000 continues. Your prayerful attention to giving is appreciated.

Mission giving for the first half of 2018 is on target to meet our budgeted goals. Contributions to our capital improvement fund allow the fund to grow and be prepared to meet future capital needs.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer