

Good News Letter

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Is it August already? I am still recovering from Christmas (I'm joking). I know that I often comment about the passage of time, but I am constantly amazed by it. The winter seemed to linger forever, and we all waited for it to be over and summer to come, and now school is ready to begin; fall is right around the corner. I am not sure about the cosmic complications it might cause, but I wouldn't mind if the Earth's rotations slowed a bit.

As time goes by, I become more convinced of a general lack of spiritual health. I guess that should always be obvious. I don't mean to be pessimistic, but as our society has become more industrialized and computerized, people have become more isolated from one another and more polarized and hurt by the divisions among us. The renewal of the mind and the transformation of the heart are difficult in such a setting, maybe in any setting.



That renewal and transformation are what this last year's prayer emphasis has been about. We are still praying; not only for ourselves but for others; not only for our church, but for the Church; not only for our nation, but all the nations.

So as we look together toward fall, be aware of the Prayer Chest ministry, of the times for Open Sanctuary and the possibility of another prayer vigil, and with a view to continuing this emphasis in some form. Give attention to your relationship with God. Let that attention be our faith response to the times.

In reality, our era is not really much different from previous eras. What has changed is the way we feel about them. What is changed is that we don't have any hindsight to tell us how things turn out. We should not be surprised if it seems there is more

anxiety and less hopefulness about the future, more fear and less confidence, than in the past.

Even so, the Earth just keeps spinning. Let us press on toward health, nurturing a relationship with God through Christ, making it our goal to be thankful rather than afraid, hopeful rather than despairing, confident in Our Redeemer, and faithful in all we do.

As the time goes by,

Blessings,
-Mark

Summer Evening Prayers

There are two more summer Evening Prayer Services, Sunday, August 4th and Sunday, August 18th at 6pm. Please plan to join us for these brief times of scripture, prayer, meditation, and sacred music.

-Larry Faulk,
deacons chair

Volunteers For June

Fellowship Time

Aug 4 Grubbs
 Aug 11 Gosser
 Aug 18 Lovell
 Aug 25 Gosser

Panera Pick-Up

Aug 1 Fogle
 Aug 8 Lee
 Aug 15 Grubbs
 Aug 22 Faulk
 Aug 29 Lovell

Thank you all for volunteering your time and talents. This month watch for new sign-up sheets for the fall quarter in the Gathering Place..

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship had a great time going to Der Dutchman and Grandpa's Cheesebarn in July. There were 9 of us who traveled north that day. Our August lunch will be at Bun's on Saturday, August 10 at 11:30. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend. We have received literature about the Aspire Conference on October 13. There is a flyer for this on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place. Please take a look at it and let Pam Faulk know if you are interested in attending this year. Those of us who attended last year really enjoyed the evening. There were many funny and inspiring stories and lots of good music. It was a very rewarding time. It is very similar to Women of Faith, but on a much smaller scale.

Church Information Cards in Welcome Center

With the growth of population in Delaware and new houses being built, wouldn't it be nice to have a card with information about First Baptist that you could give new neighbors when you are talking to them? Take a look at the table in the Welcome Center and take a few cards to have in your pocket to give to someone who may be looking for a church home.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



August

3 Ray & Carol Serviss
 4 Gabe Fogle
 8 Kate Cooper
 Ryan Cooper
 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 Linda White
 30 Archie Trigg

Please report any errors.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Our total was \$785.

Personals

- > We have received a lengthy letter from our missionary in Thailand, Jeni Pedzinski. You can read the letter on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.
- > Jeni will be joining us for dinner and an early evening presentation on September 29.
- > Pat Gosser was in the hospital in July for vertigo.
- > Pastor Mark Allison had an article in the Delaware Gazette on July 19. You can find a copy of it on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.
- > Jim Snyder made a trip to Cheyenne, Wyoming to go to the rodeo.
- > Claire Turner vacationed in Vermont with friends.
- > Erin Faulk has sold her condo and is temporarily living with Pam and Larry until her new house gets built.
- > Brennan Howe had more dental surgery.

Mark Your Calendar

September 29th
 5:00 P.M.

Jeni Pedzinski, our missionary to Thailand will join us.

Enjoy an evening of hearing about Thailand and the Christian work that Jeni is doing.

Bring a generous bowl or pan of your favorite covered dish to share.

Have You Considered Online Giving?

If you would like to make an offering or donation to FBC, but cannot attend a worship service or would rather not have to write a check and mail it to FBC, you can now make an offering online. Visit our website at FBCDelaware.org and click on the link: "Make an online Offering or Donation." The link will take you to a page describing the current giving options. Click on the link: "Click Here to make an Offering or Donation Online."

On the Donation page you can input an amount that you would like to offer for any or all options for giving.

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

Mission/Outreach News

More Than You Can Imagine

We rejoice that the One Great Hour of Sharing (More Than You Can Imagine) goal was met in June. Pam Faulk presented Mission Moments (More Than You Can Imagine) during worship services in June. Your money is far reaching in our country and

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6 pm

Sunday, Aug 18,
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**Come,
share in scripture,
prayer, and
sacred music**



the world. Thanks to ALL who reached out to others for development projects as well as meeting the needs of those that have needed disaster relief.

Thanks to all who honored their fathers on Father's Day by giving to the Tools of Hope offering to be given to Church World Service.

Family Festival

The Block Party/Family Festival was held on July 13th from 11am to 2pm.

Many church congregations, agencies and policemen participated. It was a time for the community to come together to enjoy live music, play lawn games, and have a meal at no cost. Our church hosted the lawn games, bubble blowing (which was very popular), making pinwheels, coloring of stained glass windows, and assembling of a jigsaw puzzle.

Others made balloon creations. Coupons were given for free haircuts. Kona Ice treated children to free ices. Many volunteers prepared hot dogs and barbecued pork.

The day was sunny and warm and we were happy to see so many of the community (estimated 300) participate in this event.

Thanks to all who planned, set up, participated, disassembled, and provided cookies for this community gathering. We are looking forward to next year.

Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Raleigh Gosser	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Raeleen George	Health Issues
Steve & Sharon Baker	Health Issues
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	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!



Sanctuary Open for Days for Prayer

The sanctuary will be open on two dates in August for prayer.

Thursday, Aug 15, 9am - noon

Tuesday, Aug 20, 5pm - 8pm

**Come,
Spend some time,
Pray**

Mission Focus

The Mission Focus for July was to collect school supplies for students at Conger Elementary. The box in the church entry has been filling up.

People In Need collects money to provide a gift card for a new pair of shoes to those children who qualify. We have been helping with this endeavor this year. There have been envelopes in the pews to give money for shoes. Think about the smile on a child's face having a new pair of shoes and school supplies(that would not have had them) to begin a new school year! As of July 21st, the money given for shoes totaled \$240.00. Thanks to the family who generously donated a whole box of new head sets for the children.

In August, the church will sponsor the fundraiser for Common Ground Free Store with a check for \$100.00.

Our Mission Focus for August will be collecting food items for People In Need. August is a month in which the food supply is low. The box is in the Welcome Center. We would like to fill it up during the month of August.

Looking ahead, our Mission Focus for September will be donating new underwear to Common Ground Free Store. The 5 Sundays in September will be Undie Sundays. As you shop, check for sales on underwear (all sizes) to donate.

Jeni Pedzinski, whom we support as a missionary in Thailand, will be in the U.S. We are fortunate that she will come to our church on September 29th to give a presentation about her work in Thailand. We are planning to invite other churches to join us for her visit, as her time is limited while she is in the U.S.

We are planning to have a potluck dinner on that evening. It will be so good to see her and hear about her Christian work in another part of the world. Please mark your calendar for September 29th!.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund

We continue to closely monitor our expenditures with the goal in mind that our general fund offerings and other income should cover our operating expenses. Through the first half of 2019, our expenses have exceeded our income by \$2,900. This is better than our situation at this time last year. We remain faithful that through your continued generous offerings and our controlled expenses, we can balance our general fund by the end of the year as we were able to do last year.

Missions

Mission giving continues to support both local and international ministries. We have met our goals We have met our goals for the first two Special ABC offerings of the year.

Capital Improvements / Memorials

Regular contributions to our capital improvements fund and to our memorials fund allow us to maintain our facilities and plan for future projects.

- Larry Faulk, treasurer

Church Directory Updates

Evan Allison's new address:
11688 West 57th Place
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Erin Faulk's temporary address:
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phone and email remain
the same