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It seems like it was only yesterday that I was sitting down to write the article for the July newsletter, which happened the week before I left on vacation. Because of Covid, I, like many of you, haven't been able to see family that are not close by. In that vein I traveled west to see my immediate family; father, sisters, and sons.

The journey took me to California and back. There was no way to see everyone without driving. I was able to see much of the country as well. All in all, it was a good trip, but the driving became exhausting after a while, and I thought about how nice it would be to go somewhere and stay for a week or so.

I thought about rest and restoration, not just on vacation, but generally, after this stressful past



year-and -a-half. I attended church with my sister and the sermon was about making space for rest. I hope you have been met with grace in these summer days, and have found some of the needed restoration.

Now in my first week back, I sit down to write again. As July draws near to its conclusion, we look forward to the fall, and hopefully, to the return of regular programming.

The return of Sunday School comes to mind, and I have been thinking about what to teach in the class I lead. I am leaning toward a reading of the Book of Revelation. We will take the approach of letting it speak on its own terms. I hope when the Sunday after Labor Day comes and we return to our fall schedule, you will join us.

But August comes first, and I hope and pray it finds you well and able to receive a blessing that the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ, and that in all things you will be able to serve the Lord.

Blessings,

Mark

Panera Volunteers for August

Aug 5 Lee Aug 12 Volunteer Needed Aug 19 Shears Aug 26 Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering. There is a new sign up sheet available in the Gathering Space. Please volunteer.

Personals

> Brennan Howe dislocated his knee at summer camp.

> The Ferguson Family has returned from a trip out west.

> Pete and Linda White celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18th.

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to all who brought school supplies for students in need of them at Conger Elementary School. It brings many smiles to the children's faces to know that they have the supplies to get them off to a good school year.

Thanks to all who have contributed money for shoes for children in need of them for the upcoming school year. Our church gives your donations to People In Need who buys gift cards to be given to the parents for their children. Parents are grateful for help to buy their children shoes. Children welcome having a new pair of shoes to start the school year! Thank you for filling the "Shoe Money" envelopes in the pews. Thanks to ALL who continue to pick up Panera unsold items, rebag them, and deliver them to Andrews House on Friday morning.

People In Need

Our August mission focus is collecting food for those in need. Supplies at People In Need sometimes run low in August, so let's see how many boxes we can fill for them. Thank you for your continued generosity.

As we think about the children going back to school and having a new beginning, let's think of new ways that we can be of help to others. If you have new ideas for Mission/ Outreach please let Mary Lou Lovell know.

MEN AND WOMEN GATHERING ONCE AGAIN

The First Baptist Men are once again gathering for breakfast at Bob Evans in Delaware. In August they will meet on their normal third Saturday of the month, August 21 at 8:00 a.m.

The women had their first lunch in July, and 8 attended. We decided at that time to continue to meet at the church for awhile instead of a restaurant. We will be gathering again on our usual second Saturday of the month, August 14 at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch, beverage, and table service.

Scripture Readers / Worship Leaders Needed

If you would like to read scripture during worship or serve as a Worship Leader, please let Dr. Allison know of your interest. During worship, the Worship Leader traditionally leads the Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer, and the Offertory prayer. They also read scripture when there is not a separate scripture reader that Sunday.

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
- 27 Linda White
- 30 Archie Trigg

Please report any errors.

Previous Services Available

For the past 15 months, we have been video recording weekly worship services and making them available on our website. Since we have returned to in-person worship, we have continued to video record our worship services. Go to our website: <u>fbcdelaware.org</u> and either click on the link titled "Previous Services" or the "Videos" link to view previous services.

Financial Update

For the second quarter of 2021 (April - June) in the general fund, giving has exceeded expenses by \$2,131. This makes the Year-todate giving exceed expenses by \$1,193. Mission giving for the second quarter was \$4,525 for a Year-to-date total of \$8,835. A detailed financial report is available in the Welcome Center. Your dedicated contributions to our operations and missions are appreciated.

Prayer List

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

NameRRichard LovellKen & Genevieve PetersonDr. Allison's father & sisterKen ShearsCandy Lee's sister Trudy

Reason for Prayer

Health Issues Health Issues Health Issues Health Issues 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!

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 <u>FBCDelaware.org</u> 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 <u>Ifaulk01@aol.com</u> or 614-204-1098. Your gifts to FBC are appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

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FBC Newsletter Archive

The first FBC newsletter (which later became know as "The Good News") was published in July 1969. For the past few months, as I have been able, I have been scanning the historical issues of the Good News and have been adding them to our website. To date, I have most of the newsletters available from 1969 through 2020. There are a few missing issues that I would love to locate copies of to add to the collection. If you notice a missing newsletter that you can share for the archive, let me know. Check out the "FBC Newsletter Archive" on fbcdelaware.org.

-Larry Faulk Good News editor

2021 Church Directory

The Board of Deacons is planning to publish a new Church Directory. You do not need to be a formal member to be included in the directory We invite Members and Friends of First Baptist to be included in the directory. If you would like to formally join our fellowship, please contact Dr. Allison. Even if you do not wish to be a formal member, we would like to include you in the directory. We would like to include as many updated photos as possible. Please see me for a new photo. There is a form below to update your info. Please return the form to me or any deacon. -Larry Faulk

Address Update

Bud & Ardith Salyer 100 Willowbrook West, Apt1017 Delaware, OHio 43015

First Baptist Church Directory	Anniversary							
Name(s)	Birthdate	Cell Phone						
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(return this form to Larry Faulk)								

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Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 am In-person Worship Holy Communion	2	3	4	8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	Transfiguration 6 Day	7
10 am In-person Worship	3 9 5:30 Board of Deacons	10	11	8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed	13	14 11:30 Women's Lunch Fellowship Hall
10 am In-person Worship	16	17	18	8:45 Panera Pickup - Shears	20	21 8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans
10 am In-person Worship 11:15 Board of Christian Education September newsletter deadline today	2 23	24	25	26 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	27	28
2 10 am In-person Worship September newsletter available today	9 30	31	September 1	8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed	August Mission Focus •People in Need	

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