

# Good News Letter

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The theologian Augustine is well-known for much more than having a city in Florida named after him. He guided the Church through the difficulties associated with the fall of the Roman Empire. He lived through the chaos and tragedy of it all. One has a hard time imagining what that part of his life must have been like; what it was like to be a pastor, or a believer, in a time of such trauma.

And yet he was able to advance a theological tradition that has been greatly influential even in our times, more than 1500 years later. It has been known as, "Augustinian," which doesn't really help us know very much what it was all about. It was influenced by Paul, and even earlier than that, by the prophets of Israel, namely Isaiah.

It was heavy on God's sovereignty and the majesty and grace of God. Having turned into a theological system, it was studied by the



great Protestant reformers like Martin Luther and John Calvin; thus, it is another name for *our* theology, as we are among the heirs of the Protestant traditions.

It has its greatest influence over us in times of distress and uncertainty, if not of full-out loss, such as in times like the decline and fall of a civilization. Augustine did make some mistakes, of course, but I hope he can still be seen for his larger contributions to the life of faith.

All of this fuss I have made, in fact, is just to offer, as a kind of prayer, what is one of the best reflections of

Augustine's life, a couple of sentences that seem to fit the noisiness and uncertainties of our lives. I hope these famous sentences will bring some comfort and peace, as well as guidance, no matter where your life finds you, or at least something to ponder in these waning summer days.

They come from the beginning of his, Confessions, which is a spiritual autobiography. Augustine writes;

"Great art Thou, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is Thy power, and of Thy wisdom there is no end. . . . for Thou hast formed us for Thyself, *and our hearts are restless till they find rest in Thee.*"

May it be so for each of you,  
**Mark**

## Panera Volunteers for July

Aug 4 Shears  
Aug 12 Grubbs  
Aug 28 Grubbs  
Aug 25 Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering. There is a new sign-up sheet for the fall quarter in the Gathering Place.

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our August lunch will be on Saturday, August 20 at 11:30 at the Corner Cafe. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend so she can give them a number.

## PERSONALS

-Dave Lovell was pictured in the June 23 issue of the Delaware Gazette with an article about local Vietnam veterans.

- Genevieve Peterson would like to express her thanks to everyone for all their support these past few months.

- Brennan Howe is recovering from his bone graft surgery. He and Candy would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards.

-Former member Sam Chesser visited our worship service on July 24. He sends his greetings to all.

- Pam and Ken Shears would like to thank everyone for their prayers for Ken and ask for continued prayer for his COPD issues.

-Dave and MaryLou Lovell recently visited former member Jean Osborne and her family.

-Jeanne Ekelberry recently experienced a bad fall. She is all right but bruised.

-Jay Roberts has spent some time in the hospital recently.

-Pam, Larry, and Erin Faulk spent much of June in Alaska on a land/sea tour.

## Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to all who have contributed money for shoes for school to People In Need in July. Imagine the smiles on the children's faces as they receive a new pair of shoes to start school!

Thanks to all who have brought school supplies to help children at Conger Elementary School get a great start to their school year!

Thanks to everyone who has brought food items for People In Need during the month of July and throughout the year. There is continuous need for food in Delaware.

It was good to fellowship as we enjoyed the pot luck luncheon on Sunday, July 24th. Thanks to Dr. Allison for introducing the missionaries we are considering to give monetary support.

Jeni Pedzinski, missionary to Thailand, to whom we give monetary support is hoping to come to our church in November. We will be making plans to welcome her.

Our August outreach will continue to be collecting food items for People In Need. We will also give a \$100.00 donation to the Common Ground Free Store as we have in the past.

As you are shopping, keep in mind that in September we will be asking you to donate new underwear for our Undie Sundays. Also, it is a good time to think ahead to buy items for the Christmas shoe boxes, as school items are on sale.

### 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
- 23 Bev Cox
- 24 Ken Shears
- 27 Linda White
- 30 Archie Trigg

*Please report any errors.*

## Panera Pick Up Continues

Each Thursday, someone from our congregation goes to Panera at 8:45 p.m. to pick up the items from the day that have not been purchased, then rebag items for easy distribution by Andrews House. The items are then taken to Andrews Hour at 9:30 a.m. on Friday morning. People are very grateful to have bread. A huge thank you to everyone who keeps this outreach going.

## Historical Organ Society

Our church is pleased to be chosen to host the Historical Organ Society on August 1st. Each year the society celebrates historic pipe organs though a convention in North America. This year they are visiting organs in Ohio. The Seventh Day Adventist Church organ is also part of the tour.

Members of the society are the guest organists at churches and they give lectures, demonstrations, and recitals. Stephen Price, who is the Assistant Teaching Professor at Ball State University will be playing our organ for the members of the convention. His recital will be on Monday afternoon (time-to be announced).

If you would like more information, see Peter White or Mary Lou Lovell.

## Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Candy Lee's family	Health Issues
Donna Brown	Health Issues
Janet Lathrop	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!

## Organ Repair

On July 11th, Ryan and Taylor came from Mueller Organ company to repair and tune the organ. They worked from 9:30- 1:30. Six of the large wooden pedal pipes needed to be taken out to repair the broken tracker.



## Directory Update

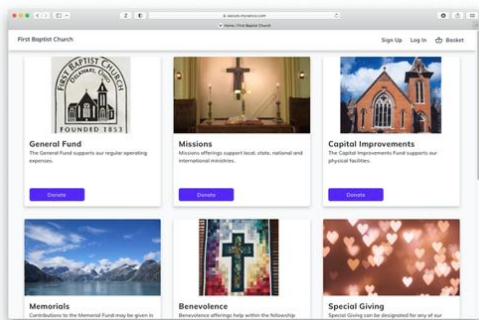
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Delaware, OH 43015

**HOPE YOU NOTICED THE ORGAN SOUNDS BETTER!**

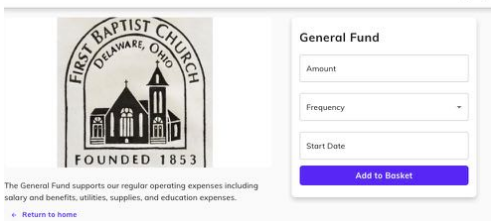
## Consider Online Giving

Our online giving website screens have changed. When you “click” on the link to donate, the donation screen has a new “look”:

You are presented with separate boxes for each of the giving areas: General Fund, Missions, Capital Improvements, Memorials, Benevolence, and Special Giving as well as one of the ABC Special quarterly offerings.



When you click on “donate” in one of the areas, you can enter an amount, a frequency, and a starting date.



On the next screen, 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](mailto:lfaulk01@aol.com) or 614-204-1098. Your gifts to FBC are appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

## Interested in Membership?

There are several ways in which you can join our fellowship:

- 1 - By profession of faith and baptism
- 2 - By a transfer from a sister Baptist congregation
- 3 - By a statement of faith from other Christian faith traditions

We are mindful that some who wish to be a part of the FBC family life may not be interested in formal membership. Please don't feel any pressure. For those who are interested, mention it to Dr. Allison, and he will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Then in a worship service where there can be a formal affirmation, we will present your decision to join.

- Larry Faulk, deacon chairperson

## Sermon Manuscripts Available

If you would like to read some of Dr. Allison's sermons, they are available on our website. There are currently manuscripts for the past six months online. Others will be added soon.

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# August

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Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor  
 Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:00 am Worship Service <b>31</b>	<b>1</b> Historic Organ Society Concert	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Shears	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5:00 pm Turner/Pierce Wedding
<b>14</b> 10:00 am Worship Service	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans 11:30 Women's Lunch Corner Cafe
<b>21</b> 10:00 am Worship Service  Sept newsletter deadline today	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 Board of Christian Education  Sept newsletter available today	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	September <b>1</b>	<b>August Mission Focus:</b>  • (PIN)-People in Need	