

Good News Letter

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As the snow showers fly through the air for the first time in this winter season, we prepare our hearts for Advent and Christmas. For the better part of 2,000 years the world has been blessed by the celebration of Christ's birth, and even with the excesses and degradations that accompany the celebration, the beauty and wonder of God's gift stands out.

Of course, there are things to do; the shopping and the decorating; the travel and the getting together with people that we love but don't see as much the rest of the year. There is the weather that doesn't always cooperate; it snows when we do not want it to snow, and not when we do. And sometimes the world itself seems unmoved by it all; it just goes on, good and bad.

At church there will be the traditional events; Soup and Sing and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. There are the collection of gifts for



Foster Care children and the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (Please see this newsletter for details and all the applicable information). Nonetheless, when the commotion dies down, there will be time to consider the birth of Christ, the Incarnation, and its meaning for our lives.

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth."

"And he will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of

Jacob forever; his kingdom shall never end."

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to men, on whom his favor rests."

May everyone have a blessed and beautiful season, and a very Merry Christmas, and the grandest of all New Years.

Blessings,
- Mark



Soup and Sing

Join us for an evening of Christmas carols and soup.
Saturday, December 7th
at 4:00pm



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Please join us for our Christmas
Eve Candlelight Service.
Preludes will begin at 6:45 p.m.

December Panera Volunteers

Wed	Thur
Dec 4-Brown	Dec 5-Brown
Dec 11-Faulk	Dec 12-Faulk
Dec 18-Grubbs	Dec 19-Gosser
	Dec 26-Brown
	Jan 2-Volunteer needed

Thank you all for volunteering. There will be a new sign-up sheet for the winter quarter in the Gathering Place next Sunday. Be sure to get your first pick of dates.

PERSONALS

-Thanks to Larry Faulk for installing new taller toilets in the women's and men's bathrooms.

- Dave Lovell went on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., on October 31. He thanks everyone for the cards he received on the flight home.

-Jay Roberts thanks everyone for their prayers during his recent illness.

-Jim Brown was recently hospitalized.

- Ian Ferguson is engaged to be married next summer.

- Emilie Showalter recently had gall bladder surgery and thanks everyone for their prayers.

-Laura and Richard Brown recently traveled to St. Louis to see their daughter Rachel.

-Thanks to Will Fogle and Claire Pierce for their musical solos in November.

In Memory / Honor Of

An anonymous contribution to cover the cost of the organ repair has been made in memory of Edgar Ebenhack and Ruth Brown; and in honor of Mary Lou Lovell, Jennifer Turner, and Candy Lee.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

It seems like it was just summer! Our November meeting was lightly attended, and now we are planning the Holiday Season. We decided to move our Christmas Luncheon and Ornament Exchange to the second Saturday, December 14th. The ladies of Second Baptist have been invited to join us for a potluck lunch and seasonal merriment. We will be meeting at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall for food, fun & games, fellowship and a break from shopping.

Laura Brown

Sponsor Foster Children

FBC is again sponsoring three foster children for Christmas this year. There are copies of the children's info and wish lists in the Welcome Center. You will find a sign-up list of the children's wish lists in the Sanctuary. Please check the lists to see what is still needed to give these children a very special Christmas. All of the items you wish to donate must be new and unwrapped. Gift cards and money to buy gifts are welcomed as well. The final date to bring your gifts is Sunday, December 8th.

Thank You!

Thanks to all who continue to do Panera Pick Up on Wednesday and Thursday nights. It is a big commitment! Thank you for picking up unsold items and delivering them to Willis School food pantry on Thursday morning and to Andrews House on Friday morning. Many in our community are served by your time to do this work.

Andrews House Christmas Cupboard is Back!

Mark your calendars for December 6th and 7th!

If you like to bake Christmas cookies, Andrews House will need them for their cookie sale on Dec. 7th. Bake Christmas cookies and take them to Andrews House on Friday, December 6th from 9:00 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



December

- 3 Kari Davidson
- 4 Erin Faulk
Jim Snyder
- 8 Phyllis Beasley
Joyce Roberts
- 12 Samuel Allison
Patty Spear
- 17 Pat Gosser
- 18 John Dagleish/Lena Putkonen
- 25 Carol Grubbs
- 27 Jim & Jane Snyder
- 28 Sharon Baker
- 29 James Craig Reynolds

Please report any errors.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Please join us for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This special service will begin with preludes at 6:45 p.m.

Christmas Offering

The offering in the "Christmas" envelopes will go to Andrew's House to support their mission in the community.

40 Christmas Shoe Boxes Given!

In October, we began collecting items for Operation Christmas Child Boxes. Millions of children around the world will be impacted by the gift of a shoe box filled with a game, a jump rope, a ball, a book, pencils, pens, socks, a toothbrush, a stuffed animal, a backpack, a note from you, or maybe a picture!. Thank you so much for your generosity to bring happiness to children. Thanks to those who gave a monetary donation of \$10.00 for each box for the postage.

TOGETHER, WE REMEMBER

This is the theme of the 2024 Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO). It is based on the scripture from I Chronicles 16:12 which states "Remember the wondrous works that the Lord has done." This calls us to remember those who have devoted their lives to lead us in worship, service, and in mission. Gifts to the RMMO are distributed to eligible retired clergy and missionaries and their spouses in the form of a thank you check- a tangible expression of our

Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Jay Roberts	Health Issues
Jenni Pedzinski and family	Father's stroke
Condolences to Rev. Tim Chesser and family on the death of Kathy	

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

enduring gratitude for their service. There are members of our own fellowship who receive this yearly appreciation check. Please prayerfully consider your contribution to this year's RMMO. Our goal is \$1000. Thank you.
Pam Faulk

Kathy Chesser

Please be in prayer for the family of Tim Chesser in the passing on Nov. 22 of his wife Kathy. For those of you who are newer to our congregation, Tim is my immediate predecessor as Pastor and he and Kathy served our church faithfully for several years. Pray for Tim and their family in this time of bereavement.

- Mark

At the publishing of this newsletter, arrangements have not been available. For anyone who would like to send a card or letter, the present address is:
217 Oaklawn
Cranston RI 02920

Mission/Outreach News

On Saturday, December 7th, from 9:00-1:00 p.m. you can go to Andrews House and purchase a wide variety of homemade cookies for your holiday gatherings.

Soup and Sing

Mark your calendars - 4:00 p.m. on December 7th!

Calling everyone who enjoys singing Christmas carols! We will meet in the sanctuary to sing together. The more people we have singing, the greater the wonderful sound to praise God for Jesus' birth! So invite your family and friends to join us! Following the sing-a-long we will enjoy a variety of homemade soups and cornbread in the fellowship hall. There is a signup sheet in the gathering place so that you can sign up to make your favorite soup, cornbread, or cookies.

After we eat, the remaining soup will be given to Zion UCC for their Place of Warmth which is open for men to stay when temperature is below 20 degrees. Please join us for enjoying carols, delicious soup, and fellowship!

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

Thanks to all who contributed their loose change for the November Change for Change offering. We had a total of \$298.50. If you did not get to bring your loose change on that Sunday, you can bring it any time and put it in the plastic container on the table in the Welcome Center. It will be kept until next March.

FBC History / Historical Special Services

I have been making copies of several of our FBC historical documents and programs of historical Special Services to include on our website. Visit our website at fbcdelaware.org and click on FBC History or on Historical Special Services to view some of them. 50th, 75th, and 100th year anniversary items are included as well as a tribute to our first parsonage and 25th and 40th anniversary celebrations of pastor J.B. Stephenson.

If you have other significant historical documents in your personal collection that I can copy and include, I would appreciate it.
-Larry Faulk

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.

Consider 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 make an offering online. Visit our website at FBCDelaware.org and click on the "Donate" button.

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.

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 or 614-204-1098. Your gifts to FBC are appreciated.

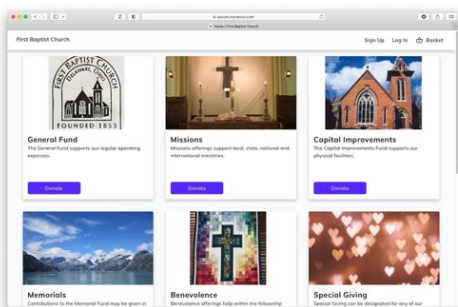
-Larry Faulk, treasurer

1897 Bulletin

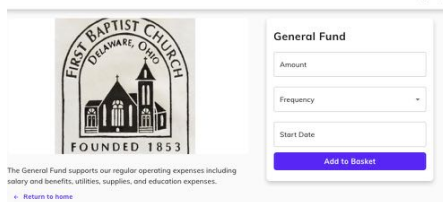
I have been adding copies of our Worship Bulletins to our website. The oldest bulletin that I have found in our files is a bulletin from October 3, 1897 which was the dedication service for the rebuilt church. There are bulletins from most years from 1939 going forward with the exception of some more recent years.

If you have access to any of our missing bulletins, let me know and I will make copies for the website.

Visit our website: fbcdelaware.org and click on "View Bulletins" to explore them.
- Larry



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



First Baptist Church









101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

December

2024

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
First Sunday of Advent 1 The Church Year Begins 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion RMMO begins 	2	3	4 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	5 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	6 Drop off cookies at Andrew's House	9am -1pm Andrew's House Christmas Cupboard  4pm Soup & Sing
Second Sunday of Advent 8 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service RMMO continues Gifts for foster children due 	9 5:30 Deacons at Amato's	Human Rights Day 10	11 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	12 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	13	14 11:30 am ABW Christmas Luncheon Fellowship Hall
Third Sunday of Advent 15 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service RMMO continues 	16	17	18 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	19 8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser	20	8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans  Winter Begins
Fourth Sunday of Advent 22 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service RMMO continues January newsletter deadline 	23	24 6:45 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Christmas 25 	26 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	27	28
29 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Mike Reynolds, guest pastor RMMO ends ← January newsletter available today	30	New Year's Eve 31 	New Year's Day 1 8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed Dr Allison on vacation	2 8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed	December Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMMO Offering • Wish Lists for Foster Children • Christmas Offering - Andrews's House →	