

Good News Letter

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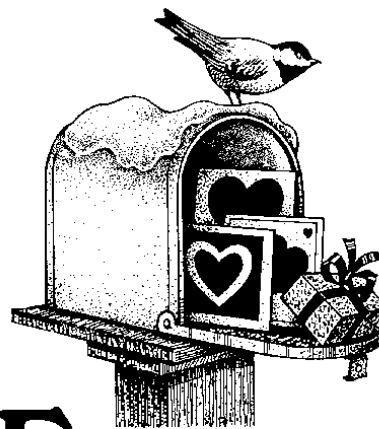
Dear FBC family:

What a wonderful beginning to a new church year we have already experienced. Two of our young people, Ian and Emily, came forward making professions of faith leading to baptism. This was followed by Roger and Shannon bringing their two children into God's house for dedication. These two acts demonstrate for us the importance of family in laying the groundwork for God's message of redemption to take place in the human heart. We anticipate others being moved to unite with the body of Christ in this place.

Robert Russell's journey toward ordination also moved forward this month. Robert, Kathy, and I made the journey to Granville last Saturday for Robert to receive guidance from the state commission on ordination. It was a wonderful experience for Robert and me. I had hoped that it would be a helpful rather than adversarial meeting. My prayers were answered. It was clear how seriously the committee took its task. They had several helpful suggestions. Our next step is to call for an ordination council made up of representatives from all of the churches of our association. The

president of our association is currently out of town. When he returns we will coordinate our efforts with him.

As I write these words millions of our fellow citizens are gathering on the national mall in Washington, D.C. for the



inauguration of President Barack Obama. As I attended three different public events over the past weekend I was reminded several times of how much this inauguration means to our African-American brothers and sisters. As a Baptist, I am proud to claim as a part of my own heritage the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Without his message and sacrifice we would not be witnessing today's momentous events. I trust that you will join with me in praying

for the safety and success of our new president.

God has truly blessed us in this New Year. Let us continue to be found faithful in all that He has called to be and do in this year. Invite a friend to church. You might just change a life.

Your Pastor,

Please Mark Your Calendar...

"Friends Listening for God"—the new Prayer, Study and Share Group—will be meeting the third Sunday of each month in the downstairs Blue room of our church. The next session, then, will be held on Sunday, February 15th. Leader, Robert Russell will present a program on the subject of various forms of prayer. Discussion and sharing will follow.

Come, bring a friend and enjoy a new and exciting spiritual experience. And as an added bonus...refreshments will be served!

— Submitted by Lana Palmer

From the FBC Youth

With the close of the Christmas play season and the beginning of the new year these are exciting times for the youth of First Baptist. Starting here in January, the youth are meeting for Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Earlier this month we looked at the story of Jonah from the Old Testament and in Junior Church we are looking back at the first family in Genesis. When we gather for Bible Study, the kids also enjoy fellowship afterwards because they get to play Guitar Hero and ping pong amongst other fun activities.

The opportunity to be able to meet with all of the kids together in a large group has been a blessing. In truth, a large group study can be difficult with such a wide range in ages, but everyone gets along together so well that it is always a great time to study the Scriptures and have fun as well. At times, meeting with the kids makes me think back to my childhood days growing up in the church. I wish that I had this group of young believers in my home church to grow up with as a youth. Coming up, we'll be looking to continue developing our growth as believers and growing in fellowship as well. Also, Kirsten will be coming back in the 2nd week of February for a weekend and we are all excited for her visit. Hopefully there will be some bowling and tennis in our near future. While my first few months here at FBC have seemingly flown by, the kids and the church community

have made me feel right at home from the start.

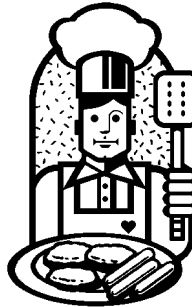
Blessings,

– Matt Yoder

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

On Tuesday, February 24, at 6:30 p.m., the men will once again be cooking pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. The festivities will

be held in the Fellowship Hall at the church. All are welcome to come and enjoy a good time, food and fellowship.



Letters of Thanks

Thanks to everyone who contributed cans of soup to PIN for our "Souper Bowl Sunday" donation. Keep in mind that PIN has an ongoing need for perishable foods and personal hygiene items. Beth Trigg has told me the Free Store can use paper goods, cups, paper plates and paper towels to use when food is served. Both of these agencies can always use your support, so keep them in mind as you shop.

– Carol Serviss
Mission Coordinator

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We received a letter from Don Chenoweth at Andrews House thanking the church for our donation of \$401 (our special Christmas offering) to the Second Friday Dinner Program.

Trustees Notes

- The streetlight (which we pay for) on the alley behind the church was out for a month, but finally was repaired. The work was done by a subcontractor who works for AEP.
- The church's fire extinguishers were inspected and tagged by B & J of Marion. Three had to be replaced. The cost was \$115.40.
- After a year of negotiations with the city, they okay'd the parsonage sidewalk on Congress Court after Jimmie Moore filled a joint.
- The cost of the chimney clean out at the "old" parsonage back in December was \$145.59.
- At our January meeting, the trustees elected the following officers:

Jimmie Moore – chairman

Bud Sykes – vice chairman

Jerry Palmer – secretary

Arch Trigg – rep to nominating committee

Peter White – reporter to the newsletter

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Feb. 1 Melissa Neill
2 Elizabeth Bowman
4 Mary Early
6 Janet Inscho
13 Lana Palmer
15 Deborah Van Broekhoven
24 Emilie Trigg

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Valentine

A friend emailed an early 'Valentine' to see if it will make it around the world by February 14th.

For God so lo**V**ed the world,
That He g**A**ve
His on**L**y
Begott**E**n
So**N**
That whosoever
Believeth **I**n Him
Should **N**ot perish,
But have **E**verlasting life.'

John 3:16

Send it around the World!

– Betty Porter

Personals

- We extend our condolences to Bertha Van Brimmer and her family on the death of her brother, Lon Douglas Sparks, 75, of Delaware and formerly of Sunbury, who passed away on January 1.
- Lois Methe, 96, who was a member of First Baptist when she lived in Delaware, passed away in Arizona on January 2.
- Janet Lathrop is at Delaware Court Health Care Center while she recovers from hip surgery.
- Jean Osborne is staying with her son in Michigan while she recovers from back surgery.
- Jane Catherine Faulk was born on December 28 to Lorrie and Jeff Faulk. She weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces. Pam and Larry Faulk are her paternal grandparents.
- Wil Verhoff graduated from METHESCO and returned to Kentucky where he married Barbara "Britt" Schulz on

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the deacons. If you have any additions or corrections, please contact a deacon.

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
Erin Faulk	Kathy Sharp	Cancer treatments
Evelyn Lee	Mary Tilson	at Willowbrook
	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health Issues
	Florence Faulk	Delaware Court
Phil Mercer	Jerry Mercer	Health Issues
Nichelle Trigg	David James	
Jane Moore	George Corder	Health Issues (Heart, Diabetes)
	Cathie Corder	Continued recovery
	Olivia Langwasser	Young girl with leukemia
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	
Randy Turner	Randall Jones (Randy's Uncle)	Cancer
Jean Wickum	Martha Green	
	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health issues
H. Van Broekhoven	Deborah Van Broekhoven	ABC USA Historical Society
–	Janet Lathrop	Recovering from Hip Replacement Surgery
–	Jean Osborne	Recovering from Back Surgery
–	Sherry Salyer (wife of Kelly Salyer)	Bone Cancer
–	Jim VanBrimmer	Health Issues

January 10. They plan to live in Stanford, Kentucky. Wil was a choir member at First Baptist when he was here and we wish him well.

- Jerry Palmer's grandson completed his Marine duty in Iraq

and has been reassigned to duty in Hawaii.

- George Reidmiller has completed his military service and is working in Columbus.