

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

On January 13, 2014 I announced to the deacons that I planned to retire on May 31, 2014. I subsequently shared that decision with the congregation on January 22. Most everyone in the congregation is aware that I am turning 65 in May. Please know that much prayerful consideration went into this decision. Kathy and I are excited about what the future holds for us even though we do not know what that will look like. I am guessing that more than a few trips to Connecticut will be a part of that future.

In the four months remaining until retirement we want to celebrate the twelve and one half years that we have been blessed to serve here. Delaware has been the scene of many family events. Both of our sons were married at First Baptist. We welcomed grandchildren while we were here. We will always treasure Sam's call to ministry and ordination here. We have laughed and cried together.

Kathy and I made the decision about a year and a half ago that as retirement beckoned we

wanted to stay in Delaware. We are thankful that we were able to find a house in Delaware. Even though I will no longer be your pastor you will still see me out and about in town. Since the Beehive is closing

I suggest checking at Witts. The Lord willing, I hope to come back for the 175th anniversary in 2028. Just think of the car and food stories I could come up with in the interim.

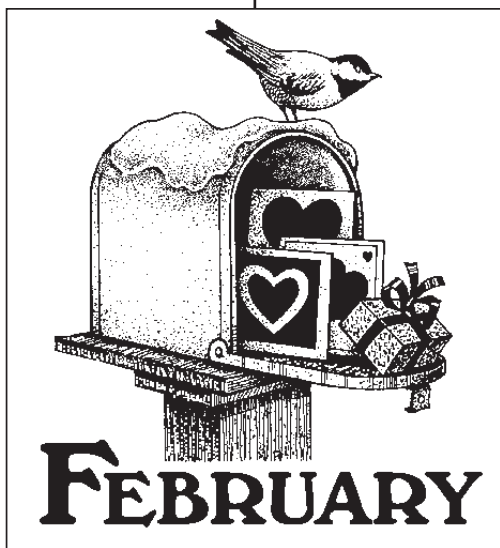
First Baptist has always been God's church, not my church. I hope you will prayerfully

anticipate what the next chapter of your history will teach you.

As the apostle Paul once said and I have sometimes struggled to understand, "I count it all joy." I hear those words in a new way today.

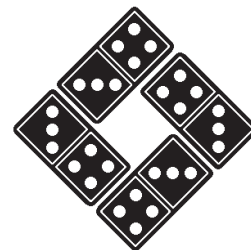
See you in church on Sunday,

Your Pastor,



## Game Night

Do you enjoy playing board games? Did you get any new games for Christmas? An excellent opportunity for fellowship is to come to Game Night in the fellowship hall on February 21 at 7:00. Bring your favorite board games, a snack to share, and your own beverage. Come and have some fun and fellowship. This is for everyone in our church family, young and old and any guests they wish to bring.



## From The Board of Christian Education

During its recent meeting, the Board of Christian Education discussed ideas to encourage our youth program. We determined that the input of the congregation would be critical, as we consider many different ideas.

There is a survey on page 2 of this newsletter, and the board sincerely hopes you will take a moment to complete the short seven questions. We would like everyone's input. A collection box will be placed in the vestibule until the end of February. Please try to leave your completed surveys in that box by the end of the month, or mail them to Pam Faulk.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Feb. 1 Melissa Neill
- 2 Elizabeth Bowman
- 6 Janet Inscho
- 13 Lana Palmer
- 15 Deborah Van Broekhoven
- 24 Emilie Trigg
- 26 Shannon Kennedy

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

## PRAYER LIST

This list is prepared by the Deacons. Prayer requests will be removed after 2 months unless "renewed". Please send changes to Larry Faulk (Lfaulk01@aol.com).

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
The Deacons	Christina Kilhefner	Health issues
	Bertha Van Brimmer	Health issues
	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
	Steve Baker	Health issues
	Fran Cook	Heart problems
	Betty Porter	Health issues
Pastor Tim	Hazel Chesser	Health Issues
Betty Porter	Diane Lukart	Recovering from surgery
	Joe DeGenova	Recovering from surgery
Beth Trigg	Joy McAfee	Cancer

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

## Children's Christian Education Survey

Please complete this survey and put it in the collection box in the vestibule before the end of February, or mail it to Pam Faulk (705 Canal Street, Delaware, OH 43015). See the article by the Board of Christian Education on page one for more information.

### 1. Do you think we need supplemental activities for our youth (grades 1-12)?

- Yes  No

### 2. If so, would you support this by:

- helping to plan
- supervising
- providing monetary means
- bringing your own children

### 3. What kind of activities can you suggest?

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### 4. How often should we offer an activity?

- once a month
- quarterly
- twice a year

### 5. Do you feel our church should offer children's worship activities during the sermon (e.g. Junior Church, Worship Wings, etc.) ?

- Yes  No

### 6. Would you support this by volunteering?

- Yes  No

### 7. Would you be willing to be available for the crib room (infants-toddlers) or Tweenies (ages 3-5) should the need arise on a Sunday morning?

- Yes  No

**If you have other ideas about our children's activities, please contact Pam Faulk, Pam Shears, or Pat Gosser.**

Your name if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to remain anonymous, that is OK, but if you would like to volunteer for any of the above, please let one of us know.

## Personals

- Jeanne Ekelberry spent several days at Grady with a severe case of the flu and complications from that.
- Kathy Chesser has been suffering from the shingles.
- Raleigh Gosser came through his gall bladder surgery well
- Ray Faulk, former member and Larry Faulk's brother, was hospitalized recently with a sepsis infection and severe arthritis problems in his shoulder. He is now recovering at home after surgery.

– Pam Faulk, Personals' Editor



*“He’s today’s greeter!”*