

Good News Letter

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I am looking forward to the winter bible study that coincides with the observance of Lent. In the past I have been a part of many bible studies but this will be my first Lenten study. We will meet on Sunday evenings at 6:30 P.M. The focus will be on the events in the life of Jesus that lead up to Easter, his journey to Jerusalem, the time spent there in the final week of his life, the last supper, the arrest, trials, and crucifixion of Jesus.

To help us as we work our way through, I have selected a book by Richard Wilke entitled, *He Set His Face to Jerusalem*, (Abingdon Press, 2011). The book has 7 chapters that will provide a focus for each week. The first chapter is entitled, "He Set His Face," and explores the resolve of Jesus to go to Jerusalem though he knew trouble awaited him. The focus of the second chapter is the events that happened on the journey and the third is about the entrance into the city at the beginning of that last week of his life. The titles of the last four chapters are, "The Last Supper," "The Midnight Hour," "Taken Prisoner," and "Listen Closely – His Final Words."

As we study the journey of Jesus and his disciples to Jerusalem for the Passover at which he would be crucified, there will be opportunities to learn how we interpret the bible, the meaning of inspiration, and why the four gospels give such different accounts of the historical events. It is my prayer that this series will be challenging, informing, and inspiring, and that as we study together our love for the scriptures and for each other will grow.

Though it will not be necessary to have a copy of the book to participate in the study, I am sure most of you will want to get a copy. In order to save on shipping it is best to make one order. If you are interested let me know and I will place the order. The cost will be about \$10 and to offset it donations are welcome. Feel free to give with your regular offering and be sure to designate for the Lenten bible study.

– Mark



Lenten Meals

To coincide with our Sunday Lenten study, we will be having a few meals beforehand on several Sundays during Lent. On the first Sunday of Lent on February 14, we will kick off the Lenten study with a covered dish dinner at 6:00. Please bring dishes to share. The Lenten study will begin at 6:30. Then on February 21 and March 20, we will be ordering pizza. Please bring a salad, bread, or dessert to go with it. We will begin our meal at 6:00. At 6:30 the youth are welcome to stay for the Lenten study or go to their regularly scheduled youth meeting in the youth room.

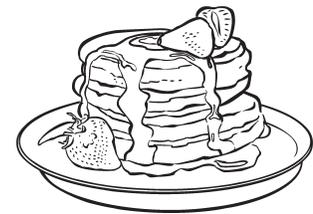
Annual Pancake Supper

All are invited to join us for our annual pancake supper on Tuesday, February 9th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend.

The menu includes pancakes, waffles, fruit, sausage, and Dave Lovell's famous blueberry syrup.

In addition to the food and fellowship, there will be an opportunity to share your talent — a song, a skit, a reading, a poem, or joke, if you wish.

– Larry Faulk



Men's Fellowship Moves

With the closure of the restaurant at Beuhlers, the next men's fellowship breakfast will have to move to another location. The February breakfast will be at Bob Evans, February 20th at 8 am.

– Larry Faulk

Remember Your Change!

This is just a reminder to save your change because we will be collecting it again in March. If you don't want to hold onto it, you can always put it in the jar in the Welcome Center, and I will hold onto it for you.

– Pam Faulk

Thank You

Our church recently received the following letter:

On behalf of Delaware County Department of Job and Family Services, Foster Care/Adoption Program, we would like to say thank you for your donation of Christmas gifts for Delaware County children in foster care. We appreciate the generosity of your organization in supporting our children and families... We are glad to have your support. We look forward to working with you in the future.

– Corrine Yager and April Wehrle
Delaware County Department of
Job and Family Services:

February Volunteers (Several More Needed)

KID CONNECTION

- Feb 7 Pam Shears / Aidan Ferguson
- Feb 14 Pat Gosser / Alec Ferguson
- Feb 21 Pam Faulk / Will Fogle
- Feb 28 Debbie Fogle / Colin Ferguson

There are still openings for Kid Connection in March, April, and May, Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place or speak to Pam Faulk.

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	Alvin Cox	Health issues
	Betty Porter	Recovery from oral surgery
	Christina Kilhefner	Transplant recovery
	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
	Steve Baker	Health issues
	Bora Porter (Janet's daughter)	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!

FELLOWSHIP TIME

There are no volunteers signed up for Fellowship Time in February. If you would like to bring something for a Sunday in February, please sign up or speak to Larry Faulk. It does not have to be a big spread, just some cookies or something small like that.

PANERA BREAD PICK UP

- Feb 4 The Faulks
- Feb 11 The Triggs
- Feb 18 The Naces
- Feb 25 The Gossers

Many more people have started to help out with the Panera pick-up.

It really is not hard and is very rewarding to know that we are able to do so much for our community. Even though the bread goes to Andrews House, they are able to distribute it to many places throughout Delaware.

Thank you all for volunteering!

Mission/Outreach News

The Mission/Outreach Team met on Jan. 24 at the Lovell's home with 7 people in attendance.

We reviewed the service, donations that had been given, and activities that were completed in Nov., Dec., and Jan.

2016 First Baptist Church Directory

It's time to update our directory for 2016. Please review your info in the 2014 directory and let Larry Faulk know about any changes, or fill out the form below and return it to him. We would like to update pictures as well. See Larry Faulk or Dave Lovell to get a new picture taken. We would like to include all members and friends of FBC.

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Address _____

Home Phone _____

* No year is necessary

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- Feb. 2 Elizabeth Bowman
- 2 Cynthia Tizzano
- 13 Lana Palmer
- 15 Deborah Van Broekhoven
- 16 Barbara Payne
- 24 Emilie Trigg
- 26 Shannon Kennedy

Names and dates are from the latest church directory.

In Nov. and Dec. the congregation gave generously to purchase gifts for children and youth selected by Jobs and Family Services of Delaware.

A thank you note was received from them.

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries offering went above our goal.

The Christmas offering was given to People in Need. The youth assisted with packing for the Holiday Clearing House.

We had a new event to celebrate the Christmas Season: "Sing and Soup", which was a success with 40 people in attendance.

Cookies were donated to the Andrews House Christmas Cupboard.

Our Mission focus for January has been supplying items needed to Family Promise (housing for families in need) in Delaware. We have collected \$100 for them. We will continue to collect liquid laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet tissue, paper towels, and shampoo through the month of January.

Thank you for your donations. They are very appreciated by the residents.

We discussed ways in which we

He Set His Face to Jerusalem Lenten Bible Study

Sunday Evenings 6:30-7:30 P.M.

February 14

He Set His Face to Jerusalem
Luke 9:28-62

February 21

On the Road Again
Matthew 5:1-7:28

February 28

Two Entrances
Mark 11:1-11

March 6

The Last Supper
Mark 14:10-26; John 13:1-34

March 13

The Midnight Hour and
Taken Prisoner
Matthew 26:36-46; Luke 22:39-46
Matthew 25:31-46

March 20

Listen Closely – His Final Words
Matthew 26:5:33-43; Mark 15:22-32
Like 23-26-43; John 19:17-27



might reach out in the community and Mission Focuses for 2016.

Donations and service could include: Turning Point, People In Need, Common Ground Free Store, Andrews House, Helpline, Conger Elementary School, the Summer Lunch Program, and the Warming Center(Zion UCC Church).

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

5 Years Ago *Feb 2011 Newsletter*

Former member Tom Weakland, 60, died from a heart attack.

Plaster repairs are being made to the right rear corner of the Sanctuary which had water damage.

15 Years Ago *Feb 2001 Newsletter*

Denver McGhee, 88, died at Grady Hospital. He was a WWII veteran and had attended First Baptist.

45 Years Ago *Feb 1971 Newsletter*

William Street United Methodist Church was destroyed by fire on Jan 30. The congregation is now meeting at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. We need to think about ways to protect our church against fire.

Thanks to Peter White and Sophia Stephenson, the church's antique communion set is again in the Sanctuary. It was presented to the church in 1897 by Dr. Shattuck and the cabinet was made in 1935 by the father of Pauline Nash.

The committee would like the congregation to continue to serve People In Need with donations and service, Common Ground Free Store with donations, Andrews House with service in serving dinners and providing desserts, donations to Helpline, donations and service to Conger Elementary School, service and donations to the Delaware City Schools Summer Lunch Program, and donations to the Warming Center.

Turning Point is not yet located in Delaware so we will think about

donating when it is established locally.

“Change for change” collections will continue in March and Nov. to be given to the Delaware City Schools Summer Lunch Program.

Discussion continued concerning meeting the needs of others.

Contact will be made with someone at the “Warming Center” at Zion UCC Church to be aware of their needs. The “Warming Center” is open at Zion UCC Church when the weather is 20 degrees or colder. It is open to men who need a place to stay during the night.

There are many needs in our community. Please look at the list and see in what way you can be of service or make a donation.

Everyone is welcome at the Mission/Outreach Meetings.

We welcome new ideas!

February’s Mission Focus will be items needed by the Salvation Army to assist those that are staying at their guest house after being trafficked.

Items are needed to be given as the individuals leave so that they can be independent.

Let’s fill a box or 2 during the month of February!

Guest House Needs List:

- shelf stable food
- new dish sets
- laundry detergent
- gatorade
- pots and pans
- pre-paid cell phone
- snack foods
- cooking utensils
- Gift cards to: Meijer, Wal-mart, Target, Kroger, fuel cards

Individual Survivor Needs During Their Stay:

- hygiene products, deodorant, hair products

Upon Departure Needs (given to them in a basket):

- new sheet sets

- new blankets
- new pillows
- laundry detergent
- cleaning supplies
- new dish sets
- silverware
- new dish towels

– Mary Lou Lovell

Furnaces Replaced

The over 50 year old fellowship hall furnace has died. As an emergency, it was replaced with a modern high efficiency furnace. It was determined that the companion furnace (also over 50) that heats the choir robe and copier/office rooms should be replaced at the same time. Comfort Xpress installed both new furnaces along with a new high efficiency hot water heater in early January.

The total cost was \$8,400. Your continued contributions to our capital improvement fund will enable FBC to deal with future maintenance emergencies and planned projects.

– Larry Faulk

Directory Pictures Needed

We would like to have as many updated pictures as possible in the 2016 directory. Please see me to get a new picture taken or email me a current photo at lfaulk01@aol.com.

– Larry Faulk

Fellowship Time

Thanks to all who have contributed snacks for fellowship time after worship. It’s time to sign up for a Sunday in February, March, and April to bring a snack. Keep it simple - cookies, cheese and crackers, or brownies, etc. Please do not bring a large selection.

– Larry Faulk

Personals

• Larry Faulk would like to thank everyone who wished him well, sent a card, or attended the open house for his 70th birthday.

• Former Pastor Ellen Brown has two broken vertebrae that are pinching nerves in her back. She is scheduled for surgery on March 11. Please keep her in your prayers.

• Claire Turner will be performing the part of Fanzine in the Hayes production of LES MISERABLES in March.

• Genevieve Peterson was out of commission for several weeks with a back injury but is getting better now.

• Thank you to my many friends who remembered me with flowers, food and cards for my 95th birthday.
– Sophia Stephenson

– Pam Faulk, Personals Editor