

# Good News Letter

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It is already one month into the new year, 2020. My new year begins with the marriage of my son Samuel, which is on the calendar for February 8th, in Macon, Missouri. Though I am very happy for Samuel and Grace, I have to admit that I didn't know six months ago, or even four, that 2020 would bring with it this celebration. I wonder what else may be in store. And even though it is leap year and February has one extra day, it won't be long until March, so that whatever this year may hold, it will come soon, one extra day isn't much. One can't help but anticipate the spring Holy Season.

Lent begins on the 26th of February, thus I am looking forward to the annual Bible study. We will meet on Sunday evenings at 6 P.M. throughout the month of March, beginning on the 1st and continuing on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 31st. This year, we will be reflecting upon selected readings from the Letter to the Hebrews. There is a movement in this great letter from an



extensive discussion about priesthood and temple sacrifices in the early chapters to the Great Roll Call of Faith in the later ones. Jesus is called the Great High Priest and his sacrifice is once and for all. The topics each week will be the concept of revelation, priesthood and sacrifice, the new covenant, and pilgrimage.

I also hope to offer some insights from other areas of study, e.g. economics (I bet you are wondering how that can be made to apply to Hebrews), so we can reach a better understanding of the transition from temple worship to something more like church. As always, our Bible studies give us a chance to think about how we interpret the Bible by understanding its context. I am sure our study will be helpful in the observance of

Lent and Holy Week. I am very excited about the chance to grow and learn with you all again this year.

I also want to take this space to thank my Sunday School class for the time we spent this fall studying the minor prophets. We are transitioning now to a look at the General Epistles beginning with James (we are skipping Hebrews because it is the focus of the Lenten study). Any of you who are not regular participants in Sunday School, join us.

And thanks to all who took part in all the Christmas activities that made the celebration of the birth of Christ wonderful this year. Let us also draw together as we anticipate the Passion and Easter.

Blessings,

- Mark

## Communion Available

Have you missed a Communion Sunday, or you cannot get out to church when you want, or you are recovering from an illness or surgery, or you feel “shut-in”? We would like to come and share a little time and communion with you.

Let Mark or one of the deacons know that you would like communion in your home and we will make arrangements to bring you communion.

- Larry Faulk, deacon chair

## Game Night

On Sunday, February 16 at 7:00, we will have a Game Night for the whole church. Bring your favorite board games and a snack to share and come for fun and fellowship.



## Volunteers For February

### Fellowship Time

Feb 2 Gosser  
Feb 9 Lee  
Feb 16 Ekelberry  
Feb 23 Trigg

### Panera Pick-Up

Feb 6 Shears  
Feb 13 Lee  
Feb 20 Faulk  
Feb 27 Faulk

There are new sign-up sheets for the spring quarter in the Gathering Place. Be sure to sign up early so you can get the dates you want. Thanks to all of you who volunteer.

## Mission/Outreach News

The Mission/Outreach Committee met on Sunday, January 19th. The January mission focuses were collecting needed items for the Family Promise house, giving them a \$100.00 donation, and filling bags with items to be given to men when they leave The Place of Warmth (at Zion United Church of Christ).

We appreciate all the items that our congregation has given for those staying at Family Promise. The basket has been filled. Zion UCC Place of Warmth has been open and has the soup we have donated after our Soup and Sing.

15 baggies containing hot chocolate packets, instant oatmeal, cheese and crackers, peanut butter crackers, fruit chews, applesauce, instant soup packets, granola bars, cookies, peppermints, chips, and a toothbrush were packed. Dr. Allison delivered the baggies to Zion as they will be open this week due to the temperature being below 20 degrees. The men will be given the bags as they leave in the morning. Fifteen gift cards were also donated to be given to provide a meal. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness!

We may need to make more soup and fill more baggies. Let us know if you would like to help with it.

We reviewed our Mission Focus for each month in 2020. The list is very long and varied.

It is amazing how giving this congregation is to give to the needs of others each month.

We decided to provide a meal for the Stepping Up /Getting Ahead classes held for those seeking ways to meet their expenses and learning how to provide meals and necessities for their families. We have provided a meal or two each Spring and Fall in the past for these class participants to make it easier for these folks to come to the classes. The next class begins on February 3rd and continues through April 6th. We will be preparing and serving the meal on March 2, 2020. Look for the signup sheet in the Gathering Place. Please consider

## 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
Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Raleigh Gosser	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Raeleen George	Health Issues
Steve & Sharon Baker	Health Issues
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's father & sister	Health Issues
Anderson/Faulk Family	Condolences - death of Keith Anderson

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

purchasing a food item or cooking something for the meal. The meal will be appreciated by many.

Our Mission focus for February will be Turning Point. The Delaware County Shelter (in Delaware) houses those who have been a victim of domestic violence and their children. The shelter offers a safe place for them to stay while getting assistance with getting a job, counseling, and housing of their own.

### February Mission Focus Turning Point

Most needed items:

- paper towels
- size 5 and 6 diapers
- food storage bags ( all sizes)
- new sports bras ( all sizes)

Other items that are always needed: brushes, combs, shampoo, soap, tooth brushes, deodorant, and hygiene products.

Please put items in the basket or box in the welcome center. Thank you!

### Choose Your Favorite Hymn

Beginning on January 26th through February 9th, you will have the opportunity to fill out a form that will be in your bulletin to select your three most liked hymns. Put the form in the offering plate. On February 16th we will begin using some of the hymns for the church service.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the form and let us know your favorites!

### Panera Pick Up

On Thursday evenings at 8:45 p.m., individuals from First Baptist wait at Panera for unsold daily items. Panera donates these items to be given to those in need. Individuals take them and repack them to be given easily to individuals at food pantries or those who come to Andrews House., as well as giving the sliced breads to be used at the free summer lunch program offered by Delaware City Schools. On Friday morning about 8:30 a.m. these bakery items are taken to Andrews House for distribution. You are providing food for those who need something to eat and we thank you for your dedication. If you have not helped with this, please sign up for a week to assist with this outreach.

### Personals

> Former member Jeannie Stephenson is home from the hospital and rehab after suffering a stroke. She thanks everyone for their prayers.

> Several members of our congregation traveled over the winter break:

- Jennifer and Claire Turner enjoyed a Caribbean cruise.
- Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk traveled to Disneyland in California.
- OWU student Luv went to Detroit.
- Samuel Allison and his fiancée Grace Earhart visited Delaware.
- Matthew Lovell visited from California.

> Please be in prayer for Jeff Faulk's family. Laurie's father Keith Anderson passed away on January 4.

> Samuel Allison and Grace Earhart will be married on February 8. Pastor Allison will be

### Birthdays and Anniversaries



#### February

- 2 Cynthia Tizzano
- 4 Candy Lee
- 10 Deanne Hunt
- 13 Lana Palmer
- 15 Deborah VanBroekhoven
- 24 Emilie Showalter

*Please report any errors.*

gone on that weekend, and Mike Reynolds will be our guest pastor.

> Aidan Ferguson was selected to play the part of Amos in the Hayes spring production of the musical CHICAGO. He was pictured and quoted in the Jan. 16 edition of the Delaware Gazette. Aidan was also pictured in the January 18 edition of the Gazette as a member of the Mock Trial. Congratulations Aidan!

### Thank You

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the RMMO in December. We surpassed our goal of \$700. As you heard in my "Mission Moments," the retired ministers and missionaries really do appreciate this extra help each year.

-Pam Faulk

### American Baptist Women

Eleven ladies headed to Bob Evans on Jan. 11 for lunch, only to be disappointed. Our "call ahead count" did not work very well, and the hostess gave our tables away to another group. Then we heard it was a half hour

wait for the food, so we left and went to El Vaquero's and had good service and good fellowship.

On February 8 at 11:30, we will gather at Old Bag of Nails on North Sandusky Street. Feel free to carpool to help with the parking. Please let Pam Faulk know if you plan to attend.

### **Pancake Supper**

All are invited to join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 25th at 6 p.m. The menu includes pancakes, waffles, sausage, fruit, and Dave Lovell's famous blueberry syrup. The meal is free. Just bring a friend and your appetite. There will be an opportunity to share your talents with a reading, a skit, a song, a poem, or such. Come and join in an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.



### **Open Sanctuary**

The sanctuary will be open on the following dates and times to give you an opportunity for prayer and/or meditation in the sanctuary environment. Scripture guide materials will be available during these times as well as candles to light. Feel free to stop in during one (or all) of the times to pray: Thursday, Feb. 6th — 5 - 7pm; Tuesday, Feb. 18th — 10am - 1pm; and Ash Wednesday, February 26th — 10am - 1pm.

### **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 now make an offering online.

Visit our website at [FBCDelaware.org](http://FBCDelaware.org) and click on the link: "Make an online Offering or Donation."

The link will take you to a page describing the current giving options. Click on the link: "Click Here to make an Offering or Donation Online." On the Donation page you can input an amount that you would like to offer for any or all options for giving.

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

### **Sanctuary Open for Prayer**

The sanctuary will be open on the following dates for prayer.

Thursday, Feb 6,  
5 - 7pm

Tuesday, Feb 18,  
10am - 1pm

Ash Wednesday, Feb 26,  
10am - 1pm

**Come,  
Spend some time,  
Pray**







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2020

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and by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>February Mission Focus:</b> • Turning Point		January 28	29	30	31	February 1
9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship and Communion <b>Groundhog Day</b> 	6:00 Piecemakers	4	5 6:30 Choir	6 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell 5 - 7pm Open Sanctuary 8:45 Panera Pickup - Shears	7	8 11:30 Women's Lunch at Old Bag of Nails
9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship -Mike Reynolds - guest pastor	10	11	12 6:30 Choir	13 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> 	15 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans
9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 12:00 Mission/Outreach Mtg 7:00 Game Night Mar newsletter deadline today	<b>Presidents Day</b>  6:30 Deacons	18 10am - 1pm Open Sanctuary	19 6:30 Choir	20 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	21	22
<b>Transfiguration Sunday</b>  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 6:30 Youth Mar newsletter available today	24	 <b>SHROVE TUESDAY</b> 6:00 Pancake Supper	 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 10am - 1pm Open Sanctuary 6:30 Choir	27	28	<b>Leap Day</b> 