

Good News Letter

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As I write this article, the high temperature for the day is 15° Fahrenheit. Last night the low was -5°, by far the coldest night of the year. As February approaches, it is the “dead” of winter. In the cycle of the year; spring, summer, fall, and winter; or the Christian calendar; Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost; part of the experience is the repetition of it all, season after season.

In some eastern religions, life is seen as a repetitive cycle like a hamster on a wheel, going nowhere. Salvation is thought of as an escape from the cycle. The Christian Faith is one of the “historical” religions because it believes in a beginning, a meaningful journey, and an end, a culmination of things that results in a new beginning. The repeated cycles are not threatening because they do not hinder the journey, but are a part of it.

I have always believed that the place of religion, church, and ministry is to help people along the journey. It is not simply a journey from youth to maturity, but from death to life, from sin and guilt to redemption, from life on earth to life in heaven, from empty to



full. Life is going somewhere, not just around and around.

Lent, which doesn't begin until March this year, involves a focus on sacrifice and service. As February marches along with its cold weather, and through the latter stages of the time after Epiphany, it seems appropriate to think of the destination, and be encouraged that it will be attained, and we will become the people of our calling, which is to say, a people of Easter.

It is called Resurrection. Once Lent begins, we will forget about it for awhile as the focus is on the journey toward Good Friday. But in the scheme of things, it is okay to think of it before the time of service and sacrifice begins. Paul speaks of it in 1 Corinthians 15, from which three of the epistle readings are taken this month. I leave with you some excerpts from those readings as a reflection and a help as we make our way through these cold winter days:

. . . So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power . . . Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 51-55.

Blessings, Mark

Panera Volunteers for February

- Feb 3 Faulk
- Feb 10 Volunteer Needed
- Feb 17 Volunteer Needed
- Feb 24 Volunteer Needed

As you can see, there are several openings for February. In addition, there is a new sign-up sheet for the spring quarter in the Gathering Place..

Thank You

Thank you all for your generosity to the RMMO of \$1060!!



Ardith Salyer

Ardith Salyer, 90, of Delaware passed away early Monday morning, January 10, 2022 at Grady Memorial Hospital.

She was born February 16, 1931 in Union County to the late Earl and Minnie (Henry) McMahon and later graduated from Broadway High School.

At that time, she enjoyed roller skating and first met her future husband Orman "Bud" Salyer Jr., by doing so in Marysville. Finally gathering up enough courage, Orman asked Ardith out to a movie while cruising around Marysville at Cheezie's Malt Shop. Not long after, they found themselves at Kingman Drive Thru on Cheshire Road in Delaware. On January 4, 1955,

they got married at Central Methodist Church in Richmond, Indiana. Together they shared 67 years of marriage.

A woman of deep faith, Ardith attended First Baptist Church in Delaware. She enjoyed collecting angels and spending time with family, although her true hobby was attending church.

Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband, Bud; children, Peggy (Dan) Reidenbaugh of Marion, David Salyer of Delaware, Penny (Jeff Bryant) Thomas of Marion, Kelly (Cheryl) Salyer of Delaware, and Ronald (Alicia) Salyer of King George, Virginia; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; sister, Bertha Low of Marysville; numerous nieces and nephews.

Contributions in Ardith's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or Samaritan's Purse.

Mission/Outreach News

A HUGE THANK YOU!

Many thanks to ALL who have made homemade soup and taken it to Zion Church for those who come to the Place of Warmth. The Place of Warmth is an area within the church for men to come for the night if they have no housing. During January, our mission has been to provide soup on the nights that men would be there (when the temperature is below 20 degrees) so they have something warm to eat. As you know, we have had many very cold nights, and your soup is much appreciated. We may need more in the weeks to come. Let Mary Lou Lovell know if you would like to make soup. 740-369-6041.

Family Promise

Another mission we had during January was to collect items for Family Promise, a shelter for women and children needing temporary housing. Family Promise provides rooms and food. They also give counseling in finding housing, a job and other needs.

Since the church has been closed, you may have not been able to bring in items. When the church is open, we can continue to bring in items to be given to them.

The church also gave a donation of \$100.00 to them.

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.

February Mission

Our February mission is bringing needed items for Turning Point. Turning Point in Delaware, provides victims/survivors of domestic violence and their children with safe, secure, and temporary shelter in a comfortable atmosphere.

They provide housing, food, clothing and personal items as well as support services for their emotional needs.

Turning Point can not accept used clothing, underwear, socks, or coats. Those can be given to Good Will.

Items needed include:

Large kitchen garbage bags
Grocery gift cards
Paper towels
gas gift cards
Household cleaners
women's new socks
Personal care items
women's new underwear
Body wash
women's new pajamas. Size xs-3
Batteries
copy paper
Postage stamps
old cell phones

MANY THANKS for those who have picked up Panera goods!

THANKS TO ALL who have braved the cold to go to Panera on Thursday nights at 8:45 pm. to pick up the unsold Panera items. Thank you for re-bagging them so that they can be given to others easily. Thank you for delivering them to Andrews House on Friday morning. Your dedication to this ministry is very appreciated!

Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's father & sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Candy Lee's sister Trudy	Health Issues
Condolences to the Salyer Family on the death of Ardith	

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

Change for Change

During the month of March, when the clocks are changed, we ask that you collect your spare change to be given to the Delaware City Lunch Program. Because of COVID we have not been shopping in stores as much. So, I want to suggest that when we do pay cash, and get change back, that we start now to put it in a jar now for the collection in March.

People In Need

There is a box for food items donated to be given to People In Need. Let's try to put at least one item in the basket when the church is open as the hunger need continues.

From Jeni Pedzinski

As you know, I am in the U.S. for furlough after more than 6 years in Thailand, and it is a gift to be here. I pray that, despite all the difficulties, you are savoring the gifts of God during this season. I am grateful for the gift of your ongoing love and support of my work in Thailand (which is continuing in my absence). I am not traveling to visit churches and

donors as much as I thought I would this year, which has been hard. I still hope to do some travel, but for the time being, God has called me to walk alongside my grandmother as we walked my grandfather home (he just passed January 2). Now there is much to do as she adjusts to life without her sweetheart, and we put affairs in order. His funeral will be January 6. My parents, sister, and her three children all had Covid over Christmas, and due to my grandfather's serious illness, I seem to have missed the holiday season. Even so, the heart of Christmas was clearer than ever to me. Christ left comforts and beauty to come near to the hurting and the broken, to pour himself out for them. It was very good to have the opportunity to live that out this Christmas in a challenging but pure way. I appreciate your prayer for my family - especially my grandmother - at this time of loss. I also ask that you pray for wisdom and discernment as I wait on the Lord regarding my responsibilities to her and my family, and to churches and the mission...how much to do, and when.

Most gratefully,
Jeni

Recorded Services Delayed

The video recordings of our in-person service on February 13th and 20th will not be available on our website: fbcdelaware.org in a timely fashion. I will be returning from out of town on February 26th and will post them as soon as possible after that.

In the meantime, feel free to visit our website and view any of our previous services from the past two years. They are available on our "Previous Services" pages or on our "Videos" pages.

Annual Reports

We have canceled our Quarterly Congregational Business Meeting this month due to Covid concerns and no apparent necessary business to conduct. Boards and Committees of FBC are requested to submit their annual reports to our church clerk, Pam Shears. We will then publish them on our website.

Financial Update

For the fourth quarter of 2021 (Oct - Dec) in the general fund, giving has exceeded expenses by \$4,904. This makes the Year-to-date giving exceed expenses by \$7,282. Mission giving for the fourth quarter was \$5,683 for a Year-to-date total of \$17,977. A detailed financial report is available in the Welcome Center. Your dedicated contributions to our operations and missions are appreciated.

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

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

Sermon Manuscripts Available

If you would like to read some of Dr. Allison's sermons, they are available on our website. There are currently manuscripts for the past six months online. Others will be added soon.

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.

- Larry Faulk, deacon chairperson

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>January 30</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Black History Month Begins 1</p> 	<p>Ground Hog Day 2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship Holy Communion</p> <p>11am Board of Christian Education</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30 Board of Deacons</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Women's Lunch Suspended until further notice</p>
<p>13</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship</p>	<p>Valentines Day 14</p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Men's Breakfast Suspended until further notice</p>
<p>20</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship</p> <p>March newsletter deadline today</p>	<p>Presidents Day 21</p> 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 Parish Council</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship</p> <p>March newsletter available today</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>March 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>February Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turning Point 		