

Good News Letter

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As January ends and February begins, the lengthening of the days becomes more apparent each passing week. Now and again the sun shines through the dreariness of the season to remind us of spring's approach. The changing of the season between winter and spring makes a natural daily visual aid for the telling of the gospel story. Having begun with Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, we are able to focus our attention on the life and ministry of Jesus, and as spring arrives around the time of Easter, the world blossoms with new life around us.

As it is, we are heavy into the new year, enough to say that it is no longer new. There is much to look forward to. I am anticipating the time of the liturgical year named after the lengthening of the days. We call it Lent, and it begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22; the following Sundays mark



the approach of the Passion with Good Friday, and Easter, which is April 9th.

With that in mind, the Lenten Bible Study this year will also begin in February. On Sunday the 26th at 5:00 P.M. We will gather each week for five consecutive Sundays ending on March 26th. The title of the study is, "The Patriarchs: Stories in Genesis." With a view toward a better understanding of our faith and theology, we will cover stories involving Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Esau, and Joseph and his brothers.

There is way too much in Genesis to consider in only five weeks, but we will do our best. I hope you will be able to join us. If you are interested in doing a little preparing, read the Book of Genesis between now and then.

As always, I look forward to our time together, and pray that the blessing of God's presence and care will remain with you throughout this winter, as it turns in to spring.

Mark

Pancake Supper

Join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship.
Tuesday, February 21st
at 6 pm

Lenten Bible Study

Please join us for our
Lenten Bible Study
beginning
Sunday, February 26th at 5 pm

February Panera Volunteers

Feb 2 Faulk
Feb 9 Turner
Feb 16 Grubbs
Feb 23 Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering!

PERSONALS

-Candy Lee's sister Trudy and her sister-in-law Vicky both passed away recently. Pastor Mark conducted the funeral service for Trudy. Candy would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers and asks for continued prayer during the grieving process.

-Dan Chambers was hospitalized with a heart attack but is home now.

-Jennifer Turner has retired from Delaware City Schools.

-Carol Serviss is under hospice care.

-Former member Jean Osborne fell and broke her hip and subsequently passed away on January 15.

-Former member Pat Gosser (Candy Lee's sister) has a stress fracture to her heel and will be unable to walk on it for two months.

-Mary Lou Lovell had cataract surgery on January 18.

-Brennan Howe received a successful report about the bone graft surgery he had.

- Linda White's mother passed away on January 25.

Mission/Outreach News

Place of Warmth

Thank you all for making soup for the Place of Warmth for men at Zion UCC.

We have had many cold nights and will have more to come. A hot bowl of soup is appreciated by the men.

We will be asking for volunteers to make soup when it is needed.

Family Promise Donations

Thanks to all who brought items to help those at Family Promise. Laundry detergent, paper towels, dish washing soap, personal items such as shampoo, soap, deodorant, tooth brushes and toothpaste are continually needed. Also needed for those coming in are wash cloths and towels, sometimes PJs.

Thank you for filling the box for them.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



February

4 Candy Lee
8 Samuel & Grace Allison
13 Lana Palmer
24 Emilie Showalter

Please report any errors.

February Mission

In February, we will collect items for Turning Point. It is a shelter for women and children seeking safety from domestic abuse. Residents are provided with a room, food, clothing and personal items, counseling, support to get a job, and to get housing.

Needed items:
large kitchen garbage bags
paper towels
gift cards to buy gasoline
household cleaners
women's new socks and underwear
women's and children's pajamas
batteries
copy paper
postage stamps
old cell phones
body wash

As you can see, the list is long. Anything you can purchase as you shop would be gratefully appreciated.

People In Need

Thanks to all who continually fill the box for People In Need with food items!

Panera Pick Up

Thanks to all who continue to pick up the unsold items at Panera, repackage them and take them to Andrews House to be given to those in need.

Looking Ahead

Start saving your pocket change. On March 12th we will collect it for the Delaware City Schools Lunch Program.

We will also be collecting for the America for Christ offering.

PUZZLE EXCHANGE

There are jigsaw puzzles on the tray table in the Gathering Place. Feel free to take some home with you and to bring some in for others to take.

GAME NIGHT

We are having another game night on Saturday, February 4 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite board games and a snack to share and come and join in the fun and fellowship. We will also bring jigsaw puzzles to put out for people to take, so bring any that you wish to donate to the collection.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

There were 9 women for the January women's lunch. At that time, we decided to do the same thing for the February lunch because of the possibility of inclement weather. So, the women will gather at 11:30 on Saturday, February 18 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch, table service, and beverage.

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
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Donna Brown	Health Issues
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Jay & Caldwell Lovell	Health Issues
Carol Serviss	Health Issues
Pat Gosser	Health Issues
Condolences to Candy Lee and family on the death of sister Trudy & death of sister-in-law Vicki	
Condolences to Pete & Linda White and family on the death of Linda's mother	
Condolences to the family of Jean Osborne on Jean's death	

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

PASTOR ON VACATION

Dr. Allison will be on vacation February 13 - 20. Mike Reynolds will be guest pastor on Sunday, February 19th. Please contact a deacon for any pastoral needs during this time.

PANCAKE SUPPER

All are invited to join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 21st 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. Come and join in an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.



**SHROVE
TUESDAY**

2023 Church Directory



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Church Directory Available

The 2023 FBC Church Directory is available in the Welcome Center. Please take a copy. If you would like an electronic copy, let me know and I can email you one.

- Larry Faulk

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.

4th Quarter Financial Update

At the end of 2022, income for the general operation of FBC has exceeded expenses by a very small amount. Mission giving met our 2022 goals. We have spent \$6,186 of Capital Improvement funds on major repairs and appliance replacements at our Congress Ct. rental property. Detail copies of the financial report are available in the Welcome Center. Your generous contributions are appreciated.

Sermon Manuscripts Available

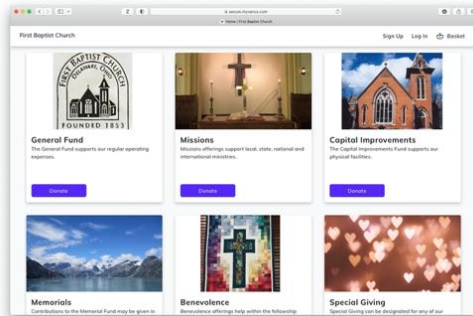
If you would like to read some of Dr. Allison's sermons, they are available on our website. There are currently manuscripts for 2021 and 2022 online. Others will be added soon.

Consider Online Giving

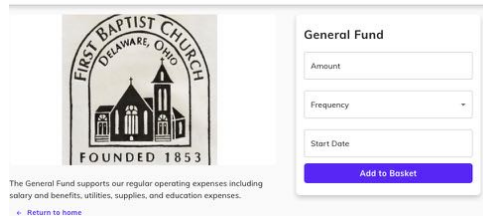
If you would like to make an offering or donation to FBC, but cannot attend a worship service or would rather not have to write a check and mail it to FBC, you can now make an offering online. Visit our website at FBCDelaware.org and click on the "Donate" button.

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



You are presented with separate boxes for each of the giving areas: General Fund, Missions, Capital Improvements, Memorials, Benevolence, and Special Giving as well as one of the ABC Special quarterly offerings.



When you click on "donate" in one of the areas, you can enter an amount, a frequency, and a starting date.

On the next screen, 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.

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February

2023

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February Mission Focus: • Turning Point			1	Ground Hog Day 2  8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	3	4
5 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion	6 5:30 Deacons	7	8	9 8:45 Panera Pickup - Turner	10	11
12 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service	13	Valentine's Day 14 	15 Dr Allison on vacation	16 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	17	18 8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans 11:30 Women's Lunch Fellowship Hall
19 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Mike Reynolds, guest pastor March newsletter deadline today	Presidents' Day 20 	Shrove Tuesday 21  6:00 Pancake Supper	Ash Wednesday 22  Lent Begins	23 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	24	25
First Sunday of Lent 26 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Lenten Study  March newsletter available today	27	28	March 1	2 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	3	4