

Good News Letter

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The last couple of weeks in January have been cold and snowy. Their beauty has been slightly diminished by the discomfort, simply of being outside. Yet it has now been over a month since the winter solstice, and the daylight is lengthening each day by a few minutes, signaling that the season we call Lent is approaching, as well as, dare I say it, springtime.

The actual date when Lent begins this year is February 14, which is Ash Wednesday (also Valentine's Day), and is a little earlier than normal, and it means that Easter will be early as well, on March 31st. While I am at it, I may as well mention that the Pancake Supper will be on February 13th and the Maundy Thursday service will be on March 28th.

Last year, the Lenten Study was, "Stories in Genesis," and we had excellent discussions about the Patriarchs in Israel; about Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and his twelve sons, and especially



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Joseph and the sojourn into Egypt. Both the historical and the theological aspects of these stories provided for a very meaningful study.

This year, the Lenten Study is "Scenes in Acts." It will feature the progression from the time immediately after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus through to Paul's arrival in Rome thirty or so years later. Some of the scenes we will discuss include the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the stoning of Stephen, the dream of Peter at Caesaria, the conversion of Paul and the missionary journeys, and more.

The study will begin on February 25th and run on Sundays through March

24th, which is also Palm Sunday. We will gather at 5 pm. If you think of it, between now and then, read a little of the Book of Acts each day to help you prepare. I am really looking forward to it.

Meanwhile, we are conditioned in February to the lenten time of anticipation and preparation for the Holy season of Passion and Easter. May it be a time of learning, to be sure, but also growth in grace, and in faith, and in love.

Blessings,
Mark

Pancake Supper

Join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship.
Tuesday, February 13th
at 6 pm

Lenten Bible Study

Please join us for our
Lenten Bible Study
beginning
Sunday, February 25th at 5 pm

February Panera Volunteers

Wed	Thur
Jan 31-Faulk	Feb 1-Grubbs
Feb 7-Brown	Feb 8-Brown
Feb 14-Gosser	Feb 15-Gosser
Feb 21-Lovell / Remlinger	Feb 22-Faulk
Feb 28-Gosser	Feb 29-Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering. It is much appreciated. Look for a new spring sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place later this month.

PERSONALS

- Pam Shears's sister Cindy visited from Florida recently.
- Sally Williams passed away on January 19, and a service was held on Friday, January 26.
- Lauren Reynolds has a new job.
- On January 20, Jim Snyder formalized his membership with our church. Welcome Jim!

ABW - Women's Fellowship

Even though January 20th was cold and snowy, 7 women gathered in the Fellowship Hall. We shared stories of holidays past, snowy days and then made bird seed-covered pinecones to feed our feathered friends.

February is National Random Acts of Kindness month and the 17th will be our next meeting. Again we will meet in the Fellowship Hall. So bring a sack lunch and join us at 11:30. All women are welcome...so join in the fun!

- Laura Brown



Sally Williams

Sara Jean Eliot "Sally" Williams passed away on January 19, 2024, at the age of 97. She was a resident of Inniswood Village in Westerville, previously living in Delaware and Upper Arlington, Ohio. Sally was a gracious and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who was deeply loved by her family and friends.

Born October 11, 1926, Sally grew up in Delaware, Ohio, the first child of Claudia and Charles Eliot, later to be joined by her brother Don, who predeceased her. She was a 1944 graduate of Willis High School, where she was her class Valedictorian. After graduation from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1948, she married the love of her life, Don Williams, later that year. Together, they raised three children, and were married for 64 years before his passing in 2013.

In 1974, Sally began a fulfilling job as General Office Manager for the Lazarus Department Store in Upper Arlington, a position she held for 17 years. She especially enjoyed her staff, many of whom became good friends. Once she retired in 1991, she and Don began a new phase of their married life, deciding to buy a motor home and travel around the country. They spent many winters in Florida, enjoying the company of friends. In her leisure time, Sally was an avid bridge player

and a dedicated, unwavering fan of her beloved OSU Buckeyes. She was a past member of Mountview Baptist Church in Upper Arlington and current member of First Baptist Church in Delaware.

Sally is survived by her loving children, Susan (Robert) Bauer of Westerville, Judy Williams of Grandview Heights, and Steven (Stephanie) Williams of Rockbridge, Ohio. She is a cherished Grandma to Jessica Bauer, Julie (Ben) Senff, Claudia (Adam) Cumby, Zachary Williams and Jeremy Williams, and "Gigi" to her great grandchildren Marie and Charlie Senff, and Charley and Sophie Cumby.

Mission/Outreach News

Place of Warmth at Zion United Church of Christ

Zion UCC has had many nights to be open for the cold weather we have had. Thanks again to all who made soup for Soup and Sing. As you know the extra soup was given to them for the men

Birthdays and Anniversaries



February

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

Please report any errors.

who stayed at night. The next couple of weeks are supposed to be warmer, but winter is not over so, in a couple of weeks we may be asking if anyone would like to help out by making soup to give them. Let Mary Lou or Mark know if you are interested in making soup.

Family Promise

Our mission for February was providing shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, towels, washcloths, sheets, dish soap, and laundry detergent for Family Promise. Thanks to everyone who filled the basket.

Hats, Gloves, and Mittens Tree

During the month of December we collected hats, gloves, and mittens to add to the very generous 40 pairs of gloves that were given by a friend of Genevieve Peterson. The tree was covered with those items as well as scarves and socks to be donated as well. The items that you gave were taken to Family Promise, Common Ground Free Store and Conger Elementary School.

Turning Point

Turning Point is a women's shelter in Delaware that provides a place for women and their children stay when they need to leave their home due to domestic violence. The shelter provides bedrooms, meals, a common area, and counseling to enable them to feel secure and find work and a place that is safe to live. In February, we will be taking the following donations to be given to Turning Point : garbage bags, paper towels, cleaning supplies,

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
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Jay & Caldwell Lovell	Health Issues
Pat Gosser	Health Issues
Jenni Pedzinski and family	Father's stroke
Donna Brown	Health Issues
Trigg Family	Continued Prayers

Condolences to the family of Sally Williams on the death of Sally

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

personal care products, batteries, pajamas, grocery gift cards.

People In Need Basket

Thanks to all who add items to their weekly shopping list to bring to fill the basket for People In Need

Panera Pick Up

As you have noticed at the grocery store, food items keep going up in price. There is a need for food for people in our community. One of the ways we can help is to pick up the unsold items from Panera and take them to be distributed to those who are in need. As you have seen in the bulletin, we now have 2 nights that our congregation has the opportunity to pick up the items from Panera.

On Wednesday nights we pick up at 8:45p.m., re-bag items, and take them to Willis School on William St. on Thursday morning. On Thursday nights we pick up at 8:45 p.m., re-bag items, and take them to Andrews House on Friday morning.

There is a sign up sheet in the gathering place if you can help with this ministry. If you want more information about it, talk with Pam or Larry Faulk.

Each day in February,
let us remember that
"Love Never Ends"
as we find ways
to serve our community.

PANCAKE SUPPER

All are invited to join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 13th 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.



Looking Ahead

Start saving your pocket change. On March 10th we will collect it for the Delaware City Schools Lunch Program.

We will also be collecting for the America for Christ offering in March

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.

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

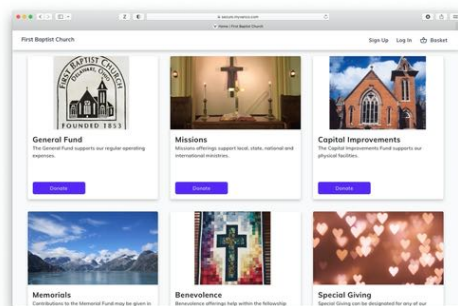
At the end of 2023, income for the general operation of FBC has exceeded expenses. Mission giving met our 2023 goals. You have contributed to our Memorial and Capital Improvements Funds which provide the resources to maintain our facilities and programs.

Detail copies of the financial report are available in the Welcome Center. Your generous contributions are appreciated

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 make an offering online. Visit our website at FBCDelaware.org and click on the "Donate" button.

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.

 A screenshot of the online giving form for the General Fund. On the left is the First Baptist Church logo with the text 'FOUNDED 1853'. Below the logo is a small text box stating: 'The General Fund supports our regular operating expenses including salary and benefits, utilities, supplies, and education expenses.' To the right of the logo is a form titled 'General Fund' with fields for 'Amount', 'Frequency' (a dropdown menu), and 'Start Date'. At the bottom of the form is a blue 'Add to Basket' button. A small link 'Return to Home' is at the bottom left.

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.

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

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Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor
Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February Mission Focus: • Turning Point		January 30	31 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	February 1 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	Groundhog Day 2 	3
Baptist World Alliance Sunday 4 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion	5	6	7 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	8 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	9	10 Chinese (Lunar) New Year
11 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service	12 5:30 Deacons	 SHROVE TUESDAY 6:00 Pancake Supper	 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day Lent Begins 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser 	15 8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser	16	17 8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans 11:30 am Women's Luncheon Fellowship Hall
First Sunday of Lent 18 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service March newsletter deadline	19 	20	21 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell/Remlinger	22 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	23	24
Second Sunday of Lent 25 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Lenten Study March newsletter available today 	26	27	28 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup -Gosser	 29 Leap Day 8:45 Panera Pickup -Faulk	March 1	2