

Good News Letter

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Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas and New Year observances and celebrations have gone well and been blessed in every way. I was able to travel to St. Louis and visit with my family there; my dad, sister and her family, and all three of my sons. I am thankful for the time spent with them.

As you know, at First Baptist we did not meet for the last couple of Sundays or on Christmas Eve because of the presence of Covid within our congregation. Thankfully, those who were sick are recovering and further spread has been averted. Now we are facing a decision about when to resume in-person worship in the face of the spike associated with the "omicron" variant.

It has always been our policy to prayerfully consider the circumstances and the science, and err on the side of caution. This variant seems to be more infectious and less severe than the previous versions of the virus. With our rate of vaccination we believe it is safe enough to begin meeting for worship again, especially if the present surge begins to subside. With these things in mind, the deacons and I have agreed to remain closed for two more Sundays, the 9th and 16th, then resume



in-person worship with protocols on January 23rd unless circumstances change in a drastic way between now and then.

I am thankful for your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for wisdom and guidance as this pandemic runs through its cycles, and as more normal times resume. For the next two weeks there will be a return to online worship, so look for a new video this coming Sunday on our church's website, fbcdelaware.org,

**In-person worship
is cancelled for
Jan 9th and 16th.**

**We expect to
resume
in-person on
Jan 23rd.**

I wish to offer to us all a blessing for this new year, and one appropriate to the difficulties of our times. In the Old Testament reading for this Sunday (1/9), there is a set of lines that meet that standard.

They come from Isaiah 43:1-3a, and are as follows, hear them as an encouraging word;

But now, this is what the Lord says . . .

'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,

you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.

For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior . . ."

God bless you all,

- Mark

Panera Volunteers for January

- Jan 6 Faulk
- Jan 13 Faulk
- Jan 20 Volunteer Needed
- Jan 27 Volunteer Needed

Thanks to all who volunteer for this mission.

Personals

- Dave Lovell made two trips to the ER last month with health issues.
- During Thanksgiving week, Jeff and Laurie Faulk and family visited Pam, Larry, and Erin. Brigid and Jane Faulk attended our worship service.
- Mike Reynolds' Boy Scout troop bagged 34 bags of leaves at the church in November.
- Jeanne Ekelberry was in the ER due to a fall. She thanks everyone for their cards and prayers.
- Love Ayinde spent winter break with his mother.
- Jane and Jim Snyder made a trip to West Virginia over the holidays to visit family.
- Several of our members have all tested positive for COVID recently. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Mary Lou Lovell was back in church after her recent surgery and thanks everyone for their prayers, cards, and food donation.
- Pastor Mark traveled to St. Louis for the holidays.

No Women's/Men's Breakfast

As virus cases are still increasing, and flu season is upon us, there will not be a women's luncheon or men's breakfast this month.

Karen Mead Ellison (1946-2021)

Karen Mead Ellison, daughter of Wick and Jean Wickum, passed away in early December. Karen grew up in our church and was baptized at FBC.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



January

- 6 Ken & Pam Shears
- 10 Kip Smith
- 12 Matt Cooper
Larry Faulk
- 16 Jane Moore Snyder
- 18 Matthew Lovell
- 20 Jennifer Turner
- 30 Calvin Turner
- 31 Bowen Nace

Please report any errors.

FBC Quarterly Meeting

The FBC quarterly meeting will be after worship on Jan 30th, only if there is critical business to decided. Written reports will be available then.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11 raises awareness of the persistent issue of human trafficking. Though the entire month of January has already been recognized as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, this day is specifically dedicated to awareness and prevention of the illegal practice. The horrific injustice of human trafficking can affect people of any race and background, and on this day we are called to fight human trafficking wherever it exists.

Family Promise Item Suggestions

Family Promise is an organization that provides temporary housing for those in need. They also provide meals and assist in getting jobs and permanent housing.

During the month of January, our church congregation collects items to be taken to the Family Promise House on N. Washington St., Delaware.

Below are the ongoing needed items.

- Liquid laundry soap
 - Liquid dish soap
 - Toilet tissue
 - Paper towels
 - Large bottles of shampoo
- There will be a box in the welcome center for the items you wish to donate. The poinsettias are available in the morning this week for pick up. If you have any items to donate, you can bring them when you pick up your poinsettias.

Thank you so much for your generous donations.

New Year's Greetings from the Wu's

The Wu's were very happy to have a Christmas tree this year as they have not had one in the mission field for 8 years. They are residing in Las Vegas.

During their time in Taiwan, they stayed healthy with no COVID and were able to continuously work in His ministries.

After many problems with insurance, they were able to refill their prescriptions in the U.S. and are going to be able to get the necessary referred follow-up from earlier comprehensive physical examinations in Taiwan.

They have been blessed with a grandson this year. They give thanks for faithful prayers and financial support over their mission ministry.

On March 1, 2022 they will retire from International Ministries' mission work. They will no longer need financial support on 3/1/2022 and beyond. They will pray for us to continuously listen for God's call to support missionaries.

They ask that we pray for God to lead the next chapter of their lives. They continue to search for a home church in Las Vegas. They send blessings to all.

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

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

Thanks

Thanks to all who contributed presents to the Jobs and Family Services foster kids Christmas Wish Lists.



Thanks

Thanks to the Boy Scouts who raked and bagged leaves at the church



A Prayer for the Year That is Near .

Dear Master, for this coming year,
Just one request I bring.
I do not pray for happiness
Or any earthly thing:
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou ledest me:
But this I ask -Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.
I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master, make me swift to hear
And ready to obey:
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be,
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

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In-person protocols

When we resume in-person worship, we will follow these protocols:

As you arrive for worship, please wear your mask to enter and throughout the service. Hand sanitizer and some disposable masks will be available in the Welcome Center.

Please use visual greetings - No handshakes or hugs.

Bulletins will be available on the table as you enter the sanctuary. Please maintain social distance as you enter and exit. Please sit at least six feet apart in the pews. Families may sit together.

The offering plate will be on a stand at the rear of the sanctuary. We will not be passing it around to minimize contact.

We will remain seated during the service.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing in-person worship. We realize that some of you may not be comfortable yet attending a service. We respect your decision to remain at home, and we hope that when you feel that it is safe to attend, that you will do so.





We will be video recording the service and will make it available on our website (fbcdelaware.org) as soon as possible after the service.

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January

2022

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor
 Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 In-person Worship Cancelled	3 5:30 Board of Deacons	4	5	6 Epiphany Wise Men Seek Him Still  8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	7	8
9 In-person Worship Cancelled online worship available	10	11 Human Trafficking Awareness Day 	12	13 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	14	15 Women's Lunch Suspended until further notice
16 Christian Unity Sunday In-person Worship Cancelled online worship available 	17 Martin Luther King, Jr Day 	18	19	20 8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed	21	22 Men's Breakfast Suspended until further notice
23 10 am In-person Worship February newsletter deadline today	24	25	26	27 8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed	28	29
30 10 am In-person Worship Quarterly Business mtg if needed February newsletter available today	31	1	2	January Mission Focus: • Family Promise		