

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

Have you heard about the law of unintended consequences? It comes into play when you are attempting to do one thing and get another result. Sometimes the result is good and sometimes bad. Last Sunday we had an insert in our bulletin about the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Tucked away in one of the paragraphs was a little piece about fair trade coffee. After church one of our members asked me what it would take for us to commit to serving fair trade coffee at our fellowship times. It was also suggested that if we purchased such coffee from Global Village we would multiply our good efforts. I promised to take the idea to the deacons, who are responsible for our fellowship times. The deacons agreed that this would be a good idea and Victor Fogle agreed to be the go to person for this idea. If you notice that we are running out of coffee please let Victor know. He will then make sure that replacements are fair trade coffee. Fair trade coffee comes from cooperatives that make sure the growers of the coffee make a fair return for their effort. Our one time effort to raising money from this offering has led to the unintended consequences of an ongoing way to help people around the world.

At our July business meeting we will be discussing the ways

we support ministries in other parts of the world. For a host of reasons giving to the overall ministry of American Baptist Churches USA has declined in recent years. One of the ways



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the denomination has tried to deal with this problem is to create missionary partnership teams. These teams would spread the word about a particular missionary and seek to broaden the base of support. As originally envisioned it would be a gradual process that would contribute the majority of support for a particular ministry. Earlier this year I received a letter from Dr. Reid Trulson, Executive Director of the Board of International Ministries, which said that the gradual

process was no longer going to work. The financial meltdown has reached our mission work. Dr. Trulson wrote that if our Missionary Partnership Teams were not able to reach 100% of their goals by September of this year there was a chance the missionary represented by that MPT might be recalled.

We have a special relationship with two missionary couples, the Davidsons in Japan and the Kelseys in Italy. While we intend to continue to support all of our missionaries through our contributions to the United Mission Budget we also want to acknowledge our special relationship with these two families. After conversations with the Board of Deacons and the Finance committee a proposal to designate \$100 per month to each of these ministries will be presented at the July business meeting. Our original goal was for this to be in effect for the last six months of the year. When the special business meeting on May 30 was canceled it changed the timing of the request. The proposal will still call for designating \$600 to each of these ministries through the rest of the year. If you would like further details about the big picture please see me.

I hope you will put August 29 & 30 on your calendar. Our all church retreat will begin at 8:00 on Saturday morning with breakfast and end after lunch

on Sunday. Our tentative theme will be "Growing Persons." We will reflect on our own faith experiences, consider different styles of faith and identify implications for discipleship.



Attention Sunday School Teachers!

Thank you all for volunteering to teach Sunday school next year. Please be sure to have your requests for fall curriculum to me by Sunday, July 5.

– Pam Faulk

Retreat News

By now, you should have the date of this year's church retreat on your

calendar. You should be getting information about the retreat and registration some time in July.

– Pam Faulk

Hearing-Impaired Church Members

Once again, it seems that I have become the spokesperson for the hearing impaired. Did you know that there are AT LEAST 13 adults in our church fellowship who have moderate to severe hearing loss? (If you don't think you are one of these people, just ask your family members.) If you are hearing impaired, did you know that there are listening devices in the basket in the vestibule? These work quite well in picking up whatever is being said over any



of the microphones. They do, however, plug one ear, so you will have to take it out to hear things not given over the microphone. There are usually 4 of these available since I now have my own personal one that Larry bought for me. If you are having trouble hearing the service, try using one of these devices.

Did you know that when you lose your hearing, you often cannot hear your own consonant sounds very well, so you tend not to use them, so it is more difficult for other people to understand what you are saying. Whether you are hearing impaired or not, we all need to slow down and speak more distinctly, so that others can understand what we are saying. This is especially true, however, when speaking to someone with hearing loss. They cannot understand the funny little asides you add to a conversation. Speak directly to the person, speak more slowly, and enunciate. So often the problem is not so much volume as it is clarity. If you are hearing impaired, speak up a little more and enunciate.

When you have an announcement to make in church, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE either write it out for the pastor to read or grab one of the microphones that are available. Even if you think your announcement is only for certain people and it does not matter, those of us who are hearing impaired do not know that. All we know is that someone is announcing something and we can't hear it. As many of our church fellowship grow older, these are pointers that we all should remember.

– Pam Faulk

Trustees Notes

- At the parsonage, the new gas line was run from the street to the house. The gas plumbing inside to the new furnace has been completed.
- The new valve in the church's mens' room has started leaking. Sunbury Plumbing and Heating replaced it with another new valve.
- Jerry Palmer and Peter White cleaned out downspouts at the "old" parsonage and at the church. Several were plugged up. Jerry inserted two new pipes under the walk that leads to the rear of the church.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Young at Heart

There were 15 of us at Young at Heart, and we had a great time sharing memories of our first-grade year. We discovered that all parts of the USA were represented, and two went to school in Canada.

Some went to large schools and one went to a one-room school with eight grades in that one room. We remembered special things from that year. Some loved their teacher; some hated her. We talked about the difference between today's schools and schools back then. We remember cloak rooms, wooden paddles with holes drilled in them, recess games, and getting a little carton of milk every day.

Our next meeting will be noon on Thursday, July 9, in the Fellowship Hall. You're welcome, too.

– Jean Wickum, Convenor

Mission Encounters in July and August

The American Baptist Churches of Ohio are offering something new this summer—two **Mission Encounters!** They will each be held on a **Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** These Mission Encounters are “designed to be a geographically accessible, financially affordable, and sensitive to everyone’s busy, hectic schedule. Each Mission Encounter will include inspiring worship, exciting keynote speakers, informative workshop, relevant mission resources, fellowship and food,” says Rev. Dr. Lawrence Swain, ABC/Ohio’s Executive Minister.

The first Mission Encounter, featuring Rev. Walter White as the main speaker, will be on **July 11 at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Chillicothe, Ohio.** Rev. White’s specialty is evangelism which reaches believers of the world’s major religions. He is also an expert on Islam, and he is extensively involved in projects in Bangladesh.

The second Mission Encounter, featuring Dr. Stan Slade as the key speaker, will be on **August 8 at the First Baptist Church of Massillon, Ohio.** Dr. Slade is a professor and global consultant for theological education. He works with missionaries and others to help people experience the transforming message of Scripture through Bible study.

Other speakers from National and International Ministries will also be leading workshops at the Mission Encounters.

Registration forms and additional information are available from Rev. Tim Chesser, Kathy Russell (740-362-5465), and ABC/Ohio (www.abc-ohio.org) or 740-587-0804.

The price for each Mission Encounter, including lunch and snacks, is only \$35 per adult, \$60 per couple, and \$10 per child. Activities and supervision for children are provided. Child Care Registration forms are due approximately one week before each event takes place.

Plan now to attend!

– Kathy Russell
Adult/Leadership Education

Friends Listening for God

For the month of July, *Friends Listening for God* will meet on the fourth Sunday, July 26, at 3:00 p.m. The topic for discussion will be “Visions.” In August the group will return to the usual meeting time on the third Sunday of the month. We hope to see you there!

– Kathy Russell

Thank You

Dear First Baptist Church Family,
Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making my 90th birthday such as memorable occasion. Thanks for the cards, flowers, and gifts. And for the handshakes and hugs and good wishes. And for the beautiful birthday cake at the Young at Heart meeting. And for the truly beautiful moment when you all — the whole congregation — sang Happy Birthday to me!

God surely was guiding Wick and I on that August 1949 morning when we came to First Baptist!

– Jean Wickum

One Great Hour of Sharing

June 28th is the last day to donate to One Great Hour of Sharing. If you have not yet given and wish to, envelopes are in the pew rack. Your money will be used to help so many and they need our support. Your donation provides food, shelter, seeds, animals and health care. We are very fortunate to have so much and I’m sure you will want to give to those in need.

– Carol Serviss
Mission Coordinator

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 1	Robert & Patricia Foor
3	Phil Mercer
5	Victor & Deborah Fogle
6	Sam Chesser
7	Roger Kennedy
11	Karsen Grace Riedmiller
12	Pam Shears
14	Sara Bowman
15	Sandy Van Brimmer
17	Nichelle Trigg
	Ed and Angie Burton
18	Peter & Linda White
19	Jarrod Trigg
23	Robert Russell
28	Regan Riedmiller
30	Bernice Turney
31	Ashlee Inscho

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Personals

- Will Fogle fell and broke his arm while playing soccer
- Calvin Turner received the Archie Griffin Sportsman Award
- Congratulations to graduates Calvin Turner, Dominique DeBasio, and Spencer Kauf.
- Jean Osborne had cataract surgery
- Florence Faulk had cataract surgery
- Pam DeBasio is recovering from surgery

- Dominique DeBiasio will be singing the National Anthem and "God Bless America" at the Central Ohio Symphony Concert on July 4th at 8:00 p.m. (Phillips Glen) This will proceed the annual 4th of July fireworks in Delaware.

- Sam Chesser delivered our sermon on Children's Day

Carpet & Paint Committee

At the next quarterly business meeting on Wednesday, July 29, the committee will present our recommendations for carpet and paint in the sanctuary.

We also plan to display our recommendations in the sanctuary on Sunday, July 26th, so that everyone will have an opportunity to view them ahead of time and in daylight.

–Jim Stephenson, Chair

Tools of Hope

Thank you to all who contributed to the "Tools for Hope" offering on Father's Day to support Church World Service. We received \$325.00 in donations and with our "Blanket Sunday" offering, the total for Church World Service this year is \$657.00.

Way to go First Baptist!

*– Randy Turner
Financial Secretary*

Note: The list of dedications will appear in next month's newsletter. – Editor

Prayer List

Please give any additions or corrections to a deacon.

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
Jane Moore	George Corder Cathie Corder Olivia Langwasser	Health issues Continued recovery Leukemia
The Deacons	Pam Debiasio Jim VanBrimmer	Health issues Health issues
Jean Wickum	Martha Green Fran Cook Mary & Steve Sealey	Heart problems Health issues
The Bakers	Victoria Baker Heath Baker	Health issues Auto accident injuries
The Chessers	Toosie Eggers	Health issues & auto accident injuries
Evelyn Lee	Mary Tilson Bertha VanBrimmer Florence Faulk	at Willowbrook Health issues at Delaware Court
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	
Erin Faulk	Kathy Sharp	Cancer treatments
Julie Wilson	Her dad, Robert Wilson	Health issues
Beth Trigg	Connie Coy	Brain cancer
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health
Anna & Jim Brown	Lin Tien Lai in Taiwan	Injuries due to fall from roof
Lisa & Tim Fogle	Tyler Wayne Fogle	Premature birth & continued hospital care

Church Directory Update

Please update your copy of the 2009 Church Directory with the info below.

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