

Good News Letter

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The recent shooting in Washington D.C. at the Republican baseball team practice has been associated with the extreme partisan rhetoric that has characterized much political and cultural dialogue over the last few decades. My heartfelt prayers go out to all those who were injured. The extreme speech is a concern to me. Since some of the angry voices are religious, and Christian, it is good to speak about this "crisis of rhetoric."

My attention is drawn to St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians in which he writes, "I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking." (4:17) He goes on to describe what is meant and in that description we find these words, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen . . . Get rid of all bitterness, rage, and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you." (4:29-30, 32)

No one can prove that the over-charged rhetoric caused the shooting. Nonetheless one can see how the nature of a conversation, if not restrained, can easily lead to a toxic environment, one that is destructive, characterized by



malice instead of love, and in which violence may more easily result.

For a long time I have been saddened by this situation, seeing Christians on both sides of our cultural divide treat one another without respect. Some in Washington have expressed the desire to "dial back the rhetoric." I am not sure that it will happen, but I am for it.

At the very least, I am confident that we can do better. I think we all want to do better. I think we desire kindness and compassion rather than bitterness, anger, and rage. Thus, in addition to being concerned and saddened, I am also very hopeful.

One source of hope comes in the form of the Delaware Family Festival. I have mentioned it before and I need to advertise for it because it is in July. It is on July 15, as a matter of fact, from 11 am to 3 pm on Winter St. Everyone who can and wants to come is invited to help with the lawn games, donate bottled

water, or just come and join the fun.

But I am not just working it in, I also want to say that this one small event and others like it give me hope because they are specifically motivated by the desire to build up community and not tear it down. I am hopeful because whenever an event like this is proposed, there is an excitement to participate that reveals an instinct to make things better. Follow that instinct; it is consistent with the scripture and the Spirit of Christ.

Hope you are having a wonderful summer.

Blessings
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

As the summer continues to move forward and our minds gear toward 4th of July fireworks and continued vacations, we are reminded of the excitement and relaxation that the summer brings to us after a year's worth of work. In the midst of our summer joys, let us continue to be mindful that just as the weather is bright and beautiful, so too are our hearts when we keep our hearts and minds on the work and the worship of the church.

During the month of July, you will be sure to find some of the youth of the church at the Delaware Block Party on July 15th. There is also a youth group gathering

tentatively scheduled for July 23rd when the youth will simply gather to meet and have fun, although the date is subject to change pending availability of the group.

Happy continued summer!

Blessings and Peace,
-David L. Harris, Jr.

**Andrews House
 Volunteers Needed**

FBC is scheduled to serve and clean up at the Andrews House Second Friday dinner on July 14th and volunteers are needed. Please let me know if you can help that evening from 5:30 pm until about 7 pm. Thanks,
 -Larry Faulk 740-362-8637 or
 lfaulk01@aol.com

Volunteers For July

Fellowship Time

July 2- Gosser
 July 9- Lee
 July 16- Faulk
 July 23- Open(please sign up)
 July 30- Open(please sign up)

Panera Pick-Up

July 6- Gosser
 July 13- Faulk
 July 20- Lovell
 July 27- Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering

Please notice that there are two openings left for Fellowship Time. Beverages and paper products are provided. You only need to provide a snack item.



Tools of Hope

- Thank You First Baptist! We contributed \$296.00 to Church World Service on Father's Day 2017. Your donations will help Church World Service provide help and relief to those struggling in poverty and recovering from disasters. What a great tribute to the men who have influenced our lives!

Randy Turner, Financial Secretary

Giver

Mark Allison
 Dan Chambers
 Erin and Pam Faulk
 Pam and Larry Faulk
 Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle
 Pat Gosser
 Carol Grubbs
 Janet Lathrop
 Phil Lee
 Mary Lou and Dave Lovell

Jane Moore

Jerry and Lana Palmer
 Ken and Genevieve Peterson

Jim Snyder
 Archie J. Trigg
 Randy Turner

Linda White

Honoring/Memorializing

In Honor of: Bocky Allison
 In Memory of: O. Chambers, Bill Layton
 In Honor of: Larry Faulk
 In Honor of: Jeff Faulk, Keith Anderson
 In Memory of: Ralph Cole, Donald Faulk, Ron Rose, Bill Faulk, Wilbur Wickum
 In Honor of: Dave Lovell, Ray Serviss
 In Memory of: Willard G. Fogle, Ray Morby, Robert Lovell
 In Honor of: Raleigh Gosser
 In Memory of: Vernon Howe
 In Honor of: Jim Brown
 In Memory of: Charles Brown, Fred Grubbs Sr.
 In Memory of: Gene Lathrop, Cap Gabriel
 In Memory of: Andrew Lee, Floyd Scott
 In Honor of: Dr. Richard Lovell, Dr. Mark Allison, Dave Lovell
 In Memory of: Dr. Robert Lovell, Raymond Morby
 In Honor of: Jim Snyder
 In Memory of: N. G. Corder, Jimmie Moore
 In Memory of: C. W. Palmer, Ben Turney
 In Memory of: Ebert Peterson, Vernon MacNeill
 In Honor of: Bruce Peterson, Steve Rhodes
 In Memory of: Aldon Brooks Snyder
 In Memory of: Archie L. Trigg
 In Honor of: Heryl Turner, Jim Snyder
 In Memory of: Jimmie Moore
 In Honor of: Michael Seckman
 In Memory of: Charles Seckman

**Do You Have Any
 Lawn Games?**

We are looking for a few lawn games to be used at the Family Festival on July 15. We are looking for games that are easy to play and do not take up a lot of

space. If you have any that our church can use, please loan them to the pastor or to Larry Faulk. If you have your name on them, they can be returned to you after the festival.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



July

- 1 Bob & Pat Foor
- 2 Chris & Sarah Byall
- 3 Phil Mercer
- 6 Lindley Chesser
Sam Chesser
Raleigh & Pat Gosser
- 12 Phil & Candy Lee
Pam Shears
- 14 Sarah Bowman
Chad & Christina Kilhefner
Lucas Smith
- 15 Sandy VanBrimmer
- 17 Nichelle Trigg
- 18 Chad Kilhefner
Peter & Linda White
- 19 Jarrod Trigg
- 21 Dan Chambers

Please report any errors.

Do You Have Water?

We are in need of bottled water to donate for use at the Family Festival on July 15. Please consider bringing a case or two in the next few weeks. We will store them in the fellowship hall until the festival.

Personals

- Ray Serviss is recovering from being hospitalized and having a heart stint put in.
- Pam Faulk is recovering from surgery on her face to remove a basal cell cancer.
- Jonathan and Samuel Allison visited over the Memorial Day weekend.
- Matthew Lovell visited his family in June.
- At Delaware Hayes, Breanna Showalter was named to the Distinguished Honor Roll, Colin Ferguson was on the Honor Roll,

and Will Fogle was on the Merit Roll for the fourth quarter.

- Erin Faulk took a cruise to Iceland and Scotland in June.
- On June 3 Hadley Soderquist and Rick Parfenchuk were married in our church. The bride's step-father Daniel Moore participated in the wedding. He is a Baptist minister in Dayton and was a friend of Pastor Allison's from seminary. Rick is the grandson of Janet Lathrop.
- Evan and Samuel Allison visited here for Father's Day.
- Dave and MaryLou Lovell celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on June 10.
- Please keep Ken and Genevieve Peterson in your prayers. Ken suffered a fall over Memorial Day weekend. There were no broken bones, but he does have significant lumbar deterioration and mobility issues. He is undergoing physical therapy, but still needs a lot of help. Their son Bruce and granddaughter Casey visited for Father's Day. They appreciate all your prayers, cards, and support.

Thank You Notes:

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

Thank you for the amazing book. It was a thoughtful gift, and I very much appreciate it.

Thank you,
-Jan Ferguson

Dear Members of First Baptist Church:

The Salvation Army Anti-Human Trafficking Program wants to thank you for all the donations you provided us. You are helping change the lives of many victims through your donations.

Sincerely,
-Malaya Thompson,
Regional Case Manager

Dear Mary Lou, Jeanne, Lana, Pat, (and others),

What a great team you are!

We are so grateful for your continuing support of our Getting Ahead program. The taco bar was great and obviously well-received. It was so good to have you join us for dinner and conversation. Your partnership in this important effort is valued and sincerely appreciated. Together we are making a difference in the lives of many!

Blessings and gratitude,
-Bonnie

Dear Mark,

Please convey our heartfelt thanks to MaryLou (especially!) and all of the others who provided last evening's Getting Ahead meal. It was healthy, delicious, and clearly enjoyed by all of us!! The "take-homes" are always greatly appreciated too! We are also grateful for the gift cards you provided - our biggest expense, for sure!

We value your ongoing partnership in this important ministry!

Gratefully,
-Nancy Miller

Trustee Notes:

The plaster repair and painting has been completed on the north wall of the Gathering Place and in the south vestibule room at a cost of \$1,325.

-Peter White, trustees chair

Opening PanDORA's Box?

Should we be opening a PanDORA's box? (DORA is the acronym chosen to describe the downtown area open drinking concept – Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area.)

I wonder how many are aware that the Delaware City Council is

considering changes to our city ordinances that will encourage more drinking of alcohol in our downtown public areas.

As is clear from the police report section of the Delaware Gazette, our local officers are already regularly called upon to deal with public intoxication or underage drinking. Whatever the supposed benefits to the businesses that anticipate making more money by pushing their clientele out the door more quickly, the further damage to a unique hometown atmosphere makes that profit hard to justify.

The next meeting of our Delaware City Council members is on Monday, June 26th from 6.30 p.m. at City Hall. This will be an opportunity for all who are concerned about the outcome of this proposal to be there to show their interest, and possibly voice their views.

Mission/Outreach News

Our Mission Emphasis for June was "Tools of Hope" and the "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering. On Father's Day, June 18th, we collected an offering to supply tools to those in need coordinated through Church World Service. The money for tools was given in honor or in memory of the men in our lives..

We continue to pick up unsold items from Panera that are given to those in the community in need. Please think about helping with this ministry. Check the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place. Ask Pat Gosser if you have questions or would like to pick-up items Thurs. evening, wrap them, and/or deliver them to Andrews House on Friday morning. This is a weekly commitment so it takes many people.

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.

Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Dr. Ernest Jones	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Ken Peterson	Health Issues
Ray Serviss	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!

(The rebagging of items goes really quickly when several people help and we have good conversation and a few laughs).

The Delaware City Schools free lunch program continues. Anyone interested in helping to serve, contact Carrie Grogan at 740-833-1619. The time volunteers is needed is 11:45-1:15 at the Second Ward Community Initiative 54 Ross St. , Delaware

One of our Mission/Outreach opportunities for July will include assisting with the lawn games for for the "Block Party" Family Festival on July 15th (11a.m.-3p.m.). We will need bottles of water donated for this event. Please bring them to the church any time before July 15th. We would appreciate having a variety of lawn games, as well. It was great fun last year! Don't miss out! If you have questions check with Larry Faulk or Dr. Allison.

Our second opportunity for July is to help Conger students have a great beginning of the school year by providing the necessary school supplies. Pencils, erasers, colored pencils, glue sticks and money for head phones are always needed. (Envelopes are available in the pew rack)

Our third opportunity is to send cards, letters, and thoughts to Jeni Pedzinski and Jeff and Annie Dieselberg through Dr. Francesca Nuzzolese, Professor of Pastoral Care at MTSO, who will be traveling to Thailand in July. Please take a minute to look through Mrs. Peterson's cards in the Gathering Place and write a note. Dr. Allison will collect the cards.

A fourth opportunity is to help with the Second Friday meal held at Andrews House. Our church will be serving and cleaning up from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on July 14th. See Larry Faulk if you can help.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, July 15th at 1:30 p.m. We welcome you and your ideas! Please come join us at the church.

The Second Annual Family Festival (block party)

will be
Saturday, July 15th
11am - 3pm
on Winter Street

FBC will again host a games area

Mark your calendars
Free Food - Free Fun