

Good News Letter

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Vespers is an evening service that is also known as Evening Prayers. In the more liturgical traditions it has long been a daily part of the life of the church. It consists of litanies and the singing of Psalms, and coincides with the lighting of candles, which has both a practical and symbolic purpose; the light enables one to see as the sun goes down at the end of the day, and also signifies the coming of the Light of the World.

There are a number of prayers, one of thanksgiving for having come to the end of another day, one of confession of sin, and one for the coming of the next day, as well as intercession. Evening Prayer is new to me, as I imagine it might be for some of you, but we are going to try it this summer. The first service will be on Sunday, July 7th at 6 pm, and there will also be services on three other Sundays; July 21st, August 4th, and August 18th.

I am not familiar with formal liturgies and so am working to adapt the service for a Baptist congregation, so don't pass up this opportunity out of concern that it may be stuffy or too "high church." There will be quiet music, scripture readings, a couple of hymns, some brief litanies, and a time for prayer



concerns, silent reflection, and prayer.

For the past year, First Baptist has observed an emphasis on prayer. In the fall there was a Season of Prayer for missions, A Day of Prayer involving a vigil in the sanctuary, and the beginning of the Prayer Chest ministry. During Lent there was a five-week study of prayer, which only barely scratched the surface.

One reason for summer vespers is to continue the emphasis. Another reason is because of the quiet, reflective nature of these services, at a time when the world seems particularly chaotic, and when the state of things for religion in our culture is restless. Evening Prayer seems also to fit with the relaxed nature of the summer season.

To be honest, there are other reasons. For my entire time of ministry, as well as my whole life, for that matter, the churches I have been a part of, and the denominational homes I have known, have been in decline. People who study these types of things say it is a general trend affecting all religious groups across the board, at least in North America and Europe. Many things have been tried to reverse the trend, but none have worked. After a while it becomes burdensome, no matter how shiny a face is put on it.

Prayer is the proper response, and my hope is that this year, in this summer of evening services, will give us an opportunity to pray for our church, and our denomination, as well as all the other churches and denominations. My hope is that through quiet and faithful prayer our faith will be strengthened, our anxiety eased, and our love rejuvenated.

I hope to see you at one of the Evening Prayer services this summer.

God Bless and have a great summer.,

-Mark

Volunteers For June

Fellowship Time

July 7 Faulk
 July 14 Lee
 July 21 Gosser
 July 28 Pot Luck
 Lunch

Panera Pick-Up

July 4 Fogle
 July 11 Fogle
 July 18 Lee
 July 25 Fogle

Thank you all for volunteering. Volunteers are also needed for the Family Festival on July 13. Set-up is at 10:30. The festival lasts until 2:00 and it takes about another 15 minutes to take things down for our activities. We need people to help set up, take down, and supervise the game equipment.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



July

1 Bob & Pat Foor
 2 Raleigh & Pat Gosser
 12 Pam Shears
 14 Chad & Christina Kilhefner
 Lucas Smith
 15 Sandy VanBrimmer
 17 Nichelle Trigg
 18 Chad Kilhefner
 Peter & Linda White
 19 Jarrod Trigg
 21 Dan Chambers
 27 Maxwell Showalter

Please report any errors.

Mission/Outreach News

The Mission/Outreach Group met on Sunday, June 23rd. Our last meeting was in April. The Mission Focus for June was "Tools of Hope" on Father's Day to honor fathers by giving money to Church World Service to help those in need, and the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to help those in the U.S. and in other countries with disaster relief and development needs. Pam Faulk has given short informational Mission Moments to tell us how the money we give is used. Our church will be participating in the Delaware Family Festival (Block Party) on July 13th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Winter Street. We will be hosting the lawn games and some coloring activities, making pinwheels, and puzzles. Donations of homemade or store bought cookies are appreciated. Our church will donate \$200.00 to help fund the event which is a day for families to come and eat and have fun for no cost.

We received a letter from Kathy Hoff who is the PIN Nutrition Services Manager. The letter said that during the months of February and August, PIN doesn't always have enough food to be given to those in need. Kathy was asking that we prayerfully consider changing our food drive for PIN to the month of August. Many in our congregation bring food items on a regular basis and place it in the basket in the welcome center. Peter White delivers the items when it gets full. Many times throughout the year, he delivers the items. After discussing this, our decision is to have part of the focus for August be to contribute food to People In Need.

We also received a letter from People In Need asking if we would like to help with the Annual School Shoe Program. On Tuesday, July 16th People In Need, Inc. will begin the annual School Shoe Program. It is in its 28th year. This program has helped thousands of low-to moderate income children who attend Delaware County Schools. The parents of a child who meet this criteria are given a gift card to purchase one pair of shoes for the child to begin the new school year. Last year, PIN provided gift cards for 700 children! We will collect monetary donations and give the money to PIN to purchase gift cards for shoes during the month of July to go along with the school supplies and ear phones we give to Conger Elementary School to meet the needs of their students.

Our Undy Sunday will then be in the month of September. In the past we have supported Common Ground Free Store with a \$100.00 for their fund raiser in August. We will continue to give that.

Our next meeting will be July 21, 2019 at 11:15 a.m. All are welcome!

July Potluck

On Sunday, July 28, we will have a potluck lunch after church in the Fellowship Hall at approximately 11:15. Please bring table service and a dish to share. There might be a brief business meeting afterward if it is warranted.

Women's Fellowship Field Trip

Because of the Family Festival on July 13, we will not be having our women's lunch that day. However, we will be going on the field trip that was postponed from the spring on the following Saturday, July 20. We will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. to carpool and drive to the Der Dutchman in Mansfield for lunch at 11:30 and then go to Grandpa's Cheesebarn in Ashland after that. Both of these business are right off their exits to I-71 and are easy to get to. We hope for a good turnout for this. All women are invited. Please let Pam Faulk know if you plan to attend

July Missions Focus

- School supplies for Conger Elementary
pencils, pens,
notebooks, markers, etc.
- Shoe money for gift cards to be given to People In Need to purchase shoes for children
- Canned Goods. Continue to bring a can of food for People In Need

Thank you for all you do to reach out to others! Your outpouring of love and generosity is amazing and blessed!

Thank You Missions Dinner

On Sunday, June 23rd a thank you missions dinner was held. Pam Faulk planned and hosted the dinner and led activities. Those who attended were treated to pizza, salad, and a variety of desserts. After dinner we played several games that tied in with our OGHS theme "More Than We Can Imagine." We played a

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
Raleigh Gosser	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Dave Lovell	Health Issues
Raeleen George	Health Issues
Steve & Sharon Baker	Health Issues
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	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!

game in which we had to put ourselves in alphabetical order according to the name of the country or state listed on a piece of paper with the projects or relief listed for which the offering money was used. We had lots of laughs while playing this game as well as discovering how many people in many countries and states in the U.S.A. benefit from our giving. Another game was "This is not a ____, it is a ____." Ask those who came about it and how much fun and laughs we had. Another game described how fortunate we are and the needs of others. We were challenged to think about our giving to reach the church's goal. If you have never been to a Thank You Missions dinner, plan to attend the next one. You will have a great time being in fellowship together and learning.

Church Information Cards in Welcome Center

With the growth of population in Delaware and new houses being built, wouldn't it be nice to have a card with information about First Baptist that you could give a new neighbor when you are talking to them? Take a look at the table in the Welcome Center and take a few cards to have in your pocket to give to someone who may be looking for a church home.

A Note From the Petersons

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the constant prayer support which we have felt over recent weeks. Now we are settled into a small suite in the WillowBrook Assisted Living section. Every day we join the others at church who pray for each other and our church. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

-Genevieve and Ken Peterson

***The Petersons' new address is
100 Delaware Crossing West
#158

Family Festival

Saturday, July 13,
11am - 2pm

Winter Street, between
Franklin & Washington

**FBC will host
yardgames,
puzzles, and
coloring activities**

please donate
homemade or
store bought cookies

**Come,
Participate, Play
Enjoy!**

Personals

> Pam Shears recently retired from the Delaware County Health Department. Congratulations Pam!

> Carol Grubbs spent some time at Grady in early June with a kidney stone. She thanks everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls.

> Peter White spent four days at Grady and now has a pacemaker.

> Jane Moore Snyder would like to thank everyone for their prayers on her behalf as she has been dealing with her brother's estate.

> Jennifer Turner was recently in the hospital with a severe reaction. She thanks everyone for their prayers and cards.

> Jerry and Lana Palmer will be moving to Circleville in September.

> Pam Faulk would like to thank everyone who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering in June and also for those who came to the mission thank-you dinner on June 23. We had a lot of fun.

> Jim Snyder spoke at the Delaware County Main Library on June 27. Jim, whose pen name is Jim Slade, covered the American space program as a journalist, and his topic is timely as this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 first landing on the moon.

> Chad and Christina Kilhefner traveled to New Jersey and New York City in June. There is a note from them on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

> Our neighbors, the Gerspachers, recently used our fellowship hall for a graduation party and gave us a \$50 donation. We received a thank you note from them, and it is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

Online Giving Available

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 link: "Make an online Offering or Donation." The link will take you to a page describing the current giving options. Click on the link: "Click Here to make an Offering or Donation Online." On the Donation page you can input an amount that you would like to offer for any or all options for giving.

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



Sanctuary Open for Days for Prayer

The sanctuary will be open on two dates in July for prayer.

Wednesday, July 17,
9am - noon

Monday, July 22,
5pm - 8pm

**Come,
Spend some time,
Pray**

**Blanket Sunday
Dedications are on the
back of the calendar.**

Tools for Hope Sunday

June 16, 2019

Thank you First Baptist! Your donations to Church World Service in honor/memory of the important men in your life resulted in an offering of \$160.00. This will be used by Church World Service to help those in need.

Giver:	Honor/Memory of:
<i>Mark Allison</i>	<i>Dr. Oscar Allison</i>
<i>Erin and Pam Faulk</i>	<i>Larry Faulk</i>
<i>Pam and Larry Faulk</i>	<i>Jeff Faulk, Donald Faulk, Ralph Cole, Paul Stewart, Wilbur Wickum, Ron Rose, Bill Faulk</i>
<i>Deb, Will and Gabe Fogle</i>	<i>Dave Lovell, Ray Serviss, Kip Smith, Vic Fogle, Dr. Robert Lovell, Ray Morby</i>
<i>Pat Gosser</i>	<i>Raleigh Gosser, Vernon Howe</i>
<i>Candace Lee</i>	<i>Phil Lee</i>
<i>Mary Lou Lovell</i>	<i>Dr. Robert Lovell, Kip Smith, Dave Lovell, Raymond Morby</i>
<i>Randy Turner</i>	<i>Ben Turner, Jimmie Moore, Heryl Turner, Jim Snyder</i>
<i>Andrew and Lucas Smith</i>	<i>Grandpa Lovell, Kip Smith</i>