# **Good News Letter**

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The month of July has arrived. As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day the Covid news is encouraging. The seven-day average is now less than it was in late March of 2020, when things were just getting started.

Consequently, the opportunity to return to normal continues. We will begin passing the offering plate and observing the Lord's Supper in the usual way of passing the trays in quiet contemplation. Other elements of worship that have been limited can be lengthened, making worship fuller and less rushed.

The July congregational meeting also offers an opportunity to continue the return to normalcy. There hasn't been a regular quarterly meeting since January of 2020. The July meeting will follow the service on the 25th, and will be accompanied by a meal,



# **JULY**

also the first since the pandemic began. Details follow in the newsletter. We anticipate resuming Sunday School after Labor Day in the fall.

Of course, church leaders and I will keep an eye on things in case protocols should need to be restored, but all of these changes are very encouraging after this long year-and-a-half. I am grateful that we are able to continue moving forward together. I thank everyone for the patience and cooperation throughout this

unique time when things have been uncertain.

I am also grateful for some time away during July. I will be on vacation and miss the worship services on July 11th and 18th. Mike Reynolds, graciously, will be the guest preacher. I cherish the opportunity to go west and see family I haven't seen in 18 months, as well as other sights.

My prayers will be with you all each day.

Blessings,

Mark

#### Pot Luck Lunch

All are invited to join in a pot luck lunch after worship on July 25th in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a brief congregational meeting.

See details on page #3.

#### **Panera Volunteers for July**

July 1 Lovell July 8 Grubbs July 15 Shears July 22 Lee July 29 Volunteer Needed

Thank you all for volunteering.

#### **Personals**

- > Lana Palmer had hip replacement surgery on June 11.
- > Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk recently took a 3-week driving trip out west and visited several national parks (along with the rest of the nation).
- > For the fourth quarter at Hayes, Aidan Ferguson placed on the Distinguished Honor Roll, and Brennan Howe placed on the Honor Roll. Congratulations guys!

#### **Mission/Outreach News**

Thanks to all who so generously gave to the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering. The congregation exceeded the \$850.00 goal! So many will be helped by your giving.

The Tools of Hope offering was taken on Father's Day. It was a way to honor or remember those men who were important in your life. The money will be given to Church World Service and be distributed to those in need.

Thanks to all who have continued to pick up the unsold items from Panera and take them to Andrews House to be given to those in need.

The PIN box continues to get filled each month, thanks to those who buy an item or more when they are doing their shopping at the grocery store. This last past year with COVID, the need has been greater. Thank you for continuing to fill the box. Thank you to Peter White who takes it to PIN (People in Need).

### School Supplies and Shoes

We are back on track this year to help those students at Conger Elementary School who need help to begin school with the necessary supplies. It seems very early to be thinking about the start of the school year, but, we are very thankful that the plan is for students to go back to school to learn with their teachers.

#### School supplies include:

notebooks, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, erasers, markers, and folders, and/or money for the purchase of head phones

#### **Shoe Money:**

We are collecting money to be given to People In Need for the purchase of gift cards that will be given to students needing shoes to begin the school year.

Thank you for remembering to purchase an item or two to give the children a smile and have a good start to the school year.

#### **OOPS**

Videos of June 20 & 27 services have not been able to be posted on our website due to technical problems.

#### News from the WU's

Emerson and Ivy WU arrived in San Francisco on June 24th after an 11 hour flight from Taiwan. They will be staying at their son's house in San Francisco. Their daughter, Jessica, is in the Bay Area so they are excited to see them. They went on 7/1 for their COVID vaccine, as they have not been able to get it while living abroad. They will be interacting with the partner churches and friends in Hong Kong. They will start to communicate with churches in Ohio and arrange visits during late September to mid October.

#### Birthdays and Anniversaries



#### July

- 1 Bob & Pat Foor
- 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.

#### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

I want to thank all of you who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing. We surpassed our goal with a total offering of \$1,070.

Pam Faulk

#### THANK YOU NOTE

We recently received the following thank you note:

First Baptist Parishioners,
The staff of Conger Elementary is
grateful you provided the snack
bags for them. It was such a
thoughtful gift on a day we had
nothing for them and you filled the
void. God always provides and it
was thru you. The flower seed
packets are perfect as we are
starting a garden/flower bed area
this year. We are blessed with
your kindness.

The Conger Elementary Staff

#### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On Saturday July 10 at 11:30 all the women of the church are invited to the fellowship hall for lunch and fellowship. Bring your own lunch, beverage, and table service, and we will have fellowship. We will be discussing how we want to proceed in the coming months.

#### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

On Saturday July 10 at 8 am all the men of the church are invited to join for breakfast at Bob Evans in Delaware. Please join us for a time of food and fellowship.

## Pot Luck Lunch and Business Meeting

After church on Sunday, July 25th, all are invited to a Pot Luck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own table service, beverage (bottled water provided), and a dish to share. A brief quarterly business meeting will follow the meal

#### **Prayer List**

This list is prepared by the Deacons.

Please send changes to Larry Faulk (<a href="mailto:lfaulk01@aol.com">lfaulk01@aol.com</a>).

Name
Richard Lovell
Ken & Genevieve Peterson
Dr. Allison's father & sister
Ken Shears
Candy Lee's sister Trudy

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

#### **2021 Church Directory**

The Board of Deacons is planning to publish a new Church Directory. You do not need to be a formal member to be included in the directory We invite Members and Friends of First Baptist to be included in the directory. If you would like to formally join our fellowship, please contact Dr. Allison. Even if you do not wish to be a formal member, we would like to include you in the directory. We would like to include as many updated photos as possible. Please see me for a new photo.-Larry Faulk

### Scripture Readers / Worship Leaders Needed

If you would like to read scripture during worship or serve as a Worship Leader, please let Dr. Allison know of your interest. During worship, the Worship Leader traditionally leads the Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer, and the Offertory prayer. Thy also read scripture when there is not a separate scripture reader that Sunday.

#### **Blanket Sunday**

#### May 9, 2021

Thank you First Baptist! Your donations to Church World Service in honor/memory of the important women in your life will be used by Church World Service to help those in need.

Giver: Honor/Memory of:

Mark Allison in memory of Fern Allison

Darlene and Robert Caulkins Shay Caulkins, Martha Rittenhouse

Jeanne Ekelberry memory of Ethel Trogdon, Imogene Ekelberry.

Honor of Elizabeth Warker

Erin and Larry Faulk in honor of Pam Faulk

Pam and Larry Faulk inmemory of Evoleno Cole, Florence Faulk, Jean Wickum.

Honor of Laurie Faulk, Donna Mann, Patricia Rose

Carol Grubbs in memory of Ruth Brown, June Grubbs

Candace Lee in memory of Jean Scott, Christine Lee

Mary Lou and Dave Lovell in memory of Jennie Lovell, Margaret Morby.

Honor of Mary Lou Lovell, Deborah Fogle, Barbara Smith

Joyce Roberts Grace

Randy and Jennifer Turner in honor of Jane Moore Snyder, Tonabell Turner

If I missed your dedication, please let me know and I will include it next month.

-Larry Faulk, editor

Tools of Hope Dedications are on the back of the calendar

#### **Tools for Hope Sunday**

#### June 20, 2021

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Giver: **Honor/Memory of:** 

Mark Allison Oscar Hugh Allison

Darlene and Robert Caulkins Robert Caulkins Sr. John Rittenhouse Sr.

Jeanne Ekelberry In memory: **Hewlett Trogdon** 

Vienot Ekelberry

In honor: Charles Ekelberry

Larry and Pam Faulk In memory: Ralph Cole Don Faulk

Bill Faulk Ron Rose Paul Stewart W. C. Wickum

In honor: Jeff Faulk Pam and Erin Faulk Larry Faulk In honor: Carol Grubbs Charles Brown In memory: In honor: Jim Brown

Mary Lou and Dave Lovell In memory: Raymond Morby

Dr. Robert J. Lovell

In honor: Kip Smith

Dr. Mark Allison

Deb Fogle, Gabe and Will Fogle,

Randy and Jennifer Turner

The Smith Family, and Matthew Lovell In honor: Dave Lovell Jane Moore Snyder In memory: Jimmie Moore

N. G. Corder

In honor: Jim Snyder

> Randy Turner Phil Mercer Ross Jones

Jay and Joyce Roberts Allan Roberts

> In memory: Jimmie Moore In honor: Heryl Turner

> > Jim Snyder

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-Larry Faulk, editor

## First Baptist Church 101 North Franklin Street

Delaware, Ohio 43015



Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July Mission Focus:				1	2	3
<ul><li>School supplies for Conger Elementary</li><li>School Shoes (PIN)</li></ul>				8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell		
Fourth of July	5	6	7	8	9	10
10 am In-person Worship Holy Communion  July newsletter available today			Dr Allison on vacation	8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs		8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans 11:30 Women's Lunch Fellowship Hall
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10 am In-person Worship Mike Reynolds, guest pastor			Dr Allison on vacation	8:45 Panera Pickup - Shears		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10 am In-person Worship Mike Reynolds, guest pastor				8:45 Panera		
August newsletter deadline today				Pickup - Lee		
10 am In-person Worship 11:15 Pot Luck Lunch Quarterly Business Mtg - Fellowship Hall	26	27	28	8:45 Panera Pickup -	30	31
August newsletter available today				volunteer needed		