

Good News Letter

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I am always astounded at the passage of time. The clock just keeps on ticking. It is almost summer. By the time this edition of the newsletter is published, the church will be on summer hours, which means a break from Sunday School until September. It also means 10 am worship, not to mention all the benefits of the season, sunshine and warmth, longer daylight, and vacations.

Let me congratulate Brianna Showalter upon high school graduation and Ian Ferguson upon graduation from the College of Wooster. We wish both of them well as they move on to the next stages of their lives.

Among the plans for the summer that are worth noting, is the 2nd Delaware Family Festival, a "block party" event sponsored by several churches, including First Baptist, and nonprofit organizations in the neighborhood. Last year we had a wonderful time and look forward to an expanded event this year. It is on the calendar for July 15, from 11 am to 3 pm. Like last year, we will take donations of bottled water as we get closer to the date, and we will once again be in charge of lawn games and similar activities. It is a good chance to foster a sense of community in Delaware.

I want also to mention another part of the summer plans; a summer preaching series. On selected Sunday evenings, we will gather at 6:30 pm to hear



sermons from prominent American preachers and have discussion. There are 3 dates; June 11, June 25, and July 9. I am listening to several sermons to select which ones we will hear and will announce the preachers and texts later, as the time draws near. We are planning an ice cream fellowship on June 25 to accompany the sermon that night, so get out the home-made ice cream makers.

Also, David Harris, though he has completed his field education from MTSO, has agreed to stay around for one more year as a pastoral intern and to continue working with our youth.

All-in-all, there is much to anticipate and to be thankful for. I hope for each of you a restful and fulfilling summer.

Blessings to all
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

Good morning First Baptist family,

I cannot believe how fast and swiftly the year has gone by! It truly has been a fantastic and wonderful year, and I am thankful for all of the prayers and participation from everyone within

the church as I went through my field education year. There was a lot of energy and enthusiasm among the youth throughout the year, most notably during the ecumenical visits that began this calendar year. I am grateful for the energy that they provided me, as well as all of the suggestions and insights that each of you as a congregation have brought from the "young at heart" perspective. For those of you that have not yet heard, I have decided to remain at First Baptist and continue working with the youth group through the end of next year, when I will graduate from MTSO. I look forward to another year of fun and excitement!

Because of the travel-heavy approach that many of us will be taking throughout the summer, there are no set activities planned for the youth in the month of June. As we prepare for the upcoming summer season, there will be some activities done by the youth as they are able to participate, as well as opportunities to prepare and think about the activities they would like to do when the new church year begins. Happy summer!

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



**Teacher Appreciation
Conger Elementary School**

On Monday, May 1st, 45 gift bags were delivered to the teachers of Conger Elementary by Pam Faulk and Mary Lou Lovell. The teachers really enjoyed the snacks that you donated and hand made items by Jeanne Ekelberry.

Thanks to all who brought items to fill the bags. Thanks to all who came to the Mission/Outreach Meeting and helped to assemble the bags.

A special thanks to Jeanne Ekelberry for spending many hours making pot holders, soup bowl holders, and bags for cooking potatoes in the microwave. Each one was so colorful and made of a different material. (Ask her about these).

Church Women United

Genevieve Peterson and Mary Lou Lovell attended the annual Church Women United Luncheon Meeting at St. Mark's Church on May 5th. Stephanie Rowe from Turning Point was the speaker. Turning Point(shelter for victims of domestic violence) will be opening a facility in Delaware. The Fellowship of the Least Coin offering was collected.

Easter Lilies

Thanks to all who purchased lilies to make our sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

Thank you to Candy Lee, Phil Lee, Deb Fogle, and Dr. Allison for ordering, receiving, and arranging the lilies for Easter.

They were beautiful!

Stepping Up Meals

We provided 2 meals for the Stepping Up class members at

Blanket Sunday

We honored the women of our lives on Mother's day, May 14, 2017 raising \$267.00 for Church World Service. This is the first of three offerings we sponsor to raise money for Church World Service each year to support the work they do worldwide. We will also honor the men of our lives on Father's Day, followed by the CROP walk this fall. Thank you for your support of Church World Service! -Randy Turner, Financial Secretary

Giver

In Honor/Memory

Anonymous	In Honor of:	All Mothers
Mark Allison	In Memory of:	Fern Allison
Dan Chambers	In Memory of:	Ruth Chambers, Janet Layton
Erin and Larry Faulk	In Honor of:	Pam Faulk
Pam and Larry Faulk	In Honor of:	Evoleno Cole, Erin Faulk, Laurie Faulk, Pat Rose, Donna Mann
	In Memory of:	Florence Faulk, Mary Anderson, Jean Wickum
Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle	In Honor of:	Mary Lou Lovell, Carol Serviss
Pat Gosser	In Honor of:	Trudy Laslo, Heather Myford, Alicia Howe
Carol Grubbs	In Memory of:	Ruth Brown, June Grubbs Teresa Griffith
	In Honor of:	Anna Brown
Candy Lee	In Honor of:	Pat Gosser
	In Memory of:	Jean Scott
Dave Lovell	In Honor of:	Mary Lou Lovell, Debbie Fogle, Barbara Smith
	In Memory of:	Jennie Lovell, Margaret Morby, Rose Vespery
Jane Moore	In Memory of:	Willa Corder, Mary Alice Snyder, N. G. Corder, Jimmie Moore
Ken and Genevieve Peterson	In Memory of:	Their Mothers and Grandmothers
Jerry and Lana Palmer	In Honor of:	Their Children and Grandchildren
James Snyder	In Memory of:	Olive Snyder, Mary Alice Snyder, Minnie Snyder, Mary Robinson, Ruth Wiley, Libby Snider, Mamie Snider
Beth Trigg	In Memory of:	Anne Linn
Randy Turner	In Honor of:	Jennifer Turner, Melissa Mercer, Lorelea Matheny, Rowena Sizemore
Linda White	In Honor of:	Margaret Seckman

William St. Church on May 10th and May 22nd.

Thanks to all who purchased and prepared food for these dinners. The recipients are always so

pleased and appreciative. We also had donations for 2 gift cards to be given to class participants. You are all so generous with your time and donations to make this happen!

Tools of Hope

On Father's Day, June 18th, we will honor the men in our lives by giving donations to Church World Service. Your gift in memory or honor of a loved one will provide some needed tools to help build sustainable lives.

Volunteers For June

Kid Connection

I would like to thank all those who volunteered to help with Kid Connection this year - Pat Gosser, Debbie Fogle, Erin Faulk, Deb Nace, Larry Faulk, David Harris, Jennifer Turner, Candy Lee, Beth Trigg, Pam Shears, and of course, our teen helpers, Will and Gabe Fogle, Colin and Aidan Ferguson, and Bowen and Hannah Nace. We will take the summer off and be back at it in September. Thanks again to all of you. **-Pam Faulk**

Fellowship Time

There is a new sign-up sheet for the summer in the Gathering Place. Please sign up. Beverages will be provided. You only need to supply an easy snack such as cookies or cheese and crackers.

June 4 - Lovells
June 11 - Faulks
June 18 - Palmers
June 25 - Open (Please sign up)

Panera Pick-Up

There is a new sign-up sheet for the summer in the Gathering Place. You need to pick up the baked goods at Panera on Thursday night at closing, bag the items, and take them to Andrews House on Friday morning. If you have never done this and would like to learn how, there are "veterans" who would be happy to go with you the first time and show you the ropes. Just ask Pat Gosser, MaryLou Lovell, or Pam Faulk.

June 1 - Lovells
June 8 - Open (Please sign up)
June 15 - Open (Please sign up)
June 22 - Faulks
June 29 - Lees

Thank you all for volunteering

Birthdays and Anniversaries



June

- 2 Jerry & Lana Palmer
- 4 Pat Foor
- 8 Pam Faulk
Carol Serviss
- 10 Aidan Ferguson
Dave & MaryLou Lovell
Mike & Emilie Showalter
- 11 Randy & Jennifer Turner
- 12 Sam & Lindley Chesser
- 16 Chad Myford
- 17 Matt & Marci Cooper
- 19 Wyatt Cramer
- 21 Dan & Sherry Chambers
- 22 Alvin & Bev Cox
- 24 Beth Trigg

Please report any errors.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Dear First Baptist Family,

It is a common experience for many of us - a pin drops on a GPS map, marking a current location or indicating a destination, orienting us in space.

These map pins represent where we are and where we hope to go. The scriptures provide a similar point of reference, an orientation for our lives - God is near; love one another in truth and action; feed those who are hungry; clothe those who are naked; welcome those who are strangers. These texts help us position ourselves in relation to God and to one another by reminding us of our call to be here for one another, loving one another as God has loved us. Our destination, where our map pin sits, is near to the heart of God and alongside our neighbors who are suffering.

During the month of June, you will be hearing about the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This year our offering theme is "You Are Here." By this simple statement, we glorify God's faithful presence, affirm that Christ is uniquely present in those whom we serve, and celebrate how we are here for our neighbors in their times of need. One Great Hour of Sharing is present for people near and far in moments of crisis and calm because of your partnership and generosity.

**One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING**

You are here - in Nicaragua, where women are given training and tools to cultivate home gardens to provide nutritious food for their families.

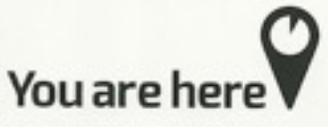
You are here - in West Virginia, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, New York, Oklahoma, South Carolina, China, Cuba, the Congo, Haiti, and India to provide flood, storm, tornado, and hurricane relief.

You are here - in the Belmont Baptist Church in Nebraska to provide arson relief.

You are here - in the Rowville Baptist Church in New York to provide relief from a plant shutdown

You are here - in Ecuador and Japan with earthquake relief.

You are here - in Lebanon, Hungary, Mexico, the U.S., and elsewhere around the world where refugees are receiving food, water, and medicine with dignity.



Our goal this year is \$700. To help you decide how much to give, you will find a Sharing Calendar in this newsletter. Each day asks you to give a certain number of units for a specific reason. Please read the calendar each day and give appropriately.

You may decide what your giving unit will be for your family- a penny, nickel, dime, quarter, dollar, 10 dollars, etc per unit. Please prayerfully consider your offering for the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Pam Faulk

Personals

- The May 10 Delaware Gazette had a front-page article about Ken Shears and his induction into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame for his bravery during the Vietnam War.
- Charles Ekelberry was in the ER with an infection in his finger.
- Ray Serviss was in the hospital for a heart procedure.
- Mike Showalter had emergency back surgery recently.
- Raleigh Gosser thanks everyone for their prayers and support for his recent medical problem.
- Dr. Mark Allison wrote an article in the May 26th Delaware Gazette.

Sunday School

Teacher Appreciation

Please take the time to thank our Sunday school teachers from this past year. They were Mark Allison, Pat Gosser, Larry Faulk, Pam Faulk, and substitutes David Harris, Randy Turner, and Jennifer Turner.

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons. Prayer requests will be removed after 2 months unless "renewed". 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
Rev. Jane Gibbons	Condolences on her father's death

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

Youth Sunday

Thanks to all the youth and to David Harris for leading the service on Youth Sunday.

Thanks to Will Fogle, Colin Ferguson, and Aidan Ferguson for playing a beautiful violin prelude.

Thanks to all in the combined adult choir and youth who sang "Jesus Loves Me".

Delaware City Schools Summer Lunch Program

What: Serve lunch and /or help with an activity, clean tables, sanitizing hands.

Where: Second Ward Community Initiative (54 Ross St. , Delaware)

When : Monday through Friday beginning Tues., May 30th -Fri. , August 11th

Time: 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

For more information call Carrie Grogan 740-833-1619

Many from the church have helped with this program. Check the bulletin board for information. There is a form to fill out.

General Fund Improves

Due to increased giving during April and limiting expenses where possible, the general fund balance has improved. April was the first month this year that income exceeded expenses.

As of the publication of this newsletter, our deficit for the year to date in the general fund is \$2,250. Your generosity and commitment to regular giving is essential to balancing our budget.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

Cards/Letters to Missionaries

We have an opportunity to send cards and letters to ABC missionaries in Thailand, mainly Jeni Pedzinski, and Jeff and Annie Dieselberg. Dr. Francesca Nuzzolese, Professor of Pastoral Care at MTSO, will be traveling there for the Baptist World Alliance in July, and is able to pass along messages of support.

Please give any messages to the pastor.

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 calanders
Free Food - Free Fun

Sharing Calendar 2017

One Great Hour of Sharing

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I was hungry...	"... Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.'" Matthew 26:26 Give 2 units in thanksgiving for Jesus' incarnation.	800 million, or approximately 1 in 9, people in the world do not regularly have enough to eat. Give 1 unit for every meal you eat today.	In 2016, droughts caused severe food shortages in Ethiopia, Central America, and elsewhere. Give 1 unit for every grocery store in your town or neighborhood.	Since 1990, the number of malnourished people in the developing world has fallen by almost half, thanks to food security and development projects. Give 1 unit in celebration of this progress and 1 unit to continue the work.	Being able to start a vegetable garden, with seeds provided through OGHS partners, can provide food and economic security. Give 1 unit for each vegetable in your refrigerator.	The U.S. wastes 33 million tons of food — \$165 billion worth — each year. Give 1 unit in repentance for each food item that has gone bad in your refrigerator /pantry this week.	"I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat." Give 3 units to provide food for someone who is hungry.
I was thirsty...	"A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'" John 4:7 We remember that Jesus shared in the human experience of thirst. Give 1 unit for every drink you have today.	663 million people worldwide do not have regular access to clean water. Give 1 unit for every water bottle in your home.	Rain collection, cisterns, and irrigation systems help communities mitigate drought conditions. Give 1 unit if you have ever collected rain water.	1.9 billion people have gained access to clean drinking water since 1990. Give 1 unit in celebration of this progress and 1 unit to continue the work.	Women and girls in Africa and Asia often spend more than 6 hours collecting water every day. Give 2 units if your commute was less than 6 hours today.	The water crisis in Flint, MI brought to public attention the severe effects of contaminants in water supplies and the importance of good infrastructure. Give 1 unit for every tap in your home.	"I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink." Give 3 units to increase access to clean water by helping communities build wells, small dams, cisterns, and filtration systems.
I was a stranger...	"You are no longer strangers ... but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God" Ephesians 2:19 Give 2 units in celebration of the full household of God.	More than 65 million people have been forcibly displaced from their homes worldwide. Give 1 unit if home is a place where you feel safe.	"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me.'" Mark 10:14 More than 2000 children are being held in family detention centers in the US awaiting asylum hearings. Give 1 unit for every child in your family.	OGHS partners help settle more than 7000 refugees in the United States every year. Give 1 unit in celebration of these efforts and 1 unit to continue the work.	Nearly 10 million displaced persons are categorized as stateless (not considered a national of any country). Give 1 unit if you enjoy the benefits of citizenship.	Poverty and hunger are key reasons for unauthorized immigration from Latin America to the U.S. Give two units to help address these root causes.	"I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." Give 3 units to support relief and resettlement efforts for refugees and humanitarian responses for immigrants.
I was sick...	"But a Samaritan while traveling came near him ... He went to him and bandaged his wounds ... brought him to an inn, and took care of him." Luke 10:33-34 Give 2 units in thankfulness for those who show mercy.	Waterborne illnesses kill more people than all forms of war and violence combined, but access to clean water and adequate sanitation can prevent the spread of these illnesses. Give 1 unit for every toilet in your home.	In 2015, more than 300,000 women died from maternal causes. Give 2 units if the women you know have access to reproductive care.	Since 2000, global rates of HIV/AIDS, Malaria, Tuberculosis, and several other major diseases have seen decreases of 40% or more. Give 1 unit in celebration of these efforts and 1 unit to continue the work.	OGHS partners help provide basic medical supplies and psychological care to thousands of people living in refugee camps. Give 1 unit for every bottle of medicine in your home.	Environmental toxins such as fertilizers and industrial waste contribute to weakened immune responses, especially in children. Give 1 unit if anyone in your family has recovered from an illness this year.	"I was sick, and you took care of me." Give 3 units to help provide medical care and prevent illness around the world.