

# Good News Letter

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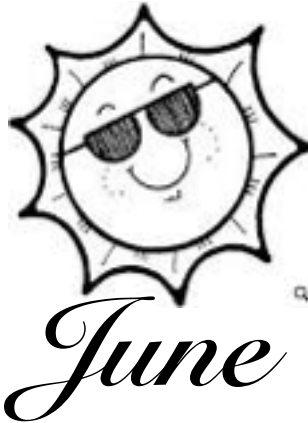
## Summer Prayers

“Sweet hour of prayer,” begins the old hymn,

“sweet hour of prayer,  
that calls me from a  
world of care,  
and bids me at my  
Father’s throne  
make all my wants and  
wishes known;  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the  
tempter’s snare,  
by thy return,  
sweet hour of prayer.”

Welcome to the summer. In addition to the traditional summer schedule, with no Sunday School and a 10 A.M. worship hour, I hope you have planned vacations and barbecues and picnics and all sorts of fun. I wish to announce a series of prayer services called “Summer Prayers” beginning on June 24. The focus of the first meeting will be missions, the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and the ABC missionaries we support.

Then on July 8 and 23, and August 5, there will be more traditional prayer meetings with the exchange of prayer concerns, the preparation of notes to those prayed for (I will explain this feature more when we gather for the actual meetings), and a time of communal prayer.



I will offer brief devotions from 1 Peter as a part of each meeting. These events will offer a time to grow in faith, an opportunity to support one another in love, and enjoy relaxing fellowship over the course of the summer. I hope all of you will make the effort to attend at least one of the meetings, even if you are unable to attend them all. Join us when you can.

You will notice that these meetings vary a little according to the day of the week, two Sundays and a Monday. We will begin at 7 P.M. I am hoping to meet in people’s homes. Anyone interested in hosting please let me know. There will be no other requirement other than the opening of your home to make space available.

With the trouble that is in the world and the anxiety in each of our lives in mind, let us turn to prayer over the summer to provide comfort and challenge, consolation and support.

“Sweet hour of prayer,  
sweet hour of prayer,  
Thy wings shall my  
petition bear,  
to him whose truth and  
faithfulness,  
engage the waiting  
soul to bless,  
And since he bids me  
seek his face,  
believe his word and  
trust his grace,  
I’ll cast on him my every care,  
And wait for thee,  
sweet hour of prayer.”

Blessings,  
-Mark

## ***From Our Pastoral Intern***

I am writing these words just a few hours removed from an exciting and wonderful Youth Sunday worship service. First, I want to give profound thanks to all of the youth who were a part of the worship, whether as a direct participant or as a recognized graduate. It was an amazing service overall. Second, I want to thank First Baptist as a whole for the well wishes and the gifts of appreciation and gratitude that were received over the course of the morning and early afternoon. These past two years have been fun, and I am full of deep gratitude and thankfulness for being a part of this church and for this church welcoming me and allowing me the room to grow in my own vocational call.

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As graduations loom and we prepare to begin packing for vacations, we allow for these summer months to provide moments of relaxation, rejuvenation and refreshment. No matter where the summer travels take us, we will no doubt find ourselves in positions where we can experience the wonders of God in all forms of creation. Nature will call us to step out and breathe deeply, and I encourage you to do so. The spirit of God will continue to call us to experience something new and exciting, and I encourage you to be pleasantly surprised in those moments.

I close with these words, an excerpt from May 1955 written by Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson: "The road is not free from obstacles and obstructions, for in the Divine order of things we are expected to attain our goal by effort; but if we make a determined effort, success is Divinely assured, and the obstacles and obstructions which at first loom large, dissolve and disappear. I wish you to tread this road of pure faith in G-d, without over introspection and self-searching, as in the simple illustration of a man walking: he will walk most steadily and assuredly if he will not be conscious of his walk and not seek to consciously coordinate the hundreds of muscles operative in locomotion, or he would be unable to make his first step." It has been an honor to be at First Baptist. I do not know when or where my next steps will take me, but I will be sure to not become a stranger in the days to come.

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

## Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.  
 Please send changes to Larry Faulk ([lfaulk01@aol.com](mailto:lfaulk01@aol.com)).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Bev Cox	Foot Recovery
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Ken Peterson	Health Issues
Ben Geary	Health Issues
Kilhefner Family	Brother's Health Issue
Ben Turner	Recovery and Rehab
Archie Trigg	Eye Surgery

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

## A Thank You Celebration

Our church does an amazing job of supporting the missions that we feel are so important. On Sunday, June 24 at 6:00, we will have a church family celebration to thank you all for your support of our missions throughout the year. We will have a fun evening with a pizza supper and some fun activities. You all are invited, and there is no need to bring anything. Just come, eat, and have a good time. This will also serve as a "kick off" for our Summer Prayers series.

## Mission / Outreach News:

On May 13th, we celebrated Mother's Day by receiving the Blanket Sunday offering to be given to Church World Service.

"Thank You" appreciation bags were packed with goodies for the teachers at Conger Elementary School. They were delivered by Pam and Larry Faulk and Mary Lou Lovell. Pam had a chance to talk with her former student, Mr. Page, who is the Principal at Conger.

Thank you to everyone who contributed the snacks for the appreciation bags!

Genevieve Peterson and Mary Lou Lovell attended the Church Women United Luncheon on May 4th. Sadly, that was the last meeting of this Ecumenical Women's Group. The Presbyterian Church will continue to collect the Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering.

## Volunteers For June

### Fellowship Time

- June 3 Chambers
- June 10 Open  
(Please Volunteer)
- June 17 Open  
(Please Volunteer)
- June 24 Lovell

### Panera Pick-Up

- June 7 Fogle
- June 14 Fogle
- June 21 Grubbs
- June 28 Faulk

**Thank you all for volunteering your time and talents.**

## Tools of Hope June 17th - Father's Day

The Tools of Hope Offering will be taken on Father's Day, June 17th. This is a way to honor fathers and reach out to others in need. The offering will be given to Church World Service.

## Personals

- Raleigh Gosser suffered a bad fall in April and took a while to recover from some very bad bruises.
- Archie Trigg is recovering from emergency eye surgery for a detached retina.
- Dan and Sherry Chambers have a new grandson born in April.
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson were confined to home for awhile due to an outbreak of the Norovirus at Willowbrook. Fortunately, they were not sick, but they thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.
- Lana Palmer had a heart procedure for a small aneurism, but does not have to go back until next year.
- Bev Cox is recovering from foot surgery.
- Ken and Pam Shears have a new great-grandchild.
- Erin Faulk's three fourth grade science classes placed first in the state at the elementary level in the Ohio Energy Project. They will be recognized at Dublin's next Board of Education meeting, and Erin will represent them at an energy conference in Washington, D.C. in June.
- A big thank you goes out to David Harris and all the youth who helped plan and participated in the Youth Sunday worship service.
- The middle school band, choir, and orchestra at Dempsey participated in Music in the Park at Cedar Point. They did very well and came back with several awards.

• In May we wished a fond farewell to Sally Williams. She is now settled into her new home in Westerville but hopes to come back to FBC or visits.

• In May Pastor Mark Allison traveled to Missouri for the graduation of his son Evan.

## Thanks

Thanks for all the graduation cards and gifts.

*-Colin Ferguson*

## General Fund Deficit Improves

Offerings for April exceeded expenses by nearly \$2,000. This reduces the deficit to just about \$4, 000. Your generous, continued support for FBC is appreciated.

*-Larry Faulk, treasurer*

## Panera Pick Up Continues

Thank you to all who go to Panera on Thursday evening to pick up the unsold bread and pastries. Thanks for bagging the items to be given to those in need who come to Andrews House and to the food pantries. Thanks for delivering the items on Friday morning about 8:30 a.m. Your dedication reaches so many families in Delaware.

The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Place. Let's fill it up for the summer!

## Women's Fellowship

Our June lunch will be on Saturday, June 11 at The Corner Cafe at The Point. We will gather at 11:30. Feel free to invite someone to join you.

## 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
- 21 Dan & Sherry Chambers
- 22 Alvin & Bev Cox
- 24 Beth Trigg

*Please report any errors.*

## More Than We Can Imagine

God is doing more than we can imagine.

The human imagination is pretty incredible. The faces you will see on this year's One Great Hour of Sharing materials are those of Luisa and Luis, rural farmers in Nicaragua. Their lives have gotten harder as the rains come less frequently. When they do come, it's often in downpours, not in the gently falling rains that best nourish crops. Their life is hard, yet when Luisa pictures their future, she imagines her children growing up, going to college, being professionals, and caring for the earth.

The human imagination is also limited, bound by our finite human experience. Sometimes the

suffering of the world outpaces our ability to imagine new life. For many, 2017 was an apocalyptic year filled with unbelievable hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, floods, and violence. We prayed, stood with, and gave to people from neighbors to global neighbors we may never meet. These generous gifts through the One Great Hour of Sharing helped people envision recovery and new life, strengthened by the assurance that God is working in, through, and beyond us. The Apostle Paul said that God is able to "...accomplish abundantly more than we can ask or imagine." He also put the work of building abundance squarely at our feet when he said, "...always seek to do good to one another and to all."

We have done good to one another and to all. When dreams abound and even when our imaginations run dry, we continue to do good. Your One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are living testimony to this. Please prayerfully consider supporting the OGHS this month, so that people like Luisa can have hope that the dreams they imagine can come true. Our goal is \$700.

### **Game Night - June 1st**

The youth invite everyone to a game night, Friday, June 1st from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a board game to share. After the games, please join the youth at Whits Frozen Custard.

### **Take Me Out to a ballgame**

The Men's Fellowship would like to invite all of the First Baptist family and friends to join in attending a Columbus Clippers baseball game on Friday, June 29th. The Clippers take on Indianapolis at 7:15 pm.

We plan to purchase a block of tickets so that we can sit together to enjoy fellowship and the game. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place for your commitment. Please sign up by June 17 so that we can order a block of tickets.



### **3rd Annual Family Festival**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 14th, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Family Festival will be held on Winter St. between Franklin St. and Washington St.

First Baptist (that's us) will be supervising the Lawn Game Area. In the past we have had corn hole, ladder ball, side walk chalk, coloring stained glass windows, puzzles, origami. and bubbles. Come and join the fun! There will be food, music, games and lots of fun!

### **Water Appreciated**

The sponsoring churches are again contributing bottled water for the Family Festival. Your donation of a case or two is appreciated. Just bring them to church before the festival.

### **News from the McCurdy Family in Costa Rica**

Elizabeth McCurdy, the oldest of the McCurdy children, graduated from High School. She will be spending the summer with her grandparents. In August, she will begin studies in Young Ministry at Columbia International University in South Carolina. If you want to send a card of congratulations, you may send it to :255 Euclid Ave. Ridgway, PA 15853.

In May, Peter visited churches in Pennsylvania, N.Y. and Ohio. He attended the graduation at Eastern University. It was a blessing for him to watch his students walk across the stage and receive their Masters of Theology degrees.

Sarah is teaching two Bible studies.

If you want to correspond with the McCurdy's their email is [mccurdy@internationalministries.org](mailto:mccurdy@internationalministries.org)

