

Good News Letter

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There is an old song written by someone named Matthew Moore called, "Space Captain," about a person, I am sure, who represents the human race, who is flying through space when they noticed Earth and in curiosity came down to check things out. Upon arrival they got stuck, forgot how to fly, only be released again to take to the skies when they learn to live together in peace.

Though the idea is fantastic, the sentiment is powerful and relevant, and provides a good starting point to reflect on the coming summer. Summertime is near, after all. Since we have been focusing on The Year for Prayer, and since prayer is an indispensable part of learning to live together, our summer activities will continue that emphasis.

There will be a Mission Thank You Dinner on June 23rd, to celebrate the generosity all of you have shown in supporting the various missions projects we emphasize throughout the year.

There will be a series of services called, "Evening Prayers," which will be patterned after what in some other traditions is called, "Vespers." The services will include music, scripture reading and other readings,



and corporate prayer. The dates are on Sundays July 7th and 21st, August 4th and 18th, at 6 P.M. I hope you will join us.

In addition, there are several "Open Sanctuary" times throughout the summer for anyone to come and pray in the sanctuary. This opportunity provides a way of putting to good use some of what we have learned about prayer this past year. The dates are

June 11 from 9am-12pm,
June 19 from 5pm-8pm,
July 17 from 9am-12pm,
July 22 from 5pm-8pm,
August 15 from 9am-12pm,
August 20 from 5pm-8pm.

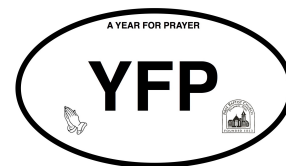
Once again we will participate in the Delaware Family Festival (block party) on July 13 from 11am-2pm. And for

those of you who may be wondering about the basketball courts at Blue Limestone Park, they are installed; there will be a dedication on Saturday, June 15. I will let you know about the time later.

As you know by now, David Harris has been called to be the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Syracuse, NY. His ministry begins on June 2nd. I want to express my gratitude for David and the contribution he has made to the life of our church over the last three years. Please keep David in your prayers as he begins his new venture.

May God's presence be felt in everything you do and in every place you go this summer. My prayer is that all of you will find guidance in confusing times, comfort in times of sorrow, strength in weakness, and above all, that your faith in Jesus Christ will be enhanced and your capacity for love and forgiveness widened as we continue "learning to live together."

Blessings,
-Mark



Volunteers For June

Fellowship Time

| | |
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| June 2 | Lee |
| June 9 | Faulk |
| June 16 | Turner |
| June 23 | Open-Please volunteer |
| June 30 | Gosser |

Panera Pick-Up

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| June 6 | Open-Please volunteer |
| June 13 | Open-Please volunteer |
| June 20 | Lee |
| June 27 | Faulk |

Thank you all for volunteering.

Mission/Outreach News

During the month of April, the church's outreach was to bring snack items, candy, post it notes, popcorn, and other goodies to fill the teacher appreciation bags for Teacher Appreciation Day at Conger Elementary. The bags were filled on April 28th.

On May 12th, as we celebrated Mother's Day, our outward focus was collecting monetary donations for Blanket Sunday to be given to Church World Service.

June's Mission Focuses are One Great Hour of Sharing and Tools of Hope for Father's Day on June 16th.

In June, we will be making plans for the Family Block Party to be held on July 13th! We will be accepting donations of bottled water. We hope that you will be able to come and help host the lawn games. It is a great way to have fun and get together with others in our community.

We continue to fill the basket in the Welcome Center for People In

Need throughout the summer. When you grocery shop, please try to pick up a nonperishable food item for the basket to help our neighbors.

Thank You!

Thanks to all who brought goodies to put in the bags for teacher appreciation at Conger Elementary. Thanks to those who stayed after church to fill the bags. Thanks to Pam and Larry Faulk for delivering the bags to Conger. The teachers appreciated it!

Panera Pick Up Continues

If you have a Thursday evening free (8:45 p.m.) and you could help pick up the unsold items from Panera and rebag them, it would help so much with this outreach. Then on Friday morning at 8:30 a.m., if you could deliver the items to Andrews House, that

Birthdays and Anniversaries



June

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

Please report any errors.

would be so appreciated. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Place. If you have never helped with this, talk to Pam Faulk, Candy Lee, Mary Lou Lovell, or Dr. Allison. Maybe you could give it a try this summer.

Thanks for a Wonderful Youth Sunday

The youth of the First Baptist Church should be commended for participating on Youth Sunday on May 19th!

Brennan Howe was greeter and candle lighter. James Reynolds gave the Call to Worship, invocation and led the Lord's Prayer. Taylor Trigg helped with the offering. Conner Trigg read the Old Testament reading and helped with the offering. Gabe Fogle gave the Children's Moment which included a visual paper folding on how the be happy by following Christ. Aidan Ferguson and Will Fogle played violin solos:
Aidan - 1st Movement of Concerto #5 in D Major by Seitz
Will - I Love to Tell the Story

Women's Fellowship

The ladies of the church will gather for lunch on Saturday, June 15 at 11:30 at the Frisch's in Marysville. It is located on Route #36 on the right just as you are getting close to Marysville.

Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend and/or if you need a ride.

Pastor Vacation

Dr. Allison will be on vacation June 3 - 9. If you have a need or concern, please contact a deacon. Mike Reynolds will preach on June 9.

Personals

>Dave Lovell was recently hospitalized because of blood clots in his lungs and legs. He is recovering at home.

>Aidan Ferguson was listed on the Hayes High School Distinguished Honor Roll for the third quarter, and Will Fogle was listed on the Honor Roll for the third quarter. Congratulations Guys!

>The Lovells were recently visited by their son Matt from San Diego and Mary Lou's cousin Diane from New York.

>Connor and Taylor Trigg recently received trophies for spring soccer.

>Jack Trigg recently won a Superior Award at the State Science Fair held at the French Field Hous on the Ohio State campus. Jack was also confirmed on Sunday, May 12 at the Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church. Jack is the grandson of Archie and Beth Trigg.

>Cullen Faulk, the grandson of Pam and Larry Faulk was recently awarded the Eagle of the Cross Award which is given to outstanding Catholic teenagers.

>Erin Faulk's fourth grade class won first place in the state for elementary grades in the Ohio Energy Project again this year. Erin was presented with the Outstanding Energy Efficiency Education Award from Columbia Gas.

Congratulations

Jane Mercer graduated from Miami University with a degree in Interior Design.

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 |
| Faulk family | Condolences-death of Evoleno Cole |
| Grubbs/Haycox family | Condolences-death of Nicholas Haycox |

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



David Harris, Jr. Accepts Position

David Harris, Jr., who has served as pastoral intern and youth advisor with us for the past three years, has been called to be the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Syracuse, NY. His last Sunday with us was Youth Sunday, May 19. He will begin his ministry in Syracuse on June 2.

Thank You Notes

We recently received a thank you letter from the ABHMS for our contribution to this year's America for Christ offering, which I have excerpted below. The complete letter is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

Your generous giving allows ABHMS to provide scholarships for American Baptist students and ministry leaders; to support our work with intercultural Ministries

by providing resources and training that foster sharing and learning across cultures; to help those who are interested in chaplaincy and specialized ministries; to support churches, seminaries, colleges, church leaders, children in poverty, and men and women re-integrating back into society from incarceration.

Your generosity allows ABHMS to make an impact in our communities and your gift also supports your regional office. God bless you for your thoughtfulness! We are grateful for your continued partnership and financial gifts.

The Faulk Family would like to thank our church family for the beautiful planter that was sent for Pam's mother's funeral. They also thank those who came to the funeral home and everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, and food.

Carol Grubbs and her family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, and phone calls at the death of her grandson Nicholas Haycox who passed away on April 26.

Dave Lovell sends out his appreciation to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, calls, and food during his recent illness.

Thank you Sunday school teachers!. Please take a moment to thank our hard-working Sunday school teachers and substitute teachers: Mark Allison, Candy Lee, Larry, Faulk, Pam Faulk, Pat Gosser, Randy Turner, and David Harris.

Puzzle Night

Yes, we still have some puzzles to finish in the Fellowship Hall. It's probably because we spend more time in fellowship than on the puzzles themselves. We are going to have another Puzzle Night on Sunday, June 9 at 7:00. Popcorn will be provided. Come out and have some fun and fellowship.

Tools of Hope Sunday June 16th - Father's Day


On Father's Day, June 16, you can honor important men in your life by donating money that goes to Church World Service for the purpose of providing tools, blankets, tents, and other shelter items to adults and children worldwide.

Mission Thank You Event

Our church fellowship does such a wonderful job of helping us to meet our goal for each of the four special offerings that we participate in each year: America for Christ, One Great Hour of Sharing, World Mission Offering, and the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. As a thank you, we are going to have a special event in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 23 at 6:00 for our whole church fellowship. We will begin with a pizza and

salad supper which will be followed by some fun activities. There is no need to bring anything, just a desire to share in fellowship, food, and fun. This is a thank you to all of you, so please come.

-Pam Faulk



**Sanctuary Open for
Days for Prayer**

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

Tuesday, June 11,
9am - noon

Wednesday, June 19,
5pm - 8pm

**Come,
Spend some time,
Prav**

More Than We Can Imagine

God is doing more than we can imagine! Everywhere we turn, it seems there are communities in conflict and chaos around our world. We hear of families being separated from their homes or each other because of disasters. Maybe it is because of a volcanic eruption in Indonesia, or because of wars and political turmoil in Syria and East Africa, or because of violence in Central America. Daily we hear of such news and our hearts pull us toward God. In the midst of suffering and uncertainty, God pulls us, calls us, uses us to be compassion. We, the Church, are called to be God's compassion at work in the world, helping to rebuild and

create a better world for all. The world we are being called to create may seem beyond what we can imagine, but it is a world that God can imagine.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing we are creating, together, a world where families have access to clean water, education and medical care - where they can find new homes without persecution; it is a world where there is shalom. You are making that possible. You are making what God imagines for this world a reality through your generous gifts. During the month of June, we will be accepting your gifts for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Our goal is \$700. Please prayerfully consider your donation.

-Pam Faulk

Church Directory Updates

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Ken & Genevieve Peterson will be moving soon to:
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#158

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

Blanket Sunday

May 12, 2019

Thank you First Baptist! Your donations to Church World Service in honor / memory of the important women in your life resulted in an offering of \$220.00. This will be used by Church World Service to help those in need.

| <i>Giver:</i> | <i>Honor/Memory of:</i> |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <i>Mark Allison</i> | <i>Fern Allison</i> |
| <i>Jeanne Ekelberry</i> | <i>Ethel Trogdon, Imogene Ekelberry</i> |
| <i>Erin and Larry Faulk</i> | <i>Pam Faulk, Pat Cole, Florence Faulk, Jean Wickum</i> |
| <i>Pam and Larry Faulk</i> | <i>Erin Faulk, Laurie Faulk, Patricia Rose, Evoleno Cole, Florence Faulk Mary Anderson, Jean Wickum</i> |
| <i>Deb, Will and Gabe Fogle</i> | <i>Mary Lou Lovell, Barbara Smith, Carol Serviss, Jenny Lovell, Ida Morby</i> |
| <i>Pat Gosser</i> | <i>Jean Scott</i> |
| <i>Carol Grubbs</i> | <i>Ruth Brown, June Grubbs</i> |
| <i>Dave Lovell</i> | <i>Mary Lou Lovell, Deborah Fogle, Barbara Smith, Jennie Lovell Margaret Morby</i> |
| <i>Candace Lee</i> | <i>Christine Lee</i> |
| <i>Lana and Jerry Palmer</i> | <i>Helen and C. W. Palmer, Bernice and Ben Turney</i> |
| <i>Reynolds family</i> | <i>Grandparents</i> |
| <i>Pam and Ken Shears</i> | <i>Janet Lathrop, Frances Shears</i> |
| <i>Randy Turner</i> | <i>Jane Moore Snyder, Tonabell Turner, Freda Jones, Lennie Turner</i> |