

# Good News Letter

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I want to thank everyone for your prayers during my time away last week. Please continue to pray for Jackie as she heals up, and for my dad and sister and her family as they adjust to the new circumstances. We are doing well. Thank you all.

The present civil strife makes me sad. Yet I am hopeful. In spite of the protests and the destruction, this feels different to me, like there is more agreement than in times past. I believe that we all want justice and peace. Meanwhile, a few reminders from scripture can help.

In Ephesians, Paul writes;

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

It has been said that compassion is the ability “to walk a mile in someone else’s shoes.” In the present circumstances it is a good suggestion to be very conscientious in the practice of compassion, by considering the ones whose actions we understand the least, and think about what it might be like to be in their circumstances.



Along the same line, keep in mind the words of Paul in Philippians 2, to “value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you look to the interests of the others.”

There is also, as if we could forget, a viral pandemic that has limited our ability to gather together. We are now in the most difficult phase (at least to me) of the shutdown when the case numbers are coming down and partial re-openings are in progress and a decision about resuming our worship gatherings is almost upon us.

Presently, I don’t have such a decision. I believe that it is wise to wait a few more weeks to see the impact of all the recent activities before we make a decision. Please be patient; we want to ensure everyone’s safety and the safety of our community. Forgive our caution if you think we are moving too slowly.

Some of you may want to forgive our impatience if you think we are moving too quickly.

I wish I could say all this will be over soon, but it looks like things might drag on for awhile. Let me leave you with a reading from 1 Corinthians. It is the well-known passage about the nature of unselfish love:

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

I pray for each of you that God’s presence will bring you peace that surpasses knowledge, joy that knows no bounds, and an enduring hope, until we meet again.

- Mark

## People in Need (PIN)

The church will be open on Saturday, June 20th from 9 - noon to drop off contributions for PIN. Your generosity is appreciated.

## Online Worship To Continue

For the month of June, worship will continue online. Please join us at [fbcdelaware.org](http://fbcdelaware.org) or on facebook. Copies of previous worship services are available on the "Videos" page of our website. If you do not have internet access and would like a DVD copy of each service, phone or email me.  
- Larry Faulk

## Office Hours by Appointment

During Governor Dewine's "Stay-Safe" order, Dr. Allison will be available by appointment. Dr. Allison may be reached by phone at 618-210-9714 or by email at [mallison1@twc.com](mailto:mallison1@twc.com). Please call or email as needed.

## Women's Fellowship

As we are continuing to keep safe, there will be no gathering of the Women's Fellowship this month.

## People in Need (PIN)

Thanks to all who made contributions to PIN on May 16th. Your donations are appreciated. We would like to offer another drop off day for PIN on Saturday, June 20th. The church will be open from 9 - noon to receive non-perishable items.

## Thank You

Thank you to Larry Faulk for being at church for the collection of food for People In Need. Thanks to all who found a way to bring in food in this "stay at home" time. Thank you to Peter White for taking items to People In

Need. Many are in need at this time with job loss and illness.

Panera pick-up continues on Thursday evenings. Thanks to the Fogles for keeping this going for many weeks.

Thank you to Larry Faulk for creating the Sunday services that are online. We miss being together to worship, but the online services allow us to stay connected and hear Mark's messages. Thanks to Randy and Claire for their solos, Will Fogle for his violin solos, Deb and Will for their duet, Erin Faulk for her amazing photography and Jennifer Turner for her piano solos. It takes all of you!

Thanks,  
Mary Lou Lovell

## Personals

> Congratulations to our teens! For the third quarter at Hayes, Aidan Ferguson was on the Distinguished Honor Roll, Will Fogle was on the Honor Roll, and Hannah Nace was on the Merit Roll.

> Cullen Faulk recently graduated summa cum laude from Warren G. Harding High School in Warren, Ohio and was one of the commencement speakers. He will attend Case Western University in the fall. Harding's graduation can be viewed on YouTube if you go to the school's web site.

> Pam Faulk recently had cataract surgery.

There is not much news in recent months because we have been "hunkered down." I welcome any news that you would like shared. Feel free to call or e-mail me with any news items.

-Pam Faulk

## Financial Report

While the financial report for May has not been finalized as of the publishing of this newsletter, it appears that giving for May is very close to expenses for the month. At the end of June, the formal report for the first half of 2020 will be available. Your prayerful continued commitment to giving is appreciated.

- Larry Faulk, treasurer

### 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.*

## One Great Hour of Sharing

Dear First Baptist Family,

I received the following letter from Lisa Rothenberger-Winter of our American Baptist Home Missions Societies (ABHMS) about the One Great Hour of Sharing which says everything so much better than I can about a great need.

"For Americans, COVID-19 has been an unprecedented disruption to life as we have known it. For many, it is devastatingly life-changing, as loved ones succumb to the deadly virus. Others continue to lose jobs overnight. Like you, I have practiced the mandated social distancing, aware that the ability to distance myself from others is a luxury that many in our country and around the world do not have.

Our evening news is focused almost entirely on differing aspects of the pandemic, and afternoon briefings by state authorities have become the norm. There is one indisputable fact: the need created by COVID-19 surpasses what most of us have seen in our lifetime.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is one of the American Baptist expressions of relief for those who are in need now, and those who will be in need in the future. Some have already experienced the toll that this virus takes while others are social distancing to prevent it from taking root in their community.

We know what this means for Americans. We have watched the news as the figures for unemployment claims have soared to record numbers. We see the lines for the food distributions. In a similar way, all around the world, social distancing means that many are not able to leave the house. That means many are not able to work.

## 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
Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Raleigh Gosser	Hospice Care
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Raeleen George	Health Issues
Steve & Sharon Baker	Health Issues
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's father & sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	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!

And that means many are not able to feed their families. The cycle is the same whether you are in Indiana or India.

Because American Baptists gave to the OGHS annual offering last year we had the resources to provide immediate relief. Today, gifts received in 2019 are being used around the world to provide personal protective equipment, food relief and economic support.

The ABHMS has issued an appeal for funds to provide relief here in the U.S. and Puerto Rico... International Ministries (IM) has done the same for relief outside the U.S. To date, over \$70,000 has been provided to more than 32 partners in 22 countries around the world. And this is just the beginning...

As your congregation considers receiving the OGHS annual offering this year, I understand that not everyone will be able to give as they have in the past. Some are struggling with an uncertain financial situation from the loss of income. I am very sensitive to this and do not want to encourage you to ask people to give financially beyond their ability during these trying times. If that is the case within your church, thank you for standing with OGHS and continuing to support the offering

with your prayers. For those who can give, encourage them to support the offering as they have in the past, and with any additional offerings they can give, provide for COVID-19 response."

Dear church family, what many of you may not realize is that although the OGHS has provided disaster relief in many areas of the U.S. in the past, it has been to individual states or areas. This is the first time that our entire country has been affected by a national disaster, and the need is very great. I also understand that some of our church fellowship may not be able to support the OGHS as much as they usually do during this crisis. I ask that you all prayerfully consider your support as much as you can. I ask that those who can support this important offering to consider giving a little more than usual if possible. Our goal is \$700. Since we are not gathering in church right now, you will not have a special envelope for this offering. You can include it in your regular offering check and make a note on the memo line that it is for OGHS. You can mail your check to the church or to Randy Turner, or you may take your check to church on any of the mornings that Pastor Allison is in his office.

You can also use the online giving website. There is already a link to the OGHS there.

-Pam Faulk

### From Emerson & Ivy Wu

Greetings and peace to you all,

Hope this email find you are well and safe. It seems all world is shaking – the curfew and violent protest across the States, the

#### Tools of Hope Sunday

Normally on Father’s Day, we honor fathers by pinning donations for Church World Services ministry on the blanket at the front of the sanctuary. Since we are only meeting online this June, we need to celebrate a little differently. Please send your check, along with your designated honors/memorials, to the church or donate online at [fbcdelaware.org](http://fbcdelaware.org).

#### Tools of Hope Sunday Donation

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imposed Security Laws on Hong Kong as part of the Basic Laws that governs the One Country Two Systems operation, and the first municipal recall election in Taiwan’s history on this coming Saturday (6/6) against a high-profile mayor, who was the former presidential candidate for the Kuomintang (KMT). On top of them, is the pandemic threaten. Taiwan still is the safest place with the COVID-19. So far, we are safe and well. Due to Emerson needs more doctor appointments for his dental treatment and monitoring his irregular heartbeat problem, we look forward to returning to Hong Kong in July.

The Hong Kong community is still suffering with the inconvenience of quarantine, the limitation of the group gathering, and unemployment caused by the pandemic, the new Security Law provokes thousands of protesters going to the streets and HK police using tear gas to suppress the demonstrations. Please pray for the city and God’s sovereignty and mercy over it.

We, now, still can communicate with the partners (churches and friends) in Hong Kong thru email, phone chat & text in the cell phone. No one knows when will the FB and WhatsApp (the most used communication application for cell phone users in HK) be banned by the government after the new Security Law is applied and practiced.

Our term of service should end on February 29, 2022. So, we ought to

return to US before August 31, 2021. Therefore, we will have half year (Sep 1, 2021 – February 29, 2022) for the deputation in the States. Those time frame and schedule are ideally planned without any special circumstances. There might have disturbed or turbulent situation for Hong Kong in the near future. We can only trust God’s leading and protection to serve until the day we should leave.

More than a month, we had regular Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study with the staffs of the research center and Professor Lin’s small group from her church. (Please see the photos.) Emerson and I have plenty time read the Bible and books. We are digging in reading a series from *The Land Between (A Regional Study Guide to The Land of The Bible)* by James Monson, also another book written by my Ashland Seminary’s professor. Prayerfully, I can finish reading his huge book – page by page.

Please stay safe and stay healthy. You are in our prayers.

Blessings,  
Ivy and Emerson

#### Honors/Memorials

I hope to publish the Honors & Memorials for Blanket Sunday and Tools of Hope in the July newsletter. If you didn’t send your honoree with your contribution, please email it to me. Thanks,  
[lfaulk01@aol.com](mailto:lfaulk01@aol.com)

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Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

All onsite services cancelled for June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 7:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle	5	6
7 Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org	8	9	10	11 7:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle	12	13
14 Flag Day Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org Baptist Youth Day of Prayer 	15	16	17	18 7:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle	19	20 People in Need (PIN) donations 9-noon World Refugee Day
21 Father's Day Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org Tools of Hope Sunday July newsletter deadline today	22	23	24	25 7:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle	26	27
28 Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org July newsletter available today	29	30	July 1	2 7:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle	<b>June Mission Focus:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Great Hour of Sharing</li> <li>• Tools of Hope Sunday</li> <li>• People in Need (PIN)</li> </ul>	