

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC Family:

As the time of my retirement draws ever closer I find myself thinking about things that had not been of much concern to me in previous days. One of those things has to do with communication. I decided this week to drop my Frontier phone service at our home. We were finding that we hardly ever received calls on the landline and most of the ones that we did receive were telemarketers or wrong numbers. We have become so used to using our individual cell phones that we just did not have need for the home phone. If you need to reach me please use the cell phone number that is in the church directory. I will also list that number in the bulletin for the next couple of weeks. I am not putting the number in the newsletter because it is posted on the internet and I don't need for the whole world to know the number and be calling me. I have notified the few people that do use the home number to alert them to the change.

In March we will be receiving the America for Christ Offering. This offering supports the work of our denomination at the regional and national level. In the coming year you will be more aware of the work of our denomination as you begin



the search for a new pastor. In March our Regional Minister, the Reverend Jane Gibbons, will be meeting with the parish council and board of deacons to discuss the next steps. I have already met with Jane and also with our Executive Minister, the Reverend Dr. Larry Swain, to fill them in on my retirement. They will be valuable assistants in the search

for an interim minister as well as you next pastor. There are many behind the scenes things that go on in the search for pastors. This is one of the areas that our denomination supports the work of the local church.

Our goal for the America for Christ Offering will be \$600.00. Please give generously we support the work of staff as well as home missionaries serving in a variety of ministries across the nation.

In my announcement last month about my upcoming retirement I noted that my retirement date would be May 31. As I looked at the calendar I realized that my last Sunday would be during Memorial Day weekend. Since I had already notified the deacons of my intention to take two of my five weeks annual vacation before I leave. One of those weeks was to be spent in Connecticut. Since I had not planned the other week I decide

to take of that last week in May. Therefore my last Sunday preaching at FBC will be May 18.

Kathy and I appreciate the kind words you have shared with us about this impending change. We continue to hope that the remaining time will be a time of celebration of our time together these past twelve and one half years.

Pray for the future.

Your Pastor,

Pancake Supper

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper March 4 at 6:30 pm. The meal includes pancakes, waffles, fruit, chocolate chips, blueberry syrup, and fellowship. Especially the fellowship. Bring a friend. The meal is free. The time together is priceless.

P.S. There is no talent sharing requirement this year.

—Larry Faulk



Birthdays & Anniversaries



March 5 Ben Turner
 7 Robert Foor
 11 Rick & Sandy Van Brimmer
 12 Evan Trigg
 Sydney Kauf
 13 Amy Pfarr
 18 Dave Lovell
 27 George Riedmiller
 28 Becky Sykes

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

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).

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
The Deacons	Christina Kilhefner	Health issues
	Bertha Van Brimmer	Health issues
	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
	Steve Baker	Health issues
	Fran Cook	Heart problems
	Betty Porter	Health issues
Pastor Tim	Hazel Chesser	Health Issues
Betty Porter	Diane Lukart	Recovering from surgery
	Joe DeGenova	Recovering from surgery
Beth Trigg	Joy McAfee	Cancer

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

Sunday School Survey

Several years ago, we changed how we did the opening of Sunday school in order to have more fellowship. At the January business meeting, a motion was raised to discuss how we open Sunday school and if it needs some changes.

A survey about Sunday school opening is being distributed. Please take the time to fill out your survey (one per person) and put it in the survey box in the vestibule. Parents may want to help smaller children with their surveys. Please answer the questions honestly about your own feelings.

Please fill out the survey even if you do not want to see any changes because we need to know that also

If you do not participate in Sunday school, feel free to disregard the survey if you wish.

- Board of Christian Education

"Family Promise": Delaware's Homeless Shelter

Beth Trigg recently accepted the position of Executive Director of Family Promise. This is Delaware's only homeless shelter. The facility is lovely and provides interim housing for up to approximately five families.

While there, the parents receive job direction and assistance in attaining housing.

Website:
<http://www.familypromise-delawareohio.org>

Personals

- Ken Frische had knee surgery recently.
- Pat Gosser had out-patient surgery on her shoulder.
- Jeanne Ekelberry has been having problems with her knees.
- Pam and Larry Faulk took a 2-week cruise to Hawaii to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary which was in August.



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