

# Good News Letter

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Back in the 1980's, when I was in seminary, I took an introduction to the New Testament. Each day in class my professor would take time for prayer concerns and have a time of prayer. One time there were so many concerns expressed that by the time we were finished there wasn't any time left for the class work.

In March, our mission focus is the America for Christ offering for the work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society (Our goal is \$700). The funds raised will support discipleship programs, church planting, volunteer missions, prisoner re-entry and support for refugees all right here in the United States of America.

Also, First Baptist will be hosting the Marion Association youth event on March 13. This meeting gives our young people a chance to meet and become friends with Baptist youth around our association.

In that same time we will work our way through our Lenten Bible study on Sunday nights. It is always good to remember that the study of the Bible, or missions, or youth fellowships, or any other thing the church does when it gets together, takes place in the context of friendships founded upon faith in Christ. Whenever one gathers with others in worship or to serve in any way, we meet with our family in Christ. The Christian Fellowship we share is more important than what we accomplish doing missions or what we learn. It is more important to cultivate relationships than to have knowledge, and building relationships is what missions is all about.

I think my old professor was trying to teach us this lesson and that is why he took time for prayer concerns and was even willing to let it take up the whole class time once in a while. As we gather in bible study on Sunday nights throughout Lent, and support missions and youth ministry, we grow together in Christian Fellowship. And as Easter



## March

approaches, I pray that our activities be infused with the divine love towards each other that God has shown to each of us through Jesus Christ.

So let us not forget the vision of the cross, God's Son taking upon himself the sins of the world and our own sins. Let us not forget the empty tomb signifying the victory of life over death, mercy over judgment, fullness over emptiness. And let us meet together throughout this season with the power of those two images fresh in our minds, never forgetting that they are the foundation of our friendship and source of our unity and hope.

– Mark

## Maundy Thursday Service

Please plan to join us for our annual Maundy Thursday "Upper Room" candlelight service of worship and communion, Thursday, March 24th at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

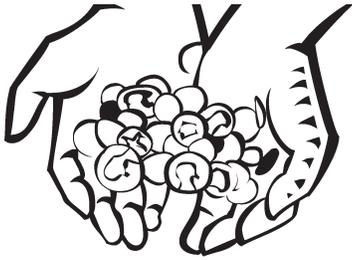
– Larry Faulk

## America For Christ

God's desire for all who know Him is for us to become more like Christ. We become more like Christ by first growing in our knowledge of Him. It stands to reason that we cannot grow to be like someone we don't know. The deeper our knowledge of Christ, the deeper our understanding of Him, and the more like Him we become. Among other reasons, we are to know and understand Christ so that we will be secure in the faith. The America for Christ Offering 2016 theme "Discipleship; Becoming More Like Christ" reminds us that, as American Baptists, we embody the love of our Lord in word and deed. It reminds us that service is a way of life for Christ's church. Extending the hope, love, and compassion of our Lord to our neighbors and communities is a powerful demonstration that we have been transformed. We are reinvigorated by this year's theme to come alongside people as they journey through life. I am asking you to join me in giving generously to this year's America for Christ Offering and, in doing so, help us to reach our goal of \$700 as a church in support of home mission. Last year this was the only one of our four special offer-

ings where we did not reach our goal. Let's turn that around this year.

– Pam Faulk



## Change For Change

I know it has only been a few months, but it is time to change our clocks forward, and that means that we will once again be collecting all your loose change. On Sunday morning, March 13, set your clock forward one hour and bring all your loose change to church for a special offering. This money will go to Andrews House to be contributed toward the Delaware summer lunch program for children. Last year we contributed a total of \$240.43 from the March and November offerings. Thank you for generously continuing this mission to help eliminate childhood hunger in our own community.

– Pam Faulk

## Easter Offering

The Easter offering in the marked envelopes will go to the Common Ground Free Store.

## Volunteers

### Kid Connection

- March 6 Erin Faulk/  
Aidan Ferguson
- March 13 Larry Faulk/Claire Turner
- March 20 Pat Gosser/Alec Ferguson
- March 27 Pam Shears/Will Fogle

### Fellowship Time

- March 6 Palmer
- March 13 Turner
- March 20 Ekelberry

## 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	<b>Jerry Palmer and Extended Family</b>	Condolences on his sister's death
	<b>Alvin Cox</b>	Health issues
	<b>Betty Porter</b>	Recovery from oral surgery
	<b>Christina Kilhefner</b>	Transplant recovery
	<b>Penny Hagaman</b>	Health issues
	<b>Steve Baker</b>	Health issues
	<b>Bora Porter</b> (Janet's daughter)	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!*

March 27 OPEN - please volunteer

### Panera Pick-up

- March 3 Faulk
- March 10 Lovell
- March 17 Palmer
- March 24 Nace
- March 31 Gosser

Thank you all for volunteering in these missions for our church.

## Lenten Dinner

On Sunday, March 20, we will have the last of our Sunday Lenten dinners at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to go with the pizza. The Bible Study will begin at 6:30 after the dinner.

## Easter Lilies

Easter lilies can be ordered to decorate our church on Easter Sunday. They can be given in someone's memory or honor, and you can take them home after the service.

The price is \$7 each. The last day to place orders is Palm Sunday, March 20. They will be ordered the next morning so don't miss the deadline.

## Quilt Display at Delaware County Library

March 5th through April 2, 30 to 40 quilts will be displayed from the second floor railings made by Delaware Piecemakers and friends. A guide book will be at the reference desk so you can read about who make the quilts (please return the book when you leave so it can be used by others).

– Jeanne Ekelberry

## Delaware Piecemakers

Delaware Piecemakers Quilt Guild will celebrate National Quilt Day on Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

As a non-profit group, we donate pillocases to the Hospital for Children (they get to take them home), baby quilts for at-risk children, and other items needed through the Delaware Health Department and Veterans Quilts.

Quilters use their skills to help others and because they just like to quilt. In the past they used outgrown cloths and whatever fabric was available.

– Jeanne Ekelberry

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



March 5	Ben Turner
6	Nancy Via Summers
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

*Names and dates are from the latest church directory.*

## Why Do Homemade Quilts Cost So Much?

Since most non-sewers don't know what's involved in making a quilt, I've including a breakdown of cost and time to make one.

Fabric regular size bed (7 yards at \$11 a yard)	\$77
Back (6 yards at \$8 a yard)	48
Batting (3 yards)	36
Binding	11
Construction: cut, sew, borders, labels	132
Cut, attach binding, hand sew finish (8 hours)	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$545</b>

Of course, hand quilting takes longer and costs more – intricate machine quilting costs more. But you could also go to Walmart or Kohls and get a quilt for \$40 for \$60 from China! But be careful of the long stitches, they are not 10 to 12 per inch like our mothers used to make.

– Jeanne Ekelberry

## He Set His Face to Jerusalem

### Lenten Bible Study

Sunday Evenings 6:30-7:30 P.M.

#### March 6

The Last Supper  
Mark 14:10-26; John 13:1-34

#### March 13

The Midnight Hour and  
Taken Prisoner  
Matthew 26:36-46; Luke 22:39-46  
Matthew 25:31-46

#### March 20

Listen Closely – His Final Words  
Matthew 26:5:33-43; Mark 15:22-32  
Like 23-26-43; John 19:17-27



## Wanted: Treadmill / Exercise Bike

If someone has a treadmill and/or a recombinant exercise bike to sell, I would be interested in purchasing them. Please contact me at 740-362-8637 or lfaulk01@aol.com.

– Larry Faulk

## Andrews House Volunteers Needed

FBC is scheduled to serve and clean up at the Andrews House Second Friday dinner on March 11, 2016 and volunteers are needed. Please let me know if you can help that evening from 5:30 pm until about 7pm. Thanks,

– Larry Faulk 740-362-8637 or lfaulk01@aol.com

## PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

### 1 Year Ago

March 2015 Newsletter

Longtime member Bertha Fay Van Brimmer, 85, passed away in February at the Sarah Moore Home. She served on many committees and boards through the years. Her husband Jim, also a longtime member, died in 2010.

### 5 Years Ago

March 2011 Newsletter

Former member Susan Mussard, 63, passed away at her home. For almost 20 years she taught language arts at Willis, in spite of her cerebral palsy.

### 15 Years Ago

March 2001 Newsletter

The Handicapped Access Project is now paid for.

### 40 Years Ago

March 1976 Newsletter

Sue Panek, an OWU student, was received into membership.

#### Remember this was the 1970s —

Jesus said unto them, "Who do you say that I am?" And they replied, "You are the eschatological manifestation of the ground of our being, the kerygma in which we find the ultimate meaning of our interpersonal relationships." And Jesus said, "What?" – graffiti at a college

### 45 Years Ago

March 1971 Newsletter

Rev. Ed Dana, who rebuilt our organ 9 years ago, has tuned and repaired it with the assistance of Peter White.

"Cap" Gabriel was a patient at Jane M. Case Hospital but is home now.

## Contact a Deacon

If you or someone close to you is ill, or goes to urgent care or the emergency room, or is having a crisis that we should know about, please call one of the deacons. We want to be supportive and to share your concern with the fellowship as you desire.

The deacons and a primary phone numbers are:

- Larry Faulk - (614)-204-1098
- Dave Lovell - (740)-369-6041
- Jennifer and Claire Turner (740)-816-0269.

– Larry Faulk

## Former Pastor Moving

Former pastor Rev. Tim Chesser and Kathy are moving to Connecticut in April. Their new address will be in the 2016 Church Directory.

## Youth Group hosting the ABY of Marion Association

First Baptist Church Delaware is hosting the Marion Association Youth on Sunday, March 13th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church, 101 N. Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio. We are going to do a special Easter Egg activity, some Easter games and have some snacks. If it is a nice day, we may even be able to get outside as well.

– Debbie Fogle

## Personals

- Ken Shears has been notified that he is to be inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame in the spring of 2017. Congratulations, Ken, on this high honor.
- Claire Turner will be performing in the Hayes production of LES MISERABLES March 17-20.
- Mary Lou Lovell spent several days in Albany, New York visiting her father who was in the hospital there.

- Jane Moore Snyder has finished writing her book called "Enlarge My Territory," a love story about her final months with Jimmie. It is now at the publishers.

- Alvin Cox continues to undergo chemotherapy. Please keep him in your prayers.

- Bev Cox had surgery on her thumb in February and will have surgery on the other thumb this month.

- Colin Ferguson and Claire Turner made the Hayes Honor Roll for the second quarter, and Alec Ferguson made the Merit Roll. Congratulations to all of you!

- Claire Turner will be participating in the equestrian event at the Arnold Classic in Columbus.

- Jerry Palmer's sister, Marylin Stephenson passed away in February. Please be in prayer for Jerry and Lana.

- Randy Turner performed in the Arena Faire production of LOVE LETTERS in February.

- The "On Religion" column of the Delaware Gazette on February 19 featured an article by Pastor Mark Allison entitled "Redemption is Better Than Vindication."

- Dave Lovell had cataract surgery on Feb. 22.

- On February 17 Claire Turner, Colin Ferguson, Aidan Ferguson, and Will Fogle participated in the All City Youth Orchestra concert.

- On February 29 Gabe Fogle and Claire Turner will participate in the All City Choir Concert.

– Pam Faulk, Personals Editor