

Good News Letter

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Practicing Prayer

February is the shortest and drabbiest month of the year. It has the Super Bowl in it, and Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, and President's Day to help make it a little cheerier. It also has in it the beginning of spring training in baseball, just to provide the encouragement of summer coming.

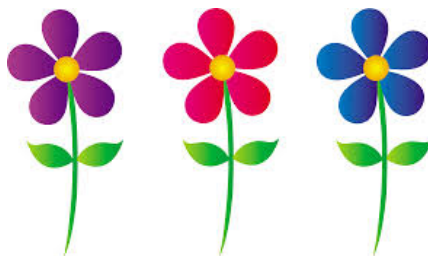
Winter has been going on long enough that most are ready for it to end.

As March draws near, so does Lent. I have always thought of Lent in its relation to Mardi Gras, the time of fasting and repentance after the excesses of Fat Tuesday. It is good also to remember that the proper order is to associate its sacrifices with what comes after, the joyous celebration of Easter.

At First Baptist, we are anticipating the Lenten study, which is called Practicing Prayer, and is in coordination with the Year For Prayer. This title not only refers to the ways of praying, the practices themselves, but also to the notion that, like almost anything else, the more one practices, the better one gets.

The study will be on Sunday evenings at 6:30 P.M., and will begin on March 10 with an introduction to the various types and expressions of prayer that Christians have found helpful down through the centuries. On

March 17th the study will be focused on petition and intercession, two of the most common forms.



March

I am excited to have some help this year. On March 24, Dr. Francesca Nuzzolese, Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at MTSO, will teach us about centering prayer. And on March 31, Mike Reynolds will present journaling prayer. Finally, on April 7th, the study will conclude with a look at ways of incorporating prayer into worship. Everyone is invited to participate as much as is possible. There is no study guide and if a meeting is missed, one can attend the others without having to catch up on anything.

Also, be aware of the mission emphasis is March, America for Christ, which supports the work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Not only does this offering support the strengthening of local churches and ministry to refugees, it is the American Baptist way of commissioning chaplains for work in the military and in other settings. Recently, the ABHMS

has become the mother of the American Baptist Personnel Service, which is the mechanism many churches use to search for and find pastors when the need arises. Prayerfully consider your contribution. Our goal is \$700.

I am thankful for our church family. I pray for continued growth in faith and in love, and that God would help us to reach out into our community in the ministry and service of the gospel.

God Bless,
-Mark



Change For Change

On Saturday night of March 9, we will turn our clocks forward for the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. That means that on Sunday morning of March 10, we will all bring our loose change that we have been saving to church for a special offering. This money goes to Andrews House which oversees the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for children. This is a way that we can contribute to our own community to guarantee that Delaware's children do not go hungry.



Volunteers For March

Fellowship Time

Mar 3 Lovell
 Mar 10 Volunteer Needed
 Mar 17 Lee
 Mar 24 Volunteer Needed
 Mar 31 Palmer

Panera Pick-Up

Mar 7 Lovell
 Mar 10 Lee
 Mar 21 Lovell
 Mar 28 Volunteer Needed

Rides for David Harris

- No one has signed up for March. Please contact David to make arrangements.

There are new sign-up sheets in the Gathering Place for the spring quarter. Thanks to all who volunteer.

Mission/Outreach News

February's Mission Focus was Turning Point. Turning Point is a Marion-based nonprofit organization that serves domestic-violence victims in six counties. Turning Point is opening the first shelter in Delaware County, the 13,000 square foot shelter at 500 N. Liberty St. which was the former Children's Home of Delaware. The cost of

renovating the facility was \$3.2 million which was raised by the organization's capital campaign, which began in 2016. Kathy King is the Director and one of four full-time employees.

The shelter can house up to 41 people. Most of the rooms have 2 sets of bunkbeds and one room is ADA-compliant. There are group living areas with a kitchen, living room, and dining room. There are also recreation and study areas for children as well as an outside play area. The facility is locked down and the entry is monitored by aides with 23 outside cameras. The shelter opened on Monday, February 18th.

Mission Moment

Thank you to Stephanie Rowe who is coming February 24th to speak for a Mission Moment during our church service. She will be presenting a short message to let us know more about Turning Point in Delaware. She has been instrumental in the opening of Turning Point in Delaware.

Thank You!

Thank you to ALL who have brought items to be given to Turning Point. during the month of February. Often victims come with nothing to Turning Point. Having items like children's PJs are so welcomed.

March Mission Focus

Our March Mission Focus will be the America for Christ offering and Change for Change offering.

There will be Mission Moments in March to explain the use of the America for Christ offering.

The Change for Change offering will be collected on March 10th when we "Spring Ahead" and set our clocks one hour ahead.

Please empty the change from your pockets or jars and bring it so it can be given to Andrews House to support the Delaware City Schools Free Summer Lunch Program.

Thank You, Too!

Thanks to all who have bought, cooked, and served food to participants of the "Stepping Up, Getting Ahead" classes held at William St. Church in the spring and the fall. It was very much appreciated. There is not going to be a spring class. They look forward to having a class in the fall.

The next meeting of the Mission/Outreach Group will be March 17th at 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Come and bring your ideas!

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
Raeleen George	Health Issues
Steve & Sharon Baker	Health Issues
Lee & Gosser families	Condolences-death of Vernon Howe
Jane Moore Snyder & family	Condolences-death of George Corder

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

Personals

- Vernon Howe, Pat Gosser and Candy Lee's brother and Brennan's grandfather, passed away on January 25.
- Jane Moore Snyder's brother George Corder passed away the last week of January, and Jane and Jim have been making many trips to West Virginia. Jane would like to thank our church fellowship for their cards and prayers.
- Aidan Ferguson will have two roles in the Hayes production of Mary Poppins on March 14, 15, and 16.
- Jeanne Ekelberry would like to thank our church fellowship for their prayers for her family.
- Beth Trigg slipped and cut her finger around her ring and had to have several stitches.
- Archie Trigg's aunt recently passed away.
- Steve Baker had been back in the hospital with heart issues.
- Alvin Cox has been in the hospital with pneumonia.
- Pam Faulk's mother, Pat Cole, was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is in hospice care.

Singers Welcome!

I am so pleased that our church provides special music almost every Sunday. Thanks to choir members, Brothers All and soloists for continuing to practice and be willing to share their music to praise the Lord. I am grateful to each one of you.

If you like to sing, please come on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. to be part of the choir. Males are welcome when Brothers All rehearses.

Come and give it a try!
-Mary Lou Lovell

Panera Pickup

Thanks to ALL who have been going to Panera on these cold and snowy Thursday nights to pick up unsold items. Your dedication to this helps those in the community in need of food. If you would like to help with this, talk with Pam Faulk, Pat Gosser, or Mary Lou Lovell.

Women's Fellowship

A group of 11 of us met on February 9 at Bun's. Our March women's fellowship lunch will be on Saturday, March 9. at the Delaware El Vaquero's on Wootring Street. We will meet at noon instead of 11:30 because they don't open until noon. Please let Pam Faulk know if you can attend or if you need a ride.

America For Christ

Jesus intends every member of the church to do the work of the ministry. The intention of ministry is to build up each other's faith and love. God's design is to use human support and encouragement to sustain the faith of God's children and to lighten the burdens they bear in the service of love for their community.

We are motivated and inspired by the American Baptist Home Mission Society's America for Christ offering. The theme "Healing Communities" is based on Galatians 6:9-10: Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a

Birthdays and Anniversaries



March

- 5 Mike Showalter
- Ben Turner
- 6 Nancy Via Summers
- 7 Robert Foor
- 11 Rick & Sandy VanBrimmer
- 12 Evan Trigg
- 18 Dave Lovell

Please report any errors.

harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

The "Healing Communities" theme is a passionate reminder to join with diverse communities in engaging existing resources, expanding our understanding, and nurturing community healing that encourages mutual transformation. Your generous AFC gifts supported the following ministries last year:

"Rebuilding, Rrestoring, Renewing Puerto Rico"- rebuilding the island one church and one building at a time.

Scholarships and Emerging Leaders- providing scholarships to students to help ease the debilitating effects of excessive student-loan debt.

Immigration and Refugee Resettlement- partnering with organizations that have resettled more that 100,000 displaced persons from across the world.

Rizpah's Children- partnering with agencies that provide support to children living in poverty.

Additional supported ministries include Disaster Response, Volunteer Mobilization, Prisoner

Re-Entry and Community Outreach Ministries.

AFC 2019 encourages us to engage in service to the church and the community. For many, that may be the way they experience the love of Christ in us. During the month of March, I am asking you to join me in giving generously to this year's AFC offering and help us to reach our goal of \$700 as we partner with ABHMS in healing communities.

Go Paperless

If you no longer need the paper version of "The Good News," there are two ways to "go paperless."

The newsletter is available in pdf form on our website at www.fbcdelaware.org. Just click on the "Newsletter" link on the left side of our home page to see a list of recent newsletters. We publish next month's newsletter on the last Sunday of each month. Newsletters from the previous three years are also available on our website.

A second method to receive the newsletter is by email. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you shortly after it publishes each month, please send me your email address to be added to the mailing list.

-Larry Faulk, editor

2019 Directory

The 2019 Directory will be available soon. Please review your information and let me know of any updates. If you would like a new photo, please see me.

-Larry

Early April Deadline

"The Good News" for April will publish as scheduled on March 31. However, I will be on vacation March 22 - 30 and will need newsletter articles early. The "Absolute" deadline to submit an article for the April newsletter is Tuesday, March 19. Thanks,



-Larry

Pancake Supper

All are invited to join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5th at 6 p.m. The menu includes pancakes, waffles, sausage, fruit, and Dave Lovell's famous blueberry syrup. The meal is free. Just bring a friend and your appetite. There will be an opportunity to share your talents with a reading, a skit, a song, a poem, or such. Come and join in an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

Worship / Lay Leaders Needed

You are invited to serve as a Worship Leader and/or as a Lay Leader for a Sunday or a series of Sundays.

The deacons would like to extend the opportunity for more participants in our worship services. If you would be willing to read scripture or lead prayer during worship, please let me or Dr. Allison know of your interest.

Thanks,

-Larry Faulk








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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>February 24</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Youth</p> <p>March newsletter available today</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup -Faulks</p>	<p> 1</p> <p>World Day of Prayer</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Transfiguration Sunday 3</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship - Communion</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 Piecemakers 7:00 Board of Christian Ed</p>	<p>Shrove Tues 5</p> <p> 6:00 Pancake Supper</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday 6</p> <p> 6:30 Choir</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup -Lovell</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Noon Women's Luncheon El Vaquero's</p> <p>Set clocks forward </p>
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<p>Second Sunday of Lent 17</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 2:00 Mission/Outreach Mtg 6:30 Lenten Study</p> <p> St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Absolute April Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p> 20</p> <p>First Day of Spring 6:30 Choir</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup -Lovell</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
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