

# Good News Letter

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Our Lenten reflections this year come from the Letter to the Hebrews. On March 1 at 6:30 P.M., we will meet to consider the opening line of the letter:

“In the past, God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days, God has spoken to us by his Son . . .”

There is no better time than the season of Lent to focus on these words and those in Hebrews that follow. I hope that all of you are planning to meet with us on all five Sundays in March. I have already written about this study in the previous newsletter, so it is not necessary to go over it all again now.

But I would like for us to ask what we can learn about ourselves, and about the world, and about God, when we say that God has spoken to us through a Son. The reference is clearly to Jesus, of course, a person of history who lived 2,000 years ago and was executed by the Romans. Even today,



that question still makes sense and is relevant to our situation.

We live in the age of automobiles and computers and rocket ships, of digital technology that can make cinematic representations seem more real than life itself (it is called CGI, which stands for Computer Generated Images, which can sometimes distract from otherwise adequate images by making them seem more real than reality). What do we learn about life from believing that God is revealed in Jesus that we can't learn from science and technology with its biological and chemical understanding of life?

By way of a preliminary answer, let me say that we learn that God is merciful

and forgiving, that God is by nature a self-sacrificing, loving person, whose grace gives meaning to all the experiences of life. If I were speaking instead of writing, I would say “that is a mouthful.” And there is more to say. The purpose of the Lenten season is to spend six weeks pondering God's sacrifice, so that *our* lives might better reflect that meaning, better reflect God's nature in a world desperately in need once again, for God to speak.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday nights.

Blessings,

- Mark

## Welcome guests

On March 1st we have the pleasure of serving as a neutral sight for a sister church and a prospective pastor. There will be guests in the congregation and a guest preacher. Please make every effort to be in attendance and to make them welcome.

## 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	Health Issues
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!

## Volunteers For March

### Fellowship Time

- Mar 1 Gosser
- Mar 8 Grubbs
- Mar 15 Lee
- Mar 22 Open - Volunteer Needed
- Mar 29 Open - Volunteer Needed

### Panera Pick-Up

- Mar 5 Faulk
- Mar 13 Faulk
- Mar 19 Grubbs
- Mar 26 Shears

Thank you all for volunteering your time. The Panera sign-up sheet is completely full for the spring quarter! We still need volunteers for Fellowship Time, however.

## Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to all who filled the basket with needed items for Family Promise. Peter White delivered the donated items.

February's mission has been to collect needed items for Turning Point. Again the basket is filling up. Thank you for thoughtfulness and generosity.

Panera Pick Up continues thanks to those willing to brave the cold and get the unsold breads and pastries, bag them, and deliver them to Andrews House on Friday morning. Many in the community are thankful for your work.

We are scheduled to prepare a meal on March 2nd for the Stepping Up/Getting Ahead class participants that meet at William St. Church.

The Mission Focus for March will be contributing to the America for Christ offering and giving your coins to the Change for Change offering. Pam Faulk will present Mission Moments during the worship service explaining the work of the America for Christ offering.

## Stepping Up / Getting Ahead Meal

We will be preparing chicken and noodles, green beans, tossed salad, rolls, and dessert for the Mar 2nd meal. If you would like to donate an item, prepare a food, serve and/or clean up, please put your name on the sign up sheet in the Gathering Place. The food needs to be delivered between 4:30-4:45 p.m. If you cannot deliver food, but you want to make something, Mary Lou will pick it up from you. Thanks so much for your help.

## You Shall Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

In Matthew Jesus teaches us to "love your neighbor as yourself."

Our church follows the teaching of Jesus by reaching out to the community and providing for our neighbors' needs, physical and spiritual alike. Our church's efforts are supported by American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), which provides resources for cultivating leaders, equipping disciples, and healing and transforming communities.

Through ABHMS, we serve neighbors in Puerto Rico and other places in the United States in long-term recovery after natural disasters. Indeed, ABHMS provides many ways to help our church love our many neighbors, near and far!

Our church supports this work through our generous gifts to the America for Christ (AFC) Offering. Each dollar given increases the ministry and impact of ABHMS to serve neighbors with ministries incarnating Christ's love, justice and compassion. Further, a portion of this offering will be shared with our American Baptist

Churches region for strengthening local church leaders through programming, pastoral search support and other efforts to help our local churches thrive, especially in these times when North America is its own challenging mission field.

Last year our church's AFC gifts supported the following ministries: rebuilding, restoring, renewing Puerto Rico one church at a time; providing scholarships to students to help ease the debilitating effects of student-loan debt; partnering with organizations that have resettled more than 100,000 displaced persons from across the world; partnering with agencies that provide support to children living in poverty.

Additional supported ministries included Disaster Response, Volunteer Mobilization, Prisoner Re-Entry, and Community Outreach Ministries.

AFC 2020 empowers our local and national efforts to "love our neighbor." I ask 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 to love our neighbors and share the gospel!

- Pam Faulk

### Women's Fellowship

In February, 10 women had fellowship and lunch at the Old Bag of Nails in Delaware. This month we will gather at 11:30 on Saturday, March 14 at the new Scramblers on Route 23 in Lewis Center. It is on the east side of the highway in front of the Kroger Marketplace. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend so that she can call in a count.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### March

- 5 Mike Showalter
- Ben Turner
- 7 Robert Foor
- 8 Mike Reynolds
- 11 Rick & Sandy VanBrimmer
- 12 Evan Trigg
- 18 Dave Lovell

*Please report any errors.*

### Personals

> There is a Christmas letter on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place from Emerson and Ivy Wu.

> There is also a note from David Harris on the bulletin board.

> Aidan Ferguson was named on the Distinguished Honor Roll, Will Fogle was named on the Honor Roll, and Gabe Fogle was named on the Merit Roll for the second quarter at Hayes. Congratulations fellows.

> Aidan Ferguson will appear in the Hayes production of "Chicago" this month.

> Jim Snyder recently had successful cataract surgery in both eyes.

> Genevieve Peterson was able to attend church on February 9. She thanks everyone for their prayers for Ken and her.

> Pastor Mark attended the wedding of his son Samuel and Grace Earhart on February 8 in Missouri. Mike Reynolds preached on March 9 while the Pastor was gone.

> Dave and MaryLou Lovell spent a week in California visiting their son Matthew..

> Alvin Cox is undergoing radiation treatments while he and Bev are in Florida.

> Larry and Pam Faulk's grandson Cullen Faulk will celebrate his Eagle Scout Court of Honor on March 9.

### Change for Change

On Sunday, March 8, Daylight Savings Time begins. That means we will bring our loose change to church for the Change for Change Offering. The money will go to Andrews House for the administration of the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for children. This is one way that our church can help eliminate childhood hunger in our community.

### Sanctuary Open for Prayer

The sanctuary will be open on the following dates for prayer.

Each Tuesday in March  
Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
10am - 1pm

**World Day of Prayer,**  
Friday, Mar 6,  
9am - noon

**Come,  
Spend some time,  
Pray**

## The Votes are In!

Here are Your Favorite Hymns and Praise Songs!

### Hymnal

- # 11 A Mighty Fortress
- #40 To God Be the Glory
- #58 This is My Father's World
- #75 Love Divine
- #204 There's a Quiet Understanding
- #212 According to Thy Gracious Word
- #240 Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord
- #288 Amazing Grace
- #313 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
- #353 Nearer, Still Nearer
- #355 Higher Ground
- #385 Take My Life and Let It Be
- #398 In the Garden
- #401 It is Well with My Soul
- #417 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

### The Faith We Sing

- #2002 I Will Call Upon the Lord
- #2018 Honor and Praise
- #2019 Holy
- #2020 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet
- #2033 Glory to God
- #2051 I was There to Hear Your Borning Cry
- #2088 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
- #2146 His Eye is on the Sparrow
- #2164 Sanctuary
- #2223 They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love
- #2282 I'll Fly Away

### Sunday School Hymnal

- #182 Love Lifted Me

Thanks to all who submitted the forms with your choices. We began using some of the hymns for the February 16th worship service.

## Early Deadline

The deadline to receive articles for the April newsletter will be one week early ( Sunday, March 15th). I will be out of town during the normal production week. The newsletter will publish on the normal date, Sunday, March 29th. Thanks, Larry Faulk, editor.

## Online Giving

If you would like to make an offering or donation to FBC, but cannot attend a worship service or would rather not have to write a check and mail it to FBC, you can now make an offering online. Visit our website at [FBCDelaware.org](http://FBCDelaware.org) and click on the link: "Make an online Offering or Donation."

The link will take you to a page describing the current giving options. Click on the link: "Click Here to make an Offering or Donation Online." On the Donation page you can input an amount that you would like to offer for any or all options for giving.

You can choose to give by credit or debit card, or electronically from a checking or savings account. After entering your name and address, you can process your giving and save your profile to simplify future online giving.

If you need assistance in the process, please contact me at [lfaulk01@aol.com](mailto:lfaulk01@aol.com) or 614-204-1098. Your gifts to FBC are appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

## Communion Available

Have you missed a Communion Sunday, or you cannot get out to church when you want, or you are recovering from an illness or surgery, or you feel "shut-in"? We would like to come and share a little time and communion with you.

Let Mark or one of the deacons know that you would like communion in your home and we will make arrangements to bring you communion.

- Larry Faulk, deacon chair

## Church Directory Update

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101 North Franklin Street  
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# March

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Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 9 to 12  
and by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <b>1</b>  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship and Communion 6:30 Lenten Bible Study	<b>2</b> 4:45 Stepping Up Meal 6:00 Piecemakers	<b>3</b> 10am - 1pm Sanctuary Open for Prayer 7:00 Board of Christian Ed	<b>4</b> 6:30 Choir	<b>5</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	<b>World Day of Prayer</b> <b>6</b>  9am - noon Sanctuary Open for Prayer	<b>7</b>  Turn Clocks forward 1 Hr
<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> <b>8</b>  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 6:30 Lenten Bible Study <b>Change for Change Offering</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10am - 1pm Sanctuary Open for Prayer 7:00 Marion Association Trustees	<b>11</b> 6:30 Choir	<b>12</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 11:30 Women's Lunch at Scramblers
<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> <b>15</b>  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 12:00 Mission/Outreach Mtg 6:30 Lenten Bible Study April newsletter deadline today	<b>16</b> 6:30 Deacons	<b>St. Patrick's Day</b> <b>17</b>  10am - 1pm Sanctuary Open for Prayer	<b>18</b> 6:30 Choir	<b>First Day of Spring</b> <b>19</b>  8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans
<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> <b>22</b>  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 6:30 Youth 6:30 Lenten Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10am - 1pm Sanctuary Open for Prayer	<b>25</b> 6:30 Choir	<b>26</b> 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Shears	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> <b>29</b>  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 6:30 Lenten Bible Study April newsletter available today	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 10am - 1pm Sanctuary Open for Prayer	<b>April 1</b>  6:30 Choir	<b>2</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	<b>March Mission Focus:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• America for Christ</li> <li>* Change for Change</li> <li>• Stepping Up Meal</li> </ul>	