

Good News Letter

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March has finally arrived and this year it brings with it the end of the time of Epiphany and the beginning of Lent. In addition to its liturgical significance, March also promises an end to winter and the beginning of spring. Warmer temperatures and more daylight promise to brighten the outlook and are welcome after a long cold winter.

In the ongoing ordeal wrought by Covid, there are also good prospects. After the spike in December and January, there is an ebb to the pandemic that opens opportunities to return to more normal routines. We will begin Sunday School on March 20, at 9:30 am. Worship will begin at 10:45 am. Also, don't forget to spring the clocks forward on March 13th.

It is the plan to combine the two adult classes for the first four weeks for a Lenten Bible Study. The study will be devoted to Reflections on the Journey to the Cross, a study of selected gospel texts that mark important parts of the life and ministry of Jesus as he and his followers moved toward the events of Holy Week. The confession of Peter that Jesus is the Messiah will start things off of the 20th.



March

Though there will not be a pancake supper on the day before Ash Wednesday, there will be a Maundy Thursday service on April 14, at 7 pm. On the one hand, the return of normal scheduling does not mean that we believe the pandemic is over for good. The spread of the virus will continue to be monitored, with appropriate actions taken when necessary. On the other hand, it is very welcome to get Sunday School up and running again and we look forward to the resumption of other activities as well.

Meanwhile, the life of the world goes on. The Russian invasion of Ukraine is unsettling, as are a number of other happenings in our lives. Be always reminded that life's precariousness is accompanied by God's presence, which redeems and hallows the journey.

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me,

your right hand will hold me fast. (Psalm 139:7-10)

God bless you in this season of Lent and in the preparation for Easter.

Mark

Panera Volunteers for March

- Mar 3 Faulk
- Mar 10 Faulk
- Mar 17 Turner
- Mar 24 Turner
- Mar 31 Lovell

PERSONALS

-Love Ayinde's mother and sister attended church on January 30. His mother thanks everyone for their prayers during her cancer treatments.

-Jim Snyder had minor surgery on his forehead and is healing, but is having some discomfort.

-Bud Salyer thanks everyone for their support and prayers.

-Randy Turner retired from Alpha last month.

-Candy Lee reports that the men at the Place of Warmth are very appreciative of the soup we have been providing.

- Brennan Howe was named on the Hayes Honor Roll for the second quarter. Congratulations Brennan!

- David Spear is recovering from and illness and thanks everyone for their support.

- Pam and Larry Faulk are happy to be back from their trip to Hawaii.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 13. That is also the day we bring all our loose change to church to contribute to the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for Children. Please don't forget.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer (March 4) is celebrated on the first Friday of March each year to encourage Christian women to engage in personal prayer and lead communal prayer within their mission auxiliaries and associations.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the historical, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day is also observed in support of taking action against gender inequality around the world. Organizations large and small come together to show women just how valuable they are in today's society.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST

During the month of March, our church will be supporting the America for Christ offering. The theme this year is "Testimony," based on Psalm 22:22. "I will praise you and testify about what you have done."

COVID-19 is devastating communities across the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Wildfires are raging in the West. Floods are rising in the East. Hurricane Ida leaves destruction from the Gulf Coast to the Northeast. Unemployment soars in many communities.

In this context, our American Baptist partners are faithfully serving in congregations and communities with helping ministries and creative responses to the diverse needs in their local contexts, whether helping innocent children living in conditions of poverty, assisting a family that is being evicted, providing food and shelter to the homeless, and so many others who are hurting and lost. What is needed is God's love in its fullest expression in our congregation.

Through your generous financial contributions, we can work together to bring more hope into our broken world. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the America for Christ offering this month. Our goal is \$900.

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.

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to all who brought donations for Turning Point for our Mission focus during the month of February. You bless others with your donations.

In March, we will have the America for Christ offering and our Change for Change offering.

Panera Pick Up has continued because of all those who faithfully go to Panera and pick up the unsold items, rebag them, and take them to Andrews House on Friday morning to be distributed to those in need in the community. Thank you to ALL!

Another HUGE thank you to those who have made soup for the men at the Zion Church Place of Warmth. Zion opens their church to men who need a place to spend the night when the temperature outside is less than 20 degrees. The men are grateful to have homemade soup to eat while there. Thanks to those who have given monetary donations to the Place of Warmth at Zion Church. Your gifts make it possible to continue this ministry.

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.
Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's father & sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Candy Lee's sister Trudy	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!

Sunday School to Resume

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, March 20th at 9:30 am. Worship will begin at 10:45 am. For the first four weeks, we will combine classes for a Lenten Bible Study. All are invited to join in these studies.

Lenten Activities

Lenten Bible Study
-Mar 20, 27
-Apr 3, 10 at 9:30 am

Palm Sunday Service
-Apr 10 at 10:45 am

Maundy Thursday
-Apr 14 at 7 pm

Easter Sunday Service
-Apr 17 at 10:45 am

Scripture Readers / Worship Leaders Wanted

If you would like to read scripture during worship or serve as a Worship Leader, please let Dr. Allison know of your interest. During worship, the Worship Leader traditionally leads the Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer, and the Offertory prayer. They also read scripture when there is not a separate scripture reader that Sunday.

Previous Services Available

During the Pandemic, we have been video recording weekly worship services and making them available on our website. Since we have returned to in-person worship, we have continued to video record our worship services. Go to our website: fbcdelaware.org and either click on the link titled "Previous Services" or the "Videos" link to view previous services.

Thank You

Dear FBC Congregation,

On behalf of the Delaware County Department of Job and Family Services, Protective Services Division, I cannot thank you enough for your generous donation of gifts for our foster children for Christmas.

Our children truly enjoyed a wonderful holiday thanks to your generosity and thoughtfulness. The smiles and wide-eyed excitement are to be cherished.

Delaware County is rich with people who have huge hearts and are willing to help others. Thank you again so very much for thinking about our youth during the Christmas Season.

Sincerely,
Lynn Stacy,
Social Service Supervisor

Interested in Membership?

There are several ways in which you can join our fellowship:

- 1 - By profession of faith and baptism
- 2 - By a transfer from a sister Baptist congregation
- 3 - By a statement of faith from other Christian faith traditions

We are mindful that some who wish to be a part of the FBC family life may not be interested in formal membership. Please don't feel any pressure. For those who are interested, mention it to Dr. Allison, and he will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Then in a worship service where there can be a formal affirmation, we will present your decision to join.

- Larry Faulk, deacon chairperson

Sermon Manuscripts Available

If you would like to read some of Dr. Allison's sermons, they are available on our website. There are currently manuscripts for the past six months online. Others will be added soon.

Have You Considered 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 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 or 614-204-1098. Your gifts to FBC are appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

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Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>February 27</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship</p>	28	<p>Shrove Tuesday 1</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday 2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	<p>World Day of Prayer 4</p> 	5
<p>First Sunday of Lent 6</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship Holy Communion</p> <p>America for Christ begins </p>	7	<p>International Women's Day 8</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	11	<p>12</p>  <p>No Women's Lunch Set clocks forward one hour tonight</p>
<p>Second Sunday of Lent 13</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship Daylight Savings Time Begins</p> <p> Change for Change Offering </p>	14	15	16	<p>St. Patrick's Day 17</p>  <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Turner</p>	18	19
<p>Third Sunday of Lent 20</p> <p>9:30 am Lenten Bible Study 10:45 am In-person Worship</p> <p>Women in Ministry Sunday  Spring Begins April newsletter deadline today</p>	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p>Fourth Sunday of Lent 27</p> <p>9:30 am Lenten Bible Study 10:45 am In-person Worship</p> <p> April newsletter available today</p>	28	29	30	31	<p>March Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> America for Christ Change for Change 	