

Good News Letter

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On my journey this past week I traveled east, in part to see the ocean in winter, and in part to go places I had never been, and see sights I have never seen. Among the sights were Independence Hall in Philadelphia and the Liberty Bell; the “Marconi Site” on Cape Cod, where the first successful trans-Atlantic wireless message was sent in 1903; Walden Pond; and Plymouth Rock.

The star of the trip was the ocean, which on the eastern side of Cape Cod was as beautiful and blue as I had ever seen it. The ocean has always served for me as a visual aid to the majesty and power of God. The water was cold, as one might imagine, but I stepped in it enough to collect some of it in a jar so I could bring it home. I have the Atlantic Ocean in my office if anyone wants to see it.

I don't really have a bucket list, except maybe to go to all fifty states before my time is up. I crossed Rhode Island and New Hampshire off the list. There is a vague list somewhere in my brain of historic churches I would like to visit, and I was able to worship in one of them, the First Baptist Church in America, which is in Providence, RI.

March



Lent

The church was founded in 1638 by Roger Williams, who also founded Rhode Island and its capital, Providence, and who many Baptists consider a “father in the faith.” The building was completed in



1775. Part of Baptist heritage is an emphasis on religious liberty, the kind Williams did not find in Massachusetts Bay,

but made sure to include as a part of the new colony.

All in all, it was a good trip, and I am glad to be home. It is time for the season of Lent. The first Sunday is February 26th; and it lasts throughout March and into April, with Palm Sunday on April 2nd, Maundy Thursday on April 6th, Good Friday on April 7th, and Easter on the 9th. On Sundays throughout March at 5 pm we will share a Bible study about the Patriarchs (and some of the Matriarchs too), stories in Genesis about Abraham and Sarah, Jacob and Esau, and Joseph and his brothers in Egypt. I hope everyone can join us.

Along the way spring will come, once again providing a living visual aid of resurrection right before our eyes. I pray this is a meaningful time of the year for everyone.

Blessings,
Mark

Lenten Bible Study

Please join us for our
Lenten Bible Study

Sunday, February 26th
at 5 pm
in the Youth Room

March Panera Volunteers

Mar 2 - Faulk
Mar 9 - Brown
Mar 16 - Volunteer Needed
Mar 23 - Grubbs
Mar 30 - Faulk

Thanks to all our volunteers.
There will be a new sign-up sheet for the spring quarter in the Gathering Place this month.

PERSONALS

-Carol Serviss passed away on February 3. A private graveside service was held.

-Mary Lou Lovell thanks everyone for their prayers during her recent cataract surgeries.

-Rolf Remlinger was featured and pictured on the front page of the Delaware Gazette on January 25. You can read this article on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

-Gabe Fogle was on the Honor Roll and Brennan Howe was on the Merit Roll for the second quarter at Hayes. Congratulations Guys!

APRIL NEWSLETTER DELAY

Due to this editor's vacation plans, the April newsletter will be delayed by one week. The newsletter deadline will be March 26, and the newsletter will be available on April 2.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

Spring is just around the corner, and that means it is time to move our clocks forward one hour on the evening of March 11 for Daylight Saving Time. On Sunday, March 12, we will bring our loose change to church for our Change for Change offering. This money goes to Andrews House which oversees the Summer Lunch Program for Delaware children.

Mission/Outreach News

Panera Pick Up

Each Thursday night, rain or snow, hot or cold weather, someone goes to Panera to pick up the unsold items. These items are rewrapped to make it easier to give them to those in need. Andrews House gives out the items. People receiving them are very appreciative.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



March

- 5 Mike Showalter
- Ben Turner
- 8 Mike Reynolds
- 9 Rolf Remlinger
- 10 Connie Roberts
- 11 Rick & Sandy VanBrimmer
- 12 Evan Trigg
- 14 Darlene Caulkins
- 18 Dave Lovell
- 20 Bob & Darlene Caulkins
- 24 Richard & Laura Brown

Please report any errors.

Turning Point

Our February mission focus has been to collect items for Turning Point. Turning Point is a shelter for women and children seeking safety from domestic abuse. Residents are provided with a room, food, clothing and personal items. They are given counseling, support to get a job and aid to get housing.

I was so pleased as I looked at the basket overflowing with items that had been brought in to give to those in the shelter. Thanks to all who purchased items for the residents.

Looking Ahead

In April, we will take the Easter offering which will be given to Helpline(Agency that can be contacted to help those looking for food, counseling, housing, and other needs.

We also will be collecting items to put in the "Thank you " Teacher Bags for the staff at Conger Elementary School. Be watching for the list in the April newsletter.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Larry Faulk, Dave Lovell, and Ben Turner for preparing a scrumptious Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper for all of us.



Carol Serviss

Carol S. Serviss 82, of Delaware, passed away on Friday, February 3rd, 2023.

Carol was born June 8th, 1940, to Lester F "Cap" and Myrtle Gabriel in Delaware, Ohio where she lived her entire life. Graduated in 1958 from Willis High School, Carol always attended and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Delaware. She held several church offices in her younger years. After 20 years, she retired from the Delaware City Schools having worked at the Hayes High School in Food Service.

She is survived by her husband Ray Serviss, son Vic (Dawn) his two sons Willard and Gabriel Fogle, Sister Janet Lathrop, Nieces and Nephews, Stepson Steve (Angie), Stepdaughter Sheryl (Randy) Maxey and Stepson Jeff Serviss.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her first husband Willard Fogle and her brother Nevin Gabriel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Delaware, Ohio.

Graveside services were observed privately by her family at Oak Grove Cemetery with Rev. Mark Allison officiating.

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
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Jay & Caldwell Lovell	Health Issues
Pat Gosser	Health Issues
Candy Lee's sister-in-law Patty	Health Issues

Condolences to the family of Carol Serviss on Carol's death

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

Thank You

Prior to her passing, Carol Service sent the following:

Dear Church Family,

It is hard to know how to thank you for everything you have done for Ray and my family and to simply say thank you isn't nearly enough. Thank you for your cards, your prayers, and for your food gifts. Please accept my deepest thanks from me and my family.

Love in Christ,

Carol Serviss

WOMEN'S NEWS

We had 8 women at our February lunch, and a good time was had by all. Our March lunch will be on Saturday, March 18 at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone should bring her own lunch,

beverage, and table service. Here is a "heads up" for April, so you can mark your calendar. Our April gathering will NOT be on April 15, but will instead be on Friday, April 21 in the evening. We plan to meet at church and carpool to dinner at a restaurant and then attend the ASPIRE event in Westerville that evening. We have attended two of these in the past and have thoroughly enjoyed them. They are like a miniature Women of Faith event with lots of music, humor, and stories. Pam Faulk will have 11 tickets for this event which will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. Please see her to get your name on the list for tickets. There will be more details in the April newsletter, but please put this on your calendar.

GRACE UPON GRACE

This year's theme for America for Christ is "Grace Upon Grace" inspired by John 1:16-17. which reads: "From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses: grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." America for Christ 2023 marks year one of a multi-year exploration of grace as the impetus for charitable support of ABHMS' transformational mission. "God's grace is expansive. Filled with abundant references to grace as God's light, the scriptures reflect a brilliant spectrum of rich hues that manifest God's favor, blessing, and kindness. As we transition to a post-pandemic world, we acknowledge that this light has shown upon us. We have emerged from the past few tumultuous years of isolation, deprivation, and loss, perhaps scarred and bowed but determined to continue pressing forward, thanks be to God." During the month of March, you will be reading inserts and hearing Mission Moments about the work of American Baptists, due to the AFC offering. Our goal is \$900. Please prayerfully consider your contribution.

Financial Update

For the month of January, expenses in our general operating fund exceeded income by \$1,640. Contributions to Missions, Capital Improvements, and Memorials were received and appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer



Eagle Scout

James Craig Reynolds will be celebrated for achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor here at FBC on Sunday, March 12th at 2:30pm.

First Baptist Church











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March

2023

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>March Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> America for Christ Change for Change (Summer Lunch Program) 			1	2	<p>World Day of Prayer 3</p> 	4
<p>Second Sunday of Lent 5</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion 5:00 pm Lenten Bible Study</p>  <p>America for Christ</p>	6	7	<p>International Women's Day 8</p> 	9	10	 <p>Set clocks forward one hour tonight</p>
<p>Third Sunday of Lent 12</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 2:30 Eagle Court of Honor 5:00 pm Lenten Bible Study</p>  <p>AFC/Change for Change Daylight Saving Begins</p>	13	14	15	16	<p>St. Patrick's Day 17</p> 	18
<p>Fourth Sunday of Lent 19</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Lenten Bible Study</p>  <p>America for Christ</p>	<p>First Day of Spring 20</p> 	21	22	23	24	25
<p>Fifth Sunday of Lent 26</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Lenten Bible Study</p>  <p>America for Christ April newsletter deadline today</p>	27	28	29	30	31	<p>April 1</p> 
				8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk		
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				7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs		
				8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk		