

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

Dateline: August 26, 2001

After spending the night at the Linn House the Chessers arose early and headed for FBC. Turned left on Winter and couldn't find the alley behind the church. Realized we were on the wrong street and finally found our way to the church. After many introductions entered into worship and delivered trial sermon. Waited in the pastor's study while the church discussed and then voted to call us to come to Delaware. Congratulations all around followed by hoofing it down to Bun's. Lunch with the search committee and other interested folks. I remember that Shirley Parker was there. Back to the Linn house to change clothes. Sam and I then ventured to the Delaware library. We were allowed to check out books and as proof of residency they agreed that mailing our library cards to the parsonage would serve. We always get library

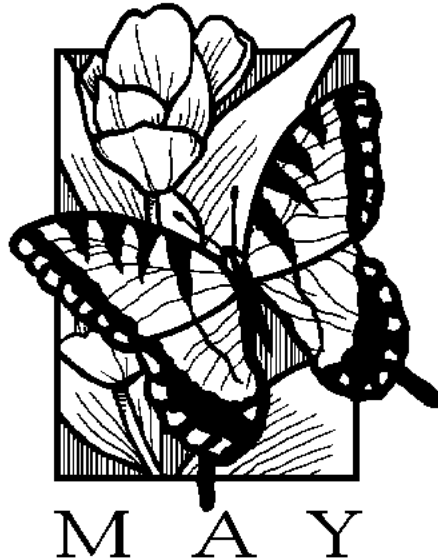
Next Month's Newsletter

Larry Faulk will be the editor of our June newsletter.

Please email your articles to Larry at Lfaulk01@aol.com, or put them in the newsletter mailbox. The deadline will be Sunday, May 24.

cards soon after arriving in a new city, but this was a record.

Many of the nice people at the library that day are still working there today. We love our library. Most of you know that Sam has been working there for the past four years. Whenever you visit the Delaware library you will



find helpful staff, a great selection of books, videos, magazines, and newspapers. You will usually find large numbers of Delaware residents making use of all that the library has to offer.

The Delaware Library needs our help. On May 5 we will go to the polls. One of the things we will be asked to vote on will be a levy to support the library. I am going to vote yes and I hope you will as well. An active, well staffed library makes a city better. Let's help our library.

On May 5 we will also be asked to approve a replacement levy for the Delaware City Schools. This is a vital vote for our community. Schools, like churches, need to take care of their facilities. If you have any questions about this vote please ask me. My service on the Delaware City Schools Educational Council has allowed me to learn more about this and many other topics that effect our schools and our community. I plan to vote yes and hope you will as well.

These spring elections are usually marked by light turnouts. Don't forget to vote. Every vote is important.

Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor,

You Are Invited!

What? Open House at the Suites at Sarah Moore

When? May 1, 2009
12:00 to 2:00
Ribbon cutting at 1:00

Who? All who want to tour this wonderful new addition to Delaware and enjoy cake and coffee

?s See pastor Tim

Church Directory Available

The 2009 edition of the church directory is available in the vestibule.

The information in the directory is compiled by the Deacons. Please note that it is NOT a membership list. If you find any errors, let us know and we'll put a correction in the newsletter.

Angel Food Ministries

Andrews House is now a distribution center for Angel Food Ministries. Angel Food offers a medium sized box of food for \$30.00 that contains quality food from every food group, including meats, milk, eggs, and vegetables. One box of food feeds a family of four for one week. The menu varies each month, and consists of fresh and frozen items. Specialty boxes are available which include meats, seafood, fresh fruit & vegetables, allergen-free meats, and senior/convenience meals.

For more information see the May menu and order form on the bulletin board in the assembly room or ask Pastor Chesser.

America For Christ Offering

April 26 is the last Sunday for the America for Christ offering. A Walk-A-Thon will be held that afternoon at Mingo Park at 2:00 by the tennis courts. Hopefully our financial goal will be reached so this event can be a celebration for your generosity. Join us for a nice walk, conversation, relaxation, and a snack. I thank you all for your "Willing Hands".

– Carol Serviss
Mission Coordinator

Common Ground Free Store

The Common Ground Free Store will be holding a used book sale at Andrews House during the Arts Festival on May 16th and 17th. Also during this time they will have a second-hand jewelry sale at William Street Church. Both events are to benefit the store. There will also be a raffle for an assortment of Pampered Chef Cookware. Please attend and support our local store.

Thank you!

– Beth Trigg

Trustees Notes

- A new kitchen stove was purchased for the church parsonage. Several heating elements had quit working in the old one and it didn't bake evenly. The cost (including installation and removal of the old stove) was \$495.99.
- Last month the Fergusons noticed a loose roofing slate hanging over the edge of steeple's gutter, directly over the front steps, so we called Midstate Contractors of Marion. The workmen could see four missing slates from the ground, and when they used their big crane to get up there they replaced a total of 16 missing, broken, or deteriorated slates. The south slope of the dormer window was missing most of its slate and the wood sheathing was exposed. Copper flashing was replaced. At press time the church had not received their bill. Funds for this necessary and urgent repair will come from

Who Is My Mother?

Who is my mother? Not alone
The mother that I call my own,
But all who helped me as a boy
Find first a child's and then a man's
joy;
The tomboy aunt who took the time
To teach me how to throw and
climb;
The neighbor down the street who
had
Some cookies for a hungry lad;
The helper in the Sunday School
Who taught and lived the Golden
Rule;
The hard-worked teacher who first
brought
The quick mind to the gates of
thought;
And all who unawares gave much—
Patience, a smile, a prayer, the touch
Of a kind hand, some words of cheer,
Or just a warm listening ear.
Who is my mother? Everyone
To whom I have somehow been son.

– Submitted by Jean Wickum
From Daily Word, May '54

the Carolyn White Schneeberger estate.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Young at Heart

Thanks to Peter White's kindness, Young at Heart was able to meet in the Fellowship Hall at noon on Maundy Thursday. He had us all set up for the luncheon, with an Easter centerpiece, and when we were done, he rearranged things for the candlelight communion. Peter always arranges the room for us, and finds an interesting centerpiece. Thanks to you, Peter!

While there were only a baker's dozen members present, the food was good, and we had a lot of laughs talking about the automobiles of the past.

Are some of you getting to age 50 soon? You're eligible to join us. We'd be glad to have you. We meet the second Thursday of the month at noon for a carry-in lunch. Can't think of what to bring? Store-bought cookies, potato chips, or a jar of pickles will do nicely.

– Jean Wickum
Convenor

Ordination on May 3: All Are Welcome!

Robert Russell's ordination is quickly approaching, and we are very excited! Ordination is the culmination of many years of preparation to become a minister. It is also just the beginning of a lifelong commitment to serving God in a very special way. We hope you will join us on Sunday, May 3, at 4:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church of Delaware for this worship service which marks Robert's official ordination as an American Baptist minister. Your friendship and support mean a lot to us!

– Robert & Kathy Russell

Share Your Dreams...

Have you ever wondered if some of your dreams were more than simply a manifestation of your subconscious mind while you were sleeping? The Bible tells of various occasions when God has given people important messages through dreams.

Friends Listening For God will be exploring the subject of dreams and visions during the next few months. The group meets on the third Sunday of every month at 3:00 P.M. in the blue room at the church. If you'd like to learn more about different ways God speaks to us, come to the meeting on May 17. Everyone is welcome. Your

insights and questions would be most appreciated!

– Robert Russell

Adult/Leadership Education

It's Time For Summer Camp! Thinking of church camp brings back memories of the summer I went to Bluestone on the southern border of West Virginia. My unit at camp took a 3-day/2-night canoe trip, and the remainder of the 10 days we slept in covered wagons (pretty cool!). I ate baked eggs for the first time (delicious!) and learned the song "Lord of the Dance"—one of my favorites to this day. There was an all-camp square dance one night (great fun!), and I made a friend who kept in touch for many years. What a terrific experience that was!

April 26 is American Baptist Camps and Conferences Sunday. Ohio offers opportunities at two American Baptist Camp and Conference Centers. The closest one to Delaware is Kirkwood Ministries, Inc., located in the southwestern part of the state between Columbus and Cincinnati. Kirkwood's contact information is as follows:

Kirkwood Camp and Conference

Center Tim Swicegood,
Executive Director

5719 S.R. 73 West
Wilmington, OH 45177-9205

Phone: (937) 382-3535

Fax: (937) 382-4502

Website: www.campkirkwood.net

E-mail: campkirkwood@verizon.net

Koinonia, which means "fellowship," is in the northeastern corner of Ohio between Cleve-

land and Ashtabula. Koinonia's contact information is as follows:

Koinonia Camp and Conference Center

Randy Brookes,
Executive Director

6810 Cork Cold Springs Road
Geneva, OH 44041

Phone: (800) 893-2267

Fax: (440) 466-6453

Website: www.koinoniaohio.org
OR
www.christiancampohio.org

E-mail: koinonia@koinoniacampohio.org

Have fun at camp!

–Kathy Russell
Adult/Leadership Education

A Note Of Thanks . . .

Thanks to everyone who was able to be part of the Lenten Study on the book *The Five Languages of Apology*. Your participation contributed greatly to each of the sessions.

On behalf of all who attended this study, I want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Rev. Chesser for his time and effort in preparing and leading this series on apology. The questions that were posed and the examples that were presented were thought-provoking and engaging. Thank you, Tim, for a job well done!

– Kathy Russell

Would You Like To Teach Sunday School?

Have you ever considered teaching a Sunday school class? It is very rewarding and a good way to get to know the children in our church family. If you are interested in teaching or being a

substitute for one of our classes next year, please contact Pam Faulk before June.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 2 Lisa Fogle
 3 Rick Van Brimmer
 7 Bertha Van Brimmer
 8 Willard Fogle
 9 Chris Riedmiller
 Tim Chesser
 10 Archie & Beth Trigg
 Anna Kailyn Porter
 Julie Wilson
 12 Jeanne Ekelberry
 15 Barbara Smith
 Betty Porter
 24 Jean Wickum
 Sharon & Steve Baker
 27 Lisa Lawrence
 30 Ken Peterson
 31 Isaiah Davidson

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Personals

- Tyler Wayne Fogle was born on April 15 to Tim and Lisa Fogle. Tyler weighed 1 lb. 10 oz. and was 12 inches long. He continues to do well in the Children's Hospital wing at Riverside Hospital in Columbus.
- Janet Lathrop is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Jeanne Ekelberry is recovering from shoulder rotator cuff surgery.
- Dave Lovell is recovering from ankle surgery.
- Matt and Marci Cooper from Indianapolis visited First Baptist recently.
- Debra Van Broekhoven from Atlanta visited First Baptist recently.
- OWU senior Clay Davis was named one of the North Coast Athletic Conference Players of

Prayer List

Please give any additions or corrections to a deacon.

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
Erin Faulk	Kathy Sharp	Cancer treatments
Evelyn Lee	Mary Tilson Bertha VanBrimmer Florence Faulk	at Willowbrook Health Issues Delaware Court
Jane Moore	George Corder Cathie Corder Olivia Langwasser	Health Issues (Heart, Diabetes) Continued recovery Young girl with leukemia
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	
Jean Wickum	Martha Green Fran Cook Mary & Steve Sealey	Heart Problems Health Issues
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health issues
-	Jim VanBrimmer	Health Issues
-	Pam Debiasio	Health Issues
-	Steve Baker's brother Richard Baker	Stroke and possible heart attack
Beth Trigg	Connie Coy	Brain cancer
Lana Palmer	Jack Cooperider	Health issues
Julie Wilson	Her dad, Robert Wilson	Health Issues
The Chessers	Toosie Eggers	Health Issues

the Week for the week of April 13. Clay is a member of the Battling Bishop's mens' track and field team and was named Men's Distance Runner of the week. At the recent All-Ohio Division III championship meet he won the 10,000 meter run.

- Steve and Karen Stoner have a new email address: stoner2@columbus.rr.com