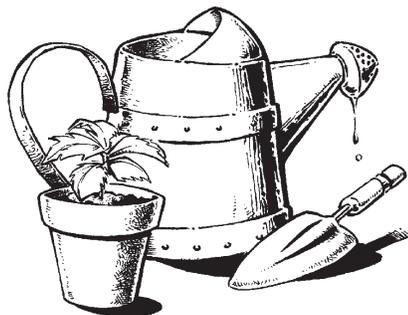


Good News Letter

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This past week I was in Pittsburgh PA because my older sister was having open heart surgery. Everything went well and she is on her way to a recovery. I had never been to Pittsburgh before. We stayed in a place called the "Family House." The University of Pittsburgh was not far away between the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers. Out of curiosity I looked up the First Baptist Church and it turned out to be only a few blocks away. I went to see it and was surprised to find a gothic style cathedral. I had never seen a Baptist church built in that style before.



MAY

Then on my way to Columbia Missouri I saw a billboard advertising all Latin masses at a Catholic Church in Warrenton, MO, so if that is what you are interested in you know where to go. After Vatican II in the 1960's most Catholic churches in America have been offering mass services in English which are understandably more popular.

On Sunday I had the chance to worship at the First Baptist Church in Columbia, a chance to see how someone else does things. They had a contemporary service early, then a traditional one at 11, and later, an African service in Swahili. I had never heard of that before either.

The thing that struck me about the Baptist churches is that the congregations were small. The one

in Pittsburgh averaged about 50 in worship, they had blocked off more than two-thirds of the sanctuary. The one in Columbia had about 100 in a sanctuary that could hold 354 people, according to the fire marshal's sign. I have no idea how many Catholics opt for Latin mass but I am willing to bet it is a minority.

In this era of declining church attendance and contemporary mega-churches, congregations in downtown areas with a desire to stay connected to their traditions are like the Latin mass, not very popular. It is difficult to stand on principle

when the crowd is not paying attention. Because of the trends in the larger culture these churches are an example of being willing to go against the trends even if it means difficulty filling the sanctuary on Sundays. Practices designed to be popular and attract a crowd can be effective at reaching people with the gospel but they can also be superficial.

Even though the variety I witnessed in just one week was significant, I was encouraged to see that others in similar situations as our own are working hard practice authentic faith, maintain their traditions, and proclaim the gospel in unique ways. The lesson? Be authentic. Be faithful. Summer is coming.

- Mark

Kenneth Frische

Kenneth Frische, 75, passed away surrounded by his family on March 22, 2016.

Ken was born in Sidney, OH on April 11, 1940 to Irvin Edward Frische and Thelma Maria Covert Eshleman Frische. He married



Marilyn Louise Magee in 1963 at Trinity Church of the Brethren in Sidney. Marilyn went to heaven on Dec 27, 2009. They were blessed with two sons, Kevin (Jennifer) Frische and Kyle (Tamara) Frische both of Wapakoneta, OH, and they had five grandchildren.

After graduating from Sidney High School in 1958, Ken served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1958 to 1962. After boot camp in Groton, CT, he was stationed in Duluth, MN, Boston, MA, Cape Christian, Greenland and Chicago, IL. He worked at the Wapak Truck Plaza, the former Fisher Cheese Co in Wapakoneta, OH and retired in 2003 from Reynolds and Reynolds in Celina, OH.

Ken was a member of Bethany United Methodist Church in Celina, OH where he served as treasurer for 11 years, and he attended First Baptist.

He met Phyllis Beasley in 2010 and they became best friends and fell in love. With the blessings of Ken's

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family and Phyllis's daughter Kathy (Mark) Simon and their family, they exchanged vows on June 25, 2011. Ken was very blessed to have such wonderful women in his life.

Ken was preceded in death by a brother, Lowell Frische, and is survived by 2 half-brothers; Kermit L. Frische and Robert Eshleman, and one half-sister; Joyce Frische Winney.

Funeral services were held in Celina, and burial was at Green-lawn Cemetery in Wapakoneta, Ohio; where military honors were provided by the Celina American Legion Post 210 and Celina VFW Post 5713.

Please leave condolences for the family at: ciscofuneralhome.com



Phyllis Beasley and Ken Frische

Thank You Youth

Thanks to our youth who provided such special music for our Easter worship. Will Fogle, Colin Ferguson, and Aidan Ferguson provided string music, and Claire Turner sang a beautiful solo.

America For Christ

Our America for Christ offering in March totaled \$771. A big thank you goes out to our very generous congregation.

– Pam Faulk

PRAYER LIST

This list is prepared by the Deacons. Prayer requests will be removed after 2 months unless "renewed". Please send changes to Larry Faulk (Lfaulk01@aol.com).

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
Deacons	Ray Serviss	Health issues
	Kilhefners	Condolences on the death of Chad's Brother
	Phyllis Beasley	Condolences on the death of Ken Frische
	Alvin Cox	Health issues
	Betty Porter	Recovery from oral surgery
	Christina Kilhefner	Transplant recovery
	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
	Steve Baker	Health issues
	Bora Porter (Janet's daughter)	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!

Getting Ahead/Stepping Up -May Mission Focus

On April 3, we had a special Mission Moment in which Bonnie Ristau and Nancy Miller spoke to us about the Getting Ahead/Stepping Up program in Delaware. We have been helping with their meals for several years now. The next meal that we are helping with will be May 23. Please speak to Mary Lou Lovell to help with this. Thanks to all who helped with the meal on April 13.

Our mission focus for May will be this program. At every session that Stepping Up has, the participants are given a meal and a \$25 dollar gift card. During May we are asking our congregation to donate a \$25 gift card to either Kroger or Meijer or money to pay for gift cards. Gift cards can be given to Mary Lou Lovell. A cash donation may be given to the church with a note that it is to be used for these gift cards.

Blanket Sunday

On Mother's Day, May 8, you can honor important women in your life by donating money that goes to Church

World Service for the purpose of providing blankets, tents, and other shelter items to adults and children worldwide.

Thanks

Thank you all who donated items for the teacher appreciation gift bags for Conger School.

– Mary Lou Lovell

Sunday School News

Our last day of Sunday school for this year will be on May 22. Our summer hours will begin on May 29 with the worship service beginning at 11:00. Youth Sunday and picnic will be June 5.

With this newsletter you should receive a survey for all adults in our congregation to fill out. Please take a few minutes to fill out the

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- May 3 Rick Van Brimmer
 5 Dave Brown
 8 Willard Fogle
 9 Tim Chesser
 10 Archie & Beth Trigg
 10 Anna Kailyn Porter
 12 Jeanne Ekelberry
 15 Barbara Smith
 15 Betty Porter
 16 Brianna Showalter
 17 Ellen & David Brown
 19 Scott Nace
 24 Sharon & Steve Baker
 27 Lisa Lawrence
 30 Ken Peterson
 31 Alvin Cox

*Please report any errors
or omissions.*

survey and put it into the box in the Welcome Center. Surveys are due by May 29.

Sunday school teacher appreciation will be on June 18.

Personals

- Chad Kilhefner's brother passed away in April.
- Randy and Claire Turner took a college visitation trip to Massachusetts.
- Charles Ekelberry and Elizabeth have moved back to Delaware.
- Pat Gosser's nephew Brennan Howe, a frequent visitor to our congregation, was baptized at his home church in Barberton on April 24.
- Beth Trigg and Mike Showalter are both now working at the Delaware Community Market.
- Pastor Allison's father visited our

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

1 Year Ago

May 2015 Newsletter

Former member Don Eliot, 77, has died. Longtime members will remember his parents, Claudia and Charles Eliot, who were members of our church for many years. Don was baptized in our church and his sister Sally Williams is a member.

5 Years Ago

May 2011 Newsletter

Former member Della June (Nofsinger) Dove, 85, of Oxford, Kansas, has died of a stroke.

15 Years Ago

May 2001 Newsletter

Lola Jackson, 92, died at Grady Hospital. She was a member for many years and was a retired teacher from Bellpoint School.

Laura Mowery, Megan Shelley, Jami Riedmiller, and Calvin Turner were baptized recently.

How many Baptists does it take to change a light bulb? 15. One to change the bulb, 12 for the committee to approve the change, and two to make casseroles.

church on April 10 before heading to Pittsburgh with Mark. Mark's sister Laurie had successful surgery on April 11 and is recovering.

- Mary Lou Lovell's father Ray Morby was back in the hospital, and Mary Lou traveled to New York to be with him.
- Alec Ferguson is now working at Home Depot.
- Bowen Nace was pictured on the front page of the Delaware Gazette on April 18. He was helping with a construction project at Woodward

20 Years Ago

May 1996 Newsletter

David Osborne had a stroke.

40 Years Ago

May 1976 Newsletter

Rev. Stephenson reported that Dr. Bryan Archibald, leader of the Weekend of Renewal, commented on the high caliber of the congregation. Several other guest leaders had similar comments after speaking here.

45 Years Ago

May 1971 Newsletter

Mrs. Myrtle Smith has returned from her winter vacation in Florida.

Steve Stoner became a member.

Jean St. Louis, an OWU student from Haiti who has been attending our church, will graduate in June.

A recent survey of local churches by the minister of William Street United Methodist found that 40% of First Baptist members attended church on April 18. The largest was St. Peter's Episcopal which had 58% attendance on that Sunday; the lowest was 20%.

School.

Volunteers For May

Thanks to the following people who volunteer their time.

Kid Connection

- May1 Pam Faulk/Will Fogle
 May 8 Jennifer Turner/
 Colin Ferguson
 May 15 Erin Faulk/Aidan Ferguson
 May 22 Pat Gosser/Will Fogle

Fellowship Time

May 1 Open (Please sign up)

May 8 Open (Please sign up)

May 15 Kilhefner

May 22 Open (Please sign up)

May 29 Open (Please sign up)

Panera Pick Up

May 5 Open (Please sign up)

May 12 Palmer

May 19 Gosser

May 26 Faulk

I Like Cheese and Crackers

Please sign up to bring a small snack for Fellowship Time. The sign up sheet is in the Gathering Place awaiting your commitment to bring cheese and crackers, or cookies, or brownies, or fruit for a Sunday in May, June, or July. Drinks are provided.

Thanks,

– Larry Faulk

Church Directory Update

Please make the following changes in your copy of the 2016 church directory.

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