

Good News Letter

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From April 21 until June 9 when Pentecost is observed, we are in the time of Easter. The term "Easter," of course, simply refers to the rising of the sun in the east every morning, which serves as a visual representation of the raising of Jesus. Every day is a little Easter, which is not merely a one-day celebration, but is to be observed daily.



It is the time of Resurrection, to focus our minds away from the tragedies of human life and orient them to the victories of life in God. Aided by the changing of the seasons as summer comes, we are able to be strengthened in the faith that life is meaningful, and in the victories of goodness and righteousness, love and friendship, peace and hope.

We are not naive in faith; we have been around long enough to experience tragedy and loss. It is in part because we have these experiences that our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus is so powerful.

In the spirit of the Easter season, we look forward to our church's May traditions;

Mother's Day on May 12th, Youth Sunday on May 19th, and the changing over to the summer schedule on May 26th. It is also a good time to announce that one of the ABC missionaries we support directly, Jeni Pedzinski, will be home for a brief time early in the fall. We have scheduled a time to share with her on Sunday Evening September 29. Details about this meeting will be forthcoming. I will be out of town for my son Evan's wedding in Colorado, but I hope you will all plan that far ahead, to give time and support to her for the work she does in Thailand.

With regards to the Year for Prayer, we have been enriched by the Lenten Study. Though we barely scratched the surface, we learned that prayer involves "asking," in some way, for our own benefit, and for others too. We practiced the discipline of writing prayers and were led by Mike Reynolds in an exercise of centering prayer. In the last session on Palm Sunday, we looked at prayer in worship and discovered that the worship at First Baptist is filled with prayer. I hope that

because of this study and the year-long emphasis you will be helped in an ongoing way as you seek to enhance your own prayer experience.

With this in mind, it is planned to keep the Prayer Chest ministry going indefinitely, so keep drawing names from the box. There will also be occasional "open sanctuary" times when the church will be open for any who wish to come and spend some time praying in the sanctuary. The first such time is upon us, and is the National Day of Prayer, Thursday May 2, 9 am - 12 pm, and also Saturday May 4 from 8 am - 12 pm. There will be no formality, just a time to come and pray.

It is Easter faith that gives the hope for the future and meaning to all that we do. This season is meant to be a time of joyous reflection about life's victories. May God bless your Easter season.

-Mark

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

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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

Volunteers For May

Fellowship Time

- May 5 Open-Please volunteer
- May 12 Lee
- May 19 Picnic
- May 26 Open-Please volunteer

Panera Pick-Up

- May 2 Lovell
- May 9 Open-Please volunteer
- May 16 Lovell
- May 23 Faulk
- May 30 Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering.

Mission/Outreach News

Our April Missions focus was Helpline and collecting items for Teacher Appreciation Day at Conger Elementary School. The Easter offering was given to Helpline.

Your donations have been filling the boxes in the Welcome Center with the items needed to fill the teacher appreciation bags. Thank you to all who have brought snacks. The bags will be filled after church on April 28th and delivered to Conger the first week of May.

The Block Party/Family Day will be held on Sat. July 13th on Winter Street. Dr. Allison is attending the planning meetings. We will provide lawn games with supervision, bottled water, and a monetary donation to cover expenses. This event is free to all. There will be more information about it in the June newsletter.

A \$50.00 donation has been received to be given to Turning Point. The committee approved adding \$50.00 to it.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



May

- 3 Rick VanBrimmer
- 8 Will Fogle
- 9 Tim Chesser
- 10 Archie & Beth Trigg
- 12 Jeanne Ekelberry
- 15 Barbara Smith
- 16 Brianna Showalter
- 24 Steve & Sharon Baker
- 30 Ken Peterson
- 31 Alvin Cox

Please report any errors.

Personals

- On March 29 Dan Chambers retired from IBM. Congratulations Dan.
- Genevieve Peterson was recently in the hospital with health issues. She is now back in their apartment and would enjoy visits, e-mails, and phone calls. She and Ken thank everyone for their prayers and their help.
- Samuel Allison recently visited his father, Pastor Mark, and attended church.
- Candy Lee, Brennan Howe, Tim Lee, and Chad Myford spent Spring Break in Orlando seeing the sights.
- Jane Moore Snyder and her family would like to thank our congregation for their prayers while she deals with her brother's estate.

- Jennifer Turner recently underwent successful foot surgery.
- Dave Lovell has recently had a few bouts with an allergic reaction to medication.

- Jeanne Ekelberry would like to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls, food, and prayers during her long bout with the flu.

- The Turner family got to take Jack with them to Randy's father's 82nd birthday celebration in West Virginia.

Congratulations

Ian Ferguson will be receiving his Masters Degree in Library and Information Science (MLIS) from Kent State University this Spring.

Women's Fellowship

We had a good time at the Corner Cafe in April. We were sorry to have to postpone our field trip. We are now looking at July 20 for that trip. Our May lunch will be on Saturday, May 11 at 11:30. We will meet at the Frisch's on Route 36 in Marysville. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend and/or need a ride.

Mark Your Calendars

May 19 will be the last Sunday for Sunday school. On that day we will also celebrate Youth Sunday. Pastor Allison will be working with our youth to plan the worship service that day. After the service we will have an all-church picnic in the Fellowship Hall. Hamburgers and hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Table service will be provided. There will be no Fellowship Time that Sunday.

Summer Hours

Summer hours will begin on May 26. There will be no Sunday school, and the worship service will begin at 10:00.

Thank You

Dear First Baptist Church,

On behalf of Turning Point, I would like to thank you for your taking time to donate. Thank you for helping us meet the needs of the individuals and families we serve. It is an honor to know that Turning Point is on your mind. We deeply appreciate your generous donation of paper goods, toiletries, laundry soap, and personal care items.

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.
Please send changes to Larry Faulk (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

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

Help such as yours makes it possible for Turning Point to successfully address the needs of victims of domestic violence. Always needed!
Sincerely,
Paula Roller

Thank you First Baptist family.

Thanks to your generous contributions, we were able to meet our goal for the America for Christ offering. Your donations reached a total of \$715.
Pam Faulk

Puzzle Nights

Thanks for hosting 2 nights of putting jigsaw puzzles together. It was a great intergenerational evening of talking, sharing, laughing and assembling puzzles. If you couldn't make it to one, plan on coming to a future one.

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who brought snacks and items to pack the bags for the teachers at Conger Elementary School. In May, the bags will be given as a way to say "thank you" for their hard work and caring for the children.

Thanks for Music!

Thanks to Brothers All and the choir for providing wonderful music for Lent and Easter! Also to Randy Turner for his solos, "The Palms" and "The Holy City." Although rehearsal time was limited, your dedication and desire to enrich the worship service was so appreciated. Thank you!

THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR NEW VOICES IN BROTHERS ALL AND THE CHOIR. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!

An Invitation

We would like to invite you and your congregation to attend a Free Vegan Cooking Class at Victory SDA Church (200 S. Liberty St., Delaware). This class is open to participants of all ages. However, space is limited. We are asking that all who are interested should contact us by May 11.

Thank You,
Charla Henry, Children's Ministry Leader
Victory SDA Church



**Sanctuary Open for
Days of Prayer**

The sanctuary will be open
on two dates for prayer.

National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 2, 9 - noon

FBC Day of Prayer
Saturday, May 4, 8 - noon

Come,
Spend some time,
Pray

**Blanket Sunday
May 12th - Mother's Day**

On Mother's Day, May 12, 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.

Easter Lily Dedications

*In honor of Ben and Jack Turner, In memory of
Jimmie Moore and Mary Alice Snyder
– from Jane Moore-Snyder*

*In honor of Brennan Howe,
In memory of
Bim Howe and Phil Lee
– from Candy Lee*

*In memory of Cap & Myrtle Gabriel
– from Ken & Pam Shears*

*In honor of Carol Grubbs and Candy Lee,
In memory of Phil Lee and Jean Scott
– from the Gossers*

*In memory of Richard & Helen Hall
– from Mike & Cathy Reynolds*

*In honor of Hannah, Emily, and Nathan,
In memory of Charles & Ruth Brown and
Teresa Griffith – from Carol Grubbs*

*In memory of Dr. Robert J. & Jenny Lovell,
Margaret & Raymond Morby
– from Mary Lou & Dave Lovell*

*In honor of our children,
grandchildren, and great-grandchildren
- from Lana & Jerry Palmer*