

Good News Letter

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I am always joking about the passage of time, how quickly it passes. It seems only a few days ago that I was working on last month's newsletter article. I thought it could not possibly have been a month, but I checked, and it has. It looks like we will not be gathering for worship, at least for another month.

I assure you that when the decision is made by Governor Dewine that meetings of more than 50 are acceptable, the deacons and I will remain very cautious about meeting again. We do not want to put anyone at risk of either contracting or spreading the new coronavirus.

We have been learning about how to make videos and how to worship through the use of technology. I hope all of you have been able to see the video worship services each Sunday at fbcdelaware.org. I know some of you may not have access to the internet, I am sorry that in this time of sheltering at home, you have not been able to



worship. Be assured that you are in our prayers.

I want to thank and encourage all of you for sending cards and emails and making phone calls as a way of keeping in touch with each other, and providing the ministry of fellowship from a distance. Keep on serving in this manner. It is making an important contribution.

I also want to thank everyone who has given offerings and contributed to PIN during this time. Your faithfulness is very appreciated. There will be another chance to donate to PIN on May 16th.

As a way of signing off, I leave you with the words of scripture from the Gospel of John 14:1-4,

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thanks and may God bless you until we meet again,

- Mark

Online Worship To Continue

For the month of May, worship will continue online. Please join us at fbcdelaware.org or on facebook. Copies of previous worship services are available on the “Videos” page of our website. If you do not have internet access and would like a DVD copy of each service, phone or email me.

- Larry Faulk

Panera Pickup

Even though we continue to “shelter in place,” Panera has remained open and our mission continues. A special thank you to Deb, Will, and Gabe Fogle for the past two months and volunteering to pick up Panera for the next few weeks as long as Panera can give us bread, and Andrews House is able to receive it.

Office Hours by Appointment

During Governor Dewine’s “Stay-Safe” order, Dr. Allison will be available by appointment. Dr. Allison may be reached by phone at 618-210-9714 or by email at mallison1@twc.com. Please call or email as needed.

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.

America For Christ

Since church was canceled during most of March and all of April, we had not yet reached our goal of \$700 for the America for Christ offering. We are continuing the promotion of this special offering during May. Since church is not in session, you can mail a check to the church or contribute through our online giving.

- Pam Faulk

Thank You

Thanks to Mary Lou Lovell, Will Fogle, Randy Turner, and Claire Turner for providing special music for the morning worship services online. Thanks to Pastor Mark for his caring messages, to all the scripture readers, to Erin Faulk for her photography, and to Larry Faulk for putting it all together and making it available each week for us to view.

Women’s Fellowship

The women will not be getting together for lunch in May.

Continue Giving

As you know, our worship services and activities have been cancelled, due to the recommendations to keep vulnerable members of our population safe. Although we are not attending services, there are still some ongoing expenses that occur to ensure our church is ready to attend when all is well. Even when we are not present in the building, we want to offer some options on how to continue your giving while following the recommendations to keep every safe and well.

These are some of the options that are available:

- 1) Mail a check to our church: 101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015
- 2) Use the online giving option located on the website: www.FBCDelaware.org

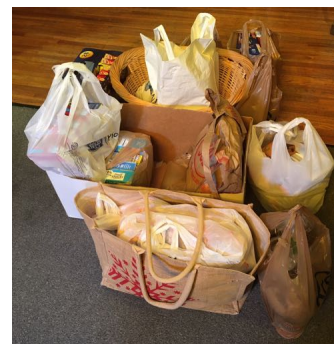
Click on “Offerings and Donations”. Click on “Click Here” to make an Offering or Donation Online. Fill in the offering amount and make your offering In the top right corner. You can also make an account with a password to save time the next time you make your offering

Thank you for continuing to give so that we can complete the mission of our church and keep the church functioning during this time.

Thank you and take care,
- Deb Fogle

People in Need (PIN)

Thanks to all who made contributions to PIN on April 25th. Your donations are appreciated. We would like to offer another drop off day for PIN on Saturday, May 16th. The church will be open from 9 - noon to receive non-perishable items.



Congratulations Graduates!

Will Fogle

We are excited to announce Will Fogle's graduation from RB Hayes High School on May 23, 2020. They will be having a drive-thru ceremony that day. We were planning on having a party in May, but will postpone the celebration until later in the summer! He has chosen to attend Akron University at the College of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering. I am hoping to put together a book of memories for him to celebrate his big day so he can have it on the day he graduates. Please email to debthesciencemom@gmail.com or write your memories so I can share them with him! Thank you for all if your support and prayers especially during this graduation time -Deb Fogle

Bowen Nace

Bowen will be graduating from RB Hayes High School on May 23, 2020.

Alec Ferguson

Alec will be graduating from Bowling Green State University on Saturday May 16th. He'll be receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science with a focus in Watershed Management

Claire Turner

Claire will be graduating from Miami University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology and Environmental Science. Miami is planning to do a virtual program on May 16th, the original day of graduation. There will also be a graduation ceremony in September for the class. At the

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	Hospice Care
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Raeleen George	Health Issues
Steve & Sharon Baker	Health Issues
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's father & sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	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!

moment, she is planning to start grad school at Miami in Environmental Science next January.

Financial Report

For the First Quarter of 2020 (Jan - Mar), our general fund expenses exceeded our regular income by \$7,085. While this is similar to last year's first quarter experience due to winter utility bills and annual large expenses such as tax, insurance, and maintenance contracts, we will continue to closely monitor expenses. In the area of missions, contributions are about 85% of last year's donations at this time of the year. If you would like a copy of the detailed First Quarter report, I can email one to you. Paper copies will be available when we are able to meet in person at church.
- Larry Faulk, treasurer

FBC Newsletter Archive

The first FBC newsletter (which later became know as "The Good News") was published in July 1969. For the past few months, as I have been able, I have been scanning the historical issues of the Good News and have been adding them to our website. To date, I have most of the newsletters available from 1969 through 1998. There are a few missing issues that I would love to locate copies of to add to the collection. As time permits, I will be adding 1999 until the present to the website in order to preserve and share our newsletter history. If you are looking for things to read during the continued "stay at home" time, check out the "FBC Newsletter Archive" on fbcdelaware.org.

-Larry Faulk
Good News editor

Favorite Hymns

Several of the hymns you have chosen as your favorites will be included in the recordings each Sunday until we meet again for worship. If you don't hear your favorite, we will include it when we are together again for worship.

Blanket Sunday

Normally on Mother's Day, we honor mothers by pinning donations for Church World Services blanket ministry on the blanket at the front of the sanctuary. Since we are only meeting online this May, we need to celebrate a little differently. Please send your check, along with your designated honor(s), to the church or donate online at fbcdelaware.org.

Blanket Sunday Donation

Name: _____

Address ; _____

Amount: _____

In Honor/Memory of:

McCurdy Ministry Announcement

Dear Friends,
We have some exciting news to share with you all!

After much prayer and many conversations, it has become evident to us and International Ministries that God is calling our family to minister and partner with a new country of service. It is with much joy we share with you that God is calling our family to minister in Mexico City at the invitation of the Baptist Theological Seminary, a partner of International Ministries. Over the next few months we will be sharing more details with you. But if you would like to jump right to the bones of our new ministry; you can visit our videos on Vimeo at:
<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7061262>

Grace & Peace,
Sarah & Peter McCurdy



Email from Jeni Pedzinski

Hi dear, thanks so much for checking in. The situation in Thailand is good. In my city, there have been no new cases for over three weeks. Prior to that, we only had 39 cases and one death. Nationally, there have been fewer than 3,000 cases and only about 40 deaths (1 death is a terrible loss, but in comparison to much of the world, 40 is very low). There are fewer and fewer new cases each day - sometimes less than 10. However, non-essential businesses are still closed and the economy is suffering. It is a sobering reality...so many people live normally on the edge of poverty. This has pushed them easily over the edge. We are doing our best to respond within our means.

Personally, I am doing well. Our office was closed for a few weeks, so I worked from home, but I've been back to work for two weeks now, since our office isn't a public place. Everyone wears their masks everywhere they go, in order to protect the greater public and curb the spread. I've been really sad to see how folks have protested measures like these and others in the U.S. I understand their thinking, but it still makes me sad that individual rights seem to take precedence over the protection of others. It's a hard situation.

May God continue to protect FBC and its loved ones and neighbors!

With love,
Jeni
jeni.pedzinski@internationalministries.org

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Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

All onsite services cancelled for May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org	4	5 Cinco de Mayo 	6	7 7:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle	8	9
10 Mother's Day Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org Blanket Sunday 	11	12	13	14 7:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle	15	16 People in Need (PIN) donations 9-noon Bowling Green Univ. Graduation Miami Univ. Graduation
17 Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org	18	19	20	21 7:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle	22	23 R.B. Hayes HS Graduation
24 Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org June newsletter deadline today	25 Memorial Day 	26	27	28 7:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle	29	30
31 Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org June newsletter available today	1 June	2	3	4 7:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle	May Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • America for Christ • Blanket Sunday • People in Need (PIN) 	