

Good News Letter

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I have always said that my favorite color is blue, like the sky. As time goes by, however, I am increasingly impressed by the color green. In both high school and college it was part of my school colors, and I always envied other schools with what I considered better colors, reds and blues, orange and black.

One of my favorite green colors is of the newly unfolded leaves at this time of the year. The way they dapple the sunlight is mimicked by the color of some of the stained glass in our sanctuary. I am sure the artist used that color so that on Sundays when believers gathered for worship, it would seem a little like a “sanctuary in the wood in springtime,” an outdoor place indoors, of respite from all the buildings that people have made.

As spring conducts its annual assault on winter, and the trees come out with new life and everything



gradually turns green, I think of Easter things. The season of Easter lasts for fifty days until the arrival of Pentecost. This year, Easter came on April 9th, and Pentecost Sunday will coincide with what to us is Memorial Day weekend. That means most of April and May is Easter.

Earthly life is somewhat overwhelming, with its hustle and bustle, its distortions and disputations, its restlessness, its unhappiness. But Easter is the opposite of all that, and stands for the overwhelming presence of God all around, in every place, in every moment.

Let it be our prayer through the month of May, as the earth turns green again, that we might see the whole world filled up with God’s Spirit. One cannot help but think of the line in the 23rd Psalm, “he makes me lie down in *green* pastures . . . and restores my soul.” Think about the presence of God every day when you see the grass and the trees that become the color of our world each spring.

I don’t think green has replaced blue as my favorite color, but it can represent the ever-present reality of God’s Spirit, at least at this time of the year. May your life be green.

Blessings,
Mark

FBC email is now
fbcdelaware@gmail.com

FBC wifi has changed:
network: **FirstBaptist**
password: **FBCDelaware**

May Panera Volunteers

May 4 - Brown
May 11 - Lovell
May 18 - Grubbs
May 25 - Brown

Thank you all for volunteering your time for this mission.

PERSONALS

-Jeanne Ekelberry's sister and niece came for a visit from West Virginia last month.

-Genevieve Peterson and Richard Brown both suffered from COVID last month but are now recovered.

-Matthew Lovell came from California for a visit and sang a solo during the worship service on April 16.

-Will Fogle played several violin solos during the worship service last month.

-Thanks to Mary Lou Lovell, the choir, and Will for all the beautiful music during the Easter worship service.

-Richard Brown's mother passed away recently. He thanks everyone for all their support during this time.

-Darlene Caulkins had a bad fall last month and suffered many cuts and bruises.

-Brennan Howe has more orthodontic work coming up this summer.

-Candy Lee will fully retire from Alpha on May 12.

-James Reynolds will be named Eagle Scout of the Year for the Polaris District on May 4. Congratulations James!

-Brennan Howe was listed on Hayes's Merit Roll for the third quarter. Congratulations Brennan!

THANK YOU

Our congregation is so generous. Not only did we meet our goal of \$900 for the America for Christ offering, we surpassed it! Thank you all for your contributions of \$1026 for this very special offering.

- Pam Faulk

YOUTH SUNDAY

On May 21 we will celebrate Youth Sunday when our youth will participate in the morning worship service, and we will celebrate those who are graduating. This will be followed by a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to stay for lunch. Bring a dish to share and your own table service.

SUMMER HOURS

On May 28 we will move to our summer schedule. There will be no Sunday School, and the worship service will begin at 10:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S NEWS

On Friday, April 21, the women attended the Aspire event in Westerville. Representing our church were Candy Lee, Jane Moore Snyder, Laura Brown, and Laura's daughter.

On Saturday, May 20, the women will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 for lunch. We will be having a baked potato bar. The ladies are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share and your own table service. We will be discussing some "new ideas," so we would like a good turnout for this.

Email Change

Effective immediately, the email address for FBC is: fbcdelaware@gmail.com Please use the new address when sending email to the church.

Wifi Change

Wifi access at FBC has changed. The wifi network is **FirstBaptist** and the password is **FBCDelaware**.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



May

- 3 Rick VanBrimmer
- 8 Will Fogle
- 10 Archie & Beth Trigg
- 12 Jeanne Ekelberry
- 15 Barbara Smith
- 16 Brianna Showalter

Please report any errors.

Graduates

Colin Ferguson

Colin Ferguson graduated Saturday, April 29th with his Bachelor's Degree from Bowling Green State University.

Love Ayinde

Love Ayinde will graduate from Ohio Wesleyan University on May 14th.

Gabriel Fogle

Gabriel Fogle will be graduating from R.B. Hayes High School on May 19th, 2023. He has been attending Columbus State Community College over the last year instead of being on the main campus of Hayes, but he is participating in tennis again this spring with his team. Gabe has lettered every year in tennis. Last year he was honored with 1st team OCC and MVP awards. He is currently in season now and is on track to have another amazing season! He has really been working hard! He has chosen to go to OWU next fall and is planning on playing with OWU's Men's tennis team. Gabe would like to study business. You are all invited to celebrate Gabe's graduation on May 26th, 2023 at Mingo Park 3 seasons room from 4-8 pm. Please RSVP to Deb at debthesciencemom@gmail.com or call her at 740-417-0800. Go Pacers! Go Bishops!

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to ALL who gave to the Easter offering that was given to Helpline.

In April, we collected items for the staff at Conger Elementary School to put in the "Thank You"

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
Pat Rose	Health Issues
Richard and Laura Brown - Condolences-death of Richard's mother	

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

bags to show our appreciation to them for their teaching and caring about the children. Thanks to all who brought granola bars, chips, fruit snacks and chocolate.

A special thanks to Jane Moore for spending many weeks to make a pair of slippers for each bag. What a nice cozy surprise it will be for them.

Thanks also to the Faulks who donated flower seeds. When the flowers bloom it will be a reminder of the beautiful ways they have helped the children to grow.

Bags will be delivered for Appreciation Day in May.

People In Need Basket

Each week items are added to help others that are in need to food. Thank you for continuing to fill it. Thanks to Peter White who delivers the food items to P.I.N.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thanks to all who are so willing to pick up unsold items from Panera on Thursday evenings, bagging them, and taking them to Andrews House on Friday morning.

So much appreciated by those in need!

Mother's Day - Blanket Sunday

When you come to church on Sunday, May 14th, think of your mother or another woman who was important in your life. There will be a blanket in the front of the church. This blanket reminds us that many in our world do not have blankets to use for their children to keep them warm or use as a tent. Please pin a piece of paper on the blanket indicating the names of those you wish to remember with your monetary gift. The money will be given to Church World Service to be used for those in need.

Financial Update

At the end of the first quarter of 2023, expenses in our general operating fund exceeded income by \$679. Usually there is a larger deficit at this time of the year due to our winter heating bills and our February property tax bill. Your support for our general fund is appreciated. Contributions to Missions, Capital Improvements, and Memorials were also received and appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

Interested in Membership?

There are several ways in which you can join our fellowship:

- 1 - By profession of faith and baptism
- 2 - By a transfer from a sister Baptist congregation
- 3 - By a statement of faith from other Christian faith traditions

We are mindful that some who wish to be a part of the FBC family life may not be interested in formal membership. Please don't feel any pressure. For those who are interested, mention it to Dr. Allison, and he will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Then in a worship service where there can be a formal affirmation, we will present your decision to join.

Easter Lily Dedications

In honor of Eugene David Brown from Richard & Laura Brown
In honor of Hannah, Emily, Nathan; In memory of Teresa
from Carol Grubbs

In honor of Jim Snyder; In memory of Jimmie Moore
from Jane Snyder

In memory of Dr. Robert & Jennie Lovell, Raymond &
Margaret Morby from Mary Lou & Dave Lovell

In honor of Mary Lou & Dave Lovell, Hermina Remlinger; In
memory of Florian Remlinger from Deb & Rolf

In honor of Jane Moore Snyder; In memory of Mary Alice
Snyder, Olive Snyder, Brooks Snyder from Jim Snyder

In memory of my mother, Margaret Seckman from Linda White
In memory of Lloyd Lauver from Patricia Lauver

In honor of Darlene Caulkins; In memory of Shay Caulkins
from Dr. Robert Caulkins

In memory of Trudy Larlo, Vicki Howe from Candy Lee



Directory Update

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May

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Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>April 30</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p> <p>May newsletter available today</p>	<p>May Day 1</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p>National Day of Prayer 4</p>  <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown</p>	<p>Cinco De Mayo 5</p> 	<p>Nurses' Day 6</p> 
<p>Peace Sunday 7</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>5:30 Deacons</p>	<p>Teacher Appreciation Day 9</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>OWU Graduation</p>
<p>Blanket Sunday 14</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p>Ascension Day 18</p>  <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Hayes Graduation</p>	<p>Armed Forces Day 20</p> <p>8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans</p> <p>11:30am Women's Lunch Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>Youth Sunday 21</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p>  <p>June newsletter deadline today</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 Parish Council</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown</p>	<p>26</p> <p>4 - 8pm Gabe Fogle's Party at Mingo Park</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>Pentecost 28</p> <p>Summer Hours Begin</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service</p>  <p>June newsletter available today</p>	<p>Memorial Day 29</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>June 1</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	<p>May Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Appreciation Bags • Church World Service Blanket Sunday 	