

Good News Letter

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On my walks this spring, especially on the days when it is warm enough outside that no coat is necessary, I think of how near to the beginning we are of the spring to summer to fall journey. It is all in front of us. It makes me want to start enjoying it now, before any of it passes by (my favorite time when I go on vacations is at the very beginning when nothing has happened, and everything lies ahead).

In the cycle of seasons, it is early spring, and flowers and green grass, lawn mowers and rakes and sticks - all the sticks - are once again a part of life. Along with springtime comes rain, sometimes in the form of storms that can be destructive in a variety of ways. But the over-arching features of the season are increasing daylight, warmth, and sunshine.

Each new season is a gift from God. It is not necessary that another year be given to the world. There does not



need to be flowers and rain and sunshine. For these gifts and more, we are thankful.

Of course, the word, “spring,” has another meaning. It refers to the source of water coming up out of the ground that is fresh and clear and cold, and flows into streams and rivers and gives its life to the world. One thinks of the words of Jesus that he spoke to the woman at the well in Samaria when she gave him something to drink;

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

We are led to observe the life around us and its cycles and repetitions and contemplate the meaning of eternity. At the beginning of The Book of Revelation are found these words,

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, who is, and was, and is to come, the almighty.”

The newness of spring reminds us, like all new beginnings do, that God indwells and accompanies every beginning, middle, and end, of every life, of life itself. Anyway, these are the things that come to mind while on my springtime walks.

**Blessings,
- Mark**

**May
Panera Volunteers**

Wed	Thur
May 1-Gosser	May 2-Gosser
May 8-Brown	May 9-Brown
May 15-Grubbs	May 16-Grubbs
May 22-Brown	May 23-Faulk
May 29-Lee	May 30-Gosser

Thank you all for your wonderful support!



Dr. Robert S. Caulkins Jr.

Robert Sharp Caulkins Jr., 99, of Delaware, passed away peacefully, Thursday Morning, April 25, 2024 at Willow Brook Christian Village in Delaware.

Robert was born September 10, 1924 in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of the late Robert Sharp & Dorothy (Cain) Caulkins Sr. Robert graduated from high school and attended Amherst College. After receiving his Bachelor's Degree, he joined the United States Army. He served during World War II and was stationed in Central Europe. He was honorably discharged in April 1946 and earned the theater

ribbon with 2 bronze stars, along with good conduct and victory medals.

Returning from the service he enrolled at Western Reserve University School of Medicine, where he received his Doctorate in Medicine. He started his residency with Columbia Saint Luke's Medical Center in Cleveland, and fulfilled it with Southside Medical Center in 1955. Robert made his way to Delaware in 1955 and opened up his own practice, serving the community from 1955-2019. He was known by everyone in the community as the straight-shooting, no-nonsense doctor that he was. He was an Emeritus Staff at Grady Memorial Hospital, and was a longtime parishioner with First Presbyterian Church in Delaware and here recently the First Baptist Church in Delaware. One with many interests, he also enjoyed the outdoors, playing tennis, riding his recumbent bike, and being on the water.

He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years Darlene; his children Robert Lee (Lisa) Caulkins, Nancy (Tom) Kevern, Susan Caulkins and Amy (Scott) Schubert; 10 grandchildren; brother David Caulkins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife Shirley "Shay" Caulkins in 2000, and brother Doug Caulkins.

In keeping with his simple wishes, graveside services will take place at 1:00 pm Monday, April 29, 2024 at Oak Grove Cemetery, 334 South Sandusky Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015, where military honors will be provided by the Delaware County Veterans Association and the United States Army.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed toward First Baptist Church, 101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

Memories and condolences may be expressed at www.robinsonfuneralhomeinc.com

The Robinson Funeral Home in Delaware is honored to serve this veteran and his family.

PERSONALS

-Ken Shears is home from his rehab.

-Laura and Richard Brown would like to thank everyone for their prayers for their safe trip to Iceland in March.

-Thank you Mary Lou Lovell, Randy Turner, Will Fogle, and the choir for the beautiful Easter music.

-Pastor Allison took a trip to Missouri to see family the week after Easter.

***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.

-Richard and Laura Brown took a driving trip to Lakeside, Ohio last month.

-Randy Turner performed in the Arena Faire production and in the Delaware Community Chorus spring concert in April.

-Laura Brown thanks everyone for their prayers for her medical tests and for her daughter Rachel's recent surgery.

-Brennan Howe was accepted into Project Search program for next year.

-Jim Snyder thanks everyone for their prayers for his son Jeff who had heart surgery. Jeff is back in the pulpit and doing well.

- Larry and Pam Faulk's grandson Cullen will graduate from Case Western University on May 19.

ABW - Women's Fellowship

April 20th was a beautiful day and 7 women gathered for lunch and fellowship. Because of May graduations and the Arts Festival it was decided that our next meeting should be the second Saturday in May.

May 11th will be our next meeting. Please bring a sack lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30.
- Laura Brown

Mission/Outreach News

In April, the Easter offering was collected and given to Helpline to connect people with agencies to help them in times of crisis.

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
Pat Gosser	Health Issues
Jenni Pedzinski and family	Father's stroke
Pat Lauver	Recovery
Trigg Family	Continued Prayers

Condolences to the Caulkins family on the death of Dr. Bob.

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

We have been collecting items to celebrate the faculty at Conger Elementary School for Teacher Appreciation Day in May. The bags will be filled with goodies that you have brought in to thank them for their dedication to helping students learn. Thank you to everyone who has helped to fill these bags. In May we will pack the bags and deliver them to Conger.

In May, we will celebrate mothers on Mothers Day by having our annual Blanket Sunday. Many mothers ,having a time of need, will receive needed blankets in many parts of the world.

Thinking about how many hurricanes and tornados we have had, there are so many in need. Providing a blanket for a mom to stay warm, use as a tent, or to help keep their children warm, is a way for us to reach out to others. The money given can be given in honor or memory of a

mother or special woman in your life . The monetary collection will be given to Church World Service for blanket distribution.

Looking ahead:
In June we will collect the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We will celebrate fathers or special men in our lives on Father's Day, by giving money to provide tools where needed to repair or build new houses, churches, and other buildings.

Graduation

All are invited to come and help us celebrate Brennan Howe's high school graduation.

May 25, 2024
1pm - 4pm
Mingo Park
3 season pavilion

The money may be given in honor of a father of special man in your life. The monetary collection will be given to Church World Service to provide tools.

Thanks to all who continually bring food items to fill the box for People In Need. There is a lot of need for food in Delaware.

Thank you to those who pick up unsold items from Panera on Wed. and Thurs. nights. That is a big commitment and so appreciated by those in Delaware.

Graduates

Brennan Howe

Brennan Howe will be graduating from R.B. Hayes High School on May 17, 2024 and Delaware Area Career Center on May 18, 2024. While attending Hayes High School his junior and senior year, he also attended DACC in the Hospitality program. Through that program he worked at OWU in the Alexander Hamilton and Smith dining halls. Brennan works hard to accomplish any task he is given. He has been accepted into the DACC Project Search internship program at Grady Memorial Hospital. He loves helping others and brings joy wherever he goes.

James Craig Reynolds

James will graduate from Olentangy Berlin High School on May 19th.

James plans to attend Miami University this fall to study journalism. He was recently recognized as Student of the Month at Olentangy Berlin High School.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the America for Christ offering in March. With your support we were able to surpass our goal of \$1000 to help in mission work right here in the U.S.

-Pam Faulk

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer is on May 2 this year. Please take a moment out of your busy day to stop and pray for peace around the world and especially in our own country.

YOUTH SUNDAY AND SUMMER HOURS

On May 19 we will celebrate Youth Sunday and recognize our graduates. This will be the last Sunday for Sunday school classes until the fall. Summer Hours will begin on May 26 with the worship service at 10:00 a.m. There will NOT be a picnic on Youth Sunday this year. We hope to have a church picnic later in the summer instead.

Some 1989-1996 Missing Bulletins Found

Thanks to Carol Grubbs for sharing some of her archive of church bulletins. I will have copies on our website soon. As you view the added bulletins, please check your personal archives to see if you have any of the missing bulletins that I can include.

-Larry Faulk

FBC History / Historical Special Services

I have been making copies of several of our FBC historical documents and programs of historical Special Services to include on our website. Visit our website at fbcdelaware.org and click on FBC History or on Historical Special Services to view some of them. 50th, 75th, and 100th year anniversary items are included as well as a tribute to our first parsonage and 25th and 40th anniversary celebrations of pastor J.B. Stephenson.

If you have other significant historical documents in your personal collection that I can copy and include, I would appreciate it.

-Larry Faulk

Wedding Reception Open House

Please join us to celebrate the marriage of
Deb & Rolf.

May 27, 2024
4pm - 8pm
Mingo Park
3 season pavilion

Join us for food, fun, music,
dancing and games.
Your presence is our present
so please refrain from
bringing gifts.

RSVP by May 20th to
debthesciencemom@gmail.com

First Baptist Church






101 North Franklin Street
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May

2024

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Appreciation Bags for Conger Elementary School • Blanket Sunday 			May Day 1 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser	National Day of Prayer 2  8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser	May Fellowship Day 3	4
Peace Sunday 5 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion 	Nurses Day 6	Teacher Appreciation Day 7	8 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	9 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	10	11 11:30 am Women's Luncheon Fellowship Hall
 Mother's Day Blanket Day 12 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Ascension Day	13 5:30 Deacons	14	15 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	16 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	17	Delaware Arts Festival 18 8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans Armed Forces Day
Pentecost Youth Sunday 19 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Last day of Sunday School June newsletter deadline 	20	21	22 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	23 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	24	25 Brennan's Party 1-4 Mingo Park
Summer Hours Begin 26 10:00 am Worship Service June newsletter available today	Memorial Day 27  Party for Deb and Rolf 4-8 Mingo Park	28	29 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup -Lee	30 8:45 Panera Pickup -Gosser	31	