

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

I hope and pray that you have had a blessed Christmas season. Kathy, Sam, and I thank you for all your cards, gifts, and invitations during Christmas. Thank you for your faithfulness in attending our Advent and Christmas worship services.

As we look to the New Year I would like to tell you a little about the ongoing work of the church strategy committee. This is a group that came into being a couple of years ago. Because of personal circumstances the group went into hibernation. Unlike bears, this committee awakened just before winter.

The strategy committee is an advisory group. They have no authority to make any changes in the structure and operation of the church. They simply make suggestions to the existing order. The members of the group do not represent any particular interest group in the church. Rather, they are charged with imagining the future for the whole church. They have looked into administration, fellowship and outreach of the church.

Some of the things already suggested by this group and put into practice are: revising the prayer concern list, developing a plan to reach newcomers to our community, initial steps in creating a church website, written job descriptions, and ideas for stewardship development.

Original members of the strategy committee were appointed by the moderator. Others have been asked

to join because of some special gifts we felt were needed. At this time we are not seeking new members.

If you have ideas which you would like to share with the strategy committee please let me know. Written suggestions would be best. We will be meeting on a regular basis during 2006.



## JANUARY

Have a Happy New Year. Invite someone to church.

Your Pastor,

## Church Directory Being Prepared

The Deacons are preparing the 2006 edition of our church directory. If you'd like to have your photo added or reshot, or if any information in last year's directory was incorrect, please see Dave Lovell.

## Thank You

A special thanks to all of the Sunday School teachers for their hard work on the Christmas program this year. Each class did a wonderful job! Thanks to Jennifer Turner also for her work with the children's choir - they sounded great! Last but not least, thanks to Jean Wickum for the presentation for the Birthday Party for Jesus. This presentation is an annual event that everyone looks forward to. Everyone's effort made for such an enjoyable day.

— Liz Bowman

## Trustees Notes

- A new vinyl floor was installed at the parsonage in the kitchen, front hall, half bath, and closet. This replaces the original 1978 floor. The cost was \$1,559, and the work was done by Delaware Floor. A thank you is extended to those who made donations to cover part of this cost.

- Three pianos at the church were tuned by Richard Dacks. The cost was \$215.

- At the old parsonage, plumbing repairs were made to the toilets and sinks, and the boiler's high-limit cut-off safety device had to be replaced. The work was done by Don Patrick; the cost was \$282.37. A follow-up visit had to be made to relieve an accidental overcharging of water to the boiler, and to repair two leaks in the basement. The additional cost was \$60.

- The pipe organ was tuned and serviced by John Miller. The cost was \$190.

- I want to report that Clifford Rector, a long-time piano tuner from Columbus, passed away on December 6, 2005. He tuned pianos at First Baptist from 1960 to 2001. Clifford was 87, and had served in the army in WW II.

– Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees

## Andrews House Cookie Sale

My sincere thanks to all of you who contributed to the Andrew's House Bazaar Cookie Sale. People were in line long before the sale started at 10 a.m. By noon, nearly all the cookies were gone, and once again the sale was a huge success.

Your efforts were appreciated and Andrew's House benefited from your generosity.

– Evelyn Lee

## Young at Heart

In December, thirteen members of Young at Heart met at En Super Buffet.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 12 (weather permitting). Jane and Jimmy Moore have graciously offered their home as a meeting place. It will be a carry-in lunch.

– Jean Wickum, Convener

## ABWM

The ABWM meeting followed the Birthday for Jesus party on Sunday, December 18. The ladies packed 7 boxes for shut-ins with all kinds of Christmas treats, and different members will deliver them. A short business meeting followed.

– Jean Wickum, Chair

## Annual Business Meeting

On Wednesday, January 25, we'll have a covered-dish dinner at 6:30, followed by our annual business meeting at 7:00

## Personals

**SHIRLEY PARKER** is recuperating at the Arbors Rehabilitation Center from knee replacement surgery she had in November.

**BERTHA VAN BRIMMER** was hospitalized overnight for blood pressure problems.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jan. 4 Cynthia Biggar  
Fred DeBiasio  
Shirley Parker  
5 Evelyn Lee  
12 Larry Faulk  
16 Jane Moore  
18 Matthew Lovell  
20 Jennifer Turner  
21 Timothy Fogle  
22 Michael Mercer  
23 Britten Yant  
Deanna Fogle  
Nick Porter  
26 Sophia Stephenson  
27 Steve Baker  
30 Calvin Turner

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Dear FBC family:

There comes a time when we must look ahead. The first Sunday in Lent will be March 5. We usually have a Lenten Bible study of some sort. All are invited and welcome. This year we have decided on a more targeted approach. We will be offering a six week series on **Making Marriage Work**. This is a combination video-discussion workshop on marriage.

For this program to be successful we need to have advance commitment. This is not the kind of program that you can attend only a few sessions and expect to gain. Kathy and I will be team teaching this series. We expect that at least one marriage partner attend every session. Since part of the program is on video, it will be possible to catch up during the week if one partner has to miss a session.

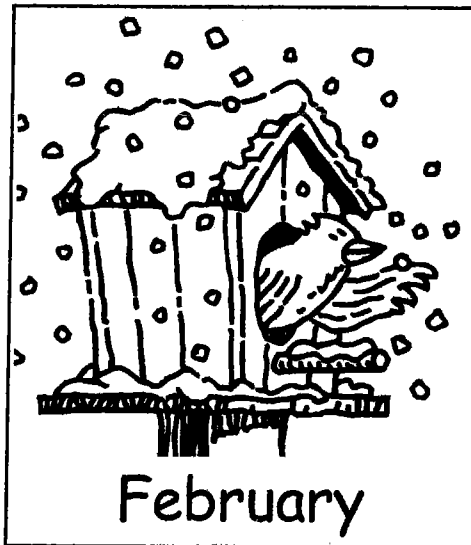
This program is for all who feel they might benefit by working on their marriages. We have not actually established a time for this program. Our hope is that enough people will show early interest and work together to find a time that will allow the most couples to participate. If you are interested please let Kathy or me know in the next week or so.

As a church we usually participate in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity by participating in the Delaware Ministerial Association's pulpit exchange program in January. Because of scheduling difficulties we have moved that program to February. On February 19 I will be preaching at Williams Street United Methodist Church and the Reverend Wally White, pastor of the Valleyview Evangelical Friends Church will be

preaching at FBC. Please make a special effort to support this exchange program.

Invite a friend to church. See you in church this Sunday.

Your Pastor,



## Retreat Committee

The Retreat Committee for this year is forming. Please see me if you would like to be a member of this committee.

— Pam Faulk.

## Young at Heart

Young at Heart will meet Thursday, February 9, at 12:00 at the home of Pam and Larry Faulk. It is located in Carson Farms at 705 Canal Street. If

you need directions, please call (740) 362-8637.

Beverages and table service will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share.

## Mission News

We've had a wonderful year of very generous giving by our congregation. The four major offerings were promoted and each time we exceeded our goal. Praise the Lord! Our most recent effort was the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. With our goal at \$500, we dug deeper and contributed \$575.13.

One of our Ohio missionaries serving in Thailand has some very serious health issues. Marcia Binkley hails from the Ashtabula Association and is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. She has returned to Cleveland with Duane, her husband. Their children are still in Thailand, attending school and being cared for by the other missionaries there. Please keep this family in your prayers as they deal with the illness, their fears, and the fact that their children are on the other side of the world.

Start thinking about the Walkathon that will be part of our America For Christ promotion soon. It is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, April 9. Put that date on your calendar and start warming up! We'll have quite a challenge to surpass last year, but we can do it!

— Jane Moore  
Mission Coordinator

## Trustees Report

- The fire extinguishers were checked by B&J of Marion. The cost was \$31.75.
- Some plumbing repairs were completed in the mens room by plumber Don Patrick. The cost was \$55.95.
- The windows were washed in the upstairs classroom areas.

- Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Feb. 1 Melissa Neill  
2 Elizabeth Bowman  
4 Mary Early  
6 Janet Inscho  
13 Lana Palmer  
15 Deborah Van Broekhoven  
24 Emilie Trigg

Please report any errors to Jim Stephenson.

## Letters

Many of you in my church have had my mom on your prayer list and sent her cards. I want to thank all of you and also for the beautiful flowers sent for her funeral service.

I would like to share with you part of her obituary:

"Ethel Trogden, 86, went to be with her Lord on Thursday, January 12, 2006. Surviving are three daughters, four sons, seventeen grandchildren, eighteen great-grand children, five great-great grandchildren, and eighteen of their spouses."

As recently as two weeks before her death, she finished crocheting an afghan for a great-great grand-daughter due in March, and one for a great-grandson due in May.

On Wednesday she raised her arm, and when asked by the Hospice nurse what she wanted, she said "I'm going home."

While we will miss her, we can take comfort that she is where she wanted to be.

Thank you all and God Bless.

- Jeanne Ekelberry

## VOLUNTEERS

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
Feb. 5	Sander	N. Trigg	B. Reed
Feb. 12	Mercer	Fogle	E. Faulk
Feb. 19	Turner	Chesser	Fogle
Feb. 26	?	L. White	Bowman

Thank you to all our volunteers! Please consider adding your name to the sign-up list on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room.

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Thank you very much for your special Christmas gift to Andrews House in the amount of \$122. We are very grateful for this gift designated to our Second Friday meal program. We celebrated our ninth anniversary in October and look forward to our continued service to the community.

We appreciate all the volunteer help, support and prayers of the First Baptist Church and hope you will continue to partner with us. Best wishes for a happy New Year.

- Rosalyn Smith  
Executive Director

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The People In Need (PIN) Board of Directors and staff, on behalf of Delaware County residents in need, offer our sincere gratitude for your donation of \$106 from your special Thanksgiving offering. We have chosen the PIN Food Pantry to receive your gift. Thank you for your continued support.

- Lula Mae Downerd  
People in Need, Inc.

## Personals

• **JEANNE EKELBERRY's** mother, **ETHEL TROGDEN**, died on January 12. We extend our sympathy to Jeanne and her family. (A letter from Jeanne appears in the Letters section of this newsletter.)

Jeanne was scheduled to have some surgery in late January, but it's been postponed because she has a bad case of bronchitis.

**MELISSA MERCER** has started a new business, and she submitted this announcement:

Some of you may not have heard about my new business venture. I am pleased to share the news with everyone that I have started a freelance full-charge bookkeeping business (Buckeye Bookkeeping Services) and am accepting clients. My mission is to provide small business owners with these services to allow them the ability to focus on the business they have a passion for and want to make successful. My services include activities such as Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, bank reconciliations, and financial records management to name a few. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in learning more, please give me a call. Referrals from family and friends are the number one way for new businesses to get off the ground. Your referral would mean a great deal!

- Melissa Mercer

### Buckeye Bookkeeping Services



**Melissa J. Mercer**  
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## Pancake Supper

We'll have our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

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Dear FBC family:

This is just a reminder. March 5 is the first Sunday in Lent. This year we are offering a six week series on strengthening marriage each Sunday night during Lent. If you have not already signed up, please do so no later than February 26. This series is one half video and one half group work. The video will be available to take home if you have to miss any of the evening sessions. The sessions will begin at 6:30 and should end promptly at 7:30.

March 5 will be a special Sunday for us. During the morning worship service Adam Davidson will be baptized. After the service we will have a special time of fellowship for the Davidson family. It has been a great joy to have them in our community during their furlough from mission work in Japan. Please plan to be here for that special Sunday.

Thank you for the privilege of participating in the Pulpit Exchange Program of the Delaware Ministerial Fellowship. I appreciated extending my

knowledge of God's people in Delaware at the Williams Street United Methodist Church. I know you were blessed by the presence of the Reverend Wally White of the Valleyview Evangelical Friends Church.

I hope and pray that you will be found faithful to God's church during this Lenten season. The church has historically used this time to prepare for the glory of the res-

urrection celebration at Easter. It is a time to examine our lives and our hearts. It is also a time to bring our will into alignment with the will of God. Remember that the scriptures tell us that if we seek first the kingdom of God, all that we need for life will be added to us.

Invite a friend to church.

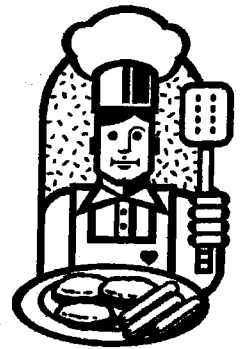
Your Pastor,



## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your appetite and a talent to share, such as a poem, a reading, a song or a dance. ALL ARE INVITED. Please see me if you wish to help.

—Larry Faulk



## ABWM Luncheon

A soup-and-sandwich luncheon (food provided by the ABW) will be held at 12:00 noon on Sunday, March 19.

The program will be "Legal Services Program at Andrews House." Those participating in the program will be David Ball, local attorneys, and Pastor Chesser.

We hope that church members will want to learn about this important program held each month at Andrews House.

— Betty Porter

## Young at Heart

Last month we met at the Faulks and had a very nice time. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 9 at a place to be announced.

– Jean Wickum

## America for Christ Walkathon Update

Start warming up those leg muscles folks! It's nearly time for the Second Annual Walkathon for America For Christ! Those who participated last year will agree (I'm sure!) that it was a fun, rewarding experience. Weather was perfect and the turnout exceeded all expectations. We're looking forward to surpassing last year's numbers.

This year we will gather at Mingo Park - back by the tennis courts again. There will be prizes, water, snacks, and fun for one and all.

What? America For Christ Walkathon

Where? Mingo Park

When? **Sunday, April 16, 2006**

What time? 2 p.m.

## VOLUNTEERS

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
March 5	Fogle	Ferguson	N. Trigg
March 12	Foor	P. Faulk	B. Reed
March 19	Chesser	Bowman	P. Mercer
March 26	Mercer	?	?

*Thank you to all our volunteers! Please consider adding your name to the sign-up list on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room.*

Who? Any able-bodied walker who wants to participate

Why? To help others learn about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

The theme this year is "You Can Make The Difference". Think about that and pray about your part in spreading God's Word to those less fortunate than us. Sign-up sheets and envelopes will be available soon. See you there!

– Jane Moore  
Mission Coordinator

## New Church Directory Available

The 2006 edition of our Church Directory is now available in the vestibule.

The information in the directory was compiled by the Board of

Deacons. Please note that it's **not** a membership list.

Please check your family's listing. If it contains any errors, let us know and we'll put a correction in the newsletter. (You could give the correction to the pastor, to a Deacon, or could put a note in the newsletter box.)



## AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2006

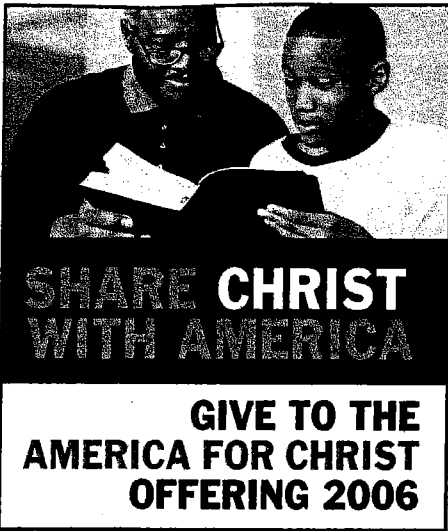
**NATIONAL GOAL: \$3,000,000**

**REGIONAL GOAL: \$145,800**

**OUR CHURCH GOAL: \$500**

## Andrews House

- Jill Lee has been promoted to the position of Executive Director.
- A "Spring Tone-Up" fundraiser for Andrews House will be held on Sunday, March 5 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Dublin Jazzercise Center, 6524 Riverside Drive in Dublin. It will include a morning of Jazzercise, kickboxing, reflexology, stretching, body sculpting, and more, led by fitness professionals. It's for all ages and all fitness levels, and there



will be door prizes. The suggested minimum donation is \$40. Phone Jill Lee at 369-4520 for more information.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Mar. 5 Ben Turner  
 7 Robert Foor  
 12 Evan Trigg  
 Sydney Kauf  
 13 Amy Pfarr  
 18 Dave Lovell  
 20 Natalie Campbell  
 27 George Riedmiller  
 28 Becky Sykes  
 Annette Fritsch-Lovell

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## Personals

- **ETHAN OBADIAH STONER** was born to Micah and Shannon Stoner on February 6. Ethan's grandparents are Steve and Karen Stoner; great-grandparents are Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer.
- **JEANNE EKELBERRY** had knee replacement surgery. She is receiving physical therapy at the Arbors and will be returning home soon.
- **MARCI SANDER** and **MATTHEW COOPER** were baptized on January 29.

## Special Prayer Need for Marcia Binkley

Following are some excerpts from a letter sent to us by Dan Taylor, our Minister of Mission Support here in Ohio. These are comments from Marcia Binkley concerning her diagnosis and treatment for cancer.

— Jane Moore

Dear Friends,

Yesterday [February 1, 2006] we met with the doctor who did the surgery for me on Jan. 24th. He said the further biopsy tests confirmed that the cancer had not spread into the lymph nodes and that further samples taken from the perimeter of the tumor site also confirm no presence of cancer cells. This was great news. Then, in the afternoon we met with an oncologist to find out what the recommendations are for further treatment. He told us that even though all the tests so far indicate the cancer has not spread, I am still considered to be in a higher risk category due to the larger size of the tumor- 3 cm and that I am fairly young... I will need to have a three phase treatment plan. The first phase will be eight sessions of chemotherapy with two week intervals between each session, so about four months in all. This will be followed by a month "rest" period before beginning phase two which is 5 to 7 weeks of radiation therapy, 5 days a week. Then, finally during the maintenance phase I will take an oral drug called "Tamoxifen" which will suppress the estrogen levels in my body (estrogen feeds the growth of cancer cells). I will also have to be monitored and checked four times a year, ongoing for some years to come.

While we are somewhat dismayed by the lengthy treatment process, the plan they are proposing will give me the best prognosis for recovery and will decrease the chance for any possible recurrence of the cancer. So, at this point my return to Thailand before June is still uncertain and how my body will tolerate the chemotherapy remains to be seen. I have my first chemo session on Wed. Feb. 8th. Duane leaves to return to Thailand Feb. 6th. The kids will be glad to have him back home. They are doing all right and we are able to talk with them most days using the internet and it's good to hear their voices.

### Please pray for these specific needs:

- Pray that Marcia will be able to tolerate the chemotherapy and will have minimal side effects.
- Pray for Duane's mom as she assists Marcia during the chemo treatment phase.
- Pray for our kids as they adjust to not having mom around for an extended time.
- Pray for Duane as he settles back into life and work in Thailand and fulfills the dual role as "mom" and dad at home as well.

We thank you for your continued prayers. We know God is in control and His love will see us through the days, weeks and months ahead.

Much Love,  
 Marcia Binkley

- **BETH TRIGG's** Apple Tree Cottage Tea Room was featured in Gazette article about romantic places to visit on Valentine's Day.
- **SAM CHESSER** was featured in a Gazette article about the Hayes High School "In the Know" team.





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Dear Friends,

Every day I receive appeals for charitable gifts. Some of these letters get tossed. But while my heart goes out to so many crying needs, my checkbook has difficulty keeping pace.

As Christians, our giving flows from our own deep gratitude for God's great goodness toward us. But what criteria do we use to decide how much and to whom we give? If only needs draw us, then our resources will be exhausted quickly, since neediness is inexhaustible. However, by pinpointing effective ministry that addresses people's needs, our donations will bear fruit in people's lives and the crying needs will actually decrease.

The America for Christ Offering enables American Baptists to multiply ministry and decrease needs when...

- David, executive director of a neighborhood center, realizes he's received 160 applications for 80 spots in a job readiness program.



**SHARE CHRIST  
WITH AMERICA**

**GIVE TO THE  
AMERICA FOR CHRIST  
OFFERING 2006**

- Bert, a pastoral counselor at the top of her field, becomes a minister to ministers, although she was at one time barred from ordination.
- Volunteers In Mission Nancy and Ron are so inspirational, a college awards them honorary master's degrees.

- Katie, among the first Chinese American women to be ordained, pastors a church and finds older members are excited to learn new things.

- Dario and Miriam plant a kernel of ministry among Latinos and, before long, a harvest of

new life in Christ is on the way.

America for Christ gifts provide critical financial support for the myriad of programs, people and resources that respond to the physical and spiritual needs of the searching, lonely and forgotten in our country. Our gifts are vital to the existence and growth of leadership development for home missionaries, youth leaders, church school educators, lay ministers and pastors.

Our America for Christ gifts support American Baptist mission throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, including in our own region; perhaps in our own neighborhoods.

Please join me in giving generously to the America for Christ Offering this year. Use the enclosed envelope and bring it to church when we dedicate our gifts on April 9, 2006. Christ modeled kindness we all can experience by being like the best good neighbor. Together, let us Share Christ with America.

Seeking to love kindness,

## Our Church Has a Web Site

We're trying something new! Check out our new website at [www.fbcdelaware.org](http://www.fbcdelaware.org). Be sure to check the site regularly since we're still deciding what to include.

Please email your reactions and suggestions to pastor Tim ([fbcdelaware@verizon.net](mailto:fbcdelaware@verizon.net)) or to me ([lfaulk01@aol.com](mailto:lfaulk01@aol.com)).

We're anxious for the web site to grow to serve as an info source for both our local congregation and for remote friends and members, as well as prospective members.

– Larry Faulk  
Website Manager

## Maundy Thursday

On Maundy Thursday (April 13), we'll have a candlelight communion service in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. Please enter and leave in silence.

## Easter Lilies

Easter lilies can be ordered for \$7.50 each to decorate our church on Easter Sunday. They can be given in memory or honor of someone, and you can take them home after our Easter service. Please place your orders with either me or Melissa Mercer by Palm Sunday (April 9).

— Jim Stephenson

## Business Meeting

On Wednesday, April 26 we'll have a covered-dish dinner at 6:30, followed by our quarterly business meeting at 7:00.

## Plan for the Retreat Now!

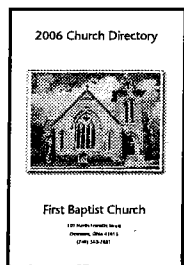
It is not too early to set aside the weekend of September 29-October 1 for our annual church family retreat. Again we will be at Camp Christian. The theme for the weekend is FAMILY TIES. Our retreat leader will be Ted Stephenson. Please put this

### Church Directory Update

Please update your copy of the 2006 Church Directory with this correction:

**Jerry and Lana Palmer's** e-mail address should be:

JPALME15@columbus.rr.com



important event on your calendar and join your church family at the retreat.

— Pam Faulk

## Trustees Report

• A major leak in the Assembly Room roof was discovered by Melissa Neill during an all-day rain. Mike's roofing was called and they discovered several broken and missing slates on the top peak of the roof and couldn't be seen from the ground. Replacement and repairs cost \$200. The trustees appreciate Mike's roofing getting this fixed right away.

• The fire department conducted an inspection that will now take place twice a year. We passed except for some low batteries in the exit lights.

• A new carbon monoxide detector was placed in the classroom in the old basement.

— Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees

## Thanks

Thanks to everyone for all of the (continued) prayers on behalf of my youngest granddaughter, Addisyn Inscho, since her birth on January 13, 2005. As a result of two heart surgeries, the latest having been performed February 3, she is now able to function at a relatively normal level. She has been given a clean bill of health by her heart surgeon, and will now be able to catch up with life!

Although she will never be able to participate in strenuous activities, she will be able to attend school in a normal classroom, and begin to attend public activities as she gets stronger. Her doctors have been amazed at her ability to rise above all challenges she has faced this past year, as most children with her condition do not thrive, and recovery from surgeries is long and difficult.

I believe it has been the constant prayers of our congregation on her behalf that have brought her through it all. My family and I are eternally grateful for your continued support and prayers.

— Melissa Neill

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I would like to thank the Board of Christian Education for the wonderful gift of organ lessons, provided through the generous funds from the Education Endowment. I have now had three lessons, and it is proving to be quite a challenge for me. My teacher is Sally Casto who is the organist at Asbury Methodist Church, and the director of two organ instruction programs here in Delaware. She has graciously agreed to come to our church to allow me to learn at our organ.

I will do my very best to learn all I can, and hopefully when all (12) lessons are accomplished, will be able to get through one service without turning anything off, or forgetting to pull out the stops so that the organ can actually produce sound! I am very very grateful! What a gift!

— Melissa Neill

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Thank you very much for your gift to the Andrews House Second Fridays Program. We appreciate your continued support of our outreach programs. There are hundreds of people who benefit each year from our programs, and I'm happy that you partner with us to make these programs possible.

We appreciate everyone at First Baptist who generously gives time to volunteer at Andrews House for various projects and programs.

Best wishes to each of you for a wonderful spring!

Sincerely,

— Jill A. Lee  
Executive Director  
Andrews House

## Bridal Shower for Marci Sander

All the women and young ladies of our church family are invited to a bridal shower for Marci Sander on Saturday, May 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church. Please RSVP to Pam or Erin Faulk by May 14.

## Personals

- **ADAM CHRISTIAN DAVIDSON** was baptized during morning worship on Sunday, March 5.
- **EMILY INSCHO** was baptized during morning worship on Sunday, March 19.
- **BUD SYKE's** father passed away. We extend our sympathy to Bud and his family.
- **SAM CHESSE**r won the Outstanding American History Student Award from the DAR. Also, Sam has announced that he plans to attend Ohio Wesleyan University.
- **DWIGHT DAVIDSON** has returned to Yokohama, Japan. **KARI** and their children will join him at the end of the school year.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- April 2 Adam Mowery  
10 Jane Mercer  
15 Ray Serviss  
19 Grace Campbell  
20 Fred & Pam DeBiasio  
Tammy Ferguson  
21 Jimmie Moore  
27 Colin Ferguson  
29 Deborah Fogle

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

## Important Correction for the America for Christ Walkathon

In last month's newsletter I made a HUGE mistake...the date for the

## Educational Endowment Guidelines

The purpose of the Educational Endowment is to provide scholarships for Christian education opportunities such as workshops, trainings, educational activities at national, state, and regional programs, etc. which will ultimately benefit the First Baptist Church of Delaware. The funds from the Educational Endowment are under the supervision of the Board of Christian Education.

1. In any given year no more than 5% of the value of the endowment as of December 31 of the previous year may be spent.
2. Under no circumstances should expenditures cause the balance of the fund to drop below \$10,000.
3. Anyone requesting funds from the endowment must submit an application provided by the Board of Christian Education.
4. The Board of Christian Education will make all final decisions concerning the awarding of scholarships.
5. The Board of Christian Education should periodically remind the congregation about the fund and possible uses and is responsible for communicating with the congregation when scholarships have been awarded.

So far, the Board of Christian Education has awarded Melissa Neill a \$300 scholarship in order to take organ lessons from Sally Casto.

### APPLICATION FOR A SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Funds Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date Funds are Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly state the activity or purpose of the funds:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Walkathon was incorrect. We will actually be gathering at Mingo Park on Sunday, April 9 at 2 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be available on March 26 and April 2. Get as many sponsors as possible... there will be prizes!

This is a great opportunity to fellowship with other members of the congregation while raising much-needed dollars for

missions. Remember — "You Can Make The Difference"!

— Jane Moore  
Mission Coordinator

## A Message from the Mercer Family

Dear First Baptist Family,

Phil and I are very proud of the fact that Michael was nominated, interviewed and accepted to participate in the People to People Student Ambassador Program. We had never heard of the organization before but have recently learned a great deal about the programs they offer and what phenomenal opportunities students have that participate.

If you would like more information about the program, you can visit the web site at [www.studentambassadors.org](http://www.studentambassadors.org).

In our efforts to help Michael with the fundraising for his trip, we are holding a garage sale at our home on April 28 and 29. If you would like to make a donation to this fundraiser, please let us know. Michael would be delighted to receive either a monetary donation (in any amount) or a donation to the sale for his trip. This is a terrific opportunity for Michael and we feel blessed that this opportunity has come about for him. It will be a significant time for

him to grow and find out more about himself. A bonus for him is that one of his good buddies that he has been in school with since Kindergarten was accepted to the program and they will be traveling together. They are very excited about this as you can imagine.

We appreciate any support you can offer to Michael as he embarks on a new adventure to discover new and exciting things!

With a grateful heart,

– Melissa Mercer



*Celebrating Five Decades of International Exchange*

March 26, 2006

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

I was recently interviewed and accepted to participate as a member of the People to People Student Ambassador Program on the Yosemite Adventure this summer. The objective of the program is to promote international (not on this trip though) and domestic understanding while building leadership skills among America's youth. The 14-day experience includes exploring some of the areas and landmarks that have made California world-famous (such as visiting San Francisco, the Golden Gate Bridge the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the Yosemite Valley and even a Ghost Town), interaction with other students my age, educational activities, and camping opportunities.

I am currently seeking financial sponsors to help me with tuition, and hope I can count on your support. In case you haven't heard of People to People, please allow me to share some history with you. President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded the organization in 1956. He believed that if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, so eventually would countries. Since its founding, People to People has launched many international programs, including Sister Cities, Project HOPE and Pen Pals.

People to People Student Ambassadors are carefully interviewed and evaluated before their acceptance and I am honored to have been selected. Personally, I am looking forward to broadening my perspectives of the country I live in and gaining a better understanding of a part of the United States that I have never seen before. Upon my return, I'd like to share my experience with the First Baptist Church family.

The program tuition is \$2,500, which includes all transportation, accommodations, meals and educational activities. I am seeking 50 contributors to each donate \$50 to help me reach my goal. My parents are also having a garage sale fundraiser for my trip and if a monetary donation isn't possible at this time, a donation to the garage sale would be appreciated very much. I hope it is possible for you to assist me by making a contribution. Any amount of contribution would be appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me or my parents at (740) 369-2498 if you need more information. Your generous contribution, whether monetary or as a donation to the garage sale fundraiser, would enable me to share in this wonderful opportunity. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely yours,

*Michael Mercer*

Michael Mercer  
Student Ambassador

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

Time flies when you are having a good time. As we enter the last month of our Christian Education year I hope you have been blessed with happiness and learning. Stay committed for these last few weeks.

I feel like we have been especially blessed this year. There have been new people in Sunday School. I would like to extend a special thanks to Chairperson Pam Faulk and the whole board of Christian Education for their hard work in making this a great Christian Education year. We can always learn something new.

As summer approaches remember that we are not the church without "u". Be faithful in your attendance and your stewardship during the summer months. What a great time to invite a friend to our 10:00 summer worship service.

This is an especially meaningful time for the Chesser household. Sam will be finishing up his time

at Delaware Hayes High School. Graduation is on June 3. As most of you know Sam has decided

to attend Ohio Wesleyan University, where he has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship. We would like to invite everyone in the church to our home at 632 Congress Court to an open house in Sam's honor on June 4, 2006 from 2:00 - 5:00. You have been at important part of Sam's

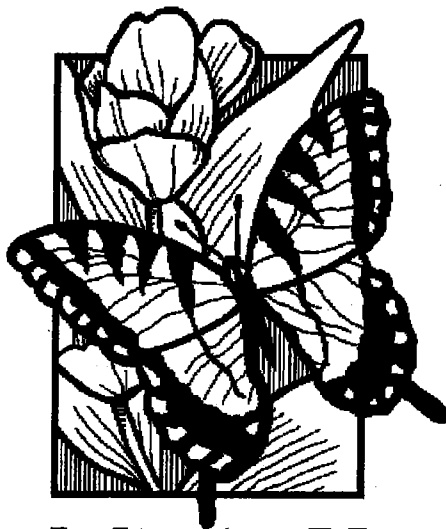
journey; we hope you can stop in on that day.

Your Pastor,



## Blanket Sunday

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, we will once again have the opportunity to remember or honor a special woman by contributing five dollars (\$5.00) per blanket. These funds will be sent to Church World Service to purchase blankets for those in need of them.



M A Y

Special forms for your designations will be available on May 7. During morning worship, you'll have an opportunity to attach those forms, along with your money or check. The blanket you attach them to is representative of the blanket you'll purchase. Church World Service helps with worldwide programs to serve others.

The list of dedications will be published in the next newsletter.

— Evelyn Lee

## Financial Aid Available from our Educational Endowment

Do you have plans this summer to take advantage of an educational experience at Green Lake or other similar places? If so, don't forget that you can apply for a scholarship from the Educational Endowment.

Just contact the pastor or any Board of Christian Education member.

— Pam Faulk

## June Newsletter

Due to travel plans, I must have your articles no later than 6:00 pm on Sunday, May 21. Thank you.

— Jim Stephenson, Editor



## Mission Update

Many, many thanks to all who have so generously supported the America For Christ offering this year. We have met our goal of \$500 and surpassed it! Latest figures show a total offering of \$634.07. The Walkathon (see photo above) was a rousing success once again this year, bringing in \$160 of the above total. Big winner again was Barb Reed who secured pledges (and money) amounting to \$100. Fellowship at an event such as the Walkathon is a bonus. We were blessed with a beautiful, sunny day and no muddy trails.

An update on Marcia Binkley: As of March 26 she had passed the half-way mark in her chemo treatments and had four more to go. The final session will be on May 17/18. She hopes to fly to Thailand to attend her son's high school graduation and then return to the states with her family for a year's home-assignment. In July she will begin 7 weeks of radiation therapy. They have much to face during the coming year so please keep the entire family in your prayers.

Also remember Kari Davidson as she prepares to fly to Japan with the 3 children in May. She has a lot of preparation to oversee while she cares for her family. Pray also for Dwight as he is separated from his family, eagerly awaiting their return.

— Jane Moore,  
Mission Coordinator

## Bridal Shower For Marci Sander

All women and young ladies of the church are invited to a bridal shower for Marci Sander on Saturday, May 20 in the fellowship hall of the church. The time is 7:00 p.m. Please note that this is a different time than mentioned in the previous newsletter because of Arts Festival parking.

Marci and Matt are registered at Crate & Barrel and at Pottery Barn.

Please RSVP to Pam or Erin Faulk.

## Baby Shower For Jennifer Cramer

A baby shower for Jennifer (Porter) Cramer will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 10th at 2:00 p.m. If you wish to attend, please R.S.V.P. to Debbie Fogle (363-7241) or Tina Muldoon (614-486-8053) by June 1st. Baby boy Wyatt is expected to arrive around July 1st.

## Church Retreat

Have you marked your calendar yet for our annual church family retreat? The dates are September

29 to October 1. We hope that all of our church family will want to participate. Camp Christian is a great site that is nearby. It should be easy for everyone to get there. Be sure to reserve the dates for this important event in our church life.

## Sunday School Classes to Take Summer Break

Sunday, May 28 will be the last day of Sunday school classes until Fall. Please take some time this month to say a special thank you to these Sunday school teachers and substitute teachers: Tim Chesser, Jimmie Moore, Jane Moore, Randy Turner, Erin Faulk, Barbara Lovell, Linda White, Nichelle Trigg, Barb Reed, Jean Wickum, Vic Fogle, Pam DeBiasio, Debbie Fogle, and Dawn Coleman. These teachers are invited to a special appreciation breakfast at Pam Faulk's house on Saturday, May 13 at 8:30 a.m. There will also be a brief meeting. Anyone who wishes to teach Sunday school next year who is not on this list, please speak to Pam Faulk this month.

## April Quarterly Business Meeting Highlights

### Financial Status of FBC:

Operating Budget: First Quarter receipts - \$27,688.00; total expenses - \$24,011.00; Includes \$5,000.00 undesignated gift. Major expenses were gas heat (\$3,219.53) and elevator maintenance contract (\$820.00).

Outreach Ministries (Missions): First Quarter receipts: \$2,413.00 (2006 goal is \$2,475.00!)

Educational Endowment: Earned \$452.00 or 3.73% for first quarter. Contributions totaled \$425.00; withdrawals - \$300.00. Easter Collection totaled \$340.00 which was earmarked for ABC

Historical Society, Valley Forge, Pa.

### **Pastor's Report:**

a) Karie Davidson and children will be returning to Japan May 11th. Unfortunately their ABC moving allotment has proved insufficient to cover the cost of the shipment of packed boxes. Rev. Chesser said donations to assist would be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to FBC (One check will then be issued to Karie for the total amount of the donations.) Donations may be given through May 1st to the Pastor.

b) The new church website is "up and going" at [www.FBCDELA-WARE.org](http://www.FBCDELA-WARE.org) thanks to Larry Faulk.

c) Rev. Chesser has volunteered for HELPLINE, a program which provides safety educational programs for schools. He will be attending a three day training session.

### **New Business Addressed:**

The Trustees were authorized to work with the Finance Committee to prepare a prioritized list of capital improvements (currently needed in the church) by the next business meeting. This would be a first step in problem solving ways and means of meeting these needs.

### **2006 Retreat Plans:**

Place: Camp Christian  
Leader: Rev. Ted Stephenson  
Theme: Family Ties  
Children's Programming:  
Wesleyan Students  
Date: Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2006

### **Other:**

a) An Appreciation Breakfast for Sunday School Teachers and Substitutes will be held May 13 as well as a Teacher's meeting.

b) Evelyn Lee announced that Church Women United of Dela-

ware are disbanding due to lack of leadership. The final meeting will be held in May.

- Lana Palmer, Clerk

### **Young at Heart**

The Young at Heart group met in March at the church, in the Fellowship Hall. There were 15 of us. We were happy to have Ray and Carol Sue Serviss join us, and Anne and Jim Brown. We voted to send \$40 to Habitat for Humanity. Jim Brown won the Silver Heart.

In April, because the Fellowship Hall was being set up for Maundy Thursday communion, we elected to meet at En Super Buffet. Ten of us were there to enjoy the Chinese-style food. Jean Wickum won the Silver Heart.

The next meeting, May 11th, will be at noon in the Fellowship Hall. If you are in your fifties or older, do come join us. It's covered dish, and the food is always really good.

- Jean Wickum, Convenor

### **ABWM**

Thanks to the leadership of Betty Porter, we had a very successful soup-and-sandwich lunch on March 19th. Seventeen people enjoyed a delicious meal and heard David Ball, who was interim minister for us at one time, and David Hejmanowski, Magistrate at the Delaware County Probate/Juvenile Court, speak about the Interfaith Legal Clinic at Andrews House.

They discussed who is eligible, what sorts of cases come to them, and how the program is staffed by attorneys who volunteer their time.

And thanks to the leadership of Evelyn Lee, a group from First Baptist went on April 22nd to enjoy a sing-along with the resi-

dents of Sarah Moore Home. Our Willa Corder played the piano. We brought cookies for after the singing. We all had a good time. There were 19 Baptists of all ages — from Gabe Fogle who is 2 years old, to Will Corder who is 90-some years old.

ABWM will meet again on May 18th at the church at 7:00 pm. Tentative plans are to talk about Missions in India.

-Jean Wickum, Chair  
ABWM

### **Trustees Notes**

- The women's restroom has been nicely redecorated.
- New batteries have been placed in the exit lights in the west end of the building.

-Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees

### **Church Women United**

Our Delaware Unit of Church Women United has not been able to fill the slate of officers the last two years. After much prayer and discussion, the church representatives have come to the conclusion that we can no longer continue as a group meeting four times a year.

However, First Presbyterian Church has invited all churches to a Church Women United May Luncheon on Friday, May 5, at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service.

At this luncheon, we will have a short business meeting to finalize some responsibilities. We will also hear interesting facts about the Least Coin History, gather the Least Coin offering, and fellowship together.

We hope, in the future, we can gather every First Friday in May for a luncheon and to renew friendships we've made through

the years in Church Women United.

First Baptist has participated in Church Women United for many years. I hope you can join us on May 5. If you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer them.

—Evelyn Lee

## Personals

- Congratulations to **Rick Van Brimmer and Sandy Case**, who were married on March 11. They will reside at Rick's home.
- **Betty Porter** had foot surgery and also her second cataract surgery.
- **Jean Wickum** had a stress test at St. Ann's Hospital.
- **Dwight and Kari Davidson's** home was burglarized. Several items were stolen, including a laptop computer.
- **Sarah Sykes** began classes at OSU Marion.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 Rick Van Brimmer
- 7 Bertha Van Brimmer
- 8 Willard Fogle
- 9 Chris Riedmiller  
Tim Chesser
- 10 Archie & Beth Trigg  
Anna Kailyn
- 12 Jeanne Ekelberry
- 15 Barbara Lovell  
Betty Porter
- 24 Jean Wickum  
Sharon & Steve Baker
- 27 Lisa Lawrence
- 30 David and Dawn Coleman

*Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.*



# First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

# May

2006

Rev. Tim Chesser, Pastor  
Office 363-7021 Parsonage 362-6033  
Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 9 to 12  
Days Off: Friday and Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7:00 Piecemakers; Choir	4 <b>National Day of Prayer</b> 7:00 Board of Christian Education	5 11:30 Church Women United Luncheon at First Pres.	6
7 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	8 7:00 Deacons	9 7:00 Trustees	10 7:00 Choir	11 12:00 Young at Heart	12	13 8:30am Teachers' Breakfast & Meeting at Pam Faulk's  6:00 Dinner at Six
14 <b>Blanket Sunday / Mother's Day</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	15	16	17 7:00 Choir	18 7:00 ABWM	19	20 8:30 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Shower for Marci Sander  <i>Delaware Arts Festival</i>
21 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	22	23	24 7:00 Choir	25 7:00 Parish Council	26	27
28 9:15 Sunday School (last day) 10:45 Morning Worship <i>June newsletter available today</i>	29 <b>Memorial Day</b>	30	31 7:00 Choir	1 <b>June</b> 7:00 Bd. of Christian Education	2	3

Summer schedule begins on Sunday, June 4.

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Dear FBC family:

I recently received a letter from the General Executive Council of the American Baptist Churches USA. They are asking for pastors and lay people to participate in a survey to help us determine priorities for the future. As far as I can determine the survey is only available online. It will take about 15 to 20 minutes to complete.

You can log on to the survey directly by going to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/asp?u=851392094822>. If you have trouble with that URL then you should try the ABC home page at <http://www.abc-usa.org>. The home page will direct you to the survey. The survey should be completed by June 5.

It is very important that the GEC hear from as many churches as possible. How important is this? Last week the board of directors of the American Baptist Churches of the Pacific Southwest voted to withdraw from the Covenant of Relationships with the American Baptist Churches USA. The minority of churches that want to remain American Baptist will form a new region or join with other regions. Our ability and desire to embrace or endure diversity are being tested as never before. A few loud, well financed voices may play a key role in determining the future of our denomination. Please feel free to add your quiet, well-reasoned, classic Baptist response to the mix.

As we begin summer hours on June 4. I encourage you to remain faithful in your attendance and giving during the summer months. June 11 will be Children's Day. After the service we will have our annual picnic at Blue Limestone Park.



Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see word about graduation at Hayes High School, and an open house at the parsonage in Sam's honor.

Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Tim".

## Children's Day Picnic

On Children's Day, June 11, there will be an all-church picnic at Blue Limestone Park in the lower shelter house. The picnic will be after church at 11:30. Bring a covered dish to share, your own table service and beverages. Feel free to bring lawn chairs and outdoor games. This is usually a well-attended event in our church calendar, so come and have some good food, lots of fun, and fellowship.

— Pam Faulk

## Honor Special Men on Father's Day with the Tools of Hope Offering

On Sunday, June 18, Father's Day, we will be remembering special men in our lives by contributing to the Tools of Hope program of Church World Services. These kits of tools are equipping others around the world to meet their own immediate needs and gain self-sufficiency. These kits are \$5 each.

Special forms for your designation will be available in the vestibule on Father's Day. During the worship service, you'll have an opportunity to attach these forms, along with your money or check, to the burlap cloth. All of these gifts will be sent directly to the Church World Service program to serve those in need.

Watch for the list of dedications in our next newsletter as our church continues to remember others.

– Evelyn Lee

## One Great Hour of Sharing

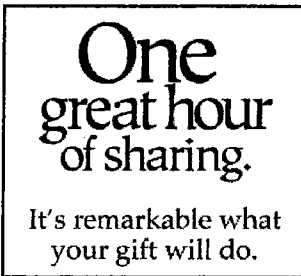
During the month of June we will be receiving our offering that will go to One Great Hour of Sharing. Many of us understand the OGHS offering to be the “disaster relief offering.”

That’s true! But the OGHS provides for much more.

We ‘partner’ with 8 other major denominations in addition to Church World Service. With these monies we make sure that we can respond to needs as soon as they happen and that tens of thousands of people receive support for ongoing relief, rehabilitation, and development.

Not every need is an emergency. We have helped schools in poverty-stricken areas to implement hot lunch programs. We helped purchase a four-wheel drive vehicle to deliver medicines to remote areas of Haiti. We helped furnish equipment for a school in China where migrant worker’s children attend. We helped women in Cameroon to start small businesses so they can support themselves and their families. The needs are so great...won’t you prayerfully consider giving generously once again. Our goal for this year is \$500.

–Jane Moore  
Mission Coordinator



## Blanket Sunday Celebrated

Thanks to all who participated in our Mother’s Day Blanket Sunday. \$374.00 was given to purchase 74 blankets by Church World Service for use around the world.

Those remembered and honored by our congregation are listed here. If there are any errors or omissions, please contact me.

– Evelyn Lee

### In Memory

From the Bowman family, in memory of Ruth Brown and Jackie Bowman

From Jim and Ann Brown, in memory of Edith Hall and Ruth Brown

From Kathy Chesser, in memory of Jessie Street

From Fred DeBiasio, in memory of his mother, Meme DeBiasio

From Emogene Ekelberry, in memory of her mother, Ethel Trogden

From Geneva Evans, in memory of her mother, Ernestine Frost

From Pat and Bob Foor, in memory of their mothers, Mildred Foor and Marjorie Shively

From Dave and Mary Lou Lovell, in memory of Rose Veresprej, Jenny Lovell, Margaret Morby, and Ida Morby

From Phil and Melissa Mercer, in memory of Nancy Happeny, Dorothy Mercer, and Edith Moore

From Jim and Jane Moore, in memory of Edith Moore

From Lana and Jerry Palmer, in memory of Helen Palmer and Marjorie Hartley

From Barb Reed, in memory of Katherine Clapper

From Sophia Stephenson, in memory of her mother, Clementine Blazewick

## Children’s Ministry Volunteers

Date	Nursery	Tweenies
June 4	?	?
June 11	?	Chesser
June 18	?	Fogle
June 25	N. Trigg	B. Reed

*Thank you to all our volunteers! Please consider adding your name to the sign-up list on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room.*

From Jarrod Trigg, in memory of Mary Catherine Trigg and Anne Linn

From Jim Van Brimmer, in memory of his mother, Mary

From Rick Van Brimmer, in memory of Barb Van Brimmer

From Colleen Whitacre, in memory of her mother, Joan Askins

From Linda White, in memory of Carolyn Schneeberger

### In Honor

From the Bowman family, in honor of Ann Brown, Carolyn Quick and June Grubbs

From Jim and Ann Brown, in honor of June Grubbs and Carol Grubbs

From Don Chesser, in honor of Kathy Chesser

From Sam Chesser, in honor of Kathy Chesser

From Tim Chesser, in honor of Hazel Chesser

From Erin and Larry Faulk, in honor of Pam Faulk

From Larry and Pam Faulk, in honor of Erin Faulk, Laurie Faulk, Eveleno Cole, Florence Faulk, and Jean Wickum

From the Ferguson family, in honor of Audrey Carter and Sylvia Ferguson

From Vic, Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle, in honor of Carol Serviss and Mary Lou Lovell

From Lisa Lawrence, in honor of Marge Matthews

From Evelyn Lee, in honor of Barb, Linda and Marcia Lee, the mothers of her grandchildren

From Barbara Lovell, in honor of Mary Lou Lovell

From Dave and Mary Lou Lovell, in honor of Deborah Lovell

From Phil and Melissa Mercer, in honor of Willa Corder, Judy Mercer, and Jane Moore

From Jim and Jane Moore, in honor of Willa Corder

From Lana and Jerry Palmer, in honor of Bernice Turney

From Betty Porter, in honor of her daughter (and mother-to-be) Jennifer Cramer, and daughter Janet Porter

From Barb Reed, in honor of Holly Kauf and Cris Riedmiller

From Jim Stephenson, in honor of Sophia Stephenson

From Jarrod Trigg, in honor of Beth Trigg

From Nichelle Trigg, in honor of Melissa Hedges

From Randy, Calvin, Ben and Claire Turner, in honor of Willa Corder, Jennifer Turner, Jane Moore, and Tonabell Turner

From Jim Van Brimmer, in honor of his wife, Bertha

From Rick Van Brimmer, in honor of Bertha Van Brimmer

From Sandy Van Brimmer, in honor of Doris Stone and Aili Case

From Colleen Whitacre, in honor of her friend and second mother, Carol Grubbs; Jean Osborne for being her Sunday School teacher, and Jean Wickum for being her Sunday School teacher

From Linda White, in honor of Margaret Seckman

From Jean Wickum, in honor of Susan Mussard, Pamela Faulk, and Evelyn Mead

Many thanks for thinking of others.

– Evelyn Lee

### Capital-Improvement Project Suggestions

The list below is a summary of project suggestions received from church members on 5/14/06. This list is NOT prioritized; items are just grouped by category.

–Larry Faulk

#### Entry:

- Refinish Entry Doors (main & south entry)
- Repair front steps (main & south entry)
- Refinish entry floor
- Add/repair sidewalk(s) to street
- New sign/message board perpendicular to church

#### Assembly Area:

- Improved lighting
- Painting
- Refinish woodwork

#### Sanctuary:

- Carpet repair/replacement
- Replace furnace(s)
- Air Conditioning and/or exhaust fans
- Enhance sound system
- Enhance lighting
- Painting – refurbish woodwork(arch) at baptistry
- Additional electric outlets

#### Sunday School Wing:

- Improved (zoned) classroom heating
- Insulation in classrooms / thermal blinds
- Window replacement/storm windows
- Improved lighting
- Painting
- "Spruce up" hallway – painting/lighting/carpeting
- Refurbish pastor's office

#### Fellowship Hall:

- Acoustical sound treatment
- Insulation / thermal blinds
- Furnace replacement

- New / refurbish tables with storage rack
- Painting
- Kitchen remodel
- Flooring

#### Franklin House:

- Furnace replacement
- Review status as "asset" vs "liability — rent/sell/improvements/demolish?"

#### General:

- Furnace replacement plan
- Painting – interior/exterior
- Roof repairs/refurbish

*Submitted items and comments suggest the following themes:*

**Climate Control** – heating, cooling, insulating including a prioritized plan for furnace replacement/improvement.

**Safety/Functionality** – carpet, tables, roof repair, steps/sidewalk improvements, lighting, sound system improvements.

**Appearance/Aesthetics, Atmosphere** – painting, signage, furniture, remodeling, acoustical treatment.

#### Trustees Notes

- The Gabel Elevator Company came on Friday, May 12 and did the annual service inspection and load test. Our payment for the service contract each year is \$908.25. This covers all service and trouble calls and the largest percentage of all parts. Although expensive, it is well worth it since it is required by the state inspector.
- The trustees have reviewed a list of the most urgent needs in maintenance of the church structure. You will hear more about this later.

– Peter White

*Reporting for the Trustees*

## Baby Shower For Jennifer Cramer

A baby shower for Jennifer (Porter) Cramer will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 10th at 2:00 p.m. If you wish to attend, please R.S.V.P. to Debbie Fogle (363-7241).

Jennifer is registered at Wal-Mart. Baby boy Wyatt is expected to arrive around July 1st.

## Letters

Dear Friends of First Baptist Church,

We have been too long in letting you know our new address. After a very long 3 1/2 years, Rundy and I were able to purchase a home. We are on two acres out in the country and have an extra garage for hobbies and wood-working.

address: 8126 Canyon Rd. SE  
Hebron, OH 43025

phone: 740-928-4356

email: hagans97@columbus.rr.com

Love,

— Jody Lynn Hagans

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Dear Friends,

I can't believe a year has gone by and the kids & I are hopping on a plane in a couple of days!

The times we've gotten to be with you at First Baptist have been good ones, and my spirit has been filled by so many of you. :)

Thanks for helping me with the kids after Dwight left for Japan, for showing concern, for your generous gift which helped with our move, and for being friends to us.

I've been a bit (well, maybe more than a bit!) overwhelmed lately and have spent much of my time cleaning & packing out of sheer

necessity.

I missed you last Sunday but want to say "goodbye", you are going back to Japan in spirit, and your prayers don't go unnoticed! I've learned a lot this year, much of it from the kindness, tolerance, and diversity I see in your church. Don't take your church family for granted!

Stay in touch!

Peace through Christ,

— Kari Davidson and family  
email: dpdavid@attglobal.net

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Dear Friends,

We wish to thank you for your generous donation of \$300 from your Missions Fund. We have chosen the Emergency Dental Assistance program to receive your gift.

—Kevin James, *People in Need*

*Note: complete letter posted in the Assembly Room - editor*

## Personals

• **Shirley Parker** had her leg amputated on May 16. She is now back at the Arbors Rehabilitation Center and would appreciate your cards and visits.

• **Ray Serviss** had rotor cuff surgery on May 18.

• **Jeanne Ekelberry** had a car accident on May 14 (Mother's Day) while driving through Waverly, Ohio. She has a broken wrist and cuts and bruises, and her car was totalled.

• **Kari Davidson** and their three children have returned to Japan to join Dwight. (See the letter from Kari in this newsletter.)

## Right—But Left

Hallie has a homely face;  
And Maisie talks too much.

Sybil needs to read the ads  
On chlorophyl and such.

Vera's hairdo is a joke;  
And Dot is downright dowdy.  
None of my associates  
Seems really worth my howdy.

My seams are straight,  
My hairdo styled,  
My costume new—and right.

Funny... I'm the only one  
without a date tonight.

— Eva Sparks Taylor  
submitted by Jean Wickum

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- June 2 Jerry & Lana Palmer
- 4 Patricia Foor
- 6 Sam Campbell
- 7 Steve Yang
- 8 Pam Faulk  
Carol Serviss
- 10 David & Mary Lou Lovell  
Aidan Ferguson
- 11 Randy & Jennifer Turner
- 13 Ryan Coleman
- 16 Bud & Becky Sykes
- 21 Willa Corder
- 22 June Grubbs
- 24 Beth Trigg
- 27 Joe & Alison Mowery  
Dwight & Kari Davidson
- 28 Jami Riedmiller  
Hannah Grubbs
- 30 Jimmie & Jane Moore

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Dear FBC family:

In Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians he wrote, "We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right..." I would use those same words and sentiments when I think about my church family at FBC. Your love and support in the past month have meant more to us than you can imagine. As a family we have felt loved.

Thank you for giving me the freedom this past Sunday to share what was on my heart.

As a matter of interest I reprint here a letter from the General Secretary of the American Baptist Churches, USA.

*American Baptists and Friends,*

*Grace, mercy and peace through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Fred Phelps, the independent Baptist, anti-gay warrior of Westover Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas, is in the news again. In what seems to be a kind of "theater of the absurd," he is picketing the funerals of American soldiers in protest of what he considers the military's pro-gay policies. When Fred Phelps pickets, it is usually an ugly scene, replete with filthy language, hostile attitudes, and compassionless rhetoric.*

*Whenever Fred Phelps is on the news, e-mails and phone calls flood the Mission Center asking if he is an American Baptist. He is*

*not, and never has been. Phelps' ordination was not in an American Baptist church and has never been recognized by any American Baptist region.*



## JULY

*The complicating reason why the "American Baptist" connection keeps surfacing is that there is a small fundamentalist landmark Baptist group in Texas and Arkansas that calls itself the American Baptist Association. It is in a church within that association that Phelps is credentialed. The reality is that Phelps has picketed at least two American Baptist churches: Sage Park and First Baptist, both in Topeka.*

*"You will know them by their fruits," Jesus said in Matthew 7:16.*

*The hostile, angry confrontations created by Phelps are an embarrassment to the Gospel and the church. American Baptists distance themselves from ministers like Phelps, not only by words, but by deeds. "By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35)*

*Centered in Christ,*

*Signed: Roy Medley*

Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor

### Second Friday Update

As we continue to Partner church with Andrews House, we take turns in Second Friday responsibilities. First Baptist will serve as Mixers and Greeters on July 14 and September 8, which means we arrive about 5:15 to mix and greet and are finished by 7:00 p.m.

At the August 11 dinner we are responsible for the dessert. We need to furnish 13 of the 9-inch peach pies. These will cost \$6.99 each.

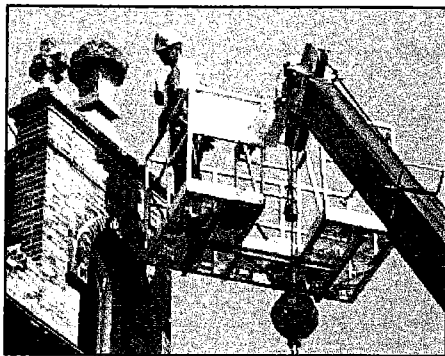
Please let me know if you can assist with these tasks.

Thanks from the many who enjoy these dinners.

– Evelyn Lee, 362-9107

## Trustees Notes

• On Tuesday, May 30, Mid State Contractors of Marion returned with their crane and put the restored stone cross back on top of the steeple. All four of the small stone crosses on the church have now been repaired with new stones bases.



Mid State also waterproofed the north wall of the assembly room above the window where the water has soaked through, damaging the plaster and paint. The damage will be repaired this fall. Seven missing slates were replaced the same day while the crane was here. We will report the cost when we receive the bill.

• Our renter in the old parsonage has decided to sign a lease for another year.

• On Saturday, June 5, Brook Beisner and Curtis Gilligan were married at First Baptist. Pastor Scott Kelso of Trinity Family Life Center (United Methodist) in Pickerington officiated. Mary Lou Lovell was the organist. Peter White was the building host.

• On Saturday, June 17, Marci Sander and Matt Cooper were married at First Baptist. Pastor Tim Chesser officiated. Mary Lou Lovell was organist and was the accompanist for soloist Roberta Swanger, soloist Teresa Parulekar, flute soloist Julie Beck, and oboe soloist Doug Mead. The couple flew to Hawaii for their honeymoon.

• The sanctuary piano was tuned by Richard Dacks just before the Cooper-Sander wedding.

– Peter White  
*Reporting for the Trustees*

## New Library Book

An additional book has been added to the children's book collection (Carolyn Schneeberger memorial) that is housed in the Sunday School room. It is entitled "God Thought of Everything Weird and Wacky" by Bonnie Bruno. I have been using it each Sunday in the Junior Sunday School Class and decided to place it in the collection so that other children could enjoy its amazing stories, too.

–Linda White

p.s. Thanks to the pre-school and nursery classes and teachers Deb and Vic Fogle for their donation of a lovely book entitled "The Children's Book of Faith" edited by William J. Bennett. It would be a great "read aloud" book for the whole family.

## Thank You...

Thank you for your gift of \$340 to the American Baptist Historical Society. This new year holds both adventure and promise as we explore plans for the consolidation of our two sites. Your continuing support is needed now more than ever.

Your gifts enable the Society to maintain its research facilities both at the Archives Center in Valley Forge, AP, and at the American Baptist-Samuel Colgate Historical Library in Rochester, NY. We are custodians of the world's largest collection of Baptist materials, and that collection grows daily.

Your dedicating the Easter offering to ABHS was very special to me, personally. I hope to be home in Ohio soon to deliver my thanks in person!

– Deborah Van Broekhoven  
*Executive Director  
American Baptist Historical  
Society*

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Thanks so much to the women of First Baptist Church who participated in the baby shower. Your generosity was overwhelming. A special thanks to Debbie Fogle, Barbara Lovell and my sister, Janet, for your help in organizing the shower.

Wyatt Samuel was born on Monday, June 19 at 4:24 p.m. He is a healthy 7 lbs. 14 oz and 19-1/4 inches tall.

Though the road was really rough, we appreciate your unconditional support and prayers.

– Jennifer and Rob Cramer

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Thank you very much for your \$250 gift to Andrews House. We

are very grateful for this gift that will help us sustain our outreach services: the Third Thursday meal, the Second Fridays meal, the Computer Learning Center, Supervised Visitation, Interfaith Legal Clinic and our new Latino outreach.

— Jill A. Lee  
Executive Director  
Andrews House

## Tools of Hope 2006

Thanks to the following people, we will be contributing \$280 to Church World Service for 56 Tools of Hope kits. Be assured they will be appreciated by all who receive this help from you.

Please contact me if you have any corrections to this list.

— Evelyn Lee

### In Honor

From Liz, Emily and Sarah Bowman, in honor of Bruce Bowman and Jim Brown

From Kathy Chesser in honor of Wynson Hope

From Sam Chesser in honor of Tim Chesser

From Pam and Larry Faulk in honor of Jeff Faulk and Keith Anderson

From Pam and Erin Faulk in honor of Larry Faulk

From Bob and Pat Foor in honor of Bob Foor and John Nolan

From Evelyn B. Lee in honor of Rick and Doug Lee

From Barbara Lovell, Vic, Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle, in honor of Victor Fogle, Ray Serviss, and Dave Lovell

From Dave and Mary Lou Lovell, in honor of Ray Morby, Richard Lovell and Victor Fogle

## PHILLIP'S FLOCK...BY DOC GOODWIN



cartoon submitted by Jean Wickum

From Mary Lou Lovell, in honor of Dave Lovell

From Phil and Melissa Mercer, in honor of Jerry Mercer and Jimmie Moore

From Jim and Jane Moore, in honor of their sons-in-law, Phil Mercer and Randy Turner

From Jean Osborne, in honor of Gregory Osborne

From Linda White, in honor of Michael Seckman

From Rick Van Brimmer, in honor of Jim Van Brimmer

From Harold Van Broekhoven

### In Memory

From Ann and Jim Brown, in memory of Fred B. Grubbs, Sr., and Charles N. Brown

From Tim Chesser, in memory of A. G. Chesser

From Emogene Ekelberry, in memory of her father, Hewlett Trogon

From Larry and Pam Faulk, and memory of Donald Faulk, Ralph Cole, Wilbur Wickum, and Ron Rose

From Bob and Pat Foor, in memory of Albert Foor and Daniel Shively

From Evelyn B. Lee, in memory of Dick and Bruce Lee



From Rick and Marcia Lee, in memory of Richard Lee

From Barbara Lovell, Vic, Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle, in memory of Willard Fogle

From Dave and Mary Lou Lovell, in memory of Robert J. Lovell

From Phil and Melissa Mercer, in memory of Ivan Roland Mercer and Nathan Gerald Corder

From Jean Osborne in memory of David Osborne and Gary Osborne

From Jim and Sophia Stephenson, in memory of Rev. James B. Stephenson

From Randy and Jennifer Turner, in memory of N. G. Corder, James C. Moore, Adren Jones and A. R. Turner

From Linda White, in memory of Charles R. Seckman

From Sandy Van Brimmer, in memory of Frederick Stone

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- July 1 Robert & Patricia Foor
- 3 Phil Mercer
- 5 Victor & Deborah Fogle
- 6 Sam Chesser
- 14 Sara Bowman
- 15 Aunt Alice Osborne
- 17 Nichelle Trigg
- 18 Peter & Linda White
- 19 Jarrod Trigg
- 23 Alison Mowery
- 28 Regan Riedmiller
- 30 Bernice Turney

*Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.*

## **Personals**

• **Jean Wickum's** daughter, **Marty Chapman** died on Friday, June 9 in an auto accident in California. We extend our sympathy to Jean and her family.

• Congratulations to **Marci Sander** and **Matt Cooper**, who were married at First Baptist on June 17.



# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

I would like to share with you a letter I recently received from our executive minister. Please respond as you feel led.

Your Pastor,



## ABC/Ohio Church Member Survey

The American Baptist Churches of Ohio is in the first year of our new region vision "**Rise Up and Build.**" I am pleased to report to you that twenty congregations are participating in the first cycle of the transformation journey. As I attend the learning cluster gatherings with these churches I hear and experience the signs of new life and hope for these churches.

ABC/Ohio wants to become more focused and effective in achieving the vision and assisting churches in the transformation journey. As we become more effective we know that churches will benefit in their efforts to transform persons' lives and build the Kingdom of God.

To assist us in our efforts ABC/Ohio has secured the services of Mark L. Vincent, Lead Partner of Design For Ministry. Design For Ministry is a consulting firm that assists denominations, churches, and individuals in a variety of organizational and ministry needs. Many of you have

met Mark in 2005 when he spoke at ABC/Ohio's Church Leadership Conference in April and the Bible and Missions Conference in September.

The purpose of this update is to ask you and your congregation to participate in a web-based **Church Member Survey**. The survey will provide the necessary data that will assist Mark



in making recommendations to the Region. The survey will help ABC/Ohio make choices that will increase our effectiveness in ministry for you and your church. Therefore it is critical that you and as many of your church members as possible participate.

To take the survey, go to the "Rise Up and Build" page at the ABC of Ohio web site:

<http://www.abc-ohio.org>

The survey period runs until Thursday, August 3. Please publicize this in your weekly worship bulletin and

newsletter. Announce it from your pulpit. Encourage persons to participate. Let them use your church computer if necessary. Thank you for your support in this important effort.

Please continue to pray for ABC/Ohio as we assist you in building healthy missionary churches. Let us Rise Up and Build!

— Rev. Dr. Lawrence O. Swain

## Highlights of FBC's Second 2006 Quarterly Business Meeting

• A Church Capital Improvements Report was provided by Chairmen of the Board of Deacons and Trustees, Larry Faulk and Jimmie Moore:

- a) A review and analysis of the furnace systems is underway, and each contractor is being asked to make recommendations.
- b) Quotes are being sought to extend the heat duct work in the education wing rooms to the exterior walls to provide better heat circulation. Cost of insulated windows is being explored. Auxiliary heat is being examined.
- c) Special contributions, pledges and/or financing may be required to meet the larger projects.
- d) Members who have special interest in a project or can

suggest/provide potential resources to complete it are encouraged to contact Pastor Tim.

• Maintenance Gift Supported: Peter White is donating approximately \$15,000 from his Mother's estate in order to complete the following maintenance projects:

- a) Removal of the old coal chimney no longer in use and repair of the affected roof area.
- b) Replacement of half round gutter on the assembly room area; repair of soffit and cornice bracket.
- c) Relining Box gutter on the NE elevation of the sanctuary with 16 oz. copper along with necessary flashing.

Formal appreciation and thanks were expressed by those in attendance for Peter and Linda's generous gifts.

• Rev. Tim expressed gratitude for the large number of children in our church family, and expressed a need to consider having a staff person serving as Youth Minister. This person could be responsible for Youth Group, educational and social activities, etc. Dave Lovell offered a motion that we look into hiring a part time Youth Minister. After some discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. The project was referred to the Deacons.

• There will be a meeting for all Sunday School teachers Monday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m at the church.

• Retreat: To be held Sept. 29 - October 1 at Camp Christian with Leader, Ted Stephenson. Theme is "Family Ties." There is one set price, including meals (whether there or not). Option for spending night is offered free of charge.

• American Baptist Women's Ministries of FBC has disbanded their formal ties with the Association due to low attendance and thus, difficulty in meeting requirements. The ladies will continue to meet as American Baptist Women on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in Buehler's Mill Restaurant.

• Linda White has a list of current needs for the People in Need agency which also includes school supplies. Please see Linda for details.

• Pastor Tim has attended all of the clergy luncheons of the Marion Association this quarter. He also participated in a service of installation for the new minister at the West Mansfield Baptist Church.

— Lana Palmer, Clerk

### **Retreat! Retreat! Retreat!**

Watch your August mail for information and registration for this year's retreat, to be held the weekend of Sept. 29 to Oct. 1.

— Pam Faulk

### **Attention Sunday School Teachers**

There will be a meeting for Sunday school teachers for next year on Monday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Substitute teachers need not attend.

— Pam Faulk

### **Trustees Notes**

• The recent visit by Mid State Contractors of Marion with the tall crane was \$987. This included the repair of the stone cross, the waterproofing of the assembly room's north wall, and the replacement of broken and missing slates on the steeple.

• A thank you to Dave Lovell for climbing the 40 foot ladder to change one of the sanctuary's high lights. The cost of these giant 750 watt bulbs have gone up over the years. Two new spare bulbs cost \$88.96. They last for 6 or 7 years.

• Two new large carpets from remnants have been placed in two classrooms on the north side of the hallway. A thank you to Jimmie Moore for the time he spent on this project. The old ones were cut up and thrown away. The cost was \$130.

—Peter White

Reporting for the Trustees

### **Food Pantry Updated**

Summer seems to be a time when the need for food items at our local food pantry (PIN) is at its greatest. Here is a list of items that we could use right now: cooking oil, juice, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, boxed potatoes, Tuna Helper and Chicken Helper, hand soap, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, toothpaste, noodles, macaroni (plain), jello, vegetable soup and cereal.

Place your items in the basket in the vestibule and I'll take them in.

Some interesting statistics to note — In June, 531 people were served at PIN (4,278 meals). Since Jan. 1, 2006, a total of 21,697 meals were given out.

Thanks for your contributions.

— Linda White

PIN Volunteer

p.s. We are beginning to pack up school supplies this week, so help in this area is needed, too. Of greatest need are scissors, markers, loose paper, pencil boxes, erasers and folders.

## **2006 Tools of Hope Update**

Our Tools of Hope contribution reached \$310, which equals 62 kits with the following gifts of memories:

From Betty J. Porter, in memory of her grandfather Frank Samuel Berger

From Betty J. Porter, in memory of her father Ralph E. Guy

From Jim Stephenson, in memory of Rev. James B. Stephenson

From Sophia Stephenson, in memory of Rev. James B. Stephenson

From Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer, in memory of Rufus Crane and Ben Turney

Thanks to all who thought of others and made this gift to Church World Service possible.

—Evelyn Lee

## **Thank You**

Thank you so much for your gift of \$310 to the Tools and Blankets Program of Church World Service. Because of your gift, our humanitarian programs of disaster relief, economic and social development, education and advocacy, and refuge assistance are addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty.

— Rev. John L. McCullough  
Executive Director and CEO  
Church World Service

## **Shirley Parker**

We received a note from Shirley Parker's daughter, Allison, and Shirley's son-in-law Phillip. They wanted our church to know how appreciative Shirley, Allison, Phillip, and Shirley's sons are for all the kindness shown by church

members. The calls, cards, cookies, and fellowship helps to keep her going, as do the visits from Tim. She looks forward to all of them.

Remember that Shirley is in room 306 at the Arbors and her phone is 368-8140. You'll thoroughly enjoy a visit with her.

— Evelyn Lee

## **Bernice Turney**

I was fortunate to receive a phone call from Bernice Turney recently. She sounded so good and wondered about many of you. Remember that she will be 91 on July 31. Her parting question was "What kind of light did Noah have? Answer: A floodlight." May we all be so sharp at 91.

— Evelyn Lee

## **Bertha McTaggart**

Bertha McTaggart has recently moved. Her new address is:

St. Leonard Center  
Assisted Living Room #139  
Centerville, OH 45458

She welcomes our newsletter and reads every word. At 88, she has given up driving and relies on others to take her to the Dayton Baptist Church.

## **Second Fridays Update**

Thank you to all who contributed toward the peach pies we'll be providing in August. They will be appreciated.

In July, Sophia and I served as greeters and mixers as 45 dined at Andrews House and 49 dinners were sent out.

A broken oven and only two servers made for a change of menu and a very busy mealtime, but the guests all went away happy.

Remember, we will be helping again in September, so let me know if you would like to be a part of this community service, or just stop by sometime to see how this program serves others.

— Evelyn Lee  
362-9107

## **ABWM**

Eleven women met in June in the new Community Room at Buehlers for a delicious catered lunch. As part of our business meeting, we reached the sad decision that we could no longer carry on the responsibilities of the ABW Ministries due to lack of members, finances, and health.

We will continue as ABW to maintain the fellowship of women in the church on the third Thursday of every month at the Mill at Buehlers at 11:30. The Love Gift Offering will also continue and the Sewing Group will work on bandages, quilt blocks, lap robes, and shirts from time to time. We regret that our church will no longer be helping an overland and overseas missionary, as has been done for so many decades. The balance in our treasury will go to the Neighborhood Ministries in Campbell, Ohio, as soon as our last check to Dwight Davidson clears.

Our sincere appreciation to Jeanne Ekelberry and Jean Wickum for all their efforts to continue this mission.

All the women are welcome to join us for lunch on the third Thursday at 11:30. No reservations — just join the fellowship of all.

— Evelyn Lee

## Young Adults BBQ

The young adults will have a BBQ-get-together on Sunday, August 6 at 4:00 p.m. at the Fogle's condo. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Please call 363-7241 if you have any questions.

## Request from a Hearing-Impaired Member

Dear congregation,

A gentle reminder from the hearing impaired — Your joys and concerns during morning worship are important, but cannot be heard by all. Could you please write them down for the pastor to read?

## Personals

- Recent hospital patients:

Fran Cook

Sophia Stephenson

Bertha Van Brimmer

Jean Wickum

- Mary Lou Lovell fell and tore a ligament in her knee. Melissa Neill will be our organist until Mary Lou recovers.

- The Turners attended a church camp in West Virginia.

- Betty Porter attended a convention in San Francisco.

- Larry, Pam, Erin, Jeff, Laurie, Cullen, and Brigid Faulk vacationed for a week in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. They all shared one huge, beautiful beach house with members of Laurie's family also. Several weeks later, Larry, Pam, and Erin departed for Geneva-on-the-Lake for their yearly "month at the lake in a trailer" trip.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Aug. 3 Ray & Carol Serviss  
4 Gabriel Fogle  
5 Bruce & Elizabeth Bowman  
7 Jennifer Cramer  
8 Jim Van Brimmer  
Jean Syler  
9 Steve Stoner  
11 Steve & Tammy Ferguson  
17 George & Chris Riedmiller  
18 Pam & Larry Faulk  
20 Spencer Kauf  
21 Jim Stephenson  
24 Florence Faulk  
27 Linda White  
28 Pam DeBiasio  
30 Katie Riedmiller  
Archie Trigg

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# AUGUST

2006

Rev. Tim Chesser, Pastor  
 Office 363-7021 Parsonage 362-6033  
 Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 9 to 12  
 Days Off: Friday and Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00 Choir	3 Last day to submit "Rise Up and Build" Online Survey at abc-ohio.org	4	5
6 10:00 Morning Worship 4:00 Young Adults BBQ at Fogle's Home	7	8	9	10 12:00 Young at Heart	11 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	12
13 10:00 Morning Worship	14 7:00 Deacons	15 7:00 Trustees	16	17 11:30 Women's Luncheon (formerly ABWM) at the Mill at Buehlers	18	19 8:30 Mens Breakfast
Pastor Chesser on Vacation						
20 10:00 Morning Worship Last day to submit newsletter articles.	21	22	23	24 7:00 Parish Council	25	26
Pastor Chesser on Vacation						
27 10:00 Morning Worship September newsletter available today.	28 7:00 Sunday School Teachers Meeting	29	30 7:00 Choir	31 7:00 Board of Christian Education	September 1	2

Next Month: Sunday School will resume on September 10

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

Summer is about over and it is time to pick up on our regular schedule. September begins and ends with big bangs. Starting bang is Rally Day on September 10. This is the day that Sunday School will resume and we will begin our regular schedule of Sunday School at 9:15 followed by morning worship at 10:45.

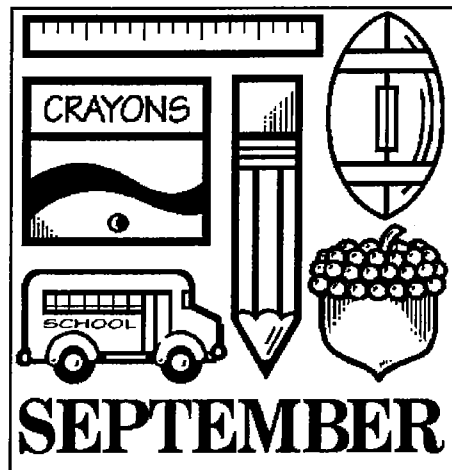
Teachers are in place for all Sunday School classes. As was our practice last year adults have two options. The upstairs class will use the Judson Press Journeys Sunday School quarterly. The theme this quarter is the history of God's covenant with the Hebrew people. This class will be taught by the pastor.

The downstairs class will use a new internet-based curriculum. Randy Turner will again teach this class.

The final bang for September will be when we gather at Camp Christian for our all church retreat on September 29 to October 1, 2006. We are very excited to have the Reverend Ted Stephenson as our retreat leader. Please plan on attending the community building retreat. We learned last year that Camp Christian was perfect for our needs. It is close enough for those who want to sleep in their own beds at night and comfortable enough for those who want to get away. The food last year was just awesome. As always we will pick up the tab for first-time attendees. Please don't let financial considerations keep you from attending. Help is available. See the pastor for details.

We are looking forward to another great year of God's blessings at FBC. You can help by inviting a friend to church. They will thank you and it might be a life changing experience for all.

Your Pastor,



## Rally Day!

On Sunday, September 10, we will be kicking off a new year of Sunday school classes. Sunday school will open with everyone gathering in the large assembly room next to the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. After opening assembly, we will proceed to our classes. The classes, teachers, (substitute teachers), and classrooms are as follows:

**Adult class** — Tim Chesser (Larry Faulk); upstairs Gathering Place

**Adult class** — Randy Turner (Phil Mercer); downstairs blue room

**Senior High** (grades 9-12) — Erin Faulk (Sam Chesser); ABY room

**Junior High** (grades 5-8) — Emily Inscho (Pam DeBiasio); last room on the right

**Middlers** (grades 2-4) — Barb Reed (Linda White); last room on the left

**Primary** (grades K-1) — Kathy Chesser (Melissa Mercer); first classroom on right next to pastor's office

**Pre-school** (ages 2-4) — Vic Fogle (Nichelle Trigg); second classroom on the right

**Nursery** (Infants, Toddlers) — Pam Faulk (Debbie Fogle); Crib Room

We have an excellent group of teachers and students and encourage you to join us this year for Sunday school classes at 9:00.

— Pam Faulk

## Mission Moment

There are several things to share with you this month. First of all, we ended our One Great Hour of Sharing offering with a total of \$476. Thank you to all who gave so generously. Our offering will join with that of other American Baptist Churches and also other denominations to help fund relief efforts for those in need.

Please take note of the new poster on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room. This was given to us as an expression of thanks from the staff at Valley Forge. The beckoning Christ, calling us to follow him, is a visible symbol of

new life and energy around our mission program. According to our General Secretary, A. Roy Medley, "American Baptist Churches USA continues to be the fastest growing mainline denomination in the nation, and we thank God for blessing us in this way."

Having asked you to pray with us for Marcia Binkley, I'd like to share an update on her condition. She finished her chemotherapy and was able to travel to Thailand for her son's high school graduation. The next day the family returned to the United States and they have settled in the Akron area for the coming year. She will begin radiation treatments soon, so will continue to be in need of prayer.

I mailed a letter with some photos to the Davidson family in Japan and the postage was only 84 cents. If you would be interested in sending them a greeting or a note, please let me know and I'll be happy to share their address with you.

Remember our local mission projects also. We partner with

other churches to help at Andrews House and PIN. Opportunities for volunteering are always available.

— Jane Moore  
Mission Coordinator

*Note: This article was submitted last month, but was accidentally omitted. — Editor*

## Andrews House

Andrews House is inviting their partner churches to attend a casual, brown-bag luncheon at noon on Wednesday, Aug 30. This luncheon will replace their quarterly evening meeting, and will be an opportunity for fellowship and to get an update on what Andrews House is doing.

In addition, the Andrews House board would like to have a partner church member serve on its board. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please let the Andrews House staff know prior to the meeting.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by calling 369-4520.

## Church Directory Update

Matt and Marci Sander Cooper's new address:

1111 Deerfield Road, Apt. 209  
Lebanon, OH 45036

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Sept. 3 Alec Ferguson
- 7 Christy Sykes
- 11 Barbara Reed
- 13 Jerry Palmer
- 14 Marci Cooper
- 15 Janet Porter  
Jim & Bertha Van Brimmer  
Sarah Sykes
- 18 Melissa Mercer
- 26 Phil & Melissa Mercer
- 29 Ian Ferguson
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## Annual Church Family Retreat

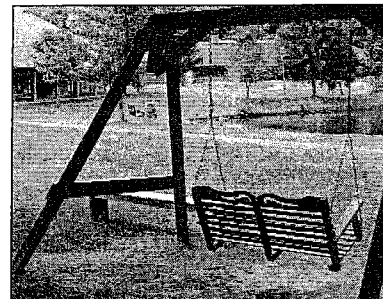
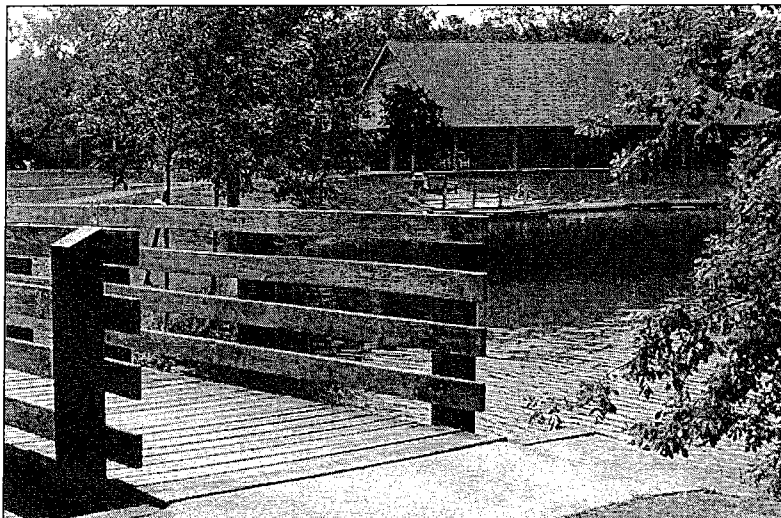
We are hoping that all families will be able to attend this year's retreat at Camp Christian the weekend of Sept. 29 to Oct 1. The theme is FAMILY TIES and our leader will be Rev. Ted Stephenson.

The camp is just 9 miles from Delaware, and the cost has been reduced. Please make every effort to attend.

Please see me if you didn't receive a registration form. Registrations are due by Sept. 10 so that we can let the camp know how many to expect.

Remember that there will be no Sunday morning services at our church on October 1. Please join us at Camp Christian for worship even if you are unable to attend the retreat.

—Pam Faulk








## **Personals**

- Allison Mowery was our guest preacher on August 20, while the Chessers were on vacation.
- Michael Mercer spent two weeks in California as a People-to-People Student Ambassador.
- Chuck Brown and his wife have returned to Taiwan after spending 2 months here with his parents, Jim and Ann Brown. Chuck is an English professor at a university in Taiwan.

# September

2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10:00 Morning Worship	<b>3 Labor Day</b> 4 	5	7:00 Choir 6	7	6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House 8	9
<b>Rally Day</b> 10 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Registrations for church retreat at Camp Christian are due today.</i>	7:00 Piecemakers; Deacons 11	12	7:00 Choir 13	12:00 Young at Heart 14	15	8:30 Mens' Breakfast 16
9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	17	18	7:00 Choir 20	7:00 ABWM 21	22	23
<b>Christian Education Sunday</b> 24 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>October newsletter available today.</i>	25	26	7:00 Choir 27	7:00 Parish Council 28	 29	 30
						Church Retreat, 7pm Fri. – 1pm Sun.

On Sunday, Oct 1, there will be no services at First Baptist. Morning worship will be at Camp Christian at 11 am.

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

Once again the American Baptist Churches of Ohio will be holding their annual meeting in Columbus. The site this year will be The Columbus—A Renaissance Hotel. According to the constitution of our Region our church can send two voting delegates in addition to the pastor to the annual meeting. If you have any interest in attending as a voting delegate please let me know as soon as possible.

The main presenters this year are the Rev. Dr. James Herrington and the Revs. Jim and Debbie Kelsey. Dr. Herrington is a specialist in congregational transformation. The Kelseys are American Baptist missionaries to Belgium.

The business portion of the annual meeting will be at 2:00 on Thursday, October 12. In addition to electing new officers, a new General Board representative and new at-large-members of our Regional Board we will be voting on a constitutional change.

The proposed constitutional change will allow churches who do not want to be in relationship with the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A to be a part of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio. This constitutional amendment is being recommended by the Denominational Relations Task Force. In discussion with our executive minister, Dr. Larry Swain, I have been assured that churches who choose this relationship will not have a voice in whether or not the Region continues to be in covenant

relationship with the ABCUSA. However, the bylaw changes to insure that have not been issued.

I am opposed to this change and intend to speak against it at our annual meeting. I am an American



## October

Baptist by choice. I remain committed to the task of being in relationship with other churches, even when I disagree with their positions on certain issues. I do not believe this is a helpful change. However, I will continue to cooperate with and support the ministries of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio. That is the Baptist way. Speak honestly about your convictions and support the body after the majority has spoken.

Pray for our larger church family. Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor,

### Second Annual Halloween Party

It's that time of year again, cool temperatures, falling leaves and ripe apples not to mention pumpkin pie and hot mulled cider. It's also time to, once again, plan on attending the Halloween Party! We had a roaring fun time last year with games, costumes, food and of course, the ever popular bobbing for apples. Plans are in the works to have just as good a time, with a few new twists. Be sure to put your thinking caps on and come dressed in your most creative costume - maybe even one that makes us all think twice as to who you are (remember those parties a long time ago?) This Second Annual event will take place on Saturday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Look for further details in the upcoming weeks.

Boo to you!

— Jennifer Turner & Melissa Mercer

### World Mission Offering Update

October is traditionally the month during which we collect money to send to the World Mission

Offering. This offering is the single largest source of financial support for the global outreach God accomplishes through International Ministries. Your gifts to the World Mission Offering make it possible for missionaries to serve in over thirty countries, and for staff to provide vital support to the mission outreach of local believers in even more places. What God is doing in our world today is truly amazing, and the World Mission Offering is a vitally important tool you can use to join God in that amazing work!

We will have bulletin inserts to further explain where our mission dollars are going; read them carefully as you pray about your part in this ministry. Our goal as a church is \$500, but we can send much, much more if we really feel the need deeply enough. You may use special envelopes which will be in the pew racks, or include your offering with your regular giving. Children will receive special boxes for their money and the boxes will be due the last Sunday of the month, October 29.

— Jane Moore  
Mission Coordinator

## From Dwight Davidson

*(The following letter was submitted by Jane Moore.)*

Friends,

As I'm writing this note, one of our Japanese friends is downstairs talking to Kari here at the Kanto Gakuin University mission house. She's one of a number of Japanese Christians we know who can't seem to make her way into a church. For her, part of the reason is her husband's unwillingness to use his only day completely off work to sit for an hour and a half in a church service that's not kid-friendly (unfortunately, that's the "norm" for church services in Japan).

Yesterday, another friend was here. She is not a Christian—she's Buddhist, actually, but she's interested in Jesus' Way and has been attend-

ing home bible studies for about a year now...

The day before that, Kari was meeting with some of the mothers of children attending Yokohama International School (YIS). Many of these women have lots of time, are native English speakers, want to do something worthwhile while their families are here in Japan, but haven't really found a way to put that willingness to work. . .

These are all real people with real needs. Sometimes, it seems overwhelming to Kari and I to be here in Japan. Just as in America, many people (both Japanese and foreigners living in Japan) find themselves spiritually adrift in a culture that systematically substitutes real discussion about life's deepest issues with pre-programmed busy-ness designed to channel people into a "comfortable lifestyle."

Just as in the US, people here in Japan are yearning for the chance to engage in deep and sustained conversation about the issues that matter to them most — those chances are just too often not there at all.

This month, in addition to the normal ministry here at Kanto Gakuin University, we're trying to focus our energies in a couple of ways. First of all, we're beginning an "emergent church"-style English worship gathering at our home — it's scheduled for the second weekend of each month. Second, Kari's exploring some options for getting women at the International School involved in direct contact with Japanese and at the same time, helping them raise money for international projects dealing with women in crisis. Please pray that God directs us as we move forward with these projects.

On the home front, the kids are adjusting really well to their new life at YIS, and Adam was very happy to have been placed in the "native speakers" level of Japanese in his 5th grade class. They've both made some new friends already. (On the downside, the 75 minute one-way commute every day gets

a little old!)

I wanted to send a special thank you to the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans this month. Rev. Steven Meriwether, along with a number of church members went far and above out of their way to host a group of Kanto Gakuin college students about a week ago. The KGU kids had an opportunity to learn about the flood and how the church responded in its wake. They also got to do some hands-on rehabilitation of a nearby home damaged by Katrina. Thanks so much, St. Charles Avenue Baptist, for your participation in the mission of God "to, from, and among all 7 continents!"

As a reminder, this month begins World Mission Offering emphasis. Please remember that we, along with all your missionaries, depend upon your faithful giving to keep us in our places of ministry. Please give generously and with a cheerful heart — through you, God is at work in the world!

Grace & Peace,

— Dwight Davidson

## Prayer Request From Japan

Kari Davidson writes: "Please pray for me — I'm in the beginning stages of starting a non-profit group in which native English-speaking women volunteer at least an hour a week to teach ESL to Japanese women, and all the proceeds (the going rate is at least 20 US dollars per hour, up to 40 or 50!) will go directly to support womens' and childrens' relief work/ministry done in poorer Asian countries; perhaps some of the students and teachers could also go on a volunteer trip at the end of the year and see firsthand what is being done in parts of the world they are rarely exposed to, and see what their joint effort could do. There's a lot to think about and prepare to do, but I'm hoping God will bless"

— submitted by Jane Moore

## Save These Labels and UPCs

Please continue to save all Campbell brand labels or UPCs for the Dayton/Youngstown Christian Centers. They've purchased many fine items including computer systems from this easy-to-do project!

Here is a list of what to save and bring to church. Post it somewhere prominent! If you want to just bring in the whole bag or box from an item, I'll cut out the needed piece. Bring the labels or boxes to women's luncheons or put my name on them and leave them on the table by the restrooms...I will check there often! Thank you so much.

— Karen Stoner

## Pastor Appreciation Month

October is traditionally the month during which we show extra attention to our Pastor and his family. Last year we had a big celebration, expressing our love and appreciation. This year we aren't as organized, but we all need a reminder to say "Thank You" to Tim and his family. Their presence among us has been a joy and a blessing.

A kind note or card, an invitation to dinner (or gift cards to a restaurant) - anything that says "We thank God for sending you to us here in Delaware".

— Jane Moore

## Thank You

I would like to thank everyone at First Baptist for all that you did when I had my knee injury. Your phone calls, cards (they made me smile), apparatus to make it easier to get around and take a shower, food you provided, and most of all your prayers are most appreciated.

A special thank you to Melissa Neill for being at the organ in my absence. She has spent many hours preparing for the service and that is much appreciated as well.

## Here's What To Save

Eligible Products Include ONLY the Brands and Package Forms Listed Below



### ■ - FRONT LABEL

Campbell's Beans Products  
Campbell's Condensed 10 oz. Soups  
Campbell's Condensed 26 oz. Soups (Family Size)  
Campbell's Low Sodium Soups  
Campbell's Fat Free Soups  
Campbell's Kitchen Classic Soups (18-19 oz. can)\*  
Campbell's Tomato Juices (12 oz., 46 oz., 64 oz.)  
Campbell's SpaghettiOs, Any Shape Pasta  
Campbell's Gravies

### ## - 2 CODE NUMBERS FROM OUTER CASE

Campbell's Tomato Juice (11.5 oz./24 cans/case)  
Campbell's Tomato Juice (5.5 oz./48 cans/case)

### ● - LID

Campbell's Ready To Serve Soups (plastic)

### ||| - UPC CODE

Campbell's Soup & Recipe Mix  
(with the entire box bottom panel)

### FOODSERVICE

### ■ - FRONT LABEL

Campbell's Chef's Kettle Soups (50 oz.)  
Campbell's Foodservice Soups (50 oz.)  
Campbell's Low Sodium Soups (50 oz.)  
Campbell's Healthy Request Soups (50 oz.)



### ■ - FRONT LABEL

Campbell's Soup At Hand\*



### ■ - FRONT LABEL

Campbell's Chunky Soups  
Campbell's Chunky Soups (bowls)



### ■ - FRONT LABEL

Campbell's Chunky Chilis



### ||| - UPC CODE

Campbell's Supper Bakes



### ■ - FRONT LABEL

Campbell's Select Soups\*  
Campbell's Select Soups (bowls)\*



### ■ - FRONT LABEL

Campbell's Soup To Go (tub)



### ■ - FRONT LABEL

Campbell's Simply Home Soups



### ■ - FRONT LABEL

Franco-American Gravies  
Franco-American SpaghettiOs, Any Shape Pasta  
Franco-American SpaghettiOs in Meat Sauce

## Healthy Request

### ■ - FRONT LABEL

Campbell's Healthy Request Soups



### ■ - FRONT LABEL

Pepperidge Farm Soups

### ||| - UPC CODE

Pepperidge Farm Breads, Croutons, Rolls & Stuffing (bag or carton)  
Pepperidge Farm Cookies, Crackers, Goldfish Crackers, Goldfish Cookies & Snack Mixes (bag or carton)  
Pepperidge Farm Frozen Garlic Breads, Cakes, Turnovers, Dumplings and Puff Pastry (bag or carton)

### FOODSERVICE

### ## - 2 CODE NUMBERS FROM OUTER CASE

Pepperidge Farm Foodservice



### ■ - FRONT LABEL

Swanson Broths  
Swanson Food Service Broths (49.5 oz.)  
Swanson Poultry (paper label)

### ||| - UPC CODE

Swanson Broths (carton)

### MARKET DAY

### ■ - FRONT LABEL

Selected products (tub/carton)



### ■ - FRONT LABEL

V8 100% Vegetable Juice, all varieties (12 oz., 46 oz., 64 oz.)  
V8 Calcium Enriched 100% Vegetable Juice (12 oz., 46 oz.)  
V8 Low Sodium 100% Vegetable Juice (46 oz.)  
V8 A.C.E. Vitamin Rich 100% Vegetable Juice (46 oz.)  
V8 Splash Juice Drinks, all varieties (16 oz., 46 oz., 64 oz., 96 oz.)  
V8 Splash Smoothies, all varieties (10 oz.)  
V8 Splash Smoothies, all varieties (46 oz.)\*

### ||| - UPC CODE

V8 Splash Juice Drinks, all varieties (6.75 oz. boxes/8 pack)

### FOODSERVICE

### ## - 2 CODE NUMBERS FROM OUTER CASE

V8, V8 Splash (11.5 oz./24 cans/case)  
V8, V8 Splash (5.5 oz./48 cans/case)  
V8 Splash (16 oz./12 bottles/case)



### ■ - FRONT LABEL

Prego Pasta Sauces (14-28 oz.)

### ● - LID

Prego Pasta Sauces (46 oz. and larger)  
Prego Pasta Bake Sauce (27.75 oz.)



Pace Salsa, Picante and Picante ConQueso  
Taco Sauces  
Enchilada Sauces  
Mexican Creations

### \*Bonus Brand

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It was about 30 years ago we first came to First Baptist and felt that the people here were like family. It is a wonderful feeling to know that there is so much caring and support.

On communion Sunday, I heard the beautiful music that Melissa had prepared, Tim's sermon that made me reflect on my choices, the choir's lovely anthem, and be a part of the Fellowship circle to sing Blest Be the Tie. I don't get to do that as I am usually at the organ. It was wonderful to see all of your faces and feel like a family united in faith.

—Mary Lou Lovell

## Personals

- Barbara Lovell and Kip Smith were married on September 9 at Oakhaven Country Club.
- Harold Van Broekhoven had open heart surgery to repair a heart valve.
- Sophia Stephenson's sister-in-law, Virginia Blazewicz, passed away. Sophia's sister, Lili Sullivan, came from New Mexico to attend the funeral in Pomeroy, Ohio with Jim and Sophia, and stayed with them for several days.
- Jim and Jane Moore returned from Ripley, WV where they attended a conference for seniors at the West Virginia Baptist Conference Center at Parchment Valley. The Bible study leader was a former pastor from Willa Corder's church in Morgantown, WV, Dr. Truett Rogers. They also visited Jane's

## Church Directory Update

This is a more-complete version of the address listed in the church directory for the Davidsons:

**Dwight & Kari Davidson**  
Kanto Gakuin Senkyoshikan  
1-50-1 Mutsuura Higashi  
Kanazawa Ku  
Yokohama Shi  
Japan  
236-0037

brother and his wife, George & Cathie Corder, in Morgantown.

## Trustees Report

### • Front Doors Refinished

The church's front doors were refinished using the "Cap" Gabriel memorial funds.

For our newer members who don't remember Cap, he was a lifetime member of First Baptist, and served in numerous church offices. He was the father of Carol Sue Serviss and Janet Lathrop. For many years he operated Cap's Barber Shop downtown on West William Street (where Jo Anne's barber shop is now located).

The trustees gratefully express their appreciation to the Serviss-Lathrop-Fogle families for their use of this fund for this project.

The work was done by the Cedir Woodworking Shop, operated by Carol and Ray Reynolds. The cost was \$415. Since our wood doors face east and get the morning sun, they must be refinished every five years.

• **Kitchen Drain Pipe** — Continuing "back up" problems were experienced with the kitchen drain pipe under the fellowship hall floor. Poorly designed in 1963, when the newer part of the church was built, it must be kept clean. It took two visits by plumber Don Patrick, and Jimmie Moore and Peter White worked with him 2-1/2 hours to get it cleared out on the second visit. The cost was \$96.

• **Air Conditioning** — The air conditioning unit at the parsonage was checked out by Don Patrick. He washed the filter, and recharged the unit with freon. The cost was \$57.

• **Roof Leak** — A leak over the back door at the parsonage was repaired by Mikes Roofing. Since they put the new roof on five years ago, there was no charge because it was a defect.

• **Inspection** — The Fire Department did an inspection on September 11. We passed!

• **Piano Available** — Fred DeBia-sio has a piano that he would like

to give away, and he will deliver it free of charge. Local piano tuner Richard Dacks has looked at it and for about \$250 it can be made to be a decent piano. Please see Fred for more information.

— Peter White

Reporting for the Trustees

## Birthdays & Anniv.

- Oct. 1 Bruce Bowman  
Kathy Chesser
- 3 Janet Lathrop  
Jarrod & Nichelle Trigg  
Tim & Kathy Chesser
- 5 Laura Beth Mowery
- 7 Ann Brown
- 11 Joe Mowery
- 20 Jim Brown
- 21 Ray & Cynthia Biggar
- 24 Emily Bowman
- 25 Dawn Coleman
- 27 Sam & Natalie Campbell
- 28 Bora Porter  
David Coleman
- 30 Jean Osborne
- 31 Ray Biggar  
Melissa Claire Turner

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

## John Richards

Former First Baptist member John Richards, 90, died on September 11 at Willow Brook Christian Village in Delaware. John had formerly been a member of First Baptist for many years and held numerous church offices. He was a veteran of World War II, and was Postmaster of the Delaware Post Office from 1955 until his retirement in 1977.

Services were held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Survivors include his wife, Mary Helen (who resides at Willow Brook), and his sons Jon and Jeffrey. We extend out sympathy to his family.

## Church Retreat

Our retreat at Camp Christian will be held the weekend of Sept. 29 to Oct 1. The theme will be Family Ties and our leader will be Rev. Ted Stephenson. Please see Pam Faulk if you have any questions. Remember that there will be no Sunday morning services at our church on October 1.

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Dear FBC family:

The ABC family of Ohio gathered in Columbus this past week for worship, business, and fellowship. As a follow-up on the business portion of the meeting we decided to amend our constitution to allow for the hokey-pokey. This will allow some churches to put one foot in and shake it all about. Churches will now be allowed to be a part of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio without having any relationship with the ABCUSA. On a positive note the change also inserted into our constitution that the region would remain committed to being a part of the larger American Baptist family.

We had a wonderful retreat at Camp Christian during the first weekend of October. If you were not there you missed a treat. Ted Stephenson led us in some family building activities. My guess is that since Ted is a part of our church family, even though he pastors in Indianapolis, we were willing to reveal more of ourselves to him and to each other. The sharing about family photos was very moving. I continue to marvel at what God is doing in our midst. We are a community of faith. Let us invite others to become part of that community

As we enter into the last quarter of the year I encourage you to remain faithful in your giving. Since we did not have services at 101 N Franklin on October 1, I brought my monthly giving check to church on October 8. I hope you did the same. The expenses of the church continue even when you are not

here. Gifts can always be mailed to the church with the note: attention: financial secretary.

When the finance committee met to work on the 2007 church budget we planned for very modest increases in most areas. One area where we have stepped out in faith is adding a line item for a pastoral



intern to work with the children of the church. We also acknowledged the possibility that one or more furnaces might need replacing in the near future. Thank you in advance for meeting the needs of the church.

On behalf of my family I extend a special thank you for all the ways you have demonstrated your love and support during October, which is pastor appreciation month.

Invite some friends to church. You might change their lives.

Your Pastor,

## Thank You

I want to thank everyone who participated in the family retreat. Jeannie and I had a wonderful time seeing old friends and family, and also making new friends. For us it was a great experience in a beautiful setting. I was moved by the laughter and tears that were shared, and I came away from the retreat convinced that I had received more than I had given. Thank you for allowing us to share a very special weekend with you.

— Ted Stephenson

## Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Special Thanksgiving offering this year be dedicated to People In Need (PIN) and that the Christmas offering be dedicated to Second Friday dinners at the Andrews House. Your generous support of these offerings is appreciated.

— Larry Faulk

## Mission Moment

Have you noticed the front of our sanctuary? It is ALIVE with butterflies! As our World Mission Offering promotion winds down, we are reminded that each butterfly represents \$10 that has been donated...as of October 15 we had given \$465 and we fully expect to meet our goal of \$500 — and surpass it! Each and every American Baptist missionary serving around the world will thank you.

At the Fall Rally of the Marion Association I was honored to receive their annual award for "Mission Person of the Year". Pastor Tim nominated me and I was surprised to be selected as this year's recipient. But any award is not truly won by one person. That is the case here. It takes many helpers and supporters to make one person look "good". Pastor Tim is very supportive of the American Baptist Mission program and he always does many extra things to keep the needs before us as a congregation. Barb Reed has gone out of her way to help this time. She had her Sunday School class color the butterflies and then offered to take extra ones home to be sure we have enough. Jimmie helped by cutting out many of the butterflies. Volunteers at the church retreat took time during breaks to color. Phil Mercer brought equipment from his work site to project a wonderful CD program during the opening of worship service. And you — our wonderful, generous church family — have given so generously.

Thank you for making me look good!

In His service,

— Jane Moore  
Mission Coordinator

## Soup Sale at First Baptist

The Ecumenical Youth Group of Delaware is sponsoring a Soup Sale at First Baptist Church on November 12, 2006, following our service. They will be offering several different homemade soups, accompanied with bread from Panera Bread, and desserts by our own favorite chef, Fred DeBiasio. Everything will be in containers for take-home only. This is a fund-raiser that has been very successful in the past and we are appreciative that First Baptist will join other churches in our community for this worthwhile event. All proceeds will go towards the EYG Workcamp that takes

## Volunteers

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
Nov 5	—	L. White	E. Inscho
Nov 12	Lawrence	N. Trigg	E. Inscho
Nov 19	N. Trigg	Chesser	A. Brown
Nov 26	Marci	Fogle	—

Thank you to all our volunteers! Please consider adding your name to the sign-up list on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room.

place in June and benefits deserving families whose homes are in desperate need of repairs. Last June, Dominique climbed up three stories of scaffolding for five days and learned to install siding. EYG pays for all the supplies, materials, lodging and transportation costs involved and it takes a year of fund-raising to pay for this incredible act of giving by the youth of our city. By participating, you will receive a delicious lunch and help someone have a better home environment. We look forward to seeing you on November 12th.

— Pam DeBiasio  
Ecumenical Youth Council

## Thank You

Many thanks once again to the Trustees and the Education Committee for their continued support by providing funding toward twelve additional organ lessons with Sally Casto. This gift will allow me to work beyond the beginner's level, and hopefully become a more confident organist. Thanks also to everyone who has offered encouragement and prayers. Please keep praying for my hands and feet!

Respectfully,

— Melissa Neill

## Trustees Notes

- All furnaces were checked, serviced and had filters changed. Two new thermocouples were required to keep the pilot lights going. This work was done by Don Patrick and cost \$205.80.

- The four parking spots off the alley had the blacktop cleaned and sealed. This work was done by Don Rhodes and cost \$450.00. Funds for this came from the handicap access fund, since the paving was done at the time the elevator was built and two of the spots are reserved for handicap parking.

- On Saturday, October 7, Bruce Neel and Cynthia Watson were married at First Baptist. The Rev. Eric Davidson officiated. The reception luncheon was held at the church. A thank you to Bud and Becky Sykes for serving as building hosts for this lengthy event.

- Jim Van Brimmer made a repair to the pipe organ where a coupling device for the bass pipes had come apart. Jim has saved our church many service calls over the years.

- The storage room next to the fellowship hall was cleaned up. A considerable amount of fabric that the women work with went to various agencies. Two unused sewing machines were given away, and an empty sewing machine case was thrown out.

— Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees



## Poinsettias

You are invited to order poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during Advent. They can be given in memory or honor of a friend or relative, and you can take your poinsettias home after our Christmas Eve service.

The cost is \$9 each. Please place your orders with Jim Stephenson or Melissa Mercer by Sunday, Nov. 26.

This year we're printing an order form in the newsletter (see below). Jim and Melissa also have extra forms if you'd prefer not to cut up your newsletter.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Nov. 5 Victor Fogle  
8 Matthew & Annette Fritsch-Lovell  
10 Natalie Griffith  
12 Jackson Trigg  
15 Harold Van Broekhoven  
17 Jim and Ann Brown  
19 Steve Ferguson  
20 Randy Turner  
22 Peter White  
28 Karen Stoner  
29 Sophia Campbell

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

## A Letter from Shirley Parker

August 25, 2006

Dear Friends,

Nothing is certain and I certainly didn't expect to give in on the amputation. But I realized that it would be to my advantage to do so. I'm coping well with one leg; I've recently been able to stand independently for less than one minute. I'm having a lot of phantom pain and people tell me that it can go on for a year or more. So once again I'm writing from The Arbors in Delaware. I have a new electric wheelchair that I'm just learning how to operate. The girls at The Arbors call my new wheelchair the Green Cadillac. It's really quite a piece of equipment and I have a lot to learn about it. I drove it this morning and was exhausted from the intense concentration. The only thing I tangled with was a sign that said "Caution Wet Floor."

According to schedule, Allison came at the end of July and first of August. While she was here, she rented a van that accommodates a wheelchair by opening on the side with a ramp leading up to

the backseat. It was great to be riding in a car again so future visits from Andy and Joe may be more interesting because we know now where to rent a wheelchair van!

It's been a miserably hot summer in Delaware with high humidity, which makes me glad to be in an air conditioned room. But I did get into my house for the first time in months while Allison was here. I saw my new floor and actually ate dinner at my dining room table. We went for a drive around the North end, mainly up and down the alleys so we could see the pretty backyard gardens.

Kay and Angela still give me substitute-daughter services as needed. And Kathy Packham supplies me with goodies. It's good now to have grandchildren old enough to write me and I have four working in the Northeast - James in Boston, Daniel and Andrea in New York City, and Jonathan in Washington DC. And Julia, a recent Bard graduate, is working this summer at the co-op in Putney while she decides where to concentrate her more serious job prospects. I enjoy their

## Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias cost \$9 each, and must be ordered by Sunday, Nov. 26. Orders can be mailed to the church, or given to Jim Stephenson or Melissa Mercer. (Jim and Melissa also have extra forms.)

My name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$9 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication(s): *please print*

From \_\_\_\_\_  in honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
 in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_  in honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
 in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_  in honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
 in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

• Please note that "My Name" and "From" might be different. For example, a poinsettia ordered by Mary Smith might have a dedication that says "From the Smith family".

• If paying by check, make payable to "First Baptist Church".

• Give this form and your payment to Jim Stephenson or Melissa Mercer, or mail it to:

Jim Stephenson  
First Baptist Church  
101 North Franklin St.  
Delaware, OH 43015

letters very much!

A lot of local friends have found their way to my door – old neighbors and church people, former colleagues at Ohio Wesleyan, and especially Pastor Tim of First Baptist. I've had letters from many who receive my letters, a welcomed response. It's good to know that many of you are thinking of me. Thanks and Happy Trails to You!

Love,

– Shirley Parker

## From Jim Brown

Dear church family,

I have been coming to the mens breakfast for several months. During that time I have expressed many ideas and opinions. Like most ideas and opinions they change few minds, however on Friday October 20th (yesterday) I become 70 years old. Officially now my opinions and ideas carry much more weight. I can rely on my many life experiences and my deep contemplative study and research. I can now talk to people from 5



to 65 years old and fascinate and delight them. Everything I say will be listened to in reverence and held in deep regard.

I have several disadvantages in

## Church Directory Update

Jim Stephenson's e-mail address has changed. It's now:

jamesstep2@gmail.com

some of my stories. I never worked on the railroad or served my country in war time. I can distort these stories and be forgiven because of advanced age. If a story is well told, it doesn't matter if it is slightly distorted or not as long as it entertains.

You can still call me Jim, not Mr. Brown; Mr. Brown was my father. Speaking of my father, he left me some wise sayings to help me survive in life. A few of these were:

1. On patience — You get used to hanging if you hang long enough.
2. On anger — Never let your mouth write a check your body can't cash.
3. On death — Dying is not so bad, its just you are dead for so long.

– Jim Brown

## Andrews House Bazaar

The annual Andrews House Bazaar will be on December 1 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. This is an important fund raiser for Andrews House, and they need our support.

The Bazaar will again have the "great cookie sale," bake sale, silent auction, and a raffle.

Items needed for the bake sale are pies, yeast breads, jams and jellies, and candy. We need dozens of cookies for the cookie sale. Please plan to share your cooking talents for this.

At the Second Fridays meal in October, the Great Room was filled with 63 people joining us — many were young families. The costs continue and your support is needed. We ran out of food.

If able, Jean Wickum and Fran Cook may again be sitting at the bake sale but *not* working.

– Evelyn Lee

## Personals

• Jean Wickum was recently hospitalized with a stomach ulcer. She was released and will be at Delaware Court in Room 109 for several weeks while she builds her strength back up. Cards and visitors are welcome.

• Fran Cook is doing well at home after a hospital stay for heart problem, during which she received a pacemaker.

• Elvira Smith is a patient at the Arbors, where she is a roommate with Shirley Parker.

• Harold Van Broekhoven is doing well and he preached on October 15 at Owl Creek Church.

• Curtis Darling attended Sunday services recently. His mother, Edna, was ordained at our church in the 1970s. Edna is the pastor of a church in Dayton and sends her greetings.

• David and Dawn Coleman and family have moved to Westerville.

• Peter and Linda White visited Bernice Turney in Cincinnati.

• Eleven members of the ABW Women enjoyed a luncheon together at the Mill Restaurant at Buehlers..

• A rose was on the altar on Sunday, Oct. 15, in honor of Joshua Raymond Coleman, who was born on September 15. David & Dawn Coleman are the proud parents.

• A rose was on the altar on Sunday, Oct 22, in honor of Gavin Kane Keller, born October 6. Emily Inscho is the proud grandmother.



• Sam Chesser was one of only two students at Hayes High School to be recognized as a Scholar of Distinction by the Ohio Board of Regents. This honor is reserved for students who earn at least 3.5 on all the Advanced Placement tests they take.

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# November

2006

Rev. Tim Chesser, Pastor  
 Office 363-7021 Parsonage 362-6033  
 Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 9 to 12  
 Days Off: Friday and Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 Choir	2 7:00 Board of Christian Education at the Parsonage	3	4
5 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	6 7:00 Piecemakers	7 <b>Election Day</b> 	8 7:00 Choir	9 12:00 Young at Heart	10 <b>Veterans Day Observed</b> 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House 	11 Veterans Day
12 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 Soup Sale, sponsored by Ecumenical Youth Group of Delaware	13 7:00 Deacons	14 7:00 Trustees	15 7:00 Choir	16 11:30 A.B.W.	17	18 8:30 Men's Breakfast
19 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	20	21	22 7:00 Choir	23 <b>Thanksgiving</b> 	24	25
26 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to order poinsettias.</i> <i>December newsletter available today.</i>	27	28	29 7:00 Choir	30 7:00 Parish Council	<b>December</b> 1 10:00 Andrews House Bazaar (until 6:00)	2

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

It is a pleasure to introduce you to our new Pastoral Intern-Children's ministry coordinator Kirsten Pfund. Kirsten began working with our children on November 5. She is a junior at Ohio Wesleyan University, with a major in economics and a minor in astronomy. Kirsten also plays for the Women's Varsity Tennis team. She has been active in Campus Crusade for Christ as well as Young Life programs in Delaware. We have already witnessed first hand the excitement and planning that Kirsten brings to this position. Please be ready to assist her in any way you can.

Kirsten has planned a children's activity for Saturday, December 2, at 7:00. We will be showing the movie *Cars* and serving refreshments. Children of all ages are invited. Parents, please make a special effort to have as many children as possible attend this event.

When you receive this newsletter we will be a week away from Advent. We will be decorating the church on Saturday, December 2, at 10:00 A.M. Bring the whole family and help us begin our Advent celebration by putting up all the symbols of the season.

As we plan for the celebration of Advent and Christmas please remember that we also collect the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering during the month of December. This is our chance to say Thank You to all of those who have proclaimed the Good News of the Gospel for many years. Our Goal this year is \$500.00.

Make your plans now to be present for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 7:00 on Sunday, December 24. This is one of the most joyous and holy worship services of the year for FBC.

Invite a friend to church.

See you in church on Sunday,



## DECEMBER

### Chrismon Tree

A most joyous season for Christians is Advent. Again this year we will be adorning our Chrismon tree to glorify our Lord. This is a happy occasion that will be shared by all who come to help - YOU and yours! There will be "jobs" for all ages and sizes. We'll sing Christmas carols (or just enjoy others singing!) and finish with hot chocolate in the Fellowship Hall. Come One - Come

All! Saturday morning, December 2 at 10 a.m.

-Jane Moore

### People In Need (PIN)

The 1st Sunday of December is designated for our PIN basket contributions. This month we have a need for juices and kidney beans.

### Andrews House Bazaar

As December 1 draws closer, so does the fact of the Andrews House Bazaar from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This is the big fund raiser for Andrews House to raise funds to support the many services they provide over Delaware Community during the year.

Events that day will include the "Great Cookie Sale," bake sale, raffle, and silent auction.

Tim has raffle tickets and will be glad to sell you some.

We need pies, breads, jams and jellies, and candy for the bake sale. Any amount of cookies you can donate will be appreciated for the cookie sale which begins at 10:00 a.m. and is usually finished by noon with every cookie purchased.

Please let me know if you can contribute any of the items above. Cookies should be delivered by 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30 and baked sale items on the day of the Bazaar.

Many thanks for your help.

- Evelyn Lee

## American Baptist Historical Society Notes...

We recently received a letter from Dr. Deborah Van Broekhoven who is the Executive Director of our American Baptist Historical Society. Their offices and supplies have recently been moved to Mercer University in Atlanta. While this move will pare expenses considerably, they still are in need of funds to "continue to care and house the collections". If you would like to donate to this cause you may put it in your offering envelope and specify that it is "an above and beyond gift" for the Historical Society. Thank you.

— Jane Moore  
Mission Coordinator

## Trustees Notes

- A water leak at the old parsonage was repaired. Also, a leaking faucet was repaired. The boiler was checked over and the water circulation pump was oiled. This work by Don Patrick cost \$81.00.
- Four pianos at church were tuned by Richard Dacks. The cost was \$280.00.
- All gutters and downspouts were cleaned out for the final time this fall.

— Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees

## Mission Moment

We are rejoicing! With final figures tallied we have received \$801 for the World Mission Offering! Praise the Lord! God's servants, who go forth in our stead, will rejoice also. Thank you for responding so generously.

You are being called on once again to open your hearts and wallets to say "Thank You" to our Retired Ministers and Missionaries. This offering, which is received each December, is a people-to-people offering. Our gifts go to retired ABC ministers and missionaries or

## Volunteers

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
Dec. 3	Lawrence	?	L. White
Dec. 10	?	?	L. White
Dec. 17	?	Fogle	L. White
Dec 24	?	N. Trigg	L. White
Dec 31	?	?	L. White

*Thank you to all our volunteers! Please consider adding your name to the sign-up list on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room.*

their widowed spouses. Fifty-seven percent of the offering is distributed in the form of ABC Thank You checks to over 3,000 recipients; 43% is made available to those with emergency or other significant financial needs.

Starting November 26 we will be receiving this offering. We will chart our progress with gift boxes at the front of the sanctuary. For each \$10 that is given, there will be one gift box...a symbol of a gift to a deserving servant of the Lord. Our goal again this year is \$500.

— Jane Moore  
Mission Coordinator

## Business Meeting Held on Oct. 25

First Baptist Church's 3rd Quarter Business Meeting was held October 25, 2006 with Larry Faulk serving as Chairman. Highlights include the following:

The new slate of officers and committee members was approved as presented by Nominating Committee Chair, Larry Faulk. These include: (Terms expire at the end of the years noted in parentheses.)

**Moderator:** Jerry Palmer (08)

**Assistant Moderator:** Jim Van Brimmer (07)

**Clerk:** To be announced

**Treasurer:** Betty Porter (08)

**Assistant Treasurer:** Melissa Mercer (08)

**Financial Secretary:** Evelyn Lee

(07)

**Assistant Financial Secretary:** Randy Turner (07)

**Church School Clerk:** Ann Brown (08)

**Finance Committee Chair:** Larry Faulk (07)

**Board of Deacons:** Randy Turner (08), Dave Lovell (07), Jim Van Brimmer (07), Betty Porter (08), Pat Foor (07) and Larry Faulk (08)

**Board of Trustees:** Bruce Bowman (08), Bud Sykes (07), Archie Trigg (07), Jim Moore (08) and Peter White (07)

**Board of Christian Education:** Jane Moore (08), Pam Faulk (07), Kathy Chesser (08) and Elizabeth Bowman (07)

Larry Faulk, as Finance Committee Chair, presented the 2007 Church Budget, which was approved as presented. To review the budget or if anyone has questions regarding the budget, he or she should contact Larry.

Tim Chesser announced that the Youth Leader Search Committee has completed an outline of duties and responsibilities for this position. The Committee has two applicants at this time who will be interviewed sometime in the coming week.

— Submitted by:  
Lana Palmer, Clerk

## **Mary Barkeloo**

Mary K. Barkeloo, 98, of Columbus (formerly of Delaware and Ostrander) died at Ohio State University Hospital on November 17.

Mary was an active member of First Baptist for many years. She was an excellent cook, homemaker, and loved flower gardening. She retired in 1972 as a secretary for 3-M National Advertising Company in Delaware.

Survivors include her son, John, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her sister-in-law Bernice Turney, and her niece Lana Palmer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dorrence (Barney), and two brothers, F. Ben and Edward.

Rev. Tim Chesser officiated at her funeral at Robinson Funeral Home., and burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, Delaware County Branch, 39 West Winter Street, Delaware, OH 43015.

## **Personals**

- Shirley Parker was hospitalized after a gall bladder attack.
- Jean Wickum is home now, after recuperating at Delaware Court from an ulcer.








## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Dec. 4 Erin Faulk  
11 Holly Kauf  
13 Geneva Evans  
15 Bud Sykes  
16 David Coleman III  
23 Dominique DeBiasio  
24 Francis Cook  
25 Carol Grubbs  
Steve & Karen Stoner  
27 Cory Lawrence  
28 Sharon Baker  
29 Harold & Deborah  
Van Broekhoven

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

# December

2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Andrews House Bazaar	2 10:00 Hanging of Greens 7:00 Childrens' Activity at the Church
<b>First Sunday in Advent</b> 3 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Food Collection for PIN 	4	5	6 7:00 Choir	7 6:30 Board of Christian Education at Faulk's Home	8 6:00 2nd Fridays 6:30 Christmas Carolling 	9
<b>Second Sunday in Advent</b> 10 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	11 6:30 Deacons	12 7:00 Trustees	13 7:00 Choir	14 12:00 Young at Heart	15	16 8:30 Mens' Breakfast
<b>Third Sunday in Advent</b> 17 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Note: time and details of children's Christmas program to be announced. 	18	19	20 7:00 Choir	21 <b>First Day of Winter</b> Shortest day of the year. 11:30 ABWM	22	23
<b>Fourth Sunday in Advent</b> 24 9:15 Sunday School with Birthday Party for Jesus 10:45 Morning Worship 6:45 Music Preludes 7:00 Christmas Eve Service Today is newsletter deadline. 	<b>Christmas</b> 25 	26	27 7:00 Choir	28	29	30
9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship January newsletter available today. 31	<b>January 2007</b> 1 	2	3 7:00 Choir	4	5	6