

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

What a wonderful Advent and Christmas season we have enjoyed this year. The church has been decorated beautifully and your presence has made it all the more special. The children's program put on by the children of the church was great. We extend special thanks to Kirsten for all her hard work in planning and directing the program. Special thanks also to Liz Bowman and Debbie Fogle for their help. When Epiphany Sunday passes this week our celebration of Christmas will be over and we will start praying and planning for the New Year.

When we opened our Christmas gift from the church we were stunned by your generosity. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your love and support is obvious all through the year, but we have been especially blessed during this Christmas season.

As we enter into January there are a couple of events to keep in mind. On January 13 we will dedicate the new officers of the church. Please plan on being there to support both the new and the experienced officers of the church. On January 20 our community will celebrate the life and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a service at the First Presbyterian Church on Winter Street. We are also sponsoring a table at the MLK Breakfast, which will be held at Ohio Wesleyan on January 21. Our annual business meeting will be held on January 30.

I will be out of the office from January 21 - 27. Kathy and I are going

back to New York City. While there we hope to pay a pastoral visit to Jarrod, Nichelle, and Jackson Trigg.

We begin the New Year with a sense of optimism and hope. 2008 will mark our 155th year of being a community of faith in Delaware. The God who makes all things new



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is still at work in our midst. We have room to grow and something vital to offer our community. In a recent visit with a good friend in another state I was challenged to think about what we are accomplishing for the Kingdom of God in this place. I was happy to be able to note many corporate as well as individual contributions to the advancement of the kingdom.

My challenge to you for the New Year is to ask yourself what you are doing for the Kingdom. Let us

resolve to challenge one another to be the people God wants us to be in this place.

Invite a friend to church,
Your Pastor,

Thank You

Thank you to all of our young people who took the time to prepare special music to share on Christmas Eve. It was a wonderful gift.

Thanks to:

- Sara Bowman for playing "Deck the Halls" and "Joy to the World" on the piano.
- Emily Bowman for playing "Go Tell it on the Mountain" on the piano.
- Dominique DeBiasio for "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "March of the Three Kings" on the violin.
- Claire Turner for playing "Jingle Bells" on her cello.

A big thank you to all who were a part of "The Shepherd's Story". You practiced, painted, and presented a great Christmas message. Thanks to Kirsten Pfund, Liz Bowman, and Debbie Lovell for helping the children put together such a fine program.

— Mary Lou Lovell

Turning Point

A new focus for our church during the month of January will be Turning Point.

Turning Point provides victims/survivors of domestic violence and their children with safe, secure, temporary shelter in a comfortable atmosphere. The shelter is designed to meet the victims' physical needs by providing housing, food, clothing and personal items, as well as their emotional needs through support services. The shelter also features a designated room for male victims. Families are provided with their own rooms with bathroom, while other areas such as the living and dining room and kitchen are shared. The shelter is also handicapped accessible.

This wonderful facility is located in Marion and is used on a regular basis by many. Those who have been abused (mostly women and children) are welcomed at any hour of the day or night. We can help by donating some of the following supplies. There will be a basket in the narthex.

Pre-paid Phone Cards
Gift Cards (WalMart/Meijer)
Dish Soap
Kitchen Towels
OTC Cold and Headache Meds
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Pillows
Baby Food/Formula (Stage 2 & 3)
Diapers (Size 4)/Wipes
Umbrellas
Alarm Clocks
Batteries (all sizes)
Cleaning Supplies
Kleenex
Feminine Products

— Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you for First Baptist's dedicated support of those in real need through your monthly donations to HelpLine. You are truly a special and faithful partner

in making a difference for those who struggle with meeting basic needs.

— Sue Hansen,
HelpLine

Guest Preacher

On Sunday, January 27, our guest preacher will be the Reverend Floyd Baker, pastor emeritus of Grand Prairie Baptist Church.

Mission Moment

As the month and year draw to a close, gratitude goes out to each and every one of you who gave so generously to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. We received a total of \$556.61. While we were short of our goal, nevertheless that amount will be added to other offerings to provide gifts next year.

— Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

Beth Trigg Takes Position at Common Ground Free Store Ministries

I'm sure enquiring minds want to know....

After a six month hiatus I have taken a position with the Common Ground Free Store Ministries here in Delaware. When I was hired as the assistant director the board was pleased to learn I was "home grown." (I'm the only employee born and bred in Delaware!)

The store is open for donations of good used clothing and household items on Saturdays from 10 to 1. Volunteer opportunities are available on Monday, Thursday and Saturday.

I challenge the Men's group or the Young at Heart to provide a soup lunch for our shoppers one day a month. This may be the



only hot meal these folks will enjoy that day. The e-mail address is: bonniefs@columbus.rr.com

As I enter another adventure in my life, I humbly ask for your prayers. Remember: Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

— Beth Trigg

Thanks to All Who Help

Scientists tells us we leave something of ourselves behind as we pass through life.

I was reminded of this as I helped the choir prepare for fellowship time on December 2nd and for the Quilters dinner on the 3rd. I forgot to bring paper towels. Have you ever wondered how things are done or items appear when you need them? "SOMEONE" stocks the upstairs closet with paper towels and toilet tissue, Kleenex in the classrooms (probably the teachers!). Who picks up the communion cups, empties the waste baskets, and takes out the trash for pickup? Who turns on the heat, unlocks the doors and makes sure they're locked after services? And who makes sure there is always coffee, tea, cream and sugar (with cups!) in the kitchen.

I would like to thank everyone who helped clean up after fellowship time, especially the non-choir members, and Peter White who called to let me know I didn't have to come early on Monday to clean cookie and cracker crumbs before our dinner. And he took out the

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Jane Moore	George Corder Cathie Corder Olivia Langwasser	Health Issues (Heart, Diabetes) Continued recovery Young girl with leukemia
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller Richard Reed	Health Issues
Randy Turner	Taylor Nelson	3-year-old with cancer
Jean Wickum	Jim Grant Martha Green Fran Cook	Arbors Heart Problems
Marci Cooper	Marc Parulekar	Cancer treatments
Angie Burton	Lillie Temple	Hospitalized for numbness
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health issues
H. Van Broekhoven	Deborah Van Broekhoven	ABC USA Historical Society

trash (so we Quilters could fill it up again).

So I'll remind you of two things — If you know who "SOMEONE" is, tell them you appreciate their good deeds. And as we go through life, we should take with us our items to be discarded and leave only the good behind, so someone will wonder, "Who do I thank for that?"

— Jeanne Ekelberry

Trustees Notes

- The pipe organ was tuned and checked over by John Muller of the Muller Pipe Organ Company. The annual service cost \$210.
- Three pianos were tuned by Richard Dacks. The cost was \$230.
- The copier was serviced and checked over by MT Business Technology. This is covered under our service contract.
- The fire extinguishers were

checked, serviced and tagged by B+J of Marion. This is required annually by the fire department. The cost was \$32.75.

— Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Community Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

There will be a community service honoring Martin Luther King, Jr., on Sunday, January 20 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 73 West Winter Street. The keynote message, "What's Love Got to Do With It?", will be by Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr., Vice Provost and Professor Emeritus at the Ohio State University, where he served from 1971 to 1988.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Jan. 4 Cynthia Biggar
Fred DeBasio
Shirley Parker
5 Evelyn Lee
10 Kip Smith
12 Larry Faulk
Matthew Cooper
16 Jane Moore
18 Matthew Lovell
20 Jennifer Turner
21 Timothy Fogle
22 Michael Mercer
Nick Porter
26 Sophia Stephenson
27 Steve Baker
30 Calvin Turner

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Personals

- Ray Serviss helped cook food at the annual "What-Ever You Think It's Worth" Christmas breakfast, an annual charity event which attracted almost 1,000 people this year. Ray has been volunteering for

25 years at the Christmas breakfast, which was held on the 2nd floor of the Hardware Exchange building on December 8.

- Pat Foor received an "Outstanding Leadership Award" from the Ohio Educational Service Center at their annual awards brunch in November.
- Betty Porter has retired after nearly five decades of public service in Delaware County, which included being director of the Delaware County Board of Elections, clerk of court of the Court of Common Pleas, and clerk of court for the Delaware Municipal Court. A reception in her honor will be held on Wednesday, January 16 from 4 to 7 p.m. on the third floor of the Hayes County Services Building, 140 North Sandusky St.
- Jarrod, Nichelle and Jack Trigg returned for the holidays from New Jersey
- Matthew Lovell of Oregon visited his parents during the holiday

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR NEWS: The 2007 Christmas Bazaar was a great day! The event raised almost \$5,000 for Andrews House! People from all over came empty handed and left with boxes of delicious cookies, plates of baked goods, beautiful jewelry and stained glass, and cute handmade items. At the end of the day the beautiful quilt and the stained glass nativity were given away: the quilt was won by Mark Gelderloos and the nativity by Carolyn Slone! Thank you to all who had a part in making the day a huge success, especially Milt Wyman (drawing, stained glass), Barb McKendry (cookies), Lois Maxwell (bake sale), Pearl Welsh, Carolyn Slone, many volunteers who worked that day, and to everyone who donated cookies, baked goods and specialty items. You are wonderful—thank you! A committee for the 2008 Bazaar will be formed early in the year. If you would like to be a part of this group, please call Andrews House and talk to Kendra.

FREE TAX PREPARATION: Thousands of dollars in tax refunds go unclaimed every year because many working families don't know they qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). For example, if a family of four is making less than \$39,783 they may qualify. A free tax preparation site is open in Delaware that will help you determine your eligibility—don't pay expensive fees for tax preparation of refund anticipation loans. For more information and to schedule your appointment, please call 2-1-1 (Helpline).

ANDREWS HOUSE 15TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2008! 2008 brings a great milestone to Andrews House—15 years of service. We are excited to celebrate with our supporters and our great community who make Andrews House possible. If you would be interested in serving on a planning committee for this anniversary celebration, please contact us.

How has Andrews House helped Delaware? As we celebrate our 15th anniversary, we would like to hear stories of ways that you have seen Andrews House impact Delaware. We are looking for brief stories to publish in our 2008 newsletters. Please submit your stories to programs@andrewshouse.org, Attn. Kendra or call her at 740-369-4520.

WINTER COMPUTER CLASSES: Thanks to volunteer instructor Larry Cooper of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, a 4-week computer classes has been scheduled for January, February and March of 2008. The classes meet 4 times each month and are designed to teach the basics of the computer usage. The classes will be held in the downstairs Computer Learning Center and run from 7 to 9pm. Please contact Andrews House at 369-4520 to register for this free class.

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Pastor on Vacation						
27 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with the Reverend Floyd Baker <i>February newsletter available today.</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">Pastor on Vacation</div>	28	29	30 6:30 Pitch-In Supper 7:00 Annual Business Meeting	31	February 1	Groundhog Day 2

Next Month: February 6 is Ash Wednesday (First Day of Lent)

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Dear FBC family:

At a recent ministerial gathering we were discussing the upcoming time of Lent. One pastor observed that if Lent began any earlier it would be a part of our Advent worship. Ash Wednesday is on February 6 this year. That means we will be having our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 5. Be sure to start thinking about the talent you want to share.

Do you ever wonder why we have pancakes on the Tuesday before the start of Lent?

Here is the answer according to Wikipedia:

The reason that pancakes are associated with the day preceding Lent is that the 40 days of Lent form a period of liturgical fasting, during which only the plainest foodstuffs may be eaten. Therefore, rich ingredients such as eggs, milk, and sugar are disposed of immediately prior to the commencement of the fast. Pancakes and doughnuts were therefore an efficient way of using up these perishable goods, besides providing a minor celebratory feast prior to the fast itself.

At FBC we could easily add blueberries and chocolate to that list of ingredients that we try to use up.

Even if you don't fast during Lent you should use the time to remind yourself of the meaning of Easter in your own life. The coming of Jesus Christ into the world was for the entire world's redemption, but that redemption starts with our

acceptance of God's gracious gift of salvation.

One of the other ways we observe Lent is by having a series of special studies for each of the six Sundays in Lent. These studies will begin on February 10 and continue until March 16. In consultation with the board of Deacons I have decided to offer a series on Death. In addition to looking at Old and New Testa-



ment stories about death we will look at how our culture looks at death. We will also have a session on planning for funerals.

As you make your decision about whether or not to be a part of this possible growth experience I invite you to meditate on this word from Hebrews 2:15 which promises that Jesus Christ came to "free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death."

Invite an unchurched or dechurched friend to church. They need what the Lord offers in this place.

Your Pastor,

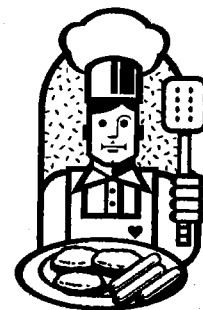
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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

On Tuesday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m., the men will once again be cooking pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.

The festivities will be held in the Fellowship Hall at the church. All are welcome to come and enjoy a good time, fellowship, and yummy pancakes, waffles, fruit, and sausage. (Donations are welcome.) It is even more fun if you bring a talent, skit, joke, reading, etc. to share. Above all, bring a good appetite.

— Larry Faulk



Cookies Needed for Blood Mobile

The American Red Cross has asked that we donate cookies for the Blood Mobile this year. They especially ask for homemade cookies.

We are scheduled for Tuesday, March 25th at Hayes High School. Cookies can be dropped off the day before (Monday the 24th) at the Red Cross, 5 West Winter Street, or dropped off at Hayes High School on the 25th.

We need 10 to 15 dozen. This is the part of our outreach in the community and of course they would like to have blood donors

also. Call for an appointment. Schedule on the board in the Sunday School room.

— Jeanne Ekelberry

Anne Linn Memorial Funds

Recently I was gently reminded that Mom had some monies remaining in her memorial fund. As we are beginning 2008 I pondered and prayed on the best way to make her money speak for her. As we approach some of the coldest months and gather on frosty Sunday mornings, I imagined Mom would be blessed to help out on the church's gas bills. It isn't a huge donation but I think Mom would be pleased to know her small contribution went for something that would benefit the whole church family.

Take a moment and remember Mom and her giving heart and loving hugs.

On behalf of all the Linn kids — Mike, Andi, Alison, Beth and Ed,

— Beth Trigg

Soup Sale

The Ecumenical Youth Group will present another soup sale on February 10. Last year's event was such a success that we have been asked to host another one this year and promise not to run out of that delicious potato/onion that went so fast.

Along with several choices of soup, we will provide bread or corn bread, and homemade cookies for dessert. All dinners will be packaged in take-home containers.

EYG students will be on hand to prepare the orders and appreciate First Baptist Church's participation in their efforts to raise funds for the



summer work camp of 2008.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on February 10th after church services.

— Pam DeBiasio
Ecumenical Youth Council, Secretary

Retreat News

Our annual church retreat will be the weekend of October 3 to 5. Please mark your calendars

now. If you have ideas you would like to share about this year's retreat, please speak to Pam Faulk — or better yet, join this year's retreat committee. Our first meeting of the retreat committee this year will be Monday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. at Pam's house. If you are interested in being on the committee, please speak to Pam.



Your Financial Contributions

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you for supporting our ministry as a church. I am writing to remind you that all undesignated contributions are placed in the general fund for church operations. Contributions to missions must be so designated by the contributor. If you designate part of your giving to missions, those funds will be distributed as directed by our church budget. Our church typically tithes (10%) to missions, but contribution designations reflect each giver's conscience and covenant with our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you intend a portion of your contributions go to missions and have not indicated your wishes verbally or on your pledge form, please inform the Financial Secretary. Questions or comments can be directed to the pastor or any Finance Committee member.

Thank you for your support and commitment to First Baptist!

— Randy Turner
Financial Secretary

Please Return Kitchen Items

If you were kind enough to take home some towels and dish cloths from the church's kitchen to wash, please return them. Thank you.

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 or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Personals

- Steve Stoner's father, John Stoner, 81, passed away on January 6 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus. We extend our sympathy to Steve and Karen and their family.
- Jerry Palmer had cataract surgery and also a separate surgery to repair a hole in his retina, and must remain in a face-down position for a week to allow his retina to heal properly.

Thank You

Holiday Clearing House 2007 was a huge success. We provided food, new toys, new clothing, and gift certificates to over 435 families with almost 1,000 children. Also, baskets of food and gifts were delivered to 156 senior/disabled shut-ins to neighbors in Delaware County.

Your gift of \$212 helped to bring smiles and relief to worried parents, grandparents and eager children who try to believe in the wonder

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of the season when there is little hope. Thank you.

— Kevin James Crowley
Executive Director

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Thank you on behalf of all who will now benefit from your gift of \$335 for the Costa Rica Mission Trip. You are helping to build upon a great — and vital — tradition.

— Ohio Wesleyan University

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First Sunday in Lent 10 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:00 Sandie Heizer Festival of Praise at Trinity Baptist in Marion	11 7:00 Board of Deacons	12 7:00 Trustees	13 7:00 Choir	14 Valentine's Day 12:00 Young at Heart 	15	16 8:00 ABM Breakfast
Second Sunday in Lent 17 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles</i>	Presidents' Day 18 	19	20 7:00 Choir	21 11:30 ABW Luncheon at Buehlers	22	23
Third Sunday in Lent 24 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>March newsletter available today.</i>	25 7:00 Retreat Committee at Faulk	26	27 7:00 Choir	28 7:00 Parish Council	29	March 1

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2008 Church Leadership Conference

"Living in the Outflow"

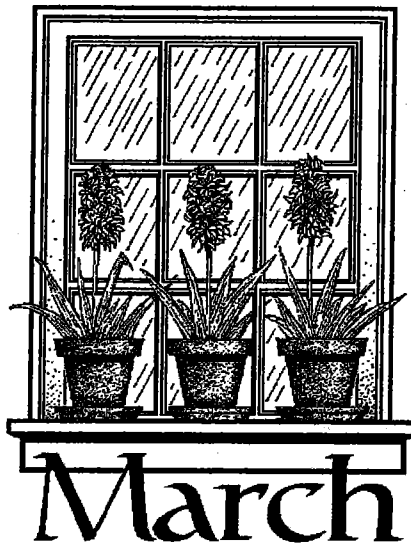
**Fri. March 28, 10 AM to 5:30 PM (clergy only), and/or
Sat. March 29, 9:30 AM to 3 PM**

"Join us for the annual Church Leadership Conference. The conference will be at Karl Road Baptist Church at 5750 Karl Road in Columbus, Ohio. "Living in the Outflow" is a lifestyle of outreach that is so natural, simple, and effective it's practically irresistible. Outflow will help you and your church leaders experience God more deeply and share His love more powerfully. Forget memorizing complicated formulas and start sharing Jesus in genuine ways that friends, family, and your whole community will enthusiastically embrace. Dave Ping is an extremely practical, creative, and entertaining speaker. He is an award winning Christian and coauthor of such popular books and interactive small group courses as Irresistible Evangelism, Listening for Heaven's Sake, Trust Building, Quick-to-Listen Leaders, and Outflow. Dave brings 27 years of outreach and hands-on ministry experience to his ministry at Equipping Ministries International."

The Friday portion of this conference is for clergy only. The cost of the conference is \$35.00 if paid before March 14. Lunch is

included. Dr. Swain concludes his letter of invitation with the following:

*"I am very excited about this year's conference. I believe God has something special for each of us who come with a receptive heart and a desire to turn our lives and ministries **Outward** to a spiritually thirsty*



world. Further information can be found on the ABC-Ohio website at: <http://www.abc-ohio.org>."

I believe that this conference meets a need that has been identified by our deacons and parish council for training in personal outreach. I hope you will consider attending. If the registration fee is an obstacle to your attendance please let me know. We have budgeted funds for such events as well as money available from the Educational Endowment. Please see me for registration information.

Invite a friend or family member to our celebration of Easter Sunday on March 23. I believe this is the most joyous day of the Christian year. It would be a shame not to share it with more people.

Your Pastor,

Easter Offering

The finance committee has decided to dedicate the Easter Offering to the American Baptist Historical Society. They have a great need with the move to Atlanta this year. Also, we have received word that a donor will match any of our gifts up to \$400.00.

Lenten Services

Palm Sunday (March 16)
Sunday School at 9:15; Morning Worship at 10:45 (last day to order Easter lilies)

Mauddy Thursday (March 20)
A candlelight communion service will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. Please enter and leave in silence.

Good Friday (March 21)
A community service will be held at noon at St. Mary Catholic Church.

Easter Sunday (March 23)
Sunday School at 9:15; Morning Worship at 10:45



Mission Moment

Just thought you'd like to know that final figures are in for the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering from December. We actually surpassed our goal by receiving \$606.61. On behalf of all those deserving servants of the Lord, I say heartily, "Thank You"!

We had a two-week promotion to receive items for Turning Point, a shelter in Marion for abused women. Delivery was made and appreciation was expressed for our interest and help. Old cell phones are needed by Turning Point. They can program them to dial the shelter and give them to women who are living in fear. Anything we can do for these folks is greatly appreciated. Donations can be made at any time.

February was "Undie Sunday" month for the Common Ground Free Store here in Delaware. With a basket in the narthex, many items have been deposited and will be delivered to the store the first of March. Thank you so much for your open-hearted attitude...and your open-purse spending for these needs.

The next BIG promotion for our church will be the America For Christ offering. Our promotion will begin on March 30 and culminate with the Annual Walkathon on April 20. The theme this year is "Home Mission On Our Doorstep", with scripture emphasis from 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, "For the love of Christ urges us on..." To give you an idea of how broad the reach is for this offering, I will include parts of a letter from Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III, Executive Director of National Ministries for ABC-USA.

*"...human need surrounds us on all fronts...It still often surprises me, however, that the United States is the **third largest mission field** on our planet. We have millions of people right here, on the doorsteps of our churches, our homes, our schools, who have deep hunger*

– and not just for food or education or a warm bed, but also for comfort, hope, and the assurance that someone, somewhere cares...

"We have sent hundreds of volunteers to the Gulf Coast to help rebuild homes and lives following Hurricane Katrina. We have helped to resettle more than 96,000 refugees since World War II. American Baptist chaplains ... serve on the battlefield in Iraq as well as in hospitals and prisons."

Dr. Wright-Riggins continues, "Once again, it's time to bring this critical offering to the attention of American Baptists. Help National Ministries continue to transform leaders and transform lives. Help us to share the Good News that someone, somewhere, does indeed care."

Please give – generously and joyfully – "For the love of Christ urges us on."

*– Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator*

Orders to be Taken for Easter Lilies

Easter lilies can be ordered 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.

The price is to be announced (probably around \$8.00).



WEB LINKS

American Baptist Churches USA
ABC-USA.org

American Baptist Churches of Ohio
ABC-Ohio.org

First Baptist Church
FBCDelaware.org

Please place your orders with either me or Melissa Mercer by Palm Sunday (March 16).

– Jim Stephenson

Summer Conferences at Green Lake

The Green Lake Conference Center is offering a variety of conferences this summer. There are conferences on missions, church musicians, Christian writers, spiritual growth, elderhostel, singles and many more. If you are interested please see me for details and remember; Educational Endowment funds may be available to help with expenses.

*– Kathy Chesser
Board of Christian Education*

Trustees Notes

- The tile floors in the fellowship hall and the upstairs hallways were recently cleaned and waxed. This work by Johnson's Services cost \$500.
- The damaged plaster high in the northeast corner of the sanctuary was patched and the paint touched up. This leak was repaired last summer when the box gutter outside was redone.

*– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees*

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CELEBRATING FIFTEEN YEARS

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FREE SERVICES

Every month Andrews House offers a variety of free services to our community. Help us get the word out!

Free Meals

Second Fridays • 6:00pm

A full course hot meal.

Third Thursdays • 5:00pm

Soup, sandwiches and dessert.

Interfaith Legal Clinic

Third Tuesday of the month,
5:30pm

Computer Classes

Mondays this winter, 7-9pm.

Classes will be offered in March.

Call for more information.

Grace (Medical) Clinic (*held by partner church Grace Brethren, Powell*)
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm
(No Clinic, December 26 or January 2)

A FOND FAREWELL...

to Andrews House Executive Director, Jill Lee. Jill has been chosen as the first Executive Director of Cat Welfare Association in Columbus. We are very excited for her as her career follows her passion for animals; however, we will miss her and her dedication to Andrews House and our community. The Board of Directors is in the beginning stages of seeking qualified candidates to fill this position.

BENEFIT BANK

Andrews House is becoming a Benefit Bank site! The Benefit Bank is a tool to help individuals and families overcome poverty. It connects communities to resources by providing a practical technological solution [a computer program] for the complex process by which low income households gain access to tax credits and public benefit programs. The Benefit Bank is the only system available that can process tax returns as well as a range of federal and public sponsored health and social service benefits. For more information about the program visit www.thebenefitbank.com and come to our informational meeting on Wednesday, February 27 at noon.

SERVERS & MORE NEEDED FOR FREE MEALS

Every month, volunteers from all over Delaware County come to serve two free meals to our community—one on the second Friday of the month and another on the third Thursday. Believe it or not, summer is just around the corner, and we are in need of small groups or individuals to commit to helping with these meals in June, July and August. If your small group, Sunday school class, or group of friends are interested, please contact Kendra at Andrews House for more information (740-369-4520).

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS CLASSES

Andrews House is once again offering free computer classes! Beginning March 3 it meets for four weeks. Classes are designed to teach the basics of the internet, word processing, spreadsheets, and are held in the basement computer lab from 7 to 9pm. Call Andrews House 369-4520 to register.

A TRIBUTE TO PAUL NICELY

On Monday, January 21, 2008, Andrews House lost a dear friend. Paul Nicely, 81, was a founding board member, former Interim Director and past President of Andrews House. His work and passion was an inspiration to those around him, and his work at Andrews House showed his great commitment to serving his community and working towards peace and justice for all. Though we celebrate his life, he will be missed. A memorial fund has been set up in his honor at Andrews House.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 5 Ben Turner
 Kirsten Pfund
 7 Robert Foor
 11 Rick & Sandy Van
 Brimmer
 12 Evan Trigg
 Sydney Kauf
 13 Amy Pfarr
 18 Dave Lovell
 21 Samantha Davis
 27 George Riedmiller
 28 Becky Sykes

Please report any errors or omissions to
 Jim Stephenson.

Personals

- Evelyn Lee and Jim Van Brimmer were recognized during morning worship for their many years of service to First Baptist.
- Jarrod Trigg was hospitalized for a severe intestinal infection from diverticulitis.

Prayer List

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Fifth Sunday in Lent 9 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i>	10 7:00 Deacons	11 7:30 Marion Assoc. Trustees	12 7:00 Choir	13 12:00 Young at Heart	14	15 8:00 ABM Breakfast 9:00 National to Quilt Day 3:00 Program
Palm Sunday 16 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to order Easter lilies</i> 	St. Patrick's Day 17	18 7:00 Trustees	19 7:00 Choir	Maundy Thursday 20 11:30 ABWM 7:00 Maundy Thur. Service <i>First Day of Spring</i>	Good Friday 21 12:00 Community Service at St. Mary Catholic Church	22
Easter 23 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Newsletter deadline</i> 	24	25	26 7:00 Choir	27 7:00 Parish Council	28	29
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Dear FBC family:

Spring is the time of year that we traditionally receive the America for Christ Offering. Even though it doesn't much feel like spring with a wake-up temperature of 28 degrees the calendar insists that it is so. Much of the ministry funded by this offering comes under the direction of the Board of National Ministries of the

communities across our country and Puerto Rico. We share God's love through a host of ministries.

We have sponsored hundreds of volunteers who have traveled to the Gulf Coast to help rebuild homes and lives following Hurricane Katrina.

We have helped to resettle more than 96,000 refugees since World War II.

The America for Christ Offering funds all of this important, Christ-centered work.

Our goal this year is \$600.00. We will be receiving the offering from March 30 through April 20. On April 20 we will have a walk-a-thon at Mingo Park. Please give generously as the Lord leads.

Invite an unchurched friend to church. We could have Easter crowds every Sunday.

Your Pastor,



Mission Report

Spring is officially here and that time of year heralds the arrival of our America For Christ offering. We will begin the promotion on March 30 and end up with the Fourth Annual Walkathon on Sunday, April 20.

The Walkathon will again be held at Mingo Park and will begin at 2 p.m. Those who have participated in the past will attest to the fact that it's a great time of fellowship, not to mention the healthy exercise and the fun treats when the walk is over.

The theme for this year is "Home Mission On Our Doorstep". We will be focusing on

Rebuilding Lives – One family at a time;
Transforming Lives – One child at a time



ABCUSA. Their web site (<http://www.nationalministries.org>) offers a glimpse of their work. Some of what we have done and continue to do is listed in the following summary:

The United States is the third largest mission field on our planet. We have millions of people right here, on the doorsteps of our churches, our homes, our schools, who have deep hunger—and not just for food or education or a warm bed, but also for comfort, hope, and the assurance that someone, somewhere cares.

It's National Ministries' mission to bring Christ-centered transformation to individuals, churches and

American Baptist chaplains, endorsed through National Ministries, serve on the battlefield in Iraq as well as in hospitals and prisons.

The American Baptist Children in Poverty initiative, developed and implemented by National Ministries, is working to transform the lives of children with limited resources.

And National Ministries' evangelism training is making a difference in sharing God's Good News by transforming regional and church leaders' understanding of evangelism—which in turn is transforming the leadership of those American Baptists they train in their regions and associations.

The scripture being used is "For the love of Christ urges us on..." 2 Corinthians 5:14-15.

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The needs continue to grow. Won't you prayerfully consider how you can help others who are less fortunate than we are. Our goal is \$600, but we'd love to send more!

– Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

A Letter from Shirley Parker

February 25, 2008

Dear All,

Back in the fall I decided that I wouldn't send a Christmas letter this year, but now that winter is here, I've decided to send an update.

In early December, I was back at the local hospital. From a CAT scan they discovered a spot of MRSA on my lungs, which lead to me being put in isolation when I returned to the Arbors. At first, I didn't think I'd mind having a room to myself, but I soon tired of being alone. I was glad when the infection went away

and I was able to rejoin my roommate in my old room.

The kids continue to take turns visiting me. Joe came over Thanksgiving, Allison came before the holidays in December, Andy and Margie came over Christmas and Joe and Laurie's two oldest children, Julia and Wilder, came for my birthday in early January. And Allison came again in early February.

Joe and Laurie's youngest, Gage, has qualified for the Junior

Olympics in cross-country skiing and will be going to Alaska in March for that competition. Daughter Julia directed a couple plays at Putney School this past fall and has now headed out west to work and play! Son Wilder, who graduates from Putney this spring and is waiting to hear on college acceptances, won an art contest with a metal sculpture. Andy and Margie's son Jonathan is teaching high school English in Washington DC and planning an August wedding. His fiancé, Molly Stilfen, is a patent attorney. I haven't met Molly, but hear glowing reports, so am very happy that she and Jon are getting married. Son Dan is working in New York City for Wireless Generation, a company that develops software for teachers. Allison & Phil's daughter, Andrea, is also in New York. She left publishing and is doing fundraising for Safe Horizon, a non-profit that provides emergency shelter for several at-risk groups. Allison & Phil's son James is working in sales in Boston. It's hard to believe I have grandchildren who are out on their own!

I enjoy a collage of family pictures on the wall of my room, including pictures of my father and ancestor Charles Tupper. I'm amazed at how

much Andy looks like the two of them.

I get around in my electric wheelchair and have recently enjoyed visits from former OU Library colleagues Ann Braxton and Mary Stall, and my niece Maria Fichter Wandling and her family. Most visitors find me in good spirits, but sometimes it's hard to stay upbeat when recovering from one thing after another. Your cards and visits are a tremendous comfort and I eagerly await news from all of you. I seem to have lost all sense, but my sense of humor.

Love,

– Shirley

Turning Point

Following our promotion in January for Turning Point, we delivered several items to the shelter in Marion. We received the note below from them

– Jane Moore

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Dear First Baptist Church of Delaware,

On behalf of Turning Point, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of clothing, supplies and personal items. How nice of you to continually think of us!

Help such as yours makes it possible for Turning Point to successfully address the needs of victims of domestic violence.

Thank you again for your support of Turning Point and the women and children we serve.

Sincerely,

Paula Roller

Quarterly Business Meeting

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

Common Ground Free Store

Common Ground Free Store is sponsoring a plant sale in co-operation with Back Roads Antiques, Garden and Gift shop. The sale runs through April 9th and the plants will arrive prior to Mother's Day. There are flats of plants, hanging baskets and garden items for sale all at affordable prices.



See Beth Trigg who has color photos and the price list. 25% of our sales will go into the Common Ground general fund. Recently we have negotiated a new lease for more space adjacent to our current building. While this is a great blessing and much-needed space our rent will go up.

Cash and/or checks are accepted at time order is placed. You will be responsible for picking up your order @ Back Roads on Bean Oller Road on May 10th. If you make additional purchases that day be sure to mention Common Ground as all sales will be credited to us.

To date we have served over 1,800 needy families. Easter week we distributed Easter baskets to children ages 2-10. We DO make an impact in the Delaware community.

Thanks in advance for your generous support.

– Beth Trigg

Trustees Notes

- A repair was made to the refrigerator at the parsonage by A1 Appliance. The cost was \$150.
- Our insurance company did a walkthrough inspection. We passed, but there are some questions about the roof.
- The Gable Elevator Co. came to the church on Friday, March

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21 for a maintenance check. Our contract, according to the service man, calls for four maintenance checks a year, one major safety test a year, and a major load test every five years. Everything is marked for the state inspector.

• Two pianos were tuned by Richard Dacks.

• A florescent ceiling light in the fellowship hall stopped working and had to have its ballast replaced by electrician Mike Clark.

• The water-damaged paint in the assembly room (in the peak above the stained glass windows) was scraped off and repainted. Three contractors have looked at the area over the years and have found nothing wrong with the roof, flashing or the wall. It has been a continuous problem.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 10 Jane Mercer
Connor Trigg
13 Daphne Inscho
15 Ray Serviss
20 Fred & Pam DeBiasio
Tammy Ferguson
21 Jimmie Moore
27 Colin Ferguson
29 Deborah Fogle

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Personals

- Dave Lovell had a heart attack on March 7 while driving home from work. He drove himself to Grady, where he received initial treatment, and then he was taken by ambulance to Riverside, where they installed two stents. He went home a few days later and is doing fine.
- Melissa Neill's mother, Betty Reed, died on March 16. We extend our sympathy to Melissa and her family.

Riddle

Q: What is the best way to get to know people from our church better?

A: Come to the church retreat, October 3 to 5

– Pam Faulk

A Time for All Things

This jar contains 10 walnuts and 1 cup of rice. The walnuts represent the things that God would have us do and the rice represents the fun things we want to do.

If you pour the rice into the jar first, the walnuts will never fit.

If you put the walnuts in the jar first, the rice poured over and around fits perfectly.

The Lesson: If we put time with God, and for God, before time for other things we want to do, we will have plenty of time for both. However, if we put the things we want to do first, we will never fit in time for God.

May this jar be a constant reminder of the moderation of our

walk with Him.

"We always have time for the things we put first." Matthew 6:38 NIV

– submitted by Jean Wickum,
who got it from Jean Osborne

Church Directory Update

Please update your copy of the 2008 Church Directory with the info below.

- 1) We regret that **Penny Hagaman** was accidentally left out. Please add her to your directory:

Penny Hagaman (Aug. 27)
76 Georgetown Dr., Apt. 2
(740) 362-1119

- 2) **Matthew Lovell** has moved. His new address is:

5112 Minnetonka Blvd.
Apt. 1
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

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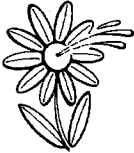
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20 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 2:00 America for Christ Walkathon at Mingo Park <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	21	22	23 7:00 Choir	24	25 Arbor Day	26
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Dear FBC family:

If you attended worship on April 20 you no doubt noticed the two large holes in the ground around both of the front entrances to the church. We have had a plumbing and drain company at work here for the past week. The underground pipes that take the water away from the roof were no longer draining properly. Part of the problem was over 100 years of accumulated debris. However, work continues on how to find the problem between the drains and our connection to the city storm sewers. Work will resume this week to solve that problem.

This work will exhaust our repair budget for the year. The costs have already exceeded two thousand dollars and will in all likelihood be another two to three thousand dollars. How are we going to meet this expense? It occurred to me that each household in the church will be receiving anywhere from three hundred to two thousand dollars from Uncle Sam during the month of May. This is the stimulus rebate that the Congress and the President agreed on earlier this year. If every family in the church tithed their government check it would go a long ways toward covering this additional expense. Will you

join me in this offering to meet a completely unexpected expense?

This month we will be reminded that change is a constant in the world. We will be saying goodbye to two very special people. Steve Yang and Kirsten Pfund will be graduating from Ohio Wesleyan University on May 11. Steve first came to FBC as a freshman four years ago. He has been a faithful member of our congregation since that first visit. We are grateful that he has shared his college experience with us. We partnered with Steve on mission trips to West Virginia and Nicaragua. We

pray for God's continued care as Steve moves on to medical School.

Kirsten came to us two years ago as a pastoral intern working with our children. It hardly seems possible how fast those two years have passed. She has brought excitement and continuity to our children's work. We have watched in amazement as Kirsten has balanced school work, the OWU women's tennis team, and her commitment to our church. Kirsten will be returning home to the Chicago area to begin a career in finance.

In addition to goodbyes we are also able to say welcome. On April 6 we welcomed Ken and Genevieve Peterson into our church

family. You have already heard about Genevieve's card recycling ministry. Just yesterday I learned of a gift that Ken brings to our family. He made photos of our America for Christ walk-a-thon. Be sure and introduce yourself to the Petersons the next time you see them in church.

Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor,

Blanket Sunday on Mother's Day

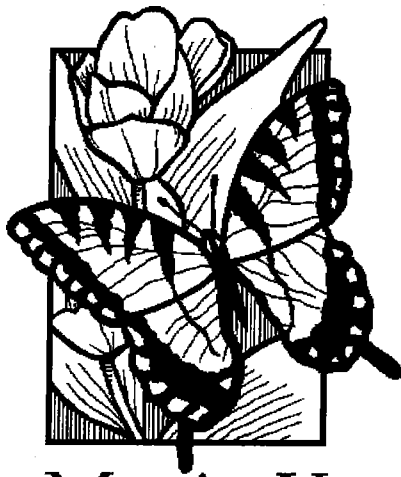
We will celebrate a Blanket Sunday on Mother's Day (May 11) to support Church World Service.

Your contribution can be used to honor the important women in your life and help Church World Service provide needed services and resources to those displaced in places like Sudan, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan, to name a few. The suggested donation is \$5 per blanket and forms will be provided to identify the women you wish to honor through your donation.



Let's celebrate Mother's Day with a generous offering to Church World Service!

— Randy Turner
Financial Secretary



M A Y

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Our Sunday school year is coming to an end. Please take some time this month to thank our Sunday school teachers and subs. For their dedication and hard work. The last day of Sunday school classes will be May 25. Summer hours will begin June 1.

There will be an appreciation breakfast and short meeting for the Sunday school teachers and substitutes on Saturday, June 7, at 8:30 a.m. at Pam Faulk's house.

— Pam Faulk

Remember to Pick Up Your Flowers & Plants

If you ordered flowers or plants in support of The Common Ground Free Store don't forget to pick them

up on
May
10th.
Pick



up at Back Roads Antiques, Gifts & Garden Center, 3664 Bean Oller Road. (located between Rt 257 and old 315.) The store is in an 1865 brick home and is fun to browse! Any other purchases made the day of pick-up also benefit the store. Times for pick-up are 11–6 p.m. The phone number is 740-816-2078.

Thanks for helping us to "bloom!"

— Beth Trigg

May Mission Report

Can there be any doubt that we serve an Awesome God! With a gray, cloudy day in the offing, twenty-two energetic walkers converged on Mingo Park on Sunday, April 20. The sun obliged very nicely, coming out and warming our hearts and souls as we traipsed along the walking trail.

Several brave ones ventured to the tennis courts and, with Kirsten's help, played several sets. Fun and fellowship were much in evidence all afternoon. And once again our champion fund raiser was Barb Reed, who turned in her pledges of \$70. Total donations for the Walkathon were nearly \$300. As of this writing our overall America For Christ offering totals \$966.33.

Special thanks goes to Randy Turner for the pie-chart on the wall in the sanctuary. It gives us a clear picture of where these dollars are being utilized.

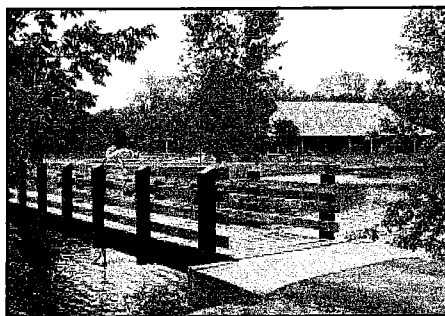
Thank you to all who participated and made this another successful campaign.

— Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

Vacation!

Does your family take a yearly vacation? Well, our church family does. It is called the annual retreat. It is a chance for our church family to have fellowship and fun together away from the church setting.

Even though it is called a family retreat and some of our themes in the past have focused on the family, the retreat is actually for every member of our church family, whether you have an extended family or not.



Camp Christian

During the retreat we have interesting sessions about our theme for the weekend, lots of fellowship, fun activities, games, and good food. Even though the retreat is at Camp Christian, we do not really "camp."

You may spend the night in the lodge if you wish, or you may go home during the night because it is not very far from Delaware. The camp has beautiful grounds and is a very relaxing place. There are outdoor activities for the kids, too.

Won't you consider joining the rest of your church family this year for our vacation? It is the weekend of October 3-5. You will be getting a letter this summer with all the details.

— Pam Faulk

Recycle Your Greeting Cards

Did you ever wonder what to do with greetings cards that you receive on very special occasions? They are too beautiful to throw away, but may be crowding your limited storage space.

Now there is a way to give a second life to your unique treasures. You may recycle them to a card ministry. Bring them to church and put them in the box next to the basket of new cards which are ready for you to use. Take some cards to share with someone who needs the comfort of a loving friend.

In addition to the cards in the basket a constant stream of special greetings go to prison ministries at the Correctional Institute of Marion so that men may keep in touch with family and friends during their time of separation.

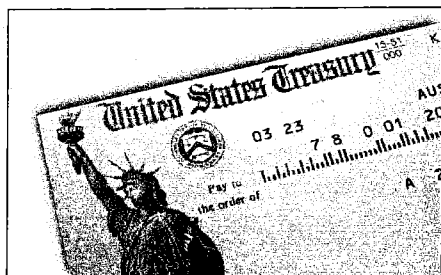
This ministry is possible because many give their used cards, others share their time and skills to transform the old to new, and everyone benefits.

Thank you to this family of faith for welcoming us and becoming a part of the card ministry.

— Ken and Genevieve Peterson

Consider Tithing Your "Stimulus Check"

In the next few weeks, we should be receiving (if we qualify) an economic stimulus check from the government. Please consider dedicating it or a "portion" of it to FBC.



Our operating budget, missions, the educational endowment, and the house and property fund are all in need of revenue. If you would like to "designate" your gift, just include a note in the memo line of your check.

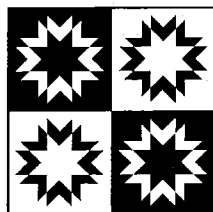
Thanks,

– Larry Faulk,
Finance Chairman

Quilts

Thank you to the children in Sunday School classes, Junior Church and of course their teachers. They colored fabric squares which have been made into four baby quilts.

One will stay in the church nursery and three will be donated to the Linus Project which gives quilts to hospi-



tals for children who are admitted and need comfort and something to hold on to. This is a project by many quilt guilds, including the one that meets here in our church.

The quilts will be on display in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 4.

Thank you all for sharing in the fun and giving.

– Jeanne Ekelberry

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the deacons. If you have any additions or corrections, please contact your deacon or Randy Turner.

Perry Family Update: Jennifer and Betty Porter have requested prayers recently for the Perry family, due to a difficult pregnancy. We're pleased to report that the two babies have been born and are doing fine. Betty would like to thank everyone for their prayers.

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Young at Heart

The weather cheated us out of some meetings and cut down the attendance during the winter, but at our April meeting we made up for it with a great gathering! There

were 23 of us! As usual the food was plentiful and Peter had, as always, decorated the tables nicely.

We were happy to have Shirley Parker back with us. She came on the DATA bus in her motorized

chair. So nice to have her mobile again!

Genevieve and Ken Peterson were introduced, and told us about themselves and about Genevieve's project with recycling greeting cards.

We voted \$30.00 out of our treasury for the Free Store.

Jerry Palmer won the silver heart. Pastor Chesser shared a thoughtful reading provided by Ann Brown.

Thanks to Evelyn Lee who calls everyone to remind them of the meeting, to Peter White who "sets up" the room, to Fran Cook, Sophia Stephenson, and Jean Syler who help with the cards we send monthly to old friends and shut-ins, to Evelyn Lee who keeps order in the kitchen so every bit of food gets on the table, and who makes very good coffee. It seems we are set to have a good year.

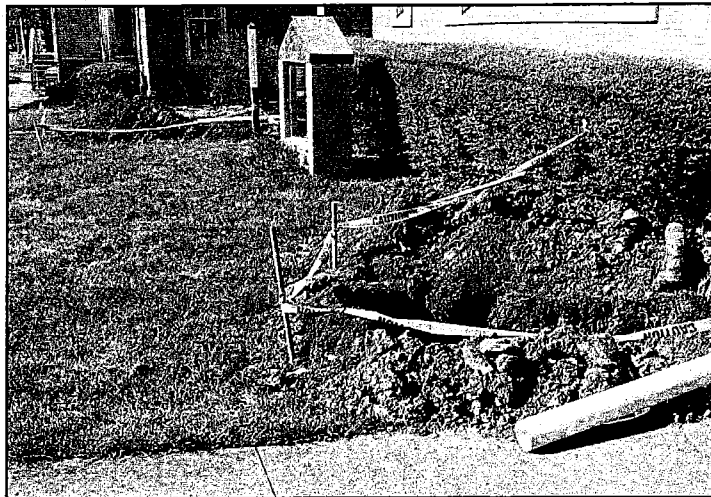
If you are over 50/55, come visit us on the second Thursday of the month.

— Jean Wickum
Convenor

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7 Bertha Van Brimmer
8 Willard Fogle
9 Chris Riedmiller
Tim Chesser
10 Archie & Beth Trigg
Anna Kailyn
Julie Wilson
12 Jeanne Ekelberry
15 Barbara Smith
Betty Porter
24 Jean Wickum
Sharon & Steve Baker
27 Lisa Lawrence
30 Ken Peterson
31 Isaiah Davidson

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Storm sewer repairs in progress

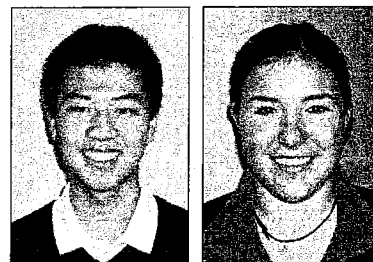
Trustees Report

- A repair was made to the Sunday School assembly room roof where two broken slates had caused a leak in the middle of the room. The work was done by Mike's Roofing at a cost of \$360.
- A repair was made to the carpet in the Sunday School assembly room where the sweeper had grabbed several loose strands and pulled them out, making a big gap. This work by Delaware Floor cost \$140.
- Our storm sewers in front of the church, which are over 100 years old and made of clay tile, were found to be broken and plugged up. The work so far, including roto rooting, camera scans in all lines, and digging, has cost close to \$2,000. We are going to have to dig and replace our line to the street, which will cost \$2,000 or more. The work is being done by Amanda Plumbing. The work has to be done as the downspouts were backing up and water was running down the basement well, soaking the wall inside and ruining the plaster and paint.

— Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Personals

- Ken and Genevieve Peterson were received into our church fellowship on April 6. Welcome!
- George Reidmiller is in Kuwait for nine months with his National Guard unit to help with training.
- Bob Foor has returned from Florida for the summer.
- Congratulations to Sam Chesser, was inducted in April into two honor societies at OWU. He was inducted as a member of Phi Sigma Iota, the Foreign Language Honor Society. He was also inducted as a member of the Phi society, the Sophomore Honor Society.
- In May we'll be saying goodbye to Steve Yang and Kirsten Pfund, who will be graduating from OWU on May 11. See the pastor's editorial on page 1 for more details.



Steve and Kirsten

Good News Letter

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As I was preparing a sermon for Baptist Heritage Sunday I came across the following message on the ABCUSA web site. I pass it on to you because I hope it will be helpful in thinking about Baptist history. We have a story to tell to the nations and many faithful people in the past are a part of that story. I hope you find Dr. Van Broekhoven's letter helpful in your spiritual journey.

Your Pastor,



Why History Matters; the Ministry of Memory

This month I've mourned the loss of two special servants of God, Dr. David Shannon and Mrs. Elizabeth Haselden. Both losses have given me an opportunity to reflect on the joy of knowing more about God through such saints and through history. "We see through a glass darkly" says scripture. That truth holds not just for our knowledge of God and the nature of love, but also for our understanding of other humans, including those Baptist saints who have passed before us and whom we never knew "face to face." This spring marks the 40th anniversary of the untimely death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I did not know Martin when he was alive. Surely I should have known more than



the fragmentary images that reached me as a young teenager, when if anyone had asked, I would have been hard pressed to explain why responses to King's assassination were different than the grief following the death of President Kennedy.

What MLK Jr means to me today is the accumulation of stories heard and words read over the years SINCE that shocking day in 1968. I see King through a glass darkly, imperfectly—but still more completely NOW and in a way that is accessible to the many others who did not know him personally. My first memory of King's presence in my Vermont town was seeing him on a poster. Large black print and a photograph of King made the poster

stand-out from the other hand-scrawled notices cluttering the store's bulletin board. The King poster was in fact a John Birch Society poster, depicting King sitting in a meeting, labeled in large type, "Martin Luther King At Communist Meeting."

We Baptists who own him as one of our own might grimace or laugh at this propaganda, but as a child, I found the poster eye-catching and puzzling. How could this be, I wondered, that this minister would be at a meeting with communist atheists? More than shocked, I was also puzzled, since there was no

discussion of the poster or King in my home or church.

So where did I see more accurate pictures of MLK Jr? Glimpses of King came through his printed and recorded words and through the lives and words of those who were his companions and colleagues. But like the writer to the Hebrews who wrote an extensive description and

list of the saints who have gone before us, I lack the time needed to tell about all those companions who have showed me and invited me into the beloved community, a community lacking class or racial barriers. In my life, the foremost of these companions have been Dr. Albert P. Brinson, Rev. J. C. Herrin, Dr. Dennis Norris, Rev. Bennie

Smith, Dr. James Melvin Washington, and Drs. George & Dodie Younger.

Rather than go on and on with the stories of these saints, consider King's own reply to the ministers who criticized him as an extremist, some using words similar to that heard very recently to denounce the Rev. Jeremiah Wright (who interestingly credits Dr. King as a major influence on his own ministry). Dr. King wrote to his clergy critics:

"But though I was initially disappointed at being categorized



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as an extremist, as I continued to think about the matter I gradually gained a measure of satisfaction from the label. Was not Jesus an extremist for love: 'Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.' Was not Amos an extremist for justice: 'let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.' Was not Paul an extremist for the Christian gospel: 'I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.' Was not Martin Luther an extremist: 'Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise, so help me God.' Was not John Bunyan an extremist: 'I will stay in jail until the end of my days before I make a butchery of my conscience.' And Abraham Lincoln: 'this nation cannot survive half slave and half free.' And Thomas Jefferson: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.' So the question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be. Will we be extremists for hate or love? Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice or for the extension of justice? ... Jesus Christ was an extremist for love, truth, and goodness. Perhaps the South, the nation, and the world are in dire need of creative extremists."

May we in local congregations remember to share the lives and legacies of our heroes of faith with those around us, so that the character and teachings of other Baptist saints will be able to help the next generation see more clearly the workings of God among us.

Your minister of memory,

— Dr. Deborah Van Broekhoven
American Baptist Historical Society
www.Baptisthistory.us

Elvira Smith

Elvira June Smith, 78, of Delaware, died on April 28 at Riverside Methodist Hospital. She was a member of First Baptist and had attended for many years.

Elvira was born June 10, 1929 in Garwood, N.J., to Jesse and Alpha (White) Graham. She was an acquisitions clerk for the Methesco



library and had been a Delaware resident since 1938. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, sewing, knitting, crocheting, movies and miniature golf.

She is survived by one son, Robert "Bob" (Ann) Smith of Delaware; two grandchildren, Zack and Ginna Smith; and two sisters, Florence Faulk of Columbus and Dorothy I. (Stanley) Schczykelski of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willis; and one sister, Millie Hasty.

The funeral service was held at Rodman Neeper Funeral Home with Rev. Tim Chesser officiating, followed by burial in Greenmound Cemetery in Kilbourne.

June 15 Will Be Tools for Hope Sunday

We will celebrate Tools for Hope Sunday on Father's Day to support Church World Service. Your contribution can be used to honor the important men in your life and help Church World Service provide needed services and resources to those displaced in places like Sudan, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan, to name a few. The suggested donation is \$5 per tool and forms will be provided to identify the men you wish to honor through your donation. Let's celebrate Father's Day with a generous

offering to Church World Service! The following is adapted from an African prayer:

We bring what we have;
Seeds for planting,
Tools for hoeing.
Bless them, O Lord!

Bless our garden, O Lord,
with rain and sunshine,
that we might enjoy a rich harvest
to feed our children.

Bless us, O Lord,
our willing hands,
our strong backs,
as we plant our future.

Bless us, O Lord!

May we continue to be a blessing
and answer to prayer for those
who are served by Church World
Service.

— Randy Turner
Financial Secretary

Welcome To Our New Members

We welcome **Bob and Kathy Russell**, who come to us from churches in West Virginia. The Russells are currently at Methesco.

We also welcome **Shannon Kennedy**, who was baptized here on May 18. Shannon and her husband, Roger, and son, Roger, Jr. live in Ashley. Shannon is the daughter of Bud and Becky Sykes.

Weekend Getaway Opportunity

Are you anxious for a weekend getaway but afraid it will cost too much, especially with the gas prices so high? Well, here is an opportunity you cannot pass up. Come to the church retreat October 3-5 at Camp Christian. The cost is very reasonable. (It is even free for first timers!) Camp Christian is very close to Delaware, so it will not take an expensive tank of gas to get there. It will be a weekend full of fun, relaxation, and fellowship.

— Pam Faulk

Attention Sunday School Teachers

Do not forget to RSVP for the appreciation breakfast on June 7. Call Pam at 3620-8637 whether you are coming OR NOT! I will be in and out, so please leave a message.

– Pam Faulk

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- June 2 Jerry & Lana Palmer
 4 Patricia Foor
 Dwight Davidson
 7 Steve Yang
 8 Pam Faulk
 Carol Serviss
 10 David & Mary Lou Lovell
 Aidan Ferguson
 11 Randy & Jennifer Turner
 16 Bud & Becky Sykes
 17 Matthew & Marci Cooper
 19 Wyatt Cramer
 21 Willa Corder
 22 June Grubbs
 24 Beth Trigg
 27 Dwight & Kari Davidson
 Jenna Inscho
 28 Jami Riedmiller
 Hannah Grubbs
 30 Jimmie & Jane Moore

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Mission Report

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have."

– Hebrews 13:16a

This is the theme scripture for this year's One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We will be accepting this offering during July, but I wanted to share a few thoughts with you before then.

Did you know? Nearly 200 years ago, Ann and Adoniram Judson arrived in the country of Burma. The Judsons and other early missionaries introduced Jesus Christ to the Burmese, Karen, Chin and many other ethnic groups of Burma. Today, hundreds of thousands of Karen, Chin and others have fled Burma and are living as refugees in Thai-

land and neighboring countries. The United States has begun accepting Karen refugees from the camps in Thailand and Chin from Malaysia for permanent resettlement and eventual U.S. citizenship. Because of their historic connection with American Baptists, many have been seeking our churches, strengthening us with their faith and energy. The needs of newly arrived refugees are vast. One Great Hour of Sharing enables us to share resources with churches across the United States who have opened their doors and hearts to these newly arrived refugees.

Did you know? This offering began more than fifty-five years ago in response to the devastation of World War II. In March 1949, a national broadcast on a Saturday evening asked Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. A remarkable assembly of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast, and more than 75,000 churches responded the next day.

Did you know? Today One Great Hour of Sharing serves people in over 80 countries around the world.

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the deacons. If you have any additions or corrections, please contact your deacon or Randy Turner.

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
Erin Faulk	Kathy Sharp	Cancer treatments
Evelyn Lee	Mary Tilson Bertha VanBrimmer Dewey Fittro Florence Faulk	at Willowbrook Health Issues Delaware Court
Phil Mercer	Jerry Mercer Judy Mercer	Health Issues Health Issues
Jane Moore	George Corder Cathie Corder Olivia Langwasser	Health Issues (Heart, Diabetes) Continued recovery Young girl with leukemia
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller Richard Reed	Health Issues
Randy Turner	Taylor Nelson Sara Paullin Casto (Sally Casto's daughter-in-law)	3-year-old with cancer Cancer
Jean Wickum	Jim Grant Martha Green Fran Cook	Arbors Heart Problems
Marci Cooper	Marc Parulekar	Cancer treatments
Angie Burton	Lillie Temple	Hospitalized for numbness
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health issues
H. Van Broekhoven	Deborah Van Broekhoven	ABC USA Historical Society

Sponsored by nine Christian U.S. denominations and Church World Service, One Great Hour of Sharing makes 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.

We'll be marking our progress on the pull-down door in the sanctuary. And in case you're wondering about the America For Christ offering, final figures showed we received \$1,000.10. Praise God for His leading

– Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

Trustees Report

- The Gable Elevator Company did the annual safety check on Monday, May 19.
- The work with the storm sewers has been quite an experience as more and more bad sections of clay tile were discovered. At this point, everything we are responsible for has been repaired. The cost by Amanda Plumbing is \$6,651.25.

The city's storm sewer line to the corner of Central Ave. is still plugged up, and we are waiting for the city to take action.

All remaining funds in the McTaggart memorials were transferred to the general fund to help out with the cost of the project. This amount was \$1,607.11.

We have received several anonymous donations and several

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Church Directory Update

Please update your copy of the 2008 Church Directory with this correction:

Emily Inscho's phone number is 740-816-9145.

Blanket Sunday Thank You!!

We raised \$340 on Mother's Day for Church World Service Blanket Sunday. Thank you First Baptist! The dedications are listed below.

We will celebrate Tools for Hope on Father's Day and I pray we will once again respond to the great need.

– Randy Turner, Financial Secretary

From Sharon Baker and Barb Reed in memory of Katherine Clapper

From Emily and Sarah Bowman in honor of Liz Bowman

From The Bowmans in honor of Ann Brown

From Sarah Bowman in honor of Linda White

From Jim and Ann Brown in honor of Liz Bowman and Kristina Davis, and in memory of Ruth Brown

Kathy Chesser in memory of Jessie Street

From Sam Chesser in honor of Kathy Chesser

From Tim Chesser in honor of Hazel Chesser

From Jeanne Ekelberry in memory of Ethel Trogdon

From Geneva Evans in memory of Ernestine Frost

From Erin and Larry Faulk in honor of Pam Faulk

From Larry and Pam Faulk in honor of Florence Faulk, Evoleno Cole, Laurie Faulk, Erin Faulk, Jean Wickum, Pat Rose and Jodi Mustard

From Vic, Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle and in honor of Barbara and Kip Smith, Debbie Fogle, Mary Lou Lovell, Carol Serviss, and in memory of Ida Morby

From Bob and Pat Foor in memory of Mildred Foor and Marjorie Shively

From Spencer and Sydney Kauf in honor of Holly Kauf

From Lisa Lawrence in honor of Marge Matthews

From Rick and Marcia Lee in honor of Evelyn Lee and in memory of Richard Lee

From Evelyn Lee in honor of Barb Lee, Linda Lee and Marcia Lee

From Dave and Mary Lou Lovell in honor of Deborah Fogle, and in memory of: Margaret Morby,

Jennie Lovell, and Ida Morby
From Phil and Melissa Mercer in honor of Kathy Sowell and Jennifer Turner

From Jim and Jane Moore in honor of Willa Corder, and in memory of Edith Moore
From Melissa Neill in memory of Jane Reed

From Lana and Jerry Palmer in honor of Bernice Turney, and in memory of Mary Helen Palmer

From Ken and Genevieve Peterson in honor of Martha (Peterson) Rhodes, Dorothy Peterson, and in memory of Jessie Peterson, and Beatrice Amanda MacNeill

From Betty Porter in honor of Janet Porter, Jennifer Cramer, and in memory of Martha Jane Guy and Blanche Berger

From Katie, Jamie and Regan Riedmiller in honor of Chris Riedmiller

From Jim Stephenson in honor of Sophia Stephenson

From Sophia Stephenson in memory of Klementine Blazewicz

From Calvin, Ben and Claire Turner in honor of Jennifer Turner

From Randy and Jennifer Turner in honor of Jane Moore and Tonabell Turner

From Bertha and Jim Van Brimmer in memory of their mothers

From Linda and Peter White in honor of Margaret Seckman in memory of Carolyn Schneeberger

Jean Wickum in honor of Pam Faulk in memory of Marcia Chapman and Rose Moffett

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members have tithed 10% of their federal tax rebate. We are so grateful for their donations to meet this large expense.

At press time we are arranging for the concrete work to be done, which will be another expense.

All three downspouts on the front of the church led to this one line, so it had to be fixed.

— Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Pies Needed for Second Fridays Dinners

First Baptist furnishes dessert once a year, and once again it is our turn. We will be furnishing large lemon meringue pies for the Second Friday dinner on July 11. These pies cost about \$8.00 apiece. You can drop them off at Andrews House that day by 5:00 p.m., or I will be glad to order and pick them up if you wish to contribute the money.

As I said recently, fewer churches are helping with Second Fridays as they are providing a community meal in their own churches.

We will provide mixers and greeters for June, July, August and September. If you would like to take a turn, please let me know. It requires about two hours of your evening.

Thanks for your continued support. In May we had 57 diners — an all-time high!

— Evelyn Lee
362-9107

Arts in the Park

GALLANT WOOD PRESERVE
2151 BUTTERMILK RD.
SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 1:00–6:00

Come to beautiful Gallant Wood Preserve on Sunday, June 1 to enjoy the outdoors and see many local artists, including the Delaware Piecemakers Quilt Guild. We will have quilted items for sale, including baby quilts and purses. A portion of our proceeds will be donated to People In Need.

Gallant Wood Preserve is located at 2151 Buttermilk Road. (Take Troy Road north for about for 3 miles, then turn left on Buttermilk and go west for about 1 mile.)

— Jeanne Ekelberry

Ten Things that Made Jesus a Bit of a Radical

1. He told religious leaders that they were wrong.
2. He kept company with notorious money-launderers.
3. He revived dead people.
4. He turned water into Chardonnay.
5. He lived rough.
6. He treated women as equals.
7. One of his best friends was a hooker.
8. He was tortured to death for speaking the truth.
9. He forgave the people who killed him.
10. He rose from the dead.

— From the Christian Enquiry Agency; submitted by Beth Trigg

Personals

- Nichelle and Jarrod Trigg are the proud parents of Benjamin Carter Trigg. Benjamin was born on April 29, was 21 inches, and weighed 9 lb. 4 oz. He will be dedicated here on July 6.
- Betty Porter attended her 55th high school reunion in Marysville.
- Janet Lathrop attended her granddaughter's high school graduation in Florida.
- Calvin Turner won the OCC pole vault championship.
- Congratulations to our graduates: Bob Russell graduated from Methesco with a Master of Divinity. Kirsten Pfund graduated from OWU and plans to return to Chicago for a career in finance. Steve Yang graduated from OWU will be going to medical school.

VACATION PERSONALS:

As we enter the summer, just a reminder that I generally don't list vacation trips anymore unless they are submitted, since I don't want to list some and miss others. If you'd like your vacation mentioned, please submit a brief description and I'll be glad to include it. — Editor

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Days Off: Friday and Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Summer Hours Begin Today</i> 10:00 Morning Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7 8:30 Sunday School Teachers' Breakfast at Faulks
Children's Day 8 10:00 Morning Worship 11:30 All-Church Picnic at Blue Limestone	9 7:00 Deacons	10 7:00 Trustees	11	12 12:00 Young at Heart	13	Flag Day 14 
Father's Day / Tools of Hope 15 10:00 Morning Worship 	16	17	18	19 11:30 ABW at Buehlers	20 <i>First Day of Summer</i>	21 8:00 ABM Breakfast at Buehlers
22 10:00 Morning Worship 1:00 Open House of Bicentennial Celebration (until 5:00) <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	23	24	25	26 7:00 Parish Council	27	28
29 10:00 Morning Worship with Guest Preacher Dr. Harold Van Broekhoven <i>July newsletter available today.</i>	30	July 1	2 7:00 Choir	3	Independence Day 4 	5

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

The following is a news release from the American Baptist Churches, USA.

NATIONAL MINISTRIES SENDS RELIEF FUNDS TO FLOODED MIDWEST

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 06/19/08) — National Ministries has released \$12,000 of One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) undesignated disaster funds to three American Baptist regions hit by flooding in the Midwest.

American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky along with Mid-American Baptist Churches each received \$5,000; American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin received \$2,000.

Kenneth George, National Ministries' national coordinator, Direct Human Services, whose office released the funds, says, "I know these grants will address only a fraction of the need that exists among American Baptists severely affected by recent floods, but OGHS funds are limited because of substantial decline in offering receipts over the past few years."

Approximately 20 Indiana churches have reported damage ranging from flooded basements to far more substantial destruction, says Dr. Larry Mason, executive minister of the Indiana and Kentucky region.

The primary damage, however, is in the communities that American Baptist congregations call home. Says Mason: "Many members of our churches have lost almost everything; the water came up so fast in many communities that people were not able to get their belongings out and evacuate."

In the Mid-American region, Executive Minister Dr. Marshall Peters says American Baptists are still trying to determine the extent of damage from recent rain.

Several churches have experienced some flooding, and members are fighting water in their houses as well.

Flooding is widespread in Wisconsin, says Dr. Arlo Reichter, executive minister of the Wisconsin region.

Memorial Baptist Church in Fond Du Lac and First Baptist Church in Richland Center have families in need. At Indian Baptist Church in Wisconsin Dells, four inches of water covered the basement last week. Many roads are closed because of overflowing streams and rivers, Reichter says. "We were less than one inch of rain away from the all-time record for the month of June, and that was on the ninth of the month."

George encourages American Baptists to make designated contributions to OGHS for current flood victims as well as making undesignated contributions through the OGHS

annual offering being taken in many ABCUSA church at this time.

"Undesignated disaster funds allow National Ministries to respond more quickly with support for relief and recovery, which is especially important when a disaster doesn't receive the national media attention that generates immediate contributions," says George.



When I served a church in Tulsa, Oklahoma we received a check for \$5,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing Funds following a massive tornado. While the amount seemed small in relation to the overall damage, I found that the funds quickly multiplied. We helped a man who lost his van when he pulled off of Interstate 44 to save a group of Scouts he was transporting. The boys were safe, but the van was a total loss. His employer and fellow employees matched the funds we gave and he was able to replace his van. A woman who worked for the National Weather Service lost her trailer and all belongings when the tornado completely destroyed the trailer park. Our gift to her was tripled by gifts from others in the office.

I encourage you to give generously and invite someone to church so that they might learn why we give.

Your Pastor,

Tools of Hope

We raised \$370 for Tools of Hope on Father's Day, bringing our 2008 total for Church World Service to \$710.00. A big thank you to all who contributed.

– Randy Turner

Dedications:

- Emily and Sarah Bowman
In honor of Bruce Bowman and Jim Brown
- Jim and Ann Brown
In honor of Jim Stephenson and choir
In memory of Charles N. Brown
- Kathy Chesser
In honor of Wynson Hope
- Sam Chesser
In honor of Tim Chesser
- Tim Chesser
In memory of A. G. Chesser
- Jeanne Ekelberry
In memory of Hewlett Trogon
- Erin and Pam Faulk
In honor of Larry Faulk
- Larry and Pam Faulk, in honor of:
Jeff Faulk
Paul Stewart
In memory of:
Donald Faulk
Ralph Cole
Wilbur Wickum
Ron Rose
- Vic, Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle,
in honor of:
Dave Lovell
Ray Serviss
Vic Fogle
- Bob and Pat Foor, in memory of:
Albert Foor
Daniel Shively
- Janet Lathrop, in memory of:
Cap Gabriel
Gene Lathrop
Will Fogle
- Lisa Lawrence
In honor of Matt Lawrence
In memory of John Matthews

Evelyn Lee
In honor of:
Rick Lee
Doug Lee

In memory of:
Dick Lee
Bruce Lee

Dave Lovell
In honor of:
Richard Lovell
Raymond Morby

In memory of:
Robert J. Lovell
A. George Cray

Mary Lou Lovell, in honor of:
Dave Lovell
Raymond Morby
In memory of Dr. Robert J. Lovell

Michael and Jane Mercer, in honor of:
Sean Mercer
Randy Turner

Jim and Jane Moore, in memory of:
James C. Moore
Nathan G. Corder

Lana and Jerry Palmer, in memory of:
Ben Turney
C. W. Palmer

Ken and Genevieve Peterson
In honor of Ebert Peterson
In memory of Vernon H. Mac Neill

Betty Porter
In honor of:
John Porter

In memory of:
Jim "Billy" Porter
Ralph E. Guy
Samuel Berger

Robert and Kathy Russell, in memory of:
Ken Hock
Lee Russell

Archie Trigg
In memory of Archie L. Trigg

Beth Trigg, in honor of:
Archie Trigg
Jarrod Trigg

Calvin, Ben and Claire Turner, in honor of:
Randy Turner
Jimmie Moore
Heryl Turner

Randy and Jennifer Turner, in memory of:

N. G. Corder
James C. Moore
Adren Jones
Audy Turner

Bertha and Jim VanBrimmer
In memory of their fathers

Sandy VanBrimmer
In memory of Loren F. Stone

Rick VanBrimmer
In honor of Jim VanBrimmer

Linda and Peter White
In honor of Michael Seckman
In memory of Charles Seckman

Jean Wickum, in honor of:
David Mead
Richard Peterson
In memory of:
Lloyd Mead

Common Ground Free Store

Each year Common Ground Free Store has sponsored a PraiseJam. 10-12 bands play inspirational music at Mingo Park on a Saturday afternoon in the summer.



This year's event will be Sat., Aug. 9th from 12-6.

It is an affordable family event. \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids 12 and under. There will be a puppet show, face painting and picnic-style food to round out the afternoon.

This is one of our major fund-raisers and it would be great to see some First Baptist faces there! Carol Serviss will be entering a pie for the pie baking contest, representing our church!

We could use some help as we prepare for the day's events. If you see pop on special in the next month, could you donate a twelve pack or two? Our goal is to obtain donated pop and bottled water to sell that day. Every dollar helps us to help others weekly in our community.

Tickets will soon be available to purchase. I'll make an announce-

ment in church as soon as I have them in hand.

Thank you for all you do to aid our mission here in Delaware!

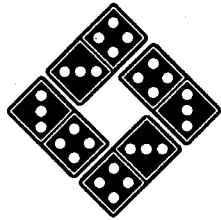
Blessings,

– Beth Trigg

Summer Fun Night

There will be a fun night at the church on Saturday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite games to play, some snacks to share, and your own beverages. There will be fun for all ages.

– Pam Faulk



Mission Moment

For those of you who were in church on Sunday morning, June 22, you heard a very enthusiastic and informative sermon on "One Great Hour of Sharing". It's difficult to get across to you just how dire the worldwide need is for help. People are actually starving while we have more than enough to eat. Many are without homes while we have rooms that are seldom used. Some have to walk many miles just to attend worship services while we gripe about the cost of gasoline for our comfortable vehicles. It's a heart-wrenching subject.

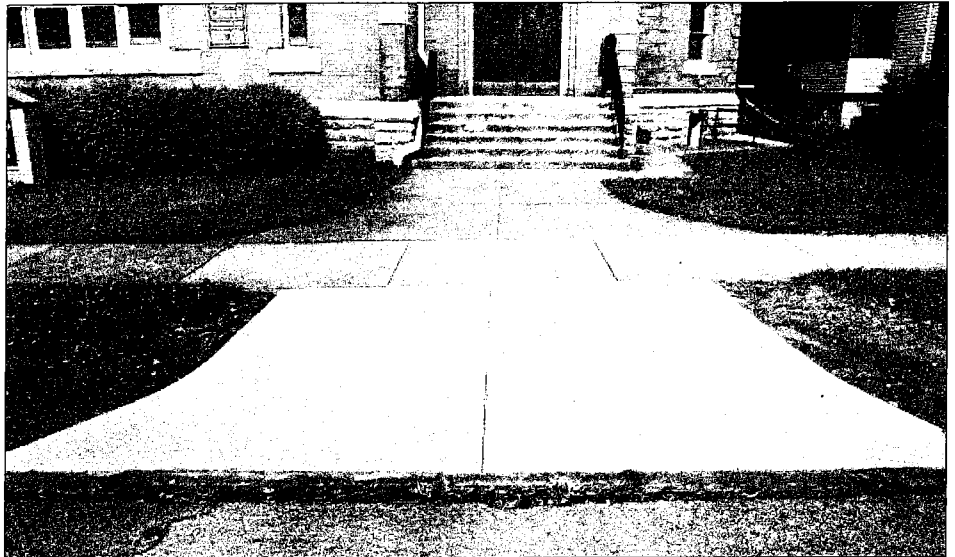
Thanks to your generous response we already have \$420 toward our goal of \$600. Watch as the rain-drops on the pull-down door form a shower of blessings for those less fortunate than we.

Your Mission Coordinator,

– Jane Moore

Trustees Notes

• A large spring on the parsonage's garage door broke. Both springs had to be replaced for equal tension. A hinge was also replaced and the door oiled and checked over.



The new cement walk between the sidewalk and the street

This work by Mid Ohio Door cost \$165.

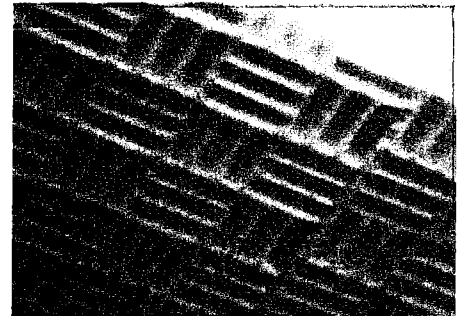
• The cement work on the walks in front of the church has been completed. Several areas had to be dug up for the new storm sewers for the downspouts and the concrete had to be replaced. This work by Jeff Mitchell of Mitchell Two Construction cost \$1,400.

A large portion of the cost was covered by a generous gift from Larry Faulk, so we could have a wide, concrete walkway from the sidewalk to the curb.

The trustees do not intend to restrict parking in front of this walk since we need every space on the street. The walk is wide enough that it won't be totally blocked even if a car is parked directly in front of it.

• The sound reduction project was completed in the fellowship hall on Monday, June 23 by Mayer Acoustics, owned by Michael Mayer. Large acoustical panels were glued to the ceiling and the difference is remarkable. The cost of the entire project was \$4,152.76. Funds came from the Rev. James Stephenson memorial, which totaled \$1,829.47, and the rest was a gift from the Carolyn White Schneeberger estate and totalled \$2,323.29.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees



Closeup of the new SONEX acoustic ceiling panels, manufactured by Pinta Acoustic (pinta-acoustic.com).

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart group met with sixteen people present to share some great food and lots of conversation. Betty Porter read us some funny things she found on the internet, and Pastor Tim read us the letter we received from Della Dove who now lives in Kansas. Robert Russell won the silver heart. We will meet again on July 10th.

– Jean Wickum, convenor

Andrews House Needs Volunteers for New Program

Later this summer, Andrews House will become an Ohio Benefit Bank (OBB) site. The OBB is an internet-based, counselor-assisted program that helps low- and moderate-income people file for public benefits.

Andrews House needs volunteers who can learn OBB software and

dedicate a few hours a month to offer consultation. The software is easy to use and training takes less than 4 hours. Contact Don Chenoweth, Kendra Carlson, or Deb Lovingood at 369-4520.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 1	Robert & Patricia Foor
3	Phil Mercer
5	Victor & Deborah Fogle
6	Sam Chesser
14	Sara Bowman
15	Aunt Alice Osborne (100!) Sandy Van Brimmer
17	Nichelle Trigg Ed and Angie Burton
18	Peter & Linda White
19	Jarrold Trigg
28	Regan Riedmiller
30	Bernice Turney
31	Ashlee Inscho

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Personals

- Pat Foor was honored at an open house reception at the Delaware Area Career Center, in recognition of her upcoming retirement at the end of July from her job as superintendent at the Center.
- Christy Sykes graduated from Buckeye Valley High School
- In June, eight women enjoyed a good meal and pleasant conversation at the monthly ABW luncheon at Buehlers

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Liz Bowman's email address: ebowman68@gmail.com

George Riedmiller's address:
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C Company 1-148 IN RGT
APO AE 09366

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Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller Richard Reed	Health Issues
Randy Turner	Sara Paullin Casto	Cancer
Jean Wickum	Jim Grant Martha Green Fran Cook	Arbors Heart Problems
Marci Cooper	Marc Parulekar	Cancer treatments
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health issues
H. Van Broekhoven	Deborah Van Broekhoven	ABC USA Historical Society

- Jean Osborne and Aunt Alice entertained five visitors from Japan: "Sunshine," who is a special friend of Aunt Alice, Sunshine's husband and brother, and two missionaries. They all celebrated Aunt Alice's upcoming 100th birthday.

- Aunt Alice will be 100 on July 15. She appreciates mail, so please send a card!

- Jane and Jimmy Moore were visited by Jane's brother, George Corder, and his wife Cathie. They were here to help celebrate Willa Corder's 98th birthday on June 21. Cathie has been on our prayer list due to serious illness, and during morning worship Jane thanked the church for praying Cathie back from death's door.

- Janet Porter had shoulder surgery and will have limited activity for eight weeks.

- Congratulations to Dominique DeBiasio, who was chosen by the Community Chorus scholarship program to receive a special award.


- Jeanne Ekelberry's son Charles has moved to Melbourne, Florida.

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		1	2	3	4 Independence Day 	5
6 10:00 Morning Worship	7 7:00 Retreat Committee at Faulks 7:00 Piecemakers Quilts	8 7:00 Trustees	9 7:00 Deacons at Faulks	10 12:00 Young at Heart	11	12 7:00 Fun Night in the Fellowship Hall
13 10:00 Morning Worship	14	15	16	17 11:30 ABW	18	19 8:00 ABM
Pastor on Vacation						
20 10:00 Morning Worship with Guest Preacher Rev. Ted Stephenson <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26
Pastor on Vacation						
27 10:00 Morning Worship <i>August newsletter available today.</i>	28	29	30 6:30 Covered-Dish Dinner 7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting	31	1 August	2

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

A sweltering July afternoon seems an odd time to be thinking about October. However, some of us have been hard at work planning this year's all church family retreat. I want to tell you a little about what we have planned for this year. I also want to challenge you to make this a priority and put it on your calendar now. OSU is not playing a conference game that weekend. Life is about making choices. I am asking you to make a choice about sharing some meaningful time with your church family. The dates are October 3 - 5. We will gather once again at Camp Christian in Magnetic Springs. It is only a 10 minute drive from the west side of Delaware (new Kroger).



The theme of this year's retreat is Heroes of the Faith. We will have three different leaders. On Saturday morning we will be led by Dr. Diane Lobody of the Methodist Theological School. Dr. Lobody, professor of church history, will help us remember the work of the churches in the Progressive Era. I believe some useful parallels with today's world will occur to us.

On Saturday afternoon we will welcome the Reverend Tim

Mohon, pastor of the Grand Prairie Baptist Church and President of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio. Tim is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He has long had an interest in Baptist history and has served on the board of the American Baptist Historical Society.

He will make a presentation about Baptist heroes.

On Sunday morning our guest presenter will be Dr. Emmanuel Twesigye, a religion professor at Ohio Wesleyan University. Dr. Twesigye is an ordained Episcopal priest,

originally from Uganda. He will be adding to our store of knowledge about the church in Africa.

If all of that is not enough to convince you to save these dates, there is one more thing. Pam Faulk is planning a fun evening for the whole family to kick things off on Friday night. As always there will be games and refreshments on Friday night.

A lot of time and effort has gone into planning this retreat. Help us to make sure the investment offers a good return.

There have been some changes in the cost at Camp Christian. We will provide more details as we get

closer to the date. As always, first time attendees are free. If finances are a problem please check with me. No one should miss this event because of financial considerations.

Invite a friend to church,

Your Pastor,

Retreat News

In a few weeks you will be receiving information and a registration form for this year's church retreat. Our theme this year is "HEROES." It will be slightly different from past retreats because we will have three presenters instead of just one leader.

It came as no surprise to the retreat committee that Camp Christian has raised their prices this year. Because of this, we needed to adjust the cost of this year's retreat. When you receive your registration, you will notice that the cost for the weekend is \$45 for adults and \$20 for children ages 4-10. We have tried to keep the cost as reasonable as possible. This does not even cover our cost of all the meals to the camp, let alone the cost of materials, supplies, and leaders. Last year we were able to include the overnight lodging as part of the total cost. We are not able to do that this year. If you wish to stay overnight in the lodge, the cost will be \$10 per night per person over the age of 10. We will have to pay for the lodge whether anyone sleeps there or not, so

please make use of it if you wish to. As always, we do not wish for anyone to miss the retreat because of financial difficulties. If you need financial assistance in attending the retreat, please speak to Pastor Tim or Pam Faulk. If you are attending the retreat for the first time, the entire weekend is free to you.

– Pam Faulk

Sunday School For Fall 2008

Rally Day is just around the corner on September 7 when we will be back on our regular schedule of Sunday school at 9:15 and the worship service at 10:45. Teachers for this year's classes are as follows with substitute teachers in parentheses:

Adult Quarterly- Tim Chesser
(Larry Faulk)

Adult Study- Randy Turner
(Phil Mercer)

Senior High (grades 9-12)
Erin Faulk (Debbie Lovell)

Junior High (grades 7-8)
Liz Bowman (Vic Fogle)

Juniors (grades 4-6)
Linda White (Lana Palmer)

Primary (grades 1-3)
Sam Chesser (Melissa Mercer)

Pre-school/Kindergarten
MaryLou Lovell (Kathy Chesser)

Nursery (ages 0-2)
????

Please notice that we do not have a Nursery teacher yet. If you would like to volunteer for this position, please see Pam Faulk. This is only for the Nursery during the Sunday school hour.

I want to thank all of these members of our church family who have volunteered their time to our Sunday school program.

– Pam Faulk

Attention All Sunday School Teachers

Please remember to let me know about your curriculum by the first of August. Don't forget the teachers' meeting on August 26 at 7:00 at the church.

– Pam Faulk

Introducing Robert Russell

The deacon board met with Robert and Kathy Russell on Wednesday, July 9, 2008 to discuss the possibility of being licensed by our church as the first step toward ordination in the ABC-USA for Robert. As a result of that meeting the deacons will move that he be licensed and that First Baptist serve as Robert's sponsor in the business meeting on July 30, 2008. The deacons hope you will get to know Rob and Kathy Russell and that their experience at First Baptist will be one of support and great fellowship! A short bio for Robert Russell follows.

Robert was born in Morgantown, WV and was raised in nearby Stewartstown. In 1982, at twelve years of age, Robert had his first encounter with God and was "born again" during vacation bible school at Eden United Methodist Church. He continued to attend at Eden and sometimes at Forks of Cheat Baptist Church until he graduated in 1988 from University High School. Robert attended Fairmont State College for one year and then joined the Air Force to help pay for school. He became a command and control specialist with a top secret clearance, serving in Kwang Ju, Korea and at Warner Robins in Georgia. After he completed his enlistment, Robert returned to Morgantown and was baptized by immersion in Cheat Lake on July 23, 1994.

Early in 1995 Robert met Kathy Hock, also from Morgantown. They were married after a whirlwind courtship on Sept. 1, 1995. Robert attended West Virginia University from 1998 to 2001, graduating cum laude with a Regents Bachelor

of Arts with a Religious Studies emphasis. In 2003, Rob and Kathy sold their house and farm to come to Delaware, OH and attend seminary. One

of the reasons they chose MTSO was for the Spouse Program. Kathy has attended (audited) all his classes except the field education with Robert. Graduating May 17, 2008 with a Master of Divinity degree, Robert now seeks ordination in the ABC-USA and believes God is calling him to serve as a chaplain.

First Baptist is privileged and honored to assist Robert and Kathy in their journey to follow God's will. May God richly bless their efforts and may their presence with us be a blessing to First Baptist as well!

– Randy Turner

A Letter from the Coopers

Hi All!

As you may be aware, we have relocated to Indianapolis for the remainder of Matt/Matthew/Coop's residency program. ;)

Here's our new address:
Matthew and Marci Cooper
4918 N Kenwood Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46208

Cell phone numbers and email addresses remain the same.

Hope you are well and enjoying a lovely summer! :)

– Marci Cooper

Trustees Notes

- Since our renter moved out of the old parsonage, several clean-up projects have taken place there. The house has been cleaned out and is empty. All windows have been washed. The gutters were cleaned. Brush and debris was removed from the yard.

A large limb hanging over the old parsonage's roof had to be removed so we can repair several roof leaks, and several branches that hung over the driveway and

touched the house were also removed. The cost by James Tree service was \$421.66.

On Wednesday, July 23, all the carpets at the old parsonage were cleaned by Servicemaster. They came out remarkably well, except for the dining room carpet which needs to be replaced. The total cost was \$183.00.

The trustees are looking for renters.

- The city has finished repairing the storm sewer from the church down to the corner of Franklin Street and Central Avenue, where the sewer empties into a basin under the corner storm grate.

- The state elevator inspector did his annual visit on July 15. The only citation was for a burned-out light behind a button.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Mission Report

Have you felt a little "damp" lately while sitting in our sanctuary? We've been showered on quite generously by your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. There are many, many raindrops on the wall – each one denoting an offering of \$10. Our goal was \$600, and to date receipts total \$891.48. Many folks in desperate circumstances will be helped with our donations. God bless you for your generosity.

– Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

A Note Especially for the Women of the Church

This fall the ABC/Ohio Annual Gathering will be held here in the Columbus area at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Women's Day will be on Thursday, October 16th, 2008. The special luncheon will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$15.

Anne Walcott will be speaking about the Night Light Project. The missionary speaker will be Ruth

Fox, and special music will be provided by Jean Peters

Transportation can be arranged. Please call me if you have questions.

– Jane Moore
363-0234

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart group celebrated the 100th birthday of Aunt Alice Osborne at their July 10th meeting with a cake, candles and "Happy Birthday". There were 27 present to enjoy a great luncheon and lots of good conversation. Betty Porter read an article from the internet called "A Conversation Between God and Me." Funny, but thought-provoking, too. This time Jim Brown won the silver heart. Next meeting will be August 14th.

– Jean Wickum

Delaware Community Chorus Scholarship Award

The Delaware Community Chorus annually awards a \$1,000.00 Performing Arts Scholarship to a deserving Delaware County Middle School or High School student. Students apply for the scholarship and are interviewed by a jury of Chorus members. The recipient of the scholarship award must demonstrate an understanding of the importance of sharing their talents with others in some outstanding way for the purpose of promoting the Performing Arts in their community, and report to the jury the way in which they have accomplished this. Additionally, they must share their plans for future involvement with the Performing Arts, including any continued education and professional plans.

As Community Chorus members, Dave Lovell and I are proud to announce that the 2008 recipient of the Delaware Community Chorus Performing Arts Scholarship is Dominique DeBiasio. Dominique will be using the scholarship to

attend the prestigious Interlochen Summer Arts Camp, in Interlochen New York this summer, and to purchase a new violin.

Please congratulate Dominique on her award! Dominique's outstanding service volunteering her talents in our community and others, and her sheer love of sharing the arts demonstrates that she is clearly the right recipient for this scholarship!

Congratulations Dominique!

– Melissa Neill
2007/2008 President
Delaware Community Chorus

Praise Jam 3

Praise Jam 3 will be held August 9th from 12 to 6 at Mingo Park. Ten celebration bands will be performing including the nationally acclaimed, "Chris Bell Band." This is a family-friendly event offering picnic-style food, puppets and song!

Representing our church in the chili cook-off is Jeanne Ekelberry, and Carol Serviss has agreed to enter the pie baking contest. Prizes will be awarded for first place. Come and cheer on our in-house cooks!

I would love to see our youth attend this event. Since Kristen has moved on, is there someone who would like to volunteer to supervise a group of our teens?

Tickets are available for just \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. All proceeds go to benefit the continuing growth of The Common Ground Free Store.

See me for tickets today! Or call me at 740-816-3491. Hope to see you there!

– Beth Trigg

Musings on America the Beautiful

On the Sunday following Independence Day, our choir's anthem was "America the Beautiful" ("O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"), and the congregation was asked to stand and sing the last verse along

with the choir. For me this was a very moving experience—it was as though we were adding a powerful affirmation to the words the choir had just sung.

This hymn has a special meaning for me—it ought to be titled, "The Patriot's Prayer." While the words acknowledge the many blessings we have received as a nation, there is an honest admission that there are yet problems to be solved that require wisdom beyond our human limitations. How shall we lessen the burdens that handicap so many of our citizens in their pursuit of happiness, and how shall we become that uncompromising symbol of hope and justice in our family of nations?

O America, O God, may we truly mend our every flaw; may we one day realize that humble greatness for which we so earnestly pray.

—Jim VanBrimmer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Aug. 3 Ray & Carol Serviss
- 4 Gabriel Fogle
- 5 Bruce & Elizabeth Bowman
- Carrie Trigg
- 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
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson
- 24 Florence Faulk
- 27 Linda White
- Penny Hagaman
- 28 Pam DeBiasio
- 30 Katie Riedmiller
- Archie Trigg

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	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health Issues
	Florence Faulk	Delaware Court
Phil Mercer	Jerry Mercer	Health Issues
	Judy Mercer	Health Issues
Jane Moore	George Corder	Health Issues (Heart, Diabetes)
	Cathie Corder	Continued recovery
	Olivia Langwasser	Young girl with leukemia
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	Health Issues
	Richard Reed	
Randy Turner	Sara Paullin Casto	Cancer
Jean Wickum	Martha Green	Heart Problems
	Fran Cook	
Marci Cooper	Marc Parulekar	Cancer treatments
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health issues
H. Van Broekhoven	Deborah Van Broekhoven	ABC USA Historical Society

Personals

- Jarrod and Nichelle Trigg's baby, Benjamin, was dedicated at First Baptist on Sunday, July 6.
- Jane and Jimmy Moore celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a family gathering in West Virginia.
- Fran Cook had outpatient surgery to adjust her pacemaker
- Ray Serviss is receiving therapy at Grady for osteoarthritis
- Former member Colleen Whitacre (who is recovering from a bad fall) visited First Baptist on July 20
- Former members Rev. Ted and Jeannie Stephenson of Indianapolis visited First Baptist

on July 20, and Ted was our guest minister.

- The Turner family attended a family church camp in West Virginia.

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3 10:00 Morning Worship <i>Sunday school curriculum orders due today</i>	4	5	6 10:00 Sewing Group	7	8 6:00 Second Fridays at Andrews House	9 12:00 Praise Jam 3 at Mingo (until 6:00)
10 10:00 Morning Worship	11 7:00 Deacons	12	13	14 12:00 Young at Heart	15	16 8:00 ABM
17 10:00 Morning Worship	18	19	20	21 11:30 ABW 7:00 Bd. of Christian Education at Church	22	23
24 10:00 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	25	26 7:00 Sunday School Teachers at the Church	27	28 7:00 Parish Council	29	30
31 10:00 Morning Worship <i>September newsletter available today</i>	September 1	2	3 7:00 Choir	4	5	6

Sunday, Sept. 7 will be Rally Day

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Dear FBC family:

I get many church newsletters at the church. Occasionally a nugget of wisdom will jump out at me. Recently I saw this quote in the newsletter of the First Presbyterian church of Delaware, "Dreaming is much easier than thinking." No author was listed.

That quote came to mind as I was preparing to write this column about our upcoming year in Christian education.

Adult Christian education at FBC is designed to help us move from thinking to dreaming. Dreams when prompted by study, reflection, and thinking are more likely to be achieved.

As has been our practice in the past several years we will offer two adult Sunday school classes. Randy Turner will teach one class in the Blue Room. This class will once again use source material from the Thoughtful Christian web site. The usual format is to pick a contemporary issue and seek to reflect on it as Christians. Randy makes every effort to allow the diverse voices of the class to be heard.

I will be leading the other adult class. This class will meet in the Gathering Place, our upstairs fellowship area. We will be using the

Judson Bible Journeys curriculum. The focus for fall quarter will be The New Testament Community. This class also allows for questions and discussion. You will need a quarterly for this class. Although there is a theme which extends throughout the quarter the class also lends itself to those who cannot be present each and every Sunday.

I hope you will join us for one of these classes. If you are unsure of which one to attend try them both. Randy and I consider ourselves to be partners, not competitors, as Sunday school teachers.

Knowing how committed our parents are to the Christian Education of their children I hardly need to add that we also are offering a full range of classes for the children. As a reminder until we find a replacement for Kirsten Junior Church will be offered only as we have volunteers.

Invite a friend. Remember, the fall schedule begins on September 7, the Sunday after Labor Day. Sunday school will begin at 9:15 followed by worship at 10:45.

Your Pastor,

Rally Day

Another great Sunday school year is just around the corner. We will be back to "regular" hours on Rally Day on September 7. Sunday school will open with everyone together in the large Sunday school room upstairs at 9:15 a.m. Then we will go to our individual classes. Our teachers are prepared with wonderful curriculum again this year. Won't you please make a commitment to join our Sunday school this year?

— Pam Faulk

Women's Book Study

Once again the women of the church will be gathering for a book study. This fall we will be reading and discussing the book The Friendships of Women by Dee Brestin. Scripture has much to teach us about the importance of friendship in our lives—please plan on joining us. The study will begin on Saturday, October 25th and then continue for five Sunday evenings after that. This is a book for all ages of women. Please let me know if you are interested by October 1st because I will need to order books.

— Kathy Chesser

Quarterly Business Meeting Update

Prior to the Quarterly Business Meeting, steps were taken to assist Robert Russell in his desire to become ordained in American Baptist ministry. The Board of Deacons reviewed the ordination process



and procedures within our association and denomination. They met with Robert and Kathy Russell, during which Robert shared the circumstances of his call into ministry. The Board then asked Robert to share his story with the congregation as well. (Robert subsequently spoke on July 27th during morning worship.) At the conclusion of the Board's meeting, it was agreed that a recommendation would be made to the fellowship to license Robert to preach—which is the first step in the ordination process. The question of his licensure to preach was then presented at the July 30th quarterly business meeting. Larry Faulk made the motion that First Baptist Church of Delaware license Robert Russell to preach and that we sponsor him in the ordination process. Since there was no response to the opportunity for discussion, a vote was called for the motion. It passed by unanimous voice vote. Rev. Tim Chesser then presented Robert with a certificate confirming his licensure. Congratulations Robert and Kathy.

– Submitted by Lana Palmer, Clerk

Retreat

If you wish to participate in this year's retreat and did not receive a letter and registration form, please speak to Pam Faulk (740) 362-8637.

Remember, it is free for first-timers! Our retreat is at Camp Christian the weekend of

October 3–5. Retreat registration is due by Sunday, September 7 with a \$10 registration fee.

– Pam Faulk



Trustees Notes

- Further work has been completed at the "old" parsonage next door to the church, to get it ready for our new renters who will move in on September 1.

- The floors in the kitchen and dining room had some repair work done and new carpet was installed in both rooms. This work by Delaware Floor cost \$1,405.20.
- Roof repairs included patching the gutters and a new tar coating. This work by Joe Mowery cost \$625.00.
- Two electrical repairs were done by Mike Clark. At press time, the bill had not come.
- The Mercers donated a large area rug, bound on all four sides. It was placed in the upstairs front bedroom, which had no carpeting.

- At the church, some plumbing repairs were needed on all four toilets. This work by Don Patrick costs \$201.00. More work is going to be needed in the men's room to replace a valve.

- The sanctuary piano was tuned by Richard Dacks and cost \$82.00.

- The Gable Elevator company made a service call to meet a state requirement. The cost was \$72.00.

- Jimmie Moore has worked hard to grade and seed the dirt from the recent sewer jobs. He used the excess dirt to fill in the low side of the walk to the rear of the church.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Mission Report

Final figures have been tallied for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering last month...\$902.71. Thank you for being so generous for this very worthy cause.

Starting on September 28 (and concluding on October 26) we will be promoting the World Mission

Offering. It's amazing to realize that 100% of our gifts go to support the work of 2,500 short- and long-term missionaries doing work with local partners in 76 countries around the world.

God's people are amazing! Last year's offering enabled International Ministries to appoint three new missionaries. Their goal is to appoint at least seven as they did in 2007. Investing in the work of missionaries meets an incredible range of human needs while effectively sharing of the good news of Jesus.

Live generously!

– Jane Moore, Mission Coordinator

Sunday Complaints

After church one Sunday morning, a mother commented, "The choir was awful this morning."

Her husband said, "The sermon was too long."

Their 7-year-old daughter added, "But you've got to admit it was a pretty good show for a dollar."

– submitted by Melissa Neill

Delaware County Fair Attraction

If going to the Fair has become ho-hum for you, here's something that might pique your curiosity a bit. Phil Mercer's sister Kathy, along with two of her friends, has formed a musical group called "Teachrz Pet". They have sung at many venues in the Toledo area, and this year they've been invited to perform at our Fair.

They will be featured on Tuesday evening, September 9, from 7:30–9:30. On some of the songs they've convinced Phil to sing with them. This should be a real treat! So come to the Fair!

– Jane Moore

Young at Heart Project

No doubt all of you are aware that in February, 2009, when broadcasters begin digital transmissions, consumers with older TV sets will lose TV reception

Millions of people, many of them elderly and poor, will be losing their only outside link to the world, and in some cases, it is their world.

To keep this from happening in Central Ohio, WOSU-TV is asking for donations of government issued converter box coupons. The federal government is offering 33.5 million coupons worth \$40 each to help in the purchase of converter boxes that will allow those old TV sets to receive the digital signal. Each household can request two coupons. WOSU is working with the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging to ask consumers who don't need the coupons to request them anyway and donate them to the elderly and

poor. Many of the elderly live on less than \$600 per month and simply cannot afford cable television and are in desperate need of the digital converter boxes. WOSU is using the donated coupons and money donated from other agencies to purchase, distribute and install the boxes as a community service mission.

Each household can request two coupons, while supplies last. You receive the coupons in the mail and each will be good for 90 days.

You can apply online at www.dtv2009.gov

Call the 24-hour hotline at 1-888-DTV-2009

Mail an application to P.O. Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208-2000

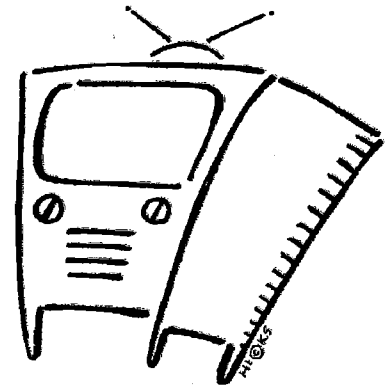
If you need assistance, someone can apply for you, and the coupon will be mailed directly to you.

The Young-at-Heart group at First Baptist feel that this is a worthwhile

project and a way to help the elderly and poor in Central Ohio. If you are lucky enough to not need a coupon, consider requesting them (they're free).

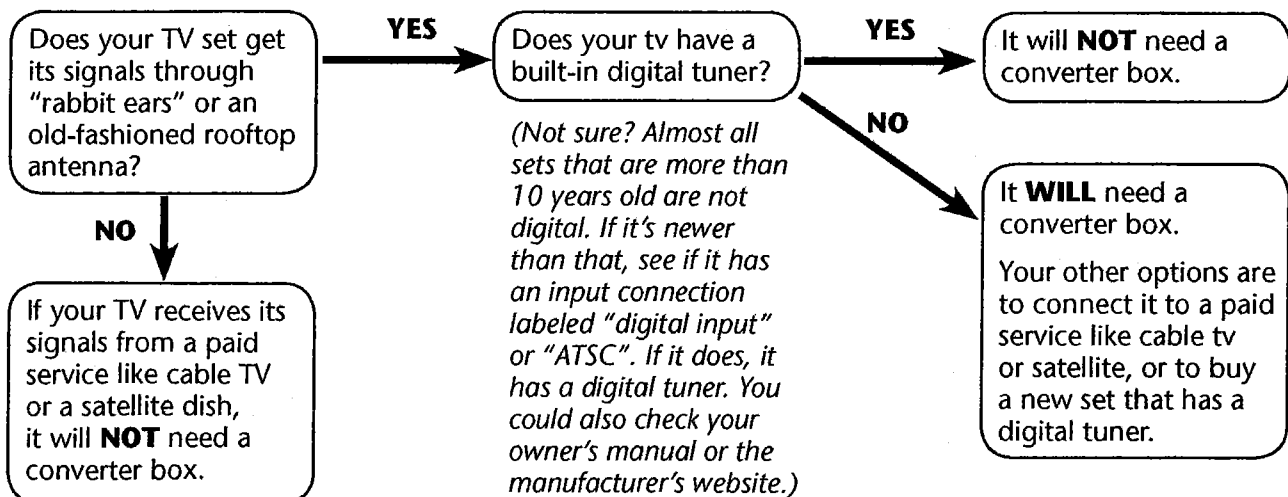
I have volunteered to collect the coupons and forward them to WOSU-TV. Please apply soon so that we can forward the coupons by November 1st. If you need any further information or help in applying for the coupons, please contact me at 363-7892.

- Betty Porter



Will You Need a Converter Box?

The switch from analog to digital broadcasting next February promises a clearer picture and other benefits, but older TVs with analog tuners will need a converter box, unless they're connected to cable TV or a satellite dish.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Sept. 3 Alec Ferguson
 5 Jessi Inscho
 7 Christy Sykes
 9 Barbara & Kip Smith
 11 Barbara Reed
 13 Jerry Palmer
 14 Marci Cooper
 15 Janet Porter
 Jim & Bertha Van Brimmer
 Sarah Sykes
 17 Ed Burton
 18 Melissa Mercer
 22 Angie Burton
 26 Phil & Melissa Mercer
 29 Ian Ferguson
 30 Mary Lou Lovell

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Personals

- Janet Lathrop had hip replacement surgery at Grady on July 31.
- Pam Faulk had gall bladder surgery at Riverside Hospital.
- Sarah Brown had knee surgery at Children's Hospital.
- Jackson Trigg fell out of bed and broke his collar bone.
- Aunt Alice Osborne had hip surgery on August 9 at Grady.
- Lana Palmer fell and broke her elbow on August 2.
- Dave Lovell is on crutches due to an injured ankle.
- Congratulations to Pam and Larry Faulk, who celebrated their 40th anniversary recently with a reception in the Fellowship Hall after church.
- Professor Charles & Elisha Brown have moved to Ohio from Taiwan. Charles wants to get his PhD degree from Ohio State.
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson enjoyed a visit from their daughter and her husband from Oklahoma.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Labor Day 1 	2 7:00 Trustees	3 7:00 Choir	4	5	6
Rally Day 7 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Retreat registrations due.</i> 	8 7:00 Deacons	9 7:30 Marion Assoc. Trustees at Springdale Baptist Church	10 7:00 Choir	11 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Board of Christian Education	12 6:00 Second Fridays at Andrews House	13
14 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	15	16	17 7:00 Choir	18 11:30 ABW at Buehlers	19	20 8:00 ABM at Main Street Grill
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Dear FBC family:

A debate is going on in our nation about the freedom of the pulpit. One group is encouraging pastors to ignore the law of the land and endorse candidates for election in November. It is a powerful temptation, because, who among us does not think his or her choices are the best. However, it is a temptation that we ought to resist as Baptists.

Among the many books in my library is a slender, orange copy of the Baptist Faith and Message with commentary by Herschel Hobbs. While Baptists do not demand allegiance to a particular creed, we have come up with a number of

confessions over the centuries. The Baptist Faith and Message is one such confession. My own copy is of the 1963 version, which is the 1925 version of the confession with commentary by Dr. Hobbs.

For your education and edification I quote the relevant section on religious liberty:

"God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protections

and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of

Christian to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free

state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and propagate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power."

Gen. 1:27; 2:7; Matt. 6:6-7, 24; 16:26; 22:21; John 8:36; Acts 4:19-20; Rom. 6:1-2; 13:1-7; Gal. 5:1, 13; Phil. 3:20; I Tim. 2:1-2; James 4:12; I Peter 2:12-17; 3:11-17; 4:12-19.

By the time you read this article Pulpit Freedom Day will have passed. You will remember that I used my freedom to preach the

gospel and resisted the temptation to tell you who to vote for. That is the Baptist Way.

Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor,

Retreat Time Is Near

Don't forget our all-church retreat at Camp Christian the weekend of October 3-5. The church service on Sunday the 5th will be at Camp Christian, NOT AT CHURCH. Even if you do not attend the retreat, you are welcome to join us for church on Sunday morning at 11:00 at Camp Christian. You can get directions from the Pastor. If you have lost your itinerary for the weekend, please see Erin Faulk.



- Pam Faulk

October Tithes And Offerings

Offerings will not be received at the retreat on October 5th. If you wish to honor your pledge or contribute to the church General Fund at the retreat, you may give any monies directly to Randy Turner.

The Benevolence Offering, administered by the Board of Deacons, will be received on Sunday, October



October

12th. This offering has been designated to be sent to the American Red Cross, Delaware Chapter, to be used for the disaster relief program. Please prayerfully consider this when you plan your giving. The American Red Cross volunteers have answered the call to many communities, both locally and nationally, to help storm victims.

The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 8th, 7:30 p.m., at the church to begin formulating the 2009 church budget. The 2009 budget will be reviewed and approved at the October business meeting.

— Betty Porter

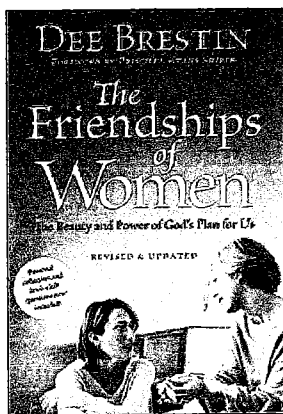
Women's Book Study

Once again the women of the church will be gathering for a book study. This fall we will be reading and discussing the book *The Friendships of Women* by Dee Brestin. Scripture has much to teach us about the importance of friendship in our lives—please plan on joining us.

The study will begin on Saturday, October 25 with a retreat at the Faulks beginning at 9:30, and then will continue for five Sunday evenings after that (times to be announced).

This is a book for all ages of women. Please let me know by October 1st if you are interested, because I will need to order books.

—Kathy Chesser



New Minister of Youth

On September 21 we welcomed our new Minister of Youth, Matt Yoder. Matt is originally from Urbana, Ohio. He grew up in a small, rural United Methodist church. Matt is a 2008 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, and is currently enrolled at the Methodist Theological School of Ohio.

The Lord used relationships we have developed with OWU over the years to bring us together. I am especially grateful to Chaplain Lisa Ho for her efforts to find us someone after Kirsten graduated.

— Tim

Trustees Notes

At the "old" parsonage:

- The upstairs plumbing needed further repairs to get the hot water running for our new renters. Two new shut-off valves were installed. This work by Don Patrick was \$126.22.
- Electric repairs in the kitchen were needed in order for the dryer to work. Several circuits were separated, a new breaker box was installed, and the dryer was wired to a 30 amp breaker all by itself. At press time, we had not received a bill from electrician Mike Clark, but we expect it to be around \$300.00.

At the church:

- The fire department did a walk-through inspection. We passed.
- The Gable Elevator Company did a service inspection, which is covered by our contract.
- Jimmie Moore has completed grading and seeding the areas of the church's front yard which were dug up for the sewer project.
- The standing-seam metal roof over the "old" back hall and the choir robe/copier room was patched and sealed to eliminate a leak. This work by Joe Mowery cost \$350.00
- The church came through the recent wind storm without

any visible damage. There are approximately three slates off the steeple, but they appear to be the same ones that came off earlier. The electricity was off from Sunday afternoon through Monday afternoon. We cleaned debris out of the gutters, and swept branches and small limbs off the roof of the classroom wing.

— Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

World Mission Offering

Have you ever thought, "The needs of people are so enormous; how can we possibly make a difference?" What a common frustration!



The World Mission Offering is one very powerful way to say to a world in need, "Jesus knows and loves you." This offering is used to help support more than 2,500 short-term and long-term missionaries annually. Last year International Ministries appointed three new missionaries and they hope to appoint at least 7 this year. As we invest in the work of these missionaries we help meet an incredible range of human needs while effectively sharing the good news of Jesus. And the interesting part is that 100% of all monies given goes to support these workers for the Kingdom in 76 countries around the world.

This year International Ministries invites us to look at global mission in these terms:

Be Surprised by God's People:

Receive. Give. Be transformed!

"They were all amazed and glorified God, saying,

'We have never seen anything like this!'" Mark 2:12.

We will be receiving this offering throughout the month of October. Our goal is \$600, but we all know that it is only a number...our loving, giving church family always gives sacrificially.

— Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

Personals

- Phil Mercer's mother, Judy Mercer, 66, died on September 19 in Woodville, Ohio. A service will be held on Sunday, September 28 in Woodville, and a memorial service will be held on November 9th. We extend our sympathy to Phil and his family.
- Janet Lathrop is able to return to church services after her hip surgery.
- Becky Sykes' mother is recovering from surgery.
- Sarah Sykes has transferred from Marion to Main Campus OSU.
- Ray Serviss had carpal tunnel and elbow surgery at Grady.
- Lana Palmer is recovering from a broken arm and will receive eight weeks of physical therapy.
- Aunt Alice Osborne is staying at Willow Brook while she recovers from a broken hip.
- Jim Van Brimmer had cataract surgery.
- Steve Yang began classes on August 25 at F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland.
- Jerry and Lana Palmer attended the graduation of their grandson from Marine Basic Training at Parris Island in North Carolina.
- Harold Van Broekhoven will be attending the grand re-opening of American Baptist Historical Society with Deborah on Sept 27 in Atlanta.

The Fours are celebrating the birth of a new granddaughter who is their 13th grandchild!

- Dr. Rick Lee will be inducted into Delaware City Schools Academic Hall of Fame on October 6.
- Julie Wilson is now working at McDonald's North.
- Dick Payne was inducted into the Delaware School System's Athletic Hall of Fame. (Dick and his wife Barbara were members of First Baptist when they lived in Delaware.)

- Pam and Larry Faulk took a cruise through the Panama Canal to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.
- Ben Turner was recognized as the Delaware Gazette's Carrier of the Week.

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Andrews House PARTNER CHURCH UPDATE

15TH ANNIVERSARY - A TIME TO BE THANKFUL! Fifteen years of "people strengthening people" gives Andrews House a multitude of reasons to celebrate its 15th anniversary. You are invited to join us on November 13th for a dinner in the Benes Room at Ohio Wesleyan. We will celebrate several key volunteers and hear a keynote address from Greg Landsman, the director of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Call Andrews House office for tickets information.

COMPUTER CLASS TEACHER: The Computer Learning Center is an asset to Delaware as not everyone has access to high speed internet and computer programs like Microsoft Office. Andrews House's goal is to offer monthly classes that teach beginners computer basics, but we are in need of a teacher. Traditionally, classes are offered on four evenings and cover: intro. to computers, Microsoft Word & Excel, and internet basics. If you have computer knowledge, enjoy working with people, and would be interested in skillfully teaching this class, please contact Andrews House.

CHRISTMAS CUPBOARD COMING QUICKLY—SATURDAY, DEC. 6, 9AM-4PM: Mark your calendars for the upcoming Christmas Cupboard (formerly the Christmas Bazaar). Silent auction items this year include a spa day at Charles Penzone, a VIP behind the scenes tour of the Columbus Zoo, and OSU memorabilia! A gorgeous stained glass Nativity, a beautiful quilt, and a piece of art will be raffled off. On top of all that, there will be Christmas cookies, baked goods, and stained glass for sale! 100% of these sales benefit Andrews House. Additionally, we are excited to have William T. Grové, tenor, performing at 3pm. Committee member Carolyn Slone said, "His music brings tears to my eyes every time." Support the work of Andrews House by attending this spectacular event.

OUR CUPBOARDS ARE BARE: In order to make our cookie and bake sales successful, we need your help! Donations of Christmas cookies, 10-12 dozen, and baked goods such as breads and jellies are needed. Contact your partner church representative or the Andrews House office for details (740/369-4520).

BENEFIT BANK BENEFITS: Applying for government benefits can be confusing. Andrews House can help people by providing a trained counselor to sit down and help them access application programs through the Ohio Benefit Bank. Included are food stamps, child care subsidy, Medicaid, and Home Energy Assistance Program. Contact Andrews House if you would like to make an appointment with a counselor.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Oct. 1 Bruce Bowman
Kathy Chesser
3 Janet Lathrop
Jarrod & Nichelle Trigg
Tim & Kathy Chesser
7 Ann Brown
20 Jim Brown
Genevieve Peterson
21 Ray & Cynthia Biggar
24 Emily Bowman
26 Adam Davidson
28 Bora Porter
Ed Linn
30 Jean Osborne
31 Ray Biggar
Melissa Claire Turner

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Dear FBC family:

October 5 was a great day. Many of us gathered at Camp Christian for breakfast at 8:00. We have come to expect superior hospitality while at the camp. A big bowl of grits reminded us that Doris does not forget who we are from one year to the next. At 9:00 others joined us as we learned about the expansion of the church in Africa

and stayed late. Special thanks to Jane & Jimmie Moore, Genevieve & Ken Peterson, Melissa & Phil Mercer, and Randy Turner for the time they contributed. For further details about the meeting ask some of these folks or check out the report on the region website: www.abc-ohio.org.

I have been asked to serve on a Citizen's Advisory Council for

happy to note that all eight of the young people who we identified agreed to participate and have attended every session. We believe this class gave our young people the information they need to make their own personal decisions. We have encouraged them to pray about their decisions and to talk with their parents and the pastor about their responses. Thanks also to the parents who got your children to the church for these sessions. We were blessed to have Claire Turner come forward as a candidate for baptism in yesterday's service. Please pray for the others as they seek the Lord's guidance.

Invite a friend to church and always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is ours.

Your Pastor,

Church Retreat

Our church recently celebrated another successful family retreat at Camp Christian. Thirty-five people attended throughout the weekend. The speakers were interesting, the food was good, the games were fun, and the fishing was abundant. Several people who were attending for the first time said they had a great time!



from Dr. Emmanuel Twesigye of Ohio Wesleyan University. Still others joined us at 11:00 for our worship service. After a quick lunch I left at 12:30 to hurry home and get ready for the annual CROP walk. Over 200 walkers raised about \$10,800. I hope that next year's schedule will have all that excitement on different days so that more of you can experience the CROP walk.

October 16th & 17th found me at the Crowne Pointe North hotel in Worthington at the 183rd Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio. Since the Marion Association was sponsoring this gathering I spent more time there than I usually do. Those of us who volunteered got there early

the Delaware City Schools. This council is made up of 18 people representing a broad cross section of Delaware. Baptists have traditionally been supporters of public education and our church is still a firm supporter of our public schools. The scriptures encourage us to be work for the welfare of our communities. I see this is one way we can accomplish that goal. If you have dreams or concerns that you would like to see shared let me know.

A special word of thanks is due to my wife, Kathy. Recognizing a need she organized, planned, and invited the children of our church to participate in a five week class about basic Baptist beliefs and church membership. I am also

I would like to thank the members of the retreat committee for all their hard work and support. I also want to thank the attendees who were put on the spot and "assigned" a skit for Saturday night. They turned out quite well. A good time was had by all

– Pam Faulk

Benevolence Fund

A thank you to the congregation for the generous contributions to the Benevolence Fund in October. The Deacons have sent a check for \$250.00 to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

This is also to remind you that if you are aware of any needs in our congregation or community, you should share this information with the Board of Deacons. We also encourage you to share your concerns and prayer requests.

– Betty Porter

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 to be announced (probably around \$9). Please place your orders with Jim Stephenson or Melissa Mercer by Sunday, Nov. 23.

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart group met on October 9 with a smaller group than usual, but still with lots of good food and fine fellowship. We even managed to talk about the coming election with politeness! We had a letter from Della Nofsinger Dove, a former church member who now lives in Oxford,

Kansas. Every month we send her a card and her letters in reply keep us up on her activities, and in the exchange we learn about Kansas and the surrounding territory, and the interesting things there are to do there.

– Jean Wickum
Convenor

Andrews House 15th Anniversary Celebration

Andrews House will celebrate their 15th anniversary on Thursday, November 13, at 6:30 P.M. in the Benes Room at OWU.

Dinner is complimentary. Guests may wish to donate \$15 per person—\$1 for every year of Andrews House programs and service. Donations are strictly voluntary.

If you would like to attend please communicate that desire to the pastor no later than November 5.

Andrews House Christmas Cupboard

Andrews House Christmas Cupboard (formerly called the Christmas Bazaar) is Saturday, December 6, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. They will again have the cookie sale and are encouraging all partner churches to furnish as many cookies as possible. Cookies should be delivered to Andrews House by 5 P.M. on Friday, December 5.

Items for the bake sale need to arrive early Saturday morning, ready for the sale at 9 A.M. Jam, jellies, pies, quick breads, especially yeast breads or rolls, and candy are needed. If you can be a part of this, please let me know what we can expect.

Please note the date is a Saturday and they are hoping that will be better than the previous Fridays. This is an important fundraiser for Andrews House, so please help in any way possible.

Thank you.

– Evelyn Lee
362-9107

A Letter from Shirley Parker

Greetings all,

Here is Mom's fall letter. She's doing remarkably well and enjoys all your cards and visits.

– Allison

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October 24, 2008

Dear Friends and Family,

A lot has happened this year, and I continue to witness it all from my perch in the Arbors. Arthritis has slowed my hand, however, so I am getting help from Andy and Allison in writing this note. I've had more than my share of ailments this summer, so am ready for fall, cooler weather and baseball!

I have moved to a new wing in the Arbors, and generally it seems to be working out fine. I can look out my window to a patio, and I am conveniently close to the front door, for daily trips around the grounds in my power chair. I have gotten adept at navigating with this chair. My roommate, Dorothy, is friendly and can be quite spirited, particularly when the OSU Buckeyes have a game on the TV. We have worked out an arrangement in which she mutes her TV when the News Hour comes on.

I continue to get welcome visits from friends and family. I am particularly grateful for the help I get from Kay Senft, Angela Chaffin, Kathy Packham, Ebb and Teena Haycock, the Salvador family, and of course my minister, Tim Chesser (who seems to be presiding over a congregation of old people contemplating surgery). Andy, Allison and Joe take turns visiting me on a regular basis, and I put them through their paces with chores when they come. And last month, as an extra special surprise, I got a nice visit from my niece from Natick, Mass., Annette Porter. She stopped by on one of her many adventurous trips around the

country. Both Annette and Allison visited Owen Parker and his family in Louisville, and I was glad to hear reports of those trips.

Best of all are visits from my grandchildren. Julia visited me twice this year and I've had a visit from Wilder. The others have been good about writing. Jonathan wrote a beautiful letter about his wedding in August in such detail that I am almost convinced I was there. I hope his students in Washington, D.C., know how lucky they are to have him as a teacher. Daniel keeps me informed about his progress working for an educational software company in New York.

Andy seems intent on being a bad influence on me in my old age. When he visited earlier this summer, he took me out in my wheelchair to a local bar/ restaurant (a trip which involved his pushing me up a steep hill, reminding me of the time when at 3 years old he pulled me home from the market in North Haven in his red wagon when I was pregnant with Allison). We had beers and Buffalo Wings at the bar, then took a bus across town to the new Senior Center, where he taught me to shoot pool. I have gone back there since, looking to pick up a game, but so far no one has dared take me on.

By the time this letter circulates, we will have elected a new President. I almost feel sorry for the winner, because he will have such a mess to straighten out. Still, I hope it is Obama, although I continue to regret that Hillary does not seem to have a leading role to play at the moment.

Sincerely,

– Shirley Parker

Trustees Notes

- All seven furnaces at the church were checked, filters changed, several belts changed, and they were put in service for the winter. This work by Don Patrick cost \$260.35.
- At the "old" parsonage the boiler was gone over. The pilot light had to be cleaned out to get it working. The circulation pump was oiled and the chimney behind the boiler was cleaned. This work by Don Patrick cost \$100.00.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

What
ARE You
Thankful?
for?

Mission Report

To our wonderful, generous, supportive congregation... Thank you once again for helping us reach and surpass our goal for the World Mission Offering. As of October 19 our total was \$610 with one Sunday to go. Did you notice the Red rising in the thermometer!

It's almost time to begin another special offering. The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering will be from November 30 through the month of December. This is a time to remember those faithful servants who have given so selflessly through the years. We are urged to Remember with Love – Give with Gratitude.

– Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

Clan Moffat

I am the daughter of a Moffett, and I belong to Clan Moffat, USA, which is an organization of people who are direct lineal descendants of a Scot bearing the surname "Moffat". (They includes people with minor variations in spelling, such as "Moffet", "Maffet", etc.)

I think Jane Moore had a grandparent who was a Moffett, so Jane and I are cousins — way, way, way back.

Someone stole my Moffett translation of the Bible years ago, but it would be interesting to know if anyone in the congregation has a Moffett translation.

The Moffatts are an ancient Borders family who were influential and powerful as far back as the time of Sir William Wallace.

Clan Moffett has a newsletter, and the current issue has an interesting article about

Robert Moffat, who lived from 1795 to 1883.

(Clan Moffett includes those with minor differences in spelling, including "Moffat".)

Robert was a Methodist missionary who helped take Christianity to Africa. The article is too long to include here, but I'll put a copy of the newsletter on the Assembly Room bulletin board and hope you'll take a look.

– Jean Wickum

Editor's note: You can read more about Clan Moffett at <clanmoffat.org>



Thoughts Following the Annual Gathering

I was recently privileged to be a part of the Local Arrangements Committee for our Annual Gathering of American Baptist Churches of Ohio. Some notes I took are reminding me that I need to share with you.

Are we a Missional Church or a Maintenance Church? Some excuses for NOT being Missional are:

1. We don't have enough money
2. We're in a bad location
3. It's too late for our church to make a difference.

You don't need to be Mega to be Missional – Jesus had only 12!

"If our church was to close its doors and cease, would it make a difference in our town, and would anybody notice?"

I don't think I was the only one squirming when the speaker finished.

– Jane Moore

Personals

- Janet Lathrop's daughter, Pam Shears, had surgery on her ankle.
- Melissa Neill's granddaughter, Addison, had successful surgery for a tumor, tonsils and adenoids.
- Jeanne Ekelberry was in the emergency room for a reaction to medication.
- Aunt Alice Osborne is recuperating at home from a broken hip.
- Barb Reed's son-in-law, George Reidmiller, has returned to Iraq after two weeks leave at home.
- Calvin Turner was recognized as an outstanding football player.
- Attendees at our recent church retreat included Marcie and Matt Cooper from Indianapolis, and Jean Ekelberry's two sisters, Nancy and Ida, from West Virginia.
- Visitors at church recently included Rick Lee from Hamilton, Ohio, and Jarrod, Nichelle and Jack Trigg from New Jersey.
- Congratulations to Tim Fogle on the birth of his grandson.
- Pat and Bob Foor plan will be

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spending the winter in Florida.

- Claire Turner will be baptized on November 2.
- Sophia Stephenson and her son Bob spent several days vacationing in Charleston, South Carolina.
- We are happy to have Will Verhoff, who is studying at Methesco, singing in our choir.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nov. 5	Victor Fogle
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As I prepare to leave for Georgia for a few days I can't help but remember another trip I took to Georgia thirty years ago. Kathy and I were students at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. We were headed for Georgia to celebrate Thanksgiving with our families. I was also going for an ordination council and ordination service at the Briarlake Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia. After a couple of hours of questions the council recommended that the church proceed with the ordination. It hardly seems possible that thirty years have passed since that Thanksgiving weekend in 1978. However, it must be true because I have a beautiful clock commemorating that anniversary. Thank you for that gift as well as the celebration of the seven years I have been privileged to serve as your pastor.

My pastor at Briarlake was the Reverend Doctor J. Hoffman Harris. Now retired, he and his wife Norma live in Hickory, North Carolina. Thanks to the wonder of Google I was able to track him down and call him. Dr. Harris has

always been an inspiration to me. He had a true pastor's heart. When my father died twelve years ago Dr. Harris read his obituary in an Atlanta paper. Knowing I would



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be in town he called to offer his condolences. This was after I had been gone from Briarlake for eighteen years. I sometimes can't even remember the names of people I knew that many years ago. Thank you for helping me remember and celebrate that distant anniversary.

My first Sunday back from vacation will be the first Sunday of Advent. The Advent season is always special at First Baptist. Our church lends itself to Christmas decoration. Jeanne Ekelberry's Advent quilt will trace our journey through advent as the different pieces are added

week by week. December 14 will witness our children's Christmas program. As we work our way through the weeks of Advent we will celebrate the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love.

The grand finale of our Advent celebration will be our Christmas Eve worship. We will gather at 6:40 for the presentation of the talents of our members expressed through music. The musical prelude will be followed by our candlelight communion service. The whole month will be a remembering of the coming of our Savior and anticipation of his future return. Invite a friend to share in the joy of the season.

Your Pastor,

Christmas Play and Birthday Party for Jesus

Please join us on Sunday December 14th as we celebrate with the children. The kids have been working hard with Matt, and will present their Christmas play during the worship service.

On December 21st during Sunday School opening, we will have the Birthday Party for Jesus. There will be cake, punch and coffee. Following the party, we will proceed with Sunday School as usual.

Thank you,

— Liz Bowman

January Newsletter

The January newsletter will be available on Sunday, January 4, which is **one week later** than our usual schedule. This is so I won't have to work on it during Christmas week.

— Jim Stephenson, editor

Thank You

Thank you to the person/people that turned in the envelope of Campbell Soup labels. We took them to Gabe's preschool and they almost have enough for a laminator with your gift of the labels. Thank you so much!

– Debbie Fogle

Poinsettia Dedications

Our thanks to everyone who purchased poinsettias to decorate our church during Advent.

- From the Porter family, in memory of Jim "Billy" Porter
- From Willa Corder, in memory of Nathan G. Corder
- From Jimmie and Jane Moore, in honor of their family
- From Jim and Sophia Stephenson, in memory of Rev. James B. Stephenson
- From Linda and Peter White, in memory of Charles Seckman
- From "Grandpa & Grandma Brown", in honor of all their grandchildren
- From the Grubbs and Brown families, one poinsettia in memory of Teresa Griffith, one in memory of Charles & Ruth Brown, one in memory of Walter & Edith Hall, and one in memory of Fred Grubbs, Sr.
- From Jerry and Lana Palmer, one in memory of Ben Turney, and one in memory of C. W. and Mary H. Palmer
- From Mary Lou and David Lovell, two poinsettias in memory of Margaret Morby, Dr. Robert J. Lovell, and Jenny Lovell



(Please let us know if any names were omitted.)

Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to join us for our annual Christmas caroling on Sunday December 14. We'll meet at the church at 6:30 PM and will visit our shut-ins. We'll be singing familiar carols that everyone knows, and will be done by around 8:00. Hope to see you then.

– Jim Stephenson
Choir Director



Parish Council

The Parish Council will meet at the church on January 3, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The 2009 church calendar will be developed at that time. Any member of the Parish Council who would like to meet at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast at Buehlers is welcome.

– Jerry Palmer

Marriage Announcement

Tim Fogle and Lisa Reisinger would like to announce that they are to be married on December 8th in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. When they return the couple will reside at 129 Downing Street West. A reception will be held in January (details to be announced later)

Trustees Notes

- The pipe organ had its annual checkup and tuning by the Muller Pipe Organ Company. At press time the bill had not arrived.
- All gutters and downspouts were cleaned out for the final time before winter.
- Larry Faulk installed new paper towel dispensers in the restrooms and kitchen. They use single-fold towels, which will save a lot of

expense compared to the paper rolls we had been using.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

December Mission Moment

How absolutely amazing God is! He has led us to surpass our goal once again. Final figures for the World Mission Offering are in and we received \$842.63. Grateful hearts around the globe are saying "Thank You".

It seems fitting that at Christmas time we promote the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. How better to express our thanks and appreciation for the years and years of selfless service these folks have given. Over 3,000 checks are mailed out each fall to retired American Baptist ministers and missionaries, or their widowed spouses, who have shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ with countless thousands. We are encouraged to **Remember with Love; Give with Gratitude.**

To help us visualize our goal of \$600, we will be watching snowflakes descend on our sanctuary! Each snowflake will denote \$10 given. Let's have a real BLIZZARD of love!

– Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

2009 Church Directory Is Being Prepared

The board of deacons will be preparing the 2009 Church Directory during the month of December. Please review your listing in the current directory. Several phone numbers and email addresses have changed during the year.

Please give changes to me or Dave Lovell. We would like to update photos as well. Please see Dave Lovell to get a new picture taken.

Thanks,

– Larry Faulk

Highlights of the October 29th Quarterly Business Meeting

Topics which were addressed that required a congregational vote included:

1. Nominating Committee member, Debbie Fogle presented the proposed new slate of officers for our Church. These include:

Moderator: Jerry Palmer

Clerk: Lana Palmer

Treasurer: Betty Porter

Assistant Treasurer: remains open (A volunteer is still welcome!)

Church School Clerk: Ann Brown

Board of Christian Education: Kathy Russell and Carol Serviss

Board of Deacons: Larry Faulk, Victor Fogle and Betty Porter

Board of Trustees: Jimmie Moore and Jerry Palmer

David Lovell made the motion to accept the slate as presented. The motion was seconded and a call for discussion produced none, and the issue went to a vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. Randy Turner presented the 2009 church budget, and then made the following motion: "The Finance Committee moves to accept the budget as presented."

The motion was seconded and a brief discussion followed. The vote was then called, and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. For those who could not attend the quarterly business meeting, but who wish to review the approved budget, may do so by contacting Lana Palmer.

Submitted by,

– Lana Palmer, Clerk

Andrews House Christmas Cupboard

Andrews House will hold their annual Christmas cookie and bake sale on Saturday, December 6th

from 9 am to 4 pm. Activities will include a huge cookie sale, a silent auction, a raffle, a performance by William Grove, tenor, and more. Please see the poster in the assembly room for more information.

Pledges for 2009

Thank you to all who have pledged for 2009. 25 pledges have been received as of 11/23/08. Pledging is up almost 50% from 2008! Pledging your tithes and offerings help the finance committee to plan for the future and budget church resources accordingly.

17 members pledged in 2008 and as of 11/16/08 we had received 99.3% of all pledges. Praise God for the faithfulness and commitment of our congregation at First Baptist!

If you have not pledged, please prayerfully consider pledging to help the Finance Committee empower our church to be God's people in this place. You may pick up pledge forms on the table at the main entrance of the church and can place them in the offering plate or give them to the Financial Secretary.

– Randy Turner
Financial Secretary,

Letters of Thanks

Here are portions of two letters we received recently:

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We were thrilled to receive the \$500 check today from the First Baptist 2008 Mission Budget. We are simply moved by your generosity and the faith you place in us. Be assured we were bill good stewards of your funds.

It was a pleasure for me to be at First Baptist and meet additional members of your congregation. Your church has been one of our strongest and most loyal supporters.

– Donald G. Chenoweth
Executive Director
Andrews House

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With your help, we are now helping thousands of elderly viewers in central Ohio with the conversion to digital television!

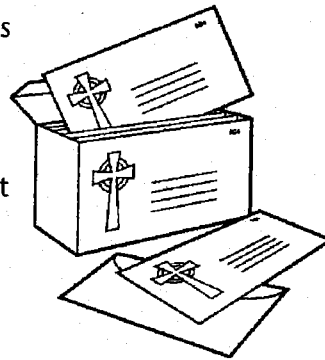
We so appreciate that you took a portion of your day to request federal DTV converter coupons and send them to WOSU Public Media. The Columbus community and friends from nineteen states have contributed over 2,500 coupons to this effort. Thank you!

– Tom Rieland
General Manager
WOSU Public Media

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dec.	3	Kari Davidson
	4	Erin Faulk
	11	Holly Kauf
	13	Geneva Evans
	15	Bud Sykes
	16	Thad & Jenna Inscho
	23	Dominique DeBiasio
	24	Francis Cook
	25	Carol Grubbs
		Steve & Karen Stoner
	27	Cory Lawrence
	28	Sharon Baker
	29	Harold & Deborah Van Broekhoven
Jan.	4	Cynthia Biggar
		Fred DeBiasio
		Shirley Parker
	5	Evelyn Lee
	9	Braden Inscho
	10	Kip Smith

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.



Church Directory Update

Melissa Neill's phone number has changed. Her new number is (740) 513-6847

Personals

- Congratulations to Shannon Kennedy on the birth of her baby. (Sorry, we don't know the baby's name and other details at this point.)
- Jean Osborne is a patient at Riverside due to back pain and a possible infection in her spine.
- Steve Stoner is doing fine after having hip surgery.
- Genevieve Peterson was taken to Grady after fainting, but was released after tests couldn't find anything wrong.

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the deacons. If you have any additions or corrections, please contact your deacon or Randy Turner.




Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
Erin Faulk	Kathy Sharp	Cancer treatments
Evelyn Lee	Mary Tilson	at Willowbrook
	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health Issues
	Florence Faulk	Delaware Court
Phil Mercer	Jerry Mercer	Health Issues
Nichelle Trigg	David James	
Jane Moore	George Corder	Health Issues (Heart, Diabetes)
	Cathie Corder	Continued recovery
	Olivia Langwasser	Young girl with leukemia
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	
	Richard Reed	Health Issues
Randy Turner	Sara Paullin Casto	Cancer
Jean Wickum	Martha Green	
	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
Marci Cooper	Marc Parulekar	Cancer treatments
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health issues
H. Van Broekhoven	Deborah Van Broekhoven	ABC USA Historical Society

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 Days Off: Friday and Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:30 Board of Christian Education at the Faulks	3 7:00 Choir	4 7:00 Parish Council	5	6 9:00 Andrews House Christmas Cupboard (until 4:00)
Second Sunday of Advent 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	7 8 6:30 Board of Deacons at the parsonage	9 7:00 Trustees	10 7:00 Choir	11 12:00 Young at Heart	12 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	13
Third Sunday of Advent 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Children's Christmas Play 6:30 Christmas Caroling  	14 15	16	17 7:00 Choir	18	19	20 8:00 ABM at Buehlers
Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:15 Sunday School with Birthday Party for Jesus 10:45 Morning Worship 	21 22 <i>Winter Solstice (shortest day of the year)</i>	23	24 6:40 Music Preludes 7:00 Christmas Eve Service	Christmas 25 	26	27
28 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles. (It'll be available on Jan. 4, which is one week later than our usual schedule.)</i>	29	30	31	New Year's Day 1 2009 	2	3 9:00 Parish Council at the Church (optional 8:00 breakfast at Buehlers)