

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

As 2008 draws to a close we have much to celebrate. God has sent new people to be a part of our fellowship. We were excited to add Matt Yoder to our church as our new youth pastor. Sunday school attendance remains high as befits our commitment to Christian Education. In spite of the turbulence of our nation's economy we had the best financial year in our 155 year history. Our pledges toward next year's budget are the highest ever. We remain good stewards of the assets entrusted to us.

We have also had to say some goodbyes this year. In May Kirsten Pfund and Steve Yang graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University. We enjoyed having Steve as a part of our church family for his whole four years at OWU. Steve is now attending medical school in Maryland. Kirsten served as our youth pastor for her junior and senior years at OWU. Kirsten is now working for Catholic Charities in Chicago.

In December we said goodbye to two of our senior saints. Willa Corder, age 98, died on December 4. "Aunt" Alice Osborne died on December 21. These two saints will be missed by our congregation. Both leave behind testimonies of great faithfulness.

God is still building His kingdom and calling willing servants to serve Him. Earlier this year we were happy to welcome Robert and Kathy Russell into our fellowship. Robert graduated from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio in May. Robert has felt called to seek ordination as an American Baptist.

Several steps of that journey have already been completed. We look forward to meeting with the state commission on ordination in January 2009. We are blessed to have Robert and Kathy as a part of our family as they seek to discern the future direction of their ministry.



JANUARY

It was my privilege to be able to offer a course on Baptist History and Polity for Robert Russell, Wil Verhoff, and Tonya Evans. This is a course that is offered only occasionally at Methesco and all three of these students needed the course to prepare for ordination. Wil has also been a part of our congregation these past few months. We will soon bid him goodbye as he moves to Kentucky after the first of the new year.

As I enter into my eighth year as your pastor I continue to give thanks for having found a home here. A colleague recently commented on the joy I seem to find in ministry. You are instrumental in that joy. On behalf of my family I want to thank you for the incredible generosity you demonstrated

in our Christmas gift this year. Thank you.

Invite a friend to church. Our community is too valuable not to share.

Your Pastor,

Prayer Group Coming Soon!

During a recent conversation with Robert and Kathy Russell, Robert explained that he had been feeling strongly led to start a prayer, study and share group at First Baptist. Robert noted that leading such a group would be one way he could give back to his church family, whom he and his wife have come to love. Robert met with Pastor Tim and received his support, but it was suggested that a clear vision of purpose for the group should first be developed. Subsequent discussions led to the following:

1. The group will focus on prayer...sharing joys and concerns, sharing answered prayers and (for those who might wish to...) sharing the ways God has been seen at work in our individual lives. Jesus Christ's healing ministry of today will also be an important focus of our prayer time. When one reads II Corinthians 1: 3-7, we learn that God gives us comfort in our trials in order to make us ministers of healing to others in their trials... Such trials may include discouragement, conflict, mistreatment, the stress

of trauma or illness, loss, loneliness, failure, inferiority, doubt and fear. WE ARE CALLED TO BE WOUNDED HEALERS.

2. Educational and discussion topics could include different forms of prayer, Gifts of the Spirit, dreams and visions and others based on participants' suggestions.
3. The group will be known as "FRIENDS LISTENING FOR GOD."

An organizational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 18 from 3:00 to 4:00 PM at the church. All are welcome to attend, and we look forward to seeing you there!

- Submitted by Lana Palmer

Retreat Planning

It is time to plan our 2009 church retreat. There will be a meeting at Pam Faulk's house on Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in serving on this fun committee, please attend the meeting or see Pam Faulk.



Volunteers Needed for Fellowship Time

Volunteers are needed to prepare refreshments for Fellowship Time, which is held after church on the first Sunday of each month. There's a signup sheet in the assembly room. Please see me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

*- Vic Fogle
Fellowship Time Coordinator
Board of Deacons*

Willa Jane (Smith) Corder

Willa Jane (Smith) Corder, formerly of Morgantown, W.Va., died December 4, 2008 in Sarah Moore and Health Care Center, surrounded by family.

She was born June 21, 1910 in Morgantown, W.Va. She was the first child of U. Calvin and May (Halderman) Smith. She worked briefly for the C. & P. Telephone Co., before marrying her sweetheart, Nathan Gerald Corder on Nov. 17, 1928. Nathan died in August 2000.



They had three children, James David, who died at two and a half; Jane Anne (Jimmie R.) Moore of Delaware; and George Calvin (Catherine Alekna) of Star City, W.Va. Willa is also survived by her only sister, Harriett (Smith) Johnson of Rolla, Mo.; two granddaughters, Melissa Jane (Phillip) Mercer and Jennifer Anne (Randy) Turner; and five great-grandchildren, Calvin Turner, Ben Turner, Michael Mercer, Jane Mercer and Claire Turner.

A memorial service and burial were in Morgantown, W.Va, with Dr. Truett Rogers and the Rev. Al Cooper officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sarah Moore Home Service Board, 26 N. Union St., Delaware, OH 43015, or First Baptist Church of Morgantown, High Street, Morgantown, WV 26505.

Community Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

There will be a community service honoring Martin Luther King, Jr., on Sunday, January 18 at 3:00 p.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 55 W. Lincoln Ave.



The celebration will continue on Monday, January 19, with the 16th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day breakfast celebration at 8 a.m. in the Benes Rooms of Ohio Wesleyan's Hamilton-Williams Campus Center. The Rev. Dr. Vergel L. Lattimore III of Methodist Theological School will serve as keynote speaker. Individual breakfast tickets are \$20, with eight-person table sponsorships available for \$160. For reservations, contact Scott at (740) 368-3386. Reservations are requested by January 5, but tickets also will be available at the door.

Mission Moment

While the final figures aren't yet posted, this year's Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering has been a great success. That success is due to your kindness, generosity, and remembrance of those who have served our Lord so faithfully for many years. Snow flakes on the wall kept track of our giving, with each flake denoting \$10. We've been praying for a "blizzard", so keep the dollars coming...we'll extend the offering opportunities for two weeks into January. Total to date is \$856.75.

I'm pleased to be turning over the reigns of the Mission Coordinator to Carol Serviss at the beginning of the year. Carol is eager to get started with her plans for promotional activities. Let's all continue to generously support missions here at home.

*- Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator*

Alice L. Osborne

Alice L. Osborne, 100, of Delaware and formerly of Live Oak, Florida, passed away on December 16, 2008 in Willow Brook Christian Village, Delaware.

She was affectionately known as "Aunt Alice" at First Baptist.

Alice was born July 15, 1908 in Wiscasset, Maine to the late Arthur and Bessie (Sanford) Lake.



After high school she attended the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago with a goal of becoming a missionary.

After she completed her training, her sister, who was gravely ill, asked her to come home and help with her children. After her sister's death, Alice, with the help of their father, raised the five children as her own.

When Jean, the youngest child, went to college, Alice resumed her own education. She attended and graduated from Gordon College. Following her marriage to David Osborne, she was ordained a missionary in the Advent Christian Church. She served in Japan for 17 years.

Following her retirement, she and her husband lived in Florida. In the past 10 years, she had been living with her "daughter," Jean Osborne, traveling regularly between her home in Florida and the family campground in Maine.

"Aunt" Alice spent her life in service to God and others. In spite of some horrendous health concerns, she continued to praise and worship God all her days. With humility and praise, "Aunt Alice" would comfort us today with the knowledge that her life is in God's hands. She will be dearly missed

by her Delaware faith community. She was a missionary wherever she lived.

She is survived by one daughter, Jean S. Osborne of Delaware; one grandson, Gregory (Shari) Osborne, M.D. of Ada, Mich.; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, David Osborne Sr.; three sons, Eleon Shuman Jr., Philip Shuman and Lyell Shuman; one daughter, Mary Shuman; one grandson, Gary Osborne; four brothers; and two sisters.

A memorial service of remembrance was held at First Baptist during morning worship on December 21, with the Rev. Tim Chesser, pastor, officiating.

Donations may be made in her memory to First Baptist.

Trustees Notes

- Three pianos were tuned by Richard Dacks. The cost was \$258.
- Bud Sykes replaced four broken floor tiles in the back hall near the women's restroom.
- The old parsonage's rear chimney had to be cleaned out. This turned into a three-hour job, with your reporter working with Don Patrick. The cleanout hole had been cemented shut and had to be hammered and chiseled out. After the job was complete, a new metal plug was installed for future cleaning.

— Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Personals

- Congratulations to Roger and Shannon Kennedy on the birth of Molly Grace, who was born on November 20. Her maternal grandparents are Bud and Becky Sykes.
- Congratulations to Jeff and Lorrie Faulk on the birth of Jane Cath-

erine, who was born on December 28. Her paternal grandparents are Pam and Larry Faulk.

- Congratulations to Laurie Mowery, who graduated from Ohio Dominican College.
- Kathy Russell had hernia surgery.
- Jean Osborne had back surgery.
- Jarrod and Nichelle Trigg and their children visited First Baptist during the holidays

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Jan. 4 Cynthia Biggar
Fred DeBiasio
Shirley Parker
5 Evelyn Lee
10 Kip Smith
12 Larry Faulk
Matthew Cooper
Thad Inscho
Braden Inscho
13 Evan and Carrie Trigg
16 Jane Moore
18 Matthew Lovell
20 Jennifer Turner
21 Tim Fogle
22 Michael Mercer
23 Nick Porter
26 Sophia Stephenson
27 Steve Baker
28 Sarah Davidson
30 Calvin Turner

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson

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January

2009

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				New Year's Day 2009 		9:00 Parish Council at the Church (optional 8:00 breakfast at Buehlers)
9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship			7:00 Choir	12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Bd. of Christian Ed. at the Parsonage		
9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	7:00 Deacons at the Lovells	7:00 Trustees	7:00 Choir	11:30 ABW at Buehlers		8:00 ABM at Buehlers
9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 Prayer Group organizational meeting at the church 3:00 Community Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at Asbury UMC <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 8:00 MLK Breakfast at OWU 		7:00 Choir	7:00 Retreat Committee at Faulks		
9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>February newsletter available today.</i>			6:30 Potluck Dinner 7:00 Annual Business Meeting			

Next Month: Lent begins on Wednesday, February 25

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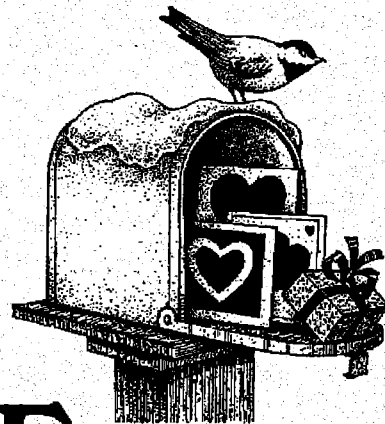
Dear FBC family:

What a wonderful beginning to a new church year we have already experienced. Two of our young people, Ian and Emily, came forward making professions of faith leading to baptism. This was followed by Roger and Shannon bringing their two children into God's house for dedication. These two acts demonstrate for us the importance of family in laying the groundwork for God's message of redemption to take place in the human heart. We anticipate others being moved to unite with the body of Christ in this place.

Robert Russell's journey toward ordination also moved forward this month. Robert, Kathy, and I made the journey to Granville last Saturday for Robert to receive guidance from the state commission on ordination. It was a wonderful experience for Robert and me. I had hoped that it would be a helpful rather than adversarial meeting. My prayers were answered. It was clear how seriously the committee took its task. They had several helpful suggestions. Our next step is to call for an ordination council made up of representatives from all of the churches of our association. The

president of our association is currently out of town. When he returns we will coordinate our efforts with him.

As I write these words millions of our fellow citizens are gathering on the national mall in Washington, D.C. for the



inauguration of President Barack Obama. As I attended three different public events over the past weekend I was reminded several times of how much this inauguration means to our African-American brothers and sisters. As a Baptist, I am proud to claim as a part of my own heritage the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Without his message and sacrifice we would not be witnessing today's momentous events. I trust that you will join with me in praying

for the safety and success of our new president.

God has truly blessed us in this New Year. Let us continue to be found faithful in all that He has called to be and do in this year. Invite a friend to church. You might just change a life.

Your Pastor,

Please Mark Your Calendar...

"Friends Listening for God"—the new Prayer, Study and Share Group—will be meeting the third Sunday of each month in the downstairs Blue room of our church. The next session, then, will be held on Sunday, February 15th. Leader, Robert Russell will present a program on the subject of various forms of prayer. Discussion and sharing will follow.

Come, bring a friend and enjoy a new and exciting spiritual experience. And as an added bonus...refreshments will be served!

— Submitted by Lana Palmer

From the FBC Youth

With the close of the Christmas play season and the beginning of the new year these are exciting times for the youth of First Baptist. Starting here in January, the youth are meeting for Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Earlier this month we looked at the story of Jonah from the Old Testament and in Junior Church we are looking back at the first family in Genesis. When we gather for Bible Study, the kids also enjoy fellowship afterwards because they get to play Guitar Hero and ping pong amongst other fun activities.

The opportunity to be able to meet with all of the kids together in a large group has been a blessing. In truth, a large group study can be difficult with such a wide range in ages, but everyone gets along together so well that it is always a great time to study the Scriptures and have fun as well. At times, meeting with the kids makes me think back to my childhood days growing up in the church. I wish that I had this group of young believers in my home church to grow up with as a youth. Coming up, we'll be looking to continue developing our growth as believers and growing in fellowship as well. Also, Kirsten will be coming back in the 2nd week of February for a weekend and we are all excited for her visit. Hopefully there will be some bowling and tennis in our near future. While my first few months here at FBC have seemingly flown by, the kids and the church community

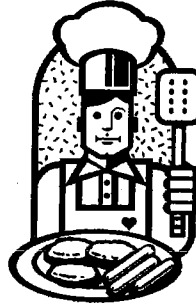
have made me feel right at home from the start.

Blessings,

– Matt Yoder

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

On Tuesday, February 24, 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, food and fellowship.



Letters of Thanks

Thanks to everyone who contributed cans of soup to PIN for our "Souper Bowl Sunday" donation. Keep in mind that PIN has an ongoing need for perishable foods and personal hygiene items. Beth Trigg has told me the Free Store can use paper goods, cups, paper plates and paper towels to use when food is served. Both of these agencies can always use your support, so keep them in mind as you shop.

– Carol Serviss
Mission Coordinator

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We received a letter from Don Chenoweth at Andrews House thanking the church for our donation of \$401 (our special Christmas offering) to the Second Friday Dinner Program.

Trustees Notes

- The streetlight (which we pay for) on the alley behind the church was out for a month, but finally was repaired. The work was done by a subcontractor who works for AEP.
- The church's fire extinguishers were inspected and tagged by B & J of Marion. Three had to be replaced. The cost was \$115.40.
- After a year of negotiations with the city, they okay'd the parsonage sidewalk on Congress Court after Jimmie Moore filled a joint.
- The cost of the chimney clean out at the "old" parsonage back in December was \$145.59.
- At our January meeting, the trustees elected the following officers:

Jimmie Moore – chairman

Bud Sykes – vice chairman

Jerry Palmer – secretary

Arch Trigg – rep to nominating committee

Peter White – reporter to the newsletter

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Valentine

A friend emailed an early 'Valentine' to see if it will make it around the world by February 14th.

For God so loVed the world,
That He gAve
His onLy
BegottEn
SoN
That whosoever
Believeth In Him
Should Not perish,
But have Everlasting life.'

John 3:16

Send it around the World!

– Betty Porter

Personals

- We extend our condolences to Bertha Van Brimmer and her family on the death of her brother, Lon Douglas Sparks, 75, of Delaware and formerly of Sunbury, who passed away on January 1.
- Lois Methe, 96, who was a member of First Baptist when she lived in Delaware, passed away in Arizona on January 2.
- Janet Lathrop is at Delaware Court Health Care Center while she recovers from hip surgery.
- Jean Osborne is staying with her son in Michigan while she recovers from back surgery.
- Jane Catherine Faulk was born on December 28 to Lorrie and Jeff Faulk. She weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces. Pam and Larry Faulk are her paternal grandparents.
- Wil Verhoff graduated from METHESCO and returned to Kentucky where he married Barbara "Britt" Schulz on

Prayer List

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

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	
Randy Turner	Randall Jones (Randy's Uncle)	Cancer
Jean Wickum	Martha Green	
	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health issues
H. Van Broekhoven	Deborah Van Broekhoven	ABC USA Historical Society
-	Janet Lathrop	Recovering from Hip Replacement Surgery
-	Jean Osborne	Recovering from Back Surgery
-	Sherry Salyer (wife of Kelly Salyer)	Bone Cancer
-	Jim VanBrimmer	Health Issues

January 10. They plan to live in Stanford, Kentucky. Wil was a choir member at First Baptist when he was here and we wish him well.

- Jerry Palmer's grandson completed his Marine duty in Iraq

and has been reassigned to duty in Hawaii.

- George Reidmiller has completed his military service and is working in Columbus.

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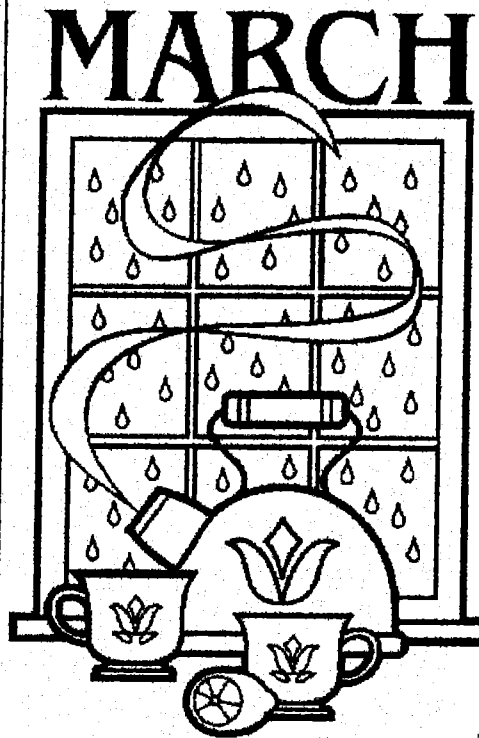
Dear FBC family:

Kathy and I have now lived in Delaware longer than anyplace during our married life. I think I speak for both of us when I say we love living in Delaware. Transitions in life cause me to think back over the places we have called home. When we married in 1970 we immediately moved to Atlantic City, New Jersey so I could finish out my enlistment in the Coast Guard. In April of 1972 we moved back to Atlanta. From 1972 -78 we lived in four different places within five miles of each other.

Following my graduation from Mercer University in Atlanta in 1978 we moved to Louisville, Kentucky. While at Southern Seminary I served a church in southern Indiana, but we commuted from Louisville. Following my graduation from Southern in 1981 we moved to Indianapolis to serve Covenant Baptist Church. While there we adopted our oldest son, Donald.

In 1985 we moved to Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin to serve the Roundy Memorial Baptist Church. Sam was born while we were in Wisconsin. In 1991 we packed up again to head to Tulsa, Oklahoma where I had been called to be the pastor of the Community Baptist Church. No children added in Oklahoma, but this is where Max joined the family.

In 1998 we headed east to serve at the First Baptist Church of Marion, Indiana. In 2001 we headed east again to come to First Baptist. God willing and with your help our next move



will be into retirement in a half dozen years (depending on the economy).

For those of you who were not in church this past Sunday you are probably wondering what has made me so nostalgic. Sam announced that on Valentine's Day he asked Lindley to marry him and she said yes. A summer 2010 wedding is planned. Thank you for being the kind of

church family that he wanted to share that news with you.

On February 25 at 12 noon I will be making a presentation at the Beehive Bookstore in downtown Delaware. This is a part of the 44 day celebration of the American presidency that the Beehive has sponsored. My presentation will be on Jimmy Carter. It should last about 15 - 20 minutes. Join us if you are able. People from all walks of life have made presentations. The crowd varies from day to day, but some have been regular enough that we recognize one another. I applaud the owners of the bookstore for sponsoring this wonderful program and Mel Ott in particular for hosting each day.

Our Lenten study will begin on March 1 at 6:30. More details will follow as they become available.

Please mark August 29 and 30 on your calendar for our all church Retreat.

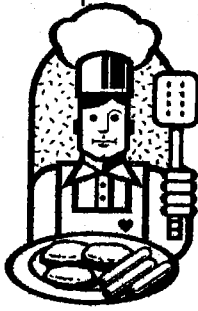
Invite a friend to church. They will thank you later.

Your Pastor,

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

All are welcome to come to the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. on February 24 to celebrate Shrove Tuesday with our annual pancake supper. Come for pancakes, waffles, sausage, fruit, and fellowship. Bring something interesting to share, like a talent, skit, joke, story, etc.

— Larry Faulk



Lenten Series Starts Soon!

Rev. Tim Chesser will be leading a study series this spring during the season of Lent. Sessions will be held on Sunday evenings, March 1 through April 5. I hope to see you there!

— Kathy Russell
Adult/Leadership Education Coordinator

Trustees Notes

• Last fall the city cited us for having an uneven section of sidewalk in front of the "old" parsonage. The trustees had the edge ground off to make it even. The work was done by Jeff Mitchell and cost \$200.

• A plumbing repair was completed in the men's rest room. The urinal was removed from the wall, the drain was cleaned, and then the urinal was rehung. A new pushbutton valve was installed. The work was done by Sunbury Plumbing and Heating. They were recommended by Don Patrick and several neighbors. At press time, we had not received a bill.

• At press time, Jimmie Moore had started a major project of scraping off the deteriorated surface of the north wall in the "blue room" (old basement). Repairs will be made and then the wall will be repainted to match the rest of the room. So far we have never found a way to stop the moisture from coming through this wall and damaging the surface. A big thank you to Jimmie for doing this *again* (he did it three years ago).

• The Gable Elevator Company did a regular service check on our elevator on Friday, February 13.

• A new answering machine was installed in the pastor's office. The old one had gotten quite noisy.

— Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Thank You

On behalf of our family may I express our deep appreciation for the cards and notes of condolence we received following the death of my mother, Willa Corder. To be surrounded by our church family during our time of sadness was comforting and inspiring. Thank you.

— Jane Corder Moore

America for Christ Offerings

It is time to remind you that the America for Christ offerings will begin on March 29 and continue through April



GIVE TO THE
America for Christ
Offering **2009**

26. This year's theme is "With Willing Hands" and our goal is \$600. Your financial gifts support ministries, churches and communities across the United States and Puerto Rico. Many dedicated people need our help so they can continue to provide better housing, health care, clean water, education, and to teach Christ's Gospel. Prayfully consider giving a "Willing Hand" to someone in need.

— Carol Serviss
Mission Coordinator

News of Note from the February 4th Quarterly Business Meeting

Moderator, Jerry Palmer, presented Phil Mercer as a candidate for the office of Assistant Treasurer and asked for his confirmation. David Lovell moved that he be so instated. After the second was voiced, Phil was unanimously voted into office.

Jim Moore explained that the Trustees were giving serious consideration to replacing the carpet in the sanctuary. They would like input as to color, etc. from the membership. The Trustees have looked at possible ways to fund the project and have recommended a special fund be established. Full details of this recommendation would be presented at a later date after all the "homework" was completed including cost of such a project.

Linda White reported for People in Need. She said the following items were currently needed: canned fruit, tuna helper, saltine crackers and dish and laundry soaps.

Announcements included:

1. The Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper and talent show will be

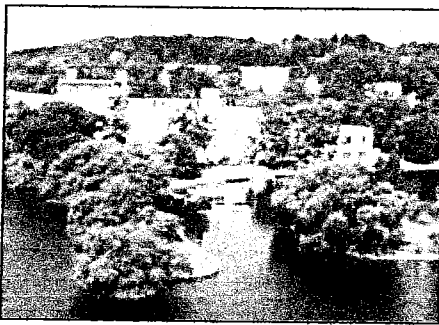
held February 24th.

2. On Feb. 25th, Ash Wednesday, Pastor Tim Chesser will be speaking at the Beehive bookstore on the subject of President Jimmy Carter.

– Submitted by Lana Palmer,
Clerk

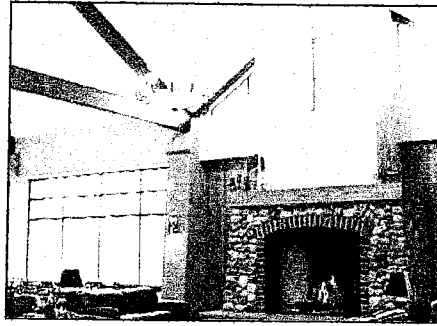
Opportunities at Green Lake Conference Center

The American Baptist Christian conference and leadership training center at Green Lake, Wisconsin, provides a refreshingly beautiful environment for recreation, learning, family time, and spiritual growth for people of all ages. Accommodations



include lodges, houses on the lake or in the forest, cabins, campsites, and dormitories. Meals are served in the Bauer Dining Room, and snacks are available at other locations. A shuttle service can transport guests to and from the airport, bus station, or train station.

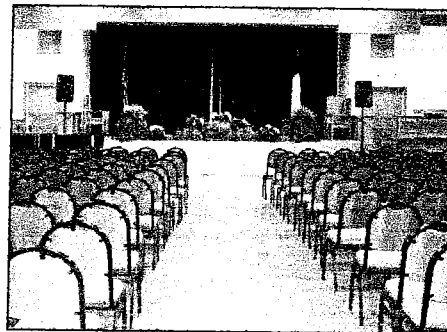
Recreation includes fishing, boating, swimming, golfing, tennis, volleyball, biking, basketball, soccer, disc golf, and other sports. Arts and crafts, such as ceramics, jewelry making, candle making, quilting, and stained glass, are offered. A museum, a 1905 battery-powered boat, and a restored railroad car which served as a chapel and missionaries' living quarters may interest the



historical minded. There are prayer towers with scenic views, and shopping is available at Padelford Country Store and Worldwide Gifts Missions Store.

Children can enjoy the playgrounds at Green Lake and also the Children's Center for ages nine months through sixth grade. Camp Grow offers summer camping for children and youth. A variety of other events are scheduled throughout the year at Green Lake.

On March 2 to 5 the Assessment Center 4 Church Planters will assist individuals and couples in determining their potential to successfully start a new church and serve as its pastor. The



"Releasing Potential Coaching Series" begins March 30 to April 2 with the "Introduction and Foundations of Coaching." This series trains and certifies people as Christian coaches in different settings. Scholarships are available for this program. Coach Training 2 Go can even bring this program to a location near you!



The spring schedule of activities at Green Lake Conference Center is listed below. For more information, check out Green Lake Conference Center's website (www.glcc.org) or contact me at (740) 362-5465 to look at the 2009 catalog.

MARCH

- 2-5 Assessment Center
4 Church Planters
- 30-April 2 Introductions and
Foundations of
Coaching

APRIL

- 17-19 Christian PAiRS®
Marriage Workshop
- 21-23 Spiritual Respite
for Pastors and Lay
Leaders
- 26-May 1 Elderhostel: Exploring
the Writer in
You
- 27-30 Assessment Center
4 Church Planters

MAY

- 16 CECLSM Class 6
begins
- 22-25 Green Lake Singles
Retreat
- 24-29 Elderhostel: Golf
the Courses of
Lawsonia

– Kathy Russell
Adult/Leadership Education
Coordinator

Retreat News

Mark your calendars now for August 29-30 for our annual church retreat at Camp Christian. We always have a great time at the retreat, and we hope that everyone will make an effort to attend this year. The retreat committee is still making plans, so watch the newsletter for more information as the year goes on.



– Pam Faulk

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.

Continued on the back of the calendar.

Prayer List

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Phil Mercer	Jerry Mercer	Health Issues
Nichelle Trigg	David James	
Jane Moore	George Corder Cathie Corder Olivia Langwasser	Health Issues (Heart, Diabetes) Continued recovery Young girl with leukemia
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	
Randy Turner	Family of Randall Jones <i>Randy's uncle, Randall Jones, died recently and Randy asks us to keep Randall's wife (Sue Jones) and daughter (Shannon Johnson) in our prayers</i>	
Jean Wickum	Martha Green Fran Cook	 Heart Problems
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health issues
H. Van Broekhoven	Deborah Van Broekhoven	ABC USA Historical Society
–	Janet Lathrop	Recovering from Knee Replacement Surgery
–	Jean Osborne	Recovering from Back Surgery
–	Sherry Salyer (wife of Kelly Salyer)	Bone Cancer
–	Jim VanBrimmer	Health Issues
–	Steve Baker's brother Richard Baker	Stroke and possible heart attack

Personals

- Sherry Salyer, 45, who had been on our prayer list due to bone cancer, died on February 18 at Delaware Court Health Care Center. Survivors include her husband, Kelly; one son Kevin; one daughter, Angela Lea Salyer; two half-brothers, Harry and Donald Masters; and her parents-in-law, Orman "Bud" and Ardith Salyer. (Orman and Ardith attended First Baptist a number of years ago). We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.
- Fran Cook was hospitalized for regulation of her pacemaker.
- Janet Lathrop is receiving physical therapy after her knee replacement surgery.
- Jean Osborne and her son Greg visited First Baptist recently, and then returned to Michigan where she's recuperating at Greg's home from back surgery.
- Pat Foor was recognized by the Delaware Chamber of Commerce as the Outstanding Woman of the Year.
- Cynthia Bland Biggar will be installed on Feb. 22 as pastor in Congregational Church in Standish, Maine.
- Robert Russell will be meeting with the Marion Association's Ordination Council.

- Pam and Larry Faulk spent a week with Pam's mom and sister in Destin, Florida. Upon returning to Ohio, they attended the baptism of their new granddaughter Jane Catherine Faulk in Warren, Ohio.
- Dominique Debiasio acted in the Hayes High School production of Little Women.
- Nichelle and Jarrod Trigg are looking for a house in Cincinnati and plan to move in late spring.

FLORIDA COURT SETS ATHEIST HOLY DAY

In Florida, an atheist created a case against the upcoming Easter and Pass-over holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians, Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned."

— Submitted by
Melissa Neill

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Second Sunday In Lent 8 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Lenten Study <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	9 7:00 Deacons	10 7:30 Marion Trustees	11 7:00 Choir <i>Full Moon</i>	12 12:00 Young at Heart	13	14
Third Sunday In Lent 15 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 "Friends Listening for God" Group in the Blue Room 6:30 Lenten Study	16	St. Patrick's Day 17 	18 7:00 Choir 7:30 Finance Meeting	19 11:30 ABW	First Day of Spring 20	21 8:00 ABM 9:00 Delaware Piecemakers National Quilt Day (until 4:00)
Fourth Sunday In Lent 22 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Lenten Study <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	23	Shrove Tuesday 24 6:30 Pancake Supper 	Ash Wednesday 25 7:00 Choir 	26 7:00 Parish Council	27	28
Fifth Sunday In Lent 29 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with America for Christ Offering 6:30 Lenten Study <i>April newsletter available today.</i>	30	31	April Fool's Day 1 7:00 Choir	2	3	4

Palm Sunday is April 5; Easter is April 12

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

*"For the love of Christ
urges us on..."*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15

We are called by God to a life of holistic stewardship—to fully serve, sacrifice, and surrender to the One who has given our lives new and eternal meaning. And yet that relationship becomes profoundly multifaceted in its real-world application as we live for Christ in order to make a difference in our communities and respond to many needs "with willing hands."

You can help make a difference! Service in Christ's name is both an opportunity and a challenge. For 176 years National Ministries, ABCUSA has assisted American Baptist congregations as they have confronted and responded to the spiritual and physical needs resident in many communities like ours.

Our church's contribution to the America for Christ Offering goes to support Christ-centered ministries that are transforming lives across the United States and Puerto Rico. Our giving directly impacts local activities, projects and ministries such as:

- Evangelism and Church Planting
- Camps and Leadership Development Conferences

- Community Development and Refugee Resettlement
- Scholarships for Education and Volunteers in Mission

I believe God is calling us to support local missions in



America and Puerto Rico and to join with our sisters and brothers as together we serve, sacrifice, and surrender. Our goal is to contribute \$600.00 to the AFC Offering. Please join this wonderful opportunity to reach America for Christ. We will be receiving the America for Christ Offering from March 29 through April 26.

Your Pastor,

Ordination Date Set: Everyone Is Invited!

Robert Russell's ordination service will be held at First Baptist Church of Delaware on Sunday afternoon, May 3, at 4:00 P.M. This important event in becoming officially recognized as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been made possible in many ways by Rev. Tim Chesser and our church family here at First Baptist. We sincerely hope that all of you will join us to celebrate this joyous occasion. Please come if you can!

— Robert and Kathy Russell

LENTEN SERVICES

Palm Sunday (April 5)
Sunday School at 9:15; Morning Worship at 10:45 (last day to order Easter lilies)

Maundy Thursday (April 9)
A candlelight communion service will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. Please enter and leave in silence.

Good Friday (April 10)
A community service will be held at noon at St. Mary Catholic Church.

Easter Sunday (April 12)
Sunday School at 9:15; Morning Worship at 10:45



Lenten Series Explores Apology

It's not too late to join the Lenten book study on *The Five Languages of Apology* by Gary Chapman and Jennifer Thomas. Purchasing and reading the book are not necessary in order to attend this series, which is led by Rev. Tim Chesser. So far the group has discussed expressing regret, accepting responsibility, and making restitution. Upcoming topics will include genuinely repenting and requesting forgiveness. This study began in March and will continue in April. Meetings are at 6:30 P.M. on Sunday evenings at the church.

– *Kathy Russell*
Adult/Leadership Education

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 \$7.50 each. Please place your orders with either me or Melissa Mercer by Palm Sunday (April 5).

– *Jim Stephenson*

Report on Bacone College

As many of you know, Jimmie and I just returned from a mission work trip to Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Bacone is a four-year liberal arts college affiliated with our American Baptist Churches. It was founded in the mid-1800s primarily with an educational mission with American Indians. It now serves students from all regions, nations, and walks of life.

A few years ago enrollment was down to the point that the school had to close some of its dormitories. Such was the case with Poloke Hall – a beautiful, 90-year old Victorian building. Unwise leadership at the time allowed the doors to simply be closed and locked...no heat, no A/C, no water – nothing. Consequently the paint had peeled, water had penetrated some walls, and there was a lot of mold and disintegration of plaster. In short – it was a mess.

There were 17 of us from the Marion Association and it was simply amazing to see us scatter to jobs that fit our abilities. The first order of business was to check out the windows and repair them so that further leakage wouldn't undo the repairs we were prepared to make.

As the week progressed, walls were scraped, holes puttied or spackled, a wall was built to divide a large room into two smaller rooms – thus necessitating the addition of a new doorway. Jimmie assumed the title of Paint Foreman – directing those of us who were wielding our brushes and rollers. At week's end we had completed nearly half of the rooms, walls had been repaired and the windows were repaired and caulked.

There were 5 of us ladies on the trip and we took some time to help out at the Murrow Indian Children's Home that is on the grounds of Bacone College. Murrow is another recipient of help from The American Baptist Churches. They house children from disadvantaged Indian homes; most of them have problems and are counseled and cared for. They operate on a shoestring so all contributions are welcome. We counted and sorted Betty Crocker coupons that are being saved to "buy" a van for the Home.

We also counted, folded, and packaged note cards with designs painted by Joan Brown, the administrator there. Two of our gals made three pairs of curtains for the residential cottages. We also shopped at WalMart for cleaning and laundry supplies for them.

It was great to spend a week with others from our association and to get to know them a little better. We also felt we had made a small difference in the world – by helping get the dorm ready for new students this fall. We are called on to use our talents for the Lord, and when an opportunity falls into our laps, we would be remiss if we ignored it.

– *Jane Moore*

Note of Thanks

Bertha and I are very grateful for the many cards and kind expressions of concern and prayer for us during our illness. They really help, and we appreciate them very much. You are a wonderful church family!

– *Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer*

Walk-A-Thon

April 26 will be the Walk-A-Thon which will end America for Christ donations. Bring your family, lawn chairs and plan an afternoon of exercise, conversation and a nice time. Meet by the tennis courts at 2:00. If you want to find sponsors I will provide envelopes. Just let me know.

– Carol Serviss
Mission Coordinator



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Fellowship Hall Redecoration Planning

At a recent meeting of Parish Council, a committee was named to oversee redecoration of the Fellowship Hall. We will be meeting soon to put our ideas together and will present a report at the Business Meeting in April.

If you have suggestions please let us know. Committee is: Jane Moore, Chairman; Melissa Mercer, Jennifer Turner, Lana Palmer, Liz Bowman, and Jane Mercer.

– Jane Moore

Trustees Notes

• The major project of restoring the north wall in the "Blue Room" (the old basement) has been completed. A thank you to Jimmie Moore for taking on this project and to Jerry Palmer for helping.

• The cost of the plumbing repairs last month in the mens room was \$285.00.

• The Gable Elevator Company paid another visit for the annual safety inspection.

• Four new coffee makers were donated to the church—two for the kitchen counter and two for the coffee table in the fellowship hall. The old ones which still work will go to the Free Store.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

ABC/Ohio 2009 Church Leadership Conference

The theme of this year's conference is "Discipleship: The Joyful Journey." The location is Sawmill Baptist Church, 10635 Sawmill Road, Powell, Ohio 43065—just three miles north of I-270.

The conference will begin on Friday, April 24, from 9:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. with sessions for clergy and their spouses on "Caring for the Soul: A Pastor's Retreat." **Both lay leaders and clergy can benefit by attending on Saturday, April 25**, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The focus on Saturday will be "Abide in Christ: The Spiritual Life of a Leader."

The conference leader will be Dr. Stephen Macchia, who founded Leadership Transformations, Inc. He also developed the nationally known Healthy Church Initiative. Dr. Macchia teaches at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and he has written three books. His book *Becoming a Healthy Disciple* is the basis for Saturday's program.

A special time of prayer and fellowship for ministry spouses will be held on Saturday after lunch. Clergy spouses who plan to participate in this breakout session should RSVP to Linda

Swain. This conference counts as continuing education for people with ABPS profiles.

The cost for **Friday only** is \$45 for clergy only **or** \$50 total for both clergy and spouse. The cost for **Saturday only** is \$40. The price for those who come on both **Friday and Saturday** is \$70 for clergy only **or** \$75 for both clergy and spouse. All of the above prices include lunches and snacks.

Registration forms (available in the church office) **and fees must be received by April 13** to guarantee lunch reservations. **Registrations received after April 13 will cost an additional \$5.**

Child care is available for infants through grade 6 if a **pre-registration form** for the children is submitted with a \$10 fee per child (\$20 maximum per family) by **April 17.**

For more information, contact Rev. Tim Chesser or me.

– Kathy Russell
Adult/Leadership Education

Green Lake Events in May

This schedule supersedes the one printed in last month's newsletter.

May

16.....Welcome to the Family

18.....CECL Class 6 Begins

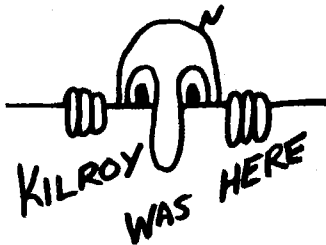
22-25 ...Green Lake Singles
Retreat

24-29 ...Elderhostel: Golf the
Courses of Lawsonia

Young at Heart

Old Man Winter has been kinder these last two months to the Young at Heart Group, and we met on Feb. 14 and March 13.

We had, as usual, good food and good fellowship. Tim Chesser read us an article from an old, old newspaper; the title was "Kilroy." Lots of us older folks remember the little graffiti cartoon of a guy peeking over a fence with the caption "Kilroy was here". He was seen all over the U.S.A., and also seen abroad with the service men in WW II.



He appeared everywhere—on walls, on packages, on torpedoes, on all sorts of objects. It made us laugh when what we mostly wanted to do was cry.

—Jean Wickum, Convenor
Young at Heart

Second Friday Dinners

At our last planning session, I volunteered First Baptist to serve as Mixers and Greeters at the next dinners on April 10, May 8, and June 12. If you are over 14 years of age and would like to volunteer, please let me know. We need to be there by 5:30 P.M. and will be finished by 7:15 P.M. This is an excellent opportunity to work with other community volunteers to serve a meal to those attending and see Andrews House in action.

—Evelyn B. Lee
362-9107

Prayer List

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	Olivia Langwasser	Young girl with leukemia
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	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health issues
—	Jim VanBrimmer	Health Issues
—	Pam DeBiasio	Health Issues
—	Steve Baker's brother Richard Baker	Stroke and possible heart attack

Personals

- Ben Turner and Ray Serviss were baptized on March 1
- We extend our sympathy to Julie Wilson and her family on the death of her mother on February 23.
- Congratulations to Ken and Genevieve Peterson on their nomination for the Jefferson Award (sponsored by WBNS-TV) for their volunteer work with community organizations.
- Calvin Turner was featured in the Delaware ThisWeek newspaper on March 22 for his success as a pole vaulter for Hayes High School.

- Congratulations to Dominique DeBiasio who was awarded a full scholarship at the Capital University Conservatory of Music

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
Benjamin Trigg

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					May 1	2

May 3: Robert Russell's ordination at 4 PM

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

Dateline: August 26, 2001

After spending the night at the Linn House the Chessers arose early and headed for FBC. Turned left on Winter and couldn't find the alley behind the church. Realized we were on the wrong street and finally found our way to the church. After many introductions entered into worship and delivered trial sermon. Waited in the pastor's study while the church discussed and then voted to call us to come to Delaware. Congratulations all around followed by hoofing it down to Bun's. Lunch with the search committee and other interested folks. I remember that Shirley Parker was there. Back to the Linn house to change clothes. Sam and I then ventured to the Delaware library. We were allowed to check out books and as proof of residency they agreed that mailing our library cards to the parsonage would serve. We always get library

cards soon after arriving in a new city, but this was a record.

Many of the nice people at the library that day are still working there today. We love our library. Most of you know that Sam has been working there for the past four years. Whenever you visit the Delaware library you will



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find helpful staff, a great selection of books, videos, magazines, and newspapers. You will usually find large numbers of Delaware residents making use of all that the library has to offer.

The Delaware Library needs our help. On May 5 we will go to the polls. One of the things we will be asked to vote on will be a levy to support the library. I am going to vote yes and I hope you will as well. An active, well staffed library makes a city better. Let's help our library.

On May 5 we will also be asked to approve a replacement levy for the Delaware City Schools. This is a vital vote for our community. Schools, like churches, need to take care of their facilities. If you have any questions about this vote please ask me. My service on the Delaware City Schools Educational Council has allowed me to learn more about this and many other topics that effect our schools and our community. I plan to vote yes and hope you will as well.

These spring elections are usually marked by light turnouts. Don't forget to vote. Every vote is important.

Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor,

You Are Invited!

What? Open House at the Suites at Sarah Moore

When? May 1, 2009
12:00 to 2:00
Ribbon cutting at 1:00

Who? All who want to tour this wonderful new addition to Delaware and enjoy cake and coffee

?s See pastor Tim

Next Month's Newsletter

Larry Faulk will be the editor of our June newsletter.

Please email your articles to Larry at Lfaulk01@aol.com, or put them in the newsletter mailbox. The deadline will be Sunday, May 24.

Church Directory Available

The 2009 edition of the church directory is available in the vestibule.

The information in the directory is compiled by the Deacons. Please note that it is NOT a membership list. If you find any errors, let us know and we'll put a correction in the newsletter.

Angel Food Ministries

Andrews House is now a distribution center for Angel Food Ministries. Angel Food offers a medium sized box of food for \$30.00 that contains quality food from every food group, including meats, milk, eggs, and vegetables. One box of food feeds a family of four for one week. The menu varies each month, and consists of fresh and frozen items. Specialty boxes are available which include meats, seafood, fresh fruit & vegetables, allergen-free meats, and senior/convenience meals.

For more information see the May menu and order form on the bulletin board in the assembly room or ask Pastor Chesser.

America For Christ Offering

April 26 is the last Sunday for the America for Christ offering. A Walk-A-Thon will be held that afternoon at Mingo Park at 2:00 by the tennis courts. Hopefully our financial goal will be reached so this event can be a celebration for your generosity. Join us for a nice walk, conversation, relaxation, and a snack. I thank you all for your "Willing Hands".

— Carol Serviss
Mission Coordinator

Common Ground Free Store

The Common Ground Free Store will be holding a used book sale at Andrews House during the Arts Festival on May 16th and 17th. Also during this time they will have a second-hand jewelry sale at William Street Church. Both events are to benefit the store. There will also be a raffle for an assortment of Pampered Chef Cookware. Please attend and support our local store.

Thank you!

— Beth Trigg

Trustees Notes

- A new kitchen stove was purchased for the church parsonage. Several heating elements had quit working in the old one and it didn't bake evenly. The cost (including installation and removal of the old stove) was \$495.99.
- Last month the Fergusons noticed a loose roofing slate hanging over the edge of steeple's gutter, directly over the front steps, so we called Midstate Contractors of Marion. The workmen could see four missing slates from the ground, and when they used their big crane to get up there they replaced a total of 16 missing, broken, or deteriorated slates. The south slope of the dormer window was missing most of its slate and the wood sheathing was exposed. Copper flashing was replaced. At press time the church had not received their bill. Funds for this necessary and urgent repair will come from

Who Is My Mother?

Who is my mother? Not alone
The mother that I call my own,
But all who helped me as a boy
Find first a child's and then a man's
joy;
The tomboy aunt who took the time
To teach me how to throw and
climb;
The neighbor down the street who
had
Some cookies for a hungry lad;
The helper in the Sunday School
Who taught and lived the Golden
Rule;
The hard-worked teacher who first
brought
The quick mind to the gates of
thought;
And all who unawares gave much—
Patience, a smile, a prayer, the touch
Of a kind hand, some words of cheer,
Or just a warm listening ear.
Who is my mother? Everyone
To whom I have somehow been son.

— Submitted by Jean Wickum
From Daily Word, May '54

the Carolyn White Schneeberger estate.

— Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Young at Heart

Thanks to Peter White's kindness, Young at Heart was able to meet in the Fellowship Hall at noon on Maundy Thursday. He had us all set up for the luncheon, with an Easter centerpiece, and when we were done, he rearranged things for the candlelight communion. Peter always arranges the room for us, and finds an interesting centerpiece. Thanks to you, Peter!

While there were only a baker's dozen members present, the food was good, and we had a lot of laughs talking about the automobiles of the past.

Are some of you getting to age 50 soon? You're eligible to join us. We'd be glad to have you. We meet the second Thursday of the month at noon for a carry-in lunch. Can't think of what to bring? Store-bought cookies, potato chips, or a jar of pickles will do nicely.

—Jean Wickum
Convenor

Ordination on May 3: All Are Welcome!

Robert Russell's ordination is quickly approaching, and we are very excited! Ordination is the culmination of many years of preparation to become a minister. It is also just the beginning of a lifelong commitment to serving God in a very special way. We hope you will join us on Sunday, May 3, at 4:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church of Delaware for this worship service which marks Robert's official ordination as an American Baptist minister. Your friendship and support mean a lot to us!

—Robert & Kathy Russell

Share Your Dreams...

Have you ever wondered if some of your dreams were more than simply a manifestation of your subconscious mind while you were sleeping? The Bible tells of various occasions when God has given people important messages through dreams.

Friends Listening For God will be exploring the subject of dreams and visions during the next few months. The group meets on the third Sunday of every month at 3:00 P.M. in the blue room at the church. If you'd like to learn more about different ways God speaks to us, come to the meeting on May 17. Everyone is welcome. Your

insights and questions would be most appreciated!

—Robert Russell

Adult/Leadership Education

It's Time For Summer Camp! Thinking of church camp brings back memories of the summer I went to Bluestone on the southern border of West Virginia. My unit at camp took a 3-day/2-night canoe trip, and the remainder of the 10 days we slept in covered wagons (pretty cool!). I ate baked eggs for the first time (delicious!) and learned the song "Lord of the Dance"—one of my favorites to this day. There was an all-camp square dance one night (great fun!), and I made a friend who kept in touch for many years. What a terrific experience that was!

April 26 is American Baptist Camps and Conferences Sunday. Ohio offers opportunities at two American Baptist Camp and Conference Centers. The closest one to Delaware is Kirkwood Ministries, Inc., located in the southwestern part of the state between Columbus and Cincinnati. Kirkwood's contact information is as follows:

Kirkwood Camp and Conference Center

Tim Swicegood,
Executive Director

5719 S.R. 73 West
Wilmington, OH 45177-9205

Phone: (937) 382-3535

Fax: (937) 382-4502

Website: www.campkirkwood.net

E-mail: campkirkwood@verizon.net

Koinonia, which means "fellowship," is in the northeastern corner of Ohio between Cleve-

land and Ashtabula. Koinonia's contact information is as follows:

Koinonia Camp and Conference Center

Randy Brookes,
Executive Director

6810 Cork Cold Springs Road
Geneva, OH 44041

Phone: (800) 893-2267

Fax: (440) 466-6453

Website: www.koinoniaohio.org
OR

www.christiancampohio.org

E-mail: koinonia@koinoniacampohio.org

Have fun at camp!

—Kathy Russell
Adult/Leadership Education

A Note Of Thanks . . .

Thanks to everyone who was able to be part of the Lenten Study on the book *The Five Languages of Apology*. Your participation contributed greatly to each of the sessions.

On behalf of all who attended this study, I want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Rev. Chesser for his time and effort in preparing and leading this series on apology. The questions that were posed and the examples that were presented were thought-provoking and engaging. Thank you, Tim, for a job well done!

—Kathy Russell

Would You Like To Teach Sunday School?

Have you ever considered teaching a Sunday school class? It is very rewarding and a good way to get to know the children in our church family. If you are interested in teaching or being a

substitute for one of our classes next year, please contact Pam Faulk before June.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- May 2 Lisa Fogle
- 3 Rick Van Brimmer
- 7 Bertha Van Brimmer
- 8 Willard Fogle
- 9 Chris Riedmiller
Tim Chesser
- 10 Archie & Beth Trigg
Anna Kailyn Porter
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

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Personals

- Tyler Wayne Fogle was born on April 15 to Tim and Lisa Fogle. Tyler weighed 1 lb. 10 oz. and was 12 inches long. He continues to do well in the Children's Hospital wing at Riverside Hospital in Columbus.
- Janet Lathrop is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Jeanne Ekelberry is recovering from shoulder rotator cuff surgery.
- Dave Lovell is recovering from ankle surgery.
- Matt and Marci Cooper from Indianapolis visited First Baptist recently.
- Debra Van Broekhoven from Atlanta visited First Baptist recently.
- OWU senior Clay Davis was named one of the North Coast Athletic Conference Players of

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Jane Moore	George Corder	Health Issues (Heart, Diabetes)
	Cathie Corder Olivia Langwasser	Continued recovery Young girl with leukemia
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	
Jean Wickum	Martha Green	
	Fran Cook Mary & Steve Sealey	Heart Problems Health Issues
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health issues
-	Jim VanBrimmer	Health Issues
-	Pam Debiasio	Health Issues
-	Steve Baker's brother Richard Baker	Stroke and possible heart attack
Beth Trigg	Connie Coy	Brain cancer
Lana Palmer	Jack Cooperider	Health issues
Julie Wilson	Her dad, Robert Wilson	Health Issues
The Chessers	Toosie Eggers	Health Issues

the Week for the week of April 13. Clay is a member of the Battling Bishop's mens' track and field team and was named Men's Distance Runner of the week. At the recent All-Ohio Division III championship meet he won the 10,000 meter run.

- Steve and Karen Stoner have a new email address: ssstoner2@columbus.rr.com



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12:00 Open House at Sarah Moore (until 2:00)	2
Peace Sunday 3 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 4:00 Ordination service & reception for Robert Russell	4 7:00 Deacons	5	6 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	National Day of Prayer 7 7:00 Board of Christian Education	8 6:00 Second Friday Dinner at Andrews House	9
Mother's Day 10 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with CWS Blankets of Hope 	11	12 7:00 Trustees	13 7:00 Choir	14 12:00 Young at Heart	15	Armed Forces Day 16 8:00 ABM Breakfast
17 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 Friends Listening For God.	18	19	20 7:00 Choir	21 11:30 ABW at Buehlers	22	23
24 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Newsletter deadline. Submit articles to Larry Faulk.	Memorial Day 25 	26	27	28 7:00 Parish Council	29	30
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Dear FBC family:

The lyrics of a popular song have this line, "These are a few of my favorite things." The surprise celebration of my 60th birthday featured some of my favorite things; doughnuts, potato chips, M & M's, grits, tenderloin, and Coca-Cola. Thank you for making the day special. As I looked at all of the birthday cards later that afternoon I realized anew how blessed I am to be your pastor. Add that to my list of favorite things.

Another of my favorite things is the trustworthy leadership of FBC. Just before I was to go out of town for a week we were presented with a special opportunity to have a visit from Debbie Kelsey, who with her husband Jim serves as an ABCUSA missionary in Northern Italy. I turned the task of inviting people and arranging the meal over to Betty Porter and Pam Faulk. With little advance warning we were able to have a good group to hear Debbie's presentation. I appreciate the willingness of the ABW group to give up their monthly lunch meeting so more people could be informed about our mission work. Thanks to all who helped make the meal possible. It is our hope to build on that meal

and presentation as we become more active partners with the Kelseys and their ministry.

Yet another of my favorite things is the remarkable generosity of the people of FBC. Just as we were considering new carpet and paint for the sanctuary the heat pump at the parsonage gave up the ghost. As of this writing you have already contributed or pledged enough to meet the cost of the new heating and air-conditioning units at the parsonage. In addition pledges and gifts have been given to cover the cost of new carpet in the sanctuary. We are still working on the costs of painting and renovating the fellowship hall. While all of those demands were being met we also managed to honor our mothers with contributions for Church World Service Blanket Sunday of \$322.00.

The month of June is the time we collect the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. This offering which is collected by several denominations goes to meet human need all around the globe. When I pastored in Oklahoma I saw how quickly this money met needs after our community suffered yet another devastating tornado. We were privileged to be given the opportunity to help people put their lives back

together. Please give generously to help us meet our goal of \$600.00.

Invite your friends to church so they might share in the blessings of this faith community.

Your Pastor,



All Church Family Picnic

Our all-church family picnic will be held on Sunday, June 14 at 11:30 at Blue Limestone Park. Bring beverages, table service, and a dish to share. Don't forget your lawn chairs, fishing gear, and outdoor games.

This is always a great time of good food and fellowship
...hope to see you there!

-Board of Christian Ed

Guest Editor's Note

Thanks to those who contributed to this edition of the newsletter. It is intended to provide timely news for the fellowship. Quality formatting, design, and editing will return next month with the real editor, Jim Stephenson.

-Larry

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June

- 2 Jerry & Lana Palmer
- 4 Patricia Foor
Dwight Davidson
- 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
- 22 June Grubbs
- 24 Beth Trigg
- 27 Dwight & Kari Davidson
Jenna Inscho
- 28 Jami Riedmiller
- 30 Jimmie & Jane Moore

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson

Supplies Needed

The Sewing Group is in need of fabrics suitable for lap robes. These can be placed in the store room in the corner of the Fellowship Hall. We also need old sheets which are suitable for "tearing and rolling" into bandages for Haiti. If you have questions please call Jeanne Ekelberry or Evelyn Lee. We meet to work on the first Wednesday of the month from 10am to 2pm. All are welcome to join us. You don't have to sew to help.

-The Sewing Group

Directory Update

- Please delete Pat & Bob Foor's home phone number (using cell phones only). Also Pat's email should be pat.foor@yahoo.com
- Randy Turner's cell phone should be 816-0268

Blanket Sunday	May 10, 2009	In Memory & In Honor of:
Jim and Ann Brown.....	In memory of:	Teresa Griffith, Ruth Brown, Edith Hall
	In honor of:	June Grubbs
Kathy Chesser.....	In memory of:	Jessie Street
Sam Chesser.....	In honor of:	Kathy Chesser
Tim Chesser.....	In honor of:	Hazel Chesser
Jeanne Ekelberry.....	In memory of:	Ethel Trogdon
Geneva Evans.....	In memory of:	Ernestine Frost
Pam and Larry Faulk.....	In honor of:	Evoleno Cole, Florence Faulk, Jean Wickum, Laurie Faulk, Erin Faulk, Pat Rose, Jodi Mustard
Erin and Larry Faulk.....	In honor of:	Pam Faulk, Laurie Faulk, Florence Faulk, Evoleno Cole, Jean Wickum
Will and Gabe Fogle.....	In honor of:	Deborah Fogle
The Fogles.....	In honor of:	Carol Serviss, Mary Lou Lovell
Bob and Pat Foor.....	In memory of:	Mildred Foor, Marjorie Shively
Kennedy Family.....	In honor of:	Becky Sykes, Marilyn Kennedy
Evelyn Lee.....	In honor of:	Barbara Lee, Linda Lee, Marcia Lee
Rick Lee.....	In honor of:	Evelyn Lee
Mary Lou and David Lovell.....	In memory of:	Rose Vespary, Jennie Lovell, Margaret Morby
	In honor of:	Deborah Fogle
Jerry and Lana Palmer.....	In memory of:	Mary Helen Palmer
	In honor of:	Bernice Turney
Ken and Genevieve Peterson.....	In memory of:	Jessie Peterson
	In honor of:	Amanda MacNeill
	In honor of:	Martha Rhodes
Betty Porter.....	In memory of:	Dorothy Peterson
	In honor of:	Blanche Berger
	In honor of:	Martha Jane Guy
Barb Reed.....	In memory of:	Janet Porter, Jennifer Cramer
	In honor of:	Katherine Clapper
	In honor of:	Cris Riedmiller, Holly Kauf, Katherine Riedmiller, Sharon Baker
Robert and Kathy Russell.....	In honor of:	Barbara Hock, Mildred Russell
Jim Stephenson.....	In honor of:	Sophia Stephenson
Sykes Family.....	In honor of:	Betty Stout, Shannon Kennedy
Claire, Ben, Calvin Turner.....	In memory of:	Willa Corder
Randy and Jennifer Turner.....	In memory of:	Willa Corder, Freeda Jones
	In honor of:	Jane Moore, Tonabell Turner
Jim and Bertha VanBrimmer.....	In memory of:	Their mothers
Linda and Peter White.....	In memory of:	Carolyn Schneeberger
	In honor of:	Margaret Seckman

Summer Hours to Begin

We will begin our summer schedule with Morning Worship at 10:00 on June 7th. There will be no Sunday School or Junior Church during the summer.

Trustee Notes

- Beth Trigg has been employed as janitor for the church. Please coordinate any janitorial needs and/or requests with Jimmie Moore.
- The 30 year old heating and air conditioning system at the parsonage is being replaced by Sunbury Plumbing and Heating who provided the "lowest and best" bid of \$3,625 for a Lennox brand system. Columbia Gas will extend the gas line to the house at no charge. There will be an approximate \$500 cost for the gas line plumbing within the house. The air conditioning portion is installed and working. The furnace will be operational when the gas line is completed. Generous gifts and pledges will cover the cost of this project.
- Thanks to Jimmie Moore and Jerry Palmer for filling dirt in around an external corner of the parsonage where it had "washed out".

*-Peter White, reporting
for the trustees*

Personals

Wil Verhoff graduated from Methodist Theological School in Ohio with a Master of Divinity degree on Saturday, May 23. Wil, his wife, Barbara, and other family and friends were in Delaware that weekend for the graduation ceremony. Wil sends his greetings and said he misses everyone at First Baptist Church.

Rev. Robert Russell was the guest preacher at First Baptist Church of Delaware on May 17 and at Grand Prairie Baptist Church on May 24. On May 24 he felt very blessed to

be able to baptize a young boy and to help a young girl who came forward at the altar call to commit her life to Jesus Christ. He will be the guest preacher at Grand Prairie Baptist Church again on June 7.

Sam Chesser was recently inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national Political Science Honor Society. He was also inducted into Theta Alpha Kappa, the national honor society for Religious Studies and Theology.

Prayer Closet / Meditation Room Now Available To All

Recently preparations were completed for the Prayer Closet/Meditation Room, which is located in the "south vestibule" of the sanctuary. The purpose of this room is to provide a quiet space to commune with God. A Bible, chairs, and kneeling cushions are there for your use. A crucifix, candles, and pictures offer reminders of the One Who will never leave us nor forsake us. We invite you to spend some time with God in this secluded spot, away from all distractions.

America for Christ Offering Exceeds Goal

The America for Christ Offering totaled \$1,021.14. Thanks to all who contributed to this special offering.

Congratulations Grads

Dominique DeBiasio and Calvin Turner are Hayes High School 2009 graduates.

Mission News – One Great Hour of Sharing

A luncheon was held May 21 in the Fellowship Hall to meet Debbie Kelsey and Carol Kuntz. Debbie is a missionary working with English speaking immigrants who are caught in the prostitution industry. This human tragedy is happening in Italy where Debbie, her husband, Jim, and sons live. This couple is involved with urban missions and assist with theological training.

The month of June is for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. The donations you give will help further mission work throughout the world. There is a great need for our support with a goal of \$600. Envelopes are in the pew racks, so I hope you give, knowing your gift will be used to help so many.

*-Carol Serviss,
Mission Coordinator*

Gifts & Pledges Update

Gifts and pledges received indicate that we will have funds to pay for the heating and cooling project at the parsonage as well as the sanctuary carpet. They also suggest that painting the sanctuary (and assembly area) may be possible as well anticipating additional gifts and pledges.

To date, we have received \$4,450 for the HVAC and/or "undesignated", \$6,731 for carpet, \$2,340 for painting, and \$1,500 for the fellowship hall.

-Larry Faulk, finance

Prayer List

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	Jim VanBrimmer	Health Issues
Jean Wickum	Martha Green	
	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
	Mary & Steve Sealey	Health Issues
The Bakers	Victoria Baker	Health Issues
	Heath Baker	Auto Accident Injuries
The Chessers	Toosie Eggers	Health Issues & Auto Accident Injuries
Evelyn Lee	Mary Tilson	at Willowbrook
	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health Issues
	Florence Faulk	at Delaware Court
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	
Erin Faulk	Kathy Sharp	Cancer Treatments
Lana Palmer	Jack Cooperider	Health Issues
Jule Wilson	Her dad, Robert Wilson	Health Issues
Beth Trigg	Connie Coy	Brain Cancer
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's Health

Thank You!

A big thank you to all who gave on Blanket Sunday, the complete list of contributors is in this month's newsletter. We will also be taking an offering on Father's Day, June 21, 2009 for Church World Service. These offerings were formerly known as "Blanket Sunday" and "Tools for Hope", they are now a part of the Blankets+ Program. If you are not familiar with the ministry of Church World Service, it is an organization that provides emergency relief and helps those in need all over the World. We join with over 8,000 other churches around the country by dedicating offerings to help Church World Service partnership with local communities to build a foundation for a more viable economic future. Some of the ministries include: blankets, tents, food, tools, seeds, water wells, literacy training and microcredit to help impoverished communities recover from disasters and/or build a sustainable economy. While these offerings go to the Blankets+ program, Church World Service also sponsors the CROP walk held each Fall. Thank you for your continued support of Church World Service and the meaningful and necessary services they provide.

*-Randy Turner,
Financial Secretary*

Thank You Very Much!

We want to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who helped Robert throughout the ordination process and made his ordination service so special. Many thanks to all who participated in and attended the ordination service on May 3, those who organized and held the reception afterward, everyone who gave us cards and gifts, and those who were unable to attend but wanted to be there and expressed their congratulations and good wishes. Everything about Robert's ordination day was just perfect! The ordination service itself was very meaningful, and the reception was lovely. We were surrounded by more wonderful friends who came to celebrate with us than we could have imagined! It means so much to us that all of you were there! Robert's ordination was one of the most significant events of our entire lives. We will remember it always with great joy.

*Sincerely,
Robert & Kathy Russell*

Mission Encounters July and August

The American Baptist Churches of Ohio are offering something new this summer—two **Mission Encounters!**

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The second Mission Encounter, featuring Dr. Stan Slade as the key speaker, will be on August 8 at the First Baptist Church of Massillon, Ohio.

Look for additional information in next month's newsletter. Registration forms are available from Rev. Tim Chesser, Kathy Russell (740-362-5465), and ABC/Ohio (www.abc-ohio.org or 740-587-0804).

*-Kathy Russell,
Adult/Leadership Education*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 Piecemakers	2	3 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	4 7:00 Board of Christian Education	5	6 8:30am Sunday School Teachers' Breakfast & Mtg at Faulks
7 10:00 Morning Worship with Communion & Fellowship Remember to Contribute to PIN Begin One Great Hour of Sharing Offering	8 7:00 Deacons	9 7:00 Trustees	10	11 12:00 Young at Heart	12	13
14 Children's Day - Flag Day 10:00 Morning Worship 11:30 Picnic at Blue Limestone	15	16	17	18 11:30 ABW at Buehlers	19	20 8am ABW at Buehlers
Pastor Tim on Vacation 15 - 28						
Father's Day 21 10:00 Morning Worship <i>Tools of Hope Offering</i> Lisa Ho guest pastor 3:00 Friends Listening for God <i>Last day to submit newsletter items</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
Pastor Tim on Vacation 15 - 28						
28 10:00 Morning Worship Betty Porter guest speaker One Great Hour of Sharing Offering ends <i>July newsletter available today.</i>	29	30				

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Dear FBC family:

Have you heard about the law of unintended consequences? It comes into play when you are attempting to do one thing and get another result. Sometimes the result is good and sometimes bad. Last Sunday we had an insert in our bulletin about the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Tucked away in one of the paragraphs was a little piece about fair trade coffee. After church one of our members asked me what it would take for us to commit to serving fair trade coffee at our fellowship times. It was also suggested that if we purchased such coffee from Global Village we would multiply our good efforts. I promised to take the idea to the deacons, who are responsible for our fellowship times. The deacons agreed that this would be a good idea and Victor Fogle agreed to be the go to person for this idea. If you notice that we are running out of coffee please let Victor know. He will then make sure that replacements are fair trade coffee. Fair trade coffee comes from cooperatives that make sure the growers of the coffee make a fair return for their effort. Our one time effort to raising money from this offering has led to the unintended consequences of an ongoing way to help people around the world.

At our July business meeting we will be discussing the ways

we support ministries in other parts of the world. For a host of reasons giving to the over all ministry of American Baptist Churches USA has declined in recent years. One of the ways



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the denomination has tried to deal with this problem is to create missionary partnership teams. These teams would spread the word about a particular missionary and seek to broaden the base of support. As originally envisioned it would be a gradual process that would contribute the majority of support for a particular ministry. Earlier this year I received a letter from Dr. Reid Trulson, Executive Director of the Board of International Ministries, which said that the gradual

process was no longer going to work. The financial meltdown has reached our mission work. Dr. Trulson wrote that if our Missionary Partnership Teams were not able to reach 100% of their goals by September of this year there was a chance the missionary represented by that MPT might be recalled.

We have a special relationship with two missionary couples, the Davidsons in Japan and the Kelseys in Italy. While we intend to continue to support all of our missionaries through our contributions to the United Mission Budget we also want to acknowledge our special relationship with these two families. After conversations with the Board of Deacons and the Finance committee a proposal to designate \$100 per month to each of these ministries will be presented at the July business meeting. Our original goal was for this to be in effect for the last six months of the year. When the special business meeting on May 30 was canceled it changed the timing of the request. The proposal will still call for designating \$600 to each of these ministries through the rest of the year. If you would like further details about the big picture please see me.

I hope you will put August 29 & 30 on your calendar. Our all church retreat will begin at 8:00 on Saturday morning with breakfast and end after lunch

on Sunday. Our tentative theme will be "Growing Persons." We will reflect on our own faith experiences, consider different styles of faith and identify implications for discipleship.



Attention Sunday School Teachers!

Thank you all for volunteering to teach Sunday school next year. Please be sure to have your requests for fall curriculum to me by Sunday, July 5.

— Pam Faulk

Retreat News

By now, you should have the date of this year's church retreat on your

calendar. You should be getting information about the retreat and registration some time in July.

— Pam Faulk

Hearing-Impaired Church Members

Once again, it seems that I have become the spokesperson for the hearing impaired. Did you know that there are AT LEAST 13 adults in our church fellowship who have moderate to severe hearing loss? (If you don't think you are one of these people, just ask your family members.) If you are hearing impaired, did you know that there are listening devices in the basket in the vestibule? These work quite well in picking up whatever is being said over any



of the microphones. They do, however, plug one ear, so you will have to take it out to hear things not given over the microphone. There are usually 4 of these available since I now have my own personal one that Larry bought for me. If you are having trouble hearing the service, try using one of these devices.

Did you know that when you lose your hearing, you often cannot hear your own consonant sounds very well, so you tend not to use them, so it is more difficult for other people to understand what you are saying. Whether you are hearing impaired or not, we all need to slow down and speak more distinctly, so that others can understand what we are saying. This is especially true, however, when speaking to someone with hearing loss. They cannot understand the funny little asides you add to a conversation. Speak directly to the person, speak more slowly, and enunciate. So often the problem is not so much volume as it is clarity. If you are hearing impaired, speak up a little more and enunciate.

When you have an announcement to make in church, PLEASE PLEASE either write it out for the pastor to read or grab one of the microphones that are available. Even if you think your announcement is only for certain people and it does not matter, those of us who are hearing impaired do not know that. All we know is that someone is announcing something and we can't hear it. As many of our church fellowship grow older, these are pointers that we all should remember.

— Pam Faulk

Trustees Notes

- At the parsonage, the new gas line was run from the street to the house. The gas plumbing inside to the new furnace has been completed.
- The new valve in the church's mens' room has started leaking. Sunbury Plumbing and Heating replaced it with another new valve.
- Jerry Palmer and Peter White cleaned out downspouts at the "old" parsonage and at the church. Several were plugged up. Jerry inserted two new pipes under the walk that leads to the rear of the church.

— Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Young at Heart

There were 15 of us at Young at Heart, and we had a great time sharing memories of our first-grade year. We discovered that all parts of the USA were represented, and two went to school in Canada.

Some went to large schools and one went to a one-room school with eight grades in that one room. We remembered special things from that year. Some loved their teacher; some hated her. We talked about the difference between today's schools and schools back then. We remember cloak rooms, wooden paddles with holes drilled in them, recess games, and getting a little carton of milk every day.

Our next meeting will be noon on Thursday, July 9, in the Fellowship Hall. You're welcome, too.

— Jean Wickum, Convenor

Mission Encounters in July and August

The American Baptist Churches of Ohio are offering something new this summer—two **Mission Encounters!** They will each be held on a **Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** These Mission Encounters are “designed to be geographically accessible, financially affordable, and sensitive to everyone’s busy, hectic schedule. Each Mission Encounter will include inspiring worship, exciting keynote speakers, informative workshops, relevant mission resources, fellowship and food,” says Rev. Dr. Lawrence Swain, ABC/Ohio’s Executive Minister.

The first Mission Encounter, featuring Rev. Walter White as the main speaker, will be on **July 11 at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Chillicothe, Ohio.** Rev. White’s specialty is evangelism which reaches believers of the world’s major religions. He is also an expert on Islam, and he is extensively involved in projects in Bangladesh.

The second Mission Encounter, featuring Dr. Stan Slade as the key speaker, will be on **August 8 at the First Baptist Church of Massillon, Ohio.** Dr. Slade is a professor and global consultant for theological education. He works with missionaries and others to help people experience the transforming message of Scripture through Bible study.

Other speakers from National and International Ministries will also be leading workshops at the Mission Encounters.

Registration forms and additional information are available from Rev. Tim Chesser, Kathy Russell (740-362-5465), and ABC/Ohio (www.abc-ohio.org or 740-587-0804).

The price for each Mission Encounter, including lunch and snacks, is only \$35 per adult, \$60 per couple, and \$10 per child. Activities and supervision for children are provided. Child Care Registration forms are due approximately one week before each event takes place.

Plan now to attend!

— Kathy Russell
Adult/Leadership Education

Friends Listening for God

For the month of July, *Friends Listening for God* will meet on the fourth Sunday, July 26, at 3:00 p.m. The topic for discussion will be “Visions.” In August the group will return to the usual meeting time on the third Sunday of the month. We hope to see you there!

— Kathy Russell

Thank You

Dear First Baptist Church Family,
Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making my 90th birthday such as memorable occasion. Thanks for the cards, flowers, and gifts. And for the handshakes and hugs and good wishes. And for the beautiful birthday cake at the Young at Heart meeting. And for the truly beautiful moment when you all — the whole congregation — sang Happy Birthday to me!

God surely was guiding Wick and I on that August 1949 morning when we came to First Baptist!

— Jean Wickum

One Great Hour of Sharing

June 28th is the last day to donate to One Great Hour of Sharing. If you have not yet given and wish to, envelopes are in the pew rack. Your money will be used to help so many and they need our support. Your donation provides food, shelter, seeds, animals and health care. We are very fortunate to have so much and I’m sure you will want to give to those in need.

— Carol Serviss
Mission Coordinator

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 1	Robert & Patricia Foor
3	Phil Mercer
5	Victor & Deborah Fogle
6	Sam Chesser
7	Roger Kennedy
11	Karsen Grace Riedmiller
12	Pam Shears
14	Sara Bowman
15	Sandy Van Brimmer
17	Nichelle Trigg Ed and Angie Burton
18	Peter & Linda White
19	Jarrod Trigg
23	Robert Russell
28	Regan Riedmiller
30	Bernice Turney
31	Ashlee Inscho

Please report any errors or omissions to
Jim Stephenson.

Personals

- Will Fogle fell and broke his arm while playing soccer
- Calvin Turner received the Archie Griffin Sportsman Award
- Congratulations to graduates Calvin Turner, Dominique DeBasio, and Spencer Kauf.
- Jean Osborne had cataract surgery
- Florence Faulk had cataract surgery
- Pam DeBasio is recovering from surgery

• Dominique DeBiasio will be singing the National Anthem and "God Bless America" at the Central Ohio Symphony Concert on July 4th at 8:00 p.m. (Phillips Glen) This will proceed the annual 4th of July fireworks in Delaware.

• Sam Chesser delivered our sermon on Children's Day

Carpet & Paint Committee

At the next quarterly business meeting on Wednesday, July 29, the committee will present our recommendations for carpet and paint in the sanctuary.

We also plan to display our recommendations in the sanctuary on Sunday, July 26th, so that everyone will have an opportunity to view them ahead of time and in daylight.

-Jim Stephenson, Chair

Tools of Hope

Thank you to all who contributed to the "Tools for Hope" offering on Father's Day to support Church World Service. We received \$325.00 in donations and with our "Blanket Sunday" offering, the total for Church World Service this year is \$657.00.

Way to go First Baptist!

*- Randy Turner
Financial Secretary*

Note: The list of dedications will appear in next month's newsletter. - Editor

Prayer List

Please give any additions or corrections to a deacon.

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The Chessers	Toosie Eggers	Health issues & auto accident injuries
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Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	
Erin Faulk	Kathy Sharp	Cancer treatments
Julie Wilson	Her dad, Robert Wilson	Health issues
Beth Trigg	Connie Coy	Brain cancer
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health
Anna & Jim Brown	Lin Tien Lai in Taiwan	Injuries due to fall from roof
Lisa & Tim Fogle	Tyler Wayne Fogle	Premature birth & continued hospital care

Church Directory Update

Please update your copy of the 2009 Church Directory with the info below.

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Dear FBC family:

At the end of last month Harold Van Broekhoven represented us as a delegate to the Biennial of the ABCUSA. He has written a short and long version of his experience there. I am presenting the short version in my column space this month. If you would like to see the long version or if you have any questions please see me.

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Pasadena, California
June 26-28, 2009

As your delegate to the 2009 Biennial, I don't think you need to hear much about all my schmoozing with old friends from around the country, or my visits in off-hours to the beautiful gardens of the Huntington Library and the Los Angeles Arboretum, or my enjoyment of warm, sunny Southern California days with cool breezes in the shade or cool nights, or of some really scrumptious Southern California meals. It might be more relevant to hear of inspiring (if sometimes awfully – too? – long) worship services in the beautiful old auditorium of the Pasadena Convention Center, or of my enthusiasm for a denomination which, at the Biennials at least, reveals itself to be the most ethnically, culturally, racially diverse church in America – a genuine cross-section of modern American life and a witness to the possibility of a Church which can bring disparate folks together in worship and fellowship.

As your delegate I feel responsible

to report on the particular tasks to which delegates are obligated – that is, voting on denominational matters. Usually this involves voting for "Statements of Concern" and, this year, it involved voting on a plan for restructuring the governance of the denomination – the first since 1979 and a rather radical redefinition of the way the denomination is to be run at the national level.



August

Perhaps not too much need be said about the two Statements of Concern that were brought to the floor entitled "Building Neighborhoods of Grace in a Culture of Fear" and "Poverty Amidst Prosperity: A Call to Recommitment to Economic Justice." These statements reflect the generally socially or politically progressive identity of the traditional American Baptist Churches. I suppose they establish official denominational positions, although they are generally couched in such vague terms that they do not much commit anyone to anything specific. They were voted through with little dissent and not much

discussion, perhaps because overshadowed by the much bigger and vastly more serious issue – that of the proposed changes in the Bylaws of the denomination. This Biennial may go down in our Baptist history as a critical moment for the denomination.

After about an hour of discussion, plus a small workshop attended by about 75 of us delegates, the delegates voted for the proposed Bylaw changes by a vote 377 to 217. Since the change in Bylaws required a 2/3 majority vote, the proposal failed and the denomination as currently structured must hope that it survives for another two years until a new, or revised, or much better explained change to the Bylaws is recommended for the Puerto Rico Biennial in 2011.

In many ways, I suppose changes in the organizational Bylaws of ABC-USA may not much affect life in a local congregation. Our history of congregational autonomy means we often don't think too much about the national denomination. But ABC-USA has had a very important witness in America for over two centuries and our part in the greater Church is important. This Biennial could either be the beginning of the end or the beginning of a new phase in our corporate life. I pray that even in this post-denominational age, ABC-USA emerges from this crisis. If anyone is interested in my somewhat longer description of the vote on the changes to the Bylaws, you might contact me or Pastor Chesser.

– Harold Van Broekhoven

All-Church Retreat at Camp Christian August 29-30

Our all-church retreat is just around the corner. The committee has planned activities for young and old alike around our theme of "GROWING PERSONS" for the weekend of August 29 to 30 at Camp Christian.

If you did not receive your information packet, please see Kathy Chesser. Registration forms are due to Kathy Chesser by August 9.

Please remember that

there will be no worship service held at the church on August 30. Instead, the service will be at Camp Christian at 11:00 a.m. Won't you join us there?

— Pam Faulk

Attention Sunday School Teachers

There will be a meeting for all Sunday school teachers on Saturday, August 22, at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Curriculum will be distributed at that time. Please do not forget to put away things from your classroom from last year, as some teachers may be changing rooms. Substitute teachers need not attend the meeting if they do not wish to.

— Pam Faulk

Praise Jam 4

Our wonderful church and its talented youth will be representing us this year at Praise Jam 4.

This is the 4th year that Common Ground Free Store Ministries has held this joyful fundraiser!

The event is held at Mingo Park (or at the Gazette Building at the fairgrounds in case of rain) on Saturday, August 15, and begins

at 11:30, culminating at 5:30. Picnic-style food will be available all day. Eight versatile bands will be performing (something for ALL age groups!) and an uplifting puppet show will keep the spirit moving.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for 12 and under. Children's activities will be provided by the various booths.

Matt Yoder will be leading our youth, so why not come out and support our church and Common Ground?

Please see me for tickets.

Thanks,

— Beth Trigg

The Painting of Christ in the Baptistry

Have you ever wondered where the painting in the baptistry came from? It was a gift to the church from Ernestine Frost, an active member, much loved by those who knew her.

On the day it was first put in place, she told us about inheriting some money, and as she sat happily deciding how she would spend it, she was suddenly struck with guilt, for she had not thought at all to spend it on something for Jesus.

The painting was a new portrayal of the Savior and people liked that it reached out to all.

For many years now it has been there, welcoming us to worship. And for many of us "old ones," reminding us of a valued colleague gone home.

— Jean Wickum

Second Friday Update

Second Friday dinners continue to be well-attended. In July we served nearly 50 guests at Andrews House and over 50 dinners were taken out.

First Baptist will again be Mixers and Greeters on August 14th and

September 11th. Please let me know if you can help on either of those dates.

September will be our turn to furnish dessert, which will be peach pie. If you can furnish an 8" pie to Andrews House by 5:00 P.M., please let me know. Please contact me if you'd like to donate \$9 so that I may purchase pies.

Many of Andrews House Church Partners now have their own free community dinner and no longer take their turns on Second Friday. Thus those remaining churches need to take more responsibilities.

Thanks for your continued support of this important Andrews House program.

— Evelyn Lee

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Family Camp at Camp Kirkwood on Labor Day Weekend

(IMPORTANT NOTE: This is NOT our all-church retreat. Our all-church retreat is at Camp Christian, and is discussed in a separate article on this page. —Editor)

Family Camp 2009 will take place at Camp Kirkwood in Wilmington, Ohio, on **September 4-6**. Do something **extra-special** this **Labor Day weekend** and come to Camp Kirkwood for great recreation and valuable information on strengthening families and building healthy marriages. Attend for one day only as time permits, or stay for the whole weekend. Either way, it promises to be lots of fun for everyone with **activities and programs for all ages!** Individuals and families are all welcome as part of **God's family.**

Guest speakers for the weekend will be **Michael and Amy Smalley**. Yes, they are related to the well-known author, Gary Smalley! They have much to offer from the **Smalley Marriage**

and Family Center:

www.smalleymarriagecenter.com.

The beauty of **God's creation will surround you** as you play, relax, learn, worship, meet new friends, and deepen family relationships. Camp fires, crafts, swimming, canoeing, volleyball, hiking, board games, ping pong, food, and other fun await you.

Don't delay — contact Camp Kirkwood today!

Kirkwood Camp and Conference Center

5719 S.R. 73 West

Wilmington, OH 45177

Phone: (937) 382-3535

Fax: (937) 382-4502

Web: www.campkirkwood.net

Email: campkirkwood@verizon.net

— Kathy Russell

Adult/Leadership Education

Trustees Notes

- The gas company installed a new gas meter at the parsonage.
- Our renters will be leaving the old parsonage. The trustees will be looking for new renters.
- On Monday, July 13, the state elevator inspector came to the church. We passed, but the license must be displayed.
- The children's toilet in the nursery started leaking. Since this is a miniature toilet with a wall-hung tank, it was labor-intensive to disassemble and rebuild with a new wax seal and other fittings. This work by Don Patrick cost \$275.94.

— Peter White

Reporting for the Trustees

Letters of Thanks

(Letters are condensed)

From Common Ground Free Store

On behalf of the entire Common Ground Free Store (CGFS), I want to thank you for your recent donation totaling \$279.00. Your donation is a glorious display of

your Christ-like commitment to serving your community, and your willingness to work with others in Christian unity!

Through your efforts, and those of many other Delaware area churches, CGFS has already helped over 2,600 families in the Delaware community get household items and clothing they need without charge.

May God bless you for your generosity!

— Susan Kraus, Treasurer

Common Ground Free Store

p.s. We now have a newsletter which we're hoping to publish each quarter. For an email copy, contact Bonnie Ristau at bonniefs@columbus.rr.com, or phone the store at 369-FREE.

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From Andrews House in June

You are a most generous congregation! We were thrilled to receive First Baptist's \$200 in support of Andrews House programs and services. In these challenging times for philanthropy, members of your church continue to give and give more. We do not take your contributions lightly and will put your church's treasure to the best possible uses.

We thank all members of First Baptist for being partners with Andrews House as we live out our vision of "People Strengthening People."

— Donald G. Chenoweth

Executive Director

Andrews House

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From Andrews House in July

Once again we have been deeply moved by the generosity of First Baptist Church. We just received \$250 from First Baptist's 2009 designated missions offering with permission to use it for any Andrews House project. The fact that your gift is unrestricted is greatly appreciated. ... We are

grateful for your generosity.

— Donald Chenoweth

Executive Director

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From People in Need in June

The Board of Directors and staff of People in Need (PIN) thank you for your generous donation of \$300. The Emergency Services Assistance programs have been chosen to receive this gift.

— Kevin Crowley

Executive Director

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From People in Need in July

I would like to thank you for your investment in The Campaign for Possibilities. We are grateful for your partnership as we work to make a difference in the lives of Delaware County residents who are in need of emergency assistance. Funds received will help PIN move into a new, larger facility with adequate parking, private conference rooms, and a loading area which will allow us to accept and distribute more emergency food.

— Dorothy Spain

Development Coordinator

Personals

• Tim and Lisa Fogle's premature baby, Tyler, was released from Riverside Hospital.

• Jean Syler had cataract surgery.

• Melissa Mercer had LASIK eye surgery.

• Jimmy & Jane Moore attended Jimmie's class reunion in Morgantown, West Virginia.

• Tim and Kathy Chesser attended a reunion in Atlanta for his classmates that turned 60 this year.

• Ken and Genevieve Peterson attended the wedding of their granddaughter in Michigan.

• Flo Faulk's family had a family reunion at Alum Creek

• Jarrod and Nichelle Trigg and family have moved from New Jersey to Cincinnati.

• Jean Ekelberry's son, Charles, has returned to Florida after spending 5 weeks here while Jeanne recuperated from surgery.

• Julie Wilson has moved to Alabama.

VACATION PERSONALS: Just a reminder that I generally don't list vacation trips anymore, unless they were to attend a special event, or unless they were submitted. If you'd like your trip mentioned, please feel free to submit a brief description and I'll be glad to include it. – Editor

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
- 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
- Ken Shears
- 27 Linda White
- Penny Hagaman
- 28 Pam DeBiasio
- 30 Katie Riedmiller
- Archie Trigg

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

The newsletter continues on the back of the calendar.

Prayer List

Please give any additions or corrections to a deacon.

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
Jane Moore	George Corder	Health issues
	Cathie Corder	Continued recovery
	Olivia Langwasser	Leukemia
The Deacons	Pam DeBiasio	Health issues
	Jim VanBrimmer	Health issues
	Julie Wilson	Has moved to Alabama; seeks employment and cares for her father
Jeanne Ekelberry	Her step-son John	Recovering from surgery for colon cancer
Matt & Marci Cooper	John & Shea Cummings and Family	Death of 4-month-old daughter, Sydney
Jean Wickum	Martha Green	Heart problems
	Fran Cook	Health issues
	Mary & Steve Sealey	Health issues
The Bakers	Victoria Baker	Health issues
	Heath Baker	Auto accident injuries
The Chessers	Toosie Eggers	Health issues & auto accident injuries
Evelyn Lee	Mary Tilson	at Willowbrook
	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health issues
	Florence Faulk	at Delaware Court
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	
Erin Faulk	Kathy Sharp	Cancer treatments
Beth Trigg	Connie Coy	Brain cancer
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health
Anna & Jim Brown	Lin Tien Lai in Taiwan	Injuries due to fall from roof
Lisa & Tim Fogle	Tyler Wayne Fogle	Baby Tyler in home from the hospital; continued prayer for his good health

Church Directory Update

Please update your copy of the 2009 Church Directory with the info below.

Jarrod and Nichelle Trigg
 Their new phone number was listed incorrectly in last month's newsletter. The correct number is:
 (513) 834-8225

Tools of Hope

Thank you to all who contributed to the "Tools for Hope" offering on Father's Day (June 21) to support Church World Service. We received \$325.00 in donations and with our "Blanket Sunday" offering, the total for Church World Service this year is \$657.00. Way to go First Baptist!

— Randy Turner
Financial Secretary

Given by:

The Bowman's
James and Anna Brown

Kathy Chesser
Sam Chesser
Jeanne Ekelberry
Erin and Pam Faulk
Larry and Pam Faulk

Will and Gabe Fogle

Vic Fogle
Evelyn Lee

Dave and Mary Lou Lovell

Mary Lou Lovell
Jim and Jane Moore

Jean Osborne

Lana and Jerry Palmer

Ken and Genevieve Peterson
Betty Porter

Robert and Kathy Russell

Janet Lathrop and Pam Shears

Barbara and Kip Smith
Beth Trigg
Randy and Jennifer Turner

Bertha and Jim VanBrimmer
Sandy and Rick VanBrimmer

Jean Wickum

In honor/memory of:



In honor of Jim Brown
In honor of James Brown
In memory of:
Charles Brown
Fred Grubbs Sr.
In honor of Wynson Hope
In honor of Tim Chesser
In memory of Hewlett Trogdon
In honor of Larry Faulk
In honor of:
Jeff Faulk
Paul Stewart
Steve Mustard
In memory of:
Donald Faulk
Ralph Cole
Ron Rose
Wilbur Wickum
In honor of:
Vic Fogle
Dave Lovell
Ray Serviss
Great-Grandpa Morby
In memory of Willard Guy Fogle
In honor of:
Rick Lee
Doug Lee
In memory of:
Dick Lee
Bruce Lee
In honor of:
Victor Fogle
Raymond Morby
In memory of:
Dr. Robert J. Lovell
A. George Cray
In honor of Dave Lovell
In honor of:
Phil Mercer
Randy Turner
In memory of:
James Currier Moore
Nathan Gerald Corder
In honor of Greg Osborne
In memory of:
David Osborne
Gary Osborne
In memory of:
Ben Turney
C. Welty Palmer
In memory of their fathers
In honor of John Porter
In memory of:
Jim "Billy" Porter
Ralph E. Guy
Samuel Berger
In memory of:
Ken Hock
Lee Russell
Paul Grigsby
In memory of:
Gene Lathrop
Cap Gabriel
In honor of Dave Lovell
In memory of Anne Linn
In honor of:
Jimmie Moore
Heryl Turner
In memory of their fathers
In honor of Jim VanBrimmer
In memory of Fred Stone
In honor of:
Larry Faulk
Dave Lovell
In memory of Wilbur Wickum

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August 2009

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Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 9 to 12
Days Off: Friday and Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:00 Morning Worship	3 Quilters at summer picnic (not at church)	4	5 10:00 Sewing	6	7	8 9:30 Mission Encounter at Massillon, Ohio (until 3:30)
9 10:00 Morning Worship <i>Retreat Registrations Due Today</i>	10	11 7:00 Trustees	12	13 12:00 Young at Heart	14 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	15 8:00 ABM 11:30 Praise Jam 4
16 10:00 Morning Worship 3:00 Friends Listening for God <i>LAST DAY TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES</i>	17 7:00 Deacons	18	19 7:00 Finance Committee	20 11:30 ABW at Buehlers	21	22 10:00 Sunday School Teachers Meeting at the Church
23 10:00 Morning Worship <i>SEPT. NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE</i>	24	25	26 7:00 Choir	27 7:00 Parish Council	28	29  All-Church Retreat at Camp Christian
30 No services at First Baptist. Join us at Camp Christian for morning worship at 11:00 	31	September 1	2 7:00 Choir	3	4	5

Next month: Family Camp at Camp Kirkwood on Labor Day Weekend, September 4 to 6

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

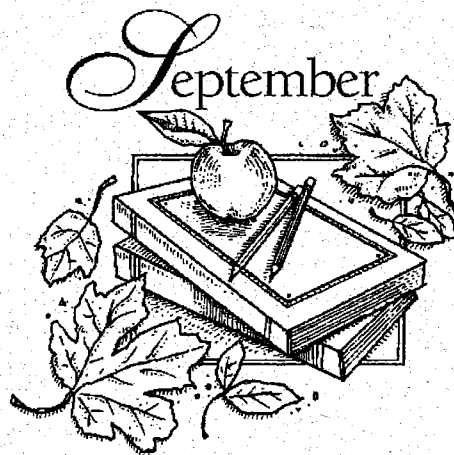
As anniversaries go this is a big one. The Baptist family is celebrating our 400th Anniversary. Dr. Roy Medley, the General Secretary of the ABCUSA, attended a meeting of the Baptist World Alliance to celebrate this anniversary. Following is a part of what he wrote about that gathering.

"I recently attended the Annual Gathering of the Baptist World Alliance in Ede, Netherlands. It is always a joy and a privilege to share in a time when the world-wide Baptist family comes together; our common love of the Lord Jesus Christ is tangible among people from every tribe and tongue and people and nation (Rev. 5:9b).

"We began with a celebration of the 400th anniversary of Baptists, recognizing the founding of the first Baptist church by British exiles living in Amsterdam in 1609. Throughout these past four hundred years Baptists have made impressive contributions to the faith and to the world. Spurred on by William Carey of England, Baptists were the leaders in the modern missionary movement. Baptists gave

to the world the principle of religious liberty which is enshrined in our Bill of Rights, the UN Declaration on Human Rights, and the constitutions of many of the world's nations.

"Baptists have been 'drum majors' for justice and peace with figures as diverse as Walter Rauschenbush, Joanna P. Moore, Martin Luther King, Jr, Edwin Dahlberg, and Jitsuo Morikawa."



I am proud to be a Baptist and appreciate being able to read about our worldwide family gathering. As we retell our history we hold on to it. As we remember from our study a few years ago our Baptist freedoms are "fragile."

When you receive this newsletter we will be a week away from our annual all church retreat. We are meeting earlier than usual this year. The retreat will begin with an 8:00 breakfast on Saturday, August 29, and end with Sunday lunch on August 30. There will be no services at the church on August 30. Even

if you can't be there for the whole retreat you are welcome to join us for the communion and worship service at 11:00. We will be exploring different styles of faith. I am looking forward to sharing some of the new insights I have received while preparing for the retreat. For this year all children third grade and above will participate in all the sessions. Matt will be working with the younger children. I hope to see you there.

Your Pastor,

Fellowship Hall Being Prepared for Redecoration

Thanks are in order for all those who met on Thursday evening, August 6 in the Fellowship Hall. Buckets, rags, brushes, cleaner — all were there to make our job easier. Thanks to Peter's advice, we didn't "flood" the moveable partitions — we just scrubbed the bases (which were really DIRTY!). With a little sanding they'll be ready for paint.

We also lugged an old, old pew outside to the back parking lot. We certainly appreciated having a hose hook-up at Melissa Neill's son's home across the alley; we were able to really give that pew the scrubbing of its life! The dirty water just rolled off. The pew will be sanded and rubbed with tung oil in the

Special Business Meeting Scheduled

There will be a called special business meeting on Sunday, September 13 after worship for the purpose of considering a church painting project and any other necessary church business.

future. Then it will find a "home" in the Youth Corner.

We finished off the evening with pizza, soft drinks and marshmallow crispies.

There's still LOTS of work to be done. You'll be hearing about the various projects in the future. Be ready to bring a paint pan, a roller, and lots of energy when we schedule the "Paint Parties". Surely there'll be a job for YOU!

- Jane Moore

Something New in the Gathering Place

On July 26, Don Chenoweth, Executive Director of Andrews House, was our guest in morning worship. Don presented to the church a framed print of Andrews House as a token of appreciation for our many years of support. The picture is a signed print of an original work by local artist Mary Morrison. We have hung the picture in the Gathering Place, just to the right of the ticking clock. It is a beautiful addition to our Gathering Place and a wonderful reminder that we have many partners in Delaware.

- Pastor Tim

Sanctuary Painting

Since the carpet project has been approved and funded, there has been discussion about how we might move ahead with painting the sanctuary and possibly the assembly room. A special congregational business meeting is being called after worship on September 13 to consider reallocating or borrowing from existing savings (Jones Estate) in order to do the painting this Fall. It is a goal to have the project funded from contributions.

Estimated costs of two coats of paint in the sanctuary, narthex, and baptistery are \$9,300. Painting the Assembly Room would cost an additional \$4,200. To date, receipts of \$1,689 combined with pledges (including undesignated) for the next year of \$2,320 would provide \$4,009 towards this project.

Additional pledges and receipts of \$5,300 would be needed to fully fund the sanctuary painting. The Assembly Room would need an additional \$4,200.

Pledges for this project may be placed in the offering plate or given to Pastor Tim, Randy Turner, or me.

- Larry Faulk
Finance Chairman



Come To Sunday School

We have a GREAT Sunday school program here at First Baptist for young and old alike. We offer a variety of curriculum and teaching styles for our children and adults. Our children's classes are very well-attended. There are actually two adult classes to choose from, and neither requires the students to have a lot of background knowledge.

Why not make a commitment this September to go back to Sunday school? It will revitalize you for the rest of the week. Rally Day is September 13 with opening at 9:15 a.m. The following is a list of Sunday school teachers, and their substitutes in parentheses.

Adult:

Tim Chesser (Larry Faulk)

Adult:

Randy Turner (?)

Senior High (grades 9-12):

Vic Fogle (Liz Bowman)

Middle School (grades 5-8):

Erin Faulk (Lana Palmer)

Middlers (grades 2-4):

Sam Chesser (Melissa Mercer)

PK1 (Preschool, kindergarten, grade 1):

MaryLou Lovell (Kathy Chesser)

Crib Room (ages 0-3):

Debbie Fogle (Pam Faulk)

- Pam Faulk

Trustees Notes

• The dehumidifier in the kitchen gave out, so a new one was purchased at Meijer. The cost was \$139.99. The hose out of this unit goes in the floor drain, so it must not be moved much or it will flood the floor. Also, for this to be effective in the fellowship hall, the doors to the stairwells need to remain closed. If you prop them open for an event, please close them afterwards.

PLEDGE FOR SANCTUARY PAINTING

I pledge \$ _____ per: week month year (check one)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

• A chimney sweep had to be called to the parsonage after racoons got into the chimney. Birds have also gotten in. Pastor Tim purchased a steel-topped wire basket and installed it on top of the chimney. The cleanout by the chimney sweep cost \$119.95.

• Sunbury Plumbing and Heating did the final check of the new heating and cooling system at the parsonage after the gas was connected. This completes this major project which cost \$4,001. The new system totally replaces the one installed in 1978 when the parsonage was built. The timing was good since the law changed last year and the gas company now maintains the line to the house. A year ago, that new line would have cost us around \$1,000. The trustees are very grateful for the special donations which covered the cost of this large project.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Capital Projects Funding Update

Parsonage Heating & AC: Completed, actual cost \$4001. Paid completely by contributions requiring no expenditure of savings.

Sanctuary Carpet: Following the carpet selection at the recent quarterly business meeting, the budget was revised to \$12,884. Contributions and pledges have been received to fully fund the project requiring no expenditure of savings.

– Larry Faulk

Prayer List

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Second Friday

At the Second Friday Dinner on September 11, we will again be serving as greeters and mixers. If you would

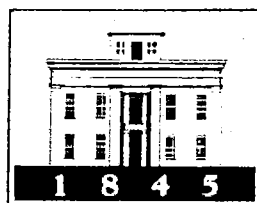
like to help, please let me know. Our thanks to all who have helped in the past.

Thirty-nine attended the August dinner, and there were 40 take-outs.

Please remember we will be furnishing peach pies in September. Donations of \$9.00 may be given to me at any time to purchase the pies. Several have already contributed, but more is needed.

– Evelyn Lee
362-9107

A N D R E W S H O U S E



People Strengthening People

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Sept. 1 Roger & Shannon
Kennedy
Robert and Kathy Russell
- 3 Alec Ferguson
- 4 Roger Kennedy, Jr.
- 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

Please report any errors or omissions to
Jim Stephenson.

Personals

- On July 28, a funeral service for Aunt Alice Osborne was held in Maine and was followed by her burial there. Alice was 100 years old when she died on December 16, 2008, and a memorial service was held at First Baptist during morning worship on Dec. 21.
- Evelyn Lee's great-granddaughter, Bethany Lee Wray, gave birth to Elijah on August 8 in Baton Rouge, LA.
- Erin Faulk attended a science study program in Wyoming for elementary teachers from all over Ohio. This is the same program that Rick Lee has taught for 14 years.
- Betty Porter had tests at Grady for leg problems.
- Shirley Parker was hospitalized for kidney problems.
- Mary Lou Lovell was in Albany, New York, because her father was ill.
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson celebrated their 60th anniversary. Congratulations!

• Julie Wilson's father passed away in Birmingham, Alabama. We extend our sympathy to Julie and her family.

• Tim and Lisa Fogle brought their baby, Tyler, to church.


• Larry Faulk's brother, Bill, is recovering from a stroke.

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20 3:00 Friends Listening For God 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Last day to submit newsletter articles.	21	22 First Day of Autumn	23 7:00 Choir	24 7:00 Parish Council	25	26
27 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 4:00 Marion Association Fall Rally at Springdale October newsletter available today.	28	29	30 7:00 Choir 7:30 Finance Committee	October 1	2	3

*Next Month: American Baptist Churches of Ohio ANNUAL GATHERING - October 15-17, 2009, at Crowne Plaza Columbus North, Columbus, Ohio

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

I recently came across the following interview with Brent Walker, who is the executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty. I reprint it here with permission from the Associated Baptist Press News. For other news of interest to Baptists go to www.abpnews.com. In a time when some are willing to give up on the idea of separation of church and state I hope this will remind you of why that doctrine is a Baptist distinctive.

Your Pastor,



Questions and Answers with Brent Walker on Modern-day Baptists and Separation

From Associated Baptist Press

Baptists have, since their earliest days, been advocates of religious liberty and its corollary, the separation of church

and state. But different groups of modern-day Baptists in the United States interpret church-state separation — and the Constitution's provisions for it — in different ways.



J. Brent Walker, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, explains the differences between Baptist groups on the issue in this interview with Rob Marus of the Associated Baptist Press.

Q What are the main schools of thought on church-state separation in the United States, and how do different Baptist groups fall on those lines?

A Seventy years ago, the original partners in the Baptist Joint

Committee — Southern Baptists, Northern (now American) Baptists and National (historically African-American) Baptists — adopted "The American Baptist Bill of Rights." In it, they outlined four different conceptions of the relationship between church and state:

- ❖ **Church above the state** — a theocracy in which religion controls the government.
- ❖ **State above the church** — a secular government that is hostile to religion.
- ❖ **Church alongside of the state** — where one particular religion is privileged, with toleration for others.

❖ **Church separate from the state** — [which the document said has been] "championed by Baptists everywhere and held by those governments that have written religious liberty into their fundamental law."



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Clearly, these three Baptist groups — and I would hazard a guess 99 percent of Baptists in the pews — thought that the fourth conception was the right one, the Baptist one and the American one.

This is the understanding of the church-

state separation that finds its roots in Roger Williams, expression in the writing and life witness of [early Baptist champions of religious freedom] John Leland and Isaac Backus, fruition in [Texas Baptist pastor] George W. Truett's Capitol Hill speech in 1920, and life today in the work of the Baptist Joint Committee.

This view sees the separation of church and state as an insurance policy protecting our God-given religious freedom. It is not an end in itself. This view of separation, on the constitutional level, takes seriously both protections in the First Amendment for religious

liberty: no establishment and free exercise. That is, the government should not try to help religion (no establishment) and it should not try to hurt religion (free exercise), but should be neutral towards religion. Just leave it alone.

Today, there is less agreement on church-state separation among Baptists than there was in 1939. Some Baptists embrace the third model expressed in the American Baptist Bill of Rights. They are all for government staying out of the churches' business and protecting individuals' free-exercise rights, but are quite willing to accept government's help in the form of posting the Ten Commandments or funding religious ministries.

Not many Baptists, however, would embrace the other theories. I see very few who really would like to have a theocracy — even a Christian theocracy — and I know of very few who would want a highly secular government in which religion would be completely banished from public life.

Q While many conservative, historically white Baptist groups have gotten involved in secular politics in the last couple of decades, African-American Baptists have long been politically active. Does this stem from a historical difference in the way white Baptists have viewed church-state separation?

A For most Baptists, the separation of church and state has never meant the divorce of religion from politics or the stripping of the public square from religious discourse. The antipathy to political engagement historically has been more the hallmark of our Anabaptist cousins than our Baptist forebears. Baptists, from the very beginning, have been willing to be engaged in public life. This has been reflected over the past half century or more in African-American Baptist

life. Fundamentalists' aversion to engaging in the political arena before the 1970s was more an exception to the historical practice of Baptists than an expression of it.

Q Do you envision increasing immigration — and increasing numbers of foreign-born Baptists in our ranks — to further change the way Baptists in the United States interpret their heritage of church-state separation and the First Amendment?

A Baptists from around the world have varying opinions on church-state separation. Many who emigrate from countries fleeing persecution, either at the hands of a theocracy or anti-religious totalitarian government, are much more willing to embrace the traditional Baptist understanding of the need for church-state separation. They know existentially what it's like for a religious minority to suffer under the tyranny of the majority — something many Baptists in this country have forgotten.

Baptists from other parts of the world — such as the British Commonwealth, where Christianity has been privileged by government — will bring that understanding in, as well, and are more open to accepting government support for religious activities even if they remain adamant that government should not interfere with the free exercise of religion.

In sum, Baptists continue to be nearly unanimous in their insistence that government not interfere with the autonomy of Baptist churches

Geneva Evan's Meatloaf Recipe

I've received requests for this recipe!
It's from Geneva Evans.

— Jane Moore

1. In large bowl beat together:
1 egg
3/4 cup milk
2. Stir in: 4 oz. (1 cup) shredded Cheddar cheese
1/2 cup quick oats
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 tsp. salt
3. Add: 1 pound ground beef
4. Mix all together and form into loaf. Top with sauce and bake at 350° for one hour.

Sauce: 2/3 cup ketchup
1/2 cup brown sugar
1-1/2 tsp. prepared yellow mustard

or burden the free exercise of religion. They tend to disagree when it comes to how much, if at all, government should support religion in general or their religion in particular.

The challenge of the Baptist Joint Committee is to make sure all Baptists understand that the First Amendment goes both ways. Just as our grandparents understood in 1939 — and before — religious liberty is as much threatened when government tries to give religion a helping hand as when it tries to hurt religion.

As soon as government meddles in religion, for or against, or takes sides in religious disputes — favoring one over another — someone's religious liberty is denied, and everyone's is threatened. We Baptists should be as concerned about the religious liberty of others as we are for our own.

American Baptist Churches of Ohio Annual Gathering

The 184th Annual Gathering of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio will be held this year on Thursday, October 15, through Saturday, October 17, in Columbus, Ohio.

The Mohican Baptist Association will host the gathering at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North Hotel (the same location as last year). The theme will be "Discipleship: The Joyful Journey." The keynote speaker is Rev. David Putman, who is a pastor at Mountain Lake Church—a congregation of almost 2000 people in North Atlanta, Georgia. He has been instrumental in the church planting movement. Rev. Putman will lead worship on Thursday and



Friday evenings and seminars on Friday and Saturday mornings.

The American Baptist Women's Luncheon and Meeting, the American Baptist Men's Luncheon, and the Ohio Baptist Education Society Luncheon and Annual Meeting will all be held at 11:00

A.M. on Thursday. The Celebrating Healthy Church Ministry Banquet is at 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, and the ABC/Ohio Mission Banquet is at 4:30 P.M. on Friday. The Roger Williams Fellowship and Baptist Peace Fellowship Breakfast

is at 8:00 A.M. on Friday. The

Ministers Council Luncheon for ministers and spouses will be at 11:30 A.M. on Friday.

For more information about these meal functions and also other

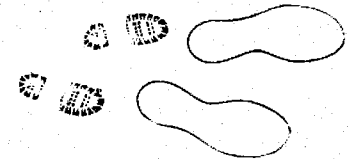
meetings and events during the Annual Gathering, please contact Kathy Russell (740-362-5465) or Rev. Tim Chesser. Registration forms are available for clergy, delegates, guests, and child care. The Child Care Registration deadline is October 1. Rates for entire days (one day only) or all three days are cheaper if registrations are received by October 8. All registrations and cancellations are encouraged by October 8.

Come and enjoy the meal programs, the exhibit tables, the "bookstore," and many other opportunities at the 2009 Ohio Annual Gathering!

—Kathy Russell
Adult Leadership Education

Support Our Missionaries

It is said that until you walk in someone else's shoes, you can't begin to know how others live or all they endure. So let's walk in others shoes and try to understand their struggle. Many people want to learn about Jesus Christ and need leaders. These people want to live in freedom, in peace. They need help with the HIV-AIDS problem and rescued from human trafficking.



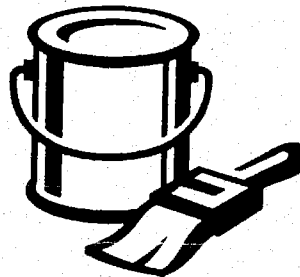
The four Sundays in October will be our chance to support the many missionaries who will continue their work with so many concerns.

—Carol Serviss
Mission Coordinator

Sanctuary Painting Project

I would like to publicly thank Della Dove for her contribution to our Sanctuary Painting Project in remembrance of her husband (John Dove) and Ben Turney. Her note will be displayed on the bulletin board for anyone who might wish to see it.

Thanks to all who have contributed and pledged to make our Sanctuary Painting Project a reality. As of September 20, 2009, the Sanctuary Paint Project has received more than \$3,150 in donations and an additional \$5,260.00 has been pledged. Additional pledges and donations will be needed to fully fund the project but we are off to a great start. Thank you First Baptist and friends!



—Randy Turner
Financial Secretary

PLEDGE FOR SANCTUARY PAINTING

I pledge \$ _____ per: week month year (check one)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Update Your Church Directory

Julie's Wilson's new address is:

6555 Lynn Circle
Leeds, AL 35094

Car for Sale

Shirley Parker's daughter, Allison, sent this letter:

Dear All,

We have decided it's time to sell Mom's car. If any of you know someone who might be interested in a 1993 Buick LeSabre, let us know. I think the mileage is around 80,000. Kelly Blue Book sets it at \$1,200. We're asking \$1,000.

Andy will be in Delaware the weekend of September 25 to 27, so if you know anyone who might be interested, they can look at the car then. His cell is 267-251-9820.

They can also email (poaf449@windstream.net) or call me at 770-345-1779.

Thanks a lot,
Allison

Andrews House Second Friday

Thanks to all who worked at Second Friday Dinner in September. We served 42 in-house and sent out 52 dinners. They all enjoyed the peach pies you furnished and so

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

Please report any errors or omissions
to Jim Stephenson.

my appreciation to all who made a contribution for pies.

At the September planning session, I again signed up for First Baptist to be Mixers and Greeters at the dinner on October 9. We need six volunteers to do this. Please let me know if you would like to be one of these six.

We will not be working again until after the January planning session. Andrews House appreciates all we do as a Partner Church.

— Evelyn Lee, 362-9107

Kitchen Cupboard

Andrews House Fundraiser—The Kitchen Cupboard—will be held December 6. Once again we will have the huge cookie sale and the bake table. Please keep this date in mind and be thinking up what kitchen goodies you can contribute. More details will follow, but save the date.

— Evelyn Lee

Pioneer Days

Pioneer Days will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 11 at Gallant Woods Preserve, 2151 Buttermilk Hill Road. It will feature crafts, demonstrations, apple-butter making, hay rides, and activities of living off the land in pioneer days of 1700–1850s.

Delaware Piecemakers Quilt Guild will give demonstrations and will have quilted items for sale.

Part of our proceeds will be used to purchase something to use in the Fellowship Hall, where we meet. One suggestion is a wheeled cart for folding chairs, like the one we used at Camp Christian to contain and move chairs when moving tables and/or cleaning floors. The Guild will, of course, work with the Trustees on any purchase.

Come join the fun!

— Jeannie Ekelberry

Personals

- Fran Cook was hospitalized twice last month.
- Jean Syler is doing well after being treated for retina problems.
- Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer's son-in-law suffered a heart attack and had heart surgery with five by-passes.
- Betty Porter is staying temporarily at Sarah Moore Home.
- Tyler Wayne Fogle, son of Tim and Lisa Fogle, was dedicated during morning worship on August 23.
- Deborah Van Broekhoven attended our church with Harold on September 6. Deborah is executive director of the A.B.C. Library in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Will Fogle played violin recently during morning worship, accompanied by his grandmother, Mary Lou Lovell.
- Barbara Smith will be receiving a Master's Degree on Sunday, September 27, from the University of Phoenix. Congratulations!
- Claire Turner will attend Junior Leadership Conference in Washington.
- Jerry and Lana Palmer's grandson, a marine, is stationed now in Honolulu.
- Dave and Mary Lou Lovell visited Mary Lou's father in New York State.
- While playing golf on August 28, Jimmie Moore had a hole-in-one! And he has some pretty reliable witnesses, as he was playing with Pastor Tim and two area ministers. Jimmie has had only one other hole-in-one in his life, and his three golf partners that day had never seen one before. Congratulations!

Trustees Notes

The Trustees would like to introduce you to our new renters. They are Joel and Jaqulynn Scott. Joel works at Advance Auto Parts and Jaqulynn is a dispatcher for the city police. They both attend High Point Nazarene, where Jaqulynn's mother is on the staff.

They contacted us the first day that Jimmie Moore put the "for rent" sign in the window! They wanted to redecorate the entire inside of the old parsonage in turn for us holding the rent at \$575 a month for the first year, which we were happy to do. They have been working inside since the middle of August and are doing a great job.

They will move in around the first of October, which is when the rent will start. They will pay all utilities. It was also agreed there will be no pets or smoking.

The gas had been shut off and the gas company required us to fix four small leaks in the basement lines. This work by Sunbury Plumbing and Heating cost \$219. After the gas was turned on, a small leak in the gas valve for the boiler was discovered. This required a new gas valve, pilot light assembly, and other work. A broken bolt in the boiler door had to be drilled out and replaced. A leaking water line in the basement had to be repaired. This work by Don Patrick cost \$697.31.



A graffiti artist has been drawing on the side and back doors of the church. The police were called. A thank you to Jimmie Moore for washing it off at least three times.



Jimmie Moore and Jerry Palmer power washed the aluminum siding on the exterior of the parsonage. It looks much better. Thank you, guys.

— Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Jean Wickum Honored for Her Military Service with a Trip to Washington, D.C.

The Honor Flight Network (honorflight.org) is a non-profit organization created to honor America's veterans. They transport veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at the memorials. Veterans of World War II are given a special priority and receive their trips free of charge.

Recently Jean Wickum was honored with a trip to Washington, and she tells about the trip in her letter below.



Wow, what a Saturday!

On September 12th I was privileged to go on an Honors Flight to Washington, D.C. Eighty-some World War II veterans flew to Washington to spend a packed day of viewing memorials in our capitol city, with the special place the WWII monument. It is truly beautiful, and for those of us who served then, a very fitting memorial. (It even had "Kilroy Was Here" in four places!)

The Honor Flight organization has as its goal to get every WWII vet to see it, all for FREE. Each veteran who needed help in getting around was with a Guardian—someone to help on the bus steps, and to push your wheelchair. Mine was Carolyn Kay Riggle, Delaware City vice mayor. She was a big help, making sure I was comfortable, and that I didn't miss anything. We had a sunny day, with a breeze, so we got lots of pictures.

There were only three women vets on the flight. On the way to Baltimore I got to sit with Dorothy (in her 80s) who was a Navy Cadet nurse. She was still leading an active life. On the way back to Columbus I sat with Ruth, age 96, still living in Gahanna in a condo, still active in her church. She had been an Air Force radio operator in England during the war.

Perhaps most thrilling of all were the greeters in the airports. In Baltimore they were a bevy of young people newly in the services. Each shook your hand and thanked you for your service. But better still the huge welcome back in the Columbus airport. The place was full of Scout troops, both boys and girls, the DAR, service organizations, etc.

There was a little ceremony, the Scottish bagpipes played Amazing Grace, speeches were given, and much was made over us. We all sang "God Bless America", then we went home. Victor and Debbie Fogle were there and they brought me home.

I left home at 4:00 am, got back at 11 pm. It's taken a week to get my get-up-and-go back to normal.

And I'm glad to know that Victor is involved in this wonderful project.

—Jean Wickum

Young at Heart

Young at Heart met last month for their usual good food and conversation. Pastor Tim was about to read us a poem by Edgar Guest about getting used to bifocals, but only one or two of us remembered Edgar Guest and his folksy poetry until I asked, "what if I said, 'It takes a heap of living in a house to make it a home' "? Then almost everyone recalled that poet.

We spent some time discussing the four basic tenants that are important to American Baptists, the Bible as our guidebook, the priesthood of the believer, the autonomy of the local parish, and the separation on church and state. Which ones were truly of importance to us, and we felt that *are* all very important. See, even though we have lots of fun times (Mostly poking fun at the problems of getting older) we also can get very serious.

— Jean Wickum, Convenor
Young at Heart

Retreat Follow-Up

We had a great time at this year's retreat. Many thanks are due to our leader Tim Chesser and all of the committee. If you attended, how are you coming along on the special commitment you made to make a difference? Did you remember to pray for your 7 people? Remember that you can continue to pray each week for any 7 people.



– Pam Faulk

You Can Make A Difference

"If many little people in many little places do many little deeds, they can change the face of the Earth."

African Proverb

One of the sessions at our retreat focused on how we can go about sharing our faith and thus allowing it to grow by each person doing ONE thing to make a difference. In the next few newsletters, I shall be sharing with you some suggestions that came out of that experience. Here are the first 10, not in any order of importance. Please make a commitment to do more than what you are currently doing.

1. Pray for others
2. Attend church more regularly
3. Take part in "Make a Difference" Day
4. Save the parking spaces in front of the church for guests or those who need to park close (if you can)
5. Return your grocery cart to the corral
6. Take on a church office or get involved with a church committee
7. Become more involved in Sunday school

8. Support the Crop Walk
9. Be friendly to visitors
10. Telephone someone to let them know you are thinking about them

– Pam Faulk

Sunday School

We had a great Rally Day for Sunday school and are off to a good start this year. I am very proud of our Sunday school program. It has lots of participation from young and old alike. Please take a moment to thank our Sunday school teachers

Prayer List

Please give additions or corrections to a deacon.

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
Larry Faulk	Bill Faulk	Recovering from stroke
Jane Moore	George Corder	Health issues
	Cathie Corder	Continued recovery
	Olivia Langwasser	Leukemia
The Deacons	Pam Debiasio	Health issues
	Jim VanBrimmer	Health issues
	Julie Wilson	Has moved to Alabama; seeks employment
Jeanne Ekelberry	Her step-son John	Recovering from surgery for colon cancer
Matt & Marci Cooper	John & Shea Cummings and Family	Death of 4-month-old daughter, Sydney
Jean Wickum	Martha Green	-
	Fran Cook	Heart problems
	Mary & Steve Sealey	Health issues
The Bakers	Victoria Baker	Health issues
	Heath Baker	Auto accident injuries
The Chessers	Toosie Eggers	Health issues & auto accident injuries
Evelyn Lee	Mary Tilson	at Willowbrook
	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health issues
	Florence Faulk	at Delaware Court
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	-
Beth Trigg	Connie Coy	Brain cancer
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health
Lisa & Tim Fogle	Tyler Wayne Fogle	Baby Tyler in home from the hospital; continued prayer for his good health

for doing such a great job. They are Tim Chesser, Randy Turner, Vic Fogle, Erin Faulk, Sam Chesser, Mary Lou Lovell, and Debbie Fogle.

If you are not yet participating in Sunday school, it is not too late to make a commitment. Just come and join us any Sunday.

– Pam Faulk



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Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 9 to 12
Days Off: Friday and Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>October is Pastor Appreciation Month</i>						
World Communion Sunday 4 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:30 Bill Snyder's Ordination at Prospect Baptist Church	5 7:00 Board of Christian Ed. at the Church 7:00 Piecemakers	6	7 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir 7:30 Finance Committee	8 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Parish Council	9 6:00 Second Friday Dinner at Andrews House	10
11 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:00 Pioneer Days at Gallant Woods Preserve	Columbus Day 12 7:00 Deacons	13 7:00 Trustees	14 7:00 Choir	15 11:30 ABW at Buehlers	16	17 8:00 ABM
18 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 Friends Listening for God <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	19	20	21 7:00 Choir	22	23	24 Make-A-Difference Day
Reformation Sunday 25 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>November newsletter available today.</i>	26	27	28 6:30 Covered-Dish Dinner 7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting	29	30	Halloween 31 <i>Daylight Saving Time ends tonight.</i>

ABC Ohio Annual Gathering at Crown Plaza Columbus North

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

In the past week I had the privilege of attending two very different kinds of conference. During the early part of the week I attended a preaching conference at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. In the latter part of the week I attended the annual meeting of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio.

The preaching conference was held in connection with the annual alumni gathering at Methesco. The theme was how to keep balance between the sacred and the secular. The primary focus was how to preach on secular holidays. That theme allowed for a lot of discussion about the intersection of the church and the world.

The ABCOhio Annual Meeting has to keep a broader constituency in mind. This meeting was a place to connect with friends from around the state, learn a bit about the state of our denominational family, and to engage a particular presenter or program. Within the walls of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, where the meeting was held, you might get the feeling that the extent of our engagement with the world might be how the changing culture has negatively affected the church.

Nary a discouraging word was heard about our wars, including the one over healthcare reform. I did engage in a hallway discussion with a racetrack chaplain about gambling.

Avoiding potentially divisive discussions about current events left us time to discuss the recent failure

don't doubt that we have issues, but I hardly think we have moved over to the devil's camp. Pray for our leaders as they try to balance the need of a church bureaucracy with the need to be found faithful to God.

As I pondered these two meetings in the past week I was privileged to teach and learn from today's Sunday school class. We wrestled with trying to understand sickness in the world. With no certain answer we continued to engage with the Bible and each other with a goal of understanding the ways of God and our relationship with the Infinite. Reason guided by scripture in the context of

the community of faith left us with ample room to hope.

Pray for those who are working on the sanctuary renovation in the next couple of weeks.

Your Pastor,



November

of the ABCUSA family to pass a proposed restructuring document. It is clear to me that there exists a fairly high level of discontent about national denominational issues. It is also clear that some of that discontent is based on a misunderstanding about how a Baptist denomination has operated historically and in accord with Baptist principles. It is also fairly discouraging when you hear that we should probably not be surprised by our troubles since they are a sign of the end times. I

Next Month's Newsletter

If you need to publicize any events that will occur in early January, make a note on your calendar to put them in next month's newsletter (the December issue).

This is because the January issue will publish a week later than our usual schedule (so I won't have to work on it during Christmas week).

— Jim Stephenson, editor

Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings Dedicated

The Thanksgiving Offering has been dedicated to PIN (People in Need) and the Christmas Offering will go to Second Fridays at Andrews House. Your generous contributions are appreciated.

— Larry Faulk
Finance Committee Chair

Fellowship Hall Redecoration Project

Excitement is building here in our congregation! The painting of our sanctuary has begun, and the new carpet will be laid when the painters are done. The floors have been refinished and we're ready to ooh and aah over the new look.

With all that underway, the Fellowship Hall project is once again on the "front burner". Painting has started, the old curtains have been removed (and donated to the Free Store), and the old rickety room dividers have been cleaned and are ready for paint. The only problem facing us now is the lack of funds to complete the renovation. We're asking you to "dig a little deeper" and help make this improvement a reality. We are trusting in your unfailing generosity to make it happen.

Thank you,

— The Fellowship Hall Committee



Two workers do prep work in the rear of our sanctuary.

Preparation for Sanctuary Painting Begins

Work began this week on our sanctuary redecoration. The first step is the prep work (removing loose paint and patching cracks). Our paint contractor — Brian McConnell Painting — has subcontracted the prep work to Jake Ball, and this week Jake's crew covered the organ with plastic, moved pews to make room for their ladders, and began prepping the sanctuary's wall.

When they're finished, Brian will begin painting. He hopes to finish painting the sanctuary by around November 9th.

After the sanctuary is painted, our carpet installer — Dan's Carpet and Laminates — will install our new sanctuary carpet while Brian paints the Assembly Room.

— Jim Stephenson, Chair
Carpet and Paint Committee

Thanks For Your Gifts and Pledges

Our thanks to everyone who has contributed and pledged to our Sanctuary Painting Project.

If you'd like to make a pledge, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Even a small pledge can help. Thank you!



PLEDGE FOR SANCTUARY PAINTING

I pledge \$ _____ per: week month year (check one)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Poinsettias

You're 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. 22.

You Can Make A Difference

"If many little people in many little places do many little deeds, they can change the face of the earth."

— AFRICAN PROVERB

Last month I gave you a list of 10 things you can do to "make a difference," to go about sharing your faith and thus helping it to grow. Here is this month's list in no specific order. Please try to do something over and above what you already do.

1. Pray for someone you have a hard time liking.
2. Let someone go ahead of you.
3. Work with Habitat for Humanity
4. Use paper products from recycled materials.
5. Send a note or card to someone that is personalized
6. Visit shut-ins,
7. Offer to show a new person around at school or work or church.
8. Get involved in a Bible study or start one.
9. Donate blood
10. Support local stores and farmers' markets

— Pam Faulk

Prayer List

Please give additions or corrections to a Deacon.

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
Jane Moore	George Corder	Health issues
	Cathie Corder	Continued recovery
	Olivia Langwasser	Leukemia
The Deacons	Megan Russell & children	Grief
	Pam Debiasio	Health issues
	Jim VanBrimmer	Health issues
	Della Dove	Stroke Recovery
	Betty Porter	Health Issues
Jean Wickum	Genevieve Peterson	Broken Wrist
	Duane Binkley	Health Issues
	Martha Green	-
The Chessers	Fran Cook	Heart problems
	Mary & Steve Sealey	Health issues
Evelyn Lee	Toosie Eggers	Health issues & auto accident injuries
	Mary Tilson	at Willowbrook
	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health issues
Barb Reed	Florence Faulk	at Delaware Court
	Regan Riedmiller	-
The Faulks	Bill Faulk	Stroke Recovery
	Mary Anderson	Heart Problems
Bob Foor	Kay Kern	Cancer
Beth Trigg	Connie Coy	Brain Cancer
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health
	Celesta Crawford	Medical Issues

Andrews House Second Friday

At the October Second Friday, we helped as Servers as well as Greeters and Mixers as we celebrated the start of the 14th year of Second Friday Community Dinners. Many thanks to all First Baptists who helped. It is good to have some new volunteers as well as the faithful workers who have helped for years. We served 37 in-house meals and over 50 were sent out. The dinner finished with a birthday carrot cake which was decorated for the evening.

Remember we will not be serving

until after January, when new plans are made.

The Andrews House Country Kitchen will be on Saturday December 6. Please see details in this newsletter. We will welcome your contributions to the Bake Table Sale of breads, candy, jams, jellies, flavored oils and other goodies as well as cookies for the Great Cookie Sale. This is Andrews House special fundraiser.

Please let me know if you can help in any way.

— Evelyn Lee, 362-9107

To Be a Pumpkin

A coworker asked a recently-baptized lady what it was like being a Christian. She replied, "It's like being a pumpkin.

God picks you from the patch, brings you in and washes off all the dirt that you may have gotten from other pumpkins. He scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate and greed. Then he carves you a smiling new face and puts his light inside of you to shine for all the world to see. Let your light shine!"



— submitted by Ray Serviss

Trustees Notes

- All seven gas furnaces at church were checked over and had the filters changed for winter. This work by Don Patrick cost \$232.20.
- At the "old" parsonage, the gas company came out to make the changeover for our new renters, and they discovered small leaks in the line leading to the house. The gas was shut off and the gas company installed a new line by putting a sleeve through the old line from the shutoff valve in the tree lawn to the house. We now have a new meter on the outside and a new line into the house. Last year this work would have cost us \$2,000, but under the

Update Your Church Directory

Frank Cook's new phone number is 363-6240.

new law the gas company maintains the line to the house.

- At press time, the "feed water valve" on the water line leading to the boiler at the "old" parsonage has started to leak. Don Patrick has been called. More news about this later.
- At press time, Jerry Palmer and Jimmie Moore have started the big job of painting the fellowship hall. A big thank you to these guys. More news about this later.
- At press time, the contractor has started work in the sanctuary. The largest part of the paint job will be the prep work of scraping off the loose paint and filling cracks to get the walls ready for the new paint. More news about this later.

— Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Personals

- Calvin Turner and his girlfriend, Caitlin Davis, announced their engagement.
- Our condolences to Linda White on the death of her sister, Thelma Del Grande of Charlottesville, Virginia.
- Jerry and Lana Palmer's grandson, Jeremy Chaffin, is now stationed in Okinawa.
- Evelyn Lee's son, Dr. Rick, has a herniated disc in his neck, causing him back pain and numbness in one arm.
- Genevieve Peterson slipped on wet grass and broke her wrist.
- Jim and Jane Moore recently attended the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee.
- Jean Osborne is having knee replacement surgery on October 27.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| Nov. 5 | Victor Fogle
Kathy Russell |
| 12 | Jackson Trigg |
| 15 | Harold Van Broekhoven |
| 17 | Jim and Ann Brown
Emily Inscho |
| 19 | Steve Ferguson |
| 20 | Randy Turner
Molly Grace Kennedy |
| 22 | Peter White |

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

- Jeanne Ekelberry's sisters visited her for several days and attended our church.
- Pam and Larry Faulk had a wonderful time on an ocean cruise off New England.
- Debra Van Broekhoven spoke at Owl Creek Church last week (where Harold had been an interim pastor). The church was celebrating their 200th anniversary.

Andrews House
CHRISTMAS
CUPBOARD

**Saturday,
December 5, 2009
9am-3pm**

**Andrews House
39 W Winter St, Delaware
www.andrewshouse.org**

**3:00pm performance
by William T. Grové, tenor**



- * **Huge Christmas Cookie Sale**
- * **Raffle: 1-week at Arrizona Condo!** Beautiful stained glass nativity & 2 Robert Duncan prints,
- * **Silent Auction**
- * **Baked Goods:** breads, jellies, desserts and more
- * **Stained Glass:** sun catchers, wine bottle cheese plates
- * **And more!**

Preview night:
part of Delaware's First Friday events

**Friday, December 4
6-9pm**

**Hot chocolate & donuts,
Silent Auction opens.**

Help make our Christmas Cupboard overflow with goodies!

Christmas is coming, and so are the cookie and bake sales at Andrews House annual Christmas Cupboard on Saturday, December 5th.

We need your help in filling our "cupboard shelves." 1000s of cookies are needed. Everyone who is able to bake is encouraged to participate! This is a great family, club or church project.

Bake Sale

This year, we are looking for baked goods including small loaves of bread, jams and jellies, sauces, muffins, trail mixes, candies, or anything else that might be a specialty of the baker. We are also interested in any sugar free items that you might bake. Please label these items as sugar free and also anything that might have nuts or peanut butter in them need to be labeled as such.

Christmas Cookie Sale

For the cookie sale, we would like to have decorated Christmas cutout cookies and specialty cookies...think about grandma's special recipe. Ideally, we would like at least 8 dozen per person. Groups may use Andrews House kitchen; contact Kendra at Andrews House to schedule.

Please Note:

- Box goods in non-returnable containers and labeled with your name and/or group name
- Drop-off at Andrews House between 9am-9pm on Friday, December 4 and from 7-10am on Saturday. (Pick-up is available on Friday)

Thank you to all who have participated in the past by baking, buying or both. This year we would love to see you again.

For more information, contact:

- Cookie Sale, Barb McKendry at 740-881-4261
- Bake Sale, Andrews House, 740-369-4520



100% of the proceeds from the sale benefit Andrews House

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All Saints Day 1 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>	2 7:00 Piecemakers <i>Full Moon</i>	Election Day 3 	4 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir 7:00 Board of Christian Education	5	6	7 10:00 Quilters
8 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	9 7:00 Deacons	10 7:00 Trustees	Veterans Day 11 7:00 Choir 	12 12:00 Young at Heart	13 6:00 Second Friday Dinner at Andrews House	14
15 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	16	17	18 7:00 Choir	19 11:30 ABW	20	21 8:00 ABM
22 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 Friends Listening for God <i>Last day to order poinsettias. Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	23	24	25	Thanksgiving 26 	27	28
First Sunday in Advent 29 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>December newsletter available today.</i> 	30	1	2 7:00 Choir <i>Full Moon</i>	3	4	5 9:00 Andrews House Christmas Cupboard (until 3:00)

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

A proverb teaches us that absence makes the heart grow fonder. I am not sure how that works with love, but I know how it works with our organ. We have been without an organ for over a month due to the renovation and painting of the sanctuary. Jim, Mary Lou, and Melissa have done a great job of keeping our worship going without the organ. We could not have asked for a more perfect Sunday than we had yesterday. The sun was shining through the newly cleaned stained glass. The full spectrum of light was shining on

the newly painted walls. The organ rang out with worshipful majesty. Our people were able to spread out and return to their "regular" seats. On the Monday after Thanksgiving the carpet will be replaced. It has been a long, arduous process, but I believe you will agree with me that the results are well worth the wait.

Thank you for your patience during this renovation. It has challenged

the flow of people on Sunday mornings. We are still getting over the amount of dust in the air. Hopefully the number of positive comments shared on Sunday morning will help us get over some of the challenges we have faced with the degree of change.

As we move forward from this point we are preparing to celebrate Advent. This joyous time in the church calendar reminds us that when all seemed dark God broke into our world with a message of grace and redemption. Our Advent schedule will celebrate the traditional themes of Advent. Hope

will be the theme for November 29. On December 6 we will think about Peace. December 13 will be a day of Joy as the youth of the church present their annual program. We will also welcome new members on this Sunday. Love will be the theme of the fourth Sunday in Advent on December 20. The celebration of Advent will culminate in our joyous celebration of Christmas Eve beginning at 6:45. This candlelight

communion service is one of the high points of our year.

It is my prayer that our newly renovated sanctuary may give you even more reason to invite friends and family to join us for our Advent journey. While there may have been no room at the inn for Jesus he has made room for us to be an inviting people.

May this Advent season be a time of blessing for your family. As prepare to share my ninth Christmas with you I remain thankful to God for giving me such a wonderful church family.

Your Pastor,



Birthday Party for Jesus

Please join us for the birthday party for Jesus on December 20th at 9:15 during Sunday School Opening. We will have a cake, cupcakes and punch in the fellowship hall. Sunday School classes will meet in their classrooms following the party. Even if you

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The January newsletter will be available on Sunday, January 3, which is **one week later** than our usual schedule.

— Jim Stephenson, editor



have not regularly attended Sunday School, this would be a wonderful opportunity to join us.

On December 13th during the Worship Service, the youth of the church will be presenting a Christmas program. The kids and Matt have been working hard on songs, narration and an acting out of the Nativity to re-tell the story of Christmas. Please plan to join us!

– Liz Bowman
Board of Education

Join Us for Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to join us for our annual Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 13. 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

World Mission Offering

I want to thank everyone for giving to the World Mission Offering. We made our goal plus extra. The money you gave will provide missionaries, throughout the world, the means to help people who want to improve their lives.

Our congregation has been asked to donate to several church projects lately and I understand the holidays are fast approaching, which means stress on your budget. I do hope you are able to give a "thank you" to the Retired Ministers, Missionaries and Widows for the years they have spent serving others. In the next weeks you will read, in bulletin inserts, just how much these people

appreciate your gifts.

December is a time to think of others. Please consider giving a gift to someone you may not know but who has spent their life teaching the word of God. As usual, envelopes will be in the pew racks.

– Carol Serviss
Mission Coordinator

Update from the Carpet and Paint Committee

During the month of November, the sanctuary prep work was completed and our painter, Brian McConnell, painted the sanctuary. He also cleaned the sanctuary's stained glass windows (except for the window above the baptistry, as it looked too fragile).

After a short break for Thanksgiving and a trip to attend a wedding, Brian will return to paint the assembly room and the two vestibules.

Our carpet installer — Dan's Carpet and Laminates — will come during the week of November 30 to remove the old sanctuary carpet, cut the new carpet to fit, and will send the cut pieces to a company that will bind the carpet's edges. After the pieces are returned, Brian will install them in the sanctuary.

– Jim Stephenson, Chair
Sanctuary Carpet and Paint
Committee

Fellowship Hall Update

Work has been progressing downstairs, with our own painters tackling the job. Jerry Palmer and Jimmie Moore have undertaken the project and have brightened up the area considerably. Our heartfelt thanks to them.

The original plan was to make the far corner a special place for the youth. That group has now decided

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

All I want for Christmas is for you to worship Me.
All I want from you, My child, are humble, bended knees.
All I want for Christmas tucked underneath your tree
Is your loving heart and thankfulness abounding up to Me.

All I want for Christmas is a portion of your time.
All I want for you to do is tell them you are Mine.
Sacrifice and offerings I do not require.
All I want is willingness to be filled with My fire.

I really do not ask much—just what I've given you.
I won't require a thing too hard that you just cannot do.
It pleases Me, sweet child, to hear your little voice
Because you are so precious. Over you I do rejoice.

So since it is My birthday that you're celebrating now,
Please don't forget the gift I want—the gift of your sweet bow.

Happy Birthday, Jesus!!!!

– Submitted by Robert &
Kathy Russell (originally
from a Christmas card)

to make the Blue Room their "space", so we'll be removing the dividers and making all the space available. They will take the ping pong table over there also.

Thanks to all who are supporting the effort down there. What better way to honor our Lord than by being good stewards of His property.

– Jane Moore
The Fellowship Hall Committee

2010 Church Directory Is Being Prepared

The board of deacons will be preparing the new church directory during the month of December.

Please review your listing in the current directory and give any 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

DO ONE THING

Here is a list of 10 suggestions (in no particular order) that you might consider to choose from to do over and above what you already do. Let's share God's love and our faith with others. Remember that many of these suggestions came right from our church family at the retreat this year.

1. Pray for peace in 2010.
2. Contribute more financially to the church.
3. Support the Andrews House Christmas Cupboard.
4. Support the Christmas Clearing-house.
5. Give more to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering.
6. "Adopt" a child or family for Christmas.
7. Smile at a busy salesclerk.
8. Make a special Christmas gift for a friend or neighbor.
9. Offer to watch a friend or neighbor's children while they do Christmas shopping, wrapping, cooking, etc.
10. Give someone you love a gift that takes up space only in the memory, such as an outing, gift card, or gift certificate for something special.

– Pam Faulk

Prayer List

Please give additions or corrections to a Deacon.

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
Jane Moore	George Corder	Health issues
	Cathie Corder	Continued recovery
	Olivia Langwasser	Leukemia
	Megan Russell & children	Grief
The Deacons	Pam Debiasio	Health issues
	Jim VanBrimmer	Health issues
	Della Dove	Stroke Recovery
	Betty Porter	Health Issues
	Genevieve Peterson	Broken Wrist
	Duane Binkley	Health Issues
	Janet Lathrop	Broken wrist & cataract surg.
Jean Wickum	Martha Green	-
	Fran Cook	Heart problems
	Mary & Steve Sealey	Health issues
The Chessers	Toosie Eggers	Health issues & auto accident injuries
Evelyn Lee	Mary Tilson	at Willowbrook
	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health issues
	Florence Faulk	at Delaware Court
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	-
The Faulks	Bill Faulk	Stroke Recovery
Bob Foor	Kay Kern	Cancer
Beth Trigg	Connie Coy	Brain Cancer
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health
	Celesta Crawford	Medical Issues

Community Chorus Concert

On Sunday, December 20, the Delaware Community Chorus (in which Melissa Neill and Dave Lovell are members) will present its winter concert: *A Familiar Christmas*.

The Chorus, under the direction of Daniel D. Hursey, will present their musical offering at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 45 W. Winter Street.

The concert will be free, and all are cordially invited.

Trustees Notes

• A new refrigerator was purchased for the church kitchen, after the old

one quit. The cost was \$398.

• Several of the red hymnals are missing from the sanctuary. If you have borrowed one, please remember to bring it back.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

FIFTY YEARS AGO...

"The First Baptist Church unanimously approved a campaign for the construction of a \$24,000 fellowship and education building."

The Delaware Gazette
November, 1959

Poinsettia Dedications

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

- From the Brown and Grubbs families: 1 in memory of Charles & Ruth Brown, 1 in memory of Teresa Griffith, 1 in memory of Fred Grubbs and Edith Hall, 1 in praise for our choir and choir director, and 1 in blessings for our children and grandchildren
- From Jeanne Ekelberry, in memory of her parents
- From Jimmie and Jane Moore, in memory of Willa S. Corder
- From Betty Porter and family, in memory of Jim "Billy" Porter
- From Jean Wickum, 1 in memory of Wilbur Wickum, and 1 in memory of Marian Austin (John Mead's mother-in-law and Jean's dear friend, who died of cancer a few weeks ago)



Please Update Your Church Directory

June Grubbs' new address is 68 Muirwood Village Drive, Delaware, Ohio 43015. Her phone number remains the same.

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Our apologies to **Frances Cook** for misspelling her first name in last month's newsletter, and it is also wrong in the church directory.

The correct spelling is "Frances".

As we mentioned last month, her new phone number is **(740) 363-6240**. Her address remains the same.

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

Please give any additions or corrections to the pastor.

Personals

Editor Needed

I know that many folks enjoy reading the Personals column each month, but due to time constraints I may have to discontinue it.

I'm hoping that some kind soul can help me out by becoming the editor of the Personals. This person would assemble the personals each month, verify details like dates and spellings, then type up the personals and send them to me via email.

Please see me for more info if you're interested.

Thanks,

-Jim Stephenson, newsletter editor

- Janet Lathrop had cataract surgery recently, and is also recovering from a broken wrist.
- Evelyn Lee's son, Dr. Rick, who has a herniated disc in his neck, has recovered sufficiently to pass a physical that enables him to leave on December 24 for a 5-6 week visit to Antarctica. This will be Rick's 6th trip there, where he does scientific research.
- Jean Osborne and her son Greg attended services here just 3-1/2 weeks after she had knee replacement surgery in Michigan. She recuperated at Greg's home in Grand Rapids, but is back home in Delaware now.
- Jim Van Brimmer attended church recently with daughter Susan and her husband, Jeff. Jim expressed thanks to all for their cards and offers of help.
- Donald Brown (brother of Jim Brown and Carol Grubbs) was in

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| Dec. | 3 | Kari Davidson |
| | 4 | Erin Faulk |
| | 8 | Tim & Lisa Fogle |
| | 11 | Holly Kauf |
| | 13 | Geneva Evans |
| | 15 | Bud Sykes |
| | 16 | Thad & Jenna Inscho |
| | 23 | Dominique DeBiasio |
| | 24 | Frances Cook |
| | 25 | Carol Grubbs |
| | 27 | Cory Lawrence |
| | 28 | Sharon Baker |
| | 29 | Harold & Deborah Van Broekhoven |
| Jan. | 4 | Fred DeBiasio
Shirley Parker |
| | 5 | Evelyn Lee |
| | 6 | Ken & Pam Shears |
| | 9 | Braden Inscho |
| | 10 | Kip Smith |

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

critical condition at Riverside due to pneumonia he contracted after having shoulder surgery, but is doing better now.

• Emily Anne McKendrick was born on October 21 to Natalie Griffith and Adam McKendrick. Carol Grubbs is the proud great-grandmother, and Hannah (age 4) is Emily's sister.

• Claire Turner and Jane Mercer took a class on babysitting. They are now certified babysitters, available to serve.

• Hannah Walls, a Junior at Hayes High School, was inducted into the National Honor Society. Congratulations on this recognition.

• Wil Verhoff sent his greetings to his friends at First Baptist. He lives in Stanford, Kentucky, where he is preparing for ordination.

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- There was a rose on the altar in honor of Taylor Gwen Trigg, born October 16 at Grady. Proud parents are Evan & Carrie Trigg; paternal grandparents are Archie & Beth Trigg; Jarrod and Nichelle are aunt and uncle.

- During the Veteran's Day Parade on Sunday, Nov. 8, veteran Jean Wickum rode in the parade in a big Hummer.



Andrews House Christmas Cupboard

The Andrews House Christmas Cupboard will be on Saturday, December 5, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. We welcome your treats for the Cookie Sale and the Bake Sale. Remember to have your items there by Friday evening or early Saturday morning.

Our thanks to all who plan to bring items to support this Andrews House fundraiser.

In addition to the cook and bake sales, remember the day will include a silent auction, raffles, and lovely stained glass items. Do plan to drop by to support this event.

Thank you,

- Evelyn Lee



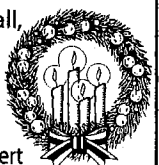


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Second Sunday in Advent 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:00 Deacons 	6 7:00 Piecemakers	7 7:00 Trustees	8 7:00 Choir	9 12:00 Young at Heart	10 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	11 12
Third Sunday in Advent 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Childrens' Christmas Program 6:30 Christmas Caroling 	12 13	13 14	14 15	15 16 7:00 Choir	16 17 11:30 ABW at Buehlers	17 18 19 8:00 ABM at Buehlers
Fourth Sunday in Advent 9:15 Birthday Party for Jesus in Fellowship Hall, then Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 Friends Listening for God 3:00 Community Chorus Concert 	19 20 First Day of Winter	20 21	21 22	22 23	23 24 Christmas Eve 6:45 Music Preludes 7:00 Christmas Eve Service 	24 25 26
25 26 27 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles. (Newsletter will be available on Jan. 3)</i>	26 27 28	27 28 29	28 29 30 7:00 Choir	29 30 31 New Year's Eve 	30 31 January	31 1 2 7:00 Parish Council

Next Month: Board of Christian Education will meet on Jan. 6 at 1:30 p.m. at the Faulks