

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

As 2009 limps toward its conclusion we give thanks that we have seen remarkable things happen as a congregation. At a time when many churches had to cut back we committed to several major projects. I would like to extend a special thanks to all who made the renovations possible. I would also like to thank you in advance for your continuing support of the things yet to be taken care of.

On behalf of my family I also want to thank the congregation for your incredibly generous Christmas gift. My expanding waistline also reminds me to thank you for the gifts of pastries and candies that have shown up in the parsonage. As we enter into our ninth year at FBC we continue to be blessed by our church family.

We have seen many changes in our time here. When we started Sam was just beginning the eighth grade. By next Christmas he will have graduated from Ohio Wesleyan and be married. We are thankful for all of the new people God has sent our way.

As the New Year begins perhaps we can put all of our renovations behind us and continue to look for ministry opportunities. In February our men's group has committed to serving at the Second Friday meal offered at Andrews house. Kathy

and I have enjoyed volunteering with our church and filling in when other groups have the duty. Last month I got trusted with the job of making noodles. Many of our folks volunteer as individuals but this is an opportunity

for us to make a community investment. Men, be sure to put February 12, 2010 on your calendars.

Invite a friend to church. We have enough love to share. Happy New Year to one and all.

Your Pastor,



## Business Meeting

On Wednesday, January 27 we'll have a covered-dish dinner at 6:30, followed by our annual business meeting at 7:00.

## Update from the Sanctuary Carpet and Paint Committee

During December, our carpet installer (Dan's Carpet and Laminates) removed the old sanctuary carpet and installed our new one.

Also during December, our paint contractor (Brian McConnell) painted the assembly room and the two vestibules. (The sanctuary was painted during November.)

The trustees tell me that the painting bill will be approximately \$3,000 higher than originally estimated. This is because the walls were in worse condition than expected and required extensive prep work. We encourage everyone to consider increasing the amount they've pledged for the painting project.

The contractors did a fine job and the committee members are pleased with the results. We've heard many favorable comments from church members, and we hope that the congregation is happy with the sanctuary's new appearance.

– Jim Stephenson, chair  
Sanctuary Carpet and Paint  
Committee

## Trustees Notes

- The pipe organ was tuned and serviced by John Muller and his assistant of Muller Pipe Organ Company. The cost was \$225. Several defects were noted, and John and his assistant will return for repairs.



• The Gable Elevator company did a regular service inspection and found that the reserve battery is bad. (The reserve battery provides power to lower the elevator to the nearest exit in the event of a power failure.) They will have to return to replace it.

• The gas company made two visits to the “old” parsonage after our renters smelled gas. They couldn’t locate a leak, so the gas company shut off the gas to the boiler as a precaution. Following that, Don Patrick made at least five visits, and made minor repairs and adjustments to the boiler at a cost of \$189.17.

• All five pianos were tuned by Richard Dacks, and he made some minor repairs to the piano in the fellowship hall. The cost was \$400. These were the only piano tunings during 2009, since the summer was not too hot, and in the fall we were waiting for the sanctuary painting to be completed as that required moving the sanctuary piano.

• Due to concern over whether compact florescent bulbs would be available in the large size we need, we ordered spare bulbs for the two large lights in the sanctuary and the one large light in the assembly room. We ordered four 750 watt, clear glass, mogul (large) base bulbs from Loeb Electric. The cost was \$145.35. Loeb Electric believes that when incandescent bulbs are phased out, a substitute will not be available. The light over the choir and the light over the gathering place each take a 300 watt clear glass bulb, and no substitute is available at this point.

• Upon the arrival of the paint crew and the subcontractor, Jake Ball (an architect whose crew did all the prep work on the walls), we were informed that the slow but steady water damage to the plaster would soon ruin the new paint job in several areas. We called in Midstate

Contractors of Marion, and they did the following:

- On the sanctuary’s east side, Midstate installed new flashing under the cap stone and on the back side of the parapet wall.
- On the assembly room’s north wall, they installed new flashing under the cap stone and on the back side of the parapet wall over the three windows.
- They found and replaced several broken slates on the roofs of the sanctuary and assembly room behind the steeple.
- They found that the large metal “pans” where these roofs meet the steeple were cracked or split, perhaps from ice dropping from the steeple. These were sealed with a filler-like mat material using asphalt.
- They repaired broken and shifted slate around the rear chimney (used by the gas furnaces) on the west wall of the sanctuary.
- At the “old” parsonage, they replaced a broken and rusted downspout that had leaked water into the basement.

The cost by Midstate was \$3,938.00. Funds for this cost were a gift from the Carolyn White Schneeberger estate. There is no guarantee on a building this old—with all the various roof angles and brick walls that get soaked in the rain—that all leaks were stopped, but it was an all-out effort to at least try to do so.

– *Peter White*  
*Reporting for the Trustees*

## **Thank You**

To my First Baptist Church family,

After a medical problem of four and a half months, three of these months spent at the Sarah Moore Home, I am happy to report that I am now back home and am getting

a little better each day. Although the stay at Sarah Moore was a positive experience, there is “no place like home”. It will be awhile before I can drive my car but I hope I can be in worship with you and see you more often now.

Thanks so much for all the calls, cards, visits, flowers, transportation to medical appointments, and especially, for your prayers. My family and church family keeps me thinking “positive” and this helps me get through this difficult time. It is a comfort to know we can count on each other through whatever life brings. I pray that God will bless each and everyone of you.

Sincerely,

– *Betty Porter*

## **Don and Sally Williams Join First Baptist**

Don and Sally Williams were welcomed into our fellowship on Sunday, December 6. Don is the son of Rev. Morgan Williams, who was our pastor from 1938 to 1946, and Don and Sally were married in our church in 1948.



## **Our Thanks To...**

- Thanks to Matt Yoder and our youth for helping at the Holiday Clearinghouse.
- Thanks to Matt Yoder and Liz Bowman for working with our youth on the fine Christmas program.
- Thanks to our youth for performing a wonderful Christmas

program during morning worship on December 13.

## Each One Do One

We often start the new year with some resolutions. Why not make a few that will show God's love and our faith to others? Decide on one thing you want to do better this year or one thing you want to stop doing this year, and make a plan. Try to do something over and above what you already do.

1. Save your Christmas cards from this year. Pull one out each day and pray for that person or family.
2. Read the Bible more.
3. Use cloth grocery bags.
4. Find a cause to be passionate about.
5. Eat less, move more.
6. Set a goal for a certain number of hours to serve in our community.
7. Spend time together without TV or electronics.
8. Support PIN more.
9. Pray for our church leaders.
10. Do something with a friend that you know he or she will love doing even if it's not your favorite thing to do.

## Personals

*I'm pleased to announce that Pam Faulk is now the editor of the Personals column. Thanks Pam! – Jim*

- Jim Brown was a patient at Riverside Hospital after experiencing a lot of pain after a fall. He has returned home.
- Mary Ann Mead (Jean Wickum's daughter) of Texarkana, Oklahoma is seriously ill.
- Kathy Russell's mother is seriously ill.

## 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	Pam Debiasio	Health issues
	Jim VanBrimmer	Health issues
	Della Dove	Stroke Recovery
	Betty Porter	Health Issues
	Duane Binkley	Health Issues
	Janet Lathrop	Recovery
Jean Wickum	Mary Ann (Jean's daughter)	Health concerns
	Jim Brown	Health concerns
	Martha Green	-
	Fran Cook	Heart problems
The Chessers	Mary & Steve Sealey	Health issues
	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
	Donald Brown	Health concerns
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health
	Celesta Crawford	Medical issues

- Dave Lovell had emergency-room treatment twice for nose bleeds.

- Bernice Turney is seriously ill and was moved to the care center at the retirement community where she resides.

- After some weather-related delays, Rick Lee (Evelyn's son) has reached Antarctica on a scientific research trip.

- Betty Porter has returned home from her stay at the Sarah Moore home.

### WEB LINKS

**American Baptist Churches USA**  
ABC-USA.org

**American Baptist Churches of Ohio**  
ABC-Ohio.org

**First Baptist Church**  
FBCDelaware.org



## Community Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebrations

At 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Jan 17, the 25th annual MLK worship service will take place at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The Rev. Sheri Smith Clayborn of Columbus will serve as keynote speaker.



At 8:15 a.m. on Monday, January 18, the 17th annual MLK breakfast celebration will take place in the Benes Rooms of Ohio Wesleyan's Hamilton-Williams Campus Center. The Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Clayborn of Methodist Theological School in Ohio will serve as keynote speaker. Individual breakfast tickets are \$20, with eight-person table sponsorships available for \$160. Reservations are required. For reservations, contact Rosalind Scott at (740) 368-3386 or rdscott@owu.edu.

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



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

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# January

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Note: Several committee meetings are not listed here because the official church calendar for January (which hangs in the back hall) was not available when I prepared the newsletter. – Jim</i></p>					<p><b>New Years Day</b> 1</p>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship			7:00 Choir		6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	8:00 Parish Council breakfast at Buehlers, followed by 9:00 meeting
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	7:00 Deacons at the Lovells		7:00 Choir	12:00 Young at Heart		8:00 ABM at Buehlers
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 Friends Listening for God 3:00 MLK Service at St. Marks Lutherine	<p><b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b></p>  <p>8:15 MLK Breakfast at OWU</p>		7:00 Choir	11:30 ABW at Buehlers		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Dear FBC family:

With sadness I report that long time member Shirley Parker died on January 18. Although she had been confined to the Arbors in recent years, Shirley kept up with the life of the church. She welcomed a group of us during the Christmas season for caroling in her room. As was her usual habit she shared a song from her youth with the group. To accommodate Shirley's extended family a memorial service will be held at First Baptist on March 20 at 1:00.

On February 12 the men of the church will reach out beyond our congregation. We have signed on to be greeters and servers at the Second Friday meal at Andrews House. At our Saturday breakfast we had been having ongoing discussions about where we could serve as a group. With our varied schedules the 2nd Friday meal seemed like an excellent choice. Having volunteered there for the past few months I know what a wonderful opportunity this will be for our men's group. Our men's breakfast on the second Saturday of every month is one of the things I look forward to every month. We meet at Buehlers at 8:00. Our discussions run the gamut from faith to football

to family life and anything else the members bring to the table. When appropriate we sometimes even venture into the intersection of faith and politics.

February 14 will be the date for this years Sandy Heizer music festival at the Trinity Baptist Church in Marion.

The event will kick off at 6:00. Festival PR person, Brenda Donegan, suggests, "This would be an excellent place to take your honey for Valentine's Day." We don't send a choir ourselves, but a few of our

people try to attend. If you would like further details let me know.

As stories continue to come out of Haiti we are reminded that the people of Haiti are our brothers and sisters. The Board of Deacons voted to send a \$500.00 contribution from the Benevolence Fund to the Red Cross for immediate relief. The deacons also plan to recommend that our February benevolence offering be designated to the ABCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing for use by our missionaries in Haiti. For the present there does not seem to be a need to raise funds to send small work parties to Haiti. Consider all the requests for aid to Haiti that you will no doubt receive prayerfully and critically.

Exciting opportunities await us in 2010. May it be a year of open and healthy communication. Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor,



## Lenten Study

We will have a Lenten Study beginning on February 21 and going forward to March 28. Each study will be at 6:30.

The topic will be announced later.

## Shirley Parker

*(See the pastor's editorial for more about Shirley.)*

Shirley L. Parker, 90, a long-time member of First Baptist, died on Monday, January 18.

Shirley was born in Natick, Mass. She first came to Ohio to attend Miami University, where she was tapped for Cwen, Mortar

Board, the YWCA Board, and served in student government. She graduated from Miami in 1943. Shirley attended Yale Divinity School from 1943 to 1944 before she married Robert Fichter.



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*Lent begins on  
Wednesday, Feb. 17*

While in New Haven, she helped found an inter-racial-inter-faith nursery school under the auspices of the National Council of Christians and Jews.

Shirley moved to Delaware with her family in 1949, where she held various volunteer positions within the community and at Ohio Wesleyan. She was President and a charter member of the Delaware League of Women Voters, as well as a member of the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom, the Delaware County Political Action Council, and the Downtown Improvement Committee. At Ohio Wesleyan, Shirley was an advisor to Mortar Board and the YWCA. She also served as Merrick Lecture hostess and assistant coordinator of University Convocations.

Shirley served as pastor to the Waldo Methodist Church from 1955 to 1956 and later at the Radnor Congregational Church and the Old Stone Presbyterian Church. In the 1960s, Shirley did graduate work at Ohio Wesleyan and Ohio State. She also taught English and worked as a guidance counselor at Willis Junior High School, and taught religious education in the Delaware Public Schools.

She earned a master's in library science from George Peabody College in 1971, after which she moved to Athens to take a position at the Ohio University library. Upon her retirement in the early 1980s, Shirley returned to Delaware where she has been a member of the First Baptist Church.

Shirley's passions included history — especially Civil War and family history, reciting poetry, cooking, baseball, singing and sharing her interests and ideas with others. She was actively engaged in human rights and politics throughout her life.

Shirley is survived by three children, Andrew (Margaret) Fichter of Philadelphia, Allison (Phil O'Brien) Fichter of Canton, Ga., Joseph (Laurie) Fichter of Putney, Vt.; seven grandchildren, Andrea O'Brien, Jonathan Fichter, James O'Brien, Daniel Fichter, Julia Tadlock, Wilder Fichter, Gage Fichter; as well as many friends and extended family members.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 on March 20 here at First Baptist.

Memorial contributions can be made to First Baptist Church or the League of Women Voters of Delaware County Education Fund (c/o Corinne Lyman, 27 Woodland Ave., Delaware, OH 43105).

### Do One Thing

Sometimes we think we have to do big things to make a difference in the world, but little things can be really important too. Challenge yourself to do at least one new thing this month. Here is a new list for this month, in no particular order.

I will do  
one new thing  
this month.

*thing:*

1. Donate money to the Red Cross.
2. Pray for those who have lost someone special.
3. Sign up to help in the nursery or with Tweenies at church.
4. Reduce, reuse, recycle
5. Support the Common Ground

free store. They can always use large trash bags.

6. Try to compromise more when having a disagreement.
7. Pray for everyone on the church prayer list.
8. Attend more church activities in addition to Sunday morning worship.
9. Smile more.
10. Help a neighbor or friend with a chore that is hard for him or her to do.

– Pam Faulk

### Pam Shears Joins Board at Common Ground Free Store

Common Ground Free Store is pleased to announce that Pam Shears now sits on our Board of Directors.



So far, Pam has “jumped right in” on events and has offered some well-thought suggestions for improvements. I am thrilled to have a “family member” from First Baptist committed to such a cause! Pam and I have been members of this church since birth! You can do the math.

Thanks for continuing to fill our store basket (which is in the vestibule). Two urgent needs for this month are:

- 1) large, black trash bags
- 2) coffee (we serve upwards of 100 cups at day!)

In Him,

– Beth Trigg

## Thank You

*Below are excerpts from a letter we received recently. — editor*

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the many clients we serve, we send you our heartfelt thanks for your very generous gift of \$381 to the *Second Fridays* free dinner program. First Baptist has been extraordinarily supportive of *Second Fridays*, not only financially but with staffing by volunteers.

These have been difficult times for many in our community, and our *Second Fridays* meal program is almost always at or near capacity.

We will work hard in 2010 to preserve your trust as we live out our mission of "People Strengthening People."

Sincerely yours,

*– Donald G. Chenoweth, Ph.D.  
Executive Director  
Andrews House*

## Last Call For Corrections For Our 2010 Church Directory

The deacons are finalizing the 2010 edition of our church directory. If you'd like your photo to be added or reshot, or if your listing needs to be updated, please inform a deacon immediately.

## Fellowship Time

Communion is observed on the first Sunday of every month at First Baptist. Afterwards, we gather in the Fellowship hall for light refreshments, coffee and punch. This is a great time to catch up with church family and enjoy a few laughs. There is no time frame, so just pop in and have a snack with us!

The food for this gathering is supplied by individuals in the church. There is a sign-up sheet in the Assembly room on the bulletin board to add your name. As our

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	Duane Binkley	Health Issues
	Jean Wickum	Condolences
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	Cathie Corder	Continued Recovery
	Olivia Langwasser	Leukemia
Jean Wickum	Martha Green	–
	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
	Mary & Steve Sealey	Health Issues
The Chessers	Toosie Eggers	Health Issue
	Mary Tilson	At Willowbrook
Evelyn Lee	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health Issues
	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
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congregation grows I have decided to have two families be responsible for the "goodies" each month. By sharing the cost, it makes it easier to accomplish supplying food for the group.

So far, we have volunteers for the first 3 months of the year. A couple months have one family signed up thus far. Please check your personal calendars, then fill in a time on our calendar when you can help provide for this traditional time many of us have come to love.

I will be calling with reminders prior to your date.

Thanks for your participation!

*– Beth Trigg*

## Retreat Planning

It's not too soon to start planning for this year's church retreat. The date for the retreat this year is October 9–10. If you would like to serve on the planning committee for the retreat, please let Pam Faulk or Pastor Tim know. The committee will be meeting at the Faulks' house at 7:00 p.m. on February 2.

*– Pam Faulk*

## Trustees Notes

The Gable Elevator Company returned and installed the new "back up" battery in the control room. The new battery, the extra service call, and testing everything again cost a total of \$121.50.

*– Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees*



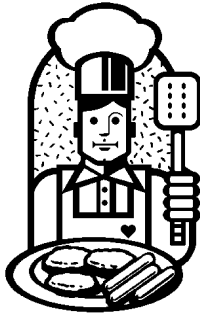
## Help for Haiti

On behalf of the fellowship, the deacons have contributed \$500 to the Red Cross from the benevolence fund. Additionally, we will dedicate the February benevolence offering to help Haiti through the One Great Hour of Sharing.

– Larry Faulk

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Please plan to join us for our annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 16th at 6:30. The menu will include pancakes, waffles, sausage, fresh fruit, homemade blueberry sauce, and fellowship. Bring a talent, skit, poem, or reading to share.



– Larry Faulk

## Church Directory Update

*Our new directory will be coming out soon, but until then be sure to update your current directory with this change.*

**Bernice Turney's** address has changed to:

Room 59  
2 CU  
Marjorie P. Lee Retirement  
Community  
3550 Shaw Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45208-1445

## Personals

• We offers condolences to Jean Wickum and her family on the death of Mary Ann Brown, 59, who died in Texarkana, Arkansas on January 5. Mary Ann was one of Jean's younger sisters, but in 1961 (when Mary Ann was 11) she and her sisters and brother made their home with Jean and her husband, Wick.

• Janet Lathrop recently had cataract surgery.

• Matt Lovell visited for a few days over the holidays.

• Jane Moore had arthroscopic surgery on her knee and is recovering at home.

## Andrews House Kitchen Cupboard

The 2009 Kitchen Cupboard raised \$9,000 for Andrews House. This topped last year's event and will be used to continue the good work Andrews House does for our community.

I want to thank those from our congregation who helped to make the cookie sale and bake sale successes. The cookie sale brought in \$800 and the bake sale \$200, which represents \$1,000 of the total. Knowing which items on the bake table were contributed by you, be assured that represents a large share of the total.

My thanks also to our members who attended that day. Perhaps next year even more of you will be able to stop by. Your continued support of Andrews House is important to many.

– Evelyn Lee

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Feb. 1 Melissa Neill  
2 Elizabeth Bowman  
6 Janet Inscho  
10 Matt Yoder  
13 Lana Palmer  
15 Deborah Van Broekhoven  
24 Emilie Trigg  
26 Shannon Kennedy

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

## A.B.W.

Our America Baptist Women (A.B.W.) continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 at Buehlers. This month, nine attended to enjoy lunch and fellowship. All are welcome. This month's Love Gift offering was \$19.88. This goes to the American Baptist Missions. Please consider attending and sharing friendship.

– Evelyn Lee

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	1 7:00 Piecemakers	<b>Groundhog Day</b> 2 7:00 Retreat Committee at Faulks	3 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	4	5	6
7 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	8 7:00 Deacons	9 7:00 Trustees	10 7:00 Choir	11 12:00 Young at Heart	12 5:30 ABM at Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	13
<b>Valentine's Day</b> 14 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	<b>President's Day</b> 15 	<b>Shrove Tuesday</b> 16 6:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 17 7:00 Choir 	18 11:30 ABW	19	20 8:00 ABM
<b>First Sunday in Lent</b> 21 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 Friends Listening for God 6:30 Lenten Study <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	22	23	24 7:00 Choir	25 7:00 Parish Council	26	27
<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b> 28 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Lenten Study <i>March newsletter available today.</i>	<b>March</b> 1	2	3 7:00 Choir	4	5	6

Upcoming: Palm Sunday is March 28; Easter is April 4

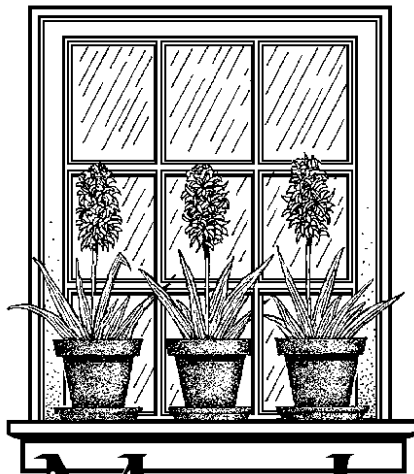
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Dear FBC family:

As we witnessed the destruction in Haiti many wondered how we could help. As a church we made an immediate donation to the Red Cross. We followed up with a commitment to send our benevolence offering in February to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering dedicated to relief in Haiti. I would also like to share a something shared with Ohio Baptists by our executive minister, Dr. Larry Swain who wrote:

*"Through the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**, American Baptists began responding immediately. Nearly \$40,000 has been sent so far for relief efforts underway in Port-au-Prince and the surrounding area. Church World Service is already providing desperately-needed hygiene kits, tarps and blankets in the affected areas. The Haitian Baptist Convention has mobilized pastors to minister to their Haitian brothers and sisters even as they themselves learn how their own families and communities have been affected by the earthquake. I would plea with each ABC/Ohio congregation to step up and respond in whatever way you can. Financial gifts are most needed now."*



## March

For further information about what American Baptists are doing to help in the ongoing crisis you could check our websites. ABCUSA is found at [www.abc-usa.org](http://www.abc-usa.org). ABC/Ohio can be found at [www.abc-ohio.org](http://www.abc-ohio.org).

I would like to extend a special thanks to the men of our church for their participation in the Second Friday meal at Andrews House on February 12. We had a great turnout and everyone worked very hard. Barb McKendry, who runs the Second Friday program, singled out two of our teenagers.

She said she didn't know when she had seen anyone work as hard as Michael Mercer and Ben Turner. Well done guys.

As we wait for the record thirty inches of February snow to melt we are moving toward Easter. I encourage you to be in worship for the Sundays in Lent. It is a much needed time of introspection as well as preparing our hearts for the Good News of Easter. Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Tim".

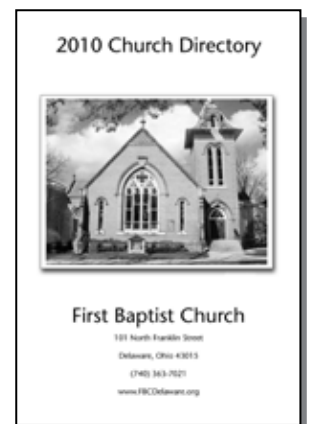
## Shrove Tuesday

About 25 people braved the winter weather to come out for our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. A big thank you should go to the cooks who did such a wonderful job in the kitchen.

## Church Directory Available

The 2010 edition of our church directory is now available. Please let us know if it contains any errors; if it does we'll print a correction in the newsletter.

The directory info is assembled each year by the deacons. Please note that the directory is **NOT** a membership list.



## Retreat News

Nine people attended the planning meeting for this year's church retreat. I am excited about our ideas for this year. Please put the date on your calendar now. It will be October 9-10. It is for our whole church family, and it would be nice if our whole church family could attend. Remember, if it is your first time attending, the cost to you is

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free. Please feel free to contribute to the retreat fund at any time during the year to help defray the cost for others.

– Pam Faulk

## Bernice Turney

Bernice A. Turney, 94, mother of Lana Palmer, died on February 4, 2010 in Cincinnati.

Bernice was a member of First Baptist for many years, and attended regularly until just a few years ago when she moved to a retirement community in Cincinnati.



Bernice was the beloved wife of the late Ben Turney, dear mother of Mary (Ron) Heinlen of Cincinnati, Lana (Jerry) Palmer of Delaware, and Wayne (Harper McAdoo) Turney of Hilltown, Pa., sister of Bill (Marlene) and Jack (Sue) Cooperider, Mary Lou Cain, preceeded in death by infant brother Kenneth and sisters Sara Jane Courter and Marjorie Hartley, grandmother of Michael (Susan Spalding), Deborah, and Robert (Allison) Heinlen, Stephen (Sandi) Palmer, Jennifer (Jason) Lenhart, and Jamin (Yania Sumo) Turney, also survived by nine great-grandchildren. She was also a member of Daughters of the American Revolution.

A well-attended memorial service was held at First Baptist on Saturday, February 20, with Rev. Tim Chesser and Rev. Harper McAdoo Turney officiating, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Interment was at Fulton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Marjorie P. Lee Retirement Community, 3550 Shaw Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45208, or to The First Baptist Church.

We extend our sympathy to Lana and Jerry and their family.

## Thank You

To my dear church family,

Words cannot adequately express my appreciation to you all for the lovely expressions of sympathy given to me and to my family following the recent loss of my mother, Bernice Turney. Please know your many kindnesses were indeed a blessing to us. The beautiful pink azaleas were such a lovely gift in memory of mother. They certainly brought sunshine our way.

Thank you and God bless you.

Love,

– Lana and Jerry Palmer

## Trustees Notes

- The B&J Fire Extinguisher Service of Marion completed checking and tagging our extinguishers for inspection. Five extinguishers had reached an age that was outlawed and had to be replaced. The total cost was \$272.25.
- A special thank you to Larry Faulk for bringing his big snow blower to the church and doing all the walks

## Volunteers Needed for Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

Looking for a way to help? Many nursing home residents have no regular visitors or may not have family living near. The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is looking for volunteers to visit residents in nursing homes and act as advocates for their care.

Volunteers are provided with a 14-hour initial training program and can be assigned to nursing home near the volunteer's home or work. Volunteers need to be age 18 or over and able to commit about 2 hours a week to visit.

Please contact Ruthie Fortkamp at (614) 857-1230 or (800) 536-5891 or email [rfortkamp@colscss.org](mailto:rfortkamp@colscss.org) for more information.

– Ruthie Fortkamp  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Catholic Social Services

*Common Ground Free Store Presents:*

## AN EMERALD ISLE EVENING!

Wed., March 17th 5-8 p.m.

The Delaware Township Hall, 2590 Liberty Road

**Serving Traditional Fare:  
Corned beef, Scalloped Cabbage Casserole, Roast  
Potato, Roll and Fruit Trifle, beverage, too.**

\$25 couple, \$12 single • Pre-sale tickets only  
Phone Carla: 740-816-7827 or Beth: 740-816-3491

***Wear your green! • Enter the Limerick Contest!  
Guess the number of Lucky coins! • Prizes! Music! Fun!***

*\*All proceeds benefit Common Ground General fund.*

and the four parking spots out back for the *three* large snows during the first half of February.

– Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees

## 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 \$8.00 each. Place your orders with Melissa Mercer or Jim Stephenson. The last day to place orders is Palm Sunday (March 28).

## Thank You

Thank you all for the many expressions of support during my recent surgery and subsequent hospitalization. Just knowing that you were praying was a great comfort. The visits, flowers and cards were rays of sunshine and boosted my spirits considerably. I feel blessed by my church family.

– Jane Moore

## Each One Do One

During this time of Lent, we often try to think more of others. See if you can do one thing over and above what you already do. Here are some suggestions, in no particular order.

1. Pray for our world leaders.
2. Attend the Lenten study at church on Sunday evenings.

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	Pam Faulk & family	Condolences
	Kathy Russell & family	Condolences
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Jean Wickum	Martha Green	–
	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
	Mary & Steve Sealey	Health Issues
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	Donald Brown	Health Concerns
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3. Go green.
4. Tell friends and family why you appreciate them.
5. Say something nice to someone each day.
6. Say a short prayer when you feel like shouting and wait until you can speak calmly.
7. Bring a friend to church.
8. Create art from trash.
9. Join a peace organization.
10. Practice random acts of kindness.

– Pam Faulk

## Personals

- As this newsletter was being completed, we received word that Kathy Russell's mother, Barbara Hock Grigsby, died on March 1 in San Diego. Kathy and Robert had just arrived in San Diego a few days earlier to visit her. We extend our sympathy to Kathy and Robert and their family.
- Pam Shears had oral surgery.
- Rick Lee has returned safely from his trip from Antarctica and visited here on February 21.
- Peter White participated in a presentation of "Down at the Depot: Portrait of Delaware as a Railroad

Town" for the Delaware County Genealogical Society in February.

- Jane Moore was hospitalized at Grady with blood clots in her lungs but came home on February 6.

- Mike Ekelberry was in the cardiac unit at the Cleveland Clinic for two days but has now been released. Jeanne Ekelberry drove up to be with him.

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



March 5 Ben Turner  
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.*



# First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

# March

2010

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 Piecemakers	2	3 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	4	5	6
<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> 7 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Lenten Study	8 7:00 Deacons	9 7:30 Marion Assoc. Trustees at Fair Park	10 7:00 Choir	11 12:00 Young at Heart	12 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	13 <i>Daylight saving time begins tomorrow. Set clocks forward one hour tonight.</i>
<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> 14 <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i> 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Lenten Study	15	16 7:00 Trustees	<b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 17 5:00 St. Patrick's Dinner at Township Hall, by Common Ground Free Store 7:00 Choir	18 11:30 ABW at Buehlers	19	<b>First Day of Spring</b> 20 8:00 ABM at Buehlers 1:00 Memorial service for Shirley Parker
<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 21 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 Friends Listening for God 6:30 Lenten Study <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	22	23	24 7:00 Choir	25 7:00 Parish Council	26	27
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 28 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Lenten Study <i>Last day to order Easter Lilies. April newsletter available today.</i>	29	30	31 7:00 Choir	<b>April</b> 1	<b>Good Friday</b> 2	3



Next Month: Sunday, April 4 is Easter Sunday

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

On May 4, 2010 all of us who live in the Delaware City Schools district will be asked to vote on a Substitute Emergency Levy. As I have attended meetings of the Education Council of our school district I have received an education about levy language. The emergency language is found in state law. The only emergency we would face would be if the levy is defeated. It provides 24% of the operating revenue for the district. Baptists have traditionally been supporters of public education. Excellent public schools provide an incentive for people to consider moving to a particular community.

When Kathy and I were thinking about coming to Delaware the schools were a strong consideration. At the time we were living in a community in another state that routinely voted down levies. The high school was falling down. The overall educational rate of the county was next to last in the state. It seems that few people in the community understood the relationship between paying for schools and the quality of life in the community. Although there

has been one exception since we arrived in Delaware we were told that Delaware had never voted down a school levy.

We were very pleased with the education that our son received in the Delaware City Schools. I continue to be impressed with how the other children in our church

are doing in the public schools. I want the children who come after my own to have the same opportunities to succeed. I hope you will vote yes on the Substitute Emergency Levy on May 4.

In the aftermath of the historic vote taken by congress on Sunday we have been inundated with wild

statements about the meaning of the healthcare reform act. As you try to process the changes yourself I hope you will look for some objective reporting about the issue. It seems pretty clear to me that we have not entered into Utopia or Armageddon. I trust that you will continue to resist hate speech on either side of this issue. Our nation has proven to be amazingly resilient in the past. Perhaps we should pray to recover the idea of community needs as opposed to only evaluating how any actions affects us personally.



Holy Week will present several opportunities for worship. Our Maundy Thursday Service will be held at 7:00. The community Good Friday service will begin at 11:00 with the Stations of the Cross walk through the community. At 12:00 we will gather at St. Mary's Catholic Church for the community Good Friday Service. Our Easter morning worship service will be at 10:45. Invite a friend or family member to any or all of these worship opportunities.

Your Pastor,

## UPCOMING LENTEN SERVICES

### Maundy Thursday (April 1)

A candlelight communion service will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm.

Please enter and leave in silence.

### Good Friday (April 2)

A community service will begin with the Stations of the Cross at 11:00, followed at 12:00 by the Good Friday service at St. Mary Catholic Church.

### Easter Sunday (April 4)

Sunday School at 9:15; Morning Worship at 10:45





## Jim Van Brimmer

James R. Van Brimmer, 86, died March 6, 2010 after a two-year battle with a rare cancer.

Jim was a long-time member of First Baptist and he served the church in many ways, including as moderator, Sunday school superintendent, and chairman of the deacons. He served several years as president of the



American Baptist Men of Ohio.

Jim repaired pipe organs whenever asked and ingeniously refurbished several player pianos.

Jim was born in Delaware on Aug. 8, 1923 to Elmer and Mary (Richards) Van Brimmer. He graduated from Willis High School and served with the 1596th Army Air Force Unit, 2nd Ferrying Group, "Crescent Caravan" of the Air Transport Command during WWII. After the war, he had a crop dusting company with two service friends. In 1988, he retired as regional quality control manager for Ranco Controls after 40 years, having been hired the day the plant opened in Delaware.

Though humble, Jim had seemingly unlimited energy for the causes he chose. He served on the organizational committee for the United Way, creating its first budget; he was instrumental in creating the chaplaincy program at Grady Memorial Hospital, and in funding and finding the first chaplain; he kept the records for the Alpha Industries Board; and he helped organize and promote Andrews House services.

Jim's survivors include his wife of 59½ years, Bertha Sparks Van Brimmer; daughters, Karen (Steve) Stoner of Delaware and Susie (Jeff) Leonard of Port Royal, Pa.; son, Rick (Sandy) of Columbus; grandchildren, Stefanie Heizer, Micah Stoner, Casey Leonard, Ryan Leonard and Tonya Claar; three great-grandchildren; two nieces; and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and three sisters, Ellen Treiber, Dorothy Houtman and Elizabeth Tracy.

The family received friends on March 12 at the Rodman Neeper Funeral Home, and a memorial service was held on Saturday, March 13 at First Baptist, led by the Rev. Tim Chesser.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to First Baptist.

## Maundy Thursday

Please join us for our annual "Upper Room" communion service (in the Fellowship Hall) on Thursday, April 1 at 7pm.

## Lenten Study Ends March 28

We hope you will join us at First Baptist Church for the final session of the Lenten Study on Sunday evening, March 28, at 6:30. The study is based on materials from the World Council of Churches. The topic of discussion will be the Church. Rev. Tim Chesser has been leading this exploration of the Nicene Creed and the Christian Church's beliefs over the centuries. Thank you, Tim, for your preparation and for sharing your insights on this important subject.

—Kathy Russell  
Adult/Leadership Education

## Thank You

I would like to thank all who contributed to the Bernice Turney reception and the Jim VanBrimmer lunch. A special thank you to the members of the board of deacons for your efforts for the memorials, you are appreciated.

—Larry Faulk,  
Deacon Chairman

## A Note of Appreciation

We would both like to say thank you very much to every person who has shown such love during the time of Kathy's mother's illness and death. We deeply appreciate the cards, phone calls, gifts, kind words, prayers, and generous offers. We are grateful for the help with making airline reservations, rides to and from the airport, taking care of the news letter while we were in California, the time people have taken to talk with us, and the pastoral support through everything. We are so blessed to have such a loving church family—especially at a time like this! We would appreciate your continued prayers as the estate is settled. Again, thank you all for everything!

Sincerely,

—Robert and Kathy Russell

## Church Leadership Conference

The annual church leadership conference will be held at Sawmill Baptist Church on May 1 from 9:30 to 3:30. The theme is "Reinventing Worship." The cost is \$35 a person, and you must register by April 22. See Kathy Russell for the details.

## A Bridal Shower

All the females in our church fellowship are invited to a bridal shower for Sam Chesser and Lindley Fischer on Sunday, April 11, at 2:00.

The shower will take place in the Fellowship Hall at church, and is being hosted by Erin Faulk, Pam Faulk, Debbie Fogle, and MaryLou Lovell. Please try to R.S.V.P. by April 4 to Pam or Debbie.

## America for Christ Offering

**“With willing hands—connect, care, celebrate”** is the theme for this year’s America for Christ offering. Your gifts support Christ-centered ministries that transform lives in the United States and Puerto Rico. Refugees driven from their homes are helped to relocate in a safe place and children living in poverty are given a more secure life. Evangelism training, developing discipleship resources and leading ministry workshops are also included with your financial help.

**GIVE TO THE  
AMERICA  
FOR CHRIST  
OFFERING  
2010**

This offering will begin March 21 and end April 18. To celebrate reaching our goal of \$600, the annual Walk-A-Thon will be held on April 18th at 2:00 at Mingo Park. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing, and enjoy a nice walk in the park. If you want a snack or water, you need to take what you want.

– Carol Serviss  
Mission Coordinator

## First Baptist to Host Church Women United

We will welcome friends at the Annual Ecumenical Church Women United meeting on Friday, May 7, at 11:30 in our Fellowship Hal.

## Prayer List

*Please give additions or corrections to a Deacon.*

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At 11:30 we will share a potluck lunch, followed by the dedication of the Least Coin Offering. At 12:15, April Nelson will update us on the Andrews House Interfaith Legal Clinic which she helps to present monthly.

All women are invited and urged to join this gathering. For further details, please contact Sharon Baker, Barbara Reed or Evelyn Lee.

– Evelyn Lee

## “Reinventing Worship”

The ABC/Ohio Church Leadership Conference on Saturday, May 1, 2010, will offer ideas for transforming worship. The conference leader, Rev. Brad Berglund, has been a pastor, church musician, and worship leader for more

than twenty-five years. He is also a spiritual director and a retreat director, and he has a degree in classical guitar! Check out his book *Reinventing Worship: Prayers, Readings, Special Services and More* (Judson Press, 2006).

Learn new ways to enhance worship that apply to many ages and interests. Registration is due by April 22 and only costs \$35.00 per person. See Rev. Tim Chesser for forms and financial assistance for this event. Plan now to attend the conference from 9:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. on May 1 at Sawmill Baptist Church, 10635 Sawmill Road, Powell, Ohio. Participants may check in on Saturday morning beginning at 9:00 A.M.

– Kathy Russell  
Adult/Leadership Education

## Trustees Notes

- A thank you goes to Jimmie Moore and Jerry Palmer for hanging new wooden wall cabinets in the kitchen. Things are better organized now and easier to find. The old steel cabinets went to Goodwill.
- The lock on the front door was repaired by Brads Lock & Key. The cost was \$75.
- John Muller of the Muller Pipe Organ Company came on March 9 and did many small repairs and some spot tuning on the organ. He returned four pipes that had been taken to the shop for repairs. The cost was \$299.75.

– Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees

## Do One Thing

Can you make a difference? If each person did just one thing, think of the changes we could make. Here is a list for this month. Try to do something over and above what you already do.

1. Walk around your neighborhood and silently pray for the people in each house, even if you don't know them.
2. Get to know better different people in our church family.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- April 10 Jane Mercer  
Connor Trigg  
15 Ray Serviss  
Tyler Wayne Fogle  
20 Fred & Pam DeBiasio  
Tammy Ferguson  
21 Jimmie Moore  
27 Colin Ferguson  
29 Deborah Fogle  
Benjamin Trigg

Please report any errors or omissions  
to Jim Stephenson.

3. Celebrate Earth Day by doing a special project.
4. Take old towels or animal treats to an animal shelter.
5. Listen respectfully to someone who disagrees with you.
6. Go fly a kite.
7. Pray for Christians all over the world.
8. Form a group to make prayer shawls or prayer quilts.
9. Cook "from scratch" more.
10. Get involved with Church World Service.

## Personals

- Ken and Genevieve Peterson have returned from a trip to Florida to the M&M Conference. While they were there, they visited with Pat and Bob Foor.
- Ian Ferguson participated in the In The Know team for Delaware Hayes this year. The team took second place over all in the tournament among 62 area teams this year.
- Betty Porter is now going to outpatient physical therapy and is finally able to get out and about and to drive herself around.
- Claire Turner played the part of Cinderella in Willis's production of CINDERELLA.
- Sam Chesser received a full tuition scholarship to Methesco Theological Seminary and will be attending there in the fall.
- The Delaware Public Library has had a quilt display this month from the Delaware Piecemakers who meet at our church. The display included our own stained glass window quilt.
- Janet Lathrop is undergoing treatment for severe back pain.

- Four of our young people recently performed in the area string concert. They were Will Fogle, Alec Ferguson, Claire Turner, and Sarah Bowman.

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<b>25</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>May newsletter available today.</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30 Potluck Dinner 7:00 <b>Quarterly Business Meeting</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>May 1</b> 9:00-3:30 "Reinventing Worship" Church Leadership Conference in Powell

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Dear FBC Family:

In some old time movies the passing of time would be presented as pages of a calendar turning over in the wind. As we prepare to celebrate Sam's graduation from Ohio Wesleyan in a couple of weeks

it seems that wind has been a strong one. Kathy and I are very proud of Sam and grateful for the support you have offered him. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find an invitation to the next big event in Sam's life.

As we wind down the Sunday school year I am thankful for all the work that goes into Christian Education at FBC. Many of my colleagues tell me that it is almost impossible to have a traditional Sunday school program anymore. Year after year we continue to prove that it is possible. It requires committed teachers and willing students. We have been blessed with an abundance of both.

Please be in prayer for our denominational family. At our last Marion association clergy luncheon Jane Gibbons, our Minister of Congregational Development, shared

news about changes in ABC/Ohio staffing. A committee is at work that will probably recommend the elimination of one or two professional staff positions. We currently have an executive minister and four Ministers of Congregational

Development, what we used to call Area Ministers. This is a direct result of decreasing contributions to the United Mission Budget. While our congregation is not one of the churches which have decreased its contribution we are still affected by the changes. In my thirty plus years of ministry I have always led the churches I pastored to support the work of the larger church. The main reason we are connected as Baptists is to accomplish ministry that we cannot

accomplish individually. Unfortunately we have seen a increase of those American Baptists who are unwilling to support regional and national efforts unless we are in complete theological agreement. Some of those folks have used their giving as a weapon. We all end up paying the price for what seems to me to be the malcontents misguided actions.

On the home front I would like to encourage you to vote on May 4. Some people just don't get very motivated to go to the polls for primary elections. However, we are also being asked to approve a school levy. Support for our public schools is too important to leave to someone else. Think about all the children in our church who are a part of Delaware City Schools. Vote yes for the renewal of the Emergency Levy.

Invite a friend to church. They may not be ready to say yes, yet, but you never know until you ask.

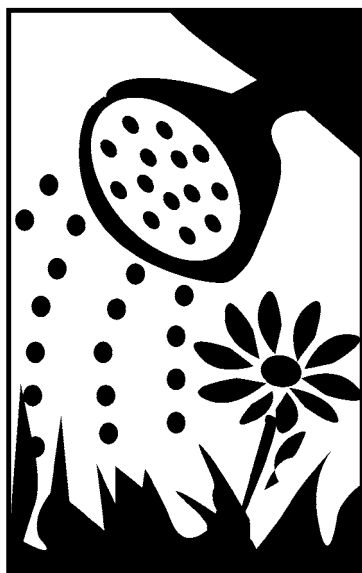
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# May





join this gathering. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. For further details, contact Barb Reed (740-369-4125), Sharon Baker (614-629-4090), or Evelyn Lee (740-362-9107).

– Evelyn Lee

AFRICAN PROVERB

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**If Many Little People  
 In Many Little Places  
 Do Many Little Deeds,  
 They Can Change the  
 Face of the Earth.**

*~~~~~*  
 submitted by Pam Faulk

**Trustees Notes**

- The sanctuary piano was tuned before Easter by Richard Dacks. The cost was \$85.00.
- A new **whiteboard** was installed in the youth room. The cost was \$181.00. The trustees urge all members and youth not to use any magic markers in this room. Marks made with magic markers can't be removed. To avoid soiling the board, **please only use dry-erase markers** which are made for whiteboards. It was an expensive mistake.
- A new valve was installed in the mens room. The cost was \$240.00.
- The trustees extend a thank you to Bill Hedges for using his truck to deliver the new tables to the fellowship hall.

– Peter White  
 Reporting for the Trustees

**Prayer List**

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	Sophia Stephenson	Health Issues
	Harold and Deb VanBroekhoven	Condolences on Death of Deb's Father
	Della Dove	Stroke Recovery
	Duane Binkley	Health Issues
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	Jennifer's Neighbor, Tim	Cancer Diagnosis
Bob Foor	Kay Kern	Cancer
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**WEB LINKS**

**American Baptist Churches USA**  
 ABC-USA.org

**American Baptist Churches of Ohio**  
 ABC-Ohio.org

**First Baptist Church**  
 FBCDelaware.org



## 10 Things

Here is a list of 10 things, in no particular order, that you might consider doing, over and above what you already do.

1. Pray for the pastor every day.
2. Attend all church business meetings.
3. Help clean a stream.
4. Give homework help or tutor someone.
5. Go out and enjoy God's world.
6. Pray for a friend who is going through a hard time.
7. Thank our Sunday school teachers for the time they put in.
8. Plant a garden.
9. Give shoes to Soles 4 Souls.
10. Vote in every election.

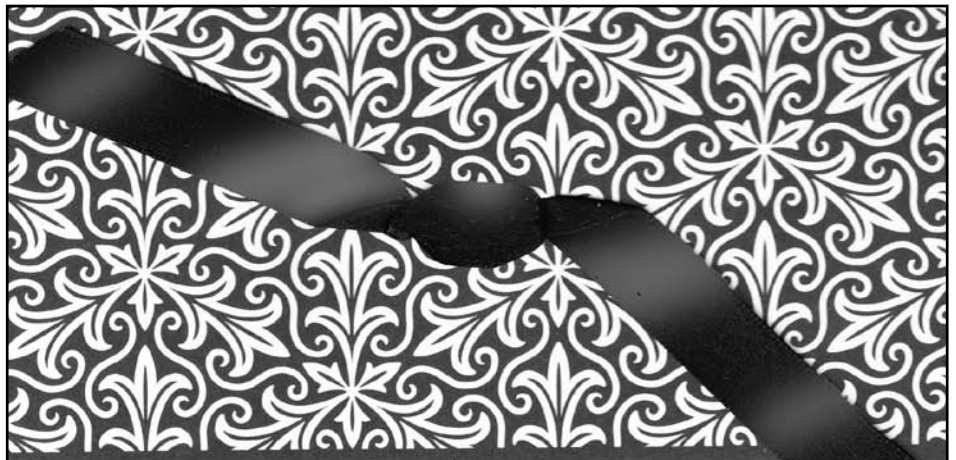
## Church Directory Update

*Please update your copy of the 2010 directory with this address change...*

**Florence Faulk** has moved to room 301 at Delaware Court.

## PERSONALS

- Our condolences to Deb VanBroekhoven on the death of her father in Vermont.
- Evelyn Lee broke her leg and is recuperating at home.
- Betty Porter experienced a setback in recovering her mobility.
- Michael Ekelberry is doing better.
- Sam Chesser preached the sermon on April 18.
- Will Fogle was baptized on April 4. This was followed by a nice reception.



*Robert and Katherine Fischer  
and  
Wendi and Stephen Chapman  
request the honour of your  
presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Lindley Marie Fischer  
to  
Samuel Elijah Chesser  
son of Tim and Kathy Chesser  
Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 2010  
at 3:30 in the afternoon  
First Baptist Church of Delaware  
101 North Franklin St.  
Delaware, Ohio 43015*

- On April 11, a bridal shower was held at the church for Lindley Fischer and Sam Chesser. It was very well attended, and everyone had a good time.
- The new tables have arrived in the fellowship hall. Be sure to take a look at them.

### SPRING TRAVELERS...

- Sally and Don Williams spent a month in Arizona.
- Dave and Mary Lou Lovell traveled to Williamsburg, Virginia.
- The Mercers traveled to St. Louis.
- The Whites went to Maryland.
- Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk cruised in the Eastern Caribbean.

- Tim and Kathy Chesser traveled to Indiana.
- The Turner family vacationed in Florida.

## *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  
12 Jeanne Ekelberry  
15 Barbara Smith  
Betty Porter  
24 Jean Wickum  
Sharon & Steve Baker  
27 Lisa Lawrence  
30 Ken Peterson  
31 Isaiah Davidson

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# First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

# May 2010

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Office 363-7021 Parsonage 362-6033  
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Days Off: Friday and Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Leadership Conference at Sawmill Baptist Church
2 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	3 7:00 Quilters	4 <b>Election Day</b> 	5 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	6	7 11:30 Church Women United	8
9 <b>Mother's Day Blanket Sunday</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship OWU Graduation Today 	10 7:00 Deacons	11 7:00 Trustees	12 7:00 Choir	13 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Board of Christian Ed.	14	15 <b>Armed Forces Day</b> 8:00 ABM at Buehlers
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23 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles</i>	24	25	26 7:00 Choir	27	28	29
30 9:15 Sunday School (last day of classes) 10:45 Morning Worship <i>June newsletter available today</i>	31 <b>Memorial Day</b> 	June 1	2	3	4	5

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

As the Sunday school year ends on May 30 I would like to thank all of the teachers who faithfully prepared for their classes each and every week. Our Christian education program continues to be one of the bright spots in our lives together thanks to the presence of teachers and students each week.

We begin our summer hours on June 6 with Sunday worship at 10:00. On June 13 we will celebrate Children's Sunday. After the worship service we will gather at Blue Limestone Park for our annual church picnic.

On June 12 it will be my honor to officiate at the marriage of Sam and Lindley at 3:30. We hope you will join us for the ceremony.

On June 26 we have been invited to a meeting at the Trinity Baptist Church in Marion beginning at 10:00. This is one of many meetings being held across the state. Our executive minister, Dr. Larry Swain, along with leadership from the Region Board of Directors will be here for the purpose of hearing our

concerns about the future of our Region. I am planning on attending this meeting. If you would like to join me let me know.

As most of you know Matt Yoder has completed his service with us as our youth pastor. We are actively seeking a replacement. We wish Matt well as he begins service with a Methodist church in Mechanicsburg. We have enjoyed having Matt with us for the last two years. We wish him well in this new ministry opportunity.

On the American Baptist web site,

[www.ABC-USA.org](http://www.ABC-USA.org), there is a pastoral letter from the national leadership of the ABCUSA concerning immigration issues. I hope you will check out this web site for insight about this difficult issue. Please let me know if you have questions.

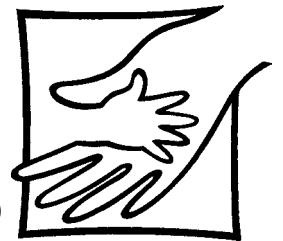
Invite a friend to church this summer. You might just change a life.

Your Pastor,



## Children's Day

Sunday June 13th is Children's Day. The children will take part in the worship service and then all are invited to our annual picnic at the lower shelter of Blue Limestone Park. Please join us from 11:30 to 2:30 for food, fellowship and fun. Bring a dish to share, drinks and table service for your family.



— Liz Bowman  
Board of Christian Ed.

## Goodbye, Matt!

May 23 was Matt Yoder's last Sunday at First Baptist, and Tim recognized Matt's two years of service as our Youth Pastor.

Matt has graduated from the Methodist Theological School and will be the Youth Minister at Nation Chapel United Methodist Church near Mechanicsburg, Ohio. We'll miss Matt and wish him well in his future endeavors.



## Blanket Sunday

First Baptist! Let me express my heartfelt appreciation for our fantastic response in honoring the women in our lives on Mother's day.

We raised \$333 for Church World Service. This is one of three activities each year to raise money for Church World Service and the mission work they do worldwide. Next will be Tools of Hope on Father's Day, followed by the CROP walk this fall. Thanks again for your wonderful support of Church World Service!

– Randy Turner, Financial Secretary

From the Bowman's in honor of Ann Brown and Carolyn Quick

From Jim and Anna Brown in honor of Liz Bowman and Carol Grubbs

From Jeanne Ekelberry in memory of Ethel Trogdon

From Erin and Larry Faulk in honor of Pam Faulk

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

From Vic and Debbie Fogle in honor of Mary Lou Lovell

From Will and Gabe Fogle in honor of Carol Serviss

From Bob and Pat Foor in honor of Heather Foor, Allison Nolan, Brooke Gilligan, and Teresa Foor, and in memory of Mildred Foor and Marjorie Shively

From Carol Grubbs in memory of Ruth Brown

From Lisa Lawrence in honor of Marge Matthews

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

From David Lovell in honor of Mary Lou Lovell and Deborah Fogle, and in memory of Jennie Lovell and Margaret Morby

From Michael Mercer in memory of Willa Corder

From Phil and Melissa Mercer in honor of Jane Moore, Jane Mercer, Claire Turner, Anna Irwin, and Madison Bressler, and in memory of Judy Mercer, Willa

## Prayer List

*Please give additions or corrections to a Deacon.*

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
The Deacons	Pam Debasio	Health Issues
	Evelyn Lee	Health Issues
	Betty Porter	Mobility Problems
	Sophia Stephenson	Health Issues
	Jerry Cornell family	Condolences
	Nancy Snook	Health Issues
Jane Moore	George Corder	Health Issues
	Cathie Corder	Continued Recovery
	Olivia Langwasser	Leukemia
Jean Wickum	Martha Green	–
	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
	Mary & Steve Sealey	Health Issues
Evelyn Lee	Mary Tilson	At Willowbrook
	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health Issues
	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	Health Issues
Lana Palmer	Judy Overly	Health Issues
Betty Porter	Dr. Mark Springer (Betty's dentist)	Recovering from lung transplant
Bob Foor	Kay Kern	Cancer
Carol Grubbs	Donald Brown	Health Concerns
	Haycox Family	Children's Health
	Celesta Crawford	Medical Issues

Corder, Edith Moore, Dorothy Mercer, and Isabelle Happeny

From Jim and Jane Moore in memory of Edith C. Moore and Willa S. Corder

From Genevieve Peterson in memory of Beatrice MacNeill

From Ken and Genevieve Peterson in memory of Jessie Peterson

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

From Barbara Reed in honor of Holly Kauf, Chris Riedmiller and Katie Riedmiller, and in memory of Katherine Clapper

From Pam Shears in honor of Janet Lathrop and in memory

of Marjorie Lathrop and Myrtle Gabriel

From Jim Stephenson in honor of Sophia Stephenson

From Randy and Jennifer Turner in memory of Willa Corder, Edith Moore, Freeda Jones, Lennie Turner

From Linda White in honor of Margaret Seckman and in memory of Carolyn Schneeberger and Thelma Del Grande

From Jean Wickum in memory of Marie Moffett Mead and Mabel F. Mead

## One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be accepted June 6 through June 27. Mother Nature has made Her presence known these past months and people everywhere need our help. Earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, mud slides and hurricanes have taken away all some people had, they have nothing.



We need to help rebuild the lives of the American people as well as those in foreign countries. People everywhere are facing the challenge of starting over and we can help by providing food, fresh water and shelter. There is a tremendous need and your money will help give so many people hope. Offering envelopes are in the pew racks.

– Carol Serviss  
Mission Coordinator

## Sewing

Womens' sewing will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, June 2 from 10:00 to 2:00.

We will be rolling bandages, putting elastic in skirts for young girls, and "tying" small quilts; no sewing involved!

We can use contributions of rick rack and other trim, ¾ inch elastic, and old sheets for bandages (they don't have to be white), or money to buy trim and elastic. These can be given to Jeanne Ekelberry or labeled and left on the green table.

Quilts and skirts stay in Delaware and bandages go to Haiti.

Come for a few hours and bring a sack lunch. Bring your daughters (if they are not still in school) so they can get involved

– Jeanne Ekelberry

## Ecumenical Church Women United

May 7 found 23 ladies gathered for our annual meeting. This represented women from 8 churches in our community, including 8 women from our congregation.

We enjoyed a bountiful luncheon and good visits with each other. Our Fellowship of the Least Coin was dedicated. This was followed by Jeanne Ekelberry telling of the work the Piecemakers do in our church and displaying the Wall Hanging gift from them. Genevieve Peterson shared her card ministry and all were welcome to take cards with them. Angel table favors were gifts from Barb Reed.

Our featured speaker was April Nelson, retired lawyer and community volunteer. She brought us the story of the Interfaith Legal Clinic, which is a vital part of the Andrews House ministry to those in need which meets monthly. Her presentation was well received and she fielded many questions. Our thanks for all the good work this program does for our community and to April for sharing.

It was good to have many of our congregation help to make the meeting a success. Special thanks to Sharon Baker and Barb Reed for their many efforts and to Steve Baker for all the signage to help guests find their way around our church.

Our 2011 meeting will be held May 6 at William Street United Methodist Church.

– Evelyn Lee



## Trustees Notes

- A thank you to Jerry Palmer for installing a new mail box on the front railing. (The door on the old one was broken.)  
Also, thanks to Jerry for spreading mulch in the space between the foundation of the educational building and the walk. The mulch looks nice and will prevent rain from splashing dirt on the basement windows.

- A small window pane was found broken in the "choir robe/copier" room. No attempt at entry was made, so we believe it was just a random act. The glass was repaired using glass left over when the old classroom windows were changed last year. There was no cost.

- At press time, Paul's Exterminator Service has been called to deal with a large swarm of bees that have set up housekeeping under the roof near basement stairwell. The cost will be reported later.

– Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees

## Aaron Shields

Aaron Shields, 35, died unexpectedly on May 24 in Delaware. Aaron had previously rented and lived in our old parsonage for about six years, until he moved out last year. During that time he also worked for several years as our janitor.

Aaron was a former shift manager at Pizza Hut and assisted his father running Dan's Deli. He performed as Jester The Clown for special occasions, and was the committee chairperson for the Junior Arts Exhibit at the Delaware County Arts Festival for many years. We extend our sympathy to his family.



## Thank A Teacher!!

Please make an opportunity in the next few weeks to thank the people who worked with our Sunday school program this last year. We have a really successful program, and it is because of people like these.

Tim Chesser, Randy Turner, Vic Fogle, Erin Faulk, Sam Chesser, Mary Lou Lovell, Debbie Fogle were Sunday school teachers. Larry Faulk, Linda White Liz Bowman, Lana Palmer, Melissa Mercer, and Kathy Chesser were substitute teachers. Ann Brown was our Sunday school secretary. Melissa Neill was also our Sunday school secretary and played piano for opening. Peter White played piano for opening and always had the church open and ready for classes. Mary Lou Lovell also played piano for opening.

There will be an appreciation dessert for these people on Saturday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Pam Faulk's house. This will include a short meeting.

– Pam Faulk

## Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are already planning for our Sunday school classes for next year. We can always use teachers and substitutes. If you are interested in pursuing this, please speak to me in the next few weeks. There is an

abundance of curriculum to choose from, most of which walks the teacher through the whole lesson, so an abundance of Biblical knowledge is not necessary. It is often more meaningful to learn about the Bible right along with the class. This is an excellent way to get to know our youth and plant seeds for the future of our church.

– Pam Faulk

## Personals

• Jean Osborne had knee replacement surgery on her other knee. She is recuperating at her son Greg's house. His address is 8015 Cran-creek Drive: Ada, Michigan 49301.

• Cullen Faulk celebrated First Communion at Blessed Sacrament Church in Warren, Ohio on April 25. Pam, Larry, Erin, and Pam's mother Pat Cole and Jean Wickum traveled there to attend. Jean had been Cullen's prayer partner during his months of preparation.

• Betty Porter suffered a setback in her recuperation, but is now improving again and continuing physical therapy.

• Melissa Neill will retire from OWU on June 1. See the Church Directory Update on page 8 for her new contact info.

• Don and Sally Williams have a first great-grandchild, Marie.

• Emily Bowman was selected for

symphonic choir at Hayes for next year.

• Pat Foor is back from Florida, but the Foor's have bought a house in Florida and intend to live there full time and will be moving soon. They will be greatly missed by our congregation. We will look forward to their visits back to Ohio.

• Lana Palmer and her daughter Jennifer attended the Women of Faith conference in Columbus. Erin Faulk also attended.

• Sam Chesser graduated Magna Cum Laude from Ohio Wesleyan on May 9. Sam was awarded the Sockman Award for academic excellence in religion. YEA SAM!

• Jane and Jimmie Moore traveled to California, and Lana and Jerry Palmer traveled to Williamsburg, Virginia.

• Jeanne Ekelberry's sister Nancy came for a visit and attended our church with Jeanne.

• Ken and Genevieve Peterson had a visit from their Japanese friend Hiroko Ikeda. Hiroko was here for several days and attended our church with the Petersons.

• The Davidsons will be moving back to Ohio this month.

*This is just a reminder. If you have items that you want in the personals column of the newsletter, please get them to Pam Faulk by the newsletter deadline of that month.*



## A Note to Our Teachers From the Janitor

Teachers!...

As the Sunday School season draws to a close, please gather up and store all your materials.

I want to begin cleaning a room a month, and I need books, papers, etc. to be moved.

Thanks,

– Beth Trigg

## Make A Difference

Here are ten ways you can make a difference, in no particular order.

1. Pray for those who are working on technologies that will help the environment.
2. Volunteer to teach Sunday school.
3. Organize a group to pick up litter in a park or wildlife area.
4. Contribute more to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.
5. Visit a neighbor who may be lonely.
6. Pray for people who are looking for jobs.
7. Have a conversation with someone about your faith.
8. Plant a vegetable garden.
9. Hold a Great American Bake Sale.
10. Answer someone kindly, even if you are annoyed.

## A Letter from the Kelseys

The following letter is from Jim and Debbie Kelsey, who are ABC missionaries in Italy. Debbie spoke to a group at our church last summer, and Jim will be preaching here on July 11. Before going to Italy, Jim was pastor of the Park Avenue Baptist Church in Mansfield.

– Tim

### Where Does a Person's Value Lie?

Assets such as machines, trucks, and office equipment have value to employers because they are useful; they help the employer further their business aims and, therefore, make a profit. Employers see value in employees when those employees are useful, when they enable the business owners to produce something or provide some service for which others will pay.

As countries debate the issue of immigration these days, they talk about ways to motivate and assist immigrants in becoming well-integrated, productive members of society. They talk about language acquisition, education, and adopting cultural

norms. The idea is that the more integrated an immigrant becomes, the more productive, and therefore valuable, they will be to an employer. This is often true—but not always.



Kitty Calavita, in her book *Immi-*

*grants at the Margins—Law, Race, and Exclusion in Southern Europe*, argues that in Southern Europe the opposite is often true. She writes:

*Immigrants are useful as 'Others' who are willing to work, or are compelled to work, under conditions and for wages that locals now largely shun. The advantage of immigrants for these economies resides precisely in their Otherness (p. 12).*

Much of the value of the immigrant worker to the employer lies in their **not being assimilated** into the culture. In this way, they are easier to exploit and victimize.

Laura is a Nigerian woman who attends one of our churches. She has been in Italy for 3 years and has been continuously employed, has all the necessary documents, and has faithfully paid all her taxes. She was laid off from her job and was collecting unemployment. (In Italy, an employer must continue to provide some benefits to laid-off workers and must hire back those laid-off workers first when business picks up again.) Laura was waiting to be called back to work.

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Her employer called her in and told her she needed to sign a document that would extend her permit to stay in Italy. Laura signed the document and went home with a copy. When she arrived home, her sister, who reads Italian much better than Laura does, told her that she had signed a resignation notice. Laura was tricked by her employer. Now she has no job and must find one immediately or will lose her permission to remain in Italy. An immigrant's permission to be in the country is tied to having a work contract. If you lose your job, you must leave the country. An immigrant's value is based entirely on his or her ability to be "useful" to an employer. They are purely an economic commodity, a means of production.

To make a long story short, Laura has no recourse. No one can do anything for her. Debbie and I tried; there is nothing to be done. It is precisely because she cannot read Italian well and she is not a part of a traditional Italian family and able to benefit from its connections in the community that she had value to that employer. He could never do this to an Italian. Thus, Laura had value to him precisely because of her "otherness." Immigrants have value here because they can be treated like office equipment instead of as human beings. And the immigrants know this.

Laura comes to worship each Sunday. She sings; she prays; she shares her hardships. The church is a place where she has value solely because she is a daughter of the Most

High God. Church is a place where she is reminded that she is made in God's image. Church is a place where she is recognized for who and what she really is.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well (Psalm 139:13-14).

She is not primarily a "means of production."

Pray that Laura will find work, some way to feed and clothe herself. But most of all, pray that Laura will never forget who she really is, from where her value really comes.

There are 2 weeks left in the 360 Matching Fund Campaign. Your gift of \$1 a day will be matched with another \$15 per month if you make your pledge online before the end of May.

To help support our mission in Italy by giving \$1 a day, go to <http://www.internationalministries.org> and then:

1. Hold your cursor over the words "People Who Serve". The Kelsey name will appear, (right below the word "Serve") click on the Kelsey name.
2. Near the bottom of the Kelsey page, you'll see a yellow box with the word "Give" in bold type. Click on the word "Give".
3. The next page you'll see is your Gift Basket. Click on the word "Checkout" to enter your payment information.

As you pray, please remember:

- Emma's ongoing struggle to get her documents through the recent government program
- Luke as he finishes up the last 2 weeks of his exams
- Our Christian sister Jackie who is participating in an Italian Baptist program to bring Italians and Gypsies together to build understanding and combat discrimination. She will travel with others throughout Italy in a camper van visiting churches. This is a big step for Jackie.
- Continued growth of our financial support so that we can continue our ministry in Italy...if you want to pray specifically we need 110 more people at \$1 a day.

May God Bless you and Keep you,

– Jim (along with Debbie, Ben,  
and Luke) Kelsey



## Travel to Italy This June!

Have you ever wanted to go to Italy? Maybe you've been there before and would like to see more. If so, the American Baptist Churches have a unique opportunity for you.

A Discovery Team will be in Italy from June 17-28, 2010, working with Italian Baptists to assist refugees and immigrants from Africa. You can help to provide practical and spiritual guidance that is needed for African people to adapt and be successful in their new country.

If you are interested in experiencing this firsthand, or if you want to learn how Baptists are making Italy a better place for immigrants, see this web site: [http://www.internationalministries.org/discovery\\_teams](http://www.internationalministries.org/discovery_teams)

– Kathy Russell

## Adult/Leadership Education: Mission Encounters in July

The ABC/Ohio Mission Encounters will be held on July 24 at Kenwood Baptist Church in Cincinnati and on July 31 at Diamond Hills Baptist Church in Mansfield. Both events are on a Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. The cost is \$35 per person or \$60 per couple.

Each Mission Encounter will include mission displays and worship. Workshops on neighborhood outreach, planning mission trips, and transforming the church through mission and other resources will be presented.

The main speakers are Debbie and Jim Kelsey, missionaries to Italy who are supported by our own congregation at First Baptist Church! We were fortunate to have Debbie speak at our church last year. Now the Mission Encounters offer an opportunity to learn even more about the many different aspects of the Kelseys' ministry.

Registrations are due on July 16 for the July 24 Mission Encounter. They are due on July 23 for the July 31 Encounter. For registration forms and additional information, contact Kathy Russell at church or at (740) 362-5465, or see the ABC/Ohio web site at [www.abc-ohio.org](http://www.abc-ohio.org).

– Kathy Russell  
Adult/Leadership  
Education



## Koinonia 2010 Summer Camp Schedule

Koinonia, the American Baptist Camp near Cleveland, Ohio, is offering an amazing array of camping opportunities this summer! With the variety listed below, there is bound to be something that interests just about everyone.

June 4-11, Lifeguard Camp, \$265

June 12-15, Special Persons Camp, \$145

June 20-26, Elementary Camp, \$245

June 27-July 3, Senior High Camp, \$250

July 4-10, Junior High Camp, \$250

July 11-17, Junior/Senior High, Bible N Saddle Camp, \$365

July 11-17, Sr. High Extreme Camp, \$250

July 18-23, Paintball Camp, \$320

July 25-29, Elementary Bible N, Saddle Camp, \$340

July 28-31, Primary Camp, \$170

July 30-31, First Timers Camp, \$45

Registration materials are available at [www.christiancampohio.org](http://www.christiancampohio.org)

under "Forms."

You can also get information by calling or writing to:

Koinonia Camp & Conference  
Center

6810 Cork Cold Springs Road  
Geneva, Ohio 44041

Phone: (800) 893-2267

Fax: (440) 466-6453

E-mail: [koinonia@koinoniacampohio.org](mailto:koinonia@koinoniacampohio.org)

HAVE FUN AT CAMP!

– Kathy Russell

## Opportunities at Green Lake Conference Center

Green Lake Conference Center, founded in 1943 by American Baptists, welcomes all Christian churches and denominations to its extensive facilities in Wisconsin. Conferences at Green Lake help individuals and churches to be more effective in their ministries for maximum impact in the world for Christ. School groups and nonprofit organizations plan functions there. Green Lake is also a great place to go for family vacations and reunions.

Events in June 2010 include Improve Your Swing from June 4-6, which will give insights into

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## Church Directory Update

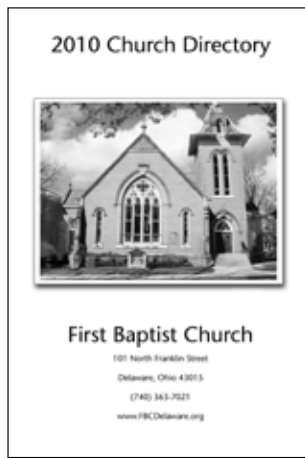
Please update your copy of the 2010 church directory.

### Sharon and Steve Baker

3480 Hillcrest Court  
Columbus, OH 43224

### Melissa Neill

Melissa is retiring from OWU on June 1.  
Her new phone and email are:  
Phone: (740) 972-0452  
Email: gardenmentor3@gmail.com



## Friends Listening for God Invites You!

The fellowship and spiritual exploration group Friends Listening for God welcomes anyone who would like to attend. The monthly meetings are only one hour long. They are held on the third Sunday of every month at 3:00 P.M. downstairs at First Baptist Church.

On June 20 the group will be learning different ways to share our faith with others. Input from all ages and viewpoints is considered and discussed with sincere interest. Come to Friends Listening for God for spiritual growth, food, and friendship. We hope to see you there!

– Robert & Kathy Russell

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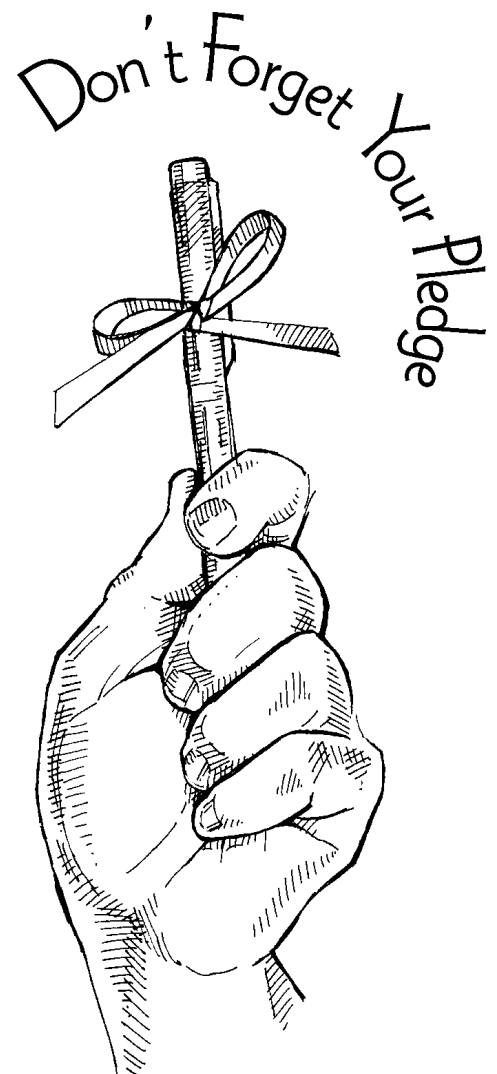
God's wisdom by comparing golf and life. Minister and life coach David Howie and PGA instructor Jack Shoger will lead this fun-filled, enlightening weekend. On June 11-12 the Second Half Ministry will provide ways to enhance ministries for the 50+ generation. The Holy Spirit Renewal Conference from

June 26 - July 2 promises to be a week of "inspiring worship, fellowship, family vacation, great Biblical teaching, and youth activities." At this conference, all who seek God can be renewed through prayer and the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

Green Lake Conference Center offers youth programs for the ages of toddler to young adult. The Children's Center has fun, spiritually educational experiences for kids. Camp Grow provides weekly summer camps on the southern shore of Green Lake for those who have completed grades 2-12. Quest is a summer conference for youth who have completed grades 6-12. Quest trains youth and youth leaders for ministry within the church and their communities.

For more information go to <http://glcc.org>; call (920) 294-3323; or write to Green Lake Conference Center, W2511 State Road 23, Green Lake, WI 54941. Scholarships are available for many of the activities at Green Lake.

– Kathy Russell  
Adult/Leadership Education



## 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
- 28 Jami Riedmiller
- 30 Jimmie & Jane Moore

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		1	2 10:00 Sewing (until 2:00)	3	4	5 7:00 S.S. Teacher Appreciation at Faulks 2:00 Gerspache Reception in Fellowship Hall (until 6:00)
6 <b>Summer Hours Begin</b> 10:00 Morning Worship; One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Begins	7 7:00 Piecemakers	8 7:00 Trustees	9	10 12:00 Young at Heart	11 Wedding Rehearsal (TBA)	12 3:30 Chesser/ Fischer Wedding
13 <b>Children's Day</b> 10:00 Morning Worship 11:30 Picnic at Blue Limestone 	14 <b>Flag Day</b> 7:00 Deacons 	15	16	17 11:30 ABW	18	19 8:00 ABM Breakfast
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Dear FBC Family:

In Matthew 19:29 Jesus promises the disciples that all who have left family and homes for the kingdom's sake will have family and homes returned to them. The wedding of Sam and Lindley on June 12 brought home the truth of that scripture to us. Our families were represented by my brother, Wayne, his wife, Gail, my niece, Mindy, and her two sons, Joseph and Thomas. Our church family was too big to count. To all of those who helped in innumerable ways thank you. We could not have done it without you.

As I write this column my calendar tells me that today is the first day of summer. I am already looking forward to some fall events. Our all church retreat is scheduled for October 9 & 10 at Camp Christian. I want to encourage you to put these dates on your calendars. Much planning and a fair amount of expense go into planning our annual retreat. You will derive the maximum benefit from the retreat if you can be there for all the meals and sessions. Please consider firing off an email to [fbcdelaware@gmail.com](mailto:fbcdelaware@gmail.com)

to say I am willing to commit to being at this year's retreat.

I would also like to encourage you reserve the afternoon of October 3 for kingdom work. People from all over Delaware will gather at Ohio Wesleyan for our annual CROP walk. For a variety of reasons last year's CROP walk offering was down

considerably from previous years. Following the able leadership of the local coordinator, the Reverend Phil Wilden, of Asbury UMC, we hope to reverse that trend this year. The needs of a

hurting world are great. Please join me in walking and seeking donations.

Now, back to summer. On July 11 we will welcome the Reverend Jim Kelsey to our church. Jim will be sharing with us the mission work he and his wife, Debbie, are doing in Italy. We are also adjusting one of our usual practices in order to welcome Jim. We will not be having a fellowship time following our July 4 service. We will have a fellowship time with ice cream following our July 11 service.

Even with our reduced schedule

during the summer there are certain needs that come around every week. Please be diligent in signing up for nursery and tweenie duty. The same one or two people should not get the joy of working with our wonderful children all the time. Part of being the family of God is to share the joy.

Continue to invite others to share in our fellowship. Sometimes it takes a while for "not yet" to become "yes".

Your Pastor,



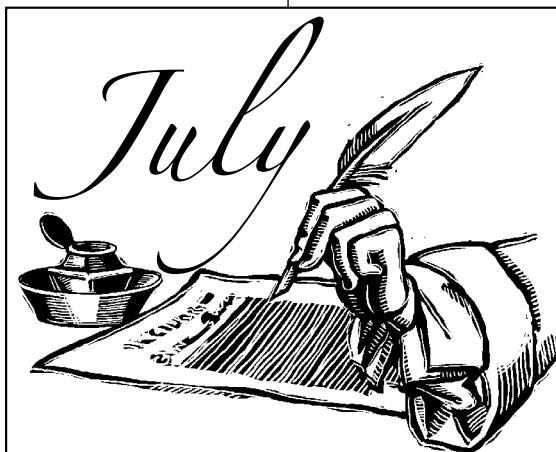
## Communion: Come to the Table

The July 4 communion service will be celebrated by "Coming to the Table". After the blessing of the bread and cup, the fellowship will be invited to come to the altar to receive the elements. After you receive the elements, proceed around the sanctuary to form our fellowship circle. If you cannot or do not wish to come forward, a deacon can bring the elements to you.

— Larry Faulk

## Fellowship Time Change

The July 4 Fellowship Time after communion will be moved to Sunday, July 11. This will provide a time of fellowship with the Kelsey's who will be with us then and it will



give you a chance to get an earlier start on your July 4th plans and celebrations.

– Larry Faulk

## Retreat News

The retreat committee has been planning an enjoyable retreat for our church family this year. Our theme is

"Do you see what I see?" Remember to set aside the weekend of October 9–10 on

your calen-

dars. The retreat is for our whole church family, and it is a lot of fun. Remember- the more the merrier. Please consider attending this year. First time attendees are free.



## Mission Encounters 2010

It's time to get "up close and personal" with missions — without leaving the state! Mission Encounters 2010 are one day sessions designed to fit your interests and your schedule. We have two different locations to meet your needs with a schedule running from 9 AM to 3:30 PM each day.

The workshop leaders are the same at both encounters. The first takes place July 24 at Kenwood Baptist Church in Cincinnati and the second takes place July 31 at Diamond Hills Baptist Church in Mansfield. Leaders include Dr. Glenn C. Perry of Karl Road Baptist Church Columbus, Rev. Bonnie Wagner of First Baptist Massillon, Dr. David Brown of Market Street Baptist in Zanesville and the ABC Ohio Ministry Team.

## Prayer List

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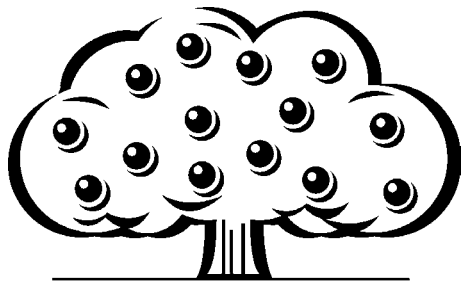
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	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
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	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health Issues
Barb Reed	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
	Regan Riedmiller	Health Issues
Lana Palmer	Judy Overly	Health Issues
	Wayne's wife, Harper	Cancer Surgery
Bob Foor	Kay Kern	Cancer
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's Health
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	Sue Newman	Support in caring for her dad
Beth Trigg	Dave and Amy Daniels	Infant twin daughters with health issues
	Her Aunt Caroline Walker in Florida	Health Issues
Debbie Fogle	Walter Grace	Health Issues
Robert Russell	His mother in West Virginia	Dementia

## Trustees Report

- The cost by the bee exterminator was \$200. When five days had passed with no more bee activity, the crack between the wood eaves and the brick wall was filled using a can of expanding filler which turns into a plastic-like material.
- A new microwave oven was purchased for the kitchen counter. The cost, on sale, was \$40.

- A new handicap parking sign was installed at the one remaining unmarked spot off the alley.
- Fellowship hall cleanup:
  - » Larry did a great job washing and waxing the floor
  - » Jerry Palmer and Jimmy Moore washed all the windows

– Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees



And may the Lord  
make you increase  
and abound in love  
for one another  
and for all ...

**1 Thessalonians 3:12**

**If Many Little People in  
Many Little Places Do Many  
Little Deeds, They Can  
Change the Face of the Earth**

Here are 10 things for you to consider doing, over and above what you already do. They are in no particular order.

1. Pray for those who care for sick and injured animals.
2. Take on a project for the betterment of our church property. (Ask the trustees for ideas.)
3. Plant a vegetable garden.
4. Patronize a local farmers' market.
5. Offer to water plants and pick up newspapers for friends or neighbors who are out of town.
6. Pray for peace all over the world.
7. Help those in our church family who need it.
8. Reconnect with the earth by sleeping out under the stars.
9. Support Joshua's Heart, to help stamp out hunger.
10. Go on a picnic.

– Pam Faulk

**ABW**

ABW Sewing met Wednesday June 2nd with three members and one friend who adopted us for summer sewing.

We finished 16 skirts and 4 small quilts or throws for the Free Store. We can still use old, worn sheets for bandages.

For another chance to help others, there is a group called Share ([www.shareyourbest.us](http://www.shareyourbest.us)). They help local homeless with handmade sleeping bags.

When Donna moved to Delaware, she wanted to help but was told that Delaware did not have a homeless problem — until she read of a man who froze to death under one of our local bridges.

If you wish to help, you can donate used blankets, mattress pads or

other fabric. Also, ("I'll never wear that necktie again!") ties are used to tie rolled sleeping bags.

Donations for both groups can be brought to church; please put my name on them.

ABW will meet on Wednesday, July 7, from 10 to 2. Bring a sack lunch if you can stay.

Share meets 9 to 11 every Wednesday at the new Senior Citizens Center.

We can both use more working hands.

– Jeanne Ekelberry



## Personals

- ❖ Sam Chesser and Lindley Fischer were married at our church on June 12.
- ❖ Jerry Palmer has been recovering from eye surgery.
- ❖ Janet Lathrop fell and broke some ribs.
- ❖ Jean Osborne has been staying with her son Greg in Michigan while she recuperates from surgery
- ❖ Emilie Trigg graduated from Tri Rivers Nursing School with LPN status. The ceremony took place at the Palace Theater in Marion on June 18. Emilie is working at Smith Clinic and is on the call list at Grady.
- ❖ June Grubbs has been in the hospital with heart problems.
- ❖ Archie and Beth Trigg spent their 36th wedding anniversary touring the lowlands of Scotland and Northumberland, England.

They stayed in two cottages, one near Jedburgh, Scotland where Bertram Potter (Beatrix's brother) lived; the other outside Perth, Scotland where a bat took up residence!

- ❖ Evelyn Lee was recently back at church after a long recuperation. She would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers.
- ❖ Michael and Jane Mercer attended Operation Everything at Grace Brethren.
- ❖ The Davidson family is back from Japan and were welcomed at church on June 20.
- ❖ Will Fogle and Hunter Green each received the gift of a Bible from the church, as each has just finished second grade.
- ❖ The wife of Nevin Gabriel, Peggy Gabriel, passed away in Arizona. Nevin is a brother to Janet Lathrop and Carol Serviss.
- ❖ Geneva Evans and her daughter Gina Jones went to California for two weeks for a visit with Geneva's son Gary and his family.
- ❖ Ken and Genevieve Peterson traveled to Michigan for their granddaughter's graduation.
- ❖ Peter and Linda White took a trip to California.
- ❖ Michael Ekelberry has a new job.

*– Prepared by Pam Faulk  
Personals Editor*

## Quarterly Business Meeting

On Wednesday, July 28 we'll have a potluck dinner at 6:30, followed by our quarterly business meeting at 7:00.

## Church Directory Update

**Tim and Kathy Chesser**  
have a new email address:  
tchesser5@gmail.com

## 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
- 31 Ashlee Inscho

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
<b>Independence Day</b> 4 10:00 Morning Worship with "Coming to the Table" Communion (No fellowship time after church.) 	5	6	7 10:00 Sewing (until 2:00)	8 12:00 Young at Heart	9	10
11 10:00 Morning Worship with Rev. Jim Kelsey telling us about the mission work that he and his wife, Debbie, are doing in Italy 11:00 Fellowship Time	12 7:00 Piecemakers	13 7:00 Trustees	14	15 11:30 ABW at Buehlers	16	17 8:00 ABM at Buehlers
18 10:00 Morning Worship 3:00 Friends Listening for God <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	19	20	21	22	23 6:30 Wedding (no church members involved)	24 3:00 Wedding (no church members involved)
25 10:00 Morning Worship <i>August newsletter available today.</i>	26	27	28 6:30 Potluck Dinner <b>7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting</b>	29	30	31 9:00 Mission Encounter 2010 in Mansfield

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Dear FBC family:

How do things become important to us? Recently I played in a charity golf outing that included a meal afterwards. When I sat down to eat I removed my hat and placed it on a



window sill behind my chair. Good manners remind us not to eat while wearing caps. On my way home from the golf course I realized that I had left my hat behind. When I arrived at home I called Mill Creek to see if any of the organizers were still there. I had hoped they might bring my hat back to Helpline. No luck, but they did find my hat and promised to save it for me. Why would I care? The hat was inexpensive, a present someone had found at the Dollar Store. It was from a Memorial tournament that I had not attended. However, it is also my favorite golf hat. Just a week previously I had been wearing the hat when I scored a decisive victory

on the golf course. I cared for the hat because I associate it with some emotional ties.

How does the church become important to us? If we were to close our doors tomorrow would it matter to you? I could have just written off my hat and got another one out of the closet. Would you just write off the loss of the church and move on to another one without much thought? Would you just miss the building, which is one of the

churchiest in Delaware? Would you think about the weddings, funerals, and baptisms you had witnessed here? Would you give a moment to think about all the saints who have sat in these pews for the past 157 years? Could you even remember all the hours you had spent behind these doors? If you had ever heard even the faintest echo of the voice of the living God here could you hold on to that memory?

People, places, and things become important to us in direct proportion to the investment we make in them. As these lazy, hazy days of summer move relentlessly toward fall evaluate your investment in the First Baptist Church. Our future is

only as important as our investment in the present. I retrieved my golf hat today. There is one more thing I forgot to tell you about it. In a little clip on the brim is a ball marker that I received from the Rodman Neepner funeral home a few years back. My golf hat, a constant reminder that you never know what tomorrow will bring.

I close with this invitation from Hebrews 10:24, 25. "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor,

## Missionary Speaks at First Baptist

On July 11, our church welcomed the Reverend Dr. James Kelsey as our guest speaker. He told us about the missionary work that he and his wife Deb do in Italy.

After church we had an ice cream social in the fellowship hall. Ken and Genevieve Peterson made REALLY, REALLY GOOD homemade ice cream for our sundaes. A free will offering of \$155 was given to Jim to take with him to help with their expenses.

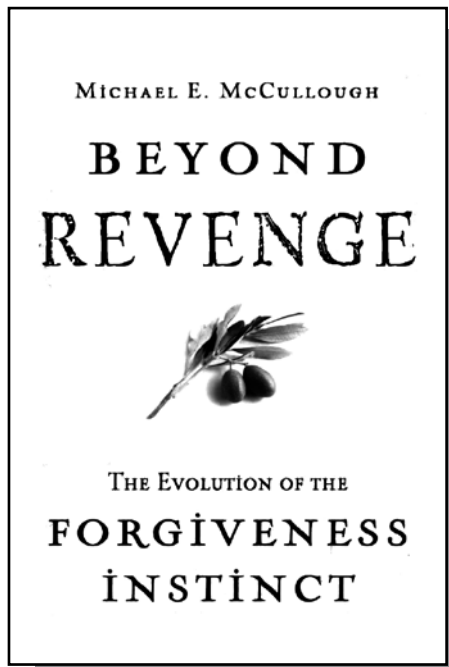


A big thank you goes to all who contributed.

– Pam Faulk

### Adult Class Book Study

Randy Turner and his Sunday School class will be exploring revenge and forgiveness this Fall. Michael E. McCullough's book *Beyond Revenge* explores revenge and forgiveness in new and challenging ways. He



makes a strong case that both revenge and forgiveness are innate human behaviors. He rejects the disease model casting revenge as the disease and forgiveness as the cure. Come examine his claims and embark on a journey of exploration through the Bible as we attempt to understand how these ancient human capacities for peace and war can be used to make our world a better place.

–Randy Turner

### Second Friday Update

Second Fridays continue to be well attended. The June gathering was the largest ever.

Kathy and Tim Chesser, Jeanne

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Beth Trigg	Her Aunt Caroline Walker in Florida	Health Issues
Debbie Fogle	Walter Grace	Health Issues
Robert Russell	His mother in West Virginia	Dementia
Larry, Pam and Erin Faulk	Marilyn Moore	Breast Cancer

Ekelberry, Barbara Reed and Pam Shears have recently represented us as Greeters and Mixers. We will be serving in that capacity again in August and September. If you'd like to take a turn, please let me know.

Our church will be providing apple pies for the September 10th dinner. We will need 12 nine-inch pies at \$9<sup>00</sup> each. Those wishing to help

with the pies may give me the money and I will order, pick-up and deliver those pies. Our guests always look forward to deserts.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Second Friday Program.

– Evelyn Lee  
362-9107

## Do One Thing

Sometimes we think we have to do big things to make a difference in the world. But the little things can be really important too. Challenge yourself to do one thing to make a difference this month. Here are some suggestions, not in any particular order.

1. Pray for a friend who has moved away.
2. Attend the church retreat.
3. Donate old towels and blankets to an animal shelter.
4. Help at Second Friday dinner at Andrews House.
5. Be a mentor.
6. Take some fresh veggies, fruit, or flowers to a neighbor.
7. Seek out people who make you laugh.
8. Pray for someone who is new to your area.
9. Share yourself with our young people.
10. Use less water.

– Pam Faulk

## Retreat! Retreat! Retreat!

The retreat committee has been planning a fun retreat for this year. The retreat is like a vacation for our church family. You would not want to be part of a family that went on vacation without you. You will be greatly missed if you do not attend. Look for more details next month.



– Pam Faulk

## Tools of Hope

Thank You First Baptist! We contributed \$335 to Church World Service on Father's Day (June 20). Your donations will help Church World Service provide help and relief to those struggling in poverty and recovering from disasters, a wonderful way to honor the men that have influenced our lives!

– Randy Turner, Financial Secretary

### GIVERS AND THEIR DEDICATIONS

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|---|---|
| Anna Brown, in honor of Bruce Bowman and Jim Brown  | David and Mary Lou Lovell in honor of Ray Morby, Rich Lovell, Randy Morby, Vic Fogle, and in memory of Dr. Robert Lovell, A. George Cray, Jay L. Lovell   |
| Kathy Chesser, in honor of Wynson Hope  | Phil and Melissa Mercer, in honor of Jimmie Moore, Jerry Mercer, Michael Mercer, Alex Irwin, David Irwin, Calvin Turner, Ben Turner, and in memory of Nathan Corder, James C. Moore, Ivan "Bill" Mercer, Clayburn Happeny |
| Sam Chesser, in honor of Tim Chesser  | Jane Moore, in honor of Jimmie Moore  |
| Tim Chesser, in memory of A. G. Chesser   | Jim and Jane Moore, in honor of Phil Mercer, Randy Turner, and in memory of James C. Moore, N. G. Moore   |
| Jeanne Ekelberry, in memory of Hewlett Trogdon  | Jerry and Lana Palmer, in memory of their fathers   |
| Erin and Pam Faulk, in honor of Larry Faulk   | Ken and Genevieve Peterson, in memory of Ebert Peterson, Vernon Mac Neill   |
| Pam and Larry Faulk, in honor of Jeff Faulk, and in memory of Ralph Cole, Donald Faulk, Laurie Faulk, Paul Stewart, and Wilbur Wickum | Betty Porter, in honor of Joe Mowery, and in memory of Ralph E. Guy   |
| Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle, in honor of Vic Fogle, Dave Lovell and Ray Serviss   | Pam Shears, in memory of Gene Lathrop   |
| Barbara and Kip Smith with Vic, Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle, in honor of Dave Lovell, Ray Morby, and in memory of Will Fogle          | Archie and Beth Trigg, in memory of Anne Linn, Archie L. Trigg  |
| Bob and Pat Foor, in honor of Bob Foor, Mark Foor, Curt Gilligan, Jonathan Nolan, and in memory of Albert Foor, Daniel Shively        | Randy and Jennifer Turner, in memory of N. G. Corder, James C. Moore, Adren Jones, Audy Turner  |
| Carol Grubbs, in memory of Charles Brown  | Jean Wickum, in memory of Wilbur Wickum, Lloyd Mead Jr.   |
| Lisa Lawrence, in memory of John Matthews   |   |
| Evelyn Lee, in honor of Rick Lee, Douglas Lee, and in memory of Dick Lee, Bruce Lee   |   |
| Mary Lou Lovell, in honor of Victor Fogle, Dave Lovell  |   |

## Personals

- Jane Moore was hospitalized at Grady with chest pains, but they didn't find anything wrong.
- Liz, Emily, and Sarah Bowman participated in the 5K for Lifeline of Ohio in memory of Adam Wasielewski, who recently died from an auto accident.
- Lori Brummett, sister of Jodi Lynn Hagans (who served as our pastor in the 1990s) has died. The funeral will be at Cherry Hill Baptist Church in Michigan. We extend our sympathy to Jodi Lynn and her family.
- Matt and Marci Cooper traveled to South Africa for two weeks and attended some of the World Cup games.

- Matt and Marci Cooper will participate in the SIDS Awareness Walk on July 31 in Columbus.
- Dave, Mary Lou, and Matt Lovell; Vic and Debbie Fogle and the boys; Kip and Barbara Smith; and Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk all spent the Fourth of July weekend at Lakeside. The Lovells and the Fogles stayed for the whole week. A good time was had by all.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Aug. 3 Ray & Carol Serviss
- 4 Gabriel Fogle
- 5 Bruce & Elizabeth Bowman  
Carrie Trigg
- 7 Jennifer Cramer
- 8 Jean Syler
- 11 Steve & Tammy Ferguson
- 15 Don Williams
- 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

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15 10:00 Morning Worship 3:00 Friends Listening for God	16 7:00 Retreat Committee at the Faulks 7:00 Deacons	17	18	19 11:30 ABW at Buehlers	20	21 8:00 ABM at Buehlers
22 10:00 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	23	24	25	26 7:00 Parish Council	27	28 10:00 Sunday School Teachers Meeting at the Church
29 10:00 Morning Worship <i>September newsletter available today.</i>	30	31	Sept. 1 7:00 Choir	2	3	4

Sunday school will resume on September 12

# September

2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 Sewing Group 7:00 Choir	2 7:00 Board of Christian Ed. at Church	3	4
Pastor on Vacation						
5 10:00 Morning Worship; Sam Chesser Preaching	<b>Labor Day</b> 6 	7	8 7:00 Choir	9 12:00 Young at Heart	10 6:00 Second Fridays dinner at Andrews House	11
Pastor on Vacation						
<b>Rally Day</b> 12 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	13 7:00 Deacons	14 7:30 Marions Association Trustees in West Mansfield	15 7:00 Choir	16 11:30 ABW at Buehlers	17	18 8:00 ABM at Buehlers
19 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 Friends Listening for God • Last day to submit newsletter articles. • Retreat registration forms due.	20	21 7:00 Trustees	22 7:00 Choir	<b>First Day of Autumn</b> 23	24	25
26 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 4:00 Marion Association Fall Rally at Trinity Baptist in Marion • October newsletter available today.	27	28 6:30 Free legal workshop on divorce at Andrews House	29 7:00 Choir	30 7:00 Parish Council	<b>October</b> 1	2

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Dear FBC family:

Sometimes the change of seasons just seems to come too fast. One day we are talking about golf, tennis, picnics, and vacations and the next thing you know we are talking about back to school issues, raking leaves, and the next election. I feel that way as I look at October's calendar.

We will begin the month by finishing up a vacation in New York City. The day after our return I plan on being at Ohio Wesleyan University for the annual CROP Walk. The first full week in October brings the opportunity to gather with other Ohio Baptists for our Annual Gathering at the Crowne Pointe Hotel in Columbus. Returning from that meeting late Friday I will readjust my thinking for our all church family retreat at Camp Christian, which begins at 8:00 on October 9. Our theme this year will be "Do You See What I See?" We hope to engage all of our senses in rediscovering the wonder of God's creation and how we all see the world in different ways.

By the time we recover from all that activity it will be time to look forward to our October business meeting. One of our most important meetings of the year, the October business meeting is when we elect officers for the coming year and vote on our budget priorities for the upcoming year. Please make plans to attend on October 27.

While I am on vacation I have asked the Reverend Gunnar Cerda to fill

the pulpit for me on October 3. Gunnar is the former pastor of our sister church, Zion United Church of Christ.

Invite a friend to church before winter strikes.

Your Pastor,



## October

### New Youth Leaders

We appreciate Vic and Debbie Fogle who have stepped forward to work with our youth this year. Vic will be supervising the teen youth group, and Debbie will be conducting the children's worship time for grades kindergarten through fifth

grade. They both are very excited about doing this and have lots of fresh ideas. Please give them your prayers and support in their endeavors.

### Annual Church Retreat

Our annual church retreat is October 9-10 at Camp Christian.

Remember that there will be no Sunday school or church service at our home

church on Sunday, October 10. Instead, we will be worshipping at Camp Christian at 11:00 a.m. Even if you cannot attend the retreat, please join us for worship. Directions to the camp can be found in your retreat packet. If you wish to stay for lunch also, the cost is \$10.00.

— Pam Faulk



### Save To Help Others

I am a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary. We are collecting **empty medicine bottles** to be given to Doctors Without Borders. Following the earthquakes in Haiti, the need is great to have sufficient supplies to dispense medication to the victims. Please remove the labels and bring them to me at church.

I am also collecting **plastic screw-top bottle caps** (water bottles,

milk bottles, sports drinks, etc.). These will be used to help pay for chemotherapy treatments. Please rinse the caps and bring them to me at church also.

Thanks,

– Barb Reed

## Sarah Moore Home Spaghetti Dinner

It's time for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Sarah Moore Home Service Board. Once again we'll be at Five-Star Banquet Hall & Event Center (under new management). This establishment is at 1502 West William Street, next to Rodman-Neeper Funeral Home.

The dinner will be on Monday, October 18, from 4:30 – 8 PM

Adults: \$6

Children 6-12: \$3

Children under 6: FREE

Carry-outs available.

I will have tickets or you can buy them at the door.

– Jane Moore

## New Flannel Boards

Do you ever wonder what birthday/ anniversary money in the little church is used for? Usually it goes to our Sunday school teachers to purchase the little odds and ends that they might need in their classrooms. This year we were able to purchase two new flannel/ white boards for our classrooms, in addition to giving each teacher a bit of change for classroom use. Thank you all for contributing to this fund.

## Make A Difference Day

For the past year I have been including in the newsletter ways that you can make a difference in our homes, our church, our community, our country, and our world.

October 23 in Make a Difference Day. Please try to do something special on that day to make a difference. However, do not forget that there are things you can do every day to make a difference. Here is another list of suggestions, in no particular order.

1. Pray for our world leaders.
2. Take on a church office or committee.
3. Get more in tune with nature by taking walks.
4. Participate in the Crop Walk by walking and/or donating money.
5. Make a treat and share it with a neighbor or shut-in.
6. Pray for a person you've had a disagreement with.
7. Bring a friend to church.
8. Plant more trees.
9. Contribute more to the World Mission Offering
10. Give more words of encouragement.

## Trustees Notes

- Jerry Palmer installed a new drain pipe and trap under the sink in the women's rest room. This turned into a big job due to the style of the sink and the old plumbing. It saved us a plumber's bill.
- A new floor mat was placed under the pastor's office chair to keep it from wearing the carpet.

– Peter White

*Reporting for the Trustees*

## Young at Heart

The Young at Heart group met on the second Thursday of September to share jokes that poke fun at the foibles of being old, and to share the news of family and friends. We also shared good food.

We pass around cards to shut-ins, and other members who have moved away, so they know we are thinking of them. When Fran Cook is there she helps with this, and in her absence Jean Syler does it. Tedious business, making sure everyone signed, that the return stamp is on and the proper postage is applied, and that they are mailed. Our thanks to these helpers.

I found this quote to share with you. It's from H. Jackson Brown, Jr., author of *Life's Little Instruction Book*:

**"Remember the most valuable antiques are dear old friends."**

– Jean Wickum

*Convenor*

## World Mission Offering

During the month of October I am asking that you, financially, support the World Mission Offering. There are so many people in this country and throughout the world that need your help. Earthquakes, floods and tornadoes have devastated people everywhere. Your gifts can help rebuild homes, provide food, clean water, education and a chance for spiritual guidance. Churches and missionaries are doing what they can to help, but need your assistance. Our church membership is very blessed because most of us have all we need and more.

– Carol Serviss

*Mission Coordinator*

## Second Friday

The September 2nd Friday found over 70 attending — the largest number ever.

Thanks to all of you who gave me money for the apple pies. I ordered the streusel pies which were the same price as a regular apple pie at both Buehlers and Krogers. The pie was served with a dip of ice cream

and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The October 2nd Friday dinner will find us starting our 15th year! First Baptist will again be Mixers and Greeters in October and November. If you would like to serve, please let me know. We need to be there shortly after 5:00 p.m. and will be finished by 7:00.

Thanks to all who have helped in the past.

– Evelyn Lee  
362-9107

### Andrews House Kitchen Cupboard

Please mark December 4 on your calendar as the date of this annual fundraiser and plan to attend.

Again I'm asking you to donate items for the cookie sale and the bake sale. We need **lots** of cookies — Christmas cookies are preferred but any kind are welcome. For the bake sale we welcome all goodies (except large cakes) from your kitchen — jams, jellies, yeast breads, muffins, candy, fancy nuts, cupcakes, salad dressings, seasonings, large and small fancy breads, special butters, and any other treats from your kitchen.

Raffle tickets will again be available, and you've continued to support that. Please continue.

Milt Wyman's art glass pieces and jewelry are always a special feature.

Please put December 4 on your schedule and plan to support this event in every way possible.

– Evelyn Lee  
362-9107

### Recycle As We Help Others

Please remember the following needs:

1. First Baptist Sewing: Sheets for bandages for Haiti; fabric for lap

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Robert Russell	His mother in West Virginia	Dementia

robes and baby quilts — Jeanne Ekelberry

2. Sleeping Bags for the Homeless: blankets, mattress pads, flannel sheets, neckties, pillow cases — Jeannie Ekelberry

3. Greeting Cards: Genevieve Peterson

4. Nylon Hose: stuffing for pillows for cancer patients — Evelyn Lee

5. Pill Bottles: Jeanne Ekelberry & Barb Reed

– Evelyn Lee

### Personals

• Our condolences to Ken Shears and his family on the sudden death of his youngest brother (who lived in Texas) on September 16 from a heart attack.

• Bob and Pat Foor have now moved permanently to Florida, but they will come back for visits when they can and will welcome visitors from our fellowship any time.

• Sam Chesser preached on September 5th. Visitors that day were Jarrod and Nichell Trigg and sons, Dorothy Brown, and Colleen Whitacre.

• Deb VanBroekhoven was able to attend our church on September 5th and invited us all to visit the ABC offices any time we are near Atlanta.

• Ed and Angie Burton have a baby girl, Olivia Mason Burton. She was born September 7th and weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Congratulations Angie and Ed.

• Penny Hagaman had surgery this past week.



## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



- Oct. 1 Bruce Bowman  
Kathy Chesser  
3 Janet Lathrop  
Jarrod & Nichelle Trigg  
Tim & Kathy Chesser  
7 Ann Brown  
11 Sally Williams  
16 Taylor Trigg  
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.*

- The Peterson's daughter Martha in Oklahoma was hospitalized for cardiac arrest. She is showing improvement.
- Emily Bowman recently had outpatient surgery to remove a small growth.
- Charles Ekelberry has moved back to Delaware with his mom Jeanne. He is currently looking for a job.
- Dave Lovell's brother, Richard, is recovering from 9-hour emergency surgery in Pittsburgh for an aortic aneurysm.
- Jeff and Laurie Faulk marched with Notre Dame's alumni band at the September 25th football game. Grandpa Larry and Cullen attended the game, while Grandma Pam and Aunt Erin babysat with Brigid and Jane.
- Betty Porter's son John has been visiting from Mexico. Betty is doing better and driving some. She recently got a good report from the doctor.

*– Pam Faulk, personals' editor*

# First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

# October

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with guest preacher Rev. Gunnar Cerda Crop Walk today	4	5 7:00 Board of Christian Education	6 7:00 Choir	7 ABC OHIO Annual Gathering	8 ABC OHIO Annual Gathering Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	9 Church retreat 
10 11:00 Morning worship at Camp Christian. (No services at First Baptist today.) 	<b>Columbus Day</b> 11 7:00 Board of Deacons	12 7:00 Trustees	13 7:00 Choir	14 12:00 Young at Heart	15	16 8:00 ABM
17 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	18	19	20 7:00 Choir	21 11:30 ABW	22	23 Make-A-Difference Day
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<b>Halloween</b> 31 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	<b>November</b> 1	2	3 6:30 Covered-dish Dinner 7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting	4	5	6

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC Family:

As I was clearing my desk I came across a mailing from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. Enclosed was a thank you certificate for our generous donation to the America for Christ Offering. Also enclosed was a listing of every church in the American Baptist family that had contributed to the offering. I was surprised to find out that only 123 of the 292 churches in our region had participated in this offering. Since ABCOHIO is one of the major beneficiaries of this offering it should not surprise us that the region has had to reduce staff.

As I looked over the list of contributing congregations I noted that there were 39 First Baptist Churches listed. They ranged from Akron to Wilmington, almost a diagonal line across Ohio. That got me to wondering what kind of experience you might have if you visited all 39 of those First Baptist Churches. One of our members, whose home church was FBC Fredericktown, told me our church was a lot like the one she grew up in. I doubt if that would be true of every visitor we might have from those 39 First Baptist Churches.

All that pondering of First Baptist Churches reminded me that we have to be constantly evaluating

what it means to be the church today. We recently made a change in our Sunday School opening that emphasized our horizontal relationship with one another. I have enjoyed having that extra quarter hour to interact with people, especially since doughnuts are involved.

Lately I have been thinking about how we do worship at FBC. That gets us to thinking vertically, drawing our attention toward God. I think worship will always be a balancing act between the horizontal and vertical. We are people coming together to worship God with our individual gifts.

Although the efforts of the choir, worship leader, and pastor tend to set the tone for worship, those are not the areas of my main concern. How do you participate in worship and how can we help you be more actively involved? I have begun to raise some of these issues with the deacons and hope you will feel free to share your thoughts with me.

As we enter into November let us continue to thank God for our church. 157 years of existence have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses. May they cheer us on as we try to figure out how to charge into the next century and a half.

Invite a friend to church, we have got something good to share.

Your Pastor,



## Phil Mercer Becomes Member

The fellowship would like to welcome Phil Mercer as our newest member. Phil joined our church at our annual retreat on October 9th.

## Russells Recognition

During fellowship time November 7, we will recognize Robert and Kathy Russell for their service to FBC. Robert and Kathy are moving to West Virginia.

## Retreat News

If you missed the church retreat this year, you missed a very good weekend. The weather was great, and we all had a good time.

We especially enjoyed the first ever performance of the First Baptist Church Men's Precision Drill Team. One of the activities that we did was taking digital photos to illustrate Bible passages. With the help of Larry Faulk and Ken Peterson, we

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then produced those photos and mounted them, making them into placemats. These place mats were given to the church to be used in the fellowship hall whenever a group wishes to use them. Those people who took pictures home can still make place mats and leave them at church. They can be found stored with the tablecloths in the closet in the fellowship hall.

I want to give a very big thank you to the retreat committee, Tim and Kathy Chesser, Ken and Genevieve Peterson, Robert and Kathy Russell, Larry and Erin Faulk, and Vic Fogle. It was GREAT!!

– Pam Faulk

### Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings:

The Thanksgiving offering will be dedicated to PIN and the Christmas offering will be dedicated to Andrews House.

– Larry Faulk

### Thank You

*We received the following note from ABC missionaries.*

Dear First Baptist,

We want to thank you especially for doubling your contribution to our mission work! You are now among our "anchor churches"--a relatively small # who contribute a large % of our ministry need.

Jim is in Rome today talking with leaders of the Baptists & Waldensians and Methodists about partnering to do immigrant pastor training together. We're also starting a 9 month project with a church that is 50% immigrant/50% Italian, aiding them in worship once a month and with Debbie developing a women's ministry there. Jim is returning to Vietnam to teach for a week in mid-November. He really enjoys the passion of the Vietnamese pastors for learning practical teaching & preaching preparation helps. (Maybe he enjoys

getting chauffeured around on a scooter, too!)

Blessings for a beautiful fall in your neck of Ohio!

– *The Kelseys, Debbie, Jim, Luke & Ben*

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Dear Church Family:

Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and gifts while I was on bed rest and upon Livy's arrival! We are truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful family! We will see you soon!

Love,

– *Ed, Angie, Livy, and Griffin Burton*

### FBC to Sponsor Four Children

FBC will sponsor Christmas Gifts for 4 children through the local Jobs and Family Services. A poster outlining the children's wish lists is available to sign up for particular items. Gifts and contributions will be accepted through November.

– Larry Faulk

### Make A Difference

Did you do a special activity for MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY? Just because that day has passed, does not mean you should stop trying to make a difference. Here is a list of some ideas in no particular order.

1. Pray for all doctors and health care workers.
2. Help clean up after an activity at church.
3. Encourage children to look after the planet.
4. Give things your family doesn't need to a homeless shelter.
5. Say "Please" and "Thank you" more often.
6. Place your finger lightly on a globe and spin it. Pray for the

people in the country where it stops.

7. Donate old sheets and fabric pieces to the church sewing group.
8. Donate old cellphones.
9. Do something for our veterans.
10. Vote responsibly in every election.

– Pam Faulk

### 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. 21.

### Common Ground Free Store

In September we had 651 shopping visits to the Common Ground Free Store, with 19 of those by first-time visitors. We have 1,372 people in our store's database, with the average family size being 3.6 people. Our store gave away 5,993 articles of clothing, 470 accessories, 610 shoes, 119 socks, 460 household items, 698 toys, 328 books, 5 baby items, and 132 coats.

With winter approaching, we could use your kind monetary donations. We are not funded by United Way. We depend upon individuals to keep our local mission alive.

To help raise money, Pam Shears and I are selling "Heavenly Dips" dessert, veggie and olive oil dips as a fund-raiser for the store. They come in packets of 3 for \$12.95. some of the flavors are: pumpkin, white chocolate raspberry, spinach artichoke and bruschetta. They'll be

delivered before Thanksgiving.

We also have available for \$20 each Traditional pine wreaths and pine Victorian swags.

Every penny aids in helping keep the store open and aiding our brothers and sisters.

Thanks,

– Beth Trigg

### Andrews House Kitchen Cupboard

I trust that December 4 is well marked on your calendar as you plan to contribute to the Andrews House fundraiser.

Please remember we need lots of cookies for the cookie sale, as well as other kitchen treats for the bake sale table.

We'd like your goodies to be there on December 3 and we welcome you there on December 4th to participate in this annual event. Your support is appreciated.

– Evelyn Lee  
362-9107

### Piecemakers

Piecemakers Quilt Guild will host a "Make and Share" day on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 am to 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Donna Imel, a member of the Guild and a representative of SHARE will show us how to make sleeping bags for the homeless.

We will use donated comforters, blankets, mattress covers, fleece throws, bedspreads and fabrics, denim and corduroy.

Come and help us for the day or for an hour or two. Leave donations in the Fellowship Hall or call me at 363-1432.

– Jeanne Ekelberry

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Beth Trigg	Christopher Frentsos	Car accident & health problems

### ABW

Eight ladies joined together for our October luncheon at Buehlers for good fellowship and food. We treated Kathy Russell to lunch as we know she will soon be leaving our group, and will be missed.

Our Love Gift Offering for October was \$29.92.

We welcome anyone to join us on November 18 for that gathering.

– Evelyn Lee

### Recycling Continues

Thanks for your great response to saving nylon hose and fabric and stuffing for pillows for cancer patients. The Delaware ladies making these like to have 10–12 pillows per month for the James

Cancer Hospital. Soft fabrics are also welcome for those neck pillows, all sanitized before being given to the patients. I will gladly pass them onto the workers.

– Evelyn Lee

### Second Friday

October 8 found us starting our 15th year of Second Friday dinners with a good dinner and a birthday cake. First Baptist will again serve as greeters and mixers in November. Let me know if you can help on the 12th. After that, we will take a break during the wintry weather as other churches serve our guests. Thanks to all who have helped in the past.

– Evelyn Lee  
362-9107

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



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.

## Young at Heart

Young at Heart met on Thursday, October 14th at noon. As usual we had good company and good food and even had some laughs at the piece Pastor Tim read to us about how little children take too literally some of the expressions that grown-ups use.

We had a letter from Della June Dove, a former member of our church, who still keeps in touch from her present home in Kansas. We send a card to her every month to let her know she is remembered, and we really enjoy her replies.

I am still sorting out goodies I had saved to share with YAH — here's one from Martin Luther:

"I have one preacher that I love better than any other on Earth. It is my little tame robin which preaches to me daily.

"I put his crumbs on the window sill. He hops on the sill and takes as much as he needs. From there he always flies to a little tree close by, lifts up his voice to God, sings his song of praise and gratitude, tucks his head under his wing and goes to sleep leaving tomorrow to look after itself.

"He is the best preacher I have on Earth!"

— Jean Wickum, Convenor

## Trustees Notes

- A thank you goes to Jerry Palmer for both supplying and planting all the small bushes along the north side walk at the rear of the church.
- All seven furnaces were checked for winter and the filters were changed. The cost by Don Patrick was \$248.56.
- A major leak showed up during late summer and fall in the northeast corner of the rear of the sanctuary. Some plaster was ruined. We've had trouble with leaks there for many years, and three different roofers have been unable to locate the leak's source. At press time, "Luther" of local company Roofwise Roofing is sure that he found and fixed the leak, but we won't repair the plaster until his leak repair is tested by the next big rain.
- The honey from the exterminated bees nest was washed off the wall beside the clock, but it ran down again, although in lesser amounts. It may stop during the winter.

— Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees

## Personals

- Angie Burton and her new daughter, Olivia Macyn Burton, attended church on October 24. Angie expressed her thanks to everyone for their prayers and cards.
- Bill Hedges's mother Vera Hedges died on October 17 at Grady. She was 93. Our sympathy goes out to Bill and Karen and Nichelle and Jarrod and their families.
- Penny Hagaman came through her surgery with no complications and is on the mend. She thanks everyone for their cards and prayers.
- Sophia Stephenson went to the Grady Emergency Room after experiencing weakness and very high blood pressure. She's doing better now after changing her medication.

- On November 12–13, Dempsey School is presenting THE SOUND OF MUSIC. Jane Mercer is part of the stage crew, and Claire Turner will play one of the VonTrapp children.

- The Delaware Hayes Marching Band received a ONE rating at their last contest. This qualifies them to compete at the State Band Contest that is coming up. Michael Mercer is a member of the Hayes marching band.

- Dave and Mary Lou Lovell visited their son Matt in Minnesota.

- Tim and Kathy Chesser celebrated their 40th anniversary and Kathy's birthday with a trip to New York City.

- The Reverend Gunnar Cerda preached in Tim's absence on October 3.

- Jerry and Lana Palmer took a trip to New York State, and in a separate trip they went to Williamsburg VA.

- Emily Bowman recently received an honor in math.

- Ray and Carol Serviss had family visiting from Iowa.

- Jim Stephenson traveled to Indianapolis to see Ted and Jeannie Stephenson.

- Jane and Jimmie Moore traveled to North Carolina to attend an Elderhostel.

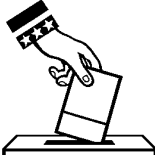




- Gary Evans and his wife Malene from California visited Geneva Evans and attended his class reunion.

- Kip and Barbara Smith have returned from a trip to Hawaii.

— Pam Faulk, Personals' Editor

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>All Saints Day</b> 1	<b>Election Day</b> 2 	3 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	4 7:00 Board of Christian Education	5	6 <i>Last day of Daylight Saving Time. Set clocks back one hour tonight.</i> 
7 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship, followed by fellowship time with recognition of Russells • <i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i>	8 7:00 Board of Deacons	9 7:00 Trustees	10 7:00 Choir	<b>Veterans Day</b> 11 	12 6:00 Second Fridays dinner at Andrews House	13 9:00 Piecemakers Guild "Make & Share" day in Fellowship Hall until 3:00
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21 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 Friends Listening for God • <i>Last day to order poinsettias</i> • <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles</i>	22	23	24	<b>Thanksgiving</b> 25 	26	27
<b>First Sunday in Advent</b> 28 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship • <i>December newsletter available today</i> 	29	30	<b>December</b> 1 7:00 Choir	2	3	4 Andrews House Kitchen Cupboard

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Dear FBC family:

Sometimes in other church newsletters I see a section entitled, "Did You Know?". We don't have such a section, but I would like to have one for this month.

***Did you know...***

*that in addition to his scholarship from METHESCO, Sam Chesser has received scholarship aid from:*

- *the First Baptist Church educational endowment*
- *the Marion Baptist Association, and*
- *the Ohio Baptist Educational Society*

We are thankful to the Reverend Jane Gibbons for that last one. She encouraged Sam to apply and shepherded him through the process.

American Baptists have a long history of encouraging seminary trained pastors. We are thankful for the help for one of our own.

As the church year transitions from Thanksgiving to Advent I encourage you to be in worship during this joyful season. As we hear the messages of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love may our hearts be full of the reconciling grace of God. Every Sunday is an opportunity to come together to bear witness to our Lord.

Our December 12 service will be

marked by a Joy that extends beyond the Advent theme of that week. Ed and Angie Burton will bring their daughter, Olivia, to our sanctuary of the Lord for dedication. Check elsewhere in this newsletter for other details about that day.

The young people of the church will be bringing the message on December 19 with their annual Christmas program.

As always we will gather on Christmas Eve for our traditional Candlelight Communion service. This is always one of the high points of our year. Invite

your friends and family early.

As the year draws to a close let us give thanks for the past year. Pray for a spirit of understanding and reconciliation during this Christmas season.

Your Pastor,



## Happy Birthday!

On December 19th, during the first part of Sunday School, we will have our birthday party for Jesus

with cake, cupcakes and punch.

The Senior High class will make the presentation of the cake with symbols and meanings.

Please mark your calendar and join us!

– Board of Education

## Children to Present Musical

This year's musical is "Getting Ready for the Miracle" by Linda Rebuck and music by Tom Fettke, and we are getting ready for you! Come join us on Sunday, December 19 during morning worship to see the youth of the church who have been working hard to give this gift to you!

## Thank You

The board of deacons would like to thank everyone who contributed Christmas gifts for the four children that we sponsored through Jobs and Family Services.

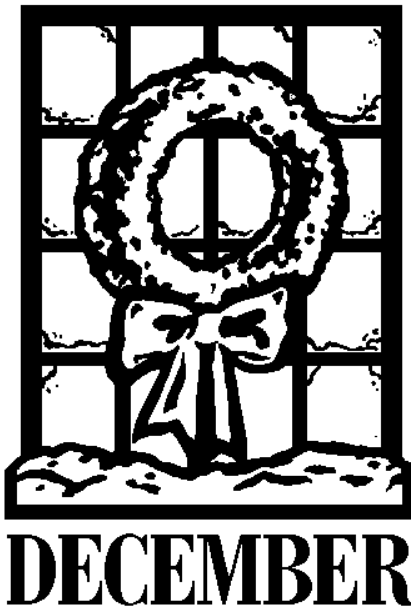
– Larry Faulk  
Board of Deacons

## Next Month's Newsletter

Our January newsletter will publish one week later than our usual schedule (because I don't want to work on it during Christmas week).

Articles will be due on Sunday, Dec. 26, and the newsletter will be available on Sunday, January 2.

– Jim Stephenson, editor





## Join Us for Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to join us for our annual Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 12. We'll meet at the church at 6:30 PM and will visit our shut-ins. We'll be done by around 8:00 and will then head over to the Faulks for refreshments.



We'll be singing carols that everyone knows, and all are welcome to join us regardless of singing ability. We especially encourage our older church members to join us so our shut-ins will see familiar faces.

Hope to see you then.

– Jim Stephenson  
Choir Director

## Make A Difference During ADVENT

During this season of Advent why don't we try to do something extra to make a difference in our world? Here are some suggestions, in no particular order.

1. As you walk around your neighborhood looking at decorations, silently pray for the people in each house, even if you do not know them.
2. Do daily Advent readings and activities with your family. A calendar of Advent activities and readings will be distributed with this newsletter.
3. "Adopt" a zoo animal or an endangered species.
4. Support the Andrews House Christmas Cupboard
5. Give a larger offering than ever before to the RMMO.
6. Smile at busy salesclerks
7. Pray for all homeless people.
8. "Adopt" a child or family for Christmas.

9. Go Christmas caroling.

10. Leave your change in the vending machines

## Youth Spend Night at "Shack City"

On a bitterly cold November night, three FBC Youth (Adam Davidson, Ben Turner and Emily Bowman) and I attended "Shack City" held downtown Delaware on the corner of William Street and Sandusky.

Sponsored by Youth United and Habitat for Humanity, the event had more than 100 participants. We all stayed outside for 12 hours sleeping in nothing more than their sleeping bags and a cardboard box. The purpose of this year's event was to raise awareness of the amount of homeless in Central Ohio, as well as to raise funds to build the first "Habitat for Humanity Youth Sponsored home". Below is an hour by hour account (and some thoughts) of what took place that evening.

7:00 – arrival and set up of our new homes for the night.

8:00 – hot drinks and dinner arrive but not to stay hot for long as the brutal 24 degree temp chilled our food and fast!

During this cold we discussed how this is what most homeless people experience each night and that they do not even get a hot meal, never the less a cold one

9:00 – we were instructed on how to make a sleeping bag with a local quilting group, sleeping bags made will go to homeless people all around Central Ohio to help in the cold months ahead.

10:00 – we made our way to our boxes and did what we could to keep warm, the temperature at this time was well in the 20's and it was

hard to focus on staying warm

11:00 – we could smell the smoke of a nearby fire, wishing we could get warm, too cold to want to get out of our sleeping bags.

From midnight to about 3:00 sleep was something that was hard to get. Five minutes here or there was about it. The sleeping bag was finally getting warmer, sometimes too hot. Too cold though to poke your head out, no middle ground at all, by this time, it was miserable. We



Emily Bowman in her house for a night in "Shack City 2010"

could not imagine doing this every night

4:00 – a few homeless people walked through downtown looking for a meal, given what we had, they were thankful for the support generosity, moved on to their next find.

5:00 – so many stars to see in the early morning sky...lots of time to think about how fortunate we truly are.

6:00 – time to get up and about, it hurt to put shoes on as our feet were so cold, some people don't even have shoes...

7:00 – time to go home, time to reflect just how lucky we are to have family, friends, a roof over our heads and warm food for each meal.

The young adults and I talked for hours about so many things; we really got to know each other a little better and were all glad we

did what we did. I think I can speak for us all when I say going in to this night we were a little nervous and did not know what to expect. But afterwards were humbled by the experience and so proud of each other! We want to thank you for your donations, kind words and prayers for not only us but for the ones who do this each and every day.

- Vic Fogle

### Baby Dedication

Meet Olivia Macyn Burton and help celebrate her dedication on Sunday, December 12 in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

- Lisa Lawrence

### Personals

- Marci Cooper's grandfather Wendell Diehl fell. He was scheduled for hip replacement surgery on Nov. 6.
- Members of our youth group spent the cold night of Nov. 6 sleeping in boxes in the "Shack City" at the corner of Sandusky and William Streets. Those who participated were Emily Bowman, Adam Davidson, Ben Turner, and advisor Vic Fogle. They collected about \$300 for Habitat for Humanity.

<b>PRAYER LIST</b>		
<i>This list is prepared by the Deacons.</i>		
Prayer Requests will be removed after 2 months unless "renewed".		
<i>Please send changes to Larry Faulk (Lfaulk01@aol.com)</i>		
<b>Church Contact</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason for Prayer</b>
The Deacons	Pam Debiasio	Health Issues
	Bill & Karen Hedges, Nichelle & Jarrod Trigg, Jack & Ben	Condolences on the death of Vera Hedges
	Martha Rhodes (daughter of the Petersons)	Heart problems
	Harry Rittenhouse	Recovering from surgery and complications
	Sophia Stephenson	Health Issues
	Dave Lovell's brother, Richard	Recovering from emergency surgery
Jean Wickum	Nancy Snook	Health Issues
	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
Evelyn Lee	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health Issues
	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	Health Issues
Lana Palmer	Wayne's wife, Harper	Cancer Surgery
Robert Russell	His mother in West Virginia	Dementia
Beth Trigg	Christopher Frentsos	Car accident & health problems

- Colin Ferguson is recovering from pneumonia.
- Robert and Kathy Russell were honored during fellowship time

on Nov. 7, as they prepare to move to West Virginia sometime soon. They were presented with a framed picture of our church. They thanked the church and shared how much they appreciate the time they have shared with us.

- Steve Baker was taken to Riverside Hospital with an irregular heart-beat and stayed for further testing. He is home now.
- Carol Grubbs's grandson, Nicholas Haycox, had surgery on his adenoids. Everything went well.
- Liz Bowman has started a new job with Habitat for Humanity here in Delaware.
- Don Williams was in the hospital for a few days recently.
- Melissa Neill traveled to North Carolina.
- Jean Wickum recently took a 2-week balance class at the

### Our Church Directory is Being Updated

If you would like to be included in the 2011 church directory, please update your info with Larry Faulk or fill out the form below and return it to Larry by December 31. If you would like a new picture, see Dave Lovell to have one taken.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Birth Date</b>	<b>Anniversary</b>
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

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

Delaware County Senior Citizens Center. She found this very beneficial. It is offered several times throughout the year through the county. Jean would recommend this to all of our adult fellowship as a worthwhile class to take. You do not have to be a member of the center to sign up.

- Congratulations to those of our youth who were involved with the wonderful production of THE SOUND OF MUSIC from Demsey.
- Sam Chesser was recently awarded a \$1000 scholarship from our Marion Association and a \$3000 scholarship from the OBC. Congratulations Sam!

*– Pam Faulk  
Personals Editor*

### Kitchen Reorganization

Pastor Tim has urged us recently to identify our gifts and use them for the glory of God. To that end, and with the approval of the Board of Trustees, a self-appointed, ad hoc Kitchen Committee recently purged the church kitchen of some items

that are no longer used. There were 180 glass snack plates and 114 cups. These and other things are on display in the back hall; they will be there for 30 days. Help yourself to whatever you need or want. Whatever is left will be donated to the Free Store or Goodwill.

The roasters and punch bowls have found new homes in the lower cupboards. Carry-out containers have been consolidated in one place.

*– Jane Moore and Lana Palmer*

### Trustees Notes

• A new rear storm door was purchased for the parsonage. The total cost installed was \$140. The old one did not fit well and several of the brackets that held the screen and glass were broken. The new one is a big improvement. Thank you to Jerry Palmer for arranging this project.

• After several rains we think the leak in the northeast corner of the sanctuary has been stopped. The cost by "Roof Wise" roofing was \$150.

• All gutters were cleaned out at the church, parsonage, and

old parsonage.

- The pipe organ was tuned and serviced by John Muller.

*– Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees*

### Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering

I am asking everyone to remember the retired ministers and missionaries, and widows by giving to this special offering during the month of December. Your gifts mean so much to those who have spent their lives giving spiritual guidance and personal support. A thank you check every year is very much appreciated by many.

*– Carol Serviss  
Mission Coordinator*

### The Ripple Goes On

The May 2010 Church Women United meeting which we hosted continues to help. April Nelson shared information concerning the Legal Clinic at Andrews House. She mentioned a need for books,

*continued on back of calendar*

### Support Group for Irritable Bowel Disease

Maybe someone in our church would like to be part of this support group.

*– Beth Trigg*

### IRRITABLE BOWEL SUPPORT GROUP

Monthly meetings for people with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (Crohn's, Colitis) or those that have an Ostomy of any kind.

**Dates:** Wed. December 1; Wed. January 5

**Time:** 6:00–8:00 pm

**Location:** Delaware Library Community Room

**Facilitator:** Julie McDonough

*Upcoming topics will include coping with IBD in your relationships, and enjoying holiday foods with IBD.*

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puzzles, and toys to occupy the children while their parents were being helped. Genevieve Peterson took the message to Willow Brook residents. As a result, a large box of stuffed toys were gathered for Andrews House for the children to enjoy. Many thanks to those who gave.

Several friends have stopped me at Buehlers to say how much they enjoyed the gathering and how glad they were to hear Jeanne Ekelberry tell of the Piecemakers ministry and Genevieve Peterson's card ministry. Ernestine Peebles gathered her cards and was delighted to join one of the card making sessions.

We are reminded once again how our actions may help others. May the ripple continue.

– Evelyn Lee

## **ABW**

The November ABW gathering found six enjoying lunch and fellowship at Buehlers. Our Love Gift offering was \$16.88 to add to the Mission needs. We will meet again on December 16th at 11:30. We welcome any of you to join us.

## **Second Fridays**

From the winter issue of the Andrews House newsletter:

### **REMEMBERING SUSAN**

*Susan (not her real name) came to every Second Fridays meal. She always arrived by cab and, hobbled by weight and tethered to an oxygen tank, struggled to make her way to the seat she always chose. Her place was at a table in the middle of the room and she always sat with her back to the wall so she could observe what was going on in the dining room. Leaving each meal was just as hard — another labored walk to a cab, or if she was lucky, to the car of another guest who would take her home.*

*Not long ago, we found out that Susan passed away and that she was so alone in life that she was not found for some time. We now know that Susan was not coming for the meal. She could have had food delivered to her home with the money she spent on cab fare. Susan was looking for what we all want — the chance to be with people, to connect, to receive some short-lived sustenance for the human spirit. It is so little to ask in life, just a place at the table and an opportunity to engage. Susan has reminded us that we need to feed the soul as well as the body.*

*Thank you to all our donors, supporters, and volunteers that allow us to have a place at the table for the Susans of this world.*

Don Chenoweth's message reinforces one of missions of Andrews House and our Second Friday meals. Again our thanks to all who have worked there and for your financial support.

## **Angel Food Ministries**

Please take time to look over the Angel Food Ministries insert sheet accompanying this newsletter. These meals are being enjoyed by many in Delaware, thanks to Andrews House. Perhaps one plan might be a special Christmas gift to someone on your list, or you might want to try it for your family. Bertha Van Brimmer has enjoyed meals for two months and is very enthusiastic about the variety and quality of the meals. Her family found pickup easy and speedy. She would welcome your calls to hear her comments. You will find a wide variety of food available. Andrews House will gladly answer any questions; call 740-369-4520.

## **Andrews House Kitchen Cupboard**

This annual event will find many joining together to assure another successful fundraiser for Andrews House on December 4 from 9:00 to 3:00. We appreciate the contribu-

tions First Baptist makes. Remember your raffle tickets from Tim Chesser, the giant cookie sale, and the bake sale. I know there are many good cooks in our church and we look forward to you sharing some of those goodies for the Kitchen Cupboard. Many thanks.

– Evelyn Lee

## **Poinsettia Dedications**

Our thanks to everyone who ordered poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during Advent.

From Randy and Jennifer Turner and family, in memory of Willa Corder

From Dave & Mary Lou Lovell and family, two poinsettias in memory of Ray and Margaret Morby, Ida Morby, and Dr. and Mrs. Robert J. Lovell

From Pam and Ken Shears, in memory of Gene Lathrop and Cap and Myrtle Gabriel

From Jean Wickum, two poinsettias in memory of Wilbur Wickum and in honor of her brother David Mead

From Peter and Linda White, in memory of Charles Seckman

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

From Ken and Genevieve Peterson, two poinsettias in memory of their parents, Ebert & Jessie Peterson, and Vernon & Amanda MacNeill

From the Brown and Grubbs families, 3 poinsettias in memory of Teresa Griffith, Ruth & Charles Brown, Fred Grubbs and Edith Hall

From the Porter family, in memory of Jim "Billy" Porter

## **December Fellowship Time**

Please join us for our fellowship time on Sunday, December 5 which will feature a light lunch of soup and muffins.







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# December

2010

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Days Off: Friday and Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 Choir	2 7:00 Parish Council	3	4 9:00 Andrews House Kitchen Cupboard (until 3:00)
<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 5 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	6	7 6:30 Board of Christian Education at the Faulks	8 7:00 Choir	9 12:00 Young at Heart	10 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	11
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 12 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Christmas Caroling  	13	14 6:00 Deacons at Buns 7:00 Trustees	15 7:00 Choir	16 11:30 ABW	17	18 8:00 ABM
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 19 9:15 Birthday Party for Jesus, then Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Children's Program 3:00 Friends Listening for God 	20	21	22 7:00 Choir	23	24 6:45 Music Preludes 7:00 <b>Christmas Eve Service</b>	<b>Christmas</b> 25 
26 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles (newsletter available on Jan. 2)</i>	27	28	29 7:00 Choir	30	31	<b>New Year's Day</b> 1 

In January the Board of Christian Ed. will meet on the 6th.