

Good News Letter

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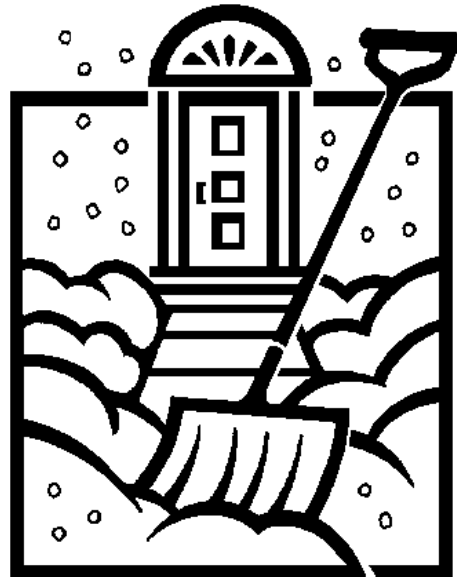
Dear FBC family:

Our Christmas Eve service was a beautiful conclusion to our Advent worship this year. The new communion ware, given by the Van Brimmer family in memory of Jim Van Brimmer, glowed in the candle-light. As evidenced by the attendance our Christmas Eve service is always one of the highlights of the year. Kathy and I thank you for your incredibly generous Christmas gift. We are also thankful for the cards, candy, and other gifts that you have given us this year.

The beauty of the Christmas Eve service was matched by the joy of the children's Christmas program. A program first seen at FBC when our young adults were children was recreated with our current young people. Debbie Fogle and Mary Lou Lovell put in countless hours helping the children get ready for the program. As in Lake Wobegon all of our children are truly above average.

As I look back on 2010 I believe it has been a wonderful year for our church. As many churches have struggled with finances during these difficult days we have had the best giving year in our 157 years of existence. Our Sunday school program continues as strong as ever. Our change in the opening time has been met with enthusiasm and excitement by most who take part. Like every year we have had some sad goodbyes and some joyous welcomes. As we enter a new decade let us be open to movements of the Spirit in our midst.

Life at the parsonage has certainly changed in 2010. We welcomed twin grandchildren, Xander and Jaden, in March. We welcomed a new daughter-in-law, Lindley, into our family in June. Sam recognized a call to the ministry and began studies at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio in August. In all of



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these things the congregation of FBC has been our family. At those times when our biological family couldn't be there for us, you were. We thank you.

As we look to a new decade invite a friend to be part of our family.

Your Pastor,

Fun Night For All Ages

Everyone is invited to a fun game night at the church on Friday, January 28. Bring your favorite games to play, some snacks to share, and your own beverages. The fun will begin in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.

"Angel Food" Available from Andrews House

The January Angel Food order form is in this newsletter. Please take time to check it out and see if you might use one of the packages. Also think of others who might not have known of the program but could be helped by it. Some freezer space is needed, but the food is good and a real help to those who purchase from it.

Remember that Food Stamps may be used as payment, so think of those who could use some help, including unemployed, senior citizens, and those needing help with adequate meals.

Any questions will gladly be answered by calling Andrews House at 740-369-4520. Pickup is quick and convenient.

Take time to look over the form and think of others who might be helped.

—Evelyn Lee

Editor's Note: You can also download the order form and place your order at the Andrews House website: www.andrewshouse.org

Trustees Notes

- The cost for the annual organ tuning was \$225.00.
- Four pianos were given their annual tuning by Richard Dacks. The cost was \$320.00.
- The boiler at the old parsonage was serviced, along with the pump. The boiler needed a new thermocoupler to keep the pilot light going. Both chimneys were checked for cleanout and draft. The cost by Don Patrick was \$159.06.
- At our December meeting, we elected the following representatives:

Jerry Palmer — chairman

Arch Trigg — assistant chairman

Jerry Palmer — representative to the finance committee

Bud Sykes, representative to the nominating committee

Peter White, reporter to the newsletter

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

ABW

When ABW met for sewing in November, we decided the projects we made would be donated to the Christmas Clearing House.

Thanks to volunteers from the choir and others in the church, we donated 10 baby quilts, small quilts and lap robes on December 4th for community giving.

Thank you all and Happy New Year!

– Jeanne Ekelberry

Young at Heart

At the Young at Heart meeting in November we had some new, pretty things (cards) to send our monthly greetings. Genevieve Peterson has made some clever return-address labels, with hearts on them, and Erin Faulk printed verses on label materials to be put into the cards

Genevieve brings to church. Liz Bowman supplied the pages of labels. Jean Syler and Anne Brown helped get the cards addressed. We like to keep the homebound and the far-away members to know that First Baptist thinks of them.

Here is the last of the poems I found in a drawer...

The Weight of Nothing

"Tell me the weight of a snowflake," a sparrow asked a wild dove.

"Nothing more than nothing," was the answer.

"In that case I must tell you a marvelous story," the sparrow said. "I sat on the branch of a fir, close to its trunk, when it began to snow. Since I didn't have anything better to do, I counted the snowflakes settling on the twigs and needles of the branch. Their number was exactly 3,741,952. When the next snowflake—weighing nothing more than nothing, as you said—dropped onto the branch, the branch broke off."

Having said that, the sparrow flew away. The dove (since Noah's time an authority on the matter) thought about the story for a while and finally said to herself: "Perhaps there is only one person's voice lacking for peace to come about in the world."

(from "A Race to Nowhere")

– Jean Wikcum

Letters of Thanks

Thank you Debbie Fogle, Mary Lou Lovell, all the kids, and anyone else who helped with the Christmas program this year. It was wonderful!

– Pam Faulk

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Wow! What great youth we have at First Baptist!

It was my pleasure to work with the young people of the church to present "Gettin' Ready for the Miracle" on December 19th. They were very willing to play a character, memorize lines, sing solos or sing in the choir to present the Christmas

Story. It was heart warming to see how the older youth helped the younger children with whatever they needed.

Thank you to Emily Bowman, Adam Davidson, Ian Feruson, Michael Mercer, Ian Ferguson, Ben Turner, Sarah Bowman, Sarah Davidson, Alec Ferguson, Jane Mercer, Claire Turner, Colin Ferguson, Will Fogle, Hunter Green, Isaiah Davidson, Aidan Ferguson, Asa Green, Gabe Fogle, and Hannah McKendrick.

Thank you all for your beautiful singing!

Thank you for all families for providing transportation for rehearsals and your support for the program.

A huge thank you to Deb Lovell for all the work with props, music, and directing it to make it happen!

This was a wonderful Christmas gift for me.

– Mary Lou Lovell

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Thank you to all those who used their gift of music to present the prelude on Christmas Eve:

Colin Ferguson (violin), Aidan Ferguson (piano and violin), Claire Turner (cello), Jane Mercer (oboe), Will Fogle (violin), and Deb Fogle (violin).

Thank you to Claire Turner for singing "Away in a Manger" accompanied by Jennifer Turner and to Melissa Neill for singing "O Holy Night".

Thank you to Jim Stephenson and the choir for all of the lovely anthems during Advent and "Joy to the World" on Christmas Eve.

– Mary Lou Lovell

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Many thanks to all of you who contributed cookies, jellies, quilts and other items to the Andrews House Bazaar. This was our biggest cookie sale ever, thanks to many good cooks. I will share the total figures at a later date.

Thanks too for those of you who shopped that day. It was good to see familiar faces.

Proceeds will help Andrews House continue its good work in Delaware.

– Evelyn Lee

If Many Little People In Many Little Places Do Many Little Deeds, They Can Change The Face Of The Earth.

Here is a list of 10 things to consider doing, in no particular order.

1. Pray for our world leaders.
2. Be more friendly and welcoming to people who are visiting our church.
3. Join the Green Volunteers.
4. Get involved with ONE KID ONE World which provides academic and athletic programs to impoverished areas.
5. Walk 10,000 steps every day.
6. Pray for our church leaders.
7. Get to know your church family better
8. Use less plastic.
9. Volunteer somewhere
10. Celebrate Christmas daily.

– Pam Faulk

Please Mark Your Calendar...

Why? You're invited to attend an old-fashioned afternoon tea!

Where? The Palmer home
654 Governors Street
Delaware

When? Saturday, January 22nd

Time: 2:00–3:30 pm

Come help chase the January "blahs" away as we investigate interest in—and share ideas for—a special New Year opportunity.

RSVP: 740-369-6098

– Lana Palmer

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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
Evelyn Lee	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
	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

Common Ground "Wish List"

- Coffee
- Powdered creamer
- Large black trash bags
- 4-roll of toilet paper
- Paper towels

– Beth Trigg

Personals

- Reagan Riedmiller was on Dempsey's Merit Roll for the first 9 weeks.
- Steve Baker continues to improve and has been able to attend church.
- Evelyn Lee's great-grandson Elijah received second degree burns on 10% of his body from spilled coffee. He is improving.
- Jennifer Cramer was hospitalized briefly with an infection from a

kidney stone. She is improving.

- Genevieve Peterson delivered over 1000 handmade cards to the inmates at the Marion prison. She thanks everyone for their contributions of used cards for her project.

• We extend sympathy to Don and Sally Williams following the death of Don's brother, Roger, in Carthage, NY. Don and Roger's father was Rev. Morgan Williams, pastor of First Baptist from 1938-46.

• Olivia Macyn Burton, daughter of Ed and Angie Burton, was dedicated in our church on December 12. After the church service a reception in the Fellowship Hall was held for Olivia.

• Evelyn Lee recently had cataract surgery.

- Janel Lathrop went with family to Tampa, Florida for her granddaughter's college graduation.
- Jean Osborne attended her granddaughter's college graduation in Michigan.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

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9 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	10 7:00 Deacons	11 7:00 Trustees	12 7:00 Choir	13 12:00 Young at Heart	14 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	15 8:00 ABM at Buehlers
16 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 Martin Luther King Memorial Worship Service at Zion AME	Martin Luther King Birthday 17  7:45 MLK Breakfast at OWU	18	19 7:00 Choir	20 11:30 ABW at Buehlers	21	22 2:00 Afternoon Tea at Palmer Home
23 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship • Last day to submit newsletter articles	24	25	26 6:30 Potluck Dinner 7:00 Business Meeting	27	28 7:00 Family Fun Night in the Fellowship Hall	29
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Dear FBC family:

As most of you are aware I have begun something new this year. For most of my time at First Baptist I have been a lectionary preacher. Each year beginning in Advent I start anew on a three year journey through the scriptures. The advantage to this approach is that you go through the scriptures during that three years. Each year places stress on a different gospel as well as a variety of other readings. During Advent I realized that as I faced my fourth time through the lectionary with you I needed a change.

As some of you heard on the second Sunday in January, which was the first time I preached in 2011, playing Angry Birds on my IPAD broke a dam of resistance and presented a new way forward. The idea that playing a video game could aid in creative thought was new to me. However, I read about it in the New York Times, so how could it not be correct.

Baptists consider ourselves people of the Bible, but sometimes we just don't know much about the Bible. I decided to start with creation and preach on the big stories and themes of the scriptures. I believe the stories are the source for the themes. We are calling this experi-

ment a journey through the Bible. As is true of any journey we will not stop at every location. If I happen to miss a stop that you really wanted to visit please let me know. Sometimes it is ok to turn back to catch something important. I will try to let you know the next stop on the way each Sunday and you can help by reading ahead.



A friend once shared with me that he used to publish the title of his next week's sermon in the Sunday bulletin. One of his members told him that some of the members used to think there were three sermons in a given week. The three were what they thought he would say, what he actually said, and

what people heard. Let me know what you are hearing. My hope is that this journey will lead us into a deeper, firmer relationship with God. In an age of increasing Biblical illiteracy we need to become even more literate.

As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter we are also emphasizing some of our local mission efforts this year. While still supporting ABCUSA work around the world, we want to be more hands on in our community. I hope you will join us in this effort. First up: A stop at Andrews House for the men of the church to serve at the 2nd Friday meal on February 11. We will gather there at 5:30.

Invite someone you know to join us on the journey this year.

Your Pastor

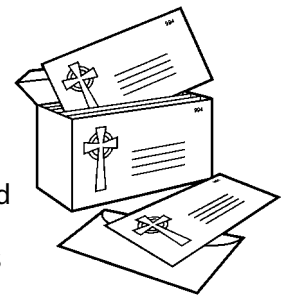
America for Christ

In March, we will begin collecting for the America for Christ offering. In preparation, the children's Sunday School classes will be working together to learn about missions and use their creativity for a project that will be shared with the congregation. The children will not be bringing home boxes for this offering, but will instead bring their loose change each Sunday to give towards the America for Christ program. Parents, please remind your children to bring their change. Also, we would welcome contributions of loose change from anyone.

—Kathy Chesser

A Message from the Financial Secretary

First, a big thank you for your faithfulness in 2010! First Baptist pledged \$99,674.00 and we gave 96% of our pledges overall. Giving in all areas totaled \$138,576.58 including memorials, credited giving to the



Deacon's Benevolence Fund and special offerings. We ended the year with healthy balances in all of our accounts and look forward to continued growth. Larry Faulk, finance committee chair, reported the details at our annual business meeting on January 26, 2011.

Second, I would like to remind everyone that any giving that is not pledged or designated goes to the general fund. If you wish to contribute to Unified Missions or Capital Improvements (listed as Special Projects on your envelopes) you must make a pledge indicating your wishes or designate them on the front of your envelope when you give. The budget for 2011 totals \$116,683.00 with \$101,683 for general fund expenses and \$15,000 for missions. Of the \$15,000 for missions: \$2400.00 is for direct missionary support for the Kelsey's, \$4600 in other designated mission support including special ABC-USA offerings, the remainder goes to unified mission supporting our regional and national staff people. We have current pledges of \$80,860 for the general fund and \$12,058 for missions in 2011. Pledges for 2011 currently total \$97,160.

Finally, our giving reflects the relationship and trust we have in God. It is my prayer that our continued giving shows not only a financial commitment to our church and its ministries but a healthy individual relationship with God. Paul admonishes us to "give with a joyful heart". May 2011 bring the joy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the peace that passes understanding for a renewed sense of Christ's presence in us and in our church.

Sincerely,

– Randy Turner
Financial Secretary

News from PIN

Did you know that every month PIN provides its clients with one taxable item in addition to food? We have decided to participate

in this program by emphasizing the special product. For February PIN will be distributing LIQUID DISH DETERGENT. Please help by bringing some and putting it in the PIN box in the narthex. Together we continue to make a difference in our community.

– The Mission Group

Thank You

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank the minister, the deacons, and the congregation of First Baptist Church for the very special party in our honor during the November Fellowship Time. Wherever God may lead us in the future, the hand crafted picture featuring scenes of this church, the engraved brass door knocker, and the purple Christmas ornament are unique, beautiful gifts that will remind us of our many good times and good friends at First Baptist Church of Delaware.

From the very beginning people welcomed us warmly and invited us to become part of their lives and to join in the life of this church. We have learned, grown, and been blessed by so many of you through Robert's ordination process, the Baptist history and polity class, Friends Listening for God, the Board of Christian Education, Young at Heart, American Baptist Women, the Good News Letter, the retreats, Marion Baptist Association meetings, church business meetings, worship services, Sunday School classes, and other church activities. Helping to create the Prayer Room and sharing the concept of labyrinths during Sunday School were special times, too. Kathy would like to express her appreciation to the ladies of First Baptist Church for all the pretty clothes that remind her of her friends every time she wears them. We both especially want to thank Pastor Tim Chesser for all the mentoring and pastoral care he has given.

Thank you all so much for your love, encouragement, cards, phone calls,

prayers, and support through the years. Times spent in conversation and fellowship have been a true joy for us. It has been an honor and a privilege to be part of and to serve such a wonderful church family. We sincerely hope you will keep in touch after we finish moving to West Virginia. Pastor Chesser has our new contact information. We pray that God will continue to richly bless First Baptist Church!

With love and gratitude,

– Rev. Robert & Kathy Russell

Retreat News

It is time to start planning this year's church retreat. If you have an interest in being on this committee, please meet at the Faulks' house at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1. Last year we had 10 people on this fun committee who contributed lots of good ideas, which resulted in one of the best retreats we have had. It would be nice to have that much interest again. We are always looking for fresh ideas. Please consider joining our planning committee. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!



– Pam Faulk

Do One Thing

1. Make a list of ways God has blessed you lately. Thank Him.
2. Read your Bible more.
3. Turn off more lights and appliances.
4. Supply birthday bags for needy kids.
5. Smile at your crankiest neighbor or co-worker
6. Pray for the people who keep our community clean and safe.
7. Sit in a different place for worship.

- 8. Smash your trash.
- 9. Collect pennies for the Penny Project to fight HIV/AIDS in Africa.
- 10. Become involved in Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity

If you have ever wanted to know more about Habitat, now is your chance! I have been approached by several people about how they can get involved. As a result, I'd like to invite all to join us on February 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a Habitat orientation. This is a brief (no more than an hour) overview of Habitat International and the Delaware County Habitat. Partici-



pants will have the opportunity to fill out waiver forms and learn about the many opportunities that are available to get involved. Attending the session and filling out a waiver are not commitments to participate in any Habitat events, but will allow you to complete all of the necessary steps if you choose to participate any time in the future.

Feel free to bring friends, neighbors, co-workers and anyone else that may be interested. If there is enough interest, we will schedule a future date for those not able to make this date/time. Coffee, juice and cookies will be provided. If you have any questions, call 740-363-9950 ext. 222 or email lbowman@habitatdelawareco.org.

– Liz Bowman, Volunteer Coordinator, Delaware Co. Habitat for Humanity
 Kathy Chesser, Missions Coordinator, First Baptist Church

Tom Weakland

Former member Tom Weakland, 60, died on January 23 from a heart attack. Tom worked as a training

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	Jean Osborne's sister-in-law, Ruthie	Health Issues
	Weakland Family	Condolences on the death of Tom Weakland
	Harry Rittenhouse	Recovering from surgery and complications
	Sophia Stephenson	Health Issues
Jean Wickum	Nancy Snook	Health Issues
Evelyn Lee	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health Issues
Barb Reed	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
	Regan Riedmiller	Health Issues
Robert Russell	His mother in West Virginia	Dementia
Beth Trigg	Christopher Frentsos	Car accident & health problems

coordinator at the Delaware County Bank and also worked part time at Meijers.

His survivors include his wife, Shannon, and five children. His daughter Jenna is married to Melissa Neill's son Thad.

We offer our condolences to Jenna and Thad Inscho and their family, and to the Weakland family.

Andrews House Update

The 2010 Kitchen Cupboard income was the best ever and will be used for all Andrews House programs. Thanks for the part many of you played in making the day a success.

Our ABM will be helping at the February 11 Second Friday Dinner. They will be servers, mixers and greeters and the clean-up crew, and so will need many volunteers. Tim Chesser is organizing the crew and we know they will find it a rewarding experience.

The Second Friday Dinner in April will find First Baptist again serving as mixers and greeters as better weather returns. If you will like to help in another area than mixers and greeters, please let me know and I will volunteer you. We're always looking for three gals or guys to cook and Barb McKendry will guide you.

We will no longer be including the Angel Food Ministries order forms with your newsletter. However, you will find them available on the table in the vestibule. The February forms may be late due to bad weather in Atlanta delaying knowledge of what will be available. The Petersons and I have good Angel Food reports. Remember to think of others as you browse the order form.

– Evelyn Lee, 362-9107

Editor's Note: You can also place Angel Food orders at the Andrews House website <www.andrewshouse.org>.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Church Directory Update

Jennifer Cramer has a new address:

2595 County Road 224
Ashley, OH 43003

Remember Our Needs

- Stuffing and nylons for cancer patient pillows; fleece and flannel fabrics, ribbon – Evelyn Lee
- Sheets, blankets, mattress pads for sleeping bags for the homeless – Jeanne Ekelberry
- Medicine bottles and bath caps – Barb Reed
- Used greeting cards – Genevieve Peterson
- Clothing and household items for Common Ground Free Store – Beth Trigg
- Sheets for bandages and fabric for lap robes – Sewing Group
- Our PIN Basket

Trustees Notes

• At press time, plaster repairs were well under way in the northeast corner of the sanctuary, where we previously had a roof leak. Jake Ball's crew is doing the work.

• The fire extinguishers were checked and serviced by B&J of Marion.

• The city fire department conducted an inspection. Several things will have to be attended to, like plugs and extension cords.

*– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees*

Personals

• Jane and Jimmie Moore traveled to Morgantown, West Virginia.

• Sam and Lindley Chesser spent the holidays in Florida

• Congratulations to Sophia Stephenson, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday

• Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk spent the holidays in Warren with Jeff and his family where they celebrated Cullen's and Jane's birthdays. Toward the end of that week Jeff and his family came to Delaware for New Years. Last week the Faulks returned to Warren to celebrate Brigid's birthday.

• The Leonards from Pennsylvania visited our church on January 16. Susie Leonard is Bertha Van Brimmer's daughter.

*– Pam Faulk
Personals Editor*

Sweetheart Dinner

to benefit Common Ground Free Store



Saturday Feb 12th at Andrews House

Two seatings: 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM

\$39.95 per couple

(If you can't go, perhaps you would provide a ticket for one of our needy couples?)

~ MENU ~

Italian Chicken

Served on a Bed of Marinara Spaghetti

Zesty Green Beans

*Strawberry-Almond Green Salad
with Raspberry Vinagrette*

Roll and Butter

Beverage

Decadent Fudge Brownie



Silent Auction



Raffle Package with overnight stay at
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6 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	7	8	9 7:00 Choir	10 12:00 Young at Heart	11 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House (workers should arrive earlier)	Lincoln's Birthday 12 6:00 and 7:30 Sweetheart Dinner at Andrews House (see newsletter article)
13 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	Valentine's Day 14 7:00 Deacons 	15 7:00 Trustees	16 7:00 Choir	17 11:30 ABW at Buehlers 7:00 Habitat for Humanity Orientation Meeting	18	19 8:00 ABM
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The book of Habakkuk has a beautiful conclusion about life tumbling in. He writes: "Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, yet will I rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights."

As we gathered for worship yesterday our hearts and minds were filled with thoughts of the tragedy that had struck one of our own. What an outpouring of love and affection and a sense of the comforting presence of God permeated our worship. The auto accident that so changed the lives of the Moore family certainly qualifies as an example of when life tumbles in. Their testimony since bears witness to their faith, which is like that of the prophet Habakkuk. Truly, the family of God makes a difference in times like this. We are reminded of what is really important.

As we move into March we will enter into the Lenten season. It is a

time to consider our walk with the Lord. As always we will have a time of celebration on Fat Tuesday with our Pancake dinner on March 8. On March 13 we will begin our Lenten study. This year we are going to think about world hunger. We will be using an intergenerational study from Heifer Project International.

We hope to engage all of our senses and different learning styles to learn how to make a difference.

The Grand Prairie Baptist Church has invited our church to an installation service for their new

pastor, the Reverend Gene Parker. The service will be held on March 13 at 5:00. Let me know if you are able to celebrate this important day in the life of one of our Marion association sister churches.

Eight FBC people were able to make the trip to Granville to be a part of the installation service for the Reverend Dwight Davidson as the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Granville. It was especially nice for me to be able to reconnect with friends and colleagues from the Rochester/Genesee Association of the American Baptist family.

I would like to extend a special word of thanks to the men of FBC for their efforts at February's second Friday dinner. Don Chenoweth noted that

we had a special team. Several of our men also had a busy Saturday morning recently helping one of our own pack a moving truck. Way to go guys.

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

Your Pastor,



Pancake Supper

Please join us for the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at 6:30, March 8th in the Fellowship Hall sponsored by the men of the church. Bring a talent, reading, joke, music, or a story to share after a supper of pancakes, waffles, sausage, and fruit. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

—Larry Faulk



Do One Thing to Make a Difference

1. Pray for people who volunteer.
2. Attend the Lenten study.
3. Use resources more wisely.

(continued)



4. Contribute more to the America for Christ offering.
5. Go fly a kite.
6. Share Lenten devotions with your family.
7. Thank God for each new day, no matter what is going on.
8. Leave a thank you note at a police station.
9. Support FEED THE CHILDREN.
10. Say "Hi" to 3 people you have never spoken to before.

Retreat Committee

Last month's retreat committee meeting had to be postponed because of bad weather. It has been rescheduled for Monday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Faulks. The

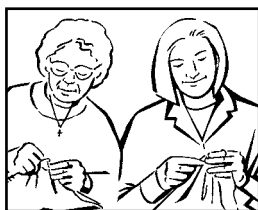


committee is open to anyone who has ideas about planning this year's retreat. If you have input but cannot make the meeting, please contact Pam Faulk (362-8637). Refreshments will be served (and they are not left over from last month).

– Pam Faulk

Sewing Group

The Sewing Group will not meet on March 2 because of other commitments.



Please plan to join us on April 6 from 10:00 to 2:00.

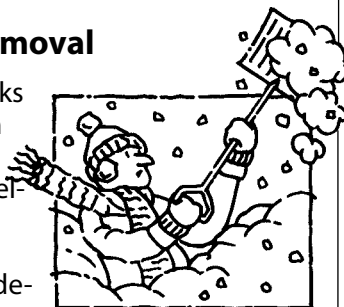
– Jeanne Ekelberry

PIN for March

This month we are collecting laundry detergent as a special item for PIN. All sizes are needed as PIN serves families of all sizes. Please bring your donation of laundry detergent the first or second Sunday of March. Thank you.

Snow Removal

Many thanks to the men who have been shoveling snow from the church's sidewalks and steps this winter. It is much appreciated.



Most of the shoveling is being done by men over 60. We're sure they'd appreciate help from some of the younger men.

Trustees Notes

- The plaster repairs to the cornice in the northeast corner of the sanctuary have been completed. The work was done by Jack Ball's men, who did a great job of replicating the cornice which had been damaged by a water leak. At press time we hadn't received the bill.

- A new coat rack was installed on the east wall in the fellowship hall. The work was done by Jimmie Moore and Jerry Palmer.

- A ball was thrown through a window in the "copier/choir robe" room. We repaired the window using glass that was left over from the classroom project from two years ago. There was no expense.

- Electrician Mike Clark wired and installed three new electrical outlets to meet the city fire inspection. They are on the east wall of the youth room (for the television), behind the hallway desk (for the water cooler), and behind the flag in the northwest corner of sanctuary (for the Christmas tree lights in

December and the fan during the summer). These outlets eliminate the need for extension cords in all three locations. At press time we hadn't received a bill.

- A thank you to those who helped remove snow and ice during the last 6 weeks.

- The power was off at the church for two days. We left the faucets running so nothing would freeze.

- The Gable Elevator Company did an inspection and service.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Susan Mussard

Susan R. Mussard, 63, passed away at her home in Delaware on Tuesday, February 15.

For almost 20 years she taught 8th grade language arts at Willis.



In spite of her physical limitations (cerebral palsy), she was active and had great rapport with her students.

Susie was a former member of our fellowship and was very close to Wick and Jean Wickum. She was instrumental in forming our church's young adult group, called The Groan-Ups, in the early '70s. Besides Susie, members included Donald and Dorothy Brown, Donna Brown, Larry and Pam Faulk, Jim Stephenson, Steve and Karen Stoner, and Pete and Linda White.

There will be a memorial service for her at Asbury Methodist Church at a date to be announced.

To share a memory of Susan or to offer condolences to the family, please visit the website of the Rodman Neeper Funeral Home at <rodmanneeper.com>.

ABW

ABW gathered at Buehlers on Thursday, Feb 17 with eight people sharing the time of fellowship, luncheon, remembering those unable to attend and sharing our deep concern of our church. Betty Porter treated us to delicious homemade valentine cookies.

Even though we did not meet in December, due to bad weather, \$25 was contributed to our Love Gift offering. Our Love Gift for January and February was \$45.76. It was good to be gathered again and we welcome any women to join us on March 17 at 11:30.

– Evelyn Lee, 362-9107



Church Women United

On May 6, at 11:30, Church Women United of Delaware will gather at William Street United Methodist Church. Please save the date and remember all women are invited. Watch future newsletters for details as you remember the joys we had as we hosted this event last year.

– Evelyn Lee, 362-9107

Andrews House

Many thanks to all of the ABM who worked hard at the Second Friday Dinner as greeters, mixers, servers and cleanup crew. This is an important part of showing our support for the mission of Andrews House, which is "People Strengthening People."

Remember to pick up your March order form for Angel Food Ministries on the vestibule table. Our support of the program enables the

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program to have better purchasing power to serve more people needing food at the National level. Thank you for your support.

– Evelyn Lee, 362-9107

America for Christ Offering



AMERICA FOR CHRIST gifts support Christ-centered ministries that touch lives and transform people across the United States and Puerto Rico—through evangelism training, church renewal and discipleship resources, volunteer disaster response plus initiatives that fight poverty and so much more.

Our Goal is \$600.00.

Personals

• Jimmie and Jane Moore were taken to Grant Medical Center after an auto accident in Columbus. Jane was released after receiving some stitches, but Jimmie remains hospitalized with a spinal cord injury that has caused paralysis. As the newsletter went to press he was expecting to be transferred soon to a rehabilitation facility.

• Jeanne Ekelberry has a new great-grandson. Jack Thomas Arden was born to Doug and Jennifer Ekelberry Arden on February 14. Jack weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches. Barbara Bianchi Ekelberry is the maternal grandmother, and Jeanne is the paternal great-grandmother. Congratulations!

• Jim and Ann Brown's son Chuck received a fellowship from the Taiwanese government for his continued studies for his dissertation.

• Bob and Pat Foor have sold their condo in Powell and gifted some of their furniture to Sam and Lindley Chesser. They were back in town recently for the closing.

• Don Williams and Janet Lathrop recently both suffered bumps on the head from falls. They are both on the mend now.

• Jean Osborne recently visited her sister-in-law in California. Several members of the church recently helped her pack some of her things to be moved to Michigan.

• Ken and Genevieve Peterson made a quick trip to Florida to attend a meeting about retired ministers and missionaries.

• Sally Williams recently had family here and they toured her parents' house with its new owners. They talked about the history of the house. Sally is the daughter of long-time members of our church, Charles and Claudia Eliot.

• Rick Lee has returned safely from his 7th trip to Antarctica.

- Pam Faulk, Personals Editor

Birthdays and 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

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6 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	7 7:00 Board of Trustees	8 Shrove Tuesday 6:30 Pancake Supper 	9 Ash Wednesday 10:00 Women's Prayer Group at Palmers 7:00 Choir <i>Lent Begins</i>	10 12:00 Young at Heart	11 6:00 Second Friday Dinner at Andrews House	12 <i>Set clocks forward one hour tonight</i> 
First Sunday of Lent 13 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins Today</i> 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 5:00 Installation of Rev. Parker at Grand Prairie Baptist Church 6:30 Lenten Study	14 7:00 Board of Deacons	15 7:30 Marion Association Trustees Meeting at Richwood FBC	16 7:00 Choir	St. Patrick's Day 17 11:30 ABW at Buehlers	18	19 8:00 ABM at Buehlers
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Next Month: April 17 is Palm Sunday, April 24 is Easter

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Dear FBC family:

The greenery that precedes the arrival of Resurrection lilies at the parsonage has arrived. Since Easter is as late as is possible this year it will be a true spring Easter. One sign of the new life that God offers is that he is still calling people into ministry. On April 10 we will gather in worship to hear Sam Chesser give his testimony about his call. I will share a bit about how the process of ordination works in the American Baptist Church, USA. At our April business meeting the congregation will vote on Sam's licensing to the ministry. As a church you have nurtured Sam for almost half of his life. I hope you will share in both of these significant events.

As a part of our Lenten preparation some of us have considered being part of an effort to raise enough money to purchase a heifer for Heifer Project International. Look for details to come. We are in the process of thinking about creating a website for this effort as a part of what is known as a Heifer Project Team. In a time when there is so much bad news about what is

going on around the world perhaps it is time to concentrate on sharing.

As a church family we continue to lift up Jimmie Moore and his extended family as he continues his

treatment. We are especially hopeful that space might open up at Willowbrook as a transition possibility. Be diligent in prayer for all the items that come up in our joys and concerns time. If you are not already on our email prayer chain and would like to be added please let me know.

As you continue in your Lenten spiritual journey

I would like for you to meditate on Philippians 4:2,3. Ask yourself if your name could be substituted for Euodia or Syntyche. If not could you be the one to help those who can? Follow that meditation up with Philippians 4:4-7.

Holy Week offers many opportunities for worship. Make the week special, invite a friend to join you in worship.

Your Pastor,



America for Christ

In only three weeks we surpassed our goal! We collected \$647.23. Impressively, the children and youth collected \$82.23 in loose change during that period. We are especially proud of the work all our young people did in promoting this offering. Thank you everyone.

— Kathy Chesser

A Heartfelt Thank You

Both Jimmie and I want to thank each and every one of our church
continued

UPCOMING LENTEN SERVICES

Palm Sunday — April 17

Maundy Thursday — April 21
A candlelight communion service will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. Please enter and leave in silence.

Good Friday — April 22
A community service at St. Mary Church will begin with the Stations of the Cross at 11:00, followed at 12:00 by an Ecumenical Prayer Service.

Easter Sunday — April 24
Sunday School at 9:15; Morning Worship at 10:45



family who have been supporting us so faithfully for the past several weeks since the accident. The Ladies Prayer Group assembled a wonderful assortment of goodies and puzzle/diversion books to help occupy our minds and time. Jerry & Lana drove me to Columbus. Tim and Kathy spent the entire first day with us, offering kind and loving support. Prayers have been offered, greeting cards received, messages posted on the CaringBridge website; hugs, visits, food...the list goes on. Please know that we sincerely appreciate every gesture and kindness. It helps make this life-changing event more bearable.

Sincerely,

– Jane Moore

Order Your Easter Lilies

Easter lilies can be ordered to decorate our church on Easter Sunday. They can be given in memory or honor of someone, and you can take them home after our Easter service.

The price is to be announced (probably around \$8). Place your orders with Melissa Mercer or Jim Stephenson. The last day to place orders is Palm Sunday (April 17).

Thank You

On behalf of the Board of Christian Education, I would like to thank all the youth who worked so hard to learn about missions and to create the posters for America for Christ. You all did such a wonderful job in creating the posters and sharing during the Sunday morning worship services during the month. I also want to thank the Sunday school teachers who worked with the youth.

– Pam Faulk

People in Need

Our special items for the month of April are shampoo and conditioner. Please bring these items the first of the month and put them in the PIN basket.

– Kathy Chesser

Do One Thing

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

Here is a list of 10 things to consider doing, in no particular order.

1. Pray for all our public servants.
2. Read a Psalm each week.
3. Plant a tree.
4. Contribute to the Heifer Project.
5. Gossip less; complain less; smile more.
6. Pray for the rights of all children around the world.
7. Invite someone to attend Easter worship with you.

8. Plant a butterfly garden.
9. Donate food to an animal shelter.
10. Eat lunch with someone who usually eats alone.

– Pam Faulk

March ABW

ABW met on March 21 at Buehlers with 9 women attending. We enjoyed good food, fellowship and remembered those in need of our congregation. Our Love Gift offering totaled \$25.21. Remember, all are welcome at these gatherings on the third Thursday each month at 11:30 at Buehlers!

– Evelyn Lee

Trustees Notes

- The recent electrical work cost \$720.00. The fire department reinspected and was pleased with the work.
- A new dehumidifier was purchased for the parsonage's basement. The cost was \$150.00.



• A big thank you goes to Larry Faulk for cleaning and waxing **all** the tile floors.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart group met for lunch on March 10th in the Fellowship Hall. The weather relented and gave us a “safe day for seniors to be out,” and 10 people came.

We were happy to have Bertha Van Brimmer attend. It had been quite a while that she couldn’t be with us.

Jean Syler and Anna Brown helped get about a dozen cards out to absent friends and shut-ins. We voted money out to two places — \$25 to Genevieve Peterson’s card ministry, and \$25 to Caring Bridge as a tribute to Jimmie Moore.

Next meeting will be on April 14 — the second Thursday of the month. Fifty-five or older? It’s for you. Can’t fix a thing to bring? A jar of pickles goes fine, or a sack of tater chips, or nothing at all except yourself.

–Jean Wickum
Convenor

Personals

• Alec Ferguson and Jane Mercer made the Honor Roll and Sarah Bowman made the Merit Roll at Dempsey.

• Jimmie Moore continues to build strength and skills while undergoing physical therapy at OSU’s Dodd Hall. He has battled some low blood pressure problems, but that seems to be improving. Jimmie and Jane thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, and support.

• The Delaware Piecemakers which meet at our church currently have a quilt display at the Delaware Library until the end of March.

• Ian Ferguson sprained his ankle in phys. ed. class.

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• Don Williams thanks everyone for their cards, thoughts, and prayers du ring his recovery from his injury.

• Archie Trigg’s brother-in-law, Delbert Webster died. He was married to Archie’s sister Margaret.

• Mary Lou Lovell spent several days at Grady and then at Grant Hospital to have her heart checked out. The doctors found no blockages. Good news for Mary Lou.

• Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk spent spring break at Disneyworld.

– Pam Faulk
Personals Editor

Birthdays and 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

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Dear FBC family:

Something new popped up in the back of the church this past Sunday. On Sunday morning there was a wooden floor about 8' x 6' outside the back door of the educational building. By 6:00 there was a brand new shed for storing our snowblower and lawn-mower. It is amazing what six men and a few good tools can get done in a day. Jerry Palmer and Larry Faulk had built the base and were part of the six. The rest of the group was Phil Mercer, Randy Turner, Ben Turner, and me. If you had happened by and heard all the laughter throughout the day you would have been hard pressed to believe we got any work done. Be sure to extend a word of thanks to these hard workers.

What a blessing it was to have Jimmie Moore in church with us Sunday for worship. We were all moved by his presence and his testimony. Jimmie will be at Willowbrook for a few more weeks. After that the Moore house remodeling will be done and he will come home. After Jimmie returns home a neighbor of the Moores has volunteered to coordinate meals for Jane and Jimmie. Please let me know if you would like to be a part of this

effort. I will also put the contact information in the bulletin as the time draws closer.

If you were not able to be in worship on April 10 you missed something special. As Sam Chesser talked about his call to the ministry he lifted up the importance of our congregation. Although he was not able to name everyone who had served as witnesses for him he stressed how important all of you had been. By the time you read this missive we will have

already voted as a congregation on the licensing issue. Kathy and I were two proud parents as we listened to Sam's testimony. Sam's ten years as a member of FBC have truly been life changing. Thanks to all who played a part in that process.

Invite a friend to church. You might not win a car, but you will still be making a difference.

Your Pastor,



Thank A Teacher

Tuesday, May 3 is National Teacher Day. It is a good time to reflect on the teachers you have had who had an influence in your life. Have you ever considered writing a thank you note to a teacher? It does not necessarily have to be a teacher you currently have if you are a student. It can be any teacher from your life's journey.



As our Sunday school time winds down for this year, please consider also thanking our Sunday school teachers and substitutes. The last day for Sunday school will be May 29. We will begin summer hours on June 5.

— Pam Faulk

Church Directory Available

The new edition of our church directory is now available in the vestibule. If you find any errors in your family's listing, please leave a note in the newsletter box and we'll put a correction in the next newsletter.

People in Need

Our special items for the month of May are tooth brushes and tooth-paste. Please bring these items the

first of the month and put them in the PIN basket.

– Kathy Chesser

Please Use the Microphone When Making Announcements

For those in our congregation who are hearing impaired, it's important that you use the microphone when making announcements in church on Sunday. This helps us all to hear what you have to say.

– Pam Faulk

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 one thing this month to make a difference. Here are some suggestions, in no particular order.

1. Pray for mothers all over the world.
2. Spend time with a spiritual mentor.
3. Plant a flower bulb or seed in a pot. After it sprouts, give it to

someone who needs cheering along with a note of hope.

4. Volunteer at a hospital.
5. Donate your organs.
6. Thank your Sunday school teacher.
7. Pray for those you work with or attend school with.
8. Organize a group to clean up a local park or playground.
9. Support Kelsey's Dream, an organization that makes life a little easier for kids with cancer.
10. Take a family walk and look for signs of spring.

Angel Food

Remember to pick up your Angel Food order form for May in the vestibule. Thanks to Jim Stephenson for providing these.

– Evelyn Lee

Sewing Group

The Sewing Group met on April 6th with four present. We were glad to have Janet and Bertha join us. We finished five quilt/lap robes which were given to Common Ground.

We can still use old sheets for bandages, and mattress pads and old blankets for use in sleeping bags for the homeless. Donna Immel uses these items; she rolls bandages for us from leftovers of sheets. This last quarter she gave us

90 and we made 59 to be given to Harold Rittenhouse.

Hope you can join us on May 4th from 10:00 to 2:00 for more bandages and quilts.

– Jeanne Ekelberry

Della Nofsinger Dove

Former member Della June (Nofsinger) Dove, 85, of Oxford, Kansas, died of a stroke on February 17, 2011.

Della was a 1943 graduate of Oxford High School. She received her degree in Religious education and Bible from Philips University in 1950. She later earned her Masters from Butler School of Religion.



Della taught religion in several cities in Kansas, and then here in Delaware until 1974.

In 1981 she married John Edward Dove. After his death in 1992, Della returned to Oxford, but she stayed in touch with several members of our church with letters sent to our Young at Heart group.

Della enjoyed reading, travel, genealogy, taking walks, butterflies, and her cat Tippy.

Survivors include her niece Sue Wall and Sue's husband Brent of McPherson, Kansas, and numerous friends.

Funeral services were held at the Oxford Christian Church, and burial was at the Oxford Cemetery. Memorial gifts can be sent to the Oxford Christian Church.



Retreat

Anyone wishing to have input in the planning of this year's church retreat is invited to attend a meeting at the Faulks on May 12, at 7:00 p.m.



Ecumenical Church Women United

The women of William Street United Methodist Church invite all women to join them for the 2011 Annual Ecumenical Church Women United Annual Meeting on Friday, May 6. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. Beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and your table service. The meeting will be in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.



After the luncheon the Last Coin offering will be collected and dedicated. At 12:15 we will have the program including a speaker from the Common Ground Free Store who will tell us of their present work and we'll hear of some mission outreach of William Street women.

Those using the elevator should enter the church at the south end of the parking lot. Parking is available in the City Parking Lot and in the Masonic Temple lot in the opposite corner.

This is the meeting we hosted last year. Please plan to come again this year and fellowship with others in our county.

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April Second Friday Dinner

Thanks to Barb Reed, and Kathy and Tim Chesser for helping at the April dinner. There were so many people that we had to put up an extra table for late comers. There were lots of new faces as well as many familiar guests so the need is still there.

We will be working again in May and helpers are welcome. Let me know if you would like to help from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00.

–Evelyn Lee, 362-9107

Trustees Notes

- The cost of the plaster repair in the northeast corner of the sanctuary was \$596. Jake Ball's men did a great job.

- A new shed was purchased and constructed at the rear of the church to hold a snowblower and a lawn mower. A shed was necessary because items with a gas tank cannot be kept inside. The total cost was \$375. Jerry Palmer headed up the project, and helpers were Larry Faulk, Tim Chesser, Randy Turner, Phil Mercer and Ben Turner.

- A new lawn mower was purchased. The cost was \$165.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Thank You

Thank you to the person(s) responsible for waxing and buffing the floors in the Sunday school wing. They look beautiful!

– Archie and Beth Trigg

Personals

- Jimmie Moore was released from Dodd Hall and is currently at Willow Brook in Delaware. He now has a motorized wheelchair and an accessible van. On April 17 he was able to attend church for the first time since February. It was a joyous sight to see him. Jimmie thanked everyone and gave testimony that God is working through him.

- Our former interim pastor, Robert Hughes, is currently undergoing treatment for throat cancer. His address is 902 Berwin Street, Akron, OH 44310-2122.

• Mary Lou Lovell was taken to the ER last month with issues related to blood pressure. She thanks everyone for their prayers and cards.

• Jean Wickum was taken to the ER twice from complications from a cat bite which became infected. She eventually had surgery on her hand to clean the infected area. She stayed several days at Grady and then was released to Delaware Court to recover.

• The Palmers' grandson Jeremy Chaffin was home for two weeks before his deployment.

• Sam Chesser preached on April 10 and gave testimony of his journey toward being licensed to preach.

• The Dempsey Junior High Honor Roll included these names for the last quarter: Alec Ferguson, Distinguished Honor Roll; Claire Turner, Distinguished Honor Roll; Jane Mercer, Honor Roll; and Sarah Bowman, Merit Roll. Congratulations to all!

• Emily Bowman had several parts in the Hayes musical PHANTOM OF THE OPERA.

• Phil Mercer and Will Fogle, along with Pam and Larry Faulk and Vic Fogle, attended the Marion Association New Member banquet on April 8.

– Pam Faulk, Personals Editor

Birthdays and 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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29 Last day of Sunday School 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship June newsletter available today.	Memorial Day 30 	31	June 1	2	3	4

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family,

Learning to share is tough for children, whose early understanding can be summed up as "It's mine!" We begin by taking turns with things in limited supply like crayons or skateboards, experience the immediate satisfaction of playing with someone else, and start to understand that sharing strengthens friendships. Teenagers experience the fun of shared jokes and the healing comfort of sharing broken hearts. As adults, we seek organizations that share our vision and perhaps a special someone to share the rest of our lives with. We come to know that sharing is bedrock to being fully human, and it brings incredible joy.

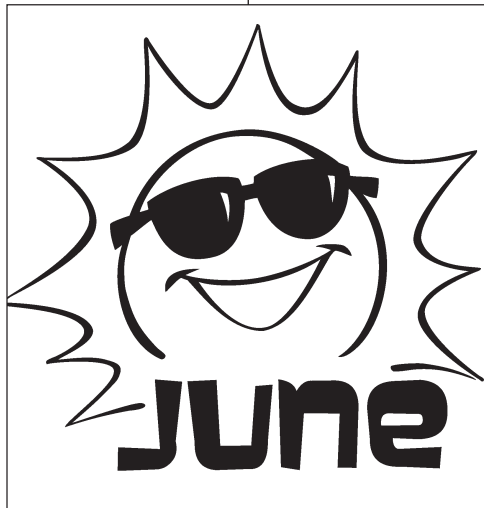
Soon, we will be invited to help people in aching need through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. By sharing our resources, combined with offerings from thousands of congregations in eight other

denominations across the United States, we

- build homes, schools, medical clinics, and clean water and sewage facilities in villages devastated by earthquakes, floods, and poverty

- bring safety, shelter, and food to refugees after often violent circumstances have made their hometowns uninhabitable

- nurture stronger futures and self-sufficiency through health care, education, job training, and tools for livelihoods.



We are blessed that God is able to provide when and where help is needed, through us. (2 Corinthians 9:8-15) In what may seem an amazing twist, we ourselves benefit from the sharing. One Great Hour of Sharing donors say:

- Giving just feeds my soul! This is what life is about—not collecting things, but helping people.

- Giving lifts me out of my own troubles. It helps me appreciate what I have. • As I see needs met, I am reminded how God takes care of me. • One Great Hour of Sharing lets me put my hands on problems that need attention throughout the world.

Sharing because we have felt God's love aligns our lives with God's

own life and work in our world. By sharing we are renewed and transformed. "Those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them." (1 John 4:16) Sharing our love for God through One Great Hour of Sharing, we offer ourselves to others as they need us, imitating Christ's offering of his life for us. In turn, we receive him more deeply into our own hearts, bringing indescribable joy.

Giving changes so many things—for the receiver and for the giver. Please give generously through One Great Hour of Sharing. It's all about sharing—sharing resources, changing lives!

Your Pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim".

One Great Hour

This year we are concentrating our efforts to make it truly 'One Great Hour.' We will be taking up our offering on Sunday, June 12. We hope to reach our goal of \$600. Offering envelopes will be in the pews throughout the month of June, but we are hoping most of you will bring your offering on June 12. Remember—Sharing brings Joy.

—Missions Committee

**SHARING
BRINGS JOY
TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.**

No Newsletter Next Month

There will not be a July newsletter, but a July calendar will be available in late June.

Support PIN This Summer

Each month this year we have done a great job of bringing one special item for PIN (People In Need). During the summer months, with children home and not having school breakfast and lunch, there is an increased need for food for families.

Some suggested items are cans of chicken, Noodle-A-Roni, Pasta-A-Roni or Rice-A-Roni, and Hamburger Helper, Chicken Helper, or Tuna Helper.

Please continue to support PIN through the summer.

Retreat News

The year's church retreat is fast approaching. Be sure to set aside September 24-25 to "Get Away" at Camp Christian. We are hoping to have a great turnout this year.

Trustees' Notes

- The Gable Elevator company did a service and inspection test.
- At press time the painting of the parsonage was well underway, and it may be completed by the time you read this. It looks so much better and the trustees appreciate Joe Mowery's efforts between all the rain we have had.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Do One Thing

1. Pray for fathers all over the world.
2. Ask for forgiveness.
3. Learn how to become beekeeper.
4. Contribute more to the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering.
5. Eat lunch with someone who usually eats alone.
6. Pray for freedom for the millions

of people who are currently held as slaves.

7. Send a thank you note to church members.
8. Hang laundry outside instead of using the dryer.
9. Have a yard sale or bake sale and give the money to a charity.
10. Say something kind to your least favorite person.

Personals

• **Jimmie Moore** has been battling an infection and is currently back at University Hospital.

• **Chris Riedmiller** underwent some tests with good results.

• **Jean Wickum** is now home from her stay at Delaware Court. She thanks everyone for their cards, prayers, visits, and well wishes.

• **Barbara and Kip Smith** are expecting a baby in August.

• **Jerry and Lana Palmer's** grandson, **Corporal Jeremy Chaffin**, has been deployed to a desolate area of Afghanistan and would appreciate mail to keep up his spirits. His mailing address is:

Cpl. Chaffin, Jeremy T.
1/12 Echo Btry 1st PLT
Unit 44125
FPO AP 96607-4125

Lana and Jerry say, "Cards and letters (under 1 oz.) may be mailed for a 47¢ U.S. stamp. We know Jeremy would appreciate the mail. He is stationed at a very primitive-appearing outpost, and (based on the color pictures on the internet) the surrounding area looks like desolate, gray desert. Thus, mail — we're sure — would help keep spirits and morale up. Thank you."

• Two friends from the **Chessers'** former church in Indiana visited them and our Sunday worship the weekend of May 1.

• **Don and Sally Williams's granddaughter** was a fourth-generation graduate of OWU this spring.



"Flood insurance is very expensive, Mr. Noah. And besides, it would have to rain 40 days to flood around here."

PRAYER LIST

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The Deacons	Pam Debiasio	Health Issues
	Jimmie Moore	Car Accident Injuries
	Jean Wickum	Recovering from cat bite
	Sophia Stephenson	Health Issues
	Tommy Ford's Mother, Lucy	Cancer
	Betty Porter	Health Issues
Jean Wickum	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
Evelyn Lee	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health Issues
	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	Health Issues

*Always keep your words soft and sweet,
just in case you have to eat them.*

THE YELLOW LIGHT

The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally....I assumed you had stolen the car."

Priceless.

- Submitted by Jean Wickum

• **Ken Peterson** went on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. and had a great experience. (Honor Flight is a non-profit organization that transports military veterans to Washington D.C. at no cost to see the memorial of the war they fought in.)

• **Pam Faulk** took a trip with her mother to Branson, Missouri.

• **Sarah Bowman** and **Jane Mercer** went to Washington, D.C. with the 8th grade class trip from Dempsey.

• **Emily Bowman** was inducted into Thespians at Hayes.

• The Dempsey string orchestra, of which **Claire Turner** and **Sarah Bowman** are members, participated in a statewide music competition and received a rating of a 1, which is the best score a group can get.

- Pam Faulk
Personals Editor



**DON'T TAKE A
VACATION
FROM CHURCH**

Birthdays and 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
- 12 Sam & Lindley Chesser
- 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

July

- 1 Robert & Patricia Foor
- 3 Phil Mercer
- 5 Victor & Deborah Fogle
- 6 Sam Chesser
- 6 Lindley 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

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Blanket Sunday

First Baptist! What a wonderful way to honor the women of our lives on Mother's day. We raised \$285.00 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

DEDICATIONS

Jim and Anna Brown, in honor of Elizabeth Bowman and Carol Grubbs

Sam Chesser, in honor of Kathy Chesser, Katherine Fischer, and Wendy Chapman

Tim Chesser, in honor of Hazel Chesser

Geneva Evans, in memory of Ernestine Frost

Erin and Larry Faulk, in honor of Pam Faulk

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

The Fergusons, in honor of Sylvia Ferguson and Audrey Carter

Vic Fogle and sons, in honor of Debbie Fogle

The Vic Fogle family Grandma Serviss and Grandma Lovell

Carol Grubbs, in memory of Ruth Brown

Lisa Lawrence, in honor of Marge Matthews

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

Rick and Marcia Lee, in honor of Evelyn Lee

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

Melissa Neill, in honor of Emily Inscho, Erin Inscho, and Jenna (Weakland) Inscho

Ken and Genevieve Peterson, in memory of Amanda MacNeill and Jessie Peterson

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

Jim Stephenson, in honor of Sophia Stephenson

Calvin, Ben and Claire Turner, in honor of Jennifer Turner, Melissa Mercer, Lorelea Matheny, and Rowena Sizemore

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

Linda White, in honor of Margaret Seckman and Loraine Elder




Jean Wickum, in memory of Wick Wickum

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June 2011

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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 10:00 Sewing Group	2	3	4
5 Summer Hours Begin Today 10:00 Morning Worship 12:00 Wedding Shower in Fellowship Hall (not church members)	6	7	8	9 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Parish Council	10 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	11 7:00 Sunday School Teacher Appreciation at the Faulks
12 Children's Sunday / Pentecost Sunday 10:00 Morning Worship with One Great Hour of Sharing Offering 11:30 All-Church Picnic at Blue Limestone	13 7:00 Deacons	14 Flag Day 7:00 Trustees 	15	16 11:30 ABW at Buehlers	17	18 8:00 ABM at Buehlers
19 Father's Day / Tools of Hope 10:00 Morning Worship with Tools of Hope Offering 3:00 Friends Listening for God (at the church) 	20	21 First Day of Summer 	22 10:00 Women's Prayer Group (place to be announced)	23	24	25
26 10:00 Morning Worship <i>See note below concerning newsletter</i>	27	28	29	30	July 1	2

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For my column this month I am sharing with you Harold Van Broekhoven's report on the ABC Biennial. Harold has promised to be available for further conversation when he returns to Delaware at the end of the summer break.

Report on 2011 Biennial of the American Baptist Churches, USA

Your delegate:
Harold Van Broekhoven

The Biennial Meetings of the American Baptist Churches in San Juan, Puerto Rico, were a success. I think that the Biennial stands out for two reasons.

First, in terms of the experience of this Biennial, it seems well to emphasize what in fact was its theme — that is, "Celebrate! ¡Celebra!" While there were relatively few delegates from the Continental US (perhaps 500-600) and therefore relatively few visitors to the Exhibit hall (an important part of the Biennial for participating organizations) the major meetings and worship times were packed with enthusiastic day visitors from the Puerto Rico churches and were characterized by dynamic worship and preaching. Perhaps what Biennial Meetings do best is this celebration of shared worship, work and word.



The Puerto Rican Biennial was also notable for one change from the normal schedule. Where normally there would be a Sunday Morning Worship planned into the Biennial schedule, this year many Puerto Rican churches bussed delegates to their own worship services all over the San Juan area hosting the visitors for lunch after their own Spanish-speaking worship services. Therefore delegates and ABC staff folks fanned out across the metropolitan San Juan area to experience first-hand the vibrant reality of Baptist Churches in Puerto Rico and the incredibly warm and generous hospitality of Puerto Rican Baptists.

Second, in terms of historical significance this Biennial will be noted for its vote to revise the Bylaws of the ABC and restructure the denomination. Our history has been one of balancing congregational, regional and societies' **autonomy** with **interdependence and cooperation in mission** of the various communities within the denomination. Since the 1970s the governance has tilted toward interdependence with a General Board serving as something of a national "legislature" (a board composed of representatives from National Boards and Regional Boards) and a General Secretary serving as something of a national

executive to implement national policies and priorities. In practical and financial terms, however,

the National Boards (Board of International Missions (BIM), Board of National Ministries (BNM) and the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB) and Regional Boards have gained increasing autonomy and a greater proportion of the contributions to the ABC/USA. Moreover, the General Board has been very

expensive to operate and funds for the Office of General Secretary have become severely diminished.

The changes in the Bylaws of the ABC/USA voted through by delegates at this Biennial of 2011 in Puerto Rico recognize in legal terms what has been evolving in practical and financial terms. National Boards and Regional Boards and their executives have gained near total *autonomy* save for a provision in their respective Bylaws (and in the new Bylaws of the Denomination, to remain faithful to the "Covenant of Relationships" with other parts of the ABC/USA. The *interdependence* of these Boards and of local congregations and regions will continue to be realized through Biennial Meetings which, aside from corporate fellowship, worship





and inspiration, will serve as a newly defined **"Mission Summit"** in which Biennial Delegates will convene to set mission goals and priorities for the denomination. These general goals and priorities will then be formalized in a new institution, the **"Mission Table,"** which will serve as a Think Tank, led by and resourced by the new **Board of General Ministries**, through the office of General Secretary. It will in turn submit recommendations for mission program to the National and Regional Boards, which are represented on the Mission Table, and report back to the subsequent Biennials what progress has been made on the proposals that came out of the Biennial/Mission Summit. The new Board of General Ministries, on which also serve representatives of National Societies and Regions, replaces the old General Board but unlike the former General Board (which will expire December 2011 as a result of the new bylaws) its function will be, "changed from legislative functions of General Board to primarily missional functions, with specific new references to Mission Summit, Mission Table and the Leadership Pool." There are modest changes in the Committee and changes in the way leaders are nominated and evaluated, but this seems to be the core of the

proposal. Where the old Bylaws focus on lines of authority and governmental structure, the new Bylaws envision only a covenantal partnering around shared mission goals dependent upon the good will and common vision of the various constituencies of the denomination.

As one observer shared with me, this seems to be a return to the old society model of the denomination prior to the 1970s and a recognition in the Bylaws of the ABC/USA what has been for all intents and purposes the way things were operating in the old Bylaws. Whereas in the Pasadena Biennial of 2009 a certain measure of rancor and distrust of the process led to the failure to approve the revision, in the San Juan Biennial of 2011 there seemed to be a measure of good will and trust, in part because of the inclusion within the Bylaws of the various partnering National Societies specific constitutional commitments to remain within the "Covenant of Relationships" of the Denomination. Now there will be a time of reorganizing the actual boards and offices and staffs of the denomination to reflect the revised structure.

Perhaps this good will was influenced by the generally positive experience that delegates and other participants had in Puerto Rico. For our part, Deborah and I had extended conversations with leaders of the Puerto Rican Baptists. The Region is incredibly strong with lots of little churches dotting the island and perhaps a dozen very large and modern churches. The seminary on the Island produces more pastors than there are churches and the Region has high academic and spiritual standards for its ministers. Deb and I spent a day at the Regional Offices of the Puerto Rican Baptist in Catalina, a suburb of San Juan, talking with the Executive Minister, the Rev. Dr. Roberto Dieppa-Baez and Miriam Gutierrez, a leading spiritual and intellectual anchor to the churches in Puerto Rico. After a vacation day

of kayaking and snorkeling in the coral reefs on the south of the island we shared a wonderful worship service with the second oldest Church (and oldest Church building on the Island) in Ponce, PR. We fell in love with the Island and its warm and hospitable and spiritually vital Baptists and came away thinking that we in America have a lot to learn from this remarkable church community.

– Submitted by Harold Van Broekhoven

New Church Members

We welcome our newest church members, Chad and Christina Kilhefner. They live at 107 Quarry Court in Delaware.

Art in Worship

On July 6, John Kohan of St. Peter's Episcopal church came to First Baptist and gave a presentation on art in worship. John brought some of his personal collection of Christian art to share. We had an excellent turnout and John helped us to think about the art we currently have and gave us some ideas of ways to proceed with rotating art for the baptistry. John has also agreed to be a resource person as we think about our art project.

Retreat News

Our annual church retreat is coming up quickly on September 24–25. You should receive all the information included with this newsletter. If you did not receive the information or need another copy, please contact Pam Faulk (740-362-8637).



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	Jimmie Moore	Car accident injuries
	Betty Porter	Health issues
	Sophia Stephenson	Health issues
Lana Palmer	Cpl. Mike Nicholson (friend of the Palmer's grandson)	Severely injured by a land mine in Afghanistan
Janet Lathrop	Nevin Gabriel (Janet's brother)	Health problems due to leg amputation
Jean Wickum	Fran Cook	Heart problems
Evelyn Lee	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health issues
	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	Health issues

Sunday School News

Sunday school will start this fall on September 11. We are trying something a little different with our youth this year. There will be the usual 2 adult classes taught by Tim Chesser and Randy Turner. There will only be 3 classes for our children. There will be a nursery/pre-school class if we gain any young children of that age group. The other 2 classes will be multi-age. Kathy Chesser and Pam Shears will team teach a class for youth in grades K-6. Vic Fogle will teach the teens in grades 7-12.

We have acquired some good multi-age curriculum, and we are all excited about trying this. It has been really hard having classes with just one or two students in them



the past few years, and this is the way many smaller churches are now choosing to teach Sunday school.

Because we will have fewer teachers, their turn to provide for our opening refreshments will come around more often. To be fair, I am asking for volunteers who would be willing to be put into the rotation for opening. It does not require much effort. Please let me know if you would be willing to help out. I can let you know exactly what you would have to do.

– Pam Faulk

Young at Heart

Last month (June) we talked about the difficulties (when you're in our age group) of preparing a dish and getting it into the fellowship hall. We also discussed the parking problems we sometimes encounter. We voted to go instead to a restaurant for our meal, and we chose En Super Buffet because it has an area where we can be apart from the main part of the restaurant.

This month, on July 14th, eleven of us met there for good food, good fellowship, and some good laughs.

If you would like to join us in August, we will meet on the 11th.

– Jean Wickum, Convenor

Trustees Notes

- A new refrigerator had to be purchased for our renters after the old one quit. The cost was about \$460 dollars.
- A thank you goes to Jerry Palmer and Larry Faulk for sealing the blacktop on the four parking spaces off the alley. The cost was \$125.
- A thank you goes to Betty Porter for covering the cost of the chairs with arms that have been placed in the fellowship hall.
- The final cost of painting the parsonage earlier this summer was \$2,400. It's great to have this done and a thank you to painter Joe Mowery.
- Jerry Palmer tore down the "old" shed behind the "old" parsonage. It was leaning and was in bad shape. Disposal cost \$35.
- The elevator failed its state inspection because the emergency backup power isn't working. We are allowed to continue using it, but must get it fixed. The Gable Elevator Company has been called.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Don't Forget...

Remember to save your pill bottles for Barb Reed and Jeanne Ekelberry; nylons and stuffing for Cancer Pillows for Evelyn Lee; fleece, flannel fabrics and ribbons for Evelyn Lee for the Touching Little Lives project.

Angel Food

Remember to pick up your Angel Food order forms in the vestibule each month.

You can also place Angel Food orders at the Andrews House website: andrewshouse.org.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Aug. 3 Ray & Carol Serviss
- 4 Gabriel Fogle
- 5 Bruce & Elizabeth Bowman
Carrie Trigg
- 7 Jennifer Cramer
- 8 Jean Syler
- 9 Steve Stoner
- 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

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

A.B.W.

On July 21, six gathered at Buehlers for fellowship and lunch, and we remembered those unable to be with us. Our Love Gift offering for June was \$21.33 and for July it was \$15.03. We welcome all women of the church to join us on the third Thursday at 11:30 at Buehlers.

– Evelyn Lee

Second Friday Dinner

At a recent Second Friday planning meeting, I volunteered First Baptist to work as Mixers and Greeters for the months of August, September and October. If you wish to help, please let me know. We need to be there from 5:30–7:00 pm.

July found a full house of guests, causing a shortage of some dinner items. We need your extra plastic grocery bags as many are used each

month for “carry-out” meals and to carry day-old bread that’s donated by some of our grocery stores. You can give these bags to me anytime and I will see they get to Andrews House.

Thanks for First Baptist’s continued support of these dinners.

– Evelyn Lee, 362-9107

Thank You

I would like to thank the Sunday school teachers and the board of Christian education for the very nice gift that they presented to me on Children’s Day.

– Pam Faulk

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A big thank you to Debbie Fogle for providing the laminated cards in the pew racks. These will be a big help to visitors and a great way to make them feel more welcome.

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Below are excerpts from a letter we received recently:

First Baptist is breaking our stationery and postage budget due to the many “thank you” notes we send to your generous and thoughtful congregation! On the heels of a \$250 check from your congregation to support our summer lunch program, we just received \$200 from your church for *Second Fridays*. Thank you so much.

Never underestimate the impact of your giving. And, even more special is the talent and labor of the First Baptist volunteers who cook for Second Fridays and show up to help staff that important meal.

Simply stated—you are a generous and enabling group of Christians that lifts up those around you. Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

Donald G. Chenoweth
Executive Director
Andrews House

Church Directory Update

Please update your copy of the 2011 church directory.

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Bertha Van Brimmer has a new address:

The Suites at Sarah Moore
Suite 104
26 N. Union St.,
Delaware OH 43015

(Her phone number remains the same.)

+ + +

Dave and Mary Lou Lovell have a new email address:

rlov344@gmail.com

+ + +

Please add our new members:

Chad and Christina Kilhefner
107 Quarry Court
Delaware, OH 43015

Do One Thing

1. Say a prayer for all those who are traveling.
2. Plan to attend the annual church retreat. Learn more about your church family.
3. Don’t forget the box in the vestibule for recycling greeting cards.
4. Adopt a child in another country.
5. Eat more slowly.
6. Say a prayer for a friend who has an important event coming up.
7. Talk to more people about Jesus.
8. Get involved in a conservation project.
9. Support the ZOE MINISTRY which helps African orphans who are raising their siblings.
10. Have a “no TV or electronics” night. Instead, play games with your family.

newsletter continues on back of calendar

Personals

- Jimmie Moore came home to a rousing welcome as friends and family lined the street and his driveway on June 12. He's had a few problems with infections and blood pressure since then and has had a few trips back to the hospital. He attended church after that and thanked everyone for their prayers, cards, and visits.
- Aidan Ferguson was presented with a Bible from the church on Children's Day.
- Bertha Van Brimmer is now making her home at The Suites at Sarah Moore (see the church directory update on page 4 for the address). Much of her family was recently here to help her empty her Greenhedge Circle home with a yard sale. She welcomes your calls and visits.
- The Palmers' granddaughter Morgan had surgery which was followed by complications. She remains on the mend.
- Tyler Fogle had surgery for a hernia and surgery on his eyes.
- Erin Faulk has returned from a 3-week cruise to Norway. She traveled with her Grandma Cole (Pam's mom) who is 89. They had a great time.
- Bob and Pat Foor visited Delaware in June for graduation. Bob had a third hip replacement surgery that went well.
- Barb Reed's granddaughter Sydney Kauf graduated from Hayes and received two scholarships to OSU.
- In June Linda White traveled to West Virginia to stay with her mother who had fallen and broken her arm.
- Jimmie Moore's brother visited for a while.
- Steve Palmer and his family visited in July.
- Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk have returned from a 2-week cruisetour of Alaska.
- Chuck Brown is leaving to go back to Taiwan for 7 months. Ann and Jim have enjoyed having him close

to home recently.

- Peter and Linda White visited with former member Cynthia Bigger while they vacationed in New England.
- Janet Lathrop enjoyed seeing her grandson, Chris, graduate from Ohio University. Pam and Ken

Shears were also in attendance.

- Pam Shears recently travelled to San Francisco to visit her friend Linda Lukas (formerly of Delaware); they enjoyed days of visiting and sightseeing.

Tools of Hope

Thank You First Baptist! We contributed \$330 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. What an excellent way to honor the men who have influenced our lives!

– Randy Turner, Financial Secretary

DEDICATIONS

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|---|---|
| From Jim and Anna Brown, In Honor of Bruce Bowman | From Phil and Melissa Mercer, In Honor of Jimmie Moore, Jerry Mercer, Rev. Tim Chesser, and Rev. William Duty |
| From Sam Chesser, In Honor of Tim Chesser | From Michael and Jane Moore, In Honor of Phil Mercer, Sean Mercer, and Randy Turner |
| From Tim and Kathy Chesser, In Memory of Arnold Chesser, and In Honor of Wynson Hope | From Jim and Jane Moore, In Honor of Phil Mercer and Randy Turner |
| From Erin and Pam Faulk, In Honor of Larry Faulk | From Jean Osborne, In Memory of David Osborne |
| From Pam and Larry Faulk, In Honor of Jeff Faulk, and In Memory of Ralph Cole, Don Faulk, Ron Rose, Paul Stewart, and Wilbur Wickum | From Jerry and Lana Palmer, In Memory of C. W. Palmer and Ben Turney |
| From Debbie, Gabe and Will Fogle, In Honor of Vic Fogle | From Ken and Genevieve Peterson, In Memory of Their Fathers |
| From Vic, Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle, In Honor of Dave Lovell, Ray Serviss, Ray Morby, and In Memory of Will Fogle | From Betty Porter, In Honor of John Porter, and In Memory of Ralph Guy, Samuel Berger, and Jim "Billy" Porter |
| From Lisa Lawrence, In Memory of John Matthews | From Barb Reed (from his children), In Memory of Jim Reed |
| From Evelyn Lee, In Honor of Rick Lee, Douglas Lee, and In Memory of Dick Lee, Bruce Lee | From The Turner's, In Honor of Jimmie Moore and Heryl Turner |
| From Dave and Mary Lou Lovell, In Honor of Vic Fogle, Matt Lovell, Ray Morby, Rich Lovell, Kip Smith, and In Memory of Dr. Robert J. Lovell | From Linda White, In Honor of Michael Seckman, and In Memory of Charles Seckman |
| From Mary Lou Lovell, In Honor of Dave Lovell, Vic Fogle, Ray Morby, Kip Smith, and In Memory of Dr. Robert J. Lovell | From Jean Wickum, In Memory of Wilbur Wickum, George Mead, and Wallace Mead |

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Next Month: Sunday School resumes on September 11; our church retreat will be September 24–25.

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Dear FBC family:

It hardly seems possible that summer could be over already, but such is the reality. In just a couple of weeks we will begin our new Sunday school year on September 11. We will continue our practice from last year of having coffee and doughnuts at 9:15 followed by classes at 9:30. We will also resume our 10:45 worship service.

Our other big fall event, the all church family retreat, will be held on September 24, 25 at Camp Christian. For the adults and older youth we will be having sessions based on Nooma

videos. Other activities will be offered for the younger children. For the first time we are offering the retreat on a no cost basis. However, it is important to remember that the church will have to pay for the number of meals that we sign up for in advance. Contributions toward the retreat will be welcomed but not required. This is our opportunity to see if this is an activity that we want to see continued into the future.

Another change you will notice this fall is that we have extended a call to Sam Chesser to serve the church as a student pastor. Sam will be working with the children and youth. He will also be doing some on the job training with me. The decision to hire Sam for this posi-

tion was done in consultation with the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Deacons. Sam will begin in this position at the first of September, but he has a standing commitment to preach at the First Baptist Church of Mt. Gilead on September 4.

I am grateful to those who made it possible for me to take three consecutive weeks of vacation. This

is something I have not done in the thirty two years I have pastored. Thanks to Jon Powers and Sam Chesser for preaching in my absence. Thanks to Melissa Mercer for taking care of the mail. Thanks

to Jerry Palmer for making sure my first task back from vacation was not having to cut the grass. Thanks to Melissa and Mary Lou for taking over music selections for the whole month. Thanks to all of you for your faithfulness in my absence.

As we enter into this new church year let us remember Paul's admonition to the Philippians; "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13,14

Your Pastor,



Rally Day

Please make a commitment this year to attend Sunday school. Rally Day will be September 11. We will begin with opening fellowship at 9:15 a.m. and then continue to our classes. Kathy Chesser and Pam Shears will be teaching the youth class; Vic Fogle will teach the teen class, and Randy Turner and Tim Chesser will teach the two adult classes.

We are still looking for attendees who would be willing to be put into the rotation to provide refreshments for opening. Please see Pam Faulk to volunteer for this.

We hope to see you at 9:15 on the 11th.

10th Anniversary Celebration for Pastor Tim

Please join us for fellowship time after worship on September 4 to celebrate Pastor Tim's 10th anniversary as our pastor. Cards and gifts are welcome.

— Larry Faulk

Retreat

Our annual church retreat is right around the corner on September 24 to 25. Please be sure to give your registration form to Pam Faulk by September 4th. Because we are not charging for this year's retreat, we are asking our church fellowship to donate to our church's retreat fund. This can be done at any time. Checks can be made out to the church with a notation for the retreat fund. Donations may be

given to the Pastor, Pam Faulk, or Randy Turner.

Please remember that the church service on September 25 will be at Camp Christian and not at our church. We urge everyone to join us for worship that Sunday, even if you cannot attend for the retreat. Directions to the camp can be found in your retreat information packet. Please let us know if you will be staying for lunch after the worship service, as we have to let the staff know.

New Youth Leader

Sam Chesser has agreed to be our new youth leader for the coming year. He will be leading Worship Wings several Sundays out of the month, as well as leading extra activities for our youth and our teens.

ABW

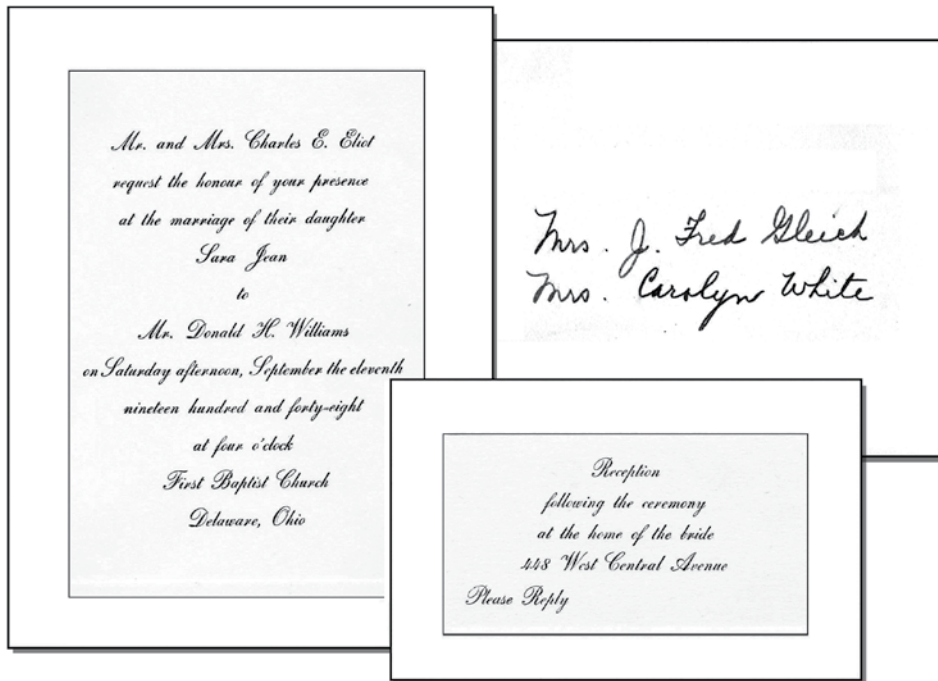
Seven women gathered for our August luncheon and to share fellowship as we remembered our absent ABW friends. Our Love Gift in July totalled \$15.03. In August we gave \$21.37 to help support Love Gifts across our nation for American Baptist Mission work. We urge all the women to reserve the third Thursday at 11:30 to share with us.

– Evelyn Lee

Trustees Notes

- New seat cushions have been placed in the pulpit chairs. They were made by Delaware-Marysville Upholstering.
- The Gable Elevator Company fixed the defect noted by the state inspector.
- A new dehumidifier was purchased for the Fellowship Hall kitchen, to replace the old one which no longer worked.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees



Wedding Invitation Found

Peter White recently found an invitation to the 1948 wedding of Don and Sally Williams. It had been sent to Peter's mother, Mrs. Carolyn White, and to his grandmother, Mrs. J. Fred Gleich.

The invitation said, "Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Eliot request the honour of your presence at the

marriage of their daughter Sara Jean to Mr. Donald H. Williams on Saturday afternoon, September the eleventh, nineteen hundred and forty-eight at four o'clock, First Baptist Church, Delaware, Ohio.

A separate card contained an invitation to a reception at the bride's home at 448 West Central Ave.

Second Friday

The Second Friday in August found Andrews House welcoming a full house of guests. Jeanne Ekelberry, Barb Reed and I served as Greeters and Mixers. Our church is signed up to help again on September 9 and I invite any of you to join us. The guests need friendship as well as food.

I continue to ask you to save your plastic bags for us, as many are used at every Second Friday dinner. You can give them to me at any time. As always, thanks to First Baptist for your continued support of Andrews House.

– Evelyn Lee, 362-9107

Do One Thing

If many little people in many little places do many little deeds, they can change the face of the earth. Here are 10 things to consider this month.

1. Pray for teachers everywhere, including our Sunday school teachers.
2. Make a commitment to attend Sunday school every Sunday.
3. Pray for scientists and engineers who are working to find cleaner sources of energy.
4. Support the Crop Walk.
5. Pick up after yourself more.
6. Pray that the words that you speak to others are kind and compassionate.

7. Take a turn at providing for Sunday school opening fellowship.
8. Volunteer to pull weeds at a community garden.
9. Volunteer at a school.
10. Pick three friends who are really special to you and write notes to let them know how much you appreciate them.



Jeannie and Ted Stephenson

Rev. Ted Stephenson Retiring

Rev. Ted Stephenson, pastor of the Church of the Master (American Baptist) in Indianapolis, will retire on September 11.

Ted is the son of Rev. James B. Stephenson (our pastor from 1947-87) and Sophia Stephenson. His wife Jeannie is the sister of Carol Grubbs and Jim Brown, and her mother, Ruth Brown, was our organist for many years. Ted has preached many times at First Baptist and he led our church retreat at Camp Christian several years ago.

Ted and Jeannie were married in 1967. Ted was ordained at First Baptist in 1970 following his graduation from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago. He became pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, and a year later became pastor of Church of the Master in Indianapolis, where he has been pastor for 37 years.

Ted and Jeannie have three children (Amy, Jonathan, and Jennifer) and three grandchildren (Mary Sophia, Maggie Rose, and Molly Grace).

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The Deacons	Pam Debasio	Health issues
	Jimmie Moore	Car accident injuries
	Betty Porter	Health issues
	Sophia Stephenson	Health issues
Lana Palmer	Cpl. Mike Nicholson (friend of the Palmer's grandson)	Severely injured by a land mine in Afghanistan
Janet Lathrop	Nevin Gabriel (Janet's brother)	Health problems due to leg amputation
Jean Wickum	Fran Cook	Heart problems
Evelyn Lee	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health issues
	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	Health issues

Their current address is the church's parsonage at 1323 North Furman Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46214. After September 11 their address will be 7108 Swallow Lane, Plainfield, IN 46168.

Personals

- Dave Lovell had successful gall bladder surgery.
- Florence Faulk recently had successful cataract surgery.
- Jean Wickum was hospitalized briefly for dehydration.
- Penny Hagaman recently underwent surgery.
- Andrew Lovell Smith was born to Kip and Barbara Smith on August 17. He weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces and was 19 inches long. He is the grandson of Dave and Mary Lou Lovell.
- Evelyn Lee has a new great-grandson, Judah Lee Wray, born to Bethany Wray and her husband. Bethany is the daughter of Rick Lee.
- June Grubbs (Ann Brown's mother) recently underwent successful colon surgery.

- Emily Bowman has been named as a new Deacon to finish the unexpired term of Beth Trigg.

- Will Fogle played a violin prelude, and Phil Mercer and Melissa Neill sang a duet on July 31.

- Lana and Jerry Palmer's son Steve and his family recently visited and attended church.

- Randy, Ben, and Claire Turner attended Family Camp in West Virginia, and then the Turners traveled to Tennessee for a long weekend with friends.

- Charles Ekelberry has moved to Florida and is seeking a job there.

- Tim and Kathy Chesser recently vacationed in New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

Church Directory Update

Please add Kip and Barbara Smith's new baby to your copy of the 2011 church directory:

Andrew Lovell Smith
born Aug. 17

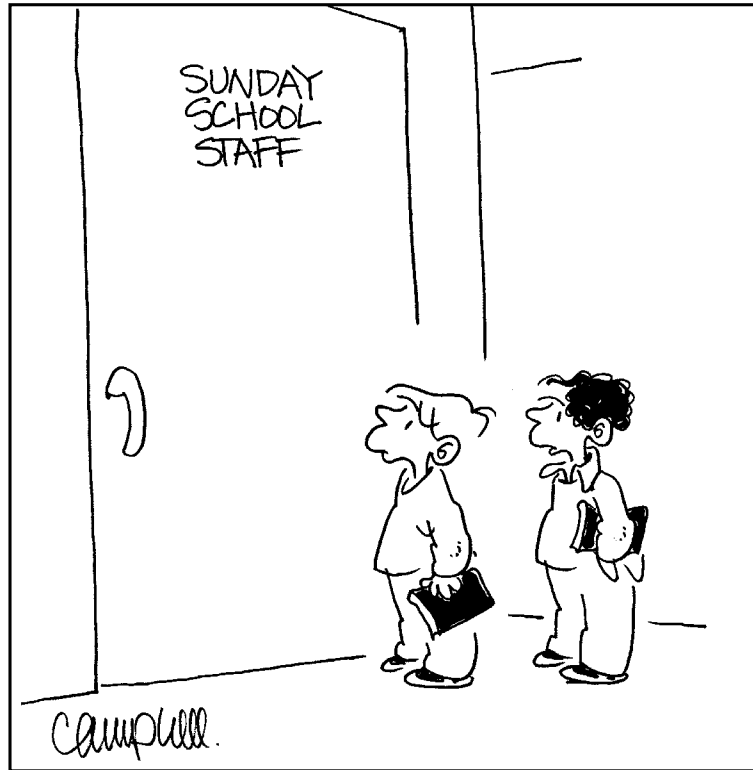
- Frank and Nancy Via Summers recently visited our church and brought flowers for the altar.
- Jean Syler's grandson from Indiana visited her recently.
- Jimmie Moore's brother Dale visited from Dallas, Texas.
- Betty Porter organized a reunion at Der Dutchman of court clerks from all over the state.

– Pam Faulk
Personals Editor

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Sept. 1 Roger & Shannon Kennedy
Robert and Kathy Russell
- 3 Alec Ferguson
- 4 Roger Kennedy, Jr.
- 5 Jessi Inscho
- 7 Christy Sykes
Olivia Burton
- 9 Barbara & Kip Smith
- 11 Barbara Reed
Don & Sally Williams
- 13 Jerry Palmer
- 14 Marci Cooper
- 15 Janet Porter
Sarah Sykes
- 17 Ed Burton
- 18 Melissa Mercer
- 22 Angie Burton
- 26 Phil & Melissa Mercer
- 29 Ian Ferguson
- 30 Mary Lou Lovell

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.







*"They meet in there.
It's some kind of support group."*

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11 Rally Day 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Dedication of Sunday School Teachers 	12 7:00 Board of Deacons	13 7:00 Board of Trustees 7:30 Marion Assoc. Trustees	14 10:00 Women's Prayer Group at Palmer's 7:00 Choir	15 11:30 ABW at Buehlers	16	17 8:00 ABM at Buehlers
18 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 Friends Listening for God, at the Church Newsletter deadline. (Newsletter will be distributed next week at the retreat.)	19 Schooler Institute on Preaching at the Methodist Theological School, led by Tex Sample. No charge to attend.	20	21 International Peace Day 7:00 Choir	22	23 First Day of Autumn	24 Church Retreat at Camp Christian 
25 Christian Education Sunday 11:00 Morning Worship at Camp Christian, followed by lunch (No services today at First Baptist.) 	26	27	28 7:00 Choir	29 7:00 Parish Council	30	1 October

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Dear FBC family:

As most of you know I often make connections between the music I am hearing and our life together. Recently I have been listening to Golden Age by the Asteroids Galaxy Tour. One line from that song sticks in my memory, "Sing it out loud and let yourself free." I never forget that the Baptist church is the epitome of freedom. We freely associate with one another. We are called to proclaim that allegiance. Like the song Golden Age we often wish we were in a different place or time. Part of being set free is living fully in the present while preparing for the future.

During the month of September we have celebrated our tenth anniversary as pastor and people. Kathy and I are grateful for all of the cards and gifts that you have given us. It has been a good decade. Ten years ago we did not know what the future held. The next decade is a story waiting to be written. I hope you will join with me in making some exciting chapters for when the story is told in the future.

Randy Turner and I recently attended a meeting of the Marion association trustees. The attendance at these meetings has steadily declined in the last ten years. Sometimes the lack of pressing issues causes people to let their participation slide. I once complained about the lack of meaning at these meetings and Randy told me that we went twice a year so that we would always be sure to be there when it mattered. Even when not much else is going on there is always dessert and fellowship. I think that by the time Sam reaches the midpoint of

his ministerial career the Baptist association as we have known it will have morphed into something new or died. Many of our associations have already taken the latter course and few that I know about have attempted meaningful change.

In the coming decade we will continue to think about the Baptist groups that can claim our allegiance. One group that has reached out to us is the Alliance of Baptists. They have helped us to reconnect with friends who are no longer connected to our ABC Ohio family. I am still proud to be an American

Baptist, even as I continue to have to explain both aspects of that connection.

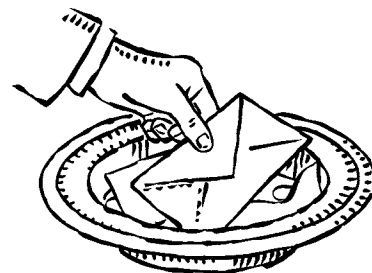
While giving thanks for the past look to the future and work to have the kind of congregation that you want to invite others to join.

Your Pastor,



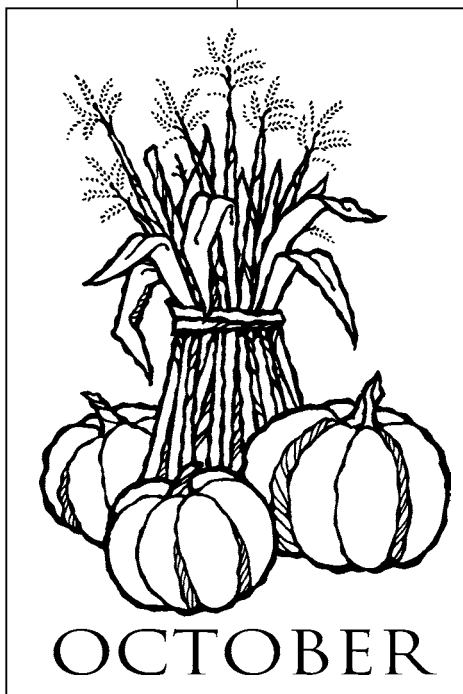
World Mission Offering

As we think about our individual lives and even our church's life, we can easily forget we are part of a large community of faith, the Church of Jesus Christ around the world! On October 2, World Communion Sunday, we will be reminded of that fact. On that day Christians worldwide will be celebrating the Lord's Supper, even as we will.



That special Sunday will also be the day we begin focusing on our 2011 World Mission Offering (WMO) which supports the global work of American Baptists International Ministries (IM).

Our gifts make possible the ministries of nearly 100 long-term



missionaries and more than 1,500 short-term missionaries and volunteers. They work in more than 70 countries along with 220 partner organizations that include evangelistic associations, hospitals, schools, publishing companies and others responding to Christ's call.

Our 2011 goal is \$600.00. Please join us in embracing this challenge as together we Live the Word and Proclaim the Word so that others might Be Transformed.

Pastor Appreciation Month

Please remember that October is Pastor Appreciation month.

Common Ground Free Store

Congratulations to the Common Ground Free Store which recently celebrated five years of service to our community. Our own Beth Trigg is the assistant director and welcomes our contributions and support. Plan to stop by sometime and be amazed at their service to many. Remember to add to their basket in our vestibule. Clothing and household goods are always needed.

– Evelyn Lee

We're On Facebook

After resisting for a long time, I have created a Facebook page for our church. An increasing number of organizations that we share interests with are posting updates on Facebook. It is impossible for us to check these without having a Facebook presence. This will also give us another avenue of communication. Let me know what you think. Please check out our site and friend us.



– Tim Chesser

People In Need

In October we will once again focus on the need for taxable items for PIN. This month we are asking for donations of hand soap. Please bring items and put them in the basket for PIN.

ABW

Our September ABW meeting was attended by seven women. It was a joy to have Sophia Stephenson lunching with us after a lengthy absence. We shared a bit of "home mission" work we each had done recently and remembered those absent from our midst. Our September Love Gift totaled \$25.40 for Baptist missions. Mark the third Thursday of each month and join us at 11:30 a.m. at Buehlers.

– Evelyn Lee

Make A Difference Day

This year Make a Difference Day is on October 22. Please try to do one thing that day to make a difference in our church, our community, our country, or our world. Here are 10 suggestions in no particular order.

1. Pray for our world leaders.
2. Agree to be a church officer or member of a committee.
3. Write letters to elected officials asking them to be good to the earth.
4. Participate in or contribute to the CROP Walk.
5. Organize a group to take care of an elderly person's yard or other chores or pay some teens to do this.
6. Pray for our church leaders.
7. Plan to attend the October business meeting at church. It is also a good place for fellowship if you come for the dinner.
8. Make a sanctuary for wildlife in your back yard.
9. Give more support to the World Mission Offering.
10. Pick a bad habit to get rid of.

Andrews House Annual Kitchen Cupboard

Please think ahead and plan for your contributions to this yearly event on December 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The traditional cookie sale will be featured as well as the baked goods table where we need your jams, jellies, pies, yeast breads,



rolls, muffins, quick breads and any other goodies you can donate. These items may be taken in on December 2nd or before opening on the 3rd. This is one of the fund raisers for Andrews House and the need is great. You'll hear more about the Silent Auction and Raffles later, but mark you calendars now and start planning on how you can help.

– Evelyn Lee

Second Fridays

Our September dinner found First Baptist very busy as one church was shy a few workers. Jeanne Ekelberry again was our Greeter and supervisor of the bread room which included 150# of huge, fresh carrots. Barb Reed and I helped serve our nearly 40 diners while Kathy Chesser helped with carryouts. Tim Chesser was our official dish washer and coffee maker to help us make it through the event.

We are to be Greeters and Mixers again in October and we welcome volunteers. After that we are on break until we return in good spring weather, with the exception of furnishing pumpkin pie for our Thanksgiving dinner. I will purchase and deliver the pies and will welcome money to get them, probably \$8 or \$9 each for two pies.

Thank you for your continued support.

–Evelyn Lee, 362-9107

Angel Food Program Facing Financial Problems

The delivery of Angel Food was cancelled in September. Anyone who placed an order will receive a refund.

Andrews House forwarded to us a message from the national Angel Food organization which said, "...Like the thousands of businesses in America that have endured one of the worst recessions in the past 100 years, we too have faced operational and financial challenges. We have every intention to continue offering great food at great prices in the coming months and are considering ways to reorganize or restructure our Ministry. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause..."

Andrews House hopes that the Angel Food organization is able to resume their food distribution soon.

For more information:
http://andrewshouse.org/programs/angel_food.html

Virginia Houston

Former member Dorothy "Virginia" Houston, 89, of Mt. Gilead died on August 23 at the Morrow County Hospital Extended Care Unit.

Virginia was a 1939 graduate of Ashley High School and attended Indiana Wesleyan University and Indiana University. She worked for 31 years for the Indiana Bell Telephone Company.



Her husband, Robert Houston, died in 1999. Survivors include her brother, Dr. Roger (Lois) Wood, of Edison, and her sister, Marjorie Henry, of Mt. Gilead. Services were held at the First Presbyterian Church in Mount Gilead and burial was at the Quakerdom Cemetery.

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	Jimmie Moore	Car accident injuries
	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
Lana Palmer	The Palmer's grandson, Cpl. Jeremy Chaffin , and severely injured troops in Echo Battery, 1st Platoon, Unit 44125 deployed in Afghanistan and the medical personnel caring for these Marines.	
Jean Wickum	Fran Cook	Heart problems
Evelyn Lee	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health issues
	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	Health issues
Betty Porter	Dotty Florance at Willow Brook South	Rehab for injury from fall

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

Personals

- Penny Hagaman recently had surgery. She is now home and is appreciative of everyone's prayers, thoughts, and cards.
- Jeanne Ekelberry has retired from the choir after 58 years of loyal service. During morning worship on September 18 she was recognized for her many years of service and was presented with a gift from the choir.
- Florence Faulk recently attended a family party at her son Mark's house to celebrate his birthday and her 89th birthday.
- Marissa Ann Stephenson was born on August 29. Her parents are Bob and Pam Stephenson, and her grandmother is Sophia Stephenson.

- Nevin Gabriel from Phoenix has been visiting for a month, staying with his sister Janet Lathrop and also visiting with his other sister Carol Serviss.
- Matt Lovell visited here for several days.
- Charles Ekelberry has found a job in Florida which will require some traveling.



• Melissa Neill's stepson Matthew is doing a one-year work/study program in New Zealand. Melissa recently had a tree fall on her house during a storm and had to have it removed.

• Claire Turner has the part of Kate in Dempsy's production of ANNIE.

– Pam Faulk
Personals Editor

Birthdays and 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
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Dear FBC Family:

What a month to put behind us. As a congregation we were saddened by the passing of two of our members in October. Pam DeBiasio died on October 14 after fighting cancer for a number of years. Evelyn Lee died on October 15 following complications from a fall.

A memorial service was held for Pam on October 19. Evelyn's memorial service will be held at 2:00 on November 19 at the Devore-Snyder funeral home. We extend the condolences of their church family to both of the families. Since they are not a part of our local church family, many have wanted to send word to Evelyn's sons. Their addresses are:

Rick Lee
1133 Davis Road
Hamilton, OH 45013

Doug Lee
2241 Meredith Road
Delaware, OH 43015

In times of loss we turn to the promises of God. Before his death Jesus told his disciples, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also." John 14:3,4.

In the intersection of faith and life lies our opportunity and responsi-

bility as citizens to cast our votes in November. As your pastor I cannot endorse candidates for election. However, I can encourage you to consider the issues before us in light of God's call for justice. As a people who believe that God calls us to speak out for those who have no voice I encourage you to vote for the Mental Health levy as well as the Delaware city schools levy. Our children and those suffering from

mental illness are counting on your support. I recognize that we have differing opinions in our congregation about overturning SB 5. As I noted in last Sunday's sermon I believe this is a justice issue. The teachers, firefighters, and nurses in our own congregation are counting on you.

As we approach the Thanksgiving and Advent seasons let us not neglect the assembling of ourselves each Sunday as has become the habit of some, but let us provoke one another to love and good deeds.

Invite a friend to church,

Your Pastor,



Pam DeBiasio

Pamela Kay DeBiasio passed away on October 14th, 2011 after a long illness.

Pam was born in Huntington, West Virginia. She attended Huntington East High School, and Marshall University. She moved to Columbus, Ohio, where she worked as a paralegal assistant and as a Court Appointed Special Advocate.

Pam is survived by her daughter, Dominique; and her husband, Frederic.

A memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church on Wednesday, October 19th. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her honor to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Columbus chapter. We extend our condolences to Pam's family.



Evelyn Lee

Evelyn B. Lee, 84, died on October 15, 2011 at Ohio State University Hospital Medical Center due to injuries from a fall at her home.

Evelyn was born in 1927 to Arthur and Mary Whitcomb Battles in



Chesterland. She graduated from Chester High School and in 1947 she received a B.S. in Home Economics from OSU. She married Richard Earl Lee in 1947 and they lived in Ada before moving to Delaware in 1949. She taught school in the Dola School System and then at Willis High School.

She was active in the First Baptist Church for more than 62 years. She was also a member of Delaware County Home Economists, PEO Sisterhood-Chapter CW and Delaware Women's Club. Evelyn served as a Cub Scout Den mother, Homestead Guys & Gals 4-H, and served two terms on the Delaware City School Board. She also served with Church Women United, Delwood Children's Home of Delaware, the Agricultural Home Economics & 4-H Extension Committee, the Delaware Speech and Hearing Board and was a volunteer for American Red Cross and Andrews House.

Her survivors include two sons, Richard E. (Marcia) Lee Jr. and Douglas A. (Linda) Lee; daughter-in-law Barbara N. Lee; six grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 43 years in 1990; her son, Bruce Lee, in 2000; her sister, Arvilla B. Lee; her brother, Thomas Battles; and her nephew, Ben Lee.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 19th, at 2:00 p.m. at the DeVore Snyder Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be given to People In Need or the Delaware County American Red Cross. We extend our condolences to Evelyn's family.

P.I.N. Donations for November

Each month we collect taxable items for

distribution by P.I.N. This month we are asking that you bring laundry



detergent. All donations will be collected from the P.I.N. basket and delivered. Thank you for your support.

– Kathy Chesser

Common Ground Free Store

Wish List:

- New socks
- New underwear
- Large black trash bags
- Liquid floor cleaner

Care to volunteer? Please see me.

– Beth Trigg

And A Good Time Was Had By All

We enjoyed good weather and good fishing at this year's retreat at Camp Christian. About 25 people attended the retreat with our numbers growing to about 30



for Sunday morning. We enjoyed watching the Rob Bell videos and the following discussions as well as the good food, the campfire, and all the other activities of the weekend. Why don't you join us next year?

Thank You

I would like to thank the choir for the lovely necklace they gave me when I "retired" from singing with them on Sunday mornings.

Music has always been part of my life, at home and in church, even though I could not read the notes but memorized them.

My continued loss of hearing has made it difficult, so again thanks choir and congregation for letting me be a part of musical worship for 58 years.

– Jeanne Ekelberry

ABW Sewing

For many years American Baptist Women have met and made bandages, baby quilts, lap robes and children's clothing, which were given to missions out of our country and locally.

One of the many groups that Evelyn Lee supported was the Christmas Clearing House. Our October/November projects have gone to them for the last five years and will again this year.

If you can thread elastic in a casing for little girls' skirts or tie thread in a baby quilt, then please join me Wednesday, November 2 from 10:00 to 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

– Jeanne Ekelberry

Trustees Report

- Jerry Palmer refinished the front doors on the old "south" vestibule.
- Electrician Mike Clark made a repair to the plug for the washer at the "old" parsonage.
- Broken window glass in the kitchen of the "old" parsonage was replaced, using glass left over from the classroom project several years ago. There was no cost.
- Heating-plumbing man Don Patrick did extensive work this fall:
 - The boiler at the "old" parsonage was worked on.
 - A broken toilet at the "old" parsonage was repaired.
 - All seven gas furnaces at the church were inspected, serviced, cycled once and had their filters changed.
- The pipe organ was tuned, serviced and the blower was checked by John Muller.
- The Gable Elevator Company did a safety inspection.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Things That Make Us See Red

At this year's retreat we discussed the things that make us hot under the collar, raise our ire, make us see



red, etc. Instead of giving you 10 things to do this month, I am asking you to take a look at this list. Are you guilty of doing any of these things or causing them? Is there something

you can do to make this a more peaceful world by taking away someone else's source of anger?

1. People who don't return carts to the stall at the store
2. People on their cell phones in public or while driving
3. People who check their cell phones or text while having a conversation in person
4. People not willing to work together
5. Irrational people
6. People who don't keep promises
7. People who talk without knowing what they are talking about
8. Having meetings just for the sake of meeting
9. Parents who want immediate feedback from teachers during the school day
10. Parents oblivious to their children's behavior in restaurants and stores
11. Ignorance
12. When people judge one another without meeting the person first
13. Selfish people
14. People who put themselves down, are self-effacing
15. Poor grammar
16. Sales telephone calls
17. Credit card calls

PRAYER LIST

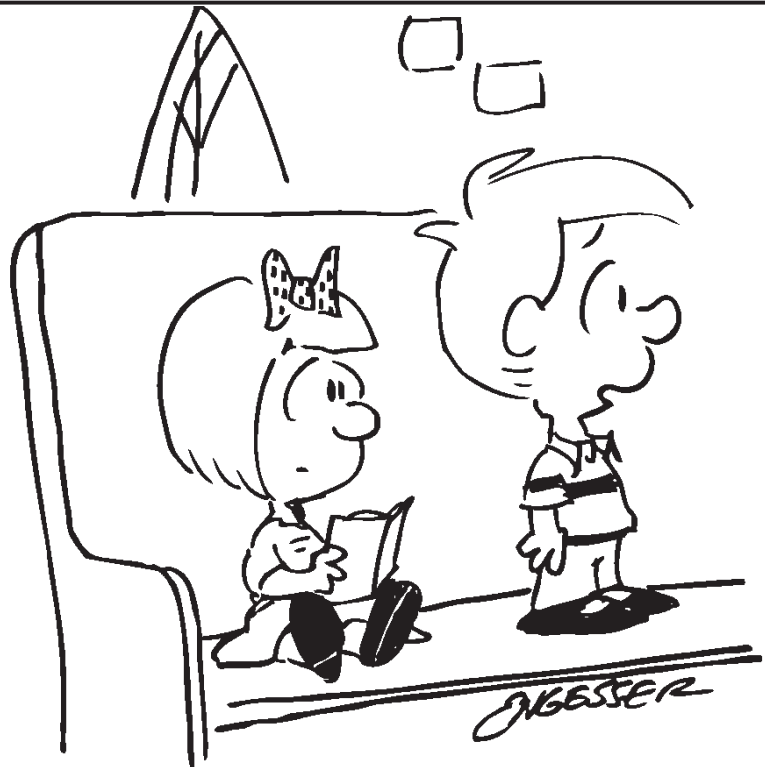
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	Evelyn Lee's family	Prayers of sympathy, comfort, and celebration of her life
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	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
	Jimmie Moore	Car accident injuries
Lana Palmer	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
	The Palmer's grandson, Cpl. Jeremy Chaffin , and severely injured troops in Echo Battery, 1st Platoon, Unit 44125 deployed in Afghanistan and the medical personnel caring for these Marines.	
Jean Wickum	Fran Cook	Heart problems
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	Health issues
Betty Porter	Dotty Florance at Willow Brook South	Rehab for injury from fall

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



"Dad's not liking the Thanksgiving sermon on gluttony."

- 18. Loud people in the library
- 19 Very loud cars, especially super loud radios
- 20. Slow drivers in the fast lane
- 21. People who don't use a turn signal
- 22. People who drive more slowly than the speed limit on a 2-lane road
- 23. People who don't follow the rules at a roundabout or 4-way stop

– Pam Faulk

Personals

- Penny Hagaman was re-admitted to the hospital for further tests. She is now out and staying with her sister.
- Jimmie Moore had successful dental surgery.

- Steve and Sharon Baker have moved back to Delaware.
- Matt and Marci Cooper vacationed in New England.
- Pam and Larry Faulk toured Canada and New England.
- Phil and Melissa Mercer took a trip to New York.
- Sophia and Jim Stephenson took a trip to Kentucky.
- Jerry and Lana Palmer took a trip to Virginia.
- Mary Lou Lovell celebrated her birthday with a visit from her sister and father.
- Betty Porter's cousin from Israel visited.
- Jane and Jimmie Moore had a visit from their former pastor from Painesville and his wife.

– Pam Faulk, Personals Editor

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. 20.

Andrews House Annual Kitchen Cupboard

Please plan for your contributions to this yearly event on December 3, which will include the cookie sale and baked goods table. These items may be taken in on December 2nd, or before opening on the 3rd.

This is one of the fund raisers for Andrews House and the need is great.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving...

Psalm 100:4



Birthdays and 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
- 28 Karen Stoner

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November

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Days Off: Friday and Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00 Choir	3 7:00 Board of Christian Education	4	5 <i>Set clocks back one hour this evening.</i> 
6 <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	7 7:00 Quilt Guild	8 Election Day 	9 7:00 Choir	10 12:00 Young at Heart at En Super Buffet	11 Veteran's Day 5:30 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	12
13 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	14 7:00 Deacons	15 7:00 Trustees	16 7:00 Choir	17 11:30 ABW at Buehlers	18	19 8:00 ABM at Buehlers 2:00 Service for Evelyn Lee at Devore-Snyder
20 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i> <i>Last day to order poinsettias.</i>	21	22	23 7:00 Choir	24	25 Thanksgiving 	26
First Sunday of Advent 27 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>December newsletter available today.</i> 	28	29	30 7:00 Choir	December 1	2	3 9:00 Andrews House Christmas Cupboard (until 3:00)

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family,

From its beginning, the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) has been described as a "People Offering"—given by people for people, rather than for denominational programs, resources, budgets, benefits and buildings. The RMMO provides you with a tangible way by which to honor, say "thank you" and provide financial assistance to the retired American Baptist ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses who supported you in times of need, guided you on your spiritual journey and provided inspiration.

Thank You check recipients and others who received financial assistance in 2010 were overwhelmed by the generosity of American Baptist congregations in the midst of these difficult economic times. Many wrote to express gratitude for this tangible evidence of God's providential care, encouragement and assurance that they have not been forgotten by their ABC family.

Contributions to the RMMO in 2010 totaled \$1,288,585. Of this amount, \$563,514 was made available to meet immediate emergency and special financial needs. The balance

of the receipts was distributed by MMBB on behalf of American Baptists in the form of "Thank You" checks to 3,322 retired American Baptist ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses. The average check was \$217.61.

Please join me as we *Remember with Love and Give with Gratitude* to those who have dedicated their lives to Christian ministry. Please make a generous

contribution to the RMMO on Sunday, December 4, 2011. Our goal is \$600.00.

Your gift makes a difference for the women and men who tirelessly carried forth God's work.

December brings us many special moments. Our Christmas Program and Birthday for Jesus will be held on December 18. Our Christmas Eve candlelight communion service will be at 6:45 on December 24. We will

not be having Sunday School on Christmas Day or New Years Day.

Your Pastor,



Birthday Party for Jesus

On Sunday, December 18th, we will celebrate Jesus' birthday during Sunday School opening in the fellowship hall. Please plan to join us for cake and punch.

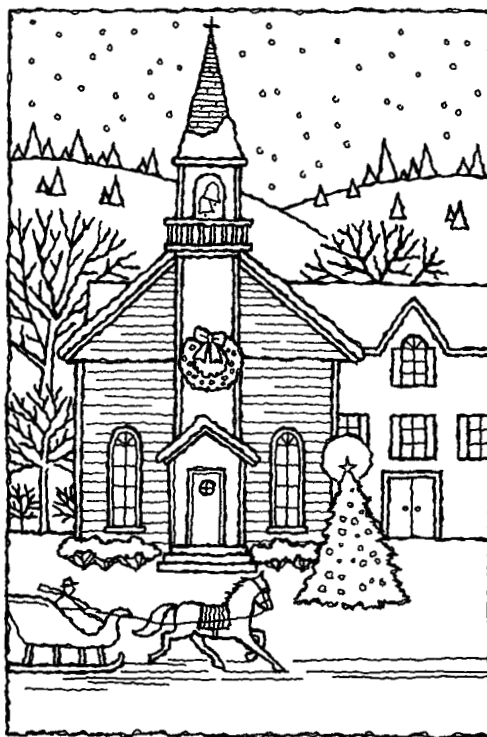
—Liz Bowman

CHRIST
THE SAVIOR
IS BORN!

Christmas Program

On December 18 during the worship service we will be doing our Christmas Program. This year will have several intergenerational skits fun for the whole family!

—Sam Chesser



December

Next Month's Newsletter
Our January newsletter will publish one week later than our usual schedule.
Articles will be due on Sunday, December 25, and the newsletter will be available on Sunday, January 1.

No Sunday School on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1

Because Christmas Day and New Year's Day both occur on a Sunday this year, there will be no Sunday school classes on those two Sundays. There will, of course, be Sunday worship services at the regular time.

- Pam Faulk

Join Us for Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, December 11 for our annual Christmas caroling. 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 go to the Faulk's home for refreshments.



We'll be singing familiar 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

Christmas Gifts for Needy Children

First Baptist Church is sponsoring Christmas gifts for four children through Jobs and Family Services. Wish lists are on display in the gathering area. Please have your gifts or contributions to Pastor Tim by Sunday, December 4. Cash and/or gift cards are welcome as well.



Recognition of Veterans

As a part of the worship service on Sunday, November 13th, eighteen veterans who attend First Baptist were recognized. Jeanne Ekelberry presented a patriotic lap robe to the following veterans:

Jim Brown, Pastor Tim Chesser, Fred DeBiasio, Steve Ferguson, Victor Fogle, Edward Linn, David Lovell, Jimmie Moore, Jerry Palmer, Ken Peterson, George Reidmiller, Robert Russell, Ray Serviss, Ken Shears, Steve Stoner,



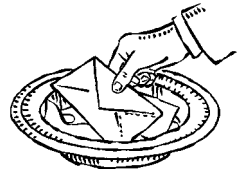
Peter White, Don Williams, and Jean Wickum

We are grateful for the service these veterans gave to our country and thanks to Jeanne for making the robes for them to keep comfortable this winter.

- Betty Porter

Special Offerings

The Thanksgiving Offering has been designated as a contribution to People In Need.



The Christmas Offering has been designated as a contribution to Andrews House.

- Betty Porter

American Baptist Women

Five members attended the October meeting of ABW. The Love Gift was \$10.70. Members voted to change the time of future meetings to 12:00 noon on the third Thursday of each month at Buehler's (weather permitting). The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15th.

- Betty Porter

Our Church Directory is Being Updated

If you'd like to be included in the 2012 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'd like a new picture, see Dave Lovell to have one taken.

Name	Birthday*	Anniv.*	Cell Phone	Email
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

* No year is necessary for birthday or anniversary.

Retirement Party for Founder of Common Ground Free Store

All are invited to attend a retirement party for Bonnie Ristau. It will be from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15 at William Street United Methodist Church

Many of you know Bonnie as the founder and former director of The Common Ground Free Store in Delaware. After retiring from teaching 2nd grade at Conger school, Bonnie founded the Free Store at 193 East Central. She has led the store for the past 5 years and created a place of hospitality and love for many of our neighbors in the community.

Refreshments will be served. We do ask that you bring one item to benefit the store. Examples: toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, plastic spoons, plastic forks, napkins, plastic zip lock bags.

I look forward to greeting and seeing many of you!

Thanks,

– Beth Trigg

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart members have admitted that deciding what to bring to our luncheons on second Thursdays, preparing it, carrying it to the church, serving it and cleaning up afterwards was a chore and one we could change. So change it we did, moving our feast to En Super Buffet down in the South Mall.

We really enjoy the good food and being waited on. We have a semi-private area, the staff welcomes us, and the service is good.

Just after we moved there for our luncheons, Evelyn Lee pointed out that many members of our groups were not long-time First Baptists, and should we have some get-acquainted programs. So we have had some. The first program had each one telling where they went to first grade, what their name was then (“fessing up” to middle names they disliked), and telling



how they liked (or disliked) what their teachers’ names were. Two of our members went to first grade in Canada — Genevieve Peterson and Frances Cook.

Next time we talked about where we met our spouses. That led to wedding talk — and what things can go wrong — hilarious when one looked back, but upsetting back then.

Then we got around to what our first job was or what college we went to.

Next time, our December meeting, will be about our Christmas memories.

We have lost a mainstay of our group — Evelyn Lee, who called the people to find out if they would attend; called me to tell me how everybody is and how many cards (get-well, miss you, happy birthday, etc.) to prepare. When we met at the church, she was in charge of the kitchen. More than that, she was a reliable friend, someone who cared

COMING SOON!



remember with LOVE

give with GRATITUDE

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

—Psalm 100:5

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO)

On Sunday, December 4, 2011, our congregation will receive the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO).

The RMMO is an annual ABCUSA offering that provides (1) “Thank you” checks to more than 3,000 retired American Baptist ministers and missionaries or their widowed spouses, based on 20 or more years of ABC service, and (2) emergency and other financial assistance based on need.

Our 2011 goal is \$ 600 .

Please help us remember them with love and give with gratitude.

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering: Administered by The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board

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	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
	Lana Palmer	The Palmer's grandson, Cpl. Jeremy Chaffin , and severely injured troops in Echo Battery, 1st Platoon, Unit 44125 deployed in Afghanistan and the medical personnel caring for these Marines.
Jean Wickum	Fran Cook	Heart problems
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	Health issues
Betty Porter	Dotty Florance at Willow Brook South	Rehab for injury from fall

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

about our fellowship. We were glad that our treasury was full enough for us to send \$50 to Andrews House Second Fridays, another place which went more smoothly because of her devotion to it. We miss her.

– Jean Wickum, Convenor

Christmas Clearing House

Contributions from our church for the Christmas Clearing House are finished and consist of 20 skirts for young girls and 5 lap robes and children's quilts. A friend of Evelyn Lee (the friend attends another church in Delaware) gave a child's quilt in Evelyn's memory.

If you have items to donate, you can deliver them to the Delaware County Fair Grounds on the first Saturday in December from 9 to 11. They need toys, food and clothing.

– Jeanne Ekelberry

Church Directory Update

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Cell: 614-328-6711



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

AFRICAN PROVERB

Please give prayerful consideration to doing at least one thing over and above what you normally do this month. Here are 10 ideas, in no particular order.

1. Share daily Advent devotions with your family.
2. Read the Christmas story as a family.
3. Support the RMMO more than usual.
4. Pray for those for whom Christmas may be a sad time.
5. Recycle paper, cardboard, and other materials from your family's Christmas celebration.

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
Steve & Karen Stoner
27 Cory Lawrence
28 Sharon Baker
29 Harold & Deborah Van Broekhoven
- Jan. 4 Fred DeBiasio
6 Ken & Pam Shears
10 Kip Smith
12 Larry Faulk
Matthew Cooper
13 Evan and Carrie Trigg
16 Jane Moore
18 Matthew Lovell
20 Jennifer Turner
21 Tim Fogle
22 Michael Mercer
23 Nick Porter
26 Sophia Stephenson
27 Steve Baker
28 Sarah Davidson
30 Calvin Turner

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6. Visit children who will spend Christmas in the hospital and take books or games to share.
7. Organize a group to sing Christmas carols at a senior citizens home or a homeless shelter.
8. Provide the ingredients for Christmas dinner for a family in need.
9. Support the Christmas Clearinghouse and the Andrews House Christmas Bazaar.
10. Pray for peace.

– Pam Faulk

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Angel Food Ministries Shuts Down

Angel Food Ministries, which provided discount food in 45 states through churches (and locally through Andrews House), has ceased operations, blaming the economic downturn.

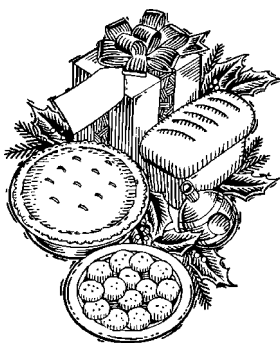
In 2009 the FBI searched the Angel Food offices in Georgia after a lawsuit was filed by several Angel Food board members. The lawsuit alleged that the founders, pastors Joe and Linda Wingo, enriched themselves by \$2.7 million and had charged personal expenses on Angel Food credit cards. The Wingos denied the allegations and an out-of-court settlement was reached.

Although the bad economy was the main factor in the closing, a former employee stated that the lawsuit hurt the organization's reputation and resulted in considerable legal expenses.

A group of former Angel Food employees in Georgia is seeking to start up a similar ministry under new leadership.

Andrews House Annual Kitchen Cupboard

Cookies, items for the baked goods table and any other contributions for the Kitchen Cupboard fundraiser should be delivered to Andrews House on Friday, December 2nd or before the opening on December 3rd. This event will be held on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Andrews House Winter newsletter, The Messenger, featured the article "Evelyn Lee, In Memoriam", along with a photograph of her at a

Second Friday Dinner. Evelyn served as the partner church representative from First Baptist for many years. The article said "It is hard to imagine Second Fridays and the Christmas Cupboard without Evelyn. She will be greatly missed."

We should prayerfully consider who will serve as the partner church representative from First Baptist in the future.

– Betty Porter

Personals

- Reagan Riedmiller had four wisdom teeth pulled but came through it well.
- Chris Riedmiller started a new job.
- Jimmie Moore's brother and family visited from Texas.
- Ed Linn visited family and friends from November 2 to the 16th. He still lives near Bakersfield, California and works as a civil servant on base.
- Emily Bowman was inducted into the National Honor Society.
- Jerry and Lana Palmer are happy to announce that their grandson, Jeremy Chaffin, is no longer deployed in Afghanistan.

A Note About the Personals Column...

You may notice that the column is a little short this month. That is because I have lost a valued source of information with the loss of Evelyn Lee. Evelyn would call me every month and fill me in on items that needed to go into the newsletter. She truly cared about everyone and really listened, especially at ABW and at Young at Heart. Without Evelyn's input this column will be short unless people make an effort to contact me with their information. If you have something that you want to be in the Personals Column, please let me know before the newsletter deadline each month.

– Pam Faulk
Personals Editor

Martin Luther King Jr. Community Worship

On January 15, we will be hosting the worship service for the community celebration of the life and ministry of Dr. King. Our brothers and sisters at Second Baptist Church will be cohosting. After the afternoon service there will be a reception at the church.



If you'd like to help with the reception, please tell Betty Porter. Betty has agreed to coordinate. We believe the service will be held at 4:00, but that is subject to change.

Poinsettia Dedications

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

- From Matt and Marci Cooper, in memory of Marci's grandma Beatrice Newman, and her step-grandma Suzanne Diehl, both of whom died this summer
- From the Grubbs and Brown families, two poinsettias in memory of Teresa Griffith and Fred Grubbs Sr., and Charles and Ruth Brown
- From Dave and Mary Lou Lovell, two poinsettias in memory of Dr. Robert and Jennie Lovell, and Margaret Morby and Ida Morby
- From Jimmie and Jane Moore, in honor of their children — Melissa, Phil, Jennifer, and Randy
- From Ken and Genevieve Peterson, two poinsettias in memory of their parents
- From Jerry and Lana Palmer, in memory of their parents
- From Betty Porter and family, 2 poinsettias in memory of Jim "Billy" Porter and Evelyn Lee
- From Peter and Linda White, in memory of Evelyn Lee

If this list contains any errors or omissions, please tell the pastor so a correction can be announced.







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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 Parish Council	2	3 9:00 Andrews House Christmas Cupboard (until 3:00)
Second Sunday of Advent 4 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with RMMO Offering Contributions for needy children due today 	5 6:00 Deacons	6	7 7:00 Choir	8 12:00 Young at Heart 6:30 Board of Christian Education at the Faulks	9 5:30 Second Fridays at Andrews House	10
Third Sunday of Advent 11 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Christmas Caroling  	12	13 7:00 Trustees	14 7:00 Choir	15 12:00 ABW at Buehlers (meetings are now at noon)	16	17 8:00 ABM at Buehlers
Fourth Sunday of Advent 18 9:15 Sunday School with Birthday Party for Jesus 10:45 Morning Worship with Christmas Program 	19	20	21 7:00 Choir	22 First Day of Winter 	23	24 Christmas Eve 6:45 Music Preludes 7:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Christmas 25 No Sunday School today 10:45 Morning Worship Last day to submit newsletter articles. 	26	27	28 7:00 Choir	29	30	31 New Year's Eve <i>No Sunday School or Fellowship Time tomorrow.</i>

Next Month: No Sunday School on January 1. Epiphany is January 6.