

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC Family:

The *America for Christ (AFC) 2012* theme is *Engaging Discipleship: Open My Eyes, My Heart, My Hands*. This theme is a powerful reminder that we have been sent into the world (Matthew 28) to be ambassadors of God's love, expressed through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The primary rule of engagement is "love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39).

We can ignore this calling and get busy doing church by singing hymns, listening to sermons, giving our tithes and offerings, getting involved in the choir or joining a committee. These activities may make us feel spiritually good, but God is calling our church to daily follow the incarnational practice modeled by our Lord, who continually engaged people and cultivated relationships. Active discipleship is a selfless love that responds to the need, hurts and pain of those at the door of our church. Our true prayer and Christ-like attitude should be "open my eyes, my heart and my hands that I may be of service to others. Lord, use my life."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer perhaps said it best when he wrote, "God loves human beings. God loves the world. Not an ideal human, but human beings as they are; not an ideal world, but the real world. What we find repulsive in their opposition to God, what we shrink back from with pain and hostility, namely, real

human beings, the real world; this is for God the ground of unfathomable love" ("A Year with Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Daily Meditations from His Letters, Writings, and Sermons").

As God's children in this world, we are called to engage people. As we meet people every

day in our life's journey, we should share the love of Christ in word and deed. As God's people, let us extend our hands daily to lift and encourage those around us who may need hope and a transformative touch of love. This year's theme *Engaging Discipleship: Open My Eyes, My Heart, My Hands* encourages us to come alongside people. Let us see the need, let it break our hearts and, with our hands, let us comfort and be a blessing to others.

I am asking you to join me in giving generously to this year's America for Christ Offering and help us reach our goal in support of making a

difference in the lives of others for the cause of Christ.

Engaging Discipleship that reflects God's Love!

Your Pastor,



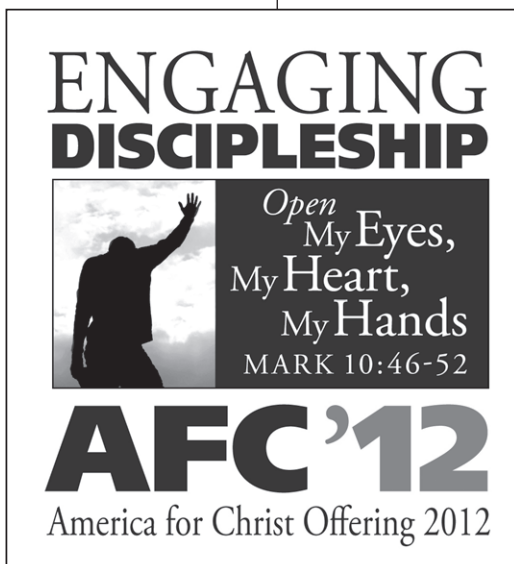
First Annual Easter Bash!!!

This Easter morning please join us at 9:00 for a very exciting and invigorating meal followed by an intergenerational Easter Bash!! This will be in place of our normal Sunday school time on Easter morning.

Breakfast will start promptly at 9:00 and end at 9:30. We will then move in to the morning activities that will conclude at our regular time of 10:20.

You are sure to be in for a great treat as the menu is set to be something spectacular! You are not going to be disappointed!!!

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ENGAGING DISCIPLESHIP

Open My Eyes, My Heart, My Hands
MARK 10:46-52

AFC '12
America for Christ Offering 2012

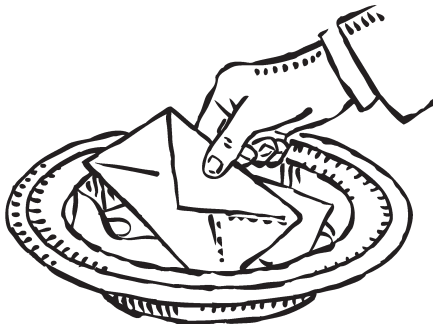


Finance Facts from Our Annual Business Meeting on January 26, 2012

First Baptist continues to do well financially. Thank you to all who faithfully support our mission and witness! These are a few of the finance facts that were shared at the business meeting.

Income exceeded expenses in 2011 by about \$4,000.

2011 giving total was \$128,158.10 compared to \$138,576.58 in 2010. The difference is about \$6,000 in gifts to memorials and capital improvements and about \$4,500 in general fund contributions.



Comparison of Pledges to Contributions Received in Past Years

	2010	2011
Pledged / # of pledges	\$99,674 / 24	\$97,160 / 18
Received / % of pledged	\$96,053.85 / 96%	\$95,226.00 / 98%

2012 Pledges

In 2012 we have 17 pledges totaling \$89,865.00 (Updated 2/5/12)

If you are interested in pledging for the 2012 calendar year, you can still do so, just notify Randy Turner or Linda White of your intention. Remember that all contributions are credited to the General Fund for current expenses unless designated otherwise. (Other designations would include missions, educational endowment, memorials or special offerings.)

Contribution Range Report for 2011

Annual giving — Includes Sunday School offering, Loose offering, Other income and all identified contributors

Range	Number of Contributors	Total Given	Average per Contributor in Range
\$1 – 1200	32	\$11,677.84	\$364.93/yr
\$1,201 – 4,200	15	\$30,014.26	\$2,000.95/yr
\$4,201 – 7,200	4	\$23,465.00	\$5,866.25/yr
Above \$7,200	6	\$63,001.00	\$10,500.17/yr
Totals	57	\$128,158.10	

In His service,
– Randy Turner, Financial Secretary

Easter Bash (cont'd from page 1)

On the menu:

- Eggs (cooked many ways)
- Hollandaise sauce
- Bacon
- Grits
- Sausage biscuits and gravy
- Pancakes
- Oatmeal
- etc...

Lots of great food and fun activities planned for all ages! Please come and enjoy this unique time of friends, food and fellowship We have some really great activities planned and it is sure to be something you will reflect on for years to come!

Please let us know if you have any questions at all. We look forward to seeing you all there!!!

– Vic and Debbie Fogle
Co-Chairmen of the
1st annual Easter Bash :)

Changes

By now most of you will be aware that Sam Chesser has resigned as our pastoral intern. Sam has been called to serve as the pastor of the West Mansfield Baptist Church. Kathy and I are most grateful for this opportunity that has come Sam's way. We are reminded that God's call to ministry is very personal, but is also manifested within the community of faith.

We are thankful for the caring community of First Baptist that nurtured Sam and has shared in his call. Please join us in praying for Sam and Lindley as they enter into this new phase of life serving the church.

– Tim & Kathy Chesser



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Trustees' Report for January and February

- All five fire extinguishers were checked and tagged by B&J of Marion.
 - The elevator was checked by Gable Elevator.
 - The copier was checked and cleaned by Mansfield Typewriter.
 - Our insurance company did a visual inspection of the church and the old and new parsonages.
 - At our first meeting this year the trustees elected:
 - ♦ Jerry Palmer, Chairman and representative to Finance Committee
 - ♦ Arch Trigg, Assistant Chairman
 - ♦ Ken Shears, representative to Nominating Committee
 - ♦ Peter White, reporter to the newsletter
- Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

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

Here are 10 suggestions of things you can do this month in no particular order.

1. Start each day with prayer and praise.
2. Help clean up after Sunday school opening fellowship.
3. Reuse paper that has only been used on one side.
4. Go on a missions trip.
5. Respect every person.
6. End the day with prayer and praise. Thank God even on the worst days. Ask God to help make the next day a better one.
7. Gather used books and magazines and take them to a homeless shelter, senior center, nursing home, or hospital.
8. Give up a snack food for Lent.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Donate the money you save to PIN.

9. Focus more on the blessings you have in your life.
10. Support the America for Christ offering more than you have in the past.

Easter Lilies

Our next newsletter will be distributed close to the order deadline, so this is just advance notice that the deadline to order Easter lilies will be April 1 (Palm Sunday). More details in the next newsletter.

Personals

- Betty Porter was hospitalized at Grady last month with a minor stroke. She is recovering at home.
- Sam Chesser attended the American Baptist Seminarian's Conference in Orlando, Florida.

– Pam Faulk, Personals' Editor


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March

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				1	World Day of Prayer 	2 3
Second Sunday of Lent 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	7:00 Quilters		7:00 Choir	12:00 Young at Heart	6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	Set clocks forward one hour tonight.
Third Sunday of Lent 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Daylight Saving Time begins today	7:00 Deacons	7:00 Trustees	7:00 Choir	12:00 ABW		St. Patrick's Day 8:00 ABM 10:00 We are hosting National Quilt Day (until 2:00)
Fourth Sunday of Lent 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Last day to submit newsletter articles.	First Day of Spring 		7:00 Choir			
Fifth Sunday of Lent 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship April newsletter available today.			7:00 Choir	7:00 Parish Council		Tomorrow (April 1) is Palm Sunday. It's also the last day to order Easter lilies.

Next Month: Palm Sunday is April 1; Easter is April 8

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In the poem, "Oh, the place you'll go," by Dr. Seuss we can gain some insight into the transitions of life. From the beginning and end of the poem:

"And you are the guy who'll
decide where to go.

and when you're in a slump,
you're not much fun.
Un-slumping yourself
is not easily done.

So...get on your way."

As we look toward the end of Lent and the worship of Holy week it is sometimes hard to think about change. Along with Christmas we like for Easter to be predictable. We have a tendency to forget how unpredictable the first Easter was. I hope the few verses above by Dr. Seuss will help you to remember that we have choices. We can choose how to remember Holy week. We are each responsible for ourselves.

We are allowed the freedom of experiencing Easter in different ways. Sam found out recently that his local ministerial group has a Sunrise service and it is at his church this year. We have decided to have an Easter Bash at FBC. We will come early, thankfully not at sunrise, and have breakfast together at 9:00. Intergenerational activities will begin at 9:30 and last for an hour. We will catch our breath for a quarter hour and then gather in the sanctuary at 10:45 for a worshipful celebration of Easter and all that it means for us. I am thinking of the morning as a move from, "grits to glory." I hope you will join us.

Holy week will also offer the traditional opportunities for worship. We will gather at 7:00 on Maundy Thursday for our usual candlelight



communion service. We will enter and leave in silence. On Good Friday I will be a part of the stations of the cross walk, which will begin at St. Mary at 11:00. At noon the Delaware Ministerial Association will present our traditional Good Friday worship service at St. Mary Catholic Church.

If your spiritual life is in a slump un-slump yourself by joining with fellow believers in celebrating Easter this year. Remember, as Dr. Seuss tells us, it begins, when you, "get on your way."

My prayer for you is that you will enter April with a sense of expectation.

Your Pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim".

Do One Thing

Here's this month's list, in no particular order. Try to do something over and above what you normally would do.

1. Pray for all the earth's young people, that they may inspire adults to care for God's creation.
2. Attend Maundy Thursday candlelight communion.

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LENTEN SERVICES

Palm Sunday — April 1

Maundy Thursday — April 5
A candlelight communion service will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. Please enter and leave in silence.

Good Friday — April 6
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 8
Our first annual "Easter Bash" will start with breakfast at 9:00, followed by morning activities at 9:30. Our Easter worship service will be at 10:45.



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- Plant a vegetable garden and donate vegetables to groups that feed the needy.
- Support the Camo Quilt Project for soldiers.
- Personally welcome new people to your neighborhood.
- Pray for people who must live near oil spills, toxic dumps, or other unhealthy conditions.
- Host a "Care for the Earth" party, or do something else special for Earth Day
- Collect spare change for the Change 4 Children Program sponsored by the Alliance for Children
- Visit a nursing home just to talk to people.
- Help build a playground.

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 \$8 each. Place your orders with Melissa Mercer or Jim Stephenson.

The last day to place orders is Palm Sunday (April 1).

2012 Church Directory Available

The new edition of our 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 next month's newsletter.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

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Personals

- Lana Palmer had minor surgery on her arm and is recovering.
- Jackson Trigg had an adnoidec-tomy and is recovering.
- Pastor Tim's mother fell and broke her wrist.
- Barb Reed has a new address. It is 745 Woodford Way, Delaware. Her phone number stays the same
- Congratulations to Emily Bowman and Ian Ferguson for making the Hayes Honor Roll for the second term. Congratulations to Sarah Bowman and Jane Mercer for making the Merit Roll.
- Claire Turner performed in the play "THE UNCLIQUE" at Dempsey Middle School.
- Calvin Turner has received an internship at OSU in connection with College Works.
- Matt Lovell and Charles Ekelberry have both recently relocated to California with new jobs.
- Jim and Sophia Stephenson hit a deer. They weren't injured but Jim's car was badly damaged.
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson traveled to Florida last month.



– Pam Faulk, Personals Editor

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Easter Sunday 8 9:00 "Easter Bash" – Breakfast followed by activities for all ages 10:45 Morning Worship 	9	10	11 7:00 Choir	12 12:00 Young at Heart	13 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	14
15 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	16 7:00 Deacons	17 7:00 Trustees	18 7:00 Choir 7:30 Finance Committee	19 12:00 ABW 7:00 Board of Christian Education	20	21 8:00 ABM
Earth Day 22 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Last day to submit newsletter articles.	23	24	25 6:30 Potluck Dinner 7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting	26	27	28
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Dear FBC family:

Did you ever begin a week knowing something big was coming but uncertain how it was all going to work out? That is how I am feeling this morning (April 23). On Wednesday of this week we are having our quarterly business meeting. Normally these meetings are fairly simple and straightforward. We review reports and deal with minor business issues. Our meeting this week will have two major business items.

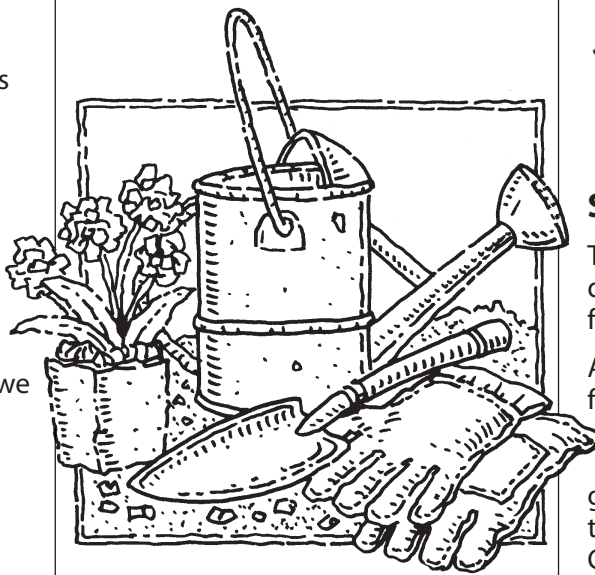
The finance committee is proposing that we replace furnaces and include air conditioning with that replacement. Although we already have significant resources put aside for this project it is still a major undertaking.

The finance committee will also be recommending that we agree in principle to pay a housing allowance in lieu of the pastor and his wife continuing to live in the parsonage. The money for this would come from renting the Congress Court home. This would allow Kathy and I to begin the process of deciding where we are going to live. We have no immediate plans to move, but cannot even begin to explore possibilities without this action.

Either of these proposals alone could generate heat and light. As I have considered how to anticipate I turned to scripture. In Matthew 6:34 Jesus said, "So do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." That follows his advice on looking around and seeing God's provision for creation.

Jesus knew our temptation to worry, but his advice can keep us from becoming paralyzed by worry.

The Easter Bash was a huge success. Thank you Debbie and Victor for all the work you put into the day.



May

The food, fellowship, and activities all combined to put us into a joyful mood for an exuberant Easter worship. I had the opportunity to explain grits to a little girl who knew nothing about them. However, I was not able to convince her to actually try them.

Our ongoing journey of enriching worship by means of visual clues in the sanctuary took us to the cross in a new way. Thanks to Larry Faulk for fashioning the beautiful cross that was mounted in the baptistry. The simplicity of the draped cross was a wonderful symbol of the Easter message.

As we continue to explore what it means to 'love one another' think about inviting someone to join you in worship. You might change a life.

Your Pastor,

Sunday School News

This is just a reminder that the last day for Sunday school classes until fall will be May 27.

Also, there are two needs to be filled. The first is that we are looking for a Sunday school teacher for the fall. We have a wonderful group of youth who are a joy to teach and easy to get to know. Curriculum is available. The second need is for volunteers to be in the rotation for hosting our Sunday school opening fellowship time. If you are interested in volunteering for either of these, please speak to me or call me.

— Pam Faulk

"Come to the Table" Communion

During the communion service on Sunday, May 6 the congregation will be invited to "come to the table" to receive communion. If you need to be served at your pew, let a deacon know of your request.



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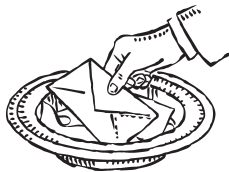
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Benevolence Offering Logistics Change

Beginning May 6, the Benevolence Offering will be collected with the regular offering instead of a separate "passing of the plates". Please place your benevolence offering in the Benevolence Envelope provided in the pew rack.



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 to make a difference. Here are 10 ideas, in no particular order.

1. Pray for mothers all over the world.
2. Say "thank you" to a teacher or write a thank you note to a teacher.

3. If a local organization is planning to decorate graves for Memorial Day, volunteer to help.
4. Volunteer to teach Sunday school or host Sunday school opening fellowship.
5. Do something special for our military who are deployed.
6. Pray for peace in the world.
7. Invite a neighbor to church.
8. Bring up a neighbor's trash and recycling bins on trash pick up day.
9. Donate used glasses to the Lions Club.
10. Every time you buy something new for yourself, find something to give away.

– Pam Faulk

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- May 2 Lisa Fogle
 3 Rick Van Brimmer
 7 Bertha Van Brimmer
 8 Willard Fogle
 9 Chris Riedmiller
 Tim Chesser
 10 Archie & Beth Trigg
 Anna Kailyn Porter
 12 Jeanne Ekelberry
 15 Barbara Smith
 Betty Porter
 24 Jean Wickum
 Sharon & Steve Baker
 27 Lisa Lawrence
 30 Ken Peterson

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Services are Recorded and Available Online

The deacons make audio recordings of each Sunday Worship Service and post them on the church website www.fbcdelaware.org. The Recent Services link will take you to recordings of complete services, while the Recent Sermons link begins with the scripture leading to that week's sermon.



If you need a tape or cd of a particular service, let Larry Faulk know.

Trustees Notes

- A plumbing repair was made at the "old" parsonage after a pipe in the kitchen sprung a leak.
- A plumbing repair was completed in the church kitchen when the trap and drain went bad under the sink.
- The fellowship hall piano was tuned and had some minor repairs before the Maundy Thursday service. The work was done by Richard Dacks.
- A small tree growing out of the

brick work on the church's north side was removed and the floodlights over the big front window were changed.

• The lawn has been mowed regularly.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Andrews House Remembers Evelyn Lee

This remembrance was in the Andrews House church update:

Volunteers are at the heart of every Andrews House program and service.

Nothing of significance would be accomplished without them. Andrews House lost a loyal and steadfast supporter when Evelyn Lee passed away on October 15. Evelyn was the partner church representative from First Baptist for many years. She kept the First Baptist congregation informed about Andrews House programs and services and recruited other volunteers to staff the Second Fridays meals. She was here for every Second Fridays meal unless severe winter weather kept her from driving. Sometimes she greeted guests at the door. Other times she served the meals or did whatever was needed to make the dinners go smoothly. She

was also involved in the planning meetings for Second Fridays to which she brought a binder containing information on every meal served for the last 16 years. Evelyn is sorely missed.

Community Chorus

The Delaware Community Chorus will perform its annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 6 at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

“Made in America” will feature a lively variety of traditional music, spirituals, folk songs, and more, all by American composers.

It will be held at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church at 45 West Winter Street. Tickets are \$7.50 and can be purchased from a chorus member, online at delawarechorus.org, or at the door. Come and enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music!

Thank You

A big thank you to all who were involved in planning the Easter Bash. Fifty people attended. The food was great, the activities were fun, and the fellowship was priceless.

– Pam Faulk

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We want to say a special thank you to all the folks who were responsible for planning and hosting such a wonderful “Easter Bash.” The food was amazing and the unique activities designed around the true meaning of Easter produced an extremely fun and memorable Easter morning celebration of our Lord’s victory! We know it was an immeasurable amount of work, but the result was something very, very special. Again, we say thank you. It was quite a “BASH!”

– Lana & Jerry Palmer

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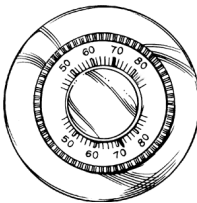
Our thanks to Sunbury Garden Center for their donation of pansies

Heating and Air Conditioning Project

First Baptist is seeking to replace the sanctuary furnaces and possibly the assembly and/or youth room furnaces including air conditioning. We are asking for pledges and contributions to make this project a reality. Our pledge goal is \$15,000. While we have some money dedicated to furnaces and some pledges promised, your support is encouraged and needed. A pledge form has been included below for your consideration.

– Larry Faulk
Finance Chairman

Heating & Air Conditioning Pledge Form



I/we make this pledge toward the HVAC project:

\$ _____ per (circle one) one time / week / month / year

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signed: _____

to our church (and to other local churches); we planted them in front of the church. Sunbury Gardens is located at 8202 E. State Route 37 (just east of route 71).

Personals

- Randy Turner and Dave Lovell recently both had hernia surgery and are recovering nicely. They both wish to thank everyone for their cards and prayers.
- Recent patients at Grady were:
 - Jimmie Moore with an infection
 - Jean Wickum with dehydration
 - Betty Porter with minor surgery and an infection
- Jeanne Ekelberry fell and injured her back and is undergoing treatment.
- Marci Cooper's grandfather, Wendell Diehl, passed away on April 15 at the age of 88. He had been in a nursing home in Orville, Ohio. He had attended our church on occasion in the past. He loved visiting our church and talking with everyone. A funeral service will probably be held in late May.
- The April 7 Delaware Gazette featured a story about Jeanne Ekelberry and her odiferous Voodoo Lily.
- The April 16 Delaware Gazette featured a self-portrait and weather drawing by Will Fogle.
- The newest piece of artwork in the sanctuary is the wooden cross up for the Easter season. The cross was made by Larry Faulk.
- Our very talented Claire Turner accompanied the choir on her cello for the anthem on March 25 and sang a solo on Palm Sunday.

• Jane Mercer is a member of the stage crew and Emily Bowman is a member of the chorus of Hayes's production of "Legally Blonde."

• Erin Faulk and two friends from high school recently spent a weekend in Indianapolis visiting Marci and Matt Cooper.

• Jimmie Moore celebrated his 76th birthday with visits from his brothers and other family members.

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Dear Friends,

One Great Hour of Sharing continues to focus on the ways "Sharing Brings Joy," this year specifically on how "Sharing Brings Joy to Others." Much of the time, our gifts bring joy to others in tangible ways:

- A family displaced by natural disaster or political unrest is grateful to receive food, shelter, and the comfort of a safe place to begin to rebuild their lives.
- A woman who has had to walk miles to carry potable water for her family smiles as she draws water from a clean well near her home.
- A child excitedly arrives for the first day of class at her village's new school.

Of course, when we "sow bountifully" by giving to others, we reap bountifully by sharing in the joy that our gifts bring to those whose basic needs are met through the important work of all our partners in service.

But in his Second Letter to the Corinthians, Paul reminds us of another way our giving brings joy to others. In encouraging the Corinthian church to give to the collection for the believers in Jeru-

salem, he reminds them that when the Jewish believers there receive gifts from their non-Jewish sisters and brothers, they will be moved not only by the gifts themselves, but also by the unity in Christ

as sisters and brothers with whom we are called to share abundantly.

And the joy they experience from sharing in God's abundance extends beyond the tangible expressions they receive. Knowing there are

those who would share willingly with them, they are reminded of who they are: beloved children of the Creator, sisters and brothers of us all, each one a person of sacred worth.

This year, as you share your tithes and offerings with One Great Hour of Sharing, remember all the ways your gifts bring joy to others. Sow

bountifully and share abundantly, knowing that you are not only helping change the statistics, you are also helping change lives. May we all give cheerfully and multiply the joy!

Our goal this year is \$600 and we will receive the offering on June 10.

Your Pastor,



the gifts represent. Across social and economic lines that might have separated them, followers of Christ reached out to support one another. The awareness of another's need allowed them to recognize their own abundance as a gift from God, one they were called to share.

When we become aware of the needs of our extended global family, we are rescued from the fearful sense of scarcity our recent economic downturn has instilled. We are awakened from the daydream of our isolation and reminded of all those around the world with whom, in the Spirit, we are one. Then we see others in need, not as recipients of our charity, but



Please Give to
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- June 2 Jerry & Lana Palmer
- 4 Patricia Foor
- 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
- 21 Dan & Sherry Chambers
- 22 June Grubbs
- 24 Beth Trigg
- 28 Jami Riedmiller
- 30 Jimmie & Jane Moore

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All-Church Picnic

Please join us on Sunday, June 10th, immediately following the worship service, for our all-church picnic. It will be held at the lower shelter house at Blue Limestone Park. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. Hope to see you.

– Board of Education



Volunteers Needed for Second Fridays in June

Our church is responsible for providing workers for the June 8 Second Friday dinner at Andrews House. If you can help with this, please contact Larry Faulk.

Reminder

For the sake of the many who have hearing difficulties, please remember that if you have an announcement to make during church, to give it to the pastor before church or use the microphone.



If you make an announcement from your seat, there are a great many of us who simply cannot hear it without a microphone.

– Pam Faulk

Baked Goods

Do you enjoy the fellowship that we share on Sunday mornings before Sunday school? If so, we need more volunteers to help lead that and provide the baked goods. If this is something you can do, please contact Pam Faulk so that your

name can be put into the rotation after Sunday School resumes in the fall.

The more who volunteer, the fewer times any one person has to do it.

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

Here are 10 ideas for this month, in no particular order. Try to do one thing over and above what you normally do.

1. Pray for fathers all over the world.
2. Support the One Great Hour of Sharing more.
3. Make a pledge or contribute toward air conditioning the church.
4. Contribute more to the Tools of Hope.
5. Walk or ride a bike instead of driving.

6. Introduce two strangers.
7. Pray for those who are separated from their families.
8. Trust God. Ask Him to guide you through the rough parts of your day.
9. Volunteer to help with a community garden.
10. Ask someone how his or her day went, and really listen.

Thank You

We were honored to be the beneficiary of First Baptist's Easter Offering, which was designated to support our free summer lunch programs for low-income school

children. This \$350 gift from your congregation will provide roughly 100 lunches or cover nearly two days of serving at one of the elementary schools ... First Baptist Church continues to be an exceptionally strong supporter of Andrews House programs and services and we are truly grateful. Thank you!

*- Donald G. Chenoweth
Executive Director
Andrews House*

Personals

- Jimmie Moore was hospitalized at Grady for several days and underwent two procedures while there.

- Alec Ferguson and Claire Turner traveled to Washington, D.C. with other eighth graders from Dempsey.
- Beth and Archie Trigg traveled to Ireland.
- Lynn Elfner, a former member, was recently featured in a full-page story in the Sunday Dispatch about his retirement from his involvement in science fairs.
- Pastor Chesser attended a 2-day conference in Cincinnati.
- The youth group recently spent an afternoon at the Chambers' horse farm.
- On May 12, Larry Faulk was inducted into the Dublin Schools Alumni Hall of Fame. Pam, Erin, Jeff, Laurie, Cullen, and Brigid Faulk attended the ceremony. Jeff and his family and Pam's mother, Evoleno Cole, attended our church the next day, which was Mother's Day.
- Alison Mowery received her Masters of Divinity from the Methodist Theological Seminary on May 19,
- Jeanne Ekelberry's brother was here for a visit recently.
- Emily Bowman has been accepted into the Hayes Singers.

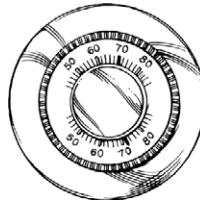
*- Pam Faulk
Personals Editor*

Heating and Air Conditioning Project

First Baptist is seeking to replace the sanctuary furnaces and possibly the assembly and/or youth room furnaces including air conditioning. We are asking for pledges and contributions to make this project a reality. Our pledge goal is \$15,000. While we have some money dedicated to furnaces and some pledges promised, your support is encouraged and needed. A pledge form has been included below for your consideration.

- Larry Faulk, Finance Chairman

Heating & Air Conditioning Pledge Form



I/we make this pledge toward the HVAC project:

\$ _____ per (circle one) one time / week / month / year

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signed: _____

Open House

You're invited to a graduation open house for Ben Turner on Saturday, June 2, from 2:00 to 5:00 at the Mercer's home (567 Coover Road).

Church Directory Update



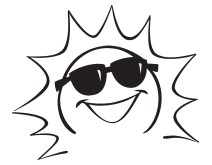
Chad and Christina Kilhefner's address is 107 Quarry Ct. (In the directory it's listed as 101.)

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Dear FBC Family:

In May I wrote about my anxiety concerning an upcoming vote on a couple of serious issues facing the church. At our last business meeting we were voting on proposals to have the sanctuary airconditioned and a change concerning the parsonage. My anxiety gave way to relief as both proposals passed unanimously.

In recent weeks the seeds of both proposals have sprouted into reality. Last week we signed a contract for the heating and airconditioning work. We will be having two new furnaces with air installed for the sanctuary and gathering space. We will also have a small furnace with no air installed for the green room. Soon the sultry, sweaty, summer Sundays will give way to a comfortable setting for worship.

Just before we left for vacation at the end of May, Kathy and I put in an offer on a house in Delaware. We received word while still on the train to New York that our offer had been accepted. We anticipate moving at the end of July. This move means that we will continue to stay in Delaware until retirement and hopefully for many years to come. We are grateful that the church has made this opportunity possible. We appreciate the many offers of help with the move.

You may be asking what is to become of the parsonage in Hayes Colony. At the present time the church is planning on renting the parsonage. Our Realtor has given us information about a rental agent who solicits tenants and manages the property. There will

be a nominal fee involved, but it will spare us many headaches. This property is not on a well traveled street and we will need to do more than hang a "for rent" sign in the window.



I was recently asked by Dr. Marva Hughes, president of ABCOhio, to serve on a task force about the future of associations in our region. I would be very interested to hear from you any ideas you might have about our associational life. I realize that very few of you have any involvement with the Marion Association. Perhaps we need to work a little harder at explaining how Baptists connect with each other. As with many other challenges in life we sometimes are faced with the reality of adapt or die.

The book of Hebrews encourages us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves weekly as has become the habit of some. We need to be in worship weekly. Invite a friend, you might just change a life.

Your Pastor,

Ten Ways To Let Your Light Shine!

1. Thank God for all our freedoms.
2. Introduce yourself to visitors at church.
3. Use less energy.
4. Donate items to Choices or other shelters.
5. Pay for the next person in line.
6. Pray for the elderly.
7. Take a walk and pick up litter.
8. Support Animal Savers, Inc., a group dedicated to helping hurt, lost, or endangered animals.
9. Say something encouraging each day to every person you live with.
10. Be a peacemaker.

Personals

- Ben Turner graduated from Hayes High School. Congratulations, Ben!
- Pastor Tim presented Asa Green with a Bible on Children's Day. Congratulations, Asa!

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- Lana and Jerry Palmer are happy that their grandson Jeremy Chaffin is home from the marines.
- Pam Shears traveled to San Francisco with friends.
- Jean Wickum's daughter Karen, granddaughter Debbie, and great-granddaughter from Chicago visited her and came to church on June 3.
- The Turner family attended the annual Jones reunion in West Virginia.
- Tim and Kathy Chesser vacationed in New York City in May.
- Pam and Larry Faulk and Pam's mother spent a week at Geneva -on-the-Lake.

– Pam Faulk
Personals Editor

Church Directory Update

Penny Hagaman's apartment number is now 206. (The rest of her address in the directory remains the same.)

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 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 Sarah Bowman
 Chad & Christina
 Kilhefner
 15 Sandy Van Brimmer
 17 Nichelle Trigg
 Ed and Angie Burton
 18 Peter & Linda White
 Chad Kilhefner
 19 Jarrod Trigg
 21 Dan Chambers
 23 Robert Russell
 28 Regan Riedmiller
 31 Ashlee Inscho

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Last Sunday was wonderful. With the expectation of the completion of the air conditioning process the crowds arrived. I had spoken with the installers on Friday afternoon and been assured that we would have air. Kathy and I arrived a little early to make sure everything was working correctly. Alas, no air. I immediately went to the thermostat and started pushing buttons. Kathy's gentle nudge toward reading the manual fell on deaf ears. I guess that is kind of like me encouraging folks to read the Bible more often. However, my fumbling around led to results and we felt the cool breezes rise from the basement. The whole mood of the service was elevated by the pleasant conditions.

On Wednesday afternoon we were able to take possession of our new home. With the help of many we are making a dent in removing wall-paper and getting ready to paint. We hope to get moved in at the end of next week. Since we have had a lot of time to plan most of the things in the parsonage are packed and ready to move. It is amazing how much stuff you find you don't need anymore if you have to put it in a box and move it around.

We have recently received some news from our American Baptist family. Dr. Jim Kelsey has been called to be the new Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of New York. Jim and his



wife Debbie have been serving as ABCUSA missionaries in Italy. The Reverend Debbie Kelsey hopes to continue your work with the Board of International Ministries in the area of helping women escape the evils of sex trafficking. We have been supporting the ministry of the Kelseys in Italy. We await further word on the future direction of Debbie's ministry.

On behalf of the whole church I extend thanks to those present and past who have made possible the air conditioning of the church. It will help to make us more welcoming in the summertime and I believe, healthier.

Invite someone to church. They just might experience something that could change a life.

Your Pastor,

Help Still Wanted

I am still seeking volunteers to help out with Sunday school opening fellowship time. We also need one more Sunday school teacher this fall. Pam Shears teaches the youth class (grades 1-7). She would like someone to team teach this with her. Curriculum is available, it is a wonderful group of kids, and you would not have to teach every Sunday. Please speak to me if you can help out.

– Pam Faulk

Sewing Group

The A.B.W. Sewing Group has not met since the fall of 2011 due to numerous reasons.

If you can come just for the months of September, October and November, we can make baby quilts and lap robes for the Christmas Clearing House. This involves the use of embroidery thread to tie the fabrics together. (All supplies will be provided.)

If three or four people can commit for those months, we can meet on Wednesday, September 5 from 10:00 to 12:00. Call me at 363-1432. If you can take a project home to finish it, that would help too.

– Jeanne Ekelberry



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Birthday Open House for Florence Faulk

Florence Faulk will be 90 years old in August. We would like to invite you to an open house to celebrate her birthday at the home of Pam and Larry Faulk on Saturday, August 25 from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon.



A Special Birthday

The address is 705 Canal Street in Delaware. No presents please, cards only. If you cannot attend and wish to send her a card, her address is Room 301, Delaware Court, 4 New Market Drive, Delaware, OH 43015.

– The Faulk Family

Blanket Sunday

May 13, 2012

You are fabulous, First Baptist! We honored the women of our lives on Mother's day. We raised \$262.00 for Church World Service.

– Randy Turner
Financial Secretary

Blanket Sunday Dedications

From the Bowman Family, in honor of Ann Brown

From Jim and Anna Brown, in honor of Liz Bowman, M. June Grubbs, and in memory of Ruth J. Brown

From Dan and Sherry Chambers, in memory of Janet Layton

From Tim Chesser, in honor of Hazel Chesser

From Jeanne Ekelberry, in memory of Ethel Trogdon

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

Mary Anderson, and in memory of Mabel Faulk, Alpha Graham, Grace Miller Oyler, and Catherine Cole

From Will and Gabe Fogle, in honor of Debbie Fogle

From Vic Fogle, in honor of Carol Serviss

From Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle, in honor of, Mary Lou Lovell, Carol Serviss, and In memory of Ida Morby

From Dave and Mary Lou Lovell, in honor of, Debbie Fogle, Barbara Smith, Jean Osborne, and in memory of Jennie Lovell, Margaret Morby, and Rose Varespj

From Michael Mercer, in honor of Melissa Mercer, Jane Moore, and in memory of Judy Mercer

From Phil Mercer, in memory of Judy Mercer

From Jane Moore, in memory of Willa Corder

From Ken Peterson, in memory of Jessie Peterson

From Genevieve Peterson, in memory of Beatrice Amanda Mac Neill

From Betty Porter, in honor of Mary Lou Lovell, and in memory of Evelyn Lee

From Jim Stephenson, in honor of Sophia Stephenson

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

From Randy and Jennifer Turner, in honor of Jane Moore, Tonabell Turner, Rowena Sizemore, Lorelea Matheny

From Jean Wickum, in memory of Mary Ann Brown

Tools of Hope

June 17, 2012

Thank You First Baptist! We contributed \$310 to Church World Service on Father's Day. 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

Tools of Hope Dedications

From Jim and Anna Brown, in memory of: Fred Grubbs, Charles Brown

From Dan and Sherry Chambers, in honor of Oliver Chambers

From Kathy Chesser, in honor of Wynson Hope

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

From Erin and Pam Faulk, in honor of Larry Faulk, Jeff Faulk

From Pam and Larry Faulk, in memory of Ralph Cole, Donald Faulk, Ron Rose, Irl Faulk, Jesse Graham, Leor Cole, Weldon Miller, Wilbur Wickum

From the Ferguson Family, in honor of Jack Ferguson, Eulin Carter

From Gabe and Will Fogle, in honor of Vic Fogle

From Debbie Will and Gabe Fogle, in honor of Dave Lovell, Ray Serviss, and in memory of Will Fogle

From Lisa Lawrence, in memory of John Matthews

From Mary Lou Lovell, in honor of Vic Fogle, Dave Lovell, Ray Morby, Kip Smith, and in memory of Dr. Robert J. Lovell

From Jim and Jane Moore, in honor of Jimmie Moore, Phil Mercer, Randy Turner

From Jerry Palmer, in memory of C. W. Palmer, Ben Turney

From Betty Porter, in honor of David Lovell, Larry Faulk

From Barb Reed (from his children), in memory of James Reed

From Randy and Jennifer Turner, in honor of Jimmie Moore, Heryl Turner

From Calvin, Ben and Claire Turner, in honor of Phil Mercer, Randy Turner

From Linda White, in honor of Michael Seckman, and in memory of Charles Seckman

From Jean Wickum, in memory of Wilbur Wickum

Trustees' Summer Notes

• A new music light was purchased for the sanctuary piano from Graves Music Store in Columbus.

• The Gable Elevator Company did the annual safety and service inspection.

• One month after Gable was here, the state elevator inspector came. We passed the inspection.

• Debbie Fogle has been employed as church janitor.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

10 Ways To Let Your Light Shine

1. Plan a time for your family to go outside in the evening and look up at the stars together.
2. Volunteer to be in the rotation to host Sunday school opening.
3. Pray for people who are living through a natural disaster.
4. Support the work of Operation Blessing to alleviate human need and suffering in the U.S. and around the world.
5. Talk to someone who is lonely.

6. Pray for someone who has made a bad choice.
7. Rescue an animal
8. Work on projects for others.
9. Leave a snack for a co-worker.
10. Support local farmers' markets.

PERSONALS

• Betty Porter was hospitalized at Grady with congestive heart failure. She is now staying at Willowbrook Christian Village (on route 23 south of town) for a time of rehabilitation.

• Pastor Chesser's mother fell and broke her hip. She needed surgery and is now recovering in a rehabilitation center.

• Melissa Neill suffered a serious cut on her finger. This has hampered her organ playing a bit.

• Jean Wickum was featured in a front-page story of the Delaware Gazette which focused on her many years of working with the Mental Health Association in Delaware.

• Mary Lou Lovell has retired. Mary Lou taught music at several of the Delaware elementary schools.

• Colin and Alec Ferguson were baptized in our church on June 24.

• Marci and Matt Cooper have moved back to the Columbus area for the next year while Matt works at Children's Hospital.



- Colin Ferguson earned Honor Roll status for all terms for two consecutive years at Willis. Congratulations Colin!
- Aidan Ferguson had perfect attendance at Carlisle Elementary for the entire year.
- Will Fogle was a member of the fourth grade student council and also a participant in the Destination Imagination Regional Tournament for Schultz Elementary.
- Dave and Mary Lou Lovell, Debbie Fogle and sons, Matt Lovell, Barb and Kip Smith and son, spent a week at Lakeside at Lake Erie.
- Erin Faulk spent 2 weeks sailing the Inside Passage of Alaska.

– Pam Faulk
Personals' Editor

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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Carrie Trigg
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Ferguson
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Riedmiller
Andrew Smith
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Everybody knows the new year begins on January 1. Everywhere, that is, except in church life. Our new year begins with Rally Day on September 9. We return to our schedule of fellowship time at 9:15 followed by Sunday School at 9:30. We then move seamlessly into worship at 10:45. A summer off from teaching has allowed our teachers to recharge their batteries and come back stronger than ever. Rally Day is also an opportunity for you to take part in our Christian Education class for the first time. We work to provide helpful resources in the development of our spiritual lives.

As most of you know Kathy and I moved this week. We are very grateful for all of the help that we had in making the move. We had painters, wall paper removers, carpet puller uppers, and tack and nail removal. We also had help removing things to the dump. We still have work to do, but no more deadlines of things having to be done.

Part of the change in moving from providing a parsonage to offering a housing allowance left us with an empty parsonage. With the help of our property management agency a renter was found in short order.

We moved out on July 27 and the new renters wanted to move in on August 15. Many hours went into painting, cleaning, and making the house ready for the new tenants. The church owes a debt of gratitude for those who gave of their time and energy. I believe the chairman of the trustees will have a report of the hours involved in this effort.

We recently received an invitation from the Central Community Baptist Church. They would like for us to join them on September 16 at 7:00 for a presentation

by the Reverend Debbie Kelsey. We noted some changes by the Kelseys in our last newsletter. This will be an opportunity to hear more details. The church meets at All Occasions in Waldo.

As we kick off a new year I hope you will faithfully take part in our Christian Education program. We all have room to grow. Keep an ear open for further announcements about the adult choices. Keep an open heart about the continuing need for a team teacher for our elementary class.

Invite someone to church.

Your Pastor,



Rally Day

Please make a commitment to attending Sunday school classes this year. Rally Day will be September 9. We will begin with opening fellowship in the fellowship hall downstairs with coffee, juice, and doughnuts at 9:15 a.m. Sunday school classes will begin at 9:30 and the church worship service will be back to our regular time of 10:45.

The youth class is for children from first through seventh grade and will be taught by Pam Shears. Her substitute will be Lana Palmer. The teen class is for teens from eighth grade to twelfth grade. This class will be taught by Kathy Chesser, and her sub is Liz Bowman.

Once again there are two adult classes to choose from. Pastor Tim will be meeting in the Gathering Place and will be focusing on Corinthians I and II. Randy Turner will begin the year with a class called Living the Questions, a study of how to apply our Christianity in today's world. His class will meet in the room next to the Pastor's office.

A pre-school/kindergarten class will be offered if the need arises. That class will be taught by Pam Faulk.

We look forward to seeing everyone there on Rally Day.

– Pam Faulk
Sunday School Chair.



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	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
	Jimmie Moore	Car accident injuries
	Sharon Baker	Health issues
	Sylvia Cooney	Condolences
Lana Palmer	Betty Porter	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 Florence 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!

HVAC Project Complete

Columbus Worthington Air completed replacing the furnaces that serve the sanctuary, assembly area, and youth room. This includes adding air conditioning for the sanctuary and assembly area. The project was inspected and approved by the City of Delaware. The bill has been paid from our Capital Improvements fund along with contributions to the HVAC project.



Contributions this year so far to the HVAC project and/or to capital improvements are within \$6,200 of paying for the project. We anticipate that pledges and contributions between now and next April will meet or exceed the project costs making the project "self sustained". Your continued support for capital improvements will allow FBC to

continue to make necessary repairs and improvements.

A special thank you Bill Hedges of Amstutz and Hedges Electric in Radnor for his donation of nearly \$2,000 in electrical upgrades for the project. Please consider Amstutz and Hedges Electric for any person electrical needs you may have in the future.

Columbus Worthington Air did an excellent, professional job on the project (along with a substantial discount) and I would recommend them for any heating or cooling needs you may have.

– Larry Faulk
Finance Chair

Ten Ways To Let Your Light Shine!

1. Pray for all teachers, including Sunday school teachers.
2. Make a commitment to attend Sunday school regularly..
3. Collect money to buy new coats for people who need them or hold a

coat drive.

4. Reduce waste by choosing food with the least amount of packaging.
5. Make more use of the public library.
6. Pray for all students
7. Get more involved in church activities.
8. Help tag monarch butterflies. Check online to find out how.
9. Raise money for the Nothing But Nets campaign that supplies mosquito nets for families.
10. Believe in your ability to create change in the world.

Mobility Problems?

Did you know that there are a wheelchair and a Rollator walker for anyone's use at the church?

They can be found just inside the back door that takes you into the elevator.

These are available for anyone to use at the church if needed.



Parsonage Rented

The parsonage has been leased for at least the next 9 months only a couple of weeks after Pastor Tim and Kathy moved to their new home. We have retained Debbie Carr of Impressions Property Management to manage the rental. She has been able to rent the property for more than we expected to receive and much quicker than we anticipated, pressing us to get the house ready to rent quickly.

Thanks to Jerry Palmer and Ken Shears for their tireless efforts in painting the parsonage and having the carpets cleaned. Thanks to Debbie Fogle for cleaning house in preparation for rental.

If you find yourself in need of property management services, I would recommend Debbie Carr to meet your needs.

– Larry Faulk
Finance Chair

Reception

The church family is invited to a reception in honor of Phil and Melissa Mercer on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship services on Sunday, September 23.

Please – no gifts.

– Jane Moore

Trustees Notes

• A big thank you goes to Jerry Palmer for painting almost the entire inside of the parsonage before the new renters moved in. Ken Shears helped on two rooms.

• The city installed a new “meter pit” in front of the old parsonage, replacing the old “shut-off valve”.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Personals

• Jimmie Moore had surgery in early August and was home for awhile but was back in the hospital at Grady in mid August with an infection and a high fever. He is back home now.

• Jean Osborne’s son Greg suffered a minor stroke, but is recovering. Jean has sold her house in Delaware.

• Claire Turner had a part in a community theater production of Into the Woods.

• Florence Faulk celebrated her 90th birthday with an open house at the Faulks. Many family members came for a nice visit.

- Lana Palmer and her daughter Jennifer attended the Women of Faith conference.
- Sam and Lindley Chesser traveled to Merritt Island, Florida for a week.
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson brought good friends from Hershey, PA as guests to church on August 19.

– Pam Faulk
Personals’ Editor

Birthdays & 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

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Church Directory Update

Please update your copy of the church directory:

Matt and Marci Cooper
1211 Broadview Avenue
Columbus, OH 43212
Phone number stays the same



Emilie Trigg
44 Cheshire Street
Delaware, OH 43015

Tim and Kathy Chesser
23 Spencer Street
Delaware, OH 43015
Phone number stays the same

Matt Lovell
651 Loma Drive
Apt. 3
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 10:00 Morning Worship	Labor Day 3 	4	5 7:00 Choir	6 2:00 Board of Christian Education	7	8
Rally Day 9 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	10 7:00 Deacons 7:00 Quilters	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
16 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	17	Internat. Day of Prayer 18	19 7:00 Choir	20 12:00 ABW	21	22 <i>First Day of Autumn</i>
23 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 Mercer reception in Fellowship Hall Last day to submit newsletter articles	24	25	26 7:00 Choir	27 7:00 Parish Council	28	29
30 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship October newsletter available today	October 1	2	3 7:00 Choir	4	5	6

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Dear FBC family:

Last week I talked about our need to have more forums to talk about how we make decisions as a church. One avenue that I suggested was that we have greater attendance at business meeting and more time set aside for conversation or discussion. At our October business meeting we do a couple of important things. We elect officers for the new year and we vote on the budget for the upcoming year.

Election of officers is usually cut an dried with one recommendation for each open office. However, it can also lead to further discussion when we find ourselves with positions which have not been filled. This time is a reminder that each open position is supposed to be for a job that needs doing. It would do us no harm to periodically review all of our positions.

Many aspects of the budget are also pretty fixed. I know that all of the items in the budget come with recommendations from some committee. We do not usually make changes to these

recommendations, but we should at least be open to discussions for the ones that might reflect changing priorities.



OCTOBER

I recently attended a meeting where there was talk of parking lot chatter. That occurs when people leave a meeting talking about things that should have been discussed in the meeting itself. I am a big believer in open communication. We may not always agree, but we can certainly be willing to hear and discuss options. I hope you will avail yourself of the membership privilege of attending our fall business meeting. Non-members are also welcome as guests and participants in the discussion.

I would like to extend thanks to everyone who helped with the memorial service for Jimmie Moore. It is at such times that we realize how much we need and value the community of faith. Those

who attended the service from all over the country bore witness to Jimmie's life. We will miss him but thank God for the wholeness he is now experiencing.

On October 7 we will be adding a special blessing for healing during our communion service.

Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the love of Christ.

Your Pastor,

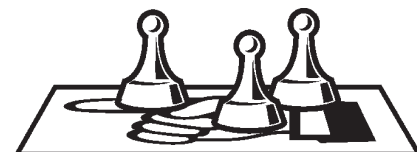
Sunday School Underway

We are off to a terrific start for another Sunday school year. If you have not yet joined us for Sunday school, please consider it. It is not too late. There are two interesting adult classes to choose from taught by Pastor Chesser and Randy Turner.

Join us at 9:15 for coffee and pastries and then join a class. See you on Sunday.

Game Night

The youth will be hosting a Game Night on Saturday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your favorite snack and games to share.



GAMENIGHT

CROP Walk

October 7, 2:00 at OWU

**ENDING
HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK**

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	Florence Faulk and her family	Condolences on the death of William "Bill" Faulk
	Moore, Turner, and Mercer families	Condolences on the death of Jimmie Moore
	Betty Porter	Health issues
Jean Wickum	Fran Cook	Heart problems
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	Health issues
Betty Porter	Sue Koloff	Health issues
Beth Trigg	Joy McAfee	Cancer

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Halloween Party

There will be a Halloween Party at the church at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 27. Come in costume and be ready for games, food, and fun!

– Emily Bowman

Trustees' Notes

Jerry Palmer repainted the entire ceiling of the youth room. This was necessary due to the removal of old ductwork and installation of new ductwork for the furnace project. It looks much, much better.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Ten Ways To Let Your Light Shine

1. Volunteer to be on a church board or committee.
2. Support the Crop Walk.
3. Support the project for the World Mission Offering.
4. Take part in Make a Difference Day.
5. Collect gloves and hats to donate to a group that helps the homeless.

6. Pray for anyone who is lonely.
7. Participate in more church activities.
8. Get some friends together to pick up trash in a local park.
9. Give sincere compliments more often.
10. Pray for leaders to make wise choices for the environment.

Personals

- Mary Lou Lovell had successful knee surgery and has been recovering.
- Jean Wickum was a patient at Grady for a few days.
- Jeanne Ekelberry attended her 60th high school reunion in West Virginia.
- Ted and Jeannie Stephenson visited here in September to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary.
- Phil and Melissa Mercer celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

– Pam Faulk
Personals' Editor

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Oct. 1 Bruce Bowman
Kathy Chesser
- 2 Christina Kilhefner
- 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
Sherry Chambers
- 28 Bora Porter
Ed Linn
- 30 Jean Osborne
- 31 Melissa Claire Turner

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William "Bill" Faulk

William "Bill" Faulk, 64, died unexpectedly on September 20 in Durant, Oklahoma.



Bill attended First Baptist during his youth before moving to Oklahoma in 1969.

Bill served in the Marines from 1969 to 1971 and fought in Vietnam. He was a plant manager at Wolverine Boot, Inc. and a Deacon at Abundant Life Temple.

Bill's survivors include his wife, Marilyn, three children, his mother Florence, and his brother Larry.

His full obituary can be found at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

We extend our sympathy to the Faulk family.

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

We are excited this year to offer a new plan for the World Mission Offering. All of the money we raise will go for one project — health center kits to promote wellness in the Congo.

Please take a few minutes to read about this project and then give as generously as always during the month of October. Our church's goal is \$600.

– *Kathy Chesser*

About this Mission Project

The Democratic Republic of Congo is divided into health zones. The Baptist network of hospitals comprises seven health zones, each with 20 to 55 health centers. Ideally, a health center is within one day's walk of every village. The staff nurse at the health center treats the sick, delivers babies, vaccinates children, and promotes hygiene and clean drinking water initiatives.

In Congo, where people generally earn less than a dollar a day, health center fees are low. Against the odds, physicians like Dr. Lay, director of the health zone around the Vanga Hospital, strive to oversee the quality of services provided. Assuring the basic minimum equipment for these health centers is difficult. Dr. Lay, and other physician directors of Baptist health zones confront this challenge daily by encouraging cooperation, inspiring integrity, and teaching good management practices.

\$115 would supply one starter kit containing a thermometer, blood pressure cuff, and forceps.

Mission Project Specifics

This project seeks to raise \$3,220 in the next 12 months, to purchase a starter kit costing \$115, to provide basic medical equipment for nurses at 28 health centers, 4 in each Baptist health zone.

This project will be managed by the Baptist office of medical coordination in the Bandundu and Bas Congo provinces in collaboration with American Baptist missionary Katherine Niles. Through meeting basic equipment needs for a few of the health centers, it is anticipated that this project will improve the services offered to 2,000 – 10,000 patients who seek care.

For more information:
www.internationalministries.org



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>October is Pastor Appreciation Month</i></p>	<p>1 7:00 Quilt Guild meeting at Willowbrook</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 7:00 Game night for everyone</p> 
<p>World Communion Sunday 7 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship CROP Walk at OWU – registration at 1:30, walk at 2:00</p>	<p>Columbus Day 8 7:00 Deacons</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10 7:00 Choir 7:30 Finance Committee</p>	<p>11 12:00 Young at Heart</p>	<p>12 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House</p>	<p>13</p>
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<p>28 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship November newsletter available today.</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Halloween 31 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>November 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>

ABC Ohio Annual Meeting

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Dear FBC family:

If I could look into the future I would know what to write about today. On Wednesday, October 24, we will be having our budget, nominating business meeting. The meeting is a week early this year because our regular meeting date falls on Halloween. Therefore, I am going to have to guess at some things.

As sometimes happens this time of year we still have some open slots on our nominating forms. At times these get filled by the time of the meeting at other times not. We always face the question of whether or not the structure needs changing or if we need to better communicate our needs. Of particular concern this year is the open position on the board of Christian Education, which is responsible for mission promotion. We have people who are interested in mission education and promotion, but who don't necessarily feel they have the gifts to add to our Christian Education program. This is a critical time for thinking about our mission involvement because of the changes going on denominationally.

When I first began in pastoral ministry we had an understanding about our role in foreign missions. The churches at home would raise

support for those who called to serve on the mission field. For a variety of reasons giving has not kept up with the need. Today, people who respond to God's call to serve on the mission field must solicit commitments of 100% of

the financial support they will need before they will be appointed.

Emerson and Ivy Wu are a couple from Columbus who have answered God's call to serve in Macau. They are in the process

of working with their mission partnership team to generate the support they will need. We have had changes in our budget in the past year. When the Davidsons returned from Japan we redirected that support to the Kelseys. Since they will not be returning to Italy we may revisit that support. We need to continue to learn more about the changed situation. We also continue to have discussions about the distribution of mission income between local needs and needs beyond Delaware.

On the budget from the only major change is the move from providing a parsonage as a part of the pastoral compensation the church is now paying a housing allowance. Quick rental of the Congress Court house has led to a modest positive cash

flow for the church. Our giving remains strong.

I hope we will have excellent participation in the business meeting this week. However, experience tells me that turnout will be modest. If any of the issues I have raised interest you in further conversation please let me know.

One of the great things about our new home is excellent office space, which is set off from the rest of the house. I have started working from home. I will forward calls from the church to my cell phone so you can reach me wherever I might be. If you need to see me in person call or email to arrange a time.

As we enter into November let us be ever grateful for the blessings of God in our lives. Invite a friend to church. Study to show thyself approved before God. Share the results with others.

Don't forget to cast an informed vote on November 6 and pray for the victors as well as the losers.

Your Pastor,



Church's Hearing Aids

If you use one of the church's hearing aids during the service, please turn it OFF before putting it back in the basket. Recently three were found with dead batteries because they had been left on. Thank you.



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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 10 suggestions, in no particular order.

1. Thank God for all the gifts you already have.
2. Be sure to vote in every election.
3. Make a plan to contribute more of your time and finances to the church in the coming year.
4. Dress more warmly instead of turning up the heat.
5. Help to repair and insulate homes of elderly, disabled, or low-income residents.
6. Choose an encouraging scripture for each day of the month. Write it down and keep it with you.
7. Don't litter- EVER!

Church Directory Update

Please update your copy of the church directory:

Jean Wickum

Room 207
47 East William Street
Delaware, OH 43015
(her phone remains the same)

8. Have an "Almost Sleepover" with attendees bringing new pajamas to donate.
9. Expect the best from God. Remember that He loves you and cares for you.
10. Admit your mistakes.

Poinsettias

You're invited to order poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during Advent. They can be given in memory or honor of someone, and you can take them home after our Christmas Eve service. The cost is to be announced (probably around \$9). Please place your orders with Melissa Mercer or Jim Stephenson by Sunday, Nov. 25.



Personals

- Jean Wickum has moved to the Sarah Moore home. See the Church Directory Update on this page for her new address.
- Bertha Van Brimmer was a patient at Grady for awhile with blood pressure issues.
- The Petersons traveled to Oklahoma to visit family.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

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- On October 14 our neighbors, Zion UCC, celebrated their 175th celebration.

– Pam Faulk
Personals' Editor





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				All Saints Day 1 2:00 Board of Christian Education	2	3 Set clocks back one hour tonight. 
4 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	5 7:00 Quilters	Election Day 6 	7 7:00 Choir	8 12:00 Young at Heart	9 6:00 Second Friday's Dinner at Andrews House	10
Veterans Day 11 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	Veterans Day Holiday 12 7:00 Deacons (When Veterans Day is on Sunday, many offices close on Monday.)	13 7:00 Trustees	14 7:00 Choir	15 12:00 ABW	16	17 8:00 ABM
18 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Last day to submit newsletter articles.	19	20	21	Thanksgiving 22 	23	24
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Next Month: December 2 is the first Sunday of Advent

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Dear FBC family:

In I Timothy 2:1,2 Paul writes, "First of all then, I ask that requests, prayers, petitions, and thanksgiving be made for all people. Pray for kings, and everyone who is in authority so that we can live a quiet and peaceful life in complete godliness and dignity. This is right and it pleases God our savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (CEB)

In that couple of verses Paul asks the church to engage in all the types of prayer for our neighbors and leaders. With the national election behind us let us not ignore Paul's plea. Let us live as if we believe that God wants all to be a part of the kingdom family.

We will begin our Advent worship celebrations on December 2. The four Sundays leading up to Christmas remind us that God's plan has been generations unfolding. As we consider the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love we will remember God's mighty acts in history and prepare ourselves for that which is yet to come.

Once again this year we are purchasing gifts for children that are in Delaware county's foster care program. Please check the list at church to help us complete this project by December 2.



Most of you have heard me mention that Kathy and I volunteer at Andrews House for the Second Friday meal. In addition to the church volunteers that come in monthly to serve there are several folks who help out in a variety of ways every month. I

have been told that after the first of the year we might be losing our regular dishwasher. If you might consider helping out on a regular basis let me know. It would be a gift to the community.

In Mark 10:45 Jesus said, "For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Many opportunities to serve will present themselves during the holidays. Be ready to say yes.

Your Pastor,

Join Us for Caroling

Everyone is invited to join us on Saturday, December 15 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.

— Jim Stephenson

Birthday Party for Jesus

On Sunday, December 23, we will celebrate Jesus' birthday during Sunday School opening in the fellowship hall. Please plan to join us.

**CHRIST
THE SAVIOR
IS BORN!**

Next Month's Newsletter

Our January newsletter will publish one week later than our usual schedule.

Articles will be due on Sunday, December 30, and the newsletter will be available on the first Sunday in January.

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Trustees Notes

- An old water line to the upstairs bathroom in the "old" parsonage broke and had to be replaced. This required tearing out some of the ceiling in the living room. It was replaced with a new ceiling. This work was done by Mark Kegelmeyer of Del-O Plumbing.
- Extensive repairs were made to two of the church's new furnaces. Two major parts had cracked plastic seals because they were tightened down too hard. This was made good by Columbus-Worthington Air. The next week a plugged drain line had to be fixed.
- The pipe organ was tuned, checked, and a minor repair was done by John Muller.
- Don Patrick serviced the three old furnaces at the church and the boiler at the "old" parsonage which took a new thermocoupler.
- Peter White cleaned out the gutters at the church and at the "old" parsonage.
- Two umbrellas were left at the church — a nice dark one on the desk outside the rest rooms, and a colorful one in the youth room. If one belongs to you, please claim it.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Quilts for Christmas Clearing House

We will give 18 baby/toddler quilts to the Christmas Clearing House for Christmas giving from our church. Thanks to all who helped — Jeff Reed, Melissa Neill, and Sophia Stephenson.

– Jeanne Ekelberry

Need a Little Christmas?

The Delaware Community Chorus, under the direction of Daniel D. Hursey, will offer just that on Sunday, December 16. The place will be at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 45 W. Winter Street, where two concerts will be offered for your enjoyment at 3:00 and 5:00 pm. The theme is Simply Christmas with thoughts of snow, angels and resounding trumpets. One might ask, is it really possible to incorporate all three in one program? To find out, plan to set aside December 16th for a special afternoon of song and to have that question answered.

Tickets are available from all choristers as well as online at www.delawarechorus.org.

– Shirlee Sutton
Delaware Community Chorus

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Dec. 4 Erin Faulk
8 Tim & Lisa Fogle
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

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Christmas Is Letting...

Let the Christmas stars remind you of God's miracle.

Let the Christmas manger remind you of God's Word — made flesh in Christ.

Let the Christmas trees remind you of another tree on which Christ hung for you, and the evergreen remind you of everlasting life to those who believe on his Name.

Let the light of Christmas candles and bulbs remind you of Him who is:
the light of the world,
the light that shines in darkness that darkness cannot overcome,
the light of men.

Let the Christmas bells remind you of the glorious proclamation of His birth:
the Son of God,
the King of Kings,
the Lord of Lords,
the Savior of men.

Let the candy canes remind you of sweetness:
the ordinances of God more to be desired than gold, sweeter

also than honey. The sweet hour of prayer.

The the Christmas gifts and Santa Claus remind you of God's gifts — life, faith, hope, love.

Let the feast remind you of Him who is the bread of life. O, taste and see that the Lord is Good.

Let the snow remind you of the pure word of God, pure hearts, and lives cleansed by Christ.

Let Christmas happen to you. It is not meant for a few. It's not something for some Nor nothing at all, But life and hope for you.

Let Christmas happen to you. It is more than color and fuss. It's His spirit, anew, Proof through and through That God has done it to us.

– R.F.S.

– submitted by the "Evelyn Circle" within the church who meet monthly to pray for our church, its members and pastor, along with friends and family members. Merry Christmas!

News from Andrews House

Annual Christmas Cupboard
Saturday, Dec 1, 9 am - 3 pm

Christmas Cookie & Bake Sale
Silent Auction
Raffle Prizes, including a chance to win a 2013 Chevy Cruz

The holidays are quickly approaching and so is our annual Christmas Cupboard event! We have several ways that your congregation can help us this year.

I know that many of our partner churches have supplied homemade cookies or baked goods for our sale in the past. We'd love for this year's sale to be bigger and better than ever, so please remind all bakers to drop off those items on November 30th anytime between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm or December 1st from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

This year we are also having a pie sale. If anyone is available to help assemble pies, please stop by on November 29th. Even if you can only spare an hour, we will be peeling, slicing and assembling from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

We are selling tickets for our annual raffle. If you or anyone in your congregation would be willing to help with ticket sales, please let us know.

One more thing, we encourage all of you to shop local and keep your dollars in Delaware this Christmas season. BUT if you happen to shop at Polaris Mall between Nov. 11 and Dec. 1, please visit gift services with your receipt and tell them you want to designate your purchase points to Andrews House. They are giving away \$2,000 a week to the registered non-profit with the most points. Here is the Shop for a Cause link:

www.polarisfashionplace.com/mnog

Thanks for your support!

– Liz Bowman
Office Manager
Andrews House
www.andrewshouse.org

Ways To Let Your Light Shine At Christmas

1. Share daily Advent devotions with your family, including reading the Christmas story.
2. Support the RMMO more.
3. Pray for those for whom Christmas may be a sad time.
4. Recycle paper, cardboard, and other materials from your family's Christmas celebration.
5. Visit children who will spend

Our Church Directory is Being Updated

If you'd like to be included in the 2013 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 Larry 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.

Christmas in the hospital and take books or games to share.

6. Organize a group to sing Christmas carols at a senior center or homeless shelter and also go caroling with our church.

7. Provide the ingredients for Christmas dinner for a family in need.

8. Support the Holiday Clearing-house and the Andrews House Christmas Bazaar.

9. Attend the Christmas activities of our church, especially the Christmas Eve worship service.

10. Pray for those who have to work on Christmas Day.

Holiday Wish Program

FBC is again sponsoring gifts through the Holiday Wish Program of Jobs and Family Services. Below are the names of four children with their wish lists. Please consider helping fulfill a wish or two. Gifts do not need to be wrapped, just labeled. We would like to complete the program by the first Sunday in December.

Thanks for your contributions.

– Larry Faulk, Board of Deacons

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Chad – 8 months

12-18 month clothing; baby books; teething rings; walker that transforms into bike

Craig – age 2

toy cars; wooden trains; size 2T clothing; size 6 shoes

Hank – age 14

X-box games(teen rated); model cars; model paint; drawing / colored pencils; drawing paper; tracing paper; gift cards for WalMart or Target

Harry – age 11

Nerf-N Force shield and sword; foam bats and balls; paper slingshot targets; Cleveland Indians gear; hat, scarf, gloves; gift cards from GameStop or WalMart

Personals


• Aidan Ferguson’s self-portrait and weather picture were featured in the Delaware Gazette on Nov. 2.

• Jerry and Lana Palmer were in an automobile accident on their way to Williamsburg, VA. They were OK but had to return home because there was much damage to their car.

• Pastor Tim’s mother is now under Hospice Care. Please keep the family in your prayers.

– Pam Faulk, Personals’ Editor

RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING



Thank You For...

THE IMPORTANCE OF RMMO

Following God’s call does not come without certain sacrifices. Retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses often have limited options for adequately planning for the future. Medical problems, moves or the death of a spouse can also cause these leaders to find themselves far from the church family that once supported them.

The assistance provided by RMMO restores that lifeline and ongoing connection to the ABC family. Like anyone else, retired ministers and missionaries experience stress and worry when unexpected expenses arise. RMMO exists to alleviate stress, worry and the hardship of unexpected expenses — and also to say “Thank you for ...” the sacrifices our retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses have made in order to serve the church.

RMMO recipients have used their funds:








- To cover medical expenses for hearing aids, dental services and vision care, which are not typically covered by Medicare
- To cover emergency medical procedures for themselves and their families
- To purchase prescription medication not covered under health insurance
- To make emergency home repairs

Join us to say “Thank you for ...” the countless ways ABC’s retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses have contributed to our congregations.

Please help us reach our goal of \$600 this year.

December

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 Christmas Cupboard at Andrews House (until 3:00)
First Sunday of Advent 2 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	3 6:00 Deacons 7:00 Quilters	4	5 7:00 Choir	St. Nicholas Day 6 6:30 Board of Christian Education	7	8 8:00 Parish Council
Second Sunday of Advent 9 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	10	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 6:30 Christmas Caroling 
Third Sunday of Advent 16 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	17	18	19 7:00 Choir	20 12:00 ABW	First Day of Winter 21 	22 6:30 Inscho/Beddow Wedding
Fourth Sunday of Advent 23 9:15 Sunday School with Birthday Party for Jesus 10:45 Morning Worship 	Christmas Eve 24 6:45 Music Preludes 7:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Christmas 25 	26	27	28	29
30 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Last day to submit newsletter articles. Newsletter will be available on Jan. 6.	New Year's Eve 31 	New Year's Day 1	2 7:00 Choir	3	4	5