

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

What a wonderful Christmas week we shared as a church. Our choir got us off to a great start with the Christmas cantata the Sunday before Christmas. Our Christmas eve candlelight communion service is always one of the high points of the church year. Kathy and I want to extend our thanks for the generous gift we received on Christmas eve as well as all the gifts and cards which flowed into our home this year. We also remembered those outside of our immediate church family by surpassing our goal for the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Thank You offering. Having promoted this offering for over thirty years I can hardly imagine how close I am to receiving my own thank you gift.

On January 5 we will be celebrating the organ ministry of Melissa Neill. Her last Sunday playing the organ was December 29. Due to holiday changes you will probably be reading this after the fact. If you were unable to stay for fellowship time on January 5 be sure to thank Melissa for her service.

It has been a long time coming but I understand from the Ohio Forward program that the 93 Franklin

Street house should be scheduled for demolition in January 2014. I assume that weather might change that timeline. Almost a year has passed since we first began to entertain different ideas about what to do with that house. Although it has been a slow process we should be grateful for the money saved by using this state grant.

Be sure to put January 19, 20 on your calendars. On the 19th we will have the community worship service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year the service will be at 3:00 at

Zion AME church. Local pastor, the Reverend Kimberly Strain will be preaching for that service. On the 20th we have purchased a table at the community breakfast at Ohio Wesleyan. Please see Larry Faulk or me if you would like to attend. We have eight seats. The service will begin at 7:45 and end by 10:00.

Our annual meeting will be held on January 29. Join us for a potluck dinner at 6:30 followed by the business meeting at 7:00. Business meetings are sort of like voting, all are invited, but not all participate. If we take our congregational polity or government seriously we will participate in business meeting.

For 2014 ask what you can do to enhance the strength of our congregation.

Your Pastor,



Thank You

Thank you to the following people who played Christmas music for the prelude for Christmas Eve Service:

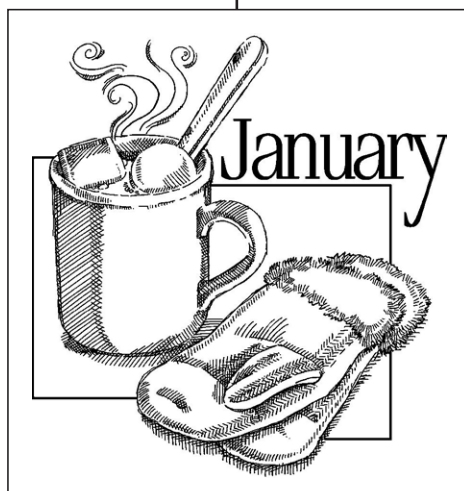
Aidan Ferguson
Colin Ferguson
Jackson Trigg
Claire Turner
Jennifer Turner
Will Fogle

Thanks for taking the time to practice and being willing to share your music. It makes the service very special.

– Mary Lou Lovell

Names In The News

- The Delaware Gazette recently had a very nice article about Chad Kilhefner's first grade class at Carlisle Elementary. They spearheaded a pajama drive.
- The Columbus Dispatch Sunday home section had a nice article about Jane Moore who had a story about a Christmas gift from Jimmie of a ladder that has become quite useful to her.
- Former member Sue Elfner had her picture in the Delaware Gazette for



Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 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
- 30 Calvin Turner

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her one-woman protest for more gun control on the anniversary of the Sandy Hook shootings.

– Pam Faulk

Personals

- Jerry Palmer recently had foot surgery and is recovering and getting around.
- The Faulks were fortunate to have their 3 grandchildren visit for

several days over the Thanksgiving holiday.

- Pat Gosser has been named by Parish Council to be a member of the Board of Christian Education. She will be officially elected to that position at the January business meeting.
- Betty Porter's son John was here for a visit while traveling from India to Mexico.

- The Faulks would like to thank whoever their "Friends at FBC" were who left a nice nut basket at the front door.
- Raleigh Gosser had gall bladder surgery at Grady on January 31. Way to party, Raleigh!

– Pam Faulk, Personals' Editor

Our Church Directory is Being Updated

If you'd like to be included in the 2014 church directory, please update your info with Larry Faulk or fill out the form below and return it to Larry right away. If you'd like a new picture, see Larry to have one taken.

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

Address _____

Home Phone _____

* No year is necessary for birthday or anniversary.

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January

2014

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			New Year's Day 1	2	3	4
5 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	Epiphany 6 	7	8 7:00 Choir	9 7:00 Board of Christian Education at Faulks	10	11
12 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	13 7:00 Deacons at Faulks	14	15 7:00 Choir 7:30 Finance Committee	16	17	18 8:00 ABM
19 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 MLK Community Worship at Zion AME Last day to submit newsletter articles.	Martin Luther King Day 20 8:00 MLK Breakfast 	21	22 7:00 Choir	23	24	25
26 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship February newsletter available today.	27	28	29 6:30 Covered Dish Dinner 7:00 Business Meeting	30	31	February 1

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Dear FBC family:

On January 13, 2014 I announced to the deacons that I planned to retire on May 31, 2014. I subsequently shared that decision with the congregation on January 22. Most everyone in the congregation is aware that I am turning 65 in May. Please know that much prayerful consideration went into this decision. Kathy and I are excited about what the future holds for us even though we do not know what that will look like. I am guessing that more than a few trips to Connecticut will be a part of that future.

In the four months remaining until retirement we want to celebrate the twelve and one half years that we have been blessed to serve here. Delaware has been the scene of many family events. Both of our sons were married at First Baptist. We welcomed grandchildren while we were here. We will always treasure Sam's call to ministry and ordination here. We have laughed and cried together.

Kathy and I made the decision about a year and a half ago that as retirement beckoned we

wanted to stay in Delaware. We are thankful that we were able to find a house in Delaware. Even though I will no longer be your pastor you will still see me out and about in town. Since the Beehive is closing

I suggest checking at Witts. The Lord willing, I hope to come back for the 175th anniversary in 2028. Just think of the car and food stories I could come up with in the interim.

First Baptist has always been God's church, not my church. I hope you will prayerfully

anticipate what the next chapter of your history will teach you.

As the apostle Paul once said and I have sometimes struggled to understand, "I count it all joy." I hear those words in a new way today.

See you in church on Sunday,

Your Pastor,



Game Night

Do you enjoy playing board games? Did you get any new games for Christmas? An excellent opportunity for fellowship is to come to Game Night in the fellowship hall on February 21 at 7:00. Bring your favorite board games, a snack to share, and your own beverage. Come and have some fun and fellowship. This is for everyone in our church family, young and old and any guests they wish to bring.



From The Board of Christian Education

During its recent meeting, the Board of Christian Education discussed ideas to encourage our youth program. We determined that the input of the congregation would be critical, as we consider many different ideas.

There is a survey on page 2 of this newsletter, and the board sincerely hopes you will take a moment to complete the short seven questions. We would like everyone's input. A collection box will be placed in the vestibule until the end of February. Please try to leave your completed surveys in that box by the end of the month, or mail them to Pam Faulk.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

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Children's Christian Education Survey

Please complete this survey and put it in the collection box in the vestibule before the end of February, or mail it to Pam Faulk (705 Canal Street, Delaware, OH 43015). See the article by the Board of Christian Education on page one for more information.

1. Do you think we need supplemental activities for our youth (grades 1-12)?

- Yes No

2. If so, would you support this by:

- helping to plan
- supervising
- providing monetary means
- bringing your own children

3. What kind of activities can you suggest?

4. How often should we offer an activity?

- once a month
- quarterly
- twice a year

5. Do you feel our church should offer children's worship activities during the sermon (e.g. Junior Church, Worship Wings, etc.) ?

- Yes No

6. Would you support this by volunteering?

- Yes No

7. Would you be willing to be available for the crib room (infants-toddlers) or Tweenies (ages 3-5) should the need arise on a Sunday morning?

- Yes No

If you have other ideas about our children's activities, please contact Pam Faulk, Pam Shears, or Pat Gosser.

Your name if possible: _____

If you would like to remain anonymous, that is OK, but if you would like to volunteer for any of the above, please let one of us know.

Personals

- Jeanne Ekelberry spent several days at Grady with a severe case of the flu and complications from that.
- Kathy Chesser has been suffering from the shingles.
- Raleigh Gosser came through his gall bladder surgery well
- Ray Faulk, former member and Larry Faulk's brother, was hospitalized recently with a sepsis infection and severe arthritis problems in his shoulder. He is now recovering at home after surgery.

– Pam Faulk, Personals' Editor



“He’s today’s greeter!”

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16 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Last day to submit newsletter articles.	Presidents Day 17 	18	19 7:00 Choir	20	21 7:00 Game Night 	22
23 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Please return the Children's Christian Education survey by today. March newsletter available today.	24	25	26 7:00 Choir	27 7:00 Parish Council	28	March 1

Next Month: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which is March 5

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Dear FBC Family:

As the time of my retirement draws ever closer I find myself thinking about things that had not been of much concern to me in previous days. One of those things has to do with communication. I decided this week to drop my Frontier phone service at our home. We were finding that we hardly ever received calls on the landline and most of the ones that we did receive were telemarketers or wrong numbers. We have become so used to using our individual cell phones that we just did not have need for the home phone. If you need to reach me please use the cell phone number that is in the church directory. I will also list that number in the bulletin for the next couple of weeks. I am not putting the number in the newsletter because it is posted on the internet and I don't need for the whole world to know the number and be calling me. I have notified the few people that do use the home number to alert them to the change.

In March we will be receiving the America for Christ Offering. This offering supports the work of our denomination at the regional and national level. In the coming year you will be more aware of the work of our denomination as you begin



the search for a new pastor. In March our Regional Minister, the Reverend Jane Gibbons, will be meeting with the parish council and board of deacons to discuss the next steps. I have already met with Jane and also with our Executive Minister, the Reverend Dr. Larry Swain, to fill them in on my retirement. They will be valuable assistants in the search

for an interim minister as well as you next pastor. There are many behind the scenes things that go on in the search for pastors. This is one of the areas that our denomination supports the work of the local church.

Our goal for the America for Christ Offering will be \$600.00. Please give generously we support the work of staff as well as home missionaries serving in a variety of ministries across the nation.

In my announcement last month about my upcoming retirement I noted that my retirement date would be May 31. As I looked at the calendar I realized that my last Sunday would be during Memorial Day weekend. Since I had already notified the deacons of my intention to take two of my five weeks annual vacation before I leave. One of those weeks was to be spent in Connecticut. Since I had not planned the other week I decide

to take of that last week in May. Therefore my last Sunday preaching at FBC will be May 18.

Kathy and I appreciate the kind words you have shared with us about this impending change. We continue to hope that the remaining time will be a time of celebration of our time together these past twelve and one half years.

Pray for the future.

Your Pastor,

Pancake Supper

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper March 4 at 6:30 pm. The meal includes pancakes, waffles, fruit, chocolate chips, blueberry syrup, and fellowship. Especially the fellowship. Bring a friend. The meal is free. The time together is priceless.

P.S. There is no talent sharing requirement this year.

—Larry Faulk



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

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Sunday School Survey

Several years ago, we changed how we did the opening of Sunday school in order to have more fellowship. At the January business meeting, a motion was raised to discuss how we open Sunday school and if it needs some changes.

A survey about Sunday school opening is being distributed. Please take the time to fill out your survey (one per person) and put it in the survey box in the vestibule. Parents may want to help smaller children with their surveys. Please answer the questions honestly about your own feelings.

Please fill out the survey even if you do not want to see any changes because we need to know that also

If you do not participate in Sunday school, feel free to disregard the survey if you wish.

- Board of Christian Education

"Family Promise": Delaware's Homeless Shelter

Beth Trigg recently accepted the position of Executive Director of Family Promise. This is Delaware's only homeless shelter. The facility is lovely and provides interim housing for up to approximately five families.

While there, the parents receive job direction and assistance in attaining housing.

Website:
<http://www.familypromise-delawareohio.org>

Personals

- Ken Frische had knee surgery recently.
- Pat Gosser had out-patient surgery on her shoulder.
- Jeanne Ekelberry has been having problems with her knees.
- Pam and Larry Faulk took a 2-week cruise to Hawaii to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary which was in August.



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9 First Sunday of Lent Daylight Saving Time Begins 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	10 7:00 Deacons	11	12 7:00 Choir	13 7:00 Board of Christian Education	14	15 8:00 ABM
16 Second Sunday of Lent 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19 7:00 Choir	20 First Day of Spring 	21	22
23 Third Sunday of Lent 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Last day to submit newsletter articles.	24	25	26 7:00 Choir	27	28	29
30 Fourth Sunday of Lent 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship April newsletter available today.	31	1 April	2 7:00 Choir	3	4	5

Next Month: Palm Sunday is April 13; Easter is April 20

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As the days wind down toward my retirement I am becoming ever aware of the "last" things I will be doing. This month will mark my last Maundy Thursday service as well as my last Easter service. Except in emergencies churches are not seeking supply preachers on Easter Sunday.

My memories of Maundy Thursday services will always begin with Jean Wickum telling me how it was done and the rules I needed to keep in mind. Of course, I will never forget the time I had to leave the fellowship hall in the middle of the Lord's Supper because of illness. It was so dark that night that Larry Faulk, sitting on the other side of the cross, did not notice that I was gone.

April will also be the last month that I leave for vacation and have to be back by a certain date. Kathy and I will be taking a short trip to visit Sam and Lindley this month. Kathy and I have been busy packing up the office at the church. Sam has been promised my library and we are going to take a few boxes at a time as we visit. Sam has also asked for my mint in box Jesus soap on a rope. I have not seen "glitter" Jesus in a while. I think I will leave him behind for the kids to hide and find later. Final destiny for my talking George Bush doll is yet to be determined.



The above light hearted issues are an effort to steer around the very real emotional issues involved with retirement. We have formed such meaningful relationships in the last almost thirteen years that it will be hard to say goodbye. Even though we will still be living in Delaware I will no longer be your pastor. Our American Baptist code of ministerial ethics demands that

we sever all pastoral relations with the church as our service ends. In the weeks we have before that time I hope to offer helpful advice about the next steps forward.

I have been asked to preach the sermon for this year's Good Friday service at St. Mary church. I have always appreciated the ecumenical family of God gathering on that holy day. It is the only day of the year where we really do model the universal church. If time allows I hope you will attend. The service will be on April 18 at noon.

Your pastor,

Pastor's Mother Dies

Our sympathies to Pastor Tim and his family on the death of his mother, Hazel Bailey Chesser, 91, of Buford, Georgia. She passed away on March 6 with Tim, Kathy and other family members present.



Funeral services were held March 8 with Rev. Sam Chesser officiating.

Tim and Kathy offer thanks for all the prayers, cards, and support from our church fellowship.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Board of Christian Education invites you to celebrate Easter with an Easter Egg Hunt here at the church on April 19. Meet in the fellowship hall ready to begin the hunt at 2:00. Bring a basket to put all those eggs in! There will be sweet and mysterious prizes in the eggs so bring the kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews!

We will have light refreshments after the hunt in the fellowship hall. We expect the event to last about



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 15 Ray Serviss
 Tyler Wayne Fogle
 20 Tammy Ferguson
 27 Colin Ferguson
 29 Deborah Fogle
 Benjamin Trigg

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one hour. In the event of rain (or snow), we will have the hunt inside. See you there!

– Pam Shears
 Board of Christian Education

Order Your Easter Lilies

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

The price is \$7 each. Place your orders with Melissa Mercer or Jim Stephenson.

The last day to place orders is Palm Sunday (April 13).



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Anna Riedmiller

Our sympathies to George Riedmiller and his family on the death of his mother, Anna Jean Riedmiller, 75, of Delaware. She passed away peacefully on March 2 at Grady Memorial Hospital.



Funeral Services were held March 8 at the Richwood First United Methodist Church. Memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society in Dublin.

Letter to the Congregation

Note: Longtime members will remember Nancy Via Summers, the daughter of Fred and Lucille Via. Below are portions of her letter (some of it was comments to individuals); the entire letter and a photograph are on the bulletin board. - Editor

For those who "hopefully" remember me, I want to say that I enjoy your newsletter very much.

My husband Frank and I have moved and our new address is below.

I just celebrated my 80th. I'm still active and with my husband attend Memorial Baptist in Staunton.

May First Baptist continue to be used to God's Glory to bless and direct you in the years to come.

Best wishes and love in our Savior's glorious name!

– Nancy Summers
 330 Claremont Lane
 Apt 345
 Crozet, VA 22932



Church and Community Open House for the Chessers

Please save the date for an open house to celebrate pastor Tim's retirement. It will be on Saturday, May 3rd from 2 to 4 pm. at Andrews House.

Please plan to attend and help us thank Tim and Kathy for their service and friendship.

– Liz Bowman and Jennifer Turner



Trustees Notes

- The Gable Elevator Company did a service checkup.
- The B&J Fire Extinguisher Services of Marion did a yearly service.
- A thank you to Dave, Raleigh and Jerry for getting the snow blower repaired.
- The refrigerator from the "old" parsonage was donated to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore. It had already sat for a year without running.
- The loose floor tile in the nursery bathroom was glued back down.
- After four months of phone calls, Frontier came and removed the phone lines going to the "old" parsonage.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Personals

- Raleigh Gosser has been experiencing a lot of back pain due to a fall.
- Nathan McKendrick was at Children's Hospital after suffering a hip injury from falling off his bike.
- Jeanne Ekelberry would like to thank everyone who helped her out last month when she could not get around.
- Jerry and Lana Palmer have a new great-grandson, Adrian Williams. Lana was able to travel to be there to see him.
- Claire Turner traveled with the Hayes symphonic orchestra to New York City to perform at Carnegie Hall.
- It was good to see Bertha VanBrimmer at our pancake supper in February.
- Claire Turner performed in the Hayes production of ANYTHING GOES.
- The Reverend Bill McCartney was our guest minister on March 9 while the pastor was in Georgia.
- Pam, Larry, and Erin Faulk spent spring break at Walt Disney World.

– Pam Faulk, Personals' Editor



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When you receive this newsletter I will have three Sundays left until my retirement on May 18. A number of people have asked me about my continued involvement at First Baptist. At various times in the career of an ABCUSA minister a signed copy of the Covenant and Code of Ethics for Ministerial Leaders of American Baptist Churches is placed in our personnel file. The local church usually has a copy and all clergy have a file at ABCOhio region headquarters. One part of that covenant pertains to leaving a place of service. It reads:

I will, upon my resignation or retirement, sever my ministerial leadership relations with my former constituents, and will not make ministerial contacts in the field of another ministerial leader without his/her request and/or consent.

In the weeks and months ahead you will be calling an interim pastor and new permanent pastor. They will be responsible for you. The reason that portion has been included in our code of ethics is because a clean break is needed. New leadership will mean new ways of relating and doing ministry. It does not mean that I will cease caring about you as individuals and wanting the best for the church. A new pastor or interim does not need the departing or old pastor being consulted or second guessing.

Often the departing pastor is leaving the area and the likelihood of continuing relations is diminished. Since we will continue

to make our home in Delaware we will not doubt continue to see many of you. You do not need to make any effort to avoid Kathy or me. You just need to remember that we will not be able to discuss church matters. As time goes by we will continue to fade in your memories and you will love, trust, and support your new pastor.

Celebrations of our ministry together are planned on May 3 and May 17. The May 3 celebration will be from 2:00 – 4:00 at Andrews House. All are welcome at this celebration and it is my hope that the day will work for many of my community friends as well as any church members who want to drop in. The May 17 meal at the church will be more church centered. However, we do have some out of town friends who are planning to attend. We also are expecting guests for our final Sunday with you. My one hug per year rule will be suspended for the last weeks in May.

We will join you in prayer as you seek leadership for the years ahead. Continue to invite others to share in our community of faith.

Your Pastor,



Pastor Chesser Retiring

The Rev. Tim Chesser will be retiring soon; his last Sunday will be May 18.

Born in 1949 in Atlanta, Georgia, Tim served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1968 to 1972 as an Electronics Technician.

He married his wife Kathryn in 1970, graduated from Mercer University in Atlanta in 1978, and graduated from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky in 1981.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



- May 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 Sharon & Steve Baker
- 27 Lisa Lawrence
- 30 Ken Peterson

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The Deacons	Chesser family	Condolences
	Riedmiller family	Condolences
	Christina Kilhefner	Health issues
	Bertha Van Brimmer	Health issues
	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
	Steve Baker	Health issues
	Fran Cook	Heart problems
	Bora Porter (Janet's daughter)	A patient at Childrens' Hospital
	Betty Porter	Health issues
	Betty Porter	Joe DeGenova
Beth Trigg	Joy McAfee	Cancer

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

Tim accepted a direct commission as a 1LT in the U.S. Army reserves as a chaplain and saw active duty in Desert Storm in 1991. He left in 1993 with the rank of Captain.

Tim served in churches in Indiana, Wisconsin, and Oklahoma before coming to First Baptist in 2001.

While in Delaware he has performed 16 weddings (including both his sons), 32 funerals, has ushered three people through ordinations (Karen Stoner, Robert Russell and Sam Chesser). He has also served on the Pastoral Relations Committee and Scholarship Committee of the

Marion Association of American Baptist Churches, and has been active in the Delaware Ministerial Association.

He supported CROP Walk, keeping intact a 22 year period of walking in or being a part of the local organizing committee. He served as treasurer for the past two years and plans on continued involvement during his retirement.

He has served as a facilitator in connecting Legal Aid of Ohio and Andrews house, leading to the free Legal clinic at Andrews House. He has served on the Andrews House partner church committee, the Board of DelMor Housing for five years, and on the Board of Governors of the Sarah Moore Home for 8 years. And he's been a supporter of Delaware businesses, especially Amatos and Witts.

He and Kathryn have two sons — Donald, who lives in Delaware, and Sam who lives in Norwich, CT.

The Chessers plan to remain in Delaware during retirement.

First Baptist Church thanks Rev. Chesser for his service and wishes him and Kathy a happy retirement!

Celebration Dinner For The Chessers

Everyone in our church fellowship is invited to a celebration dinner honoring Tim and Kathy on Saturday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church.

Please RSVP to Pam Faulk either by phone (740-362-8647) or e-mail (pfaulk01@aol.com) so that we know how many to plan for.

Retirement Open House Celebration

Please join us as we show our appreciation to Tim & Kathy for their years of service to the First Baptist Church and the Delaware Community.

Saturday, May 3rd
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Andrews House
39 W. Winter Street

No RSVP necessary. Please stop by and show your support!

— Liz Bowman and Jennifer Turner



Former Parsonage Demolished

On May 11 we'll remember the parsonage during morning worship and a brochure on its history will be distributed.

Our church's original parsonage has been demolished.

The house was built in the 1870s or 1880s, and was used as a private residence and boarding house until we purchased it in 1940 from Harriet Bartholomew.

Rev. Morgan Williams (father of the late Don Williams) and his wife lived in it for several years, and then Rev. James Stephenson and his family lived there.

The pastor's office was located in the parsonage until our Education Building was completed in 1963.

After a new parsonage was built on Congress Court, the old parsonage was rented to a series of tenants.

The church decided to demolish it due to the cost of needed repairs and the availability of a federal program which would pay for demolition costs.

During morning worship on Sunday, May 11, we will spend a few moments remembering the parsonage and how it served our church over the years.

A brochure will be distributed that Sunday which will discuss the history of the house. It will show photos of the pastors and their families who lived there, and photos of the house when it was used as a parsonage.



Demolition began on April 10 with the work done by Shrock Custom Construction of Loudonville, Ohio. They used a Komatsu hydraulic excavator. Water was sprayed to minimize the dust.

Heads Up

Imagine, if you will, a tornado — a flash flood — a raging wildfire. Imagine being displaced in your own homeland, such as many Syrians had to undergo last fall. We here in mid-Ohio haven't had to suffer those tragedies. But we have been a part of helping to alleviate the misery and helplessness of those affected.

Each year we promote the One Great Hour of Sharing offering during the month of June. Money we gave last year was already on hand to help those in America's Midwest following the devastating tornados. The fires out West, the mudslide in Washington state, those suffering Syrians who were displaced within their own country — all were helped in part by American Baptists.

Won't you please pray about your part in this on-going ministry of our denomination. We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering during the month of June. Our goal is \$600, but let's see if we can double that amount! With God — all things are possible!

— Jane Moore

Children's Day

Looking ahead to next month, the Board of Christian Education will observe Children's Day on Sunday, June 8. After the church service, we will gather in the fellowship hall for a potluck lunch.

— Pam Shears

Community Chorus Spring Concert

The chorus will present "Love Is in the Air", revealing how love has been expressed in words and music through the centuries from Gregorian chant to Broadway shows, including selections by Brahms, Gershwin, Berlin, Stephen Foster, and many others

There will be two performances — 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. — on Sunday, May 4 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 45 West Winter Street. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from chorus members, at the door, or online at <http://delawarechorus.org>.

Church Women United

The women of Zion United Church of Christ invite your church women to join the Ecumenical Church Women United 2014 Annual Meeting at our church at 51 W. Central Ave. on Friday, May 2.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. Beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and your table service.

After the luncheon, your Least Coins will be collected, dedicated and sent, thanks to Julia Foster, through Church Women United channels. At 12:20, there will be a program with a surprise speaker.

If your church would like to host next May, please issue the invitation at this luncheon.

— from Zion United Church of Christ

Summer Hours

Our last Sunday for Sunday school will be May 18. Summer hours will begin on May 25 with church beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Party

On May 18, the last day for Sunday school, the Board of Christian Education will be having a party in the fellowship hall for the children's classes. There will be no regular classes for children that day. It would help if Sunday school teachers could help supervise the party along with the board members.

— Pam Faulk

Personals

- Emilie Trigg had a mass removed from her leg and is now recovering.
- Janet Lathrop recently suffered a case of shingles.
- Jeanne Ekelberry and Betty Porter recently spent time in the ER, due to repercussions from the stomach flu.
- Pat Gosser broke her arm.
- The Palmers took a trip to Williamsburg, Virginia.
- The Lovells, Debbie Fogle and her boys, Barbara Smith and her boys spent a week at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

— Pam Faulk, Personals' Editor



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May

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				National Day of Prayer 1 	2 11:30 Church Women United at Zion UCC	3 2:00 Open House for Chessers at Andrews House (until 4:00)
Peace Sunday 4 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	5 7:00 Board of Christian Education at the Faulks	6	7 7:00 Choir	8	9 Pastor Chesser's Birthday	10
Mother's Day / Blanket Sunday 11 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with remembrance of parsonage 	12 6:00 Deacons at Amatos	13	14 7:00 Choir	15	16	Armed Forces Day 17 8:00 ABM 6:30 Celebration Dinner for the Chessers at the Church
Pastor Chesser's Last Service 18 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Children's Party / Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Last day to submit newsletter articles.	19	20	21 (no choir)	22	23	24
25 Summer Schedule Begins 10:00 Morning Worship June newsletter available today.	Memorial Day 26 	27	28 (no choir)	29	30	31

Good News Letter

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Rev. Ellen Brown Selected as Interim Pastor

The board of deacons is pleased to announce the selection of the Reverend Ellen Brown as our interim pastor to serve FBC in this time of transition between pastor Chesser's retirement and the calling of our next full-time pastor.

Rev. Ellen Brown grew up in the home of an American Baptist pastor. She is a graduate of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (now Palmer Seminary) and has been involved in professional ministry her entire adult life including all areas of Christian education, discipleship training, leadership training, Bible study leader, curriculum designing, writing, missions, and pastoral ministry.

With an undergraduate degree in elementary education, Ellen directed five Christian weekday early childhood development programs in three states, served with her husband as an American Baptist missionary in Eastern Europe, and was the first Director of MK (Missionary Kid) Care for American Baptist International Ministries. She also served on the staff of the First Baptist Church of Glendale, California as the Discipleship & Missions Pastor and as Interim Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Newark, Ohio and at the First Baptist Church of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

She and her husband, David, a retired American Baptist pastor, live in Pickerington, Ohio. They have two adult sons both of whom are

married and serving in ministry. The Browns also have three grandchildren.



Rev. Browns first Sunday with us will be June 1st. We look forward to her ministry with us.

– Larry Faulk, Board of Deacons

From Our Interim Pastor...

Enjoy the Journey and Celebrate the Adventure!

Our journey in the Christian life should be an adventure. I know mine sure has been and what a great ride it's been! I have had the privilege of serving in many different places, capacities and circumstances as God has used my gifts, education and experience. So, I was thrilled when the Interim Search Committee of the church asked if I would prayerfully consider being your Interim Pastor for this time of transition. God has clearly showed me that this is where He can use me right now.

As a former missionary, I understand the need to learn the culture of a new place (and every organization has its own culture). That is to say that my first order of business will be to get acquainted with the congregation, discover more of the history of the church, learn how your board system operates, meet with leaders and members, and, most importantly, listen to your assessment of where you are, what you need, and how I can best be of service to you.

I see interim ministry as a very intentional time in the life of a church. The responsibility of an interim pastor is to see that the programs of the church are maintained and that the ministries continue to function. The congregation needs visible leadership and pastoral care during the coming months. So, I will be leading worship and Bible studies and be present at Board, Committee and congregational meetings. I will visit members in their homes [when invited], and pray with you in your hospital beds. In every way, I will help you maintain your ministries and project a stable environment during this "between-pastor season."

Another one of my responsibilities will be to encourage you to utilize your gifts for ministry, and to energetically and creatively help you seek new ways to fulfill your calling. And because this is an "unusual" time in the life of the church, we'll be able to experiment with new ministries or try doing things in a different way without the pressure of permanence.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- June 2 Jerry & Lana Palmer
Eric & Sarah De Vaughn
- 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
Chad Gosser
- 17 Matthew & Marci Cooper
- 19 Wyatt Cramer
- 21 Dan & Sherry Chambers
- 22 June Grubbs
- 24 Beth Trigg
- 25 Kenneth Frische &
Phyllis Beasley
- 28 Jami Riedmiller
Hannah McKendrick

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

I will also help the church wrestle with issues, conflicts, or problems it may be facing, which should be tackled during the interim season, because, if left unattended, they could easily jeopardize the ministry of your next pastor. I will listen to congregational needs, respond to requests by leaders and church members for ways I can be helpful, and initiate conversations around areas of concern that, from my perspective, seem to be affecting the church's health. And if together we feel that change has to happen, I will serve as a stable, "non-anxious" presence, by gently introducing and guiding the church through these potentially upsetting waters.

And finally, it is my responsibility to help prepare you in a positive way for the arrival of your new pastor. Taken as a whole, when approached intentionally, the interim period can be a very positive, energetic,

freeing, and fun chapter in the church's history. Indeed, it can transform the church and prepare you for a wonderfully hopeful and exciting future.

Every congregation has its own history, culture, worship style, and ways of "doing" ministry. Each has its own personality, "corporate identity," and usual business practices. Thus, you can expect me to grow in my appreciation of and love for your church, the variety of personalities and gifts of your individual members, and the contextualized ways you carry out your work for the kingdom.

Because First Baptist Delaware is different from every other congregation, I do not come with a pre-determined agenda. Instead, I will spend time in uncritical listening, observing, and assessing what goes on in the life of the congregation. I will keep my eyes and ears open when we hold business meetings, gather for social events, engage in ministries and relationships, and participate in corporate worship. I want to get to know you as the unique congregation that you are, then, once I begin to get a "feel" for

who you are; we'll begin to move ahead with greater intentionality.

I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and get down to doing ministry together as the Lord leads First Baptist into a healthy future!

*– Rev. Ellen Brown
Interim Pastor*

Meet Rev. Brown at our Ice Cream Social and Town Hall Meeting

Please plan to join us for fellowship time, Sunday, June 1st after worship in the Fellowship Hall for ice cream and fellowship. This will also be an



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	Christina Kilhefner	Transplant recovery
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	Fran Cook	Heart problems
	Bora Porter (Janet's daughter)	A patient at Childrens' Hospital
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Beth Trigg	Joy McAfee	Cancer

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opportunity to welcome and get to know Rev. Brown.

During this time, Rev. Brown will share her first "Town Hall Meeting" with us. This will be an informal open discussion time to share thoughts, opinions, and ask questions. It is not a business meeting, no decisions or votes will be taken.

Come, share, and enjoy!

– Larry Faulk, Board of Deacons

Sign Up for Email (or Phone) Announcements

The board of deacons is seeking to create an "email announcement list" in addition to our email prayer list. While our email prayer list is reserved for requested notices of concern within our fellowship, the "email announcement list" would be for more general notices such as meeting and event promotions and reminders.



If you would like to be included in the list, please email me at lfaulk01@aol.com.

If you would like to receive a phone call announcement instead, call me at 614-204-1098.

– Larry Faulk, Board of Deacons

Pastoral Search Process

As Rev. Brown begins her interim ministry with us, she will assist us as we begin the pastoral search process. In cooperation with our area minister, Jane Gibbons, and our executive minister, Dr. Larry Swain, we will embark on the very deliberate journey of planning and preparing for our next permanent pastor. In the next couple of months, the "Pastoral Search Committee" will be formed according to our constitution which says that each of the following shall

select a representative: "Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees, Board of Christian Education, American Baptist Women (ABW), American Baptist Men (ABM), and the American Baptist Youth (ABY)." We ask for your prayers and support as this process begins.

– Larry Faulk, Board of Deacons

From the Chessers

Dear FBC family:

What a whirlwind couple of weeks. Please accept this extended thank you for the last 15 days. Saturday, May 3, was the open house at Andrews House for church and community. In those two hours there I shook a lot of hands and answered a lot of questions. Thanks to Liz Bowman, Jennifer Turner, and all who helped them put on that day. It was a wonderful opportunity to share with all the church members who came by as well as clergy colleagues and community members.

Two weeks later May 17 rolled around with a dinner at the church. In addition to the church family we were able to welcome our son Donald and his family as well as friends from our first full time church in Indianapolis. In addition to Donald's twins we were graced with the presence of Matt and Marcy and their twins. The food was great. Thanks Pam for the addition of hush puppies. The gift of the memorial quilt was moving. So many memories tied up in each of the quilt squares. Thanks Jeanne for putting it all together. Our own



copy of the memorial photograph already graces a shelf in our sun room. The laughter and tears of the night were simply an added bonus.

Sunday, May 18, dawned bright and clear. After a wide ranging discussion in Sunday school we moved on to the morning worship service. As people began to arrive I was pleasantly surprised by friends who showed up unexpectedly. We were also please to have several friends with us as well as family. How can we say thank you for the awesome gift of four days in New York City. We are overwhelmed by your generosity. We promise to have a blow out time there. Thank you for knowing us so well that you could pick out the perfect retirement gift.

Kathy and I have been blessed in our almost thirteen years here. Thank you for the wonderful send off into retirement. Be assured that no Whit's coupon will go unused.

The retired couple,

– Tim and Kathy

Children's Day

The Board of Christian Education will observe Children's Day on Sunday, June 8. After the church service, we will gather in the fellowship hall for a potluck lunch.

– Pam Shears

Mission Moment

Last month you were alerted to the up-coming One Great Hour of Sharing promotion. Now, I'd like to give you a little history of this offering.

It began sixty-five years ago in response to the devastation of World War II. In March 1949, a national broadcast on a Saturday evening asked Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. With many national leaders and celebrities giving their efforts to the broadcast, more than 75,000 churches responded the next day.

Blanket Sunday

We honored the women of our lives on Mother's day, raising \$345.00 (\$85.00 increase over last year) for Church World Service. Thank you First Baptist! This is the first of three activities each year to raise money for Church World Service and the mission work they do worldwide. We will honor the men of our lives 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

Giver	In Honor/Memory
Sue Bauer	In Memory of: Mrs. Clara Belle Williams Mrs. Claudia S. Eliot
Jim and Ann Brown	In Honor of: Liz Bowman Carol Grubbs
Kathy Chesser	In Memory of: Jessie Street
Tim Chesser	In Memory of: Hazel Chesser
Jeanne Ekelberry	In Memory of: Ethel Trogdon
Erin and Larry Faulk	In Honor of: Pam Faulk
Pam and Larry Faulk	In Honor of: Florence Faulk Evolena Cole Erin Faulk Laurie Faulk Jodi Mustard Pat Rose Donna Mann Mary Anderson
Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle	In Memory of: Jean Wickum In Honor of: Mary Lou Lovell Carol Serviss Barbara Smith
Gabe Fogle	In Memory of: Ida Morby
Will Fogle	In Honor of: Debbie Fogle
Pat Gosser	In Honor of: Debbie Fogle
Lisa Lawrence	In Honor of: Jean Scott
Dave Lovell	In Honor of: Marge Matthews
Mary Lou Lovell	In Honor of: Mary Lou Lovell Debbie Fogle Barbara Smith
Jerry and Lana Palmer	In Memory of: Jennie M. Lovell Margaret Morby Rose Verespij Jennie Lovell
Ken and Genevieve Peterson	In Memory of: Ben and Bernice Turney C. W. and Mary Helen Palmer
Betty Porter	In Memory of: Jessie Peterson Amanda Mac Neill Corinne Potter
Randy and Jennifer Turner	In Honor of: Janet Porter Jennifer Cramer
Rick and Sandy VanBrimmer	In Honor of: Jane Moore Tonabell Turner Melissa Mercer
	In Memory of: Willa Corder
	In Honor of: Bertha VanBrimmer
	In Memory of: Doris Stone

Today, this program serves people in over 80 countries around the world. It is sponsored by nine Christian U.S. denominations and Church World Service. One Great Hour of Sharing makes sure that we can respond to the needs as soon as they happen and that tens of thousands of people receive support for ongoing relief, rehabilitation, and development.

Each request for funds is carefully reviewed by The World Relief Committee of the American Baptist Board of General Ministries. Help flowed around the world, and also here at home. From fire relief in Colorado to blizzard relief in South Dakota; from cyclone relief in India to flood relief in Thailand. The monies we give here in Delaware, Ohio are added to those from other churches around the country. By giving, we are showing love and compassion. Those are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive.

– Jane Moore

"Can-Paign" SUCCESS!

The FBC kids raised over 85 cans of food which totaled over 57 pounds of food. They worked really hard at home and at church to help others as a mission! What an amazing job they did!! Some helpers prayed for others, helped with dishes, held the doors, helped in the church and church worship service and all of the children helped in many, many ways!! By earning their "can-do's" with their "can-do attitudes," they showed what wonderful things can happen when we pass on God's love to others through helpfulness and caring. We remembered the scripture: "I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13 There's no telling how many lives they touched! GREAT JOB!!!!

– Debbie Fogle

Thank Your Teachers

Please take some time in the next few weeks to thank our Sunday school teachers and substitute teachers from this past year. They all did a great job. They were Tim and Kathy Chesser, Jerry and Lana Palmer, Larry and Pam Faulk, Randy Turner, Debbie Fogle, Pam Shears, Ann Brown, MaryLou Lovell, and Liz Bowman.

– Pam Faulk



Teachers Needed

I am currently working on next year's Sunday school classes. We have a need for teachers and substitute teachers. If you wish to volunteer, please see me.

– Pam Faulk

Thank You

Dear friends,

What a wonderful surprise to find your generous check in the mail today. We are so grateful for that "windfall" from First Baptist.

Our deepest thanks for helping us to help our less-than-fortunate neighbors.

Sincerely,

– Beth Trigg and Staff
Family Promise

Church Covered-Dish Lunch

On Children's Day, Sunday, June 8, we will have a covered-dish lunch for our church fellowship. It will be after the church service at approximately 11:15 in the fellowship hall. We started this last year to replace the annual church picnic because we had better attendance if we stayed at church. Please bring your own table service and beverage and a dish to share.

– Pam Faulk



Andrews House Fundraiser

You are invited to join us at our Blues Barbeque Benefit for Andrews House on Saturday, June 21st from 5:30 -11:00 pm. at the Delaware County Fairgrounds, Merchant Building.

Live Blues Music:

- The Nicely Brothers & Friends
- The Crazy Gringos
- Pett Crow

Tickets are available at andrewshouse.org or call 740-369-4520. Dinner tickets must be purchased by June 13th.

\$35 dinner and music
(dinner served 6:00-7:00 pm)

\$20 music only
(bands start at 7:15 pm)

Personals

- Christina Kilhefner underwent a kidney/pancreas transplant at the Cleveland Clinic on May 5 and is currently recovering. The surgery went quite well. She is now recovering at home.
- Jerry Palmer had knee replacement surgery on May 19 in Marion.

• Ken Frische was in the hospital with complications from surgery, but has now returned home from rehab.

• Janet Lathrop fell and broke her hand.

• Phil Mercer's father was in the hospital with some ongoing medical problems.

• Betty Porter's granddaughter Bora was recently in the hospital. She thanks everyone for their prayers.

• Jane Moore took a two-week trip to England along with Jimmie's brother Dale and his wife from Texas.

• We offer condolences to Kathy and Tim Chesser on the death of Kathy's favorite aunt.

• Randy Turner was named to a position on the executive board of the Ohio Education Association.

• Lana Palmer and her daughter Jennifer attended the Women of Faith Conference in May.

• Phil Mercer and Melissa Neill performed in the Delaware Community Chorus's spring concert.

• Aidan Ferguson played the part of the prince in his school's production of Sleeping Beauty. Betty Porter's grandson Nick was also in the play.

• Tim Chesser turned 65, and Jeanne Ekelberry turned 80 in May. Happy Birthday!!!

• In the spring concert of the Hayes orchestras, Will Fogle and Aidan Ferguson performed in a young people's ensemble. Claire Turner is a member of the symphonic orchestra and also performed.

• Sally Williams was accompanied to church on Mother's Day by her two daughters, three granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter.

• Steve and Sharon Baker are celebrating 2 new great-grandchildren and another one on the way.

• Betty Porter's son John recently visited from Mexico.

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(See the Church Directory Update in this issue for contact information)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>10:00 Morning Worship with our new interim pastor, Rev. Ellen Brown</p> <p>11:15 Meet our new interim pastor at the Ice Cream Social and Town Hall Meeting in the Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 Parish Council</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>Children's Day</p> <p>8</p> <p>10:00 Morning Worship</p> <p>11:15 Potluck Lunch in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 Deacons</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>Flag Day</p> <p>14</p> <p>6:00 Teacher Appreciation at the Faulks</p>
<p>Father's Day / Tools of Hope</p> <p>15</p> <p>10:00 Morning Worship</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>First Day of Summer</p> <p>21</p> <p>8:00 ABM</p> 
<p>22</p> <p>10:00 Morning Worship</p> <p>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:00 Morning Worship</p> <p>July newsletter available today.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>July</p> <p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Independence Day</p> <p>4</p> 	<p>5</p>

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Lewis Carroll wrote the celebrated "Alice in Wonderland" and in the story he records a conversation between Alice and Cheshire cat.

"Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?" asks Alice.

"That depends a good deal on where you want to go," said the cat.

"I don't care much where," said Alice

"Then it doesn't matter which way to go," responded the cat.

"So long as I get somewhere," Alice added as an afterthought.

"Oh, you're sure to do that," said the cat.

The Cheshire cat is correct: whether you are going anywhere in particular or not, you will wind up somewhere!

Our church is in the midst of transition and, unlike Alice, we care deeply about which direction we go and where we end up! These are days of moving forward in ministry. We're on a continued mission of sharing God's love in Delaware and beyond. Our call to connect with people in our community and invite them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is ongoing. This ministry takes all forms, some revamped and some new, but all designed to share the Good News with others.

Some of our directions will unfold in ways we do not anticipate. However, we need to trust that God is leading us somewhere good! There will be times when we'll need to simply take a step into the unknown and these will be our "Alice in Wonderland times," when we take a step of faith not knowing where it will end up

but believing it will work out and that God is in control.

Dr. John Claypool says, "We can put off making up our minds but we cannot put off making up our lives."



Whether we know the way or we take steps in faith, we know God will be with us and we will get somewhere. The key in walking forward is being faithful.

As the church leadership begins a discernment process to determine what needs to be done in this interim time between permanent pastors, there are some things that all of us can do to be faithful and make this a positive God-glorifying experience.

PRAY: First, and most importantly, we all need to be praying (*1 Thessalonians 5:17*) for our church asking God to lead and guide us through this time of transition. Pray for the

Parish Council as they coordinate all our efforts in ministry both ongoing as well as new efforts. Pray for the Deacons as they work with me in worship leadership that our Sunday morning services will be uplifting and challenging. And pray for them as they continue to provide member care to our congregation. Lift up the Christian Education Board members as they seek to provide discipleship opportunities that will grow and stretch us in our relationship with Christ. Remember the Trustees in prayer as they faithfully care for our building so that it will be a place that glorifies God, is inviting to visitors and is used to minister to us and the community. Begin praying for the soon-to-be formed Pastoral Search Committee that God will lead the congregation to the individuals that He would have serve in this very important and significant role. Pray for one another, those on our weekly prayer list, the ministries of our church and the wider community we are trying to reach.

PARTICIPATE: This is not a time to step back from responsibilities or our participation in the ministry needs of our church. More than ever, each one of you is needed to help keep us moving forward. Even in the summer, there are opportunities for everyone to participate in such as Sunday worship, the Summer Serendipity Bible Series on Wednesday evenings, signing up to provide for our Fellowship Time on Communion Sundays, singing with the summer impromptu choir (introduced in worship on June 29!), supporting the Quarterly Business meeting & potluck on July 30 continued participation in our

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- July 1 Robert & Patricia Foor
- 3 Phil Mercer
- 6 Sam Chesser
- 6 Lindley Chesser
Pat and Raleigh Gosser
- 7 Roger Kennedy
- 11 Karsen Grace Riedmiller
- 12 Pam Shears
- 14 Sarah Bowman
Lucas Smith
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
- 28 Regan Riedmiller
- 31 Ashlee Inscho

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mission outreach projects such as P.I.N., Family Promise and Andrews House. Everyone is needed! (*Romans 12:11*)

Be **POSITIVE**: When my husband and I moved to serve a church in Sunland, California, we followed a pastor who had been there for 37 years. Many of the members had been there throughout his whole ministry and loved him and his wife dearly. Unbeknownst to Dave and me, the members of the oldest and longest-standing Sunday School class had made a covenant with one another that, for at least one year, they would not engage in any negative or critical talk with each another, with anyone else in the church or with Dave and me. They kept that covenant and it wasn't until we were there a year or so that we learned of it. By then, they had gotten to know us and trust us. That doesn't mean they always

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	Betty Porter	Health issues
	Betty Porter	Joe DeGenova
Beth Trigg	Joy McAfee	Cancer

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

agreed with everything we did but they chose to be positive rather than negative. For the 10 years we served with them, they continued to choose not to gossip or be critical and it made all the difference in the world to our ministry together as well as to the atmosphere in the congregation because it rubbed off on others. Remember, our words have the power to tear down or to build up. We will have opportunities at our Town Hall Meetings where we can openly and honestly express our thoughts and opinions in a safe environment. We will not always agree on everything, however, we are called to be "the people of God" (*Colossians 3:12-15*) that should be reflected in the way we talk with and to one another.

I encourage all of us to covenant with God and each other to stay away from critical thinking, negative talk or gossip (*Philippians 4:8*) but instead strive to exhibit the fruit of the spirit (*Galatians 5:22,23*) as we work together and move into the future to which God is already calling and preparing us.

Like Alice, we want to go somewhere but not just anywhere. We want to go where the Lord is leading. To get

there we need to pray, *participate* and be *positive* with one another.

Moving ahead in ministry together!

Ellen Brown
Interim Pastor

Summer Bible Study

Our Summer Serendipity Series has begun on Wednesday evenings. This is a time to come together to look at how God's Word can speak to us in new and fresh ways. This Bible study is open to those from middle school through adult. We will unpack familiar passages and then discover how they apply to us today. Here are the titles and scriptures we'll be looking at during July.

How Long Can You Tread Water?

Matthew 14:22-33

July 2

Do You Have a Green Thumb?

Matthew 13:1-23

July 9

Are You Thirsty?

John 4:7-30

July 16

“Tools of Hope” Offering for Church World Service

Thank You First Baptist! We contributed \$277 to Church World Service on Father’s Day (June 15). Your donations will help Church World Service provide help and relief to those struggling in poverty and recovering from disasters. What a wonderful way to honor the men who have influenced our lives!

– Randy Turner, Financial Secretary

Giver	Honoring/Memorializing
Jim and Ann Brown	In Memory of: Fred Grubbs Sr. Charles Brown In Honor of: Jim Brown Bruce Bowman
Sherry Chambers	In Memory of: Bill and Janet Layton
Jean Ekelberry	In Memory of: Hewlett Trogdon
Erin and Pam Faulk	In Honor of: Larry Faulk
Pam and Larry Faulk	In Honor of: Jeff Faulk Keith Anderson In Memory of: Ralph Cole Donald Faulk Ron Rose Bill Faulk Wilbur Wickum
Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle	In Honor of: Vic Fogle Ray Serviss In Memory of: Will Fogle
Lovell’s/Fogle’s/Smith’s	In Honor of: Dave Lovell Ray Morby Kip Smith In Memory of: Robert Lovell
Hannah, Emily and Nathan	In Honor of: Uncle Jim
Jim and Jane Moore	In Honor of: Phil Mercer Randy Turner
Deb Nace	In Honor of: Nace, Gehart, Hunt and other Christian men
Jerry Palmer	In Memory of: Cecil Palmer Ben Turney
Ken and Genevieve Peterson	In Memory of: Ebert Peterson Vernon MacNeill
Betty Porter	In Honor of: John Porter In Memory of: Ralph E. Guy
Randy and Jennifer Turner	In Honor of: Jimmie Moore Heryl Turner
Calvin, Ben and Claire Turner	In Honor of: Phil Mercer Randy Turner
Linda White	In Memory of: Charles Seckman
Sally and Judy Williams	In Memory of: Donald Williams

What’s Your Be-Attitude?

Matthew 5:1-12

July 23

Come join us any Wednesday you’re in town at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall!

Summer Impromptu Choir

On Sunday, June 29 we will be having the first Impromptu Choir during our worship service. Since our chancel choir doesn’t sing in the summer except on Communion Sundays, we are providing an opportunity for those who like to sing to participate. We will be doing this several times throughout the summer. Anyone interested will be invited to come to the piano to join the Impromptu Choir for that morning. We will sing a hymn, in unison, that is familiar to everyone. If you sing or have sung in our choir, if you’ve sung in other choirs, or you simply love to sing, then feel free to join our Impromptu Choir any Sunday. We’re not looking only for people with “trained voices” but those willing to “sing to the Lord.”



Format of Sunday School Opening

Dear Fellow Church Members,

As you know, the Board of Christian Education has been charged with the task of examining the current format of Sunday School opening. To that end, we have carefully reviewed the survey forms you completed and considered your comments. We truly appreciate the input you all provided.

The Board of Christian Education, comprised of Pam Faulk, Pat Gosser and Pam Shears have taken this task seriously and in the spirit of consideration of all points of view, we have

arrived at a decision. We are hopeful that everyone will see that some of their ideas/opinions have been incorporated into this format. We are excited to begin the next Sunday School year with contributions from all Sunday School teachers and attendees who bring their unique individual talents. We encourage all to volunteer to host a Sunday or two.

Opening will continue to be held in the Fellowship Hall with breakfast items served as well as coffee, juice and milk. We will have the opportunity to fellowship, share birthdays, anniversaries and announcements. Song books will be on each table for those who wish to include music. Who doesn't like to sing praise to the Lord? As we prepare ourselves to enter the learning portion of the morning, we will end the opening session in prayer. It is our hope that variety from week to week will encourage attendance and offer fresh perspectives.

It is important to have participation from as many of you as possible. We welcome participation from teachers and those who are not teachers with talents and insights to share. Teachers, consider including your students in some way periodically. You may like to share what the class is up to or to include them in the serving food, or picking out songs to sing.

We (the Board), sincerely hope that this resolution will be received in the spirit in which it is intended, that is to prepare our spirits and open our hearts and minds to the Lord. Prior to Rally Day, you will be given an opportunity to volunteer to be

put into the rotation for the 2014-2015 Sunday School year. Please prayerfully consider how you might participate.

God Bless,

– Board of Christian Education.

Andrews House Summer Lunch Program for Children

Our Summer Lunch Program has started at Woodward School. This program provides a free lunch every weekday to children 18 and under during the summer months when school is not in session. Additionally, children receive a "backpack" on Fridays that contains two meals for the weekend. Last summer we served approximately 7,200 lunches to area children.

There are volunteer opportunities available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and the following Fridays: July 18 and August 1. For more information on volunteering, please contact Robin Moore, Program Coordinator, phone 740-833-1619.

– Liz Bowman, Office Manager
Andrews House

Thank You

Dear First Baptist Church,

I wanted to thank you all for the support since my kidney and pancreas transplant. The cards, phone calls, and prayers have meant a lot to both Chad and I. We couldn't ask for a better church family! We hope to be back in church soon to thank you all in person.

With much thanks and love,

– Christina Kilhefner

Fellowship Time

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Helping HelpLine

Did you know that if you use your Kroger Plus Card when you buy groceries at Kroger, you can help HelpLine? Kroger donates to HelpLine based on the percentage of eligible purchases each month. The donation does not cost you anything. You can designate HelpLine as a recipient through the Kroger Community Rewards program. See me for directions on registering your Plus Card or go to our website fbcdelaware.org and click on "HelpLine" for directions.

– Larry Faulk

Personals

- Charles Ekelberry from California visited Jeanne for a few weeks and was on hand to help her after a medical procedure.
- Archie Trigg retired from Honda. He and Beth took a trip to England and took grandson Jackson with them.
- Dave and MaryLou Lovell and Debbie, Will, and Gabe Fogle took a trip to Dearborn, Michigan. Debbie and the boys stopped at the Dum Dum candy factory in Bryan, Ohio on the way home. Dave and Mary Lou went on to Frankenmuth and then to visit Jean Osborne.
- Randy Turner played a role in the local production of WHITE CHRISTMAS.
- Ken Peterson was our guest speaker on June 22. Two former neighbors of the Petersons attended our service and heard Ken speak.
- Jane Moore traveled to West Virginia for a high school class reunion.
- Carol Grubbs and her sister Donna visited Ted and Jeannie Stephenson in Indianapolis.

– Pam Faulk, Personals Editor

Church Directory Update

Sam and Lindley Chesser

Their street address has changed to "4 Grant Court". The rest of their address stays the same.

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<p>Pastor Ellen will be away July 12 to 28 serving on the MK Leadership Team at Green Lake, Wisconsin during the Missionary All Staff Gathering and Mission Conference.</p>		1	2 7:00 Bible Study	3	4 Independence Day 	5	
	6 10:00 Morning Worship	7	8	9 7:00 Bible Study	10	11	
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My first two months as your interim pastor have been filled with "learning the ropes" of the day-to-day workings here at First Baptist. It has been a joy getting to know so many of you and to work with the leadership.

Exciting things have been happening this summer. Our weekly Serendipity Bible Series had us looking at familiar stories and parables in creative ways as we discovered how they apply to our own lives.

The Impromptu Choir invited those who don't normally sing with our regular choir to participate in the singing of some well-loved hymns, which added to our summer worship services.

Dr. Larry Swain challenged us last month to look at when and how we are connected outside our walls. He will join us for our Potluck & Town Hall Meeting on August 17 and a follow-up discussion on our "connectedness." Save that date and plan to be here for this exciting discussion.

Our mission outreach continued with the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering in June and Blanket Sunday on Father's Day.

It's hard to believe that in just a few short weeks, we will begin to think about the fall and gear up for our Sunday Discipleship classes

to begin. Discipleship is a life-long process, which begins the moment we surrender our lives to Jesus Christ and ends when we take our last breath. None of us ever "arrives" at being fully mature as a Christian.

We each have a "growing edge" and, no matter what our age, God is always in the process of making us into what we're not in this moment.

The mandate to "make disciples" takes many forms. First, each one of us is responsible

for maintaining our own personal spiritual growth by practicing the disciplines of personal daily devotions, prayer and Bible reading. However, we can't grow as a disciple in isolation. We need other Christians to walk alongside us, which is why congregational worship, Bible Study, small groups and church community gatherings are so important.

I encourage each one of you, if you aren't already doing so, to commit yourself to something that will meet a need in your own spiritual growth. As long as we continually allow ourselves to be spiritually stretched, we will mirror the difference Christ makes in our lives to the world. Remember, others will only understand as much of the love of God as they see in us.

I'm looking forward to what God has in store for us in the months ahead

as we follow His leading in our lives and in our church!



Ellen Brown
Interim Pastor

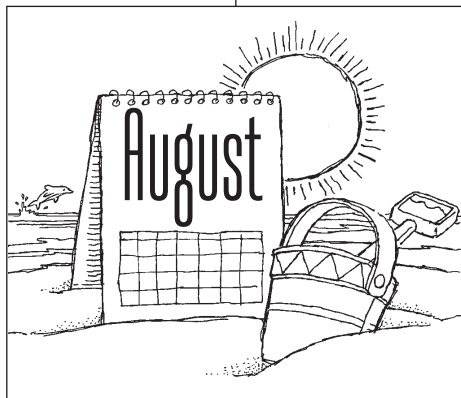
Circles of Connection Event

Have you ever wondered how connected you and the First Baptist Church of Delaware are with people and ministries outside the four walls of your church? Have you ever considered the impact you and the First Baptist Church is having beyond yourselves? You might be amazed!

You are invited to a special opportunity to actually map your "Circles of Connection" at a Town Hall Meeting and Potluck on Sunday, August 17th after church. Dr. Lawrence Swain, Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio, will be facilitating this fun and creative way for you to discover just how connected you and the First Baptist Church are. There will be food and fellowship, which is enough to encourage you to stay and participate. Plan now to be present August 17th. You will be hearing more about this opportunity each Sunday. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Impromptu Choir Continues

Our Summer Impromptu Choir will continue during the month of August (other than on Communion Sunday). If you like to sing, then join us any Sunday morning as we sing familiar and well-loved hymns. You



don't have to read music, sing a part or even have a good voice. Just come join with others and "sing to the Lord"!



Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Aug. 3 Ray & Carol Serviss
- 4 Gabriel Fogle
- 5 Bruce & Elizabeth Bowman
- Carrie Trigg
- 7 Jennifer Cramer
- 8 Jean Syler
- Kate Cooper
- Ryan Cooper
- 11 Steve & Tammy Ferguson
- 17 George & Chris Riedmiller
- Andrew Smith
- 18 Pam & Larry Faulk
- 20 Spencer Kauf
- 21 Jim Stephenson
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson
- 24 Florence Faulk
- Ken Shears
- 25 Raleigh Gosser
- 26 Sofia Kennedy
- 27 Linda White
- Penny Hagaman
- 30 Katie Riedmiller
- Archie Trigg

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	Betty Porter	Recovering from surgery
	Beth Trigg	Joy McAfee

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Summer Serendipity Series

Our Serendipity Bible Studies continue in August. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Kill the Fatted Calf

Luke 18:11-32
August 6

Do You Love Me?

John 21:1-25
August 13

The Vine and the Branches

John 15:1-17
August 20

August Sermon Titles

- August 3 *Graced by God*
- August 10 *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*
- August 17 *A Pinch of Salt*
- August 24 *Electric Cement*
- August 31 *What Do You See?*



Save the Dates

Sunday Aug. 17:

Potluck & Town Hall Meeting with Dr. Larry Swain

Saturday Sept. 13:

"Pink Piggy Party" — A Fun Multi-generational Event

Saturday Sept. 27

All Church Leadership Retreat 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Attention Sunday School Teachers

We will have a meeting for all Sunday school teachers immediately after church on Sunday, August 10. It should not take long. Substitute teachers are welcome to attend but it is not mandatory.

— Pam Faulk

Volunteers Needed

Rally Day is September 7, and it is that time of year again when I am seeking volunteers to host Sunday school opening this next school year.

It is easy to do and need not cost you anything. I will always supply the juice and paper products, and the makings for coffee is already there. You only need to supply a pastry, bread, doughnuts, muffins, coffee cake, etc. We have money in the budget for this, so you just need to turn your bill in for the cost to be reimbursed.

You will ask for announcements, birthdays, anniversaries, offer some form of fellowship activity such as singing, a meditation, a game, etc., and close with a prayer. Feel free to involve any of our children if you wish and they are comfortable with that. Please consider this prayerfully.

— Pam Faulk

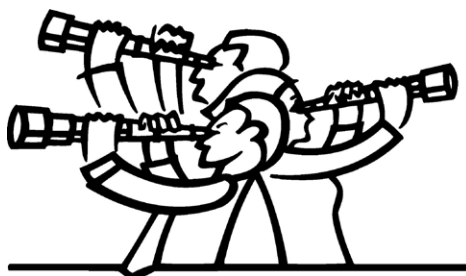
Pastoral Search Committee Update

The Board of Education has selected Pam Shears as their representative. Jerry Palmer will be the Trustees representative and I will be the Deacons representative.

During fellowship time on Sunday, August 3 the men and women of FBC will be selecting their representative to the search committee. Randy Turner will be working with the youth to determine their representative. If you are interested and are able to serve on the committee, please contact me or a member of the board of deacons before August 3. Below is a list of characteristics of a potential search committee member:

A search committee member should be a person...

- Who has an investment and interest in the future of the church.
- Who is an active participant in the life of the church.
- Who has the Spiritual maturity to seek and discern God's guidance and direction.
- Who understands and is committed to confidentiality.
- Who is able to work collaboratively, patiently, and respectfully with other church and committee leaders.
- Who is respected by the congregation.
- Who has the time to commit to a 12-18 month process.



PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

- Who has a workable personal/professional schedule that allows for meeting with others.
- Who has family support to commit substantial time and energy to the process.

Your consideration of this process is appreciated.

— Larry Faulk, Chairman
Board of Deacons

Email Announcements

The board of deacons is seeking to create an "email announcement list" in addition to our email prayer list. While our email prayer list is reserved for requested notices of concern within our fellowship, the "email announcement list" would be for more general notices such as meeting and event promotions and reminders.

If you would like to be included in the list, please email me at lfaulk01@aol.com. If you would like to receive a phone call announcement instead, call me at 614-204-1098.

— Larry Faulk
Board of Deacons



Fellowship Time

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Personals

- Erin Faulk recently spent a week on vacation in Ecuador.
- Pastor Brown spent 2 weeks in July at Green Lake as part of the leadership for the 200th anniversary of

our International Ministries. All of our missionaries were back in the U.S. for this.

- Pastor Brown recently visited with Ken Frische and Phyllis Beasley. Ken continues to improve and they thank everyone for their cards and prayers.
- Ellen also visited with Chad and Christina Kilhefner. Christina is doing very well but is advised by doctors to avoid crowds and germs. They hope to be back in church soon, but Christina should still be cautious about hugs and hand shakes. She also thanks everyone for their cards and prayers.
- Jennifer Turner has started a new job with Delaware Probate Court.
- Matt Lovell recently visited from California and attended church on July 6. He was able to attend the first year birthday celebration of his nephew Lucas Smith.
- Alvin Cox has been our guest preacher for the three Sundays that Pastor Brown has been gone.
- Jane Moore became engaged to be married to a high school friend of Jimmie's. They have not yet set a date.

– Pam Faulk, Personals Editor

Church Directory Update

Please make these changes in your copy of the church directory.

Marci Cooper's cell phone number 317-796-7932

Matt Cooper's cell phone number 317-771-1156

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Fall is my favorite time of the year. Yes, I know it's not officially fall yet, but school has started and, to me, that means fall. It also means the beginning of a new church calendar year. We begin our fall schedule on Rally Day Sunday, September 7, starting with Opening Exercises at 9:15, Sunday School at 9:30 and Worship at 10:45 a.m.

Fall (or pre-fall!) always feels like a new beginning to me. Hopefully, the summer brought a slower pace with time to get away and out of our normal routines. Things slowed down for us at church too. Even so, we continued

to share in meaningful Sunday morning worship, which included the addition of an Impromptu choir throughout the summer. Thanks to all who joined your voices to make beautiful music! We also experienced an exciting weekly *Serendipity Summer Bible Study*. Some of our members also attended or helped with the Community VBS.

I think exciting days are ahead as the church begins to seriously think about who you are, what are your needs and what is the vision for the future especially as it pertains to looking for a new permanent pastor. It's also a time filled with change and

uncertainty but that doesn't have to be something negative. You should embrace it as a time to allow God to stretch you and reveal how he wants to use you in this next season in the church's history.

A couple of weeks ago, Dr. Larry Swain led us through a process to identify all of the circles of connections we have outside our own church walls and ministries. We came up with almost 24 community organizations with whom we connect with through prayer, financial support and/or hands-on participation.

One person said, "It's amazing when you see all these written down!" Dr. Swain also challenged us with a next step, which the Deacons will be following up on — so stayed tuned!

One outcome to this discussion was a small group of our members who got together to talk about how we could participate in the upcoming new student *All Christian Gathering* on OWU's campus. There were 10 around the table sharing ideas and volunteering to take on responsibilities. After church on August 24, this same group gathered in the Fellowship Hall to assemble 150 Welcome Bags to be handed out to

students looking for a local church to attend while at OWU. Several church members will be going to the campus on August 31 to meet and greet these new freshmen and invite them to First Baptist. There's already been discussion of how to welcome any students who come and how to follow-up with them. Please be praying for the OWU students, the incoming class, and those who may feel led to worship with us.

There are many opportunities for our church family in the weeks and months ahead as we move into the official fall season. In September, everyone is invited to participate in two exciting events. One is on Saturday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. This will be an intergenerational evening of fun, food and fellowship that you don't want to miss! Come at 6:00 p.m. for pizza and salad, followed by the *Pink Piggy Party* and then a special dessert. Then on Saturday, September 27 you're encouraged to attend the All Church Leadership Retreat. Even if you are not in an elected leadership position, we all share responsibility

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September



for our church's ministry. Your ideas, thoughts and input are needed and wanted.

Exciting things are also coming in October and November, including two American Baptist international missionaries who will be with us to share about their ministries. Watch for more information in the weeks ahead.

Fall always brings along a change in the weather with a cool crisp feel to the air and a change of colors in nature. We've made a few colorful crisp changes in our worship bulletin too, such as the yellow *Get Connected* slip, which allows us to gather a lot of important information each Sunday. We also have a new look to our *Prayer List*, which makes it easier to keep up with it and easier for the congregation to take it home and slip it into their Bibles. And you will be seeing a fresh new look to the worship bulletin to help enhance our appreciation for our time of public worship.

How can you now get excited about the fall? Don't miss out on being a part of all that is happening in and through First Baptist and this is just the beginning!

Keep looking up, keep trusting that God is in control and hang on!

Serving together,



Pastor Ellen

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	Carol Serviss & Family	Condolences
	Janet Lathrop & Family	Condolences
	Bora Porter (Janet's daughter)	A patient at Childrens' Hospital
	Betty Porter	Health issues
Betty Porter	Joe DeGenova	Recovering from surgery
Beth Trigg	Joy McAfee	Cancer

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

Green Lake Reflections by Pastor Ellen

As you know, I had the privilege of being at Green Lake for two weeks in July. The first week was the All Staff Gathering of all our American Baptist International Missionaries and their children. This event has only taken place one other time in our 200 year old history as a mission organization and that was in January 1999. I was present at that one and remember the wonderful feeling of being a part of this remarkable group of individuals.

This time, I wasn't there as a missionary but as a part of the MK (Missionary Kid) Leadership Team. Having served as Director of MK Care for six years (200–2006) I was thrilled to be back with "my kids." We had 66 MKs from age 2 to 22 with a Leadership Team of 10! It was a wonderful week of bonding, sharing, playing, crying, singing, laughing, eating... These are a unique group of individuals who live their lives between cultures. They are bright, funny, creative, caring people who have so much to offer. I had the joy of leading a small group of 17



year old MKs many of whom will be starting college this fall or next fall. We spent time talking about the transitions they were facing and what it means to be a Third Culture Kid. (I'll be sharing more about this during in October!)

On the previous page is a picture of the MKs.

200 Candles!

The excitement was palpable as over 1000 people began to file into the 13,000 square foot tent for the opening night of the Mission Conference held July 21-26 in Green Lake, Wisconsin. The missionaries were dressed in clothing representing the countries in which they serve. They carried flags of our national partners from Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East & the Americas. As the processional music began, they marched them down the center aisle in a burst of color and "Kingdom Here on Earth" pageantry!

As American Baptist, International Ministries, we were marking the 200th anniversary of the pioneer mission work of Ann & Adoniram Judson that began in Burma in 1814. As I remembered my own call to overseas missions, I thought "Men and women are still being called to serve as missionaries, and I'm a part of that legacy!"

It had been six years since I'd seen some of my former missionary colleagues, and some I was meeting for the very first time. Being in their presence was not only inspiring and encouraging, but also humbling. Story after story reminded me how gifted our missionaries are and the amazing international partners with whom they serve. People like Dwight and Barbara Bolick who serve with the indigenous Mapuche in Chile; Chuck and Ruth Fox who work with the Ahka hill tribe people in Thailand; Doctors David and Laura Parajon serving remote rural communities in Nicaragua; Ray and Adalia Schellinger-Guiterrez who started a women's shelter in Tijuana, Mexico; Keith and Debbie Myers assisting in community develop-

ment with the indigenous people of Central Mexico; and Dan and Sarah Chetti serving at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Lebanon. This is just a small sample of people I was surrounded by that week, and believe me, it was holy ground!

But the ministry of our missionaries would not be possible without the national Christians with whom we as American Baptists partner. Over 140 of these national partners were able to attend the mission conference, and their attendance was also awe-inspiring. From Brazil, to Chile, to Nicaragua, to Mexico, to Spain, to Bulgaria, to the Republic of Georgia, to Thailand, to India, to Myanmar, to states in Africa, these dignitaries graced us with their presence and reminded us that mission is a cross-cultural, globally connected event.

Pink Piggy Party

Saturday, September 13

Come one, come all! All ages are invited to this interactive, intergenerational evening of fun. We will begin with pizza and salad (donations welcome) at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Then the fun begins as we enjoy the *Pink Piggy* part of the evening. We will conclude with a special dessert. Wearing pink is not required but it is encouraged since there might be some prizes involved! There will be donation baskets to help offset the cost of the food.

All Church Leadership Retreat

*Saturday, September 27
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Fellowship Hall*

Exciting things are happening at First Baptist and we are standing on the threshold of a new day. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the *Leadership Retreat*. Together we will be brainstorming, doing some out-of-the-box thinking, prioritizing and strategizing. We want to begin to discover how we can be all that God wants us to be during this time

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

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of transition and into the future. We need everyone to bring their ideas and opinions. The youth are especially encouraged to come because they will be an integral part of our discussions. There will be coffee and goodies to encourage you to come on time! Please sign up on the yellow *Get Connected* slip on any upcoming Sunday morning.

World Wide Communion Sunday

In October, we will join with our Christian brothers and sisters around the globe in celebrating World Wide Communion Sunday. We will be celebrating this service with a global emphasis. Please contact Pastor Ellen if you would be interesting in helping prepare for this service. This does not involved speaking parts. There will be a short meeting after the Fellowship Time on Sunday, September 7 to explain what is needed.

Summer Impromptu Choir

Our Impromptu Choir was a huge success as we invited members of the congregation to come forward each Sunday that our church choir wasn't singing. It was wonderful to hear anywhere from 10–16 people singing old favorites like "Do Lord", "I've Got Peace Like a River," "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love." Thank you to Mary Lou Lovell who picked out the songs and played almost every week. Thanks to Jim Stephenson who helped launch the Impromptu Choir and enticed folks with candy! And a special thank you to Peter White who filled in for Mary Lou one Sunday, playing for the Impromptu Choir as well as the whole service.



Mission Update

The Mission Focus for September here at First Baptist Church of Delaware will be P.I.N. — People In Need. The immediate needs are for:

- Tuna Helper
- Chicken Helper
- Cans of Pork and Beans
- Canned Fruit

Please make a concentrated effort during September to bring as many of these items as possible. The need is great — and our means are sufficient.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."
Matthew 25:40

– Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

Rally Day!

Rally Day is September 7. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall downstairs at 9:15 for coffee, juice, pastries, fellowship, and opening activities before going to our classes at 9:30. Our teachers for this year are as follows:

Adult I – Jerry Palmer, sub. is Dave Lovell

Adult II – Randy Turner

Teen Guys – Larry Faulk

Teen Gals – Erin Faulk, sub. is Linda White

Youth – Debbie Fogle and Pam Shears

Pre-school/Kindergarten – Mary Lou Lovell, sub. is Pam Faulk

Nursery – Anna Brown, sub. is Carol Grubbs

I am looking forward to a great year at Sunday school and hope that you will want to be a part of it.

– Pam Faulk



Change In Worship Hours

With Rally Day on September 7, comes a time change for Sunday worship. Our worship service will go back to its regular 10:45 time on the 7th.

Board of Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education is responsible for more than just Sunday school. We also plan other church activities for all ages. We would welcome more people on our

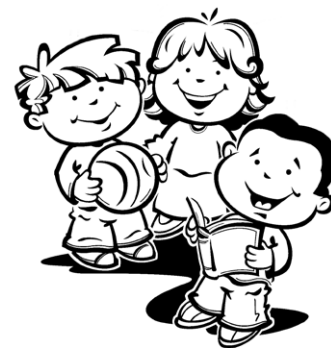
board. If this is something you might be interested in volunteering to do for next year, please speak with Pam Faulk.

Changes For Children During Worship

After much discussion, the Board of Christian Education is going to try something slightly different this year starting on Rally Day. As families walk into the vestibule at church, they should be able to find two different colors of canvas bags hanging on the coat tree there. These bags will contain crayons or colored pencils and a children's worship bulletin. Since the worship bulletins have activities for two different age groups, one color will be for older youth and the other color bag will be for younger children. These are for the children to use during the worship service if they want an activity. The worship bulletin can then go home with the child. We ask that you not take the bag or the supplies home with you.

After the Children's prayer in the service, children ages 3 through second grade may go to the pre-school room for supervised activities. For that reason, WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS to help with child care. We are asking for one volunteer each week to be available at the door to make sure families know about the bags and also to let families with babies and toddlers know that they are available to be in the crib room. That one volunteer will be responsible to be in the crib room for the whole service if there is a baby or toddler. Otherwise, the person will

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go back to the pre-school room after the children's prayer with the other children where we will have a tub available with activities for them. There is absolutely no need for any pre-planning of a lesson. In the unlikely event of there being an overlap between babies in the crib room and children in the pre-school room, we will work that out.

Please sign up (not the volunteer form) on the bulletin board.

– Pam Faulk

Pastoral Search Committee Complete

The Pastoral Search Committee has been selected. The youth have chosen Debbie Fogle to represent them. The Board of Education has selected Pam Shears as their representative. Jerry Palmer will be the Trustees representative. Jennifer Turner will represent the women and Dave Lovell will represent the men. I will be the Deacons representative.



We will have our first meeting with Rev. Jane Gibbons, our area minister, after a Commissioning Ceremony on September 14th. Please be in prayer for us as we begin this important process.

– Larry Faulk
Deacons Chairman

Fellowship Time

Please consider signing up to host fellowship time after worship on a communion Sunday. There are openings for November and December as well as into next year. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board or you can contact Larry Faulk.

OWU New Student Outreach

Our church will participate in part of the new student orientation

Marion Association Fall Rally

Sunday, Sept. 28, 4:00 PM at Richwood First Baptist Church,
101 E Ottawa St, Richwood, Ohio

Singing Devotions • Special Youth Activities

Baptist Brothers Concert • Dinner and Fellowship • Mission Presentation

Lifetime Service Award • Mission Person of the Year

We are excited about the Fall Rally this year and looking forward to seeing all of you there. There is much to enjoy including special activities for the youth of our area churches. You are needed to make this a success. Please bring your excitement and join us on September 28th at 4:00 PM.

\$5 charge for dinner, payable at the door. RSVP's are required by Sept. 10.

– Randy Turner

on the OWU Campus on Sunday, August 31. In preparation for this, a group of people assembled 150 Welcome Bags labeled "Come see how we ROLL at First Baptist," which included a tootsie roll, a granola bar, chips and chocolate kisses. Thank you to Larry Faulk, Debbie, Gabe & Will Fogle, Jane Moore, Lana Palmer, and Jennifer Turner for stuffing the bags. A special thanks to Pam & Larry for getting the supplies, Debbie for making the labels, and Larry for having new church "calling" cards printed up as well as updating the church brochure. Several of us will be on the campus for the event to welcome the new students and invite them to visit First Baptist. The hope is that we will see some OWU students over the next weeks and we know that you will make them feel welcome.

Personals




- Phil Mercer took an extended motorcycle trip to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and then a 17-day trip out west. Ask him about bison in Montana.
- The Turners vacationed at Lake Cumberland on a houseboat.
- Claire Turner took a trip to West Virginia.
- Jeanne Ekelberry will have eye surgery in September. Please keep her in your prayers.

- Bev Cox traveled to California for a class reunion. The trip also included a visit to The Price Is Right tv show.
- Lana Palmer had sinus surgery and came home and then went back to the hospital with complications. She is now on the mend and thanks everyone for their cards and prayers.
- Genevieve Peterson fell and broke her knee cap. She has been immobilized but appreciates visits and phone calls.
- Bertha VanBrimmer was in the ER briefly but is back at Sarah Moore. Pastor Brown has visited her and says she would appreciate visits and phone calls.
- Dan and Sherry Chambers's grandson is recovering from brain surgery. They appreciate our prayers.
- It was good to see Ken Frische and Christina Kilhefner back in church recently after their long medical absences.
- Nevin Gabriel, brother to Carol Serviss and Janet Lathrop, recently passed away. We offer them and their families our condolences and prayers.

– Pam Faulk, Personals Editor

September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Labor Day 1 	2	3 7:00 Choir	4	5	6
Rally Day 7 9:15 Opening Exercises 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship; sermon: "Get Out of the Boat", Matthew 14:22-33 	8 7:00 Deacons	9	10 7:00 Choir	11 7:00 Parish Council	12	13 6:00 Pink Piggy Party
14 9:15 Opening Exercises 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship' sermon: "Welcome to the Banyan", Ephesians 5:25-27	15	16	17 7:00 Choir	18	19	20 8:00 ABM
International Day of Prayer for Peace 21 9:15 Opening Exercises 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with guest pastor Rev. Alvin Cox Last day to submit newsletter articles.	22	First Day of Autumn 23 	24 7:00 Choir	25	26	27 8:30 All-church leadership retreat (until noon)
28 9:15 Opening Exercises 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship; sermon: "This Little Light of Mine", Matthew 5:14,15 4:00 Marion Assoc. Fall Rally October newsletter available today.	29	30	October 1 7:00 Choir	2	3	4

Good News Letter

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The Missional Church

The Pastoral Search Committee has been commissioned and will now begin the process, which will include gaining information from the congregation as to how you see the mission of the church. So, I thought it would be helpful to look at what a *missional church* should look like.

The *missional church* is about the missionary nature of God. However, the church must not be seen as a place where "religious goods and services" are provided, but instead it should be understood as the "gathered and sent" people of God.

The *missional church* is about the church being *incarnational* rather than *attractional*. The church sees its primary function as one of actively moving into a community to embody the word, deed and life of Jesus. Eugene Peterson's "incarnational" rendering of John 1:14 in the Message illustrates this well when it states, "The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood."

The *missional church* understands its fundamental purpose as being rooted in God's mission to restore and heal creation and to call people into a reconciled relationship with himself. It is God's mission that calls the church into existence.

It might be helpful to look at some of the differences between a maintenance church and a *missional church*.

In measuring its effectiveness, the maintenance church asks, "How many visitors have we *attracted*?"

The *missional church* asks, "How many members have we *sent*?"

When contemplating some form of change, the maintenance church says, "If this proves upsetting to any of our members, we won't do it." The *missional church* says, "If this will help us *bless and touch someone outside of our faith community, we will take the risk and do it.*"

When thinking about change, the majority of members in a maintenance church ask, "How will this affect me?" The majority of members in the *missional church* ask, "Will this help align our activities around the *missio dei* — the mission of God?"

When thinking of its vision for ministry, the maintenance church says, "We have to be faithful to our past." The *missional church* says, "We have to be faithful to our future."

When confronted with a legitimate pastoral concern, the pastor in the maintenance church asks, "How can I meet this need?" The pastor in the *missional church* asks, "How can **we** meet this need?"

The leadership style in the maintenance church is primarily managerial, where leaders try to keep everything in order and running smoothly. *The leadership style in a missional church is primarily transformational, casting a vision of what can be, and working to bring the vision into reality.*

The maintenance church is concerned with their congregation, its organizations and structure, its constitutions and committees. *The missional church is concerned with the culture, with understanding how people outside the church think. It tries to determine their needs and their points of accessibility to the Gospel.*

The maintenance church looks at the community and asks, "How can we get these people to come to our church?" The *missional church* asks, "How can we go and be engaged with these people?"

The maintenance church thinks about how to save their congregation. *The missional church thinks about how to extend the Kingdom of God.*

The maintenance church seeks to attract others to their church building. *The missional church seeks to engage others as the church.*

The question for us at First Baptist is, "What kind of church do we want to be?"

Blessings,



Pastor Ellen



OCTOBER

World Communion Sunday

On Sunday, October 5, we will join sister Christian churches around the world in celebrating World Communion Sunday. It started in 1933 at a Presbyterian church in Pittsburgh, which eventually spread to other Presbyterian churches and then other denominations. Since 1940 it has been celebrated worldwide. During the month of October we will receive the World Mission Offering and highlight some of our American Baptist International global mission work. Our worship on October 5 will have an international emphasis and will conclude with a very meaningful Communion service.

ABC of Ohio Annual Gathering

Encounter, Experience, Embrace is the theme for this year's Annual Gathering October 14 & 15. The theme is based on Isaiah 6:1-8. Jane Moore and Pastor Ellen will be attending and representing our church.

Missionaries' Prayer Need

Earlier this month we received a message from Emerson and Ivy Wu, the missionaries we help to support as they minister in Macau. They had returned to the United States to attend the International Ministries 200th Anniversary event at Green Lake.

They told of being in sessions with other returning missionaries. One of the issues was "where is our home?" Many have left children and elderly parents behind. Not only do the missionaries miss their families, those left behind are wondering where "is" home now. Many tears were shed as they shared their heartbreaks.



Emerson and Ivy Wu

PRAYER LIST

This list is prepared by the Deacons. Prayer requests will be removed after 2 months unless "renewed". Please send changes to Larry Faulk (Lfaulk01@aol.com).

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer	
The Deacons	Don Elliott	Health issues	
	Riedmiller Family	Condolences	
	Ken Frische	Surgery recovery	
	Christina Kilhefner	Transplant recovery	
	Bertha Van Brimmer	Health issues	
	Penny Hagaman	Health issues	
	Steve Baker	Health issues	
	Fran Cook	Heart problems	
	Bora Porter (Janet's daughter)	A patient at Childrens' Hospital	
	Betty Porter	Health issues	
	Betty Porter	Joe DeGenova	Recovering from surgery
	Beth Trigg	Joy McAfee	Cancer

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

They began to wonder about "what is home?" Is home a physical building/place? Do missionaries consider themselves homeless? Where is our home?

Although they were heartened by the counseling they gave each other, they still carry those heartaches as they return to the Mission Field. Please pray that there would be a measure of comfort meted to those who "go" and those who stay behind.

– Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

Unique Mission Opportunity!

On Sunday morning, October 19, our congregation will be privileged to host a visiting missionary! New to the Mission Field, Jeni Pedzinski will be with us to share her call to serve in Thailand. She will be the senior administrator of the New Life Center Foundation (NLCF) there. NLCF serves young ethnic minority (tribal) women who are at risk for, or victims of human trafficking, forced labor and sexual abuse. Residents

are provided with shelter, education, vocational and life skills training and legal assistance. Over the past several years, new treatment methodologies for victims have been implemented, including art, dance, and music therapy.



Jeni Pedzinski

With degrees in development and Christian theology, Jeni will provide support to NLCF staff in administration, Christian discipleship and financial literacy. She will be responsible for writing grants, overseeing outcome management, and leading public relations. She will work to expand scholarship programs, economic development initiatives and financial literacy curriculum while providing Christian discipleship to staff and program beneficiaries.

– Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

CROP Walk

This year's Delaware CROP Hunger Walk has been set for Sunday, October 12th at 2:00 pm (registration begins at 1:30 pm).

The walk will kick off from the Benes Rooms in the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center at Ohio Wesleyan. It will conclude there with light refreshments.

If you would like further information, please contact:

Lisa Ho, Associate Chaplain, OWU
Cell: 740-815-8088
Office: 740-368-3089

– Jane Moore

Church World Service Update

This past summer we had two special offerings. There were no envelopes in the pew racks; instead there was a blanket draped over a railing in the front of the sanctuary. Both times we were privileged to pin our cash and/or checks to Church World Service in honor or in memory of loved ones.

On Blanket Sunday, the money helped to buy blankets and kits for affected families in the Colorado area where floods and wildfires raged. Help also went to 13 other states in response to emergencies, as well as for distribution through homeless shelters and for refugees.

Tools of Hope sent implements around the world to various mission projects for building homes and encouraging crop planting.

There is a lovely certificate on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room; it expresses the gratitude of Church World Service on behalf of those who benefited by our donations.

Thank you for your unflagging generosity.

– Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

World Mission Offering

Almost 2,000 years ago, the Apostle Paul saw a vision of a man saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

Today, that same call is being echoed all over the world – from Myanmar and Brazil to South Africa and Macau. People are crying out for the hope and light of the gospel in a world darkened by sin.

At First Baptist Church of Delaware we're committed to Jesus' Great Commission to "make disciples of all the nations..." (Matt. 28:19) One of the practical ways we can do this is by supporting our annual World Mission Offering.

During worship this month, we'll learn about the World Mission Offering. Pastor Ellen will be speaking about the theme "Rise to the Challenge", and the Macedonian Vision found in Acts 16.

Together, we'll have our hearts touched by the spiritual needs around the world. **Together**, we'll see how International Ministries is working to place and sustain missionaries around the world.

Together, we'll be inspired to apply the biblical principles of Acts 16 to our daily lives.

And **Together**, we'll celebrate how our World Mission Offering gifts make possible the ministries of 114 long-term IM missionaries and more than 1,800 short-term missionaries and volunteers working with more than 200 partner organizations in more than 70 countries.

Our goal this year is \$600. Please join me as we gain a deeper understanding of International Ministries and of how others (and we ourselves!) will be blessed through our World Mission Offering giving.

– Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator



Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| Oct. | 1 | Bruce Bowman
Kathy Chesser |
| | 2 | Christina Kilhefner |
| | 3 | Janet Lathrop
Jarrod & Nichelle Trigg
Tim & Kathy Chesser |
| | 4 | Ellen Brown |
| | 7 | Ann Brown |
| | 11 | Sally Williams |
| | 16 | Taylor Trigg |
| | 20 | Jim Brown
Genevieve Peterson |
| | 21 | Emily McKendrick |
| | 24 | Emily Bowman
Sherry Chambers |
| | 28 | Bora Porter
Ed Linn |
| | 30 | Jean Osborne |
| | 31 | Melissa Claire Turner |

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Help Wanted!

Do you have a heart to serve the church but not alot of time? Here is an opportunity for you. The monthly Church Newsletter is prepared on the Saturday before the last Sunday of the month. I have been doing this for a couple of years and am looking for someone to take it on. It requires about 1 1/2 hours per month and includes making copies of the newsletter, printing and attaching labels and stuffing envelopes. It would be a great family project! If you are interested please contact me at church or by phone: (740) 815-6359.

– Pam Shears

Nominees Needed

As we prepare nominations for next years officers, we are in need of a few nominations. If you are interested in being nominated for assistant moderator, deacon, trustee, or board of education member,

please contact one of the nominating committee members: Pam Shears, Dave Lovell, Ken Shears, or Larry Faulk.

Search Committee

The Search Committee had it's organizational meeting with Jane Gibbons Sunday, September 14. Larry Faulk was chosen as the chair. Jane provided us with materials, suggestions and great advice as to how best to move ahead.

We have committed to a plan of communication with the church membership all along the way of our process via articles in the newsletter and announcements during church service. We will also be asking you for valuable input as we prepare a Welcome Packet for candidates.

– Pam Shears



Sharing with the Search Committee

Our Pastoral Search Committee invites you to join us for a potluck lunch on **Sunday, October 5** after the worship service to help gather information that will be valuable to us as we begin our search for our next pastor.

TELLING OUR CHURCH'S HISTORY

The topic of our gathering will be **Telling Our Church's History**. Everyone in the church has played a role in making its history. And everyone has stories to tell about their memories here. Before we meet, please think about the following questions. If you have time to jot down answers, it would be helpful. But if not, just consider the questions and come prepared to share at least one story. If you have

pictures, articles, or other memorabilia you'd like to share from the church's history, please bring them. We'll be in small groups, so everyone will have an opportunity to share.

- What brought you to our church? What made the church attractive to you? Who were the people who influenced your decision to become part of the church?
- Most people go to church, at least in part, because they love seeing their friends and doing fun things with them. Tell about something fun you and others did at or with our church.
- A church is generally a *family* of believers. Tell about a time when you especially needed the family's help. How did the church express Christian love and give you the help you needed?
- Just as life in the *family* isn't always easy or happy, so it is in the church. Tell about a sad or very difficult experience you had in your years at our church. What do you wish the church had done differently? What has caused you to stay in the church, even through a difficult time?

As a body of believers, the church is the place where our Christian faith is nurtured. Who are/were some of the people in our church who have helped your faith grow and mature? Tell what they did that makes them memorable.

Thanks for sharing your memories with the Search Committee and with our church family. We look forward to hearing your stories!

Thanks,

– Larry Faulk

Volunteers For October

A big thank you to those who have volunteered for this month. We still need volunteers for Kid Connection for Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Dec. 21, Jan. 4, Jan. 25, March 1, Apr. 5, Apr. 12, and May 3. All other slots for the year are filled in! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Don't forget that men and choir

October Sermon Titles and Scriptures

October 5

One Loaf

1 Corinthians 10:17

World Communion Sunday

October 12

Crossing Borders

Mark 7:14-20

October 19

Jeni Pedzinski, ABC Missionary

October 26

Rise to the Challenge

Acts 16:6-10

Church Directory Update

Please update your copy of the 2014 Directory.

Chad & Christina Kilhefner

75 Weeping Willow Run Drive
Johnstown, Ohio 43031
740-966-5513 (home phone)

members can also help out with Kid Connection.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Oct. 5 – Melissa Mercer

Oct. 12 – Erin Faulk

Oct. 19 – Debbie Fogle

Oct. 26 – Carol Grubbs

KID CONNECTION

Oct. 5 – Carol Grubbs

Oct. 12 – Jennifer Turner

Oct. 19 – Larry Faulk

Oct. 26 – Debbie Fogle and sons

– Pam Faulk

Join the Choir!

Do you like to sing? Did you participate in the "Impromptu Choir" during the summer? Please consider joining our choir. We practice for one

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hour each Wednesday night at 7:00. Please give me a call if you might be interested.

– *Jim Stephenson, Director*
740-972-4364

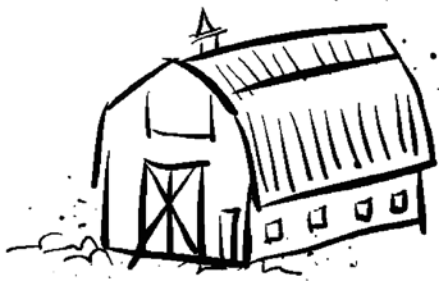
Party at the Farm

The Chambers invite you to join them at the third annual Party at the Farm! It will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11 starting at 5 pm at the Chambers farm, 4499 Cackler Road, Delaware (about 6 miles northeast of the church).

Food, drinks, live band (“Big Al and the Capitol City Players”), bonfire, hay rides, cornhole, pumpkin painting and more — fun for the whole family!

Please bring lawn chairs and dress appropriately for the fall weather.

If the weather is questionable, call (614) 937-6615 after 2 pm the day of the party for a recorded message about whether or not the party is on.



Personals

- George Riedmiller’s father, George Sr., passed away. We offer our condolences and our prayers to the family.
- Jeanne Ekelberry is undergoing a series of eye surgeries.
- Lana Palmer got good news back from her test results.
- Christina Kilhefner was back in the hospital recently but is now doing better.
- Claire Turner sustained a concussion from being hit with a volleyball, but has been recovering.
- Matt Lovell visited from California in September.
- Chuck Brown, son of Ann and Jim, visited recently from Japan.
- Jerry and Lana Palmer took a trip to Michigan.
- Beth Trigg was recently pictured in a Delaware Gazette article about Family Promise.
- Peter and Linda White took a trip to Maine and got to visit with former member Cynthia Biggar and her husband Ray. Please keep Ray in your prayers, as he is having some health issues.
- Pastor Brown is expecting her fourth grandchild in February.
- Will and Gabe Fogle won several ribbons at the fair.

– *Pam Faulk, Personals Editor*

First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street
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Rev. Ellen Brown
Interim Pastor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October is Pastor Appreciation Month			1 7:00 Choir	2	3	4
			5 World Communion Sunday 9:15 Opening Exercises 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship; <i>One Loaf</i> , 1 Corinthians 10:17 12:15 Potluck Lunch – "Telling Our Church's History"	6 7:00 Board of Christian Education	7	8 7:00 Choir 7:30 Finance Committee
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Faithful Stewards

In Biblical times, stewards were important trusted servants. They were responsible for their owner's property and affairs. During the famine in Egypt, Joseph's steward was the person the brothers had to deal with, but ultimately the steward was accountable to Joseph. God treats us like stewards by giving us the responsibility of caring for his world and his people. However, we are still accountable to him as to how we fulfill his mandate. God looks for trustworthy people that he can entrust with more responsibilities and resources.

To save money, a farmer decided to cut back on the amount of wheat seeds he used at seeding time. But as the seeds sprouted and grew, he soon found out that his wheat stand was too thin and the weeds quickly took over. However, his neighbor didn't skimp on the seeding and his crop quickly grew thick enough to stay ahead of the weeds and he was able to harvest a crop. In the same way, we cannot be part-time stewards hoping that we can do or give *just* enough. God looks for hearts that are fully committed to him.

Our commitment is to Jesus Christ first. The stewardship of all that we

have is a small token of gratitude for what God has done for us. It is also a visible expression of our trust in him. However, giving back to God is not payback. We are also committed to this local body of Christ, First Baptist Delaware.



November

2014 is quickly fading away, the holidays will soon be upon us and then a new year will begin. As the church, we are to be good stewards of what God has given us, first as individuals, and then as a congregation. Stewardship is an act of worship that involves our time, talents and finances and God expects us to use all of them wisely.

We continue to be in a time of transition — waiting hopefully and expectantly for what the Lord has in store for us. However, transition denotes movement of some kind and, hopefully, that movement is forward, not backwards. It's an exciting time to be partnering with

God for the future.

In November, we celebrate a time of giving thanks to God for all he has blessed us with. It's also the time when our church begins to plan for ministry needs in the coming year. We have just gone through a process of looking at our strengths as well as our challenges, assessing our needs, and setting some ministry goals. Now we must determine how best to meet the needs of those within the church as well as those outside our walls. In the next month, the congregation is asked to consider how much each individual can commit of their time, talents and finances to the ongoing ministries of the church. This is an important decision and one that should not be entered into lightly or quickly.

Do you have the gifts and abilities to fill some open positions on our ministry boards? Can you give time to one of our ongoing ministries? Are you passionate about some area of ministry in which our church could be involved?

The church needs vital growing disciples who are willing to serve Christ in a variety of areas. In worship on October 26, you will receive a **Stewardship Covenant Form for 2015**, which involves five areas of commitment to our mutual ministry. Four of them involve your time and talents. *"Each one you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace..."* 1 Peter 4:10

However, we do need your financial gifts as well because ministry cannot happen without resources.

Next Month

The December newsletter will be one week earlier than usual because Advent begins in November.

Articles must be submitted by November 16.

Deuteronomy 16:17 says, "Each one is to bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you." I ask you to prayerfully consider how God has blessed you and ask him to help you determine how much you can commit to giving of yourself to help further his kingdom. Remember, giving is an act of faith!

Paul writes, "We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that the supreme power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Corinthians 4:7). The treasure that he is referring to is the gospel, which is our greatest treasure and all others pale in significance. Each one of us must decide how much we are willing to participate in seeing that the gospel continues. We continue to stand on a growing edge as a church and the challenge is whether or not we will allow ourselves to be used by God.

Let's all be faithful stewards, so that one day the Lord can say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant."



Pastor Ellen
Interim Pastor

Guest Preacher

On November 16, we will welcome Rev. Dr. David Brown to our pulpit. Dave is the husband of our current Interim Pastor. He will be preaching on *Treasure in the Field*.

David, a native of Michigan, was born into an American Baptist pastor's family and is a graduate of Michigan State University (B.A.), Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div.), Princeton Theological Seminary (Th.M.), Temple University (Ph.D.), and the Certificate program of the Interim Ministries Network (in 2007). He was ordained by the Stelton Baptist Church of Edison, NJ, where he pastored for 5½ years. The Browns were then called to the Sunland Baptist Church in southern California where they ministered for 9½ years.

In 1995, David and Ellen were commissioned as American Baptist missionaries to the International

Baptist Theological Seminary in Prague, Czech Republic. David held the position of Director of Continuing Education, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology, and was a member of the seminary's Directorate. During that time, he traveled widely throughout Europe, leading seminars and teaching. In July of 2000, the Browns joined the home staff of International Ministries, where David designed the *Global Specialist* initiative and led the *Mission Explosion* team, he founded and directed the part-time *Russian Institute of Preaching* where he trained 21 preaching teachers for the Russian Baptist Union. He remains a Visiting Lecturer at the International Baptist Theological Seminary (now in the Netherlands) and *Global Consultant for Preaching* with International Ministries. Dave also served as the Executive Director of the American Baptist Theological Center at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena. He has served as interim pastor at First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, PA, Lansdowne Baptist Church of Lansdowne, PA, First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, First Baptist Church of Twin Falls, Idaho, Granada Hills Baptist Church in Granada Hills, CA, Market Street Baptist Church in Zanesville, OH, and, First Baptist Church of Lebanon, NH. Just prior to

his ministry in Lebanon, he served as Interim Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island. He is currently serving his second interim pastorate at the First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland.

Dr. Brown's first book, *Dramatic Narrative in Preaching*, was published by Judson Press in 1981. His major preaching textbook, *Transformational preaching: Theory and practice*, was released in 2003 (in both English and Russian), and its revised English edition was published in February of 2008. An abridged version of this text (*Transformational Preaching: The Basics*) was completed in 2010, and his fourth book, *All the Parables of Jesus: a Guide to Discovery*, was released in July of 2012.

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, November 23 is our annual **Stewardship Sunday**. In preparation for that day, a **Stewardship Covenant** form will be handed out and explained on Sunday, October 26. (For those not in worship that morning, forms will be included in your November newsletter.)

The covenant involves 5 areas of commitment (worship, hospitality, faith development, mission &

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service and financial.) Each area has a personal covenant commitment statement that is between the individual and God. However, we are in community so, it is also a commitment to the whole body. You will also be asked to check opportunities in which you already are or would like to be involved. In planning for new opportunities, you may check areas in which you have an interest and/or would like to hear more about it. This will help our ministry boards determine future programming.

Everyone in the congregation above Middle School is asked to prayerfully consider your responses and to bring the form on Stewardship Sunday, which is November 23rd at which time we will commit ourselves and our resources to continued future ministry. (If you are unable to be present on that day, please mail your commitment form to the church no later than November 30.)

November 23 is also **Thanksgiving Sunday** so, as we give thanks to God for all of his gifts to us, we will also dedicate our time, talents and resources to Him.

May it be said of First Baptist Delaware, *Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the LORD with a whole heart.*
1 Chronicles 29:9a

Get Connected Slips

The yellow *Get Connected* Slips in our weekly worship bulletins serve many important purposes. It provides guests an immediate way to give us their contact information so that the pastor can immediately follow up with a welcome letter as well as any ongoing contact.

This slip is also the means by which we update the church Prayer List each Sunday. Our Prayer List provides current requests, praises, answers to prayers and ongoing prayer needs. It's very helpful to have these requests in writing so that we have the specific information, the correct spelling of names

and the name of the person who submitted the request.

Whether or not you share your requests verbally in the worship service, you are asked to please put it on the *Get Connected* slip and put it in the offering plate. If something is shared verbally but we do not receive it in writing, we have to assume that you do not want it on the printed Prayer List.

Lastly, with the *Get Connected* slip we are able to collect needed information, such as who and how many will be attending any upcoming events. So, this small slip of yellow paper is very important and helpful to our ongoing ministry.

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). Place your orders with Melissa Mercer or Jim Stephenson by Sunday, Nov. 23.

Leadership Retreat Gets Results

At the end of the all-church leadership retreat on September 27, each board met separately with others filling in who were not on a board. We were focusing on what we felt were significant needs in the church. Each group was asked to come up with three goals to be considered for the next few months and then to set in motion action plans for those goals. Members of the Board of Christian Education, along with a few other attendees, arrived at the following goals to be pursued in the next few months.

1. More youth activities

At that meeting we were able to plan a movie night at the church for our youth. This occurred on October

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

16 and was very well attended. We do intend to plan more youth activities throughout the year and have requested more money in the church budget for activities.

2. Pursue a "Youth Pastor."

Pastor Ellen has already talked to Tammy Wilder at Methesco. We need to come up with a job description. Melissa Mercer also has a friend who might be able to give us some advice.

3. Sunday School Service Project.

We planned a church clean-up day which occurred on October 18. We also are sponsoring the "Change Your Clock And Bring Your Change To Church Sunday" to be held on November 2. (See the separate article about this.) A big thank you goes out to the 12 people who showed up for the clean-up day.

Change Your Clock and Bring Your Change to Church

The following came from the Oct. 19 lesson from the Judson adult Bible series "Journeys" which the Adult I class is using this quarter. I have checked with class members and also members of the Adult II class, and we would like to sponsor this project.

"A staggering 14 million children, newborn to age 18, in the U.S. and

Puerto Rico struggle with poverty and poverty-related issues.

Children in Poverty (CIP) is an initiative of American Baptist Home Mission Societies, ABC Churches, USA. It encourages and equips American Baptists to respond to the needs of children in poverty through ministries of caring and prophetic justice.

The Penny Project seeks to raise awareness of the extent of child poverty throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico, and to raise support for programs and ministries responding to the needs of children in poverty. Inspired by the example of the youth of First Baptist Church in New London, New Hampshire, who raised 60,000 pennies to represent the number of children living in poverty in their state, ABC Home Mission Societies is encouraging the youth of ABC churches USA to raise 14 million pennies to represent the number of children living in poverty in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

Churches are encouraged to have a Change-Your-Clock-and-Bring-Your-Change-to-Church Sunday twice a year. In 2014, there is an opportunity to hold one of these events on November 2."

So, our Sunday school classes are opening this up for the entire church. On November 2, when Daylight Savings Time ends, we ask that you come forward during the worship service that morning and put all your change in the jar, not just pennies. Let's see how much we can raise for this cause!

– Pam Faulk

Nominations Needed

The nominating committee is still in need of some officers for 2015. If you are interested in serving as assistant moderator, assistant treasurer, trustee, Board of Christian Education member, or deacon, please let us know. Please contact Ken Shears, Dave Lovell, Pam Shears, or me of your interest.

– Larry Faulk

Critical Search Committee Event

On Sunday, November 9th, the Search Committee will host a very important "Core Values" meeting after the worship service. Rev. Jane Gibbons will lead us in a review of our "Core Values at FBC" in preparation for our church profile to be used in the pastoral search. A light "soup and sandwich" lunch will be provided. Your participation is critical to the search process.

– Larry Faulk
Search Committee Chair

Deacon's Goals

At the leadership retreat, Sept. 27, the board of deacons set three goals to be addressed in the next four months. The first is to create a drawing of the church's floor plan. This drawing would be incorporated into a welcome brochure for visitors indicating where important areas of the church are and their functions. A second goal is to determine and fulfill a "Sunday School service project". The Board of Christian Education also has this as a goal which suggests that we might find a couple of projects to support. The third goal was to support and work closely with the board of Christian education in seeking to secure a youth coordinator/facilitator to work with our youth. If you have an interest in helping with these goals, your ideas are appreciated. If you would like to join the board of deacons as a member, please let me know.

– Larry Faulk

Personals

• Bertha Van Brimmer fell and broke her hip on Sept. 28. She had surgery the next day and came through well. She went back to Sarah Moore but to the skilled care unit for a while for rehab. Pastor Ellen has been to see her and Bertha is improving. Please remember Bertha with your cards, prayers, phone calls and visits.

• Jerry and Lana Palmer's daughter

November Sermon Titles and Scripture

November 2

How Many Times is Enough?
Matthew 18:21-35

November 9

Are You a Stigweard?
Matt 6:19-21, Luke 12:13-21

November 16

Treasure in the Field
Matthew 13:44
Rev. Dr. David Brown, preaching

November 23

Name Your Blessings One by One
Luke 17:11-17
Thanksgiving & Stewardship
Covenant Sunday

November 30

You Better Watch Out!
Luke 19:1-8
1st Sunday of Advent

Jennifer was in a car accident and received bumps and bruises mostly to her head and leg from the air bag, but no serious injuries.

• Genevieve Peterson has returned to church and thanks everyone for their cards and prayers.

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- Jeanne Ekelberry has had two glaucoma surgeries and will have two cataract surgeries in November. She thanks everyone for their help.
- Erin Faulk fell down several steps and injured her back but is slowly improving.
- Pam and Larry Faulk have closed up their trailer at Geneva- on-the-Lake for the winter and took a driving trip around Michigan.
- Ken Frische fell and broke his shoulder blade. He is improving but has to wear a sling which makes it difficult to maneuver with his walker.
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson are celebrating the birth of a third great-grandchild in Oklahoma named Elena.
- Claire Turner sang a solo at the Hayes choir concert recently. Claire is a member of the symphonic choir and the prestigious show choir.
- Mary Lou Lovell's sister Raeleen George recently visited and played the piano for our worship service. Will Fogle played a violin prelude at that same service.
- Jerry and Lana Palmer traveled to Gatlinburg, Tennessee.
- Pastor Ellen and Jane Moore represented our church at the ABC Ohio gathering in October.
- Jeni Pedzinski, a new missionary, spoke during our Sunday school time and our morning worship on October 19. A number of our church fellowship also enjoyed having lunch with her after church.
- Sam and Lindley Chesser are expecting their first child in May.

– Pam Faulk, Personals' Editor

Save the Date

Andrews House reminds us that the annual Christmas Cupboard fundraising event will be on Saturday, December 6th from 9am–3pm. We'll have more info in next month's newsletter.

Trustees' Goals from Leadership Retreat

At the recent leadership retreat each board was asked to list three goals that would be completed during the last quarter of 2014.

The Board of Trustees list is as follows:

1. Repair of steps on southeast corner of the church.
2. Improved lighting over the altar area.
3. With the extra grassy area that became a reality with the old parsonage being torn down it will be necessary to purchase a new self propelled mulching lawn mower.

Respectfully submitted by

*– Jerry Palmer
Chairman Bd. of Trustees*

Mission Update

What an amazing congregation we are! The Lord has touched hearts (and wallets!) and we have surpassed our goal for the World Fellowship Offering! As of Sunday, October 19, we have received \$717... and there's one more Sunday to go! Randy challenged us to raise the goal to \$750. We can DO it!

*– Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator*

Jeni Pedzinski

Once again the Lord has blessed our fellowship with a visit by one of our aspiring Missionary candidates. Jeni Pedzinski visited Delaware and spoke to us on Sunday, October 19. She told of her call to the mission field. She also explained the process she is experiencing whereby she goes from church to church, raising her support money. Jeni was truly called by the Lord, and she is eagerly looking forward to being part of the staff at the New Life Center Foundation in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

The Center serves young ethnic minority (tribal) women who are at risk for, or victims of, human

trafficking, forced labor, and sexual abuse. Residents are provided with shelter, education, vocational and life skills training, and legal assistance.

Jeni is uniquely qualified to provide support to NLCF staff in areas of administration, Christian discipleship, and financial literacy. She will be responsible for writing grants, overseeing outcome management, and leading public relations — among many other duties and opportunities.

Let us, as a church, pray about being one of Jeni's supporters as she ventures into this mission field. We already send money each month to Emerson and Ivy Wu who are ministering in Macau. Surely we can stretch our means and be part of Jeni's important work in Thailand.

*– Jane Moore
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2 9:15 Opening Exercises 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	3	Election Day 4 	5 7:00 Choir	6	7	8
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There are two births of Christ, one into the world in Bethlehem; the other in the soul, when it is spiritually reborn. We think of the former much more than the latter and celebrate it every year, but the spiritual Bethlehem is equally momentous. It was this second birth that Paul, the Apostle, insisted on when he wrote from prison to the church in Ephesus, asking that Christ dwell in their hearts by faith and that they be rooted and grounded in love. This is the second Bethlehem, or the personal relationship of the individual heart to the Lord Christ.

—Fulton J. Sheen

When we understand Christmas properly, we see beyond the tinsel and sparkle of a festive holiday. We journey like Mary and Joseph to a quiet place where a second Bethlehem exists. It is a journey of our soul's desire to know personally the One sent among us. Through faith, we look up into the heavens and see with our own eyes the stars the Wise Men saw. We look for direction of a single light that penetrates our own darkness and leads us to a place where we are blessed to welcome the Savior of the world into our own individual soul.

Unless we can be as sensitive as Mary and Joseph to a heavenly visitation or as dedicated to seeking

Next Month's Newsletter

The January newsletter will be prepared one week later than our usual schedule (so we don't have to work on it during Christmas week).

Christ as the Wise men or as willing as the shepherds to go tell what God has done, then we are in danger of missing the true meaning of Christmas. Some people will mark Christmas as an annual celebration that is put away like the decorations with little thought until next year.



December

But, for Christians, the incarnation means that we are changed by the One who comes to bring new life and new beginnings.

The message of Christmas is that God waded into the darkness of the world with his presence known fully in Jesus Christ. To accept that gift into our hearts is to embrace a whole new beginning, a whole new way of looking at the world around us. The greatest part of Christmas is the realization that our Creator God loves us and he sent us a personal description of that love in the person of Jesus Christ.

Advent helps us to ponder the miraculous ways of God. We experience joy that comes out of nowhere into our hearts, the cosmic God of the ages speaking softly in the cry of a baby in a manger. This knowledge is greater than all gifts and gives us much to celebrate. During Christmas, we are the most joyous of all people as we gather to proclaim "Emmanuel... God with us!"

During this time of Advent, my prayer is that God will illumine your life as powerfully as those who made the trip to the manger. I pray that you will allow the love God has shared with us to be your guide and that you will, in turn, share it with others. Be bold in inviting someone to accompany you to one of our Advent worship services, the Christmas Program, Caroling in the Neighborhood, and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Your invitation may be the beginning of a whole new journey of faith for someone else.

Whatever way you prepare your journey toward Christmas, the discipline of constantly opening yourself up to God's gift in Jesus makes this season not only fun, but holy. May our openness to receiving the hope, joy, peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ, continually break into our darkness and surprise us with his light just when we need it most. Christ is born... God is revealed! Rejoice!

Pastor Ellen
Interim Pastor

Christmas Piano Music

Beginning Sunday, November 30 and every Sunday during Advent, Peter White will be playing piano Christmas music 10:30–10:40 a.m. in the sanctuary. Come enjoy this time of listening to well-loved Christmas carols.



Christmas Program

On Sunday, December 14, everyone is invited to an impromptu telling of the Christmas story. This “live nativity” requires no rehearsal — just your presence.

Come to the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. for coffee, juice and pastries. We will gather in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. to be part of this retelling of “the greatest story ever told,” which will include the Biblical narrative, costumes and carols. This includes all of our congregation.

There will be no separate Sunday School classes that day.



Favorite Hymns

During the month of January, we will be singing favorite hymns of the congregation. Please indicate your favorite hymn on the yellow Get Connected slip any Sunday during December. As many as possible will be included and sung during our worship services in January.



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Prayer Shawl Ministry

Genevieve Peterson recently made her 49th prayer shawl, which was given to Ken Frische as a gift from the church. A card signed by church members accompanied the shawl. You can see a picture of it on our church Facebook page (First Baptist Church, Delaware, OH).

Making prayer shawls has been an ongoing ministry of our church. Four other shawls have been given to members of our congregation including Jimmie Moore, Don Williams, Christine Kilhefner and Betty Porter. As a prayer shawl is being created, the maker prays for the one who will receive, which sometimes is known and other times is not.

If you crochet or knit and would be interested in learning about making prayer shawls and being part of this important care ministry, please contact Genevieve.

Search Committee Update

If you were unable to attend the “Core Values” event on Nov. 9, we still need your input. Please see me for a copy of the questions to enter your thoughts on our core values.

Today, we are passing out the “What We Need Our Pastor To Do” survey. Please choose your top 8 responses and return it to me or place it in the “Pastoral Search” box in the Welcome Center.

– Larry Faulk
Search Committee Chair



World Mission Offering — Final Update!

When Randy Turner challenged our congregation to strive to go beyond our goal of \$600, we were “up” for it! With the goal raised to \$750, contributions continued to come in. We thought we had ‘iced’ it by the end of October, but then, on November 2 the children’s special boxes were added to the new total. Final figure stands at \$771.03! Praise the Lord for the kindness and generosity of our caring family.

– Jane Moore, Mission Coordinator

Advent Services and Events

Sunday, November 30

First Sunday of Advent: **HOPE**
Piano Christmas Music 10:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 am
"You Better Watch Out"
Luke 19:1-8

Friday, December 5

Delaware First Friday Outreach 6:00–8:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 7

Second Sunday of Advent: **PEACE**
Piano Christmas Music 10:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
"All I Want for Christmas"
Matthew 2:1,2, 7-11
Communion
Fellowship Time following worship
Caroling in the Neighborhood 3:30–5:30 pm

Sunday, December 14

Christmas Program 9:15 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent: **JOY**
Piano Christmas Music 10:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
"Do You See What I See?"
Luke 2:22-33

Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent: **LOVE**
Piano Christmas Music 10:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
"Will You Miss Christmas?"
John 1:1-5, 10-14

Wednesday, December 24

Music Preludes 6:45 p.m.
Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 28

"The Cost of Faithfulness" Luke 9:23

Sunday, January 4

"Looking Back, Looking Ahead"
Colossians 3:12-17
Communion
Fellowship Time following worship

Retired Ministers And Missionaries Offering

Each year in December, we — as a part of ABC-USA — promote a special offering. It is a way of saying "Thank You" to the faithful servants who have served our denomination through the years. Retired ministers and missionaries each receive a check, a token to let them know we haven't forgotten them and their years of devotion to spreading God's word.

Last year there were 3,370 retired ministers, missionaries, and widowed spouses — and the purse was \$660,077 to be divided among them. The average check was for \$198.54.

Our own Sophia Stephenson is one of the recipients, and now that Tim has retired, he, too, will receive a modest check.

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering will be received during the month of December. Our goal is, once again, \$600. We ask that you give generously to these faithful servants of the Lord.

– Jane Moore, Missions Coordinator

Mission Update: Andrews House

Here are a couple of opportunities at Andrews House:



1. We've been invited to participate in their *Lights of Love* remembrance project by 'purchasing' a light to be placed on their *Lights of Love* tree. The tree will be displayed throughout the holidays as a way of expressing your appreciation for those you love and cherish, while also providing hope and help to those less fortunate in our community.

Brochures for this project are available on the table in the Narthex (Welcome Center)

2. The Christmas Cupboard will be held once again. All proceeds benefit Andrews House and their programs. The date is Saturday, December 6 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be a Preview on Friday evening, December 5, from 6 – 9 p.m.

We are asked to bake cookies and other baked goods. They may be dropped off at Andrews House on Friday, December 5 — anytime between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

There are flyers on the table in the Narthex, as well as a poster on the board in the Gathering Room.

– Jane Moore, Mission Coordinator

Holiday Wish Program

First Baptist is again sponsoring gifts for four foster children through the Holiday Wish Program through Jobs and Family Services. Please consider fulfilling a wish or two. The lists are on a poster at church. The gifts do not need to be wrapped, just labeled. Gift certificates to Walmart can be included.

We will need to deliver the gifts to J&FS on Dec. 3, so please have your contributions in on November 30 if possible.

– Larry Faulk

Birthdays and Anniversaries



We're including part of January since the next newsletter will be a week later than usual.

- Dec. 4 Erin Faulk
 5 Nathan McKendrick
 8 Phyllis Beasley
 11 Holly Kauf
 13 Geneva Evans
 15 Bud Sykes
 17 Pat Gosser
 23 Dominique DeBiasio
 24 Frances Cook
 25 Carol Grubbs
 26 Richard & Barbara Payne
 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

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Join Us for Caroling

Everyone is invited to join us for our annual caroling of our shut-ins.

The time is still being finalized, but it will probably be Sunday, Dec. 21. We'll meet at the church at 2:00, and when we're done (usually 60-90 minutes later) we'll go to the Faulk's home for refreshments.

We'll be singing familiar hymns that everyone knows, and all are welcome to join us regardless of singing ability.

– Jim Stephenson, Choir Director



Two Outreach Events

I'm sure you have noticed that lots of exciting things are going on at First Baptist Church these days, and two more very special events are now being added to the excitement — both of which, you won't want to miss!

What are these new events?

On October 26th, about ten volunteers met after church to discuss possible community outreach projects, and two special events were decided upon. These promise to be not only beneficial to our church, but fun for us as well. The first event is a unique way for First Baptist to participate in Delaware's First Friday, and the second is a caroling party!

What is the purpose of these events?

The purpose is actually two-fold: (1) to "put a face on" First Baptist so we may be better recognized by the community as to who we are and where we are located. (2) to provide an opportunity to invite others in the community to attend our beautiful Advent services.

So what are the particulars? I'm glad you asked!

1. The FIRST FRIDAY Event: Our participation is scheduled for December 5th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. A table will be set up down town (at a location to be announced as soon as we have that information) and will be "manned" by FBC volunteers. Goodie bags will be prepared which



Caroling

We will be caroling
TWICE in December.

Dec. 7: *Caroling in the neighborhood. This is new.*

Dec 21 (tentative): *Our traditional caroling of shut-ins.*

will include mini candy canes, a story of the history of candy canes, chocolates, a church calling card and an invitation to attend our Advent services. These will be given to passers-by and may prompt conversations about FBC.

To volunteer to help and to indicate times convenient for you to work, please use the Nov. 16th or Nov. 23rd

"Get Connected" forms found in the bulletins. These slips will then be compiled, and on November 30th there will be an assignment sheet posted on the easel at the front of the sanctuary to confirm time schedules for all who volunteer.

2. AND NEXT...THE CAROLING PARTY

is an event for all our adults, youth and children who like to sing the joyful songs of Christmas. We will meet at the church at 3:30 pm. on Sunday, Dec. 7. Caroling will be in the immediate neighborhood of FBC. As with First Friday, goodie bags will be provided to those who come out to welcome us. It is planned that we will be back at the church by 5:00 to enjoy hot chocolate and warm-up time until 5:30.



Let's all get on board, have some fun and ultimately make these events a resounding success!

–Lana Palmer

Hot Chocolate Makers Needed

Those who go Caroling in the Neighborhood on December 7 will

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be returning to the Fellowship Hall to warm up with hot chocolate. We are looking for volunteers to come prepare the hot chocolate and have it ready for the return of the chilly carolers around 5:00 p.m. Perhaps you have a favorite family hot chocolate recipe or the “best hot chocolate you’ve ever tasted” or just the store bought kind. No matter what – if you’re willing to help in this way, please contact Ellen Brown no later than November 30.

More Mission News

On Wednesday evening, November 12, our congregation was blessed by a visit by Matt Mann. He and his wife Lori work as development workers through International Ministries in the country of Laos. Their main focus is rescuing street children, slum children, and children of impoverished families who are targets of organized sex trafficking syndicates. Matt told of the drop-in center they have established for these children, and of the residential care for both girls and boys.

There were 17 present for the potluck dinner and the slide presentation. We were also blessed to meet Ellen’s husband, David.

– Jane Moore,
Mission Coordinator

Community Chorus

The Delaware Community Chorus will present their holiday concert, *The Very Best Time of the Year*, on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 3:00 and 5:00 in St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 45 West Winter Street. Tickets may be purchased for \$10 each from a chorus member, at the door, or at delawarechorus.org.

Volunteers

Sunday School Opening

Nov. 30 Palmers
Dec. 7 Randy Turner
Dec. 14 Board of Christian Education
Dec. 21 Erin Faulk
Dec. 28 Melissa Mercer
Jan. 4 Lovells

Kid Connection

Nov. 30 Jennifer Turner
Dec. 7 Pam Faulk
Dec. 14 Pat Gosser
Dec. 21 Erin Faulk
Dec. 28 Carol Grubbs
Jan. 4 open

A big thank you to all who volunteer!

– Pam Faulk

Thank You For Your Change

On November 2, we celebrated CHANGE -YOUR -CLOCK- BRING -YOUR -CHANGE -TO-CHURCH -DAY. We were able to send \$95.54 to International Ministries to help feed hungry children in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Be saving up your change because on March 8, we will be doing this again when we change our clocks forward.

– Pam Faulk

Personals

- Please offer condolences to the Mercer family. Phil’s father Jerry died this past month.
- Ken Frische was admitted to Grady Hospital but is back home now.
- Pam Shears broke her foot.
- Larry Faulk gave the invocation at the annual PIN luncheon and then also at the city council meeting on October 7.
- Claire Turner was inducted into the National Honor Society at Hayes.
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson were pictured in a Delaware Gazette supplement honoring couples who had been married 50 years or more.

- Pastor Ellen has been asked to teach the missions course at the ABC Ohio Leadership Academy.

- Jim and Sophia Stephenson visited the Smoky Mountains and Savannah Georgia.

– Pam Faulk
Personals Editor

Fellowship Time in December and January

Instead of our normal fellowship time after worship on December 7, we invite everyone to join our Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood from 3:30 – 5:30 with a time of refreshments and fellowship afterward in the Fellowship Hall.

For fellowship time on January 4, we invite everyone to bring their leftover New Year’s celebration snacks to share. Beverages will be provided.


First Baptist Church

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Rev. Ellen Brown
Interim Pastor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00 Deacons	2	3 7:00 Choir	4	5 6:00 FBC Outreach Event at Downtown Delaware First Friday (until 8:30)	6
Second Sunday of Advent 9:15 Opening Exercises 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Christmas Piano Music 10:45 Morning Worship 3:30 Caroling in the Neighborhood (until 5:30) 	7	8	9	10 7:00 Choir	11 6:00 Board of Christian Education at the Faulks	12 8:00 Parish Council
Third Sunday of Advent 9:15 Christmas Program 10:30 Christmas Piano Music 10:45 Morning Worship 	14	15	16	17 7:00 Choir	18 6:30 Youth Group Christmas Party (until 9:00)	19 8:00 ABM
Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:15 Opening Exercises 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Christmas Piano Music 10:45 Morning Worship 2:00 Caroling (tentative time) 3:00 & 5:00 Community Chorus at St. Peter's 	21	22	23	24 6:45 Music Preludes 7:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Christmas 25 	26 27
9:15 Opening Exercises 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles. Newsletter available January 4.</i>	28	29	30	New Year's Eve 31 	January 1 2015	2 3

Next Month: Sunday, January 4 — bring leftover holiday goodies to fellowship time.