

# Good News Letter

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## LEAKY PAINT

If you were to hike straight east about 18 miles from Jerusalem, you would come to the northern tip of a very large body of water, with a lively river flowing into it. This, of course, is the Dead Sea, which is about 31 miles from top to bottom, 9 miles wide, and 1,000 feet deep. It is 1,400 feet below sea level, and

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nine times saltier than the ocean. Subsequently, nothing grows in it or around it. It is, in actuality, *dead!*

65 miles north of the Dead Sea is the Sea of Galilee. This body of water is roughly 1/4 the size of the Dead Sea, but it is healthy, teeming with fish, and surrounded with wildlife and lush vegetation. The Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee are both connected by the same Jordan river, but one is dead and the other fully alive. What's the difference? The Sea of Galilee has water flowing *out* of it; the Dead Sea only has water flowing into it. It is dead because it has *no outlet*.

Thankfully, Jesus offers us *living water* (John 4:10), which permeates us with new life and pulsates within us in joyous freedom. His loving, living water shows itself in our friendly and welcoming congregational life: our fellowship is among the most supportive and caring I've ever seen. You enjoy being together, because, as a congregation, you

have taken it on yourselves to openly *practice* your love for each other, *keep in touch* with those you don't see in worship, and talk in *supportive ways* about the church whenever you get together. But let's remember something important: *if we keep the living water to ourselves, without an outlet, we could grow as dead as the Dead Sea!*

The Communist Party had no interest in buildings, so during their 41 oppressive years in Czechoslovakia (1948-1989), the beautiful architecture in downtown Prague was never maintained (some of

the buildings date back to the 12th century). Just after the downfall of communism, Czech officials realized that if these historic buildings were allowed to deteriorate for another 20 years, they would have been beyond repair and lost to time. They knew that most of the decay was due to rain and humidity, so they began a massive building renovation program and used pastel-colored paint to seal out the offending dampness, brighten up the city, and preserve the buildings. They thought they were doing the right thing.

What they discovered in the mid-90s, though, was that while the paint was keeping moisture *out*, it was also keeping residual moisture *in*, and it was this interior dampness that was continuing to eat away at the walls. As soon as they discovered this problem, they stripped and repainted the buildings with a "breathable" paint, and the buildings

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## Florence Faulk

Florence M. Faulk, 92, of Delaware, formerly of Jerome, passed away peacefully Tuesday morning, December 23, 2014 at Delaware Court Nursing Home.

Born Aug. 24, 1922 in Oak Park, Illinois, Florence was a seamstress and also worked for the Dublin School District in the cafeteria.



She was a member of First Baptist Church most of her life and was a member of Young at Heart, ABW, and NITHFUS (Nothing is Too Hard for Us).

She and her husband Donald also attended the Jerome United Methodist Church when their health made the trip to Delaware difficult.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jess Amacy and Alpha (White) Graham; husband, Donald Parker "Whitey" Faulk; son, Bill Faulk; daughter-in-law, Nancy Faulk; sisters, Elvira "Peanut" Smith, Mildred Hasty.

She is survived by children, Larry (Pam) Faulk, Mark (Cindy) Faulk, Donna (Steve) Mann, Jim (Molly) Faulk, Ray (Carla) Faulk; daughter-in-law, Marilyn Faulk; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Ohio, Oklahoma and Florida;

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are now preserved and looking great.

There's a lesson in this for us. As we continue to work on a new trajectory into the future, we're putting a new "face" on First Baptist (a new coat of paint, if you will). But with these changes, will our new "face paint" keep the living water *in* (mainly for *ourselves*), or will we leak it *out*? There's no question but that the living water of Jesus is transforming us on the inside, but we'd better make sure it is also seeping out of us, or, like the Dead Sea and the stucco walls of Prague, it won't be long before what we have is *destroyed*. When we *hang on* to what we have, we tend to lose it.

Actually, that's one of the uncanny principles of the kingdom of God. Jesus once said, "Give and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back" (Luke 6:38, NLT). What he says is that God's response to us is a reflection of our prior response to Him and others: when we *sacrifice ourselves first*, we grow healthier; when we *increase* our mission giving first, we receive more *income*; when we send out current members to start a new church, we *attract* new people. It's counterintuitive, but that's the way of the kingdom in which we live.

As we move into a new year filled with possibilities we need to remember that there's a dry and thirsty world out there that needs his (and our) living water more than ever. So, even as we celebrate where we've come from, where we are now, and where we're headed, it's time to focus greater attention on new channels through which the living water of Jesus will flow through our "face paint."

Blessings,



Pastor Ellen  
Interim Pastor

**Florence Faulk** *continued*

sister, Dorothy.

The family received friends on Sunday, Dec. 28 at Ferguson Funeral Home in Plain City, and the funeral was held there on Monday, Dec. 29 with Rev. Ellen Brown officiating. Burial was in Jerome Township Cemetery.

We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.



*Florence and her husband, Donald, who was also active in our church for many years.*

### **January Mission Focus – Spotlight on "Family Promise"**

Most of us don't even think of how we would manage if we were suddenly homeless. Circumstances often are such that families are left with no place to live. There is now a facility right here in Delaware that is meeting that need on a limited basis.

*Family Promise* is an interfaith hospitality network to help homeless families achieve lasting independence. Volunteers help to meet various needs such as housing, food, mentoring, and comprehensive support services. Those volunteers are trained to help at-risk families to achieve goals and maintain self-sufficiency.

Our own Beth Trigg is the director of this facility, and she sees to it that

the families are housed, fed and counseled appropriately. Several local churches have volunteered to provide meals, clothing, bedding, and financial aid for expenses incurred with this ministry.

Our focus for the month of January will be *Family Promise*. Here is a list of needs that we can supply to help them:

- Liquid laundry detergent
- Liquid dish soap
- Toilet tissue
- Paper towels
- Large bottles of shampoo

– Jane Moore, Mission Coordinator

### **Kid Connection Update**

The members of the Board of Christian Education and Pastor Ellen have discussed some recent changes in Kid Connection during Sunday worship. Kid Connection is basic child care for children ages 3 through fourth grade. Currently we have one adult each week volunteering for that. We feel that for safety's sake, that adult could use a teen helper. Each week we will have a member of the Teen class go back as a helper to the adult volunteer. We also need to emphasize that all children who go back for Kid Connection stay in the same room with the adult, as a safety precaution.

As always, if a need arises for the crib room, we will have a second adult volunteer to be in the crib room for the whole service.

I will be meeting with the teens to work out a volunteer schedule for them. This counts as a service project for them. There are still a few openings for adult volunteers that are not yet filled on the following dates: March 1, April 5, April 12, and May 3. Please see me if you can help.

– Pam Faulk

## Five Years Ago

January 2010 Newsletter

During December, our carpet installer removed the old sanctuary carpet and installed our new one, and our paint contractor painted the assembly room and the two vestibules (the sanctuary was painted during November).

### Volunteers For January

Kid Connection volunteers for January are as follows:

January 4 Pam Shears  
 January 11 Beth Trigg  
 January 18 Pat Gosser  
 January 25 Lana Palmer

Sunday School Opening volunteers for January are as follows:

January 4 Lovells  
 January 11 Melissa Mercer  
 January 18 Debbie Fogle  
 January 25 Carol Grubbs

### Thank You

This Advent Season, Impromptu Nativity, and Christmas Eve Service were filled with music!

Thank you to the choir and Jim Stephenson for all their wonderful anthems.

Thank you to Peter White for playing Christmas music each week of Advent before the service.

Thank you to Claire and Randy for their duet, "Waiting for a King".

Thank you to violinists Deb and Will Fogle for playing for the "Impromptu Nativity".

Thanks to all who played or sang for the prelude on Christmas Eve: Many lovely carols by Violinists Aidan Ferguson, Colin Ferguson and Will Fogle, Cellist Claire Turner, Jackson Trigg for playing "O Christmas Tree" on the piano, Taylor and Connor Trigg for singing "Christmas is Coming".

Thank you to Claire Turner for her

## PRAYER LIST

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The Deacons	<b>Faulk Family</b>	Death of Florence Faulk
	<b>Phil Mercer &amp; Family</b>	Death of Phil's father
	<b>Don Elliott</b>	Health issues
	<b>Ken Frische</b>	Surgery recovery
	<b>Christina Kilhefner</b>	Transplant recovery
	<b>Bertha Van Brimmer</b>	Health issues
	<b>Penny Hagaman</b>	Health issues
	<b>Steve Baker</b>	Health issues
	<b>Bora Porter</b> (Janet's daughter)	A patient at Childrens' Hospital
	<b>Betty Porter</b>	Health issues
The Faulks	<b>Mary Anderson</b>	Health Issues

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

beautiful solo "O Holy Night".

Thank you all for sharing your gift of music to praise God and make this a blessed Christmas Season !

– Mary Lou Lovell

### Recipe

Here's a recipe I used for a recent potluck, using a recipe from Bertha VanBrimmer. I thought I'd share it with others in the congregation.

#### BAKED DEVEILED EGG CASSEROLE

Makes 12 servings.

#### Ingredients

6 hard-cooked eggs  
 2 teaspoons prepared mustard  
 3 tablespoons sour cream  
 ¼ teaspoon salt  
 2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
 ½ cup chopped green pepper  
 ⅓ cup chopped onion  
 ¼ cup chopped pimiento  
 1 can (10 ¾ oz.) cream of mushroom soup  
 ¾ cup sour cream  
 ½ cup shredded Cheddar cheese

#### Directions

Cut eggs in half lengthwise; remove yolks. Mash together yolks, mustard, 3 Tbls sour cream and the salt. Fill egg whites with yolk mixture.

Melt butter in a large skillet; saute green pepper and onion until tender. Remove from heat; stir in pimiento, soup and ¾ cup sour cream. Place half of the soup mixture in a greased 1½ cup shallow baking dish; arrange eggs, cut side up, in a single layer in the dish. Pour remaining soup mixture over top; sprinkle with cheese.

Bake at 350° for 20 minutes or until heated through. Casserole may be prepared in advance; refrigerate until ready to bake.

– Jane Moore

### Worship Leader Workshop

Public worship depends on the participation of more than just a few individuals. To this end, the Deacons and I would like to involve more lay leaders in the Sunday morning worship experience. The plan is to develop a team of people who will rotate these responsibilities.

## Birthdays and 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

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

In order to have continuity in our worship services, Pastor Ellen will be holding a **Worship Leader Workshop** on Saturday, January 24 10:00-11:00 a.m. This time will give us the opportunity to discuss the purpose of worship and the specific elements of our order of service as well as give practical suggestions and support.

There are a variety of ways you could serve and you can choose what you are interested in doing. However, you will not be committing yourself simply by attending this workshop. Everyone is invited to prayerfully consider attending and only make a final decision about participation in worship leadership after attending the workshop.

Please indicate your interest in participating in this workshop on the yellow *Get Connected* slip any Sunday morning.

## Thank You

What a surprise to open my door to get Wednesday's morning paper and find a box of Christmas cookies from "My friends at First Baptist Church."

Just a really great early Christmas gift! Thanks to the Christmas elves!

– Jeanne Ekelberry

## Church Hall Meeting

There will be a Church Hall meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, January 11. Please plan to stay to share any thoughts, questions or concerns you may have. Our Pastoral Search Committee will also give an update.

## In Appreciation

What a wonderful Advent season we had from our First Friday and caroling in the neighborhood outreach events, the Spontaneous Live Nativity Christmas Program, caroling to our homebound, the Youth Christmas Party, our Sunday Advent services to the beautiful Christmas Eve Service. However, none of these would have been possible without the help and involvement of so many in our congregation.

There are some individuals we should thank for their leadership and/or the use of their gifts for these events. So, a big **THANK YOU** to the following people:

**First Friday:** Aidan, Alec & Colin Ferguson, Will Fogle & Claire Turner and Erin & Larry Faulk for putting the bags together; Debbie & Gabe Fogle, Mary Lou Lovell, Erin, Pam & Larry Faulk, Melissa Mercer, Lana Palmer, Ken & Pam Shears, Jennifer Turner for manning the table and handing out bags.

### Caroling in the Neighborhood:

Ellen Brown, Larry Faulk, Debbie, Gabe & Will Fogle, Dave & Mary Lou Lovell, Jane Moore, Deb Nace, Jerry Palmer, Barbara, Andrew & Lucas Smith, Randy Turner; Pam Faulk & Mary Lou Lovell for the hot chocolate & goodies.

**Spontaneous Live Nativity:** Mary Lou Lovell, Debbie, Gabe & Will Fogle for the music; the "impromptu actors" and all who came.

## January Sermon Titles and Scripture

### January 4

*Looking Back, Looking Ahead*  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Communion

### January 11

*Where is Jesus?*  
Acts 2:44-47

### January 18

*Stranger at the Well*  
John 4:7-10

### January 25

*Get Out of the Pit*  
Matthew 4:1-11,  
Romans 5:14b-17

**Youth Christmas Party:** Debbie Fogle, Larry & Pam Faulk, Janet Lathrop and Pam Shears

**Sanctuary Decorations:** Jim Brown, Jeanne Ekelberry, the Mercer/Moore/Turner families, Jim Stephenson, Peter White

**Vocal Music:** Dave Lovell, Jane Moore, Pam Shears, Jim Stephenson, Claire Turner, Randy Turner and Linda White

**Instrumental Music:** Aidan & Colin Ferguson, Will Fogle, Mary Lou Lovell, Jackson, Connor & Taylor Trigg, Claire Turner, Peter White

**Caroling to the Homebound:** Ellen Brown, Debbie, Gabe & Will Fogle, Pat & Raleigh Gosser, Dave, Mary Lou & Matt Lovell, Pat & Raleigh Gosser, Deb Nace, Jim Stephenson

**Advent readers:** Dan & Sherry Chambers, Debbie, Gabe & Will Fogle, Chad & Christina Kilhefner, Melissa Mercer, Jane Moore, Pam & Ken Shears Claire & Jennifer Turner, Jacob Thatcher

**Worship Leadership:** Larry Faulk, Dave Lovell, Lana Palmer, Claire, Jennifer & Randy Turner

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## Save the Date!

On Saturday, February 21, Dr. Jeff Woods, (former Executive Minister of ABC of Ohio) will lead us in a **Church Health & Growth Workshop**. With so much written about church growth and health, it can be difficult to sort out the hunches from reality in order to know what works and does not work in promoting church health and congregational renewal. The workshop will be 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## Calling All Women

Wherever you go in the world you will find that women need other women to feel whole. While men provide the sense of "other", women are mirrors of femaleness. Women accept, affirm and understand what it means to be a woman. They hold us accountable, help us grow and share our spiritual journey.

We cannot get along without men in our lives nor would we want to. Even so, they cannot provide all we need of love, friendship and understanding. We will always need the communion of other women and this will help us become better friends, wives and mothers.

We need women all our lives! However, with the busy lives most of us lead, we don't take the time to cultivate our friendships with other women. Home, family, work, and church all consume our lives. Therefore, quality time spent with other women gets pushed down low on the priority list. Women need to take the time and make the commitment to nurture the female friendships in their lives.

Some of the women of our church have expressed the desire to start a women's group. What this will look like depends on the needs of those who are interested. Come to an exploratory discussion on **Sunday, January 25** after worship. This is open to all women 18 years of age and older.

## Thank You!

I want to thank the congregation for the gift given to me at the Christmas Eve Service. It was totally unexpected but greatly appreciated. The last 7 months as your Interim Pastor has really been a joy for me. We have explored some exciting new ideas together and I look forward to the new year as we discover what God still has in store for First Baptist. You are a wonderful church!

– *Pastor Ellen*

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day

A number of events are planned to celebrate this day. OWU has posted an article discussing the events, go to:

<http://blogs.owu.edu/connect2/> and type "Martin Luther King" into the search box. A list of articles will appear, pick the one dated **December 2014**.

## Personals

- On December 27, Jane Moore married Jim Snyder in Morgantown, West Virginia. Jim's son Jeff is an ABC/USA pastor and he officiated. His other son Marc stood as Best Man. Jane's daughters Melissa and Jennifer, stood with her.
- Bertha VanBrimmer has moved to assisted living at Sarah Moore.
- Ken Frische was back in the hospital and was at Select Specialty Hospital for awhile, but he is now back home. He and Phyllis thank everyone for their prayers and cards.
- Please offer condolences to Beth Trigg and her family on the death of her aunt Caroline in Florida. Caroline was the sister to Beth's mother Anne Linn, a long-time member of our church.
- The Faulk family would like to thank our church family for their many prayers, cards, the beautiful flower arrangement from the church, and expressions of sympathy on the loss of our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Florence Faulk.

- Pastor Ellen's husband David Brown preached at our worship service on November 16.
- Aidan Ferguson will be portraying Christopher Robin in Willis's spring production of "WINNIE THE POOH."
- Claire Turner was selected to play the lead female role in Hayes's musical this year, "FOOTLOOSE."
- Debbie and Will Fogle played their violins during the Christmas program on December 14, and Colin and Aidan Ferguson played their violins during the worship service that morning.
- Matthew Lovell was here for a visit over the holidays and even went caroling with our church members.
- Charles Ekelberry visited his mother Jeanne over Christmas, and they traveled to West Virginia also.

– *Pam Faulk, Personals Editor*

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2015

Rev. Ellen Brown  
Interim Pastor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				New Year's Day 1  2015	2	3
4  9:15 Opening Exercises 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Parents of teens meet with Pastor during fellowship time</i>	5	6 <b>Epiphany</b> 	7  7:00 Choir	8	9	10
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18  9:15 Opening Exercises 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 MLK Service at William St. UMC <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	19 <b>Martin Luther King Day</b> 7:45 MLK Celebration Breakfast at OWU 	20	21  7:00 Choir	22	23	24  10:00 Worship Leadership Workshop (until 11:00)
25  9:15 Opening Exercises 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 Meeting to discuss new women's group <i>February newsletter available today.</i>	26	27	28  6:30 Covered Dish Dinner 7:00 <b>Business Meeting</b>	29	30	31

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## A CALL TO PRAYER

There is a contemporary Christian song, which says,

*When God's people pray,  
And take the pains of earth to the  
doors of heaven.  
When God's people pray,  
There is hope reborn, there is sin  
forgiven.  
And miracles you can't explain  
await,  
When God' people pray.*

It's not that prayer always changes things but it always changes us. Prayer is not something we've been given in order to twist God's arm. Nor is it a way of convincing God to see things from our viewpoint. Prayer is not optional on our spiritual checklist. It is not a duty; it is a necessity.

The disciples didn't ask Jesus to teach them how to lay hands on people, heal the sick, raise the dead, walk on water or even how to deal with the Pharisees. They asked the Lord to teach them to pray.

The greatest failure of Peter, James and John is summarized in the words, "Could you not watch and pray with me one hour!" Those who are too busy to pray will be too busy to live a life of worth. Other duties become pressing and crowd out prayer. Paying attention to our responsibilities is good, but we are sometimes so consumed by them that they crowd out what is most important. (Read the story of Mary and Martha in Luke 10:38-42.)

It seems that it's easier to do anything in the church than to pray. It's easier to serve, sing, preach,

teach, work in the kitchen or...you name it! It's not that we should stop doing these things and just pray but, rather, we must pray and then do these things or our ministries will lack power.

We, as individuals and as a church, are only as strong as our prayer ministry. *Units of pray combined, like drops of water, make an ocean that defies resistance* (E.M. Bounds.) Prayer is a privilege given to us. It is a spiritual discipline that no Christian or church can do without.



In the coming months, let us resolve to be, more than ever, a praying people. Every meeting we have should be bathed in prayer. I'd also like to challenge the Parish Council to plan a 12-hour Prayer Vigil sometime between now and Easter. Each of us would have the opportunity to sign up for a 30-minute timeslot in which to come to the sanctuary and pray. In a 12 hour time period, we could have 24 individuals or more praying for our church as we seek God's will and leading in the days ahead.

Let me suggest a few areas each one of us can be lifting up in prayer.

• This time of transition as we continue to be the church in our community.

- Our church leaders and ministry boards.
- Wisdom as we work to provide a solid Christian foundation for our children and youth.
- The Pastoral Search Committee for wisdom and clarity in identifying, first, potential pastoral candidates and, ultimately, God's candidate for our church.
- The leading of the Holy Spirit as we continue to seek new ways to reach out in our community.
- The upcoming Church Health and Growth Workshop that we might have open ears, eyes, hearts and minds.
- Our Lenten Bible Study as we walk the road to Calvary and the empty tomb.
- The many circles of connection we have with organizations in our community and our ongoing support of them.
- Our continued growth as individual disciples of Jesus.
- The wider family in ABC of Ohio and ABC-USA.
- The global family of God.
- The great need in our communities, nation and the world.

The end of the song says, "No, He will not turn away when His people pray."

Will you join me in praying?

Pastor Ellen



## Lenten Opportunities

We are offering two very meaningful opportunities for the congregation during Lent.

### LENTE DEVOTIONAL

First is a Lenten Devotional that will guide you, day-by-day, through the 40 days leading up to Easter. This PDF file can be downloaded at:

<http://tinyurl.com/o76nu48>

Please download this PDF and save it to your computer, or bookmark the URL.

The link will also be posted at our church's website.

If you do not have computer access, please talk to one of our Deacons to obtain a printed copy.

The journal begins on Wednesday, February 18 and goes through Easter Sunday.

### LENTE BIBLE STUDY

In our Lenten Bible Study, *Jesus' Final Week*, we will be looking at the last week of Jesus life here on earth. The study will begin on Tuesday, February 10. There will definitely be an evening Bible study from 6:30-7:30 p.m. However, if there is a need, Pastor Ellen will also offer one on Tuesday afternoons. So far, no one has indicated they can only come in the daytime.

All are welcome to attend as many weeks as possible. Please check the yellow *Get Connected* slip on Sunday mornings to indicate your interest and to help plan for materials.

Here are the dates and topics of the Bible Study.

Feb. 10	Introduction and Triumphant Entry
Feb. 17	NO Bible Study due to the Pancake Supper
Feb. 24	Clearing the Temple

March 3	Plot to Betray
March 10	Betrayal and Arrest
March 17	Trial: Part 1
March 24	Trial: Part 2
March 31	Crucifixion
April 7	Resurrection

## Search Committee Update

Thanks to all who have participated in the Connections, History, and Core Value events as well as the Demographic and Pastoral Needs surveys. The information gathered from these activities have enabled the search committee to begin to assemble our Church Profile. The Profile is a comprehensive document which introduces prospective pastoral candidates to our church - Who we are, What we believe, What we need, expect, and envision in a new pastor.

We have registered to attend a regional "Face To Face" event Feb. 27 & 28 in Indiana. The event is an opportunity to interview up to 10 potential pastors.

– *The Search Committee*



## Church Health & Growth Workshop

Dr. Jeff Woods, Associate General Secretary for Regional Ministries of ABC-USA, will be leading a workshop for us on February 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Woods, will draw from his involvement on the "Pulpit and Pew" project as well as numerous research papers presented at the Religious Research Association over the last

few decades in order to respond to questions such as:

- What are the marks of a healthy church?
- What is the number one concern of congregations?
- How do congregations engage their communities and neighborhoods?
- Who is healthier – larger or smaller congregations?
- How does location influence a congregations' ability to grow?
- What type of member is more likely to invite their neighbor to church?
- What are the factors that enhance and inhibit church growth?
- Where do we go from here?

Please plan to attend this very important time of discovery as we continue to move into the future. You can indicate your participation on the yellow *Get Connected* slip any upcoming Sunday.

## February Mission Emphasis: Restart

Frances Jo Hamilton, the President and Founder of *Restart*, will be with us on Sunday, February 8 for worship and will be bringing the morning message.



She has a background in youth ministry with the United Methodist Church, has taught pre-school and special education and is currently employed in the non-profit sector as the Executive Director of Main Street Delaware.

Frances has a heart for prisoner reentry and started her own non-profit organization, *ReStart — A Work Release Advocacy Program*, in Delaware County to assist female offenders in their reentry into the



work force following incarceration. She also serves on the board for the Ecumenical Youth Council and the Delaware County Community Market and is an active community volunteer.

You don't want to miss this dynamic young woman tell about this much needed program in our community.

### Senior Fellowship Group

All those interested in discussing the formation of a fellowship group for our senior adults, plan on staying for a meeting on Sunday, Feb. 1 during the Fellowship Time after worship.



### Teen Youth Group

The TEEN youth group is going to start meeting every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the youth room. If you are in the teen youth classes, please come and share and have fun! More information to come about topics and projects.



### Thank You

Dear Friends of First Baptist,

Thank you!. Pam (Faulk) forwarded to us a wonderful check from your Sunday school classes. Those monies will help provide lunch snacks and after-school treats for the children.

Sincere Thanks,

– Beth, Staff and Board of Family Promise

*(This is the money that was collected during the Change-your-Clock-Bring-*

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*your- Change-to-Church Sunday. We will be doing this again on March 8 when we begin Daylight Savings Time. We will once again be collecting coins of all denominations to give to a local organization to help eliminate childhood hunger. Please remember to be saving up all your change for that Sunday.)*

### ABC/Ohio Leadership Conference

The annual ABC/Ohio Leadership Conference is being offered at the Karl Road Baptist Church in Columbus on March 20–21 (Friday and Saturday).

Friday is primarily for pastors, seminary, and Leadership Academy students.

Saturday sessions are open to any church member, but especially to those who have leadership positions.

The theme is "Making Friends, Making Disciples," in order to create community, create disciples, and create growth. The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer, Executive

Minister American Baptist Churches of New Jersey.

The cost for Saturday only is \$65 which includes lunch. Registration is due by February 27. After Feb. 27 the cost is \$70 and may not include lunch.

Please speak to Pam Faulk if you are interested in attending. There is money in the budget to help pay for some of this, depending on how many wish to go.

### Volunteers for February

I want to thank the teens for volunteering to help with Kid Connection each Sunday. We feel it is important to have two people available. We still need adult volunteers for a few dates. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

### Volunteers For Kid Connection

- Jan. 25 Lana Palmer / Claire Turner
- Feb. 1 Carol Grubbs / Aidan Ferguson
- Feb. 8 Jennifer Turner / Alec Ferguson
- Feb. 15 Pat Gosser / Will Fogle
- Feb. 22 Pam Faulk / Colin Ferguson

### Volunteers For Sunday School Opening

- Feb. 1 Pam Faulk
- Feb. 8 Ellen Brown
- Feb. 15 Ann Brown
- Feb. 22 Pat Gosser

– Pam Faulk

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

All are invited to join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Feb. 17th at 6 p.m. Please note the time change from previous years. The menu includes pancakes, waffles, sausage, fruit, and especially blueberry syrup. Plan to share food and fellowship. There will also be an opportunity to share your talents with a reading, a skit, a song, a poem, or such.



### Security Issue

Due to some security risks, the Board of Deacons have requested that the Trustees lock the side and back doors during our worship services.

Once worship begins it will be necessary to enter the church through the front doors or have someone open the door if outdoor access to the elevator is needed.

We apologize for any inconvenience this creates in order to safeguard our facilities.

– Board of Deacons

### Personals

- Chad Myford was recently in the Emergency Room for some medication issues.
- Carol Serviss is recovering from cancer surgery on her ear.

- Harold Van Broekhoven has sold his house in Delaware and has moved to Tucker, Georgia (near Atlanta). You can find his address in the church directory.

- Jennifer Turner fell and broke a bone in her foot.

– Pam Faulk, Personals Editor

### Five Years Ago

February 2010 Newsletter

Shirley Parker, 90, a longtime member of First Baptist, died on January 18.

### Twenty Years Ago

February 1995 Newsletter

Michael Mercer was born. Hospital patients included John Linn, David Osborne, Ben Turney, Karen Stoner, and Bob Heizer.

The fire department responded to a fire at the old parsonage, which fortunately didn't spread to the church.

### Thirty Years Ago

February 1985 Newsletter

Cap and Myrtle Gabriel became great-grandparents.

Hospital patients included John Richards, Helen Aleshire, Marie Priest, Mary McKean, Bob Smith, and Ernestine Frost.

Thanks to Jim Van Brimmer for preaching recently.

### Forty Years Ago

February 1975 Newsletter

We learned that former pastor Rev. Morgan Williams had been in a Michigan hospital with serious heart problems.

The new Trustees are Don Faulk, Don Brown, Steve Stoner, Peter White, and John Mansfield.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries



- Feb. 2 Elizabeth Bowman
- 2 Cynthia Tizzano
- 13 Lana Palmer
- 15 Deborah Van Broekhoven
- 16 Barbara Payne
- 24 Emilie Trigg
- 26 Shannon Kennedy

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

### February Sermon Titles and Scripture

#### February 1

*Fan or Follower?*  
Luke 9:57-62

#### February 8

Guest Speaker:  
Frances Jo Hamilton  
President and Founder of Restart

#### February 15

*Whatever Happens*  
Philippians 4:11b-13

#### February 22

*Lessons From a Mule*  
Mark 11:1-11

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 Fellowship Time with Meeting for Senior Adults to Discuss Forming a Fellowship Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Groundhog Day</b></p> 	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 Trustees</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Morning Message by Frances Jo Hamilton, President and Founder of Restart 6:00 Teen Youth Group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 Deacons</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:00 Board of Christian Education 6:30 Lenten Bible Study: Introduction and Triumphal Entry</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>Valentine's Day</b></p> 
<p>15</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>Presidents Day</b></p> 	<p>17</p> <p><b>Shrove Tuesday</b> 6:00 Pancake Supper</p> 	<p>18</p> <p><b>Ash Wednesday</b> 7:00 Choir</p> 	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 ABM 9:00 Church Health and Growth Workshop (until noon) with Dr. Jeff Woods</p>
<p><b>First Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>22</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:00 Teen Youth Group <i>March newsletter available today.</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 Parish Council</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30 Lenten Bible Study: Clearing the Temple</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Registration Deadline for ABC/Ohio Leadership Conference</p>	<p>28</p>
						<p>Search Committee in Indianapolis to interview candidates</p>

# Good News Letter

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## FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR'S DESK

We had a great workshop with Dr. Jeff Woods and learned some interesting facts about the relationship between church health and potential growth. We were also encouraged by what we heard as we continue to move ahead.

The following article was recently shared with me by another pastor, which reiterates some of what we learned at the workshop. Eugene Blair, a United Methodist District Superintendent, has identified ten common myths that prevent congregations from growing and becoming healthy. Blair is interested in two common denominators, which he calls *attendance growth* and *spiritual vitality*, both of which are important to the health of a church and both of which are relevant to us.

**Myth #1:  
Let's just keep doing worship  
the same way we've done it since  
1960, and people will come.**

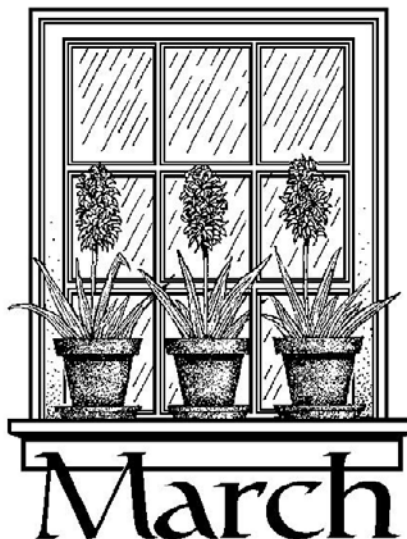
That simply isn't the case. We live in a very different environment than we did 50 years ago. While many of today's generation truly appreciate liturgical worship, traditional-worshipping churches (like ours) that add a contemporary worship service find an increase in attendance growth. At the same time, though,

### Next Month's Newsletter

The deadline for the April newsletter will be a week earlier than usual so we can include information on Holy Week.

the quality of worship seems to matter more than anything else to those who don't currently have a church home.

*That's why it's important that our worship be uplifting, of the highest quality, and fully engaging, no matter what style(s) we have.*



**Myth #2:  
We've always done it that way  
before, so let's keep doing it  
that way.**

Interestingly, church growth has little to do with current practices and traditions, conservative or liberal theology, or the quality of member relationships. The truth is that churches with a clear identity and purpose tend to grow in attendance and spiritual vitality.

*As part of our ongoing discernment process, we, as a congregation, are looking at why we are here, considering the depth of our spiritual*

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## Bertha Van Brimmer

Bertha Fay Van Brimmer, 85, of Delaware passed away Monday afternoon February 16, 2015 at the Sarah Moore Home.

She was born a coal miner's daughter on May 7, 1929 in Van Lear, Kentucky to the late William H. and Hattie M. (Harris) Sparks, but lived most of her life in Central Ohio.



Several family members moved to Sunbury, Ohio when she was 16, and she lived there until her marriage to James "Jim" R. Van Brimmer on September 15, 1950. They met while working at Ranco Manufacturing and resided in Delaware the rest of their lives.

Bertha was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church where she served on numerous committees and boards through the years.

She was an avid reader and her hobbies included card and board games, sewing and quilting, pottery, tending to her roses, baking, and feeding and watching the birds out her window. She had a soft heart and a gentle soul and she enjoyed exploring Appalachian history and historical locations and traveling on many car vacations with Jim and her family.

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**Bertha Van Brimmer continued**

Left to cherish her memory are daughters Karen F. (Steven) Stoner of Sagamore Hills, OH and Susan K. (Jeffrey) Leonard of Port Royal, PA; son Richard A. (Sandra) Van Brimmer of Columbus, OH; grandchildren Stefanie Heizer, Micah Stoner, Casey and Ryan Leonard and Tonya Claar; great grandchildren Alexandria, Gladrielle and Natasha Leonard, Ethan Stoner and Erin Niemeyer; brother Eugene Sparks of Johnstown, OH; sister Betty Stauch of Sunbury, OH; numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband James R. Van Brimmer, five brothers Theodore, Edward, Benjamin, Ocheal and Lon Douglas Sparks and six sisters Ida and Berletta Sparks, Sylvia Hensey, Geneva Chandler, Gloria Huddleston and Harva Lee Spangler.

On Saturday February 21 the family received friends at the Snyder-Rodman Funeral Center in Delaware, followed by the memorial service. Private family graveside services were held at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Contributions in Bertha's memory may be made to First Baptist Church or Sarah Moore Home (26 N. Union St., Delaware, OH 43015).

Our deepest sympathy goes to her family and friends.



*Bertha and her husband Jim, who died in 2010.*

**Pastor's message continued**

***disciplines and health, and charting where we are headed.***

**Myth #3:  
If we get more youth,  
everything will be all right.**

In actuality, a strong youth ministry, while important, is not in itself, strongly equated with attendance growth. However, there is a strong relationship between youth ministry and spiritual vitality and a healthier congregation overall.

***We continue to look for ways we can reach out to the youth in our church and community.***

**Myth #4:  
We are a friendly church, and  
guests should know we want them  
to come back.**

Actually, guests don't automatically know that they are welcomed to return. They need personal contact and personal relationships with members.

***For that reason, it is important that we develop an intentional ministry to guests and newcomers, using a variety of methods of following up with them.***

**Myth #5:  
It's the pastor's job to get  
new members.**

The truth is that the more lay members who are involved in inviting new people, the greater will be our attendance growth. Spiritual vitality also increases the more members see themselves as having responsibility for reaching out and inviting others. Statistics show that a personal invitation is more effective than anything else we can do.

***Who might you invite to church?***

**Myth #6:  
Our members know we care,  
so we don't have to call on them  
or reach out if they are absent.**

Actually, the opposite has been shown to be true. Contacting those who have stopped coming is directly related to attendance growth and

spiritual vitality. This practice has been clearly demonstrated for churches with over 300 in worship.

***If you know people you haven't seen in a while, why not get in touch with them and let them know you've missed seeing them.***

**Myth #7:  
Where two or three are gathered  
together, there will be conflict and  
fights, so we just have to learn to  
live with it.**

The truth is that *clear organizational direction and purpose* coupled with strong interpersonal relationships decrease the likelihood of conflict. That's because when clear purpose and quality relationships are present, conflict is more easily resolved. Yes, we're always going to disagree on minor irritations and the best way forward, but those disagreements never have to lead to unresolved conflict. That is to say that the unity of the congregation in mind, heart, and purpose is essential to deep spiritual vitality, and there isn't any reason why we can't passionately but respectfully carry on our common work together. That's why clear and consistent communication is so important. When we work through disagreements, it brings greater unity in our mission and ministry, and that unity leads to deeper health and spiritual vitality.

***Our leadership is committed to offering opportunities (like the Town Hall Meetings) for the congregation to ask questions and share concerns in an open forum.***

**Myth #8:  
It's all about money. We just need  
more money and all our problems  
will go away.**

In actuality, a clear relationship between spiritual vitality and financial health has been shown.

We do well in money matters, but increasing our regular financial support of the church (which we need to do as we anticipate new pastoral leadership) goes hand in hand with an overall climate of spiritual health.

**Myth #9:  
Because the world is our parish,  
we are going to lead everyone to  
Jesus.**

Actually, we can't reach everybody, and it confuses our focus when we try to do so. Instead, it's been demonstrated that attendance growth and spiritual vitality are directly related to being clear and specific about *whom we want to reach and why*.

*We continue to look for ways to reach out into our community.*

**Myth #10:  
Church growth is a matter of  
having an ideal pastor.**

While we'd like to believe this myth, no research shows it to be the case. The truth is that a team of spirit-led, accountable, and committed lay people always trumps the pastor's influence. So, instead of expecting your new pastor to build the church, it is far more important that you, as church members, be trained in discipleship and outreach.

*Everyone is encouraged to be involved in some form of discipleship whether it be a Sunday School class or Bible study because we never stop growing. We are also looking for individuals to serve on our newly formed Mission & Outreach Team.*

We are a welcoming and caring congregation, but we've still got lots of work to do, especially as we continue to prepare for the exciting day when a new pastor will be with us!

*Ellen*

Pastor Ellen



## 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	<b>Van Brimmer Family</b>	Condolences
	<b>Carol Serviss</b>	Surgery recovery
	<b>Alvin &amp; Bev Cox's Granddaughter</b>	Chemotherapy for Hodgkins
	<b>Don Elliott</b>	Health issues
	<b>Ken Frische</b>	Surgery recovery
	<b>Christina Kilhefner</b>	Transplant recovery
	<b>Penny Hagaman</b>	Health issues
	<b>Steve Baker</b>	Health issues
	<b>Bora Porter</b> (Janet's daughter)	A patient at Childrens' Hospital
	<b>Betty Porter</b>	Health issues
The Faulks	<b>Mary Anderson</b>	Health Issues

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

### Lenten Bible Study Continues

Our weekly Bible Study for Lent meets Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We continue to look at *Jesus' Final Week*, which takes us through some of the events of Holy Week. Here are the topics for this month.

- March 3 Plot to Betray
- March 10 Betrayal & Arrest
- March 17 Trial: Part 1
- March 24 Trial: Part 2
- March 31 Crucifixion

### Lenten Devotional

If you haven't downloaded or bookmarked the Lenten devotional mentioned in last month's newsletter, here's the URL:

<http://tinyurl.com/o76nu48>

A link is also on the home page of our church website.

If you don't have computer access, please talk to one of our Deacons to obtain a printed copy.

### Change Your Clock and Bring Your Change To Church

I know it has only been 4 months since we last did this and you probably have not accumulated much change, but we are going to do collect change anyway.

On Sunday, March 8, we will be setting our clocks forward one hour. That is a reminder to bring all your loose change to church that Sunday. We will take up a loose change offering. The money will go to help combat childhood hunger in our local area.

### Piano Prelude

Each Communion Sunday, Peter White has agreed to provide piano prelude music before our worship service begins. We all appreciated

Peter's playing during Advent, so plan to arrive by 10:30 a.m. on the first Sunday of every month to enjoy this wonderful addition to our worship experience.



## 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, March 29.



## Volunteers For March

### Sunday School Opening

- March 1 Pam Shears
- March 8 Palmers
- March 15 Randy Turner
- March 22 Lovells
- March 29 Debbie Fogle

### Kid Connection

- March 1 Erin Faulk/  
Bowen Nace
- March 8 Lana Palmer
- March 15 Pat Gosser/  
Claire Turner
- March 22 Debbie Fogle/  
Aidan Ferguson
- March 29 Pam Faulk/  
Alec Ferguson

Thank you all for volunteering. It is very much appreciated.

## America For Christ

Isn't it amazing how quickly our major offering promotions roll around! The frequency bothers some — others are encouraged by the opportunity to share their bounty with those in need. This offering is a means to help those in America who are having a difficult time right now.

Our theme — "Discipleship: A Journey of Grace," is based on Titus 2:11-13. It is a wonderful reminder that Jesus' public ministry was all

about connecting and caring for people in need. Our contributions will become the hands, the feet and the prophetic voice of Jesus Christ in our town, and as we connect with people every day.

Our goal — once again — is \$600! We've shown we can do it!

— Jane Moore-Snyder  
Mission Coordinator

## New Ministry Team Being Formed

Two important aspects of lay ministry include taking an active role in promoting and supporting missions as well as the planning and implementing of outreach projects. On February 15th, nine men and women met with Pastor Ellen to discuss the possibility of forming a Mission & Outreach Team. Pastor Ellen said, "We are at a place where we need to take some specific steps and make plans in the areas of mission and outreach. These two ministries overlap in many areas. We have already completed some significant outreach projects, but where do we go from here and how do we sustain continuing efforts?" An outline which included three areas of concern was provided as a basis for discussion.

The first was **Missions**. Focus on a local agency (Andrews House, Restart, Helpline, etc.) will continue on a monthly basis, however team responsibilities would include contacting the organization for specific needs and inquiring whether or not a representative could provide a Mission Moment for us. Responsibilities would also include articles for the newsletter, announcements for the bulletins and perhaps other promotional activities. All of the special offerings would also be promoted in a similar fashion.

The second area of concern was doing more for our **visitors** to First Baptist. Such things as making sure we get contact information from them, watching to see if they might

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



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

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

## March Sermon Titles and Scripture

### March 1

*Rebel with Cause*  
Mark 11:1-11

### March 8

*The Easter Chicken*  
Matthew 23:37-39

### March 15

*We Wish to See Jesus*  
John 12:20-33

### March 22

*What's Your Response?*  
Mark 14:32-42, 15:33-37

### March 29

*Sunday is Coming!*  
Romans 6:3-11

need help with the order of worship and providing a small welcome gift would encourage repeat visits. In addition, follow-up would include

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a letter from the pastor and a note or phone call from a team member. These actions would assure that our visitors would feel welcome and that we WANT them to become a part of our church family.

The last area discussed was that of **outreach**. First Fridays could continue to be utilized with participation being in conjunction with special events or services at the church. Handouts, a craft table for children or other creative ideas could be planned in order to "put a face on First Baptist" and to encourage visitors to attend our services. More importantly, a specific area of need in our community could be researched and addressed. Ideas might include meeting with principals of local schools where parents are unable to supply all the items needed for the classrooms (such as tissues, paper towels, pencils, etc.), which are depleted throughout the school year. We could also recognize the faculty and a staff of that school by showing our appreciation in some way.

Working with other churches would be of special interest as well. Examples could be reinstating summer vacation Bible school as a joint effort or volunteering to assist an already established outreach program, such as the River Church's safe house for women rescued from trafficking. Other ideas might be investigating ways our facility might meet a community need, or a "Faith in Action Day" might be planned.

The possibilities for mission and outreach are endless and can become as big as our dreams can make them. The impact could be tremendous for our church, our community and even beyond. Becoming a member of the Mission & Outreach Team is an opportunity to serve God in vital new ways. The team approach does not put the burden for any of these things on the shoulders of just one or two people. The responsibilities would

be spread among those with specific interest in one of these areas but there would also be the support of the whole. The congregation will also be invited to participate in appropriate ways to help support any efforts.

An organizational meeting will be held **Sunday, March 8 at 2:30 p.m.** All adults (the Youth of FBC are planning their own outreach projects!) are encouraged to attend. The more who participate...the more that can be accomplished. Discussion will center on the "nuts and bolts" of establishing the team, identifying personal areas of interest and looking seriously at the issues herein outlined. Please mark your calendars and plan to come be part of planning for this new ministry team. With prayer and His guidance, WE CAN MAKE AN EVEN BIGGER DIFFERENCE THAN WE ALREADY ARE!!!

— Lana Palmer

### Personals

- Former member Bob Foor recently had surgery to install a pacemaker.
- Carol Serviss had reconstructive surgery on her ear and is healing.
- Phyllis Beasley recently had surgery to repair a cut tendon in her thumb. She is doing well and getting physical therapy.
- On February 8, Frances Jo Hamilton spoke about the Restart program in Delaware.
- Pastor Ellen has a new grandson, Caius Brown, who was born in Philadelphia on February 7. Ellen and her husband Dave were able to be there for the birth.

— Pam Faulk, Personals Editor

## 5 Years Ago

*March 2010 Newsletter*

Bernice Turney, 94, mother of Lana Palmer and a former church member, died in Cincinnati.

## 15 Years Ago

*March 2000 Newsletter*

The pastoral search committee thanked members for filling out surveys. Our interim was Rev. Kim Keethler Ball.

Rev. Bertie Dell became Zion UCC's first female pastor.

## 20 Years Ago

*March 1995 Newsletter*

Meagan Fogle was born.

Ben Turney, 80, father of Lana Palmer and a church member, passed away. He had been a house painter and painted our sanctuary at age 70.

The dates were announced for our annual retreat at Judson Hills.

Andrews House will open soon. The building is being renovated and partners are being chosen.

## 25 Years Ago

*March 1990 Newsletter*

Former pastor Rev. James B. Stephenson, 71, died from a stroke. Choir director Wilbur Wickum said the choir had grown to 13 members.

## 40 Years Ago

*March 1975 Newsletter*

Former pastor Rev. Morgan Williams, 85, father of Don Williams, died in Michigan.

Hospital patients included Dorothy Brown, David Byerly, Nellie Dick, Adelene Titsworth, and Fred Via.



# First Baptist Church





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Rev. Ellen Brown

Interim Pastor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b> 1 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	2 5:30 Board of Christian Education	3 6:30 Lenten Bible Study: Plot to Betray	4 7:00 Choir	5	6	7 Set clocks one hour forward at bedtime. 
<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> 8 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> — "Change Your Clock and Bring Your Change To Church" 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 2:30 Mission & Outreach Team 6:00 Teen Youth Group	9 7:00 Deacons	10 6:30 Lenten Bible Study: Betrayal and Arrest	11 7:00 Choir	12	13	14 9:00 Women's Fellowship
<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> 15 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	16	<b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 17 6:30 Lenten Bible Study: Trial Part I 	18 7:00 Choir	19	<b>First Day of Spring</b> 20  ABC/Ohio Leadership Conference at Karl Road Baptist Church	21 8:00 ABM
<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 22 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:00 All Ages Youth Group <i>April newsletter available today.</i>	23 7:00 Parish Council	24 6:30 Lenten Bible Study: Trial Part 2	25 7:00 Choir	26	27	28
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 29 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to order Easter lilies.</i> 	30	31 6:30 Lenten Bible Study: Crucifixion	<b>April</b> 1 7:00 Choir	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 2 7:00 Candlelight Communion Service in Fellowship Hall	<b>Good Friday</b> 3 Community Good Friday service; details in next newsletter	4

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## FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR'S DESK

On Easter morning would you be surprised to find Jesus coming to meet you? But what if you didn't know it was Easter? What if there had never been an Easter morning before? What if it was the day after the most sorrowful day of your life, the day after that painful Sabbath when he had lain in the tomb, dead? Dead as your hopes and dreams. Dead as your joy.

Easter comes after the death of winter and after the struggle of Lent. It comes, as it did for Peter and John, after their race to the tomb. It is a sign of the way death and life stand side by side and then seem to become one just at the moment we reach the tomb and look in to see if Jesus is there or not.

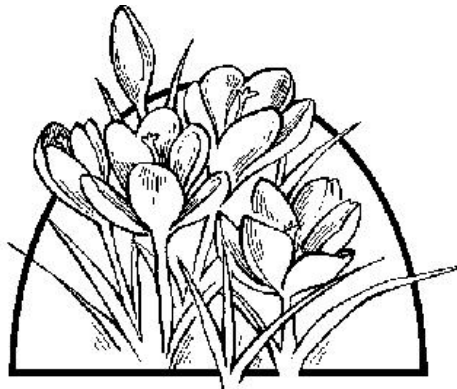
If you're wondering what Easter is, it is the stone being rolled away on the morning of a great sadness. It is despair moving over to make room for hope. It is joy crowding out our sorrow. It is a tomb transformed into a womb — life pushing its way out of death.

Our willingness to remove all the stones from the doorways of our tombs is important if we wish to find the life within us. If we are willing to become actively involved in



this stone-rolling process, our lives become filled with new life.

We will be racing to the tomb as long as we live. There may be times when we continue to look into the tombs of our hearts to



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see if Jesus is there. Perhaps in our moments of uncertainty, we, like Mary, will remember to check with the gardener.

The race to the tomb means losing life. But it also means discovering the surprise of all surprises — life in Jesus!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen".

Ellen Brown  
Interim Pastor

## Easter Offering

This year, our Easter offering will go to the Buckeye Mission & Ministry Offering (B.M.M.O.) This special

## EASTER WEEK SERVICES

Holy Week is a busy time with several opportunities to worship. Please note below all of the events taking place at our church as well as in the broader community.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend. You are encouraged to invite family and friends to all of these services. Feel free to pick up some Easter Week postcard invitations in the Welcome Center to hand out to friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and even total strangers!

### Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29 10:45 am  
*Sunday is Coming!*  
Romans 6:3-11

### Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm  
*We, the Jury*  
Mark 15:1-5  
Communion

### Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Service

Friday, April 3  
*Stations of the Cross*  
(a walk around downtown with sharing from community clergy)  
St. Mary's Church porch  
11:00 a.m.

### Worship Service

St. Mary's 12:00 Noon

### Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5  
Piano Prelude  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
*How Does it End?*  
Mark 16:1-8

offering helps support the many ministries of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio including leadership development, student-youth ministries, congregational transformation, ministry resources and pastoral placement. Through the years our congregation has benefited from these Regional resources and currently we are receiving their support as we search for our next pastor. The 2015 theme for ABC of Ohio is "A cord of three strands is not easily broken" (Ecc.4:12). 100% of this offering goes to support the larger body of ABC Ohio that "help build healthy churches that impact the world for Christ." Prayerfully consider what you can give to this over-and-above offering.

### Town Hall Meeting

Our next Town Hall Meeting will be after worship on Sunday, April 12. We will take a few minutes to look at the difference between personal and corporate worship as well as have an update from our Pastoral Search Committee.

### Andrews House

Our mission emphasis for the month of April will be Andrews House, which is Delaware's multifaceted community services center. First Baptist has been and continues to be strong supporters.

They were founded in 1993, and the founders envisioned the facility as "...a place for hospitality, healing, and education and to advocate for individuals and families in the community. It is a safe place of acceptance, where people meet, learn, find solutions, overcome differences and achieve wholeness." Andrews House is the home of six small social service agencies. They also provide office space for a church and house two small service-oriented businesses. When this many helping agencies are in close proximity, referrals are easier, costs can be shared, programs can be cross-promoted, and peer support is more likely to occur.

They also support eight programs separate from those of its resident partners including free meals, free legal advice, and a medical clinic. With

their resident partners and largely volunteer-based programs, they are able to live out their mission of "People Strengthening People."

**Mel Corroto**, Executive Director of Andrews House will be in worship on **Sunday, April 12** to bring a Mission Moment and to share more with us. We have been asked to help in two ways in the coming weeks. On April 10, we will supply dessert for the Second Friday meal. The congregation is asked to donate money to cover the cost. Mary Lou Lovell is handling this. We've also been asked to serve and clean up the meal on May 8. Larry Faulk will be the coordinator for this and you'll hear more about this in the coming weeks.

### Lenten Bible Study

For the last 5 weeks, we have gathered at our Tuesday night Bible Study to look at Jesus' Final Week. Please join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for the last three studies.

**March 24:** Trial: Part 2

**March 31:** Crucifixion & Burial

**April 7:** The Resurrection

### Bring Your Change To Church

Thank you to all who brought their change on March 8. At this date we have \$86.93 to donate to the summer lunch program for children right here in Delaware. Since we are going to be doing this again in November, there will be a change jar in the Welcome Center from now on. Feel free to bring your loose change on any Sunday and drop it in the jar. I will take it home and keep it safe until November when we will take this offering again.

– Pam Faulk

### Gifts Received And Given

Recently, our church received a gift of \$2,696.61 from Jean Wickum's estate. At the January business meeting, we voted to give \$1000

of this to our neighbors, the Women's City Club, to help with their needs. Jean was a long-time member and supporter of the Women's City Club and would have whole-heartedly approved of this gift.

### Attention All Women

Were you aware that our church has formed a Women's Fellowship? Many of us turned out for the first get-together in February. We gather the second Saturday of every month. Currently, we are meeting at the Main Street Grill at Buehler's at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast. Let's have a good turnout on April 11 for the next one.

### Your Prayers Needed

Your prayers are needed during this crucial time in the life of First Baptist Delaware.

On Saturday, April 25th, we are planning to have a "Prayer Vigil" in the sanctuary from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Individual volunteers are needed to each sign up for a half-hour (or more) block of time to come to the sanctuary and be in prayer for our fellowship and especially for the search committee as they continue their efforts to secure our next pastor. Resource materials will be available during the vigil to aid us in our prayers.

A sign up sheet is available in the Gathering Place for your commitment to participate during the vigil.

Additionally, "Building Safety Hosts" are needed to provide access and safety in two-hour blocks. Please see me to sign up to help in this area.

– Larry Faulk  
Deacon and Search Committee  
Chair

### Alvin Cox to Speak

Reverend Brown will be on vacation April 19 -25. Reverend Alvin Cox will be the guest pastor.

## Youth Group

The youth have been able to meet in February and March for fellowship and learning! During these months, we have made two blankets, one for a family in need in the association and one to donate to the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware. We also learned about the America For Christ offering and found out that the people in this organization do some really cool outreach ministries. Of course, we had snacks and games too! Looking forward to another great month!

– Debbie Fogle

## Search Committee Update

The pastoral search committee recently participated in the annual "Face to Face" event in Indiana. We were able to interview 10 potential candidates. Since then, we have been "following up" on some of the pastors to further explore if any could be a good fit with our congregation. Your continued prayers are welcome throughout this process.

– Larry Faulk  
Search Committee Chair



## Mission and Outreach Team News

The Mission and Outreach team met on Sunday, March 8 at 2:30 P.M.

The team explored ways to show God's love through reaching out to others globally and locally.

We had 2 discussion groups that focused on 3 areas:

- Special Mission Offerings and Missionaries

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	<b>Ken Frische</b>	Surgery recovery
	<b>Christina Kilhefner</b>	Transplant recovery
	<b>Penny Hagaman</b>	Health issues
	<b>Steve Baker</b>	Health issues
	<b>Bora Porter</b> (Janet's daughter)	A patient at Childrens' Hospital
	<b>Betty Porter</b>	Health issues
The Faulks	<b>Mary Anderson</b>	Health Issues

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- Visitors to our church
- Outreach in our community

The team would like to continue to serve for Second Fridays Meal at Andrew's House and provide desserts. Larry is in contact with Liz Bowman to coordinate the meal activities. We will be serving for the meal on May 8th. Mary Lou will be collecting money and purchasing desserts for the April 10th meal. If you would like to help with the Andrews House meals please let Larry or Mary Lou know.

The team would like to have a table at a Delaware First Friday Event.

The team brainstormed other ways to connect with the community to find ways we can be in service to others.

Currently we have 8 people on the team and would love to have more ideas.

Our next meeting will be April 19 at 2:00 P.M. Come join us!

## Meals for "Getting Ahead" Class Participants

Bonnie Ristau has contacted us about supporting the "Getting Ahead" classes.

One way we can help is to prepare a meal for the participants, serve, and clean up.

The Outreach Team met on Sunday and chose two dates: April 20th and May 20th.

Food is to be brought to William St. Church by 4:30. Servers are to be there at 4:30 and are to stay to clean up until about 6:15.

If you would like to know more about the program, provide food or serve, please let Mary Lou Lovell know.

## Personals

- Carol Serviss fell and hurt her back recently.
- Our condolences to Chad Myford on the death of his grandmother.
- Beth Trigg was recently pictured on the front page of the Delaware Gazette along with a story about Family Promise.

- Claire Turner had the lead female role in the Hayes production of the musical FOOTLOOSE.
- The OWLS ("Older, Wiser, Learning Still") had their first get-together. They went out to eat at Buehler's and then went to see Claire in the musical.
- Congratulations to Colin Ferguson and Claire Turner for being named to the Hayes High School Honor Roll and congratulations to Alec Ferguson and Jane Mercer for being named to the Merit Roll.
- Sue Hanson, from HELPLINE, will give a "Mission Moment" on April 26. Our mission focus for May will be HELPLINE.
- Pastor Alvin Cox will be delivering our Sunday message on April 19 when Pastor Ellen is away.

– Pam Faulk, Personals Editor

### 5 Years Ago

*April 2010 Newsletter*

Jim Van Brimmer, 86, died after a 2-year battle with cancer.

Jerry Palmer and Jimmie Moore hung new wall cabinets in the kitchen.

### 15 Years Ago

*April 2000 Newsletter*

A reception was held for Cynthia Bland and Ray Biggar to celebrate their upcoming marriage and Cynthia's license to preach.

### 45 Years Ago

*April 1970 Newsletter*

Work on a new roof for the Educational Building began. The work was done by Lathrop Brothers, a firm in which member Gene Lathrop was a partner. Total cost was to be under \$5,000. Contributions could be given to Richard Lee or John Richards.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries



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

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

### April Sermon Titles and Scripture

**April 5 — Easter**  
*How Does it End?*  
Mark 16:1-8

**April 12**  
*The Easter Chicken*  
Matthew 23:37-39

**April 19**  
Guest Preacher Rev. Alvin Cox  
Pastor Ellen on vacation

**April 26**  
*Whatever Happens*  
Philippians 4:11b-13

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# First Baptist Church

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# April 2015

Rev. Ellen Brown

Interim Pastor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 Choir  APRIL FOOLS' DAY	2 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00 Candlelight Communion Service in Fellowship Hall	3 <b>Good Friday</b> 11:00 Stations of the Cross at St. Mary 12:00 Community Service at St. Mary	4
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 5 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	6 5:30 Board of Christian Education	7 6:30 Lenten Bible Study: The Resurrection	8 7:00 Choir	9	10	11 9:00 Women's Fellowship
12 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with a Mission Moment from Mel Corroto, Executive Director of Andrews House 12:00 Town Hall Meeting 6:00 Teen Youth Group	13 7:00 Deacons	14 7:00 Trustees	15 <b>Taxes Due</b> 7:00 Choir	16	17	18 8:00 ABM
19 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Rev. Alvin Cox 2:00 Mission & Outreach Team <i>Pastor Ellen on vacation April 19-25</i> <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles</i>	20	21	22 <b>Earth Day</b> 7:00 Choir 7:30 Finance Committee	23	24 <b>Arbor Day</b>	25 7:00 Prayer Vigil 7 am to 7 pm 
26 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 Quarterly Business Meeting 6:00 All Ages Youth Group <i>May newsletter available today</i>	27	28	29 7:00 Choir	30	1 <b>May</b>	2

# Good News Letter

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## ON THE JOURNEY

The primary way of telling the story of Jesus in the Bible is a journey. You can see this in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. In Mark's gospel, Jesus is always on the way to somewhere else. He tells the story of Jesus with a breathless tempo.

*Immediately* is one of Mark's favorite words. He says that Jesus does something and then *immediately* he goes somewhere else.

The image we get of Jesus' followers, in a gospel like Mark's, is of a group who are always just one step behind Jesus as he moves on to *somewhere else*. The gospel begins with Jesus calling his disciples. A couple of fishermen were at work one day, bent over their nets, and Jesus interrupts their routine to extend a call to follow him into a new life.

He called them saying, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." (Mark 1:17) Mark tells us that they stopped everything they were doing and went with Jesus. One would think they might have asked, "Fine, but where are we going?" However, they didn't ask that. They just followed Jesus.

Isn't that the way it is with us. We are aware of God's call in our lives and then we find ourselves saying "Yes" to Christ's invitation to journey with him. In fact, in Mark's gospel, that is the image we get of discipleship. Discipleship is following Jesus on a journey without ever knowing precisely where he will lead us.

*[Come to worship on May 17 to hear more about this.]*

The disciples in Mark's gospel learned, in their everyday experience, who Jesus was by listening to his words and observing his actions. We contemporary disciples journey in a similar manner. We follow and,

as we go, the Lord gradually unfolds his transforming truth in our lives. We are simply called to trust and be faithful to his calling in our lives.

There are some who think that

once we decide to become a Christian that the goal has been reached. Nothing could be further from the truth! Saying "Yes" to Jesus is the beginning and not the end of our journey of discipleship.

Faithfulness to Jesus requires willingness to learn, an expectation that there will be twists and turns along the way, and all kinds of surprises. At the conclusion of our journey, the faithful look back with *amazement* (another one of Mark's favorite words) and, like the first disciples, see that God has produced a rich tapestry of fulfillment in our lives and blessing in the lives of others.

Let's continue to be on the go with Jesus *to somewhere else!*



Pastor Ellen



## Summer Hours

On May 24 we will begin summer hours for Sunday worship. There will be no Sunday school until September and the worship service will begin at 10:00 a.m.

## Summer Fellowship Time

During the summer months, we will be having a time of fellowship immediately following worship each Sunday, which we are calling **Lemonade in the Shade**. It will be held outside in front of the church as often as the weather permits. (When it rains, we will have it in the Gathering Room.)

This will give us an opportunity to greet one another in an informal setting while enjoying a cool drink and a small bite to eat. It will also provide an opportunity for the community to see us outside!

The church will supply the lemonade, iced tea and paper goods. However, we need individuals, couples or families to sign up for a Sunday in June, July or August. Since the main purpose is for fellowship, we want to keep it as simple as possible. You would be asked to supply baked goods only (i.e. cookies, brownies, rice krispie bars, etc.) — homemade or store bought is your choice.

There will be more information in the coming weeks about how and when to sign up. In the meantime, look at your calendars and plan to sign up for a **Summer Sunday Lemonade in the Shade**.

## Youth Sunday Service and Cook-Out

On May 17 we will celebrate Youth Sunday. All our youth will be participating in the worship service in some way. We will also be presenting Bibles to children who have finished the second grade. This will be the last Sunday for Sunday school and for Kid Connection until September.

After the worship service we will be having an all-church cookout at the church. Meat and buns, condiments, table service, and beverages will be provided. We ask the congregation to bring side dishes or desserts, lawn chairs, and yard games.

## News About Jeni Pedzinski

We have received good news from Jeni Pedzinski. Jeni has reached 100% of her financial support goal! She was ordained as a minister of the gospel and commissioned as an American Baptist missionary on April 12. First Baptist is part of Jeni's Mission Partnership Network as we support her financially and as prayer partners. We should soon be hearing of her departure to begin language study and her ministry with the women at the New Life Center in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Please continue to pray for her as she takes this next big step.

## Volunteers For May

### Leaders for Sunday school opening are the following:

- May 3 Pam Shears
- May 10 Ellen Brown
- May 17 Pat Gosser (last day for Sunday school)

### Leaders for Kid Connection are the following:

- May 3 Erin Faulk and Bowen Nace
- May 10 Jennifer Turner and Claire Turner
- May 17 Pat Gosser and Will Fogle if necessary (Youth Sunday)

## Thank You

*Recently, we received the following thank you note from our neighbors, the Women's City Club, in response to the \$1000 check we sent them in memory of Jean Wickum.*

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you for your wonderful gesture to our mission...helping women in need. The Women's City Club works endlessly to provide funds to keep our lovely home in operation and to provide a basic need for the girls...housing.

Once again, thank you for thinking of us, we will put the funds to good use.

Sincerely,

– Denise Albert

## Teachers Wanted

I am currently seeking teachers and substitute teachers for next year. Please speak to me if this is something that you can help with.

– Pam Faulk

## Wonderful Easter Music

If you were in church Easter Sunday, you experienced a lot of beautiful music. It was such a pleasure. The service started with Peter White playing many familiar Easter songs on the piano. We heard Aidan and Colin Ferguson play their violins, the choir sang a beautiful anthem, Pastor Ellen played a CD of a beautiful song by Sandi Patti, and Claire Turner brought tears to our eyes when she sang "The Holy City." A big thank you to all of you! It was wonderful.

– Pam Faulk

## Mission Focus

Our mission focus for May will be Helpline. We heard about Helpline during our worship service on April 26.

## Don Eliot

Former member Don Eliot, age 77 of Columbus and Grandview Heights, died on April 14 from pancreatic cancer.

Longtime members will remember his parents, Claudia and Charles Eliot, who were members of our church for many years. Don was baptized in our church and his sister Sally Williams is a member.

His full obituary can be found at: <http://www.schoedinger.com>

We extend our sympathy to his family and friends.

## Youth Group

This month the Youth Group has met and had great fellowship. They had a fun game of Bible Trivia (thanks to Randy Turner!). They also did a community outreach project of baking cookies and walking them to the Delaware City Fire Department along with handmade "thank you" cards. The firefighters had a tough day that Sunday and they were very thankful for the warm, home baked cookies! Great job youth!

In May, we will NOT be meeting on Mother's Day, but we will meet on the last Sunday in May (May 31st) with the all ages youth group for a fun, outside (depending on the weather) activity! Remember to remind your parents about the volunteering class at the Humane Society, if you are still interested in doing that as a community outreach!

– Debbie Lovell

## Summer Youth Camp

Camp Kirkwood is an American Baptist summer camp located at Wilmington, Ohio. They offer summer camp activities for all ages of youth. The week of June 14-19 is Junior High Camp for grades 7-9. Junior Missions Camp for grades 4-6 will be held from June 21-26. Senior High Camp for grades 9-12 is the week of June 28-July 3. New Adventure Camp is for grades 3-4 and will be held from June 28-July 1. There



is a Beginners' Camp for grades K-2 which is held on July 10-11.

There are discounts available for first-time campers, bring-a-friend campers, and family discounts. In addition there are funds available from our church to help with the cost. Please speak to Pam Faulk if you are interested in summer camp.

## Sanctuary Art

The wall hanging that is currently in the sanctuary was created by former member Jeff Reed and was presented to the church as a gift. The wooden cross in the baptistry was made and given to the church by Larry Faulk.

## Save The Date

We have another star in our midst. Aidan Ferguson has the role of Christopher Robin in the musical production of Winnie the Pooh at Willis Intermediate.

Performances are Friday, May 8 from 6:30-7:30 and Saturday, May 9 from 11:00-noon. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students and seniors. We encourage our church family to support Aidan by attending one of these performances.

## Miss a Sunday? Catch Up!

If you missed a Sunday, but wanted to hear the worship service or the sermon, you are in luck. Just go to our website, and click on the link "Recent Services" to listen to an audio recording of the service. If you want to just hear the scripture and sermon, click on "Recent Sermons".

## Mission and Outreach Team News

The Mission and Outreach Team met on Sunday, March 8 and Sunday, April 17, 2015. The team has been exploring ways to show God's love through reaching out to others globally and locally.

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	<b>Ken Frische</b>	Surgery recovery
	<b>Christina Kilhefner</b>	Transplant recovery
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welcoming visitors to our church, special mission offerings and missionaries, and outreach ideas to the community.

Since the first meeting we have new signs on the lawn which display out worship time. We have done yard work and painting at Andrews House.

A meal has been served at the Family Promise House.

We have planned a meal and will serve it on April 20th for the Stepping Up/Getting Ahead class participants at William St. Church.

We have had contact with two Principals at local elementary schools as to ways we can provide assistance for students.

We have been in contact with Andrews House about the Summer Lunch Program held at Woodward School.

Andrews House offers three free community meals: 2nd Friday, 3rd Monday, and 3rd Thursday. We are looking into ways to assist with meals and bakery donations. We discussed the four Special offerings

and have a monthly emphasis on missions:

May – People in Need (non-perishable item donations), Blanket Sunday, and Helpline

June – Tools of Hope, One Great Hour of Sharing

July – School supplies for an elementary school

August – Common Ground

We discussed participating in First Friday events, the possibility of helping the Salvation Army with their aid in helping those that have been involved with Human Trafficking, and to Turning Point.

For the Second Friday Meal on May 8th, Larry Faulk is looking for volunteers to help. Please let him know if you can help. 740-362-8637.

The church members are providing a meal for Stepping Up/Getting Ahead class participants on May 20th. If you would like to provide food, give a donation toward a food purchase for the meal and /or help to serve, there will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Room on the bulletin board.

We would like to have everyone's ideas to move forward in being in service to others. Come join us for our May meeting!

- Mary Lou Lovell

### Pastoral Search Committee Update

The search committee continues to be in conversation with some candidates that were interviewed at the "Face to Face" event. We have also received the results of another ABC search and have selected more candidates to explore their interest and potential.

- Larry Faulk  
Pastoral Search Committee

### Core Values

As a result of our November "Core Values Meeting", the search committee focused on the following areas of Core Values: Worship, Education - Learning and Thinking, Jesus as the center, Fellowship, History / Tradition, and Mission. A copy of the profile is available in the Gathering Area for your review.

- Larry Faulk  
Pastoral Search Committee

### Calling All Women

from First Baptist Church to attend Church Women United Annual Meeting

**When:** May 1 at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon (Bring a dish to share and your own table service)

**Bring:** coins for the "Least Coin Offering"

**What:** Program — 12:15 p.m. "A Legend and a Legacy: Shanti Solomon and the Fellowship of the Least Coin."

**Where:** Asbury United Methodist Church

Let's have a group of women attend this Ecumenical Meeting! Call Mary Lou at 740-369-6041 to let her know if you plan to come.

### 1 Year Ago

May 2014 Newsletter

Rev. Chesser will be retiring May 18.

The old parsonage was demolished.

### 5 Years Ago

May 2010 Newsletter

New tables were put in the fellowship hall.

A bridal shower was held for Lindley Fischer and Sam Chesser.

### 10 Years Ago

May 2005 Newsletter

Pam Faulk recovered from her coma and was transferred from Riverside Hospital to a physical therapy facility.

### 15 Years Ago

May 2000 Newsletter

Church member Anne Linn, 72, the mother of Beth Trigg, died unexpectedly at her home.

If we would like to host this meeting next year, we need to offer that on May 1st.

### May Mission Opportunities

Our Mission Emphasis for the month of May will be Helpline. Sue Hanson will present the Mission Moment on April 26th to tell us about Helpline.

### Blanket Sunday - May 10th

Remember to honor your mother or special woman in your life on Mother's Day! Fill out a form designating the woman you are honoring with your donation and pin it to the blanket on Mother's Day. The donations will be given to Church World Service. This is the first of 3 activities each year to raise money for their mission work worldwide. Last year \$345.00 was given. Let's top that!

### Birthdays and Anniversaries



- May 3 Rick 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
- 17 Ellen & David Brown
- 24 Sharon & Steve Baker
- 27 Lisa Lawrence
- 30 Ken Peterson

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

### May Sermon Titles and Scripture

**May 3 - Communion**  
Backward Communion  
Luke 22:14-19

**May 10 - Mother's Day**  
Five Mothers  
Deuteronomy 6:5-9

**May 17 - Youth Sunday**  
Whatever Happens  
Philippians 4:11b-13

**May 24**  
What's Your Name?  
Judges 6:11-16

**May 31 - Pentecost Sunday**  
Dangerously Christian  
Acts 2:44-47

### People In Need CAN-PAIGN!

The first two weeks of May we will focus on bringing food and nonperishable items for P.I.N. Mrs. Shears and Mrs. Fogle's Sunday School class had a CAN DO activity in which they earned 87 items to P.I.N.! Wow! That

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was great! If everyone brings 1 item to church the first Sunday, May 3, that could be 30 items or more! If we do this on May 10th as well, that would be at least 30 more, for a total of 60! I think that we could top the Sunday School class. Let's see if we can get 100 cans! Please put this list on your refrigerator and circle the things you will bring on May 3rd and May 10th.

Food & taxable Items most needed in the food pantry

Beef Stew  
Boxed Dinners  
Boxed/Instant  
Cake Mixes  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Fruit Juices  
Canned Meats/Fish  
Canned Pasta  
Canned Vegetables  
Cereal  
Cooked/Dry  
Crackers  
Dry Milk  
Flavored Gelatin  
Frosting Mixes  
Graham Crackers  
Hot Chocolate Mix  
Jelly  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Muffin Mixes  
Noodles/Macaroni  
Peanut Butter  
Potatoes  
Pudding Mixes  
Saltines  
Shelf Stable Milk  
Soups  
Spaghetti  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Syrup  
Tea Bags

In order to promote a healthier diet for all Delaware County residents please consider donating items that are whole grain products, are lower in sodium, or reduced sugar.

The following Items are not available with the Ohio Direction Benefit Card.

Bar Soap  
Diapers (medium & large)  
Dish Soap  
Facial Tissue

Feminine Hygiene Products  
Shaving Cream  
Laundry Detergent  
Razors  
Shampoo  
Toothbrushes  
Toothpaste  
Toilet Paper

### Getting Ahead Classes

On April 20th several women are preparing and serving a meal for the participants and families of the "Getting Ahead"(Stepping Up) classes held at William St. Church. The participants of the classes are learning how to get out of poverty and are in a mentoring program.

We need your help for the May 20th meal. Food is to be taken to William St. Church by 4:30 p.m. on May 20th. Those serving remain until about 6:30 p.m. If you would like to make food for the meal and/or come and serve on May 20th, please let Mary Lou Lovell (740-360-6041) know by May 2nd.

### Meals for Family Promise

On Thursday, April 9, Pam Faulk and I prepared and served a meal for the Family Promise residents. Pam and I were greeted by a 9 year old who opened the door and asked if there was anything he could do to help us. Many of the residents asked how they could help in preparation for serving the meal. We enjoyed meeting the women and children. We talked, laughed, discovered things in common, helped with the children and played a game. The residents thanked us for bringing the meal and were very appreciative. We would like to go again. We are hoping that others will join us. I will keep you updated as to when we are asked to provide a meal again.

– Mary Lou Lovell

### Thank you for the pies!

Through the generosity of the members of First Baptist Church we were able to provide 10 apple pies for Andrews House Second Friday meal. Thanks to all who donated for the purchase of the pies. Because

the pies were on sale, we have \$5.10 to put toward the purchase of the next dessert we will provide.

– Mary Lou Lovell

### Personals

- Claire Turner recently visited New York City with the Hayes High School choir. She thanks you all for your support this year.
- Alvin and Bev Cox's granddaughter Anna Cox recently had her last chemo treatment and is now in remission. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Phil, Melissa, and Jane Mercer recently took a trip to New York City.
- Debbie, Will, and Gabe Fogle visited Debbie's brother Matt in California over spring break.
- Jeanne Ekelberry has undergone her second eye surgery and had some complications but is healing. She thanks all who have supplied transportation for her.
- Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk took a cruise to Key West, Honduras, Guatemala, and Costa Maya, Mexico over spring break.
- Will Fogle recently participated in a music competition and received two scores of 1 for his violin pieces.
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson were featured with a picture in the April 20 edition of the Delaware Gazette. They recently received the highest tribute, the Gift of Love Award from Willow Brook of Delaware Run for their voluntary service at Willow Brook.
- Sam and Lindley Chesser are proud parents of Spencer Avery Chesser, born at 11:12 pm on April 20. He was 6 lb 2 oz and 20 inches. Mother and child are doing well.



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# May

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					1 11:30 Church Women United Annual Meeting	2
					Women of Faith Conference in Columbus	
<b>Peace Sunday</b> 3 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 Delaware Community Chorus Spring Concert (also at 5:00)	4 5:30 Board of Christian Education	5	6 7:00 Choir	<b>National Day of Prayer</b> 7 	8 6:00 Second Friday at Andrews House 6:30 Winnie the Pooh at Willis	9 9:00 Women's Fellowship 11:00 Winnie the Pooh at Willis
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# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

May 19, 2013 is certainly a day that will live long in the memory of the Chesser family. It was a privilege to be able to see our son Sam ordained to the gospel ministry. The timing also could not have been better. By being held so close

to graduation many of Sam's friends from the seminary were able to attend and participate. With Region staff, members of First Baptist, Marion Association pastors and officers, and ecumenical guests we had a full slate of participants. On behalf of my

family I extend a special thanks to all who made the day special from the service to the reception.

Almost half of Sam's life has been spent at FBC Delaware. You have played a significant role in his development as a person and now as an ordained clergy person. As Sam and Lindley leave for Connecticut they take a little bit of you with them and they will be blessed as a result.

In June we will be receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. We are targeting June 30 for this offering with a goal of \$600.00. As I write this our neighbors in Moore, Oklahoma are trying to recover from a devastating tornado. Even though there were no American Baptist Churches in the area hit by

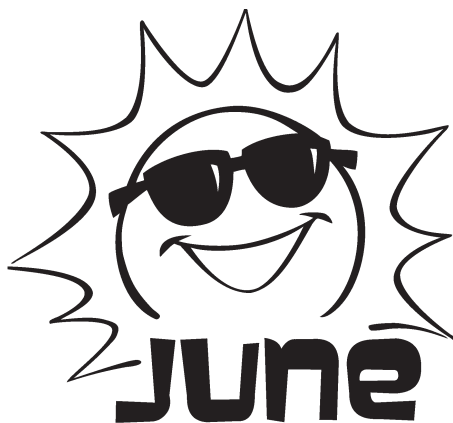
the storm people from the Central Region of the ABC will be providing assistance aided with OGHS funds. In addition Church World Service will be offering assistance. We participate in the later with our Blanket Sunday and Tools of Hope offering. The former is the special offering we are receiving in June.

As we enter into our summer schedule we have some time to relax after a busy year. Many will be traveling during the summer. Kathy and I plan to take some time in July to visit Sam and Lindley in their new home and church in Norwich as well as our usual time in

New York. Sam has already figured out what train we need to take for the trip.

I hope we can spend some time this summer asking what kind of questions should we be asking about what God expects of us as a church. If you have some ideas about how we might promote healthy dialogue please let me know.

Your Pastor,



## Our Graduates

Our church is blessed to have three seniors graduating from Delaware Hayes High School. **Emily Bowman** was named valedictorian and is planning to attend Miami University in the fall. **Ian Ferguson** is planning to attend the College of Wooster.

**Michael Mercer** is planning to attend Columbus State.



On the college front, **Dominique DeBiasio** is graduating from Capital University. She is continuing to work in a variety of musical endeavors.

We have one seminary graduate. **Sam Chesser** graduated from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. He will begin serving as the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Norwich, Connecticut on June 1.

## Take Me Out to the Ball Game

All are invited to join us on Saturday evening June 22 for a Columbus Clippers baseball game at Huntington Park in Columbus. Game time is 7 pm. See me for tickets. Come enjoy the game and fellowship together. Thanks,



—Larry Faulk

## Palmers Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Jerry and Lana Palmer celebrated their Golden Anniversary on Saturday, June 1, 2013. They chose to make the occasion a celebration of family, for family is — to them — a great and wonderful blessing. The children, Jennifer and Jason Lenhart and Steve and Sandi Palmer, hosted



a dinner in the private dining room at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City for immediate and extended family members. The party then returned to the Palmer home where Rev. Tim Chesser performed a renewal of vows service, complete with an exchange of anniversary rings. Refreshments, including a traditional anniversary cake, were then served.

Jerry and Lana were married at Asbury United Methodist Church in Delaware on June 2, 1963 with the Rev. Harry A. Hull officiating. The couple met while Jerry was serving in the United States Air Force at Selfridge Air Base, Mount Clemens Michigan, and Lana was attending Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing in Detroit. Lana did not complete her training in Michigan, opting instead to accept a position as office assistant to Douglas L. Smith, M.D. of Delaware. She later completed her education at Marion Technical College, Marion, Ohio. Jerry retired from PPG Industries in 2001 as a Sales and Technical Service Representative. Lana ended her nursing career as Nurse Educator (staff development and patient education) at Memorial Hospital of Union County, Marysville.

Jerry and Lana have five beloved grandchildren. They are Jeremy Tyler Chaffin, Morgaine Elise Williams (Ian), Aaron Lenhart, Joshua Lenhart and Brady Palmer. They are also blessed to have a wonderful church family at First Baptist Church!

Jerry and Lana will travel to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Gatlinburg, Tennessee in October to enjoy revisiting the site of their honeymoon trip.

## Baby Shower For Twice Blessed

This summer Marci and Matt Cooper will receive twice the blessings with the birth of their twins. All the ladies of the church, young and old, are invited to a baby shower for Marci on Sunday, June 23 at 2:00 in the afternoon in the fellowship hall. Marci is registered at Babies 'R Us, Target, and Amazon.com. Please R.S.V.P. to Pam Faulk, 740-362-8637.



## Activity Bags

This summer there will be a stand in the vestibule which will hold some green cloth bags. These bags will contain activities for our children to enjoy in the pews during our worship service.

Children should feel free to pick up a bag before the service and enjoy the activities found inside and take any papers home with them. Please encourage them to leave supplies in the bag for the next person.

Contributions from last year's "birthday money" were used to pay for the bags and supplies.

– Board of Christian Education

## Ten Ways To Let Your Light Shine!

1. Pray for fathers all over the world.
2. Support the One Great Hour of Sharing offering more.
3. Attend the more social events that the church sponsors.
4. Plant extra plants in your vegetable garden to take to neighbors who do not have a garden.
5. Find out about the Cards for Kids organization and make cards for kids facing poverty, homelessness, or other difficult circumstances.
6. Cook something together with someone.
7. Pray for people who help children in the community during the summer.
8. Create a local tool library where people can check out donated tools free of charge.
9. Give your children chores.
10. Plan a family picnic.

## Volunteers Needed

We still need one Sunday school teacher for next fall who will teach the pre-school class. We also need people who will help with the opening fellowship for Sunday school. Please speak to Pam Faulk to volunteer.



## Blanket Sunday (May 12)

We honored the women of our lives on Mother's day, raising \$260.00 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

Jim and Ann Brown  
with Carol Grubbs  
Jeanne Ekelberry  
Erin and Larry Faulk

Pam and Larry Faulk

Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle

Janet Lathrop

Lisa Lawrence  
Mary Lou Lovell

Jane Moore  
Jerry and Lana Palmer  
Ken Peterson  
Genevieve Peterson

Betty Porter

Jim Stephenson  
Sophia Stephenson  
Cynthia Tizzano  
Calvin, Ben and Claire  
Turner

Randy and Jennifer Turner

Linda White

### In Honor/Memory

In Memory of: Ruth Brown  
Edith Hall

In Memory of: Ethel Trogdon  
In Honor of: Pam Faulk

Marci Cooper  
In Memory of: Jean Wickum  
In Honor of: Florence Faulk  
Evolena Cole  
Erin Faulk  
Laurie Faulk  
Patricia Rose  
Donna Mann  
Mary Anderson

In Memory of: Jean Wickum  
In Honor of: Mary Lou Lovell  
Carol Serviss

In Honor of: Pam Shears  
Lorri Parfenchuk  
Cindy Kinder  
Dianna Lathrop

In Memory of: Myrtle Gabriel  
In Honor of: Marge Matthews  
In Honor of: Deborah Fogle  
Barbara Smith  
Mary Lou Lovell

In Memory of: Margaret Morby  
Rose Verespj  
Jennie Lovell

In Memory of: Willa Smith Corder  
In Memory of: Both Mothers  
In Memory of: Jessie Peterson  
In Memory of: Jessie Peterson  
Amanda Mac Neill  
Corinne Potter

In Honor of: Mary Lou Lovell  
In Memory of: Martha Jane Guy  
In Honor of: Sophia Stephenson  
In Memory of: Her Mother  
In Memory of: Barbara Tizzano  
In Honor of: Jennifer Turner  
Melissa Mercer

In Honor of: Jane Moore  
Tonabell Turner

In Honor of: Margaret Seckman



Julia Jones/CWS

Build a village,  
one smile at a time.



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	<b>Christina Kilhefner</b>	Health issues
	<b>Steve Baker</b>	Health issues
	<b>Kip and Barbara Smith</b>	Expectant parents
	<b>Matt and Marci Cooper</b>	Expectant parents
	<b>Fran Cook</b>	Heart problems
	<b>Betty Porter</b>	Health issues
Pastor Tim	<b>Hazel Chesser</b>	Health Issues
Barb Reed	<b>Regan Riedmiller</b>	Health issues
Betty Porter	<b>Sue Koloff</b>	Health issues
Beth Trigg	<b>Joy McAfee</b>	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!*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- June 2 Jerry & Lana Palmer
- 4 Patricia Foor
- 8 Pam Faulk  
Carol Serviss
- 10 David & Mary Lou Lovell  
Aidan Ferguson
- 11 Randy & Jennifer Turner
- 12 Sam & Lindley Chesser
- 16 Bud & Becky Sykes
- 17 Matthew & Marci Cooper
- 19 Wyatt Cramer
- 21 Dan & Sherry Chambers
- 22 June Grubbs
- 24 Beth Trigg
- 28 Jami Riedmiller  
Hannah McKendrick

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

### Church Social

On June 9, Children's Day, we will be having a pot-luck lunch in the fellowship hall after church. Bring a dish to share and your own table service and join us for fellowship. We will eat at approximately 11:30.

### Personals

- Congratulations to our high school graduates, Emily Bowman, Ian Ferguson, and Michael Mercer.
- Steve Baker was in Riverside Hospital with complications from gall bladder surgery.
- Melissa Mercer fell down several steps and badly bruised her spine but is recovering.
- Phil Mercer recently celebrated 30 years with NAPA Auto Parts.
- Erin Faulk's 4th grade science classes were featured on Channel 6 "Lunchbox Weather" recently.
- Beth and Archie Trigg traveled to Scotland with a group of ladies.
- Ed Linn was home for a visit recently.

• Thank you to our violinists, Will and Gabe Fogle and Aidan Ferguson who played wonderfully during the Mother's Day worship service.

- Marci and Matt Cooper are buying a house in Indianapolis. Matt has accepted a position there as a pediatric radiologist. He has finished his fellowship here at Children's Hospital.
- Lana Palmer and her daughter Jennifer flew to New Mexico to see Jennifer's daughter.
- Cynthia Tizzano is starting a new job with Lab Corp in Dublin.
- Pam and Larry Faulk recently traveled to Warren to attend the first communion and also dance recital of their granddaughter Brigid Faulk. They also attended a play about the Titanic that their grandson Cullen had several parts in.
- Sophia and Jim Stephenson visited Biltmore House in North Carolina, the Smoky Mountains, Gatlinburg, and Shaker Village in Kentucky.




# First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

# June 2013

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

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## Rev. Brown Resigning

Rev. Ellen Brown, who has been our interim pastor since June 1, 2014, has submitted her resignation to the Board of Deacons.

Her last day with us will be Sunday, July 26.

In her letter she said that much has been accomplished during the past year, that we are ready for the arrival of a permanent pastor, and that God is leading her to conclude her time with us.



We thank her for being our interim pastor for 14 months, for her hard work, leadership and friendship.

After church on her last day (July 26) there will be a Potluck Picnic in the fellowship hall to celebrate Ellen's time with us.

## Editorial

### WHAT'S NEXT?

I've heard several comments about the announcement of my resignation and I want to assure you that I did not make this decision quickly or easily. As I wrote in my resignation letter, *just as the Lord prepared and called me to walk alongside you this past year, I believe that He is calling me to conclude my time with you. I look back over the last year and am amazed at all the congregation has accomplished. You have been willing to be stretched, both by doing some things differently and by trying new ministry ideas. Almost every*

*change or new idea has been met with "Let's try it!" You as a congregation have accomplished more in the last 12 months than most churches do during longer interim periods. I believe you are ready for the arrival of a permanent pastor and are on the precipice of a new day. Added to your readiness for the next chapter, my own life circumstances have changed since I've been with you and I feel*



*those now need my attention. I truly believe the timing of my departure is God's timing for me and First Baptist.*

However, with my impending departure, you may be wondering what's going to happen next, particularly before your new pastor arrives on the scene. Let me say initially that it is not unusual (or catastrophic) for an interim pastor to leave before a new pastor is announced. It is also important to have some time between the Interim and the permanent pastor. Still, you might have some anxiety about the days ahead.

I want to remind you of something

that James writes: *"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."* (James 1:2-4, NIV). James is reminding us that trials (like those that come during an interim period) **test our faith**. The Greek actually means that our faith is **refined by fire or proven like gold**. Our faith becomes *purified* when we stick it out during challenging times, because, in times like these, our Lord not only continues to use us but is also preparing us for a more dynamic and exciting future than we have ever imagined.

From where I sit, that trajectory has already started. Actually, your energy, patience, and "stick-to-it-iveness" have impressed me over this past year. Your faith has grown, even through the *growing pains* of this transformational season. Your mission interest continues to increase, and you have been putting hands and feet and faces to your ministry. But the transformation of First Baptist is still "in process." So I encourage you to *keep at it*. But before your new pastor comes, you have the opportunity to test "ownership" of your ministry. Pastors come and go, but you remain.

In the meantime, if you feel yourself becoming overly anxious for the arrival of your new pastor, remember what James writes: *"let perseverance finish its work."* That's why it's important to keep up your disciplines, strengthen your study

of Scripture, pray together more intentionally, and continue to join hands and hearts in ministry. Consistency and perseverance will be even more critical as your Pastoral Search Committee diligently completes its assignment. But you'll soon discover that when your faith is "tested" and you remain faithful to our Lord and church, wonderful things will continue to happen in and through you!

So how are *you* doing as an individual participant in the life of First Baptist? How's **your** prayer life, **your** financial support of the church, **your** active engagement in ministry, **your** energy for "usual routines" of church life? Have **you** recently volunteered for a ministry that interests you? How are you using your gifts and abilities for the health and growth of First Baptist? The coming days will provide myriad opportunities for you to "keep on keeping on," as you've been doing all during this past year.

I have always had the desire to play the piano and, even though my father loved to play, we didn't have a piano in our home. Then someone donated a piano to our church. However, the church didn't need another one so it was decided that it would go in the parsonage. But the only space we had for it was – in my bedroom!

I spent hours playing, so much so, that my mother had to tell me to stop playing and go outside! I took piano lessons over the years but there were huge gaps between the formal lessons. Each time I had to start over and relearn some things. The last time we had a piano in our home, I played it all the time. I couldn't pass by it without sitting down to play "just for a few minutes," which usually turned into an hour. When we moved to Europe, we had to leave the piano behind and storing it wasn't an option.

A dozen years went by and I didn't play a note. Then Dave surprised me by giving me an electronic keyboard for my birthday. I was thrilled! I pulled out my old piano books to play and discovered that I had forgotten almost everything I learned. Today if you asked me to play anything, I could play simple tunes but not much else.

I didn't keep at it, and lost the ground I'd gained.

The time has come now for you to continue the journey. But take it from me: if you don't persevere, you could lose the music.

Blessings,



Pastor Ellen

### **Pastoral Search Committee Update**

Please be in prayer for the search committee as they travel to a couple of neutral pulpits in the next few weeks to hear potential candidates for pastor.

– Larry Faulk, Chairman



### **First Baptist Missions for July and August**

— July —

School Supplies Needed for Conger School. Here are the most needed items from the school supply list that could provide:

- head phones
- spiral notebooks
- glue sticks
- Pencils(#2) can always be used as well.

Children use the head phones can be used in 2 ways: with the computer and to block room sounds when working individually. Be watching for the envelopes with a picture of the head phones on it in the pews. Each set of head phones are about \$18.00. Any donation for

these would be great!

Since there are many sales on spiral notebooks and glue sticks in July, we should be able to fill a box!

Let's help the students have a successful beginning to their new school year!

— August —

Common Ground Store on East Central Ave. that provides clothing and household items to people in need at no charge. Donations of household items can be gently used.

Coming Soon! – Undy Sunday!

Be on the look out for sales on new underwear that we can provide for

Common Ground. Bring your items to church and place them in the box provided.

– Mary Lou Lovell

### **Mission/Outreach Team News**

The Panera Bread Donation mission, headed by Pat Gosser, is going well. On Thursday night, a volunteer from First Baptist picks up the unsold breads and pastries from Panera, takes them home and wraps them so that they can be frozen and donated to Andrews House. Mel, at Andrews House has found many places the baked goods can be used (Andrews House Meals, Woodward Summer Lunch Program, and a church that has an open pantry on Friday afternoons. The baked items are picked up from Panera on Thursday night about 8:45. After wrapping, they are delivered to Andrews House on Friday morning about 8:30. One of the pick ups was 344 items. If you can help with this call Pat Gosser at (317) 442-7806.

Tell Pat "Thanks" for getting this started. What a great way to serve our community!

Debbie Fogle and Mary Lou Lovell served at Family Promise! The residents are so grateful to be there and appreciative of meals that are

brought in. It is great to spend time with the children and their families. They had fun blowing bubbles, playing cars, reading books, and doing puzzles with us. Thanks to Pat Gosser for providing fruit salad and Debbie Forgle for Rice Krispies Treats!

– Mary Lou Lovell

## “Cathedral Windows” Wall Hanging

Last month’s article about the wall hanging in the sanctuary showed the wrong one (it was changed after the picture was taken). This is the correct one.



## Woodward Summer Lunch Program

We currently have 9 volunteers going to Woodward on various days to help with serving lunch (11:45-1:15) Monday to Friday. Volunteers hand out milk, give hand sanitizer, take the lunch count, help with condiments, and help students with what they need. Some days still need volunteers.

If you are interested in helping with this, call me at (740) 369-6041.

Lana Palmer has been in contact with Samantha Hudson to learn how we might help Salvation Army provide to those that have been involved in Human Trafficking.

– Mary Lou Lovell

## Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are currently seeking a Sunday school teacher and substitute teachers for this fall. Please speak to Pam Faulk about this.

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	Betty Porter	Recovery from oral surgery
	Christina Kilhefner	Transplant recovery
	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
	Steve Baker	Health issues
The Faulks	Bora Porter (Janet’s daughter)	Health issues
	Mary Anderson	Health Issues

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

## Summer Address For Claire Turner

Everyone is encouraged to drop Claire a card while she is working at camp this summer. Her address is as follows:

Claire Turner  
c/o Marmon Valley Farms  
7754 State Route 292 S  
Zanesfield, OH 43306

– Pam Faulk

## Common Ground Additional Needs for the August Mission Outreach

- shampoo
- soap
- tooth paste
- all sizes of baby diapers
- paper towels
- toilet paper

– Mary Lou Lovell

## Volunteers Needed

As you read in the June newsletter, our church has taken on a mission to pick up the unsold bread and pastry items from Panera every Thursday evening. This mission is ongoing, and we need volunteers who will sign up to help with this. The items are picked up at 8:45 in

the evening and packaged and then taken to Andrews House the next day. If you are not able to take it during the day on Friday, you can take it to another volunteer who can. So we also need people who are available on Fridays to help out with that. Panera is very generous to do this, and this is an important mission for our church. Andrews House is able to distribute the bread and pastry to the people or organizations in Delaware who can really use it and often go hungry. Please see Pat Gosser to volunteer for this. There are plenty of slots open on the calendar.

– Pam Faulk

## Thank You

We recently received a letter from the American Baptist Home Mission Society thanking us for our contribution to the America for Christ Offering this spring. We sent them contributions of \$311.89. The ABHMS receives two-thirds of this contribution, and our regional office receives one-third.

– Pam Faulk

## Personals

• Betty Porter recently had extensive oral surgery and experienced some complications. We hope she is now on the mend.

• Emily Bowman recently fell down some steps and broke her nose and wrist and sustained a concussion. She has had surgery on her wrist.

• Randy Turner has retired from Hayes High School after teaching math for 33 years. Congratulations, Randy!

• Ken Peterson recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Congratulations, Ken!

• Pam Shears took a trip to San Francisco.

• The Lovells and the Fogles spent a week at Lakeside.

– Pam Faulk, Personals Editor

## Card Sent to Charleston Church

In the wake of the church shooting in Charleston last week, those who were present in worship on June 21 signed a card on behalf of First Baptist that was sent to the Emanuel AME church letting them know of our thoughts and prayers.

## Greeters & Hosts Needed

There are still some open slots for worship Greeters on July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Also some open slots for Lemonade in the Shade Hosts on July 19, August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Sign up for either or both of these in the Gathering Room.

## FBC T-shirts

FBC has T-shirts for sale which we can wear to promote FBC when we go on service projects such as Andrews House or Family Promise or “just out and about”. Shirts are available in men’s sizes S, M, L, XL, or XXL for \$8 each. There is one on display in the Gathering Place. See Larry Faulk to purchase one.

### 5 Years Ago

*July 2010 Newsletter*

Sam Chesser and Lindley Fischer were married

### 15 Years Ago

*July 2000 Newsletter*

A private memorial service was held for Bruce Lee.

“Aunt” Alice Osborne had heart bypass surgery at age 91.

### 20 Years Ago

*July 1995 Newsletter*

Pastor Jody Lynn Brummett will be in Guatemala for two weeks for a Habitat Work Camp.

### 40 Years Ago

*July 1975 Newsletter*

Carolyn White and Helen Aleshire will travel to Europe to attend the 13th Baptist World Congress in Sweden.

Jean Wickum became president of the Altrusa Club and will attend their conference in Arizona.

Edna Darling graduated from Methesco and will move to Dayton.

### 45 Years Ago

*July 1970 Newsletter*

Ernestine Frost retired from the phone company.

The pastors of First Baptist and Zion UCC will preach two sermons when the other is on vacation — at their own church and at the other church. This is possible since the churches meet at different times.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



- July 1 Robert & Patricia Foor
- 3 Phil Mercer
- 6 Sam Chesser  
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

*Names and dates are from the latest church directory.*

## July Sermon Titles

### July 5

*Free at Last!*  
Mark 5:24-34

### July 12

*Obedience Training*  
Psalm 25:4-10

### July 19

*Keep Looking Ahead*  
Philippians 3:8-14

### July 26

*Shine On!*  
Revelation 2:1-5

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# July 2015

Rev. Ellen Brown

Interim Pastor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 10:00 Morning Worship	6	7 7:00 Trustees	8	9	10	11 9:00 Women's Fellowship at Panera
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## Editorial

### Final Thoughts

As I leave you, I thank all of you for the tremendous experiences I've had here at First Baptist. It has been a privilege to serve among you during these past 14 months. You are a wonderful congregation with a heart for Christ, His church and the world both locally and globally.

Your interim period reflected the experience of every other church during an interim season, that it was a time of reflective and preparatory change. But some of it has been uncomfortable. Typically, change takes us out of our comfort zone and, as we are disturbed, we are stretched. My encouragement is that you stay on the "growing edge" and keep trusting the Lord's future for you.

As you look ahead to your future, move forward remembering the words of Moses, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid and

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## Candidate Weekend Planned

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Saturday morning, 9 - 12, Dr. Allison will meet with boards and committees in the Fellowship Hall. These meetings are open to all. Please join us for a covered dish dinner Saturday evening at 6 pm for fellowship and a question and answer time.

Dr. Allison will preach during worship on Sunday, August 2. There will be a called business meeting after the worship for the purpose of calling Dr. Allison as pastor. Please plan to share fully in the weekend activities.

*- Larry Faulk  
Pastoral Search Chairman*

## Dr. Mark E. Allison

Dr. Mark E. Allison is currently the pastor of the First United Baptist Church of Staunton, IL where he has served for the past 17 years. He has three sons attending the University of Missouri.

Dr. Allison received his B.B.A. from

Baylor University, his M.Div. and Ph.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained in 1989. Dr. Allison's balance of extensive educational training and research, along with his practical life experiences uniquely qualifies him to join with FBC Delaware in our journey of worship, study, and service.



*Dr. Mark E. Allison*

In addition to his dedication to preaching, teaching, and interpreting the faith, Mark brings a worth of compassion and caring to building relationships and encouraging personal growth in our faith.

*- Larry Faulk  
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**Note:** A longer bio was passed out in church and mailed to those not in attendance. Copies are also available at the church. - editor

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do not panic, for the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you!" (Deuteronomy 3:16)

Soon you will have a new permanent pastor. When that day comes, here are a few guidelines to help make the transition easier:

1. **Remind your new pastor of your name** every time you meet him at least for the first three months. Keep in mind that you only have to learn one name but he has to learn all of yours. He won't remember you after meeting you only once, even if you think you are "unforgettable"!
2. **Pray for and encourage him regularly.** The first months of a new pastorate are tremendously important and exciting, but they are also highly stressful. So keep up your prayer support once your new pastor gets here. Tell him often that you are praying for him and affirm him in every way.
3. **Invite him into your home** so that he can get to know you "as you are" and you can get better acquainted with him. Discover his unique gifts for ministry, and who he is as a unique, real person whom the Lord has called to work alongside you.
4. As much as possible during the first few weeks after he is with you, offer to **help him get settled.** Take meals to him, show him where the grocery store is and accompany him to the area "hotspots." In every way, make him feel at home in Delaware and among the First Baptist Family.
5. At the same time, **give him some privacy.** Living in a fishbowl is never easy, so allow him time to get settled. Free him up to explore Delaware and the cultural life of the area. Stimulate his interest in the very places that you love so much.

Finally, here are a few suggestions that pertain particularly to the pastoral role:

1. **Support the worship and study opportunities of the church.** Nothing will encourage your new pastor more than seeing a

burgeoning congregation at worship, study, and in the practice of ministry. Make a commitment to support the activities of the church with your attendance.

2. **Increase your financial support to the church.** Your excitement about the future should naturally result in generous financial contributions. Put your money where your heart is! There's no reason why the church's giving cannot increase tremendously during your pastor's first year. What a gift that would be to the beginning of a new and explosive ministry!
3. **Look to your new pastor for new leadership.** Past practices and traditions are always more comfortable than change. But dwelling in the past can hamper the fresh movement of the Lord's Spirit. Your new pastor will bring new experiences, new perspectives, invaluable new ideas, and, of course, a different style than Tim or me. Still, it won't take you long to become comfortable with your new pastor, and you will begin to see a new future open up for the church. So be open to new ideas and methods, because there are other (often better) ways to accomplish the work of the kingdom. Follow the lead of your new pastor!
4. **Force your pastor to keep learning.** Continuing education opportunities, reading materials, and training events are important. Send your pastor to Missions' Conferences and pastoral training experiences. Keep the pastor growing and the church will keep growing.
5. As a strong American Baptist congregation in central Ohio, First Baptist has an important responsibility to the larger community and denominational family. Therefore, **encourage your new pastor to engage in ministry beyond First Baptist.** Make sure he is involved with the region, association, and the Delaware clergy group. And

introduce your pastor to folks you know in the community, which will be important.

6. **Don't say anything negative about your pastor's ministry for the first year.** Like a new pair of shoes, it will take time to feel comfortable with your new pastor's style of ministry. As such, grant him the freedom to be unique – in the pulpit, in leading meetings, and in working with Boards and the congregation. During this time of discovery, disallow crabby commentary, contrariness or grumbling among yourselves, or an over-emphasis on all the great things that happened in the past. Of course, you don't have to refrain from asking questions, engaging your pastor in theological dialog, or remembering your wonderful history. Far from it! But I am suggesting that you not "gossip" about your new pastor's ministry in the parking lot or *insist* on your preferences. That kind of discourse will throw a damper on the energy that your new pastor will bring. Remember that a new era demands *patience, open encouragement, and energetic support.* So give your new pastor at least a year of freedom from negativity. And, who knows, at the end of a year, you may discover that you have nothing negative to say!
7. **Don't neglect newly established ministries.** It will be easy to let up on your new outreach efforts, or let the search for someone to work with the youth "rest." New ministries can easily dissipate unless you keep working at them. So, *proactively* maintain ongoing programs, ministries and emphases, which will be one of the tremendous gifts you can give to your new pastor.

Thank you for these past 14 months. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you and have come to love you as a congregation. I praise God for the great things He has done,



is doing now, and will do in your future. You will continue to be in my thoughts, prayers, and heart!

*"I ask that your minds may be opened to see his light, so that you will know what is the hope to which he has called you, how rich are the wonderful blessings he promises his people, and how very great is his power at work in us who believe."*  
Philippians 1:18-19a

Blessings,



Pastor Ellen

### Mission/Outreach Team News

The Mission/Outreach Team met on July 19, 2015. We are pleased with the generosity of the congregation in supplying school items for Conger Elementary School students. The stack of spiral notebooks has overflowed from the table onto the floor. Larry Faulk will purchase head phones with the money that has been given. We have many glue sticks, and scissors, and a set of markers. We will have a final count in August, as the last Sunday to collect the items is July 26, 2015. Thanks to ALL who have donated. Let's get the children off to a great start for the school year!

### Upcoming Missions

Get ready for UNDY SUNDAY! What is that you say? Well, on August 9th we are asking you to bring NEW PACKAGED UNDERWEAR to be given to the Common Ground Free Store. All sizes; mens, women's, and children's. Look for sales and let's overflow the table with undies!

Also needed: Gently used clothing (all sizes), shoes, household items (dishes, silverware, toasters, blankets, sheets, towels, washcloths, pots and pans, coffee makers and storage containers. Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, all sizes of diapers, paper towels and toilet paper.

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September Mission will be People In Need.(PIN).

### Woodward Free Lunch Program

Thank you to the volunteers from our church that have helped to serve: Alec Ferguson, Pam Faulk, Erin Faulk, Larry Faulk, Rev. Ellen Brown, Debbie Fogle, Will Fogle, Gabe Fogle, Randy Turner, and Mary Lou Lovell.

On Tuesdays, children are given books that have been donated to take home. Debbie, Will, and Gabe donated 4 big bags of books. The children were delighted to have a book or 2 to take home.

### Family Promise

On July 21st and 23rd volunteers prepared meals for Family Promise and took them to the Family Promise House. Thank you Linda White, Pat Gosser, Genevieve Peterson, Jennifer Turner and Mary Lou Lovell

### Panera Bread

Panera items continue to be a blessing to those in our community. The Thursday night pick up is being rotated by church members. Volunteers bag the bread and pastry items and put them in tubs. On Friday morning the volunteers deliver the items to Andrews House. Bread was given to 2 families who came to Andrews House on Friday

morning. Some of the bread was taken to the Woodward Lunch program to be given to families. The remaining items from Woodward were taken to a Food Pantry at a local church. Thanks to Pam and Ken Shears, Jean Ekelberry, Lana and Jerry Palmer, Pat and Raleigh Gosser, Chad Myford, Pam, Larry, and Erin Faulk, Debbie, Will, Gabe Fogle, and Mary Lou Lovell.

If you think you would like to help with this, talk to Pat Gosser or anyone who has done it. It benefits so many people!

Our next meeting will be August 16th at 11:15 a.m. (after Lemonade in the Shade.). Got ideas? Please come and join us!

– Mary Lou Lovell

### First Baptist Missions for August

Common Ground Store on East Central Ave. that provides clothing and household items to people in need at no charge. Donations of household items can be gently used.

Coming Soon! – Undy Sunday!

Be on the look out for sales on new underwear that we can provide for

Common Ground. Bring your items to church and place them in the box provided.

– Mary Lou Lovell

## Andrews House Angel Food Cakes

FBC has agreed to supply 10 Angel Food Cakes for the August 14th, Second Friday dinner. Please make contributions to Larry Faulk by Sunday, August 9th. Cakes are \$4 each.

– Larry Faulk

## A BIG THANK YOU

In June we collected the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Our goal was \$700. At the end of the third week, we were not even close to that goal with just a little over \$300. Yet, at the end of the month, we were able to contribute \$1013! Way to go First Baptist! The generosity of our church fellowship is amazing.

## Personals

• Emilie Trigg and Mike Showalter were married on June 10. A few days later Mike was injured during a swimming accident. He was rescued by Jackson Trigg. He spent several days in the hospital but is now home and back at work as a chef at Buehler's.

• Family members visited sisters Janet Lathrop and Carol Serviss recently.

– Pam Faulk

## Church Directory Update

Please update your directory information for Emilie Trigg to Emilie and Mike Showalter, 44 Cheshire Street, Delaware, OH 43015. Anniversary date is June 10. We don't know Mike's birthday or their phone or email.

## 1 Year Ago

August 2014 Newsletter

Church groups began picking representatives for our Pastoral Search Committee.

## 5 Years Ago

August 2010 Newsletter

Our annual retreat at Camp Christian will be in early October.

## 25 Years Ago

August 1990 Newsletter

Dick Lee died on Aug. 2. He was our financial secretary for many years and served in many other offices. He was a WWII veteran and was active in the Boy Scouts and 4H.

## 30 Years Ago

August 1985 Newsletter

Claudia Eliot, the mother of Sally Williams, died on July 12. She held many church offices and is remembered for her fine Christmas programs.

The trustees started covering the walls in the new building with panelling to reduce heating bills and make the classrooms more comfortable. Thanks to Dave Lovell for leading the project.

## 40 Years Ago

August 1975 Newsletter

Our 3rd annual church retreat will take place at Camp Ohio. A \$12.50 charge per person will cover 5 meals and 2 nights' lodging.

Our Jr. High group will visit Cedar Point. Members include Teresa Grubbs, Connie Breece, and Cindy Lathrop; Terri Koltovich will drive.

## 45 Years Ago

August 1970 Newsletter

Gary Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Evans and grandson of Mrs. Ernestine Frost, visited while on leave from the Air Force.

## Birthdays and 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 Ken Shears
- 25 Raleigh Gosser
- 26 Sofia Kennedy
- 27 Linda White
- Penny Hagaman
- 30 Katie Riedmiller
- Archie Trigg

Names and dates are from the latest church directory.

## Tools of Hope (June 21)

Thank You First Baptist! We contributed \$210 to Church World Service. Your donations will help Church World Service provide help and relief to those struggling in poverty and recovering from disasters. What a fantastic tribute to 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
Sherry Chambers	In Memory of: Bill Layton
Jean Ekelberry	In Memory of: Hewlett Trogdon John Vienot Ekelberry
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 Wilbur Wickum
Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle	In Honor of: Vic Fogle Dave Lovell Ray Serviss Ray Morby In Memory of: Will Fogle Robert Lovell
Carol Grubbs/Jim Brown	In Honor of: Fred Grubbs In Memory of: Charles Brown
Jane Moore	In Honor of: Jim Snyder In Memory of: Jimmie Moore
Jerry and Lana 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 Dave Lovell Randy Turner In Memory of: Jim "Billy" Porter
Jennifer Turner	In Honor of: Heryl Turner Randy Turner Jim Snyder Phil Mercer
Randy Turner	In Memory of: Adren Jones Audy Turner Jimmie Moore N. G. Corder
Linda White	In Honor of: Michael Seckman In Memory of: Charles Seckman
Sally Williams	In Memory of: Donald Williams

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# August

2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					31 Open House for Dr. Mark Allison at the Faulks from 7 to 9 pm	1 9:00 Boards & committees meet with Mark Allison until noon 6:00 Covered dish dinner
2 10:00 Morning Worship – <b>Pastoral candidate Dr. Mark Allison will preach</b> 11:15 Business meeting	3	4	5	6 8:45 pm Panera Pickup	7	8 9:00 Women’s Fellowship at Panera
9 10:00 Morning Worship Last day to contribute \$4 for a cake for the Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House, see Larry Faulk.	10	11 7:00 Trustees	12	13 8:45 pm Panera Pickup	14 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House (we provide Angel Food cakes)	15 8:00 ABM
16 10:00 Morning Worship 11:15 Mission/Outreach Team	17	18	19	20 8:45 pm Panera Pickup	21	22
23 10:00 Morning Worship Last day to submit newsletter articles.	24 7:00 Parish Council	25	26	27 8:45 pm Panera Pickup	28	29
30 10:00 Morning Worship September newsletter available today.	31 5:30 Board of Christian Education	<b>September</b> 1	2	3 8:45 pm Panera Pickup	4	5

# Good News Letter

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## Dr. Mark Allison Chosen as New Pastor

On the weekend of July 31 to August 2, we hosted Dr. Mark Allison as our candidate for permanent pastor of our church. He attended an open house, met with boards and committees, attended a covered-dish dinner, and led the service on Sunday.

After church we had a business meeting in which we voted to make him our new pastor.

We welcome him to our church!



## From Our New Pastor

"The Pink Brick" was the title of the sermon on the Sunday I was presented as a candidate to be your pastor. The title referred to a story from my childhood about playing basketball in the driveway of the house of my youth. In the brick wall that bordered my little basketball court, there was a pink brick and if I bounced the ball off the brick, it would go in the basket. The point

of the story is that God orders our lives, directs our paths, and makes a place for us in this life as well as in the next. What are the odds that some anonymous bricklayer, years before my family moved into that house, would put a pink brick in a red brick wall so that when I came along and put a basketball goal up over the garage I could bounce the ball off the brick and make it go in the basket? It is a silly story and nothing can

be proved about the cause of that brick's placement. Yet the illustration stands. That place was a gift to me. The story would likely have been forgotten if the rest of life seemed disconnected, chaotic, and meaningless. Instead life seems ordered, given, and full of meaning. The memory of that brick has become a symbol for the way my path seems directed.

What are the odds that my path would be directed here to the First Baptist Church of Delaware, Ohio? Ministers always like to say that the Lord has "called them" to this place or that ministry, without ever really being able to prove anything about the cause. Yet the facts are that I did play basketball in the driveway as a teenager and there was a pink brick in just the right spot that if I hit it right, the ball would bounce into the

basket. And the fact is that I have been invited to become the pastor of this church. I know because my head is spinning with the process of moving, packing, and making arrangements for a place to live and figuring out how to say goodbye. In much the same ways that the brick brought delight and wonder to me as child, I am delighted to become your pastor and I wonder what

the future holds for us together.

One of the reasons I feel drawn to this church is its love of tradition. The old building with the stained glass and the pipe organ, all that goes with denominational connections, and even its location near the center of town are inviting to me. Yet the future of traditional churches is uncertain in view their general decline in the past several decades and the advent of contemporary non-traditional churches very often without a denominational connection. Our task together is to find our place in that uncertain future with respect both for the changes that are happening and for the traditions we love and seek to honor.

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I am convinced that there will be good things. The most important part of being the church together is the relationships we have along the way. Meaning is found in relationships. They are sometimes boundless with joy and sometimes overwhelmed with disappointment and sorrow, but engaging in them and working through them is what life is about. Getting to know each other, learning to love each other, to forgive and be forgiven, is what being the church is and how life becomes fulfilling. Whatever else, we will become more than brothers and sisters in name only, but genuine family in Christ. Who could help but be excited and look forward to this next chapter in our lives?

– Mark

## Rally Day!!!

It is time for another exciting year of Sunday school. Rally Day this year is September 13. Although we will not be having Sunday school “opening” this year, we are going to kick off the year with a breakfast at 9:00 a.m. followed by classes at 9:30.

The start time for Sunday school this year will be 9:30 except for when we have a special breakfast (about once a quarter). Our Sunday school teachers this year will be the following:

**Adult I** - Pat Gosser  
(substitute is Lana Palmer)

**Adult II** - Randy Turner

**Teen Gals (grades 6-12)** - Erin Faulk  
(substitute is Linda White)

**Teen Guys (grades 6-12)** - Larry Faulk  
(substitute is Mark Allison)



**Youth (grades K-5)** - Debbie Fogle/  
Pam Shears (substitute is Mary Lou Lovell)

**Nursery/Pre-school**- Pam Faulk

– Pam Faulk

## Change Sunday

Don't forget to be saving your change for Change for Change Sunday on November 1. There is a plastic jar in the Welcome Center for change if you do not wish to hold on to it at home.

– Pam Faulk

## Rainbow Jello Salad Recipe

This is the recipe for the Rainbow Jello Salad I made for Ellen's luncheon. Several people have asked for the recipe.

– Genevieve Peterson

### Ingredients:

Six 3-ounce packages of jello in the rainbow colors: strawberry (or cherry), orange, lemon, lime, blueberry, grape

### Instructions:

Mix only 2 boxes at a time, use separate containers for each. Add one cup boiling water to each box of Jello, stirring until well dissolved. Divide each mixture in half. Add 3 tablespoons water to 1/2 and 1/3 cup sour cream (yogurt) to the second half.

Lightly butter a dish (9x13).

Pour the first layer (grape with yogurt) into the dish evenly over the bottom. Refrigerate on a level shelf for 20 minutes. Add the clear grape layer next, tipping the dish so this layer covers the first evenly. Refrigerate for 20 minutes.

Repeat layers in the rainbow order. Do not try to shorten time between layers or the mixtures may combine rather than form layers. Rather than pouring the mixture directly on the previous layer, pour the mixture

onto a spoon which is suspended over the other layer, so the liquid is diffused as it flows over the previous layer.

When layers are complete, chill for 3 hours or more before serving. Cut the servings in ribbons or squares. May be served on a lettuce leaf for salad, or on a plate along with sugared strawberry for dessert. May be garnished with whipped cream or fresh mint leaves.

Enjoy a rainbow!

## Personals

- Pat Gosser had cataract surgery on one eye and will have surgery on the other eye this month.

- Jane and Jim Snyder toured the West. Jim had some medical issues while on the trip, but they were able to continue and have now returned home.

- Please be in prayer for our college students this year. Ian Ferguson is returning to the College of Wooster, Jane Mercer and Emily Bowman are at Miami, Sarah Bowman is at Wright State, and Liz Bowman is taking classes in Marion.

- Erin Faulk recently enjoyed a 10-day cruise to Alaska followed by several days in San Francisco.

- Ken and Genevieve Peterson were recently visited by their Japanese “daughter” Hiroko.

- Ellen Brown's son Matt has been called to be the pastor at Owl Creek Baptist Church in Mount Vernon. His first Sunday was August 9, which was Ellen's last day with us.

- Randy and Claire Turner attended Family Camp in West Virginia.

- Dave and Mary Lou Lovell recently enjoyed a visit with Dave's sister from Canada and Dave's brother and sister-in-law, who have been on our prayer list.

- Sharon Griner from Common Ground Free Store spoke briefly during the August 16 worship service in which Dr. Larry Swain was our guest pastor.

• The church women held a baby shower for Emilie Trigg Showalter on August 15.

– Pam Faulk

### Lemonade Success to Continue

Since the “Lemonade in the Shade” fellowship time after worship was well received, we will continue a time of fellowship this Fall. Volunteers are needed to bring a “simple” snack such as cookies, or crackers, or chips and dip.

After worship each Sunday, plan to join for a brief time of fellowship in the Gathering Space. Coffee, water, and juice will be provided. Please see me if you are willing to provide a snack.

– Larry Faulk

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### July Mission For Students of Conger School a Success!

The First Baptist Church July Mission was to provide children who needed school supplies at Conger School with glue sticks, spiral notebooks, and pencils. Principal Joshua Page said that supplying ear phones for students would be a great help. So money was donated for the purchase of the headphones. Larry Faulk purchased the headphones and packed up the supplies to be delivered.

This is the GRAND TOTAL:

- 33 pairs of head phones
- 129 glue sticks
- 368 pencils
- 95 notebooks

- 5 folders
- 2 pair of scissors
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 2 sets of markers
- 1 pencil box

The items were delivered on Aug. 5th by Gabe Fogle and Mary Lou Lovell. Mr. Page was surprised by the amount of items collected and very grateful.

– Mary Lou Lovell

### Thanks To ALL Who Donated to Make It a Great Start for the Students School Year!

We would like to continue to help the students. If you are interested in going to Conger to read with the students (one on one), let Mary Lou Lovell

## Thank You to Our Pastoral Search Committee

We thank them for their hard work.



Jennifer Turner



Pam Shears



Debbie Fogle



Jerry Palmer



Dave Lovell



Larry Faulk, Chair

know. Mr. Page suggested this as a very valuable way that we can help.

We can also provide nonperishable food items for students that have need over vacation times.

Shoes and boots could be donated as well as gift cards to purchase them.

– Mary Lou Lovell

## Common Ground

Common Ground is the First Baptist Church Mission for August. Common Ground offers free clothing, shoes, household items, and meals to those in need.

On Sunday August 16th, Sharon Griner, Executive Director of Common Ground gave a presentation for the Mission Moment. She explained that this is a ministry that serves a tremendous amount of people in Delaware. She thanked the members of the congregation for their continuing support of Common Ground and specifically this month of collections, including UNDY SUNDAY.

The piles of underwear for UNDY SUNDAY continues to GROW! Thanks to everyone who has given new packaged underwear!

We will continue this collection of underwear as well as the following items (through August).

### Needed Items

Gently used clothing (all sizes), household items, dishes, silverware, toasters, blankets, sheets, towel, washcloths, pots and pans, coffee makers, and storage containers, shampoo, soap, tooth paste, diapers (all sizes), paper towels, toilet paper.

Look for sales and see what items you may be able to donate.

– Mary Lou Lovell

## Birthdays and 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

*Names and dates are from the latest church directory.*

## People In Need

Our Mission for September will be donating to PEOPLE IN NEED. The TOP 4 NEEDS in the FOOD PANTRY are:

- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Tuna Helper
- Chicken Noodle Soup

Add one or more of the items to your grocery list. If everyone does that we can build a tower of food! Woodward Summer Lunch Program was a SUCCESS! Many of you helped to serve: Erin Faulk, Pam Faulk, Larry Faulk, Reverend Ellen Brown, Deb Fogle, Will Fogle, Gabe Fogle, Alec Ferguson, Randy Turner, and Mary Lou Lovell.

Thank you for your willingness and taking the time to meet this need for these children. Check out the

*continued on back of calendar*

## 10 Years Ago

*September 2005 Newsletter*

Carolyn White Schneeberger, 92, the mother of Peter White, died at the Sarah Moore Home after a long illness. She served as a missionary in India, taught religious education in Delaware and Fostoria, and was a longtime member at First Baptist.

## 15 Years Ago

*September 2000 Newsletter*

Rev. David Ball finished his time as our interim pastor. His wife Kim Ball, who also served as our interim, will be ordained in Granville on Sept. 10.

Cynthia Bland moved to Boston.

Out 28th annual retreat at Judson Hills went well.

## 30 Years Ago

*September 1985 Newsletter*

Steeplejacks from Baton Rouge, Louisiana worked on our steeple. They were in town to work at the Catholic Church. A photo in the Gazette showed a man using a ladder to repair the top of our steeple. It looked very dangerous.

## 45 Years Ago

*September 1970 Newsletter*

Our organist, Ruth Brown, is taking a leave of absence for health reasons. Marcia Augsburg will play until she returns.

Helen Aleshire and Carolyn White have returned to Delaware after a 6 week world tour which included attending the Baptist World Alliance in Tokyo, Japan.

Miss Mary Frances Focke will be baptized this month and will become a member of our church.



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pictures of the volunteers on the church bulletin board!

– *Mary Lou Lovell*

## **Panera Bread Pick Up**

Panera Bread continues to have a great deal of bread, bagels, and baked goods left on Thursday night to donate to the community. Our ministry continues by having volunteers pick up the items, bag them for freezing or distributing in the community by Mel Corroto at Andrews House. The bagging of the items only takes about 20 minutes. The items are delivered on Friday morning at 8:30 a.m.

Thank you to Pam and Ken Shears, Pam, Erin, and Larry Faulk, Jean Ekelberry, Debbie Fogle, Will Fogle, Gabe Fogle, Pat Gosser, Chad Myford, Raleigh Gosser, Lana and Jerry Palmer, Dave and Mary Lou Lovell for volunteering so that others needs in our community may be met.

If you would like to help in any way with this, contact Pat Gosser 317-979-0116.

## **Mission/Outreach Team**

The next meeting of the Mission/Outreach Team will be September 20, 2015 at 2 p.m. Please come and bring your ideas!

## **Unity Festival**

Saturday, September 12, 2015 at Ross Park and Woodward Elementary School. Go and see what it is all about!





# First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

# September

2015

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor  
Office 363-7021  
Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 9 to 12  
and by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00 Choir	3 8:45 Panera Pickup	4	5
6 <b>10:00 Morning Worship with our new pastor, Dr. Mark Allison</b> 	<b>Labor Day</b> 7 	8 7:00 Trustees	9 7:00 Choir	10 8:45 Panera Pickup	11	12 9:00 Women's Fellowship at Panera
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I have been in Delaware for three weeks now. I know where the bank is and the grocery store and the gas station. I am comfortably moved in my new home and I like it there. Once again I thank you for the warm reception I have been given and for the work that has been done in the office. The carpet should be in soon. I also like it there. If you haven't seen it please stop by sometime when you are at church. As one might expect, I am more familiar with the people who served on the search committee than with those who did not, but I am enjoying becoming acquainted with the rest of you and look forward to when we can get to know each other better.

Some of this will be at my initiation, but some can be at yours also. Since I live by myself, I am available for dinners almost every night, so if entertaining guests for dinner is your thing, feel free to invite me and I will come (with the provision that someone else hasn't already invited me on that night). Or perhaps you like to eat out. So do I. Maybe dinner is not your thing but would just like to get together and visit. Just mention it to me and I would be happy to set something up.

The concept of a "divine coincidence" is built on the belief that life is meaningful so that seemingly unrelated events are, after all, related by Providence. I like to look for meaning in things. Perhaps my sense that life is meaningful is so strong that I hope to find it in everything that happens, especially the little things, which is not always possible. Moving to Delaware, however, is no little thing in my

life and in the life of this church. I wonder why I am here, not in a confused way but in a good way, wondering why of all the towns to which I could have come, I came to Delaware, Ohio. And of all the people you could have chosen to be your pastor, You chose me? There really is quite a set of "coincidences" that led to our meeting.



## OCTOBER

Experience teaches that the meaningfulness of things becomes clearer as they move from the present to the past. The answers to my questions may emerge over time. My prayer is that I am here to be a part of a robust future for The First Baptist Church and that over the years we will come to find it fulfilling to have shared the time together. At any rate I am grateful

to be here and the strength of that feeling enhances the anticipation of getting to know each of you. For the next several years we will share life together, help build each other's faith, and see what God does among us.

– Mark

### Installation Service

There will be a service of installation during worship on Sunday, November 1 to celebrate Dr. Allison as pastor of FBC. Rev. Jane Gibbons, our regional minister will be present to welcome Dr. Allison to ABC-Ohio.

A reception and fellowship time will follow the worship and communion service.

– Larry Faulk

### Volunteers Needed

Once again we are seeking volunteers for Kid Connection during the sermon portion of the worship service. Kid Connection is for children from pre-school through 4th grade. We now have very few children in that age group, so there is a chance that there would not be any children on the Sunday that you have volunteered for. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place. We would like to get it completely full for the whole school year please.

– Board of Christian Education

## World Mission Offering to Be Received in October

Now, more than ever, there is an urgency to stretch forward all around the world, and I encourage you to be part of the new and surprising things God is doing through International Ministries with your support of the World Mission Offering. Gifts directed to IM's current global servants are crucial. There is a great and continuing need for IM to coordinate with partners worldwide to prepare, place, and support new global staff and volunteers, like Emerson and Ivy Wu and Jeni Pedzinski, who can bring God's love, hope, and healing to new areas of the world. Two-thirds of the world still does not know the fullness of God's love through Jesus Christ.

That is why this October we will focus on the wide-range impact of the World Mission Offering, using the theme "STRETCH FORWARD" found in Philip-pians 3:13-14. I believe that, as we STRETCH FORWARD together, God will lead us to provide increased support for worldwide missions.

Our goal this year is \$700. Please give generously and expectantly to the World Mission Offering as, together, we help people everywhere come to Christ, grow in their relationships to God, and change their worlds through the power of the Holy Spirit.

– Pam Faulk

## Youth Group

Welcome back youth! The youth group will have it's first meeting on October 18th, at 6:30 p.m.. This meeting will be to have a quick Bible study, snack and some fellowship time. We will also be planning the Halloween party for our whole church family on October 31st at 7:30 p.m. See you there!

– Debbie Fogle

## Halloween Party

Happy Halloween! The youth group will be putting on a Halloween Party this year on October 31st at 7:30 p.m. The whole church family is welcome to come as well as friends and family

## PRAYER LIST

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members! Costumes are optional, but would be lots of fun! We will have prizes, games and food! Please come and enjoy! (If you are wearing a costume, please make sure it's a family friendly costume as we may have little ones coming!) Any questions? Ask Deb Fogle or email at [deleted from web PDF].



## Letters Of Appreciation

Recently, our church fellowship has received several expressions of appreciation.

We received a thank you post card from American Baptist Home Mission Societies for our contribution to the America for Christ offering this spring.

Several of us received photo certificates from Delaware City Schools Family Resource Center for our help with the summer lunch program for Delaware children.

We also received a certificate and a letter from International Ministries

for our contribution to the World Mission Offering in October of 2014.

You can find these on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place. We also have a few copies of the International Ministries newsletter which can be found on the table in the Welcome Center.

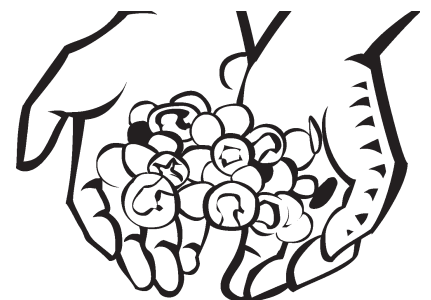
## Kid Connection Volunteers

- Sept. 27 Erin Faulk/ Will Fogle
- Oct. 4 Sherry Chambers/ Colin Ferguson
- Oct. 11 Pam Faulk/ Claire Turner
- Oct. 18 Beth Trigg/ Aidan Ferguson
- Oct. 25 Pat Gosser/ Alec Ferguson

Thank you for volunteering!

## Save Your Change

Don't forget to save your change for the first Sunday of November!



## OSU Tailgate Party

Please join Dr. Allison for an OSU Tailgate Party Saturday, Oct. 10th, 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Faulks.

All are invited to an afternoon of fun and fellowship during the OSU/Maryland game. Meat, buns, and soft drinks are provided. Please bring a side dish, dessert, or snack to share. There will be adequate opportunity for watching the game and/or socializing. RSVP to the Faulks or on the "get connected" slip.

- Larry Faulk



## Fall Fellowship

Thanks to all who have signed up to bring a small treat such as cookies or crackers for fellowship after worship each Sunday this Fall.

There are still a couple of open dates. Please let me know if you can volunteer for an open Sunday or would like to choose a winter date to share.

- Larry Faulk

## Walkers and Donors Needed

The Delaware 2015 Crop Walk is Sunday, October 11 beginning at OWU Hamilton Williams Building.



The walk begins at 2 pm after gathering at 1:30. Participants choose between a 3 mile or 1 mile walk.

Please consider walking and/or donating to the 2015 Crop Walk. Twenty-five percent of all donations go locally to P.I.N.

## Thanks

Thanks to Larry Faulk who put new lights in the pastor's office, painted it, and soon there will be new carpet. He also put a new floor in the copier room and the adjacent classroom, and made that classroom into an office.

## Personals

• Emilie Trigg Showalter gave birth to a son Elijah Quinn Showalter on September 1. He weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and was 19 inches long. After a stay in the hospital due to Emilie's blood pressure and Elijah's jaundice, they are both now home.

• Jim and Ann Brown's son Chuck was here from Japan for a visit.

• Randy Turner is back from his travels to West Virginia, Michigan, and Maine.

• Thanks to Jeanne Ekelberry for the artificial flower arrangements of summer flowers we used in the sanctuary during the summer.

- Pam Faulk

## Mission Outreach News

Undy Sunday Was a Success! What an amazing giving congregation you are! Thanks to all who donated to give new underwear and gently used clothing to the Common Ground Free Store on Central Ave.

Items given: 6 men's t-shirts, 13 men's briefs, 16 boy's briefs, 14 boy's t-shirts, 7 pairs of boy's socks, 12 pairs of girl's socks, 53 girl's briefs, 35 women's briefs, gently used clothing including boys pants, shirts, shorts and a jacket.

THANK YOU!

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## 5 Years Ago

*Oct 2010 Newsletter*

Bob and Pat Foor have moved to Florida.

## 15 Years Ago

*Oct 2000 Newsletter*

Erin Faulk is student teaching in Chicago.

## 30 Years Ago

*Oct 1985 Newsletter*

John and Mary Helen Richards attended the 40th reunion of his WWII army unit.

Marge Adams and Dorothy Crane (daughters of Helen and Rufus Crane) visited Delaware friends.

Ben and Bernice Turney thanked the church for the "memory" book on their 50th wedding anniversary.

## 40 Years Ago

*Oct 1975 Newsletter*

Our Sunday School teachers include Sis Mansfield, Evelyn Lee, Margaret Young, Jeanne Ekelberry, Janet Inscho, Dick Lee, Jean Brower, Carol Grubbs, Donna Brown and Linda White.

## 45 Years Ago

*Oct 1970 Newsletter*

Air Force News: Gary Evans is serving in Korea; Karen Van Brimmer and Steve Stoner are leaving for duty in Texas.

Mrs. Howard Cummins is a patient at the Helene Nursing Home.

An open house was held for the Wickums on their 25th anniversary.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 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

*Names and dates are from the latest church directory.*

### September Mission Focus is People in Need

We are making a tour of the top for food needs for PIN: cereal, chicken noodle soup, tuna helper, and canned fruit.

Please help to make it a TALL TOWER OF FOOD!

Mr. Dave Lorz came to First Baptist Church during the worship service on Sept. 20 and gave a short presentation about People In Need; how connections are made for people with agencies, how many people are served, and their work throughout the year as well as the Christmas Clearing House.

October Mission Focus is helping the Salvation Army with needs for their Guest House for those who have been victims of Human Trafficking. Samantha Hudson will come to First Baptist on Oct. 4th

to give a short presentation on the work of the Salvation Army for the victims. When survivors leave the guest house they receive a basket to help with their recovery. List of needs for the guest house: shelf stable food, gatorade, snack foods, new sets of dishes, pots and pans, cooking utensils, laundry detergent, pre-paid cell phone, or gift cards such as Meijer, Wal-Mart, Target, or Kroger fuel.

Individual Needs during their stay include: full size personal hygiene products, deodorant, hair products, Basket needs (given upon departure), new sheet sets, new blankets, new pillows, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, new dish sets, silverware, and new dish towels. Monetary donations may also be given.

Please be in prayer for these victims and consider bringing a donation for this cause. There will be a box labeled "Salvation Army".

### Stepping Up - Getting Ahead Classes

Getting Ahead is a 16-session financial independence program for hard-working, low-income persons who are committed to transforming their lives. It is held at William St. Church. In the Spring we chose two dates to prepare and serve meals for the participants of the classes. They really enjoyed the meals! We have an opportunity to do this again as another session of classes is beginning.

Those serving the meal go to William St. Church at 4:30 p.m., serve the meal at 5 p.m., clean up and are finished about 6:15.

We will be preparing and serving a meal on Oct. 14 and Nov. 2. If you would like to help plan, prepare, and or serve the meal, please let call Mary Lou Lovell [phone and email deleted from web PDF].

If you are interested in volunteering to listen to children read on a weekly basis, contact Mary Lou Lovell or Mr. Joshua Page, Principal, at Conger Elementary School. The

## Church Directory Update

Please add the following information to your copy of the church directory.

**Pastor Mark Allison**  
130 Schellinger Street  
Delaware, OH 43015  
[phone and email deleted from web PDF]

students love to have your encouragement and friendship!

### Team Meeting

The Mission/Outreach Team met on September 20. We discussed the Mission focus for August which included donations of new underwear and gently used clothing which was delivered to Common Ground. Sharon Griner, Executive Director for Common Ground was very thankful for all the new underwear and donations.

The tower of food has been growing. Donated items: chicken noodle soup, tuna helper, canned fruit, and cereal will be given to People In Need for our September mission project.

October's Mission focus is to help the Salvation Army help the victims of Human Trafficking. We are planning to sponsor the Common Ground Celebration help on Oct. 10.

November's Mission focus will be "Change for Change". Keep saving your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. You set your clocks back, so bring your change on Nov. 1st. The next meeting will be Nov. 8th at 2:00 p.m.! We would love to have you join us! We want fresh new ideas and we love to brainstorm!

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### **Panera Pickup**

The Panera pick-up of unsold daily baked goods continues on Thursday evenings.

Thanks to: the Gossers, Chad Myford, the Faulk family, the Palmers, the Fogle family, the Shears, Jean Ekelberry, Dr. Mark Allison, and the Lovells for serving the community to bring bread and baked goods to those in need.

Pick up is at 8:45 p.m. on Thursday nights, followed by wrapping the goods (as they are sometimes frozen for later use, given out at Andrews House meals, and taken to local food pantries). Friday morning goods are delivered to Andrews House where they are distributed in the community.

Try it for a week—we have a good time wrapping and conversing and it doesn't take long (about 20 minutes when you have several hands to do it).

If you would like to do any part of this pick up, call Pat Gosser at [phone deleted from web PDF].

*– Mary Lou Lovell*

# October

2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>October is Pastor Appreciation Month</b></p> <p><i>Mission Focus is the World Mission Offering</i></p>				1 8:45 Panera Pickup	2	3 2:00 Church in use until 6:00
<p><b>World Communion Sunday</b> 4</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship</p>	5 5:30 Board of Christian Education 7:00 Piecemakers	6 7:00 Trustees	7 7:00 Choir	8 8:45 Panera Pickup	9	10 9:00 Women's Fellowship 11:30 Tailgate Party at Faulks 6:30 Common Ground Celebration
11 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 2:00 CROP Walk (gather at 1:30)	<p><b>Columbus Day</b> 12</p> <p>7:00 Deacons</p> 	13	14 7:00 Choir 4:30 Getting Ahead Class at William St. Church	15 8:45 Panera Pickup	16	17 8:00 ABM
18 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Youth Group Meeting Last day to submit newsletter articles.	19	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>ABC of Ohio Annual Convention in Columbus</p> </div>		21 7:00 Choir	22 8:45 Panera Pickup	23 24
25 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship November newsletter available today.	26	27	28 6:30 Covered-Dish Dinner 7:00 Business Meeting	29 8:45 Panera Pickup	30	<p><b>Halloween</b> 31</p> <p>7:30 Halloween Party in Fellowship Hall until 9:00</p> 



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Only nine weeks ago I moved from Illinois to Ohio and in just nine weeks it will be Christmas. Since then the weather has changed and the leaves on the trees are at their fall peak. Soon the weather will keep changing as summer turns into fall and then into winter. As the seasons change outside we also transition into the holidays when we celebrate Thanksgiving and the birth of Christ.

November begins with All Saints Day which is not as well observed as the other two days, but we do like Halloween, the Eve of All Saints Day. While it used to be attached to the November 1 holiday, it has become more of a secular day of costumes and candy and fun. Later comes Thanksgiving. In the secular sense it means turkey and pumpkin pie, football games and black Friday. In the spirit of the Christian faith it gives us a time to reflect on the grace of God, the goodness of life, and the wonder of redemption, as well as to think about the specific ways we have experienced the love of God in our lives. Gratitude is the natural result of that reflection.

And then Advent begins. Advent is a remarkable time of anticipation and repentance before something

big and important happens that is itself sometimes as amazing as the arrival of the awaited time. It is a time of expectation and hope as well as preparation.

I am excited about the next nine weeks sharing this holiday season



## November

with you all, my new family at First Baptist Church. Let us remember that the essential thing we celebrate in the holidays is relationships, both the blessing of a relationship with God and the friendships we are making with each other. Those relationships are more important than decorations or wonderful sermons or beautiful music or good food, all of which sometimes demand more of us and require most of our time and energy. And if I have not said it enough, I am very grateful to be here.

My hope and my prayer is that you will come and be a part of it, and that it will be a joyous and meaningful time, that our love will grow

in the assurance faith provides of God's amazing grace.

– Mark

### Dr. Allison to be Installed

Please join us for worship and communion on Sunday, November 1st. As a part of the worship service, we will celebrate the official installation of Dr. Allison as our pastor. The ceremony will include Greetings from ABC-Ohio, remarks from a search committee member, and a Litany of Installation.

A reception and fellowship time will follow the service.

– Larry Faulk

### Kid Connection Volunteers

Thanks to all who have signed up to help with Kid Connection. We only have 2 spots to fill until the end of 2015 on December 6 and December 13. Please consider signing up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

Volunteers for this month are the following:

- Nov. 1 Debbie Fogle / Will Fogle
- Nov. 8 Pam Shears / Colin Ferguson
- Nov. 15 Pam Faulk / Claire Turner
- Nov. 22 Jennifer Turner / Aidan Ferguson
- Nov. 29 Pat Gosser / Alec Ferguson

Thank you again for volunteering.

– Pam Faulk

### Next Month

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

Articles must be submitted by Sunday November 15.

## Change Your Clock And Bring Your Change To Church

Last fall we started this mission from an article we read in our Sunday school lesson about raising awareness of the extent of child poverty in the U.S. Churches were encouraged to see how much money they could raise from their loose change to help alleviate child hunger in our own community.

We will be doing this again this year. On Sunday, November 1, we will be changing our clocks back (FALL BACK) from Daylight Savings Time. That is a reminder to bring all your loose change to church on November 1 and put it into the jar.

We will then give this money to Andrews House to help with the community's summer lunch program for children. We felt that the summer lunch program reaches the greatest number of children in our community. Andrews House oversees this mission and welcomes any financial support we can give. So, please bring all your change on November 1.

### Get to Know the Pastor

Dr. Allison would like to get to know you better. Please invite Mark to join you for lunch or dinner. He likes restau-

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rants as well as home cooked meals. Consider inviting him to share in family events and activities. Being alone, his schedule is flexible and he would appreciate the opportunity to interact with you beyond Sunday School and worship.

- Larry Faulk

### FBC to Sponsor Foster Kids for Christmas

During the month of November, we will collect gifts for 3 or 4 foster children through Jobs and Family Services of Delaware. We do not have the details of the kids and their "Wish Lists" yet. We will post them at church when they are available. Please consider contributing to help make their Christmas meaningful.

## 2016 First Baptist Church Directory

It's time to update our directory for 2016. Please review your info in the 2014 directory and let Larry Faulk know about any changes, or fill out the form below and return it to him. We would like to update pictures as well. See Larry Faulk or Dave Lovell to get a new picture taken. We would like to include all members and friends of FBC.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ \*No year is necessary

## Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings

This year's special offering for Thanksgiving will be dedicated to Andrews House, Second Friday Meals and the Christmas offering will go to support PIN (People in Need). Special envelopes are in your box of giving envelopes.

## Contact a Deacon

If you or someone close to you is ill, or goes to urgent care or the emergency room, or is having a crisis that we should know about, please call one of the deacons. We want to be supportive and to share your concern with the fellowship as you desire. The deacons and a primary phone number are:

Larry Faulk - (614)-204-1098

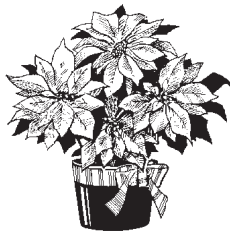
Dave Lovell - (740)-369-6041

Jennifer and Claire Turner - (740)-816-0269

Lana Palmer - (740)-369-6098

## 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. 22.

## Personals

- Please offer condolences to Pat Gosser and her sister Candy who often visits us on the death of their mother.
- Please offer condolences to Sophia Stephenson on the death of her sister, Lee Sullivan.
- Several members have done some fall traveling. Jerry and Lana Palmer

drove to the Smoky Mountains. The Stephensons also visited the Smoky Mountains. Erin Faulk spent a few days in New Orleans. Pam and Larry Faulk took a Canada/New England cruise. Dave and Mary Lou Lovell, Barb and Kip Smith and their sons traveled to Massachusetts to see Mary Lou's father who went on an Honor Flight with Dave as his escort.

— Pam Faulk

## Ray Biggar

Ray Biggar, the husband of former member Cynthia Bland-Biggar, died in Saco Maine on Sept. 30 after a long illness.

Cynthia serves as Pastor of the Standish Congregational Church, UCC in Standish Maine.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries



- |         |                                |
|---------|--------------------------------|
| Nov. 12 | Jackson Trigg                  |
| 15      | Harold Van Broekhoven          |
| 17      | Jim and Ann Brown Emily Inscho |
| 19      | Steve Ferguson                 |
| 20      | Randy Turner Molly Kennedy     |
| 21      | Mark Allison                   |
| 22      | Peter White                    |

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## 15 Years Ago

*Nov 2000 Newsletter*

Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Cynthia Bland and Ray Biggar were married in Massachusetts.

## 20 Years Ago

*Nov 1995 Newsletter*

Evelyn Lee donated a changing table for the nursery.

Stef and Peter Heizer have moved to Cleveland.

Recent hospital patients included Bernice Turney, John Linn, Flo Faulk, and David Osborne.

## 25 Years Ago

*Nov 1990 Newsletter*

The Search Committee is starting to look for a new pastor after Rev. Gillin left. Members are Cynthia Bland, Willard Fogle, Jeff Faulk, Carol Grubbs, Ann Linn, and Jim Van Brimmer, chair.

## 40 Years Ago

*Nov 1975 Newsletter*

The Morning Circle group visited German Village.

## 45 Years Ago

*Nov 1970 Newsletter*

Don Brown and Dorothy McCown were married.

Ted and Jeannie Stephenson moved to Ambridge Pennsylvania where he will be minister of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Stanley Hanby became a member of our church.

# November

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<b>Daylight Saving Time Ends Last Night, Turn Clocks Back One Hour</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Installation Service for Dr. Mark Allison Bring your loose change to church.	5:30 Board of Christian Education	<b>Election Day</b> 	7:00 Choir	8:45 Panera Pick-up		8:00 Family Promise Rummage Sale (until 2:00)
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When Thanksgiving Day 2014 approached about this time last year, I knew already knew that 2015 was going to be a big year. My youngest son was going to graduate from high school and later go off to college. The oldest had been living in St. Louis and working as a chemist, and he planned to quit his job to pursue graduate school. They ended up moving to Columbia, Missouri where the middle son was already in college at what we call Mizzou. I was to experience the "empty nest".

The church in Staunton, Illinois was small and to make ends meet I worked at The Home Depot and substitute taught at the local high school where I helped coach the track team. I had a hunch that in addition to the others, there would be some major changes for me personally.

There was an email advertisement for a Face-to-Face meeting in Indiana that would take place in February and believing that it was time, I signed up. It was there the first meetings took place with representatives from the First Baptist Church in Delaware. As the spring wore on further contacts were made, recorded sermons were sent, and there was a telephone interview. Things stretched along

## 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.

into the summer and it became clear that if there would be a move to Delaware, it would happen shortly after my sons got settled in Columbia. The timing was impeccable, giving the sense that everything had been worked out in advance.



## December

Very often life as a Christian leaves that sense that our paths have been directed in advance. The belief in God's Providence and that God has a plan, a purpose, a will for each of us, appears to be more than mere words. After long years of wondering and waiting for what would be next, in my case, it all played out over the course of one year. And now another Thanksgiving has come around, soon to be followed by another Advent, another Christmas, and another New Year.

In addition to the affirmation that has come through all this, being greatly encouraged as I hope you

are, I mainly feel gratitude, not only for having been given a place to serve and for meaningful work, but also for having learned to trust more fully through difficult circumstances, being confident not only in God's care, but also that I had been prepared for the next phase of life's journey.

Looking forward, there is great anticipation as we share life together as family in Christ. I am convinced that FBC Delaware has also been prepared for this time together. What might God do in our midst? As I sit at my computer finishing this article, the news on television is reporting the recent terror attacks in Paris, France. The times are troubled; nonetheless, it is with gratitude and confident expectation that I wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving, a meaningful season of Advent and Christmas, and a wonderfully blessed New Year in 2016.

- Mark

## The Grace Of Giving – The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering

There can be no talk of grace without first speaking about God. Even when it appears to come through human "hands," Grace is always God's purview; it flows from God, and God alone is able to manifest it in human experience. The totality of God's Grace is found in the gift of Jesus Christ and his sacrificial act of love on the Cross - this is God's Grace in action, giving to us what we could never give to ourselves.

Grace turns our souls to Christ and stirs within us the fervent desire to be gracious to others. As we remember the powerful witness and care of devoted ministers and missionaries who have helped us to grow in our faith, stood by us in the face of adversity, and rejoiced with us in moments of triumph, we give thanks that they served as instruments of God's Grace in their ministry to the people of God

In the simple yet profound act of giving, our congregation has the opportunity to be blessed and to be a blessing. Through the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO), our American Baptist Church can share in an act of Grace that reminds the ministers, missionaries, and widowed spouses who served so faithfully that they are remembered with love and gratitude.

Our RMMO supplies emergency assistance in the midst of urgent need and the ability to send a "Thank You" check to those who are eligible like Tim and Kathy Chesser, Alvin and Bev Cox, Ken and Genevieve Peterson, Sophie Stephenson, Harold and Deb VanBroekhoven, and Ellen and David Brown.

During the month of December we will be focusing on the RMMO. Our goal is \$700, but I know our congregation can beat that goal if we try. Please give generously.

## 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
	<b>Alvin Cox</b>	Health issues
	<b>Betty Porter</b>	Recovery from oral surgery
	<b>Christina Kilhefner</b>	Transplant recovery
	<b>Penny Hagaman</b>	Health issues
	<b>Steve Baker</b>	Health issues
	<b>Bora Porter</b> (Janet's daughter)	Health issues
The Faulks	<b>Mary Anderson</b>	Health Issues

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

### Thanks To A Very Giving Congregation

Our church recently received a thank-you letter from Bonnie Ristau from Common Ground Free Store for our contribution to their October fundraiser and for our continued support. We also received an honor certificate from Church World Service for our donations for tools in June. In addition, I would like to personally thank our congregation for their contributions to the World Mission Offering totaling \$755.20 which was over our goal. I would also like to thank those of you who saved your coins and

brought them in for "Change for Change Sunday." We were able to give \$153.50 to Andrews House for the summer lunch program for children. The change jar is on the table in the Welcome Center. Feel free to bring your loose change and put it in the jar, and I will keep it safe until November when the time will change again.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Now let's see if we can fulfill the foster children's wish lists and meet our goal for the RMMO!

— Pam Faulk

## 2016 First Baptist Church Directory

It's time to update our directory for 2016. Please review your info in the 2014 directory and let Larry Faulk know about any changes, or fill out the form below and return it to him. We would like to update pictures as well. See Larry Faulk or Dave Lovell to get a new picture taken. We would like to include all members and friends of FBC.

Name	Birthday*	Anniv.*	Cell Phone	Email
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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\* No year is necessary

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 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  
 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

*Names and dates are from the latest church directory.*

## Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for Kid Connection. All the slots are filled until the new year!

The following people have Kid Connection soon:

- Nov. 22 Pat Gosser/Aidan Ferguson  
 Nov. 29 Pat Gosser/Alec Ferguson  
 Dec. 6 Beth Trigg/Will Fogle  
 Dec. 14 Pam Shears/  
 Colin Ferguson  
 Dec. 20 Pam Faulk/Claire Turner  
 Dec. 27 Pat Gosser/Aidan Ferguson  
 Jan. 3 Lana Palmer/  
 Alec Ferguson

## Birthday Cake For Jesus

On Sunday, December 20, please be sure to stay after church for Fellowship Time. We will be having a special birthday cake for Jesus on that Sunday.

## What To Do With Holiday Leftover Goodies

If you have left over holiday goodies, please feel free to bring them to church on January 3 to share with everyone during Fellowship Time after church.

## A Letter

Many thanks to Jim Stephenson for the wonderful newsletter he sends every month. I enjoy it so much. There are still a few people I remember and who hopefully remember me.

Best wishes in Jesus' precious name.

*— Nancy Via Summers  
 330 Claremont Lane, Apt 345  
 Crozet, VA 22932*

*I prepare the newsletter but Pam Shears copies and mails them, we thank her for her hard work. Nancy also included a check for poinsettias in memory of her parents, Fred and Lucille Via, who were faithful members for many years. They are shown below visiting the parsonage in a 1979 photo by Rev. Stephenson.  
 - Editor*



## Mission/Outreach Group

The Mission/Outreach Group met on November 8 with 10 people in attendance.

The goal was surpassed for the World Mission Offering, \$755.20

## PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

### 10 Years Ago

*Dec 2005 Newsletter*

Shirley Parker had knee replacement surgery and is expected to be hospitalized for a month.

### 15 Years Ago

*Dec 2000 Newsletter*

Betty Porter witnessed the landing of the space shuttle in California.

The church received \$40,000 from the Sarah Gwen Jones estate. She was a member of the church in the 1960s and was the daughter of Mary Ellen Jones who attended earlier.

### 20 Years Ago

*Dec 1995 Newsletter*

Will and Carol Fogle were poisoned last month during the night by carbon monoxide. Carol spent two days in the hospital, Will is in a coma.

An open house was held at the parsonage at 632 Congress Court to celebrate paying off the mortgage.

### 40 Years Ago

*Dec 1975 Newsletter*

Charles and Claudia Eliot thanked the church for the flowers on their 50th wedding anniversary.

### 45 Years Ago

*Dec 1970 Newsletter*

75 dinners were served in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner, organized by Evelyn Lee and Marge Smale.

Sunday School teachers include Carol Grubbs, Colleen Askins, Sophia Stephenson, Jean and Wick Wickum, Marge Smale, and Jim Van Brimmer.

Over the goal again! Thank you all for your generous gifts!

Two meals for members of Stepping Up Classes held at William St. Church were provided on Oct. 14th and Nov. 2nd. Thank you to Jennifer Turner, Genevieve Peterson, Pat Gosser, Lana Palmer, Jean Ekelberry, Sherry Chambers, Pam Faulk and Mary Lou Lovell for their willingness to cook, serve, and give donations so that we can make these meals happen. All of the people are very appreciative and we hear so many "thank yous".

In September, one of our missions was donating to People In Need. WOW! 109 items were donated and delivered.

In October, we focused on helping victims of Human Trafficking by donating to the Salvation Army Guest House and items for beginning on their own. Many items were given: sets of dishes, a set of silverware, towels, laundry detergent, soaps, shampoo, and a frying pan.

Eleven people represented First Baptist Church by walking in the CROP WALK which began at Ohio Wesleyan University on Sunday, Oct. 11th. Those sponsoring the walkers were so generous and \$450.00 was raised by First Baptist to be given for hunger.

On November 1st we set our clocks back one hour and could sleep a

little longer. Two exciting things happened on that day. Dr. Mark Allison was Installed as Pastor at First Baptist Church and we raised \$153.50 by bringing our change and giving it in the Change for Change offering. The money will be given for the Woodward Elementary School Summer Lunch program in which many of First Baptist Church members helped with last summer.

Flyers inviting the community to join us for worship were created by Larry Faulk. The flyers were placed in the bags of items purchased at the Family Promise Rummage Sale at First Baptist on Oct. 7th. Thanks to everyone who helped with the sale or shopped.

Visitor bags are being made by Pam Faulk and given as guests enter our welcome center.

Linda White is reading with students at Conger and enjoying sharing her own books that she has written with them. There is always a need for volunteers to read with students. If you are interested, call Conger School and talk with Joshua Page, Principal.

Panera Pick up continues on Thurs. evenings at 8:45. If you would like to help pick up unsold goods, wrap baked goods, or deliver them to Andrews House on Friday morning, please let Pat Gosser know. 317-979-0116

Our Mission Focus for November is providing gifts for children in foster care. Larry Faulk has the list of "wishes". Gift cards may be donated as well.

Ideas were discussed to help guests at our church; such as signs for elevator access, rest rooms, etc.

Our Thanksgiving offering will be donated to Andrews House.

Our December Mission Focus will be the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering.

- Mary Lou Lovell

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## Sing for Your Supper

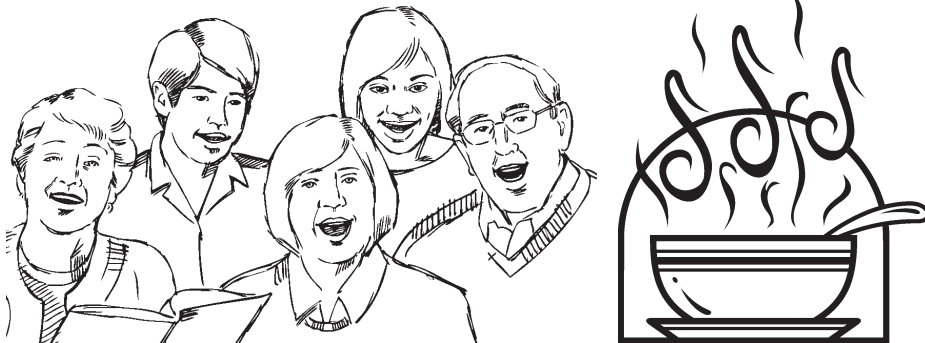
Bring your singing voices and appetite to "Sing for Your Supper" on December 6 at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

The Song and Supper event will be a Sing-Along of your favorite Christmas Carols, accompanied by the organ and piano.

After singing, join us for soup in the Fellowship Hall. Please invite your relatives and friends to fill the sanctuary with music for the Christmas season.

We will make sweet music and if you will bring one dozen cookies to share we will have sweet treats for dessert.

Could you offer a ride to those who do not drive at night? Let me know if you can provide a ride for someone (Mary Lou Lovell, 740-369-6041).



Please fill out this form and give it to Dr. Allison, Mary Lou Lovell, or put it in the offering plate by Nov. 29th.

My favorite Christmas carol:

My name:



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## **Upcoming Opportunities for December**

### **Holiday Clearing House**

Dec. 5th 9:00-a.m.12:00 p.m.

Delaware County Fairgrounds (236 Pennsylvania Ave.) Needs are new toys, new outside winter clothing, food, toiletries, and monetary gifts. Join Deb Fogle and youth in packing food donated to PIN to be given to families in need in the community. Ask Deb for more information.

### **City/County Food Drive**

Sat. Dec. 5, 9-2

Holiday Clearing House

Monday, Dec. 7th to Friday, Dec. 11th 9-4:30.

Nonperishable food donations may be dropped off.

### **Distribution Day for Families**

Sunday, Dec. 13th 8:30-5:30

### **Calling All Bakers!**

Andrews House Christmas Cupboard is Saturday, Dec. 5th, 9-3p.m. If you like to bake, cookies are needed to sell at the Christmas Cupboard. Bake lots of your favorite kind and take them to Andrews House on Friday, Dec. 4th from 9 am to 9pm. Shoppers select from the variety of cookies, place them in a box, and buy the box for \$12.00. Great for holiday entertaining!

### **Lights of Love**

Andrews House also is having a Lights of Love program at 6p.m. on Dec. 4th. You can honor someone with a light on the tree for a \$10 donation.

### **Upcoming Missions**

Our January focus for missions will be Family Promise. Needed items for the Family Promise House are: 1) Liquid laundry soap, 2) Liquid dish soap, 3) Toilet tissue, 4) Paper towels, 5) Large bottles of shampoo.

Could you add one of these items to your shopping list and bring it to church on a Sunday in January?

– *Mary Lou Lovell*

## **Minutes from Meetings**

Copies of the latest minutes of any Parish Council or Quarterly Business Meeting can always be made available to you upon request. If you are unable to attend — but wish to have a copy — please call Lana Palmer at 740-369-6098. She will be happy to assist you. Thank you.

## **Holiday Wish Lists Deadline is Sunday, Nov 29th.**

Thanks to all who have donated gifts for those on the Holiday Wish Lists. Gifts are due Sunday, November 29th. If you would like to contribute, but have not been able to purchase one of the wish list items, you may contribute cash to Dr. Allison or myself by the 29th and we will go shopping for you.

– *Larry Faulk*

## **Fellowship Time Signup**

A new signup sheet for Fellowship time after worship is available in the Gathering Place. Please consider signing up for a simple treat after worship during December, January, or February. Juice, coffee, and hot water for tea or cocoa are provided.

– *Larry Faulk*

## **Youth Group**

**Christmas Clearing House** - The group will meet on Dec. 12th, 9 a.m. to noon. The Youth Group will be helping with the Christmas Clearing House Packing Day. Please meet at the Coliseum at the Delaware County Fairgrounds at 8:45 a.m. to get ready for the day. It may be very busy with people that day, so please look for our group members and be patient as we wait to get the morning started.

**Christmas Party** - To be announced.

**January** - The Youth Group will be meeting on January 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

## **Personals**

• Christina Kilhefner was hospitalized last month for pneumonia but is now home and has been back to church. She would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards.

• Aidan Ferguson was part of the barbershop quartet in Dempsey's recent production of "The Music Man, Jr."

• Ken Peterson recently had cataract surgery.

• Tim, Kathy, Sam, and Spencer Chesser visited our worship service on November 15. Sam, Lindley, and Spencer had been visiting Tim and Kathy.

• Elijah Showalter will be dedicated in our church on November 29.

# First Baptist Church

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# December

2015

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Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 9 to 12  
and by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Mission Focus:</b> Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering		1	2 7:00 Choir	3 8:45 Panera Pickup	4 6:00 Lights of Love at Andrews House Take cookies to Andrews House	5 8:00 Parish Council at Buehlers, then 9:00 at church Andrews House Christmas Cupboard
		6 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 4:00 Soup & Sing (Christmas Music) for the Entire Church 	7 6:00 Board of Education	8 7:00 Trustees	9 7:00 Choir	10 8:45 Panera Pickup
13 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Delivering PIN items to families today. 	14 6:00 Deacons	15	16 7:00 Choir	17 8:45 Panera Pickup	18	19 8:00 ABM
20 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 11:45 Birthday Cake for Jesus 6:00 Youth Group Community Chorus at 3:00 and 5:00 at Asbury. 	21	22 7:00 Parish Council	23	24 6:45 Music Preludes 7:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 8:45 Panera Pickup	25 Christmas 	26
27 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Last day to submit newsletter articles. Newsletter available Jan 3.	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 8:45 Panera Pickup 	1 January  2016	2 Tomorrow - bring leftovers to Fellowship Time