

Good News Letter

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There is no better time to think about ways to get better than at the beginning of a new year. Very often, when we make New Year's resolutions, we have our fingers crossed because experience tells us that we give them up after a few months, if not after a few weeks. But, resolutions set aside, how does a church get better?

One is tempted to answer from an organizational point of view

focusing on financial and attendance increases. Such evaluations are affected by marketing concerns, target populations, worship style, political and theological positions. Sometimes the organizational perspective is driven by focus groups and surveys and then mission statements, revised budgets, revamped programs, and advertising strategies. On a certain level these kinds of things can be helpful.

Unfortunately, however, they tend to fall short. There is no formula for success that will work in every circumstance, no set of steps and procedures to follow that are guaranteed to succeed. And given the negative religious trends in the larger culture it is necessary to search deeper than what the organizational focus allows us to do. There must be a better way.

Let me suggest such an idea in terms of a story about something that happened in one of the previous churches I served as

pastor. One of the members of the search committee was a single woman who owned and ran a small business selling material and patterns for sewing. One day she suffered an aneurism that was nearly fatal. Through some providential timing and the miracle of medicine she survived though incapacitated for several months.

During that time her business was vulnerable. The people in the church teamed up

to help. Everyone signed up for four hour shifts to work to keep the store open. No one knew anything about how to run her business. One way or another orders were made and bills paid and sales were enough to save the business until she was well enough to return to work.

That effort is an example of the church being what the church is supposed to be. Something like that, people reaching out to help others, is the way it grew for centuries before it became a dominant cultural force and is a good model for us to think about as we enter a new year.

I am not suggesting that FBC Delaware is deficient in this way. Quite the contrary, I see a great willingness to be a part of such efforts. I only hope to hold this example forth as a vision of what a church can be and how we should evaluate success. When we see things like that happening among us, we are accomplishing the mission of the church, particularly when we are

able to reach beyond our own fellowship to a larger community. And then whether the numbers and finances increase will seem less important, suffering the trends of the day less frustrating. It is certainly something to think about as we start out the New Year.

– Mark

An Invitation

Come and help us celebrate Larry Faulk's 70th birthday. We are having an open house on Sunday, January 10, from 2:00 to 4:00 at our house at 705 Canal Street, Delaware. We ask for no gifts, just your presence for the celebration.

– Pam and Larry Faulk

A Big Thank You

Once again we have exceeded our goal for one of our special offerings. Thank you all so much for your generous support of the RMMO (Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering). Our goal was \$700, and we exceeded that goal by well over \$100.

– Pam Faulk

Volunteer Opportunities

There are three ways every week that you can help out the church by volunteering. You can sign up to pick up Panera products on Thursday evening, supervise Kid Connection during Sunday worship, and sponsor Fellowship Time after church.



The following people have graciously volunteered their time for January.

Panera pick-up:

- Jan 7 Dan and Sherry Chambers
- Jan 14 the Nace Family
- Jan 21 Dave and Mary Lou Lovell
- Jan 28 Pat Gosser

Kid Connection

- Jan 3 Deb Fogle / Alec Ferguson
- Jan 10 Jennifer Turner / Will Fogle
- Jan 17 Deb and Scott Nace
- Jan 24 Pam Faulk / Aidan Ferguson
- Jan 31 Debi Fogle / Claire Turner

Fellowship Time

- Jan 3 Bring holiday left-overs
- Jan 10 Pat Gosser
- Jan 17 Jeanne Ekelberry
- Jan 24 Beth and Archie Trigg
- Jan 31 OPEN

Thank you to all who continue to volunteer every week. It means so much. There are still open dates on the sign up sheets for these opportunities. Please consider volunteering.

News From Our Missionaries

Please check the bulletin board in the Gathering Place for newsletters from Emerson and Ivy Wu and from Jeni Pedzinski.

Of particular note is the fact that the Wus are being moved from Macau to Hong Kong.

PRAYER LIST

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

Calling All Women

Did you know that our church has a Women's Fellowship that is open to all the women and young ladies of the church? We get together on the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast, usually at Panera. Please consider joining us for this opportunity for fellowship.

Musicians, Take a Bow!

Thank you to choir for the beautiful anthems during the Christmas Season. Thanks to Jim Stephenson, choir director.

Thanks to Claire and Randy Turner for their duets, "Prepare Ye!" by

Shovic and "Waiting for a King" by Martin.

Thanks to Randy Turner for his solo: "Did Mary Know?"

Thanks to Claire Turner for singing "O Holy Night" for the Christmas Eve Service.

Thank you to the string quartet: Colin Ferguson, Aidan Ferguson, Will Fogle, and Claire Turner for playing carols for the prelude on Christmas Eve.

Thanks to all for their time to prepare and bless us with beautiful music for Advent and Christmas!

— Mary Lou Lovell

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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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

Names and dates are from the latest church directory.

Soup and Carol Sing, a Success!

On Sunday, December 6th at 4 p.m., 40 people enjoyed singing Christmas carols. We asked for the congregation to suggest their favorite carols which were included in the carol sing. The carols were accompanied by pianists Peter White and Jennifer Turner with Debbie Fogle and Will Fogle playing violin, and Mary Lou Lovell playing organ. Thanks to Peter for playing Christmas music before the carol sing began.

After singing, everyone went to the youth room for delicious home-made soup, crackers, and cookies. What a great time of eating and fellowship!

Thanks to all who provided soups and cookies. Thanks to Pat Gosser for organizing the food. Thanks to Larry for putting up the TV and scrolling the words of the carols.

Thanks to Deb Fogle for printing song sheets. Thanks to Larry Faulk and Mark Allison for carrying tables to Youth Room as the Fellowship Hall was not available because the furnace stopped working that day.

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

1 Year Ago

Jan 2015 Newsletter

Florence Faulk, 92, formerly of Jerome, has died at the Delaware Court Nursing Home. She worked as a seamstress and for the Dublin School District in the cafeteria. A member of First Baptist most of her life, she was active in many church organizations along with her husband Donald.

15 Years Ago

Jan 2001 Newsletter

Teresa Griffith, 39, died at her home after a long illness. She worked in management at Meijer and was a member of our church all her life.

The daughter of Carol and Fred Grubbs, she is survived by her husband, Michael, daughters Natalie and Katie, and many other relatives.

Rev. Robert Hughes is our new Interim Pastor. The Pastoral Search Committee, led by Rick Van Brimmer, is interviewing candidates.

Carol Sue Fogle retired from her job as a cook at Hayes High School.

20 Years Ago

Jan 1996 Newsletter

Will Fogle died at The Arbors as the results of carbon monoxide poisoning. He was the owner of Will's Barber Shop (previously owned by his father-in-law Cap Gabriel), and later was employed by Delaware City Schools in the maintenance department. He was a member of First Baptist for many years and held many offices. He is survived by Carol Fogle and other relatives.

Jean Wickum and Jack Smith had heart catherization recently.

25 Years Ago

Jan 1991 Newsletter

Wilbur "Wick" Wickum, 69, died on Christmas morning. A member for many years, he had been choir director and held many other offices. He will be remembered as a frequent soloist with a beautiful tenor voice. A retired Vice President at an insurance company, he also served on City Council and was active in community organizations. He is survived by his wife Jean and other relatives.

30 Years Ago

Jan 1986 Newsletter

Bessie Dunham has died at the Sunny Vee Nursing home after a long illness. She was a cheerful and happy person and will be missed.

40 Years Ago

Jan 1976 Newsletter

Paul and Sandra Cagwin have become members.

Joe Brower reports that we have received pledges totalling \$21,500.

45 Years Ago

Jan 1971 Newsletter

Margaret Cummins passed away at the Helene Nursing Home.

Helen Crane was honored by the Girl Scouts for her 28 years of work.

Karen Van Brimmer and Steve Stoner were married.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smale announced the engagement of their daughter Cynthia to Thomas Warner.

Rev. Stephenson was elected president of the Board of Trustees of the Delaware Library.

Thanks to Pam Faulk for set up. Thanks to all for coming, singing, and making it a success. Let's do it again next year!

Mission and Outreach News!

During December we asked for donations for the Christmas Clearing House. Those were delivered and much appreciated.

Thanks to all who made and delivered cookies to Andrews House for their Christmas Cupboard on Dec. 5th.

Our January Mission Focus will be Family Promise.

Needed items for the Family Promise House are:

1. liquid laundry detergent
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?

Thanks to all who have participated in the Panera Pick Up and those that have signed up to help with it for the next 3 months. What a blessing you are!

Church Directory Update

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

Dave and Mary Lou Lovell
661 Cobblestone Drive
Delaware, OH 43015
740-369-6041
rlov344@gmail.com
malovell49@yahoo.com

Matthew Lovell
8840 Villa La Jolla Drive #114
La Jolla, CA 92037

The next meeting for the Outreach and Mission Group is planned for Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited! Please bring new and fresh ideas when you come to plan for 2016. It will be at the Lovell's home, 661 Cobblestone Drive, Delaware.

– Mary Lou Lovell

Letter

We have received a letter from Deborah and Harold Van Brockhoven who live in Georgia. It's hanging on the bulletin board.

Youth Group

Thank you to Dr. Allison, who hosted the Christmas Party for the youth. We played a cool scavenger hunt game and ate lots of pizza. It was a nice night to get to know each other and to celebrate the upcoming Christmas holiday.

Also, thank you to Larry Faulk, Pam Shears, Dr. Allison, & Deb Nace for coming to the Christmas Clearing House to pack food with the youth. Colin, Alec, Jacob, Hannah, Bowen, Will and Gabe went from the youth group to shop for food for the families. They did a great job and provided a nice service to our community.

Our next youth group meeting is on January 10th at 6:30 p.m. The following week, Jan. 17th, the Marion Association Youth will be hosting a meeting at Zoomers Skating Rink in Marion. Look for more details in the upcoming weeks.

– Debbie Fogle

MLK Breakfast

FBC is once again sponsoring a table at the OWU MLK breakfast on January 18th. If you would like to join us, please contact Dr. Allison or me.

– Larry Faulk, deacons chair

Thanks for JFS Foster Kids Gifts

Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas wish lists for the foster children from Jobs and Family Services. We were able to fulfill most of the requests on their wish lists.

Personals

- Please extend sympathy to the Faulk family on the death of Laurie Faulk's mother, Mary Anderson, who had been on our prayer list for the past year.
- Pastor Ellen Brown has been experiencing several weeks of excruciating back pain and is awaiting surgery.
- Aidan Ferguson had the role of Tiny Tim in Dempsey's production of A CHRISTMAS CAROL.
- Twelve of our church family, including many of our youth, helped with the Christmas Clearinghouse at the fairgrounds.
- Colin Ferguson and Claire Turner made the Hayes Honor Roll, and Alec Ferguson made the Merit Roll for the first quarter.
- Pastor Allison's three sons visited him over the holidays and attended a Cavs game in Cleveland together.
- Jeanne Ekelberry had an extended visit from her son Charles and Elizabeth from California.
- Matthew Lovell also visited from California over the holidays from Dec. 23-30.
- Taylor Trigg was hospitalized recently with a case of hives from a high fever. She is now home.
- Ken Peterson has had his second successful cataract surgery.
- Sophia Stephenson will celebrate her 95th birthday this month.

– Pam Faulk, Personals Editor

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January

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					New Year's Day 2016	1 2
3 9:15 Opening Exercises 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	4 5:30 Board of Christian Education 7:00 Quilters	5 7:00 Trustees	Epiphany 6 7:00 Choir 	7 8:45 Panera Pickup (Chambers)	8	9 9:00 Women's Fellowship
10 9:15 Opening Exercises 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 2:00 Open House at Faulks (until 4:00) 6:30 Youth Group	11 7:00 Deacons	12	13 7:00 Choir	14 8:45 Panera Pickup (Nace)	15	16 8:00 ABM
17 9:15 Opening Exercises 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	Martin Luther King Day 18 7:45 MLK Celebration Breakfast at OWU 	19	20 7:00 Choir	21 8:45 Panera Pickup (Lovell)	22	23
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I am looking forward to the winter bible study that coincides with the observance of Lent. In the past I have been a part of many bible studies but this will be my first Lenten study. We will meet on Sunday evenings at 6:30 P.M. The focus will be on the events in the life of Jesus that lead up to Easter, his journey to Jerusalem, the time spent there in the final week of his life, the last supper, the arrest, trials, and crucifixion of Jesus.

To help us as we work our way through, I have selected a book by Richard Wilke entitled, *He Set His Face to Jerusalem*, (Abingdon Press, 2011). The book has 7 chapters that will provide a focus for each week. The first chapter is entitled, "He Set His Face," and explores the resolve of Jesus to go to Jerusalem though he knew trouble awaited him. The focus of the second chapter is the events that happened on the journey and the third is about the entrance into the city at the beginning of that last week of his life. The titles of the last four chapters are, "The Last Supper," "The Midnight Hour," "Taken Prisoner," and "Listen Closely – His Final Words."

As we study the journey of Jesus and his disciples to Jerusalem for the Passover at which he would be crucified, there will be opportunities to learn how we interpret the bible, the meaning of inspiration, and why the four gospels give such different accounts of the historical events. It is my prayer that this series will be challenging, informing, and inspiring, and that as we study together our love for the scriptures and for each other will grow.

Though it will not be necessary to have a copy of the book to participate in the study, I am sure most of you will want to get a copy. In order to save on shipping it is best to make one order. If you are interested let me know and I will place the order. The cost will be about \$10 and to offset it donations are welcome. Feel free to give with your regular offering and be sure to designate for the Lenten bible study.

– Mark



Lenten Meals

To coincide with our Sunday Lenten study, we will be having a few meals beforehand on several Sundays during Lent. On the first Sunday of Lent on February 14, we will kick off the Lenten study with a covered dish dinner at 6:00. Please bring dishes to share. The Lenten study will begin at 6:30. Then on February 21 and March 20, we will be ordering pizza. Please bring a salad, bread, or dessert to go with it. We will begin our meal at 6:00. At 6:30 the youth are welcome to stay for the Lenten study or go to their regularly scheduled youth meeting in the youth room.

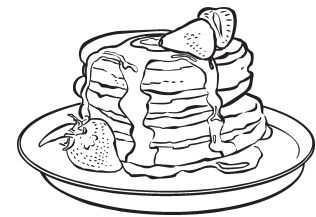
Annual Pancake Supper

All are invited to join us for our annual pancake supper on Tuesday, February 9th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend.

The menu includes pancakes, waffles, fruit, sausage, and Dave Lovell's famous blueberry syrup.

In addition to the food and fellowship, there will be an opportunity to share your talent — a song, a skit, a reading, a poem, or joke, if you wish.

– Larry Faulk



Men's Fellowship Moves

With the closure of the restaurant at Beuhlers, the next men's fellowship breakfast will have to move to another location. The February breakfast will be at Bob Evans, February 20th at 8 am.

– Larry Faulk

Remember Your Change!

This is just a reminder to save your change because we will be collecting it again in March. If you don't want to hold onto it, you can always put it in the jar in the Welcome Center, and I will hold onto it for you.

– Pam Faulk

Thank You

Our church recently received the following letter:

On behalf of Delaware County Department of Job and Family Services, Foster Care/Adoption Program, we would like to say thank you for your donation of Christmas gifts for Delaware County children in foster care. We appreciate the generosity of your organization in supporting our children and families... We are glad to have your support. We look forward to working with you in the future.

– Corrine Yager and April Wehrle
Delaware County Department of
Job and Family Services:

February Volunteers (Several More Needed)

KID CONNECTION

- Feb 7 Pam Shears / Aidan Ferguson
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There are still openings for Kid Connection in March, April, and May, Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place or speak to Pam Faulk.

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

There are no volunteers signed up for Fellowship Time in February. If you would like to bring something for a Sunday in February, please sign up or speak to Larry Faulk. It does not have to be a big spread, just some cookies or something small like that.

PANERA BREAD PICK UP

- Feb 4 The Faulks
- Feb 11 The Triggs
- Feb 18 The Naces
- Feb 25 The Gossers

Many more people have started to help out with the Panera pick-up.

It really is not hard and is very rewarding to know that we are able to do so much for our community. Even though the bread goes to Andrews House, they are able to distribute it to many places throughout Delaware.

Thank you all for volunteering!

Mission/Outreach News

The Mission/Outreach Team met on Jan. 24 at the Lovell's home with 7 people in attendance.

We reviewed the service, donations that had been given, and activities that were completed in Nov., Dec., and Jan.

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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

Names and dates are from the latest church directory.

In Nov. and Dec. the congregation gave generously to purchase gifts for children and youth selected by Jobs and Family Services of Delaware.

A thank you note was received from them.

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries offering went above our goal.

The Christmas offering was given to People in Need. The youth assisted with packing for the Holiday Clearing House.

We had a new event to celebrate the Christmas Season: "Sing and Soup", which was a success with 40 people in attendance.

Cookies were donated to the Andrews House Christmas Cupboard.

Our Mission focus for January has been supplying items needed to Family Promise (housing for families in need) in Delaware. We have collected \$100 for them. We will continue to collect liquid laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet tissue, paper towels, and shampoo through the month of January.

Thank you for your donations. They are very appreciated by the residents.

We discussed ways in which we

He Set His Face to Jerusalem

Lenten Bible Study

Sunday Evenings 6:30-7:30 P.M.

February 14

He Set His Face to Jerusalem
Luke 9:28-62

February 21

On the Road Again
Matthew 5:1-7:28

February 28

Two Entrances
Mark 11:1-11

March 6

The Last Supper
Mark 14:10-26; John 13:1-34

March 13

The Midnight Hour and
Taken Prisoner
Matthew 26:36-46; Luke 22:39-46
Matthew 25:31-46

March 20

Listen Closely – His Final Words
Matthew 26:5:33-43; Mark 15:22-32
Like 23-26-43; John 19:17-27



might reach out in the community and Mission Focuses for 2016.

Donations and service could include: Turning Point, People In Need, Common Ground Free Store, Andrews House, Helpline, Conger Elementary School, the Summer Lunch Program, and the Warming Center(Zion UCC Church).

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

5 Years Ago

Feb 2011 Newsletter

Former member Tom Weakland, 60, died from a heart attack.

Plaster repairs are being made to the right rear corner of the Sanctuary which had water damage.

15 Years Ago

Feb 2001 Newsletter

Denver McGhee, 88, died at Grady Hospital. He was a WWII veteran and had attended First Baptist.

45 Years Ago

Feb 1971 Newsletter

William Street United Methodist Church was destroyed by fire on Jan 30. The congregation is now meeting at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. We need to think about ways to protect our church against fire.

Thanks to Peter White and Sophia Stephenson, the church's antique communion set is again in the Sanctuary. It was presented to the church in 1897 by Dr. Shattuck and the cabinet was made in 1935 by the father of Pauline Nash.

The committee would like the congregation to continue to serve People In Need with donations and service, Common Ground Free Store with donations, Andrews House with service in serving dinners and providing desserts, donations to Helpline, donations and service to Conger Elementary School, service and donations to the Delaware City Schools Summer Lunch Program, and donations to the Warming Center.

Turning Point is not yet located in Delaware so we will think about

donating when it is established locally.

"Change for change" collections will continue in March and Nov. to be given to the Delaware City Schools Summer Lunch Program.

Discussion continued concerning meeting the needs of others.

Contact will be made with someone at the "Warming Center" at Zion UCC Church to be aware of their needs. The "Warming Center" is open at Zion UCC Church when the weather is 20 degrees or colder. It is open to men who need a place to stay during the night.

There are many needs in our community. Please look at the list and see in what way you can be of service or make a donation.

Everyone is welcome at the Mission/Outreach Meetings.

We welcome new ideas!

February's Mission Focus will be items needed by the Salvation Army to assist those that are staying at their guest house after being trafficked.

Items are needed to be given as the individuals leave so that they can be independent.

Let's fill a box or 2 during the month of February!

Guest House Needs List:

- shelf stable food
- new dish sets
- laundry detergent
- gatorade
- pots and pans
- pre-paid cell phone
- snack foods
- cooking utensils
- Gift cards to: Meijer, Wal-mart, Target, Kroger, fuel cards

Individual Survivor Needs During Their Stay:

- hygiene products, deodorant, hair products

Upon Departure Needs (given to them in a basket):

- new sheet sets

- new blankets
- new pillows
- laundry detergent
- cleaning supplies
- new dish sets
- silverware
- new dish towels

– *Mary Lou Lovell*

Furnaces Replaced

The over 50 year old fellowship hall furnace has died. As an emergency, it was replaced with a modern high efficiency furnace. It was determined that the companion furnace (also over 50) that heats the choir robe and copier/office rooms should be replaced at the same time. Comfort Xpress installed both new furnaces along with a new high efficiency hot water heater in early January.

The total cost was \$8,400. Your continued contributions to our capital improvement fund will enable FBC to deal with future maintenance emergencies and planned projects.

– *Larry Faulk*

Directory Pictures Needed

We would like to have as many updated pictures as possible in the 2016 directory. Please see me to get a new picture taken or email me a current photo at lfaulk01@aol.com.

– *Larry Faulk*

Fellowship Time

Thanks to all who have contributed snacks for fellowship time after worship. It's time to sign up for a Sunday in February, March, and April to bring a snack. Keep it simple - cookies, cheese and crackers, or brownies, etc. Please do not bring a large selection.

– *Larry Faulk*

Personals

• Larry Faulk would like to thank everyone who wished him well, sent a card, or attended the open house for his 70th birthday.

• Former Pastor Ellen Brown has two broken vertebrae that are pinching nerves in her back. She is scheduled for surgery on March 11. Please keep her in your prayers.

• Claire Turner will be performing the part of Fanzine in the Hayes production of LES MISERABLES in March.

• Genevieve Peterson was out of commission for several weeks with a back injury but is getting better now.

• Thank you to my many friends who remembered me with flowers, food and cards for my 95th birthday.
– Sophia Stephenson

– *Pam Faulk, Personals Editor*

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7 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	8 6:30 Deacons at Lovells	9 Shrove Tuesday 6:00 Pancake Supper 7:00 Trustees	10 Ash Wednesday 7:00 Choir 	11 8:45 Panera Pickup (Trigg)	12	13 9:00 Womens' Fellowship at Panera
First Sunday in Lent and Valentine's Day 14 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:00 Covered Dish Dinner 6:30 Lenten Study	Presidents Day 15 	16	17 7:00 Choir	18 8:45 Panera Pickup (Naces)	19	20 8:00 Mens' Breakfast at Bob Evans
Second Sunday in Lent 21 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Lenten Study Newsletter deadline	22	23	24 7:00 Choir	25 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup (Gossers)	26	27
Third Sunday in Lent 28 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:30 Mission / Outreach Meeting at Lovells 6:00 Pizza Dinner (Youth) 6:30 Lenten Study 6:30 Youth Group	29	March 1	2 7:00 Choir	3 8:45 Panera Pickup	4	

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Back in the 1980's, when I was in seminary, I took an introduction to the New Testament. Each day in class my professor would take time for prayer concerns and have a time of prayer. One time there were so many concerns expressed that by the time we were finished there wasn't any time left for the class work.

In March, our mission focus is the America for Christ offering for the work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society (Our goal is \$700). The funds raised will support discipleship programs, church planting, volunteer missions, prisoner re-entry and support for refugees all right here in the United States of America.

Also, First Baptist will be hosting the Marion Association youth event on March 13. This meeting gives our young people a chance to meet and become friends with Baptist youth around our association.

In that same time we will work our way through our Lenten Bible study on Sunday nights. It is always good to remember that the study of the Bible, or missions, or youth fellowships, or any other thing the church does when it gets together, takes place in the context of friendships founded upon faith in Christ. Whenever one gathers with others in worship or to serve in any way, we meet with our family in Christ. The Christian Fellowship we share is more important than what we accomplish doing missions or what we learn. It is more important to cultivate relationships than to have knowledge, and building relationships is what missions is all about.

I think my old professor was trying to teach us this lesson and that is why he took time for prayer concerns and was even willing to let it take up the whole class time once in a while. As we gather in bible study on Sunday nights throughout Lent, and support missions and youth ministry, we grow together in Christian Fellowship. And as Easter



March

approaches, I pray that our activities be infused with the divine love towards each other that God has shown to each of us through Jesus Christ.

So let us not forget the vision of the cross, God's Son taking upon himself the sins of the world and our own sins. Let us not forget the empty tomb signifying the victory of life over death, mercy over judgment, fullness over emptiness. And let us meet together throughout this season with the power of those two images fresh in our minds, never forgetting that they are the foundation of our friendship and source of our unity and hope.

– Mark

Maundy Thursday Service

Please plan to join us for our annual Maundy Thursday "Upper Room" candlelight service of worship and communion, Thursday, March 24th at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

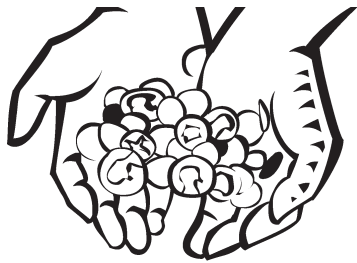
– Larry Faulk

America For Christ

God's desire for all who know Him is for us to become more like Christ. We become more like Christ by first growing in our knowledge of Him. It stands to reason that we cannot grow to be like someone we don't know. The deeper our knowledge of Christ, the deeper our understanding of Him, and the more like Him we become. Among other reasons, we are to know and understand Christ so that we will be secure in the faith. The America for Christ Offering 2016 theme "Discipleship; Becoming More Like Christ" reminds us that, as American Baptists, we embody the love of our Lord in word and deed. It reminds us that service is a way of life for Christ's church. Extending the hope, love, and compassion of our Lord to our neighbors and communities is a powerful demonstration that we have been transformed. We are reinvigorated by this year's theme to come alongside people as they journey through life. I am asking you to join me in giving generously to this year's America for Christ Offering and, in doing so, help us to reach our goal of \$700 as a church in support of home mission. Last year this was the only one of our four special offer-

ings where we did not reach our goal. Let's turn that around this year.

– Pam Faulk



Change For Change

I know it has only been a few months, but it is time to change our clocks forward, and that means that we will once again be collecting all your loose change. On Sunday morning, March 13, set your clock forward one hour and bring all your loose change to church for a special offering. This money will go to Andrews House to be contributed toward the Delaware summer lunch program for children. Last year we contributed a total of \$240.43 from the March and November offerings. Thank you for generously continuing this mission to help eliminate childhood hunger in our own community.

– Pam Faulk

Easter Offering

The Easter offering in the marked envelopes will go to the Common Ground Free Store.

Volunteers

Kid Connection

- March 6 Erin Faulk/
Aidan Ferguson
- March 13 Larry Faulk/Claire Turner
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- March 27 Pam Shears/Will Fogle

Fellowship Time

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

March 27 OPEN - please volunteer

Panera Pick-up

- March 3 Faulk
- March 10 Lovell
- March 17 Palmer
- March 24 Nace
- March 31 Gosser

Thank you all for volunteering in these missions for our church.

Lenten Dinner

On Sunday, March 20, we will have the last of our Sunday Lenten dinners at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to go with the pizza. The Bible Study will begin at 6:30 after the dinner.

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. The last day to place orders is Palm Sunday, March 20. They will be ordered the next morning so don't miss the deadline.

Quilt Display at Delaware County Library

March 5th through April 2, 30 to 40 quilts will be displayed from the second floor railings made by Delaware Piecemakers and friends. A guide book will be at the reference desk so you can read about who make the quilts (please return the book when you leave so it can be used by others).

– Jeanne Ekelberry

Delaware Piecemakers

Delaware Piecemakers Quilt Guild will celebrate National Quilt Day on Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

As a non-profit group, we donate pillocases to the Hospital for Children (they get to take them home), baby quilts for at-risk children, and other items needed through the Delaware Health Department and Veterans Quilts.

Quilters use their skills to help others and because they just like to quilt. In the past they used outgrown cloths and whatever fabric was available.

– Jeanne Ekelberry

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

Names and dates are from the latest church directory.

Why Do Homemade Quilts Cost So Much?

Since most non-sewers don't know what's involved in making a quilt, I've including a breakdown of cost and time to make one.

Fabric regular size bed (7 yards at \$11 a yard)	\$77
Back (6 yards at \$8 a yard)	48
Batting (3 yards)	36
Binding	11
Construction: cut, sew, borders, labels	132
Cut, attach binding, hand sew finish (8 hours)	<u>88</u>
Total	\$545

Of course, hand quilting takes longer and costs more – intricate machine quilting costs more. But you could also go to Walmart or Kohls and get a quilt for \$40 for \$60 from China! But be careful of the long stitches, they are not 10 to 12 per inch like our mothers used to make.

– Jeanne Ekelberry

He Set His Face to Jerusalem Lenten Bible Study

Sunday Evenings 6:30-7:30 P.M.

March 6

The Last Supper
Mark 14:10-26; John 13:1-34

March 13

The Midnight Hour and Taken Prisoner
Matthew 26:36-46; Luke 22:39-46
Matthew 25:31-46

March 20

Listen Closely – His Final Words
Matthew 26:5:33-43; Mark 15:22-32
Like 23-26-43; John 19:17-27



Wanted: Treadmill / Exercise Bike

If someone has a treadmill and/or a recombinant exercise bike to sell, I would be interested in purchasing them. Please contact me at 740-362-8637 or lfaulk01@aol.com.

– Larry Faulk

Andrews House Volunteers Needed

FBC is scheduled to serve and clean up at the Andrews House Second Friday dinner on March 11, 2016 and volunteers are needed. Please let me know if you can help that evening from 5:30 pm until about 7pm. Thanks,

– Larry Faulk 740-362-8637 or lfaulk01@aol.com

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

1 Year Ago

March 2015 Newsletter

Longtime member Bertha Fay Van Brimmer, 85, passed away in February at the Sarah Moore Home. She served on many committees and boards through the years. Her husband Jim, also a longtime member, died in 2010.

5 Years Ago

March 2011 Newsletter

Former member Susan Mussard, 63, passed away at her home. For almost 20 years she taught language arts at Willis, in spite of her cerebral palsy.

15 Years Ago

March 2001 Newsletter

The Handicapped Access Project is now paid for.

40 Years Ago

March 1976 Newsletter

Sue Panek, an OWU student, was received into membership.

Remember this was the 1970s —

Jesus said unto them, "Who do you say that I am?" And they replied, "You are the eschatological manifestation of the ground of our being, the kerygma in which we find the ultimate meaning of our interpersonal relationships." And Jesus said, "What?" – graffiti at a college

45 Years Ago

March 1971 Newsletter

Rev. Ed Dana, who rebuilt our organ 9 years ago, has tuned and repaired it with the assistance of Peter White.

"Cap" Gabriel was a patient at Jane M. Case Hospital but is home now.

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 numbers are:

- Larry Faulk - (614)-204-1098
- Dave Lovell - (740)-369-6041
- Jennifer and Claire Turner (740)-816-0269.

– *Larry Faulk*

Former Pastor Moving

Former pastor Rev. Tim Chesser and Kathy are moving to Connecticut in April. Their new address will be in the 2016 Church Directory.

Youth Group hosting the ABY of Marion Association

First Baptist Church Delaware is hosting the Marion Association Youth on Sunday, March 13th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church, 101 N. Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio. We are going to do a special Easter Egg activity, some Easter games and have some snacks. If it is a nice day, we may even be able to get outside as well.

– *Debbie Fogle*

Personals

- Ken Shears has been notified that he is to be inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame in the spring of 2017. Congratulations, Ken, on this high honor.
- Claire Turner will be performing in the Hayes production of LES MISERABLES March 17-20.
- Mary Lou Lovell spent several days in Albany, New York visiting her father who was in the hospital there.

- Jane Moore Snyder has finished writing her book called "Enlarge My Territory," a love story about her final months with Jimmie. It is now at the publishers.

- Alvin Cox continues to undergo chemotherapy. Please keep him in your prayers.

- Bev Cox had surgery on her thumb in February and will have surgery on the other thumb this month.

- Colin Ferguson and Claire Turner made the Hayes Honor Roll for the second quarter, and Alec Ferguson made the Merit Roll. Congratulations to all of you!

- Claire Turner will be participating in the equestrian event at the Arnold Classic in Columbus.

- Jerry Palmer's sister, Marylin Stephenson passed away in February. Please be in prayer for Jerry and Lana.

- Randy Turner performed in the Arena Faire production of LOVE LETTERS in February.

- The "On Religion" column of the Delaware Gazette on February 19 featured an article by Pastor Mark Allison entitled "Redemption is Better Than Vindication."

- Dave Lovell had cataract surgery on Feb. 22.

- On February 17 Claire Turner, Colin Ferguson, Aidan Ferguson, and Will Fogle participated in the All City Youth Orchestra concert.

- On February 29 Gabe Fogle and Claire Turner will participate in the All City Choir Concert.

– *Pam Faulk, Personals Editor*


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Mission Focus for the month is America for Christ</i></p>		1	2 7:00 Choir	3 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pick-up Faulk	4 World Day of Prayer	5
		6 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Lenten Bible Study	7 5:30 Board of Christian Education	8 7:00 Trustees	9 7:00 Choir	10 8:45 Panera Pick-up Lovell
13 Fifth Sunday in Lent Daylight Saving Time Begins Today; "Change for Change" Today 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 2:00 Marion Assoc. Youth Group 6:30 Lenten Bible Study	14 6:30 Deacons at Dr. Allison's Home	15	16 7:00 Choir	17 St. Patrick's Day 8:45 Panera Pick-up Palmer 	18	19 8:00 ABM 9:00 Quilt Day Display in the Fellowship Hall (until 3:00)
20 Palm Sunday and First Day of Spring 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:00 Pizza 6:30 Lenten Bible Study Deadline for newsletter Last day to order Easter Lilies 	21	22	23 7:00 Choir	24 Maundy Thursday 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service 8:45 Panera Pick-up Nace	25 Good Friday Good Friday Community Service at St. Mary Catholic Church – Stations of the Cross at 11; Service at 12	26
27 Easter 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship April newsletter available. 	28	29	30 7:00 Choir	31 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pick-up Gosser	1 April	2

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As I write this article the NCAA basketball tournament is getting ready to begin. Today there will be sixteen games and it will be that way again tomorrow. It is called March Madness. Baylor, my college team, will play Yale (by the time I finish a final draft I will know how that game went). The NCAA tournament has become a spring tradition and it is a great distraction from everything else going on in the world.

One of the other things going on in the world is politics. Honestly I don't mind being distracted from it. But since the relationship between faith and politics is one of the hot button issues, perhaps the April newsletter is a good place and time to present what I think about it as long as no one thinks my ideas are generated by my thoughts about our church. They are not, but come from thirty years in ministry in times when the political have been increasingly contentious.

The first thing to say is that citizenship is a part of Christian responsibility. We should be good citizens and participate in the process. It is not, however, my place to tell you how to vote nor should I be compelled to vote in a particular way. That is between the individual and God. I acknowledge that the political climate is charged and divided. There are some Christians who believe that there is one right way to vote and every other way is wrong. I do not share this view. It makes me uncomfortable to have such expectations placed on me and I won't place them on others.

I do, however, have a vision for life in the church among people who might disagree about politics. It is good to be reminded that only rarely are there political solutions to spiritual problems and that the rule of love is the highest rule. For Christians, relationships are more important than political ideas or individual voting habits. My vision



for our church is for our common faith to rise above the rancorous climate. My hope is that people across the spectrum of ideas would be welcomed and not judged, that the love we share in Christ would unite us in mission and fellowship. It is my prayer that even if the political climate gets worse, our community would be characterized by respect.

Let the only madness be in the basketball tournament. By the way, Yale beat Baylor to my great disappointment.

– Mark

Thank You All

I want to thank all of you who contributed to the Change for Change offering for the Delaware summer lunch program for children. We collected \$157.13 in change!!! As always, the jar will be on the table in the Welcome Center throughout the year if you do not want to hold onto your change at home. I will empty the jar each Sunday and keep the change for you until November.

– Pam Faulk

Attention All Women

Were you aware that the women of our church get together once a month for fellowship? Please join us for breakfast at 9:00 on the second Saturday of the month. This month it will be on April 9 at Panera.

Fellowship Signups Needed

Thanks to all who have contributed to our fellowship time for the first quarter of the year. The signup sheet is available in the gathering space for volunteers for fellowship time this Spring. Please keep it simple. Some cookies, brownies, veggie platter, or cheese and crackers are appreciated. Coffee, juice, and water are supplied.

Volunteers

The following people have graciously volunteered their time in April.

Kid Connection

- April 3 Lana Palmer /
Colin Ferguson
- April 10 Open (Please sign up) /
Claire Turner
- April 17 Open (Please sign up) /
Aidan Ferguson
- April 24 Pat Gosser/Alec Ferguson

Fellowship Time

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- April 10 Faulks
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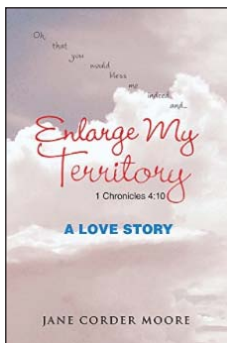
Panera Pick-up

- March 31 Gosser
- April 7 Faulk
- April 14 Open (Please sign up)
- April 21 Faulk
- April 28 Gosser

As you can see, there are several openings where no one has volunteered. Please sign up today and let's get all the blanks filled in until the end of May.

An Author Among Our Fellowship

Jane Moore has written a book about the months following the car accident that caused Jimmie's catastrophic injuries. It is a love story entitled ENLARGE MY TERRITORY. It was published by AuthorHouse and is now available through Amazon. I have read Jane's book and found it totally engrossing and touching. I would recommend it to all our church fellowship.



– Pam Faulk

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

Dr. Brown to Speak

Dr. David Brown will be the guest preacher on Sunday, April 17th.

Dr. Mark Allison will be on vacation April 11 -17. If you have a need during his vacation, contact one of the deacons.

Let Us Know

The deacons would like to know what's happening with you and your family. Let us know about your health and well being challenges that we can share with the congregation. We do not want to be nosey, but we want to be available to provide support for what you are experiencing.

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Youth Group

The FBC youth group hosted the Marion Association Youth on March 13, 2016 for a time of fellowship, games, devotion, and snacks. We made resurrection eggs telling the story of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and the Resurrection. We played lots of games and had an Easter egg hunt. We had 10 kids and lots of fun was had by all! Thank you to Larry & Pam Faulk, Pat Gosser, Dr. Allison, Michele & Josh Mounts, and Mary Lou Lovell for coming to help hide Easter eggs, taking pictures, setting and cleaning up, and being a fun support for the youth. Our next youth group meeting will be on April 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

– Debbie Fogle

Mission/Outreach News

The Mission/Outreach Team met on February 28, 2016.

The team discussed ways to show appreciation to the teachers at Conger Elementary School.

We are asking that the congregation be a part of this by donating

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

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2014 church directory.*

items to be placed in a bag to be given to each of the teachers.

We will be collecting the items through April 24th. There are 30 teachers. Items that we would like to include are:

candy, chocolate, cheese crackers, apples, and granola bars. If you have something that is not on the list that you would like to donate, let Pam Faulk or Mary Lou Lovell know. We are planning to assemble the bags on May 1st.

These bags will be given in early May.

There will be a box labeled "Teacher Appreciation Donations" in the welcome center in which to place the items that you bring.

We also would like to remember our college students. There will be cards in the Assembly Room for you sign on April 3 and April 10th. We are planning to send these cards in envelopes with a snack to let our college students know that we are thinking of them and praying for them as they approach final exams to conclude their school year.

Please make sure to sign all of the cards as you have a snack at fellowship time after church on April 3rd and 10th.

You may remember that we have provided meals for the "Stepping Up" class members last Spring and Fall. This part of the "Getting Ahead Program" which is a 16 session financial independence program facilitated by Delaware STEP for hard-working, low-income persons who are committed to transforming their lives. Each participant creates a personal plan for their pathway out of poverty and is actively engaged in improving the lives of people in our community.

On Wednesday, April 13th and Monday, May 23rd we are asking for help to prepare and serve a meal.

We will need 3 people to serve and clean up (4:30p.m. to 6:30 p.m.). We will need 4-5 people to prepare food for the "Stepping Up" class members. Food is to be at William St. Church by 4:30 p.m. If you would like to help and are not able to prepare food, you can give a monetary donation.

Please sign up on the Get Connected Slip. There will be a sign up sheet for food items that you would like to prepare during fellowship time after the church service, April 3rd and April 10th.

See Pam Faulk or Mary Lou Lovell for questions.

Bonnie Ristau and Nancy Miller are planning to come to our church on April 3rd and tell us about the "Getting Ahead" Program, the upcoming "Bridges" workshop for the community and the "gift card drive".

The next Mission/Outreach meeting will be April 10th at 1:30 p.m. Come join us! New ideas welcome!

— Mary Lou Lovell

Personals

• Two names were left out of this column last month, and I do apologize. Brianna Showalter was also on the Hayes Merit Roll for the second quarter, and Aidan Ferguson also sang in the all-city student choir in

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

15 Years Ago

April 2001 Newsletter

Edith Hall, 98, died in March at the Delaware Court Healthcare Center. Born in 1903, she had been a member of our church for many years. Her husband, Walter Hall, preceded her in death. The funeral was held at First Baptist with Rev. Robert Hughes officiating.

Former member Jack Smith, 74, died in March in Salem Ohio. He was a member for many years and was director of Parks and Recreation in Delaware until he retired.

30 Years Ago

April 1986 Newsletter

The pastor's office has been redecorated, including wood paneling and carpet (which was free).

It is good to see Nellie Sheets attending church again after her recent surgery.

45 Years Ago

April 1971 Newsletter

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seckman, Vienna, West Virginia, are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Linda Louise, to Peter Alexander White, son of Mrs. Carolyn White. A July wedding is being planned by the couple.

Debbie Pettit and Ed Snouffer were married in our church. Ed is in the army and is stationed in Texas. Debbie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pettit.

A gift was made to the church in memory of Mr. A. J. Birdsell from his family. His family said he loved the church and was warmed by the fellowship.

February.

- Janet Lathrop was in the ER after several falls but is home now.
- Ellen Brown had successful back surgery and is recuperating at home.
- Please offer condolences to the Gosser family. Raleigh's grandson was recently killed in an auto accident. Raleigh would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers.
- Ray Serviss was recently in the hospital for a procedure for kidney stones and then was diagnosed with blood clots in his legs. He has been undergoing treatment for the blood clots.
- Ken and Pam Shears recently took a trip to Arizona.
- Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk took a Spring Break Cruise to the Caribbean.
- Dave Lovell had his second cataract surgery which went well.
- Claire Turner was recently featured in an article in the Delaware News about her role in the Hayes Production of LES MISERABLES. Bravo to Claire for nailing the part of Fantine. Hopefully, you all got to see this absolutely wonderful production of Les Mis.




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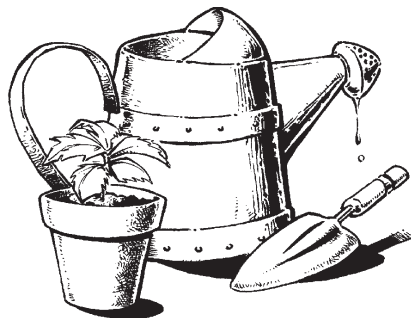
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Mission Moment Speaker</p>	<p>5:30 Board of Christian Education</p>		<p>7:00 Choir</p>	<p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>		<p>9:00 Women's Fellowship at Panera</p>
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Dr. Mark Allison on vacation						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Guest Pastor Dr. David Brown 6:30 Youth Group Newsletter deadline</p>	<p>Tax Day</p> 		<p>7:00 Choir</p>	<p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	<p>Earth Day</p> 	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship May newsletter available Deadline for articles on Conger Teachers</p>			<p>6:30 Covered- Dish Dinner 7:00 Business Meeting</p>	<p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser</p>		
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This past week I was in Pittsburgh PA because my older sister was having open heart surgery. Everything went well and she is on her way to a recovery. I had never been to Pittsburgh before. We stayed in a place called the "Family House." The University of Pittsburgh was not far away between the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers. Out of curiosity I looked up the First Baptist Church and it turned out to be only a few blocks away. I went to see it and was surprised to find a gothic style cathedral. I had never seen a Baptist church built in that style before.



MAY

Then on my way to Columbia Missouri I saw a billboard advertising all Latin masses at a Catholic Church in Warrenton, MO, so if that is what you are interested in you know where to go. After Vatican II in the 1960's most Catholic churches in America have been offering mass services in English which are understandably more popular.

On Sunday I had the chance to worship at the First Baptist Church in Columbia, a chance to see how someone else does things. They had a contemporary service early, then a traditional one at 11, and later, an African service in Swahili. I had never heard of that before either.

The thing that struck me about the Baptist churches is that the congregations were small. The one

in Pittsburgh averaged about 50 in worship, they had blocked off more than two-thirds of the sanctuary. The one in Columbia had about 100 in a sanctuary that could hold 354 people, according to the fire marshal's sign. I have no idea how many Catholics opt for Latin mass but I am willing to bet it is a minority.

In this era of declining church attendance and contemporary mega-churches, congregations in downtown areas with a desire to stay connected to their traditions are like the Latin mass, not very popular. It is difficult to stand on principle

when the crowd is not paying attention. Because of the trends in the larger culture these churches are an example of being willing to go against the trends even if it means difficulty filling the sanctuary on Sundays. Practices designed to be popular and attract a crowd can be effective at reaching people with the gospel but they can also be superficial.

Even though the variety I witnessed in just one week was significant, I was encouraged to see that others in similar situations as our own are working hard practice authentic faith, maintain their traditions, and proclaim the gospel in unique ways. The lesson? Be authentic. Be faithful. Summer is coming.

- Mark

Kenneth Frische

Kenneth Frische, 75, passed away surrounded by his family on March 22, 2016.

Ken was born in Sidney, OH on April 11, 1940 to Irvin Edward Frische and Thelma Maria Covert Eshleman Frische. He married



Marilyn Louise Magee in 1963 at Trinity Church of the Brethren in Sidney. Marilyn went to heaven on Dec 27, 2009. They were blessed with two sons, Kevin (Jennifer) Frische and Kyle (Tamara) Frische both of Wapakoneta, OH, and they had five grandchildren.

After graduating from Sidney High School in 1958, Ken served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1958 to 1962. After boot camp in Groton, CT, he was stationed in Duluth, MN, Boston, MA, Cape Christian, Greenland and Chicago, IL. He worked at the Wapak Truck Plaza, the former Fisher Cheese Co in Wapakoneta, OH and retired in 2003 from Reynolds and Reynolds in Celina, OH.

Ken was a member of Bethany United Methodist Church in Celina, OH where he served as treasurer for 11 years, and he attended First Baptist.

He met Phyllis Beasley in 2010 and they became best friends and fell in love. With the blessings of Ken's

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family and Phyllis's daughter Kathy (Mark) Simon and their family, they exchanged vows on June 25, 2011. Ken was very blessed to have such wonderful women in his life.

Ken was preceded in death by a brother, Lowell Frische, and is survived by 2 half-brothers; Kermit L. Frische and Robert Eshleman, and one half-sister; Joyce Frische Winney.

Funeral services were held in Celina, and burial was at Green-lawn Cemetery in Wapakoneta, Ohio; where military honors were provided by the Celina American Legion Post 210 and Celina VFW Post 5713.

Please leave condolences for the family at: ciscofuneralhome.com



Phyllis Beasley and Ken Frische

Thank You Youth

Thanks to our youth who provided such special music for our Easter worship. Will Fogle, Colin Ferguson, and Aidan Ferguson provided string music, and Claire Turner sang a beautiful solo.

America For Christ

Our America for Christ offering in March totaled \$771. A big thank you goes out to our very generous congregation.

– Pam Faulk

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

Getting Ahead/Stepping Up -May Mission Focus

On April 3, we had a special Mission Moment in which Bonnie Ristau and Nancy Miller spoke to us about the Getting Ahead/Stepping Up program in Delaware. We have been helping with their meals for several years now. The next meal that we are helping with will be May 23. Please speak to Mary Lou Lovell to help with this. Thanks to all who helped with the meal on April 13.

Our mission focus for May will be this program. At every session that Stepping Up has, the participants are given a meal and a \$25 dollar gift card. During May we are asking our congregation to donate a \$25 gift card to either Kroger or Meijer or money to pay for gift cards. Gift cards can be given to Mary Lou Lovell. A cash donation may be given to the church with a note that it is to be used for these gift cards.

Blanket Sunday

On Mother's Day, May 8, you can honor important women in your life by donating money that goes to Church

World Service for the purpose of providing blankets, tents, and other shelter items to adults and children worldwide.

Thanks

Thank you all who donated items for the teacher appreciation gift bags for Conger School.

– Mary Lou Lovell

Sunday School News

Our last day of Sunday school for this year will be on May 22. Our summer hours will begin on May 29 with the worship service beginning at 11:00. Youth Sunday and picnic will be June 5.

With this newsletter you should receive a survey for all adults in our congregation to fill out. Please take a few minutes to fill out the

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- May 3 Rick Van Brimmer
 5 Dave Brown
 8 Willard Fogle
 9 Tim Chesser
 10 Archie & Beth Trigg
 10 Anna Kailyn Porter
 12 Jeanne Ekelberry
 15 Barbara Smith
 15 Betty Porter
 16 Brianna Showalter
 17 Ellen & David Brown
 19 Scott Nace
 24 Sharon & Steve Baker
 27 Lisa Lawrence
 30 Ken Peterson
 31 Alvin Cox

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survey and put it into the box in the Welcome Center. Surveys are due by May 29.

Sunday school teacher appreciation will be on June 18.

Personals

- Chad Kilhefner's brother passed away in April.
- Randy and Claire Turner took a college visitation trip to Massachusetts.
- Charles Ekelberry and Elizabeth have moved back to Delaware.
- Pat Gosser's nephew Brennan Howe, a frequent visitor to our congregation, was baptized at his home church in Barberton on April 24.
- Beth Trigg and Mike Showalter are both now working at the Delaware Community Market.
- Pastor Allison's father visited our

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

1 Year Ago

May 2015 Newsletter

Former member Don Eliot, 77, has died. 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.

5 Years Ago

May 2011 Newsletter

Former member Della June (Nofsinger) Dove, 85, of Oxford, Kansas, has died of a stroke.

15 Years Ago

May 2001 Newsletter

Lola Jackson, 92, died at Grady Hospital. She was a member for many years and was a retired teacher from Bellpoint School.

Laura Mowery, Megan Shelley, Jami Riedmiller, and Calvin Turner were baptized recently.

How many Baptists does it take to change a light bulb? 15. One to change the bulb, 12 for the committee to approve the change, and two to make casseroles.

church on April 10 before heading to Pittsburgh with Mark. Mark's sister Laurie had successful surgery on April 11 and is recovering.

- Mary Lou Lovell's father Ray Morby was back in the hospital, and Mary Lou traveled to New York to be with him.
- Alec Ferguson is now working at Home Depot.
- Bowen Nace was pictured on the front page of the Delaware Gazette on April 18. He was helping with a construction project at Woodward

20 Years Ago

May 1996 Newsletter

David Osborne had a stroke.

40 Years Ago

May 1976 Newsletter

Rev. Stephenson reported that Dr. Bryan Archibald, leader of the Weekend of Renewal, commented on the high caliber of the congregation. Several other guest leaders had similar comments after speaking here.

45 Years Ago

May 1971 Newsletter

Mrs. Myrtle Smith has returned from her winter vacation in Florida.

Steve Stoner became a member.

Jean St. Louis, an OWU student from Haiti who has been attending our church, will graduate in June.

A recent survey of local churches by the minister of William Street United Methodist found that 40% of First Baptist members attended church on April 18. The largest was St. Peter's Episcopal which had 58% attendance on that Sunday; the lowest was 20%.

School.

Volunteers For May

Thanks to the following people who volunteer their time.

Kid Connection

May1 Pam Faulk/Will Fogle

May 8 Jennifer Turner/
Colin Ferguson

May 15 Erin Faulk/Aidan Ferguson

May 22 Pat Gosser/Will Fogle

Fellowship Time

May 1 Open (Please sign up)

May 8 Open (Please sign up)

May 15 Kilhefner

May 22 Open (Please sign up)

May 29 Open (Please sign up)

Panera Pick Up

May 5 Open (Please sign up)

May 12 Palmer

May 19 Gosser

May 26 Faulk

I Like Cheese and Crackers

Please sign up to bring a small snack for Fellowship Time. The sign up sheet is in the Gathering Place awaiting your commitment to bring cheese and crackers, or cookies, or brownies, or fruit for a Sunday in May, June, or July. Drinks are provided.

Thanks,

– Larry Faulk

Church Directory Update

Please make the following changes in your copy of the 2016 church directory.

Kilhefner

Phone: 740-966-5513

Email:
ohiostatebuckeyes@netzero.com

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Mission Focus For May

Getting Ahead / Stepping
Up and Blanket Sunday

May 2016

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Pentecost 15 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Youth Meeting	16	17	18 7:00 Choir	19 8:45 Panera Pickup	20	Armed Forces Day 21 8:00 ABM Hayes High School Graduation
22 9:30 Sunday School - LAST DAY 10:45 Morning Worship Last day to submit newsletter articles.	23 4:45 Stepping Up Meal	24	25 7:00 Choir	26 8:45 Panera Pickup	27	28
Summer Hours Begin 29 11:00 Morning Worship Sunday School surveys due. June newsletter available.	Memorial Day 30 	31	June 1	2 8:45 Panera Pickup	3	4

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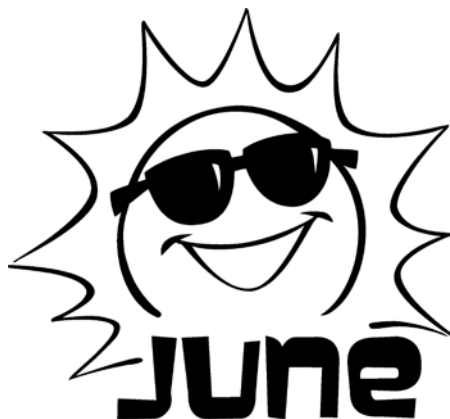
Summer is coming! When I think of summer I am reminded of fireflies and ice cream, baseball games and mosquito bites, camping trips and Silver Dollar City. I think of fireworks and barbecues and short pants. And I think of perspiration because where I come from both the temperature and the humidity are always high. I think of swimming pools and beaches and going barefoot in the itchy grass. I also think of bible school and youth camp which meant long bus rides in busses that did not have air-conditioning. Mainly because school is not in session, there is a relaxed quality about summertime, a break from the more serious concerns of life.

The First Baptist Church here in Delaware is the first church I have been a part of that has observed summer hours, no Sunday School or choir practice. I must confess it will involve an adjustment for me, one that may spoil me so that I may never want to return to the former practices. The relaxed schedule means a rest for everyone.

But there are still some things to do. June 5th is youth Sunday and we will recognize two high school graduates and have a cookout because our youth are an important part of our family. And the mission focus for the month of June is the One Great Hour of Sharing which is the American Baptist disaster relief, development project, and refugee ministry emphasis.

In July there is going to be a new event to participate in, The Delaware Family Festival, which is a block party sponsored by all the churches and non-profit organiza-

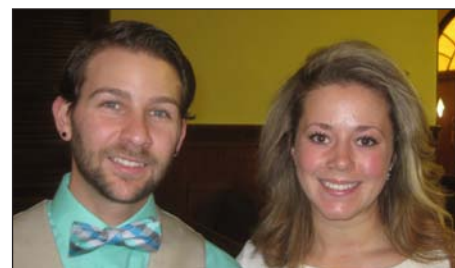
tions in our neighborhood. It will be on Saturday July 16th from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. Winter Street will be closed off from Washington to Franklin for food and music and games and all kinds of summer fun.



Another new feature in the summer life of our church will be a Sunday series of movie nights beginning on June 12th and then on June 26th at 6:30 P.M. Instead of a bible study we will gather to watch Christian themed movies and have a time of reflection of fellowship.

The summer offers a lot to look forward to along with the other things that summertime brings. I hope that each of you will have the chance to do some of the things that are a part of your summer traditions and that you will be able to enjoy the warm weather and sunshine, and I am sure there will be many miles travelled to visit relatives and friends and to experience family vacations, as well as the time spent with our church family and what I hope will turn into meaningful new traditions. God Bless.

- Mark



Welcome Chris and Sarah!

Chris Byall and Sarah Durbin have joined FBC. Chris has joined by a statement of faith and previous experience. Sarah joins through baptism in a ceremony during worship today. Please welcome them to our church family.

Chris works for Honda and Sarah works at Aldi. Chris and Sarah will be married in our church on July 2nd.

Please add their contact info to your directory:

Phone numbers and emails
deleted from web version
for privacy.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Our mission focus for June is the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. Through our gifts, we participate in the many ministries that serve the hungry, the poor, the distressed, and the refugees all over the world. Like Ruth and Naomi in the Bible, refugees today are confronted with dire situations in

their homes, and are forced by the necessity of survival to leave behind their communities in order to seek safety and security. Through One Great Hour of Sharing we embrace refugees around the world as our own. By supporting this offering, we answer God's call for us to bring wholeness to a fragmented world. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering reaches across the globe. Sometimes it provides solidarity to those who have experienced loss due to disasters in our own community and congregation, and at other times it says tangibly, "You are not forgotten," to our sisters and brothers on the other side of the world.

This year each household in our congregation will receive a Sharing Calendar to follow for each day of June, a refugee tent coin box, and a page of monetary units to put into the coin boxes. It is up to each individual household to decide how much money each monetary unit represents. At the end of the month, add up all the units in your coin box and write a check for that amount of money to go toward the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Please remember that our goal is \$700. You can also make an additional contribution any time during the month of June by using the envelopes provided in the bulletin.

Thank you for prayerfully considering your gift to this special offering.

– Pam Faulk

Tools of Hope

On Father's Day on June 19, you can honor a special gentleman by giving generously to Tools of Hope, sponsored by Church World Service. You can give a donation in honor of or in memory of men in your lives. This money is used all over the world for things like supplying a well and pump for a village; trowels, hoes, and other tools to help people be self-sustaining;

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education and training; fishing nets and fingerlings to stock a pond; and small enterprise loans.

Angel Food Cakes

On June 10, our church is going to provide angel food cakes for the Second Friday meal at Andrews House. If you would like to help pay for these, please donate \$4 to Larry Faulk before June 8.

Church Picnic

On June 5, we will have a church picnic after our worship service. We will congregate in the fellowship hall at 11:30. Hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert and your own table service.

Personals

- Chad Kilhefner's father had surgery with some complications but is recovering. Chad thanks everyone for their prayers.

- Pastor David Brown preached at our church on April 17. Ellen Brown, our former interim pastor, accompanied him. She thanks everyone for their cards and prayers after her back surgery. She is recovering well and no longer needs her back brace.

- Congratulations to our graduates, Claire Turner and Alec Ferguson. Claire will be attending Miami University in the fall, and Alec will be heading off to Bowling Green.

- Pastor Mark's sister Laurie is improving after heart surgery and is headed home to West Virginia.

- Several of our students were on the Hayes Honor Roll for third quarter. Claire Turner was named to the Distinguished Honor Roll with a 4-point average. Colin Ferguson and Brianna Showalter were on the Honor Roll, and Alec Ferguson was on the Merit Roll.

- Many of our congregation have been traveling recently. Jane and Jim Snyder have made several trips to Florida to visit friends, and for a memorial service for a dear friend. Archie and Beth Trigg took a trip to Ireland to celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary. Lana and Jerry Palmer traveled to Williamsburg, Virginia. Will Fogle went on the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. Pat and Raleigh Gosser traveled to Arizona while Chad Myford went to Florida. Jerry Palmer and his son spent a few days exploring Gettysburg, PA. Jeanne Ekelberry has traveled to West Virginia to see family.

– Pam Faulk, Personals' Editor

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- June 2 Jerry & Lana Palmer
Patricia Foor
- 8 Pam Faulk
Carol Serviss
- 10 David & Mary Lou Lovell
Aidan Ferguson
Mike and Emilie
Showalter
- 11 Randy & Jennifer Turner
- 12 Sam & Lindley Chesser
- 16 Chad Myford
- 17 Matthew & Marci Cooper
- 19 Wyatt Cramer
- 21 Dan & Sherry Chambers
- 22 June Grubbs
- 22 Alvin and Bev Cox
- 24 Beth Trigg
- 28 Hannah McKendrick

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Summer Movie Festival

This summer on several Sunday nights, we will be having a summer movie festival. On those nights we will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 and watch a movie. This is fellowship for our whole church family. Feel free to bring a snack to share while watching the movie. Our two June movie nights will be June 12 and June 26. On June 12 we will be viewing the movie APOSTLE PETER AND THE LAST SUPPER. On June 26 we will see INSIDE OUT, the Disney film which won the Academy Award this year for best animated motion picture. We hope you can join us.

Volunteers For June

Thank you all for volunteering!

Kid Connection

There is no Kid Connection during our summer worship hour.

Fellowship Time

- June 5 All-church picnic
- June 12 Dan and Sherry Chambers
- June 19 Pam and Larry Faulk
- June 26 Pat and Raleigh Gosser

Panera Pick-up

- June 2 Lovell/Fogle
- June 19 Ekelberry
- June 16 Gosser
- June 23 Open (Please Volunteer)
- June 30 Faulk

Teacher Appreciation Bags for Conger Teachers

Thank you to all who donated items to put in bags for the teachers at Conger Elementary School for Teacher Appreciation Week the first week in May.

Many thanks to Pam Faulk, Larry Faulk, and Dr. Mark Allison for filling the bags and delivering them to Conger School.

It was a nice surprise for the teachers and showed how much we appreciate all they do!

– Mary Lou Lovell

Stepping Up Meals

A huge Thank You to Pam Faulk for coordinating the Stepping Up Meal on April 13th while Mary Lou Lovell was In New York with her Dad who was very ill.

Thanks to all who prepared food and those that served. It was a success and appreciated by all!

Thanks to those who donated money which was used to buy pizza, those who prepared food and served at the Stepping Up Meal

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

20 Years Ago

June 1996 Newsletter

Mary Gillette graduated from OSU with a Master of Social Work degree with a 3.87 grade point average.

25 Years Ago

June 1991 Newsletter

Evelyn Lee thanked the church for the memorial service for Dick Lee in May. He was a very active member for many years. He donated his body to OSU for study and thus the delay of the service.

Della Dean, 83, died in May. She was a member for many years and was active in the Women's Society.

40 Years Ago

June 1976 Newsletter

Former member Mary Milhoan died in May at Fairborn. She was active and loved member of our fellowship for many years.

Jim Van Brimmer was in Mexico on a business trip.

The Pauline Nash home at 209 N. Liberty, which was willed to the church, has been sold. The money will be invested.

45 Years Ago

June 1971 Newsletter

Gina Evans, Lorrie Lathrop, Bob Stephenson and Rick Van Brimmer were baptized.

Kenneth Bougher, son of Harold Bougher, suffered severe head injuries in a bicycle accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brower and their two daughters, Dianna and Darlene, became members.

on May 23rd. Everyone at the meal appreciated those who took the time to prepare the food and those who came to serve.

Our mission focus for May was to donate gift cards or money for the church to buy gift cards to be given to those who attend the Stepping Up classes. Thanks to all who gave money or bought the gift cards to be given to the investigators(students) at the classes.

– Mary Lou Lovell

Summer Lunch Program

Many of you came to Woodward Elementary during the week in the summer to serve the free summer lunches to children and young people. Delaware City Schools will host this program at Willis Elementary School this summer. Mel Corroto at Andrews House will be contacted about our helping with the serving of the lunches. Lunches will be served Monday through Friday(12-1p.m., activities after eating until 1 p.m.) May 31st-Aug. 12th. If you have an hour during the week and you would like to help serve,

please contact Mary Lou Lovell (740-369-6041). More information will be given in the bulletin.

– Mary Lou Lovell

Mission/Outreach Meeting

Mark your calendars and come and join us for the next Mission/Outreach Meeting right after church at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 12th!

– Mary Lou Lovell

Services Recorded

On vacation? Miss a Sunday, but would like to hear the service or sermon that you missed? Audio recordings of Sunday services are available at our website:

www.FBCDelaware.org. Login to our website and look for “recent

Blanket Sunday – May 8

We honored the women of our lives on Mother’s day, raising \$240.00 for Church World Service. This is the first of three offerings we sponsor to raise money for Church World Service each year to support the work they do worldwide. We will also honor the men of our lives on Father’s Day, followed by the CROP walk this fall. Thank you for your support of Church World Service!

– Randy Turner, Financial Secretary

Giver

Mark Allison
Dan Chambers
Jeanne Ekelberry
Erin and Larry Faulk
Pam and Larry Faulk

In Honor/Memory

In Memory of Fern Allison
In Honor of Ruth Chambers
In Memory of Ethel Trogdon
In Honor of Pam Faulk
In Honor of Evolena Cole, Erin Faulk, Laurie Faulk, Pat Rose, Donna Mann
In Memory of Florence Faulk, Mary Anderson, Jean Wickum
In Honor of Mary Lou Lovell, Carol Serviss
In Honor of Candy Lee
In Memory of Jean Scott
In Memory of Ruth Brown
In Honor of Mary Lou Lovell, Deborah Fogle, Barbara Smith
In Memory of Jennie Lovell, Margaret Morby, Rose Verespy
In Honor of Melissa Mercer, Jennifer Turner
In Memory of Willa Corder, Olive Snyder
In Memory of Their mothers
In Honor of Janet Porter, Jennifer Cramer
In Memory of Martha Jane Guy, Jim “Billy” Porter
In Honor of Claire Turner, Jennifer Turner, Jane Moore Snyder, Tonabell Turner
In Honor of Margaret Seckman

Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle
Pat Gosser

Carol Grubbs
Dave Lovell

Jane Moore

Ken and Genevieve Peterson
Betty Porter

Randy Turner

Linda White

services” or recent sermons” to listen.

Youth Group

The Youth Group had a fun last meeting at Blue Limestone Park. We had snacks, played wiffle ball, and planned Youth Sunday on June 5th. Congratulations to Claire and Alec for graduating from high school, we will miss you! Thank you for everyone’s participation in Youth Group this year! Looking forward to a fun fall!

– Debbie Fogle




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<p>Father's Day / Tools of Hope 19 10:00 Worship Last day to submit newsletter articles.</p> 	20	21	22	23 8:45 Panera Pickup	24	25
<p>26 10:00 Worship 6:30 Summer Movie July newsletter available today.</p>	27	28	29	30 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup	July 1	2

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This newsletter was delayed because we were waiting for Betty Porter's obituary.

Summer is upon us. Let me introduce a new event in the Delaware summer this year. Several churches including First Baptist and other local non-profit organizations are sponsoring the Delaware Family Fest on Saturday July 16 from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. Winter Street will be closed from Washington to Franklin Streets for a "block party" to promote fellowship and a sense of community in the neighborhood around our church. There will be food and games and music and activities.

One of the increasingly pressing concerns our society faces is our dividedness, the breaking down of community. We are becoming more divided politically, economically, and even religiously in a way that breaks down relationships, increasing a sense of alienation. As Americans we take pride in having an independent spirit but excessive individualism has a crippling effect on the soul. This festival is an attempt by all these neighborhood



organizations to reverse the trend. I hope you will join with us.

There are three ways you can participate. First, all of the churches are collecting bottled water to be given out at the festival. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Also, our church is providing children's

activities and lawn games, coloring, sidewalk chalk, and other fun summer activities. Come and help for an hour or so. And finally, you are all invited to

come and enjoy the fun and invite your friends and neighbors.

The most important aspect of our Faith is relationships. Whether in worship, bible study, missions, or in summer fellowships the main point is to enhance our relationships with God, each other, and our neighbors. We do well to keep this in mind as we meet on Sunday mornings and for two movie nights in July, as well as the block party.

Many of you will be taking vacations, visiting relatives, enjoying barbecues and summer parties. The same sentiment applies. May God bless you whatever you do.

- Mark

Betty Porter

Betty Jane Porter, 81, a longtime member of First Baptist who started attending around 1970, died unexpectedly on June 20, 2016.

She was treasurer at First Baptist for over 20 years. She was a member of the Board of Deacons. She was active in the Women's Fellowship and Young at Heart. She served on at least one search committee and served as a substitute organist.



She had been a shut-in for several years, but attended occasionally such as Christmas Eve.

She was born May 15, 1935 in Marysville, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph E and Martha J. (Berger) Guy and her actor/yoga instructor son, James William (Billy) Porter (July 15, 1988).

She is survived by her three children, John L. Porter of Mexico, Janet Porter and Jennifer Porter-Cramer both of Delaware, along with her four beautiful grandchildren, Anna, Bora, and Nicholas Porter (Janet) and WyattCramer (Jennifer) all of Delaware.

An only child, Betty was raised in Marysville where her childhood was spent going to the movies, traveling with her grandparents on the harness racing circuit, watching her dad work the newspaper printing

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Since the July newsletter was delayed, the August newsletter will be available on the first Sunday in August – August 7.

We will go back to our usual schedule in September.

Betty Porter continued

press, working in the wallpaper store with her mother, twirling her baton and playing with her cousins.

A 1953 graduate of Marysville High School, she was active as a Head Majorette, in the debate club, FFA, as well as other clubs and committees which would prepare her for her professional career later in life. Her classmates were very important to her. She served on the reunion committee for many years and always looked forward to the alumni dinners where she could get together and catch up with her lifelong friends.

She grew up being a "Guy" for the first 19 years of her life until, in 1954 she chose to marry her high school sweetheart and become Mrs. William J. Porter Jr. When asked about her infamous license plate "GUY" she would simply answer, "Well, I'll have you know I used to be a Guy"; to the amusement of those who asked.

Although her marriage ended in divorce, she was thankful and proud of the four wonderful children they shared.

Ever the politician, Betty began her political career in the Board of Elections at the Delaware County Courthouse in 1963. She was later appointed to fill the remaining term of her close friend, Ruth Scott, as the Delaware County Common Pleas Court Clerk. She remained Clerk for 5 consecutive 4-year terms where she ran unopposed 3 times.

When the Municipal Court Clerk position became an elected position for the first time in Delaware, she decided to run and became that first elected Municipal Court Clerk from 2001-2007. She retired from that position with over 44 years of faithful service to the Delaware County community.

She loved being a member of the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association where she served as Treasurer from 1986-2002 and was President of the Ohio Council of County Officials

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from 1997-1998.

She will be remembered for her many unique traits, selfless contributions, and distinct character, but mostly for her SERVICE to her family, her friends, her church, her peers, the State of Ohio and to the Delaware County Community and its citizens.

A Celebration of Life service in honor of Betty Porter will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, July 15th at the First Baptist Church in Delaware.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you take the time to really embrace this life; your family, friends, pets, experiences, enjoy a good sunrise and sunset, travel, because we are not promised a tomorrow.

If you choose to make a donation in honor of Betty, charities that were dear to her heart include: the Arts Castle-Delaware County Cultural Arts Center, People In Need Inc., Helpline of Delaware/Morrow Counties, Inc., and the Council of Older Adults or to a charity of your choice. .

*A full obituary is at the Robinson Funeral Home website:
robinsonfuneralhomeinc.com*

Lovell Condolences

Please be in prayer for Mary Lou and Dave Lovell and her family—Debbie, Will, and Gabe Fogle, Matthew Lovell, Barb, Kip, Andrew and Lucas Smith. Mary Lou's father, Ray Morby, died on June 9.

Summer Movie Festival

We will have two movie nights in July. On July 10 we will view the movie WHERE THE GAME STANDS TALL, and on July 31 we will see the movie PAUL THE APOSTLE. Movie nights start at 6:30 and are for the whole family. We invite you to join us for movies and fellowship. Bring a snack to share if you wish.

Many Thank You Notes

Thank you to the First Baptist Church Family for all the cards, thoughts, prayers, and flowers. It's always so nice to have the support of your church family during difficult times. Please know that all of these were appreciated and made us all feel your presence and God's presence over the past week.

– Dave, MaryLou, Debbie, Will,

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- July 1 Robert & Patricia Foor
 3 Phil Mercer
 6 Sam Chesser
 Lindley Chesser
 Pat and Raleigh Gosser
 12 Pam Shears
 14 Sarah Bowman
 Lucas Smith
 Chad & Christina
 Kilhefner
 15 Sandy Van Brimmer
 17 Nichelle Trigg
 18 Peter & Linda White
 Chad Kilhefner
 19 Jarrod Trigg
 21 Dan Chambers
- Aug. 3 Ray & Carol Serviss
 4 Gabriel Fogle
 5 Bruce & Elizabeth
 Bowman
 Carrie Trigg
 7 Jennifer Cramer
 8 Jean Syler
 Kate Cooper
 Ryan Cooper

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or omissions.*

*Gabe, Matthew, Barbara, Kip,
Andres, and Lucas*

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Our family feels very blessed to have each of you for support and love in difficult times. Thank you for your prayers and expressions of sympathy upon the death of Mary Lou's father, Ray Morby. He had attended First Baptist many years ago when he came to visit the Lovell's. Many of you had sent him cards over the years which made him smile. He designed and constructed steel buildings and owned a machine shop. Recently he built bird houses and picture frames. Mary Lou met Dave while he was in

the Air Force through his working for her father.

Ray died at age 92 on their 44th Wedding Anniversary. He will be missed as a Dad, father-in-law, Grandpa and Great-Grandpa by the Lovell's, Fogles, and Smiths. Thanks to all of you who sent flowers, cards, and food. We truly appreciate your support and love which sustained us during the last couple of weeks.

– *Mary Lou Lovell*

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Thank you to all who provided money for gift cards for the Stepping Up classes. We were able to provide thirteen \$25 gift cards to the program. In addition, we received the following note from Bonnie Ristau.

What a great group you are! You were so great to work with and what a nice meal you provided! You can't go wrong with pizza! You shared your sweet spirit as you served our folks with care and respect. I am so grateful to be in partnership with First Baptist. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

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Dear First Baptist Church Members,

I just want to thank you for the cards, gifts, and the graduation book. I am taking the graduation book to the dorm with me. Thank you for thinking of me. Love,

– *Alec Ferguson*

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Thank you to our youth - Claire, Colin, Will, Aidan, Gabe, Jacob, Connor, and Taylor and to Debbie Fogle and Pastor Mark for the wonderful service on Youth Sunday.

– *Board of Christian Education*

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Thanks to all who donated money for angel food cakes for the Second Friday meal. We were able to supply ten cakes.

– *Larry Faulk*

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PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

*Some years we didn't have
a July Newsletter*

1 Year Ago *July 2015 Newsletter*

Rev. Ellen Brown has submitted her resignation to the Deacons.

20 Years Ago *July-Aug 1996 Newsletter*

Some Sundays in July and August we will be having joint services with Zion United Church of Christ.

40 Years Ago *July 1976 Newsletter*

Elsie Byerly passed away unexpectedly. She had been an active member for many years.

Lorrie Lathrop graduated from Hayes High School.

John Swickheimer was a hospital patient.

John and Bertha McTaggart attended their 40th class reunions.

45 Years Ago *July-Aug 1971 Newsletter*

Kenny Bougher is doing well after his accident.

Linda Seckman and Peter White were married on July 18 in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

The trustees need a new lawnmower. Please contact Willard Fogle if you have one to donate.

Miss Polly Focke has moved to 5150 Crabapple Court.

July 16, 2016 ★

11:00-3:00 ★



Delaware Family Festival

Where:

Winter Street

Downtown Delaware—between Franklin and Washington Streets

Sponsored by:

- Andrews House
- Family Promise
- Helpline
- Women's City Club
- First Baptist Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- St. Peter's Episcopal Church
- William Street United Methodist Church
- Zion United Church of Christ

ACTIVITIES

- *Bounce House
- *Music
- *Dance Demonstration by Fred Astaire Dance Studio
- *Martial Arts by Ruffing Martial Arts
- *Face Painting
- *Free Haircuts
- *Caricatures
- *Lawn Games
- *Craft Stations
- *Free lunch from 12-1, first come, first served

The Delaware Family Festival is a group of neighboring non-profit organizations and churches in the Winter Street area who are planning a "Block Party" event to build community and fellowship with music, free fun activities, and food for people of all ages in the Delaware Community. All are welcome!

Church Directory Update

Please make the following changes in your copy of the 2016 church directory.

Barbara and Kip Smith

445 High Meadows Village Drive
Powell, OH 43066

Chris and Sarah Byall

Anniversary: July 2
Birthdays: Chris May 10
Sarah Nov. 15

Thank you for generously giving and partnering with ABHMS in the mission and ministry of life-changing faith, hope, and love found in Jesus Christ.

– The American Baptist Home Mission Society (for our contribution to the America for Christ offering)

Yard Games Needed

For the festival on July 16, the activity that our church is sponsoring is yard games. We are looking for church members who will provide some yard games such as Ladder Ball and Corn Hole games. Please speak to the pastor if

you can supply any.

July Mission Focus

Our mission/outreach focus for July is school supplies for Conger Elementary. We are asking our church fellowship to supply notebooks, pencils, glue sticks, and board games and/or money with which to buy head sets. There will be envelopes in the pew racks for money for the head sets.

Sign-Up Sheets

There are new sign-up sheets in the Gathering Place for Fellowship Time and for Panera pick-up. Volunteers are appreciated.

Personals

- Pastor Allison gave the invocation at the city of Delaware Memorial Day service at Oak Grove Cemetery. He also spoke at the dedication of the new Veteran's Park on Houk Road.

- Jane Moore Snyder and her book, ENLARGE MY TERRITORY, were the topic of Joe Blundo's column in the May 31 issue of the Columbus Dispatch.

- Marci and Matt Cooper are anticipating the birth of a daughter in early October.

- Please offer condolences to Mary Lou and Dave Lovell and their family on the death of Mary Lou's father. Ray Morby on June 9.

- For the final grading period of the year at Hayes, Claire Turner was named to the Distinguished Honor Roll, Colin Ferguson and Brianna Showalter were named to the Honor Roll, and Alec Ferguson was named on the Merit Roll. Congratulations to our youth!

- On June 26, several people stayed after church for a pizza lunch in order to get better acquainted with our intern candidate David Harris.

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Cookies or Brownies Needed

Please sign up to bring a simple snack for fellowship time after worship. The sign up sheet for July, August, and September is in the Gathering Area. Please keep it simple. Cookies, brownies, veggie platter, or cheese and crackers are appreciated. Lemonade, iced tea, and water are provided.

Miss a Sunday?

On vacation? Miss a Sunday, but would like to hear the service or sermon that you missed? Audio recordings of Sunday services are available at our website: www.FBCDelaware.org. Log-in to our website and look for "recent services" or recent sermons" to listen.

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July

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MISSION FOCUS: School Supplies for Conger Elementary						
					1	2
10:00 Worship	3 Independence Day 	4 7:00 Trustees	5	6	7 8:45 Panera Pickup	8 9:00 Women's Breakfast at Panera
10:00 Worship 6:30 Summer Movie	10	11	12	13	14 8:45 Panera Pickup	15 11:00 Betty Porter Funeral 16 8:00 Men's Breakfast 11:00 Family Festival (until 3:00)
10:00 Worship	17	18	19	20	21 8:45 Panera Pickup	22 23
10:00 Worship	24	25	26	27 6:30 Covered Dish Dinner 7:00 Business Meeting	28 8:45 Panera Pickup	29 30
10:00 Worship 6:30 Summer Movie Last day to submit newsletter articles	31 August	1	2	3	4 8:45 Panera Pickup	5 6

Good News Letter

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It has been a busy summer here at First Baptist Church. There was the wedding of Chris and Sarah Byall, the Betty Porter memorial service, major work to remove an unneeded and possibly unsafe chimney, and we participated in the first annual Delaware Family Festival. On July 16, several of our members hosted the lawn games and enjoyed the fellowship with about 350 people from our neighborhood. Five churches and four non-profit organizations sponsored the event and it was a great success. Plans are being made for next year. On top of all that the Arena Fair theatre group practiced a couple of nights each week their play, "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."

Meanwhile the fall season is filled with promise. Rally Day is September 11. There will still be two adult Sunday School classes, Pat Gosser will continue to teach one of them, and I will teach the other. I will write more about my plans in next months newsletter.

Also we will say goodbye to Claire Turner and Alec Ferguson as they are off to college.

This month we will introduce David Harris who will be serving as a pastoral intern for the coming year. David has been attending worship services with us most of the summer.



August

He comes to us from Pittsburgh PA, University of Toledo, and the Methodist Theological Seminary of Ohio. We have the opportunity to help him earn field education credits towards his degree. He will be helping us primarily by serving as a youth leader but will also

help in worship, Sunday School, and missions. I have enjoyed getting acquainted with David as I know some of you have in his summer-time visits.

Most of all we have the chance in all areas of church life to grow Christian fellowship. Relationships are the main concern in all of our gatherings and in our service together. With the end of August also comes the end of my first year as your pastor. It is hard to believe the time has passed so quickly. I have been wonderfully blessed. In the coming year my hope and prayer is for the increase of our friendships in Christ. Always remember the rule of love is the highest rule (Matthew 22:34-40)

Blessings to all,

- Mark

Movie Nights

The final movie night of the summer is Sunday 14, at 6:30 P.M. We will be watching a film entitled, "God's Not Dead." Everyone is welcome.

Bring a snack to share if you wish.

Volunteers

Volunteers for Fellowship Time

August 7	Jeanne Ekelberry / Carol Grubbs
August 14	the Faulks
August 21	Open (We need a volunteer)
August 28	Gossers

Volunteers for Panera Pick-up

August 4	Open (We need a volunteer)
August 11	Gossers
August 18	Open (We need a volunteer)
August 25	Faulks

Thank you to all who volunteer!! Let's see if we can get the rest of the slots filled. There are also openings in September.

- Pam Faulk

Delaware Family Festival a Success

The first annual area block party, the "Delaware Family Festival" was by all accounts a success. FBC was well represented among the nearly 300 (unofficial) attendees. FBC donated bottled water as well as hosted a station that included yard games, stained glass coloring book pages, and a bubble blowing area. Thanks to all who contributed water and/or games, and to those who attended and who helped staff our area. See you next year.

- Larry Faulk

Mission/Outreach News

We welcome David Harris, a student at the Methodist Theological Seminary, who will begin as intern on Aug. 5th. He will be involved in many areas of ministry working with Dr. Allison and the youth. We look forward to getting to know David.

Many youth and adults from our congregation participated in the first "Block Party" on July 16th on Winter St. from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. sponsored by several churches. We provided and led the lawn games. We had coloring pages with stained glass windows with information about our church's stained glass windows on them. Many youth took a few minutes to color them. We had great participation from the community and look forward to next year!

Our Mission focus for July has been collecting school supplies for the students at Conger Elementary School. We have donations of notebooks, pencils, crayons,

and board games to be used for indoor recess. Money has been donated for head phones. Envelopes are in the pews if you still want to donate as we extended the deadline to the first week in Aug. for the collection, as this weekend was tax free purchases for school supplies. Thank you all for your generous donations to get the students off to a great start for their school year!

Our August Mission Focus will be collecting new underwear of all sizes for Common Ground Free Store.

Panera Pick Up continues. Left over bread and pastries are picked up, rewrapped, and delivered on Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. to Andrews House on Winter St. If you would like to help wrap the bread (about 9:15 p.m. on Thurs. night) which takes about a half an hour, pick up or deliver, check the sign up form in the Gathering Room.

– Mary Lou Lovell

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

Undy Sunday

August is here and Undy Sunday is back!

Last year we had an overwhelming response to donate NEW underwear of all sizes to the Common Ground Free Store.

Everyone loves to have new underwear! Let's fill several boxes this year!

Please join us on August 14th at 11:15 for our next meeting. We welcome new ideas!

– Mary Lou Lovell

Personals

- Carol Serviss was treated and released from Grady.
- A surprise retirement party was held for Carol Grubbs on June 30 at Fling Insurance.
- On July 2 Sarah Durbin and Chris Byall were married in our church.
- Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk spent two weeks on an Alaska cruise tour.
- Jeanne Ekelberry spent several days traveling around the state of West Virginia gathering wildflowers for examples for a quilt.

- Randy Turner participated in the Arena Faire production of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang".

- David Harris will be our pastoral intern for this upcoming year. Welcome!

- Dr. Allison's sons visited over the last two weeks.

- Randy and Claire Turner are traveling to WV for family camp and to help do clean-up from the damaging floods.

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
- Andrew Smith
- 18 Pam & Larry Faulk
- 21 Jim Stephenson
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson
- 23 Bev Cox
- 24 Ken Shears
- 25 Raleigh Gosser
- 27 Linda White
- Penny Hagaman
- Archie Trigg

Please report any errors or omissions.

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

1 Years Ago

Aug 2015 Newsletter

Dr. Mark 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.

5 Years Ago

Aug 2011 Newsletter

Bertha Van Brimmer moved to the Sarah Moore Home.

25 Years Ago

Aug 1991 Newsletter

The Pastoral Search Committee has recommended that we hire Rev. Jody Lynn Brummet, 26. Plans are being made for her to visit our church.

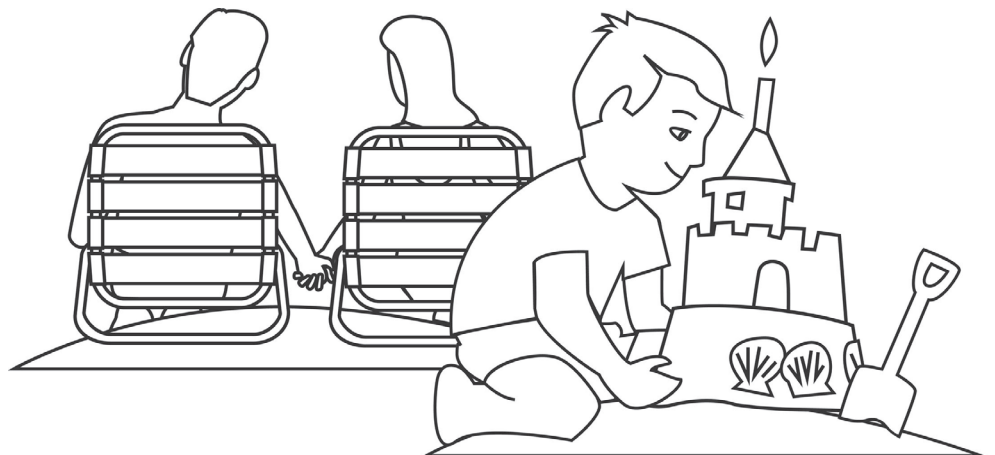
Cap Gabriel vacationed with his son Nevin in Colorado.

Church Directory Update

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Tim Chesser

I have changed my cell phone number. The new number is 860-215-0550.



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	7 10:00 Worship Last day to contribute for school supplies and headsets	8 7:00 Deacons	9 7:00 Trustees	10	11 8:45 Panera Pick-up	12
Pastor Allison on Vacation						
14 10:00 Worship with The Rev. David Nuhfer 6:30 Movie Night Pastor Allison on Vacation	15	16	17	18 8:45 Panera Pick-up	19	20 8:00 ABM
21 10:00 Worship Last day to submit newsletter articles	22	23	24	25 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pick-up	26	27
28 10:00 Worship Sept. newsletter available.	29 5:30 Board of Christian Education	30	31	September 1 8:45 Panera Pick-up	2	3

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Here we are, it is the end of my first year in Delaware. It seems like the time has flown by so fast that I could not keep pace. I have enjoyed every Sunday morning experience of worship and fellowship, in part because of the quiet time during Sunday School when I can be alone for a few minutes before worship to reflect and pray and gather my thoughts.

There will be some changes as the second year begins. One of the changes is the addition of David Harris, a new pastoral intern for youth. David grew up in Pittsburgh and went to the University of Toledo and is now a student at The Methodist Theological Seminary of Ohio. Please welcome him. I look forward to the addition he will make to our fellowship throughout this coming year.

Another change is that I will give up that quiet time before worship in order to teach a Sunday School class. Some of you may be interested and wish to join. Pat Gosser will continue to teach her class and I encourage her and those who are a part of her class.

I have been thinking and praying all summer long searching for a way to express why I want to give up the quiet moments before worship to lead bible study. The best way is to ask the question, "how does one interpret the bible?" It has always perplexed and amazed me that Christians can read the same bible and sometimes reach such diverse, sometimes opposite conclusions. One wonders why?

I hope to address this question

by selecting a text or a topic each week and attempting to learn something. My hope is that each Sunday's lesson will stand alone so that if someone is present only one Sunday, there will be something gained, but also so that those who are present each Sunday over time may learn something that takes



more than one week to learn.

We will study the great texts, such as the 23rd Psalm, I Corinthians 13, Isaiah 55, Genesis 1, Philippians 2, and many others. Over time we will switch to doctrinal studies; Creation, Sin, Incarnation, Atonement, Ecclesiology (what it means to be a church), Eschatology, Resurrection. We will tackle book overviews including some of the lesser known books; Ruth, Esther, Titus, II Peter etc. There will be time for historical interests (I love history); the history of Israel, the life of Jesus, the life of Paul, the inter-testamental period, the history of the bible itself. Where did the books of the bible come from and how did they come to be viewed as sacred? How did they come to be gathered together in the collection we know so well? There is

much more. It will take a long time to get to everything. At first I will make the selection but in time the class will help decide what to study. My prayer is that together we may learn better how to interpret the bible, to hear God speak through the scriptures.

Perhaps this will be a good time for some of you to have been thinking about coming to Sunday School but who haven't made it yet, to come and be a part of it. In any case, may we always be led through the changes by the Spirit of Christ and by his love.

Blessings to All.

- Mark

From David Harris, Jr.

Good morning First Baptist family,

I am excited to be spending the next year in community and fellowship with you as a pastoral intern for my field education this year. As the summer winds down and the rigors of the school year draw upon us, I look forward to working with the entire congregation, and especially the youth of the church. There are a lot of exciting and enriching things on the horizon and a lot of ideas and potential ideas already brainstormed, and I cannot wait to begin this journey together with you.

For those who do not know, I am entering my fourth year as a dual degree candidate at MTSO, pursuing both an M.Div and a Master's of Theological Studies degree. I am originally from Pittsburgh, PA, and completed my undergraduate degree at the

University of Toledo in December 2012. Having been involved in youth ministry leadership since high school, I served in youth ministry leadership capacities for roughly the past decade. Before joining FBC, I worshipped and worked with the youth at William Street UMC.

I am excited for our time together, and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us this year!

Blessings and Peace,

– David

Chimney Removal Complete

The old coal furnace chimney on the back of the church was removed by Quality Masonry of Marion. The 20 foot tall red brick chimney was in bad shape and had been unused since 1963 when the church switched from coal to gas. The mortar was out of the joints and it was shakey.

Since it was a threat to the roof, it was removed to just below the roof line and was roofed over, ending a maintenance problem forever and making further roofing much easier. The cost was almost \$10,000 dollars.

– Peter White
Chairman Trustees

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to everyone who brought school supplies for the Conger Elementary School students. The following items were given:

68 notebooks
450 pencils
3 boxes of markers
6 boxes of crayons
6 folders
3 pairs of scissors
4 erasers
20 head phones
5 board games for indoor recess

Will and Gabe Fogle delivered the supplies to Conger on Aug 9th. What a great way to get the students off to a great start.

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During the month of August we collected all kinds and sizes of underwear to be given to Common Ground Free Store on East Central Avenue. Thanks for your generosity to provide for others.

We supported Common Ground Free Store Fund Raiser on August 26th with a \$100 donation.

Jean Ekelberry donate a hand-made brightly colored baby quilt and a light blue baby throw for the silent auction.

September

We will prepare and serve a meal for the Stepping Up class participants on Monday, Sept. 19th. If you are interested in preparing or serving (4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.), see Mary Lou Lovell or sign the sheet in the Gathering Room. Meals are served at William Street Church.

We will be providing money to purchase cupcakes for the Second Friday meal at Andrews House on Sept. 9th. See Larry Faulk to help with this.

The Mission Focus for September will be People In Need (P.I.N.). Items can be placed in the boxes in the welcome center.

Most needed items: canned fruit,

cereal and saltine crackers.

Other needs: non-perishable foods, bar soap, tea bags, tooth brushes, tooth paste, toilet paper, razors, and diapers.

Let's fill 3 boxes!

The next Mission/Outreach meeting will be Sept. 18th at 1:30 at the church. Please come and bring your ideas.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Each week (Thursday 8:45 p.m.) someone or a group of people pick up the unsold bread and pastries from Panera. These are donated by Panera to be given away by Andrews House where they are needed in the community (food pantry, Second Friday meals, and the summer lunch program). The items are rewrapped for freezing and delivered to Andrews House by 8:30 a.m. Friday morning. If you would like to help with this, see Pat Gosser or sign the Panera sheet in the Gathering Room.

Choir

Calling everyone who likes to sing! The choir has been missing Jim Stephenson for several months as his back illness (stenosis) has not allowed him to lead the choir. We are hoping he can return later this

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- Sept. 3 Alec Ferguson
- 9 Barbara & Kip Smith
- 13 Jerry Palmer
- 14 Marci Cooper
- 15 Janet Porter
Elijah Showalter
- 18 Melissa Mercer
- 23 Debra Nace
- 26 Phil & Melissa Mercer
- 29 Ian Ferguson
- 30 Mary Lou Lovell

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or omissions.*

fall.

We have to say "so long" to Claire Turner as she begins her studies at Miami University. We will miss her, but she promises to sing when she is home.

Choir rehearsal will begin on Wednesday Sept. 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. We are looking forward to new choir members. We laugh, talk and have a great time learning music to praise God. Come join us!

– Mary Lou Lovell

Fellowship Signups

The signup sheet for Fellowship Time for October, November, and December is available in the Gath-

Church Directory Update

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David Harris

3081 Columbus Pike
Delaware, OH 43015
Cell: (412) 526-3057

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

1 Years Ago

Sept. 2015 Newsletter

Dr. Mark Allison was chosen as new pastor. After church we had a business meeting in which we voted to make him our pastor.

5 Years Ago

Sept. 2011 Newsletter

It's Rev. Tim Chesser's 10th anniversary at First Baptist. A party was held.

Rev. Ted Stephenson of Indianapolis will retire in September. He is the son of the late Rev. Stephenson, and Sophia Stephenson.

20 Years Ago

Sept. 1996 Newsletter

Jean Wickum attended her 60th high school reunion.

Shirley Parker visited her son Andy in Boston.

Florence Faulk spent 2 weeks in Oklahoma visiting her son Bill and his family.

25 Years Ago

Sept. 1991 Newsletter

Our new pastor is Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett.

30 Years Ago

Sept. 1986 Newsletter

Our annual retreat at Judson Hills will be Sept. 5-7.

The Lovells have moved to 351 S. Section Line Road.

Helen Aleshire took a vacation in Canada.

Betty Porter drove to Florida to bring her mother to Delaware.

David and Jean Osborne spent 4 weeks in Maine.

Polly Focke vacationed in New England.

ering Area. Please signup to bring a snack for fellowship time after worship. Keep it simple: Cookies, brownies, veggie platter, or cheese and crackers are appreciated. Drinks are provided.

Anniversary

Sept. 1 marks the one year anniversary of Dr. Allison's ministry with us as pastor. We will honor Mark during fellowship time on Oct. 2 with a cake. Please invite Mark to share a lunch or dinner with you and your family sometime in September or October.

Cupcake Donations

FBC will be providing cupcakes for Andrews House Second Friday

dinner on September 9th. I will be purchasing them for the occasion since they are not permitted to use homemade items. Your \$5 contribution to me by Sept. 4 will help offset the cost. Thanks,

– Larry Faulk

Crop Walk

The Delaware Crop Walk will be held October 2nd beginning at 2 PM on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan University. Plan to walk, and help reach those who struggle with hunger and poverty in our community and world.

Youth Kickoff Event

As our official youth “kick-off” event for the year, we are inviting all families to come together at Colony Lanes on September 11th (Rally Day!) at 5:30 to fellowship over bowling. This will be a time of casual fun and getting to know one another as we begin the year together. The cost for bowling is \$5 per game, with shoes included in the cost as well. Colony Lanes is located at 451 Pennsylvania Ave.

KID CONNECTION

When we start back to our regular hours on September 11, we will once again have a need for adult volunteers for Kid Connection for children in grades K-5 during the morning sermon. We will not always have children of that age group present, but we need coverage available just in case. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place. This is open to all adult men and women in our church fellowship. There will also be a rotation of our teens who will be available to help each adult volunteer.

Pam Faulk

September Volunteers

Fellowship Time

Sept. 4	Gossers
Sept. 11	Petersons
Sept. 18	Shears
Sept. 25	Triggs

Panera Pick-up

Sept. 1	Lovells
Sept. 8	Gossers
Sept. 15	Triggs
Sept. 22	Open (Volunteers needed)
Sept. 29	Faulks

Kid Connection

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Sept. 25 Open (Volunteers needed)

Thanks you to all who volunteer!!!

Rally Day

Sunday school will be starting again on September 11. Join us at 9:15 in the Gathering Place for donuts and coffee before going off to our classes. This year’s classes and teachers are as follows:

Adult 1 – Pat Gosser

Adult 2 –Mark Allison (sub is Randy Turner)

Teen Class (grades 6-12) – Larry Faulk (sub is David Harris)

Youth (grades K-5) – Pam Faulk (sub is Jennifer Turner)

Please make a commitment this year to join us for Sunday school.

– Pam Faulk

Adult 1 Sunday School Class

This year the Adult 1 Sunday school class will again be taught by Pat Gosser. We will be studying from the Judson Bible Journeys quarterly. The theme for the fall quarter is “Sovereignty of God.” We will begin on Rally Day, September 11 with a combination of the first two lessons, “The Peaceful Kingdom” based on Isaiah 11 and “The End of Oppression” based on Isaiah 25. The lesson for September 18 is “Ultimate Power” based on Isaiah 40, and on September 25, we will look at “Reliable Promises” based on Isaiah 61. The class provides for open discussion of the issues addressed in each lesson. Join us in the Gathering Place at 9:30 each Sunday for class.

Personals

- The Pastor vacationed in Missouri for a week in August.
- Jeanne Ekelberry displayed West Virginia wildflowers on fabric during fellowship time on August 7.
- Dan and Sherry Chambers spent

time in Montana.

- Pam Shears took a trip to California.

- Donald Brown, Carol Grubbs’ brother and a former member, suffered a heart attack in Orlando and was hospitalized for two days. It was a serious heart attack, but the damage was minimal because he went to the hospital quickly.

- Please keep Ken and Genevieve Peterson in your prayers . Ken’s sister passed away in August.

- Claire Turner graced us with a beautiful solo on August 21 before leaving for college on the 22nd. Thank you Claire for sharing you musical talents with us.



First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

September

2016

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
Mission Focus for September is PIN / Second Friday cupcake			31 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	1 8:45 Panera Pickup	2	3
4 10:00 Morning Worship Money for cupcakes for Second Friday meal due	Labor Day 5 5:30 Board of Education 	6	7 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	8 8:45 Panera Pickup	9	10 9:00 Women's Fellowship at Panera
Rally Day 11 9:15 Donuts 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 5:30 Youth Fellowship at Colony Lanes 	12 7:00 Deacons	13 7:00 Trustees	14 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	15 8:45 Panera Pickup	16	17 8:00 Men's Breakfast
18 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:30 Mission / Outreach Meeting Last day to submit newsletter articles	19 4:30 Stepping Up Meal at William Street Church	20	21 International Day of Prayer for Peace 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	22 8:45 Panera Pickup	23	24
25 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship October newsletter available	26	27	28 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	29 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup	30	October 1

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In Sunday School last week, the lesson was focused on 1 Corinthians 13, the great essay by Paul on the meaning of God's love. Paul holds it as the highest good and teaches that it is more important than any of the other spiritual gifts. He writes,

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Every time I read that paragraph I am challenged by it. Though none of us is very good at living up to it, it describes that way God has treated us and means for us to treat one another, our neighbors, and the world, even our enemies. It is the foundation of the church's ministries.

This understanding of love is the reason why our church supports so many of the helping ministries in Delaware; PIN, Helpline, Family Promise, Common Ground Free Store, Andrew's House, Stepping Up. God's love is the reason why we participate in the Crop Walk to raise money for hunger relief and why we support American Baptist missionaries around the world.

October is World Mission Offering (WMO) month, so I will reflect on the latter for a moment. International missions is not what it used to be. The vision of solitary missionaries traveling to remote places that were very often primi-

tive and without Christian influence is outdated. The Christian witness has gone just about everywhere in the world. Though recent surveys about trends in religious practices indicate a decline in both Europe and in America, there is tremendous growth in South America, Asia, and Africa.

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The roll of the missionary has changed to a collaborative task, finding partners around the world and helping them with things like theological education, publishing of educational materials, and agricultural and medical services in the spirit of the Great Commission. Though we support all American Baptist missionaries, we give particular support to Jenny Pedzinski in Thailand and Emerson and Ivy Wu in China. They are real people doing real things and they connect us in an important way to God's work in the world giving meaning to the idea of Christendom. Please give prayerfully and generously.

And whatever we are doing, it is good to remember the way Paul finished his famous chapter, "And now these three remain: faith, hope,

and love. But the greatest of these is love."

– Mark

Thank You

Good morning First Baptist Church family! I first want to extend my deepest gratitude and thanks to all of you for that welcome basket that was presented to me on September 18th. I was, and still am, in complete surprise and shock, and I look forward to responding in gratitude for your gifts. I am glad to be a part of the FBC family, and cannot wait to continue to walk with you. Second, I want to also extend thanks and gratitude to everyone who was able to make it out to the bowling fellowship on Rally Day. The turnout was better than I had anticipated (which is always a positive), and there were smiles and good times all around during our time spent together.

As we enter into October and our minds begin to shift towards the upcoming holiday season, I am working on and planning a lot of fun and exciting activities for the youth, the first of which is right around the corner. On October 2nd, as has been advertised throughout the month of September, the church will be participating in the Delaware Crop Walk. I hope that as many of the youth as possible will come out and walk with the church, as it is for a good cause. On the last Sunday of the month, October 30th, we will also be having a Halloween party for the youth, with the time and location to be announced as the time approaches. There will

also be a third activity to split the difference in days between events, although this is still in the works and will be announced as details are confirmed.

Once again, I am extremely blessed and thankful to be in fellowship with you, and I am looking forward to all that October has to bring (other than the pumpkin spice lattes).

- David

Rev. Tim Chesser

Rev. Chesser is now pastor at First Baptist Church, North Stonington, Connecticut. Congratulations!

793 Pendleton Hill Road
North Stonington, CT 06359
Phone: (860) 599-5331



World Mission Offering

Our mission focus for October is the World Mission Offering, with the theme of "On Earth as in Heaven." Even though the spotlight for this offering is on Cuba, please keep in mind that this special offering goes to support American Baptist missionaries all over the world, like Emerson and Ivy Wu, Jeni Pedzinski, and Matt Mann, all of whom have visited our church. The World Mission Offering provides financial support for current global workers and to maintain over 240 global

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	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
	Steve Baker	Health issues
	Bora Porter (Janet's daughter)	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!

Christian partnerships worldwide. It helps the International Ministries recruit, train, and send new global workers out into the field. Our goal for this offering is \$700. Please give prayerfully and generously so that we can not only meet this goal but surpass it.

- Pam Faulk

Adult I Sunday School Class

The Adult I Sunday school class reconvened on Rally Day. They meet in the Gathering Place at 9:30 each Sunday morning. Topics for discussion for October are the following:

Oct. 2 – Seeking Guidance (Hebrews 1: 1-9)

Oct. 9 – Planning the Work and Working the Plan (Hebrews 3: 1-6)

Oct. 16 – Gifted and Chosen Leaders (Hebrews 4:15- 5:10)

Oct. 23 – Seeking Continuity and Permanence (Hebrews 7: 1-3, 19b-28)

Oct. 30 – Embracing and Overcoming Trials (Hebrews 12: 1-13)

Please join us for Sunday school at 9:30.

Volunteers For October

Kid Connection

Oct. 2 Pat Gosser / Aidan Ferguson

Oct. 9 Deb Nace/ Gabe Folge

Oct. 16 Jennifer Turner/
Hannah Nace

Oct. 23 Debbie Fogle /
Colin Ferguson

Oct. 30 Pat Gosser / Will Fogle

Panera Pick-Up

Oct. 6 Needs a volunteer.
Please sign up.

Oct. 13 Faulks

Oct. 16 Lovell

Oct. 27 Needs a volunteer.
Please sign up

Fellowship Time

There is a new sign-up sheet for this also. Please sign up in the Gathering Place. Beverages are provided. You only need bring a light snack like cookies or cheese and crackers.

Oct. 2 Faulks

Oct. 9 Needs a volunteer.
Please sign up.

Oct. 16 Needs a volunteer.
Please sign up.

Oct. 23 the Palmers

Oct. 30 the Gossers

A big thank you to all who volunteer each month!

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- Oct. 1 Bruce Bowman
Kathy Chesser
- 2 Christina Kilhefner
David Harris
- 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
Dr. Mark Allison
- 24 Emily Bowman
Sherry Chambers
- 28 Bora Porter
Ed Linn
- 30 Jean Osborne
- 31 Melissa Claire Turner

*Please report any errors
or omissions.*

A Change Reminder

Please remember to be holding onto your loose change. We will be collecting it in November.

Attention All Women Of The Church

Were you aware that the Women's Fellowship meets on the second Saturday of each month for fellowship and breakfast? There is no agenda; we just have a meal and fellowship just like the men do. Unlike the men, however, we do not have 6-10 people attending. We only have 1-4 women participating. Come on, ladies, we ought to be able to get as many people out for breakfast as the men do! Our October 8 breakfast will not be at Panera, but instead will be at the CORNER CAFE at 9:00. Let's see if

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

1 Years Ago

Oct. 2015 Newsletter

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.

5 Years Ago

Oct. 2011 Newsletter

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

10 Years Ago

Oct. 2006 Newsletter

Barbara Lovell and Kip Smith were married on in September at Oakhaven Country Club.

Member John Richards, 90, has died at Willow Brook Christian Village in Delaware. John had been a member for many years and held many church offices. He was a veteran of World War II, and was Postmaster of the Delaware Post Office from 1955 until his retirement in 1977.

15 Years Ago

Oct. 2001 Newsletter

We welcome Rev. Tim Chesser as our new pastor.

20 Years Ago

Oct. 1996 Newsletter

Nellie Sheets, 87, died at the Delaware Court Health Care Center. She was retired from OWU and was a long-time member.

25 Years Ago

Oct. 1991 Newsletter

A Service of Installation will be held in mid October for our new pastor, Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett.

Evelyn Lee was profiled in the Gazette.

30 Years Ago

Oct. 1986 Newsletter

Our church organ is undergoing major repairs.

Mrs. Mary McKean spent 2 weeks in the hospital with a back injury after falling from a chair while hanging curtains.

we can all attend and have fellowship together. If you would like a ride, please contact Pam Faulk, Mary Lou Lovell, Pat Gosser, Jeanne Ekelberry, or invite someone else to pick you up and come along with you.

Volunteer Opportunity

As a church, we would like to provide David Harris, our pastoral intern, with a ride to and from church during the upcoming winter and inclement weather. Anyone willing to give him a ride to and

from the Methodist Seminary (off 23S) can sign up on the sheet in the gathering space. He will need to be picked up around 9 am in time for Sunday School. Please note his contact information and call him to work out details when it is your turn. Thank you!

- Larry Faulk

Pastor Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We will honor Mark during fellowship time on Oct 2 with a cake. Please invite Mark to share a lunch, dinner, or family event with you and your family sometime in October. Feel free to show appreciation in some additional way.

– Larry Faulk

School Address Updates

Below are address updates for some of our students who are attending higher education. Please stay in touch with them. A card or note or “treat” from home is appreciated. We will include other addresses as we get them.

Ian Ferguson

C-1567
The College of Wooster
Wooster, OH 44691-2363

Alec Ferguson

412 Kreischer-Darrow Hall
311 North Mercer Road
Bowling Green, OH 433403

Claire Turner

Room 346
651 S. Maple Street
Oxford, OH 45054

Emily Bowman

715 S. Main St. Apt #9
Oxford, OH 45056

Sarah Bowman

153 Griswold St
Delaware, OH 43015

Jane Mercer

Miami University
Bishop Hall, Room 307
300 E. Spring St.
Oxford, OH 45056-3507

Evan Allison

1705 Country Side Ln
Columbia, MO 65202

Jonathan Allison

290 East Old Plank Rd
Columbia, MO 65203

Samuel’s Allison

4581 East Todd St
Columbia, MO 65201

– Larry Faulk

Undy Sundays in August A Success!

You did it again! 62 pairs of new underwear were collected and given to the Common Ground Free Store on East Central Ave.!

Not only that, but 3 undershirts, 6 blouses, baby clothes, 2 bars of soap, 1 tooth brush, 1 tube of tooth paste, and 5 children’s Pocket Magazines were also donated. You made others of all ages happy by providing those needs.

Thank you.

September’s Mission Focus was People In Need.

Every week there have been more items on the table in the front of the sanctuary to give to people in need. We met our goal of 3 boxes. Thanks to everyone who gave generously to help those to have a meal and other necessities that we sometimes take for granted.

October Mission Focus

We have 2 opportunities for serving in October. On October 3rd you may walk with others in the community as a way of showing support for those in the world who need to walk each day to get daily needs such as water. Pledge forms are available to sponsor a walker in which the money goes to providing food for those in need.

The second opportunity is to give to the World Mission Offering.

Stepping Up Meals

On September 19th we provided a lasagna dinner for the folks taking the Stepping Up Class at William St. Church.

Thanks to Jane Moore, Pam Faulk, Genevieve Peterson, and Pat Gosser for making food for this meal.

Thanks to Dr. Allison, Pam Faulk, Jane Moore and Mary Lou Lovell for serving. Your willingness to provide the food and help serve is what makes this happen. Thanks so much!

If you would like to help reach out to others by providing a cooked item or serving, you have an opportunity on **Mon., Oct. 17th**. There will be a sign up in the Gathering Room. If you would like to know more about Stepping UP, please see Mary Lou Lovell.

Panera Pick UP

Panera pick up continues each Thursday evening with volunteers from the church to get the unsold items from Panera at 8:45 p.m. The items are wrapped and then taken to Andrews House at 8:45 a.m. on Friday morning.

It takes about 30 minutes to wrap the items. This is outreach is a WIN-WIN mission. Panera knows that the items that would otherwise be thrown away are given to those in the community that need them. It is a very short time commitment on our part and we have a good time talking while we are wrapping the breads and pastries. See Pat Gosser for information. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Room if you would like to give it a try.

During the meeting on Sept. 18th we discussed up coming events:

Be ready to hear more about a Pink Piggy Party in Nov. and Sing and Soup Event in December.

Keep saving your change (coins) as we will collect “Change for Change in November.

We would love to have you be a part of the Mission/Outreach of the Church.

Come to the next meeting on October 16th at 2 p.m. Bring your ideas!

– Mary Lou Lovell

Officers Needed

First Baptist will be electing officers for 2017-2018 at the October business meeting.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Appreciation Month Mission Focus – World Mission Offering, Crop Walk, Stepping Up Meal						1
World Communion Sunday 2 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 Fellowship time honoring Pastor Allison's first year 2:00 CROP Walk at OWU	3 5:30 Board of Christian Education	4 7:00 Trustees	5 7:00 Choir	6 8:45 Panera Pickup	7	8 9:00 Womens' Fellowship at Corner Cafe
9 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	Columbus Day 10 7:00 Deacons 	11	12 7:00 Choir	13 8:45 Panera Pickup	14	15 8:00 Mens' Breakfast 9:00 Quilt Makers (until 3:00)
16 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 2:00 Mission / Outreach Meeting 6:30 Youth Meeting	17 4:30 Stepping Up Meal	18	19 7:00 Choir	20 8:45 Panera Pickup	21	22
23 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Newsletter deadline	24	25	26 6:30 Dinner 7:00 Meeting 	27 8:45 Panera Pickup	28	29
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November starts on All Saints Day. Perhaps we are more aware of Halloween which is the evening before, but a reminder of the faithfulness of believers who precede us is always useful, especially if we remember that many of them experienced anxious times as we do.

One source of anxiety is the contentious election season that culminates on November 8th. Many Christians are concerned about the direction America has been heading for quite some time. Some of the most vocal Christians are promoting the idea that America needs to turn in a more conservative direction. Even though the most demonstrative voices on the political left are secular and not religious, there are many Christians who believe the opposite that a more progressive direction would be better. Thus, it is not just Americans who are divided, but Christians in America.

It is with this division that I am most concerned. My concern is not that Christians will find one political voice either achieving victory or suffering loss, but with relationships across party and ideological lines. My hope is that higher value will be placed on these relationships than political victory or loss. Whether on one side or the other or if you think neither side is a good option and are just sick of it all and can't wait until it is over, I hope we can remember that the rule of love is the highest rule and that we are each precious gifts to one another.

In this spirit of a higher Christian

unity I pass on this information: there will be a Prayer Service on the eve of the election at 7 pm at the William Street Methodist Church. This service is a prayer for healing and unity. It is not a partisan political event. It is sponsored



November

by concerned clergy in the Delaware community across the political spectrum. For some of you this meeting will be of no interest and that is okay. For those of you who are concerned about the divisiveness of this campaign season, it may be of some help.

November continues with the celebration of Thanksgiving. One of our expressions of gratitude is the giving of offerings for the support of the Lord's work here at First Baptist Church. The 2017 budget will be passed by the time this newsletter is published as well as the nominating committee report. In my first year I have considered it a blessing to serve as your pastor and

been amazed at your devotion to the ministries of our church, both inwardly and in the community. Our financial situation is sound, but this is a good time to mention a mild concern that our monthly spending has exceeded our income this year. With this encouragement and this awareness in mind, please give prayerful thought to your giving and service to the Lord this year.

Finally, November ends with the beginning of the season of Advent, the hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. Remember always to place your hope and trust in God who alone is able to transform the heart, renew the mind, and save the soul.

Blessings to all,

– Mark

From Our Pastorial Intern

November is fast approaching, and it seems unbelievable that the end of the year is on the immediate horizon. We are in the midst of the changing (and seemingly unpredictable) weather, changing landscapes, and changing of what we eat and drink. With the closing of the calendar year, it also brings us into an internal change. As we approach the holidays, we ourselves enter into a season and mindset of thankfulness and gratitude. In this same lens, we also look for ways in which we can be a giving spirit towards those around us, both seen and unseen in our daily lives. We actively look for ways in which we can serve and be in service towards others in our midst, being the active hands and feet of Christ.

Throughout the month, the youth will be partaking in activities that will be reflective of this thankful/grateful attitude. The youth will be doing a "church clean-up" party on November 13th beginning at 1 PM, where they will be cleaning/sprucing up various rooms/areas within the church building. And on November 17th, the youth will be doing the weekly Panera pickup.

I look forward to all of the exciting things that are on the horizon as we bring 2016 to a close.

- David Harris

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 Mary Lou Lovell by Sunday Nov. 20 (Advent begins on the 27).

Volunteers For November

Fellowship Time

- Nov. 6 Open; We need a volunteer
- Nov. 13 Faulks
- Nov. 20 Open; We need a volunteer
- Nov. 27 Gossers

Kid Connection

- Nov. 6 Pam Faulk/Bowen Nace
- Nov. 13 Deb Nace/Aidan Ferguson
- Nov. 20 David Harris/Gabe Fogle
- Nov. 27 Pat Gosser/ Hannah Nace

Rides for David Harris

- Nov. 6 Lovells
- Nov. 13 Naces
- Nov. 20 Turners
- Nov. 27 Faulks

Panera Pick-up

- Nov. 3 Jeanne Ekelberry
- Nov. 10 Faulks
- Nov. 17 Youth Group

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Nov. 24 Gossers

Thank you all for volunteering your time.

Thank You Notes

We recently received the following thank you notes...

On behalf of the Conger staff and students, we wish to thank you for your generous donations of school supplies and headphones. Our students and parents are so appreciative of the help with this. Watching the child's eyes light up and the look of relief from the parents is priceless. Again thank you for choosing Conger and have a blessed year.

- The Conger Staff,
Josh Page (principal)

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What a generous gift for our program! Thirteen gift cards donated to be used in our fall Getting Ahead class will be such a blessing, helping make it possible to fund that session.

Some graduates are finding more suitable and safe housing, some are working their way "up the ladder," and others are going on to get additional education. With new confidence, many of our grads have

become co-facilitators for subsequent classes. Your participation and support is gratefully received. You truly are helping to make a difference!

Blessings,

- Bonnie Ristau

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Thank You! They say it takes a village to raise a child. You have been a huge help in making sure that children in the community received over 3100 good lunches this summer. We could not have done it without you!

Thank you for giving your time and energy to make this summer special for so many children. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated!

- Carrie Grogan
Summer Lunch Program
Coordinator

Thanksgiving Offering

The offering in the Thanksgiving envelopes will go to People in Need (PIN).

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- Nov. 11 Jonathan Allison
- 12 Jackson Trigg
- 15 Harold Van Broekhoven
- 17 Jim and Ann Brown
- 18 Phil Lee
- 19 Steve Ferguson
- 20 Randy Turner
- 21 Mark Allison
- 22 Peter White

Please report any errors.

Adult I Sunday School Class

Topics for November for the Adult I Sunday school class are as follows:

Nov. 6 - Making Things New (Revelation 21:1-8)

Nov. 11 - I See a New Jerusalem (Revelation 21: 9-27)

Nov. 20 - Living Waters (Revelation 22: 1-7)

Nov. 27 - Alpha and Omega (Revelation 22: 12-21)

Church Directory Update

Please make the following changes in your copy of the 2016 church directory.

Philip and Candace Lee and Brennan Howe

2000 U.S. Highway 23 North, Lot #67

Delaware, OH 43015
330-697-0923 - Candy
330-777-9844 - Phil

Anniversary: July 12

Birthdays: Candy Feb. 4,
Phil Nov. 18, Brennan Aug. 20

School Address Update

Michael Mercer is attending University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima, OH. His address is:

2800 Racers Way
Racers Village, Coffey House
Room 33
Lima, OH 45805

Thanks to Jeanne Ekelberry

This is the quilt that Jeanne Ekelberry presented to the church on Sunday, Oct 16. Thank you, Jeanne!



Challenges

If you have brothers you understand. My brother Allen posted a picture of a quilted Cross Wall Hanging on Facebook and said, "Hey, quilting sisters, can you make me one?" Allen is the pastor of a small, country church.

Of course we did, but we didn't even mention that we saw the post!

We gathered our fabrics and cut 2-1/2 inch squares at Nancy's, about 1,700.

On August 21 we attended Community Holiness Church, Lessage, West Virginia, where Allen is pastor.

Nancy presented her wall hanging to Allen and the church.

On Sep 25 we went to Homecoming at our family church, Canada

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

1 Year Ago

Nov. 2015 Newsletter

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

5 Years Ago

Nov. 2011 Newsletter

Pam DeBiasio died in October after a long illness.

Evelyn Lee, 84, died in October after falling at her home and receiving serious injuries. She was active at First Baptist for over 60 years.

15 Years Ago

Nov. 2001 Newsletter

Thanks to Jim Van Brimmer and Dave Lovell for installing a "Knox Box" at the rear of the church. The box allow the Fire Dept. to enter our church in case of a fire.

Joe Mowery has been doing work at the parsonage.

20 Years Ago

Nov. 1996 Newsletter

A party was held for Pastor Brummett's 5th anniversary at First Baptist.

Bernice Turney visited her daughter in Cincinnati.

Marge Smale visited her daughter in Boston.

Chapel, Wayne, West Virginia, and Ida gave hers to the church.

On Oct. 16, I gave mine to First Baptist, Delaware, Ohio. It has been my church since 1953.

Sometimes a challenge can be a lot of fun our three church families enjoy as much as we enjoyed being together and making them

– *Jeanne Ekelberry*

Homecoming

What a great word — especially for those of us who have moved away — college, jobs, married with a new home, and a new church.

My family's home church, Canada Chapel, Wayne, West Virginia, has a Homecoming the 4th Sunday in September and I try to go every year.

This year was special. Our pastor, Johnny Jackson, has been there 40 years, but sadly he was too ill to attend.

Also for my family, my brother Allen, pastor of another church was our guest speaker. All four of my brothers and two sisters were there, for a total of 21 family members attending.

My sister Ida presented her cross wall hanging to the church.

At one o'clock we had dinner, Gospel singing, children playing and laughing, and lots of hugs and kisses. See you next year completing our day.

Homecoming — special words leading us to that last home.

– *Jeanne Ekelberry*

Sponsor Foster Children

FBC would like to sponsor foster children for Christmas again this year. We should have the ages and wish lists for three or four children in the next week. During the month of November, we encourage you to donate items to make their Christmas a joyous occasion. Toys, clothes, and gift cards or money to

buy gifts are welcomed.

Pumpkin Pies

FBC will be donating 8 pumpkin pies to Andrews House for the Second Friday meal on Nov. 11th. Sorry, they are not able to accept homemade pies. Your contribution of \$8 to me will help us fill this need. Thanks,

– *Larry Faulk*

Take Your Picture?

We would like to have all new pictures for the 2017 church directory.

During fellowship time after worship each Sunday in November, our photographer will be available to take your pictures. In addition to using them for the directory, you will receive a cd of your pictures and 4x6 prints.

Mission/Outreach News

The Mission/Outreach group met on October 16, 2016 at 2 p.m.

The "Stepping Up Meal" was served at William St. Church on Monday, Oct. 17th by Pam Faulk, Dr. Allison, David Harris, Linda White, Pat Gosser and Mary Lou Lovell.

The "Stepping Up" class participants were very appreciative of the sloppy joe meal prepared by Genevieve Peterson, Linda White, Pat Gosser, David Harris, Pam Faulk, Beth Trigg, and Jeanne Ekelberry.

Many thanks to all who purchased food and/or prepared it, and/or served it. It takes all of you to make it happen.

October Mission focus was the Crop Walk. Several of our church congregation walked. \$9,000 was raised with 25% of that remaining in Delaware going to People In Need.

Each week in October during the "Mission Moments" we have learned about the missionaries that we support. The world Mission

offering was collected during the month of October.

David Harris led the youth in Bible Study and game night on October 16th. The youth have planned a Halloween Party for everyone in the church on Oct. 30th at 4:00 p.m.

The Mission Focuses for November are :

Nov. 6th- Collection for "Change for Change" to be given to the Delaware City Schools Summer Lunch Program.

We will also be purchasing gifts to be given to families in need in the community. Larry Faulk will be displaying a wish list of items to help families celebrate Christmas.

Our special Thanksgiving Offering will be given to People In Need.

There will be a church Service for Willow Brook residents to be held at Willow Brook at 2 p.m. on Oct. 30, 2016. All from our church are welcome to attend. Dr. Allison will lead the service with Will Fogle providing special music on the violin.

Up Coming Events!

Pink Piggy Party!

Nov. 12 at 6:30 pm

What is a Pink Piggy Party?

Come and find out. It is for all ages and it is a lot of fun!

Wear pink and plan on having a great night time with friends!

Second Annual "Sing and Soup"!

December 11th at 5:30 p.m.

Remember when families and friends gathered in the parlor to have fun singing around the piano?

We want to share in group singing of Christmas songs and carols, then enjoy soup together.

We enjoyed last year's event and want to do it again. Come and bring friends and neighbors!

If you would like to make a crock

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pot of soup, sign the sign up sheet in the gathering room. There will be a place to sign up for crackers and desserts as well. Last year it was a treat to sample lots of different homemade soups after singing!

Andrews House Christmas

Cupboard is Sat., Dec. 3rd 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you like to make Christmas cookies, they would welcome your donations. They need many dozens of cookies for the cookie sale in which people buy a box and fill it with their choice of cookies that have been donated! It is a great way to get a wonderful variety for your holiday gathering without having to make them all yourself. Cookies to be donated for the cookie sale may be taken to Andrews House on Friday, Dec. 12th from 6-9 p.m.

There will be raffles as well on Dec. 3rd at Andrews House.

See the bulletin board in the gathering room for more information.

December Mission Focus will be the Ministers and Missionaries Offering.

It is a time to give to those who have been in the ministry and those missionaries presently serving for God.

There will also be a Christmas Offering" taken and given to Andrews House.

The group also discussed ways that we might be of help to others in the community:

- 1) Warming Center at Zion United Church of Christ
- 2) "Point of Grace" a group that is currently forming to give support to those who are released from jail
- 3) A group being formed to discuss race relations in the Delaware community.

We have plans to send envelopes to college students to let them know we are thinking and

praying for them.

This group is an active group and wants to help those in our community to show God's love in action. We welcome new ideas and would like to have a greater number in attendance at our meetings.

Please join us at 2 p.m. on November 20th !

Personals

- Mike and Emilie Showalter now have both of Mike's daughters living with them, Makayla and Brianna.
- On October 15, Dan and Sherry Chambers once again hosted their annual fall party at their house, and our church was well-represented there. Thank you Dan and Sherry for a wonderful party!
- Lana Palmer injured her foot and had surgery.
- On October 23, we had a guest minister, Dr. Ernest Jones, the Executive Minister of ABC Ohio.
- Pastor Allison's father and his wife visited on October 16 on their way back from visiting Mark's sister in Virginia.
- Mary Lou Lovell's cousin, Diane Chase, visited her for several weeks in October.
- Marci and Matt Cooper had a baby girl, Claire Elise, on October 10. She weighed 8 lb. 2 oz. and measured 19 3/4 inches. Congratulations to the Cooper family!
- Sam, Lindley, and Spencer Chesser visited Jane and Jim Snyder on their way through Delaware recently.
- On October 16, Jeanne Ekelberry presented the church with a beautiful quilt hanging of a cross. Thank you Jeanne!
- Pat Gosser's sister Candy Lee, who has visited us quite often, has a new job with Alpha, and they have moved here to Delaware. Please see the item about new information for the directory for their contact info.
- Our Executive Minister from ABC Ohio, Dr. Ernest Jones, who spoke

in our October 23 service, has been diagnosed with colon cancer and is starting treatment.

- Former member Jean Osborn and her son Greg visited our congregation on October 23. Jean is currently living in Michigan.
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– Pam Faulk, Personals Editor

Community Prayer Service

In view of the contentious nature of the present election season, there will be a Community Prayer Service on the eve of the election, November 7. The service will be held at the William Street Methodist Church.

This is a non-partisan service to pray for unity, healing, and hope in the days following the election. Everyone is welcome to attend.


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mission Focus: Gifts for Foster Children Change for Summer Lunch Program		All Saints' Day 1	2 7:00 Choir	3 8:45 Panera Pickup	4	5 <i>Change Clocks; Daylight Savings Time Ends Tonight</i>
		6 Daylight Savings Time Ends Change for Change Offering Money for Pumpkin Pies Due 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	7 5:30 Board of Christian Education 7:00 Quilters 7:00 Trustees	Election Day 8 	9 7:00 Choir	10 8:45 Panera Pickup
13 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	14 6:30 Deacons	15	16 7:00 Choir	17 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup	18	19 8:00 Mens' Breakfast
20 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship - last day to order poinsettias 6:30 Youth Group Last day to submit newsletter articles	21	22	23 7:00 Choir	Thanksgiving 24 	25	26
First Sunday of Advent 27 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Dec. newsletter available 	28	29	30 7:00 Choir	December 1 8:45 Panera Pickup	2	3

Good News Letter

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2016 has been a surprising year. The Chicago Cubs won the World Series. After 108 years of futility, hope was finally realized and the waiting stopped and the curses were broken; the folks in Chicago will not have to say, "wait until next year." There is something that tests character about hoping against the odds. In the time of Jesus people were awaiting a messiah that seemed like would never come. For the Christians, Jesus of Nazareth is the fulfillment of that hope. Even so, the coming of the Christ was not a final consummation of the age. We are left waiting for Christ's return and it has been the better part of 2,000 years. That is a long time to wait.

I have never been very good at predicting the future, especially when it comes to Christ's return but I am confident that we are meant to wait hopefully, expectantly. It is, however, not just Christ's return that we await. We also wait for the transformation of society, for social justice, for economic and political systems that work better than the ones we have, for personal renewal. For decades in America religious observance has been declining. We see it every Sunday with our half-empty sanctuary. We await a renewal to reverse that trend.

Meanwhile people are turning to science and medicine for hopeful answers as well as for economic and political solutions. Who knows, maybe there are some whose hopefulness comes alive because of an athletic accomplishment like the Cubs winning the World Series? These expressions of hope should

not be underestimated. At their best they serve as illustrations of Gospel hope.

At Christmas, we celebrate that Gospel hope. We light Advent candles each week and decorate our



December

homes and the church. We give to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO). We collect gifts for children in foster care. On December 10th, some will help with the Christmas Clearinghouse for PIN. On December 11 we will have the 2nd annual Sing and Soup service, the youth will be having their Christmas party on December 17th. There are the four Sundays of Advent to meet for worship and on Christmas Eve we will meet for a candlelight service. And this year, Christmas is on a Sunday and we will worship together on that morning.

Notice how in these traditions we express our faith by giving to help others; and by spending time in the

company of family and friends and church family. In doing these things, we acknowledge that while we wait, the greatest gift we have been given is each other. The value of all these opportunities is the relationships we nurture and the friendships we make, which are the results of our faith and the source of our hope. Each one's presence is important. And we don't have to wait to be together. I look forward to seeing all of you. Have a wonderful and grace-filled Christmas! Who knows what the surprises will be in 2017?

– Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

December is finally here. The final month of a memorable and unforgettable 2016. It is mind blowing to think that I have been in worship and fellowship with you for nearly half of this calendar year, and as we exit the Thanksgiving season and navigate into and through Advent, I am reminded that this season is also a season of new beginnings. Advent is when the church begins the year anew, as we draw closer to Christmas and the birth of Christ. Advent is also the time in which we continue shifting our minds and hearts towards those who are less fortunate than we are. Continuing with recent tradition, we will be helping with the PIN Family Food Packing Day on December 10th. As I receive confirmation of our scheduled time, I will be sure to announce. Towards the middle of the month, the youth will also be having their annual Christmas party on December 17th from 7 to 9 PM at Dr. Allison's house. I look forward

to celebrating this final month of 2016 with you, as we prepare for the birth of Christ in worship and fellowship together.

Blessings and Peace,

– David

RMMO

Our mission focus for December is the **Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering**. The theme is “Faith Through Gratitude.”

Since the 1930’s American Baptist congregations have contributed to a special offering to provide financial support to retired ministers and missionaries and their widowed spouses. Our church’s offering makes it possible to provide emergency assistance in times of crisis and to send a “thank you” check to those who are eligible.

Over the years recipients have used these funds to pay for home repairs, medical and dental expenses, and relocation expenses. Members and past members of our congregation who receive this check each year are Sophia Stephenson, Tim and Kathy Chesser, Ken and Genevieve Peterson, Alvin and Bev Cox, Dave and Ellen Brown, and Harold and Deb VanBroekhoven.

The national goal is \$1.1 million. Our church’s goal is only \$700. Please consider prayerfully how you may help us meet that goal.

– Pam Faulk

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
	Dr. Ernest Jones	Health issues
	Alvin Cox	Health issues
	Christina Kilhefner	Transplant recovery
	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
	Steve Baker	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!

Volunteers For December

Kid Connection

- Dec. 4 Pam Faulk/
Colin Ferguson
Dec. 11 Deb Nace/Will Fogle
Dec. 18 Pat Gosser/Bowen Nace
Dec. 25 Pam Shears/
Aidan Ferguson

Fellowship Time

- Dec. 4 Palmers
Dec. 11 Shears
Dec. 18 Gossers
Dec. 25 No Fellowship Time

Transportation for David Harris

- Dec. 4 Palmers
Dec. 11 Mark Allison
Dec. 18 Gossers
Dec. 25 none needed

Panera Pick-up

- Dec. 1 Gossers
Dec. 8 Faulks
Dec. 15 Youth Group
Dec. 22 Gossers
Dec. 29 Lovells

Thank you all for your commitment.

Special Christmas Envelopes

The offering in the special Christmas envelopes will go to Andrews House.

Attention Ladies of the Church

Attendance has picked up at our monthly women’s fellowship breakfast. We are going to try a new restaurant this month that might be easier to get to for most of us. On December 10 the women will be eating breakfast at 9:00 at The Jug which is located in the Westfield Plaza at Rt. 37 and Houk Rd. at the other end from the Kroger store. We invite all ladies of the church to join us for breakfast and fellowship.

Christmas on a Sunday

Since Christmas is on a Sunday this year, there will be no Sunday school classes on Christmas morning, nor will there be Fellowship Time after the church service. There WILL still be a worship service at 10:45.

Change For Change

Way to go First Baptist! On November 6 our congregation donated their loose change to be given to the Summer Lunch Program for children right here in Delaware. We collected a total of \$193.70!!!!. Please continue to hold onto your loose change for the next time we change our clocks forward in the spring. If

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- Dec. 4 Erin Faulk
 4 Jim Snyder
 5 Nathan McKendrick
 8 Phyllis Beasley
 11 Hannah Nace
 12 Samuel Allison
 13 Geneva Evans
 17 Pat Gosser
 25 Carol Grubbs
 27 Cory Lawrence
 27 Jane Moore & Jim Snyder
 28 Sharon Baker
 29 Harold & Deborah Van Broekhoven

Please report any errors.

you do not wish to store your change, you can bring it to church and drop it in the container in the Welcome Center, and I will keep it for you until spring.
 Pam Faulk

New Cabinet

You may have noticed a new cabinet in the Gathering Place. This cabinet came from Jean Wickum's house and was donated by the Faulks. It is being used to store things needed for Fellowship Time.

Church Directory Update

Please make the following changes in your copy of the 2016 church directory.

Jean Syler

Willow Brook at Delaware Run
 100 Delaware Crossing West
 Assisted Living #148
 Delaware, OH 43015

World Mission Offering

A big "thank you" goes out to our congregation for your generous support of the World Mission Offering in October. With your help we were able to reach our goal of \$700. Way to go First Baptist!!!

- Pam Faulk

Personals

- Jean Syler has recently moved to Willowbrook. Her new address is below.
- Claire Turner took first place in a recent equestrian event.
- On October 30, Ellen and Dave Brown attended morning worship with us.
- Ken Shears has expressed his appreciation to everyone who sent him mail on his recent Honor Flight. He is thankful for being able to participate in the Honor Flight for 100 Purple Heart recipients.
- A big thank you to David Harris, Debbie Fogle, and the Youth Group for a fun Halloween Party,
- Dave and Mary Lou Lovell vacationed for a week in Florida.
- Randy Turner recently performed in Arena Faire's production of "The Caine Mutiny."
- Aidan Ferguson recently performed in Dempsey's production of "The Lion King Jr."
- A big thank you to Debbie Fogle, Mary Lou Lovell, and Erin Faulk for a fun Pink Piggy Party!
- In November our congregation sent out 10 "care packages" to our college students.

Thank You

We recently received the following thank you note from Bonnie Ristau on behalf of

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

15 Years Ago

Dec 2001 Newsletter

John Linn, 83, a lifelong resident of Delaware and a member of First Baptist, died in November. A veteran of World War II, he worked as a drafting engineer.

35 Years Ago

Dec. 1981 Newsletter

Now I lay me down to sleep,
 The minister'a begun to speak.
 If he should end before I wake,
 Then nudge me quick, for
 Heaven's sake!



Common Ground.

To our friends at First Baptist, We would like to thank you for your recent donation to Common Ground's fundraiser. With your support, the Free Store surpassed its goal for the event and continues to serve the Delaware community- making a difference in the lives of many. Thank you so much for your continuing partnership.

Mission/Outreach News

We welcome Candy Lee to our Mission/Outreach Team.

The youth hosted the Halloween party on Oct. 30th. What fun everyone had bobbing for apples, wrapping up Gabe and Brennan in toilet paper as mummies, eating donuts off a swinging string, and a scavenger hunt.

Many creative and delicious snacks were enjoyed. Thanks to David and the youth group for your planning to make it a success!

On Oct. 30th at 2 p.m. Dr. Allison led a worship service at Willow Brook. Will Fogle played violin and Mary Lou Lovell accompanied the hymns on the keyboard.

9 members from our church attended.

A Pink Piggy Party was held on Nov. 12th. Thanks to Erin Faulk and Deb Fogle for planning and leading it. Thanks to Deb for making the dessert. Thanks to Pam Faulk for providing prizes. All who attended had fun!

Eight pies were provided for Andrews House meal on Nov. 11th. Thanks to all who gave money for the pies.

Several members of the congregation attended the community pre-election night service at William St. Church. Dr. Allison was on the planning committee and participated in the candlelight service. Beautiful music and very inspiring to unify our community.

Our Thanksgiving offering was given to the " People In Need " organization. This will benefit them as the Holiday Clearing House is in December.

Delaware Community Coalition hosted an event at the Delaware City Vineyard Church which included a Gospel concert, cook out, and watching the OSU vs. Nebraska game.

Our congregation is invited to attend the events that bring our city together in fellowship.

Panera pick up continues each Thursday. If you have not had a opportunity to be part of this ministry, talk with Pat Gosser. It only requires a short amount of time on Thurs. night beginning at 8:45 (picking up unsold items) and wrapping the pastries and breads. The items are delivered on Fri. morning at 8:45 a.m. to Andrews House to be distributed in the community. If you would like to help with any part of this, talk with Pat Gosser. Thanks to all for their commitment to this ministry.

We are now collecting items for youth(4 in one family) (information provided by Jobs and Family Services) for Christmas. The wish list is in the sanctuary. Items purchased are to be brought to the church unwrapped by Dec. 4th. Let's help to make this a special Christmas for them.

In December we collect the Retired Ministers and Missionaries offering.

Andrews House Christmas Cupboard is Sat., Dec. 3rd from 9 a.m. -2 p.m.

If you enjoy baking, Christmas cookies are needed for their cookie sale. Many dozens of cookies are needed. If you want to donate homemade cookies, you may deliver them to Andrews House on Dec. 12th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

If you attend the Christmas Cupboard event there will be an auction and you may buy a box and fill it with as many cookies as will fit in the box. Great for having a variety

for entertaining!

On Friday, Dec. 2nd at 7 p.m. there will be a tree lighting at Andrews House. You can make a donation to have a light lit on the tree, with the donation going to Andrews House.

Holiday Clearing House 2016 will be at the Delaware County Fair Grounds. If you would like to pack food for a family, the packing time will be

Sat., Dec. 10th from 9 a.m. -12:00 noon. See David Harris for details. There will be a group going from First Baptist.

January Mission Focus will be donating items to " Family Promise ".

Mark your calendar for the next Mission/Outreach Meeting on January 22nd at 2 p.m. We will be planning for 2017. Come join us and bring your ideas!

We are planning the Second Annual "Songs and Soup" Event. We will gather in our beautiful sanctuary for singing of carols and Christmas songs followed by a bowl of delicious homemade soup in the fellowship hall. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering room for you to list the kind of soup that you would like to provide. Last year we had a wonderful variety of kinds of soup; so delicious!

Invite family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy the season with us.

Let Mary Lou Lovell know if you would like a ride (740-369-6041).

- Mary Lou Lovell

Second Annual Songs and Soup December 11, 2016

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Foster Children Holiday Wishes

If you haven't contributed to the JFS Foster Children's wish lists, you have until Sunday, Dec 4th to do so. We encourage you to donate items to make their Christmas a joyous occasion. Toys, clothes, and gift cards (Walmart, Target, Meijer) or money to buy gifts are welcomed.

Thanks for Pies

Thanks to those who donated money for the pumpkin pies for the recent Andrews House 2nd Friday meal. They were appreciated. Thanks,

- Larry Faulk

Pictures Still Needed

If you haven't gotten your picture taken for the 2017 church directory yet, there is still an opportunity to do so. Please see me any Sunday in December and I will arrange to take your picture. We would like to have all updated photos for the directory. Thanks,

- Larry Faulk

Delaware Musicians

Here are the Delaware Musicians upcoming Holiday Concert Dates:

- Dec 5th Dempsey Choir Concert 6:30 pm
- Dec 6th Hayes Orchestra Concert 7 pm
- Dec 7th Dempsey Orchestra Concert 7 pm
- Dec 14th Hayes Choir Concert 7pm

**all concerts are at Hayes Performing Arts Center

Please come and support our student members at their concerts. The music is amazing and will add to your Christmas spirit!!

- Debbie Lovell

Youth

The Youth will be participating the **FAMILY FOOD PACKING DAY** on Saturday, December 10th from 9am-noon for PIN. We are going to meet at 8:45 am to get in line early to help pack the food. Anyone who is interested in helping out, come join us!

- Debbie Lovell





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Second Sunday of Advent 4 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Last day to donate items for foster children 	5 6:00 Board of Christian Education at the Faulks	6	7 7:00 Choir	8 8:45 Panera Pickup	9	10 8:45 Youth 9:00 Women's Fellowship at The Jug
Third Sunday of Advent 11 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 5:30 Soup and Sing 	12 Board of Deacons	13	14 7:00 Choir	15 8:45 Panera Pickup	16	17 8:00 ABM
Fourth Sunday of Advent 18 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	19	20	21 7:00 Choir	22 8:45 Panera Pickup	23	24 6:45 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Christmas 25 No Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship No fellowship time 	26	27	28 7:00 Choir	29 8:45 Panera Pickup	30	New Year's Eve 31 