

Good News Letter

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2017 has gotten off to a rough start for our church. Jim Stephenson was a part of our church all his life. I am sure you all know the roles he played; taking care of the floral arrangements in the sanctuary, serving as choir director for the last twenty years and publishing our monthly newsletter, but those things do not begin to describe his importance to our family in Christ. He is sorely missed. We offer prayers for the Stephenson family and wish them well.

As we move on there are many things to which we can look forward in 2017. The missions emphasis for February is the Salvation Army's ministry to the victims of human trafficking. Also Lent begins at the end of February and I am looking forward to a Bible Study throughout that season. More information will be forthcoming in February.

And I want to take the time for something new that is happening in our city that I believe is worth our attention; the Delaware Community Coalition (DCC). In the face of the social strife in America that has been sometimes violent; community, city, and church leaders have come together to establish relationships and build trust across all the divisions we experience in America and in Delaware. The Delaware Vineyard, Terra Nova Church, Second Baptist Church began this effort over this past summer. I have been to some of the meetings and have been gladdened to meet civic and church leaders from our city and

have been encouraged by their spirit of cooperation.

Among the things the churches are doing include joint worship and fellowship activities, usually taking place at The Vineyard Church on Troy Road. It has been decided to schedule four such events, one on each of the 5th Sunday evenings in 2017. The first will be on January 29th which is the day this newsletter is available and will be late for those receiving it by mail, but even so, it is good to know about. There will be a potluck meal followed by a worship service. The purpose of these gatherings is to get to know people well enough to become friends across denominational, ideological, and racial lines. Some of you may be interested in taking part, you are welcome. Others may not and that is okay. I want to keep you well-informed. There is no pressure. We can all pray that relationships in Delaware and in our country improve over time.

There is much to do. As always be prayerful. We grieve our loss with the hope of resurrection in our hearts. I hope the New Year finds you well and in a place of spiritual growth and peace.

Blessings
-Mark

Jim Stephenson, a lifelong member of First Baptist, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 11. Jim was born in Delaware on Aug. 21, 1953, to Sophia Stephenson and the late Rev. James B. Stephenson. He

attended Hayes High School and was a graduate of The Ohio State University.

Jim was passionate about his chosen profession of graphic design.



Jim's dad was pastor here for 40 years. Jim

served as choir director for 20 years. He ordered the lilies and poinsettias (and cared for them) as well as providing flowers from his garden for the altar. He maintained the plants in the church as well as planting flowers outside the church each year.

Jim published our monthly newsletter, published our annual directory, and put pamphlets together about the church and its history. He also painted the nursery tables and chairs. His personal interests included genealogy, travel, classic movies, and computers. He enjoyed gardening and working outdoors. He most enjoyed being with his family.

He is survived by his mother, Sophia; brothers Rev. Ted Stephenson and Dr. Robert Stephenson, and their families.

Jim's life was celebrated in a private family service on Sat., Jan. 21 at FBC. He is dearly missed.

Dear Church Family,

I want to offer my deep appreciation for your prayers, cards, love and acts of kindness on the occasion of Jim's passing. They mean more to me than I can express with words.

The dinner in the fellowship hall provided time for our family to gather and feel the strength of each other's presence. Pastor Mark was a gracious host. Mary Lou Lovell, Debbie Fogle and Beth Trigg provided a wonderful dinner and the choir thoughtfully provided much of the food. A display included photographs and items that meant a lot to Jim. The prayer shawl made by Genevieve Peterson means so much, and the flowers were beautiful.

We are grateful for the recent time of memorial during the morning service and the choir's special anthem. Jim truly loved serving God by directing the choir. He loved First Baptist Church and her people with all his heart.

Sophia & family

From Our Pastoral Intern

Good morning, FBC family! I can't believe that we have already gone through a month in 2017, when it feels as though just yesterday we were ringing in the New Year around the communion table. As January draws to a close and we begin to look forward to February, there is a lot of energy within and amongst the youth of the church. As the new year began, our youth were actively participating in both church and family life. On January 22nd, the youth worshipped at William Street UMC in Delaware, and discussed their emotional and initial responses later that evening at youth group. There was a rich and lively conversation that took place, and many ideas about worship and tradition took place, a conversation that I am anticipating

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with excitement will continue over the coming weeks and months. As we look forward to February, the youth will continue their conversation about ecumenism by attending and worshipping at Zion UCC on February 26th, followed by our youth group session that same evening. Because the final day of the month, the 28th, is also Shrove Tuesday, the youth will receive their Lenten guides on the 26th as well. I look forward to this month ahead as we draw closer to the Lenten season, and closer to the cross.

-David L. Harris, Jr

Elevator Repaired

The elevator repair has finally been completed after several months of waiting and looking for parts. The basement door to the elevator is now working properly. The "Key" system has been discontinued and the keys have been removed. Now, you only have to "push" the "call" button to call for the elevator. The cost of the work was \$1,334, but we should get a rebate of \$500 when Cable Elevator sends the old part back to the supplier.
-Peter White, Trustees Chairman

Volunteers For February

Kid Connection

Jan. 29- Pat Gosser/Bowen Nace
Feb. 5- David Harris/Aidan Ferguson
Feb. 12- Deb Nace/ Gabe Folge
Feb. 19- Pam Faulk/Hannah Nace
Feb. 26- David Harris / Colin Ferguson

Fellowship Time

Jan. 29- Lovells
Feb. 5- Gossers
Feb. 12- David Harris
Feb. 19- Petersons
Feb. 26- Triggs

Transportation For David Harris

Jan. 29- Turners
Feb. 5- No Volunteer-Please sign up
Feb. 12- Naces
Feb. 19- No Volunteer-Please sign up
Feb. 26- No Volunteer-Please sign up

Panera Pick-Up

Feb. 2- Faulks
Feb. 9- Gossers
Feb. 16- Naces
Feb. 23- Lees

Thank you all for volunteering your time!

GAME NIGHT

Feb. 4
7 p.m. -Fellowship Hall
Bring games and snacks
and be ready to have a fun time!

Birthdays and Anniversaries



February

- 2 Elizabeth Bowman
- Cynthia Tizzano
- 4 Candy Lee
- 3 Lana Palmer
- 15 Deborah VanBroekhoven
- 24 Emilie Showalter

Please report any errors.

Mission / Outreach Update

The Mission/Outreach Group met on Jan. 22nd. with 8 people present.

Thanks to:

- All who gave to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries offering allowing us to meet top the \$700 goal.
- All who made and donated cookies to Andrews House Christmas Cupboard held on Dec. 3rd.
- All who participated in packing food for People In Need recipients
- Jim Snyder who presented "Scrooge" at the "Soup and Sing"Event on Dec. 11th.
- All who made delicious soup to share (14 crockpots)for "Sing and Soup" with the leftovers donated to the "Place of Warmth".
- All who gave to the Christmas offering that was donated to Andrews House.
- All who gave items to Family Promise

ATTENTION LADIES!

The Women's Fellowship meets on the second Saturday of the month for breakfast. We have a fun time and would like more women of the church to join us. This month we will be returning to The Jug in the Westgate Center at Rt. 37 and Houk Road at 9:00. The food is excellent, the prices are good, and there is easy parking. If you plan to come, give someone else a call and offer a ride. If you need a ride, please call Pam Faulk.

THANK YOU for RMMO

Thanks to all who contributed to our annual Retired Ministers and Missionaries offering. We met our goal of \$700 and exceeded it. The total for the RMMO was \$740. Thank you all.

-Pam Faulk

The Place of Warmth

To date, 50 sandwich baggies have been made and donated to Zion Church for their "Place of Warmth" Ministry. These baggies contain granola bars, cheese/peanut butter crackers, fruit snacks, applesauce, Slim Jim's, hot cocoa mix, and a gift card to be used at Wendy's or McDonald's. The men that spend the night at Zion when the temperature is 20 degrees or below, receive a bag as they leave in the morning.

Personals

- Please be in prayer for Dan and Sherry Chambers. Dan's mother passed away in December.
- Will Fogle, Colin Ferguson, and Brianna Showalter made the Hayes Honor Roll. Congratulations!!
- Sam and Lindley Chesser had a baby girl on January 22. Her name is Eliza Grace Chesser.

February Mission Focus

February's Mission Outreach will be to give items to the Salvation Army for those that are recovering from being trafficked. The Salvation Army locally provides a place for those in need to stay and gives them items for starting over in an apartment. We will have a box in the entry way of the church marked for the Salvation Army with items you donate. The needed items include:

Food

-shelf stable food, gatorade, snack foods.

Gift Cards

-Meijer, Walmart, Target, Kroger, fuel cards

Other

- new dish sets, new sheet sets, pots and pans, new blankets, cooking utensils, new dish towels, new pillows, laundry detergent, pre-paid cell phone, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products, hair products

2016 Financial Review

The FBC 2016 Financial Report was presented at our Annual Business Meeting. I would like to share some of the details and observations. We completed 2016 by spending less in all areas of our Church Operating Expenses than our budget anticipated. We funded about 90% of our budget for the General Fund. The church continues to spend slightly more than it takes in but this is not of immediate concern. We achieved over 96% of our Outreach Missions goals.

Our Educational Endowment fund thrives as a stable investment. Your continued contributions to our Capital Improvements fund provides the resources necessary to maintain our facilities and replace aging appliances.

During 2016 we were able to replace the furnaces that heat our office, choir robe room, and fellowship hall as well as remove an old unused chimney that had deteriorated. We have currently contracted work to change the roof over the Gathering Place in hopes that we can eliminate further water damage on the north wall.

Your thoughtful memorial gifts provide a nest egg of funds available to extend programs and enhance our facilities.

While we are currently experiencing an income shortfall in our general fund, we are encouraged by your commitment to fund our Outreach and Missions goals as well as make contributions to our Capital Improvements fund and memorials. This balance of giving allows our FBC fellowship to worship, study, and serve within our church, our community, and beyond.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer, on behalf of the finance committee

Annual Pancake Supper

All are invited to join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 28th at 6pm 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. See you there.



Adult Sunday School

Our Adult Sunday school classes are going strong and meeting at 9:30 every Sunday. Please join us on any Sunday.

Adult I Class

February lessons in the Adult I class are as follows:

- Feb.5- Re-Created to Live in Harmony (Galatians 3:26- 4:7)
- Feb. 12- New Birth Brings Freedom (Galatians 4: 8-20)
- Feb. Feb. 19- Freedom in Christ (Galatians 5:1-17)
- Feb. 25- Christ Creates Holy Living (Galatians 5:18-6:10)

Adult II Class

The Pastor's Sunday School Class will be looking at the Life of Jesus from a historical point of view which is appropriate this time of year as the season of Lent approaches and then Easter. Anyone who is interested is welcome.

Dedication of Officers

On January 8 our church officers for 2017 were dedicated during the worship service. The elected officers for 2017 are as follows:

- Moderator- Randy Turner
- Asst. Moderator- Jeanne Ekelberry
- Church Clerk- Lana Palmer
- Treasurer- Larry Faulk
- Asst. Treasurer- none
- Financial Secretary- Randy Turner
- Asst. Financial Sec.- Linda White
- Church School Clerk- Pam Faulk
- Finance Chair- Debbie Fogle
- Board of Christian Education - Pam Faulk, Pat Gosser, Pam Shears
- Board of Deacons - Larry Faulk, Dave Lovell, Claire Turner, Jennifer Turner
- Board of Trustees - Scott Nace, Ken Shears, Archie Trigg, Peter White

Game Night - Feb 4

FBC will have a "game night" on Saturday, Feb 4th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite games and a snack to share. Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Change for Change

Mar. 12
 Start saving your coins!
 We will collect your change in March to give to the Delaware City Schools Summer Lunch Program

Newsletter Options

Did you know that the "Good News Letter" is available by email? If you would like to save the time and postage needed to mail it to you, please send me your request (lfauk01@aol.com) and I will make sure you are added to the list of those who receive it via email.

The newsletter is also available each month on our website: [www. FBCDelaware.org](http://www.FBCDelaware.org)

February

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February Mission Focus: • Salvation Army human trafficking	January 30 5:30 Board of Christian Ed	31	1 7:00 Choir	Groundhog Day  8:45 Panera Pickup	3	4 7:00 Game Night
9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship - Communion 5	6 7:00 Piecemakers	7	8 7:00 Choir	9 8:45 Panera Pickup	10	11 9:00 Women's Breakfast at The Jug
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9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship March newsletter available today 6:30 American Baptist Youth 26	27	 Shrove Tuesday 6:00 Pancake Dinner	 Ash Wednesday Lent Begins 7:00 Choir	March 1 2 8:45 Panera Pickup	3	4 World Day of Prayer

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March will begin with the baptism of Aidan Ferguson, who has expressed his desire to profess faith in Jesus Christ. What better way to begin the season of Lent?

On the same day at 5:30, we will meet for a pizza dinner to kick off the Lenten Bible Study, an examination of the, "I Am," sayings in the Gospel of John. After the meal on the 5th the Bible study will begin at 6:30 which will be the start time throughout the month of March.

The focal text for the first meeting is John 8:58, in which Jesus says, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was, I Am," a statement provocative enough that his audience began to stone him. It certainly is an interesting thing to say and offers reflections about God's nature, about the doctrine of the Incarnation, and about our relationship with God.

Over the next three Sundays attention will be given to the other seven sayings:

"I am the Bread of Life," in John 6:35 and 48;

"I am the Light of the World," in 8:12 and 9:5;

"I am the Door," in 10:9

"I am the Good Shepherd," in 10:11

"I am the Resurrection and the Life," in 11:25;

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," in 14:6 and

"I am the True Vine," in 15:1.

As Passion and Easter draw near, I hope each person will have the

opportunity to deepen their understanding of biblical faith. I look forward to seeing everyone there.



Remember that the missions emphasis for the month of March is the "America for Christ" Offering, the American Baptist offering for Home Missions which supports ministries around the country. Our goal is \$700. I am sure of your prayerful support.

Lent is a time of sacrifice and dedication as we re-examine our own faith commitments in view of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. It is a time of prayerful reflection about God's grace that has been abundantly given to each of us and that when received in faith produces an assurance of forgiveness as well as a sense of purpose and fulfillment as we await the completion of our salvation. We have the opportunity to be inspired by new faith, informed by the study of the scriptures and challenged by opportunities to serve and give as we seek an enriched experience of Christ's passion, and of Easter.

Blessing to all,

-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

Good morning, First Baptist family! As we stand on the eve of a new Lenten season and many of us finalize our internal debates regarding what we will choose to "give up" or "add on" over those forty days, I am thinking about the meaning of these forty days in the life of the church. Over forty days, we will walk together and follow Jesus as He sets his face towards Jerusalem. Over forty days, we will watch and witness Jesus' preaching and teaching, and the growing conspiracy to silence His message. Over forty days, we will journey together and listen to the message of the coming kingdom, and prepare ourselves for its arrival. Lent is the time in which not only do we voluntarily change our lifestyle, but we intentionally call ourselves to a place and state of reflection.

During the month of March, the youth will participate in a Lenten Bible study in conjunction with the adult Bible study. Meeting in the youth group room during the first three Sunday evenings in the month, the youth will quickly walk through the writings of Paul. The youth, on the fourth Sunday, will continue their conversation on ecumenism by visiting and worshipping at First Presbyterian Church.

Looking forward to the upcoming Lenten season!

-David L. Harris, Jr.

America For Christ

Our mission focus for March is the America for Christ offering. The theme this year is **"Cultivating Leaders, Equipping Disciples, Healing Communities."**

During the month of March you will be reading about this special offering in inserts in the church bulletins. Please read these thoughtfully and give generously. Our goal is \$700.

Change For Change

I know it does not seem that long ago that we changed our clocks back, but this month on March 12, we will "spring forward" to Daylight Saving Time. Hopefully by now, you know what that means. It means that on Sunday, March 12, we will be collecting all your loose change during the morning worship service. This money will go to Andrews House to help defray the expenses of the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for children. Bring your change to make a change in our community. No coin is too small.

-Pam Faulk

Tuesday Pancake Supper

Our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is this Tuesday the 28th 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited. Bring a friend. See you there.

Volunteers For March

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Fellowship Time

Mar 5 - Shears
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Mar 19 - Sally Williams
Mar 26 - Lees

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Thank you all for volunteering your time and talents!

Personals

- Will Fogle was pictured in the February 4 Delaware Gazette as a participant in a Hayes trivia contest after school.
- Colin Ferguson and Brianna Showalter made the Hayes Honor Roll for the 2nd quarter and Will Fogle made the Merit Roll. Congratulations!
- Jeff and Laurie Faulk and family visited in February. They were here for a celebration of Evoleno Cole's 95th birthday. Mrs. Cole is Pam Faulk's mother.
- Samuel Allison visited on February 19.
-Pam Faulk, personals editor

General Fund Shortfall

As we begin the new year and I begin a new responsibility as your treasurer, I would like to keep you informed financially. While we regularly receive contributions to missions, capital improvements, memorials, and our general offerings, we are experiencing a shortfall in our general operating funds.

During the first 7 weeks of the new year, our general fund expenses were \$3,100 more than our income. This represents an average deficit of about \$450 per week. The only "large" non monthly bill was the property tax bill. There have been no other unusual expenses and with the mild winter thus far, I do not anticipate any high utility bills soon.

We will continue to review our expenses and be conservative with purchases. Your prayerful financial response is appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

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Birthdays and Anniversaries



March

- 5 Mike Showalter
Ben Turner
- 6 Nancy Via Summers
- 7 Robert Foor
- 11 Rick & Sandy VanBrimmer
- 12 Evan Trigg
- 13 Amy Pfarr
- 18 Dave Lovell

Please report any errors.

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks To:

• **All those who brought items** to fill baggies to give to the men who stayed at the "Place of Warmth" at Zion UCC Church. The baggies contain a variety of some of the following items to help the men throughout the day: granola bar or cheese crackers, raisins, applesauce, hot chocolate mix, soup mix, beef stick, fruit chews, pudding, peanut butter crackers, and a gift card to use at a local restaurant (such as Mac Donalds). 70 baggies have been donated! WOW!!!!!!

• **Pam Faulk** for assembling the bags and Dr. Allison for delivering them.

• **All who came and had fun** playing games on GAME NIGHT held Feb. 4th! Many people learned how to play a new game. The adults and young people had a great time of fellowship, laughs and snacks. If you didn't get to come to this one, come to the next one!

• **Everyone who has brought items** for the Salvation Army Guest House (for trafficked victims) and items to be given to those recovering from being trafficked to set up their own apartment and begin a new life. We have many items to give: a set of dishes, a set of frying pans, a set of glasses, dish towels, dish soap, and shampoo. **Thanks for your generosity in helping those in our community to have a new start.**

• **All who attended the Delaware Community Coalition** event on Sunday, Jan. 29th at the Vineyard Church. They enjoyed a dinner with others in the community, a time of singing with those from other churches, and a worship service which ended with communion.

Mark your calendars for the next Coalition event at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 30th.

Piecemakers Workday

Delaware Piecemakers Quilt Guild will hold a workday, Sat. Mar. 18th, 10-3.

As part of our outreach, we will make quilts for a Horse Ranch in Mt. Gilead that serves disadvantaged children for a week of summer camp.

Each cabin houses 8 children and an advisor. A quilt is placed on each twin bed and belongs to the child when they go home. Our Guild and others donate each year. They will need 300 quilts to have enough for the summer.

Last October we made 13 quilts and hope to increase that number in March. All time and fabric is donated.

Also:

We invite you to go to the Delaware Library after March 5th. We will be hanging between 30 and 40 Quilts on the second floor. **Look up and enjoy** them before you check out your books!

-Jeanne Ekelberry

Roof Renovation Begins

On Valentine's Day, Quality Masonry Company began work on a section of roof above the Gathering Place. By Sunday, Feb 19th, they had removed the portion of the wall that extends above the roofline and had repaired the mortar in the brickwork in the upper wall area.

The next work will be to extend the existing roof out over the wall to include a two foot overhang to protect the wall from further damage. The work will be completed with soffit and gutter repair.

Your generous contributions to memorials and our capital improvement fund have made this necessary repair possible.

Change for Change

We will collect your change on March 12 to give to the Delaware City Schools Summer Lunch Program

Getting Ahead Classes

Seven "Getting Ahead" classes have been offered with 48 graduates!

The "Getting Ahead" classes will be held at William St. Church on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning March 29th through May 24th. Hard-working, Low-income persons who are committed to transforming their lives are selected to become "investigators." - class participants. The deadline for being a participant in the class is **March 9th.**

Last year, our church provided one meal a month for those attending the classes. In March there will be sign up sheets so that we can provide a meal in April and one in May.

Opportunities to help with the meal are :

1. Donating food
2. Preparing food
3. Serving food at William St. Church
4. Being a childcare provider 5:30-8 p.m. See Mary Lou Lovell if interested.

Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop

Bridges Out of Poverty is a series of best practices and concrete tools that brings people from ALL economic classes together to address all causes of poverty in order to:

BUILD resources
IMPROVE job retention rates
REDUCE health inequities
IMPROVE outcome
And **SUPPORT** those who are moving out of poverty

A Bridges Out of Poverty 2-Day Workshop will be:

Bridges Out of Poverty 1
(Basic Concepts)
Friday, April 21st 5 p.m.-9 p.m.
(4:30 registration)

Bridges Our of Poverty 2
Saturday, April 22nd 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
(8:30 registration)

All are welcome to attend!

You can become an Ally (an intentional friend) to a participant in the Getting Ahead Program. Contact Bonnie Ristau at bristau7@gmail.com

The Second Annual Family Festival (block party)

will be
Saturday, July 15th
11am - 3pm
on Winter Street

FBC will again host a games area

Mark your calanders
Free Food - Free Fun

Pizza and Salad Supper

On the first Sunday of our Lenten Bible study, March 5, we will have a pizza and salad supper at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall to precede the Bible studies. All food will be provided by the Board of Christian Education. The supper is for both adults and our youth because both groups will be having Bible study at 6:30. All other Bible studies will begin at 6:30 without a supper before-hand.

Note: Early Deadline

Due to vacation plans, I will need info for the April newsletter early.

The deadline for submitting items for the April newsletter will be Friday, March 17th.

The newsletter will be available on Sunday, March 26th.

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Email Change


Our email has changed to: fbcdelaware@midohio.twcbc.com

Church Directory Available

Copies of the 2017 Church Directory are available in the Welcome Center. Pick up your copy today. If you would like an electronic copy, please email me at lfauk01@aol.com

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Fourth Sunday in Lent 26 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Adult/Youth Lenten Bible Studies April newsletter available today	27	28	29 6:00 Choir Dr. Allison on vacation	30 8:45 Panera Pickup -volunteer needed	31	1 April Fools Day

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Easter is upon us, that most blessed time of the year for Christians. We observe Lent and Passion, which confronts us with the value of the life we have been given. The Bible gives us images of conflict and betrayal, sacrifice and love, the final meal, trials, and execution. Through these images we learn about the quest for meaning, and liberation from guilt and emptiness and death.

While this observance happens, Spring is coming, the days lengthen and the temperature gets warmer as the annual display of regeneration takes place right before our eyes. And it all leads to the grand celebration of forgiveness and resurrection at Easter, such a wonderful and meaningful time of the year.

Meanwhile, life goes on. There are so many concerns that it can be overwhelming to think about, but perhaps the most troubling involves the larger worldwide problems that we hear about on the news, often news about strife and division. We have lived under the threat of destruction for so long it is wearing on us, making us cranky, and less able to get along with people different from ourselves, and it is making us afraid.

In the face of these circumstances we faithfully attend to prayer, worship, and service, because *they work against the discouragement* that meets on the news and sometimes in our personal situations. We just completed the America for Christ



emphasis to support American Baptist ministries here in America that help churches grow, meet the needs of refugees, and provide chaplaincy services for those in the military. More locally, this month we will begin collecting items to give the teachers at Conger Elementary School in appreciation for their work, as well as supporting the work at the Common Ground Free Store with the Easter offering.

I am thankful as well for the wonderful worship services and the bible study that we have shared, and for the work that is being done on the building and for all the ministries both here in town and around the world that we actively support. I am thankful for the enthusiasm and effort each one of you gives to the life of our church in service to Jesus Christ.

My hope for all of us is that the message of Easter will break through all the distractions and concerns and give us peace and joy. The message of Easter is that God is working, life is winning, and hope prevails. May the

barriers that divide people be overcome and the burden be lightened as we celebrate this victory of life over death.

-Mark

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 9
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship

Maundy Thursday

Thurs, April 13
7:00 pm communion
Fellowship Hall

Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Service

Friday, April 14
Stations of the Cross
11:00 am
Worship Service
St. Mary's 12:00 Noon

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship

Mark your calendars and plan to attend. You are encouraged to invite family and friends to all of these services.

From Our Pastoral Intern

Good morning, First Baptist family! As we are about midway through this Lenten season and many of us are continuing to give up what we have chosen over those forty days, I am thinking about the approaching Easter

celebration that awaits us next month. Over these last days, we will walk together and follow Jesus as He approaches and enters Jerusalem, and ultimately the cross. We will watch and witness Jesus' preaching and teaching and His final Passover meal with the disciples. We will stand as witnesses to Jesus' trial and execution, and bear witness to the Resurrection. These next weeks will help us to understand the central message of our faith: Christ has died, Christ has risen.

During the month of March, the youth have been participating in a Lenten bible study, quickly walking through the writings of Paul. During the month of April, the youth will continue their conversation on ecumenism by visiting and observing a mass service at Saint Mary's Catholic Parish.

Looking forward to celebrating the Resurrection with you!

Blessings and Peace,
-David L. Harris, Jr.

Volunteers For April

Kid Connection

Apr. 2- Deb Fogle/Hannah Nace
Apr. 9- Deb Nace/Colin Ferguson
Apr. 16- David Harris/Will Fogle
Apr. 23- Pam Faulk/Bowen Nace
Apr. 30- Erin Faulk/Aidan Ferguson

Fellowship Time

Apr. 2- Lovells
Apr. 9-Open (Please volunteer)
Apr. 16- Easter (No Fellowship Time)
Apr. 23- Party for the Kilhefners
Apr. 30- Lees

Transportation For David Harris


No one has signed up for any Sundays in April. We know that the weather can still be bad in April, so we still need volunteers to give David a ride.

Panera Pick-Up

Apr. 6-Gosser
Apr. 13-Faulk
Apr. 20- Chambers
Apr. 27- Open (Please sign up)

Thank you all for volunteering

***Birthdays
and
Anniversaries***



April

- 1 Scott & Debra Nace
- 5 Evan Allison
- 10 Jane Mercer
Connor Trigg
- 15 Ray Serviss
- 20 Spencer Chesser
Tammy Ferguson
- 27 Colin Ferguson
- 29 Debbie Fogle
Benjamin Trigg

Please report any errors.

Newsletter Options

The "Good News Letter" is available by email. If you would like to save the time and postage needed to mail it to you, please send me your request at lfauk01@aol.com and I will make sure you are added to the list of those who receive it via email.

The newsletter is also available each month on our website: [www. FBCDelaware.org](http://www.FBCDelaware.org)



General Fund Deficit

Offerings for the first eleven weeks of 2017 have continued to fall short of budget projections. ,

Our expenses for Jan, Feb, and the first half of March have been \$3,500 more than our offerings to the general fund. This is a shortfall of about \$300 per week. Our bills are paid up and we have a balance in the checking account that allows us to remain current with our obligations. However, our expenses continue to be well below budget, and our reserves continue to decline. While this is not a crisis yet, it is a concern.

Our long term financial health depends on our commitment to FBC. Encouraging others to join in our fellowship and share in our worship, education, and service is key to our future.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

Did You Know?

Our email has changed to:
fbcdelaware@midohio.twcbc.com

Church Directory Available

Copies of the 2017 Church Directory are available in the Welcome Center. If you would like an electronic copy, please email me at lfauk01@aol.com

Personals

- Aidan Ferguson was baptized during the morning worship service on March 5. Congratulations Aidan!
- The Faulks are vacationing in Florida.
- Jane and Jim Snyder took a trip to Arizona.

- Aidan Ferguson played the part of William Shakespeare in a school play at Dempsey last month.

- Claire Turner has done quite well in several horse shows for Miami University recently.

- Deb Guebert's sister from Pennsylvania visited us during the morning worship on March 12.

- Former interim pastor Ellen Brown will be our guest pastor on April 2 while Pastor Allison is on vacation.

- The March 20 Delaware Gazette had an article about the Piecemakers' quilt display at the library and included conversation with Jeanne Ekelberry.

-Pam Faulk, personals editor



Easter Lilies

The church is taking orders for Easter lilies for our sanctuary. You may order them in honor or memory of someone. Please include that information on the Get Connected form with your order. Lilies may be taken home after Easter. The cost is \$8.00 per plant, and a check should be made out to the First Baptist Church. The deadline for ordering is April 9.

Change For Change

Way to go First Baptist! On March 12 we collected our Change for Change offering. It

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!

totaled \$188.27 and one disc battery. Thank you all for contributing your loose change for the Delaware Schools Summer Lunch Program for children.

Remember to empty your pockets each night to be ready for the collection the next time the time changes in the Fall.

Thank you all!

Easter Offering

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

Mission/Outreach News

The items that you donated to be given to the victims of trafficking were taken to the Salvation Army by Peter White. Thanks Peter! Thanks for your generosity to help those who are starting their lives over.

Panera Pick Up continues. There is opportunity for you to help collect the unsold items from Panera, bag them, and deliver them on Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. to Andrews House. The items are used at the Food Pantry and given to those in need who come to Andrews House, as well as other outlets in the community. Those that receive them are very grateful.

Remember that if the items are not picked up by volunteers and distributed in the community, Panera has to throw them in the garbage. If you have not been a part of this ministry, sign up with someone else on the form in the Gathering Place. It doesn't take a lot of time and it sure helps those in the community.

If you would like to help and have questions, talk with Pat Gosser.

The Warming Center has been continuing to be open when it is under 20 degrees in March.

Meals for Stepping Up Participants

We will be preparing a meal on Wed., May 10th and Mon. May 22nd for the participants of the Stepping Up classes. There will a sign up sheet in the Gathering Place to donate something, prepare food, and /or serve at William St. Church.

Please consider donating \$25 gift cards to Meijer or Kroger to be given to participants.

See Mary Lou Lovell if you need her to take the food to the church for you. Thank you for helping with this now and in the past.

Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop

The Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop is open to anyone:

Friday, April 21 5-9 pm

Registration is half hour before each day.

Saturday, April 22 9 am to 4 pm
Andrews House, 39 West Winter St., Delaware

For more information email bristle@gmail.com

Block Party

Plans continue for the Second Family Festival on Sat., July 15th. There will be more churches involved and more activities are being planned. We will be hosting the lawn game area.

Teacher Appreciation Bags

During the month of April we will be collecting items to put in bags for Teacher Appreciation Day in May. We want the teachers at Conger Elementary School to have something a little special for the countless hours they spend for their students.

We are asking that you bring individually wrapped items for the bags.

Ideas:

- granola bars
- chocolate
- hard candy tootsie rolls
- chips
- cheese crackers
- peanut butter crackers
- fruit snacks
- popcorn
- hot chocolate
- individually wrapped:
 - tea bags
 - cookies

There will be a box labeled Conger for the items. We will be making 45 bags.

Thank you for all you brought last year. We are looking forward to surprising them again this year.

Our next Missions/Outreach meeting (everyone is welcome) will be April 30th at 2 p.m.

Welcome Party

After worship on April 23, all are invited to share in a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall to welcome Lyailah and Elijah to the Kilhefner family. Chad and Christina are in the process of adopting Lyailah and Elijah.

We would like to celebrate this joy with them and to help provide some necessary transition items for Layailah and Elijah.

See Pat Gosser for more details as we get closer to the party.

Delaware Community Coalition

The Fifth Sunday Celebration will be at First Presbyterian Church on April 30th. There will be a dinner and worship sponsored by the Delaware Community Coalition. Plan to attend this multi-church opportunity for fellowship and worship.

Maunday Thursday Service

Please plan to join us for our annual Maundy Thursday "Upper Room" candlelight service of worship and communion, Thursday, April 13th at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

-Larry Faulk







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April

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fourth Sunday in Lent March 26 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Adult&Youth Lenten Bible Studies April newsletter available today	27	28	29	30	31	 April Fools Day
Fifth Sunday in Lent 2 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship - Communion Rev. Ellen Brown, guest pastor	3	4	5	6	7	8
Palm Sunday 9 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	10	11	12	Mauudy Thursday 13 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk 7:00 Communion Service	Good Friday 14 11:00 Good Friday Community Service	15
Easter 16 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	17	18	19	20	21	 Earth Day
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Happy Easter! As I sit writing this article the sun is shining, and it is warm outside, reminding me how the warmth and growth of spring serves as an illustration of resurrection played out before our eyes each year. It also reminds me that summer is near. But before summer, May intervenes.

In May we look forward to the end of another school year. There will be concerts and plays, graduations and promotions, and we will acknowledge the passing of another year of Bible study with Youth Sunday on May 21. In the middle is Mother's Day, which is more than a celebration of motherhood, the role our moms play in our lives; it is also an acknowledgment of our spiritual family in Christ, that we have received 100-fold brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, fathers and, of course, mothers, because of our allegiance to Christ.

Let us be thankful for this family in Christ. It is a gift from God we ought never take for granted. And it is a source of community sadly lacking in the world around us.. Every day I am reminded of the things that divide people from one another, people who might otherwise be neighbors and friends. While it seems like the things that divide are stronger right now in the world, than the things that unite, I take encouragement in the ways people are reaching out for stronger community, expressing a desire for what is dearly missed.



Sometimes we do not experience this spiritual kinship with one another, but when we do, let us be thankful.

And let us seek it, kinship in Christ is what we are about; it gives meaning to everything we do; Mother's day, graduations, promotions, youth days, Bible studies and worship, and all the summertime activities. The kinship we share is made possible by the resurrection of Jesus that we celebrate in this Easter season; the springtime of hope and warmth, the reclaiming of death by life.

Blessings

-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

I can't believe this year has flown by! It really does feel like yesterday I was beginning my field education placement and it was the summer months. Through all of these months, I have grown in worship and in fellowship with all of you, learning and experiencing ministry in a variety of new and interesting ways. As we continue along in this Easter season and march through May in preparation for Pentecost, I am always mindful of the importance of this post-Easter season. Churches are beginning to think about the summer and fall

while congregation members are in the midst of travel and vacation plans. May is full of graduations, celebrations, and holiday observances. But in the midst of all of this, May is also a time where we connect deeply with the resurrected Christ. Just as we walked with Christ through Lent, May is a time where we can walk and reflect on what Christ continues to share with us.

As I type these words, the youth are about to meet up to discuss our visit to Saint Mary Catholic Church as well as plan the upcoming Youth Sunday worship, so there is a lot of activity going on among the youth. As May is a month full of celebration and travel, there will be no ecumenical church visit or Sunday evening youth group planned for this upcoming month. However, the youth are excited about helping to construct and lead worship on May 21st as we culminate the end of the Sunday School year as well as celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of the youth in our church. I have been given the task of providing the preached word on that Sunday, so I look forward to sharing the Word with you on that day of celebration.

As we continue to live in the spring season and anticipate the summer months, let us all enjoy the gift of the Son who rose so that we might experience the beauty of life eternal.

Blessings and Peace,

-David L. Harris, Jr.

Volunteers For May

Kid Connection

May 7 - Deb Fogle/Gabe Fogle
May 14- Deb Nace/Hannah Nace
May 21- Youth Sunday

There will be no Kid Connection during the summer. It will resume on Rally Day in September.

Fellowship Time

May 7 - Jeanne Ekelberry
May 14- Gossers
May 21- Church Picnic
May 28- Lees/Gossers

Rides For David Harris

May 7- Scott Nace
May 14- Open
May 21- Open
May 28- Scott Nace

Panera Pick-Up

May 4 - Lovells
May 11- Open (Please Volunteer)
May 18- Naces
May 25- Faulks

Thank you all for volunteering

Sunday School Ends for the Year on Youth Sunday

On May 21 we will celebrate Youth Sunday. David Harris will be working with our youth to coordinate the worship service. We will be presenting Bibles and honoring our graduates during the service.

This is also the last day for Sunday school classes until the fall. After the worship service we will have our annual church picnic in the Fellowship Hall, sponsored by the Board of Christian Education. All are invited to stay. Meat, buns,

condiments, beverages, and table service will be provided. The board is asking others to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Summer Hours

On Sunday, May 28, we will begin our summer hours. There will be no Sunday school until September. The worship service will begin at 10:00.

Change For Change

This is just a reminder that if you don't want to store your loose change at home, you can bring it to church and leave it in the plastic jug on the table in the Welcome Center. I will empty it and keep the change until November when we collect it again.

-Pam Faulk

Personals

The Lovells vacationed in California, visiting their son Matthew.

On Sunday, March 23, our fellowship celebrated with the Kilhefners with a "card" shower after church.

Beth and Archie Trigg have invited our fellowship to a graduation party for Brianna Showalter at their house from 6-8 on May 27. Brianna will graduate from Hayes this month. She has received a scholarship from Ashland University for the fall. Brianna is the daughter of Mike and Emilie Showalter. Congratulations Brianna!

Ian Ferguson will graduate on May 15 from the College of Wooster with a BA in history and an education minor. Congratulations Ian!

Dave Lovell's brother Richard visited our fellowship on May 23. Richard remains on our prayer list for his cancer treatment.

Ken Shears will be inducted into the Military Hall of Fame on May 5. Congratulations Ken!

Former member June Grubbs, mother of Fred Grubbs, passed away in April.
-Pam Faulk

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**Birthdays
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May

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

Please report any errors.

Easter Offering

The Easter Offering was given to Common Ground Free Store.

**Teacher Appreciation Day
at Conger Elementary
School**

Thank you to all who brought items to fill a bag for each teacher at Conger Elementary School to show our appreciation for their dedication and hard work for their students.

A special thank you to Jeanne Ekelberry for spending many hours making potato bags(for

cooking baked potatoes in the microwave), soup dish pot holders and pot holders for hot dishes. Each one is different and colorful! The teachers will love this gift!

Bags will be assembled at the April 30th Mission/Outreach Meeting at 2 p.m.

Come and join us!

The bags will be delivered the second week in May.

**Stepping Up Class
Member Meals**

We will be providing a meal for the Stepping Up Class Members on May 10th and May 22nd.

At the April 30th Mission/Outreach Meeting we will be setting the menu.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place for preparing food, serving the meal at William St. Church, or donating food for the meals.

Class members receive a gift card from Meijer or Kroger for \$25.00. If you would like to give money toward the purchase of a card or donate a card, see Mary Lou Lovell.

If you need to have prepared food taken to William St. Church, see Mary Lou Lovell (740-369-6041).

Thank you for helping to provide meals in the past. They are very appreciated.

**Blanket Sunday
May 14th - Mother's Day**

On Mother's Day, May 14, 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.

Panera Pick Up

Thanks to all who have picked up the unsold items from Panera on Thurs. night at 8:45 P.M., bagging them, and taking them to Andrews House on Friday morning at 8:30.

Mel, at Andrews House, is always so happy to see the bread and pastries come in to be given to the Food Pantry and those in need in our community.

The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Place. It does not take a lot of time and helps those in our community so much.

See Pat Gosser if you have questions or want to help with any part of this ministry.

Fifth Sunday Service

The Delaware Community
Coalition Service
April 30th
5:45 meal / 6:30 worship
1st Presbyterian Church
All are invited and welcome

The Second Annual Family Festival (block party)

will be
Saturday, July 15th
11am - 3pm
on Winter Street

FBC will again host a games area

Mark your calanders
Free Food - Free Fun

America For Christ Offering

We ended the America for Christ offering with a total of \$620, which was less than our \$700 goal. There is still time to help us meet our goal.

Thank You

We recently received the following thank you note:

Dear Members of First Baptist Church:

The Salvation Army Anti-Human Trafficking program wants to thank you for all of the donations you provided to us. You are helping change the lives of many victims through your donations.

Sincerely,
Malaya Thompson,
Regional Case Manager

Deficit Continues, But Improves

Our first quarter financial report indicates that while the deficit in our General Fund continues, we did not end the quarter as badly as expected. We spent \$2431 more than we received for general operations, which is a little over \$800 per month or about \$200 per week.

We continue to monitor expenses (which are well below budget). Contributions to missions, memorials, and capital improvements continue to meet expectations. Thank you.

Copies of the 1st Quarter Financial Report are available in the Welcome Center.

Trustees Notes

The major project on the outside of the north wall of the church has been completed by Quality Masonry of Marion.

The parapet wall was taken down level to the roof and the eaves were extended out over the wall to keep it dry. The new eaves match the rest of the 1898 style of the church. The existing eaves on the north side were repaired and painted.

New heavy duty "half round" gutters and downspouts were installed. The upper part of the wall was tuckpointed and water repellent was applied. This work will keep the wall dry and will stop the water damage which has been an ongoing

problem for decades, ruining plaster and paint inside. The total cost was almost \$40,000.

The local Ball Painting Company has been chosen to repair and paint the bad areas inside. This work would not have been possible without the memorial gifts and donations to the capital improvements fund over the years.

-Peter White,
Trustees Chairman

p.s. The stone cross that was on top of the wall was relocated to the planting area outside the double blue doors at the suggestion of the contractor. It fits well there.

Directory Update



OOPS!
Ken Shears
cell phone number is
wrong in the directory.
The correct number is
740-816-5374

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<p>Mother's Day & Blanket Sunday 14</p>  <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>6:00 Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Naces</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Armed Forces Day 20</p> <p>8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans</p>
<p>Youth Sunday 21 Last Day of Sunday School</p>  <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 Picnic June Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>5:30 Stepping Up Meal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Holocaust Remembrance Day 24</p> <p>6:00 Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Ascension Day 25</p> <p>7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup -Faulks</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p>
<p>Summer Hours Begin 28</p> <p>10:00 Morning Worship June newsletter available today</p>	<p>Memorial Day 29</p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>6:00 Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">June 1</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup -volunteer needed</p>	<p>May Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blanket Sunday • Stepping Up Meals 	

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I am always astounded at the passage of time. The clock just keeps on ticking. It is almost summer. By the time this edition of the newsletter is published, the church will be on summer hours, which means a break from Sunday School until September. It also means 10 am worship, not to mention all the benefits of the season, sunshine and warmth, longer daylight, and vacations.

Let me congratulate Brianna Showalter upon high school graduation and Ian Ferguson upon graduation from the College of Wooster. We wish both of them well as they move on to the next stages of their lives.

Among the plans for the summer that are worth noting, is the 2nd Delaware Family Festival, a "block party" event sponsored by several churches, including First Baptist, and nonprofit organizations in the neighborhood. Last year we had a wonderful time and look forward to an expanded event this year. It is on the calendar for July 15, from 11 am to 3 pm. Like last year, we will take donations of bottled water as we get closer to the date, and we will once again be in charge of lawn games and similar activities. It is a good chance to foster a sense of community in Delaware.

I want also to mention another part of the summer plans; a summer preaching series. On selected Sunday evenings, we will gather at 6:30 pm to hear



sermons from prominent American preachers and have discussion. There are 3 dates; June 11, June 25, and July 9. I am listening to several sermons to select which ones we will hear and will announce the preachers and texts later, as the time draws near. We are planning an ice cream fellowship on June 25 to accompany the sermon that night, so get out the home-made ice cream makers.

Also, David Harris, though he has completed his field education from MTSO, has agreed to stay around for one more year as a pastoral intern and to continue working with our youth.

All-in-all, there is much to anticipate and to be thankful for. I hope for each of you a restful and fulfilling summer.

Blessings to all
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

Good morning First Baptist family,

I cannot believe how fast and swiftly the year has gone by! It truly has been a fantastic and wonderful year, and I am thankful for all of the prayers and participation from everyone within

the church as I went through my field education year. There was a lot of energy and enthusiasm among the youth throughout the year, most notably during the ecumenical visits that began this calendar year. I am grateful for the energy that they provided me, as well as all of the suggestions and insights that each of you as a congregation have brought from the "young at heart" perspective. For those of you that have not yet heard, I have decided to remain at First Baptist and continue working with the youth group through the end of next year, when I will graduate from MTSO. I look forward to another year of fun and excitement!

Because of the travel-heavy approach that many of us will be taking throughout the summer, there are no set activities planned for the youth in the month of June. As we prepare for the upcoming summer season, there will be some activities done by the youth as they are able to participate, as well as opportunities to prepare and think about the activities they would like to do when the new church year begins. Happy summer!

Blessings and Peace,
-David L. Harris, Jr.



Teacher Appreciation Conger Elementary School

On Monday, May 1st, 45 gift bags were delivered to the teachers of Conger Elementary by Pam Faulk and Mary Lou Lovell. The teachers really enjoyed the snacks that you donated and hand made items by Jeanne Ekelberry.

Thanks to all who brought items to fill the bags. Thanks to all who came to the Mission/Outreach Meeting and helped to assemble the bags.

A special thanks to Jeanne Ekelberry for spending many hours making pot holders, soup bowl holders, and bags for cooking potatoes in the microwave. Each one was so colorful and made of a different material. (Ask her about these).

Church Women United

Genevieve Peterson and Mary Lou Lovell attended the annual Church Women United Luncheon Meeting at St. Mark's Church on May 5th. Stephanie Rowe from Turning Point was the speaker. Turning Point (shelter for victims of domestic violence) will be opening a facility in Delaware. The Fellowship of the Least Coin offering was collected.

Easter Lilies

Thanks to all who purchased lilies to make our sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

Thank you to Candy Lee, Phil Lee, Deb Fogle, and Dr. Allison for ordering, receiving, and arranging the lilies for Easter.

They were beautiful!

Stepping Up Meals

We provided 2 meals for the Stepping Up class members at

Blanket Sunday

We honored the women of our lives on Mother's day, May 14, 2017 raising \$267.00 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

In Honor/Memory

Anonymous	In Honor of:	All Mothers
Mark Allison	In Memory of:	Fern Allison
Dan Chambers	In Memory of:	Ruth Chambers, Janet Layton
Erin and Larry Faulk	In Honor of:	Pam Faulk
Pam and Larry Faulk	In Honor of:	Evoleno Cole, Erin Faulk, Laurie Faulk, Pat Rose, Donna Mann
	In Memory of:	Florence Faulk, Mary Anderson, Jean Wickum
Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle	In Honor of:	Mary Lou Lovell, Carol Serviss
Pat Gosser	In Honor of:	Trudy Laslo, Heather Myford, Alicia Howe
Carol Grubbs	In Memory of:	Ruth Brown, June Grubbs Teresa Griffith
	In Honor of:	Anna Brown
Candy Lee	In Honor of:	Pat Gosser
	In Memory of:	Jean Scott
Dave Lovell	In Honor of:	Mary Lou Lovell, Debbie Fogle, Barbara Smith
	In Memory of:	Jennie Lovell, Margaret Morby, Rose Vespery
Jane Moore	In Memory of:	Willa Corder, Mary Alice Snyder, N. G. Corder, Jimmie Moore
Ken and Genevieve Peterson	In Memory of:	Their Mothers and Grandmothers
Jerry and Lana Palmer	In Honor of:	Their Children and Grandchildren
James Snyder	In Memory of:	Olive Snyder, Mary Alice Snyder, Minnie Snyder, Mary Robinson, Ruth Wiley, Libby Snider, Mamie Snider
Beth Trigg	In Memory of:	Anne Linn
Randy Turner	In Honor of:	Jennifer Turner, Melissa Mercer, Lorelea Matheny, Rowena Sizemore
Linda White	In Honor of:	Margaret Seckman

William St. Church on May 10th and May 22nd.

Thanks to all who purchased and prepared food for these dinners. The recipients are always so

pleased and appreciative. We also had donations for 2 gift cards to be given to class participants. You are all so generous with your time and donations to make this happen!

Tools of Hope

On Father's Day, June 18th, we will honor the men in our lives by giving donations to Church World Service. Your gift in memory or honor of a loved one will provide some needed tools to help build sustainable lives.

Volunteers For June

Kid Connection

I would like to thank all those who volunteered to help with Kid Connection this year - Pat Gosser, Debbie Fogle, Erin Faulk, Deb Nace, Larry Faulk, David Harris, Jennifer Turner, Candy Lee, Beth Trigg, Pam Shears, and of course, our teen helpers, Will and Gabe Fogle, Colin and Aidan Ferguson, and Bowen and Hannah Nace. We will take the summer off and be back at it in September. Thanks again to all of you. **-Pam Faulk**

Fellowship Time

There is a new sign-up sheet for the summer in the Gathering Place. Please sign up. Beverages will be provided. You only need to supply an easy snack such as cookies or cheese and crackers.

June 4 - Lovells
June 11 - Faulks
June 18 - Palmers
June 25 - Open (Please sign up)

Panera Pick-Up

There is a new sign-up sheet for the summer in the Gathering Place. You need to pick up the baked goods at Panera on Thursday night at closing, bag the items, and take them to Andrews House on Friday morning. If you have never done this and would like to learn how, there are "veterans" who would be happy to go with you the first time and show you the ropes. Just ask Pat Gosser, MaryLou Lovell, or Pam Faulk.

June 1 - Lovells
June 8 - Open (Please sign up)
June 15 - Open (Please sign up)
June 22 - Faulks
June 29 - Lees

Thank you all for volunteering

Birthdays and Anniversaries



June

- 2 Jerry & Lana Palmer
- 4 Pat Foor
- 8 Pam Faulk
Carol Serviss
- 10 Aidan Ferguson
Dave & MaryLou Lovell
Mike & Emilie Showalter
- 11 Randy & Jennifer Turner
- 12 Sam & Lindley Chesser
- 16 Chad Myford
- 17 Matt & Marci Cooper
- 19 Wyatt Cramer
- 21 Dan & Sherry Chambers
- 22 Alvin & Bev Cox
- 24 Beth Trigg

Please report any errors.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Dear First Baptist Family,

It is a common experience for many of us - a pin drops on a GPS map, marking a current location or indicating a destination, orienting us in space.

These map pins represent where we are and where we hope to go. The scriptures provide a similar point of reference, an orientation for our lives - God is near; love one another in truth and action; feed those who are hungry; clothe those who are naked; welcome those who are strangers. These texts help us position ourselves in relation to God and to one another by reminding us of our call to be here for one another, loving one another as God has loved us. Our destination, where our map pin sits, is near to the heart of God and alongside our neighbors who are suffering.

During the month of June, you will be hearing about the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This year our offering theme is "You Are Here." By this simple statement, we glorify God's faithful presence, affirm that Christ is uniquely present in those whom we serve, and celebrate how we are here for our neighbors in their times of need. One Great Hour of Sharing is present for people near and far in moments of crisis and calm because of your partnership and generosity.

**One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING**

You are here - in Nicaragua, where women are given training and tools to cultivate home gardens to provide nutritious food for their families.

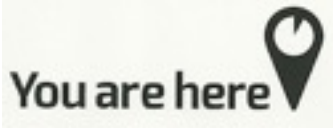
You are here - in West Virginia, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, New York, Oklahoma, South Carolina, China, Cuba, the Congo, Haiti, and India to provide flood, storm, tornado, and hurricane relief.

You are here - in the Belmont Baptist Church in Nebraska to provide arson relief.

You are here - in the Rowville Baptist Church in New York to provide relief from a plant shutdown

You are here - in Ecuador and Japan with earthquake relief.

You are here - in Lebanon, Hungary, Mexico, the U.S., and elsewhere around the world where refugees are receiving food, water, and medicine with dignity.



Our goal this year is \$700. To help you decide how much to give, you will find a Sharing Calendar in this newsletter. Each day asks you to give a certain number of units for a specific reason. Please read the calendar each day and give appropriately.

You may decide what your giving unit will be for your family- a penny, nickel, dime, quarter, dollar, 10 dollars, etc per unit. Please prayerfully consider your offering for the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Pam Faulk

Personals

- The May 10 Delaware Gazette had a front-page article about Ken Shears and his induction into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame for his bravery during the Vietnam War.
- Charles Ekelberry was in the ER with an infection in his finger.
- Ray Serviss was in the hospital for a heart procedure.
- Mike Showalter had emergency back surgery recently.
- Raleigh Gosser thanks everyone for their prayers and support for his recent medical problem.
- Dr. Mark Allison wrote an article in the May 26th Delaware Gazette.

Sunday School

Teacher Appreciation

Please take the time to thank our Sunday school teachers from this past year. They were Mark Allison, Pat Gosser, Larry Faulk, Pam Faulk, and substitutes David Harris, Randy Turner, and Jennifer Turner.

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).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Dr. Ernest Jones	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Rev. Jane Gibbons	Condolences on her father's death

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

Youth Sunday

Thanks to all the youth and to David Harris for leading the service on Youth Sunday.

Thanks to Will Fogle, Colin Ferguson, and Aidan Ferguson for playing a beautiful violin prelude.

Thanks to all in the combined adult choir and youth who sang "Jesus Loves Me".

Delaware City Schools Summer Lunch Program

What: Serve lunch and /or help with an activity, clean tables, sanitizing hands.

Where: Second Ward Community Initiative (54 Ross St. , Delaware)

When : Monday through Friday beginning Tues., May 30th -Fri. , August 11th

Time: 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

For more information call Carrie Grogan 740-833-1619

Many from the church have helped with this program. Check the bulletin board for information. There is a form to fill out.

General Fund Improves

Due to increased giving during April and limiting expenses where possible, the general fund balance has improved. April was the first month this year that income exceeded expenses.

As of the publication of this newsletter, our deficit for the year to date in the general fund is \$2,250. Your generosity and commitment to regular giving is essential to balancing our budget.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

Cards/Letters to Missionaries

We have an opportunity to send cards and letters to ABC missionaries in Thailand, mainly Jeni Pedzinski, and Jeff and Annie Dieselberg. Dr. Francesca Nuzzolese, Professor of Pastoral Care at MTSO, will be traveling there for the Baptist World Alliance in July, and is able to pass along messages of support.

Please give any messages to the pastor.

The Second Annual Family Festival (block party)

will be
Saturday, July 15th
11am - 3pm
on Winter Street

FBC will again host a games area

Mark your calanders
Free Food - Free Fun

Sharing Calendar 2017

One Great Hour of Sharing

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I was hungry...	"... Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.'" Matthew 26:26 Give 2 units in thanksgiving for Jesus' incarnation.	800 million, or approximately 1 in 9, people in the world do not regularly have enough to eat. Give 1 unit for every meal you eat today.	In 2016, droughts caused severe food shortages in Ethiopia, Central America, and elsewhere. Give 1 unit for every grocery store in your town or neighborhood.	Since 1990, the number of malnourished people in the developing world has fallen by almost half, thanks to food security and development projects. Give 1 unit in celebration of this progress and 1 unit to continue the work.	Being able to start a vegetable garden, with seeds provided through OGHS partners, can provide food and economic security. Give 1 unit for each vegetable in your refrigerator.	The U.S. wastes 33 million tons of food — \$165 billion worth — each year. Give 1 unit in repentance for each food item that has gone bad in your refrigerator /pantry this week.	"I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat." Give 3 units to provide food for someone who is hungry.
I was thirsty...	"A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'" John 4:7 We remember that Jesus shared in the human experience of thirst. Give 1 unit for every drink you have today.	663 million people worldwide do not have regular access to clean water. Give 1 unit for every water bottle in your home.	Rain collection, cisterns, and irrigation systems help communities mitigate drought conditions. Give 1 unit if you have ever collected rain water.	1.9 billion people have gained access to clean drinking water since 1990. Give 1 unit in celebration of this progress and 1 unit to continue the work.	Women and girls in Africa and Asia often spend more than 6 hours collecting water every day. Give 2 units if your commute was less than 6 hours today.	The water crisis in Flint, MI brought to public attention the severe effects of contaminants in water supplies and the importance of good infrastructure. Give 1 unit for every tap in your home.	"I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink." Give 3 units to increase access to clean water by helping communities build wells, small dams, cisterns, and filtration systems.
I was a stranger...	"You are no longer strangers ... but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God" Ephesians 2:19 Give 2 units in celebration of the full household of God.	More than 65 million people have been forcibly displaced from their homes worldwide. Give 1 unit if home is a place where you feel safe.	"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me.'" Mark 10:14 More than 2000 children are being held in family detention centers in the US awaiting asylum hearings. Give 1 unit for every child in your family.	OGHS partners help settle more than 7000 refugees in the United States every year. Give 1 unit in celebration of these efforts and 1 unit to continue the work.	Nearly 10 million displaced persons are categorized as stateless (not considered a national of any country). Give 1 unit if you enjoy the benefits of citizenship.	Poverty and hunger are key reasons for unauthorized immigration from Latin America to the U.S. Give two units to help address these root causes.	"I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." Give 3 units to support relief and resettlement efforts for refugees and humanitarian responses for immigrants.
I was sick...	"But a Samaritan while traveling came near him ... He went to him and bandaged his wounds ... brought him to an inn, and took care of him." Luke 10:33-34 Give 2 units in thankfulness for those who show mercy.	Waterborne illnesses kill more people than all forms of war and violence combined, but access to clean water and adequate sanitation can prevent the spread of these illnesses. Give 1 unit for every toilet in your home.	In 2015, more than 300,000 women died from maternal causes. Give 2 units if the women you know have access to reproductive care.	Since 2000, global rates of HIV/AIDS, Malaria, Tuberculosis, and several other major diseases have seen decreases of 40% or more. Give 1 unit in celebration of these efforts and 1 unit to continue the work.	OGHS partners help provide basic medical supplies and psychological care to thousands of people living in refugee camps. Give 1 unit for every bottle of medicine in your home.	Environmental toxins such as fertilizers and industrial waste contribute to weakened immune responses, especially in children. Give 1 unit if anyone in your family has recovered from an illness this year.	"I was sick, and you took care of me." Give 3 units to help provide medical care and prevent illness around the world.

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June

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
June Mission Focus: • One Great Hour of Sharing • Tools of Hope 		29	30	1	2	3	
Pentecost 10:00 Morning Worship Communion 	4	5	6	7	8	10	
	7:00 Piecemakers		6:00 Choir	8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovells		9:00 Women's Breakfast at The Jug	
10:00 Morning Worship 1:30 Mission/Outreach Meeting 6:30 Preaching Study	11	12	13	Flag Day 14 	15	16	17
	6:30 Deacons			8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed		8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans	
Father's Day & Tools of Hope Sunday 10:00 Morning Worship July Newsletter Deadline 	18	19	20	First Day of Summer 21 	22	23	24
				7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup -Faulks			
10:00 Morning Worship 6:30 Preaching Study & Ice Cream Social July newsletter available today 	25	26	27	28	29	30	July 1
			6:00 Choir	8:45 Panera Pickup -Lees			

Good News Letter

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The recent shooting in Washington D.C. at the Republican baseball team practice has been associated with the extreme partisan rhetoric that has characterized much political and cultural dialogue over the last few decades. My heartfelt prayers go out to all those who were injured. The extreme speech is a concern to me. Since some of the angry voices are religious, and Christian, it is good to speak about this “crisis of rhetoric.”

My attention is drawn to St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians in which he writes, “I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.” (4:17) He goes on to describe what is meant and in that description we find these words, “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen . . . Get rid of all bitterness, rage, and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.” (4:29-30, 32)

No one can prove that the over-charged rhetoric caused the shooting. Nonetheless one can see how the nature of a conversation, if not restrained, can easily lead to a toxic environment, one that is destructive, characterized by



malice instead of love, and in which violence may more easily result.

For a long time I have been saddened by this situation, seeing Christians on both sides of our cultural divide treat one another without respect. Some in Washington have expressed the desire to “dial back the rhetoric.” I am not sure that it will happen, but I am for it.

At the very least, I am confident that we can do better. I think we all want to do better. I think we desire kindness and compassion rather than bitterness, anger, and rage. Thus, in addition to being concerned and saddened, I am also very hopeful.

One source of hope comes in the form of the Delaware Family Festival. I have mentioned it before and I need to advertise for it because it is in July. It is on July 15, as a matter of fact, from 11 am to 3 pm on Winter St. Everyone who can and wants to come is invited to help with the lawn games, donate bottled

water, or just come and join the fun.

But I am not just working it in, I also want to say that this one small event and others like it give me hope because they are specifically motivated by the desire to build up community and not tear it down. I am hopeful because whenever an event like this is proposed, there is an excitement to participate that reveals an instinct to make things better. Follow that instinct; it is consistent with the scripture and the Spirit of Christ.

Hope you are having a wonderful summer.

Blessings
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

As the summer continues to move forward and our minds gear toward 4th of July fireworks and continued vacations, we are reminded of the excitement and relaxation that the summer brings to us after a year's worth of work. In the midst of our summer joys, let us continue to be mindful that just as the weather is bright and beautiful, so too are our hearts when we keep our hearts and minds on the work and the worship of the church.

During the month of July, you will be sure to find some of the youth of the church at the Delaware Block Party on July 15th. There is also a youth group gathering

tentatively scheduled for July 23rd when the youth will simply gather to meet and have fun, although the date is subject to change pending availability of the group.

Happy continued summer!

Blessings and Peace,
-David L. Harris, Jr.

**Andrews House
 Volunteers Needed**

FBC is scheduled to serve and clean up at the Andrews House Second Friday dinner on July 14th and volunteers are needed. Please let me know if you can help that evening from 5:30 pm until about 7 pm. Thanks,
 -Larry Faulk 740-362-8637 or
 lfaulk01@aol.com

Volunteers For July

Fellowship Time

July 2- Gosser
 July 9- Lee
 July 16- Faulk
 July 23- Open(please sign up)
 July 30- Open(please sign up)

Panera Pick-Up

July 6- Gosser
 July 13- Faulk
 July 20- Lovell
 July 27- Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering

Please notice that there are two openings left for Fellowship Time. Beverages and paper products are provided. You only need to provide a snack item.



Tools of Hope

- Thank You First Baptist! We contributed \$296.00 to Church World Service on Father's Day 2017. Your donations will help Church World Service provide help and relief to those struggling in poverty and recovering from disasters. What a great tribute to the men who have influenced our lives!

Randy Turner, Financial Secretary

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Phil Lee

Mary Lou and Dave Lovell

Jane Moore

Jerry and Lana Palmer

Ken and Genevieve Peterson

Jim Snyder

Archie J. Trigg

Randy Turner

Linda White

Honoring/Memorializing

In Honor of: Bocky Allison

In Memory of: O. Chambers, Bill Layton

In Honor of: Larry Faulk

In Honor of: Jeff Faulk, Keith Anderson

In Memory of: Ralph Cole, Donald Faulk, Ron Rose, Bill Faulk, Wilbur Wickum

In Honor of: Dave Lovell, Ray Serviss

In Memory of: Willard G. Fogle, Ray Morby, Robert Lovell

In Honor of: Raleigh Gosser

In Memory of: Vernon Howe

In Honor of: Jim Brown

In Memory of: Charles Brown, Fred Grubbs Sr.

In Memory of: Gene Lathrop, Cap Gabriel

In Memory of: Andrew Lee, Floyd Scott

In Honor of: Dr. Richard Lovell,

Dr. Mark Allison, Dave Lovell

In Memory of: Dr. Robert Lovell,

Raymond Morby

In Honor of: Jim Snyder

In Memory of: N. G. Corder, Jimmie Moore

In Memory of: C. W. Palmer, Ben Turney

In Memory of: Ebert Peterson, Vernon MacNeill

In Honor of: Bruce Peterson, Steve Rhodes

In Memory of: Aldon Brooks Snyder

In Memory of: Archie L. Trigg

In Honor of: Heryl Turner, Jim Snyder

In Memory of: Jimmie Moore

In Honor of: Michael Seckman

In Memory of: Charles Seckman

**Do You Have Any
 Lawn Games?**

We are looking for a few lawn games to be used at the Family Festival on July 15. We are looking for games that are easy to play and do not take up a lot of

space. If you have any that our church can use, please loan them to the pastor or to Larry Faulk. If you have your name on them, they can be returned to you after the festival.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



July

- 1 Bob & Pat Foor
- 2 Chris & Sarah Byall
- 3 Phil Mercer
- 6 Lindley Chesser
Sam Chesser
Raleigh & Pat Gosser
- 12 Phil & Candy Lee
Pam Shears
- 14 Sarah Bowman
Chad & Christina Kilhefner
Lucas Smith
- 15 Sandy VanBrimmer
- 17 Nichelle Trigg
- 18 Chad Kilhefner
Peter & Linda White
- 19 Jarrod Trigg
- 21 Dan Chambers

Please report any errors.

Do You Have Water?

We are in need of bottled water to donate for use at the Family Festival on July 15. Please consider bringing a case or two in the next few weeks. We will store them in the fellowship hall until the festival.

Personals

- Ray Serviss is recovering from being hospitalized and having a heart stint put in.
- Pam Faulk is recovering from surgery on her face to remove a basal cell cancer.
- Jonathan and Samuel Allison visited over the Memorial Day weekend.
- Matthew Lovell visited his family in June.
- At Delaware Hayes, Breanna Showalter was named to the Distinguished Honor Roll, Colin Ferguson was on the Honor Roll,

and Will Fogle was on the Merit Roll for the fourth quarter.

- Erin Faulk took a cruise to Iceland and Scotland in June.
- On June 3 Hadley Soderquist and Rick Parfenchuk were married in our church. The bride's step-father Daniel Moore participated in the wedding. He is a Baptist minister in Dayton and was a friend of Pastor Allison's from seminary. Rick is the grandson of Janet Lathrop.
- Evan and Samuel Allison visited here for Father's Day.
- Dave and MaryLou Lovell celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on June 10.
- Please keep Ken and Genevieve Peterson in your prayers. Ken suffered a fall over Memorial Day weekend. There were no broken bones, but he does have significant lumbar deterioration and mobility issues. He is undergoing physical therapy, but still needs a lot of help. Their son Bruce and granddaughter Casey visited for Father's Day. They appreciate all your prayers, cards, and support.

Thank You Notes:

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

Thank you for the amazing book. It was a thoughtful gift, and I very much appreciate it.

Thank you,
-Jan Ferguson

Dear Members of First Baptist Church:

The Salvation Army Anti-Human Trafficking Program wants to thank you for all the donations you provided us. You are helping change the lives of many victims through your donations.

Sincerely,
*-Malaya Thompson,
Regional Case Manager*

Dear Mary Lou, Jeanne, Lana, Pat, (and others),

What a great team you are!

We are so grateful for your continuing support of our Getting Ahead program. The taco bar was great and obviously well-received. It was so good to have you join us for dinner and conversation. Your partnership in this important effort is valued and sincerely appreciated. Together we are making a difference in the lives of many!

Blessings and gratitude,
-Bonnie

Dear Mark,

Please convey our heartfelt thanks to MaryLou (especially!) and all of the others who provided last evening's Getting Ahead meal. It was healthy, delicious, and clearly enjoyed by all of us!! The "take-homes" are always greatly appreciated too! We are also grateful for the gift cards you provided - our biggest expense, for sure!

We value your ongoing partnership in this important ministry!

Gratefully,
-Nancy Miller

Trustee Notes:

The plaster repair and painting has been completed on the north wall of the Gathering Place and in the south vestibule room at a cost of \$1,325.

-Peter White, trustees chair

Opening PanDORA's Box?

Should we be opening a PanDORA's box? (DORA is the acronym chosen to describe the downtown area open drinking concept – Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area.)

I wonder how many are aware that the Delaware City Council is

considering changes to our city ordinances that will encourage more drinking of alcohol in our downtown public areas.

As is clear from the police report section of the Delaware Gazette, our local officers are already regularly called upon to deal with public intoxication or underage drinking. Whatever the supposed benefits to the businesses that anticipate making more money by pushing their clientele out the door more quickly, the further damage to a unique hometown atmosphere makes that profit hard to justify.

The next meeting of our Delaware City Council members is on Monday, June 26th from 6.30 p.m. at City Hall. This will be an opportunity for all who are concerned about the outcome of this proposal to be there to show their interest, and possibly voice their views.

Mission/Outreach News

Our Mission Emphasis for June was "Tools of Hope" and the "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering. On Father's Day, June 18th, we collected an offering to supply tools to those in need coordinated through Church World Service. The money for tools was given in honor or in memory of the men in our lives..

We continue to pick up unsold items from Panera that are given to those in the community in need. Please think about helping with this ministry. Check the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place. Ask Pat Gosser if you have questions or would like to pick-up items Thurs. evening, wrap them, and/or deliver them to Andrews House on Friday morning. This is a weekly commitment so it takes many people.

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(The rebagging of items goes really quickly when several people help and we have good conversation and a few laughs).

The Delaware City Schools free lunch program continues. Anyone interested in helping to serve, contact Carrie Grogan at 740-833-1619. The time volunteers is needed is 11:45-1:15 at the Second Ward Community Initiative 54 Ross St. , Delaware

One of our Mission/Outreach opportunities for July will include assisting with the lawn games for for the "Block Party" Family Festival on July 15th (11a.m.-3p.m.). We will need bottles of water donated for this event. Please bring them to the church any time before July 15th. We would appreciate having a variety of lawn games, as well. It was great fun last year! Don't miss out! If you have questions check with Larry Faulk or Dr. Allison.

Our second opportunity for July is to help Conger students have a great beginning of the school year by providing the necessary school supplies. Pencils, erasers, colored pencils, glue sticks and money for head phones are always needed. (Envelopes are available in the pew rack)

Our third opportunity is to send cards, letters, and thoughts to Jeni Pedzinski and Jeff and Annie Dieselberg through Dr. Francesca Nuzzolese, Professor of Pastoral Care at MTSO, who will be traveling to Thailand in July. Please take a minute to look through Mrs. Peterson's cards in the Gathering Place and write a note. Dr. Allison will collect the cards.

A fourth opportunity is to help with the Second Friday meal held at Andrews House. Our church will be serving and cleaning up from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on July 14th. See Larry Faulk if you can help.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, July 15th at 1:30 p.m. We welcome you and your ideas! Please come join us at the church.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">June 25</p> <p>10:00 Morning Worship</p> <p>July newsletter available today</p>	26	27	28	29	30	1
<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>10:00 Morning Worship - Communion</p>	3	<p>Independence Day</p> 	5	6	7	8
<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>10:00 Morning Worship</p> <p>6:30 Preaching Study</p>	10 <p>7:00 Piecemakers</p>	11 <p>7:00 Trustees</p>	12	13 <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	14 <p>5:30 Serve at Second Friday Dinner</p>	15 <p>8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans</p> <p>11-3 Family Festival</p>
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According to the Google dictionary, "providence," refers to the protective care of God and the timely preparation for future eventualities. It is the idea that God has ordered our lives for our benefit. I remember a particular experience that I have considered to be providential.

It takes a little explaining. When I lived and served in Illinois, I was befriended and helped and in a way mentored by a retired pastor named Gary Nelsen. In the Great Rivers Region (GRR), unlike the ABC/OH, there are no local associations. Instead there are five "areas." Each area has about 50 churches and is served by an area minister. The church in Staunton where I served was in Area 5, which consisted of all the churches in the State of Missouri and in Illinois the churches in the St. Louis metro-east.

Around the year 2000, the Area 5 minister retired, and before a new area minister was called, the decision was made to move some of the churches in the metro-east into areas in Illinois because of the burden of covering all of Missouri, clearly the geographically largest area in the region. Our church was moved into Area 2, which is the area around Springfield, Illinois, to our north.

Area 2 was the only area that had a part-time position entitled, "pastor to pastors." The position was filled by Gary Nelsen, who called me and took me out to



lunch only a few months after our church had been reassigned. That is how we met. Down through the years he helped me through difficult times and even after his position was eliminated, he prayed for me and continued to provide support, even after I came here to Ohio.

This decision was not political, but administrative, done for practical reasons. I am sure that when the GRR board met to make this decision, they did not think about the relationships that would result. When I told the church that we were being assigned to Area 2, I did it only as FYI, just to keep them informed, and that is the way they took it.

When Gary first called, I did not even realize why he was calling, nor did I realize the connection between the administrative decision and his outreach to me. Most of the time little organizational decisions are not that meaningful.

The reason I met the person who helped me most was a very mundane and practical

administrative decision that created a connection I have always considered providential. That is the way God sometimes works among us.

As we move from summer to fall, get ready to resume Sunday School, participate in the Crop Walk, host ABC missionaries Emerson and Ivy Wu in October, and continue in other ministries that are a part of our life together, let us remember that God works in mysterious ways, that sometimes even the least important happenings work to a larger purpose.

Blessings
-Mark

Philip A. Lee

Philip A. Lee, 67, of Delaware and formerly of Barberton, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday evening, July 22, 2017 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus.



He was born November 18, 1949 in Barberton, Ohio to the late Andrew and Christine (Carter) Lee and graduated from Barberton High School. He later proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

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Philip lived most of his life in Barberton until recently moving to Delaware. He was a member of the Norton Community Church of the Nazarene and was currently attending the First Baptist Church in Delaware. He was an avid fisherman and loved taking care of his boys.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 37 years, Candace (Howe); sons, Timothy Lee of Barberton and Brennan Howe of Delaware; sisters and brothers-in-law, Pat and Raleigh Gosser, Bob and Trudy Laslo, Bim and Maureen Howe, Tom and Patty Scott, Barb Howe, Vickie Howe and Mark Milhoan; 15 nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews also survive.

In addition to his parents, Philip was preceded in death by his mother and father-in-law Jean and Floyd Scott, brothers-in-law Glenn and James Howe and his sister-in-law Evelyn Milhoan.

Mission/Outreach News

The second annual Family Festival held July 15th was a success. Thanks to all who came to help with lawn games. We had a variety of activities: ladder ball, bean bag toss, bubbles, side walk chalk, Noah's Arc jig saw puzzle, coloring of stain class windows on paper, origami, checkers, and frisbees. There was something for all ages and it was great to see many people stop by and find something they wanted to try! The weather was sunny and warm. We are looking forward to next year's Family Festival.

Conger School Supplies

During the month of July we collected school supplies for those needing them at Conger Elementary School. The box included pencils, erasers, folders, notebooks, crayons, and glue sticks. Money was donated for ear phones as well. Games for indoor recess were also given. Thank you so much for getting the students at Conger off to a good start this school year!

August Undy Sundays

It's back! August is the month that we donate all sizes of new underwear and they are given to Common Ground to give to those in need. Children's underwear is really appreciated. Let's fill a box or 2 !

Panera Pick Up Continues!

The sign up sheet is in the gathering room. Please sign up to pick up the unsold items Thurs. evening at 8:50 from Panera, bag them, and deliver them on Friday morning to Andrews House.

If you have not participated in this yet, ask someone who is on the sign-up sheet how easy it is. Be a part of this to help provide food to those in need in our community.

Next Missions/Outreach Meeting

Summer is winding down and we are thinking about plans for September. We would like ideas and to have you join us for our next meeting, August 20th at 1:30 at the church.

-Mary Lou Lovell

Volunteers For August

Fellowship Time

Aug 6- Gosser
Aug 13- Open (Please sign up)
Aug 20- Lee
Aug 27- Open (Please sign up)

Panera Pick-Up

Aug 3- Gosser
Aug 10- Open (Please sign up)
Aug 27- Open (Please sign up)
Aug 24- Faulk
Aug 31- Nace

Thank you all for volunteering

Please notice that there are two openings left for Fellowship Time. Beverages and paper products are provided. You only need to provide a simple snack item.

OGHS

Thank you so much for your contributions to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Our current total is \$475. I am sorry that we did not meet our goal of \$700.

-Pam Faulk

Thank You Notes

We received the following thank you notes recently. These can be found on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place also.

We appreciate all of the love and support you have given us- especially during the last month when Ken's mobility has been so challenged. He is taking physical therapy to help him gain strength to move about in a Rollator walker. Thanks for your prayers and willingness to help in a variety of ways. We miss being able to be with you in worship.

Ken and Genevieve Peterson

America for Christ 2017

Thank you for your generosity! Since 1824, American Baptist Home Mission Societies has been faithful to God's call. We continue the marvelous and significant legacy of proclaiming the Gospel, empowering congregations, ministering to people's needs and advocating for justice. God is faithful! Because of your financial support to the America for Christ Offering 2017, churches and leaders are connecting with people and demonstrating the compassion of Christ in their local communities. Every day, real change is happening, and the promises of God are being fulfilled. Together, we are making life changing impact one person at a time.

Thank you for your recent gift of \$563 to Church World Service. Your support to our programs is greatly appreciated. Your generous gift is helping those around the world.

With peace,
Heather Willson, CWS

(There are two certificates on the bulletin board which went with this note. They are for contributions for Blanket Sunday and Tools of Hope).

Personals

- Jeanne Ekelberry recently visited her family in West Virginia for a reunion.

- Dave and MaryLou Lovell attended a family reunion in Atlanta.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



August

- 3 Ray & Carol Serviss
- 4 Gabe Fogle
- 5 Bruce & Liz Bowman
Carrie Trigg
- 7 Jennifer Cramer
- 8 Kate Cooper
Ryan Cooper
Jean Syler
- 11 Steve & Tammy Ferguson
- 17 Andrew Smith
- 18 Larry & Pam Faulk
- 20 Brennan Howe
- 21 Ken & Genevieve Peterson
- 23 Bev Cox
- 24 Ken Shears
- 25 Raleigh Gosser
- 27 Penny Hagaman
Linda White
- 30 Archie Trigg

Please report any errors.

- Deborah Guebert took a trip to Philadelphia last month to visit her parents.

- Pat Gosser expressed her thanks to all who delivered meals to their house while Phil Lee was hospitalized.

- Jane Moore Snyder is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

- Dan and Sherry Chambers recently traveled to Lakeside, Ohio, and attended a concert there.

- The Palmers wish to thank everyone for their prayers for their granddaughter Morgan and their son Steve.



Common Ground Free Store Fundraiser

Since 2006, Common Ground Free Store has been serving Delaware and surrounding communities by providing free meals, clothing, and life supplies to families and individuals who need them. They are having a fundraiser:

Fashions and Fixin's Fundraiser

Friday, August 25, 2017
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The Homestead of Radnor
2866 State Route 203,
Radnor, Ohio

Early Bird tickets \$35.00 each or \$65.00 per couple
Tickets purchased after August 10th are \$40. each or \$75.00 per couple.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the website

www.commongroundfreestore.org or bristau7@gmail.com

Directory Update

Jerry & Lana Palmer
have a new email address:

mrbear15@wowway.com

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.
Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Lee & Gosser families	Condolences for the death of Phil Lee
Chad Kilhefner & family	Chad's mothers health
Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Dr. Ernest Jones	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Ken Peterson	Health Issues
Ray Serviss	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!

Nomination Time

Please begin thinking about opportunities to serve next year as an officer or board member for First Baptist Church. The nominating committee will soon meet to develop a slate of officers for 2018. Boards and committees should let Randy Turner know who their representative to the nominating committee is.

You Are Invited to a ballgame

The Men's Fellowship would like to invite all of the First Baptist family and friends to join in attending a Columbus Clippers baseball game on Friday, August 18th. The Clippers take on The Pawtucket Red Sox at 7:15 pm.

We plan to purchase a block of tickets so that we can sit together to enjoy fellowship and the game. There is a signup sheet in the gathering place for your commitment. Please signup by August 6 so that we can order a block of tickets.



Financial Report

Copies of the Second Quarter 2017 Financial Report are available in the Welcome Center. Your generous offerings and FBC's conservative expenditures have enabled us to complete the first half of the year spending only \$1,835 more than we received in the general fund.

Our outreach ministries continue on target with our goals. Midway through the year, we have contributed almost half of what we expect to contribute when the year is completed. The only special offering still below our goal is the One Great Hour of Sharing.

While we have spent over \$40,000 renovating the North wall, we still have reasonable balances in our memorials and capital improvement funds. Thank you for your contributions of nearly \$4,500 for the first half of the year to these funds.

For more detail on income and expenses, pickup a copy of the financial report or contact me.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

August

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>July 30</p> <p>10:00 Morning Worship</p> <p>August Newsletter Available</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00 Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>10:00 Morning Worship - Communion</p>	<p>Purple Heart Day 7</p> <p>7:00 Piecemakers Picnic</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 Women's Breakfast at The Jug</p>
← Dr. Allison on vacation →						
<p>13</p> <p>10:00 Morning Worship</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>BACK TO SCHOOL!</p> <p>First Day for students -DCS</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup -volunteer needed</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans</p>
<p>20</p> <p>10:00 Morning Worship</p> <p>1:30 Mission/Outreach Meeting</p> <p>September Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 Parish Council</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup -Faulks</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>10:00 Morning Worship</p> <p>Youth Group Gathering</p> <p>September newsletter available today</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:30 Board of Christian Ed</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00 Choir</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Naces</p>	<p>August Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Ground Free Store • Undy Sundays 	

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As the summer is drawing to a close, we begin to think about fall events and activities. In Delaware, the Horse Parade is right around the corner, along with the county fair and the Little Brown Jug. The new students at MTSO and OWU have arrived and all the schools are back in session. Once again, school buses fill the roadways all over town.

At church we anticipate the resumption of Sunday School. Rally Day is September 10th. In addition to the children and youth classes, there will be two adult classes again this year. One will be taught by Pat Gosser. The other is the pastor's class which will begin with a study of the Writings of the Old Testament (as opposed to the Law and the Prophets). The Writings include Psalms, Proverbs, Song of Songs, Job, Ecclesiastes and Lamentations, Ezra and Nehemiah, Daniel, I and II Chronicles, Ruth and Esther. After an overview, the class will begin with the study of the Book of Esther. As a teaser, I might mention that Esther is the only book in the Bible that does not mention God in any way. This is a good time to try out Sunday School if it has not been your habit.

I would like also to take the time to emphasize Mission's Sunday

on October 8th, even though that requires looking ahead to next month. Along with the Central Community Baptist Church in Waldo, we will be hosting

Emerson and Ivy Wu, ABC missionaries serving in Hong Kong, and also Sarah McCurdy, who serves in Costa Rica.

Although we will meet in the Sunday School hour, there will be no Sunday School, as there will be missions programming instead. I encourage everyone to come and be a part of the entire program even if the earlier hour is not a normal Sunday routine. Details about the program will be forthcoming as plans are put together. Afterward a potluck lunch is planned.

As the weather cools and fall colors begin to appear, we anticipate God's presence in all we do; guiding, teaching, comforting, assuring our salvation in every season of the year and of our lives.

Blessings,
- Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

Can you believe how quickly the summer has flown by? I cannot believe it either.

Summer is winding down, and the weather is soon about to change to represent the fall season.

As school years begin across the country and across all levels, the transition from vacation to work catches some off guard and provides a sense of relief for others. Our minds shift from a mindset of relaxation to preparing for the year ahead. The same holds true within our church life.

As Rally Day approaches, marking the beginning of a new Sunday School year, the youth are gearing up for another year full of fun and fellowship. On Rally Day itself, the youth will gather at Smith Park on Troy Road at 5 PM for an afternoon of energy-filled excitement. As was the case last year, all members of the church are invited to join the youth in the afternoon fellowship.

On September 24th, the youth will continue their ecumenical church visitations by attending the morning worship at the Delaware campus of Lifepoint Church. I am looking forward to starting another exciting year with the youth of First Baptist.

Blessings and Peace,
-David L. Harris, Jr.



Thank You Notes

We received the following thank you notes recently. These can be found on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place also.

First Baptist Church Family,

I wanted to express my thanks for the floral arrangement you provided for my mother's funeral. It was a very lovely floral arrangement. Also, thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God bless all of you!

-Chad Kilhefner

To our church family,

There are no words to express our appreciation for everything you have done for us. Thank you for the food, the planter, but most of all, your prayers, love, and support. God has truly blessed us that he brought us to such a caring and loving church. Thank you so much.

-Love, the Lee Family

Dear First Baptist Parishioners,

Once again you have blessed us with your generous donation of much needed school supplies and headphones! We can't thank you enough for your thoughtfulness and time! We can help many students in need of supplies now, thanks to you.

Looking forward to a wonderful school year.

*Yours, Josh Page,
Principal Conger Elem.*

(Josh just happens to be a former student of Pam Faulk from Jonathan Alder.)

Thank You

We recently received a very nice thank you letter from Neighborhood Ministries in Trumbull County. We send a donation to them each year through our mission giving. They

are affiliated with ABC. USA and serve a very depressed area. You can read the entire letter on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



September

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

Please report any errors.

Treasurers Report

We continue to limit expenses in our general fund as much as possible. During the month of July, our income exceeded expenses by \$103. While our year-to-date deficit still remains at nearly \$3,300, we are hopeful that your generous offerings and our prudent spending will allow us to balance the general fund by the end of the year. Our mission giving is meeting our goals with the exception of the One Great Hour of Sharing.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

Personals

- Please be in prayer for the Kilhefner family. Chad's mother, Myra Kilhefner, passed away on August 3.

- Will Fogle played the violin for the July 30 worship service. Thank you, Will.
- Deborah Guebert is running for election to the Delaware School Board.
- During his vacation in August, Pastor Mark Allison visited Gettysburg, his sister in Virginia, and his sons, other sister and father in Missouri.
- Claire Turner vacationed in Vermont with friends.
- Randy and Claire Turner attended Family Camp in West Virginia.
- We have a new glider chair in the crib room. It is a gift from Marci and Matt Cooper.
- Jane Mercer will be studying abroad in Luxembourg this semester.

- Please be in prayer for former Pastor Tim Chesser who was recently hospitalized with heart issues. At this date, he was being scheduled for vascular surgery on his carotid artery followed by bypass surgery in a few weeks.

- Nine members of our fellowship had a good time attending a recent Clippers game, and they won!

- Carol Serviss fell and broke her foot. She is healing.

Choir Begins September 6th

Calling all those
who like to sing!
Please come join us in singing
praise our Lord!
Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Thank You!

The box overflowed with school supplies for Conger students!

The box included :

- 25 pairs of head phones
- 146 glue sticks
- 307 pencils
- 22 erasers
- 19 boxes of crayons
- 2 rulers
- 22 highlighters
- 11 boxes of colored pencils
- 3 games
- 9 folders
- 8 boxes of markers 2 binders
- 16 notebooks

Thank you for your generosity to help those students at Conger who would not have the needed supplies to get a good start to their school year!

Thank you to Gabe Fogle for helping pack up the supplies and deliver them to Conger.

Undy Sundays in August

Thanks to all who helped fill the box with new underwear! It will be given to the Common Ground Free Store to be given to those in need.

People In Need Collection for September

Our September mission focus is People In Need.

Their most needed items are:

- pork and beans
- macaroni
- kidney beans
- tomato sauce
- tuna
- cereal
- bar soap

Please consider putting an item or two on your grocery list and bringing it each Sunday in September so we can fill a box or two!

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.

Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Chad Kilhefner & family	Condolences for the death of Chad's mother
Tim Chesser	Heart & Vascular Surgery
Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Dr. Ernest Jones	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Ken Peterson	Health Issues
Carol Serviss	Broken Foot

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

Meals for Stepping Up Class Participants

We will be providing 2 meals for those in the Stepping Up class held at William St. Church on October 23 and 30. The sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering Place for those who would like to provide a food item, prepare a dish and/or serve the meal (4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.). If you have questions, call Mary Lou Lovell 740-369-6041.

Rally Day / Sunday School

September 10 will be Rally Day when we begin our Sunday school classes for the year. We will kick off the morning with coffee, juice, and pastries at 9:15 and then continue on to our classes at 9:30. The worship service will begin at 10:45.

Pat Gosser will be teaching the Adult I Class, and Jerry Palmer will be her substitute. She will be using the Judson Baptist curriculum again this year.

Lessons for September will come from Genesis, Exodus, and Ezekiel. Session titles are "The Rainbow," "Sabbath Observance," and "Spirit-Filled Heart."

Pastor Mark Allison will teach the Adult II Class, and he will be looking at the "Writings" in the Old Testament. His substitute is Randy Turner.

Larry Faulk will teach the Teen Class for grades 7-12, and David Harris is his substitute.

Pam Faulk will teach the Youth Class for grades K-6, and her substitute is Candy Lee. We invite you all to attend Sunday school this year and be part of a very special fellowship.

Garden Dedication

During worship on September 10th, we will dedicate the Stephenson Garden. James B. Stephenson was a long-time pastor here. His son, Jim Stephenson was our long-time choir director and published our monthly newsletter. He also managed our flowers and the flowerbeds here at FBC often using plants from his mother Sophia's garden. When Jim passed away earlier this year, we decided to honor him and his family by dedicating the corner flowerbed on the north side of the church as the Stephenson Garden. Please join us in

worship on September 10th for the dedication.

Volunteers for September

There are new sign-up sheets in the Gathering Place for Kid Connection, Fellowship Time, and Panera Pick-up. All of these need your support. Right now, most of the blanks are empty.

Kid Connection is for children grades K-4, and they leave the service during the sermon. The volunteer simply needs to be with them and supervise. No planning is necessary. There are games and toys there for the children.

Once again we will ask our teens to be assistants to the adult volunteers, so that there are two people there if a need arises. On the rare occasion when an adult is needed in the Crib Room, the adult volunteer may be asked to go there, and the Teen volunteer would take the children for Kid Connection.

We pick up all the bread and pastry from our local **Panera** every Thursday night. You need to be there right before closing (about 8:45) to pick up the bags and boxes. Then take them home and bag the items and put them into bins. All bags and bins are supplied by the church. Then you need to take the items to Andrews House on Friday morning. If you would need help with any part of this, arrangements can be made for someone else to work with you. Just talk to Pat Gosser, Pastor Mark, MaryLou Lovell, or Pam Faulk about it.

Fellowship Time is after church every Sunday. We need volunteers who will supply a small snack item such as cookies, doughnuts, cheese and crackers, etc. It does not have to be a lot

because the fellowship is the main focus. Beverages, and paper products are supplies.

Please prayerfully consider adding your name to the sign-up sheets. Your assistance with these things is much appreciated.

Mark Your Calendar

Please mark October 8 on your calendar as Mission Sunday.

Three missionaries will be visiting us that Sunday, Emerson and Ivy Wu from Hong Kong and Sarah McCurdy from Costa Rica. You won't want to miss this. More details will come in the October newsletter, but please plan to come and spend the whole morning, lunchtime, and afternoon.


Directory Update

Jerry & Lana Palmer
have a new email address
and phone number:
mrbear15@wowway.com
740-990-0342

September

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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
September Mission Focus: • People In Need (PIN)			Aug 30	31	1	2
3 10:00 Morning Worship - Communion	4 Labor Day 	5	6 7:00 Choir	7 8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed	8	9 9:00 Women's Breakfast at The Jug
10 Rally Day 9:15 Coffee, pastry 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Stephenson Garden Dedication 5:00 Youth at Smith Park 	11 Patriot Day  6:30 Deacons 7:00 Piecemakers	12	13 7:00 Choir	14 8:45 Panera Pickup -volunteer needed	15	16 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans ←
17 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:30 Mission/Outreach Meeting October Newsletter Deadline	18	19 Delaware County Fair	20 7:00 Choir	21 International Day of Peace 8:45 Panera Pickup -volunteer needed	22 First Day of Autumn 	23 →
24 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Marion Assoc. Fall Rally October newsletter available today	25	26	27 7:00 Choir	28 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup -Faulks	29	30

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October is a missions month. Allow me to make use of this emphasis as an opportunity to affirm our church's support for ministries such as People In Need (PIN), Common Ground Free Store, Helpline, Andrew's House, The Place of Warmth, Family Promise, Stepping Up, and the Salvation Army's work with the victims of human trafficking. We also support the ministries of the American Baptist Churches (ABCUSA); the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO), the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), America for Christ which supports the work of the ABC Home Missions Societies, and, of course, the October emphasis on the World Missions Offering (WMO).

This year it is our privilege to host two ABC foreign missionaries. On October 8th, along with the Central Community Baptist Church in Waldo, we will welcome Emerson and Ivy Wu from Hong Kong, and Sarah McCurdy from Costa Rica. We look forward on that day to an extended program that will begin at 9:30 A.M. and include presentations about their work, a worship experience, a pot luck fellowship meal, and time for questions. Be prepared for a Love Offering to cover their expenses. I look forward to meeting some of our missionaries in person.

I also want to take this opportunity to make sure you know how grateful I am to serve as your pastor. It has been a little over two years now. It is a privilege to

serve such an encouraging and generous congregation, exemplified by the involvement in all the aforementioned ministries. I am sure that we will continue to serve as a Christian witness in Delaware.



One of the September traditions here in Delaware is the county fair. I went and walked around. I watched a harness race. I ate some of the food. My attention was drawn to the building with the pigs and the goats. In Psalm 104:24, we read,

"How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures."

I guess I had never seen pigs that close up before and heard them squeal in person. Nature has a way of bringing forth praise.

If we find praise for creation in the 104th Psalm, we have also found encouragement about the source of our hope in the Psalm 131:3 with its refrain, "O Israel, hope in the Lord, from this time forth and forevermore."

As we anticipate our visits with the Wu's and Sarah McCurdy, and all these opportunities for service, including the quarterly

meeting at the end of October when the budget and nominating committee reports will be approved, it is good to be reminded that our hope is in the Lord.

Thanks,
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

The seasons are changing and we are entering the final quarter of 2017. Some of our minds have begun to shift toward the holiday season that is looming, while others are enjoying the last bits of the summer weather before fleece and flannel make their returns to our wardrobes. Our hearts also draw us into a presence and place of warmth, as we begin to meditate more on the comfort and growth that we experience from our families and our church community.

During the month of October, the youth will be quite active. On October 21st, the youth will be conducting an outdoor "clean-up," with the goal to collect and pick up as many leaves as possible. The following morning, the 22nd, the youth will be continuing their 4th Sunday ecumenical church worship by attending and worshipping at Asbury United Methodist Church. That evening, the youth will gather and discuss their experience.

Looking forward to another month full of fun!!

Blessings and Peace,
-David L. Harris, Jr.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



October

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

Please report any errors.

Thank You



Thank You All for this beautiful, meaningful prayer shawl. The special messages you wrote touch our hearts and the shawl itself fulfills its purpose by its comforting warmth. We are so blessed to be a part of this church family of faith. Our love to you.

-Ken and Genevieve Peterson

Stephenson Garden



From time to time memorable moments come into our lives that touch us deeply. The recent dedication of the Stephenson Garden is one of those very special occasions for us.

It is hard to describe our emotions as the beautiful garden was dedicated as a living memorial to our family. The engraved stone and 160-year-old cross from the church's roof are perfect compliments to the impatiens and hostas planted there.

All of the Stephensons are deeply grateful for this loving tribute.

-The Stephenson Family

Thank You

We received the following thank-you note recently.

On behalf of Common Ground Free Store, I would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$100.00 which we received on 8/30/2017. Because of your contribution, we are able to open our doors to the community four days each week and provide needed material goods and a warm meal. We serve over 1,000 meals and give away 9,000 personal and household items each month. This is only possible because of thoughtful contributions from people like

you. Again, we thank you for your support and helping us succeed in our mission to share God's love with our community.

Sincerely, - Sharon Griner,
Executive Director, Common
Ground Free Store Ministries



Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation month. Dr. Allison officially completed his second year as our pastor on Sept 1st. Please take this opportunity to show your appreciation to Dr. Allison.

Choose Your Favorite Hymn

In October and November we will be singing some of your favorite hymns. There will be an insert in the bulletin for you to fill in 3 of your favorite hymns and put the insert in the offering plate. We will include them on Sundays in October and November. We look forward to singing the hymns that are special to you!

Meals for Stepping Up Participants

In October we have the opportunity to prepare meals for those taking the Getting Ahead Class. (It is free training for those in the community who are committed to making a more stable life for themselves and their families). It is held at William St. Methodist Church. Community organizations and churches are asked to prepare meals for the

class participants. We will be providing a meal on October 23rd and October 30th.

There are several ways you can help. You can buy items to be prepared, you can buy and prepare the food, you can come and serve 4:45-6:15 p.m., or you can donate money for a gift card(Krogers) or buy a \$25.00 gift card to be given to class participants. It does not take a lot of time.

If you would like to help plan the meal, see Mary Lou Lovell. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place. Thanks to all who help. It is much appreciated!

Volunteers for October

Kid Connection

- Oct 1- volunteer needed
/ Will Fogle
- Oct 8 - volunteer needed
/ Colin Ferguson
- Oct 15 - Pat Gosser
/ Bowen Nace
- Oct 22 - Pam Faulk
/ Gabe Folge
- Oct 29 - Candy Lee
/ Aidan Ferguson

Fellowship Time

- Oct 1 - David Harris
- Oct 8 - Covered Dish Lunch
Mission Sunday
- Oct 15 - Gossers
- Oct 22 - Needs a volunteer
- Oct 29 - Needs a volunteer

Panera Pick-up

- Oct 5 - Gossers
- Oct 12 - Lovells
- Oct 19 - Needs a volunteer
- Oct 26 - Needs a volunteer

Thank you all for volunteering your time. As you can see, there are still some dates available for all of these. We would appreciate your help.

Attention Ladies of the Church!

There will **NOT** be an October Women's Fellowship breakfast. Instead, you should be receiving a questionnaire in the mail about the direction you think the Women's Fellowship should take.

We ask that you prayerfully consider this and fill out the survey truthfully. You can put it in the survey box in the Welcome Center during the month of October, or you can mail it to Pam Faulk. We would like responses from everyone. If you do not receive one in the mail, please let Pam Faulk know.

Come Follow Me

For the World Mission Offering this year, the focus is on three areas of holistic action: Peace and Justice, Abolishing Global Slavery, and Economic and Community Development. These priorities do not encompass all the ministries of International Ministries, but they do illustrate what God is doing worldwide through our 120+ global servants, 1300+ volunteers, 44 home staff, and 240+ global Christian partners.

Your gifts to the World Mission Offering powerfully connect you to all of the challenging, life-changing work of the Lord

Change For Change

Save Your Change
This is a reminder
that we will be collecting
all your loose change
in November for
Change for Change Sunday,
so please be holding onto it.

through International Ministries. This is our October mission focus, the World Mission Offering, which benefits all those who work in the mission field. In conjunction with this, we will be hosting missionaries Emerson and Ivy Wu (whom our church sponsors in China) and Sarah McCurdy who works with her husband Peter in Costa Rica. Please see the article in this newsletter about their visit on October 8. Once again, our church's goal is \$700. Please prayerfully consider your donation throughout the month of October to help us meet this goal.

-Pam Faulk

Personals

- On September 10 our congregation assembled outside the blue doors after church to dedicate The Stephenson Garden and to set a memorial stone in place there. Former members Ted and Jeanie Stephenson were able to attend that morning, along with Donna Brown. Jeannie and

Prayer List

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Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Tim Chesser	Heart & Vascular Surgery
Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Dr. Ernest Jones	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Ken Peterson	Health Issues
Carol Serviss	Broken Foot

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

Donna are sisters of Carol Grubbs. A big thank you goes out to Candy Lee, Brennan Howe, and Pat Gosser for planting such a beautiful garden there. Ted and Jeannie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary that week also.

• An exersaucer was recently donated to the Crib Room from Marci and Matt Cooper.

•Debbie and Will Fogle played a beautiful violin duet during the service on September 17.

• Mary Lou Lovell's sister from Boston visited for a week.

• Congratulations to ribbon winners at the Delaware County Fair. Erin Faulk received a first place ribbon in "Landscapes" and a second place ribbon in "Still Life" categories of photography. Connor Trigg was awarded a second place ribbon for one of his rabbits. In 4-H projects, Will Fogle received an A in Pistol Shooting, and Gabe Fogle got a second place ribbon for Food and Nutrition and an A grade on his project.

Mission Sunday

On Sunday, October 8, our church will celebrate Mission Sunday along with our guests, the members of the Central Community Baptist Church from Waldo. On that morning, we will welcome missionaries Emerson and Ivy Wu and Sarah McCurdy to share their messages with us.

The celebration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue through lunch. There will be no Sunday School that morning. The lunch will be a potluck , and table service and beverages will be provided.

Please keep in mind that refrigerator and oven space will be limited, so you might want to use a crockpot and/or a cooler with ice for your food. A love

offering will be taken during the meal to help with the travel expenses for the missionaries.

Crop Walk

The annual Delaware Crop Walk to fight hunger will be Sun, Oct 8 at 2pm at OWU. You may make a contribution either by cash or check (made out to CWS-CROP) and place it in the jar in the Gathering Place or online at www.crophungerwalk.org.

People In Need Collection

During the month of September, we collected items for People In Need. Thanks to all who brought items to fill the box and basket. If you would like to contribute at any time, it is welcome because there is always a need. There is a basket in the vestibule for the items.

Most needed items currently are:
pork'n beans tuna
macaroni cereal
kidney beans bar soap
tomato sauce

**All Men, Young men,
and boys!**
We need your voices!
October 1st!
Sunday Evening at 7:00 P.M.
at
First Baptist Church

We will come together and raise our voices in wonderful sound singing hymns and patriotic songs.

We want this to be a time of joy and the beginning of a men's singing group.

If you enjoy singing- come!
All male voices are welcome!

If you need a ride contact
Dave or Mary Lou Lovell



You Are Invited

Dan and Sherry Chambers invite you to join them at the 6th annual "Party At The Farm!"

When: Sat, Oct 14th, 5pm -??
Where : The Chambers Farm
4499 Cackler Rd
Delaware, OH

Food, drinks, live band, bonfire, hay rides, pumpkin painting, cookie decorating, & more fun for the whole family

Please bring lawn chairs and dress appropriately for the fall weather. If weather is questionable, text 614-580-5612 to check on an update.

RSVP to
cherrychambers10@gmail.com



Delaware Community Coalition

The Fifth Sunday Celebration will be at the Highpoint Nazarene Church, 795 Pollock Rd. at 5:30. There will be a dinner and worship sponsored by the Delaware Community Coalition.

Directory Update

Jane Moore
has discontinued her landline.
Her cell phone number is:
740-816-0270

First Baptist Church

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Delaware, Ohio 43015

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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
World Communion Sunday 1  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Communion 7:00 Men's Sing	2 5:30 Board of Christian Ed 7:00 Piecemakers	3	4 7:00 Choir	5 8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser	6	7
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Good News Letter

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I have been thinking about favorite hymns lately. Among the hymns that I did not grow up singing, but later learned was in the hymnal all along, is called. "Abide with Me," the words written by Henry Lyte in 1847. In the last decade or so it has become a part of my "hymnal within a hymnal." It fits the autumn season, which is also on my mind, as I look out the window at the color of the leaves as they change.

"Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me."

The title of the song comes from Luke 24:29 when the two disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus on that Easter evening invited him to dinner saying, "Stay with us." The words serve as a prayer for the end of the day,

"Swift to its close ebbs our life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim, its glows pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changes not, abide with me."

As autumn descends, and the days grow shorter and colder and winter approaches, I think over the past year and anticipate the



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year to come, reflecting on the past looking forward to what is next. I guess I am in the autumn of life. It feels like the time has passed quickly. Many things have changed along the way.

Only a few decades ago I would not have entered this reflection into a computer and sent it in by email. Even now I am behind on the technology of the times. Only a few years ago I would not have dreamed of being in Ohio when I wrote it.

But there is still a long way to go. This hymn, which is a prayer, gives me hope that through all of life's changes, God remains present with me and with us. God's grace does not waver in the passage of time. And so I offer it as an autumn devotion:

"I need Thy presence every passing hour
What but Thy grace can spoil the tempter's power
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,
Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me."

In our hymnal there is a 5th verse with which I am not familiar, but it caps off this little devotion as a prayer for the evening, for autumn:

"Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me."

Blessings
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

Where has 2017 gone? October seems to have come and gone, and we have yet to truly experience the fall weather that we have come to associate with this season. Things might feel out of place when we see pumpkin decorations and warm weather. However, what seems to always allow us to find a quiet center is the transition to the holiday seasons. It is our annual traditions that help us to focus on the things that we give thanks for, and help to remind us of those who are less fortunate to have the things that we have given thanks.

The month of November allows us to think back over the year that has gone by, and begin to prepare for the year ahead.

During the month of November, the youth will be continuing their ecumenical worship visits by observing and participating in the worship service at Second Baptist Church. Due to the Thanksgiving season and the anticipation of travels, the youth will be doing their visit on the THIRD Sunday of the month, November 19th, instead of on the fourth Sunday. Subsequently, the youth group meeting will also take place on the evening of the 19th.

Blessings and Peace,
-David L. Harris, Jr.

Volunteers For November

Kid Connection

- Nov. 5- Erin Faulk / Hannah Nace
- Nov. 12- Adult Needed / Will Fogle
- Nov. 19- Adult Needed / Colin Ferguson
- Nov. 26- Candy Lee / Bowen Nace

Fellowship Time

- Nov. 5- Faulk
- Nov. 12- Trigg/Showalter
- Nov. 19- Candy Lee
- Nov. 26- Gosser

Panera Pick-Up

- Nov. 2- Faulk
- Nov. 9- Allison
- Nov. 23- Gosser
- Nov. 30- Lovell

Thank you all for volunteering

Personals

•Please be in prayer for Carol Serviss as she is healing from a stress fracture in her left leg, in addition to a broken right ankle.

Prayer List

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Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Tim Chesser	Heart Surgery Recovery
Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Dr. Ernest Jones	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Ken Peterson	Health Issues
Ekelberry Family	Condolences
Carol Serviss	Broken Leg / Ankle
Kilhefner Family	Brother's Health Issue

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

•Ken and Genevieve Peterson have a new great-grandson in Oklahoma, Elijah Tim Rose.

•Welcome new members Candy Lee and Brennan Howe who officially joined our church on October 1.

•Our Mission Sunday on October 8 was a big success. Thanks to Pastor Mark for helping to plan this and to all who brought food for lunch.

•Former Pastor Tim Chesser had successful bypass surgery on October 9 and is recovering at home.

•Jean Syler sends greetings to all from Willowbrook. She appreciates cards and visits.

•Deb Guebert visited her father in Pennsylvania and took him to the Jersey shore.

•Erin Faulk spent a long weekend visiting Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon.

•Once again Dan and Sherry Chambers had a fun-filled farm party with many of our church fellowship attending. Thank you Dan and Sherry.

•Aidan Ferguson was in the cast of ARSENIC AND OLD LACE which was recently performed at Hayes.

•A big thank you to all who participated in the outdoor clean-up day on October 21. We had many, many, many bags of yard waste collected.

•Ben and Kylie Turner had a baby boy on October 25. His name is Jack Edward Turner. He weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Congratulations Ben and Kylie!

•Jennifer Turner has a new job as secretary at Carlisle Elementary School.

Disaster Relief

If you would like to give money for disaster relief for the recent hurricanes, earthquake, and forest fires, you may write out a check to the church and make a note for it to go to One Great Hour of Sharing.

2018 Officers & Budget

At the Quarterly business meeting Oct. 25th., the 2018 budget was approved and church officers

were elected. Copies of the budget are available in the Welcome Center. The 2018 officers are:

- Moderator - Randy Turner
- Asst. Moderator -
 Jeanne Ekelberry
- Church Clerk - Lana Palmer
- Treasurer - Larry Faulk
- Asst. Treasurer - Candace Lee
- Financial Secretary -
 Randy Turner
- Asst. Financial Sec. - Linda White
- Church School Clerk - Pam Faulk
- Finance Chairman - Deb Fogle
- Board of Education - Pam Faulk,
 Pat Gosser, Pam Shears,
 Erin Faulk
- Board of Deacons - Dave Lovell,
 Larry Faulk, Claire Turner,
 Jennifer Turner,
 Colin Ferguson
- Board of Trustees-Scott Nace,
 Ken Shears, Peter White,
 Archie Trigg

Stewardship Sunday

Our pledges to support the 2018 budget will be dedicated during worship on Stewardship Sunday, November 19. Please prayerfully consider your commitment both to financial support and to attendance and participation in worship, study, and service at FBC.

Thanksgiving Offering

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

Financial Update

Copies of the 3rd Quarter Financial Report are available in the Welcome Center. General expenses exceeded offerings by \$1,022 for the quarter bringing the deficit to nearly \$3,000 for the year to date or an average of \$329 per month.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



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- 11 Jonathan Allison
- 12 Jackson Trigg
- 15 Sarah Byall
 Harold VanBroekhoven
- 17 Jim & Ann Brown
- 19 Steve Ferguson
- 20 Randy Turner
- 21 Mark Allison
- 22 Peter White

Please report any errors.

Contributions for missions continue on target to meet our annual goals. Your gifts to memorial and capital improvement funds are appreciated.

The Votes Are In!

In October we asked that you list your favorite hymns on the "Get Connected" slip. Many of you did just that! Throughout October and into Nov. we have and will include all of them in our worship service. Thanks for being a part of the worship service.

Here are the top picks!

- It is Well with My Soul
- Amazing Grace
- Awesome God
- Great is Thy Faithfulness
- For All the Saints
- Great is the Lord
- "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
- Down at the Cross
- Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
- Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
He Has Made Me Glad
Standing on the Promises
This is My Father's World
Did Jesus Care?
How Great Thou Art
In the Garden

Change for Change

As you change your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening, Nov 4th, please remember to gather your loose change. On Sunday, Nov 5, we will be collecting all your loose change during the morning worship service. The money will go to Andrews House to help defray the expenses of the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for children. Bring your change to make a change in our community. No coin is too small.

A Stewardship Story

I know there might be a few of you who have heard this story before, but it has been many years, and I thought I would share it again.

Many years ago when our kids were still young, we were in Michigan for a camping vacation. Unfortunately, while we were gone, there was a "hold" put on our credit card and we were out of ready cash for things. None of the banks in the area were ones that were branches of our bank, but we stopped in one of the local banks anyway and asked if we could write a check.

The cashier told us that they could not cash checks from out of state. Not wanting to cut our vacation short, we asked if we could speak to a manager to explain our problem. We sat down with the bank manager and explained what had happened and we just wanted to cash a

check to have money for the rest of the week. She asked to see our checkbook, so we showed it to her. She started looking through our check records and said, "I see here that you give regularly to the First Baptist Church. I think we can cash your check for you."

So you see, when you give regularly, not only is the church blessed by your gifts, but you just might be blessed too.

-Pam Faulk

Women's Fellowship (AKA-American Baptist Women ABW)

There will be no women's fellowship this month, so that we may have time to look over the surveys. However, there will be a very special Christmas luncheon for all the women of the church next month on December 9, hosted by Candy Lee. Please mark your calendar and watch for details in the December newsletter.

Pastor on Vacation

Dr. Allison will be on vacation, Oct 30 - Nov 5. If you have a need during that time, please contact a deacon.

"Brothers All"

The newly formed male singing group called "Brothers All" has met 2 times, and they have enjoyed singing together. The next rehearsal will be Nov. 12th at 6:30 p.m. All males who like to sing are welcome. Call Dave Lovell if you need a ride.

The November 26th rehearsal is at 6:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead!

Mark your calendars for :
Dec. 2nd
Andrews House
Christmas Cupboard
provide cookies for cookie box sale

Dec. 9th
People In Need
Packing Day at Delaware County
Fairgrounds

Dec. 16th
Women's Luncheon, 12:00

Soup n' Sing, 4 p.m.
Sing Christmas Carols and enjoy
soup and fellowship
Start looking for a delicious recipe
to bring!

Wu's & McCurdy at FBC

On Oct. 8th we were honored to have 3 missionaries come to our church and give informative and interesting power point presentations about the work they are doing. Emerson and Ivy are serving in Hong Kong and Sarah (and Peter) are serving in Costa Rica.

We enjoyed having the Central Community Church fellowship as our guests. Some of them joined us to sing the anthem, "Send the Light", during the church service.

We enjoyed a meal together and had time to ask Emerson, Ivy and Sarah questions. What a wonderful day it was to hear how our missionaries are sharing God's love and helping others to know God.

People in Need Boxes

In September we collected items for People In Need. It is now the end of October and the boxes are full again! Wow!

Thanks to all for your generosity in helping others. Thanks to Peter White who delivers the items to People In Need.

Sponsor Foster Children

FBC will again sponsor foster children for Christmas this year. We expect to have the ages and wish lists for three 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.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Each Thursday someone from our church goes to Panera to pick up the unsold items. The items are bagged in suitable amounts and delivered to Andrews House on Friday morning. Mel Corroto, at Andrews House, distributes the items to various locations in the community where the items can be distributed to those in need. Thanks to ALL who so willingly help with this ministry.






If you can pick up the items, wrap them(bags are provided) and deliver them to Andrews House, please add your name to the sign-up sheet. If you have questions about it, see Pat Gosser or Mary Lou Lovell. Many hands are needed to continue helping those who are thankful to have something to eat.

Rides for David

Winter and bad weather will soon arrive, and our pastoral intern, David Harris, will not be able to ride his bike to church on most Sundays. Please be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place to provide him with a ride.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November Mission Focus: • Change For Change • Gifts for Foster Children	October 30	31	1 7:00 Choir Dr. Allison on vacation	2 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	3	 4 Set clocks back one hour
Change For Change Daylight Savings Time Begins 5  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship - Communion	6 5:30 Board of Christian Ed 6:30 Deacons 7:00 Piecemakers	Election Day 7 	8 7:00 Choir	9 8:45 Panera Pickup - Allison	10	 Veterans Day 11 No Women's Fellowship Today
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26 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Brothers All December newsletter available today	27	28	29 7:00 Choir	30 8:45 Panera Pickup -Faulk	December 1	2 9:00 Parish Council

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Advent refers to the moment before something happens, the time right before the kickoff at a football game or the first pitch in a baseball game. It is the moment after the lights go down but before the curtain comes up. It is a time of expectation when everyone stops what they are doing in order to pay close attention to whatever is about to happen. Once the game begins or the music starts, there can be a sense of ease; spectators can be distracted by other things, but with Advent comes full attention.

In the Christian faith we observe Advent as the time just before the celebration of Christ's birth. It serves not only as a way to celebrate the meaning of Christmas in its season, but also to prepare our hearts to see God's presence in the world, in our lives, to point to Christ's return at the end of the age.

Advent is hopeful because, by God's mercy, we are led to apprehend the presence of God in the birth of a child rather than the advances of a conqueror with an army or a judge on a judgment seat or in some other way. We are encouraged to nurture faith, love, compassion, peace, and joy. The birth of Jesus focuses our attention of God's mercy and love, which is given to us through the Incarnation, Forgiveness, and Resurrection.

Though every season of the year is a time to repent, to seek to grow faith and love; it is especially

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at Advent that we can stop what we are doing to pay close attention to these things. I found the following prayer, attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, to be helpful even though I am sure it is not an Advent prayer, but it applies to this season because of its unselfishness and humility. Perhaps some of you may also find it helpful:

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is dark, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”

I pray that all of you will have a holy and blessed season of Advent and a wonderful Christmas.

Blessings
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

It is a blessing to be able to say that we have made it to the last month of another year. 2017 has been full of highs and lows both within our personal and church lives. We have celebrated, cried, laughed, and experienced the full spectrum of emotions. We have also experienced worship and fellowship in new ways as well, ways that we anticipate will lead us forward into the uncharted waters of 2018.

During the month of December, the youth will be very active inside and outside of the church. On the morning of December 9th, the youth will be participating in the PIN Packing Day at the county fairgrounds. On December 17th, the youth will participate in their final ecumenical visit of the calendar year when we will worship with the congregation of St. Peter's Episcopal Church during their 10:30 AM worship service. At 6:30 PM that evening, the youth will gather and discuss their experience. On the evening of December 21st, the youth will gather for their annual Christmas party at Pastor Mark's house.

Blessings and Peace,
-David L. Harris, Jr.

Volunteers For December

Kid Connection

Dec 3- Beth Trigg / Gabe Fogle
Dec 10- Pam Faulk /

Aidan Ferguson

Dec 17-Adult volunteer needed /
Hannah Nace

Dec 24- Candy Lee / Will Fogle

Dec 31- Adult volunteer needed /
Colin Ferguson

Fellowship Time

Dec 3- Lovells

Dec 10- Please sign up

Dec17- Please sign up

Dec 24- Please sign up

Dec 31- Please sign up

Panera Pick-Up

There are no volunteers yet for this month. Please sign up.

There are new sign-up sheets out for the winter quarter and there are many blank spaces. There is also a sign-up sheet for rides for David Harris. We thank you all for volunteering your time and energies to these important parts of our church life. We welcome more sign-ups!

Thank you all for volunteering

Soup and Sing

Our third annual SOUP AND SING will be held on Saturday, Dec.16th at 4 p.m. We will gather in the sanctuary to sing Christmas Carols and then enjoy your favorite homemade soups and have fellowship time.

Check the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place to make sure you get the chance to make a crockpot of your favorite soup. As we did last year, we will donate any leftover soup to the Warming Center at Zion UCC.

We are inviting the congregations of Second Baptist, Zion UCC, and Central Community Baptist Church to join us. Bring family and friends to share in the Christmas season!

People In Need

Nonperishable food items will be collected in the box in the Welcome Center. The items will be taken to People In Need. On Saturday, Dec. 9th, items will be packed in bags at the Delaware County Fair Grounds Coliseum for those in need. All are invited to join the Youth Group to pack. Packing begins at 9 a.m..

Andrews House Christmas Cupboard & Silent Auction

Saturday, Dec. 2nd
39 West William St.
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Calling All Bakers

Andrews House needs baked goods for their Christmas Cupboard. If you like to bake, this is an opportunity for you to share your special Christmas items for the fund raiser. For this event LOTS OF COOKIES are needed, as well as decorated cakes, buckeyes, small loaves of bread, jam and jellies.

If you would like to bake a batch or 2 of your favorite Christmas treats, bring them to Andrews House any time between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Friday, December 1st. For more information you can go to andrewshouse.org. If you want to bake and need someone to take the items to Andrews House on Friday, contact Mary Lou Lovell 740-369-6041.

Not A Baker?

You can attend the Christmas Cupboard and Silent Auction on Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Lights of Love

Lights of Love is a way of expressing your appreciation for those you love and cherish while providing hope and help to those less fortunate in our community. For a \$10 donation, you can light a light on the tree at Andrews House during First Friday, downtown, on Friday, Dec. 2nd from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.
Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

Name

Tim Chesser
Alvin Cox
Dr. Ernest Jones
Richard Lovell
Ken Peterson
Ben Geary
Kilhefner Family

Reason for Prayer

Heart Surgery Recovery
Health Issues
Health Issues
Health Issues
Health Issues
Pending Surgery
Brother's Health Issue

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

Personals

• Genevieve Peterson celebrated her 90th birthday. You can see pictures on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

• Ken Peterson was recently featured in a story about veterans in the Willowbrook magazine.

• Thanks to all the youth who planned such a fun Halloween party this year.

• David Harris recently presented his paper on music and social movements in Toronto, Canada.

• Beth and Archie Trigg took a trip to Ireland in October.

• Linda White gave a demonstration on making paper books at the Arts Castle.

• Randy Turner appeared in the Arena Faire production of HAIRSPRAY last month.

• Linda White's mother celebrated her 100th birthday in November. Congratulations to Mrs. Seckman!

• Will Fogle was on the Hayes Honor Roll for the first term. Congratulations Will!

• Pam and Larry Faulk took a cruise through the Panama Canal in November.

• Randy Turner was elected to the Buckeye Valley Schools Board of Education in November.

• Deb Guebert thanks all who supported her in her run for the Delaware Schools Board of Education.

• Randy Turner helped with the recent Dempsey production of PETER PAN JR.

• Please be in prayer for Ben Geary. He will be having surgery in December.

• Jeff Faulk and his family visited during Thanksgiving week.

• Pastor Mark's sons visited for Thanksgiving.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



December

- 4 Erin Faulk
Jim Snyder
- 8 Phyllis Beasley
- 11 Hannah Nace
- 12 Samuel Allison
- 13 Geneva Evans
- 17 Pat Gosser
- 25 Carol Grubbs
- 27 Cory Lawrence
Jim & Jane Snyder
- 28 Sharon Baker
- 29 Harold & Deb
VanBroekhoven

Please report any errors.

Christmas Offering

The Christmas offerings in the special envelopes will go to Andrews House this year.

Brothers All

ALL men, young and older-come and sing!

We are preparing a song for the Christmas Eve Service.

Rehearsals scheduled:
 November 26 6:30 p.m.
 Dec. 3 6:30 p.m.
 Dec. 10 6:30 p.m.
 Dec. 17 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Wish Program

FBC is again sponsoring gifts through the Holiday Wish Program of Jobs and Family Services. This year we are sponsoring 3 children; Windi (6 months), Chase (age 7), and Edward (age 16). Wish lists can be found on the bulletin board in the sanctuary.

Please consider helping to fulfill a wish or two. Gifts do not need to be wrapped, just labeled as to which child. We will need to have all gifts at the church by Sunday, December 10.

Thank you for your contributions.
-Larry Faulk

Ladies Christmas Luncheon

On Saturday, December 9 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. the ladies will have a special Christmas luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at church. We will be serving sandwiches, and we ask that you bring the salads and desserts.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place. Please sign up if you will be attending and the number of guests you will have. If you can bring a salad and/or dessert, please sign up for that also. We will also be having a white elephant gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift if you want to participate.

Please join us for food, games, gift exchange, and lots of wonderful fellowship! Hopefully, you will enjoy it so much, it will be our first annual Ladies Christmas Luncheon.

-Candy Lee

RMMO

As we prepare for the 2017 Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO), please take a moment to reflect on our theme for this year, "Generous Congregations."

Helping those in need is one of the major themes of the Bible and of Jesus's ministry. The prophet Isaiah reminds us, "But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity." Generosity is central to our faith. As Christians, we are called to serve and care for others, and RMMO aligns with the collective spirit of love that inspires us all to honor the devotion of ministers and their families for their service to the church.

Since RMMO began in 1977, it has helped provide much needed thank you checks to retired ministers, missionaries, and their widowed spouses and families- those who have dedicated their lives to God's service. In 2016 RMMO raised \$1,059,444, and more than 3,443 checks were distributed to recipients and their families.

Members of our own church family who will receive a thank you check this year are Sophia Stephenson, Ken and Genevieve Peterson, Alvin and Bev Cox, Harold and Deb VanBroekhoven, Tim and Kathy Chesser, and Ellen and Dave Brown, thanks to your generosity. I urge you to share God's abundance and do all you can to support this worthy cause during the month of December. Our goal is \$700.

-Pam Faulk

Delaware Community Chorus

"Caroling Around the World," this year's Delaware Community Chorus's concert, is aimed to please all who attend, featuring music from around the world.

The concerts will take place on December 17 at 3:00 and 5:00 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 55 West Lincoln Street. Tickets are \$10 from chorus members, at the door, and online at <http://www.delawarechorus.org>.

These programs often sell out early, so advance ticket purchase is recommended. We hope you will be able to join us for an afternoon of song!

Thank You Notes

Thanks to all of you who brought in change for our CHANGE FOR CHANGE offering. Your coins added up to \$219 which will go to the Delaware Summer Lunch program for children.

-Pam Faulk

What a special celebration we had for my birthday! A beautiful tree was planted in the lawn near Ken's 90th birthday tree. Family members came for the dedication ceremony prepared by our neighbor Bill McCartney. Meaningful gifts, cards, phone calls, modern technology messages: each added to the joy of this event. Thank you for being an important part of my life!

-Genevieve Peterson

I can't tell you how surprised I was to receive the lovely Prayer Shawl. Just to say thank you doesn't seem enough, but I do thank you very much. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and concern for me.

-Carol Serviss

Third Annual Soup & Sing

Sunday, Dec. 16th
4 p.m.



Your love has strengthened us these past several months as we have dealt with Alvin's cancer. Your prayers, calls, cards, visits, genuine concern and caring has encouraged us, especially during difficult days. Thank you and keep being faithful to His calling. Our love in Christ

-Alvin and Bev Cox

What a lovely place of worship you have- the stained glass windows caught our eye right away. This was a first- time visit for some of us. Thank you for your friendly, helpful people who had to help us navigate your space. The carry-in lunch was so beautifully presented and tasted even better. Thank you for the extra time you all had to take to be host to Rev. Emerson and Ivy Wu and Sarah McCurdy. We are a mission-minded church and we were happy to share the words they had to present. God was surely present that day and all were blessed. Thank you for sharing with us.

-Joyce Waggsmon,

Missions Treasurer and Central Community Baptist Church



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First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street
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December

2017

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
November 26 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Brothers All Rehearsal December newsletter available today	27	28	29	30	1	2
First Sunday of Advent  3 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship - Communion 6:30 Brothers All Rehearsal	4 7:00 Piecemakers	5	6 6:30 Choir	7 6:00 Board of Christian Ed at the Faulks 8:45 Panera Pickup -volunteer needed	8 9 - 9 Drop Off baked goods at Andrews House	9 9:00 Parish Council 9-2 Andrews House Cookie Cupboard
Second Sunday of Advent  10 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Brothers All Rehearsal Last day to bring gifts for foster children	11 6:00 Deacons at Amatos	12	13 6:30 Choir	14 8:45 Panera Pickup -volunteer needed	15	16 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans 4:00 Soup & Sing
Third Sunday of Advent  17 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 & 5:00 Delaware Community Chorus Program 6:30 Brothers All Rehearsal	18	19	20 6:30 Choir	21 First Day of Winter Youth Christmas Party 8:45 Panera Pickup -volunteer needed	22	23
Fourth Sunday of Advent  24 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:45 Christmas Eve Service Jan Newsletter Deadline	Christmas 25 	26	27 6:30 Choir	28 8:45 Panera Pickup -volunteer needed	29	30
New Year's Eve 31 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Community Coalition Worship postponed until last Sunday in January Jan Newsletter Available	January 1 	2	3 6:30 Choir	December Mission Focus: • RMMO		