

Good News Letter

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For me, the best part of a vacation is the very beginning. Down through the years, the first moments of many of my vacations were immediately after Sunday morning worship. We would be packed up and ready to go. As soon as we left the church, we would drive away to our destination, wherever it happened to be.

The feeling of having the whole vacation in front of me, like a blank paper to write on, is very satisfying and is what makes it the very best part. It is all possibility and no opportunity lost. Each day that passes represents time forever gone and whatever happens passes quickly into the past where it is forever lodged.

In a similar way, one of the most satisfying moments of the New Year is the beginning of it, right around New Year's Day when the entire year is ahead. I like the feeling when the decorations are taken down and packed away. Whatever may lie ahead, there is hope and expectation just like we have been talking about throughout the Advent season.

The time passes quickly of course, and it seems like the months slide by with such ease that the new year is used up like a two-week vacation, before there is anything new about it, anything to distinguish it from the years that came before it. Sometimes the longing for the past is a way to combat the

passage of time, but the new year is a time to anticipate it with hopefulness. Not only might we expect to find the timeless quality of life in 2018, but also something completely new.

I am reminded of the way the Bible ends with the last few chapters of the Apocalypse of John. There is a scene in his vision of a New Heaven and a



New Earth which is followed by a description of a New Jerusalem. We are told that there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain. Among the sayings from the one who is seated on the throne, along with;

"It is done," and, "I am the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. . .," and, "look, I am coming soon," he also says, "Behold, I am making everything new."

Like those Sunday afternoon drives, the whole year is ahead of us now. My prayer for all of you in 2018 is that in some way God's presence among us, and in the world, and in your life, would be new, a renewal of life and faith and love and peace and hope, so that as we repeat in time another year so much like the others, we

find that in its way, by God's grace, it is also nothing like the others, with a newness all its own.

Happy 2018
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that 2018 is actually here. With a new year comes the closing of another, a year full of highs and lows, celebrations and mournings. What is enclosed within the year 2017 now becomes another book of memories to share moving forward. We anticipate the new year with all sorts of planned "new beginnings," whether from how we spend our money to how we take care of our physical bodies. As we prepare for this new year and and continue in the season of Epiphany, let us also make plans, "resolutions" even, for how we will take care of our spiritual bodies as well.

In the month of January, the youth will continue their ecumenical church visits as we will worship at Zion AME Church on the fourth Sunday of the month, January 28th. That evening, at 6:30 PM, the youth will gather to discuss their worship experience. On a personal note, I will be out of town the weekend of January 14th, so I will surely miss being in worship with you all that Sunday.

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

Volunteers For January

Kid Connection

- Jan 7- Open / Bowen Nace
(Adult volunteer needed)
- Jan 14- Open / Gabe Fogle
(Adult volunteer needed)
- Jan 21- Candy Lee /
Aidan Ferguson
- Jan 28- Pam Faulk /
Hannah Nace

NOTE- As you can see, there are still some openings for Kid Connection. Won't you please consider spending some time with our young people when they are here. No advance preparation is needed. It is very easy to do and very rewarding. Remember also that MEN can do this too. If no adult volunteers come forward, we cannot offer Kid Connection to the children.

Fellowship Time

- Jan 7- Faulk
- Jan 14- Chambers
- Jan 21- Guebert
- Jan 28- Lee

Panera Pick-Up

- Jan 4- Scott Nace
- Jan 11- Faulks
- Jan 18- Lovells
- Jan 25- Faulks

Rides for David Harris

- Jan 7- Scott Nace
- Jan 14- Lovells
- Jan 21- Open - Please volunteer
- Jan 28- Open-Please volunteer

Thank you to all who volunteer your time and energies for these rewarding aspects of our church life.

Thank You's

Genevieve Peterson thanks everyone for making use of the greeting cards in the basket in the Gathering Place and has replenished them. This is also a

good way to recycle your Christmas cards from this year.

Thank you all for contributing to this year's RMMO. As of the printing of the newsletter, we were less than \$25 short of our \$700 goal, and I am sure that we can meet our goal by the end of December.
Pam Faulk

Thank you to Candy Lee for planning and Pat Gosser for helping with the first annual Ladies Christmas Luncheon. There were 17 ladies present, including 3 visitors from Second Baptist Church.

We enjoyed a delicious lunch, complete with sandwiches, salads, and desserts. There was a beautiful Christmas tree, favors for all and a special Christmas message ornament for each of us. Candy led A Christmas story game, a raffle in which 2 beautiful handmade blankets were given,

and a What's in Your Purse? game. What laughter and fellowship we enjoyed with the women from First and Second Baptist Church! We all had a great time!

Thank you to all who helped fulfill the wish lists for our three foster children. Three very full bags were dropped off at Jobs and Family Services.

-Larry Faulk

Thank you to Mary Lou Lovell for planning the Soup and Sing. Many carols were sung, and many bowls of yummy soups were served. The leftover soups were donated to the Warming Center.

Thanks to all the "Angels" at First Baptist. There are many people at First Baptist that see something that needs to be done at church for the building to be maintained or for the worship service to be more meaningful. Those "Angels" see a need or a way to improve the church and Sunday service and quietly go about making those things happen.

A huge thank you for ALL you do!

A Reminder

Please remember that Daylight Saving Time will be here before we know it, and that means another Change for Change offering. Please, please, please, hold onto all your loose change for that offering. If you do not wish to keep it, you can bring it to church and put it in the jar in the Welcome Center and I will hold onto it for you.

Ladies! Ladies! Ladies!

After looking over the surveys and our discussion at the Christmas luncheon, we have decided that we would continue to gather on

Birthdays and Anniversaries



January

- 6 Ken & Pam Shears
- 10 Kip Smith
- 12 Matt Cooper
Larry Faulk
- 13 Evan & Carrie Trigg
- 16 Jane Moore Snyder
- 18 Matthew Lovell
- 20 Jennifer Turner
- 22 Michael Mercer
- 23 Nick Porter
- 24 Ben Geary
- 26 Sophia Stephenson
- 27 Steve Baker
- 30 Calvin Turner
- 31 Bowen Nace

Please report any errors.

Prayer List

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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
Ken Peterson	Health Issues
Ben Geary	Condolences on sister's death
Ben Geary	Health Issues
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!

the second Saturday of each month, BUT we will meet for lunch (or some other afternoon activity) instead of breakfast. We had a great turnout at the December luncheon and hope to continue with strong attendance throughout the year. This is a great way to get to know each other better and to have fellowship. Even if you have never attended before, we welcome you to join us. We hope that all the women of the church will participate. Our January lunch will be on Saturday, January 13 at 11:30 at the Delaware Bob Evans on Rt. 23. Please feel free to offer a ride to another member of our women's fellowship and/or to bring a friend. If you would like to go but have no ride, please feel free to call Pam Faulk or Mary Lou Lovell. If you have an idea of a place you would like to go for lunch or another afternoon activity, please make suggestions to Pam Faulk. When considering restaurants, please keep in mind parking availability.

FBC on YouTube

Videos of selected sermons and worship services are available for viewing on YouTube. Go to our website: fbcdelaware.org and click on "Videos" for links to the

videos. Audio recordings of each week's worship services and sermons are also found on the website.

Personals

- Brothers All, our male chorus, performed for the first time during worship on November 16, singing "Count Your Blessings." They then performed during Advent and for the Soup and Sing. Thanks guys. It was really enjoyable.
- We offer condolences to Ben Geary on the death of his sister on November 29.
- Jarrod Trigg had exploratory surgery on his kidney in December. Fortunately, no issues were found.
- Former member Karen Hedges fell and broke her leg in 8 places and is recovering in Florida. Karen is the mother of Nichelle Trigg.
- Pat Cole, Pam Faulk's mother, fell and fractured two ribs, an ankle, and a vertebrae and is in recovery in a rehab facility in Columbus. She was disappointed to be missing our Christmas Eve service.

- Emilie and Mike Showalter are expecting a baby in late summer.

Mission/Outreach News

As I reflect on the year 2017, I am overwhelmed by the giving by the congregation at First Baptist Church. Through your generosity we have been able to reach out both locally and globally. By giving of your time, talents, needed items, and monetary gifts, we have made a difference.

You have given to the: America for Christ Offering, Easter Offering, Blanket Sunday, People in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, Tools of Hope, World Mission Offering, Thanksgiving Offering, Christmas Offering, Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering, Help Line, Our missionaries- Jeni Pedzinski, Emerson and Ivy Wu, and the McCurdy family.

You have given needed items for: Baggies to be given to those at the Place of Warmth, Family Promise, Salvation Army Guest House for those who have been trafficked, Conger Elementary School students, Common Ground Free Store, People In Need, Foster children Christmas wish lists.

You have purchased food for, prepared and/or served 4 meals to those in the Getting Ahead Program, and given money for gift cards to Kroger or Meijer to be given to the class participants.

You have given your loose coins in the spring and the fall to the Delaware City Schools Summer Lunch Program. You have given time to help at People In Need. You have packed foods for families for People In Need Holiday Clearing House.

You provided soup to the Place of Warmth at Zion UCC Church. Thanks to those who volunteered for a shift at Zion, as well.

You have walked in the Crop Walk and /or given a donation.

You have provided food to Andrews House Second Friday Meals. You have given your time to help with the meals. You have donated items for the Christmas Cupboard.

You have given donations for the Block Party in July. You have come to supervise and participate in the lawn games and activities.

You have given your time and knowledge to tutor math at the high school.

You have picked up the leftover bakery items from Panera, bagged them and delivered them to Andrews House on Friday mornings.

You have attended the Delaware Community Coalition 5th Sunday worship services.

What a LONG list of GIVING!
Thank you all!

Our Mission Focus for January will be Family Promise (Collection of liquid laundry soap, liquid dish soap, toilet tissue, paper towels, large bottles of shampoo) and Place of Warmth at Zion UCC.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 21st at 1:30 p.m. Please come and be a part of the Mission/Outreach Group to plan for 2018!

-Mary Lou Lovell

Panera Pick Up Needs Helpers

Thanks to all who so faithfully are part of picking up the unsold bakery items from Panera on Thursday night at 8:45 p.m. More volunteers are needed to help in this valuable mission.

The wrapping of the items takes about 20 minutes. Items are delivered to Andrews House on Friday morning about 8:30. Mel, at Andrews House distributes the items to those in need. Thank you for your willingness to be a part of this ministry. If you would like to know more or you would like to help a volunteer with wrapping the items, talk to Pat Gosser or Mary Lou Lovell.

Soup and Sing 2017

Thanks to all who came to sing Christmas Carols on Sat., Dec. 16th.!

Thanks to Dr. Allison for welcoming all to a time to celebrate with song.

Thanks to Jennifer Turner for playing piano.

Thanks to Deb Fogle and Will Fogle for playing violin.

Thanks to Randy Turner for leading the singing and the narration about the carols.

Thanks to "Brothers All" (Randy Turner, Dr. Allison, Dave Lovell, David Harris, and Jerry Palmer) for singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth", and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen".

Thanks to Larry Faulk for making sure that the words appeared on the large screen for singing.

Thanks to Gabe Fogle for running the computer.

We welcomed guests from Second Baptist Church.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to play the organ for such a joyous time of celebration.

Thanks to ALL who provided soup, crackers, and desserts.

Left-over soup will be given to the Place of Warmth at Zion UCC Church.

We had a great time singing, eating, and having fellowship. We look forward to next year's Soup and Sing.

Beautiful Advent Season Music

Thanks to Mary Lou Lovell and the choir for all the beautiful music throughout Advent and for Christmas Eve.

Thanks to "Brothers All" who sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" at the Soup and Sing gathering.

Thanks to those who sang "Go Tell It On the Mountain" for Sunday service.

Jennifer Turner "Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head", piano solo

Randy Turner "Waiting for a King" -solo

Claire Turner "O Holy Night" -solo

Choir anthems sung by Pam Shears, Linda White, Jennifer Turner, Claire Turner, Dave Lovell and Randy Turner.

Violinists- Deb Fogle, Will Fogle, Aidan Ferguson, and Colin Ferguson

We welcome those who like to sing to join these ensembles.

"Brothers All" will have rehearsals in February.

Choir rehearsal is each Wed. at 6:30 p.m.

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January

2018

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
New Years Eve 31 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	New Years Day 1 	2	3 6:30 Choir	4 8:45 Panera Pickup - Nace	5	6 
7 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship & Communion Dedication of Officers	8 6:30 Deacons 7:00 Piecemakers	9 7:00 Trustees	10 6:30 Choir	11 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	12	13 11:30 Women's Luncheon at Bob Evans
14 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	 15 7:30 am MLK Breakfast at OWU	16	17 6:30 Choir	18 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell	19	20 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans
21 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:30 Mission/Outreach Meeting February Newsletter Deadline	22	23	24 6:30 Covered Dish Dinner 7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting	25 8:45 Panera Pickup -Faulk	26	27
28 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Community Coalition Worship 6:30 Youth meeting February newsletter available today	29	30	31 6:30 Choir	Feb. 1	January Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Promise • Place of Warmth 	

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As I write, it is the middle of January and a bitterly cold winter. Epiphany came on January 6, and we are now in what is called the Time After Epiphany until Valentine's Day, when Lent begins on February 14. The tradition at FBC Delaware is to have a Bible study as a part of our Lenten observance. This year the study will begin on February 18, at 6:30 pm and run for five Sundays until March 18.

The topic is the Gospel of Mark. Widely believed to be the earliest gospel, it is also the shortest of the four. It has no birth narratives and less teaching material than the other three, and an interesting question about the ending, which has led some to believe there were no resurrection appearances in the gospel when first written.

Just learning about the Gospel of Mark is an interesting study, but our study will also focus on theological themes that distinguish Mark from the others. In addition to these theological concerns is the way the gospel involves the reader by inviting each to put ourselves in the story.

"The stories of Jesus are familiar to most of us; we could easily think that we are finished gleaning any new wisdom from them. The good news is that this living story, with its living characters, is never finished with us. Just when we think we have heard it all before, we find a passage that challenges us.

February

We turn a page and hear our own voice mingled with those of the disciples around the table who ask Jesus, 'It is me?' We read about the woman anointing Jesus with oil and wonder what extravagant gifts we give because we love God. Each time we encounter this Gospel, Christ confronts us with the opportunity to find a path forever new to us, and follow him on it" (from the accompanying study guide). Anyone wanting to have a study guide, only needs to let me know. The cost is \$4.

Our study will begin with an introduction on February 18. Then the next four Sundays will focus on the various sets of characters found in the gospel story; would-be disciples, religious authorities, surprising saints, and Jesus himself. I look forward to the chance to learn something new and to see something in the gospel story that I have never seen before.

I should mention that part of the reason I have chosen the Smyth and Helwys study guide is because it is written by a seminary colleague of mine, and the commentary that was written to accompany the guide was authored by one of my seminary professors. Preparing for this study is almost like a reunion.

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Blessings,
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

Can you believe that the first month of 2018 has already gone by? I cannot believe it either. As there are still some Christmas trees and holiday lights which still stand, the feeling of the holiday season is quickly transitioning from Advent and toward Lent. This Lenten season is of course unique, as we begin on Valentine's Day and, in a couple of weeks, will celebrate the Risen Christ on April 1st. But as we once again prepare to think about what our Lenten devotionals and promises will be for this year, let us truly make ourselves more open to the love that we will begin the season with, and the love that will mark the season's end.

During the month of February, the youth will continue their ecumenical church visit by returning to Zion UCC to celebrate in the Lenten season. The youth will also partake in a Lenten study which will focus on some of the lesser known women figures within the Biblical texts.

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

**Birthdays
and
Anniversaries**



February

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

Please report any errors.

Volunteers For February

Kid Connection

- Feb 4 Beth Trigg /
 Will Fogle
- Feb 11 Deb Fogle /
 Colin Ferguson
- Feb 18 Candy Lee /
 Bowen Nace
- Feb 25 Pam Faulk /
 Gabe Folge

Fellowship Time

- Feb 4 Lovells
- Feb 11 Faulks
- Feb 18 Jeanne Ekelberry
- Feb 25 Candy Lee

Panera Pick-Up

- Feb 1 Scott Nace
- Feb 8 Jeanne Ekelberry
- Feb 15 Fogles
- Feb 22 Faulks

Rides for David Harris

- Feb 4 Lovells
- Feb 11 Open -please volunteer
- Feb 18 Open -please volunteer
- Feb 25 Open -please volunteer

**Thank you all for volunteering.
There are new sign-up sheets
in the Gathering Place.**

Save Your Change

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-Pam Faulk

Mission / Outreach News

In January our focus was to provide soup for those in the Place of Warmth at Zion UCC Church.

We also collected items for Family Promise; laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels and shampoo. Thanks to all who filled the box! \$100.00 will be sent to Family Promise.

Some of our congregation attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. service at 3 p.m. on Jan. 14th. at Zion AME Church.

On Jan. 15th, 5 people from First Baptist attended the Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast at OWU. It was a good opportunity to join with others in our community to think about Dr. King's message.

Delaware Coalition will meet on Jan. 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Delaware Christian Church.

Dr. Allison will be participating. It is an opportunity to unite with others in community to worship the Lord.

The next meeting is Feb. 18 at 1:30 p.m. Come and join us. Bring ideas to reach out to others in the community.

-Mary Lou Lovell

February Acrostic

I took a few minutes to think about the word FEBRUARY as Lent begins in February. I decided to think of a word for each letter of the word. Here is my list.

F food- bring one item of food for People In Need

E evaluate my priorities

B believe

R read the Bible

U unite with others in the community

A attend the Lenten Bible Study

R reach out to someone to let them know you care

Y youth - learn something new about our youth

Take a few minutes and list the letters of February and see what additions in your life you want to make.

-Mary Lou Lovell

**Brothers All
Practice**

Feb 4, 11, & 25
at 1:30 p.m.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you goes out to our congregation for your generosity. Our Retired Ministers and Missionaries offering in December totaled \$797!

Personals

• Pastor Mark traveled to Missouri for a few days last month, due to his father's ill health. His father is now home from the hospital and recovering.

• Ben Geary has been undergoing radiation treatment and also suffered a severe case of the flu.

• On January 21 our congregation presented Ben with a prayer shawl.

• Dave Lovell slipped on the ice and suffered bruises and a cut on his hand.

• Carol Grubbs fell down several steps at home and suffered bruises.

• Pastor Mark had an article in the Jan 26 edition of the Delaware Gazette titled "If You Don't Have Anything Nice to Say."

• Ben Geary recently celebrated his 95th birthday. Congratulations Ben!

• We received word from her daughter that former member Geneva Evans died on December 29 from cancer

Attention All Women

We had to cancel our January lunch because of bad weather, but we are hoping for a good turnout at our February lunch.

The Women's Fellowship will gather at the Delaware Bob Evans at 11:30 on Saturday, February 10. Call someone and invite them.

If you need a ride, call Pam Faulk, MaryLou Lovell, or Deb Guebert. Come and have a good time and good fellowship.

A Few Words About Panera

When the Panera opened in Delaware a few years ago, our church was the first group to volunteer to make use of their donations. Panera gives away all unsold product at the end of every day. Various organizations volunteer to pick up these breads, pastries, and bagels and distribute them to various places in the community. We volunteered for the Thursday-night pick-up with the plan to give our donations to Andrews House.

Andrews House provides several free community meals each month and makes use of the baked goods for the meals and in their "bread room" where items are selected to take home. They also use the bread with the summer lunch program to make sandwiches for the parents who come with their children for a free lunch. Bread items are also placed on a table for the children to take home from these lunches.

We are the only organization in Delaware that is giving Panera donations to Andrews House. Without our help they would not get any. We thank everyone who

helps with this, but lately, the number of Panera volunteers has dwindled.

We could use more help with this vital project. It is not hard to do, and there are church members who would be willing to show someone new how to do it. All supplies are provided. You simply show up at Panera around 8:45 on Thursday night and tell them you are there for the donations. We have 2 plastic bins to bring in for them to put all the pastries in. They will put all the bread and bagels in big trash bags. You then take these home and put the items into bags with a twist-tie and then into big bins which are provided. The next morning you deliver the bins to Andrews House between 8:30 and 9:00.

If you feel you cannot do this by yourself, there are others who would be willing to help you with it. If you feel you cannot do this at home, you could use the church's fellowship hall. If you have a problem getting it to Andrews House on Friday morning because of work or school, you could call Larry Faulk or Pastor Mark and leave the bins at church and they will deliver them. Please consider helping with this valuable mission.

Prayer List

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Ben Geary	Health Issues
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!

Pancake Supper

All are invited to join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Feb 13th at 6 p.m. The menu includes pancakes, waffles, sausage, fruit, and Dave Lovell's famous blueberry syrup. The meal is free. Just bring a friend and your appetite. There will be an opportunity to share your talents with a reading, a skit, a song, a poem, or such. Come and join in an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.



Lenten Bible Study

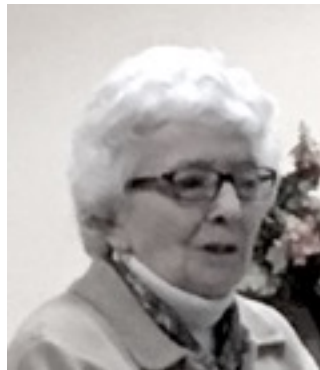
Dr. Allison will lead a Lenten Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark on Sunday evenings for five weeks, Feb 18th thru March 18th. at 6:30 p.m. There is additional information in Mark's article on page one.



Special Prayer Request

Please be in prayer for Dr. Ernest Jones. Dr. Jones is our Executive Minister of American Baptist Churches of Ohio. He will be taking a Medical Leave of Absence from his duties beginning Thursday, January 18, 2018, due to his current health situation. We encourage you to uplift, encourage and pray for Dr. Jones and Denise during this time.

Please send cards or letters of encouragement to the office at 136 N. Galway Drive, Granville, Ohio 43023



Author Moore Visits Library

Jane Corder Moore Snyder made a presentation at the Delaware Library on Wednesday evening, Jan 24 on her book: "Enlarge My Territory: A Love Story". She described her life after a devastating auto accident that left her husband Jimmie a paraplegic. Through her book, she shares her faith as she sees Jimmie through his rehabilitation to his passing.

Many from First Baptist were able to attend the presentation and share in her story. The title is a quote from 1 Chronicles 4:10.

Game Night Mark Your Calendar

All are invited to a Game Night at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 3rd in the fellowship hall. Bring a favorite board game and a snack to share. Join us for an evening of fun and games.



February

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February Mission Focus: • Disaster Relief		January 30	31	1	Groundhog Day 2 	3
9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship - Communion 1:30 Brothers All practice	7:00 Piecemakers 7:00 Board of Christian Ed at Faulks	6	6:30 Covered Dish Dinner 7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting	8:45 Panera Pickup - Nace	8	11:30 Women's Luncheon at Bob Evans
9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:30 Brothers All practice	6:30 Deacons at Lovells	 Shrove Tuesday 6:00 Pancake Dinner	 Ash Wednesday Lent Begins 6:30 Choir	8:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle	9	8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans
First Sunday of Lent 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:30 Mission / Outreach Committee 6:30 Bible Study March newsletter deadline today	 President's Day	20	6:30 Choir	7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	10	
Second Sunday of Lent 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:30 Brothers All practice 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Youth meeting March newsletter available today	26	27	6:30 Choir	8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed	World Day of Prayer	6:30 Game Night

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I come to the writing of this article with several things on my mind. It has been a tough winter thus far. Just last week was the Celebration of Life service for Scott and Deb Nace, who were taken from us in a tragic automobile accident. On the same day our intern David Harris Jr. was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. We are also mourning the passing of Dr. Ernest Jones, the Executive Minister of ABC/OH, and evangelist Billy Graham, whose preaching affected the lives of millions of people around the world. I am aware of the recent school shootings in Florida.

March is the month of the annual emphasis on the America for Christ offering (AFC), supporting home missions and church health and growth here in America. And we are in the season of Lent, a time of preparation for Easter. These things are on my mind as I write.

I thank all of you for your generosity and concern and willingness to help, and for your prayers in all these situations. I affirm our congregation's support of the ministries involved (and the other ministries we support too; WMO, RMMO, OGHS, PIN Andrews House Common Ground Free Store, Helpline, and more). I encourage thoughtful prayer regarding AFC and other opportunities to give and share.

As a novice in the observance of Lent, and seeking to learn more

about it each year, I offer into the mix of all these circumstances what I am learning this time around, in the hopes that it will serve as an encouragement.

Ordinarily when contemplating penitence and sacrifice, I think of austerity, an almost enforced sadness, or at least seriousness about sin and its consequences. To me the focus of the season is on sorrow for sin and punishment, to be avoided if possible. Of course, eternal punishment for sin is the "stick" (as in, the carrot and the stick) in the gospel message and it must be taken seriously.

Both Jesus and Paul maintained the idea that our actions count, and we will be held accountable for what we have done. But punishment for sin is only the first part of the gospel message, and avoiding punishment is not a very strong motivation.

I am learning this year that Lent is not really as somber and austere as it may seem to be. It is filled with hope because it is repentance in anticipation of resurrection, not so much a way to avoid what we fear, as a belief in the approach of what we long for. We await goodness and righteousness and justice in a world often characterized by their lack. We long for beauty and peace and reconciliation.

We also long for goodness in our hearts, in which so often we find less than righteous attitudes and thoughts; malice, distrust and

fear, selfishness and greed, wearing them like a garment that can't be removed, longing to be set free so that life can be filled with joy.

The point of Lent is that the promised goodness *has been given*, and each of us is encouraged to seek it, to prepare our hearts for it, to long for it and reach toward it in the knowledge that it has been revealed in the Cross and Resurrection of Christ.

There is a light that lifts up our sacrifice and service, removing the bleakness of the season.

Blessings,
-Mark



Rev. Dr. Ernest H. Jones

Dr. Jones, Executive Minister of ABC-Ohio passed away on Feb. 3rd. A celebration of the life and ministry of Rev. Dr. Ernest H. Jones will be at 1 p.m. on March 3, 2018. The memorial will be held at Greenwood Baptist Church, 461 6th Street at 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Please be in prayer for his wife Denise and the rest of his family.



Scott and Debra Nace

William Scott Nace and Debra Nace passed away unexpectedly Feb. 3 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Somerset County, PA.

Scott was born May 19, 1962 in Lansdale, PA. He attended North Penn High School and enjoyed playing his trombone in the drum & bugle core, cooking, traveling, and cheering on his beloved Philadelphia Eagles. Scott also had a passion for biking and rode for miles and miles. Scott was currently working for Whiteside Manufacturing and was a trustee at FBC.

Debra was born September 23, 1970 in Des Moines, Iowa. She graduated from West Des Moines Valley High School. Very athletic, she enjoyed running track and playing basketball and volleyball. She graduated from Iowa State University with degrees in Agronomy and French. After graduating, she served in the Peace Corps in Senegal, Africa. Having a passion for soil conservation, Debra worked for the USDA NRCS in Iowa, Pennsylvania, Idaho, and more recently Ohio. Just recently, she served a 45 day stint with FEMA in the Puerto Rico Recovery stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi.

She was a co-leader with the Girl Scouts, member of the Women's City Club and active in our church.

Bowen and Hannah Nace, Scott and Debra's children, will continue to live in Delaware where their aunt, Deann Hunt, will care for them.

Volunteers For March

Kid Connection

- Mar 4 Candy Lee / Aidan Ferguson
- Mar 11 Pat Gosser
- Mar 18 Pam Faulk / Will Fogle
- Mar 25 Carol Grubbs / Colin Ferguson

Fellowship Time

- Mar 4 Palmer/Grubbs
- Mar 11 Trigg/Showalter
- Mar 18 Faulk
- Mar 25 Gosser

Panera Pick-Up

- Mar 1 Lovell
- Mar 8 Volunteer Needed
- Mar 15 Faulk
- Mar 22 Volunteer Needed
- Mar 29 Fogle

Rides for David Harris

- Mar 4 Open -please volunteer
- Mar 11 Open -please volunteer
- Mar 18 Open -please volunteer
- Mar 25 Open -please volunteer

Please notice that we need many more volunteers for Panera pick-up. Volunteers are also needed for rides for David Harris.

Thank you all for volunteering your time and talents.

Donations for Cupcakes

On Mar. 9, our church will provide cupcakes for the Second Friday meal at Andrews House. If you would like to help pay for them, please donate to Larry Faulk by Mar. 4.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



March

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

Please report any errors.

Change for Change

On March 11 we will begin Daylight Savings Time. That serves as a reminder to us that we can use our loose change to bring about change in our own community. On that Sunday please bring all your loose change to church. That offering will go to the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for children to help alleviate childhood hunger in our community.

-Pam Faulk

Game Night

Sat, Mar. 3rd
6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
All are invited

Bring a favorite board game and a snack to share

Come and enjoy the Fellowship

Mission / Outreach News

The Mission goal for February was to donate to Disaster Relief. The Mission focuses for March will be the America for Christ Offering and the Change for Change Offering.

The Change for Change loose coin offering will be given to the Delaware City Schools Summer Lunch Program.

Panera Pick Up continues. We are in need of volunteers to help with this mission.

Our next meeting will be March 11 at 1:30 p.m. Come and join us and bring ideas to reach out in our community.

Personals

- Will Fogle provided special music for our worship service on Jan. 28. He also got a #1 rating on his piece at the OMEA district judging.
- Raleigh Gosser recently had surgery for skin cancer on his face and is healing.
- Randy Turner began his term as a member of the Buckeye Valley Board of Education in January.
- Candy Lee had successful cataract surgery in February and will have the other eye done in March.
- Thank you to the men who cooked pancakes for us for Shrove Tuesday. We had lots of good food and good fellowship and a good turnout.
- Peter White provided special music for our service on Feb. 4.
- Dan Chambers has been indisposed with a leg injury.
- Congratulations to the following Delaware Hayes students for the second quarter: Aidan Ferguson-Distinguished Honor Roll; Colin

Prayer List

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

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Family of Dr. Ernest Jones	condolences on Dr. Jones death
Bowen & Hannah Nace and Family	condolences on the death of Scott and Debra Nace
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Ken Peterson	Health Issues
Ben Geary	Health Issues
Kilhefner Family	Brother's Health Issue
Dan Chambers	Injury Recovery
David Harris	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!

Ferguson- Honor Roll; and Will Fogle- Merit Roll.

- David Harris was hospitalized on Feb. 17 for several days.
- Deb Guebert had an article published in the Delaware Gazette on Feb. 22

Margaret Young

Former member Margaret Young passed away in Tallmadge, OH at age 77 on Tuesday, Feb 6th. She lived most of her life in Delaware. Margaret sang in the choir for a long time and had a nice contralto voice.

Her mother was our choir director for many years before "Wick" Wickum and Jim Stephenson. Her uncle, Edgar Ebenhack, was our organist for many years before Ruth Brown.

Margaret enjoyed playing the piano and played at a local restaurant for a number of years. A graveside service was held Feb. 9 in Oak Grove Cemetery with Rev. Wallace White officiating.

Quilt Display

Please come to the Delaware Library during March (starting March 3rd) to see our Quilt Display celebrating National Quilts. A list of Quilt Names and Makers / Owners will be found at the checkout counter.

-Jeanne Ekelberry

Equipping Disciples

The Apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:11-13: "The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." Jesus intends every member of the church to do the work of the ministry. We do this by cultivating leaders, equipping disciples, and supporting healing communities. These are the things we do with our America for Christ offering. We are encouraged by this year's theme to come alongside people and build them up. I am asking you to

join me in giving generously to this year's AFC offering and help us to reach our goal of \$700 as we partner in home mission. During the month of March, we will be promoting this very special offering.

-Pam Faulk

Women's Fellowship

We had 13 ladies at our February women's lunch at Bob Evans. We had lots of conversation and fellowship. For our March lunch on Saturday, March 10, we have been invited to the Second Baptist Church at 11:30 for a pot-luck. The church is located at 55 Ross Street (across from the school). Table service and beverages will be provided. We just each need to bring a covered dish. Bring a friend, offer a ride, invite another member of our fellowship. Let's have a good turn-out for this. If you need a ride, call Pam Faulk, MaryLou Lovell, or Deb Guebert.

Brothers All

Thanks to Mark, David, Jerry, Randy, and Dave for singing "Do Lord" for the entertainment after the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. All males are invited to come and sing with the group.

Rehearsals for March will be 1:30 p.m. on March 4, March 11, and March 25.

Thank You

Thank you to all who brought food for the meal after the Celebration Of Life Service for Scott and Deb Nace. It was good to share a meal and memories after the service.

It was a blessing to unite with the High Point Nazarene Church for the service and time of fellowship.

Facilitators Needed

Stepping Up - Getting Ahead Program is looking for facilitators for the program. Information and training will be Feb. 27, at 5:30 p.m. at William St. Church

See Mary Lou Lovell if you are interested and want further information.



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 Mar 18.

Church Directory Available

Copies of the 2018 Church Directory are available in the Welcome Center.

Newsletter Options

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Maunday Thursday Service

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-Larry Faulk

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Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 25
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship

Maundy Thursday

Thurs, March 29
7:00 pm communion
Fellowship Hall

Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Service

Friday, March 30
Stations of the Cross
11:00 am
Worship Service
St. Mary's 12:00 Noon

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1
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 serices.

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March Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> America for Christ Change for Change 		February 27	28	1	2  World Day of Prayer	3 6:30 Game Night
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Fourth Sunday of Lent Change for Change 11  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:30 Brothers All practice 2:00 Mission / Outreach Committee 6:30 Bible Study Daylight Savings Time begins	12 6:30 Deacons at church	13 7:00 Marion Assoc Trustees	14 6:30 Choir	15 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	16	 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans St. Patrick's Day
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The Perfect Mile, by Neal Bascomb, is the story of the chase for the four-minute mile between three athletes on three different continents in the spring and summer of 1954. The book highlights the careers of Kansan Wes Santee, Australia's John Landy, and primarily Britain's Roger Bannister.

Throughout the first half of the 20th century, runners had lowered the world record down to just over four minutes, but no one had been able to crack the barrier. It is hard to imagine it now, but then it was believed that the four-minute mile was beyond human capability and that anyone who accomplished the feat would die in the effort. The chase was associated with the attempt to climb Mt. Everest, and to break the sound barrier; its achievement was seen as the triumph of the human spirit.

It has been said of Roger Bannister that his belief that he could break the record came not so much from a refusal to believe that he would die or because he had overcome his fear of death, as from his willingness to die. That may be overstated. Remarkably, Bannister was in training for a medical career and on the day of the race he had worked a shift at a hospital in London and taken the train from London to Oxford for the attempt. He later became a renowned neurologist and claimed that he was more proud of his



achievements in that field than those on the track.

Roger Bannister passed away at the age of 88 on March 3rd, among the notables the world has lost so far this year. Having been a runner of sorts myself, and a fan of the sport of track and field, the news of his passing has been on my mind.

April is the month of Easter, a time to celebrate new birth, renewal, and resurrection. It is a time to think of Jesus who was also faced with more than the possibility, but the reality of his own death. The scripture tells us that no one took his life but he gave it willingly (John 10:18).

Like Bannister, his willingness came not so much because he believed he would not die or that he had overcome his fear of death. Unlike Bannister, who was seeking a temporary human triumph, Jesus was willing to die for the people he loved. For a while, Roger Bannister inspired those who were interested in his quest and his achievement of it.

The wonder of it has faded with the passage of time. In a much greater way and to a much greater extent, Jesus has inspired many more people to love and compassion, goodness and peace; to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8).

The death of Jesus stands out as the supreme revelation of God as suffering love, as we were reminded in our Lenten Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark. The raising of Jesus at Easter is the revelation of God's victory over death and sin and emptiness. It is the foundation of the Church's faith.

Celebrate it with the heartiness reserved for life's best celebrations. Be renewed once again by the magnitude of his sacrifice and the specter of his raising.

Have a wonderful Easter,
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

Happy Easter!
As we start off the month of April with the resurrection of Christ, I am reminded that we have spent the last couple of weeks reflecting on the events leading up to both the cross and the tomb. But on this Resurrection morning, we are reminded that although the tomb was empty when the women arrived, the miracle

which occurred was no joke. As we progress through the season of Easter, let us continue to be reminded of the pinnacle moment of the Christian faith, the proclamation that has rung throughout the centuries: Christ is risen! Christ is indeed risen!

During the month of April, the youth will continue their ecumenical church visit by returning to Zion UCC for their morning worship on April 22nd, with a youth group meeting taking place that evening.

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

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Mission / Outreach News:

Our next meeting will be April 22 at 2:00 p.m. Come and join us and bring ideas to reach out in our community.

Getting Ahead Program Stepping Up Meal

Nine Getting Ahead sessions have been offered to date with 58 graduates! A new session of 9-week training to community members who are committed to making a more stable life for themselves and their families will be offered at William St. Church.

To enable community members to commit to attending the training, meals are offered prior to each class. We have been asked to provide a meal or two for those participants. Many at First Baptist have been so willing to buy and prepare the food as well as serve and clean up. The meals have been greatly appreciated.

On Wed., April 11th we will be providing a meal. The meal will be planned and a sign up sheet will be in the Gathering Place for those interested in helping.

Meal providers and servers need to arrive at 4:30 p.m. at William St. Church. Those serving and/or cleaning up will be finished by 6 p.m.

Thanks for all the wonderful meals you have prepared in the past. Thanks to all who have served and cleaned up.

If you have questions, ask Mary Lou Lovell.

Easter Offering

Offerings in the Easter envelopes will be donated to Disaster Relief through One Great Hour of Sharing.

Teacher Appreciation for Conger Teachers

The first week in May, we will be showing our appreciation to the teachers at Conger Elementary School. In the past we have filled bags with treats, pencils, pot holders, potato cooking bags, snacks, and items teachers enjoy. We will be making 55 bags this year. We need your help to fill them.

During the month of April there will be a box by the front door for the items that you bring.

Suggestions :
Individually wrapped items such as granola bars, chips, cheese crackers, fruit snacks, microwave popcorn, muffins, hot chocolate, tea bags, cookies, chocolate, hard candy, and tootsie rolls. pencils, note pads, or items you think the teachers could use.

The teachers have been delighted with the bags in the past. Thanks for your continued support to let the teachers know they are appreciated.

America for Christ

Thank you all for contributing to the America For Christ offering. As of March 18, we had received \$565 toward our \$700 goal.

-Mary Lou Lovell

Change for Change

Thank you all for contributing your loose change in March. We were able to donate \$151.10 to the Summer Lunch Program for Delaware children. Please remember to hold onto your loose change for when we change our clocks back in November. If you do not wish to hold onto it for that long, you can bring it to church on any Sunday and put it in the plastic jar on the table in the Welcome Center and I will keep it for you until November.

There were a few foreign coins in the offering. If you would like these back or if you collect foreign currency, please see me. -
-Pam Faulk

Personals

- Erin Faulk visited Matt and Marci Cooper and their family for a weekend in February.
- Lana Palmer was hospitalized in March. She thanks everyone for their cards and prayers.
- Please be in prayer for Lisa Lawrence and her daughter Cory. Lisa's husband Matthew passed away on March 15.
- Colin and Aidan Ferguson and Will Fogle traveled with other Hayes and Delaware orchestra members to New York City where they performed, attended a workshop, and saw the sights.

Brothers All

Brothers All will be singing for the Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Rehearsals will be:
April 8
April 15
April 22

Volunteers For April

Kid Connection

- April 1 Lana Palmer
- April 8 Pam Faulk / Gabe Folge
- April 15 Pat Gosser / Aidan Ferguson
- April 22 Candy Lee / Hannah Nace
- April 29 Volunteer needed / Will Fogle

Fellowship Time

- April 1 Easter Sunday - no snacks
- April 8 Lovell
- April 15 Chambers
- April 22 Guebert
- April 29 Lee

Panera Pick-Up

- April 5 Fogle
- April 12 Faulk
- April 29 Lovell
- April 26 Faulk

Rides for David Harris

- Apr 1 Open -please volunteer
- Apr 8 Open -please volunteer
- Apr 15 Open -please volunteer
- Apr 22 Open -please volunteer
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Please notice that volunteers are also needed for rides for David Harris.

Thank you all for volunteering your time and talents.

Thank You

Dear ladies of First Baptist:
Many thanks to all who helped and provided such a wonderful lunch for the Scott and Debra Nace memorial service! It was amazing and you sent home extra!
We were so comforted by you love and kindness.
-The Nace and Hunt families.
Warmest regards,
Judy Hunt

Maunday Thursday Service

Please plan to join us for our annual Maundy Thursday "Upper Room" candlelight service of worship and communion, Thursday, Mar 29, at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
-Larry Faulk

Birthdays and Anniversaries



April

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

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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!

Attention All Women of the Church

Our April activity will be a covered dish luncheon at our own church in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 14 at 11:30. We have invited the ladies from Second Baptist Church to join us. Beverages and table service will be provided. All women and girls are invited. Bring a friend. Offer a ride to someone.

If you need a ride, call Pam Faulk, MaryLou Lovell, or Deb Guebert.

General Fund Falls Behind

Our expenses for Jan, Feb, and the first half of March have been nearly \$5,000 more than our offerings to the general fund. This is a shortfall of about \$400 per week. Higher utility bills than last year, along with our property taxes have contributed to the shortage. While we are current with our bills, this deficit is a concern.

We need to encourage others to join in our fellowship and to share in our worship, education, and service.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

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15 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:30 Brothers All practice	16	17	18 6:30 Choir	19 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell	20	21 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans
Earth Day  22 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:30 Brothers All practice 2:00 Mission / Outreach Committee 6:30 Youth meeting May newsletter deadline today	23	24	25 6:30 Covered dish dinner 7:00 Qtly Business meeting	26 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	Arbor Day  27	28
29 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Community Coalition Worship teacher appreciation items due May newsletter available today	30	May 1	2 6:30 Choir	National Day of Prayer  3 8:45 Panera Pickup -Volunteer Needed	April Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stepping Up Meal • Conger Teacher Appreciation 	

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It isn't often that the Song of Songs is the subject of sermons or quotes in monthly newsletter articles. This article is, nevertheless, an exception, "See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come (Song of Songs 2:11-12)." I'm sure that by the time May arrives along with this newsletter, such will be the case here in Ohio.

May is for Mother's Day and graduation, among other things. This year I will be out of town on Mother's Day because my oldest son Evan is graduating from the University of Missouri with a Masters Degree in Chemical Engineering. There are others in our church family who will also graduate; Colin Ferguson from Hayes High School and David Harris Jr. from MTSO with a Master of Divinity and a Master of Theological Studies.

Graduation is both a time to celebrate the achievement of an education that required patience and hard work, and a time to look forward to new life opportunities afforded by that education. We pray for and wish Evan, Colin, and David well.

It is worth taking the space to offer thanks and encouragement to the mothers in our church family, as well as to all moms in general. Parenting is a part of life, and for believers it is an important part of the spiritual life. Motherhood is a sacrifice given in



love, which makes it resemble God's sacrifice, so for those who have given their lives to it, may God bless and keep you.

Pentecost also comes in May, a Jewish holiday to celebrate the spring grain harvest. Sometimes it has been called the Feast of Weeks, and it gets its name because it was observed 50 days after Passover. For Christians, it means the coming of the Holy Spirit with tongues of fire enabling the early believers to share the gospel story with all the pilgrims who were in town for the feast in their own language. It also means the end of the season of Easter and the beginning of the time after Pentecost, which means, "life in the spirit."

The spiritual life addresses every facet of human experience; family, personal piety, vocation, citizenship, psychological and physical health, Christian character and fellowship. We enter into this season of the Spirit in the full awareness of God's sacrifice of His Son on the cross and of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The winter is past; and even if there are some rains hanging around, the flowers have appeared. It is the season of singing. Let us be strengthened, enlightened, and encouraged in everything, whether there is a graduation to celebrate or any other of life's major events. God is always present. Life is a precious gift; in everything be thankful.

Blessings,
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

This has been one excitement-filled church year, to say the least! Through various times of transition of both loss and addition to our church community, we have made it to the "end" of the Sunday School year. As we prepare to enter into the summer months and fill up our itineraries with vacations and times of rejuvenation, I just want to take this time to also reflect on the work and energy of the youth since September.

Although the primary activity of the youth has been the ecumenical excursion (which I continue to hear positive feedback from), the youth have also deeply engaged with the life of the church and how they envision the church community in the years to come. Whether through thinking about the practical aspects of the church life or their own theological formations and faith journeys, the youth have grown in many ways

over these past months and over the past 2 years. While much of our time was spent laughing and brainstorming many unfeasible ideas, many ideas that were brainstormed have some potential and possibility to be inserted into the church community.

In May, I am humbled to be able to preach in Pastor Mark's absence for worship on Mother's Day. I am also eagerly excited for the worship service being constructed by the youth group for Youth Sunday on May 20th, during which I will also be preaching. On a personal note, I am also excited to be graduating from MTSO that following Saturday, May 26th (what a week that will be!). Since many have asked what my formal degrees will be once I walk across the stage, I am graduating with a Masters in Divinity with a Specialization in Black Church and African Diaspora Studies, and a Masters of Theological Studies with a Specialization in Biblical Studies. I look forward to the month of celebration that awaits us in May!

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

Mission / Outreach News:

On April 11th Genevieve Peterson, Linda White, Pam Faulk, Larry Faulk, Jeanne Ekelberry, Pat Gosser, and Candy Lee provided food for the Stepping Up Meal class participants. Linda, Jeanne, and Larry served the meal and cleaned up after the meal. The meal was enjoyed and there was enough to send take home boxes with class participants.

We will be making and delivering Teacher Appreciation Bags to Conger Elementary School in May.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



May

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

Please report any errors.

In March we collected \$635 for the America for Christ offering.

In June we will be taking the Tools of Hope Offering and the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Mark your calendar for Family Day Block Party on Sat., July 14th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will again provide and supervise lawn games.

Come join us and bring your ideas to the next Mission/ Outreach Meeting at 11:15 on May 27th.

Getting Ahead Thank You

Thank you all so much for the wonderful meal you prepared and served to our Getting Ahead class! Everything was delicious and I know how much they all

look forward to a home-cooked meal before class.

It was especially nice that Linda White was there to see Jerry Miller, who worked with both of us at Willis many years ago. Such a small world!

Again, thank you for your continued support of our program. We couldn't do it without you!!

Blessings,
 Nancy Miller

Brothers All

The Brothers All have sung for Maundy Thursday service and on Sunday, April 15th. All men are welcome to lift their voices in song for the Lord! Come and join us. Rehearsal on May 6th at 1:30.

Volunteers For May

Kid Connection

- May 6 Pam Faulk
- May 13 Candy Lee /
Gabe Fogle
- May 20 Youth Sunday
- May 27 No Kid Connection
during summer hours

Fellowship Time

- May 6 Jeanne Ekelberry
- May 13 Pam Shears
- May 20 Church Picnic
- May 27 Carol Grubbs

Panera Pick-Up

- May 3 Chambers
- May 10 Grubbs
- May 17 Volunteer Needed
- May 24 Faulk
- May 31 Fogle

There are new sign-up sheets in the Gathering Place for Fellowship Time and Panera Pick-up for the summer months.

Thank you all for volunteering your time and talents.

Personals

• Ben Turner was hospitalized with a broken pelvis and other broken bones after a fall. After surgery on April 5, he is now recovering. He is staying at Jane and Jim Snyder's home in order to get around more easily. The Turner Family thanks you all for your prayers and cards. Their friend Margaret Thomson has set up a Meal Train for meals for them if you wish to help.

• Jane and Jim Snyder have been staying in Morgantown, West Virginia, where they are helping Jane's brother and sister-in-law, who have many health problems.

• Colin Ferguson was pictured and quoted in a recent edition of the Delaware Gazette in an article about students planting trees.

• Will Fogle has been mentioned several times recently in the Delaware Gazette about his contribution to the Hayes tennis team.

• Aidan Ferguson was named on the Distinguished Honor Roll and Colin Ferguson and Will Fogle were named on the Honor Roll for the third quarter at Hayes. Congratulations Guys!

General Fund Update

Offerings to our General Fund for the first quarter of 2018 were over \$5,000 less than our expenses. We continue to look for ways to reduce our General Fund expenses, reducing or avoiding non-essential purchases. A review of our property insurance has resulted in a \$2,000 savings in premium costs. Shopping for approved, competitive natural gas suppliers has saved over \$200 per month this past winter.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

Church Women United

The Annual Church Women United Meeting will be held at Asbury United Methodist Church (McCoy Room 1) on Friday, May 4th at 11:30 a.m. for lunch.

Beverages and table settings will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. At 12:15 p.m., you will be invited to share in the program, "Memories and Expectations". What are your favorite memories of Church Women United? Where do we go from here? A host church for next year's meeting will be decided. The Fellowship of Least Coin will be collected.

If you can attend this meeting to fellowship with women from other churches, call Mary Lou Lovell (740-369-6041).

Panera Pick Up

Thanks to all who have been able to pick up the unsold items from Panera on Thursday evenings at 8:45 p.m., bag them and deliver them to Andrews House on Friday morning. If the items are not picked up, they are thrown away. This is an easy way to help those who need food to eat. If you have not had the opportunity to try this, talk with Pam, Larry, Debbie, or Mary Lou. With summer coming,

many people will be on vacation, so please check the sign-up sheet to see if there is a night that you can help .

Blanket Sunday May 13th - 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.

Graduations

On May 13 Evan Allison will graduate from the University of Missouri with a Masters Degree in Chemical Engineering.

On May 26 Colin Ferguson will graduate from Rutherford Hayes High School. Colin plans to attend Bowling Green State University in the Fall.

On May 26 David Harris will graduate from MTSCO with Masters Degrees in Divinity and in Theological Studies.

Congratulations to all these fine young men!

Prayer List

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Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Ken Peterson	Health Issues
Ben Geary	Health Issues
Kilhefner Family	Brother's Health Issue
Ben Turner	Recovery and Rehab

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

Women's Fellowship

The women met for a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall on April 14. We also invited the women from Second Baptist Church. Nine of our fellowship and four from Second Baptist attended. We had a great time.

Our May lunch will be on Saturday, May 12 at 11:30 at the Frisch's in Marysville. It is an easy drive straight west on Route 36. The Frisch's is on the right, just as you enter the Marysville area. It is before you cross Route 33. Feel free to call someone and invite them, offer to drive someone, carpool, call someone if you need a ride. Because Frisch's will not take reservations, I will have to call them that morning and give them a count.

Please let me know before then if you intend to go.

Sally Williams is Moving

Sally Williams is moving to Westerville. Her new address is 1195 North St, Apt. 437, Westerville, OH 43081.

Pastor Buys Condo

Our pastor, Dr. Mark Allison has been able to purchase the condo that he has been renting since arriving in Delaware. Welcome to home ownership in Delaware.

Summer Hours to Begin

Youth Sunday will be the last Sunday for our regular hours with Sunday school. On Sunday, May 27 we will begin summer hours. There will be no Sunday school until September, and the worship service will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Youth Sunday and All-Church Picnic

On Sunday, May 20, we will celebrate Youth Sunday. David Harris has been working with the youth to provide the worship service that morning. At that time we will also recognize graduates and present a Bible. After the service at 11:30 we will go to the Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, and table service will be provided by the Board of Christian Education. We ask that you bring a side dish to share. We will also be celebrating David Harris with cake for dessert that day, since he will be leaving us soon. We hope you can all attend.

Thank a Teacher

Please take a moment to thank our Sunday school teachers and substitutes from this year. They have done an excellent job.

Teachers were Pat Gosser, Mark Allison, Larry Faulk, and Pam Faulk. Substitutes were Jerry Palmer, Randy Turner, David Harris, and Candy Lee.






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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conger Teacher Appreciation • Blanket Sunday 		1	2	National Day of Prayer 3  8:45 Panera Pickup - Chambers	4	5
Peace Sunday 6  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:30 Brothers All practice	7	Election Day Vote 8 	9	10	11	12
Mother's Day Blanket Sunday 13 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	14	15	16	17	18	Armed Forces Day 19 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans
Youth Sunday - Pentecost 20 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 Church Picnic 6:30 Youth meeting June newsletter deadline today 	21	22	23	24	25	26
Summer Hours Begin 27 10:00 Morning Worship 11:15 Mission / Outreach Meeting June newsletter available today	Memorial Day 28 	29	30	31	June 1	2

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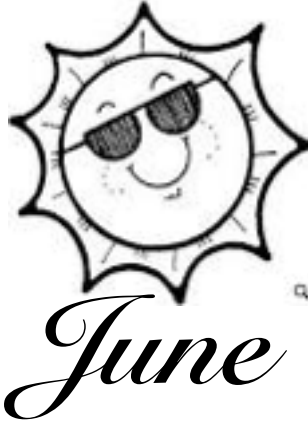
Summer Prayers

“Sweet hour of prayer,” begins the old hymn,

“sweet hour of prayer,
that calls me from a
world of care,
and bids me at my
Father’s throne
make all my wants and
wishes known;
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the
tempter’s snare,
by thy return,
sweet hour of prayer.”

Welcome to the summer. In addition to the traditional summer schedule, with no Sunday School and a 10 A.M. worship hour, I hope you have planned vacations and barbecues and picnics and all sorts of fun. I wish to announce a series of prayer services called “Summer Prayers” beginning on June 24. The focus of the first meeting will be missions, the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and the ABC missionaries we support.

Then on July 8 and 23, and August 5, there will be more traditional prayer meetings with the exchange of prayer concerns, the preparation of notes to those prayed for (I will explain this feature more when we gather for the actual meetings), and a time of communal prayer.



I will offer brief devotions from 1 Peter as a part of each meeting. These events will offer a time to grow in faith, an opportunity to support one another in love, and enjoy relaxing fellowship over the course of the summer. I hope all of you will make the effort to attend at least one of the meetings, even if you are unable to attend them all. Join us when you can.

You will notice that these meetings vary a little according to the day of the week, two Sundays and a Monday. We will begin at 7 P.M. I am hoping to meet in people’s homes. Anyone interested in hosting please let me know. There will be no other requirement other than the opening of your home to make space available.

With the trouble that is in the world and the anxiety in each of our lives in mind, let us turn to prayer over the summer to provide comfort and challenge, consolation and support.

“Sweet hour of prayer,
sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my
petition bear,
to him whose truth and
faithfulness,
engage the waiting
soul to bless,
And since he bids me
seek his face,
believe his word and
trust his grace,
I’ll cast on him my every care,
And wait for thee,
sweet hour of prayer.”

Blessings,
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

I am writing these words just a few hours removed from an exciting and wonderful Youth Sunday worship service. First, I want to give profound thanks to all of the youth who were a part of the worship, whether as a direct participant or as a recognized graduate. It was an amazing service overall. Second, I want to thank First Baptist as a whole for the well wishes and the gifts of appreciation and gratitude that were received over the course of the morning and early afternoon. These past two years have been fun, and I am full of deep gratitude and thankfulness for being a part of this church and for this church welcoming me and allowing me the room to grow in my own vocational call.

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As graduations loom and we prepare to begin packing for vacations, we allow for these summer months to provide moments of relaxation, rejuvenation and refreshment. No matter where the summer travels take us, we will no doubt find ourselves in positions where we can experience the wonders of God in all forms of creation. Nature will call us to step out and breathe deeply, and I encourage you to do so. The spirit of God will continue to call us to experience something new and exciting, and I encourage you to be pleasantly surprised in those moments.

I close with these words, an excerpt from May 1955 written by Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson: "The road is not free from obstacles and obstructions, for in the Divine order of things we are expected to attain our goal by effort; but if we make a determined effort, success is Divinely assured, and the obstacles and obstructions which at first loom large, dissolve and disappear. I wish you to tread this road of pure faith in G-d, without over introspection and self-searching, as in the simple illustration of a man walking: he will walk most steadily and assuredly if he will not be conscious of his walk and not seek to consciously coordinate the hundreds of muscles operative in locomotion, or he would be unable to make his first step." It has been an honor to be at First Baptist. I do not know when or where my next steps will take me, but I will be sure to not become a stranger in the days to come.

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

Prayer List

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Bev Cox	Foot Recovery
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Ken Peterson	Health Issues
Ben Geary	Health Issues
Kilhefner Family	Brother's Health Issue
Ben Turner	Recovery and Rehab
Archie Trigg	Eye Surgery

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

A Thank You Celebration

Our church does an amazing job of supporting the missions that we feel are so important. On Sunday, June 24 at 6:00, we will have a church family celebration to thank you all for your support of our missions throughout the year. We will have a fun evening with a pizza supper and some fun activities. You all are invited, and there is no need to bring anything. Just come, eat, and have a good time. This will also serve as a "kick off" for our Summer Prayers series.

Mission / Outreach News:

On May 13th, we celebrated Mother's Day by receiving the Blanket Sunday offering to be given to Church World Service.

"Thank You" appreciation bags were packed with goodies for the teachers at Conger Elementary School. They were delivered by Pam and Larry Faulk and Mary Lou Lovell. Pam had a chance to talk with her former student, Mr. Page, who is the Principal at Conger.

Thank you to everyone who contributed the snacks for the appreciation bags!

Genevieve Peterson and Mary Lou Lovell attended the Church Women United Luncheon on May 4th. Sadly, that was the last meeting of this Ecumenical Women's Group. The Presbyterian Church will continue to collect the Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering.

Volunteers For June

Fellowship Time

- June 3 Chambers
- June 10 Open
(Please Volunteer)
- June 17 Open
(Please Volunteer)
- June 24 Lovell

Panera Pick-Up

- June 7 Fogle
- June 14 Fogle
- June 21 Grubbs
- June 28 Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering your time and talents.

Tools of Hope June 17th - Father's Day

The Tools of Hope Offering will be taken on Father's Day, June 17th. This is a way to honor fathers and reach out to others in need. The offering will be given to Church World Service.

Personals

- Raleigh Gosser suffered a bad fall in April and took a while to recover from some very bad bruises.
- Archie Trigg is recovering from emergency eye surgery for a detached retina.
- Dan and Sherry Chambers have a new grandson born in April.
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson were confined to home for awhile due to an outbreak of the Norovirus at Willowbrook. Fortunately, they were not sick, but they thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.
- Lana Palmer had a heart procedure for a small aneurism, but does not have to go back until next year.
- Bev Cox is recovering from foot surgery.
- Ken and Pam Shears have a new great-grandchild.
- Erin Faulk's three fourth grade science classes placed first in the state at the elementary level in the Ohio Energy Project. They will be recognized at Dublin's next Board of Education meeting, and Erin will represent them at an energy conference in Washington, D.C. in June.
- A big thank you goes out to David Harris and all the youth who helped plan and participated in the Youth Sunday worship service.
- The middle school band, choir, and orchestra at Dempsey participated in Music in the Park at Cedar Point. They did very well and came back with several awards.

• In May we wished a fond farewell to Sally Williams. She is now settled into her new home in Westerville but hopes to come back to FBC or visits.

• In May Pastor Mark Allison traveled to Missouri for the graduation of his son Evan.

Thanks

Thanks for all the graduation cards and gifts.

-Colin Ferguson

General Fund Deficit Improves

Offerings for April exceeded expenses by nearly \$2,000. This reduces the deficit to just about \$4, 000. Your generous, continued support for FBC is appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thank you to all who go to Panera on Thursday evening to pick up the unsold bread and pastries. Thanks for bagging the items to be given to those in need who come to Andrews House and to the food pantries. Thanks for delivering the items on Friday morning about 8:30 a.m. Your dedication reaches so many families in Delaware.

The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Place. Let's fill it up for the summer!

Women's Fellowship

Our June lunch will be on Saturday, June 11 at The Corner Cafe at The Point. We will gather at 11:30. Feel free to invite someone to join you.

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
- 21 Dan & Sherry Chambers
- 22 Alvin & Bev Cox
- 24 Beth Trigg

Please report any errors.

More Than We Can Imagine

God is doing more than we can imagine.

The human imagination is pretty incredible. The faces you will see on this year's One Great Hour of Sharing materials are those of Luisa and Luis, rural farmers in Nicaragua. Their lives have gotten harder as the rains come less frequently. When they do come, it's often in downpours, not in the gently falling rains that best nourish crops. Their life is hard, yet when Luisa pictures their future, she imagines her children growing up, going to college, being professionals, and caring for the earth.

The human imagination is also limited, bound by our finite human experience. Sometimes the

suffering of the world outpaces our ability to imagine new life. For many, 2017 was an apocalyptic year filled with unbelievable hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, floods, and violence. We prayed, stood with, and gave to people from neighbors to global neighbors we may never meet. These generous gifts through the One Great Hour of Sharing helped people envision recovery and new life, strengthened by the assurance that God is working in, through, and beyond us. The Apostle Paul said that God is able to "...accomplish abundantly more than we can ask or imagine." He also put the work of building abundance squarely at our feet when he said, "...always seek to do good to one another and to all."

We have done good to one another and to all. When dreams abound and even when our imaginations run dry, we continue to do good. Your One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are living testimony to this. Please prayerfully consider supporting the OGHS this month, so that people like Luisa can have hope that the dreams they imagine can come true. Our goal is \$700.

Game Night - June 1st

The youth invite everyone to a game night, Friday, June 1st from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a board game to share. After the games, please join the youth at Whits Frozen Custard.

Take Me Out 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, June 29th. The Clippers take on Indianapolis 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 sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place for your commitment. Please sign up by June 17 so that we can order a block of tickets.



3rd Annual Family Festival

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 14th, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Family Festival will be held on Winter St. between Franklin St. and Washington St.

First Baptist (that's us) will be supervising the Lawn Game Area. In the past we have had corn hole, ladder ball, side walk chalk, coloring stained glass windows, puzzles, origami. and bubbles. Come and join the fun! There will be food, music, games and lots of fun!

Water Appreciated

The sponsoring churches are again contributing bottled water for the Family Festival. Your donation of a case or two is appreciated. Just bring them to church before the festival.

News from the McCurdy Family in Costa Rica

Elizabeth McCurdy, the oldest of the McCurdy children, graduated from High School. She will be spending the summer with her grandparents. In August, she will begin studies in Young Ministry at Columbia International University in South Carolina. If you want to send a card of congratulations, you may send it to :255 Euclid Ave. Ridgway, PA 15853.

In May, Peter visited churches in Pennsylvania, N.Y. and Ohio. He attended the graduation at Eastern University. It was a blessing for him to watch his students walk across the stage and receive their Masters of Theology degrees.

Sarah is teaching two Bible studies.

If you want to correspond with the McCurdy's their email is mccurdy@internationalministries.org



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June Mission Focus: • One Great Hour of Sharing • Tools of Hope		May 29	30	31	 1	2
10:00 Morning Worship Communion	7:00 Piecemakers	5	6:30 Choir	8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulks	6:30 - 8:00 Game Night Whit's after	11:30 Women's Fellowship Lunch Corner Cafe
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:00 Morning Worship	6:30 Deacons	12	13	Flag Day 14  8:45 Panera Pickup -Fogles	15	16
Father's Day & Tools of Hope Sunday 17 10:00 Morning Worship  July newsletter deadline today	18	19	20	First Day of Summer 21 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:00 Morning Worship 11:30 Mission Outreach Mtg 6:00 Summer Prayers / Missions Thank You Supper 6:30 Youth July newsletter available today			6:30 Choir	7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulks		

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As I wrote in the previous newsletter, Summer Prayers is a series of meetings throughout the summer, on July 8, 23, and August 5, beginning at 7 pm. The first meeting will be at my home, 130 Schellinger St. Then on the 23rd we will meet at the home of Larry and Pam Faulk, 705 Canal St. The location of the meeting on August 8th is to be determined.

In each meeting we will offer concerns and praises, and be involved in prayer activities together. I look forward to fellowship that will be shared, and hope that through reflection and prayer we will be able to offer each other comfort, guidance, and encouragement throughout the summer.

In each meeting there will be a brief devotional from 1 Peter. In order to prepare for these reflections and as a kind of introduction, I leave you with the way 1st Peter begins,

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade, kept in heaven for you . . . In this you greatly



July

rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These (trials) have come so that your faith, of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire, may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

Blessings,
-Mark

Thank You Celebration

Tonight, July 24, we begin our Summer Prayers sessions with a “Thank You” celebration for your generous mission giving throughout the year. We will

begin with a light supper at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall followed by some mission activities. There is no need to bring anything but yourselves. Come for food and fellowship.

Family Festival Block Party Saturday, July 14th 11a.m. - 2 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the Family Festival Block Party! Bigger and better this year!

The event will be held on Winter St. between the First Presbyterian Church and Andrews House. There will be free food, music, games, and lots of fun!

First Baptist will be hosting the lawn game area as we have in the past! We will have corn hole, ladder ball, sidewalk chalk, coloring fun, and bubbles. Please come and help oversee the games and activities.

We can use donations of bottled water for the event.

Come and bring your family and friends!

Andrews House Volunteers Needed

FBC is scheduled to serve and clean up at the Andrews House Second Friday dinner on July 13th and volunteers are needed. Please let me know if you can help that evening from 5:30 pm until about 7 pm. We will also be supplying apple pies for dessert. Cash donations are appreciated. Thanks,

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

School Supplies Needed

During the month of July, we are collecting school supplies for students in need of them at Conger Elementary School. Mr. Page, Principal at Conger, says that the head phones we have given in the past are much appreciated. He says that is an important need that we could provide. The head phones are \$10.00. Larry Faulk will order them. If you have other school items to donate, they would be appreciated as well.

Head phones \$10.00 per pair.
notebooks, pencils,
notebook paper
crayons, colored pencils,
student scissors, erasers

If you find games suitable for indoor recess, they are appreciated as well.

Picnic / Business Meeting

On Sunday, July 22, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish picnic lunch after worship. Following dessert, there will be a brief quarterly business meeting.

Panera Pick Up

Panera pick up continues. If you have time on Thurs. eve at 8:45 p.m. and on Fri. am at 8:45 we would welcome your being a part of the receiving of the unsold items at Panera to be given to Andrews House on Friday morning to distribute to food pantries and those in need.

See the sign up sheet in the Gathering Place if you can help.

Mission/Outreach Meeting

The next meeting of the Mission/Outreach Group is scheduled for July 15th at 11:15. Please bring your ideas for reaching out in our community. Hope to see you there.

Volunteers For July

Fellowship Time

July 1 Faulk
July 8 Open
(Please Volunteer)
July 15 Lee
July 22 Picnic/Business Mtg
July 29 Lovell

Birthdays and Anniversaries



July

- 1 Bob & Pat Foor
- 2 Chris & Sarah Byall
- 3 Phil Mercer
- 6 Lindley Chesser
Sam Chesser
Raleigh & Pat Gosser
- 12 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

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Panera Pick-Up

July 5 Open
(Please Volunteer)
July 12 Faulk
July 19 Lee
July 26 Lovell

Thank you all for your help!

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Blanket Sunday

We honored the women of our lives on Mother's day 2018 raising \$155.00 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

Jeanne Ekelberry	In Honor of:	Ethel Trogdon
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
Deb, Will and Gabe Fogle	In Honor of:	Mary Lou Lovell, Carol Serviss
	In Memory of;	Ida Morby, Jenny Lovell
Carol Grubbs	In Memory of:	Ruth Brown, June Detweiler
Dave Lovell	In Honor of:	Mary Lou Lovell, Deborah Fogle, Barbara Smith
	In Memory of:	Jennie Lovell, Margaret Morby,
Ken and Genevieve Peterson	In Memory of:	Their Mothers
Ken and Pam Shears	In Honor of:	Janet Lathrop
	In Memory of:	Frances Shears
Barbara Smith	In Honor of:	Mary Lou Lovell Debbie Fogle
	In Memory of:	Ronda Smith
Randy Turner	In Honor of:	Tonabell Turner, Jane Moore/Snyder Melissa Mercer, Jennifer Turner
Linda White	In Honor of:	Margaret Seckman, Lorraine Elder

Personals

• Janet Lathrop recently tore a muscle in her rotator cuff and is undergoing physical therapy.

• Two former members, Colleen Askins Whitacre and Sandy

Cagwin, passed away in June. Colleen had grown up in our church and attended as an adult with her husband Ron and their two children. Sandy attended with her husband Paul and their two children.

• Dave and Mary Lou Lovell took a 7-day cruise to Alaska in June.

• Larry, Pam, Erin, Jeff, Laurie, Cullen, Brigid, and Jane Faulk also took a 7-day cruise to Alaska and left the day after the Lovells.

• The Gossers and the Lees spent a week pontooning on a lake in Kentucky.

• Samuel Allison visited his father, Pastor Mark, for Father's Day

• Erin Faulk's 4th grade science students at Olde Sawmill Elem. in Dublin recently won first place in the state among elementary classes in the Ohio Energy Project. They were recognized at the local board of education meeting, and Erin was able to fly to Washington, D.C. to represent her students at the national award ceremony.

Women's Fellowship

Because the date for our July lunch is the same date as the Family Festival, we will not be having a July women's lunch. Instead, we invite all women and their families to join us as the festival between 11:00 and 2:00 on July 14. We will be under the blue awning tents on the corner with the lawn games, coloring, and bubbles. Come and join the fun.

Thank You Notes

1. Dear FBC Family,
Thank you for the graduation book. I look forward to reading it.
-Colin Ferguson

2. Dear First Baptist Church,
On behalf of American Baptist Home Mission Societies, we thank you for your support of the America for Christ Offering 2018. Your financial support to home

missions is making a transformational difference across the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

Our theme this year, "Cultivating Leaders, Equipping Disciples, Healing Communities" serves to remind us that mission and ministry are rooted in service that manifests and extends the grace of God. Through the AFC offering, we can participate with our Lord in transforming lives and communities. ABHMS receives two-thirds of your AFC gift, which is receipted below. Your regional office receives one-third...

...We are grateful for you continued partnership and financial gifts...

With Eternal Hope,
Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, Executive Director, ABHMS, ABCUSA

3. First Baptist Church, Thank you for partnering with IM to help underwrite the expense of the ministry God has called us to in Costa Rica. Your support is making a difference in the life of pastoral families, seminary students, and others sensing a call to ministry. At a recent pastoral prayer meeting, one of the pastors passionately and boldly gave a call to the other pastors about the need to be training up new pastors within the churches. So, they can retire and still enjoy life and family. We praise God for this pastor's boldness as this has been a focus of our teachings this year; that a new generation of pastors will hear their call and follow it. It is an honor and a joy to be on this journey together! Thank you for thinking globally and for helping equip pastors who will then be able to better equip future leaders.

-Peter and Sarah McCurdy

Tools of Hope

- Thank You First Baptist! We contributed \$140.00 to Church World Service on Father's Day 2018. 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

Giver

In Honor/Memory

Erin and Pam Faulk
Pam and Larry Faulk

In Honor of: Larry Faulk
In Honor of: Jeff Faulk, Keith Anderson
In Memory of: Ralph Cole, Donald Faulk, Ron Rose, Bill Faulk, Paul Stewart

Deb, Will and Gabe Fogle

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

Pat and Raleigh Gosser

In Honor of: Dr. Mark Allison
In Memory of: Vernon Howe

Carol Grubbs
Candy Lee and Brennan
Ken and Genevieve Peterson

In Memory of: Charles Brown, Fred Grubbs Sr.
In Memory of: Phil Lee
In Memory of: Ebert R. Peterson, Vernon H. MacNall

Jennifer and Randy Turner

In Honor of: Heryl Turner, Jim Snyder, Ben Turner

Linda White

In Memory of: Jimmie Moore
In Memory of: Charles Seckman

4. Thank You from the Turner family for all the support during Ben's recovery including meals, financial gifts, and prayers.




First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street
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July

2018

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 Morning Worship Communion	2	3	4  HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA! Independence Day	5 8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed	6	7
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15 10:00 Morning Worship 11:15 Mission Outreach Mtg	16 6:30 Deacons	17	18	19 8:45 Panera Pickup -Lee	20	21 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans
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One of the books that has found its way onto my shelf is a collection of devotions originally entitled, "The Believers Daily Treasure," It had been published by the Religious Tract Society of London, England, and was discovered in the 1950's to have been in the possession of Abraham Lincoln.

No one knows if Lincoln had read the book, and there is a dispute about the nature and extent of his faith, but in 1957 this little book was re-published as, Lincoln's Devotional, with an introduction by Carl Sandburg. I found this copy on the shelves at the church in Staunton, Illinois, and at one time, years ago, I spent a year reading the daily devotions.

Since this newsletter edition is for the month of August, I thought I might share the entry of August 1st. The text for the day is John 16:33,

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

The text is accompanied by this poem,

The path of sorrow, and that path alone,
Leads to the land where sorrow is unknown
No traveller e'er reached that bless'd abode
who found not thorns and briars in his road.



Of course, few have ever lived a life beset by thorns more than Lincoln; he lost his mother and sister at a young age, and later two of his four sons in their childhood, not to mention having presided over the divided America of the Civil War period.

If he was reading these devotions, we can be sure that he found in them encouragement and strength. At any rate, we can. No matter how burdensome life may become, we not only share the hope of heaven, but also the sure conviction in the belief that God is present with us throughout our lives.

I also intended to share the entry for the last day of the month, but I liked the sentiment in the entry of August 30th, and so I will leave it with you. The text is 2 Corinthians 1:9-10;

"We had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raiseth the dead: who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us."

And the poem:

His love in times past forbids me to think
He'll leave me at last in trouble to sink:
Each sweet Ebenezer I have in review
Confirms his good pleasure to help me quite through

I hope this August finds you in peace and your life filled with blessings as the summer draws to its conclusion and we anticipate fall with all of its busy activities.

Blessings,
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

It seems that the summer has flown by! Whether in the excitement of family vacations or in the joy of community gatherings, the heat of the summer has warmed our hearts and spirits. But as August looms closer, we face the (unfortunate) reality that another cycle of work and school is fast approaching on the horizon. As we wind down the last moments of peaceful relaxation and prepare our minds to return to those places, we cherish these last few days of summer and vacation.

During the month of August, there will be a back-to-school picnic "hosted" by the youth after the beginning of the new school year to celebrate the return to school. There will also be the regularly-scheduled youth group meeting to discuss the year-long outlook of the youth group, as well as preparing for a youth-sponsored Rally Day afternoon event.

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

Volunteers For August

Fellowship Time

August 5 Faulk
 August 12 Lee
 August 19 Grubbs
 August 26 Gosser

Panera Pick-Up

August 2 Fogle
 August 9 Faulk
 August 16 Grubbs
 August 23 Faulk
 August 30 Lovell

**Thank you all for
 volunteering your time!**

Personals

- Ken Shears went skydiving with the U.S. Army golden Knights Skydiving Team this past month. Ask him to tell you about what a great experience he had.

- Evan Allison visited Pastor Mark in July, and they attended a Tiger baseball game in Detroit together.

- Will Fogle dislocated his knee during a tennis match and will have surgery this week.

- Erin Faulk recently took a cruise to New England and Canada.

Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
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Jim Brown	Recovery and Rehab
Kilhefner Family	Brother's Health Issue
Will Fogle	Surgery and Rehab
Archie Trigg	Eye Surgery

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

- Jim Brown had a bad fall and sustained several fractures in his hands and vertebrae. He is recovering in the rehab section of Sarah Moore right now.

- Archie Trigg will have surgery on his eye.

- Dan Chambers will be taking a 3-week trip to Montana. Sherry will be joining him for the end of the trip.

- Former member Paul Cagwin of Mt. Vernon recently died. You may remember that we reported the death of his wife Sandy in the last newsletter.

- Erin Faulk had one of her photographs selected to be exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

Women's Fellowship

Our August lunch will be at Bun's at 11:30. Please be sure to let Pam Faulk know if you plan to attend, so we have a count to give them.

In October we are planning a very special outing for all the women of the church. On Sunday,

October 14 at 5:00 there will be a 3-hour program for women presented at the Powell United Methodist Church. The cost is \$20 if we have a group of at least 10, so we are hoping for a good turn-out.

Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place and view the online video sent to your e-mail. This is similar to "Women of Faith". This will replace our October lunch which would have been on the 13th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

A Special Invitation

Our church family is invited to come and help us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We will have a party on August 18 from 2-4 in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and help us celebrate.

NO GIFTS PLEASE.

-Pam and Larry Faulk

Thank You Notes

• I want to thank you all for your generous donations to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We do not yet have a final total, but we did surpass our \$700 goal by your contributions during the month of June and also the Easter offering.

Pam Faulk

• Thank you all so much for your sweet card and lovely book. I am so grateful to have your support as I take the next steps in my life.
Love,
Emily Bowman

• Dear Pastor,

We are grateful for your support of Alderson Broaddus University as demonstrated through your congregation's recent gift of \$150. Along with our gratitude, you have our promise to strive to provide the highest quality, most affordable education we can...
...We have great pride in our institution, our students, and the promises the future holds. Private support is critical in our efforts to sustain Alderson Broaddus' mission, and we thank you for recognizing that! We value your commitment, and our students benefit from your contributions.

With sincere appreciation,
Dr. Jams "Tim" Barry, President
Interim Vice President for
Institutional Advancement
Alderson Broaddus University



Mission/Outreach News

The Block Party /Family Festival on Winter Street on July 14 was a success! From 11a.m.- 2 p.m. we enjoyed meeting children and adults and doing activities with those who stopped by our area. There was free food, haircuts, music, face painting, Kona Ice, and lawn games. First Baptist set up and supervised the lawn games (corn hole, hoola hoops, ball games, sidewalk chalk, coloring of stained glass window pictures, putting together a Noah's Ark puzzle, having fun with bubbles, and frisbees. If you missed the event this year, mark your calendar for next year's Block Party in July.

A HUGE thank you to the Faulks for setting up the awnings, tables, chairs and games. Thanks to ALL who provided water, supervised the games and helped set up and clean up. There is a poster in the Gathering Room with pictures of the fun!

We helped to plan the Block Party, donated water and gave a \$100.00 donation for expenses. We filled out evaluations of the event to give to the committee for their preparation of the Block Party for next year.

During July we have been collecting school supplies for children who lack the supplies to begin school at Conger Elementary School. We will collect them for 1 more week. Needed items are:

pencils	erasers
glue sticks	scissors
student ruled	notebooks
colored pencils	crayons

The box is filling up. Thanks to all who have already donated.

If everyone brought 2 items, we would have over 50 or more items to donate.

Also needed are headphones for children. We are asking for a \$10.00 donation. Larry Faulk will purchase these and they will be given to Conger with the school supplies at the beginning of August.

On rainy days when the students are inside for recess, board games or other games they can play being seated are used. If you can purchase one for this purpose, the teachers would be delighted

The next meeting of the Mission/ Outreach Group is scheduled for Aug 19th at 11:15. Please bring your ideas for reaching out in our community. Hope to see you there.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



August

- 3 Ray & Carol Serviss
- 4 Gabe Fogle
- 5 Bruce & Liz Bowman
Carrie Trigg
- 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.

Undie Sundays

Undie Sundays are the Sundays of August when we collect new underwear for children and adults. We can use tee shirts, underwear, and socks. Who doesn't like to have a new pair of these items?

There will be a box in the entrance of the church for your items. At the end of August, they will be taken to the Common Ground Free Store for distribution.

Panera Pickup

Thanks to all who continue to help with the pick up of unsold Panera items!

Some of the bread is used for sandwiches for those parents eating with their children at the Delaware City Schools free lunch program. Many items are given to the Community Market at Highpoint Church and other food banks. Some of it remains at Andrews House for those that come in needing food.

If you have not been a part of the pickup, please consider taking a turn. The sign up sheet is in the Gathering Place .

- 8:45 p.m. Thurs. night
Get items from Panera
- Take the items and bag them in usable quantities and place them in tubs.
- Take the items to Andrews House on Friday morning at 8:45 a.m.

Praise God with Music!

Rally Day will be September 9th! I am looking for those who like to sing to be part of the choir! I am looking forward to seeing all those who have been in choir and some new faces to join us. We will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Our first rehearsal will be September 5th.

Brothers All

Brothers All will rehearse on August 12th and August 19th at 9 a.m. We are looking for men who like to sing. Come and join us!

Treasurer's Report *shortfall continues*


Second quarter income and expenses for the general operating fund were nearly equal. However, the first quarter deficit of \$6,000 continues. Your prayerful attention to giving is appreciated.

Mission giving for the first half of 2018 is on target to meet our budgeted goals. Contributions to our capital improvement fund allow the fund to grow and be prepared to meet future capital needs.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

August

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August Mission Focus: • Common Ground Free Store • Undies Sundays			1 6:30 Choir	2 8:45 Panera Pickup - Fogles	3	4
5 10:00 Morning Worship/Communion 7:00 Summer Prayers Carol Grubb's home	6 6:00 Piecemakers	7 Election Day 	8	9 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulks	10	11 11:30 Women's Fellowship Buns
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School started last week, and that means the summer is about to end. Autumn is near. It won't be long, just the second Sunday in September, until we cast off the summer schedule and return to regular activities with Sunday School at 9:30 A.M. and worship at 10:45.

I have been praying and thinking all summer about which direction to go in the Sunday School class that I teach. Since I will be on vacation for two weeks at the end of September and the beginning of October, I thought it would be a good idea to start off with a study emphasis that could be completed in three Sundays, and then begin with something else after I return. Paul's Letter to the Philippians comes to mind. It has always been one of my favorites, and has well-known passages, such as the suggestive statement in Chapter 1, "to live is Christ, to die is gain," the Christ hymn in Chapter 2, and the exhortation against anxiety in Chapter 4.

While we are studying Philippians, I will offer the class some input about what to study when I return in October. Richard Foster's Celebration of Discipline, Rick Warren's The Purpose Driven Life, or Henry Blackaby's Experiencing God, would be good to consider. So come prepared to learn and grow in faith and understanding.

On one of the Sunday's while I am away, Hospice Chaplain Mike



Reynolds, who has been worshipping with us for these last few months, will be preaching in my absence. David Harris Jr. will preach on the other Sunday.

And just as a reminder, the Sunday I return from vacation, October 14, is Crop Walk Sunday. We missed it last year because we had a missions focus that day, but I am sure that we will resume our commitment to the worthy cause of alleviating the effects of hunger and poverty.

As you know, over the summer we held a series of "prayer meetings." One of the outcomes of these services involves the opportunity to enhance the prayer ministries of our church. Although no particulars will be given presently, let me plant a seed about the coming year as a time to focus on prayer, keeping in mind Paul's words in Ephesians 6:18,

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers

and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

I know there are many other things happening in the life of our church and in our community in September. My prayer is for God's blessing upon each of you, and on everything we do and share together.

Blessings,
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

The dog days of summer are long behind us and summer vacations have come to an end for many of us. As the calendar shifts to the final third of 2018, we find ourselves quickly back into our familiar rhythms and routines. Whether revolving around work, school, or relaxation, the month of September will be for many of us a return to a kind of flow that is different than what we have enjoyed during these last few months. September also marks the beginning of the new "church year," a time where we return to the Sunday School classrooms and the non-summer worship schedule.

During the month of September, the youth will host an all-church picnic in the evening on Rally Day (Sept. 9) at Smith Park. There will be games available,

and there will be announcements and information regarding food/snacks/beverages in the upcoming bulletins and announcements. At the end of September, the youth will gather for their monthly youth group meeting at 6:30 PM.

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

**Birthdays
and
Anniversaries**



September

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

Please report any errors.

Reba Jean Syler

Long-time member Jean Syler died Sunday, July 29, 2018 in Willow Brook at Delaware Run. She graduated from Fairview High School and received a Business degree from the University of Tennessee. She was an executive secretary for the State Highway Dept. She was a member of the Delaware Business Club, Women's City Club, and past President of The American Legion Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank A. Syler, Jr. She is survived by children,

Deborah Syler (John W.) Johnson of Delaware, Son Douglas Syler of Shiloh, IL, Grandson Isaac Syler, step brother John Davis.

A memorial service will be held at Willow Brook on Saturday, September 22nd at 10 a.m.

Janet E. (Lutz) Inscho

Another long-time member Janet Inscho, passed away August 5, 2018. Preceded in death by her husband, Foster L. Inscho Jr.; son, Donald L. Inscho. Survived by daughters, Karen (Scott) Mills, Elaine (Mike) Dever; sons, Mark (Cheryl) Inscho, Tim (Paula) Inscho, Brent Inscho; many grandchildren and great-grand children.

A private graveside service was held Friday, August 9, 2018.

Volunteers For September

Fellowship Time

- Sept 2 volunteer needed
- Sept 9 Faulk
- Sept 16 Lovell
- Sept 23 Grubbs
- Sept 30 Faulk

Panera Pick-Up

- Sept 6 Lovell
- Sept 13 volunteer needed
- Sept 20 Fogle
- Sept 27 Faulk

As you can see, there are some dates needing volunteers. There are new sign-up sheets in the Gathering Place.

Please volunteer.

Fellowship Time

Please consider signing up to host one of the Fellowship Times after Sunday worship. The focus is fellowship, not feasting. There is no need to bring a large variety of items. Cheese and crackers,

fruit, cookies, or a light snack are great, but not all the above on the same Sunday is needed. Drinks are provided. If you are unable to sign up, please join us any way and share in the fellowship.

Kid Connection

Because most of our attending children are too old for Kid Connection, the Board of Christian Education has decided to no longer offer Kid Connection on a regular basis during the worship service. Instead we will have a list of volunteers who will rotate through as the need arises for Kid Connection or Nursery coverage. Please see Pam Faulk to volunteer to be on this list.

Women's Fellowship

There were 8 ladies who lunched at Bun's in August. Our September lunch will be on Saturday, September 8 at 11:30.

We will be going to El Vaquero's for lunch. They are located at 33 Wootring Street just behind the McDonald's on South Sandusky. We have invited the ladies of Second Baptist to join us for lunch.

For October we are going to do something a little different. We will not meet for lunch on October 13.

Instead, we will be attending ASPIRE on Sunday, October 14, at the Powell United Methodist Church. This is an event similar to Women of Faith but on a smaller and cheaper scale. The cost is only \$20 if we have at least 10 people going. Please let Pam Faulk know by September 23 if you wish to attend so that she can purchase the tickets. See the bulletin board in the Gathering Place for details.

Rally Day

Rally Day will be on September 9. We will kick off the year with coffee, juice, and doughnuts at 9:15 in the Gathering Place and then proceed to our classes at 9:30. Remember that this also means that we will be back to "regular" hours on the 9th with the worship service beginning at 10:45. Pat Gosser and Candy Lee will be teaching the Adult I Class. They will be working with the Judson quarterly "Journeys," with the theme "God's World and God's People." Pastor Mark Allison will be leading the Adult II Class. They will start the year with a study of Paul's letter to the Philippians. Larry Faulk will teach the Teen Class. Pam Faulk will teach the Youth Class. Substitute teachers are Candy Lee, Randy Turner, and David Harris.

Personals

- Chad Myford dropped a full case of milk jugs on his feet recently and broke his foot.
- Matt Lovell visited Dave and MaryLou in July and attended church on July 27.
- Maxwell Lincoln Showalter was born on July 27. He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. Congratulations Emilie and Mike!
- Jim Brown is now home from rehab at Sarah Moore.
- Will Fogle had knee surgery and is healing well.
- Jonathan Allison was here for a few days.
- Pam and Larry Faulk would like to thank everyone for their well wishes as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

- Jane Moore Snyder's sister-in-law Cathie Corder passed away on August 13 in West Virginia. She had been on our prayer list for quite a while. We offer condolences to Jane and her family.

- Ben Geary was recently treated to a ride in the wide-wing Ford Trimotor airplane at the invitation of the pilot.

- Dave Lovell recently had skin surgery on his face.

- Archie Trigg had more eye surgery recently.

- Pastor Mark Allison has been named President of the Delaware Ministerial Association.

Thank You

Dear First Baptist Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your continuous supply donations to Conger Elementary. We are able to help many students with your generous donations.

Thank you again,
Josh Page
Principal

Mission/Outreach News

The Mission/Outreach Group met on Sunday, August 19th. We discussed the evaluations of the Family Day/Block Party on July 14th from 11a.m. to 2 p.m. on Winter St. It was well attended.

In July we collected school supplies for Conger Elementary School. They were extremely appreciative to receive the following items when we dropped them off:

- 50 headsets
- 4 pencil cases
- 2 bottles of glue
- 12 packages of pencils
- 3 pairs of scissors
- 2 packages of pens
- 1 ruler
- 23 folders
- 26 tablets of paper
- 4 boxes of crayons
- 4 boxes of markers
- 3 rolls of tape
- 37 glue sticks
- 4 hi-lighters
- 4 packs of filler paper
- 3 games
- 15 books to give out at birthdays

Prayer List

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

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Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Jim Brown	Recovery and Rehab
Kilhefner Family	Brother's Health Issue
Will Fogle	Rehab
Archie Trigg	Eye Surgery
Cathie Corder Family	Condolences on Cathie's death
Jean Syler Family	Condolences on Jean's death
Janet Inscho Family	Condolences on Janet'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!

Undy Sunday was our Mission Focus for August. The box is filling up with new underwear of all sizes (tee shirts, underwear and socks). Let's make it overflow to have lots to give to the Common Ground Free Store on Central Avenue.

Common Ground Free Store has a Fund Raiser each year which was held on Aug. 11th with food and a fashion show. We contributed \$100.00 to this as we have in the past.

Our September Mission Focus will be People In Need.

Most needed items are:

pork n'beans
beans (any variety)
canned fruit
feminine products
shampoo
toothbrushes and toothpaste

If we all brought 2 items a week for September, we would have well over 80 items!

There will be a box in the entry way of the church for your donations.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thanks to all who continue to go on Thursday evenings to pick up unsold items at Panera so that they can be distributed to Food Pantries and given out at Andrews House. Your support of this has reached many in our community.

Brothers All

The Brothers All have continued to bless us with their music! We are looking for males who want to be a part of this group. Join us on September 16th at 1:30 p.m. Come, sing and praise the Lord!

Make a Joyful Noise!

The choir has been on vacation this summer but now is getting ready to start singing anthems for the fall. Thanks to Linda White, Dave Lovell, Pam Shears, Jennifer Turner, and Randy Turner for their dedication to choir and blessing us with many beautiful anthems last year. If you like to sing, please come and join us at 6:30 on Wednesday nights in the Youth Room. The first choir rehearsal will be September 5th to prepare for Rally Day!

Funds Needed




Increased funding support for our general fund is needed. While we have tried to control spending, our income continues to fall short of our necessary expenses. This shortage is nearly \$200 per week.

Please prayerfully consider increasing your weekly offerings by \$5 - \$15. If everyone gave \$10 more per week, we would meet our expenses.

- Larry Faulk, treasurer

September

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<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>10:00 Morning Worship/Communion</p> <p>Last day of summer hours</p>	<p>Labor Day 3</p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovells</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>11:30 Women's Fellowship El Vaquero's</p>
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Dr. Allison on vacation Sept 24 - Oct 7

Good News Letter

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A Year for Prayer

On Rally Day, September 9th, we announced a year-long emphasis on prayer. The purpose of this emphasis is to focus our attention on the biblical encouragement to “Pray continually,”

(1 Thessalonians 5:17), to enhance the prayer ministries of our church, to provide practical suggestions for use in personal devotion, and to pray for our church, community, and the world.

We announced the activities that will be happening this fall. First, our annual World Missions Offering will be accompanied by a series of devotions and prayers over 60 days beginning on September 30. These prayers and requests are very short and may be used as a part of one’s daily devotions, and they are written by the ABC missionaries that we support with the offering. There will be more information about these devotions by the time you receive this newsletter.

Second, on October 27, we will have a “Day of Prayer,” it will be like a prayer vigil. Opportunities will be given for anyone to come to the church at a scheduled time to pray in the sanctuary. There will be suggestions and helps, which will also be available for those who would be better able to pray from home.



A vigil often has an object, to pray for something in particular, like a building project or the launching of a new ministry program. This day will be different, for there is no specific aim but to pray more intentionally for our church and for each other, and that the prayer ministries of our church will be enhanced.

Thirdly, around Thanksgiving, there will be introduced a “Prayer Chest,” literally a container, which will offer each of us an opportunity to be intentional about praying for each other. More information about this will be given in the months to come.

There are also activities in the planning stage for the spring. There will be prayer gatherings to learn about different types of prayer, and to give opportunities to grow and try different approaches.

My hope is that throughout this year our hearts would be opened and lives enriched by this emphasis, and that each one would have a deepened experience of God’s grace.

I will be on vacation on the last Sunday in September and the first in October. I am thankful for the opportunity to get away and to visit my family. Please welcome Mike Reynolds who will be Preaching on September 30th, and David Harris on the 7th of October.

When I return on October 14th, it is Crop Walk Sunday. I hope many of you will join in the effort to alleviate hunger. By then, the Day of Prayer will be less than two weeks away, so be ready.

God Bless,
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

Now that we have officially begun fall, it seems as though we can now turn our eyes to the final quarter of 2018. With the changing weather and our lives back into an oft-familiar rhythm, we approach and arrive at the month of October with thoughts of the fast-approaching holiday season. As the calendar changes to October, the colors around us begin to change into their traditional orange hues, and (unfortunately) the temperature begins to find its way more regularly into the lower numbers.

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As the calendar changes, the youth are also changing their mindsets to the end-of-year events and festivities as well. During the month of October, the youth will be hosting an all-church, all-family Halloween party on October 21st at the church from 5 to 7 PM. Similar to last year, the party will include a pumpkin decorating contest, a costume contest, and a scavenger hunt, among many other activities. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks regarding activities and sign-up sheets. The youth will also hold its monthly youth group meeting on the 28th at 6:30 PM.

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

Volunteers For October

Fellowship Time

- Oct 7 Palmer
- Oct 14 Gosser
- Oct 22 Chambers
- Oct 28 Lee

Panera Pick-Up

- Oct 4 Grubbs
- Oct 11 Volunteer needed
- Oct 18 Lee
- Oct 25 Faulk

We thank you all for volunteering. The Fellowship Time list is completely filled for the fall quarter! However, there are still several blanks on the Panera sign-up sheet. We could use more volunteers for Panera. It is not hard to do. Please speak to the Faulks or the Lovells if you want "training." This is a vital part of our mission/outreach program. All the items go to Andrews House which makes use of it in their many free meals throughout the month or in their food distribution activities throughout the community.

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to all for your generous donation of new underwear for the UNDY SUNDAYS in August. 26 boys briefs, 7 men's briefs, 15 men's tee shirts, 46 pairs of girl's underwear, 14 pair of women's underwear and 1 woman's tee shirt were delivered to Common Ground Free Store. All the items were very appreciated !

Our Mission focus for September has been collecting food and needed items for People In Need. The boxes are overflowing and September 30th is the last day of the collection. The items will be delivered by Peter White.

Our Mission focus for October will be the World Mission Offering, Crop Walk and preparing a meal for the Stepping Up/Getting Ahead class.

Crop Walk will be held on October 14th at OWU. Mark your calendar to walk or to donate for a someone who is walking.

We will prepare a meal for those participating in the Stepping Up/Getting Ahead classes held at William St. United Methodist Church on October 29, 2018.

There will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Place if you would like to prepare a food item or donate money. We will also need servers from 4:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m. If you have questions, ask Mary Lou Lovell.

Thank you so much for all of your help in the past to provide a meal.

Our next meeting will be October 21st at 1:30 p.m. Come and bring your ideas for outreach to our community.

Panera Pick Up

Thanks to everyone who has gone to Panera to pick up unsold items to rewrap and deliver to Andrews House for distribution to the food pantries in the community. Please sign up in the Gathering Place if you can help with this mission.

Brothers All

Thanks to all the men that have come to rehearsals and blessed us with your singing! If you like to sing, come and join us!

Thanks



Thanks to the youth for helping design the "A Year for Prayer" logo.

Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Jim Brown	Recovery and Rehab
Will Fogle	Rehab
Archie Trigg	Eye Surgery Recovery
Kilhefner Family	Condolences on Keith's death
Brennan Howe	Recovery

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

Choir

Choir has begun! We meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights. We welcome those who like to sing to come and join us. Come and praise the Lord with your voice!

Personals

- Chad Kilhefner's brother Keith died in late August. We offer prayers for Chad and Christina.
- Erin Faulk received 6 ribbons for her photography at the Delaware County Fair.
- Brennan Howe recently fell and dislocated his kneecap. It was popped back in but was very painful and is still loose.
- On September 22, Calvin Turner and Taylor Blodgett were married in Gahanna.
- Claire and Randy Turner recently spent a day rafting on the Gauly River in West Virginia.
- Pastor Mark Allison officiated at a memorial service for Jean Syler on September 22.
- Just in time for the World Mission Offering, we received a newsletter from Jeni Pedzinski, our missionary in Thailand. You can find it on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.
- Pastor Mark has been on vacation in Colorado where his son Evan has moved.

ASPIRE

On Sunday, October 14, the women of our church have an opportunity to attend the Aspire Women's event. It is an evening full of laughter, learning, stories,

and music, much like a Women of Faith event, only on a smaller scale. The event is at the Powell United Methodist Church which is located at 825 E. Olentangy Street on the south side of Powell Road about halfway between Route #315 and Liberty Road. Our VIP tickets get us in for early seating at 4:00. The cost is \$20. See Pam Faulk for your ticket.

"PASS THE SALT PLEASE"

When a group gathers at a table to enjoy a good meal, no sooner are the plates filled than the salt shaker begins making its rounds so that everyone may season the food to their liking. Many a meal would be far less tasty - even bland - if no salt were readily at

hand. Salt, as ordinary and plentiful as it is, possesses a unique power. Unlike any other seasoning, salt unlocks the subtle flavors in almost any food, enhancing them and bringing new sensations to our taste buds.

When the Lord says to his followers, "You are the salt of the earth," he is urging them to go into the whole world and unlock the good that he is doing so others can be touched by the power of the saving grace of God. As followers of Christ, we too are the salt of the earth, seasoned with the love of the gospel and called to carry that love to all the earth.

I invite you to join International Ministries in "passing the salt." not only around the table, but around the globe. Through your encouragement, your prayers, and your gifts to the World Mission Offering, you enable IM's global servants, volunteers, and international partners to share the good news of Jesus in word and in deed.

You will find references to salt in the bulletin inserts for October and in many of the prayers provided by our missionaries for the "60 Days of Prayer." We will even have salt-rising bread for communion on World Communion Sunday on October 7.

Our goal for the World Mission Offering is \$700. The money goes directly to International Ministries which supports our many Baptist missionaries throughout the world.

Please give generously.
-Pam Faulk

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
- 25 Jack Turner
- 28 Ed Linn
- 30 Jean Osborne
- 31 Claire Turner

Please report any errors.



60 DAYS OF PRAYER

Beginning Sunday, September 30, we will be providing a week of prayers for the next 60 days. This is a voluntary prayer event, sponsored by International Ministries. The brief prayers are from our Baptist missionaries.

Some of them are very specific to their needs, but many are appropriate for anyone. Many of them mention salt, which is the theme for this year's World Mission Offering which supports our missionaries.

A week of prayers will be available in print every Sunday in the Welcome Center. In addition, they will also be found on our church's website at www.fbcdelaware.org, and they will be e-mailed to you if you are on the church's e-mail list. (send me your e-mail address to be added to the e-mail list - lfaulk01@aol.com)

Included below are the seven prayers for the first week.

Week #1

1. Make us salt and light to a hungry and dark world as we powerfully proclaim and courageously live out the good news of Jesus that brings hope and healing.

Aaron and Valerie Osterbrock,
Malaysia

2. Lord, be the loving father to those who don't know a father's love. Restore wholeness to those who are broken and feel unloved.

Alise and Mark Juanes,
Thailand

3. Father, create in us a heart like yours. Help us to be bold and compassionate with the good news of Jesus.

Amanda and Jon Good,
Hungary

4. Break our hearts with care for those who suffer, and work through hands and hearts to bring the love of Christ to those who cross our paths daily.

Ann and Bill Clemmer,
Democratic Republic of the
Congo and South Sudan

5. Jesus, the mothers and fathers of refugee children are tired of war. Please tenderly dry their salty tears and restore peace and hope to their lives.

Ann and Bruce Borquist,
Southeast Asia and Japan

6. We work every day with people who are bought and sold, used and abused, and seem to always be at risk. It is not easy to remain as your salt in the world. Renew our saltiness again, O Lord, that all whom we encounter and serve may savor your presence and your purpose for their lives.

Annie and Jeff Dieselberg,
Thailand

7. Open doors and equip us with every good thing that we might do effective work and speak clearly the mystery of Christ.

Barbara and Dwight Bolick,
Chile

Financial Update

August was the first month this year that our income in the general fund exceeded our expenses. While this does not erase our deficit, your commitment to our financial wellbeing is appreciated.

- Larry Faulk, treasurer

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Colin Ferguson
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921 East Wooster Street
Bowling Green, OH 43403

Deanne Hunt
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Delaware, OH 43015

Halloween Party

The youth are sponsoring a Halloween Party, Sunday, Oct 21 from 5-7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited, with or without costume. Come and enjoy the fun.

Crop Walk

The 2018 Crop Walk will be Sunday, Oct 14 at 2pm beginning at Ohio Wesleyan and including a leisurely walk through downtown Delaware. Please join us in the walk. Please make your contribution checks out to "CROP - CWS" and give them to me.

- Larry Faulk

Day of Prayer



A sign up sheet is available in the Gathering Place for the Day of Prayer, Oct 27. We would like to fill the 1/2 hour time slots from 8-5. If you can serve as a host for 2-3 hours, let me know.

-Larry Faulk





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October

Pastor Appreciation Month - 2018

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
<p style="text-align: right;">Sept 30</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Community Coalition Worship Terra Nova</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>6:00 Piecemakers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>
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<p>World Communion Sunday 7</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Communion</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>5:30 Deacons 7:00 Board of Christian Ed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>7:00 Trustees</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p>
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It was my turn this week to write an essay for the Gazette and I found myself thinking about both it and this newsletter article at the same time. If you read them both you will find similarities. In the Gazette I made use of a quotation by Trappist monk Thomas Merton in a book called, Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander, about an experience he once had standing on a crowded street corner in the middle of an urban shopping district. I will make use of it again here. He wrote,

“In Louisville, at the corner of Fourth and Walnut, in the center of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all those people, that they were mine and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers.”

He writes about it from the perspective of a monk, who has “left the world,” in order to pray for a living. He considered prayer to be his vocation, and that seemed to him to make him different from everyone else. His experience taught him that the opposite is true, that we all belong to God whether we are conscious of it or not, and because of that, we have more in common than he had previously thought.

God’s love overcomes alienation, separation, and draws us near to one another and to those strange to us, even to those we don’t know. That is what the world needs, and it is the goal, if it can



be said that there is one, of our Year for Prayer. In whatever way we speak of it, we hope to experience something like what Merton did, and fall in love with each other, and with the whole human race.

I hope you have found our prayer emphasis meaningful. The prayers of the missionaries have been short and to the point and pack a punch. By the time you read this newsletter article, the Day of Prayer will be in the past and we will look forward to the inauguration of the Prayer Chest around the time of Advent.

In that Chest, the names of each member and friend of our church will be placed. Those willing will have an opportunity to draw a name each Sunday, and commit to praying for that person each day that week. When all the names have been drawn, they will be put back into the chest and the process repeated.

It is voluntary, of course, as is the decision of whether to make contact sometime during the week with the person whose name is drawn just to let them know that someone is praying for them. I hope that being more intentional about praying in this way will draw us nearer to God and to each other.

God bless you all as we enter into the season of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

God Bless,
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

We are approaching the last days of 2018, and the weather is finally truly feeling like fall. As the stores and our minds begin to transition from Halloween candy to Thanksgiving turkeys (and I've even seen some Christmas decorations), we think about November as being a time in which we prepare for the oncoming holidays and what we have been thankful for over the first ten months of the year. When we gather around our respective Thanksgiving tables in a couple of weeks, we know and recognize that we are in the presence of family and/or beloved friends. We give thanks to God!

The youth were extremely grateful and thank everyone who was able to come out to and/or participate in the Halloween party on the 21st at church. There was a lot of fun and a lot of creative innovation that took place!

During the month of November, the youth will be giving back to the church by doing an outdoor clean-up around the church property one of the Saturdays in the month. The youth will also be gathering on November 18th (instead of the 25th) for their monthly youth group meeting.

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

Mission/Outreach News

Since the October newsletter was published, Peter White has taken a trunk load of food to People In Need. Thanks to all of you for your generous giving. Those in our community who are recipients appreciate your donations.

The Mission Focus for October has been the World Mission Offering, the Crop Walk, and preparing a meal for the Stepping Up Class members which meet at William St. Church on Oct. 29th. Three people from First Baptist walked in the Crop Walk; 2 walked 3 miles, and one walked one mile. Collectively the churches raised over \$5,000. which will provide food for those in need.

The World Mission Offering continues through October. We are thankful for the prayers provided by the missionaries as a way to think of them and remember their faithfulness in doing their mission work.

The menu has been planned for the meal we are providing for the participants of the Stepping Up Class. If you can help cook food, buy an item and /or serve, sign the sheet in the Gathering Place.

Two women from First Baptist and a guest attended the luncheon at Second Baptist Church on Saturday, October 13th. We had a great lunch and listened to many survivors tell

their journeys of battling cancer. We laughed, were sad for, and were inspired by these women. There was a raffle of items filling 3 large tables to raise money for Susan B. Komen Cancer research. It was great to be a part of this endeavor. Sister Curtis worked very hard to make it all happen!

November Mission Focuses will be the collection of the Thanksgiving offering which will be given to People In Need, the Change for Change offering which will be given to the Andrews House summer lunch program, and a collection of items to be given for Christmas to children in foster care.

Volunteers For November

Fellowship Time

- Nov 4 Ekelberry
- Nov 11 Snyder
- Nov 18 Lee
- Nov 25 Gosser

Panera Pick-Up

- Nov 1 Grubbs
- Nov 8 Mark Allison + helper needed
- Nov 15 Faulk
- Nov 22 Faulk
- Nov 29 Faulk

Rides for David Harris

- there is a new sign-up sheet for this.
- Volunteers are needed.

We thank you all for volunteering. There will be new sign-up sheets for the winter quarter in the Gathering Place soon.

Sponsor Foster Children

FBC will again sponsor three foster children for Christmas this year.

Teresa is 13. She likes to draw with pastels and chalk and wants to learn to paint with acrylics. She would like make up, nail polish, and bows for her hair. A gift card for Kohl's or Wal-Mart would be nice so she can pick out some new clothes.

Mike is 5 years old. He likes board games and trucks. He wears a size 6X in shirts and pants. He would like a bike.

Britt is 9. She likes American Girl dolls and Barbies. She loves the color pink, and wants sheets and a comforter for her room. She wears clothes size 10/12.

You will find a sign-up list of the children's wish lists in the Gathering Place 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.

**Birthdays
and
Anniversaries**



November

- 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.

Personals

- Jane and Jim Snyder attended a storytelling conference in Tennessee recently.
- Will Fogle played a beautiful violin sonata for the church service on September 30. Thanks Will.
- Dave and Mary Lou Lovell recently traveled to visit Dave's brother Richard and Mary Lou's sister Raeleen. Both have been undergoing cancer treatments and remain in our prayers.
- Former members, Sam and Linley Chesser are expecting their third child in April.
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson recently moved out of their duplex at Willowbrook and into the main building.
- The total for the Crop Walk was \$310, and 3 of our members walked in it.
- Brennan Howe had 6 teeth pulled this past week in preparation for implants.
- Gabe Folge won Reserve Champion for his brownies, and Connor Trigg won two Reserve Champion awards for his rabbits at the Delaware County Fair in September.
 Congratulations guys!
- Charles Ekelberry recently suffered a compression fracture in his back.

Thanksgiving Offering

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

Prayer List

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

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Richard Lovell	Health Issues
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Archie Trigg	Eye Surgery Recovery
Brennan Howe	Recovery
Charles Ekelberry	Recovery

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

Stewardship Sunday

Our pledges to support the 2019 budget will be dedicated during worship on Stewardship Sunday, November 18. Please prayerfully consider your commitment both to financial support and to attendance and participation in worship, study, and service at FBC.

2019 Officers & Budget

At the Quarterly business meeting Oct. 24th., the 2019 budget was approved and church officers were elected. Copies of the budget are available in the Welcome Center.

The 2019 officers are:

Moderator - Randy Turner
 Asst. Moderator - Jeanne Ekelberry
 Church Clerk - Pam Shears
 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, Carol Grubbs,
 Erin Faulk
 Board of Deacons - Dave Lovell,
 Larry Faulk, Claire Turner, Jennifer
 Turner,
 Colin Ferguson
 Board of Trustees - Ken Shears, Peter
 White,

Archie Trigg

Dr. Allison - Guest Column

Dr. Allison had a guest article, **“It’s time for all of us to experience Merton’s Miracle”**, printed in the Oct 26 edition of the Delaware Gazette. We have included a copy on the Pastor’s Page of our website:
www.fbcdelaware.org.

Change For Change

Several years ago the adult Sunday school classes took on a project to help eliminate childhood hunger in Delaware. We called it Change for Change.

On the two Sundays during the year when we change our clocks, we bring in all our loose change to church that morning for a special offering. The money is then given to Andrews House which oversees the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for children.

Next Sunday, November 4, we will change our clocks back from Daylight Saving Time, so please bring all your loose change to church that day.

Women's Fellowship

Our October outing to the Powell United Methodist Church Aspire event was very rewarding and enjoyable. The five ladies who attended from our church had a great time in an evening full of music, laughter, stories, prayer, and fellowship.

Our November lunch will be on Saturday, November 10 at Bob Evans at 11:30. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend so she can call ahead with a count.

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$100 to Common Ground Free Store which we received on 8/23/2018. Your gift makes it possible for us to serve thousands of needy families in Delaware County and surrounding areas.

Last year we were able to provide hot meals, clothing and household goods to more than 9,700 families - more than 14,500 individuals! We would not be able to feed and gift necessary items to so many without thoughtful generous people like you...

...Again, thank you so much for giving to Common Ground Free Store. Because of you, we are able to share God's love with our community in practical and meaningful ways.

If you would like a personal tour of the store, please call any time. I would be honored to show you the impact your financial gifts are making.

Sincerely,
Sharon Griner, Executive Director

Thank You

Thanks to all who contributed to the World Mission Offering. Our goal was \$700 of which \$477 was contributed. You can still give to this to help us reach our goal.

Our 60 Days of Prayer will continue until the end of November.



Financial Update

Copies of the Third Quarter Financial Report are available in the Welcome Center. While our General Fund has improved, we are still in a deficit for the year. Thanks to all who have increased their weekly giving to help this situation.

- Larry Faulk, treasurer

New Addresses for the Church Directory

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November

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>November Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas gifts for foster children • Change for Change Offering • Thanksgiving Offering - PIN 		29	30	<p>All Saints Day 1</p>  <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs</p>	2	<p>Daylight Savings Ends 3</p>  <p>Set Clocks Back one hour tonight</p>
<p>Change for Change Offering 4</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Communion 1:30 Brothers All practice</p> 	5	<p>Election Day Vote 6</p> 	7	8	9	10
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<p>Stewardship Sunday 18</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:30 Mission Outreach Mtg</p> <p>6:30 Youth Dec newsletter deadline today</p>	19	20	21	<p>Thanksgiving Day 22</p>  <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulks</p>	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	<p>Dec 1</p> <p>9:00 Parrish Council Planning Meeting</p> <p>Andrews House Christmas Cupboard</p>

Good News Letter

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By the time this finds you, Thanksgiving will be past and Advent bearing down. I hope all of you shared a wonderful experience with family and friends over the Thanksgiving weekend, and I look forward to all we do together in the celebration of Christmas.

There are several things to mention; The PIN packing day on December 9, the annual Soup 'n Sing service and meal on December 15, the youth Christmas party on the 16th and the candlelight service on Christmas Eve. We have collected gifts for three foster children and will encourage giving to support the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) throughout December. Details about all of these events can be found in other parts of this newsletter.

I do want to briefly mention the Prayer Chest ministry that will begin on December 2 as a part of our Year for Prayer. We are offering the opportunity to pray for one another in a more intentional way. Just take a name out of the box and commit to praying for that person throughout the week. I pray this new activity will help draw us nearer to one another and to God

In all of it, keep in mind the significance of the season, which is the celebration of Christ's birth, the Incarnation. In the language of the Gospel of John, the Word has become flesh and lived on

December



earth among people. The idea of it is simple enough, but the profundity staggers the imagination.

The divide between heaven and earth, the eternal and the temporal, the divine world of justice, love, and peace, and the human world of sin and death and malice, has all been overcome.

Everything we do at this season of the year; the decorations, the music, the lighting of candles, the giving of gifts, are but insignificant attempts to acknowledge the magnitude of the grace that is Christmas. May God bless you with great joy throughout the season.

Merry Christmas,
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

We have made it to the final month of 2018! While we are in the mindset of thankfulness and prepare ourselves and our church for the Advent season, we look

back at an eventful 2018 and all that we have accomplished. While there are things that we wish and wonder we had done differently, we come to the end of 2018 with eyes affixed on what will await us when the clock strikes midnight on the 31st. We remember all of the ups and downs, highs and lows, all chapters within this larger book of 2018 that we are soon about to pen our final words. Onward and upward to 2019 and all that it will bring!

We give thanks to all those who participated in the outdoor clean up last weekend, where we picked up 24 bags of yard material in total! During the month of December, the youth will continue in their tradition of assisting with the PIN Packing Day on December 8th. On December 16th, the youth will meet at Pastor Mark's house to celebrate the year with their annual youth Christmas party.

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

The Prayer Chest

As another activity in our Year for Prayer, beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, December 2, there will be a prayer chest on a stand in the Welcome Center. Inside the chest will be little slips of paper with the name of a member of our church fellowship.

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It is our hope that every Sunday morning people will voluntarily select a prayer slip to take with them in the hopes that they would pray for that person throughout the coming week. You may even wish to contact the person with a visit, a phone call, a card, or an e-mail and let them know you are praying for them that week. Feel free to make use of the greeting cards that Genevieve Peterson provides us that are found in a box in the Gathering Place. You may wish to remain anonymous, and that is all right too. It is purely your choice.

There is no need to return the slip of paper to the chest. When the chest is empty, we will replenish it with new prayer slips. If you happen to draw out your own name, that is OK. There is nothing wrong with praying for yourself and your own needs. If you happen to draw out the name of someone you do not know very well, you can still pray for that person, and maybe you will find a way to get to know that person better that week.

The purpose of the Prayer Chest is to encourage our fellowship to always be in prayer for each other; it is not meant to replace our weekly "Joys and Concerns" or the Deacons' prayer list.

Volunteers For December

Fellowship Time

Dec 2 Grubbs
Dec 9 Lovell
Dec 16 Volunteer Needed
Dec 23 Lee
Dec 30 Volunteer Needed

Panera Pick-Up

Dec 6 Lovell
Dec 13 Faulk
Dec 20 Grubbs
Dec 27 Volunteer Needed

Rides for David Harris

Dec 2 Volunteer Needed
Dec 9 Volunteer Needed
Dec 16 Volunteer Needed
Dec 23 Volunteer Needed
Dec 31 Volunteer Needed

As you can see, there are many open spaces to be filled by volunteers. There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Place for the winter quarter. Any help you give is much appreciated.

RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING (RMMO)

The RMMO is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the personal ministries which demonstrate the ongoing impact that retired ministers and missionaries make in the community. It provides financial support for the retired ministers, missionaries, and widowed spouses who have helped build our churches and American Baptist witness. Through the RMMO we have an opportunity to highlight the congregation's love for all of the ways that spiritual leaders have contributed to our lives. Several members and past members of our fellowship will receive a check from the RMMO this year, such as Sophia Stephenson, Ken and Genevieve Peterson, Alvin and Bev Cox, Ellen and David Brown, Harold and Deb Van Broekhoven, and Tim and Kathy Chesser. This is a way of saying thank you each year to our retirees. Our goal is \$700. Please give generously.

Pam Faulk

Christmas Offering

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

Holiday Wish Program

FBC is again sponsoring three foster children for Christmas this year: Teresa (age 13), Mike (age 5), and Britt (age 9). Wish lists can be found on the bulletin board in the sanctuary. 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. Please do not wrap the gifts, just label them for each child. We will need to have the gifts at the church by Sunday, December 9.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



December

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

Please report any errors.

Personals

- Former member Kathy Russell suffered a heart attack and has undergone surgery and is awaiting more stints.
- David Harris traveled home to Pittsburgh after the mass shooting there in his neighborhood.
- Pat Gosser recently returned from a trip to Nice, France with her son and daughter-on-law.

• Former member Penny Hagaman is now under Hospice Care.

• Jim Snyder was recently hospitalized with gout and then pancreatitis. He is recovering.

• Ben Turner's son Jack was recently diagnosed with anemia. Ben has moved into an apartment in Delaware and has started a new job at Advanced Auto.

• Randy Turner took a trip to West Virginia to visit family and to make apple butter.

• Pastor Mark Allison spent Thanksgiving in Missouri with his sons.

• Jeff Faulk and his family spent a few days with Pam and Larry Faulk recently.

• Dave and Mary Lou Lovell traveled to Michigan to visit former member Jean Osborne.

• Aidan Ferguson was named on the Distinguished Honor Roll and Will Fogle was named on the Merit Roll at Hayes High School for the first quarter. Congratulations guys!

Soup and Sing

Our fourth annual SOUP AND SING will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15th 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.

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!

Second Annual Ladies Christmas Luncheon

Again this year the ladies are going to have a Christmas luncheon with the ladies from Second Baptist being invited. The lunch will be on Saturday, December 8 at noon. There will also be a white elephant gift exchange.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place for people who

wish to bring food. There is also a sign-up sheet to say if you are coming and how many guests you will bring. We are looking forward to a rousing good time like we had last year.

Go Paperless

If you no longer need the paper version of "The Good News," there are two ways to "go paperless."

The newsletter is available in pdf form on our website at www.fbcdelaware.org. Just click on the "Newsletter" link on the left side of our home page to see a list of recent newsletters. We publish next month's newsletter on the last Sunday of each month. Newsletters from the previous three years are also available on our website.

A second method to receive the newsletter is by email. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you shortly after it publishes each month, please send me your email address to be added to the mailing list.

-Larry Faulk, editor

Fourth Annual Soup & Sing

Saturday, Dec. 15th
4 p.m.



Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Jim Brown	Recovery and Rehab
Raeleen George	Health Issues
Archie Trigg	Eye Surgery Recovery
Penny Hagaman	Hospice Care

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

**Andrews House
Christmas Cupboard &
Silent Auction**

Saturday, Dec. 1st
39 West William St.
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Andrews House
Christmas Cupboard**

The annual Andrews House Christmas Cupboard will be Saturday, December 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. During that time you can select your favorite Christmas cookies and put them in a pizza box for \$12.

Are you a baker? You have an opportunity to help with this by donating homemade Christmas cookies.

They need to be taken to Andrews House between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. You may also purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win a week stay in Florida or a stained glass nativity. Raffles will begin at 1 p.m.

**People In Need
Holiday Clearing House**

Donations of non-perishable food items, new clothing, and new toys will be accepted at the Delaware County Fair Coliseum (236 Pennsylvania Ave.) through Dec. 7th. There will be a food drive Dec. 1 from 9 a.m.-1p.m. Volunteers collect food throughout Delaware.

Packing of donated items will be Dec. 8th from 9 a.m. -noon. The youth and anyone who wants to join them will be packing bags. Last year 2,000 adults and children were served. 1,000 bags of groceries were packed in 3 hours.

278 seniors were given food and gifts.

This is a great way to spend a few hours to help those in our community be blessed at Christmas.

Our box for People In Need is in the Vestibule for your donations of nonperishable food.

Thank You Notes

>Thank you for your participation in the 2018 CROP Hunger Walk. As a community we raised \$6,734.31. Hungry people near and far are grateful.
Peace,
Rev. Philip Wilden, Walk Coordinator

>We appreciate the wonderful dinner you all prepared and served this evening- everyone enjoyed it! It was nice having Mark join us at the table too. Please extend my appreciation to him and to Linda, Pam, Pat, Jane, and MaryLou!! You all have been such faithful partners.

Nancy and Bonnie (Stepping Up)

>A big thank you goes out to our congregation for you generous offering of \$767 for the World Mission Offering. We made our goal !!!

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Service**

6:45 p.m. Violin preludes
Claire Turner, solo
"O Holy Night"
Choir Anthem

Candlelight "Silent Night"

Change For Change

I would like to thank everyone for contributing their loose change last month. We collected \$189 in loose change for the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for children. There is a container on the table in the Welcome Center for you to deposit your change if you do not wish to hold onto it until the next time, so you can contribute your change throughout the year.
Pam Faulk

Brothers All

All men (youth and adult) who like to sing are invited to join Brothers All. The next practice is Sunday, Dec 2 at 1:30.

**New Addresses for
the Church Directory**

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341 Bishopsbridge,
Cincinnati, OH 45255

Ben Turner
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<p>First Sunday of Advent 2</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship - Communion 1:30 Brothers All Rehearsal Prayer Chest Begins</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>6:00 Board of Christian Ed at the Faulks 7:00 Piecemakers</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup -Lovell</p>	<p>Pearl Harbor Day 7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9-12 Holiday Clearinghouse Noon Women's Luncheon</p>
<p>Second Sunday of Advent 9</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 2 & 4:30 COSO Concert Last day to bring gifts for foster children</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>6:00 Deacons at Amatos</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup -Faulk</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans 4:00 Soup & Sing</p>
<p>Third Sunday of Advent 16</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3 & 5 Delaware Community Chorus Program 6:30 Youth Christmas Party</p> 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup -Carol Grubbs</p>	<p>First Day of Winter 21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>Fourth Sunday of Advent 23</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Jan Newsletter Deadline</p> 	<p>24</p>  <p>6:45 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</p>	<p>Christmas 25</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup -volunteer needed</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Community Coalition Worship Jan Newsletter Available</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p> 	<p>January 1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p>December Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMMO • Christmas Offering to Andrews House 		