

# Good News Letter

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I hope everyone has had a wonderful Christmas celebration, time with family and away from the ordinary routines of school and work. And I hope the new year will be filled with blessings.

Although one cannot predict the future, I expect, if the Lord wills, to add a person to my family this year when in September my son gets married. Who knows what else might happen? But the new year is a time to look back as well as forward.

Throughout the fall we have begun a focus on prayer that will continue throughout the spring of 2019. The Lenten study will be centered around the topic of prayer, and there will be other activities designed to help us be more intentional about praying for one another and our community and the world.

While the specifics of this emphasis are not yet fully developed, the beginning of the year provides an opportunity to reflect on what has happened so far. In my experience the months of January and February are somewhat slow in the life of a church. Lent this year begins in March and Easter is late, so there is some time to think and pray.

In addition to the devotions provided by ABC missionaries and the day of prayer in October, we have introduced a new way to minister to each other, the Prayer Chest, which allows each person



the chance to pray for one specific person for a week at a time.

Take the chance to think about what this has meant to you. It involves not only praying for other members of the church family but also the knowledge that someone else may be praying for you. It is possible that each of us might become more aware of being a part of the family in Christ. Might it help us become more aware of God's presence? Perhaps there will be some other insight discovered by participating in this activity and reflecting upon it?

Three of the most important scriptures in the Bible are as follows; "Love your neighbor as yourself," (Leviticus 19:18) "Judge not, lest you be judged," (Matthew 7:1), and, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." (Mathew 7:12). All three of these texts tower over the entire biblical message and are consistent with its presentation of God as revealed on the cross of Jesus. And all three of these texts are about relationships.

Prayer is about relationships too, which links these texts to the Year for Prayer. Both are about how to

enhance the sense of Christian Fellowship and participation in the larger human family. So perhaps we might think of 2019 as "The Year to Focus on Relationships." We may focus on relationships with family, church family, friends, and the larger community, and the world. Concentrate on being more loving, less judgmental, and more aware of the Golden Rule. We have begun by praying for each other. Who can tell what might happen?

Happy New Year

-Mark



## Penny Hagaman

Penelope (Penny) Hagaman passed away peacefully with family by her side on Sunday, December 16th, 2018. She was born in Delaware, Ohio to Raymond C. and Dorothy B. (Ramey) Hagaman on August 27th, 1942.

A graduate of Willis High School, she also received a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from The Ohio State University.

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She retired from the State of Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation and Rehabilitation, having also worked for Child Protective Services in Hamilton and Delaware Counties.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Bruce Hagaman and sisters Sue Ann Evans and Connie Hagaman.

Surviving are her sister Kate (Hagaman) Sterling of Radnor, Ohio; nephew William (Jennifer) Hagaman of Clermont, Florida; nieces Amelia Tompkins (Ben Green) of Delaware, Ohio; Megan Sterling (Dan Sparks) of Delaware, Ohio; great nephews Hunter and Asa Green; great niece Lillian Olszewski; her sister-in-law Beverley Hagaman of Delaware, Ohio; and her very best friend Lana Palmer of Delaware, Ohio.

There will be no calling hours at this time. A celebration of life is to be held in the spring and will be announced at a later date.

## 2019 Directory

The 2019 Directory will be available soon. Please review your information and let me know of any updates. If you would like a new photo, please see me.

-Larry

## Prayer Shawls Available

Two prayer shawls have been placed in the Prayer Room at the rear of the sanctuary. They are available to be passed around and "blessed" for any of our folks who are suffering.

-Jane Moore

## Volunteers For January

### Fellowship Time

Jan 6 Gosser  
Jan 13 Trigg  
Jan 20 Lovell  
Jan 27 Lee

### Panera Pick-Up

Jan 3 Lee  
Jan 10 Lovell  
Jan 17 Nace  
Jan 24 Open  
Jan 31 Open

### Rides for David Harris

Jan. 6 Allison  
Jan. 13 Open  
Jan. 20 Open  
Jan. 27 Open

Thank you all for volunteering. As you can see, there are still some openings for Panera and rides for David. Anyone wishing to learn how to do the Panera pick-up can ask the Faulks or the Lovells for training. We could use more people doing this. We are the only church in Delaware providing Panera products for Andrews House.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### January

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

*Please report any errors.*

## Personals

- Elizabeth and Charles Ekelberry were in the ER recently with back problems.
- Jeanne Ekelberry made a trip to West Virginia with her sister where they were able to get together will all 7 of her siblings.
- Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk spent several days over Christmas in Warren, OH with Jeff Faulk and his family.
- Pastor Allison entertained our youth at his house at their annual Christmas Party
- Steve Baker is recovering from a recent stay in the hospital with health concerns.
- Matt Lovell from California visited his family over the holidays.
- Two of Pastor Allison's sons visited him over the holidays.
- Some other visitors to our Christmas Eve service were Jeanne Ekelberry's son Charles and Elizabeth and Marley, former members Lynn and Sue Elfner and some of their family, and Tim Fogle and his family, and guests of Ken and Genevieve Peterson.

## Thank You Notes

Thanks to all who contributed to the RMMO. We surpassed our goal of \$700. As of the printing of this newsletter, our total for the RMMO was \$779.

- Pam Faulk

The first Sunday we opened the Prayer Chest, I pulled out Jeni Pedzinski's name. I e-mailed her and explained what we were doing with the Prayer Chest and

told her that I was praying for her. This is her response that she e-mailed back to me. - Pam Faulk

Dear Pam,  
I am so blessed to receive your email. Thank you so much for letting me know that you drew my name! I really like the idea of the prayer chest! I think back on the time I spent with FBC very fondly, and look forward to the day we get to see one another again! Please give my greetings to the church, and thank them ever so much for including me in the prayer chest, it means so much!

With much love,  
Jeni

Thank you Mary Lou Lovell for planning such a wonderful Soup and Sing! Thanks to all who helped out and all who provided soup. Also thanks to those who left the rest of their soup to be given to the Place of Warmth during the winter months.

Thanks to all who put up and decorated our beautiful Christmas tree in the sanctuary.

Thanks to Candy Lee and Pat Gosser for planning such a wonderful and fun Christmas luncheon for the women.

## Women's Lunch

Our January Women's lunch will be on Saturday, January 12, at 11:30 at the Corner Cafe on Rt. 36/37. Please let Pam Faulk know if you plan to attend so that we can save enough seats for everyone.

## January Mission Focus

"Family Promise is an interfaith hospitality network to help homeless families achieve lasting independence." They provide food, shelter, and assistance with obtaining employment and

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Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Jim Brown	Recovery and Rehab
Raeleen George	Health Issues
Archie Trigg	Eye Surgery Recovery
Penny Hagaman family	Condolences on Penny's death
Steve & Sharon Baker	Health Issues

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

housing. It is located on Washington St.

In January we will have a box in the entry of the church to collect items for Family Promise residents. They can always use shampoo, soap, liquid laundry soap, liquid dish washing soap, paper towels, toilet tissue, and feminine products. Monetary donations will be accepted as well.

Thank you for your support of this help for families that are struggling.

Our next Mission/Outreach meeting will be Jan 13th at 1:30 at the Lovell's, 661 Cobblestone Dr. Please come and join us and bring ideas for 2019!

## Holiday Clearing House

Thanks to all who went to pack items at the Delaware County Fairgrounds on December 8th from 9am to noon. Thanks for taking the time to help those in our community to have food, toys and clothing this Christmas season.

## Soup and Sing 2018

On December 15th we joined together for the 4th Annual Soup and Sing. Thanks to all who came to praise our Lord in song with the singing of Christmas Carols. What a wonderful and joyous sound! Thanks to Dr. Allison for leading the sing-a-long. Thanks to Brothers All (Dave, David, Jerry, and Mark) for singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth." Thanks to Deb Fogle and Will Fogle for playing their violins. Thanks to Jennifer Turner for playing piano. Thanks to Larry Faulk for preparing the text to have it scroll on the screen and set up. Thanks to Gabe Fogle for running the computer.

We welcomed guests from Zion UCC and Community Church. Thanks to Pat Gosser, Candy Lee, and Pam Faulk for setting up and organizing the food. Thanks to ALL who brought such delicious soups, cornbread, crackers, and cookies! Thanks to ALL who cleaned up! Again we had too much soup- but that is good.

The leftover soup is in containers in the freezer to be given to Zion's Place of Warmth when needed.

## Advent Season Music

Thanks to All who have given time to prepare and sing wonderful music for this Advent Season. Brothers All sang, "Shepherds Came," "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child," and "Let There Be Peace on Earth." They will sing "Go Tell It on the Mountain" on Dec 30th. Claire Turner sang "O Holy Night" on Christmas Eve. The choir sang, " Say He Will Come," "Imagine a King," "They That Wait upon the Lord," "On This Still and Silent Night." Thanks to Randy Turner, Pam Shears, Linda White, Jennifer Turner, Dave Lovell, and Jerry Palmer, Claire Turner, Dr. Allison, and David Harris for blessing us with their singing. Thank you to Peter White for playing preludes for church. Thank you to Deb Fogle, Will Fogle, Aidan Ferguson, and Colin Ferguson for sharing music on their violins.

## Brothers All

A huge thank you to Dr. Allison, Randy Turner, David Harris, Jerry Palmer, and Dave Lovell for trying something new. They all like to sing, so in 2018 they began singing together. They have sung many times for church, Shrove Tuesday, and for Soup and Sing 2018. We rehearse on designated Sunday afternoons. Any male that likes to sing is welcome. I am looking forward to hearing the men sing in 2019!

## Mission/Outreach Review

One of our church's mission focuses was giving to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries. That offering was taken during the month of December. Thank you for supporting our past ministers and missionaries.

Another mission focus was the Holiday Wish Program in which the congregation gave gifts to 3 children who are in foster care. The boxes were full. Thank you for reaching out and showing love to those children.

You continued to fill the People In Need boxes in December, and Peter White made 2 trips to People In Need to take the items!

As I reflect on our church's ministry and mission for 2018, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for all the giving of time, items, and monetary gifts by our congregation. You have given to the America for Christ offering, the Easter offering, Blanket Sunday, People In Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, Tools of Hope, the World Mission Offering, the Thanksgiving offering, the Christmas offering, HelpLine, the Family Day Block Party, the Retired Ministers and Missionaries offering, Emerson and Ivy Wu, Jeni Pedzinski, and the McCurdy family

You gave Items to Family Promise, Conger Elementary School students, People in Need, Common Ground Free Store, and Children on the Holiday Wish List

You have purchased and/or prepared food for Getting Ahead Meals and spent time serving and cleaning up.

You have given your coins to "Change for Change" to help with the summer lunch program for Delaware City Schools children.

You have provided soup for the Place of Warmth at Zion.

You have served at Second Friday meals at Andrews House and purchased desserts for them.

You have helped in the pick up of the unsold items from Panera, packing and dropping off to Andrews House. You provided items and supervised lawn games for the Family Day Block Party.

What an amazing year of giving and blessings you have provided to others! I look forward to all that we can accomplish together in 2019!

## Poinsettia Dedications

- In honor of Candy Lee; in memory of Jean Scott from the Gossers
- In honor of Brennan Howe; in memory of Phil Lee, Abe and Chris Lee from Candy Lee
- In memory of Helen Hall from Mike Reynolds
- In memory of Jennie and Dr. Robert Lovell, Margaret and Raymond Morby from the Lovells
- In honor of our children and grandchildren; in memory of our parents from the Palmers
- In honor of our loved ones from the Petersons
- In memory of Gene Lathrop, Cap and Myrtle Gabriel, Bill and Frances Shears from Ken and Pam Shears
- In honor of family; In memory of sons, brother, and parents from Jeanne Ekelberry
- In memory of Charles and Ruth Brown, Teresa Griffith, Fred Grubbs Sr. from Carol Grubbs
- In honor of Jim Snyder; in memory of Jimmie Moore and Mary Alice Snyder from Jane Moore-Snyder

<h3>New Address for the Church Directory</h3>
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<p>Evan Trigg 86 South Street LaRue, OH 43332</p>
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# First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

# January

2019

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
<b>January Mission Focus:</b> • Family Promise		<b>New Year's Day 1</b> 	<b>2</b> 6:30 Choir	<b>3</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Epiphany 6</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Communion Dedication of Officers 	<b>7</b> 7:00 Piecemakers	<b>8</b> 7:00 Trustees Board of Christian Ed	<b>9</b> 6:30 Choir	<b>10</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell	<b>Human Trafficking Awareness Day 11</b>	<b>12</b> 11:30 Women's Lunch at Corner Cafe
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<b>Christian Unity Sunday 20</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 MLK Service - Vineyard Church  Feb newsletter deadline today	 <b>21</b> 8:00 MLK Breakfast OWU	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30 Covered Dish Dinner 7:00 Annual Business meeting	<b>24</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Open	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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When the Year for Prayer began back in September, the emphasis was practical opportunities for participation in prayer activities. My hope is that you have found some of them meaningful. There were 60 days of devotions contributed by American Baptist missionaries whom we support through missions giving. In October there was a Day of Prayer offering to each an opportunity to spend some time alone in the sanctuary in thoughtful reflection and prayer. And since the first Sunday of Advent the Prayer Chest has been open, with the chance to pray for someone new each week.

As a part of the year-long focus, it has always been my intention to explore prayer as a spiritual activity; to become better informed in order to facilitate more meaningful experiences of prayer. The annual Lenten study seems like an excellent opportunity for that pursuit. Lent begins on March 6 this year. The study will take place on the next five Sundays; March, 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 5.

To be clear, five one-hour sessions is not enough to cover everything that is associated with the prayer discipline, but it is enough for a good and helpful effort. Some of the topics will include contemplation, prayer as intercession, prayer as petition, and corporate prayer. The goal is to help, to make more accessible an enhanced experience of



relationship with God, a more transformational spiritual life.

I am in over my head. In some ways a Bible study is easier because I know more about the Bible than I do prayer, and feel like a novice. That does not mean that I always interpret the Bible correctly, only that I feel more confident leading a Bible study than a prayer study. I have much to learn. My hope is that we can journey together, to learn from one another as well as from some of the experts from whom our sessions will take their inspiration.

There is not a study guide for this experience, but I will be working from two well-known books by authors on the subject of the spiritual disciplines. One of them is Richard Foster, who is the author of The Celebration of Discipline. I will be working from his book Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home. The other is Dallas Willard from his book, The Essence of the Disciplines. The insights found in these works will be helpful as we go.

In the meantime February intervenes. It is winter, and as we experienced last week, it can be severe. It is the time of the year when it feels right to stay inside where it is warm and safe and dry. But let me take this opportunity to make an affirmation.

In 2018, through the faithfulness of your giving, we came only six dollars short of making operational income and expenses meet. And that does not begin to tell the story of the missions and service giving in our city and around the world. Thank you all for being such a faithful and generous congregation.

Blessings,  
-Mark

## Worship Leaders Wanted

The deacons would like to extend the opportunity for more participants in our Worship Services. You are invited to serve as a Worship Leader for a Sunday or a series of Sundays. The Worship Leader traditionally leads the Call to Worship, introduces the first hymn, gives the Invocation Prayer, leads the Lord's Prayer and the offertory prayer. In addition, a Lay Leader reads scripture each week. If you would like to serve as a Worship and/or Lay Leader, let me or Dr. Allison know of your interest.

-Larry Faulk

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-Larry

## Volunteers For February

### Fellowship Time

Feb 3 Grubbs  
Feb 10 Ekelberry  
Feb 17 Lee  
Feb 24 Faulk

### Panera Pick-Up

Feb 7 Faulk  
Feb 14 Snyder  
Feb 21 Volunteer Needed  
Feb 28 Faulk

### Rides for David Harris

- No one has signed up for February. Please contact David to make arrangements.

Thank you all for volunteering.

## Personals

- Max Showalter was in the hospital in January, due to illness.

- Erin Faulk spent a week at Walt Disney World over Christmas break.

- Claire Turner is studying in the Bahamas this semester.

- The Reynolds's daughter Lauren is studying in the Netherlands.

- On January 13 David Harris traveled to New York to preach for a search committee.

- Catherine Reynolds traveled to California for business.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### February

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

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- On January 13 Maxwell Lincoln Showalter (born 7/27/18) was dedicated during the morning worship service. Max is the son of Emilie and Mike Showalter and the grandson of Beth and Archie Trigg.

- Steve Baker has been in the hospital for several weeks due to health issues and is anticipating going to rehab for a while. Please keep him and Sharon in your prayers.

- Charles Ekelberry recently fell and suffered a fracture.

## Financial Update

Generous offerings, combined with continued controlled spending in the last quarter of the year has resulted in a nearly balanced general fund at the end of the year. Your faithful support is appreciated. I am also pleased to report that we met most of our Mission Giving goals as well as contributing funds to the Capital Improvement fund as well.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

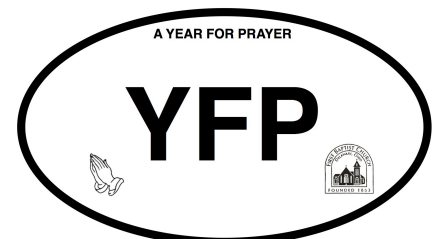
## Women's Fellowship

We had a group of 12 for our January women's lunch at the Corner Cafe. There was lots of fellowship and good conversation.

Why don't you join us in February? It's open to all the women of the church and their friends. Our February lunch will be on Saturday, February 9 at 11:30 at Bun's. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend. Invite a friend to join us. If you need a ride, contact Pam Faulk or MaryLou Lovell.

## Puzzle "Pizzas" and Fellowship

Do you like to have fellowship? Do you like pizza? Do you like to put puzzles together? Well on Saturday, February 23, we are going to do all three. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at church at 6:00. The Faulks will bring the pizza and some puzzles. Maybe someone else will bring a salad and someone else can bring some beverages. We'll have a pizza supper and some fellowship and work on a puzzle or two. Feel free to bring friends and bring other puzzles too. This is open for our whole church fellowship, so come and join in the fun. Please let Pam Faulk know if you can supply a salad or sodas.



## February Acrostic

**F** Faith and Friends  
**E** Encourage others and Energize yourself  
**B** Believe  
**R** Rely on God's promises  
**U** Understanding for others  
**A** Action for what you believe  
**R** Read the Bible and get Renewed  
**Y** Yesterday's thoughts can be today's actions

## Brothers All

Thanks to the men who blessed us with their singing in December. We are starting a new year and will rehearse on Sunday, January 27th at 1:30 p.m. and February 10th at 1:30 p.m.  
 Men----come and sing!

## Mission/Outreach News

The Mission/Outreach group met on Sunday, January 13th. We reviewed the Mission focuses for 2018.

Mike( from Zion UCC) has taken the frozen leftover soup from the Soup and Sing Gathering in December. We may be asking for more to be made to be given to those staying at Zion UCC(Place of Warmth) on very cold nights. The church has served as shelter for 9 men this winter.

January 27th is the last day for the collection for Family Promise. We did not have church service on Jan. 20th. We would like to fill

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Raleigh Gosser	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Raeleen George	Health Issues
Steve & Sharon Baker	Health Issues
Charles Ekelberry	Recovery & 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!

the box, so if you have purchased items, the box will still be there through Feb. 3rd. Monetary donations are welcome as well.

Needed items:

- shampoo
- dish washing soap
- paper towels
- toilet paper
- feminine products

**Remember our missionaries:**

Emerson and Ivy Wu, Jenni Pedzinski, and the McCurdy family. Pray for them. Send an email or a card.

With the opening of Turning Point in Delaware, we are asking the congregation to support their mission. Turning Point offers a place to reside, counseling and legal help to those in need due to domestic violence. The shelter is the former Delaware Children's Home. Donations have been used to rebuild and create a comfortable facility. There are 13 bedrooms each holding 4 people, with 3 of them being transitional units.

In 2019, let's think of our blessings and how we can share them with others.

The Mission/Outreach group will meet on February 17th at 2 p.m. All are welcome to come and share ideas of how we can best reach out in our community in 2019.

## Turning Point

There will be a box to place items in the vestibule.

Most needed items:

- toilet paper and paper towels
- razors
- deodorant
- girls pajamas of all sizes

Also ongoing needs: non-perishable foods and new baby items

If you have time- volunteers are needed: Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- assemble small furniture
- sort donations
- clean
- unload donations
- Sign up online so they can plan accordingly.



## **MLK Breakfast**

Four from First Baptist attended the breakfast at OWU to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bishop Tracy Malone spoke of Dr. King's dream. Her vision is that WE come together in community and have open communication, and put the thoughts and ideas presented into ACTION as Dr. King would have wanted.

## **Panera Continues**

Thanks to ALL who go to Panera on Thursday night at 8:45 p.m. to pick up the unsold items, repack them, and deliver them to Andrews House on Friday morning so that they can be distributed in the community.

## **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](http://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

## **Mark Your Calendar - Andrews House**

We have signed up to help at Andrews House for two Second Friday meals in 2019: Friday, April 12th and Friday, November 8th. On those dates, we will need 5 - 6 people from 5 - 7pm to help serve and clean up after the meal. There will also be a couple of meals during the year that we will be asked to provide deserts, but those dates have not been set yet.

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## Practicing Prayer

February is the shortest and drabbiest month of the year. It has the Super Bowl in it, and Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, and President's Day to help make it a little cheerier. It also has in it the beginning of spring training in baseball, just to provide the encouragement of summer coming.

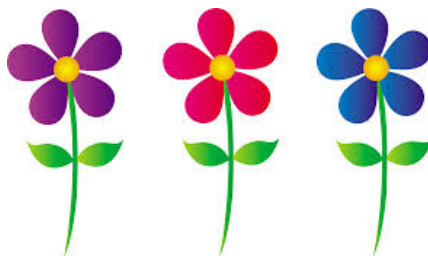
Winter has been going on long enough that most are ready for it to end.

As March draws near, so does Lent. I have always thought of Lent in its relation to Mardi Gras, the time of fasting and repentance after the excesses of Fat Tuesday. It is good also to remember that the proper order is to associate its sacrifices with what comes after, the joyous celebration of Easter.

At First Baptist, we are anticipating the Lenten study, which is called Practicing Prayer, and is in coordination with the Year For Prayer. This title not only refers to the ways of praying, the practices themselves, but also to the notion that, like almost anything else, the more one practices, the better one gets.

The study will be on Sunday evenings at 6:30 P.M., and will begin on March 10 with an introduction to the various types and expressions of prayer that Christians have found helpful down through the centuries. On

March 17th the study will be focused on petition and intercession, two of the most common forms.



## March

I am excited to have some help this year. On March 24, Dr. Francesca Nuzzolese, Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at MTSO, will teach us about centering prayer. And on March 31, Mike Reynolds will present journaling prayer. Finally, on April 7th, the study will conclude with a look at ways of incorporating prayer into worship. Everyone is invited to participate as much as is possible. There is no study guide and if a meeting is missed, one can attend the others without having to catch up on anything.

Also, be aware of the mission emphasis is March, America for Christ, which supports the work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Not only does this offering support the strengthening of local churches and ministry to refugees, it is the American Baptist way of commissioning chaplains for work in the military and in other settings. Recently, the ABHMS

has become the mother of the American Baptist Personnel Service, which is the mechanism many churches use to search for and find pastors when the need arises. Prayerfully consider your contribution. Our goal is \$700.

I am thankful for our church family. I pray for continued growth in faith and in love, and that God would help us to reach out into our community in the ministry and service of the gospel.

God Bless,  
-Mark



## Change For Change

On Saturday night of March 9, we will turn our clocks forward for the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. That means that on Sunday morning of March 10, we will all bring our loose change that we have been saving to church for a special offering. This money goes to Andrews House which oversees the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for children. This is a way that we can contribute to our own community to guarantee that Delaware's children do not go hungry.



## Volunteers For March

### Fellowship Time

Mar 3 Lovell  
 Mar 10 Volunteer Needed  
 Mar 17 Lee  
 Mar 24 Volunteer Needed  
 Mar 31 Palmer

### Panera Pick-Up

Mar 7 Lovell  
 Mar 10 Lee  
 Mar 21 Lovell  
 Mar 28 Volunteer Needed

### Rides for David Harris

- No one has signed up for March. Please contact David to make arrangements.

There are new sign-up sheets in the Gathering Place for the spring quarter. Thanks to all who volunteer.

## Mission/Outreach News

February's Mission Focus was Turning Point. Turning Point is a Marion-based nonprofit organization that serves domestic-violence victims in six counties. Turning Point is opening the first shelter in Delaware County, the 13,000 square foot shelter at 500 N. Liberty St. which was the former Children's Home of Delaware. The cost of

renovating the facility was \$3.2 million which was raised by the organization's capital campaign, which began in 2016. Kathy King is the Director and one of four full-time employees.

The shelter can house up to 41 people. Most of the rooms have 2 sets of bunkbeds and one room is ADA-compliant. There are group living areas with a kitchen, living room, and dining room. There are also recreation and study areas for children as well as an outside play area. The facility is locked down and the entry is monitored by aides with 23 outside cameras. The shelter opened on Monday, February 18th.

### Mission Moment

Thank you to Stephanie Rowe who is coming February 24th to speak for a Mission Moment during our church service. She will be presenting a short message to let us know more about Turning Point in Delaware. She has been instrumental in the opening of Turning Point in Delaware.

## Thank You!

Thank you to ALL who have brought items to be given to Turning Point. during the month of February. Often victims come with nothing to Turning Point. Having items like children's PJs are so welcomed.

## March Mission Focus

Our March Mission Focus will be the America for Christ offering and Change for Change offering.

There will be Mission Moments in March to explain the use of the America for Christ offering.

The Change for Change offering will be collected on March 10th when we "Spring Ahead" and set our clocks one hour ahead.

Please empty the change from your pockets or jars and bring it so it can be given to Andrews House to support the Delaware City Schools Free Summer Lunch Program.

## Thank You, Too!

Thanks to all who have bought, cooked, and served food to participants of the "Stepping Up, Getting Ahead" classes held at William St. Church in the spring and the fall. It was very much appreciated. There is not going to be a spring class. They look forward to having a class in the fall.

The next meeting of the Mission/Outreach Group will be March 17th at 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Come and bring your ideas!

## Prayer List

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Steve & Sharon Baker	Health Issues
Lee & Gosser families	Condolences-death of Vernon Howe
Jane Moore Snyder & family	Condolences-death of George Corder

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

## Personals

- Vernon Howe, Pat Gosser and Candy Lee's brother and Brennan's grandfather, passed away on January 25.
- Jane Moore Snyder's brother George Corder passed away the last week of January, and Jane and Jim have been making many trips to West Virginia. Jane would like to thank our church fellowship for their cards and prayers.
- Aidan Ferguson will have two roles in the Hayes production of Mary Poppins on March 14, 15, and 16.
- Jeanne Ekelberry would like to thank our church fellowship for their prayers for her family.
- Beth Trigg slipped and cut her finger around her ring and had to have several stitches.
- Archie Trigg's aunt recently passed away.
- Steve Baker had been back in the hospital with heart issues.
- Alvin Cox has been in the hospital with pneumonia.
- Pam Faulk's mother, Pat Cole, was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is in hospice care.

## Singers Welcome!

I am so pleased that our church provides special music almost every Sunday. Thanks to choir members, Brothers All and soloists for continuing to practice and be willing to share their music to praise the Lord. I am grateful to each one of you.

If you like to sing, please come on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. to be part of the choir. Males are welcome when Brothers All rehearses.

Come and give it a try!  
-Mary Lou Lovell

## Panera Pickup

Thanks to ALL who have been going to Panera on these cold and snowy Thursday nights to pick up unsold items. Your dedication to this helps those in the community in need of food. If you would like to help with this, talk with Pam Faulk, Pat Gosser, or Mary Lou Lovell.

## Women's Fellowship

A group of 11 of us met on February 9 at Bun's. Our March women's fellowship lunch will be on Saturday, March 9. at the Delaware El Vaquero's on Wootring Street. We will meet at noon instead of 11:30 because they don't open until noon. Please let Pam Faulk know if you can attend or if you need a ride.

## America For Christ

Jesus intends every member of the church to do the work of the ministry. The intention of ministry is to build up each other's faith and love. God's design is to use human support and encouragement to sustain the faith of God's children and to lighten the burdens they bear in the service of love for their community.

We are motivated and inspired by the American Baptist Home Mission Society's America for Christ offering. The theme "Healing Communities" is based on Galatians 6:9-10: Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a

## 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

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harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

The "Healing Communities" theme is a passionate reminder to join with diverse communities in engaging existing resources, expanding our understanding, and nurturing community healing that encourages mutual transformation. Your generous AFC gifts supported the following ministries last year:

"Rebuilding, Rrestoring, Renewing Puerto Rico"- rebuilding the island one church and one building at a time.

Scholarships and Emerging Leaders- providing scholarships to students to help ease the debilitating effects of excessive student-loan debt.

Immigration and Refugee Resettlement- partnering with organizations that have resettled more that 100,000 displaced persons from across the world.

Rizpah's Children- partnering with agencies that provide support to children living in poverty.

Additional supported ministries include Disaster Response, Volunteer Mobilization, Prisoner

## Re-Entry and Community Outreach Ministries.

AFC 2019 encourages us to engage in service to the church and the community. For many, that may be the way they experience the love of Christ in us. During the month of March, 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 with ABHMS in healing communities.

## Go Paperless

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The newsletter is available in pdf form on our website at [www.fbcdelaware.org](http://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

## 2019 Directory

The 2019 Directory will be available soon. Please review your information and let me know of any updates. If you would like a new photo, please see me.

-Larry

## Early April Deadline

"The Good News" for April will publish as scheduled on March 31. However, I will be on vacation March 22 - 30 and will need newsletter articles early. The "Absolute" deadline to submit an article for the April newsletter is Tuesday, March 19. Thanks,



-Larry

## Pancake Supper

All are invited to join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5th 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.

## Worship / Lay Leaders Needed

You are invited to serve as a Worship Leader and/or as a Lay Leader for a Sunday or a series of Sundays.

The deacons would like to extend the opportunity for more participants in our worship services. If you would be willing to read scripture or lead prayer during worship, please let me or Dr. Allison know of your interest.

Thanks,

**-Larry Faulk**








# First Baptist Church

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# March

2019

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<p><b>Transfiguration Sunday 3</b></p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship - Communion</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>6:00 Piecemakers 7:00 Board of Christian Ed</p>	<p><b>Shrove Tues 5</b></p> <p> 6:00 Pancake Supper</p>	<p><b>Ash Wednesday 6</b></p> <p> 6:30 Choir</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup -Lovell</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Noon Women's Luncheon El Vaquero's</p> <p>Set clocks forward </p>
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# Good News Letter

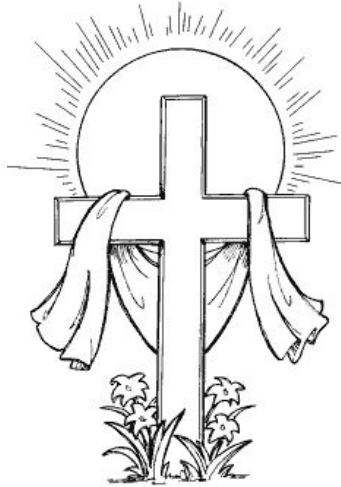
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There is good news all around us. We live in a time when the world's culture is negative and there is a sense of foreboding about the future, a collective sadness, or at least an anxiety about things in general. There is, nevertheless, at the same time much to celebrate and about which to be hopeful.

The season of Lent is all about the celebration of goodness and the nurture of hope. It compels us to prepare for the explosion of joy that comes with Easter, to make our hearts glad in anticipation of it, to acknowledge the ways unfaithfulness has crept into our thoughts and actions, and to recapture the splendor of the victory over death and evil that Easter proclaims.

April is the month when spring comes and spring provides the best Lenten metaphor, a great visual aid to enhance our ability to see the good news. The warm weather, the leafing out of trees and the budding of flowers create a beautiful landscape that brings refreshment to the soul after a long winter, and are symbolic each year of the coming of new life out the old.

I encourage everyone to participate in the Lenten activities and to be sure to celebrate Easter, the most



## He is Risen

sacred day of the year in our tradition. We still have three sessions left in the Lenten study about prayer, the 31st of March, April 7th (led by Mike Reynolds), beginning at 6:30 P.M., and on the 14th, beginning at 6 P.M. with a fellowship potluck meal. There will also be the annual Maundy Thursday service on April 18 at 7:00 P.M., as well as the community activities on Good Friday, the cross walk at 11 A.M. and the service at 12 noon. Both of the Good Friday activities are at St. Mary Catholic Church.

Our prayer emphasis continues. I hope all of you have been blessed by the opportunity to pray for members of the church family, as well as for the encouragement that comes from knowing that someone is

praying for you. The prayers of the faithful, their attendance in worship, their acts of devotion and service in the community, which are ongoing especially in difficult times, are a strong part of the good news that is all around. Join them.

God Bless and Happy Easter!

-Mark

### Holy Week Services

#### Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 14

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship

6:00 Dinner and Lenten Study

#### Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 18

7:00 pm candlelight

communion

Fellowship Hall

#### Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Service

Friday, April 19

Stations of the Cross

11:00 am

Worship Service

St. Mary 12:00 Noon

#### Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 21

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship

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



## Volunteers For April

### Fellowship Time

April 7 Lovell  
 April 14 Lee  
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 April 28 Trigg

### Panera Pick-Up

April 4 Chambers  
 April 11 Faulk  
 April 18 Faulk  
 April 25 Lovell

Thank you all for volunteering. Our lists for this quarter are almost complete, but there are some openings yet for May.

## Mission/Outreach News

Thanks for an overflowing box of items for Turning Point

Stephanie Rowe came to First Baptist to speak about Turning Point for a Mission Moment on February 24th. She said that the shelter was open after raising 3.2 million dollars to rebuild and add on to the the former Children's Home. Donations and volunteers are always needed. The shelter can house up to 41 people. There is a recreation and outside play area for children as well as a study area. It is a lock-down facility. She thanked us for our support.

An overflowing box of needed items was delivered to Turning Point. Turning Point is the shelter for those fleeing from domestic violence. The Turning Point facility in Delaware opened February 18th.

You were so generous to give laundry soap, lysol wipes, body wash, body lotion, shampoo, brushes, hair elastics, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, paper towels, toilet paper, razors, soap, bath gel, 3 pairs of girl's pjs, and a stuffed animal. What blessings to those in need!

## Teacher Appreciation Bags

May 7th is National Teacher Appreciation Day. We will be showing our appreciation of the teachers at Conger Elementary with a bag of goodies for each of them. As we have in the past, we will be collecting items for the bags in April so that we can assemble the bags for delivery on May 7th.

We will use lunch size bags. While you are doing your grocery shopping in the next few weeks, think of a teacher that you remember from your childhood or teens. Think of something that

they might like as a way to say "thanks" to them for being a part of your life and encouraging you. We will pack 50 bags.

Here are some suggestions of items to leave in the box in the church entry: granola bars, chips, cheese crackers, fruit snacks, cookies, chocolate, hard candy, tootsie rolls, pencils, notepads, muffins, tea bags, microwave popcorn. We ask that items are individually wrapped.

Thank you for saying "thank you" to teachers!

## Mission/Outreach Meeting

The next meeting for Mission/Outreach will be April 14th. The meetings are short. Everyone is welcome to come and bring their ideas and visions for our church.

## Easter Offering

The offering in the Easter envelopes will go to Helpline this year.

## Change For Change

Thank you all so much for contributing your loose change on March 10. We contributed \$192.50 to the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for Children!  
 -Pam Faulk

## Come And Share A Meal

There will be two covered dish dinners in April. The first is on Sunday, April 14, at 6:00 before the last Lenten Study. The second will be on Wednesday, April 24. at 6:30 before the quarterly business meeting. All are welcome to both. Bring your own table service and a dish to share. Beverages are provided.

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## Personals

- Gabe Fogle has recovered from surgery to remove his wisdom teeth.
- Richard and Jody Lovell visited our church and the Lovell family on February 24.
- Pastor Mark's father was in the hospital and rehab due to a virus. He is now at home.
- Aidan Ferguson was in the Hayes production of Mary Poppins in March.
- Jerry and Lana Palmer have a new great-grandson, Julian.
- Aidan Ferguson was named on the Hayes Distinguished Honor Roll and Will Fogle was named on the Honor Roll for the second quarter.  
    *Congratulations guys!*
- Janet Lathrop got to go to Florida for her granddaughter's wedding.
- On March 9 there was a nice article in the Delaware Gazette about the Piecemakers and their quilts which were on display at the Delaware Library in March. Jeanne Ekelberry is a member of the Piecemakers, and they meet monthly at our church.
- Carol Serviss was recently in Riverside Hospital with blood pressure issues.
- Dave Lovell was at Grady with an allergic reaction to a new medication.
- Jeanne Ekelberry was at Grady twice due to a severe case of the flu.

## Women's Fellowship Fieldtrip

On Saturday, April 13, the women will meet at the church at 10:00 in order to carpool. We will then drive north to the Der Dutchman restaurant in Mansfield at the Route 97 exit off I-71. We are scheduled to have lunch there at 11:30. After lunch we will travel on up I-71 to the Ashland exit (about 30 miles) and tour Grandpa's Cheese Barn. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will be going.

## Another Puzzle Night

If you have been down to the Fellowship Hall recently, you probably have noticed a number of half-done jigsaw puzzles out on the tables. These were started on our PUZZLE & PIZZA Night on February 23. All are welcome to come to the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 6 at 7:00 to finish these. Snacks will be provided.

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### April

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- 10 Jane Mercer  
    Connor Trigg
- 15 Ray Serviss
- 20 Spencer Chesser  
    Tammy Ferguson
- 27 Colin Ferguson
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    Benjamin Trigg

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Thanks,  
-Larry Faulk

## **Andrews House Volunteers Needed**

FBC is scheduled to serve and clean up at the Andrews House Second Friday dinner on April 12th and volunteers are needed. Please let me know if you can help that evening from 5:00 pm until about 7 pm.

Thanks,

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

## **Thanks for a Great Pancake Dinner**

Thanks to Dave and Larry for cooking pancakes, sausage, and waffles for Shrove Tuesday. Thanks to Dave for making delicious blueberry topping. All was delicious!

We enjoyed a sing-a-long, Peter White played a medley of tunes including "Easter Parade," Brothers All singing "The Little Brown Church in the Vale" and Randy Turner sang "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You." We worked on finishing the puzzles that were not completed on Pizza and Puzzle night. It was a good time of fellowship.

## **Panera Pick Up Continues!**

Thanks to ALL who pick up unsold items from Panera on Thursday evening at 8:45 p.m., bag them and take them to Andrews House on Friday morning at 8:30 a.m.

The items are used at the food pantries and given out at Andrews House to serve those in need. If you want to help with the pick up, see Pam Faulk or Mary Lou Lovell.





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From April 21 until June 9 when Pentecost is observed, we are in the time of Easter. The term "Easter," of course, simply refers to the rising of the sun in the east every morning, which serves as a visual representation of the raising of Jesus. Every day is a little Easter, which is not merely a one-day celebration, but is to be observed daily.



It is the time of Resurrection, to focus our minds away from the tragedies of human life and orient them to the victories of life in God. Aided by the changing of the seasons as summer comes, we are able to be strengthened in the faith that life is meaningful, and in the victories of goodness and righteousness, love and friendship, peace and hope.

We are not naive in faith; we have been around long enough to experience tragedy and loss. It is in part because we have these experiences that our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus is so powerful.

In the spirit of the Easter season, we look forward to our church's May traditions;

Mother's Day on May 12th, Youth Sunday on May 19th, and the changing over to the summer schedule on May 26th. It is also a good time to announce that one of the ABC missionaries we support directly, Jeni Pedzinski, will be home for a brief time early in the fall. We have scheduled a time to share with her on

Sunday Evening September 29. Details about this meeting will be forthcoming. I will be out of town for my son Evan's wedding in Colorado, but I hope you will all plan that far ahead, to give time and support to her for the work she does in Thailand.

With regards to the Year for Prayer, we have been enriched by the Lenten Study. Though we barely scratched the surface, we learned that prayer involves "asking," in some way, for our own benefit, and for others too. We practiced the discipline of writing prayers and were led by Mike Reynolds in an exercise of centering prayer. In the last session on Palm Sunday, we looked at prayer in worship and discovered that the worship at First Baptist is filled with prayer. I hope that

because of this study and the year-long emphasis you will be helped in an ongoing way as you seek to enhance your own prayer experience.

With this in mind, it is planned to keep the Prayer Chest ministry going indefinitely, so keep drawing names from the box. There will also be occasional "open sanctuary" times when the church will be open for any who wish to come and spend some time praying in the sanctuary. The first such time is upon us, and is the National Day of Prayer, Thursday May 2, 9 am - 12 pm, and also Saturday May 4 from 8 am - 12 pm. There will be no formality, just a time to come and pray.

It is Easter faith that gives the hope for the future and meaning to all that we do. This season is meant to be a time of joyous reflection about life's victories. May God bless your Easter season.

**-Mark**

## Online Giving

If you would like to make an offering or donation to FBC, but cannot attend a worship service or would rather not have to write a check and mail it to FBC, you can now make an offering online. Visit our website at

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[FBCDelaware.org](http://FBCDelaware.org) and click on the link: "Make an online Offering or Donation." The link will take you to a page describing the current giving options. Click on the link: "Click Here to make an Offering or Donation Online." On the Donation page you can input an amount that you would like to offer for any or all options for giving.

You can choose to give by credit or debit card, or electronically from a checking or savings account. After entering your name and address, you can process your giving and save your profile to simplify future online giving.

If you need assistance in the process, please contact me at [lfaulk01@aol.com](mailto:lfaulk01@aol.com) or 614-204-1098. Your gifts to FBC are appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

## Volunteers For May

### Fellowship Time

- May 5 Open-Please volunteer
- May 12 Lee
- May 19 Picnic
- May 26 Open-Please volunteer

### Panera Pick-Up

- May 2 Lovell
- May 9 Open-Please volunteer
- May 16 Lovell
- May 23 Faulk
- May 30 Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering.

## Mission/Outreach News

Our April Missions focus was Helpline and collecting items for Teacher Appreciation Day at Conger Elementary School. The Easter offering was given to Helpline.

Your donations have been filling the boxes in the Welcome Center with the items needed to fill the teacher appreciation bags. Thank you to all who have brought snacks. The bags will be filled after church on April 28th and delivered to Conger the first week of May.

The Block Party/Family Day will be held on Sat. July 13th on Winter Street. Dr. Allison is attending the planning meetings. We will provide lawn games with supervision, bottled water, and a monetary donation to cover expenses. This event is free to all. There will be more information about it in the June newsletter.

A \$50.00 donation has been received to be given to Turning Point. The committee approved adding \$50.00 to it.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### May

- 3 Rick VanBrimmer
- 8 Will Fogle
- 9 Tim Chesser
- 10 Archie & Beth Trigg
- 12 Jeanne Ekelberry
- 15 Barbara Smith
- 16 Brianna Showalter
- 24 Steve & Sharon Baker
- 30 Ken Peterson
- 31 Alvin Cox

*Please report any errors.*

## Personals

- On March 29 Dan Chambers retired from IBM. Congratulations Dan.
- Genevieve Peterson was recently in the hospital with health issues. She is now back in their apartment and would enjoy visits, e-mails, and phone calls. She and Ken thank everyone for their prayers and their help.
- Samuel Allison recently visited his father, Pastor Mark, and attended church.
- Candy Lee, Brennan Howe, Tim Lee, and Chad Myford spent Spring Break in Orlando seeing the sights.
- Jane Moore Snyder and her family would like to thank our congregation for their prayers while she deals with her brother's estate.

- Jennifer Turner recently underwent successful foot surgery.
- Dave Lovell has recently had a few bouts with an allergic reaction to medication.

- Jeanne Ekelberry would like to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls, food, and prayers during her long bout with the flu.

- The Turner family got to take Jack with them to Randy's father's 82nd birthday celebration in West Virginia.

## Congratulations

Ian Ferguson will be receiving his Masters Degree in Library and Information Science (MLIS) from Kent State University this Spring.

## Women's Fellowship

We had a good time at the Corner Cafe in April. We were sorry to have to postpone our field trip. We are now looking at July 20 for that trip. Our May lunch will be on Saturday, May 11 at 11:30. We will meet at the Frisch's on Route 36 in Marysville. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend and/or need a ride.

## Mark Your Calendars

May 19 will be the last Sunday for Sunday school. On that day we will also celebrate Youth Sunday. Pastor Allison will be working with our youth to plan the worship service that day. After the service we will have an all-church picnic in the Fellowship Hall. Hamburgers and hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Table service will be provided. There will be no Fellowship Time that Sunday.

## Summer Hours

Summer hours will begin on May 26. There will be no Sunday school, and the worship service will begin at 10:00.

## Thank You

Dear First Baptist Church,

On behalf of Turning Point, I would like to thank you for your taking time to donate. Thank you for helping us meet the needs of the individuals and families we serve. It is an honor to know that Turning Point is on your mind. We deeply appreciate your generous donation of paper goods, toiletries, laundry soap, and personal care items.

## Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Raleigh Gosser	Health Issues
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Raeleen George	Health Issues
Steve & Sharon Baker	Health Issues
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	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!

Help such as yours makes it possible for Turning Point to successfully address the needs of victims of domestic violence. Always needed!  
Sincerely,  
Paula Roller

## Thank you First Baptist family.

Thanks to your generous contributions, we were able to meet our goal for the America for Christ offering. Your donations reached a total of \$715.  
Pam Faulk

## Puzzle Nights

Thanks for hosting 2 nights of putting jigsaw puzzles together. It was a great intergenerational evening of talking, sharing, laughing and assembling puzzles. If you couldn't make it to one, plan on coming to a future one.

## Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who brought snacks and items to pack the bags for the teachers at Conger Elementary School. In May, the bags will be given as a way to say "thank you" for their hard work and caring for the children.

## Thanks for Music!

Thanks to Brothers All and the choir for providing wonderful music for Lent and Easter! Also to Randy Turner for his solos, "The Palms" and "The Holy City." Although rehearsal time was limited, your dedication and desire to enrich the worship service was so appreciated. Thank you!

THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR NEW VOICES IN BROTHERS ALL AND THE CHOIR. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!

## An Invitation

We would like to invite you and your congregation to attend a Free Vegan Cooking Class at Victory SDA Church (200 S. Liberty St., Delaware). This class is open to participants of all ages. However, space is limited. We are asking that all who are interested should contact us by May 11.

Thank You,  
Charla Henry, Children's Ministry Leader  
Victory SDA Church



**Sanctuary Open for  
Days of Prayer**

The sanctuary will be open  
on two dates for prayer.

National Day of Prayer  
Thursday, May 2, 9 - noon

FBC Day of Prayer  
Saturday, May 4, 8 - noon

Come,  
Spend some time,  
Pray

**Blanket Sunday  
May 12th - Mother's Day**

On Mother's Day, May 12, 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.

*Easter Lily Dedications*

*In honor of Ben and Jack Turner, In memory of  
Jimmie Moore and Mary Alice Snyder  
– from Jane Moore-Snyder*

*In honor of Brennan Howe,  
In memory of  
Bim Howe and Phil Lee  
– from Candy Lee*

*In memory of Cap & Myrtle Gabriel  
– from Ken & Pam Shears*

*In honor of Carol Grubbs and Candy Lee,  
In memory of Phil Lee and Jean Scott  
– from the Gossers*

*In memory of Richard & Helen Hall  
– from Mike & Cathy Reynolds*

*In honor of Hannah, Emily, and Nathan,  
In memory of Charles & Ruth Brown and  
Teresa Griffith – from Carol Grubbs*

*In memory of Dr. Robert J. & Jenny Lovell,  
Margaret & Raymond Morby  
– from Mary Lou & Dave Lovell*

*In honor of our children,  
grandchildren, and great-grandchildren  
- from Lana & Jerry Palmer*












# First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

# May

2019

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May Mission Focus:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conger Teacher Appreciation</li> <li>• CWS - Blanket Sunday</li> </ul>						
<b>Peace Sunday</b>  <b>5</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Communion 1:30 Brothers All Practice <b>Cinco de Mayo</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00 Piecemakers 7:00 Board of Christian Ed	<b>Vote</b> <b>7</b>  7:00 Board of Trustees	<b>1</b> <b>8</b> 6:30 Choir	<b>National Day of Prayer</b> <b>2</b> Church Open for Prayer 9-noon 8:45 Panera Pickup  - Lovell	<b>3</b>	<b>FBC Day of Prayer</b> <b>4</b> Church Open for Prayer 8-noon 
<b>Mothers' Day</b>  <b>12</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <b>CWS Blanket Sunday</b> 	<b>13</b> 6:30 Deacons	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30 Choir	<b>16</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans
<b>Youth Sunday</b>  <b>19</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:15 Church Picnic Last day for Sunday School June newsletter deadline today	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Summer Hours Begin</b> <b>26</b> 10:00 Morning Worship June newsletter available today	<b>Memorial Day</b> <b>27</b>  <i>We remember...</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:30 Choir	<b>Ascension Day</b> <b>30</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup  - Faulk	<b>31</b>	

# Good News Letter

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There is an old song written by someone named Matthew Moore called, "Space Captain," about a person, I am sure, who represents the human race, who is flying through space when they noticed Earth and in curiosity came down to check things out. Upon arrival they got stuck, forgot how to fly, only be released again to take to the skies when they learn to live together in peace.

Though the idea is fantastic, the sentiment is powerful and relevant, and provides a good starting point to reflect on the coming summer. Summertime is near, after all. Since we have been focusing on The Year for Prayer, and since prayer is an indispensable part of learning to live together, our summer activities will continue that emphasis.

There will be a Mission Thank You Dinner on June 23rd, to celebrate the generosity all of you have shown in supporting the various missions projects we emphasize throughout the year.

There will be a series of services called, "Evening Prayers," which will be patterned after what in some other traditions is called, "Vespers." The services will include music, scripture reading and other readings,



and corporate prayer. The dates are on Sundays July 7th and 21st, August 4th and 18th, at 6 P.M. I hope you will join us.

In addition, there are several "Open Sanctuary" times throughout the summer for anyone to come and pray in the sanctuary. This opportunity provides a way of putting to good use some of what we have learned about prayer this past year. The dates are

June 11 from 9am-12pm,  
June 19 from 5pm-8pm,  
July 17 from 9am-12pm,  
July 22 from 5pm-8pm,  
August 15 from 9am-12pm,  
August 20 from 5pm-8pm.

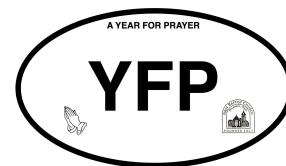
Once again we will participate in the Delaware Family Festival (block party) on July 13 from 11am-2pm. And for

those of you who may be wondering about the basketball courts at Blue Limestone Park, they are installed; there will be a dedication on Saturday, June 15. I will let you know about the time later.

As you know by now, David Harris has been called to be the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Syracuse, NY. His ministry begins on June 2nd. I want to express my gratitude for David and the contribution he has made to the life of our church over the last three years. Please keep David in your prayers as he begins his new venture.

May God's presence be felt in everything you do and in every place you go this summer. My prayer is that all of you will find guidance in confusing times, comfort in times of sorrow, strength in weakness, and above all, that your faith in Jesus Christ will be enhanced and your capacity for love and forgiveness widened as we continue "learning to live together."

Blessings,  
-Mark



## Volunteers For June

### Fellowship Time

June 2	Lee
June 9	Faulk
June 16	Turner
June 23	Open-Please volunteer
June 30	Gosser

### Panera Pick-Up

June 6	Open-Please volunteer
June 13	Open-Please volunteer
June 20	Lee
June 27	Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering.

## Mission/Outreach News

During the month of April, the church's outreach was to bring snack items, candy, post it notes, popcorn, and other goodies to fill the teacher appreciation bags for Teacher Appreciation Day at Conger Elementary. The bags were filled on April 28th.

On May 12th, as we celebrated Mother's Day, our outward focus was collecting monetary donations for Blanket Sunday to be given to Church World Service.

June's Mission Focuses are One Great Hour of Sharing and Tools of Hope for Father's Day on June 16th.

In June, we will be making plans for the Family Block Party to be held on July 13th! We will be accepting donations of bottled water. We hope that you will be able to come and help host the lawn games. It is a great way to have fun and get together with others in our community.

We continue to fill the basket in the Welcome Center for People In

Need throughout the summer. When you grocery shop, please try to pick up a nonperishable food item for the basket to help our neighbors.

## Thank You!

Thanks to all who brought goodies to put in the bags for teacher appreciation at Conger Elementary. Thanks to those who stayed after church to fill the bags. Thanks to Pam and Larry Faulk for delivering the bags to Conger. The teachers appreciated it!

## Panera Pick Up Continues

If you have a Thursday evening free (8:45 p.m.) and you could help pick up the unsold items from Panera and rebag them, it would help so much with this outreach. Then on Friday morning at 8:30 a.m., if you could deliver the items to Andrews House, that

would be so appreciated. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Place. If you have never helped with this, talk to Pam Faulk, Candy Lee, Mary Lou Lovell, or Dr. Allison. Maybe you could give it a try this summer.

## Thanks for a Wonderful Youth Sunday

The youth of the First Baptist Church should be commended for participating on Youth Sunday on May 19th!

Brennan Howe was greeter and candle lighter. James Reynolds gave the Call to Worship, invocation and led the Lord's Prayer. Taylor Trigg helped with the offering. Conner Trigg read the Old Testament reading and helped with the offering. Gabe Fogle gave the Children's Moment which included a visual paper folding on how the be happy by following Christ. Aidan Ferguson and Will Fogle played violin solos:  
Aidan - 1st Movement of Concerto #5 in D Major by Seitz  
Will - I Love to Tell the Story

## Women's Fellowship

The ladies of the church will gather for lunch on Saturday, June 15 at 11:30 at the Frisch's in Marysville. It is located on Route #36 on the right just as you are getting close to Marysville.

Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend and/or if you need a ride.

## Pastor Vacation

Dr. Allison will be on vacation June 3 - 9. If you have a need or concern, please contact a deacon. Mike Reynolds will preach on June 9.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### June

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

*Please report any errors.*

## Personals

>Dave Lovell was recently hospitalized because of blood clots in his lungs and legs. He is recovering at home.

>Aidan Ferguson was listed on the Hayes High School Distinguished Honor Roll for the third quarter, and Will Fogle was listed on the Honor Roll for the third quarter. Congratulations Guys!

>The Lovells were recently visited by their son Matt from San Diego and Mary Lou's cousin Diane from New York.

>Connor and Taylor Trigg recently received trophies for spring soccer.

>Jack Trigg recently won a Superior Award at the State Science Fair held at the French Field Hous on the Ohio State campus. Jack was also confirmed on Sunday, May 12 at the Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church. Jack is the grandson of Archie and Beth Trigg.

>Cullen Faulk, the grandson of Pam and Larry Faulk was recently awarded the Eagle of the Cross Award which is given to outstanding Catholic teenagers.

>Erin Faulk's fourth grade class won first place in the state for elementary grades in the Ohio Energy Project again this year. Erin was presented with the Outstanding Energy Efficiency Education Award from Columbia Gas.

## Congratulations

Jane Mercer graduated from Miami University with a degree in Interior Design.

## Prayer List

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

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Alvin Cox	Health Issues
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Steve & Sharon Baker	Health Issues
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	Health Issues
Faulk family	Condolences-death of Evoleno Cole
Grubbs/Haycox family	Condolences-death of Nicholas Haycox

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



## David Harris, Jr. Accepts Position

David Harris, Jr., who has served as pastoral intern and youth advisor with us for the past three years, has been called to be the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Syracuse, NY. His last Sunday with us was Youth Sunday, May 19. He will begin his ministry in Syracuse on June 2.

## Thank You Notes

We recently received a thank you letter from the ABHMS for our contribution to this year's America for Christ offering, which I have excerpted below. The complete letter is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

Your generous giving allows ABHMS to provide scholarships for American Baptist students and ministry leaders; to support our work with intercultural Ministries

by providing resources and training that foster sharing and learning across cultures; to help those who are interested in chaplaincy and specialized ministries; to support churches, seminaries, colleges, church leaders, children in poverty, and men and women re-integrating back into society from incarceration.

Your generosity allows ABHMS to make an impact in our communities and your gift also supports your regional office. God bless you for your thoughtfulness! We are grateful for your continued partnership and financial gifts.

The Faulk Family would like to thank our church family for the beautiful planter that was sent for Pam's mother's funeral. They also thank those who came to the funeral home and everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, and food.

Carol Grubbs and her family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, and phone calls at the death of her grandson Nicholas Haycox who passed away on April 26.

Dave Lovell sends out his appreciation to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, calls, and food during his recent illness.

Thank you Sunday school teachers!. Please take a moment to thank our hard-working Sunday school teachers and substitute teachers: Mark Allison, Candy Lee, Larry, Faulk, Pam Faulk, Pat Gosser, Randy Turner, and David Harris.

### **Puzzle Night**

Yes, we still have some puzzles to finish in the Fellowship Hall. It's probably because we spend more time in fellowship than on the puzzles themselves. We are going to have another Puzzle Night on Sunday, June 9 at 7:00. Popcorn will be provided. Come out and have some fun and fellowship.

### **Tools of Hope Sunday June 16th - Father's Day**


On Father's Day, June 16, you can honor important men in your life by donating money that goes to Church World Service for the purpose of providing tools, blankets, tents, and other shelter items to adults and children worldwide.

### **Mission Thank You Event**

Our church fellowship does such a wonderful job of helping us to meet our goal for each of the four special offerings that we participate in each year: America for Christ, One Great Hour of Sharing, World Mission Offering, and the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. As a thank you, we are going to have a special event in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 23 at 6:00 for our whole church fellowship. We will begin with a pizza and

salad supper which will be followed by some fun activities. There is no need to bring anything, just a desire to share in fellowship, food, and fun. This is a thank you to all of you, so please come.

-Pam Faulk



**Sanctuary Open for  
Days for Prayer**

The sanctuary will be open on two dates in June for prayer.

Tuesday, June 11,  
9am - noon

Wednesday, June 19,  
5pm - 8pm

**Come,  
Spend some time,  
Prav**

### **More Than We Can Imagine**

God is doing more than we can imagine! Everywhere we turn, it seems there are communities in conflict and chaos around our world. We hear of families being separated from their homes or each other because of disasters. Maybe it is because of a volcanic eruption in Indonesia, or because of wars and political turmoil in Syria and East Africa, or because of violence in Central America. Daily we hear of such news and our hearts pull us toward God. In the midst of suffering and uncertainty, God pulls us, calls us, uses us to be compassion. We, the Church, are called to be God's compassion at work in the world, helping to rebuild and

create a better world for all. The world we are being called to create may seem beyond what we can imagine, but it is a world that God can imagine.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing we are creating, together, a world where families have access to clean water, education and medical care - where they can find new homes without persecution; it is a world where there is shalom. You are making that possible. You are making what God imagines for this world a reality through your generous gifts. During the month of June, we will be accepting your gifts for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Our goal is \$700. Please prayerfully consider your donation.

-Pam Faulk

### **Church Directory Updates**

Mike Reynolds email:  
reynoldsmc@mac.com

Harold Van Broekhoven email:  
vanbroek@denison.edu

Candy Lee cell phone & email:  
330-697-0923  
pact16@neo.rr.com

Brennan Howe cell phone:  
740-602-1833

Ken & Genevieve Peterson will be moving soon to:  
100 Delaware Crossing West  
#158

**Blanket Sunday  
Dedications are on the  
back of the calendar.**

## Blanket Sunday

May 12, 2019

Thank you First Baptist! Your donations to Church World Service in honor / memory of the important women in your life resulted in an offering of \$220.00. This will be used by Church World Service to help those in need.







<i>Giver:</i>	<i>Honor/Memory of:</i>
<i>Mark Allison</i>	<i>Fern Allison</i>
<i>Jeanne Ekelberry</i>	<i>Ethel Trogdon, Imogene Ekelberry</i>
<i>Erin and Larry Faulk</i>	<i>Pam Faulk, Pat Cole, Florence Faulk, Jean Wickum</i>
<i>Pam and Larry Faulk</i>	<i>Erin Faulk, Laurie Faulk, Patricia Rose, Evoleno Cole, Florence Faulk Mary Anderson, Jean Wickum</i>
<i>Deb, Will and Gabe Fogle</i>	<i>Mary Lou Lovell, Barbara Smith, Carol Serviss, Jenny Lovell, Ida Morby</i>
<i>Pat Gosser</i>	<i>Jean Scott</i>
<i>Carol Grubbs</i>	<i>Ruth Brown, June Grubbs</i>
<i>Dave Lovell</i>	<i>Mary Lou Lovell, Deborah Fogle, Barbara Smith, Jennie Lovell Margaret Morby</i>
<i>Candace Lee</i>	<i>Christine Lee</i>
<i>Lana and Jerry Palmer</i>	<i>Helen and C. W. Palmer, Bernice and Ben Turney</i>
<i>Reynolds family</i>	<i>Grandparents</i>
<i>Pam and Ken Shears</i>	<i>Janet Lathrop, Frances Shears</i>
<i>Randy Turner</i>	<i>Jane Moore Snyder, Tonabell Turner, Freda Jones, Lennie Turner</i>

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# June

2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:00 Morning Worship Communion	3 6:00 Piecemakers	4	5	6 8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer needed	7	8 11:30 Women's Lunch at Frisch's in Marysville
←		Dr. Allison on vacation June 3 - 9		→		
9 <b>Pentecost Baptist Youth Day of Prayer</b> 10:00 Morning Worship 1:30 Brothers All practice 7:00 Puzzle Night 	10 6:30 Deacons	11 Church Open for Prayer 9-noon 	12	13 8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer needed	14 <b>Flag Day</b> 	15 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans
→						
16 <b>Fathers' Day</b> 10:00 Morning Worship <b>CWS Tools of Hope</b> 	17	18	19 Church Open for Prayer 5 - 8 p.m. 	20 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	21	22
23 10:00 Morning Worship 11:15 Mission/Outreach Meeting 6:00 Mission Thank You Dinner July newsletter deadline today	24	25	26	27 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	28	29
30 10:00 Morning Worship July newsletter available today	July 1	2	3 6:30 Choir	4 <b>God Bless America</b>  4:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer needed	<b>June Mission Focus:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One Great Hour of Sharing</li><li>• CWS - Tools of Hope Sunday</li></ul>	

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Vespers is an evening service that is also known as Evening Prayers. In the more liturgical traditions it has long been a daily part of the life of the church. It consists of litanies and the singing of Psalms, and coincides with the lighting of candles, which has both a practical and symbolic purpose; the light enables one to see as the sun goes down at the end of the day, and also signifies the coming of the Light of the World.

There are a number of prayers, one of thanksgiving for having come to the end of another day, one of confession of sin, and one for the coming of the next day, as well as intercession. Evening Prayer is new to me, as I imagine it might be for some of you, but we are going to try it this summer. The first service will be on Sunday, July 7th at 6 pm, and there will also be services on three other Sundays; July 21st, August 4th, and August 18th.

I am not familiar with formal liturgies and so am working to adapt the service for a Baptist congregation, so don't pass up this opportunity out of concern that it may be stuffy or too "high church." There will be quiet music, scripture readings, a couple of hymns, some brief litanies, and a time for prayer



concerns, silent reflection, and prayer.

For the past year, First Baptist has observed an emphasis on prayer. In the fall there was a Season of Prayer for missions, A Day of Prayer involving a vigil in the sanctuary, and the beginning of the Prayer Chest ministry. During Lent there was a five-week study of prayer, which only barely scratched the surface.

One reason for summer vespers is to continue the emphasis. Another reason is because of the quiet, reflective nature of these services, at a time when the world seems particularly chaotic, and when the state of things for religion in our culture is restless. Evening Prayer seems also to fit with the relaxed nature of the summer season.

To be honest, there are other reasons. For my entire time of ministry, as well as my whole life, for that matter, the churches I have been a part of, and the denominational homes I have known, have been in decline. People who study these types of things say it is a general trend affecting all religious groups across the board, at least in North America and Europe. Many things have been tried to reverse the trend, but none have worked. After a while it becomes burdensome, no matter how shiny a face is put on it.

Prayer is the proper response, and my hope is that this year, in this summer of evening services, will give us an opportunity to pray for our church, and our denomination, as well as all the other churches and denominations. My hope is that through quiet and faithful prayer our faith will be strengthened, our anxiety eased, and our love rejuvenated.

I hope to see you at one of the Evening Prayer services this summer.

God Bless and have a great summer.,

**-Mark**



## Volunteers For June

### Fellowship Time

July 7 Faulk  
 July 14 Lee  
 July 21 Gosser  
 July 28 Pot Luck  
 Lunch

### Panera Pick-Up

July 4 Fogle  
 July 11 Fogle  
 July 18 Lee  
 July 25 Fogle

Thank you all for volunteering. Volunteers are also needed for the Family Festival on July 13. Set-up is at 10:30. The festival lasts until 2:00 and it takes about another 15 minutes to take things down for our activities. We need people to help set up, take down, and supervise the game equipment.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### July

1 Bob & Pat Foor  
 2 Raleigh & Pat Gosser  
 12 Pam Shears  
 14 Chad & Christina Kilhefner  
 Lucas Smith  
 15 Sandy VanBrimmer  
 17 Nichelle Trigg  
 18 Chad Kilhefner  
 Peter & Linda White  
 19 Jarrod Trigg  
 21 Dan Chambers  
 27 Maxwell Showalter

*Please report any errors.*

## Mission/Outreach News

The Mission/Outreach Group met on Sunday, June 23rd. Our last meeting was in April. The Mission Focus for June was "Tools of Hope" on Father's Day to honor fathers by giving money to Church World Service to help those in need, and the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to help those in the U.S. and in other countries with disaster relief and development needs. Pam Faulk has given short informational Mission Moments to tell us how the money we give is used. Our church will be participating in the Delaware Family Festival (Block Party) on July 13th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Winter Street. We will be hosting the lawn games and some coloring activities, making pinwheels, and puzzles. Donations of homemade or store bought cookies are appreciated. Our church will donate \$200.00 to help fund the event which is a day for families to come and eat and have fun for no cost.

We received a letter from Kathy Hoff who is the PIN Nutrition Services Manager. The letter said that during the months of February and August, PIN doesn't always have enough food to be given to those in need. Kathy was asking that we prayerfully consider changing our food drive for PIN to the month of August. Many in our congregation bring food items on a regular basis and place it in the basket in the welcome center. Peter White delivers the items when it gets full. Many times throughout the year, he delivers the items. After discussing this, our decision is to have part of the focus for August be to contribute food to People In Need.

We also received a letter from People In Need asking if we would like to help with the Annual School Shoe Program. On Tuesday, July 16th People In Need, Inc. will begin the annual School Shoe Program. It is in its 28th year. This program has helped thousands of low-to moderate income children who attend Delaware County Schools. The parents of a child who meet this criteria are given a gift card to purchase one pair of shoes for the child to begin the new school year. Last year, PIN provided gift cards for 700 children! We will collect monetary donations and give the money to PIN to purchase gift cards for shoes during the month of July to go along with the school supplies and ear phones we give to Conger Elementary School to meet the needs of their students.

Our Undy Sunday will then be in the month of September. In the past we have supported Common Ground Free Store with a \$100.00 for their fund raiser in August. We will continue to give that.

Our next meeting will be July 21, 2019 at 11:15 a.m. All are welcome!

## July Potluck

On Sunday, July 28, we will have a potluck lunch after church in the Fellowship Hall at approximately 11:15. Please bring table service and a dish to share. There might be a brief business meeting afterward if it is warranted.

## Women's Fellowship Field Trip

Because of the Family Festival on July 13, we will not be having our women's lunch that day. However, we will be going on the field trip that was postponed from the spring on the following Saturday, July 20. We will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. to carpool and drive to the Der Dutchman in Mansfield for lunch at 11:30 and then go to Grandpa's Cheesebarn in Ashland after that. Both of these business are right off their exits to I-71 and are easy to get to. We hope for a good turnout for this. All women are invited. Please let Pam Faulk know if you plan to attend

## July Missions Focus

- School supplies for Conger Elementary  
pencils, pens,  
notebooks, markers, etc.
- Shoe money for gift cards to be given to People In Need to purchase shoes for children
- Canned Goods. Continue to bring a can of food for People In Need

Thank you for all you do to reach out to others! Your outpouring of love and generosity is amazing and blessed!

## Thank You Missions Dinner

On Sunday, June 23rd a thank you missions dinner was held. Pam Faulk planned and hosted the dinner and led activities. Those who attended were treated to pizza, salad, and a variety of desserts. After dinner we played several games that tied in with our OGHS theme "More Than We Can Imagine." We played a

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game in which we had to put ourselves in alphabetical order according to the name of the country or state listed on a piece of paper with the projects or relief listed for which the offering money was used. We had lots of laughs while playing this game as well as discovering how many people in many countries and states in the U.S.A. benefit from our giving. Another game was "This is not a \_\_\_\_, it is a \_\_\_\_." Ask those who came about it and how much fun and laughs we had. Another game described how fortunate we are and the needs of others. We were challenged to think about our giving to reach the church's goal. If you have never been to a Thank You Missions dinner, plan to attend the next one. You will have a great time being in fellowship together and learning.

## Church Information Cards in Welcome Center

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## A Note From the Petersons

Dear Friends,  
Thank you so much for the constant prayer support which we have felt over recent weeks. Now we are settled into a small suite in the WillowBrook Assisted Living section. Every day we join the others at church who pray for each other and our church. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

-Genevieve and Ken Peterson

\*\*\*The Petersons' new address is  
100 Delaware Crossing West  
#158

## Family Festival

Saturday, July 13,  
11am - 2pm

Winter Street, between  
Franklin & Washington

**FBC will host  
yardgames,  
puzzles, and  
coloring activities**

please donate  
homemade or  
store bought cookies

**Come,  
Participate, Play  
Enjoy!**

## Personals

> Pam Shears recently retired from the Delaware County Health Department. Congratulations Pam!

> Carol Grubbs spent some time at Grady in early June with a kidney stone. She thanks everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls.

> Peter White spent four days at Grady and now has a pacemaker.

> Jane Moore Snyder would like to thank everyone for their prayers on her behalf as she has been dealing with her brother's estate.

> Jennifer Turner was recently in the hospital with a severe reaction. She thanks everyone for their prayers and cards.

> Jerry and Lana Palmer will be moving to Circleville in September.

> Pam Faulk would like to thank everyone who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering in June and also for those who came to the mission thank-you dinner on June 23. We had a lot of fun.

> Jim Snyder spoke at the Delaware County Main Library on June 27. Jim, whose pen name is Jim Slade, covered the American space program as a journalist, and his topic is timely as this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 first landing on the moon.

> Chad and Christina Kilhefner traveled to New Jersey and New York City in June. There is a note from them on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

> Our neighbors, the Gerspachers, recently used our fellowship hall for a graduation party and gave us a \$50 donation. We received a thank you note from them, and it is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

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-Larry Faulk, treasurer



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Wednesday, July 17,  
9am - noon

Monday, July 22,  
5pm - 8pm

**Come,  
Spend some time,  
Pray**

**Blanket Sunday  
Dedications are on the  
back of the calendar.**

## Tools for Hope Sunday

June 16, 2019

Thank you First Baptist! Your donations to Church World Service in honor/memory of the important men in your life resulted in an offering of \$160.00. This will be used by Church World Service to help those in need.

**Giver:**

**Honor/Memory of:**

*Mark Allison*

*Dr. Oscar Allison*

*Erin and Pam Faulk*

*Larry Faulk*

*Pam and Larry Faulk*

*Jeff Faulk, Donald Faulk, Ralph Cole,*

*Paul Stewart, Wilbur Wickum,*

*Ron Rose, Bill Faulk*

*Deb, Will and Gabe Fogle*

*Dave Lovell, Ray Serviss, Kip Smith,*

*Vic Fogle, Dr. Robert Lovell, Ray Morby*

*Pat Gosser*

*Raleigh Gosser, Vernon Howe*

*Candace Lee*

*Phil Lee*

*Mary Lou Lovell*

*Dr. Robert Lovell, Kip Smith,*

*Dave Lovell, Raymond Morby*

*Randy Turner*

*Ben Turner, Jimmie Moore, Heryl Turner,*

*Jim Snyder*

*Andrew and Lucas Smith*

*Grandpa Lovell, Kip Smith*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00 Piecemakers	2	3 6:30 Choir	4 Independence Day  4:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle	5	6
7 10:00 Morning Worship Communion 6:00 Evening Prayers	8	9	10	11 8:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle	12	13  11- 2 Family Festival set up 10:30
14 10:00 Morning Worship 1:30 Brothers All	15	16	17 Church Open for Prayer 9-noon 	18 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	19	20 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans Women's Field Trip/Lunch meet at church 10:00
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Is it August already? I am still recovering from Christmas (I'm joking). I know that I often comment about the passage of time, but I am constantly amazed by it. The winter seemed to linger forever, and we all waited for it to be over and summer to come, and now school is ready to begin; fall is right around the corner. I am not sure about the cosmic complications it might cause, but I wouldn't mind if the Earth's rotations slowed a bit.

As time goes by, I become more convinced of a general lack of spiritual health. I guess that should always be obvious. I don't mean to be pessimistic, but as our society has become more industrialized and computerized, people have become more isolated from one another and more polarized and hurt by the divisions among us. The renewal of the mind and the transformation of the heart are difficult in such a setting, maybe in any setting.



That renewal and transformation are what this last year's prayer emphasis has been about. We are still praying; not only for ourselves but for others; not only for our church, but for the Church; not only for our nation, but all the nations.

So as we look together toward fall, be aware of the Prayer Chest ministry, of the times for Open Sanctuary and the possibility of another prayer vigil, and with a view to continuing this emphasis in some form. Give attention to your relationship with God. Let that attention be our faith response to the times.

In reality, our era is not really much different from previous eras. What has changed is the way we feel about them. What is changed is that we don't have any hindsight to tell us how things turn out. We should not be surprised if it seems there is more

anxiety and less hopefulness about the future, more fear and less confidence, than in the past.

Even so, the Earth just keeps spinning. Let us press on toward health, nurturing a relationship with God through Christ, making it our goal to be thankful rather than afraid, hopeful rather than despairing, confident in Our Redeemer, and faithful in all we do.

As the time goes by,

Blessings,  
**-Mark**

## Summer Evening Prayers

There are two more summer Evening Prayer Services, Sunday, August 4th and Sunday, August 18th at 6pm. Please plan to join us for these brief times of scripture, prayer, meditation, and sacred music.

**-Larry Faulk,**  
deacons chair

## Volunteers For June

### Fellowship Time

Aug 4 Grubbs  
 Aug 11 Gosser  
 Aug 18 Lovell  
 Aug 25 Gosser

### Panera Pick-Up

Aug 1 Fogle  
 Aug 8 Lee  
 Aug 15 Grubbs  
 Aug 22 Faulk  
 Aug 29 Lovell

Thank you all for volunteering your time and talents. This month watch for new sign-up sheets for the fall quarter in the Gathering Place..

## Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship had a great time going to Der Dutchman and Grandpa's Cheesebarn in July. There were 9 of us who traveled north that day. Our August lunch will be at Bun's on Saturday, August 10 at 11:30. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend. We have received literature about the Aspire Conference on October 13. There is a flyer for this on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place. Please take a look at it and let Pam Faulk know if you are interested in attending this year. Those of us who attended last year really enjoyed the evening. There were many funny and inspiring stories and lots of good music. It was a very rewarding time. It is very similar to Women of Faith, but on a much smaller scale.

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### Birthdays and Anniversaries



#### August

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 8 Kate Cooper  
 Ryan Cooper  
 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 Linda White  
 30 Archie Trigg

*Please report any errors.*

## One Great Hour of Sharing

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Our total was \$785.

## Personals

- > We have received a lengthy letter from our missionary in Thailand, Jeni Pedzinski. You can read the letter on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.
- > Jeni will be joining us for dinner and an early evening presentation on September 29.
- > Pat Gosser was in the hospital in July for vertigo.
- > Pastor Mark Allison had an article in the Delaware Gazette on July 19. You can find a copy of it on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.
- > Jim Snyder made a trip to Cheyenne, Wyoming to go to the rodeo.
- > Claire Turner vacationed in Vermont with friends.
- > Erin Faulk has sold her condo and is temporarily living with Pam and Larry until her new house gets built.
- > Brennan Howe had more dental surgery.

### Mark Your Calendar

September 29th  
 5:00 P.M.

Jeni Pedzinski, our missionary to Thailand will join us.

Enjoy an evening of hearing about Thailand and the Christian work that Jeni is doing.

Bring a generous bowl or pan of your favorite covered dish to share.

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## Mission/Outreach News

### More Than You Can Imagine

We rejoice that the One Great Hour of Sharing (More Than You Can Imagine) goal was met in June. Pam Faulk presented Mission Moments (More Than You Can Imagine) during worship services in June. Your money is far reaching in our country and

## Summer Evening Prayers

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**Come,  
share in scripture,  
prayer, and  
sacred music**



the world. Thanks to ALL who reached out to others for development projects as well as meeting the needs of those that have needed disaster relief.

Thanks to all who honored their fathers on Father's Day by giving to the Tools of Hope offering to be given to Church World Service.

## Family Festival

The Block Party/Family Festival was held on July 13th from 11am to 2pm.

Many church congregations, agencies and policemen participated. It was a time for the community to come together to enjoy live music, play lawn games, and have a meal at no cost. Our church hosted the lawn games, bubble blowing (which was very popular), making pinwheels, coloring of stained glass windows, and assembling of a jigsaw puzzle.

Others made balloon creations. Coupons were given for free haircuts. Kona Ice treated children to free ices. Many volunteers prepared hot dogs and barbecued pork.

The day was sunny and warm and we were happy to see so many of the community (estimated 300) participate in this event.

Thanks to all who planned, set up, participated, disassembled, and provided cookies for this community gathering. We are looking forward to next year.

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## Mission Focus

The Mission Focus for July was to collect school supplies for students at Conger Elementary. The box in the church entry has been filling up.

People In Need collects money to provide a gift card for a new pair of shoes to those children who qualify. We have been helping with this endeavor this year. There have been envelopes in the pews to give money for shoes. Think about the smile on a child's face having a new pair of shoes and school supplies (that would not have had them) to begin a new school year! As of July 21st, the money given for shoes totaled \$240.00. Thanks to the family who generously donated a whole box of new head sets for the children.

In August, the church will sponsor the fundraiser for Common Ground Free Store with a check for \$100.00.

Our Mission Focus for August will be collecting food items for People In Need. August is a month in which the food supply is low. The box is in the Welcome Center. We would like to fill it up during the month of August.

Looking ahead, our Mission Focus for September will be donating new underwear to Common Ground Free Store. The 5 Sundays in September will be Undie Sundays. As you shop, check for sales on underwear (all sizes) to donate.

Jeni Pedzinski, whom we support as a missionary in Thailand, will be in the U.S. We are fortunate that she will come to our church on September 29th to give a presentation about her work in Thailand. We are planning to invite other churches to join us for her visit, as her time is limited while she is in the U.S.

We are planning to have a potluck dinner on that evening. It will be so good to see her and hear about her Christian work in another part of the world. Please mark your calendar for September 29th!

## Treasurer's Report

### General Fund

We continue to closely monitor our expenditures with the goal in mind that our general fund offerings and other income should cover our operating expenses. Through the first half of 2019, our expenses have exceeded our income by \$2,900. This is better than our situation at this time last year. We remain faithful that through your continued generous offerings and our controlled expenses, we can balance our general fund by the end of the year as we were able to do last year.

## Missions

Mission giving continues to support both local and international ministries. We have met our goals. We have met our goals for the first two Special ABC offerings of the year.

## Capital Improvements / Memorials

Regular contributions to our capital improvements fund and to our memorials fund allow us to maintain our facilities and plan for future projects.

**- Larry Faulk, treasurer**

## Church Directory Updates

Evan Allison's new address:  
11688 West 57th Place  
Apt. 27  
Arvada, CO 80002



Erin Faulk's temporary address:  
705 Canal St.  
Delaware, OH 43015  
phone and email remain  
the same

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Aug Mission Focus:</b> • (PIN) People in Need	July 29	30	31	1	2	3
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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The summer is nearly over. The weather has been beautiful for quite some time now, and hopefully there will be another month or more of bright sunshine and summer breezes. I want to thank all of you who came to the Evening Prayer services this summer, and especially to Mary Lou Lovell for providing the music, which was such an important part of the service. I hope you have all been helped by the Prayer Chest ministry, the times of Open Sanctuary, as well as the Evening Prayers. Look for this prayer emphasis to continue in some way in the coming year.

The coming of a new school year means resuming the regular schedule of Sunday School at 9:30 A.M. and Worship at 10:30 A.M. Rally day is September 8th. The Pastor's Class is going to kick off the year with a look at the Minor Prophets, beginning with Hosea, Joel, and Amos. We will examine the historical context in which they ministered and wrote, and look for insights regarding the meaning of their messages for our time. Sometimes the smaller books of the Old Testament receive less attention than the larger ones like Isaiah and Jeremiah, but they are equally as powerful and important.



Also, it is the tradition of the last few years for the youth to sponsor a "kick-off-the-year" party. The last few years it has been a picnic in the park. This year it will be at the church. At 5 P.M. on September 15th, there will be a ping pong fellowship, along with other games. The central fun will be a table tennis tournament for those who would like to participate. There will be food. Everyone is invited. Anyone who wants to play ping-pong will get the chance. If not, come for the fellowship.

I will be on vacation on September 29 and October 6, as I travel to Colorado for my son's wedding. Mike Reynolds will fill the pulpit. Also be aware that on the evening of the 29th, ABC missionary Jeni Pedzinski will share with us the story of her work at the New Life Center Foundation in Chang Mai Thailand.

There is much to do and think about. I am always amazed at the generosity and support from all of you at our church.

I hope you can enjoy the last few weeks of summer, and enjoy a great Labor Day holiday.

God Bless,  
-Mark

## Treasurer's Report *shortfall continues*

Income from January through July has fallen short of expenses. The deficit has reached \$6,000. Your prayerful attention to giving is appreciated.

Mission giving for the first half of 2019 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

## Rally Day

I encourage everyone to make a commitment to attending Sunday school this year. We will begin on Rally Day on September 8. Our morning will begin at 9:15 with pastries, coffee, and juice in the Gathering Place. Sunday school classes will begin at 9:30. Candy Lee will be teaching the Adult I

*(continued on page 2)*

Sunday school class and will be using the Judson Journeys quarterly. The theme for September is "God is Faithful." Her substitute is Pat Gosser.

Pastor Allison will again be teaching the Adult II class. He will be focusing on the minor prophets. His sub. will be Randy Turner. Larry Faulk will be teaching the Teen class with Debbie Fogle as his sub, and Pam Faulk will teach the Youth class. Candy Lee will be the sub.

Won't you join us?

-Pam Faulk

## Volunteers For September

### Fellowship Time

Sept 1 Lovell  
 Sept 8 Ekelberry  
 Sept 15 Lee  
 Sept 22 Faulk  
 Sept 29 Gosser

### Panera Pick-Up

Sept 5 Lovell  
 Sept 12 Volunteer Needed  
 Sept 19 Lovell  
 Sept 26 Faulk

Thanks to everyone who volunteers. As you can see, there is a spot open for September and quite a few more for the rest of the fall quarter. Please volunteer your help and sign up in the Gathering Place.

## Marion Association Fall Rally

The 105th annual Fall Rally of the Marion Baptist Association will be held on Sunday, September 22 at the Richwood First Baptist Church at 4:00. Please see the announcement on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place for more details.

## International Day of Prayer for Peace

Saturday, September 21 is the International Day of Prayer for Peace. Our sanctuary will be open 9-noon for anyone who would like to come and pray.

## Youth Sponsored Picnic Games and Ping Pong Tournament

On Sunday, September 15th, all are invited to join the youth with a picnic in the Fellowship Hall at 5pm. The youth will sponsor a ping pong tournament as well as other games.

## Women's Fellowship

There were 8 of us who enjoyed lunch at Bun's last month. On Saturday, September 10, we will meet for lunch at 11:30 at the Corner Cafe at "The Point."

Please let me know if you will attend. There is an interest in once again attending the Aspire conference in October, so please mark your calendars. We will NOT be having our luncheon on October 14, but will instead attend the Aspire conference on Sunday, October 15. Please see me for more details. I need to know by September 22 in order to pre-order the tickets. We get a discount if we buy 10 tickets.

## Thank You Notes

• Dear First Baptist Church, On behalf of Turning Point, I would like to thank you for your contribution of \$100 toward our families in shelter and outreach programs. Please know that your involvement makes a very tangible impact on our community, and most importantly, on families in need. It is because of people like you that Turning

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### September

1 Elijah Showalter  
 3 Alec Ferguson  
 9 Kip & Barbara Smith  
 13 Jerry Palmer  
 14 Marci Cooper  
 22 Calvin & Taylor Turner  
 29 Ian Ferguson  
 30 MaryLou Lovell

*Please report any errors.*

Point is able to grow and meet the needs and challenges facing our families in the 21st century.

Thank you again for your continuous support - not only to Turning Point and the women, men, and children we serve, but also to building a safe, peaceful, healthy community for our children and grandchildren.  
 Sincerely,  
 Paula Roller, Executive Director

- We received a certificate from Church World Service for our donations through Blanket Sunday and Tools of Hope Sunday. It is on the bulletin Board in the Gathering Place.
- Thank you to all who contributed school supplies for Conger Elementary in July. They were very appreciative. Also a big thank you to all who donated money for gift cards to go to PIN for school shoes for children. \$340 was given.

## Personals

> Claire Turner attended Family Camp in West Virginia and is now back in Oxford for her senior year at Miami U.

>Cullen Faulk received his Eagle Scout award on July 25. He is the grandson of Pam and Larry Faulk

>The Faulk family enjoyed a nice visit with Marci Cooper and her children when she spent some time here in July. Ryan and Kate Cooper started kindergarten on August 7.

>Brennan Howe dislocated his knee and has been wearing a brace.

>Ken Shears was recently hospitalized with breathing problems. He thanks everyone for their cards and prayers.

>Pastor Allison's father was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

>Ken and Genevieve Petersons celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with a party at Willowbrook on August 21.

>Sally Williams will have cataract surgery on September 5.

## Online Giving?

If you would like to make an offering or donation to FBC, but cannot attend a worship service or would rather not have to write a check and mail it to FBC, you can now make an offering online. Visit our website at [FBCDelaware.org](http://FBCDelaware.org) and click on the link: "Make an online Offering or Donation."

The link will take you to a page describing the current giving options. Click on the link: "Click Here to make an Offering or Donation Online." On the Donation page you can input an amount that you would like to offer for any or all options for giving.

You can choose to give by credit or debit card, or electronically from a checking or savings account. After entering your name and address, you can process your giving and save your profile to simplify future online giving.

If you need assistance in the process, please contact me at [lfaulk01@aol.com](mailto:lfaulk01@aol.com) or 614-204-1098. Your gifts to FBC are appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

## Come Sing With Us! Join the choir

**When:** Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
Beginning on Sept. 4th

**Where:** Youth room at FBC

**What:** Lift your voice in song to praise the Lord for Sunday worship service

**Who:** All who enjoy singing

## Mark Your Calendars!

Plan on coming to see  
Rev. Jeni Pedzinski  
September 29  
5 P.M.

Bring a very **LARGE** container of your favorite covered dish meal.

6 P.M. Presentation of Jeni's work in Thailand

Rev. Jeni Pedzinski is an American Baptist missionary who has been serving at the New Life Center Foundation (NLCF) in Chiang Mai, Thailand since 2015. Established in 1987, NLCF serves young ethnic minority (tribal) women who are at risk for, or survivors of, human trafficking, forced labor and sexual abuse. With degrees in development and Christian theology, Jeni provides administrative support, Christian discipleship and financial literacy training to NLCF staff and program beneficiaries.

## Prayer List

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



## International Day of Prayer for Peace

The sanctuary will be  
open for prayer  
on Saturday, September  
21  
9am - noon

**Come,  
Spend some time,  
Pray**

## Mission/Outreach News

The Mission/Outreach Group met on Sunday, August 19, 2019. July's focus was collecting school supplies for those children in need at Conger Elementary School. Thanks to all who generously brought in items. August's Mission focus was donating food to be given to People In Need for distribution. We were asked to help out at this time of year as the supply is low in August. Again, you are filling boxes for others.

We will be giving a check for \$100.00 to Common Ground Free Store for their August fund raiser as we have in the past. Common Ground Free Store on East Central Avenue offers free household items and clothes to those who have had a fire in their home or have another need. In September, our Mission Focus will be Undie Sunday. We will be accepting donations of new underwear of all sizes. This will be given to Common Ground Free Store.

In September, our church will host Rev. Jeni Pedzinski, a missionary

that we regularly support financially. She is an American Baptist missionary who lives Thailand. We are excited that she can come to our church while she is in the U. S. We are going to invite other churches in the Marion Association to join us for an evening of a potluck meal, fellowship, and hearing about Jeni's work at the new Life Center Foundation in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Our next meeting will be right after church on September 22, 2019.

Everyone is welcome to attend and bring ideas.

## Thank You!

In July, you brought in school supplies for Conger Elementary. The items were delivered on August 8th and received with appreciation and gratitude. The boxes overflowed with : 2 packages of erasers, 4 packages of pens, 3 boxes of crayons, 20 mechanical pencils, 10 boxes of pencils, 55 glue sticks, 12 boxes of colored pencils, 5 notebooks, 10 composition notebooks, 13 boxes of markers, 38 folders, 5 packages of notebook filler paper, 5 bottles of glue, 2 pencil sharpeners, and a large box of head sets. In addition to all of this, \$340.00 was given for gift cards to be purchased by People In Need and given to those children who qualify. You are a truly amazing giving congregation. There will be many smiles on children's faces and a sense of pride because of all of you. Thank you so much!

## Boxes are overflowing with food for P.I.N.

Thank you to all who have added items to your shopping list and bought extra to be given to those in need. As August is a month

when People In Need has a shorter supply of food, we have made P.I.N. our focus for August. Peter White has taken an overflowing box of food items to P.I.N this week. We have one more week to bring food for others.

## Panera Pick Up Continues!

Thanks to all have continued to pick up the unsold items from Panera on Thurs. evening, bag them and take them to Andrews House on Friday morning. It does not take a lot of time, and the breads are so appreciated. They are given to food pantries and given to those who come to Andrews House. If you have never participated in helping with this and would like to, talk with Pam and Larry Faulk or Mary Lou Lovell. We would love to have more hands doing this service to others.

## Church Directory Updates

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# September

2019

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>10:00 Morning Worship Communion</p> <p>Undie Sundays begins</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Labor Day</p> 	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>4:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
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<p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 1:30 Brothers All 5:00 All church Picnic / games sponsored by youth</p> <p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>International Day of Prayer for Peace</b></p> <p>Church Open for Prayer 9-noon 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans</p> <p><b>21</b></p>
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Dr. Allison on vacation Sept 23 - Oct 6

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October is upon us, and that means it is time once again for the World Missions Offering, supporting the work of 123 American Baptist missionaries, serving in various contexts around the world. The month will actually kick off on the 29th of September, which is the day this newsletter will be made available. There will be a pot luck meal and a time of sharing with Jeni Pedzinski. She will tell us about her work at the Chang Mai Institute in Thailand, helping young women who have been victims of sex trafficking. It will begin at 5 P.M.

The goal for the offering is \$700 as usual. I am sure all of you will prayerfully consider your gift, which helps to support all the missionaries. I support the work of the American Baptist Global Missions Society, and believe in the work they do.

For one thing they help connect us to Christians around the world. As Baptists we are congregationalists and believe in the autonomy of the local church. But we are also a part of the Church Universal and our support for Global missions connects us with brothers and sisters in Christ of



the Baptist confession in many of the countries of the world.

In addition, the support of global missions enables us to be of some small help to the efforts of Christians to serve, proclaim the gospel, and seek justice and reconciliation in the world. It is healthy to take part in such a mission. We are broadened by it.

If I thought that missions was an attempt to impose our culture and traditions on people from other places, as it has sometimes devolved in the past, I would not support it. But that is not who our missionaries are. Instead they are global servants, working in partnership with Christians around the world.

Finally, remember the Great Commission, "Go into all the world preaching the gospel and making disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit . . ." This offering is one way to be obedient to the biblical demand. Be generous.

Thanks to Mike Reynolds for serving as our guest preacher on the 29th and October 6th while I am away. I look forward to spending time with my family as my son Evan and his fiancée Devin celebrate their marriage. See you on October 13th.

God Bless,

- Mark

## Crop Walk

The 2019 Delaware CROP Walk is Sunday, Oct 6th, beginning at the Hamilton Williams Campus Center at Ohio Wesleyan University. Registration is at 1:30pm, with the walk beginning at 2pm. There are two walk routes, a short walk to the middle of Delaware and back, and a longer walk up to Lincoln Ave. and back. Please join us for "Ending Hunger One Step at a Time."

You may donate by writing a check to "CWS/CROP" and I will take it to the walk or you can donate online at [www.crophungerwalk.org/delawareoh](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/delawareoh)

Thanks,  
- Larry Faulk



## Volunteers For October

### Fellowship Time

Oct 6 Lee  
 Oct 8 Grubbs  
 Oct 15 Lee  
 Oct 22 Gosser

### Panera Pick-Up

Oct 3 Grubbs  
 Oct 10 Volunteer Needed  
 Oct 17 Fogle  
 Oct 24 Faulk  
 Oct 31 Faulk

Thanks to all who volunteer. We still have some blanks to be filled for the fall quarter. See the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Place.

## Evening Prayers

As a followup to the evening prayer services that we had in the summer, we would like to continue on an occasional basis. The next Evening Prayers is Sunday, October 20th at 6pm in the sanctuary. The brief service consists of scripture, hymns, prayer, and sacred music. Please join us for a time of prayer and reflection.

## Pastor Appreciation

October is pastor appreciation month. Dr. Allison has been ministering with us for 4 years. Please think of a way to show your thankfulness and gratitude for his service with us.

### Personals

> On September 8 Lana and Jerry Palmer were honored with a cake during Fellowship Time. This was their last Sunday with us as Delaware residents.

> Raleigh Gosser recently celebrated his 80th birthday. Congratulations Raleigh!

> Chad Myford was diagnosed with fluid on his knee and high blood pressure.

> Aidan Ferguson will play the lead male role in Hayes's fall production to THE CRUCIBLE. Congratulations Aidan! He was pictured and quoted in the Sept 27 Gazette.

> Raleigh Gosser recently had outpatient surgery and has been diagnosed with more cancer.

> Beth and Archie Trigg have been traveling to Ireland during September.

> On September 15 Linda White was honored during church and Fellowship Time for her 50 years in our church choir. Congratulations Linda!

> We welcome 2 new voices to the choir! Thanks to Deb Fogle and Candy Lee for singing with the choir.

> On Saturday, September 28, Evan Allison married Devin Breckenridge in Colorado. Evan's father, Pastor Mark, conducted the service.

> Mike Reynolds is serving as guest pastor while Pastor Mark is on vacation.

> Congratulations to Mike Reynolds for winning the Ping Pong tournament during the Youth Picnic on September 15.

> Carol Grubbs's daughter Allison recently visited us during morning worship.

> Calvin and Taylor Turner recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary with Randy and Jennifer.

> Erin Faulk won three blue ribbons and one third place ribbon for her photography at the Delaware County Fair.

> Gabe Fogle won Reserve Grand Champion for his iced cookies at the Delaware County Fair. The cookies were called "Cups of Love": 2 kinds-" I love you a latte" and" I am cocoa crazy for you."

> Will Fogle received an A for his Shooting Sports project at the fair.

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> Gabe Fogle received an A for his nutrition project at the fair.

### Quarterly Business Mtg

Please join us for our Quarterly Business Meeting on Wed, Oct 23. We will share a potluck dinner at 6:30pm with the business meeting at 7pm. In addition to board and committee reports, we will vote on officers for 2020 and the 2020 church budget.

### Mission/Outreach News

The Mission/Outreach Committee met on September 22nd with 8 people in attendance.

The box for the collection of food for People In Need was delivered by Peter White.

The last of the 5 Undie Sundays will be September 29th. A lot of new underwear has already been given and placed in the box in the Welcome Center. At the end of September, the underwear will be delivered to Common Ground Free Store for distribution to those in need.

Looking forward, we will be collecting the World Mission Offering in October. The Crop Walk will be held on Oct. 6th at 2 p.m. at Ohio Wesleyan University. Larry Faulk has information. Everyone is invited to walk and/or pledge to those who walk.

On October 21, 2019, we will be providing a meal for those attending the Stepping Up/Getting Ahead classes at William St. Church. A sign up sheet will be available in the Gathering Place if you would like to provide food and/or help serve.

Our next meeting will be October 20th at noon. The meetings are short and everyone works

together to keep missions moving forward. Please bring your ideas and come to the meeting!

### Thank You for 50 Years!

Linda White is retiring from choir after 50 years. Thank you, Linda White for your dedication to choir. Thank you for sharing your beautiful alto voice to praise God. You are welcome any time to come and sing with us. We sure will miss you.

### Women's Fellowship

We will not have our normal women's lunch on October 12. Instead, we will travel to Central College Presbyterian Church at 975 S. Sunbury Rd. in Westerville on Sunday, October 13. We will be attending the Aspire Women's Conference there, and all women from our church are invited.

Those of us who attended last year had a great time with speakers, music, and fellowship. The doors open at 4:30. You are welcome to carpool. Tickets are \$20.00. Please see me if you wish to go, even if it is a last-minute decision. I should have 11 tickets in all.

- Pam Faulk

### Halloween Party

There will be a youth-sponsored all-church Halloween party on Sunday, October 27 from 6:00 to 8:00. Come in costume if you wish and bring a snack to share.

The youth are planning a fun evening.

### World Mission Offering

This year's WMO theme is based on Jesus's words to the woman at the well, "Whoever drinks of the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### October

- 1 Kathy Chesser
- 2 David Harris  
Christina Kilhefner
- 3 Tim & Kathy Chesser  
Janet Lathrop  
Jarrod & Nichelle Trigg
- 7 Ann Brown
- 10 Claire Cooper
- 11 Sally Williams
- 16 Taylor Trigg
- 20 Jim Brown  
Genevieve Peterson
- 24 Sherry Chambers
- 25 Jack Turner
- 30 Jean Osborne
- 31 Claire Turner

*Please report any errors.*

welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14) Our thirst for more is much like the woman at the well. We desire to know our true purpose, and once our Creator meets that need and heals our brokenness, we cannot help but rush to spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus so that others can know Him as well. Our church's gifts through the IM World Mission Offering bring our congregation into partnership in God's mission with IM's global servants (missionaries) and partners worldwide. Each of us has an essential role, and none can be considered insignificant. During the month of October, I invite each of you to come alongside IM's global servants (missionaries) to give generously for the World Mission Offering. Our goal is \$700.

- Pam Faulk

## Thank You Notes

• Once again you have made a generous donation of school supplies and headphones to Conger Elementary. We are so grateful, and appreciative to these donations as we have many who can use them. It is community partners like you who make learning at Conger less stressful for several families and students.

Regards,

- Josh Page, Principal, Conger Elementary

• We look forward to worshipping at First Baptist Church again very soon. Thanks Mark for your Spirit-filled message again this morning... And what a special "send-off" we were given! Much wishing well, many loving hugs and we can't forget the delicious cake. A day to remember and hold in our hearts forever.

- Lana Palmer

## Learn About Our Missionaries Through 60 Days of Prayer

In conjunction with the World Mission Offering, starting the week of September 29, we will once again have materials available for 60 days of prayer for our missionaries. Last year the theme was "Salt," and this year the theme is "Water." You can read the individual prayers of our missionaries, and many of them will tie in with this theme of water. I invite you to pick up a week of prayers in the Welcome Center each Sunday or find them on the church's website. Please join me in praying for our missionaries during the next 60 days. This does not replace our Prayer Chest. That will continue as usual.

- Pam Faulk

## October Special Days

We all know about Columbus Day and Halloween, two of October's holidays. There are other special days in October that you may not know as much about. World Communion Sunday is October 6.

Observed on the first Sunday in October, this day calls for the Church to be the universal, inclusive Church. The day was first observed by Presbyterians in 1936, adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940, and shortly thereafter observed by Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches. Our church also takes part. The Crop Walk will also take place on October 6. Crop Hunger walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. World Food Day is celebrated every year around the world on October 16 in honor of the date of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1945. The day is celebrated widely by many other organizations concerned with food security, including the World Food Programme and the International Fund for Agricultural Development. In 1948 the U.N. General Assembly declared October 24, the anniversary of the Charter of the U.N., as United Nations Day, devoted to making known to the people of the world the aims and achievements of the U.N. and to gaining their support for its work. In 1971 the U.N. General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring that United Nations Day shall be an international observance or holiday by all U.N. member nations. National Make a Difference Day is an annual community service event which is held on the fourth Saturday in

October (October 26 this year). This was created in 1992 by USA WEEKEND magazine and joined by Points of Light. Together they have sponsored the largest national day of community service for more than twenty years. Volunteers and organizations have taken up the banner to help their communities in ways that best fit their needs. Reformation Day is a Protestant Christian religious holiday celebrated on October 31, alongside Halloween. October 31, 1517 was the day Martin Luther nailed his "Ninety-five Theses" on the door of the All Saints' Church in Wittenberg. Reformation Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday in October and commemorates the Protestant Reformation and Martin Luther.

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# October

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**Pastor  
Appreciation  
Month**

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Last year when I traveled to Colorado to visit my son, I came home by way of Montana, where I stopped to see the place of “Custer’s Last Stand,” the Little Bighorn River. I learned a great deal about the battle and the circumstances that surrounded it.

The leader of the Lakota Sioux was a man who has become a well-known historical figure; his name was Sitting Bull. He was a religious leader. He and his people faced rapid change, which they could neither understand nor control, and understandably, they resisted.

Sitting Bull had a vision for his people that had two main facets. He believed the “white people” would all go away, and that the Buffalo would return. His vision involved the recovery of a treasured past. He is rightly seen as a noble figure, and who can blame him for the resistance he led. As of yet, neither of his predictions has happened.

The same kind of thing appears in the Bible, especially in the part we call the Old Testament. The people of Israel had been conquered, and they were also forced to confront rapid change, which they could neither understand nor control. And they too were



led by religious leaders, some of whom envisioned the recovery of a treasured past which was sacred to them, involving the restoration of the Davidic monarchy and the rebuilding of the Jerusalem temple. Although both predictions came true temporarily, neither lasted. After the Babylonians, came the Persians, then the Greeks, and then, after a brief time of independence, the Romans; and all these years later both of the envisioned recoveries remain unfulfilled.

Today, we also face rapid change. I advise against attempting to comfort ourselves by hoping for the recovery of the past. It is better to look to the future, bringing what is best from our religious heritage into the changes we face, with hopefulness that the changes *can* be positive, to be sought rather than feared.

Last Sunday (October 20) the text came from Jeremiah, one of Israel’s prophets, who wrote,

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people.” This is the great promise we anticipate; that through God’s teaching, having been etched into the inner places of the soul, our lives will come to be characterized by deep gratitude, sincere hope, genuine love, and strong faith, accompanied by compassion and mercy for all the people who share with us this ever-changing journey.

Blessings, and Happy Thanksgiving,

- Mark

## Communion Available

Have you missed a Communion Sunday, or you cannot get out to church when you want, or you are recovering from an illness or surgery, or you feel “shut-in”? We would like to come and share a little time and communion with you.

Let Mark or one of the deacons know that you would like communion in your home and we will make arrangements to bring you communion.

- Larry Faulk, deacon chair



## Volunteers For November

### Fellowship Time

Nov 3 Lovell  
 Nov 10 Grubbs  
 Nov 17 Lee  
 Nov 24 Gosser

### Panera Pick-Up

Nov 7 Grubbs  
 Nov 14 Lovell  
 Nov 21 Faulk  
 Nov 28 Faulk

Thanks to all who volunteered this month, our sign-up sheets for the fall quarter are finally complete. Look for new sign-up sheets for the winter quarter this month. Your service is greatly appreciated.

## Personals

> Last month Michael Mercer graduated from Ohio Northern University in Lima and is back home looking for a job.

> Jim Snyder traveled to Tennessee for the Storytellers Festival in October.

> Cullen Faulk was recently named "Top 20 Under 20" in Trumbull County, a program which celebrates outstanding young people in the county.

> The Ferguson Family traveled out of state in October to celebrate Steve's father's 80th birthday.

> Aidan Ferguson was selected to be in Hayes's National Honor Society. Congratulations, Aidan!

> Pam Shears recently had successful back surgery.

> Jane Moore Snyder recently had knee replacement surgery.

> Genevieve Peterson would like to thank all those who sent her birthday greetings.

## Thank You

Thanks to all who contributed to the World Mission Offering. At the writing of this newsletter, we had received \$623 of our \$700 goal. With this Sunday left to contribute, I am sure we can reach that goal.

## Women's Fellowship

Three of our women attended the Aspire conference in October. Our November lunch will be on Saturday, November 9 at Vaquero's. We will gather there at noon because they don't open earlier than that. Just to give you a "heads up," our December luncheon will be a week earlier than usual. It will be on Saturday, December 7 instead of the 14th.

- Pam Faulk

## 2020 Budget Approved

At the Quarterly Business Meeting on Oct. 23rd., the 2020 budget was approved, and church officers were elected. Copies of the budget are available in the Welcome Center.

Thank you for passing the budget for our 2020 fiscal year. I am very thankful for all of your faithfulness to the service of the church and its missions. This month, pledge sheets will be available in the newsletter and in the Welcome Center for you to prayerfully consider your giving for the upcoming year. We will have a dedication of our pledges as part of the Thanksgiving week worship service or you can return these pledge sheets to Randy Turner. Again, thank you all for your pledge and commitment to the ongoing support of the mission of our church.

- Deb Fogle, finance chair

## Stewardship Is More than Money

As you consider your annual financial commitment to FBC, please consider your participation commitment. You are needed in worship, service, and fellowship. Please consider attending worship more often than you currently do. Our worship experiences are enhanced by your presence. Our service projects, like Andrews House, CROP Walk, Stepping Up Meals, Panera pickup, etc., are enriched by your involvement. Our fellowship opportunities, like game nights, mission presentations, picnics, Fellowship Time, and potlucks, are more fulfilled by your participation. Please commit to increased attendance, both for yourself and for FBC.

-Larry Faulk, deacon chair

### *Birthdays and Anniversaries*



#### **November**

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

*Please report any errors.*

## Change For Change

On Saturday night, November 2, we change our clocks back one hour to end Daylight Saving Time. That means that on Sunday morning, November 3, we should all bring our loose change to church for the Change for Change offering. This money goes to Andrews House to help administer the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for Children. This is one way that we can help alleviate childhood hunger in our own community.

## Thanksgiving Offering

The offering in the special Thanksgiving envelope will go to PIN this month.

## The 2020 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

## Volunteers Needed

Five or six volunteers are needed to help serve at the Nov 8th Second Friday meal at Andrews House at 5 pm. Let me know if you can help.

- Larry Faulk

## Prayer List

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 Please send changes to Larry Faulk ([lfaulk01@aol.com](mailto:lfaulk01@aol.com)).

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Dr. Allison's father & sister	Health Issues
Keith Anderson	Health Issues
Jane Moore Snyder	Surgery
Pam Shears	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!

## Delivery Assistance Needed

The Metro Community Baptist Church has invited us to help them with one of their Holiday service projects. They are involved with the Angel Tree ministry, which provides Christmas gifts to the children of people who are incarcerated during the holidays. Some of the children they are helping this year live in Delaware, and they have asked us to help them make deliveries in December. Stay



tuned for future announcements.

## Year For Prayer

As we continue our Year for Prayer, please don't forget to pick up a name from the Prayer Chest and also to continue to pray for our missionaries whose prayers are given in the 60 Days of Prayer list.

## Sponsor Foster Children

FBC will sponsor two foster children for Christmas this year.

Charlie (age 8) loves legos and board games. He has an Xbox 1 gaming system, and would like games or a gift card to get new games. He would also love a bike with helmet. He wears size 8 pants and shirts.

Kimberley (age 5) loves doll babies and Barbies. She likes board games. She wears size 7/8 clothing.

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.

## Mission/Outreach News

For the Undie Sundays in September, 73 pairs of new underwear, 1 pair of leggings and, 5 pairs of socks were donated and filled the box in the Welcome Center of the church. They were given to the Common Ground Free Store and will be given to those in need.

We hosted Reverend Jeni Pedzinski on Sunday, September 29th. After a potluck dinner, we enjoyed playing a Trivia Game in which we learned a great deal about Thailand. Pam Faulk showed a World Mission DVD which helped us put a face with the missionaries that Pam is talking about during the Mission Moments on Sundays in October. Jeni's presentation described the pain some children and young women have experienced. She explained how the New Life Center Foundation is providing shelter and education for these children and young women along with giving them hope and a new path for their lives. An offering was collected to help with expenses for Jeni. Seventeen people attended.

Our October Missions were CROP WALK, World Mission Offering, and a meal for the Stepping Up participants class at William St. Church

Six people participated in the CROP WALK: Larry Faulk, Erin Faulk, Deb Fogle, Will Fogle, Gabe Fogle and Mary Lou Lovell. As the walk began, so did the rain. Larry, Erin, Will, and Mary Lou walked the mile loop. Deb and Gabe walked the 3 mile loop.

We began planning for November and December. In November we collect the Change for Change offering which will go to Andrews House which will be used next

summer for the Delaware City Schools Summer Lunch Program.

November 8th is the Second Friday dinner at Andrews House for which we will need servers. See Larry Faulk to help.

For December, we are looking ahead to the Andrews House Christmas Cupboard and cookie donation and Woman's Luncheon on December 7th. Soup and Sing will be held Sat., Dec. 14th at 4 p.m.

Our next meeting will be November 17th at noon.

## Thank You

< To all who donated new underwear

< To Candy and Pat for setting up for Jeni Pedzinski's visit

< To Larry for setting up the dvd and to Pam for showing the World Mission dvd

< To all who brought food and helped clean up for Jeni's visit

< To all who walked for the Crop Walk and those who gave money to fight hunger

< To those who bought, prepared food, served and cleaned up for the stepping up meal at William St. Church on Oct. 21st.

< Thanks to Mike Reynolds who prepared 2 excellent sermons and led worship in Mark's absence. We remember "please and thank you" and your faith testimony as well as your singing "I Come To the Garden Alone". It is a blessing to have you!

< To all who continue to pick up Panera

< To all who host fellowship time

## Thanks Mark

Thanks to mark for ministering to us for 4 years !

We are thankful that God led you to First Baptist!

Mark prepares inspirational and Bible based sermons, prepares the evening prayer services, leads Lenten and Advent Bible

studies, leads the youth group, attends Delaware Ministerial Association meetings, represents fFirst Baptist for Fifth Sunday services, leads services at Willow Brook, attends church meetings, attends ABC Ohio meetings, and sings with Brothers All. Mark goes to the hospital to visit and pray with those dealing with health issues.

The list is longer than this; we want to say thank you for all you do! You are a blessing to our congregation!

## Church Directory Update

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# First Baptist Church

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Delaware, Ohio 43015

# November

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>November Mission Focus:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change For Change</li> <li>• Second Friday Meal</li> <li>• Gifts for Foster Children</li> <li>• Thanksgiving Offering - PIN</li> </ul>		October 29	30  6:30 Choir	<b>Reformation Day</b> 31 <b>Halloween</b>  8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	1	 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS 2  Turn Clocks Back 1 Hr
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November 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

At the October, Quarterly Business Meeting, the fellowship adopted the 2020 church budget. Along with providing pastoral compensation and benefits, the budget includes utilities, supplies, educational materials and funding for important church programs. The Outreach Ministries budget includes goals for ABC United Missions, institutional support, support for People In Need and the Andrews House as well as goals for our Special ABC offerings.

As members and friends of First Baptist Church, we have a stewardship responsibility to help our church fulfill its ministry. One way to help us plan and to demonstrate our commitment to adequately funding our budget is to make a pledge for the financial needs of our church for 2020 and to use that pledge as a reminder to give regularly. This year we have installed the option for an online option for your giving. If you would like to explore this option, please visit our website [fbcdelaware.org](http://fbcdelaware.org) and click on the right side of the page Make an Online Offering or Donation. This will link to a site to the online banking site.

A Pledge Form has been included on the back of this letter for you to record your commitment for 2020. You may return the form to Randy Turner, Financial Secretary or you may bring it with you for the dedication as part of the worship on Sunday, November 18. Even if you are choosing to donate online, please fill out the dedication form to help us reach our budget goals. Each of us needs to prayerfully review our resources, not just monetary, and consider our commitment to Christ and our church.

Yours in Christ,  
Deb Fogle, Finance Chairman

Name \_\_\_\_\_

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio  
Commitment Form 2020

In love and loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ, and in support of his ministry through this church,  
and in love and concern for each other, I/We make the following Commitment for 2020.

**CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES**

\_\_\_\_\_ Per Week / Month / Year (circle one)

**OUTREACH MINISTRIES (Missions)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Per Week / Month / Year (circle one)

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Special Projects)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Per Week / Month / Year (circle one)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

-----DETACH AND RETURN THE **TOP HALF** OF THIS FORM-----

Keep This Portion For Your Records

Name \_\_\_\_\_

My/Our Commitment for 2020

For Church Operating Expenses      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per \_\_\_\_\_

For Outreach Ministries Expenses      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per \_\_\_\_\_

For Capital Improvements      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per \_\_\_\_\_

If for any reason you need to change your Pledge, please notify

Mr. Randy Turner, Financial Secretary

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# Good News Letter

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As December approaches, one is drawn to thoughts about the meaning of the season. The primary winter holidays are Christmas and New Year's Day, both of which are associated with beginnings, and birth. Every ending is a new beginning.

The world is in need of a new birth. Each time there is an innovation that brings something new, it only takes a few decades for the new thing to become old. It seems like smart phones have been around forever. Times change. In my lifetime there was the Cold War that seemed to dominate everything, until it ended, and now it seems like ancient history. Its end created the need to move on and make a new way of thinking and acting in the world. International boundaries changed, new countries were formed, the age of information and internet came, and global terrorism, all challenging us to make something new. We are still working on it. Working on it gets old.

Our individual lives are also in need of renewal. There doesn't seem to be any stage of life that allows us to get settled in before something changes; the children grow up, jobs change, moves are made, aging happens. With every change

## December



comes anxiety about the future and longing for the past. With every change comes a little chaos and confusion.

It is no wonder that having followed the cycle of the seasons to this point, at the "end" of the year, when the daylight hours are at their shortest, we celebrate not merely the revolution of the earth around the sun, but the whole concept of new birth, with the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, which represents for us the beginning of a new era, the era of Redemption.

Redemption means the reclaiming of something old by transforming it into something new. Paul writes in Galatians 6:15 that nothing else matters, only a "new creation." And again in 2 Corinthians 5:17 he writes that, "If anyone is in

Christ, that person is a 'new creation,' that old has passed and the new has come."

Life is transformed and healed by this belief in the new creation in Christ. It compels us forward without fear; it enables us to forgive and love, and to accept the changes that come our way. It fills us with hope. That is what the season is all about.

Merry Christmas,  
- Mark

### Holiday Performances

Today, November 24 - Annual Handbell Festival at Gray Chapel, 7-8 p.m.

Saturday, December 7 - Arena Faire's production of "Bing Crosby Christmas," 2:00 and 7:00 at the Willis Education Center Auditorium. Tickets are \$15.

Sunday, December 8 - Delaware Community Chorus, 3 p.m. at Powell United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$15

Sunday, December 15- Central Ohio Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert, 2:00 and 4:30 at Gray Chapel. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$6 for students, and \$4 for children.

## **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 Jim & Jane Snyder
- 28 Sharon Baker
- 29 James Craig Reynolds  
Harold & Deb  
VanBroekhoven

*Please report any errors.*

## **Volunteers For December**

### **Fellowship Time**

- Dec 1 Lovell
- Dec 8 Faulk
- Dec 15 Moore/Snyder
- Dec 22 Lee
- Dec 29 Grubbs

### **Panera Pick-Up**

- Dec 5 Faulk
- Dec 12 Faulk
- Dec 19 Faulk
- Dec 26 Grubbs

Thanks for volunteering!

## **Christmas Offering**

The offering in the special Christmas envelope will go to Andrews House this month.

## **Youth Christmas Party**

The youth Christmas Party will be at Pastor Allison's home on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30pm.

## **Personals**

> Jane Moore Snyder recently had knee replacement surgery. She thanks everyone for their cards and prayers.

> For the first quarter, Aidan Ferguson and Will Fogle were named to the Distinguished Honor Roll at Hayes and Bowen Nace, Gabe Fogle, and Hannah Nace were named to the Merit Roll. Congratulations to our Teens.

> Erin Faulk has moved into her new home on Pagoda Loop but is still unpacking.

## **Women's Fellowship**

Our annual Christmas luncheon will be on Saturday, December 7 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please note that this is a week earlier than usual. Once again Candy Lee and Pat Gosser will be hosting, and they ask that we bring desserts and a gift for a white elephant exchange. This has always been a well-attended, fun afternoon that we all look forward to. We have invited the ladies from Second Baptist to join us again.

## **Holiday Wish Program**

FBC is sponsoring two foster children for Christmas this year: Charlie (age 8) and Kimberley (age 5). 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 8th.

## **Mission Outreach News**

The Mission/Outreach Committee met on Sunday November 17, 2019 after church. Eight people attended. We reviewed the completed November Mission goals. The Change for Change offering totaled \$326.50. This was the largest amount given for this outreach. The money will be given to Andrews House for the Delaware City Schools Summer Lunch Program.

Thanks to the volunteers who served the free community dinner on Nov. 8th at Andrews House.

Our church congregation has begun collecting items for Christmas for 2 children who are in foster care.

The Thanksgiving offering will be given to People In Need. Our congregation continues to fill the basket with items to be given to People In Need.

Our December Missions focus will be:

Giving to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering and giving to the Christmas offering which will be given to Andrews House. On Dec. 7th from 9 a.m. -12:00 the Holiday Clearing House will be held at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Anyone is welcome who would like to help pack bags of donated food for families in need. They will be delivered on Dec. 8th. Andrews House Christmas Cupboard is Dec. 7th beginning at 9 a.m. There is a cookie, ham and bean soup and bake sale.

## Soup and Sing

Please mark your calendars to attend the Soup and Sing on Dec. 14th at 4 p.m. Check the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place to list your name and your favorite kind of homemade soup to bring and/or corn muffins, and cookies. All extra soup will be donated to the Place of Warmth at Zion UCC Church for men who stay there when the temperature is lower than 20 degrees.

## Calling All Bakers!

If you enjoy baking, Andrews House would like you to donate Christmas cookies and baked good items for the 2019 Christmas Cupboard Fund Raiser on Dec. 7th from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

If you can make cookies or baked goods, please deliver them to Andrews House on Friday, Dec. 6th from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. If you would like to let Andrews House know what you are making and the amount, you can go to Andrews House Christmas Cupboard online and follow the link to sign up genius. (If you would like to bake and can't take goods to Andrews House on Friday, see me about taking them, -Mary Lou) Each year they have a cookie sale (cookies that have been donated) on Dec. 7th and you can buy a container and fill it with the cookies of your choice to take home for your holiday season. (Come early, as the cookies sell fast).

Andrews House will also have ham and bean soup for sale and have a Silent Auction. Thanks to all who bake and share their wonderful Christmas specialties.

## Honoring the Service of God's Servants

In celebration of the rich 40-plus year legacy of the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA, we gratefully acknowledge the loving devotion of those who have so faithfully answered their call to serve God. Our theme this year, RMMO- Honoring the Service of God's Servants, uplifts the generosity, grace, and tireless work of retired ministers, missionaries, and their widowed spouses and families who have dedicated their lives to serving the body of Christ.

As Christians, we are called to honor one another with the love of Christ as found in the scripture from 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 which teaches, "Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work."

The long-standing tradition of the RMMO established in 1977 supports ministers, missionaries, and their widowed spouses who

have devoted 15 years or more to ABCUSA. This offering is unique because it provides individual recognition to those who have served the ABCUSA family. The RMMO is a personal offering, one rooted in thanks for the countless ways ministers and missionaries guide members of the church toward faithful and committed discipleship and diligent service in mission. We want to commemorate the unique legacy of RMMO and remember those who play a vital role providing guidance and inspiration to their congregation and community.

Our church's participation in RMMO makes it possible to provide emergency assistance in times of crisis and to send an annual "Thank You" check to those who are eligible. Throughout the month of December we will be asking you to contribute to this offering. Our goal is \$700. Please prayerfully consider your gift.

-Pam Faulk

## Prayer List

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## Thanks to a Generous Church Fellowship

Our church fellowship is so generous. Our World Mission Offering in October was \$868, well above our \$700 goal. Our Change for Change offering in November was the highest it has ever been with a total of \$326.50 given in change. Thank you First Baptist!

## Online Giving

If you would like to make an offering or donation to FBC, but cannot attend a worship service or would rather not have to write a check and mail it to FBC, you can now make an offering online.

Visit our website at [FBCDelaware.org](http://FBCDelaware.org) and click on the link: "Make an online Offering or Donation."

The link will take you to a page describing the current giving options. Click on the link: "Click Here to make an Offering or Donation Online." On the Donation page you can input an amount that you would like to offer for any or all options for giving.

You can choose to give by credit or debit card, or electronically from a checking or savings account. After entering your name and address, you can process your giving and save your profile to simplify future online giving.

If you need assistance in the process, please contact me at [lfaulk01@aol.com](mailto:lfaulk01@aol.com) or 614-204-1098. Your gifts to FBC are appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

## Communion Available

Have you missed a Communion Sunday, or you cannot get out to church when you want, or you are recovering from an illness or surgery, or you feel "shut-in"? We would like to come and share a little time and communion with you.

Let Mark or one of the deacons know that you would like communion in your home and we will make arrangements to bring you communion.

- Larry Faulk, deacon chair



## Greetings from Jeni Pedzinski

Greetings from Chiang Mai, Thailand! As most of you know, from August 29 - November 4, I traveled far and wide throughout the United States...It was a wonderful tour of 20 churches over the course of 10 weeks. The pace was demanding, but it was refreshing to reconnect with so many of you who have shown me such care and lovingkindness. Some churches I visited had actually never met me in person, but have been supporting my work and New Life Center for nearly five years! What a blessing to give and receive love - in person!

- Jeni Pedzinski

## Soup and Sing



Join us for an evening of Christmas carols and soup.

You are invited to the First Baptist Church

Saturday,  
December 14th  
at 4:00pm

We will gather in the sanctuary to sing favorite Christmas carols and then share a soup dinner and fellowship in our fellowship hall.  
All are Invited!

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<b>Second Sunday of Advent 8</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 3:00 Delaware Community Chorus Last day for JFS children gifts 	<b>9</b> 6:00 Deacons at Amato's	<b>Human Rights Day 10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30 Choir	<b>12</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 4:00 Soup & Sing
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