

Good News Letter

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It is the end of the year. It is also the beginning of a new year. Endings and beginnings always have a way of meeting up that way. One might think of the end of something as being at a great distance from its beginning. In a cycle, however, the beginning of one thing is actually very close to the end of what came before it, and any ending lies at close proximity to what comes immediately after.

What comes immediately after Christmas is the celebration of the new year. The celebration of Christmas is all about birth, not only the birth of Jesus, but the birth of faith in Christ. Faith then gives birth to inner peace and hope, and a love which overrides whatever threats and hardships are running through our lives. It makes all the old things new and instills in them energy and vibrance and fills the heart with anticipation about what is next around the bend.

So let us think of 2020 in terms of the new things that will begin in it, rather than



the familiar things that will continue, or the worn out things that might come to their end. Most importantly, let us anticipate newness in the relationships we find in this new year. It may be the renewal of old friendships or the introduction of new ones, perhaps with people who are different and maybe a little exotic to us. Who knows what kind of births there will be?

Whatever happens, my prayer is that for each of you it would be filled with meaning and joy, and I wish for you the happiest of all new years.

God Bless 2020,

- Mark

New Year's Resolution

As we begin a new year, we often consider making a New Year's Resolution (or a few resolutions). Many of our resolutions focus on healthy habits or goals such as "lose 10 pounds, go to the gym more often, or spend more quality time with family or friends. Some resolutions involve starting a hobby or project, or completing a task that we started, but never got back to finish.

I would like to propose a resolution or three to consider. I resolve to attend worship more often. I realize that I am enriched by the hymns, the scriptures, and the messages as well as the fellowship of worshiping together. I resolve to participate with the Prayer Chest or attend Sunday School or help with the Panera Pickup or attend a fellowship activity. I resolve to contribute to a service project such as PIN, Andrews House, or Family Promise. Please prayerfully consider your New Year's Resolution(s).

-Larry Faulk, deacon chair

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Jan 5 Lee
 Jan 12 Gosser
 Jan 19 Lee
 Jan 26 Lovell

Panera Pick-Up

Jan 2 Fogle
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 Jan 16 Faulk
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Thank you all for volunteering.

Personals

> Pam Faulk's cookie recipe was published in the Columbus Dispatch's Holiday Cookie section in November.

> Please be in prayer for Nichelle Trigg and family on the death of her father Bill Hedges.

> Candy Lee retired from Alpha in December.

> Pam Shears would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers during her recent back surgery and recovery.

> Jeff and Laurie Faulk and their children were here for Thanksgiving weekend. The Faulks all enjoyed a family Thanksgiving dinner hosted by Erin in her new house.

> Ken and Genevieve Peterson are celebrating the recent birth of their 7th great-great grandchild, Charlotte (to be called "Charlie")

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
 24 Ben Geary
 26 Sophia Stephenson
 27 Steve Baker
 30 Calvin Turner
 31 Bowen Nace

Please report any errors.

Women's Fellowship

We had a great turnout for our December Christmas luncheon. Seventeen ladies attended, six coming from Second Baptist Church. Many thanks to Candy Lee and Pat Gosser for all the planning and preparation for this.

Our January lunch will be on Saturday, January 11 at 11:30 at Bob Evans. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

The board of deacons will be sponsoring a table at the annual MLK Breakfast, January 20th at 7:45 am at the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center at OWU. If you would like to attend, please let Dr. Allison or me know.

-Larry Faulk

Baked Sauerkraut

I brought a baked sauerkraut to the Christmas Luncheon and many requested the recipe, so here it is:

-Jane Moore

5 slices thick-sliced bacon
 3/4 cup firmly packed light
 or dark brown sugar
 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) margarine
 or butter
 1 can (about 27 oz.) sauerkraut
 1 can (about 20 oz.) tomatoes
 or stewed tomatoes

Fry bacon crisp, drain and crumble.

Mix brown sugar, margarine (or butter) and crumbled bacon to make a topping.

Place drained sauerkraut and (undrained, diced) tomatoes in a 13 x 9-inch baking dish; mix well. Sprinkle sugar mixture on top. Bake, uncovered in a preheated 350-degree oven for 1 hour. Makes 8 servings. (It's good with pork.)

Thank You

Thank you all who participated in the 60 Days of Prayer and also for those who contributed to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. Thanks to all who provided beautiful choral and instrumental music during Advent and Christmas.

Thanks to the Youth and other helpers who picked up over 45 bags of yard waste around the church.

-Pam Faulk

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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

Three Special Gifts

FBC has been blessed with three significant financial contributions recently. First, a memorial contribution was received that was designated to make our general fund “whole” erasing the loan to the fund from our memorials. Second, a contribution was received that covered the cost of replacing the gutters on the education wing which have had serious leaks for a few years. Third, there was a major bathroom leak at our Congress Ct rental property that required a renovation of the bathroom. A generous contribution to the Capital Improvements fund more than covered the expense. Thank you for these contributions.

Mission/Outreach News

We will meet in January for a short meeting at noon on Sunday, 19th at noon. Our January Focus will be collecting items to give to Family Promise and giving a monetary donation. Please come and join us- all are welcome.

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Family Promise Items for Collection Suggestions

liquid laundry soap - liquid dish soap - hand soap - toilet tissue - paper towels - large bottles of shampoo

Put the above list on your refrigerator, circle one of the above items each week in January and put it in the box at church.

Thank You Brothers All

We have enjoyed our singing men's group, Brothers All, in 2019. With 2 of the group moving away, it has changed. We would like more men to join the group to praise the Lord through song. We usually rehearse on Sundays. If you would like to sing, come join us.

Advent Reflections

As I reflect on the season of Advent, I think about the anticipation of celebrating Jesus' birth with music. Each year the choir, soloists and instrumentalists prepare for this wonderful time. It seems for many months we prepare and wait for

the Sundays of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love; then, in a flash it is gone until next year. I am truly thankful for the dedicated musicians that we have in our church to provide joyful music during Advent. I appreciate their taking time to practice and being so willing to share their talent with the congregation. I am thankful that Brothers All sang “Noel” during Advent. I felt so blessed to have Aidan Ferguson and Will Fogle play Christmas carols so beautifully on their violins for the Christmas Eve service. I want to say a heartfelt thank you to Randy Turner for the singing of “O Holy Night” on Christmas Eve. Having Will Fogle play “Away in a Manger” accompanied by Candy Lee was a special part of Advent for me. Thanks to Peter White for sharing his talent by playing a variety of Christmas carols for the Prelude during Advent. A HUGE THANK YOU to Deb Fogle, Pam Shears, Candy Lee, Randy Turner, and Dave Lovell for being flexible with choir night changes and times and being so willing to sing beautiful anthems for Advent. I look forward to working with these musicians in 2020 and providing music for the worship services.

-Mary Lou Lovell

Fifth Annual Soup and Sing a Success!

On Saturday, December 14th, at 4 p.m., members of our congregation and visitors met in the sanctuary to sing beloved Christmas carols. Our guest pianist for the event was Kay LaRue, a friend of Mary Lou's and former co-teacher. We enjoyed having her accompany some of the carols. Thanks to Dr. Allison for leading the sing -a - long. Thanks to Larry Faulk for setting up and operating the computer and screen so that the words of the carols could scroll.

After we sang, many people went to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy the delicious homemade soup, corn bread, crackers, and desserts. There was lots of conversation, laughter, and time to get to know some of our visitors. Thank you to Candy Lee, Brennan and Pat Gosser for setting the tables with Christmas decorations. Thanks to all who prepared soup, cornbread, desserts, and provided other items.

As is our custom, the uneaten soup was taken to the Place of Warmth at nearby Zion UCC Church. Men who need a place to stay on very cold nights will enjoy it.

Thank You

As I look back at this year's calendar, I am again amazed at the giving of time, donations of items, and money. It is truly a great blessing to others. You, as a congregation, have given to : The America for Christ Offering, the Easter Offering, Blanket Sunday, People In Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, Tools of Hope, World Mission Offering, Thanksgiving Offering, Christmas Offering, Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering, Help Line,

our missionaries ; Jeni Pedzinski and Emerson and Ivy Wu. You have provided needed items for Family Promise, Common Ground Free Store, People In Need, and children in foster care for Christmas.

You have donated new underwear to Common Ground Free Store and school supplies to students at Conger Elementary. You have purchased, prepared, and served 2 meals for the Stepping Up classes at William St. Church. You have given your loose coins in the Spring and Fall to Andrews House to help with the Delaware City Schools Summer Lunch Program.

You have given time at People In Need. You provided a wonderful meal and warm welcome on Sept. 29th for our missionary from Thailand, Jeni Pedzinski. You have walked in the CROP WALK and raised funds for hunger. You have served meals at Andrews House as well as providing part of the meal. You have donated items to Andrews House fund raiser-Christmas Cupboard. You came to set up and help supervise the lawn games at the Family Day Block Party in July. You have picked up unsold items at Panera, repacked them, and taken them to Andrews House on Friday morning for distribution for those in need. This list is INCREDIBLE! Thanks to all for your prayerful and generous giving !
-Mary Lou Lovell

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-Larry Faulk, treasurer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January Mission Focus: • Family Promise		 31 New Year's Eve	 1 New Year's Day	2 8:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle	3	4
5 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship and Communion Dedication of church officers	 6 EPIPHANY 6:30 Piecemakers	7 7:00 Board of Christian Ed	8 6:30 Choir	9 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	10	11 11:30 Women's Lunch at Bob Evans
12 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	13 6:30 Deacons	14	15 6:30 Choir	16 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	17	18 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans
19 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 12:00 Mission/Outreach Mtg 3:00 MLK service Feb newsletter deadline today	 20 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY 7:45 MLK Breakfast OWU	21	22 6:30 Choir	23 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	24	25
26 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Feb newsletter available today	27 Holocaust Remembrance Day	28	29 6:30 Potluck Dinner 7:00 Annual Business Mtg	30 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell	31	February 1

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It is already one month into the new year, 2020. My new year begins with the marriage of my son Samuel, which is on the calendar for February 8th, in Macon, Missouri. Though I am very happy for Samuel and Grace, I have to admit that I didn't know six months ago, or even four, that 2020 would bring with it this celebration. I wonder what else may be in store. And even though it is leap year and February has one extra day, it won't be long until March, so that whatever this year may hold, it will come soon, one extra day isn't much. One can't help but anticipate the spring Holy Season.

Lent begins on the 26th of February, thus I am looking forward to the annual Bible study. We will meet on Sunday evenings at 6 P.M. throughout the month of March, beginning on the 1st and continuing on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 31st. This year, we will be reflecting upon selected readings from the Letter to the Hebrews. There is a movement in this great letter from an



extensive discussion about priesthood and temple sacrifices in the early chapters to the Great Roll Call of Faith in the later ones. Jesus is called the Great High Priest and his sacrifice is once and for all. The topics each week will be the concept of revelation, priesthood and sacrifice, the new covenant, and pilgrimage.

I also hope to offer some insights from other areas of study, e.g. economics (I bet you are wondering how that can be made to apply to Hebrews), so we can reach a better understanding of the transition from temple worship to something more like church. As always, our Bible studies give us a chance to think about how we interpret the Bible by understanding its context. I am sure our study will be helpful in the observance of

Lent and Holy Week. I am very excited about the chance to grow and learn with you all again this year.

I also want to take this space to thank my Sunday School class for the time we spent this fall studying the minor prophets. We are transitioning now to a look at the General Epistles beginning with James (we are skipping Hebrews because it is the focus of the Lenten study). Any of you who are not regular participants in Sunday School, join us.

And thanks to all who took part in all the Christmas activities that made the celebration of the birth of Christ wonderful this year. Let us also draw together as we anticipate the Passion and Easter.

Blessings,

- Mark

Communion Available

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- Larry Faulk, deacon chair

Game Night

On Sunday, February 16 at 7:00, we will have a Game Night for the whole church. Bring your favorite board games and a snack to share and come for fun and fellowship.



Volunteers For February

Fellowship Time

Feb 2 Gosser
Feb 9 Lee
Feb 16 Ekelberry
Feb 23 Trigg

Panera Pick-Up

Feb 6 Shears
Feb 13 Lee
Feb 20 Faulk
Feb 27 Faulk

There are new sign-up sheets for the spring quarter in the Gathering Place. Be sure to sign up early so you can get the dates you want. Thanks to all of you who volunteer.

Mission/Outreach News

The Mission/Outreach Committee met on Sunday, January 19th. The January mission focuses were collecting needed items for the Family Promise house, giving them a \$100.00 donation, and filling bags with items to be given to men when they leave The Place of Warmth (at Zion United Church of Christ).

We appreciate all the items that our congregation has given for those staying at Family Promise. The basket has been filled. Zion UCC Place of Warmth has been open and has the soup we have donated after our Soup and Sing.

15 baggies containing hot chocolate packets, instant oatmeal, cheese and crackers, peanut butter crackers, fruit chews, applesauce, instant soup packets, granola bars, cookies, peppermints, chips, and a toothbrush were packed. Dr. Allison delivered the baggies to Zion as they will be open this week due to the temperature being below 20 degrees. The men will be given the bags as they leave in the morning. Fifteen gift cards were also donated to be given to provide a meal. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness!

We may need to make more soup and fill more baggies. Let us know if you would like to help with it.

We reviewed our Mission Focus for each month in 2020. The list is very long and varied. It is amazing how giving this congregation is to give to the needs of others each month.

We decided to provide a meal for the Stepping Up /Getting Ahead classes held for those seeking ways to meet their expenses and learning how to provide meals and necessities for their families. We have provided a meal or two each Spring and Fall in the past for these class participants to make it easier for these folks to come to the classes. The next class begins on February 3rd and continues through April 6th. We will be preparing and serving the meal on March 2, 2020. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place. Please consider

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purchasing a food item or cooking something for the meal. The meal will be appreciated by many.

Our Mission focus for February will be Turning Point. The Delaware County Shelter (in Delaware) houses those who have been a victim of domestic violence and their children. The shelter offers a safe place for them to stay while getting assistance with getting a job, counseling, and housing of their own.

February Mission Focus Turning Point

Most needed items:

- paper towels
- size 5 and 6 diapers
- food storage bags (all sizes)
- new sports bras (all sizes)

Other items that are always needed: brushes, combs, shampoo, soap, tooth brushes, deodorant, and hygiene products.

Please put items in the basket or box in the welcome center. Thank you!

Choose Your Favorite Hymn

Beginning on January 26th through February 9th, you will have the opportunity to fill out a form that will be in your bulletin to select your three most liked hymns. Put the form in the offering plate. On February 16th we will begin using some of the hymns for the church service.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the form and let us know your favorites!

Panera Pick Up

On Thursday evenings at 8:45 p.m., individuals from First Baptist wait at Panera for unsold daily items. Panera donates these items to be given to those in need. Individuals take them and repack them to be given easily to individuals at food pantries or those who come to Andrews House., as well as giving the sliced breads to be used at the free summer lunch program offered by Delaware City Schools. On Friday morning about 8:30 a.m. these bakery items are taken to Andrews House for distribution. You are providing food for those who need something to eat and we thank you for your dedication. If you have not helped with this, please sign up for a week to assist with this outreach.

Personals

> Former member Jeannie Stephenson is home from the hospital and rehab after suffering a stroke. She thanks everyone for their prayers.

> Several members of our congregation traveled over the winter break:

- Jennifer and Claire Turner enjoyed a Caribbean cruise.
- Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk traveled to Disneyland in California.
- OWU student Luv went to Detroit.
- Samuel Allison and his fiancée Grace Earhart visited Delaware.
- Matthew Lovell visited from California.

> Please be in prayer for Jeff Faulk's family. Laurie's father Keith Anderson passed away on January 4.

> Samuel Allison and Grace Earhart will be married on February 8. Pastor Allison will be

Birthdays and Anniversaries



February

- 2 Cynthia Tizzano
- 4 Candy Lee
- 10 Deanne Hunt
- 13 Lana Palmer
- 15 Deborah VanBroekhoven
- 24 Emilie Showalter

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gone on that weekend, and Mike Reynolds will be our guest pastor.

> Aidan Ferguson was selected to play the part of Amos in the Hayes spring production of the musical CHICAGO. He was pictured and quoted in the Jan. 16 edition of the Delaware Gazette. Aidan was also pictured in the January 18 edition of the Gazette as a member of the Mock Trial. Congratulations Aidan!

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the RMMO in December. We surpassed our goal of \$700. As you heard in my "Mission Moments," the retired ministers and missionaries really do appreciate this extra help each year.

-Pam Faulk

American Baptist Women

Eleven ladies headed to Bob Evans on Jan. 11 for lunch, only to be disappointed. Our "call ahead count" did not work very well, and the hostess gave our tables away to another group. Then we heard it was a half hour

wait for the food, so we left and went to El Vaquero's and had good service and good fellowship.

On February 8 at 11:30, we will gather at Old Bag of Nails on North Sandusky Street. Feel free to carpool to help with the parking. Please let Pam Faulk know if you plan to attend.

Pancake Supper

All are invited to join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 25th 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.



Open Sanctuary

The sanctuary will be open on the following dates and times to give you an opportunity for prayer and/or meditation in the sanctuary environment. Scripture guide materials will be available during these times as well as candles to light. Feel free to stop in during one (or all) of the times to pray: Thursday, Feb. 6th — 5 - 7pm; Tuesday, Feb. 18th — 10am - 1pm; and Ash Wednesday, February 26th — 10am - 1pm.

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-Larry Faulk, treasurer

Sanctuary Open for Prayer

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Thursday, Feb 6,
5 - 7pm

Tuesday, Feb 18,
10am - 1pm

Ash Wednesday, Feb 26,
10am - 1pm

**Come,
Spend some time,
Pray**








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9 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship -Mike Reynolds - guest pastor	10	11	12 6:30 Choir	13 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	14 Valentine's Day 	15 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans
16 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 12:00 Mission/Outreach Mtg 7:00 Game Night Mar newsletter deadline today	Presidents Day  6:30 Deacons	18 10am - 1pm Open Sanctuary	19 6:30 Choir	20 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	21	22
Transfiguration Sunday  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 6:30 Youth Mar newsletter available today	24	 SHROVE TUESDAY 6:00 Pancake Supper	 Ash Wednesday 10am - 1pm Open Sanctuary 6:30 Choir	27	28	29 

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Our Lenten reflections this year come from the Letter to the Hebrews. On March 1 at 6:30 P.M., we will meet to consider the opening line of the letter:

“In the past, God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days, God has spoken to us by his Son . . .”

There is no better time than the season of Lent to focus on these words and those in Hebrews that follow. I hope that all of you are planning to meet with us on all five Sundays in March. I have already written about this study in the previous newsletter, so it is not necessary to go over it all again now.

But I would like for us to ask what we can learn about ourselves, and about the world, and about God, when we say that God has spoken to us through a Son. The reference is clearly to Jesus, of course, a person of history who lived 2,000 years ago and was executed by the Romans. Even today,



that question still makes sense and is relevant to our situation.

We live in the age of automobiles and computers and rocket ships, of digital technology that can make cinematic representations seem more real than life itself (it is called CGI, which stands for Computer Generated Images, which can sometimes distract from otherwise adequate images by making them seem more real than reality). What do we learn about life from believing that God is revealed in Jesus that we can't learn from science and technology with its biological and chemical understanding of life?

By way of a preliminary answer, let me say that we learn that God is merciful

and forgiving, that God is by nature a self-sacrificing, loving person, whose grace gives meaning to all the experiences of life. If I were speaking instead of writing, I would say “that is a mouthful.” And there is more to say. The purpose of the Lenten season is to spend six weeks pondering God's sacrifice, so that *our* lives might better reflect that meaning, better reflect God's nature in a world desperately in need once again, for God to speak.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday nights.

Blessings,

- Mark

Welcome guests

On March 1st we have the pleasure of serving as a neutral sight for a sister church and a prospective pastor. There will be guests in the congregation and a guest preacher. Please make every effort to be in attendance and to make them welcome.

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Fellowship Time

- Mar 1 Gosser
- Mar 8 Grubbs
- Mar 15 Lee
- Mar 22 Open - Volunteer Needed
- Mar 29 Open - Volunteer Needed

Panera Pick-Up

- Mar 5 Faulk
- Mar 13 Faulk
- Mar 19 Grubbs
- Mar 26 Shears

Thank you all for volunteering your time. The Panera sign-up sheet is completely full for the spring quarter! We still need volunteers for Fellowship Time, however.

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to all who filled the basket with needed items for Family Promise. Peter White delivered the donated items.

February's mission has been to collect needed items for Turning Point. Again the basket is filling up. Thank you for thoughtfulness and generosity.

Panera Pick Up continues thanks to those willing to brave the cold and get the unsold breads and pastries, bag them, and deliver them to Andrews House on Friday morning. Many in the community are thankful for your work.

We are scheduled to prepare a meal on March 2nd for the Stepping Up/Getting Ahead class participants that meet at William St. Church.

The Mission Focus for March will be contributing to the America for Christ offering and giving your coins to the Change for Change offering. Pam Faulk will present Mission Moments during the worship service explaining the work of the America for Christ offering.

Stepping Up / Getting Ahead Meal

We will be preparing chicken and noodles, green beans, tossed salad, rolls, and dessert for the Mar 2nd meal. If you would like to donate an item, prepare a food, serve and/or clean up, please put your name on the sign up sheet in the Gathering Place. The food needs to be delivered between 4:30-4:45 p.m. If you cannot deliver food, but you want to make something, Mary Lou will pick it up from you. Thanks so much for your help.

You Shall Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

In Matthew Jesus teaches us to "love your neighbor as yourself."

Our church follows the teaching of Jesus by reaching out to the community and providing for our neighbors' needs, physical and spiritual alike. Our church's efforts are supported by American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), which provides resources for cultivating leaders, equipping disciples, and healing and transforming communities.

Through ABHMS, we serve neighbors in Puerto Rico and other places in the United States in long-term recovery after natural disasters. Indeed, ABHMS provides many ways to help our church love our many neighbors, near and far!

Our church supports this work through our generous gifts to the America for Christ (AFC) Offering. Each dollar given increases the ministry and impact of ABHMS to serve neighbors with ministries incarnating Christ's love, justice and compassion. Further, a portion of this offering will be shared with our American Baptist

Churches region for strengthening local church leaders through programming, pastoral search support and other efforts to help our local churches thrive, especially in these times when North America is its own challenging mission field.

Last year our church's AFC gifts supported the following ministries: rebuilding, restoring, renewing Puerto Rico one church at a time; providing scholarships to students to help ease the debilitating effects of student-loan debt; partnering with organizations that have resettled more than 100,000 displaced persons from across the world; partnering with agencies that provide support to children living in poverty.

Additional supported ministries included Disaster Response, Volunteer Mobilization, Prisoner Re-Entry, and Community Outreach Ministries.

AFC 2020 empowers our local and national efforts to "love our neighbor." I ask 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 to love our neighbors and share the gospel!

- Pam Faulk

Women's Fellowship

In February, 10 women had fellowship and lunch at the Old Bag of Nails in Delaware. This month we will gather at 11:30 on Saturday, March 14 at the new Scramblers on Route 23 in Lewis Center. It is on the east side of the highway in front of the Kroger Marketplace. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend so that she can call in a count.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



March

- 5 Mike Showalter
Ben Turner
- 7 Robert Foor
- 8 Mike Reynolds
- 11 Rick & Sandy VanBrimmer
- 12 Evan Trigg
- 18 Dave Lovell

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Personals

> There is a Christmas letter on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place from Emerson and Ivy Wu.

> There is also a note from David Harris on the bulletin board.

> Aidan Ferguson was named on the Distinguished Honor Roll, Will Fogle was named on the Honor Roll, and Gabe Fogle was named on the Merit Roll for the second quarter at Hayes. Congratulations fellows.

> Aidan Ferguson will appear in the Hayes production of "Chicago" this month.

> Jim Snyder recently had successful cataract surgery in both eyes.

> Genevieve Peterson was able to attend church on February 9. She thanks everyone for their prayers for Ken and her.

> Pastor Mark attended the wedding of his son Samuel and Grace Earhart on February 8 in Missouri. Mike Reynolds preached on March 9 while the Pastor was gone.

> Dave and MaryLou Lovell spent a week in California visiting their son Matthew..

> Alvin Cox is undergoing radiation treatments while he and Bev are in Florida.

> Larry and Pam Faulk's grandson Cullen Faulk will celebrate his Eagle Scout Court of Honor on March 9.

Change for Change

On Sunday, March 8, Daylight Savings Time begins. That means we will bring our loose change to church for the Change for Change Offering. The money will go to Andrews House for the administration of the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for children. This is one way that our church can help eliminate childhood hunger in our community.

Sanctuary Open for Prayer

The sanctuary will be open on the following dates for prayer.

Each Tuesday in March
Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
10am - 1pm

World Day of Prayer,
Friday, Mar 6,
9am - noon

**Come,
Spend some time,
Pray**

The Votes are In!

Here are Your Favorite Hymns and Praise Songs!

Hymnal

- # 11 A Mighty Fortress
- #40 To God Be the Glory
- #58 This is My Father's World
- #75 Love Divine
- #204 There's a Quiet Understanding
- #212 According to Thy Gracious Word
- #240 Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord
- #288 Amazing Grace
- #313 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
- #353 Nearer, Still Nearer
- #355 Higher Ground
- #385 Take My Life and Let It Be
- #398 In the Garden
- #401 It is Well with My Soul
- #417 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

The Faith We Sing

- #2002 I Will Call Upon the Lord
- #2018 Honor and Praise
- #2019 Holy
- #2020 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet
- #2033 Glory to God
- #2051 I was There to Hear Your Borning Cry
- #2088 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
- #2146 His Eye is on the Sparrow
- #2164 Sanctuary
- #2223 They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love
- #2282 I'll Fly Away

Sunday School Hymnal

- #182 Love Lifted Me

Thanks to all who submitted the forms with your choices. We began using some of the hymns for the February 16th worship service.

Early Deadline

The deadline to receive articles for the April newsletter will be one week early (Sunday, March 15th). I will be out of town during the normal production week. The newsletter will publish on the normal date, Sunday, March 29th. Thanks, Larry Faulk, editor.

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 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 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

Church Directory Update

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101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

March

2020

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

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First Sunday of Lent 1  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship and Communion 6:30 Lenten Bible Study	2 4:45 Stepping Up Meal 6:00 Piecemakers	3 10am - 1pm Sanctuary Open for Prayer 7:00 Board of Christian Ed	4 6:30 Choir	5 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	World Day of Prayer 6  9am - noon Sanctuary Open for Prayer	7  Turn Clocks forward 1 Hr
Second Sunday of Lent 8  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 6:30 Lenten Bible Study Change for Change Offering Daylight Savings Time Begins 	9	10 10am - 1pm Sanctuary Open for Prayer 7:00 Marion Association Trustees	11 6:30 Choir	12 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	13	14 11:30 Women's Lunch at Scramblers
Third Sunday of Lent 15  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 12:00 Mission/Outreach Mtg 6:30 Lenten Bible Study April newsletter deadline today	16 6:30 Deacons	St. Patrick's Day 17  10am - 1pm Sanctuary Open for Prayer	18 6:30 Choir	First Day of Spring 19  8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	20	21 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans
Fourth Sunday of Lent 22  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 6:30 Youth 6:30 Lenten Bible Study	23	24 10am - 1pm Sanctuary Open for Prayer	25 6:30 Choir	26 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Shears	27	28
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In some traditions, including many Protestant denominations, one of the elements of worship is the Passing of the Peace. It is very simple, worshippers turn to those near them and greet one another, one saying something like, “the Lord be with you,” and the other responds, “and also with you.”

For the first time in history, as far as we know, everywhere on earth people are restricting movement, practicing “social distancing,” working together on the same project, to slow and stop the COVID-19 pandemic. For the last three Sundays, and for at least the next month, we are not meeting together for worship services, or any of the other meetings in the life of the church. There has been no in-person Passing of the Peace.

Now we are entering the holiest time of the year, with Palm Sunday and Easter upon us, and we will not be able to get together. I encourage each of you to find creative new ways to observe the season, especially during Holy Week. As we have done the past two Sundays, there will be worship videos each Sunday.



Look also for a Good Friday Community Service on a live-stream from First Presbyterian Church (I will be participating, it will be at 12 noon). I hope to provide a link to that service on our website, so keep an eye out there. There are also daily scripture readings for Holy Week given here in this newsletter, and these can be a helpful way to observe the season.

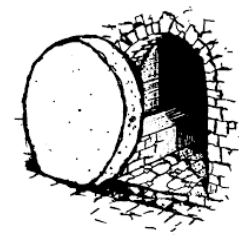
I don't want to miss the opportunity to thank Larry Faulk for putting the videos together. I do not have the expertise to make the technology work. And also to Mary Lou Lovell for coordinating the music and recording the piano and organ,

as well as Will Fogle and Randy Turner for their playing and singing. I, of course, don't have the ability to make the music. And also to Jim Snyder, and others in the near future, for recording the scripture readings. They have all been invaluable to me and to our congregation.

Finally, let me encourage all of you. Make phone calls and send cards and letters. Yes, use the old methods of communication, and the new ones too; send emails and texts. And pray. Pass the Peace. As many have said, these are difficult times. Solitude and distance are hard. I am sure that we will get through this experience; as individuals, as a church, a country, and a worldwide community. There have been sacrifices and loss, and there will be more. Stay faithful, God is present with us.

The Lord be with you,

- Mark



Note From Dr. Allison

Thanks to everyone who viewed the worship videos on fbcdelaware.org and have given feedback. Things are changing quickly because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to Governor Dewine's "Stay-at-home" order, I am suspending my office hours and working from home, and there will be no more Open Sanctuary until further notice. I do have my phone with me 618-210-9714 and my computer mallison1@twc.com, if you need to contact me for any reason.

- Mark

Vote Ohio

The March 17th primary election will conclude April 27, if you have not already voted, you can still vote by mail. You can order a ballot by going to ohiosos.gov, and follow the instructions to request an absentee ballot. You will need access to a printer so that you can sign the request, and send it by mail to the Delaware County Board of Elections at P O Box 8006, Delaware, OH 43015. You may also call the Delaware County Board of Elections at 740-833-2080, if you do not have a printer, and they can help you request a ballot.

Panera Pickup

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Birthdays and Anniversaries



April

- 2 Cathy Reynolds
- 4 Taylor Turner
- 5 Evan Allison
- 10 Lauren Reynolds
Connor Trigg
- 15 Ray Serviss
- 20 Tammy Ferguson
- 27 Colin Ferguson
- 29 Deb Fogle
Benjamin Trigg

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- Pam Faulk

Change For Change

Thanks to everyone for bringing in their loose change last month. We received \$234 which will be given to the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for children.

Women's Fellowship

Because of the virus, we are going to maintain a social distance for another month and not have an April lunch.

Favorite Hymns

Several of the hymns you have chosen as your favorites will be included in the recordings each Sunday until we meet again for worship. If you don't hear your favorite, we will include it when we are together again for worship. Please tune in to the worship services on the website - fbcdelaware.org

Thanks From Getting Ahead

Many, many thanks for the meal you shared with us during the Winter 2020 Getting Ahead sessions. Due to world events, our last six sessions have been postponed. We're hoping to resume in early May with a late May graduation. But I didn't want to wait that long to thank you.

Your offer of a meal may seem like a small thing to you but your generosity eases the food insecurities of our participants in a big way, and boosts the nutritional value of their meals. I've heard many repeat again and again how much they'll miss your delicious meals once they graduate.

With gratitude, I wish you well,
Susan Fehl
Getting Ahead Coordinator for
Delaware County

Easter Offering

The Easter Offering will go to HelpLine. HelpLine puts people in need or crisis in contact with a broad range of community resources.

Personals

> Sophia Stephenson, wishes to thank the many people in the church who sent her a card on her 99th birthday.

> Thank you for prayers for Dave Lovell during his stay at Grady Hospital because of an allergic reaction.

> Ken Shears was recently given a prayer shawl from the church. Pam Shears thanked everyone for the shawl, prayers, and kind thoughts on Ken's behalf.

> On March 1 we served as a neutral church for Rev. Greg Roth to preach for members of the East Livingston Baptist Church in Columbus.

> The Delaware Piecemakers, who meet monthly in our church, had their quilts on display at the Delaware Library during the month of March. In the March 7 Delaware Gazette, Nicole Fowler's library column was about the Piecemakers' quilts and Jeanne Ekelberry and her quilt were mentioned.

> Pastor Mark Allison had an article in the Delaware Gazette on March 14.

> Steve Baker has been in the hospital with heart problems and an infection.

> Bev and Alvin Cox are home from Florida. Alvin had some complications from treatment while in Florida and had to go to the Cleveland Clinic.

> Peter White was recently featured on WOSU's program "Columbus Neighborhoods" in a story about the Marion railroad station. You can view this episode by going to our website fbcdelaware.org and clicking on the Announcement: "Peter White Shares the Marion Union Station."

Prayer List

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Ken & Genevieve Peterson	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's father & sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	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!

Email From Emerson & Ivy Wu

Dear Mary Lou,

Thanks for thinking of us and the prayers. We are fine in Taiwan (Republic of China, NOT People's Republic of China). Taiwan's population has 23.78 million (2018). There have recorded 267 confirmed cases as of today (3/27/2020) on China's Coronavirus outbreak. Taiwan government did and are doing a good job on controlling the spreading. Most of the confirmed cases are those who travel to and from foreign countries. People can still go to work and school. Yet, most people try to avoid the crowd and limit the social activities. There were couple times when we took the big city bus in the daytime, we were the only two passengers on the bus. There's one funny news happened yesterday - One man flew from Hong Kong to Taiwan. He paid about US\$100 for the air ticket. (About half price of the regular ones.) He was the only passenger for the entire airplane. After he landed, he was interviewed with tons of "wows".

Praying for your safety and Lord's provision on your daily necessity. Praying for the church, too.

Blessings,
Ivy and Emerson

Continue Giving

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Click on "Offerings and Donations" Click on "Click Here" to make an Offering or Donation Online Fill in the offering amount and make your offering In the top right corner, you can also make an account with a password to save time the next time you make your offering

Thank you for continuing to give so that we can complete the mission of our church and keep the church functioning during this time.

Thank you and take care,
- Deb Fogle

Card / Prayer Chest Ministry

If anyone would like a supply of cards, please e-mail (pact16@neo.rr.com) or call me (330-697-0923) and let me know and I will deliver them to your doorstep. I was talking to Genevieve this morning. She is into the L's with praying thru the directory. We were talking about maybe four or five of us willing to do that, start at the beginning at different times, so someone would be praying for someone different from the directory at different times. I think that would be a great way of carrying on the prayer chest without having to pick names from the chest. I would be willing to coordinate it if anyone was interested. She is on the L's, so today I will start at the beginning. Let me know if you have any questions.

- Candy Lee

Email From Jeni Pedzinski

Dear Mary Lou,

What a blessing to hear from you. It's utterly unimaginable that this has become reality the world over. We are in about the same

Readings for Holy Week 2020:

Monday April 6
- John 12:1-11

Tuesday April 7
- John 12:12-20

Wednesday April 8
- John 13:21-32

Thursday April 9
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26,
and John 13:1-17, 31-35

Friday April 10
- Psalm 22

Saturday April 11
- Matthew 27:57-66

situation here. It's kind of fascinating, in a scary way, to be part of this incredibly historical and significant time in the world. This kind of thing is not at all normal.

You and the others at church are being wonderfully creative in responding to the restrictions and creating new ways of connecting and worshipping as a body in Christ. What a sweet service to them, that you would all work together to put something like that together. Well done. Actually, it's so interesting that anyone, from anywhere, nearly, can "attend church" with almost any church in the world right now because so many churches have responded similarly by putting resources and videos and live feeds online.

I do pray that you will escape this terrible virus, and that the church will not suffer any loss. The death toll around the world is absolutely staggering. Just staggering.

As for me ... like so many around the world, I'm coping with the

particular effects of this situation on my own life and work, such as losing major donors for this year already, which means sadly informing a lot of really sweet and deserving students/families that we won't be able to help them.

For some families it means their children won't be able to continue their education...not only because of the scholarship but because of how the virus is affecting their income, debts, etc.

Please pray especially for the director of NLCF. Her name is Bee. She's supposed to be "on vacation" this week and she's had no break at all because of various things going on. I feel terrible that - in this rare emergency situation - I've had to contact her to help deal with things. Usually it's my job to make sure no one bothers her ... but there was really no way around it this week. Makes me feel a bit like I'm not doing my job well.

Anyway - put into the context of the world's suffering, it's really not that big of a deal - but hard nonetheless.

I'm deeply grateful for the prayer of the church. May God help us rise to praise Him still.

With love and gratitude,
Jeni

Rev. Jennifer T. Pedzinski
Missionary to Thailand



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All onsite services cancelled for April

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I am always joking about the passage of time, how quickly it passes. It seems only a few days ago that I was working on last month's newsletter article. I thought it could not possibly have been a month, but I checked, and it has. It looks like we will not be gathering for worship, at least for another month.

I assure you that when the decision is made by Governor Dewine that meetings of more than 50 are acceptable, the deacons and I will remain very cautious about meeting again. We do not want to put anyone at risk of either contracting or spreading the new coronavirus.

We have been learning about how to make videos and how to worship through the use of technology. I hope all of you have been able to see the video worship services each Sunday at fbcdelaware.org. I know some of you may not have access to the internet, I am sorry that in this time of sheltering at home, you have not been able to



worship. Be assured that you are in our prayers.

I want to thank and encourage all of you for sending cards and emails and making phone calls as a way of keeping in touch with each other, and providing the ministry of fellowship from a distance. Keep on serving in this manner. It is making an important contribution.

I also want to thank everyone who has given offerings and contributed to PIN during this time. Your faithfulness is very appreciated. There will be another chance to donate to PIN on May 16th.

As a way of signing off, I leave you with the words of scripture from the Gospel of John 14:1-4,

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thanks and may God bless you until we meet again,

- Mark

Online Worship To Continue

For the month of May, worship will continue online. Please join us at fbcdelaware.org or on facebook. Copies of previous worship services are available on the “Videos” page of our website. If you do not have internet access and would like a DVD copy of each service, phone or email me.

- Larry Faulk

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- 8 Will Fogle
- 9 Tim Chesser
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Thank You

Thanks to Mary Lou Lovell, Will Fogle, Randy Turner, and Claire Turner for providing special music for the morning worship services online. Thanks to Pastor Mark for his caring messages, to all the scripture readers, to Erin Faulk for her photography, and to Larry Faulk for putting it all together and making it available each week for us to view.

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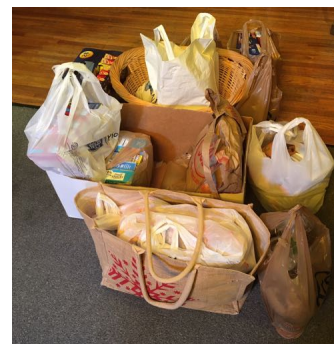
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Thank you and take care,
- Deb Fogle

People in Need (PIN)

Thanks to all who made contributions to PIN on April 25th. Your donations are appreciated. We would like to offer another drop off day for PIN on Saturday, May 16th. The church will be open from 9 - noon to receive non-perishable items.



Congratulations Graduates!

Will Fogle

We are excited to announce Will Fogle's graduation from RB Hayes High School on May 23, 2020. They will be having a drive-thru ceremony that day. We were planning on having a party in May, but will postpone the celebration until later in the summer! He has chosen to attend Akron University at the College of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering. I am hoping to put together a book of memories for him to celebrate his big day so he can have it on the day he graduates. Please email to debthesciencemom@gmail.com or write your memories so I can share them with him! Thank you for all if your support and prayers especially during this graduation time -Deb Fogle

Bowen Nace

Bowen will be graduating from RB Hayes High School on May 23, 2020.

Alec Ferguson

Alec will be graduating from Bowling Green State University on Saturday May 16th. He'll be receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science with a focus in Watershed Management

Claire Turner

Claire will be graduating from Miami University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology and Environmental Science. Miami is planning to do a virtual program on May 16th, the original day of graduation. There will also be a graduation ceremony in September for the class. At the

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moment, she is planning to start grad school at Miami in Environmental Science next January.

Financial Report

For the First Quarter of 2020 (Jan - Mar), our general fund expenses exceeded our regular income by \$7,085. While this is similar to last year's first quarter experience due to winter utility bills and annual large expenses such as tax, insurance, and maintenance contracts, we will continue to closely monitor expenses. In the area of missions, contributions are about 85% of last year's donations at this time of the year. If you would like a copy of the detailed First Quarter report, I can email one to you. Paper copies will be available when we are able to meet in person at church.
- Larry Faulk, treasurer

FBC Newsletter Archive

The first FBC newsletter (which later became know as "The Good News") was published in July 1969. For the past few months, as I have been able, I have been scanning the historical issues of the Good News and have been adding them to our website. To date, I have most of the newsletters available from 1969 through 1998. There are a few missing issues that I would love to locate copies of to add to the collection. As time permits, I will be adding 1999 until the present to the website in order to preserve and share our newsletter history. If you are looking for things to read during the continued "stay at home" time, check out the "FBC Newsletter Archive" on fbcdelaware.org.

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Good News editor

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Blanket Sunday

Normally on Mother's Day, we honor mothers by pinning donations for Church World Services blanket ministry on the blanket at the front of the sanctuary. Since we are only meeting online this May, we need to celebrate a little differently. Please send your check, along with your designated honor(s), to the church or donate online at fbcdelaware.org.

**Blanket Sunday
Donation**

Name: _____

Address ; _____

Amount: _____

In Honor/Memory of:

McCurdy Ministry Announcement

Dear Friends,
We have some exciting news to share with you all!

After much prayer and many conversations, it has become evident to us and International Ministries that God is calling our family to minister and partner with a new country of service. It is with much joy we share with you that God is calling our family to minister in Mexico City at the invitation of the Baptist Theological Seminary, a partner of International Ministries. Over the next few months we will be sharing more details with you. But if you would like to jump right to the bones of our new ministry; you can visit our videos on Vimeo at:
<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7061262>

Grace & Peace,
Sarah & Peter McCurdy



Email from Jeni Pedzinski

Hi dear, thanks so much for checking in. The situation in Thailand is good. In my city, there have been no new cases for over three weeks. Prior to that, we only had 39 cases and one death. Nationally, there have been fewer than 3,000 cases and only about 40 deaths (1 death is a terrible loss, but in comparison to much of the world, 40 is very low). There are fewer and fewer new cases each day - sometimes less than 10. However, non-essential businesses are still closed and the economy is suffering. It is a sobering reality...so many people live normally on the edge of poverty. This has pushed them easily over the edge. We are doing our best to respond within our means.

Personally, I am doing well. Our office was closed for a few weeks, so I worked from home, but I've been back to work for two weeks now, since our office isn't a public place. Everyone wears their masks everywhere they go, in order to protect the greater public and curb the spread. I've been really sad to see how folks have protested measures like these and others in the U.S. I understand their thinking, but it still makes me sad that individual rights seem to take precedence over the protection of others. It's a hard situation.

May God continue to protect FBC and its loved ones and neighbors!

With love,
Jeni
jeni.pedzinski@internationalministries.org

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I want to thank everyone for your prayers during my time away last week. Please continue to pray for Jackie as she heals up, and for my dad and sister and her family as they adjust to the new circumstances. We are doing well. Thank you all.

The present civil strife makes me sad. Yet I am hopeful. In spite of the protests and the destruction, this feels different to me, like there is more agreement than in times past. I believe that we all want justice and peace. Meanwhile, a few reminders from scripture can help.

In Ephesians, Paul writes;

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

It has been said that compassion is the ability “to walk a mile in someone else’s shoes.” In the present circumstances it is a good suggestion to be very conscientious in the practice of compassion, by considering the ones whose actions we understand the least, and think about what it might be like to be in their circumstances.



Along the same line, keep in mind the words of Paul in Philippians 2, to “value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you look to the interests of the others.”

There is also, as if we could forget, a viral pandemic that has limited our ability to gather together. We are now in the most difficult phase (at least to me) of the shutdown when the case numbers are coming down and partial re-openings are in progress and a decision about resuming our worship gatherings is almost upon us.

Presently, I don’t have such a decision. I believe that it is wise to wait a few more weeks to see the impact of all the recent activities before we make a decision. Please be patient; we want to ensure everyone’s safety and the safety of our community. Forgive our caution if you think we are moving too slowly.

Some of you may want to forgive our impatience if you think we are moving too quickly.

I wish I could say all this will be over soon, but it looks like things might drag on for awhile. Let me leave you with a reading from 1 Corinthians. It is the well-known passage about the nature of unselfish love:

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

I pray for each of you that God’s presence will bring you peace that surpasses knowledge, joy that knows no bounds, and an enduring hope, until we meet again.

- Mark

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- Larry Faulk

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Women's Fellowship

As we are continuing to keep safe, there will be no gathering of the Women's Fellowship this month.

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Thanks to all who made contributions to PIN on May 16th. Your donations are appreciated. We would like to offer another drop off day for PIN on Saturday, June 20th. The church will be open from 9 - noon to receive non-perishable items.

Thank You

Thank you to Larry Faulk for being at church for the collection of food for People In Need. Thanks to all who found a way to bring in food in this "stay at home" time. Thank you to Peter White for taking items to People In

Need. Many are in need at this time with job loss and illness.

Panera pick-up continues on Thursday evenings. Thanks to the Fogles for keeping this going for many weeks.

Thank you to Larry Faulk for creating the Sunday services that are online. We miss being together to worship, but the online services allow us to stay connected and hear Mark's messages. Thanks to Randy and Claire for their solos, Will Fogle for his violin solos, Deb and Will for their duet, Erin Faulk for her amazing photography and Jennifer Turner for her piano solos. It takes all of you!

Thanks,
Mary Lou Lovell

Personals

> Congratulations to our teens! For the third quarter at Hayes, Aidan Ferguson was on the Distinguished Honor Roll, Will Fogle was on the Honor Roll, and Hannah Nace was on the Merit Roll.

> Cullen Faulk recently graduated summa cum laude from Warren G. Harding High School in Warren, Ohio and was one of the commencement speakers. He will attend Case Western University in the fall. Harding's graduation can be viewed on YouTube if you go to the school's web site.

> Pam Faulk recently had cataract surgery.

There is not much news in recent months because we have been "hunkered down." I welcome any news that you would like shared. Feel free to call or e-mail me with any news items.

-Pam Faulk

Financial Report

While the financial report for May has not been finalized as of the publishing of this newsletter, it appears that giving for May is very close to expenses for the month. At the end of June, the formal report for the first half of 2020 will be available. Your prayerful continued commitment to giving is appreciated.

- Larry Faulk, treasurer

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.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Dear First Baptist Family,

I received the following letter from Lisa Rothenberger-Winter of our American Baptist Home Missions Societies (ABHMS) about the One Great Hour of Sharing which says everything so much better than I can about a great need.

"For Americans, COVID-19 has been an unprecedented disruption to life as we have known it. For many, it is devastatingly life-changing, as loved ones succumb to the deadly virus. Others continue to lose jobs overnight. Like you, I have practiced the mandated social distancing, aware that the ability to distance myself from others is a luxury that many in our country and around the world do not have.

Our evening news is focused almost entirely on differing aspects of the pandemic, and afternoon briefings by state authorities have become the norm. There is one indisputable fact: the need created by COVID-19 surpasses what most of us have seen in our lifetime.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is one of the American Baptist expressions of relief for those who are in need now, and those who will be in need in the future. Some have already experienced the toll that this virus takes while others are social distancing to prevent it from taking root in their community.

We know what this means for Americans. We have watched the news as the figures for unemployment claims have soared to record numbers. We see the lines for the food distributions. In a similar way, all around the world, social distancing means that many are not able to leave the house. That means many are not able to work.

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And that means many are not able to feed their families. The cycle is the same whether you are in Indiana or India.

Because American Baptists gave to the OGHS annual offering last year we had the resources to provide immediate relief. Today, gifts received in 2019 are being used around the world to provide personal protective equipment, food relief and economic support.

The ABHMS has issued an appeal for funds to provide relief here in the U.S. and Puerto Rico... International Ministries (IM) has done the same for relief outside the U.S. To date, over \$70,000 has been provided to more than 32 partners in 22 countries around the world. And this is just the beginning...

As your congregation considers receiving the OGHS annual offering this year, I understand that not everyone will be able to give as they have in the past. Some are struggling with an uncertain financial situation from the loss of income. I am very sensitive to this and do not want to encourage you to ask people to give financially beyond their ability during these trying times. If that is the case within your church, thank you for standing with OGHS and continuing to support the offering

with your prayers. For those who can give, encourage them to support the offering as they have in the past, and with any additional offerings they can give, provide for COVID-19 response."

Dear church family, what many of you may not realize is that although the OGHS has provided disaster relief in many areas of the U.S. in the past, it has been to individual states or areas. This is the first time that our entire country has been affected by a national disaster, and the need is very great. I also understand that some of our church fellowship may not be able to support the OGHS as much as they usually do during this crisis. I ask that you all prayerfully consider your support as much as you can. I ask that those who can support this important offering to consider giving a little more than usual if possible. Our goal is \$700. Since we are not gathering in church right now, you will not have a special envelope for this offering. You can include it in your regular offering check and make a note on the memo line that it is for OGHS. You can mail your check to the church or to Randy Turner, or you may take your check to church on any of the mornings that Pastor Allison is in his office.

You can also use the online giving website. There is already a link to the OGHS there.

-Pam Faulk

From Emerson & Ivy Wu

Greetings and peace to you all,

Hope this email find you are well and safe. It seems all world is shaking – the curfew and violent protest across the States, the

Tools of Hope Sunday

Normally on Father’s Day, we honor fathers by pinning donations for Church World Services ministry on the blanket at the front of the sanctuary. Since we are only meeting online this June, we need to celebrate a little differently. Please send your check, along with your designated honors/memorials, to the church or donate online at fbcdelaware.org.

Tools of Hope Sunday Donation

Name: _____

Address ; _____

Amount: _____

In Honor/Memory of:

imposed Security Laws on Hong Kong as part of the Basic Laws that governs the One Country Two Systems operation, and the first municipal recall election in Taiwan’s history on this coming Saturday (6/6) against a high-profile mayor, who was the former presidential candidate for the Kuomintang (KMT). On top of them, is the pandemic threaten. Taiwan still is the safest place with the COVID-19. So far, we are safe and well. Due to Emerson needs more doctor appointments for his dental treatment and monitoring his irregular heartbeat problem, we look forward to returning to Hong Kong in July.

The Hong Kong community is still suffering with the inconvenience of quarantine, the limitation of the group gathering, and unemployment caused by the pandemic, the new Security Law provokes thousands of protesters going to the streets and HK police using tear gas to suppress the demonstrations. Please pray for the city and God’s sovereignty and mercy over it.

We, now, still can communicate with the partners (churches and friends) in Hong Kong thru email, phone chat & text in the cell phone. No one knows when will the FB and WhatsApp (the most used communication application for cell phone users in HK) be banned by the government after the new Security Law is applied and practiced.

Our term of service should end on February 29, 2022. So, we ought to

return to US before August 31, 2021. Therefore, we will have half year (Sep 1, 2021 – February 29, 2022) for the deputation in the States. Those time frame and schedule are ideally planned without any special circumstances. There might have disturbed or turbulent situation for Hong Kong in the near future. We can only trust God’s leading and protection to serve until the day we should leave.

More than a month, we had regular Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study with the staffs of the research center and Professor Lin’s small group from her church. (Please see the photos.) Emerson and I have plenty time read the Bible and books. We are digging in reading a series from *The Land Between (A Regional Study Guide to The Land of The Bible)* by James Monson, also another book written by my Ashland Seminary’s professor. Prayerfully, I can finish reading his huge book – page by page.

Please stay safe and stay healthy. You are in our prayers.

Blessings,
Ivy and Emerson

Honors/Memorials

I hope to publish the Honors & Memorials for Blanket Sunday and Tools of Hope in the July newsletter. If you didn’t send your honoree with your contribution, please email it to me. Thanks,
lfaulk01@aol.com

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Summer is upon us and after the long cold winter and spring it is nice to be able to go outside without a jacket. I hope everyone is well and I miss seeing you.

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic and its implications for in-person worship and other activities is our most pressing concern. I spent the spring hoping that the spread of the virus would diminish enough that safely meeting together would become possible sometime during the summer.

The cumulative effect of partial re-openings, holiday celebrations, civil protests, all characterized by the neglect by some of physical distancing standards, mask-wearing in public, and sheltering in place practices has led to an increase in infections at a higher level than in the previous peak back in April.

It is because of these realities, both nationally and in Ohio, that the deacons and I have chosen caution, and decided not to set a date for the continuation of in-person worship services



July

yet. These are confusing times because, in part, we are completely lacking in experience in dealing with a viral pandemic and have many unanswered questions. These circumstances have created uncertainty, requiring caution. As before, this is not a final decision. We continue to closely watch the situation, and may decide to begin meeting soon.

Personally, I am tiring of the present situation, as I am sure many of you are. I would very much like to meet together soon. I am sympathetic with all of you who would also like to resume live worship services. I ask for patience.

I wish to thank everyone for faithful giving during this time, and for the expressions of support about the video services. And I am very thankful for all those who have participated in their production. For the time being, we will keep making them.

My prayer is for all those affected by this virus, and by the accompanying economic strain, and by the stress of not knowing. For many, the main affect of this pandemic is being isolated from normal relationships, and I am concerned for everyone presently experiencing this kind of distance. I pray that God's presence will see us through, providing wisdom, strength, and serenity.

Peace be with you,

- Mark

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Lucas Smith
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-Pam Faulk

FBC Newsletter Archive

The first FBC newsletter (which later became known as "The Good News") was published in July 1969. For the past few months, as I have been able, I have been scanning the historical issues of the Good News and have been adding them to our website. To date, I have most of the newsletters available from 1969 through 1998. There are a few missing issues that I would love to locate copies of to add to the collection. As time permits, I will be adding 1999 until the present to the website in order to preserve and share our newsletter history. If you are looking for things to read during this time of "staycation," check out the "FBC Newsletter Archive" on fbcdelaware.org.
-Larry Faulk
Good News editor

Steven W. Baker

We are deeply saddened by the death of Steve Baker. Below is his obituary from the Delaware Gazette, June 20, 2020.

Steven W. Baker, 72, passed away peacefully at home June 16, 2020.

He was born in Columbus, Ohio, January 27, 1948. He was born to John Baker and Helen Baker. He graduated from Linden McKinley High School, Columbus, Ohio in 1967. He also earned his Bachelor's degree.

He retired from AT&T.

Preceded in death by his brothers Richard Baker and Kenneth Baker, mother and father.

Survived by wife of 51 years Sharon. Daughter Victoria Baker-Clark (John), son Heath Baker (Chrissy). Grandchildren, Jesse Biller, Brittani Biller, Mandi Biller, Kaitlyn Baker, Bishop Baker, Hannah Baker. Ten great-grandchildren.

Avid sports fan. Favorite team New York Yankees (baseball) and Ohio State football team.

Devoted and loving husband and father.

He attended First Baptist Church on Franklin Street in Delaware, Ohio.

Per his request there will be no visitation or funeral service.

There will be a Memorial Service at a later date.

We love him so much and he will be greatly missed.

Your Giving is Appreciated

Thank you for giving to FBC so that we can continue the mission of our church and keep the church functioning during this time

Below are options for giving:1) Mail a check to our church: 101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

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One Great Hour of Sharing

Please be aware that the One Great Hour of Sharing offering will go to pandemic relief this year.

You can continue to give to this offering throughout the year. Just mark the memo on your check OGHS.

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Blanket Sunday

May 10, 2020

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Giver:

Honor/Memory of:

Pam and Larry Faulk

Erin Faulk, Laurie Faulk, Donna Mann, Evoleno Cole, Florence Faulk, Jean Wickum, Mary Anderson

Deb, Will and Gabe Fogle

Mary Lou Lovell, Barbara Smith, Carol Serviss, Jenny Lovell, Ida Morby

Pat Gosser

Jean Scott

Carol Grubbs

Ruth Brown, June Grubbs

Candace Lee

Jean Scott, Christine Lee

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-Larry Faulk, editor

Tools for Hope Sunday

June 21, 2020

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Keith Anderson, 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

Carol Grubbs

Charles Brown

Candace Lee

Phil Lee

Mary Lou Lovell

*Dr. Robert Lovell, Kip Smith
Dave Lovell, Raymond Morby*

Jane Moore

*James J. Snyder, Mark Allison, Randy L. Turner,
Phillip J. Mercer, Nathan Gerald Corder,
Aldon Brooks Snyder, Jimmie R. Moore,
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2020 has been a difficult year. While on walks in the evenings, I sometimes wonder how things could be so peaceful around me, when in other places not even all that far away, things seem in such disarray. It is a year of grieving. In addition to the running toll of coronavirus fatalities one sees on the news every night, there have been losses in the world of culture, some of which may have gone unnoticed in the noise of other news.

C. S. Lewis died on the same day that John F. Kennedy was assassinated. It has been said that some people did not realize he was no longer with us until the 1970's because it got lost in the news of the day. In the same spirit I mention the names of some, not all, of the people who are no longer with us, just to help us adjust to the changes by recognizing what has been lost. As far as I know, none of them suffered from Covid-19:

Jim Lehrer, Mary Higgins Clark, Kirk Douglas, Robert Conrad, Kenny Rogers, "Curly" Neal from the Harlem Globetrotters of my childhood, Bill Withers, Don Shula, Little Richard, Phyllis George, Ken Osmond (Eddie Haskell),



Jean Kennedy Smith (the last of her generation of Kennedys), Carl Reiner, Hugh Downs, Charlie Daniels, John Lewis, Regis Philbin, and Olivia de Havilland.

This list is only a sampling, and I confess that I name them because I remember them from my experience down the years. I do not mention them to be sad, but only to acknowledge them and that things are going to feel different when the present crisis subsides.

People in Need (PIN)

The church will be open on Saturday, August 22th from 9 - noon to drop off contributions for PIN. Your generosity is appreciated.

We at First Baptist have lost Steve Baker, Raleigh Gosser, and Sophia Stephenson in just the last month or so. Our prayers are constantly going up for their families and the ones who will miss them most. Take time to grieve, to be sad, to remember. It is okay both to laugh and to cry.

And then look forward. At some point, it will be time to go forward. I am sure that God is in the future, as well as in the past, and in this difficult present.

We are not sure when that future path will lead us to meet in person again, and are basically taking it one month at a time. The case numbers went up in Delaware County in July, and so we did not resume meeting together. Perhaps things will go in the right direction in the next few weeks, and we can make plans to gather again. I want to thank all of you for your patience in this time.

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Raleigh Gosser

Alver Raleigh Gosser, 80, of Delaware, passed away early Monday morning, July 6, 2020 at his residence after an extended illness.

He was born August 25, 1939 in Russell Springs, Kentucky to the late Alver Ollis Gosser and Cloda (Adkins) Gosser.

Raleigh retired from Ford Motor Company, Indianapolis Plant after 35 years and was a devoted and faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Delaware. An avid fisherman, he also enjoyed hunting, fixing things, and collecting items especially clocks.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 27 years, Patricia (Howe); sons, Randy R. (Tara) Gosser, Raymond (Heather) Myford and Chad Myford;

daughters, Terri (Steve) Gregory, Michele (Robert) Verseman and Amy McNeal; grandchildren, Lauren Gosser, Logan Gosser, Gage Myford, Justin Gregory, Cameron Gregory, Jack Gregory, Ryan McNeal, Betsy Verseman, and Dalton Verseman; 6 great-grandchildren; brother, Hurley Kessinger; sisters, Kay Dunigan, Virginia (Tom) Dickerson, Gayle McCraw, and Julie Griffith; brother-in-law, Tom (Patti) Scott; sisters-in-law, Trudy (Bob) Laslo, Candace Lee, Barb Howe, Vicki Howe, Maureen Howe, and Ruthie Gosser.

In addition to his parents, Raleigh was preceded in death by his grandson David McNeal, his brother James Gosser and his brothers-in-law Vernon Howe, James Howe, Glenn Howe, and Philip Lee.

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Sophia Stephenson

Please pray for the family of Sophie Stephenson, who passed away early Friday morning, July 24. Sophie's husband was the Reverend James "Steve" Stephenson, who was the Pastor at First Baptist for 40 years, and she has been a part of our congregation for more than 70. She is greatly missed. There are no arrangements for a memorial as yet, but information will be given when it becomes available.

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- Larry Faulk

Women's Fellowship

The women will NOT meet in August for fellowship. Please stay healthy and safe.

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Personals

There is not much news in recent months because we have been "hunkered down." I welcome any news that you would like shared. Feel free to call or e-mail me with any news items.

-Pam Faulk

School Shoes For Kids

Our mission focus for August is to contribute money to PIN so that they can provide school shoes for children. Please add a little extra to your offering this month and mark it for school shoes. If you give online, there should be a link on our website for school shoes.

Change For Change

I realize that there is a great need to put loose change back into circulation. Please feel free to wrap up your loose change and take it to the bank. Then keep the dollar bills that you get for your change and contribute them in November on Change for Change Sunday.

- Pam Faulk

Panera Pickup

Panera pick-up continues on Thursday evenings. Thanks to the Fogles for keeping this going all summer.

Save the Date

Pat Gosser and Chad Myford will be moving to Arizona in September. If possible, there will be a going away get together Sunday Sept 13th 4pm - 8pm at Veterans Park Shelter.

Getting Ahead

I received an email from Susan Fehl, the Getting Ahead Coordinator for Delaware County. In the email, Susan expressed her thanks for the meals our church prepared and served for them.

The Fall session of Getting Ahead(Stepping Up) is scheduled to begin after Labor Day. At this point, Susan is not sure if they will be serving meals.

A huge thank you to all in our church who bought, cooked, and prepared food for those meals. And thanks to all who stayed to serve and clean up. It was much appreciated!

Thanks to all,
Mary Lou

From the Wu's

Greetings and peace to you all,

Hope this email find you are well and safe. It seems all world is shaking – the curfew and violent protest across the States, the imposed Security Laws on Hong Kong as part of the Basic Laws that governs the One Country Two Systems operation, and the first municipal recall election in Taiwan's history on this coming Saturday (6/6) against a high-profile mayor, who was the former presidential candidate for the Kuomintang (KMT). On top of them, is the pandemic threaten. Taiwan still is the safest place

Birthdays and Anniversaries



August

- 3 Ray & Carol Serviss
- 4 Gabe Fogle
- 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
- 27 Linda White
- 30 Archie Trigg

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with the COVID-19. So far, we are safe and well. Due to Emerson needs more doctor appointments for his dental treatment and monitoring his irregular heartbeat problem, we look forward to returning to Hong Kong in July.

The Hong Kong community is still suffering with the inconvenience of quarantine, the limitation of the group gathering, and unemployment caused by the pandemic, the new Security Law provokes thousands of protesters going to the streets and HK police using tear gas to suppress the demonstrations. Please pray for the city and God's sovereignty and mercy over it.

We, now, still can communicate with the partners (churches and friends) in Hong Kong thru email, phone chat & text in the cell phone. No one knows when will the FB and WhatsApp (the most used communication application for cell phone users in HK) be banned by the government after

the new Security Law is applied and practiced.

Our term of service should end on February 29, 2022. So, we ought to return to US before August 31, 2021. Therefore, we will have half year (Sep 1, 2021 – February 29, 2022) for the deputation in the States. Those time frame and schedule are ideally planned without any special circumstances. There might have disturbed or turbulent situation for Hong Kong in the near future. We can only trust God's leading and protection to serve until the day we should leave.

More than a month, we had regular Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study with the staffs of the research center and Professor Lin's small group from her church. ...

Please stay safe and stay healthy. You are in our prayers.

Blessings,
Ivy and Emerson

From Jeni Pedzinski

My family is doing alright so far. My sister and my mom are both out of work, but God has provided. I think the next big concern is whether schools will open or not, which will impact both of them. My mom is the better-equipped to teach, but she also really needs to find work. The children are 5, 7, and 9 right now ... so they all need near-constant care in their education.

Here in Thailand, the virus has long been eradicated. There has been no community transmission for over two months. We all still wear masks and have our temperatures taken in public places, though, as a method of

extra precaution. I've never heard a single complaint. Can you imagine? These are times when I really question why people think America is great. Wealth is not the sole measure of greatness.

Despite having no community transmissions, Thai schools chose to begin the year (in May, as is their academic calendar) with online classes. However, they opened the schools up for in-person education on July 1, and there have been no issues. Our residents actually enjoyed doing online education and spending more time together at our residence, which is their home. I think most teens around the world sometimes would prefer no to face the daily pressures of peers and teachers, etc. Even so, they are back at school and thriving. Three of our 17 residents are homeschooled, as they weren't able to attend school growing up and are way behind their age/grade level. They are still doing great, though. It's a challenge for our housemothers to keep up with teaching three different grade levels though.

I have heard from both our housemothers recently how worn out they are. Theirs is a very difficult, demanding job, providing love, care, discipline, etc. for a diverse group of teen girls whose emotions and hormones are naturally a bit out of whack. Please pray for May and Fai, especially that God would give them renewed passion and energy for their work. Pray that we, as leaders, would also know how to best support them.

Personally, I am doing well. I had a two-week "staycation" in July, and it was the most restful time off I've ever had. I hired a guide to take me and a friend trekking through the mountain jungle one day, but aside from that, I stayed

home, started and finished a cross-stitch project, read, napped, and refueled for the upcoming year. I say "the upcoming year" because (you might remember) I have a home assignment/furlough coming up next July. At that point, I will have been here six years. I'm already really looking forward to spending that furlough period visiting and encouraging the churches all over the country who support me and New Life Center. That is actually a really important part of being a missionary, and it's a part of my job I really enjoy. Just 337 days left.....not that I'm counting?

I pray that you and the church continue to be careful, and that you also are able to use this time to spend extra time with the Lord. I read this morning in Streams in the Desert (a devotional) that obstacles are opportunities for God to show us His love. May we all live lives that dwell on and under this incredible love...standing in faith NO MATTER WHAT.

With love from Thailand,
Jeni

Your Giving is Appreciated

Thank you for giving to FBC so that we can continue the mission of our church and keep the church functioning during this time

Below are options for giving:1)
Mail a check to our church: 101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

2) Use the online giving option located on the website:
www.FBCDelaware.org

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<p>Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org</p> <p>9</p>	10	11	12	<p>13</p> <p>7:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle</p>	14	15
<p>Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org</p> <p>16</p>	17	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>7:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle</p>	21	 <p>22</p> <p>People in Need (PIN) donations 9-noon</p>
<p>Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org</p> <p>23</p> <p>Sept newsletter deadline today</p>	24	25	26	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 Parish Council</p> <p>7:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle</p>	28	29
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Another month has gone by. It is my hope that we can begin in-person worship soon. Not only the deacons but the parish council have met to consider the possibility of re-opening toward the end of September if, after the opening of school, the Covid-19 epidemic is under control in Delaware. No decision has yet been made, but I want you all to know what is our thought process, and that we will be responsibly concerned to keep our congregation safe and our community safe as well, as we make this crucial decision.

Having said that, I want to commend all of you for your faithfulness throughout this time of shutdown. You are being what we as church are called to be, faithful to Jesus Christ. Thank you for keeping in touch with each other. Thank you for all of your contributions to PIN and to the school supplies for Conger Elementary School, and to the support of the other mission emphases



that are a part of our regular ministries, and of course, for keeping the general operations fund healthy.

I thank all of you who have taken part in the work of producing the video worship services each week. Many of you have read scripture, recorded music, provided photos, and given helpful feedback. Previous to the shutdown, audio versions of our worship services have been available on our website, fbcdelaware.org. Whenever we do meet again, there will be videos there as well. When you are unable to attend, be aware of that opportunity.

We are living in weighty times that will be around for awhile before they ease. I am aware of the stresses upon everyone, and

confident in God's grace to strengthen us and comfort us, and encourage us in our spirits no matter what comes. God will help us in our grief, our isolation, in our concern for others and for our church. Please continue to pray for each other and keep in touch with phone calls and cards and emails and texts.

God bless everyone,

- Mark

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Worship In Person?

Dr. Allison, the board of deacons, and parish council have met to consider when and how best to resume worship in person. If the number of Covid-19 cases in Delaware County continues to appear stable and hopefully declines, we anticipate that the earliest we might reopen for worship could be Sunday, September 20th.

When we reopen, below are some of the protocols that will be in place to help us worship as safely as possible:

- Open with worship service only
 - Initially no Sunday School
 - No fellowship time in the gathering place
- Masks/face coverings required
 - We have disposable and cloth masks available
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Sit socially distanced at least six feet apart
 - families may sit together
 - maintain distance entering / exiting

- Visual greetings
 - No handshakes - hugs
- Disinfectant spray/wipes will be available in all restrooms
- Minimize contact with items
 - offering plate on stand at the back of the sanctuary
 - bulletins on table in the Welcome Center
- Microphone for joys & prayer concerns on an extender

Plans For Fall Sunday School

Whenever we begin having in-person worship services, Sunday school classes will not start until several weeks after that. Teachers for this year are Candy Lee (Adult I), Pastor Mark Allison (Adult II), Larry Faulk (Teens), and Pam Faulk (Youth). I am still looking for volunteers to be substitute teachers. Please let me know if you are interested.

-Pam Faulk

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Once we resume in-person worship, we will video record the live services and make an edited version available on our website.
- Larry Faulk

Women's Fellowship

There will be no Women's Fellowship lunch this month, maybe in October.

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Personals

> Alvin Cox was a patient at the Cleveland Clinic for several days due to a leg infection.

> Pat Gosser and Chad Myford are moving to Arizona this month. There will be a "goodbye" party for them on September 13, weather permitting.

> Jeannie Stephenson passed away August 10th in Indiana. Jeannie was a former member of our church and was the wife to Ted Stephenson and daughter-in-law to Steve and Sophie Stephenson and sister to Jim and Ann Brown, Carol Grubbs, Donna Brown, and Donald Brown.

> From Ken & Genevieve Peterson - We are doing pretty well during another aspect of our virus distancing. We are eating in our own rooms again because some staff members were "positive" in the recent first testing of all of us. No residents were positive - and the test was "easy" to accomplish. One amazing outcome of the recent months is a great outpouring of loving support to each other in a variety of creative ways. Faith, Hope, Love - Abide! Thanks Be To God for this Love to you from both of us -

Panera Volunteers

The Fogle family have been very kind to do the Panera pick-up all these many months. It is now time to give them a little break and help out. We are looking for volunteers to pick up the products from our local Panera on any Thursday night, starting in October. All you need to do is get the bins from church before that and show up at Panera around 8:45 that evening and take the baked goods home. We supply

bags and twist ties in order to bag all the baked goods. Put them in the bins and deliver them to Andrews House the next morning (Friday). Please let Larry or Pam Faulk know if you are available to help in October. September is taken care of.

It's Time for Undies Sunday

During the month of September we usually collect new underwear of all sizes and that is given to the Common Ground Free Store. With the uncertainty of when our church will open for services, we still would like to make this donation to the Common Ground Free Store. When we have had the drop off mornings at church on Saturdays, our congregation has continued to support People In Need by donating food. On September 19th from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon we will have another drop off for donating food for People In Need. If you can buy some new underwear to donate to Common Ground Free Store, we will have a basket ready for your undies.

Thanks

Thanks to Peter White for delivering the items that you donated for People In Need each month since April.

Thanks to all who bought supplies for the students in need at Conger Elementary School. You donated:

- 12 packages of pencils
- 14 glue sticks
- 3 boxes of markers
- 9 boxes of crayons
- 6 notebooks 13 folders
- 1 box of colored pencils

Thanks to all who gave money to buy shoes for children. That

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

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money will be given to People In Need to give gift cards for the purchase of shoes. Thanks to all for your continued generosity. You will bring smiles to many children's faces.

Thanks to all for your continued support to our community in a difficult time with COVID.

Wus Ministry Update

Finally, IM approved our relocation to Taiwan until August 2021. This doesn't mean we drop our ministry in Hong Kong, instead we keep all the previous works going that include monitoring the COVID relief and recovery works, our work relations with Swatow Baptist churches and Emerson's service at the American Baptist Mission Swatow Baptist Churches Community Service Association Board in Hong Kong. In addition, by God's grace, we were invited to serve with two new partners in Taiwan.

A Prayer so appropriate for these troubled times.

(shared by Jolene Herman)

A while back I read a story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country.

The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk" , the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned, without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one beginning to feel uncomfortable. Then the farmer added,

"But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits."

"So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits."

AMEN

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today. Stay strong, my friends, because our LORD is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come when HE is done with it.
AMEN!

Vote Ohio

For the November 3 general election, every registered voter can vote by mail if they choose. For Delaware County voters, you can order a ballot by going to

[https://
vote.delawarecountyohio.gov](https://vote.delawarecountyohio.gov)

Then, under Voting Options, click on Download Absentee Application. Print the application. Once you complete the application, you can drop it off at the drop box behind the BOE building or you can send it by mail to:

Delaware County Board of Elections
2079 US Highway 23 N
P O Box 8006,
Delaware, OH 43015-8006.

You may also call the Delaware County Board of Elections at 740-833-2080, if you do not have a printer, and they can help you request a ballot.

Absentee Ballots will be mailed out the first week in October.

Directory Update

Randy & Jennifer Turner have moved. Their new address is;

1222 Penry Rd.
Delaware, OH 43015


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Grandparents' Day 13 Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org 4 - 8 pm Goodbye Party for Pat & Chad 	14	15	16	17	18	19  PIN / Undies donations 9-noon
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When Jesus first began to preach, his message was simple, “the time is fulfilled, the Kingdom of God is near, repent and believe in the gospel.” When he mentioned time, he was not speaking about chronological time, measured by the clock, days and months and years. Instead he was speaking of the coming of an eternal moment, one that changes things forever.

The closest analogies we have are the once-in-a-lifetime events such as births and graduations and deaths. It feels like we are living through one of these crucial moments, when everything is changing permanently. Maybe some things will change, but I believe that whatever comes will be tied to history and not eternity, and that in the kind of time the clock measures, we will be able to adjust and find normalcy again. The kind of time Jesus meant when he said, “the time is fulfilled,” has not been affected by the present situation, and we can take some comfort in that knowledge.

Anyway, it was wonderful to meet for worship this past Sunday for the first time in six months. The pandemic crisis has taken a toll, part of which is that people are not able to



meet together as much as they have grown accustomed, and in the same ways. Those of you who were there, thank you for coming, and for your patience throughout this time.

If you were not there, we understand. We are thinking of you, and miss you. The worship video of the service came up on Monday. Remember to check that each week if you are unable to attend in person. In the past there was an audio version of the service on the website fbcdelaware.org; now it will be a video.

It is our plan to continue to monitor the Covid-19 numbers in Ohio and in Delaware, and assess our ability to meet safely. At some point we think it unsafe to meet, we will make the hard decision to go back to online worship. For now, the case numbers are holding steady, although there are some other negative trends that are concerning. As of now, we plan to stay open. For the present there are no plans to

restart Sunday School or regular fellowships. As the circumstances allow we will restart them.

Once again, I want to thank everyone who helped in the making of the videos; those who provided readings, musical pieces and photography. I would be amiss if I did not single out Larry Faulk for the filming and editing, and Mary Lou Lovell for coordinating the music. Without them these videos would not have been possible. I am more than grateful.

October is ahead, be ready for the World Mission offering emphasis, in support of ABC missionaries around the world. As you know, we support Jeni Pedzinski and Emerson and Ivy Wu, and all the missionaries through our missions giving.

God bless you all, and remember, God's Kingdom is very near to us. See you on Sunday.

- Mark



Rev. Alvin Ray Cox

Rev. Alvin Ray Cox, 74, of Delaware, Ohio, passed peacefully at his home surrounded by his family to his eternal home with the Lord and Savior on Friday, September 18, after a valiant battle with cancer the past 6 years. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7). Alvin was born at home on May 31, 1946 to the late Paul and Blanche (King) Cox, in Gilmer County, West Virginia. He was number 4 of their 8 children. He grew up on a farm and the story of him preaching to the cows as a young child was told over and over to his family. Alvin served as a member of the West Virginia Army Reserves.

He married Beverly (Shaver) on June 22, 1968, and they celebrated 52 years together. In their love, they had three children, DeeDee, Jeff & Jeremy. They added 5 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter. Alvin was a devoted husband and loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be greatly missed by his loving family.

Alvin earned a Master of Divinity Degree from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas. Alvin was an ordained minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ for 35

years. He served 8 churches as their minister in the states of West Virginia, Kansas, Ohio and Indiana. Locally, he served as pastor at Radnor Baptist Church for ten years. As a pastor, he married all three of his children and oldest grandson. He was a kind, patient, generous, sweet, loving Man of God, who spent his life work faithfully modeling a Christian life and serving our Lord as he ministered to others. He was welcomed into Heaven with the words, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant."

For the complete obituary, go to snyderfuneralhomes.com.

31 Days of Prayer

During this year's World Mission Offering, our global servants and staff invite you to join us in prayer. Our theme for this year ("I once was blind, but now I see") reflects on the story of Jesus's healing of the blind man in Mark. Will you journey together on a month of prayer? Join with our global servants to pray that God would help us follow Him with wisdom and courage and help those we serve to know Christ's love. We will begin on October 1 and pray each day one of the prayers provided in this newsletter and on the church's website.

- Pam Faulk


Volunteers Needed

Ever since March, the Fogle family has been kind enough to do the Panera pick-ups each week for our church. This has enabled many of us to stay home and be safe. Now with school having started, their schedule is more full with activities, so it is time for the rest of us to help out again. This is a mission that our church adopted several years ago that benefits countless people in the Delaware area by providing

bread, bagels, and pastries to those in need of food. We pick up the items at Panera on Thursday evening right before closing and bring them home to bag up. We then put the bags in bins that the church owns and deliver the bins to Andrews House the next morning. It is all quite safe. Masks are worn at Panera and Andrews House, and there is distancing. If you have not helped out with this mission yet, and would like to "learn the ropes," please speak to Larry Faulk. It is really quite easy to do. You can do it as a family or get together with other church members and do it together. Please sign the volunteer sheet found at the back of the sanctuary by the Prayer Room.

- Oct. 1 Lovell
- Oct. 8 Lovell
- Oct. 15 Shears
- Oct. 22 Faulk
- Oct. 29 Faulk

**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

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" I ONCE WAS BLIND BUT NOW I SEE "

A Letter from Sharon Koh,
Executive Director/CEO
International Ministries

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

..."This year's World Mission Offering theme is 'I once was blind, but now I see.' We are seeing God at work in so many hopeful and encouraging ways through our global servants and global partners (missionaries)... Your participation now more than ever will help global servants and partners rebuild and re-establish ministries affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and crisis... When confronted with uncertainty, we as Christians have the opportunity to respond with faith in Jesus. I urge you to consider prayerfully how your faithful giving and prayers could be used by God at this moment to impact the lives of many in need of Him around the world today... until it is on earth as it is in heaven."

Please remember the work that our missionaries do all over the world and the hardships they face as you consider your WMO donation this month. Your gifts through the WMO supply the practical support needed by our 125 global servants, 900+ short-term volunteers, 35+ home staff, and 250+ international partners as we help others see Christ more clearly. Our goal is \$700.
- Pam Faulk

Pastor Appreciation Month

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Personals

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> Please be in prayer for all our students, college students, and teachers who are back in the classroom (even if remotely) this fall.

> Please be in prayer for the Cox family on the death of Rev. Alvin Ray Cox.

> Pat Gosser and Chad Myford have moved to Arizona. Many of our fellowship attended a get together to say goodbye to them on Sept. 13.

> Peter White recently had his pacemaker "upgraded".

Thank You Dr. Allison

September was Mark's 5th Anniversary with us. November 1st is his installation anniversary. We have been so blessed to have him to lead our church in these 5 years. Thank you for your inspiring sermons. It has been wonderful to get to know you. We have had a great time working together serving meals,

picking up Panera, participating in Family Day, CROP Walk, and packing for Families at Christmas at the Fairgrounds and singing for Soup and Sing. We have also had laughs and good times at games nights, the Halloween party, puzzle nights, the Table Tennis Tournament and of course, picnics and dinners. Thanks for being here for us in good times and tough ones. We appreciate you and are glad you are our Pastor. Thank you!

Mission/Outreach News

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- Larry Faulk

Sunday School

We are hoping to start Sunday school classes again soon, after we have had a few weeks of being back together for worship. Our teachers this year will be

Candy Lee teaching the Adult I class, Pastor Mark Allison teaching the Adult II class, Larry Faulk teaching the Teen class, and Pam Faulk teaching the Youth. We still need some substitute teachers. See Pam Faulk if you would be willing to sub.

-Pam Faulk

From Jeni Pedzinski

Below is a portion of a recent email: ... Here in Thailand, it's business and life as usual. Thailand has not had a single community transmission for months now, so no cases of COVID at all. However, out of respect for the virus, we still wear masks and have our temperatures taken in public places. These are just basic precautions though, and while they aren't really necessary, there's also no real reason *not* to do it, so we do. No big deal. I continue to serve New Life Center as usual, and our residents and staff are doing well. We are well into the rainy season, so temperatures are only between 85-95 each day and upper 70's at night. It's humid though. I sleep with an air conditioning unit in my bedroom, but otherwise we mostly use electric fans to stay cool. It was one year ago this weekend that I flew back to the U.S. for my 2019 travels. Hard to believe it's been that long already. I think it was September that I visited you in Ohio. May God continue to keep you safe and healthy.

With love from Thailand,
Jeni

Read more at www.internationalministries.org/teams/529-pedzinski

Crop Walk

While Delaware will not have the traditional Crop Walk event of walking through Delaware this year, we will still be supporting Crop Walk. 25% of the money raised remains locally to support People in Need(PIN). You may donate through FBC by noting "Crop Walk" on your contribution, or give through our website, or at the Crop Walk website: www.crophungerwalk.org/delawareoh.

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31 Days of Prayer
on the back of the calendar.

1 Guide graduate students in Bolivia, Brazil, Mexico, and the U.S. as they learn to lead transformational churches that proclaim the gospel and care for the marginalized.

REV. JENNIFER T. PEDZINSKI, THAILAND

2 Dear Jesus, open our eyes to see those whom we find morally repugnant as your beloved children. Give us courage to gracefully love and care for them, as you would. Amen. Matthew 5:44: "I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

LAURAN D. BETHELL, GLOBAL

3 Gracious Lord, we pray for those studying in the Latin American Master in Theological Studies program. Open their minds and hearts to your Spirit and empower them to use their training to build your kingdom in their local ministries.

REV. J.D. REED, JR., IBEROAMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

4 For the breath to fill our lungs, the bones to hold us together, and the flesh to make us move, we give you thanks, oh God! "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (2 Corinthians 3:17)

MYLINDA BAITTS, GLOBAL

5 Father, help me to see with your eyes the needs of those around me. I pray for clearer vision of the true need and strength of will to follow you into meeting those needs, through Christ, Amen.

KYLE WITMER, THAILAND

6 Thank you, Jesus, for opening eyes, restoring sight, and helping our world see more clearly the trauma of prostitution and human trafficking. Now, open their wallets and purses accordingly. Amen.

JEFF DIESELBERG, THAILAND

7 Lord, help us to see the world through your eyes, so that images will be true and clear and not fuzzy like in an incomplete reflection. While there is faith, hope, and love, help us to embody the fact that, in your mission, the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:12)

REV. SHARON KOH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / CEO

8 May Jesus illuminate the eyes of hardened hearts who cling on to worldly securities. May they see and experience how Jesus' love sustains them in tough times. MELANIE BAGGAO, LEBANON

9 I pray for our leaders serving in countries in political turmoil, for our students in the Master in Theological Studies program, and for the capacity to see clearly to share the kingdom of God.

MERCY GONZÁLEZ-BARNES, IBEROAMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

10 Thank you, God, for Spirit-empowered women leaders who faithfully serve and

strengthen the body of Christ in spite of limitations placed on them just because they are women. Galatians 3:28: "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

ANN & BRUCE BORQUIST, GLOBAL

11 Lord, open the eyes and the hearts of the hill tribe people to see you and to accept your love. May they know you more intimately than ever before. (Psalm 139)

ALISE & MARK JUANES, THAILAND

12 Lord, please help all those receiving book knowledge through education also come to heart knowledge of and a dependence on you.

RUTH FOX, GLOBAL

13 Father, help us to see the needs (mental, physical, and spiritual) of our missionary children, who go because their parents are called to global ministry. In Jesus' Name.

FAYE YARBROUGH, SOUTH AFRICA

14 Father, thank you for the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus in Hungary. We ask that the door stays open and that all find living hope in Christ. **AMANDA & JON GOOD, HUNGARY**

15 Father God, I come to you in the name of our most precious Lord Jesus Christ. Please bless all the Master in Theological Studies students as they go out into their communities to share the gospel and the love of Christ with those who are lost in the darkness of this world. May you be glorified. Amen.

JAE STOCKTON, MEXICO

16 Gracious Father, teach us to see your image in those who suffer, so that we might be agents of peace and transformation in our broken world.

ELIBERTO & MOLLY JUAREZ, EL SALVADOR

17 Heavenly Father, thanks to Jesus who bore our shame on the cross and restores our honor. May we give our allegiance to you alone as we teach your people. **GORDON HWANG, JAPAN**

18 God of love and God of grace, we praise you because your ways are righteous, and your path is peaceful. You have the power to bring to pass that which seems impossible for us. In the Middle East we are hemmed in from all sides. But thank you, gracious Father, you can do all things. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen!

DAN & SARAH CHETTI, MIDDLE EAST

19 Lord, give us your eyes, to see "everything clearly" in the wake of COVID-19, and your heart to serve your world, to the glory of Jesus.

STAN SLADE, GLOBAL

20 Pray for us in our new mission assignment as spiritual caregivers

ministering to IM's global servants in Soul Care, Self-Care, and Community Care. Pray for global servants to thrive in their ministry contexts.

DAVID & JOYCE REED, GLOBAL

21 Join us in prayer as we envision our next term of service with International Ministries so that God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

PETER & SARAH MCCURDY, MEXICO

22 Lord, open the eyes of our hearts and spirits that we may see our neighbors through your eyes and love them as you do. **CARLOS BONILLA & MAYRA GIOVANETTI, COLOMBIA**

23 Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Amid the conflicts around us may we show we are your children by being peacemakers (Matthew 5:9). Begin in our hearts, so we may bring grace to our neighbors and even our enemies.

DANIEL BUTTRY, GLOBAL

24 Loving God, open our eyes to see the world through your eyes. Help us to be bold in faith that we may be your light of hope to children in Bolivia. Amen.

SARAH NASH, BOLIVIA

25 Father God, fill me with your perfect love and drive out all fear so I may respond to people and situations with the assurance that I can trust you in all things. **ANNIE DIESELBERG, THAILAND**

26 Lord, how privileged we are to bear witness to your presence among us in the joyful twinkle of an eye and the hopeful dreams of a new generation. (Luke 10:23) **KIT RIPLEY, THAILAND**

27 Lord, please give us ears to hear and eyes to see you in the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, imprisoned, and in the stranger. Give us grace to feel and share your love.

LARRY STANTON, HUNGARY

28 Holy Spirit, save me from my hair, make-up, and popularity contests. Please help me love people like Jesus, remember what's important, and that God is in control.

REBECCA STANTON, HUNGARY

29 Lord Jesus, in a world full of confusion, apathy, anger, and violence, may we—your people, your body—be a healing presence spreading in every place the faith, hope, and love that come through knowing you. **DENISE & JUAN ARAGÓN, MEXICO**

30 Lord, teach us to do justice, to love mercy, and, as we seek to walk humbly with you, lead us to walk with those who would otherwise walk alone.

RAY SCHELLINGER, GLOBAL

31 Lord, we pray for Baptist churches in Congo as they seek to reach the lost and disciple them. (Matthew 28:18-20)

JILL & MIKE LOWERY, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO








October

2020

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Mission Offering • Crop Walk 		29	30	Begin 31 Days of Prayer  1 7:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell	2	3
World Communion Sunday 4 10:00 Worship and Communion 	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 10:00 Worship	Columbus Day 12 	13	14	15	World Food Day 16 	17
18 10:00 Worship Nov newsletter deadline today	19	20	21	22	23	Make a Difference Day 24 
Reformation Sunday 25 10:00 Worship 11:00 Quarterly Business Meeting  Nov newsletter available today	26	27	28	29	30	Reformation Day 31  Halloween

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One of the most succinct descriptions in the Bible of the life of the Church, is found in Colossians 3:12-17. The characterization of Christian fellowship is so clear it speaks for itself.

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of



the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

In this time of pandemic, when the church is not able to meet as usual, when even the meetings that take place are not routine, it strikes me as helpful simply to hear these words, and see them in print, and take them as a reminder of our precious calling in Christ. Let them remain fresh on our minds.

We have been meeting for about a month now, and things have gone well. I know that wearing masks and not singing is a sacrifice, and we all want very much for normal worship to return along with fellowship meals and Sunday School and game nights. I encourage all of you to remain vigilant about the Covid-19 protocols. One never knows when letting our guard down will allow the virus to spread among

us. I am grateful to everyone for helping so that we can continue to meet in person.

The holiday season begins in November. Because of the pandemic, we are not sure what it will be like this year. Some of our traditional holiday activities will change a little. In November, be ready for Change for Change on the first Sunday, the Thanksgiving Offering, a new (for us) project, the Shoe Box ministry supporting Samaritan’s Purse, and the gift collection for foster children through Jobs and Family Services. See this newsletter for all the details.

The text from Colossians reminds me that the Church is not primarily programs and buildings, doctrines and rituals, nor denominations. It is people in relationship with God and each other through Jesus Christ, who calls us, forgives us, is present with us, as we experience God’s love working among us.

God Bless,

- Mark

Panera Volunteers for November

Nov. 5 Faulk
Nov. 12 Grubbs
Nov. 19 Shears
Nov. 26 Faulk

There is a new sign-up sheet located at the back of the sanctuary for the winter quarter. We pick up Panera donations every Thursday night at closing time and deliver them to Andrews House the next morning. If you wish to help with this and need "training," please speak to Larry or Pam Faulk.

Change for Change

On Sunday, November 1, Daylight Saving Time will end. Changing our clocks reminds us to bring our loose change to church that Sunday. There will be a container next to the regular offering for you to deposit your change when you arrive at church on the 1st. This money will be sent to Andrews House to help them administer the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for children. This is our way to help alleviate hunger in our own community. If you forget to bring your change, there is always a plastic container in the Welcome Center where you can drop it any time, and I will hold onto it until our next change offering in March.

Thanksgiving Offering

The offering in the special Thanksgiving envelopes will go to PIN.

Personals

> Bob and Darlene Caulkins are expecting their fifth great-grandchild soon.

> Cathy Reynolds would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers after the death of her father.

> Brennan Howe was pictured in the Delaware City Schools Annual Report in a picture of the Dempsey Service Club.

> Pastor Mark wrote an article for the October 16 edition of the Delaware Gazette.

> Thanks to Deb Fogle for playing her violin during our October 18 worship service.

> Love Ayinde's sister is in the hospital.

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.

Shoebox Ministry

At our last Mission/Outreach meeting Darlene Caulkins told us about the Shoebox Ministry through the Samaritan's Purse organization that they have been involved with. This is an ongoing mission that we would like to undertake. "We want children around the world to know that God loves them... Operation Christmas Child is a powerful way to share the message of God's love...Every shoebox gift you can pack represents one more boy or girl we can reach with the Gospel. Dozens of countries that have been wracked by the coronavirus are opening back up to receive and distribute shoebox gifts. At a time when many missionaries have had to retreat from their fields, our church partners worldwide are stepping up into the gap and are ready to use these gifts along with the literature we provide to share the Gospel." Darlene has brought empty shoeboxes for us to fill. Please feel free to take more than one and bring them back on Sunday, November 15 along with a \$9 donation for postage. Checks can be made out to Samaritan's Purse. Suggested items for the boxes are toothbrushes, washcloths, bar soap, socks, ponytail holders, pencil sharpeners, pencils, glue sticks, crayons, scissors, paint sets, rulers, note pads, story books, comb, jigsaw puzzles, learning card, games, marbles, balls, slinkies, yo-yos, stickers, stuffed animals. Please do NOT include food, candy, gum, or toothpaste. Please try to include a "Wow" toy such as a doll, ball, larger ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Remember to pray for the child who will receive your gift.

Mission/Outreach News

A huge thank you to ALL who continue giving in this CRAZY COVID time!

Thanks to all who gave food and supplies to People In Need for the drop off at the church on September 19th. Many of you brought UNDIES for our collection of new underwear for the Common Ground Free Store. We continued the collection for Common Ground through September as the church opened for service on September 20th. On October 5th, I delivered 68 items of underwear to Common Ground. They are always so pleased and appreciate getting these new items! Thank you!

Linda and Peter White delivered the items you donated to People In Need. Thank you Peter and Linda!

Thanks to all who have continued to pick up Panera, repackage it, and take it to Andrews House on Friday morning. Mel is always delighted to see the Panera items come so they can give them to those in need.

During October we have been collecting the World Mission Offering. CROP WALK was not a physical walk this year because of COVID. You may donate through FBC by noting "Crop Walk" on our contribution.

On October 18th, the Mission/Outreach group met after church to discuss our current missions and future ones. It was wonderful to have new faces meet with us and share.

We decided to participate in a new mission known as Shoe Box Ministry sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. Some of you might be familiar with this, but this

Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Raeleen George	Health Issues
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's father & sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	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!

is the first time we are doing it at First Baptist.

Darlene Caulkins is going to head the collection of the Shoe Box Ministry. The boxes need to be filled and returned by Nov. 15th, so the time is short to complete the boxes. The boxes are sent to children all over the world. Can you imagine the smiles on the children's faces when they receive an unexpected box?

Other missions for November include collecting new items for children in foster care.

People In Need will receive our Thanksgiving offering.

Get your change ready for November 1st when we Collect the Change for Change offering that goes to Andrews House to use for the Delaware City Schools Summer Lunch Program.

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Sponsor Foster Children

FBC will sponsor three foster children for Christmas this year.

Andy (age 3 months). size 6-9 month clothing, age-appropriate toys, baby lotion, wipes, diapers.

Andrea (age 4 years). size 4T clothing, doll babies, books, games.








Jeffrey (age 15) remote control cars, Dicks Sporting Goods gift card, WalMart gift card.

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 by Dec 6th and make their Christmas a joyous occasion. Toys, clothes, and gift cards or money to buy gifts are welcomed.

A note from the financial secretary:

As we look forward to a new year of service and giving, I want to thank all of you who have continued to financially support the ministry of our church through lock down, online worship, and the uncertainty of a global pandemic. It has not been an easy year, but the financial condition of our church remains strong. I also want to take this opportunity to make a few points (or reminders) about how your giving is designated and apportioned. All undesignated giving, as well as all money designated for the general fund, goes to support our budgeted expenses. If you wish to give to ABC unified mission as well as the other mission commitments in our budget, then it should be designated as missions. If you wish to give to an organization or missionary outside our budget, simply indicate your wishes on the check or envelope, and it will be treated as a gift from the church going to the designated organization or missionary. We also have a savings account for designated giving: Capital Improvements (for large projects, maintenance and/or repair expenses) and Memorials (to memorialize a loved one - a booklet outlining our policies is available). The church also has an investment account that we maintain as an Educational Endowment administered by the Board of Education to award scholarships for those who may need financial help to encourage continuous spiritual growth. Again, thank you for your support and faithfulness! Checks should be made out to First Baptist Church or First Baptist Church, Delaware.

Randy Turner, financial secretary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>All Saints Day 1</p> <p>10:00 Worship and Communion</p>  <p>Change for Change Offering Daylight Savings Time ends</p>	2	<p>Election Day 3</p> 	4	5	<p>World Community Day 6</p> 	7
8	9	10	<p>Veterans Day 11</p> 	12	13	14
<p>10:00 Worship 11:00 Missions/Outreach Mtg</p> <p>Shoeboxes Due</p> 	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	<p>Thanksgiving 26</p>  <p>7:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	27	28
<p>First Sunday of Advent 29</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p>  <p>Dec newsletter available today</p>	30	December 1	2	3	<p>November Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change for Change • Shoebox Ministry • Foster Children Wish Lists 	

November 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

At the October Quarterly Business Meeting, the fellowship adopted the 2021 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 2021 and to use that pledge as a reminder to give regularly. This year, we continue to offer the option for online giving. If you would like to explore this option, please visit our website 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 2021. 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 22. 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 2021

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 2021.

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 _____

_____ Check here if your donation is through online services

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

Keep This Portion For Your Records

Name _____

My/Our Commitment for 2021

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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There was a time when on the Sunday before or after Thanksgiving, whichever preceded the first Sunday of Advent, I would simply ask a question, and that would be the message for the day. The question was, "What are you thankful for?" After that, people in the congregation would offer thanksgivings until the time ran out.

Family, friends, health, faith, country, work, blessings of all kinds would be offered up in the acknowledgment that all of life is grace and we have been richly blessed. I remember one woman who went on for a bit about her happy childhood, and then transitioned into her career and lifelong friends and her church, and then spoke about all of her travels and activities in retirement, before she concluded, "I guess I have just had a happy life." (more than one person noted afterward, and jokingly, that she had never married). I am sure there was more trouble in her life than she let on. She was in the Women's Marine Corp Reserve in WWII, and there must have been some challenges then, as at other times in her life.

Nevertheless, we do not have such an opportunity this year to share in-person



thanksgivings because of the pandemic and the restrictions on our gathering together. But it strikes me that at a time when our traditional habits must be limited, as we see suffering in our community that we can do little about, the question is as relevant as ever. I hope each of you will spend some time thinking about it, maybe even in a more intense way this year.

I am never very good at these kinds of things. My deepest feelings are kept silent for lack of words. Maybe some of you are the same way. I am thankful for God's salvation and for the providential way God has sustained me and my family through the years. A good part of that care is the faithfulness found here in Delaware in our congregation. In these last several months as we have tried to negotiate this crisis together, I greatly

appreciate the support for each other and for me that I have seen and known among you all.

I hope your holy day season is meaningful despite not being able to see family and friends as much, and that soon we will be able to begin meeting again.

God's blessing to everyone. Happy Thanksgiving, and the best of all Christmases.

- Mark

People in Need (PIN) JFS foster children gifts Candles

The church will be open on Saturday, Dec 5th from 9 - noon to drop off contributions for PIN and gifts for JFS foster children.

Also pickup a candle for your Christmas Eve Candlelighting.

Panera Volunteers for December

Dec. 3 Lovell
 Dec. 10 Faulk
 Dec. 17 Grubbs
 Dec. 24 open, volunteer needed
 Dec. 31 Faulk

As you can see, there is an opening for Christmas Eve. At this time, Panera could not verify their hours for that day, but it is possible that they will close early. We will have to keep you posted about that. We will gladly do New Year's Eve because we are not celebrating this year, but we hope to be in Warren for Christmas Eve and cannot volunteer for that one. If anyone feels that they can do the Christmas Eve pick-up, please contact Larry or Pam Faulk. We realize this is difficult because of the holiday and also not knowing the time frame, but we do need a volunteer.

Christmas Offering

The offering in the Christmas envelope will go to Andrews House. The offering in the Thanksgiving envelopes went to PIN.

Personals

> Carol Serviss has been in the hospital due to complications from the Covid virus. She is home now.

> Congratulations to our teens!!! For the first quarter of the school year, Aidan Ferguson was named on the Distinguished Honor Roll at Hayes, Gabe Fogle, and Brennan Howe were named on the Honor Roll, and Hannah Nace was named on the Merit Roll.

> Harold Van Broekhoven sends greetings from Georgia. He and Deb have been "hunkering down" like the rest of us and are doing well.

Holiday Wish Program

FBC is again sponsoring gifts through the Holiday Wish Program of Jobs and Family Services for foster children. We are sponsoring 3 children this year: Andy, a 3-month old male, Andrea, a 4-year old female, and Jeffrey, a 15-year old male. Their wish lists were given in the November newsletter, and many of you have already signed up to fulfill some of those wishes. There will be a drop off day on Saturday, December 5 from 9-noon at the church. Please bring all gifts (UNWRAPPED) to the church no later than Sunday, December 6.

Hope For Today, Hope For Tomorrow - RMMO

Congregants have always looked forward to coming together to worship in the house of the Lord. During these unprecedented times, this type of fellowship has been disrupted, and pastors have been called upon to offer greater outreach to congregations and communities in need of hope, promise, and support. On behalf of American Baptist Churches USA, the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) is a personal offering rooted in thanks for the immeasurable ways ministers and missionaries continue to guide members of the church toward faithful and committed discipleship. This year, to honor this tradition and acknowledge the current circumstances, ABCUSA chose "Hope for Today, Hope for Tomorrow" as their theme. This theme encompasses the true strength and dedication of ministers, missionaries, and their widowed spouses who have devoted 15 years or more to ABCUSA. Christians facing uncertainty and difficult situations today can take comfort in the text from Jeremiah 29:11-13 which states, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Through your generosity in 2019, RMMO provided thank you checks to more than 3,432 eligible recipients, some of whom are our very own members or former members. The goal for our church is \$700. I hope you will prayerfully consider supporting the RMMO during the month of December. Because we are

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.

currently not having in-person worship, you may give to the RMMO through our online giving site, or you may take or mail your offering to the church and make a note on your check the amount that should go toward RMMO.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

-Thanks to all who helped us reach our goal in October with the World Mission Offering. We received \$900.

Pam Faulk

-Thanks to all who brought their loose change for the Change for Change offering. We received \$193.90 which was sent to Andrews House for the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for Children

-Thanks to all those who filled 61 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse and thank you, Darlene Caulkins, for bringing this ministry to our attention and for taking the shoeboxes.

Thanks to Linda White for the beautiful cornucopia that graced our altar for Thanksgiving.

-Thank you so much for your donation of \$100.00 to Common Ground Free Store which we received on 9/8/2020. Your gift makes it possible for us to serve thousands of needy families in Delaware County and surrounding areas. Last year we were able to provide hot meals, clothing, and household goods to more than 9,700 families - more than 14,500 individuals! We would not be able to feed and gift necessary items to so many without thoughtful generous people like you... Because of you, we are able to share God's love with our community in

Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Raeleen George	Health Issues
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's father & sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Carol Serviss	Health Issues
Candy Lee's sister Trudy	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!

practical and meaningful ways. If you would like a tour of the store, please call any time. I would be honored to show you the impact your financial gifts are making. Jill Ignaszewski, Development Director and Volunteer Coordinator

-Family Promise would like to express our deepest gratitude for your donation. It has allowed us to keep trying to transform the lives of our families. Thank you for your faithful support. Family Promise

-First Baptist Church Family, Thank you so much for the lovely plant you sent in Alvin's honor. We are thankful that you have shown so much love and support to Dad. He had many friendships from the church. We appreciate the love you will continue to show to Mom. Thank you to all who attended, as well. Love, Family of Alvin Cox

Candy Lee would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her sister Trudy.

-Mark and Members of First Baptist, Bob and I want to thank you for the beautiful flowers that adorned

the sanctuary at the memorial services for Mom and Jeannie. They were unexpected tributes to both of them and we want to thank you and the congregation and to tell you that they were deeply appreciated. Ted Stephenson

Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day is observed every year on December 10 — the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights(UDHR). The UDHR is a milestone document that proclaims the inalienable rights which everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Available in more than 500 languages, it is the most translated document in the world.

2020 Theme: Recover Better - Stand Up for Human Rights

This year's Human Rights Day theme relates to the COVID-19 pandemic and focuses on the need to build back better by ensuring Human Rights are central to recovery efforts. We will

reach our common global goals only if we are able to create equal opportunities for all, address the failures exposed and exploited by COVID-19, and apply human rights standards to tackle entrenched, systematic, and intergenerational inequalities, exclusion and discrimination. 10 December is an opportunity to reaffirm the importance of human rights in re-building the world we want, the need for global solidarity as well as our interconnectedness and shared humanity.

Pickup a Candle

Due to the continued surge in Covid-19 cases, it appears most likely that we will not be able to worship in person throughout the Advent Season. This means that our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will probably be online. If you would like to pickup a personal candle to use during your virtual participation in that service, candles will be available in the Welcome Center during the open time on Saturday, December 5th from 9-noon. If you would like a candle, but cannot stop in then, contact Mary Lou Lovell and she will get you one.

Soup without Sing

Traditionally we have enjoyed a Soup and Sing fellowship time during the Advent Season when we gather to sing carols and share a soup dinner. After the dinner we share our leftover soup with Zion UCC to support their Place of Warmth mission which allows homeless men a shelter when the temperature drops to 20 or below during the winter.

This year we will not be able to gather for our Soup and Sing, but the need for soup at Zion during the winter continues. We would need 3-4 volunteers to prepare soup that we can freeze and make available to Zion as it is needed. If this is something that you can help with, please contact Mary Lou Lovell to volunteer.

Donate a Poinsettia

While it is unlikely that we will be able to worship in person during this Advent Season, we will decorate the sanctuary as usual. If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia, you can donate \$8 for each one by adding it to your regular donation and noting it on your memo line as well as who it is dedicated to. You can also do so on our website.

First Baptist Church









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December

2020

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMMO Offering • Foster Children Wish Lists 		1	2	3	4	5 9 am - noon church open for PIN & Foster Children Christmas Gifts
Second Sunday of Advent 6 Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org Gifts due for foster children 	Pearl Harbor 7 Day 	8	9	Human Rights 10 Day  7:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	11	12
Third Sunday of Advent 13 Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org 	14	15	16	17 7:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	18	19
Fourth Sunday of Advent 20 Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org Jan newsletter deadline today 	Winter Begins 21	22	23	Christmas Eve 24 Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org ?? Panera Pickup - ?? 	Christmas 25  Merry Christmas!	26
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