

Good News Letter

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Last year when I came to the task of writing about the end of one year and the beginning of another, I offered the following words:

“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.”

It is always interesting to look back and see what one was thinking at any time in the past. How could I have known about the way 2020



would play out? I did not know about the coronavirus and the pandemic that would ensue. Of course, foregoing meeting together in favor of online worship was unforeseeable.

2021 is also difficult to predict. I hope and pray for the time when we can resume in-person worship safely. It is true in every moment that we do not know the meaning of what we are living through, nor what new things are about to happen, but we always look forward to the new year and pray that it will be blessed. And we do the same this year. Our confidence is strong that before long we will be able to look back on 2020 and see more clearly God's presence in it, guiding and strengthening us, and planting seeds of new life.

Thus, our hope for this year is the same as it was for the last. Whatever happens, my prayer for each of you is that 2021 would be filled with meaning and joy. I wish for you the best of new years.

God Bless 2021

- Mark

**People in Need (PIN)
Family Promise
Envelopes
Prayer Chest**

The church will be open on Saturday, Jan 9th from 9 - noon to drop off contributions for PIN and Family Promise.

Also pickup your 2021 offering envelopes box.

The Prayer Chest has been refilled. Pickup a prayer slip (or several) for your prayers.

Panera Volunteers for January

Jan. 7 Faulk
Jan. 14 Faulk
Jan. 21 Grubbs
Jan. 28 Shears

Thanks to all who volunteer

Personals

> Aidan Ferguson was pictured in the Delaware Gazette on December 2 in an article about Hayes High School's virtual concerts.

> Carol Serviss has shown some improvement, but Ray now has the COVID virus.

> Dr. Bob and Darlene Caulkins have a new great grandson, Alden Wilcox, born Dec. 3rd.

Thank You Notes

-Thanks to all who put together such a wonderful virtual Christmas Eve Service.

-We received the following note from Lana and Jerry Palmer:, I am writing to thank you for all your prayers for our great-grandson, Adrian. He is definitely an example of the power of prayer. After having been hit by a car driven by a woman who left the scene, it has to be a miracle that he escaped (with three broken ribs, a bruised lung and badly skinned forehead and temple and assorted other bruises...) but without a concussion or serious internal organ injuries. He has been a very brave little boy through it all. I believe this is due to all the

prayers that have surrounded him since the frightening episode happened. We praise God for His mercy in this situation and for giving us wonderful friends, our Church Family at FBC!

Love,
Lana and Jerry

Mission/Outreach News

Soup Will Be Needed!

I surely missed not having the Soup and Sing event this year. It is always so good to hear and sing the Christmas carols at the church with all of you. I am looking forward to next year when we can be together and raise our voices in song for the Lord's birth. I also missed tasting all the delicious different kinds of homemade soup. All people who like to make soup, we will be calling on you to help with the

Place of Warmth at Zion United Church of Christ. When the temperature is below 20 degrees, Zion opens its doors to men who need a place to stay for the night. In the past, after our meal at Soup and Sing, we have donated your delicious homemade soup for the men to eat at Zion. We will continue this through the winter. Please let Mary Lou Lovell (740-369-6041) know if you would like to make soup. Dr. Allison will let us know when it is needed.

Mission Focus for January

During the month of January we will collect items for Family Promise and make soup as needed for the Place of Warmth at Zion United Church of Christ.

Drop off time at church is 9-noon on January 9th for donating food for People In Need and items for Family Promise. If it is more convenient, you may bring items to church M-Th mornings when Mark is there. Give a call to make sure he is there. Monetary donations to Family Promise are always welcome.

"Family Promise is an interfaith hospitality network to help homeless families achieve lasting independence." They provide shelter, food, and assistance with obtaining employment and their own housing. It is located on Washington St.

Family Promise Items Needed:

liquid laundry soap, toilet paper, paper towels, liquid dish soap, large bottles of shampoo, hand soap, disinfectant wipes.

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
30 Calvin Turner
31 Bowen Nace

Please report any errors.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thanks to all who have picked up the unsold bread and baked goods from Panera in 2020. You have provided food for those in need. Each Thursday at 8:45 p.m. someone from First Baptist has been at Panera to pick up the unsold items. They bag them and deliver them to Andrews House about 9:30 a.m. on Friday. Mel is always so appreciative to get what is given so that she can provide something to eat for those who are in need. If you can help with this mission, contact Pam Faulk (740-362-8637).

2020 Giving Continues Despite COVID

As I look back in the year of 2020, I am amazed at the generosity of those at First Baptist, in spite of the church being closed from March through December with a mere 6 weeks of being open during those months. You have given to the America for Christ offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, the World Mission offering, and the Retired Ministers and Missionaries offering. You gave for Blanket Sunday, Tools of Hope and 2 Change for Change offerings to be used for Delaware City Schools summer lunch program. You gave to the Easter and Thanksgiving, Christmas offerings and CROP WALK. You gave needed items to Family Promise, Turning Point, Common Ground Free Store, gifts for children in foster care, school supplies for children at Conger Elementary School, money for gift cards to purchase shoes, and food for People In Need. You are an amazing and caring congregation!

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

Update on Christmas Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse

The final tally for the Christmas boxes was an amazing 74 boxes! Thanks to Darlene Caulkins for heading this up and Bev Cox for her work on it. They contacted many people and asked if they would like to be a part of giving a child a gift for Christmas.

Not only that, all postage was covered (\$9.00 PER BOX), AND an additional \$480.00 was given for this mission. Fantastic! Bless you all who had the fun of filling the boxes and making this happen at First Baptist this year! Let's start gathering items for next year's boxes.

I tracked our 4 boxes and found that children in Guatemala will receive them.
Thank You!

2020 has been a year of COVID illness, sadness, aggravation, learning curves in which we have needed patience, understanding, flexibility, cooperation, and love. I can say that I have had all of these feelings during this time.

How about you? Thankfully, we have God as our rock to get through this time. I am very thankful that we have had many people who eagerly responded to having services online when our church was closed due to COVID.

Our online services have been a blessing for many people.

Thanks to Dr. Allison for recording his encouraging and inspiring messages.

Thanks to Randy Turner for recording solos.

Thanks to Claire Turner for recording solos.

Thanks to Jennifer Turner and Candy Lee for their piano selections.

Thanks to Will and Deb Fogle for their violin music.

Thanks to Will Fogle, Colin Ferguson, and Aidan Ferguson for their Christmas Eve carols from 2017.

Thanks to previously recorded quartets and quintets from 2017 to enrich the Advent season; Claire Turner, Randy Turner, Jennifer Turner, Pam Shears, Linda White, and Dave Lovell. Thanks to all who read scripture. Thanks to Jeanne Ekelberry for displaying the Nativity quilt.

Thanks to Brennan Lee for lighting the candles.

Thanks to those who decorated the church for Advent and Christmas.

Thanks to Erin Faulk for her beautiful photography.

There is not a Big Enough Thank You for Larry Faulk who has put all the parts and pieces together to make wonderful online services. He has spent so many hours making each service better than the last. WE APPRECIATE YOU!

We pray that 2021 will be a time of being together to worship again, bring a vaccine, health, and many blessings.

-Mary Lou Lovell

Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO)

To date, \$1,195 has been contributed to the RMMO offering. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Letter from Ivy and Emerson Wu

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Peace and greetings from Taiwan! 2020 thus far has been a tough year for everyone globally. The fear of being infected with the COVID-19 impacts every aspect of life, our body, mind and soul. Thankfully, God has given mankind wisdom to adapt to challenges and strength to thrive. We are grateful that in September we were approved by IM to relocate to Taiwan. In February we finished a work trip in Taiwan but were forced to stay because of the virus outbreak, global travel restriction and the new implementation of Hong Kong National Security Law. Our omnipotent and omniscient God

had already led us to a more well-pandemic-controlled place—Taiwan. We continue our previous ministry in overseeing the COVID Relief in Hong Kong with the Swatow Baptist churches and NGOs, and in Taiwan there are new opportunities for us to serve the Christian Hakka Seminary and the Research Center for Supporting Families of Children with Special Needs of Chung Yuan Christian University. In Seminary we are sponsoring theological education. In the Center we provide spiritual support, discipleship and administrative consultation for the staff, volunteer students, clients and their families. During this unexpected stay, in July, through the connection with the Hakka churches, we helped establish a new and the first Hakka church in southern Taiwan. The church serves the neighboring Hakka community along with college campus ministry.

With much gratitude we praise the Lord for His leading and protection. We are fine, healthy and having lots of new learning experiences in this environment. We often watch international news and though we feel trapped here, we pray more for you, friends, churches, country, overseas partners and the world. YES! Apart from “We miss you very much”, we echo the same deep lament with you, “HOW LONG will the pandemic be?” People may look to the COVID-19 vaccine as the savior, but Jesus Christ is the true Savior for life. As we prepare for the upcoming Christmas, we think of James 1:17-18 (NIV), “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he

created.” These verses remind us that in spite of the trials that believers face, God’s gift to us is unchanging. This gift is, of course, His son Jesus. And it is through this gift that we receive eternal life.

May you and your family have a Blessed Christmas and a grace-filled New Year!

In the peace of Christ,
Ivy and Emerson Wu

Directory Update

Steve and Tammy Ferguson’s email has changed:

ferguson@noanger.org

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| January Mission Focus: • Family Promise | | 29 | 30 | 31 | New Year's Day 1  | 2 | |
| Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org Online Communion Service available | 3 | 4 | 5 | Epiphany 6 Wise Men Seek Him Still  | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Christian Unity Sunday 17 Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 18  | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | |
| Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org | 24 | 25 | 26 | Holocaust Remembrance Day 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org | 31 | | | 7:45 Panera Pickup - Shears | | | |

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Let me take this opportunity to thank everyone for your faithfulness throughout this past year. Prayers for one another, cards and phone calls and emails to check on each other are greatly appreciated. One manifestation of this faithfulness is through financial support for the church's ministries (there will not be a congregational meeting in January; reports can be found online and in hardcopy form at the church if they are desired). Though only about a third of the Sundays saw in-person worship, more was taken in than spent. This generosity means we were able to support our partners in ministry in Delaware and around the world. Thank you.

The pandemic has created a unique situation for ministry, and its effects continue. Even in the churches that have been meeting for worship, attendance has been limited, and other meetings curtailed, held online, or cancelled. There have been sacrifices. As the

February



numbers of new and active cases and hospitalizations presently recede, I hope for in-person worship sooner rather than later. Given, however, the new variants of the virus that have arisen and the slow pace of the vaccine rollout, the circumstances remain unpredictable. It is not yet possible to "say when," in-person worship will begin.

The season of Lent is upon us. Sacrifice is the order of the day, which means, this time around, that little is different from the rest of the year. Look for additional videos to supplement weekly online worship. The shorter devotional videos will focus on the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the cross, and will be posted on the website

weekly as the Lenten season unfolds. I pray that they are helpful.

The reading from the psalter on Ash Wednesday is from the 51st Psalm. It is a familiar text that is always helpful, but especially so after a year of strife and tensions and unique circumstances such as the year we have experienced. I offer it now as a prayer for renewal;

Create in me a pure heart,
O God, and renew a
steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your
presence or take your
Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of
your salvation and grant
me a willing spirit, to
sustain me.
(Psalm 51:10-12)

Thank you again for your
prayers and your patience in
this unprecedented time.

Blessings,

- Mark

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Thank you all for volunteering.

We will have a new sign-up sheet for the spring quarter available on the "drop off" day on Feb. 13.

Please stop by the church and sign up.

Personals

> Jeff Faulk has recovered from the Covid virus, and Cullen tested negative, after all. The Faulk family would like to thank you all for your prayers.

> Brennan Howe recently dislocated his knee cap in a fall and was in quite a bit of pain.

> Aidan Ferguson was named on the Distinguished Honor Roll and Brennan Howe was named on the Honor Roll for the second quarter at Hayes. At this time, the Merit Roll has not been available.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



February

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

Please report any errors.

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to everyone who brought items to be given to Family Promise during the month of January.

Mission Focus for February Is Turning Point.

Turning Point in Delaware is a shelter that houses women and their children as a result of domestic violence. It is a wonderful facility which is a safe place for women with their children to stay while getting assistance for getting a job, counseling, and housing of their own.

Most needed items at this time are:

- cleaning supplies:
- toilet cleaner,
- floor cleaner,
- disinfectant spay and wipes,
- tall kitchen garbage bags

Always in need:

- personal care items
- diapers
- pillows
- women's and children's new socks
- pajamas for women and children of all sizes
- new boys and girls underwear
- new baby bottles and pacifiers

Annual Reports

As annual reports become available from our boards and committees, they will be posted on our website and paper copies will be available in the Welcome Center.



NO PANCAKES!!!!

Even though February 16 is Shrove Tuesday, we are very sorry that there will be no pancake supper this year. We do not feel that it is safe enough yet to gather in a large group to have a meal.

Consider making your own pancakes and sausage on Shrove Tuesday.

Thank You

Dear Church Family:

Ray and I want to thank all of you who have sent us get well cards with your prayers and good wishes. We appreciated them all.

We also want to thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards we enjoyed. We are doing better but lack energy and ambition. We both have been told it will take us a long time to feel like ourselves again.

Thank you again and please keep safe.

- Ray and Carol Serviss

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| <p>January 31</p> <p>Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org</p> | 1 | <p>Groundhog Day 2</p>  | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| <p>7</p> <p>Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org</p> <p>Online Communion Service available</p> | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| <p>Transfiguration Sunday Valentine's Day 14</p> <p>Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org</p>  | <p>Presidents Day 15</p>  | <p>Shrove Tuesday 16</p> <p>Fix your own pancakes and sausage</p>  | <p>Ash Wednesday 17</p>  | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| <p>First Sunday of Lent 21</p> <p>Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org</p>  <p>Mar newsletter deadline today</p> | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| <p>Second Sunday of Lent 28</p> <p>Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org</p> <p>Mar newsletter available today</p> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | <p>February Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turning Point | |

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Well, it is March. With the melting of the snow one can feel spring in the air, even if it is still a few weeks off. Last March, many of the ordinary events of spring were taken away. This year, it appears that in some fashion at least, some of these will be returned to us.

It was on March 15, 2020 that we stopped having worship services. With the exception of six Sundays in September and October, we have worshipped through videos each week instead of in each other's presence.

When last we broke off services at the end of October, the case numbers nationally, statewide, and locally were about where they are now, only they were on their way up then, for what would turn into a long winter. Now the numbers are on the way down.

For this reason, and because of the continuing vaccine rollout, and with prayerful consideration, the deacons and I have made the decision to resume

March



in-person worship. We will do so on March 14 at 10 am. The services will be as they were in October; with masking and distancing.

It is my hope that this re-opening will be permanent. We are aware that new variants of the virus could cause an uptick in cases. If that turns out to be the case, unless it is severe, we plan to continue meeting for worship.

For the time being, it is not planned to resume all other meetings, including Sunday School. We hope that continued progress against the virus will make meetings

increasingly safer in the next several months and will gradually resume them as the circumstances allow.

I know that everyone has been praying with us for guidance regarding this decision. I thank all of you for your patience and faithfulness throughout the past year, and I greatly anticipate seeing everyone again on the 14th

Blessings,

- Mark

Lenten Meditation online series

Brief meditations on the "Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross" will be posted each week during Lent on our website fbcdelaware.org.

Online Communion

There will be an online communion service on our website on Sunday, March 7th.

Panera Volunteers for March

- Mar. 4 Faulk
- Mar. 11 Lovell
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Thank you all for volunteering your time. There is a new sign-up sheet in the Sanctuary for the spring quarter. There are lots of blank spaces yet to be filled for April and May.

Personals

> Alec Ferguson is enrolled at Kent State pursuing a Master's Degree in Geographic Information Systems.

>Aidan Ferguson will be playing the role of Professor Bhaer in the Hayes production of LITTLE WOMEN this spring.

**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

Please report any errors.

Change for Change

On Saturday night, March 13, we will set our clocks forward one hour. That serves as a reminder to us to bring in all our loose change the next day. On Sunday, March 14, if we are back to in-person worship, you can bring your loose change to help alleviate childhood hunger in our community. If we are not back to in-person worship on that Sunday, you may drop off your change at any time during the month of March and put it in the plastic jar on the table in the Welcome Center.

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to all who came on the February Drop Off Day to donate items for Turning Point. Many bags were collected.

Jane Moore has been spending her time making Snuggly-Ugglies and afghans. She donated 98 pairs of Snuggly-Ugglies and 7 afghans! Wow! Way to go, Jane! The residents at Turning Point will be so blessed!

The March focuses will be the America for Christ offering and Change for Change. The Change for Change offering is collected on March 14th. Your reminder to bring your loose change is to clean out your pockets when you turn your clocks ahead on Sat. Night, March 13th. The money is used for the Delaware City School summer lunch program.

Thank you again to those that have been picking up unsold goods from Panera, bagging it, and taking it to Andrews House

on Friday morning. If you take it to Andrews House, please take it at 9:30 a.m. or a little later as Andrews House is not open before that time.

OOPS!

If you read the Mission/Outreach report for the Annual Business meeting, you will have noticed that I left out a very important ministry that all of you were involved in; The Shoe Box ministry. It was a new outreach that was headed by Darlene Caulkins with help from Bev Cox. It was very successful and I have been sent pictures of some of the children receiving their boxes.

The smiles on their faces warmed my heart.

Thanks to ALL for participating!

Mary Lou

For the Purpose of Equipping Saints

This is the theme of the America for Christ offering for 2021, based on Ephesians 4:11-13. It focuses on ABC discipleship and leadership empowerment ministries, which nurture the faithful followers who find their call and life's work as the hands and feet of Christ. Thanks to our AFC offering contributions last year, ABHMS was able to support communities distressed by the devastation of COVID-19; to help families who lost homes to floods, wildfires, and storms, along with children living on the edge because of poverty; and seminarians preparing to devote

their lives to sharing the Good News. Your AFC contribution provides funds for discipleship ministries, leadership empowerment programs, and chaplaincy, pastoral counseling and specialized programs. We will be accepting your AFC offering throughout the month of March. Our goal is \$1000. You can bring your offering to church if we are back to in-person worship or you can drop it off at church and leave it with the pastor, or you can mail it to Randy Turner, or you can contribute online through our online giving.

Pam Faulk

In-Person Worship

When we reopen for in-person worship on Sunday, March 14th, below are some of the protocols that will be in place to help us worship as safely as possible:

- Open with worship service only
 - We anticipate 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

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- 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
- Minimal singing while seated.

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Update from the Wu's

Feb 5, 2021

Dear friends,

Peace! Hope this email finds you are doing well during this stressful pandemic time.

Covid-Related We are fine in Taiwan despite the fact that there was an outbreak in a big hospital near our rental place (about 2 miles away) about three weeks ago. Thus far, there are 20 people being infected that were caused by a doctor firstly being infected through a patient. The outbreak is under control now. People still

keep high alertness, which differs from the previous situation that most people in general thought Taiwan is a safer place than the other places in the world, so people paid less awareness. This imminent event raises everyone's alertness again. That is good because next week will be Chinese New Year. People will travel around, and families will get together. We'll avoid going to the crowded places.

Ministry-wise, we remain to oversee the COVID Relief in Hong Kong and maintain

communication with the Swatow Baptist churches and NGOs. In Taiwan, we try to keep good relationships with Christian Hakka Seminary. Couple weeks ago, we joined one of their winter short-term mission trips with the seminarians to visit the churches with aboriginal people in the rural mountain site. Due to the weather, road condition and housing limitation, both Emerson and I could only join the first half of their mission trip. We had a very good experience and were glad to guide them through the reflection afterwards. The previous Yunnan ministry has trained and equipped us to provide those immediate assistance. As for the Research Center aspect, we keep attending their weekly prayer meeting and trying to strengthen the teaching of God's Word. We are also working on a new staff who is an unbeliever. She began to show more interest in God's Word and to raise the questions. Please keep her and her three young children in your prayers. Thanks.

Coming Plan - We plan to leave Taiwan for Hong Kong in June and return to the US in early August this year for US/PR Assignment starting on September 1st. We, also, start to do the preparation for the medical clearness and all the travel transitions (including air tickets, COVID tests, quarantine, hotels). Please pray for God's wisdom and guidance while we are doing the preparations. Thanks for your faithful support with prayers.

Blessings,
Ivy and Emerson

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| <p>February 28 Second Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org</p>  <p>Online Lenten Meditation available</p> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | <p>World Day of Prayer 5</p>  | 6 |
| <p>Third Sunday of Lent 7</p> <p>Online Service and Communion Available fbcdelaware.org</p>  <p>Online Lenten Meditation available America for Christ Offering begins</p> | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |  <p>13</p> <p>Set clocks forward one hour tonight</p> |
| <p>Fourth Sunday of Lent 14</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship planned</p>  <p>Change for Change Offering</p>  <p>Online Lenten Meditation available</p> | 15 | 16 | <p>St. Patrick's Day 17</p>  | 18 | 19 | <p>Spring Begins 20</p>  |
| <p>Fifth Sunday of Lent 21</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship planned</p>  <p>Online Lenten Meditation available Mar newsletter deadline today</p> | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| <p>Palm Sunday 28</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship planned</p>  <p>Online Lenten Meditation available Mar newsletter available today</p> | <p>April 1</p>  <p>April Fools Day</p> | 2 | 3 | <p>Maundy Thursday 4</p> <p>Online Maundy Thursday service available 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p> | <p>March Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • America for Christ • Change for Change | |

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Springtime is here, at least that is what the calendar says. Actually, I trust that the month of April will indeed bring warmer temperatures along with more daylight and refreshing rains. I am sure all the dormant trees and plants will come back to life. After this long year will also come an optimism that will be invigorating. Already, as I hope you are, I am enjoying more time outside even though at this writing the trees and the grass are still in winter mode.

The big news is that we have returned to in-person worship on Sunday mornings at 10 am. The last year has been trying for everyone and it is wonderful to be able to meet again, we believe safely, for worship. None of the other regular activities have been resumed, although there are conversations regarding how to gradually return to more normal scheduling and activities.

And Easter is the first Sunday of April, so that our spiritual sensitivities will be awakened by the celebration of Resurrection, life conquering death. It is all very much the same as it was last year in terms of the coming of spring. But it seems so different because last year the world was shutting down in the face of Covid. This year it is re-emerging.



Much has been lost in the last year, but the sting of that loss is removed by Easter. My prayer for each of you is for a refreshing renewal in your inner life (and outer life as well) and though I recommend continued caution regarding things pandemic, for blessing as we emerge from the restrictions of the past year, through the Risen Lord. One of the greatest Easter reflections comes from the prophet Isaiah (he was ahead of his time) in the 55th chapter, let me conclude with some excerpts from that great text:

“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. . .

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.

“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth:

It will not return to me empty . . . but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”

Blessings,
- Mark

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 28
10 am Worship

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 1
Online
Devotion / Communion
available

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 4
10 am Worship



JERRY LYNN PALMER

Jerry Lynn Palmer, formerly of Delaware, Ohio, died March 3, 2021 at Riverside Methodist Hospital with his devoted wife and children at his side.

Jerry retired from PPG Industries (Delaware) in 2001 after thirty-one years of service. He was a sales and technical service representative for the firm. Jerry was also a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force, having served four years active duty and two in the A.F. Reserves. Upon entering the Reserves, Jerry was promoted to Staff Sergeant.

Jerry was a member of First Baptist Church Delaware, where over the years he served the Lord in a number of capacities, including Moderator, Chair of the Board of Trustees, member of the choir and the men's singing group, Brothers All. Jerry loved spending time with his family and friends. Before moving to Circleville, Ohio, he especially enjoyed his monthly breakfast socials with his American Baptist Men's group. In addition, his monthly "get together" with his retiree friends was a much looked forward to treat as well. Jerry also enjoyed traveling, camping, baseball and The Ohio State University football games.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of fifty-seven years, Lana, and their children, Steven (Sandi Chandler Palmer) and Jennifer Palmer (Brad Kocher); sister, Barbara (Virgil Boyes, deceased); their grandchildren, Brady Palmer, Jeremy Chaffin (Charlotte Lucas Chaffin), Morgaine Chaffin Williams (Ian Williams), and Joshua Lenhart (Olivia Saulsberry); Great grandchildren, Adrian and Julian Williams.

A private memorial and graveside service was held on Monday, March 8th.

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

Please report any errors.

Panera Volunteers for April

- April 1 Faulk/Spears
- April 8 Lovell
- April 15 Grubbs
- April 22 Faulk/Spears
- April 29 Shears

Thank you all for volunteering. There is still one opening left in May that needs a volunteer.

Personals

-Ben Geary was a patient at St. Ann's last month.

-Jennifer Turner was pictured on the front page of the March 18 edition of the Delaware Gazette in a story about Carlisle Elementary.

-Aidan Ferguson was quoted and pictured in the March 20 edition of the Delaware Gazette in an article about the Hayes production of LITTLE WOMEN, in which Aidan had a major role.

A Note From Jeanne Ekelberry

As we start our 2nd year of masking, social distancing, etc., I thought of how fortunate we are.

Our family here in Delaware and in Columbus have not had Covid-19. My sister Nancy and daughter Stephanie in Huntngton, WV and her daughter Shelby and son-in-law Marty in Troy, MI have had it and are recovered.

My nephew Ben and his wife Candace had their 4th child this month. her name is Matilda Sabine, carrying on middle name from Star Wars.

I ask for prayers for grand daughter Kimberly and her husband ken as he finishes his 1st round of chemo.

Thanks to all who brought church to us these last months! The music, scenes of church, flowers, nature were wonderful. So many people made this happen. Thanks!

- Jeanne Ekelberry

Thank You - CFC

Thanks to all who brought their change to church on March 14. We were able to send a check to Andrews House for \$199.50 for the Summer Lunch Program for Children in Delaware. You can always bring your change to church any time and put it into the plastic jar on the table in the Welcome Center, and I will keep it until the next Change for Change offering.

- Pam Faulk

Maundy Thursday Service Online

We will not have our traditional in-person Maundy Thursday service. A video will be online on our website which will include the seventh in the series of Lenten Devotions that Dr. Allison has presented on "The Last Words of Christ".

Easter Offering to Helpline

The Easter offering (special envelop in your envelop box) will go to Helpline to support their efforts.

Quarterly Business Meeting Canceled

There will not be a Quarterly Business Meeting in April. Our next quarterly meeting will be in July. Hopefully, we will be able to have a meal and fellowship time then.

Prayer List

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| Ken Shears | Health Issues |
| Ray & Carol Serviss | Health Issues |
| Candy Lee's sister Trudy | Health Issues |
| Ben Geary | Health Issues |
| Family of Jerry Palmer | Condolences on the death of Jerry |

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

Worship Videos to Continue

As we return to in-person worship, we have transitioned from creating online worship services in advance to recording the live services and then posting them later on our website.

We will try to edit the recordings on Sunday afternoon to make them available on the website by Sunday evening.

-Larry Faulk

2021 Church Directory

The Board of Deacons is planning to publish a new Church Directory this spring. There is a form on the last page of this newsletter for your convenience. The directory includes Members and Friends of First Baptist. We would like to include as many updated photos as possible. Please see me for a new photo.

Mission/Outreach News

As we welcome spring after a long and confined winter, many people have continued their outreach for others. Last week I noticed the PIN basket was full again. Thanks to all who continue to bring in food items each week. Thanks to Peter White for delivering the items.

Candy Lee and Pam Faulk made soup for the Place of Warmth at Zion UCC. Men in need have a warm place to stay when the weather is below 20 degrees and are given soup.

Thanks to everyone who goes to Panera on Thursday night, in spite of rain or snow and cold weather, to get the unsold items to rewrap and take to Andrews House on Friday morning.

Thanks to all who gave so generously to the America for Christ Offering in March.

Thanks to all who emptied their pockets for the Change for Change to be given for the Summer Lunch Program for children in Delaware.

Jeanne Ekelberry has been very busy sewing all winter and gave 80 lovely washable coverups(adult bibs) to the residents at Willowbrook. She gave one to Ken Peterson and they were so well liked that Genevieve Peterson asked if she could make more. Jeanne and Elizabeth have been working on blankets that will be donated, as well. Way to go, ladies!

In April, we will collect money for an Easter offering which will be given to Helpline. Helpline takes calls from those in need and directs their calls to other agencies in Delaware (People In Need, Family Promise, Turning Point, Andrews House).

An upcoming Mission in May is Blanket Sunday honoring mothers by sending money to Church World Service

Teacher Appreciation Bags

Last year because of COVID we did not prepare teacher appreciation bags. Conger will accept only prepackaged items (popcorn, cookies, pretzels, candy, hot chocolate, tea bags etc.) in individual bags for teachers this year. During the month of April we will bring in items and place them in the boxes in the Welcome Center at church. Please bring items by April 25th so that we can assemble 60 bags for the May Appreciation Day. This year has been such a difficult year for teachers. The teachers will appreciate you thanking them.

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April

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Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

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| April Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Offering for Helpline Teacher Appreciation Bags for Conger | | March 30 | 31 | Maundy Thursday 1 Online Devotion / Communion available 8:45 Panera Pickup -Faulk/Spears | Good Friday 2  | 3 |
|  Easter 4 10 am In-person Worship | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 10 am In-person Worship 11 am Board of Christian Education mtg | 12 | 13 | Holocaust Remembrance Day 14  | 15 | 16 | 17 |
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Happy spring! As the days have grown warmer and the trees and flowers have once again come to life (even though there is snow on the ground as I write this), it is hard not to be hopeful about the days ahead. The most prominent news that affects the life of our church is the pandemic, which limits our gatherings and restricts our “normal” activities.

As we have been meeting for worship since the middle of March and the overall situation seems to be improving, it is almost impossible not to approach the near future with anticipation, because we can imagine moving forward to usual activities. It is a good time to ask the question, to what end?

I thought I might share some of what I have been thinking about this past year. Because I hope to understand the modern context in which we interpret the Bible, I have begun to read a book about industrialization. Though I haven't completed it, one of the conclusions is that there have been many good things



that have come as a result of industrialization, and few people would desire to live in the past. But there has also been an exacting price. Part of that price is the increasing de-personalization of relationships in the modern world. I am sure we can all imagine ways in which technology has separated people and robbed life of its intimacy.

The Prophet Isaiah and the Elder John of the Apocalypse saw what they called, “A new heaven and a new earth, coming down out of heaven.” ... But I think we can agree that this aspect of modern life is not what they meant. Modern life does, however, present an opportunity for the church, for us as Christians, because the church is a place of personal relationships. That is, we do not gather because of any common features of life like political parties do, or unions or civic clubs or softball teams. We

are brought together by Christ, called, chosen. We are called to personal relationships with God and each other, relationships characterized by mercy and love. Relationships like this are not easy, but given the present state of things, they are crucial, and they are our reason for being. It is food for thought.

Blessings,
- Mark

Ben Geary



We are saddened by the death of Ben Geary on April 16th. Ben lived an extraordinary 98 years of life. He was a WWII vet and managed many movie theaters. He loved playing tennis and golf. He golfed and worked as a starter at Glenross Country Club up until he was about 95 years old. Plans are to have a graveside service at Oakgrove Cemetery sometime in June so other family members can be in town for the service.

Panera Volunteers for May

May 6 Grubbs
May 13 Spears
May 20 Shears
May 27 Turner

Thank you all for volunteering. There is a new sign-up sheet for the summer quarter at the back of the sanctuary.

Personals

- Aidan Ferguson will be graduating on 5/22 from Rutherford B. Hayes High School. He will be attending The Ohio State University in the fall. He will be majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

- Now that 2021 is here and COVID numbers have gone down, Gabe Fogle has had a terrific start in the tennis season playing singles for Hayes High School. His picture was in the Delaware Gazette on April 1. He also played in a doubles tournament in Reynoldsburg.

- Andrew Smith has played 2 soccer games and made a goal last Saturday. He received a Good Sportsmanship medal.

- Lucas Smith has played 2 soccer games and played goalie and made two saves. He attempted 2 goals and received a Good Sportsmanship medal.

- Will Fogle is completing his second semester at Akron U. by doing online classes. He is working at Fossil watch store.

-Aidan Ferguson was pictured and quoted on the March 31 edition of the Delaware Gazette in a story about seniors involved in the theater program at Hayes. Aidan has been involved in theater since middle school.

-Pastor Mark was quoted in the April 2 edition of the Delaware Gazette in an article about local pastors and the last words of Jesus, which was also the topic of his Lenten meditation series.

-Emilie Showalter recently had ankle surgery.

- Thanks to Deb and Will Fogle, Randy and Claire Turner, and Candy Lee for the solos and duets during April.

-Aidan Ferguson was named on the Distinguished Honor Roll and Brennan Howe was named on the Honor Roll for the third quarter at Hayes.

-Please be in prayer for former members, Bob and Pat For, whose son recently passed away.

-Randy and Jennifer Turner recently traveled to West Virginia to visit with family and to celebrate the 84th birthday of Randy's father.

-Erin Faulk spent Spring Break at Disneyworld, the happiest masked place in the world.

-Please remember to take some time for prayer on May 6, the National Day of Prayer.

A Note From Lana Palmer

To My Wonderful FBC Family,
I'm not sure I can adequately express my most sincere gratitude for your prayers and concern that were expressed so kindly during the recent loss of Jerry...though he isn't really "lost" for I know exactly where he is. It is by the grace of God and the prayers of wonderful friends like each and every one of you that has sustained me, as well as my family. For that I shall be forever grateful. THANKY YOU, dear

friends. And thank you for the beautiful planter filled with lovely flowers and greenery. I was especially pleased with the African violets, as they are a favorite of mine. I treasure the kindness, the caring, and the thoughtfulness this lovely arrangement represents!
With Love,
Lana

Birthdays and Anniversaries



May

- 3 Rick VanBrimmer
- 8 Will Fogle
- 9 Tim Chesser
- 10 Archie & Beth Trigg
- 12 Jeanne Ekelberry
- 15 Barbara Smith
- 16 Brianna Showalter
- 30 Ken Peterson

Please report any errors.

Blanket Sunday

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. Forms will be available to designate your honor to pin on the blanket with your donation or you can donate online at fbcdelaware.org.

Mission/Outreach News

In April we collected money for the Easter offering which was given to Helpline. Helpline takes calls from those in need and directs their calls to other agencies in Delaware (People In Need, Family Promise, Turning Point, Andrews House, etc.). Thank you for your generosity.

We have been collecting snack and other items for making bags for Teacher Appreciation Day at Conger Elementary School. The 2020-2021 school year has been so demanding and stressful for teachers and staff. They have had to adapt their teaching to online plus have students in class. Trying to keep students engaged and motivated has been a challenge. We want to let them know they are appreciated by giving them a bag of goodies to say "thank you" for all they have done this past year.

Thanks to all who have brought individually wrapped snacks, candy, popcorn, and cookies. We are packing 60 bags. Thank you for your generosity to make this happen.

Prayer List

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

In May, we will deliver the teacher appreciation bags.

We will also celebrate Mother's Day by thinking of mothers around the world that are in need. On Mother's Day we will collect monetary donations and pin them on a blanket in the sanctuary. This gives you an opportunity to give to others and write the name of a woman that has been special in your life as a way to honor her. It could be a mother, sister, aunt, or friend. The money will be donated to church world service and be distributed to those in need.

Looking ahead to June, we will be collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and Tools of Hope on Father's Day.

America for Christ

Thank you for your contributions to the America for Christ offering. To date, we have received \$1,110.

Easter Offering - Helpline

The Easter Offering has totaled \$200 to date. The offering will go to Helpline to support their mission of helping people in the community.

Financial Update

Copies of the 1st Quarter 2021 Financial Report are available in the Welcome Center. Despite not meeting in person for most of the quarter, your contributions were only less than our expenses by \$938. Your giving to missions is on target to meet and/or exceed our goals for 2021. Thank you for your continued support.

- Larry Faulk, treasurer

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-Larry Faulk

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| Peace Sunday 2 10 am In-person Worship Holy Communion  | 3 | 4 | 5  | National Day of Prayer 6  8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs | 7 | 8 |
| Mother's Day 9 10 am In-person Worship Blanket Sunday  | 10 | 11 | 12 | Ascension Day 13  8:45 Panera Pickup - Spears | 14 | Armed Forces Day 15  |
| Baptist Heritage Day 16 10 am In-person Worship  | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 8:45 Panera Pickup - Shears | 21 | 22 Delaware Hayes Graduation |
| Pentecost 23 10 am In-person Worship Youth Sunday June newsletter deadline today  | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 8:45 Panera Pickup - Turner | 28 | 29 |
| Trinity Sunday 30 10 am In-person Worship  June newsletter available today | Memorial Day 31  | June 1 | 2 | 3 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk | May Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Appreciation Bags for Conger * Blanket Sunday (CWS) | |

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Summer is here, what a wonderful relief! And as the Covid pandemic subsides, we are able to consider the gradual return to normal activities. We have been worshipping in-person since mid-March, taking precautions, distancing, wearing masks. There have been few other meetings.

With the rescinding of Covid mandates by the governor on June 2, and considering the decline in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, and the vaccination rate, and in consultation with the deacons and other church leaders, we believe it is safe to relax some of the protocols, particularly mask-wearing. So on the first Sunday in June, the wearing of masks will be optional.

In the coming months the worship service will be expanded a little, and other meetings can resume as it is fitting. All this will be organic, meaning there is no definite



schedule. As things come up, we will decide to go ahead with normal activities, always considering whatever the present situation may be. I want to be sure that anyone who wants to wear a mask is encouraged and welcome to do so. I thank everyone for your patience and cooperation this past year. It has been hard, and you have been very faithful.

I also want to talk about membership. We have been blessed with new friends as we are coming out of this Covid year. Because we weren't meeting and then in restricted ways, we haven't really spoken about formalizing these new relationships. There are several bases on which one can join our fellowship:

- 1 - By profession of faith and baptism
- 2 - By a transfer from a sister Baptist congregation
- 3 - By a statement of faith from other Christian faith traditions

I am mindful that some who wish to be a part of the FBC family life may not be interested in formal membership. Please don't feel any pressure. For those who are interested, mention it to me and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Then in a worship service where there can be a formal affirmation, we will present your decision to join.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Memorial Day, and as vacations come and go, times of restoration and renewal. Happy Summer everyone,

Blessings, Mark

Panera Volunteers for June

- June 3 Faulk
- June 10 Grubbs
- June 17 Fogle
- June 24 Spear

Thank you all for volunteering.

Personals

-On Youth Sunday, May 23, we honored our Hayes graduate, Aidan Ferguson. Aidan will be attending OSU in the fall, majoring in Biomedical Engineering. Aidan was quoted in the May 20 edition of the Gazette in an article about seniors at Hayes.

-Pastor Mark wrote an article for the April 30 edition of the Delaware Gazette.

-Gabe Fogle was quoted in the May 2 edition of This Week Delaware News in an article about the boys' tennis team at Hayes. Gabe was also pictured and mentioned in an article about the boys' tennis team in the May 23 edition of the This Week Delaware News.

-Pat Gosser attended church on May 16. She came for a weekend visit from Arizona.

- Erin Faulk has accepted a position with Dublin City Schools' new Virtual Academy for next year. She will still be teaching fourth grade.

NEW BENCH

For your convenience, there is now a bench by the elevator door for people who arrive or leave by the back alley and may need a place to wait for a ride or to put something down.

Can You Hear Me Now?

For those who suffer from hearing loss, there are listening devices found in the basket by the stairway in the Welcome Center. These devices pick up anything that goes out over the microphone, which is why it is so important that all announcements and prayer requests be said using the microphone. They work really well, but only after the organ is turned on. Recently, two more devices were purchased, and all devices have brand new batteries. Please remember to turn them off after each use, in order to save the battery life.

Mission/Outreach News

A HUGE Thank You to all who donated items for the "Thank You" bags for the teachers at Conger Elementary School for Teacher Appreciation Day. They were delighted to receive their bags. Thanks to all of you we were able to give them snacks and let them know how much we appreciate all that they have done this COVID year to help their students be successful.

Thanks to ALL who gave money for Blanket Sunday to remember or honor a mother, relative, or woman that was special in their life. Those donations go to Church World Service to help other women in need.

In June we will be collecting money for the One Great Hour of Sharing and Tools of Hope. The Tools of Hope giving will be collected on Father's Day. Please remember or honor a Dad, Grandfather, Uncle, or friend who has been special to you by making a donation.

The money will go to Church World Service to be given to those in need.

Thank you all for your generous donations of items, money, and taking the time to reach out to others in our church and community. Keep making phone calls to say "hi", and sending a note to let someone know you are thinking of them.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



June

- 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
- 24 Beth Trigg

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Let Love Flow

The year 2020 was unlike any year we have witnessed in our lifetime. Record-breaking fires on the west coast of the U.S. devastated communities and burned millions of acres. An extremely active hurricane season brought destruction to the Gulf Coast and Central America. A massive explosion in Beirut displaced thousands of individuals. All these events happened in the midst of the prolonged COVID-19 global pandemic. We are living in a time of uncertainty. Yet, even with so much that is unclear about the future, one thing is certain: through the ministry of One Great Hour of Sharing, you continue to Let Love Flow.

The COVID-10 pandemic has impacted every area of our personal and communal lives. In the same way, it also touched every area of the work of One Great Hour of Sharing: sustainable development, disaster relief, and refugee support. With so many in need, your compassion is more important than ever.

We have carried into 2021 many of the same challenges. Disasters will continue to occur. Displaced populations remain vulnerable, and hundreds of millions of people around the world struggle under the weight of poverty. Thanks to your faithfulness and generosity, One Great Hour of Sharing will continue to respond.

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Events of the past year have shown us that, even in times when we cannot be physically together in one place, our offerings to support One Great Hour of Sharing continue to strengthen our church's presence all over the world: providing water to the thirsty, food to the hungry, and hope for the weary. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you "Let Love Flow." Your generosity ensures that the transforming power of love continues to change the world. Please prayerfully consider your donation during the month of June. Our goal is \$850.

Pam Faulk

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Have you been missing our monthly women's lunches as much as I have? We are going to start having them again in July. Our normal day is the second Saturday of the month, so on July 10 at 11:30, we will once again gather for lunch. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall where we can spread out if need be (in case some are not vaccinated). Everyone should each bring her own lunch and beverage. We will eat and have fellowship together. At that time we can discuss how we want to proceed in the coming months. This is open to all women of the church and their guests.

Pam Faulk

July Newsletter Delayed

The Good News newsletter for July will publish a week later than normal (July 4) because of my vacation plans. Articles for the newsletter are due on Sunday, June 27th. Also, there will be a delay in posting the worship service videos for June 13th and 20th.

Tools of Hope Sunday

On Father's Day, we honor men in our lives by pinning donations for Church World Services ministry on the blanket at the front of the sanctuary. Forms will be available to designate your honor to pin on the blanket with your donation or you can donate online at fbcdelaware.org.

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First Baptist Church



101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

June

2021

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| <p>D Day 6</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship Holy Communion</p> | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| <p>Baptist Youth Day of Prayer 13</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship</p> | <p>Flag Day 14</p>  | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| <p>Father's Day 20</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship</p> <p>Tools of Hope</p> <p>Summer Begins</p>  | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
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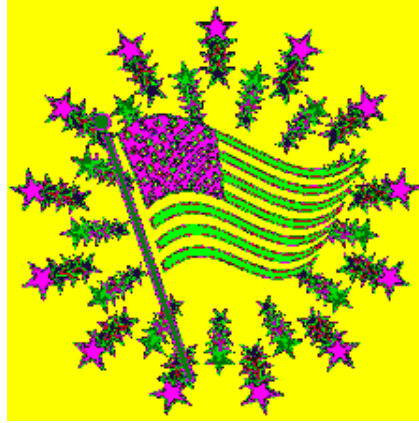
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The month of July has arrived. As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day the Covid news is encouraging. The seven-day average is now less than it was in late March of 2020, when things were just getting started.

Consequently, the opportunity to return to normal continues. We will begin passing the offering plate and observing the Lord's Supper in the usual way of passing the trays in quiet contemplation. Other elements of worship that have been limited can be lengthened, making worship fuller and less rushed.

The July congregational meeting also offers an opportunity to continue the return to normalcy. There hasn't been a regular quarterly meeting since January of 2020. The July meeting will follow the service on the 25th, and will be accompanied by a meal,



JULY

also the first since the pandemic began. Details follow in the newsletter. We anticipate resuming Sunday School after Labor Day in the fall.

Of course, church leaders and I will keep an eye on things in case protocols should need to be restored, but all of these changes are very encouraging after this long year-and-a-half. I am grateful that we are able to continue moving forward together. I thank everyone for the patience and cooperation throughout this

unique time when things have been uncertain.

I am also grateful for some time away during July. I will be on vacation and miss the worship services on July 11th and 18th. Mike Reynolds, graciously, will be the guest preacher. I cherish the opportunity to go west and see family I haven't seen in 18 months, as well as other sights.

My prayers will be with you all each day.

Blessings,

Mark

Pot Luck Lunch

All are invited to join in a pot luck lunch after worship on July 25th in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a brief congregational meeting.

See details on page #3.

Panera Volunteers for July

July 1 Lovell
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Thank you all for volunteering.

Personals

> Lana Palmer had hip replacement surgery on June 11.

> Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk recently took a 3-week driving trip out west and visited several national parks (along with the rest of the nation).

> For the fourth quarter at Hayes, Aidan Ferguson placed on the Distinguished Honor Roll, and Brennan Howe placed on the Honor Roll. Congratulations guys!

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to all who so generously gave to the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering.

The congregation exceeded the \$850.00 goal! So many will be helped by your giving.

The Tools of Hope offering was taken on Father's Day. It was a way to honor or remember those men who were important in your life. The money will be given to Church World Service and be distributed to those in need.

Thanks to all who have continued to pick up the unsold items from Panera and take them to Andrews House to be given to those in need.

The PIN box continues to get filled each month, thanks to those who buy an item or more when they are doing their shopping at the grocery store. This last past year with COVID, the need has been greater. Thank you for continuing to fill the box. Thank you to Peter White who takes it to PIN (People in Need).

School Supplies and Shoes

We are back on track this year to help those students at Conger Elementary School who need help to begin school with the necessary supplies. It seems very early to be thinking about the start of the school year, but, we are very thankful that the plan is for students to go back to school to learn with their teachers.

School supplies include:

notebooks, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, erasers, markers, and folders, and/or money for the purchase of head phones

Shoe Money:

We are collecting money to be given to People In Need for the purchase of gift cards that will be given to students needing shoes to begin the school year.

Thank you for remembering to purchase an item or two to give the children a smile and have a good start to the school year.

OOPS

Videos of June 20 & 27 services have not been able to be posted on our website due to technical problems.

News from the WU's

Emerson and Ivy WU arrived in San Francisco on June 24th after an 11 hour flight from Taiwan. They will be staying at their son's house in San Francisco. Their daughter, Jessica, is in the Bay Area so they are excited to see them. They went on 7/1 for their COVID vaccine, as they have not been able to get it while living abroad. They will be interacting with the partner churches and friends in Hong Kong. They will start to communicate with churches in Ohio and arrange visits during late September to mid October.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



July

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

Please report any errors.

One Great Hour of Sharing

I want to thank all of you who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing. We surpassed our goal with a total offering of \$1,070.

Pam Faulk

THANK YOU NOTE

We recently received the following thank you note:

First Baptist Parishioners,
The staff of Conger Elementary is grateful you provided the snack bags for them. It was such a thoughtful gift on a day we had nothing for them and you filled the void. God always provides and it was thru you. The flower seed packets are perfect as we are starting a garden/flower bed area this year. We are blessed with your kindness.

The Conger Elementary Staff

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On Saturday July 10 at 11:30 all the women of the church are invited to the fellowship hall for lunch and fellowship. Bring your own lunch, beverage, and table service, and we will have fellowship. We will be discussing how we want to proceed in the coming months.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On Saturday July 10 at 8 am all the men of the church are invited to join for breakfast at Bob Evans in Delaware. Please join us for a time of food and fellowship.

Pot Luck Lunch and Business Meeting

After church on Sunday, July 25th, all are invited to a Pot Luck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own table service, beverage (bottled water provided), and a dish to share. A brief quarterly business meeting will follow the meal.

Prayer List

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Blanket Sunday

May 9, 2021

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Giver:

Mark Allison

Darlene and Robert Caulkins

Jeanne Ekelberry

Erin and Larry Faulk

Pam and Larry Faulk

Carol Grubbs

Candace Lee

Mary Lou and Dave Lovell

Joyce Roberts

Randy and Jennifer Turner

Honor/Memory of:

in memory of Fern Allison

Shay Caulkins, Martha Rittenhouse

memory of Ethel Trogdon, Imogene Ekelberry.
Honor of Elizabeth Warker

in honor of Pam Faulk

inmemory of Evoleno Cole, Florence Faulk, Jean Wickum.
Honor of Laurie Faulk, Donna Mann, Patricia Rose

in memory of Ruth Brown, June Grubbs

in memory of Jean Scott, Christine Lee

in memory of Jennie Lovell, Margaret Morby.
Honor of Mary Lou Lovell, Deborah Fogle, Barbara Smith

Grace

in honor of Jane Moore Snyder, Tonabell Turner

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-Larry Faulk, editor

Tools of Hope Dedications
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Tools for Hope Sunday

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| Darlene and Robert Caulkins | | Robert Caulkins Sr. |
| | | John Rittenhouse Sr. |
| Jeanne Ekelberry | In memory: | Hewlett Trogdon |
| | | Vienot Ekelberry |
| | In honor: | Charles Ekelberry |
| Larry and Pam Faulk | In memory: | Ralph Cole |
| | | Don Faulk |
| | | Bill Faulk |
| | | Ron Rose |
| | | Paul Stewart |
| | | W. C. Wickum |
| | In honor: | Jeff Faulk |
| Pam and Erin Faulk | In honor: | Larry Faulk |
| Carol Grubbs | In memory: | Charles Brown |
| | In honor: | Jim Brown |
| Mary Lou and Dave Lovell | In memory: | Raymond Morby |
| | | Dr. Robert J. Lovell |
| | In honor: | Kip Smith |
| | | Dr. Mark Allison |
| Deb Fogle, Gabe and Will Fogle, The Smith Family, and Matthew Lovell | In honor: | Dave Lovell |
| Jane Moore Snyder | In memory: | Jimmie Moore |
| | | N. G. Corder |
| | In honor: | Jim Snyder |
| | | Randy Turner |
| Jay and Joyce Roberts | | Phil Mercer |
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It seems like it was only yesterday that I was sitting down to write the article for the July newsletter, which happened the week before I left on vacation. Because of Covid, I, like many of you, haven't been able to see family that are not close by. In that vein I traveled west to see my immediate family; father, sisters, and sons.

The journey took me to California and back. There was no way to see everyone without driving. I was able to see much of the country as well. All in all, it was a good trip, but the driving became exhausting after a while, and I thought about how nice it would be to go somewhere and stay for a week or so.

I thought about rest and restoration, not just on vacation, but generally, after this stressful past



year-and -a-half. I attended church with my sister and the sermon was about making space for rest. I hope you have been met with grace in these summer days, and have found some of the needed restoration.

Now in my first week back, I sit down to write again. As July draws near to its conclusion, we look forward to the fall, and hopefully, to the return of regular programming.

The return of Sunday School comes to mind, and I have been thinking about what to teach in the class I lead. I am leaning toward a reading of the Book of Revelation. We

will take the approach of letting it speak on its own terms. I hope when the Sunday after Labor Day comes and we return to our fall schedule, you will join us.

But August comes first, and I hope and pray it finds you well and able to receive a blessing that the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ, and that in all things you will be able to serve the Lord.

Blessings,

Mark

Panera Volunteers for August

Aug 5 Lee
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Thank you all for volunteering. There is a new sign up sheet available in the Gathering Space. Please volunteer.

Personals

> Brennan Howe dislocated his knee at summer camp.

> The Ferguson Family has returned from a trip out west.

> Pete and Linda White celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18th.

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to all who brought school supplies for students in need of them at Conger Elementary School. It brings many smiles to the children's faces to know that they have the supplies to get them off to a good school year.

Thanks to all who have contributed money for shoes for children in need of them for the upcoming school year. Our church gives your donations to People In Need who buys gift cards to be given to the parents for their children. Parents are grateful for help to buy their children shoes. Children welcome having a new pair of shoes to start the school year! Thank you for filling the "Shoe Money" envelopes in the pews.

Thanks to ALL who continue to pick up Panera unsold items, rebag them, and deliver them to Andrews House on Friday morning.

People In Need

Our August mission focus is collecting food for those in need. Supplies at People In Need sometimes run low in August, so let's see how many boxes we can fill for them.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

As we think about the children going back to school and having a new beginning, let's think of new ways that we can be of help to others. If you have new ideas for Mission/Outreach please let Mary Lou Lovell know.

MEN AND WOMEN GATHERING ONCE AGAIN

The First Baptist Men are once again gathering for breakfast at Bob Evans in Delaware. In August they will meet on their normal third Saturday of the month, August 21 at 8:00 a.m.

The women had their first lunch in July, and 8 attended. We decided at that time to continue to meet at the church for awhile instead of a restaurant. We will be gathering again on our usual second Saturday of the month, August 14 at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch, beverage, and table service.

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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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Previous Services Available

For the past 15 months, we have been video recording weekly worship services and making them available on our website. Since we have returned to in-person worship, we have continued to video record our worship services. Go to our website: fbcdelaware.org and either click on the link titled "Previous Services" or the "Videos" link to view previous services.

Financial Update

For the second quarter of 2021 (April - June) in the general fund, giving has exceeded expenses by \$2,131. This makes the Year-to-date giving exceed expenses by \$1,193. Mission giving for the second quarter was \$4,525 for a Year-to-date total of \$8,835. A detailed financial report is available in the Welcome Center. Your dedicated contributions to our operations and missions are appreciated.

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Have You Considered 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

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 2020. There are a few missing issues that I would love to locate copies of to add to the collection. If you notice a missing newsletter that you can share for the archive, let me know. Check out the "FBC Newsletter Archive" on fbcdelaware.org.

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Greetings. I hope to offer an encouraging word in these difficult times. While on vacation back in July, I stopped in Arizona to spend a few hours at the Petrified Forest and Painted Desert. After driving for a couple of days I could use some time away from the car. I thought it would be a pleasant diversion, and it was, but to my surprise, it wasn't a forest at all, but a desert.

There are no trees, just broken rocks that used to be trees. It turned out to be interesting. Many of the trunks were broken in several places giving them the look of having been sawed by someone, like with a chain saw. I wondered how they got that way. I went to read one of the informational signs and discovered that I was not the first to think of that question. It was one of the most frequently asked, "How did the trees get cut into pieces," or, "Who did that?"

The trees at one time grew in a rain forest and over the



years, weathered floods, continental drift and earthquakes caused by plate tectonics, long periods buried by the ocean lapping over them leaving sediment to cover them, and then the effects of erosion, exposing once more the remains of what used to be trees. After millions of years, the trees had been affected by nearly every major geological phenomenon. They had metamorphosed into beautiful crystallized rocks and broken into stump-like pieces, just like they had been cut up with a saw.

It is among the convictions of the Christian faith that like what the geological forces did to the trees, life's troubled times shape us, make us better, stronger, more durable. Perhaps someone might see our lives and wonder, "Who did that?" To put it in the words of St. Paul from the Letter to the Romans:

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." Romans 5:1-5

And that is a word of encouragement in difficult days. I am sure that as we continue to make our way through the difficulties of the times, we will be able to live our lives in the strength and the peace and the hope that accompanies faith.

Blessings,

Mark

Panera Volunteers for August

Sept 2 Grubbs
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We thank all who volunteer to carry out this important mission of the church. As you can see, we still need some volunteers for a few spots. There is a sign-up sheet for the fall quarter in the Gathering Place. There are other open spots in October and November also.

Personals

-Deb Fogle has recently started a new job.

-Dwight and Kari Davidson have moved back to Delaware from Granville, Ohio. Dwight is a chaplain at Grant Hospital in Columbus.

-A graveside memorial service was held for Ben Geary on July 26.

-Thanks to Mike Reynolds for being our guest pastor while Pastor Mark was on vacation.

-Claire Turner has moved back to Oxford, Ohio to begin a two-year internship in their equestrian program. Claire is now engaged to be married.

- Alec Ferguson began a new job with the American Red Cross in Columbus.

-Jennifer Turner has begun a new job in the treasurer's office at Delaware City Schools.

-Area Minister Jane Gibbons was a visitor to our worship service on August 8.

-Jane Moore Snyder recently visited with Lana Palmer and asks for our prayers for continued healing for Lana.

-Randy Turner recently traveled to West Virginia where he was able to help his sister make salsa for a women's mission and to visit with his parents and cousin.

-Ben Turner and Bailey Brooks are having a commitment ceremony at noon on October 2 at the church with a reception to follow. There is an RSVP sign-up list on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

-Pastor Mark was recently able to visit with our OWU student Love Ayinde and met his sister Joy and learned about his sister Peace. Love's mother is currently in the U.S. undergoing chemotherapy treatments for cancer.

-Mike Reynolds will start a new job this month but will still be with the same hospice organization.

-Candy Lee and Brennan Howe took a trip to Niagara Falls last month where Brennan reinsured his leg.

-Brennan Howe had more oral surgery on August 23.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DELAYED

After much discussion, we have decided to delay the beginning of Sunday school this fall because of increasing COVID numbers. Rally Day WILL NOT be on September 12.
 Pam Faulk, Board of Christian Education

Birthdays and Anniversaries



September

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THANK YOU

Thanks to all who contributed to Church World Service on Mother's Day and Father's Day. There are two thank you certificates on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place from CWS.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Because of rising numbers of COVID cases, we are suspending our monthly women's lunch until further notice.

Mission/Outreach News

During the month of August we have been collecting food items for People In Need. You have done a great job filling the box and basket with necessities! Peter White delivers the items. Thank you, Peter!

Panera Pick Up

Thanks to all the volunteers from First Baptist who pick up unsold items from Panera. The items are bagged to provide ease of distributing them to those in need. On Friday morning about 9:30, the volunteers deliver the items to Andrews House on W. Winter Street where they are distributed to those in need.

Christmas Shoe Boxes are Here!

Darlene Caulkins is starting early in collecting Christmas Boxes! Last year was a such a success! Items that children can use and enjoy are placed in the boxes and sent to Samaritan's Purse to be given to children around the world so that they can experience getting a gift at Christmas. You can track where your box is being sent.

There are cardboard shoeboxes and pamphlets available for this in the Gathering Place next to the Panera sign-up sheet. Ideas for items for the boxes are mini games, paper pads, colored pencils, markers, card games, craft items, small toys, personal care items such as combs, brushes, and toothbrushes, but NO liquids or toothpaste.

Darlene will have a box with sample items at church soon. The boxes are due in November, so we need to get going now! Thanks to all who participated last year. It was fun to go to the store and buy for other children!

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We are asking you to fill the box to be given to Common Ground Free Store on Central Avenue with new underwear and socks. Thanks for ALL you do!

Common Ground Free Store

Common Ground Free Store is located at 193 E. Central Ave and has continued to serve those in need. They continue to take donations of new and gently used items. No donations may be left when the store is not open.

Currently, items being accepted for donation include:
seasonal clothing. (Currently there is a 4 bag limit because of space)
new socks and underwear
personal care items, toys,

household items
purses, handbags, bookbags,
Packages of diapers size 1-6 and
wipes

Store hours are:

| | |
|-----------|--------------|
| Monday | 6 pm-8:30 pm |
| Tuesday | 6 pm-8:30 pm |
| Wednesday | 10 am-1 pm |
| Thursday | 6 pm-8:30 pm |
| Friday | Closed |
| Saturday | 10 am-1 pm |

Fashions and Fixin's

Fashions and Fixin's is the annual fundraiser for Common Ground Free Store. Currently, they are planning to have it.

September 9th. 6:30-9 pm
Meekers Venue
385 E. William St.
Delaware

Tickets are \$50.00 per person and include a delicious dinner, drinks, music, a silent and live auction, and a unique fashion show using the clothing from the free store. Dress is business casual. If you need more information go to commongroundfreestore.org

Your Favorite Hymn

On the table in the Welcome Center there are slips of paper for you to write the name of your favorite hymn. We would like to include your choices, so fill one out and put it in the offering plate.

Thanks

Thanks to all the quiet angels who are doing jobs around the church - mowing the grass, doing repairs in the men's bathroom, and fixing the wall in the fellowship hall. Thanks for your time and thoughtfulness to accomplish these jobs for the church. We appreciate it!

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For those who suffer from hearing loss, there are listening devices found in the basket by the stairway in the Welcome Center. These devices pick up anything that goes out over the microphone, which is why it is so important that all announcements and prayer requests be said using the microphone. They work really well, but only after the organ is turned on. Recently, two more devices were purchased, and all devices have brand new batteries. Please remember to turn them off after each use, in order to save the battery life.

Address Update

Dwight and Kari Davidson
116 Montrose Avenue
Delaware, OH 43015

September

2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|-----------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| September Mission Focus: •Common Ground Free Store | | | 1 | 2 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs | 3 | 4 |
| 5 10 am In-person Worship Holy Communion | Labor Day 6  | 7 | 8 | 9 8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed | 10 | 11 Women's Lunch Suspended until further notice |
| Sunday School Delayed Until Further Notice 10 am In-person Worship | 12 | 13 5:30 Board of Deacons | 14 | 15 | 16 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell | 17 18 8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans |
| American Baptist Women's Sunday 10 am In-person Worship October newsletter deadline today | 19 | 20 | International Day of Prayer for Peace  | Autumn Begins  | 21 22 23 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk | Native American / First Nations Day 24 25 |
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At 3:20 pm on Tuesday of this past week, the autumnal equinox happened. It didn't take very long before the clouds and the rain and the chilly weather came and the "Halloween" house in my neighborhood began its transformation, even though the night before All Saint's Day is still more than a month away. October itself, however, is only a week away, there is much to do.

It is hard not to settle into the way things have been for the last year-and-a-half as if it was routine and impossible to know if it will return to normal and when, and what things will be like when it does. These are heavy times; we carry it on our shoulders like a burden even when we are not directly affected by it. It is heavier when we are.

I have found helpful a devotional book called, A Diary of Private Prayer, by a 20th century Scottish minister named John Baillie. I thought I would offer part of one of his prayers because his experience also led him through heavy times. It is a prayer about work and for the ones who do it. It is also an evening prayer, offered at the end of the day. Perhaps for one evening, it can be our prayer:

" . . . O Lord, when the day's work is done, I turn once more to you . . . In the morning I set out with your blessing, all day you



have upheld me by your grace, and now I pray that you will grant me rest and peace. I cast all my cares upon you and leave to you the outcome of all my work. I pray that you will prosper all that has been done today in accordance with your will, and forgive all that has been done wrong . . .

O Lord, I remember before you all the workers of the world:

Those whose work is mainly physical and those whose work is mainly intellectual;

Those working in cities or on the land;

Those who go out to work and those who keep the home; employers and employees;

Those who give orders and those who obey;

Those whose work is dangerous; Those who work is monotonous or demeaning;

Those who work against their will or for little or no pay;

Those who can find no work to do;

Those whose work is the service of the poor or the healing of the sick or the proclamation of the gospel of Christ at home or overseas.

Lord Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve, have mercy on all who work faithfully to serve the common good. Lord Jesus, who fed hungry crowds with loaves and fishes, have mercy on all those who have to endure physical hardship to earn their bread for a single day. Lord Jesus, who called all those who are weary and carrying heavy burdens to come to you, have mercy upon all those who work is beyond their strength. And to you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all the glory and praise. Amen."

May God bless these beautiful autumn days, and everything we do in them,

Mark

Quarterly Business Meeting

All are invited to stay for a brief congregational meeting after Worship on Oct. 31st. to elect officers and approve a budget for 2022.

Panera Volunteers for October

- Oct 7 Shears
- Oct 14 Grubbs
- Oct 21 Faulk
- Oct 28 Faulk

Thanks to all who volunteer.
There is still one slot available in November..

Personals

- Jane and Jim Snyder have a new great-grandson, Wendell Lawrence Snyder, in St. Paul Minnesota.

- Dave Lovell's brother Richard (who has been on our prayer list) and his wife Jody recently visited the Lovells and attended our church service.

WE'VE BEEN SURPRISED BY GOD'S GLORY (John 1 : 16)

This is the theme of this year's World Mission Offering. Here are some excerpts from the letter from International Ministries about this important offering. " When a faithful servant of Christ like you begins to pray about how to steward God's kingdom resources entrusted to you, God's Spirit grows your mustard seed investment into something large enough to provide rest and refuge for others. Your partnership through World Mission Offering means that your gift is multiplied with others' gifts to bring economic development, theological education, health and wellness, and numerous other changes in people's lives for the glory of God.

Thank you for your deep investment in the mission of God through IM. Your steadiness in

the midst of a changing world and great uncertainty has made it possible for us to continue the discernment journey together with many who are seeking God's call into cross-cultural mission around the world."

There is a letter from International Ministries about last year's WMO and how it was used posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place. Information about our missionaries and the WMO will be posted on the easel at the front of the sanctuary. Please take a moment to check these out.

Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this year's World Mission Offering. Our goal is \$850.

Pam Faulk

JUDY KUHN

Judith "Judy" Jeanene Kuhn, age 78, of Delaware, died unexpectedly Monday, September 6, 2021 at Monarch Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Marysville.

A switchboard operator her entire career, she retired from the Smith Clinic in Delaware and was a former operator at Grady Memorial Hospital. She was a founding member of Central Community Baptist Church in Waldo. Judy was a bowler and participated in women's leagues at Delaware Lanes for many years. Above all, she was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, greatgrandmother, aunt and sister.

31 DAYS OF PRAYER

During this year's WMO, our global servants (missionaries) and staff invite you to join them in prayer. The theme for this year ("We've been surprised by God's glory") is a celebration of the ways in which we've seen God enter into the grief and difficulties of our pandemic year to work through video-conferencing events, to raise up new global servants, to provide generous support through you for our global partners as they faced food scarcity and critical needs during the pandemic. In dark, lonely, and difficult times, God has surprised us with hope and provision. Will you come alongside our global servants to join in a month of prayer? Each Sunday in October, you can pick up a leaflet with prayers for the week. In each you will find a short request for each day. These will be located in the Welcome Center. You will also be able to find them posted on the church's website.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



September

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

Please report any errors.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND MEN'S BREAKFAST

These two opportunities for fellowship among our church family are currently "on hold" due to high COVID numbers.

THANK YOU

There is a thank you letter from Heart Reach Neighborhood Ministries on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place. This mission located in Trumbull County is one that we support through our mission giving each year.

WORLD FOOD DAY

Where would we be without food? We certainly wouldn't be at Starbucks, grocery stores, or restaurants. We wouldn't, in fact, be anywhere for very long, because we need food to live.

Food is seen as a basic human right, and yet one in nine people globally experience chronic hunger. As far back as 1945 the United Nations recognized food as not a privilege, but a right, and that's why in 1979 they created World Food Day, observed annually on October 16. It's a day of observance to draw attention to the plight of the hungry and to join in the fight in eradicating hunger.

Pastor on Vacation

Dr. Mark Allison will be on vacation Oct 18-24. The Rev. Jane Gibbons will be the guest pastor on Oct. 24. Please contact a deacon for any pastoral needs during this time.

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Board Members Needed

There are openings for members of the Boards of Christian Education, Deacons, and Trustees for 2022. Please let Randy Turner, Carol Grubbs, or Larry Faulk know of your interest. Trustees are especially needed.

Quarterly Business Meeting

There will be a brief quarterly business meeting (no meal) in the Sanctuary after Worship on Sunday, October 31st. All are invited.

Mission/Outreach News

Undies Sunday a Success!

During the month of September the congregation was asked to bring new underwear for our Undies Sundays. Once again you have filled the basket! Thanks to all who brought underwear. It will be delivered to Common Ground Free Store in Delaware and they will distribute it. They are always so pleased and appreciative for your generosity. All those who receive it will be blessed by your giving.

News from Emerson and Ivy Wu

They have returned to the U.S. from Taiwan at the end of June. They became fully vaccinated in August. They were planning to visit churches and friends, but with the pandemic, they are changing their plans to video conferencing or virtual meetings to interact with everyone.

They will be in Columbus, OH Oct. 9-15th. They will attend Karl Road Baptist Church on the 10th and the ABC Ohio Annual Gathering on the 12th. They are temporarily living in San Francisco, CA. If you wish to contact them, their email is wu@internationalministries.org

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Prayer Chest

I noticed that the prayer slips in the box are getting fewer. That is a good thing! I am always pleased when someone from church gives me a call to say "hi" or writes me a note. It makes me smile and brightens my day when I think someone is thinking of me. Keep taking those slips!

Your Favorite Hymn

There are slips of paper on the table as you enter the church to fill out the preference of your favorite hymns. I would like to play and have you sing some of your favorites. Please take a couple of minutes and fill it out and put it in the offering plate so we can use the ones you like.

Stephenson Garden

When I come to the church to practice, I go in the blue doors on the side of the church. This summer, I have noticed the beauty of the Stephenson Garden. It reminds me of the Stephenson family and all that they gave to our church. The garden is full of impatiens and doesn't look like Fall yet. Candy and Brennan have done a great job with it. and also others who have watered it. Thank you!

- Mary Lou Lovell

News from Jeni Pedzinski

Dear FBC Family,

I am finally back in the U.S. for my full furlough which will last roughly a year. Originally, I intended to spend the majority of this time on the road, traveling

constantly in order to connect and reconnect with churches all over the country. However, when I returned to Michigan to visit my family, I found that my grandmother (82) desperately needs support to care for my grandfather, who has been on hospice for more than a year with a very painful, but slow-growing cancer. She has been his primary caregiver in their home for 5 years since he was originally diagnosed. I have moved in with my grandmother for the time being, in order to share the burden of care and support her emotionally as she loses a second husband to a long and painful disease. Please pray for us, and pray that my grandfather's terrible suffering will not last too much longer. On weekends, I will still be traveling and visiting churches as I am able or speaking at churches virtually. Please pray that I can adequately communicate the wonder and goodness of all God continues to do at New Life Center through the ongoing love and support of each donor. Please also pray for wisdom and grace as I continue to offer my services to New Life Center from here in the U.S. during this year. I am not sure how to navigate all these responsibilities but feel God has not released me from any of them (nor do I seek release). Therefore, balance and wisdom are essential. Please know that I love you all and am deeply grateful for your continued lovingkindness toward me and your generous and loving support for the work of New Life Center and its residents!

With love,
Jeni
Rev. Jennifer T. Pedzinski
Missionary to Thailand

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- Larry Faulk, deacon chairperson

Address Updates

Aidan Ferguson
Lincoln Tower, Suite 1651
1810 Cannon Drive
Columbus, OH 43210

Claire Turner
625 Weller Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45015

Ben Turner and Bailey Brooks
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Lot 51
Delaware, OH 43015

Will Fogle
Spanton 615
185 East Mill Street
Akron, OH 44325-0701

First Baptist Church




101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

October

Pastor Appreciation Month
2021

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| World Communion Sunday 3 10 am In-person Worship Holy Communion  31 Days of Prayer Begins Begin World Mission Offering | 4  | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Women's Lunch Suspended until further notice |
| 10 10 am In-person Worship | Columbus Day 11  5:30 Board of Deacons | 12 ABC Ohio Meeting | 13 | 14 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs | 15 | World Food Day - National Bosses Day - Sweetest Day 16 Men's Breakfast Suspended until further notice |
| 17 10 am In-person Worship | 18  | 19 | 20 Dr Allison on vacation | 21 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk | 22 | Make a Difference Day 23 |
| United Nations Day 24  10 am In-person Worship Rev. Jane Gibbons, Guest Pastor November newsletter deadline today | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk | 29 | 30 |
|  Reformation Sunday Halloween 31 10 am In-person Worship Quarterly Business Meeting after Worship  November newsletter available today | November 1 All Saints Day Baptist Women's Day of Prayer  | All Souls Day Election Day 2  | 3 | 4 8:45 Panera Pickup - Shears | October Mission Focus: •World Mission Offering •Shoebox Ministry | |

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“Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, God’s steadfast love endures forever,” is a familiar refrain found mainly in the psalms, such as the 107th or 136th. It reminds us that all of life is grace and that for us, gratitude is meant to be a way of life.

It is November, and we enter the season of thanksgiving. It is the time of year for breaking out the winter clothes and getting ready for holiday celebrations, for raking leaves and stewardship campaigns. You will notice information about our annual stewardship campaign in this newsletter. I encourage everyone to participate and prayerfully make your pledges. It is a great help. I do want to thank you all for being a generous and caring congregation. We have done really well in these tough Covid times. You are all to be commended. I am very thankful.

Thanksgiving is what I mainly want to emphasize.



One of the attitudes in competition with gratitude is self-pity, which leads to a downcast, melancholy life. By way of contrast, gratitude is like sunshine on a dreary day. It enlivens and lifts the heart, focuses one’s attention on life’s blessings rather than its troubles and mends what it touches.

It is no wonder that throughout the Bible there are many exhortations to thankfulness like the ones from the psalms which form a drumbeat of gratitude, entering the mind like a familiar song one can’t stop singing. In the spirit of the season, I will leave you with another of the Bible’s gentle nudges, this time from St. Paul; perhaps this one may become a theme for the whole month:

“Whatever you do, in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, *giving thanks* to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17.

May God bless you and may your Thanksgiving be filled with the goodness and steadfastness of God’s love,

Mark



SET YOUR CLOCKS

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 6 as Daylight Savings Time ends.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

Remember to bring your change to church on November 7 for the Change for Change Offering for the summer lunch program.

Panera Volunteers for November

- Nov 4 Shears
- Nov 11 Grubbs
- Nov 18 Faulk
- Nov 25 Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering. There is a new sign-up sheet for the winter quarter in the Gathering Place. Please sign up.

Personals

- Jane and Jim Snyder recently traveled to West Virginia where Jim was honored as a distinguished alumna of their high school.

- Will Fogle played his violin for the church service on October 3. Thanks for the beautiful music Will.

- Pastor Mark had an article in the Delaware Gazette on October 15.

- Jim and Ann Brown were both quarantined with COVID recently.

- Carol Grubbs would like to thank everyone for their prayers for members of her family who have had health concerns.

- Candy Lee would like to thank everyone for their prayers for family members who have had health concerns.

- Mary Lou Lovell had surgery on October 22 to remove a non-cancerous mass. She is recovering and would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and help.

- Jenni Pedzinski is back home in the U.S. She is helping out with her grandmother who is in failing health. She has a birthday on Nov. 2.

- Emerson and Ivy Wu are also back in the U.S. Pastor Mark had a chance to talk with them at the October Ohio Annual Meeting.

- Pastor Mark took a vacation in October and took a trip to St. Louis to see family.

- Reverend Jane Gibbons Preached at our October 24 worship service during Mark's absence.

- Ben and Bailey Turner had a commitment ceremony on October 2.

- Jack Turner recently celebrated his 4th birthday.

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WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Thanks to all who contributed to the World Mission Offering in October. To date, we have received a total offering of \$690 toward our \$850 goal.

-Pam Faulk

THANK YOU

We recently received this thank you note from Turning Point. On behalf of Turning Point, I would like to thank you for your donation. We are humbled by your thoughtfulness and generosity. We appreciate your generous donation of hygiene products, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, and paper towels. Your help makes it possible for Turning Point to successfully address the needs of the individuals and families we serve.

Amber Scott, CEO/President

Birthdays and Anniversaries



November

- 1 Love Ayinde
- 2 Jeni Pedzinski
- 11 Jonathan Allison
- 12 Jackson Trigg
- 15 Harold VanBroekhoven
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- 19 Steve Ferguson
- 20 Randy Turner
- 21 Mark Allison
- 22 Peter White

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Care Packages

Five "Care Packages" were sent out to our college students in October.

Pete Stover

Garland "Pete" Stover passed away October 13, 2021 at Willow Brook Christian Village. He was born in West Virginia to Fred and Mindy Stover on September 22, 1935. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He retired from Ranco, Plain City, Ohio after 44 years of service. He was a member of the Central Community Baptist Church, Waldo, Ohio.

Thanksgiving Offering

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

Sponsor Foster Children

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

We hope to have the children's info and wish lists soon. 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

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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

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If you would like to read scripture during worship or serve as a Worship Leader, please let Dr. Allison know of your interest. During worship, the Worship Leader traditionally leads the Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer, and the Offertory prayer. They also read scripture when there is not a separate scripture reader that Sunday.

Stewardship Sunday

Our pledges to support the 2022 budget will be dedicated during worship on Stewardship Sunday, November 21st. Please prayerfully consider your commitment both to financial support and to attendance and participation in worship, study, and service at FBC.

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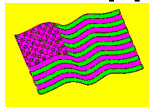



101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

November

2021

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|-------------------|--|--|---|
|  Reformation Sunday Halloween 31 10 am In-person Worship Quarterly Business Meeting after Worship  November newsletter available today | All Saints Day 1 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer  | 2 All Souls Day Election Day  | 3 | 4 8:45 Panera Pickup - Shears | 5 |  6 Turn Clocks Back 1 Hr |
| 10 am In-person Worship Holy Communion  Change for Change Offering Daylight Savings Time ends | 8 5:30 Board of Deacons | 9 | 10 | Veterans Day 11  8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs | 12 | 13 Women's Lunch Suspended until further notice |
| 10 am In-person Worship  Shoeboxes Due | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk | 19 | 20 9:00 am Parish Council Planning Mtg Men's Breakfast Suspended until further notice |
| Christ the King Sunday Stewardship Sunday 21 10 am In-person Worship The Church Year Ends December newsletter deadline today | 22 | 23 | 24 | Thanksgiving 25  8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk | 26 | 27 |
| First Sunday of Advent 28 10 am In-person Worship The Church Year Begins  December newsletter available today | 29 | 30 | December 1 | 2 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk | November Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change for Change • Shoebox Ministry • Foster Children Wish Lists | |

Good News Letter

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Welcome to the beginning of a new liturgical year. It is the time for the celebration of the birth of Christ. There is much to do and think about; shopping, plans for travel and family gatherings, unpacking the winter clothing and packing up temporarily all the summer things, and finding the decorations for the tree and the house, along with the observances of Advent and later Christmas, and then another new year.

One of the annual exhortations that Christians repeat at this time is to “remember the reason for the season.” Even though it comes with an almost cliché rhyme, it is a good reminder.

As a way of restating this encouragement, wishing everyone well, and to give a blessing for these activities, I thought I would offer a prayer. It is taken from the aides to the Revised Common Lectionary and can be read for inspiration, prayed in faith that in everything we do at this time



of the year, we might make the most of our spiritual heritage;

“God of justice and peace,

From the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever.

We seek you in the most unlikely places, as a child in



a stable, and in an empty tomb. Hear our prayers, which come from the unlikely corners of our lives. Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to see, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ. Amen.”

God bless you all and in your giving, don't forget the RMMO emphasis, and have a blessed and meaningful Christmas.

Mark



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Please join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Preludes will begin at 6:45 p.m.

Panera Volunteers for December

- Dec 2 Faulk
- Dec 9 Faulk / Turner
- Dec 16 Turner
- Dec 23 Grubbs
- Dec 30 Volunteer Needed

Thanks to all who volunteer for this mission.

Personals

-Brennan Howe was named on the Honor Roll, and Gabe Fogle was named on the Merit Roll at Hayes for the first quarter. Congratulations guys!

-Mary Lou Lovell is still recovering from her recent surgery. She is very appreciative of all the visits, cards, and prayers.

-Thanks to Candy Lee and Jennifer Turner for sharing their talents at the organ during Mary Lou's absence.

-Pastor Mark's father fell last month and has been adjusting to moving into an assisted living facility.

-Pastor Mark traveled to St. Louis for Thanksgiving.

-Jeff and Laurie Faulk and family visited the Faulks for Thanksgiving.

-Jane and Jim Snyder traveled to New Hampshire to witness Jim's son's ordination as a pastor. They also were able to have a nice visit with the Chesser family in Connecticut.

-The Turner family celebrated an engagement/housewarming party with Claire recently.

-Jane and Jim Snyder traveled to West Virginia during Thanksgiving week.

- Melissa Mercer took a tumble down the stairs and broke her fibula and sprained both ankles.

Christmas Offering

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

No Women's/Men's Breakfast

As virus cases are still increasing, and flu season is upon us, there will not be a women's luncheon or men's breakfast this month.

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.

Holiday Wish Program

FBC is again sponsoring gifts through the Holiday Wish Program of Jobs and Family Services. Below are the names of three children with their wish lists. Please consider helping fulfill a wish or two. Gifts should **not** be wrapped, just labeled. We will need to complete the program by Sunday December 5th.

Thanks for your contributions. Larry Faulk, deacons.

Cassie – 8 year old female

Gift Wishes:

- Barbie dolls
- arts and crafts
- puzzles(100 piece & above)
- Age appropriate toys
- Clothes size 8
- Gift Cards

Tommy – 6 year old male

Gift Wishes:

- Clothing - size 6X
- firetrucks & police cars
- Elmo
- games (Hi HO cherrio, Yeti in my Spaghetti type)
- Age appropriate toys
- Gift Cards

Marnie – 4 year old female

Gift Wishes:

- baby dolls
- Melissa & Doug wooden toys
- Age appropriate toys
- books
- clothes size 5T
- Age appropriate toys
- Gift Cards

THANKS FOR BEING SUCH WONDERFUL GIVERS

Last month our congregation donated \$965 to the World Mission Offering, \$322.50 (and a paper clip and hair tie) to the Change for Change Offering, and filled 44 shoeboxes for the Shoebox Ministry! Thanks to all who contributed to these mission projects. Your generosity is amazing. Remember that you can contribute your loose change any time during the year. Just leave it in the plastic jar on the table in the Welcome Center, and it will be saved until the next time change.

TRANSFORMED BY GENEROSITY

This is the theme for this year's Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO). We received this explanatory letter from ABCUSA. "The RMMO acknowledges and shares our collective appreciation for the extraordinary commitment of those who serve God's people. By participating in the RMMO, all congregants can celebrate the strength and perseverance of ministers, missionaries, and their widowed spouses by contributing to provide emergency assistance and 'Thank You' checks. The supporting scripture for this year's RMMO theme- 'Transformed by Generosity'- reflects how this perseverance and commitment alter us: 'And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the spirit.'

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 |
| Ken & Genevieve Peterson | Health Issues |
| Dr. Allison's father & sister | Health Issues |
| Ken Shears | Health Issues |
| Candy Lee's sister Trudy | Health Issues |
| Mary Lou Lovell | Recovery |
| Melissa Mercer | Recovery |

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

Through RMMO, we hope you are inspired to give to those who continue to transform and embody the spirit of Christ- and may each be transformed by the opportunity to be generous in giving."

Our goal is \$850. As you prayerfully consider your donation during the month of December, please remember that several of our own church fellowship have benefited and will benefit from the thank you check.

Pam Faulk

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Human Rights Day is celebrated annually across the world on December 10 each year. The date was chosen to honor the United Nations General Assembly's adoption and proclamation on December 10, 1948, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the first global enunciation of human rights, and one of the first major achievements of the new United Nations. It is traditionally on this day that the five-yearly United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights and Nobel Peace Prize are awarded.

2022 Church Officers

At our October Quarterly Business meeting, the following officers were elected. Their terms expire at the end of years noted in parentheses.

Moderator:

Randy Turner (22)

Asst. Moderator:

Dave Lovell (22)

Clerk:

Pam Shears (22)

Treasurer:

Larry Faulk (22)

Asst. Treasurer:

Candy Lee (23)

Financial Secretary:

Randy Turner (23)

Asst. Financial Secretary:

Linda White (22)

Church School Clerkt:

Pam Faulk (22)

Finance Committee Chair;

Deb Fogle (23)

Board of Christian Education:

Pam Faulk (23)

Carol Grubbs (22)

Erin Faulk (22)

Candy Lee (23)

Board of Deacons:

Larry Faulk (22)

Dave Lovell (22)

Jennifer Turner (23)

Claire Turner (22)

Available (23)

Available (23)

Board of Trustees:

Peter White (23)
Archie Trigg (23)
Available (22)
Available (22)

Other Positions:

Organists:

Mary Lou Lovell
Jennifer Turner
Candy Lee

Choir Director:

Mary Lou Lovell

Mission and Outreach Chair:

Mary Lou Lovell

Pastoral Assistant:

Deb Fogle

Custodian:

Deb Fogle

Thank You

Thank you to all for your prayers for my recent surgery and recovery. On Oct. 13, what started with a tremendous pain in my right side ended me up in the ER, thinking that I had appendicitis. Tests showed no appendicitis, but that there was a mass and it was unclear what it was. After further testing, I was referred to Riverside Hospital and it was determined I needed major surgery to remove and test organs for cancer and remove the mass. The doctors moved quickly on testing and getting me into surgery for which I was grateful. The surgery went well and thankfully no cancer was found. Through all of this I felt God's love through all of your prayers. I knew that God was working to see an excellent surgeon, get me to surgery quickly, and have my problem resolved.

A huge thank you to all who took the time to make meals for us. Dave and I really appreciated the variety of comfort foods from the wonderful cooks at First Baptist! So delicious! Thanks to Mike Reynolds' visit and his homemade bread with get well wishes on the bag. We have enjoyed your visits, bringing smiles to brighten the days. So nice to see you as I was not able to come to church. Thank you to all those who thought of me and sent such beautiful, as well as funny cards.

I am also grateful to Jennifer Turner and Candy Lee who immediately worked out a schedule to play the organ when they knew I would not be able to climb on the organ bench for many weeks. I have been enjoying their music. They so graciously have begun preparing for the Advent Season and making preparations for the Christmas Eve service. I am saddened that I will not be playing the organ this year but will enjoy their music, as well as others who may play or sing during the Christmas season.

I am also grateful to Larry Faulk for continuing to put the videos of the services online. Many nights when I could not sleep, I was comforted by watching the services.

I am hoping to get back to exercising and being able to play the organ in the New Year. As I write this, Thanksgiving is a few days away. I am thankful for Pastor Mark, for this congregation, and friends, and family. We are very blessed!

Mary Lou and Dave Lovell

Dear Friends in Christ:












As is our custom, the Board of Deacons would like to present Pastor Mark with a **cash** Christmas gift from the congregation. We will be presenting the **cash** gift at the Christmas Eve service. You may give your **cash** contributions to me or to any Deacon. This has been an excellent year in the life of our church under Mark's leadership and we would like to express our appreciation.

Yours in Christ,
Larry Faulk
Chairman of the Board of Deacons

PIN Holiday Clearing House

The annual PIN Holiday Clearing House will be at the Fairgrounds Coliseum:

Nov. 29- Dec. 10 9-4
non-perishable food, toys,
toiletries, gift cards, and
winterwear drop off
Dec. 7 9-noon
Senior Food Packing Day
Dec. 9 9-4
Senior Gift Delivery Day
Dec. 11 9-2
Family Food Packing Day
Dec. 12-13 8:30-5:30
Family Distribution Day

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | |
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| December Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMMO • Christmas Offering to Andrews House | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | |
| 2nd Sunday of Advent 10 am In-person Worship Holy Communion  | 5 | 6 | Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  | 8 | 9 | Human Rights Day  | 11 | | |
| 3rd Sunday of Advent 10 am In-person Worship 2:00 & 4:30 COSO Holiday Concert  | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | | |
| 4th Sunday of Advent 10 am In-person Worship January newsletter deadline today  | 19 | 20 |  Winter Begins | 22 | 23 | 6:45 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  |  Christmas Day | 25 | |
| 10 am In-person Worship Kwanzaa Begins  January newsletter available today | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |  New Year's Eve |  New Year's Day | 1 | |
| | | | | 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk | 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk / Turner | 8:45 Panera Pickup - Turner | 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs | 8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed | |
| | | | | | | 3pm Delaware Community Chorus | Women's Lunch Suspended until further notice | Men's Breakfast Suspended until further notice | |