

Good News Letter

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Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas and New Year observances and celebrations have gone well and been blessed in every way. I was able to travel to St. Louis and visit with my family there; my dad, sister and her family, and all three of my sons. I am thankful for the time spent with them.

As you know, at First Baptist we did not meet for the last couple of Sundays or on Christmas Eve because of the presence of Covid within our congregation. Thankfully, those who were sick are recovering and further spread has been averted. Now we are facing a decision about when to resume in-person worship in the face of the spike associated with the "omicron" variant.

It has always been our policy to prayerfully consider the circumstances and the science, and err on the side of caution. This variant seems to be more infectious and less severe than the previous versions of the virus. With our rate of vaccination we believe it is safe enough to begin meeting for worship again, especially if the present surge begins to subside. With these things in mind, the deacons and I have agreed to remain closed for two more Sundays, the 9th and 16th, then resume



in-person worship with protocols on January 23rd unless circumstances change in a drastic way between now and then.

I am thankful for your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for wisdom and guidance as this pandemic runs through its cycles, and as more normal times resume. For the next two weeks there will be a return to online worship, so look for a new video this coming Sunday on our church's website, fbcdelaware.org,

**In-person worship
is cancelled for
Jan 9th and 16th.**

**We expect to
resume
in-person on
Jan 23rd.**

I wish to offer to us all a blessing for this new year, and one appropriate to the difficulties of our times. In the Old Testament reading for this Sunday (1/9), there is a set of lines that meet that standard.

They come from Isaiah 43:1-3a, and are as follows, hear them as an encouraging word;

But now, this is what the Lord says . . .

'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,

you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.

For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior . . ."

God bless you all,

- Mark

Panera Volunteers for January

- Jan 6 Faulk
- Jan 13 Faulk
- Jan 20 Volunteer Needed
- Jan 27 Volunteer Needed

Thanks to all who volunteer for this mission.

Personals

- Dave Lovell made two trips to the ER last month with health issues.
- During Thanksgiving week, Jeff and Laurie Faulk and family visited Pam, Larry, and Erin. Brigid and Jane Faulk attended our worship service.
- Mike Reynolds' Boy Scout troop bagged 34 bags of leaves at the church in November.
- Jeanne Ekelberry was in the ER due to a fall. She thanks everyone for their cards and prayers.
- Love Ayinde spent winter break with his mother.
- Jane and Jim Snyder made a trip to West Virginia over the holidays to visit family.
- Several of our members have all tested positive for COVID recently. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Mary Lou Lovell was back in church after her recent surgery and thanks everyone for their prayers, cards, and food donation.
- Pastor Mark traveled to St. Louis for the holidays.

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.

Karen Mead Ellison (1946-2021)

Karen Mead Ellison, daughter of Wick and Jean Wickum, passed away in early December. Karen grew up in our church and was baptized at FBC.

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
- 30 Calvin Turner
- 31 Bowen Nace

Please report any errors.

FBC Quarterly Meeting

The FBC quarterly meeting will be after worship on Jan 30th, only if there is critical business to decided. Written reports will be available then.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11 raises awareness of the persistent issue of human trafficking. Though the entire month of January has already been recognized as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, this day is specifically dedicated to awareness and prevention of the illegal practice. The horrific injustice of human trafficking can affect people of any race and background, and on this day we are called to fight human trafficking wherever it exists.

Family Promise Item Suggestions

Family Promise is an organization that provides temporary housing for those in need. They also provide meals and assist in getting jobs and permanent housing.

During the month of January, our church congregation collects items to be taken to the Family Promise House on N. Washington St., Delaware.

Below are the ongoing needed items.

- Liquid laundry soap
 - Liquid dish soap
 - Toilet tissue
 - Paper towels
 - Large bottles of shampoo
- There will be a box in the welcome center for the items you wish to donate. The poinsettias are available in the morning this week for pick up. If you have any items to donate, you can bring them when you pick up your poinsettias.

Thank you so much for your generous donations.

New Year's Greetings from the Wu's

The Wu's were very happy to have a Christmas tree this year as they have not had one in the mission field for 8 years. They are residing in Las Vegas.

During their time in Taiwan, they stayed healthy with no COVID and were able to continuously work in His ministries.

After many problems with insurance, they were able to refill their prescriptions in the U.S. and are going to be able to get the necessary referred follow-up from earlier comprehensive physical examinations in Taiwan.

They have been blessed with a grandson this year. They give thanks for faithful prayers and financial support over their mission ministry.

On March 1, 2022 they will retire from International Ministries' mission work. They will no longer need financial support on 3/1/2022 and beyond. They will pray for us to continuously listen for God's call to support missionaries.

They ask that we pray for God to lead the next chapter of their lives. They continue to search for a home church in Las Vegas. They send blessings to all.

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!

Thanks

Thanks to all who contributed presents to the Jobs and Family Services foster kids Christmas Wish Lists.



Thanks

Thanks to the Boy Scouts who raked and bagged leaves at the church



A Prayer for the Year That is Near .

Dear Master, for this coming year,
Just one request I bring.
I do not pray for happiness
Or any earthly thing:
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou ledest me:
But this I ask -Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.
I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master, make me swift to hear
And ready to obey:
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be,
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

Author unknown

In-person protocols

When we resume in-person worship, we will follow these protocols:

As you arrive for worship, please wear your mask to enter and throughout the service. Hand sanitizer and some disposable masks will be available in the Welcome Center.

Please use visual greetings - No handshakes or hugs.

Bulletins will be available on the table as you enter the sanctuary. Please maintain social distance as you enter and exit. Please sit at least six feet apart in the pews. Families may sit together.

The offering plate will be on a stand at the rear of the sanctuary. We will not be passing it around to minimize contact.

We will remain seated during the service.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing in-person worship. We realize that some of you may not be comfortable yet attending a service. We respect your decision to remain at home, and we hope that when you feel that it is safe to attend, that you will do so.





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2 In-person Worship Cancelled	3 5:30 Board of Deacons	4	5	6 Epiphany Wise Men Seek Him Still  8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	7	8
9 In-person Worship Cancelled online worship available	10	11 Human Trafficking Awareness Day 	12	13 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	14	15 Women's Lunch Suspended until further notice
16 Christian Unity Sunday In-person Worship Cancelled online worship available 	17 Martin Luther King, Jr Day 	18	19	20 8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed	21	22 Men's Breakfast Suspended until further notice
23 10 am In-person Worship February newsletter deadline today	24	25	26	27 8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed	28	29
30 10 am In-person Worship Quarterly Business mtg if needed February newsletter available today	31	1	2	January Mission Focus: • Family Promise		

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As I write this article, the high temperature for the day is 15° Fahrenheit. Last night the low was -5°, by far the coldest night of the year. As February approaches, it is the “dead” of winter. In the cycle of the year; spring, summer, fall, and winter; or the Christian calendar; Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost; part of the experience is the repetition of it all, season after season.

In some eastern religions, life is seen as a repetitive cycle like a hamster on a wheel, going nowhere. Salvation is thought of as an escape from the cycle. The Christian Faith is one of the “historical” religions because it believes in a beginning, a meaningful journey, and an end, a culmination of things that results in a new beginning. The repeated cycles are not threatening because they do not hinder the journey, but are a part of it.

I have always believed that the place of religion, church, and ministry is to help people along the journey. It is not simply a journey from youth to maturity, but from death to life, from sin and guilt to redemption, from life on earth to life in heaven, from empty to



full. Life is going somewhere, not just around and around.

Lent, which doesn't begin until March this year, involves a focus on sacrifice and service. As February marches along with its cold weather, and through the latter stages of the time after Epiphany, it seems appropriate to think of the destination, and be encouraged that it will be attained, and we will become the people of our calling, which is to say, a people of Easter.

It is called Resurrection. Once Lent begins, we will forget about it for awhile as the focus is on the journey toward Good Friday. But in the scheme of things, it is okay to think of it before the time of service and sacrifice begins. Paul speaks of it in 1 Corinthians 15, from which three of the epistle readings are taken this month. I leave with you some excerpts from those readings as a reflection and a help as we make our way through these cold winter days:

. . . So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power . . . Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 51-55.

Blessings, Mark

Panera Volunteers for February

- Feb 3 Faulk
- Feb 10 Volunteer Needed
- Feb 17 Volunteer Needed
- Feb 24 Volunteer Needed

As you can see, there are several openings for February. In addition, there is a new sign-up sheet for the spring quarter in the Gathering Place..

Thank You

Thank you all for your generosity to the RMMO of \$1060!!



Ardith Salyer

Ardith Salyer, 90, of Delaware passed away early Monday morning, January 10, 2022 at Grady Memorial Hospital.

She was born February 16, 1931 in Union County to the late Earl and Minnie (Henry) McMahon and later graduated from Broadway High School.

At that time, she enjoyed roller skating and first met her future husband Orman "Bud" Salyer Jr., by doing so in Marysville. Finally gathering up enough courage, Orman asked Ardith out to a movie while cruising around Marysville at Cheezie's Malt Shop. Not long after, they found themselves at Kingman Drive Thru on Cheshire Road in Delaware. On January 4, 1955,

they got married at Central Methodist Church in Richmond, Indiana. Together they shared 67 years of marriage.

A woman of deep faith, Ardith attended First Baptist Church in Delaware. She enjoyed collecting angels and spending time with family, although her true hobby was attending church.

Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband, Bud; children, Peggy (Dan) Reidenbaugh of Marion, David Salyer of Delaware, Penny (Jeff Bryant) Thomas of Marion, Kelly (Cheryl) Salyer of Delaware, and Ronald (Alicia) Salyer of King George, Virginia; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; sister, Bertha Low of Marysville; numerous nieces and nephews.

Contributions in Ardith's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or Samaritan's Purse.

Mission/Outreach News

A HUGE THANK YOU!

Many thanks to ALL who have made homemade soup and taken it to Zion Church for those who come to the Place of Warmth. The Place of Warmth is an area within the church for men to come for the night if they have no housing. During January, our mission has been to provide soup on the nights that men would be there (when the temperature is below 20 degrees) so they have something warm to eat. As you know, we have had many very cold nights, and your soup is much appreciated. We may need more in the weeks to come. Let Mary Lou Lovell know if you would like to make soup. 740-369-6041.

Family Promise

Another mission we had during January was to collect items for Family Promise, a shelter for women and children needing temporary housing. Family Promise provides rooms and food. They also give counseling in finding housing, a job and other needs.

Since the church has been closed, you may have not been able to bring in items. When the church is open, we can continue to bring in items to be given to them.

The church also gave a donation of \$100.00 to them.

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.

February Mission

Our February mission is bringing needed items for Turning Point. Turning Point in Delaware, provides victims/survivors of domestic violence and their children with safe, secure, and temporary shelter in a comfortable atmosphere.

They provide housing, food, clothing and personal items as well as support services for their emotional needs.

Turning Point can not accept used clothing, underwear, socks, or coats. Those can be given to Good Will.

Items needed include:

Large kitchen garbage bags
Grocery gift cards
Paper towels
gas gift cards
Household cleaners
women's new socks
Personal care items
women's new underwear
Body wash
women's new pajamas. Size xs-3
Batteries
copy paper
Postage stamps
old cell phones

MANY THANKS for those who have picked up Panera goods!

THANKS TO ALL who have braved the cold to go to Panera on Thursday nights at 8:45 pm. to pick up the unsold Panera items. Thank you for re-bagging them so that they can be given to others easily. Thank you for delivering them to Andrews House on Friday morning. Your dedication to this ministry is very appreciated!

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Condolences to the Salyer Family on the death of Ardith	

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

Change for Change

During the month of March, when the clocks are changed, we ask that you collect your spare change to be given to the Delaware City Lunch Program. Because of COVID we have not been shopping in stores as much. So, I want to suggest that when we do pay cash, and get change back, that we start now to put it in a jar now for the collection in March.

People In Need

There is a box for food items donated to be given to People In Need. Let's try to put at least one item in the basket when the church is open as the hunger need continues.

From Jeni Pedzinski

As you know, I am in the U.S. for furlough after more than 6 years in Thailand, and it is a gift to be here. I pray that, despite all the difficulties, you are savoring the gifts of God during this season. I am grateful for the gift of your ongoing love and support of my work in Thailand (which is continuing in my absence). I am not traveling to visit churches and

donors as much as I thought I would this year, which has been hard. I still hope to do some travel, but for the time being, God has called me to walk alongside my grandmother as we walked my grandfather home (he just passed January 2). Now there is much to do as she adjusts to life without her sweetheart, and we put affairs in order. His funeral will be January 6. My parents, sister, and her three children all had Covid over Christmas, and due to my grandfather's serious illness, I seem to have missed the holiday season. Even so, the heart of Christmas was clearer than ever to me. Christ left comforts and beauty to come near to the hurting and the broken, to pour himself out for them. It was very good to have the opportunity to live that out this Christmas in a challenging but pure way. I appreciate your prayer for my family - especially my grandmother - at this time of loss. I also ask that you pray for wisdom and discernment as I wait on the Lord regarding my responsibilities to her and my family, and to churches and the mission...how much to do, and when.

Most gratefully,
Jeni

Recorded Services Delayed

The video recordings of our in-person service on February 13th and 20th will not be available on our website: fbcdelaware.org in a timely fashion. I will be returning from out of town on February 26th and will post them as soon as possible after that.

In the meantime, feel free to visit our website and view any of our previous services from the past two years. They are available on our "Previous Services" pages or on our "Videos" pages.

Annual Reports

We have canceled our Quarterly Congregational Business Meeting this month due to Covid concerns and no apparent necessary business to conduct. Boards and Committees of FBC are requested to submit their annual reports to our church clerk, Pam Shears. We will then publish them on our website.

Financial Update

For the fourth quarter of 2021 (Oct - Dec) in the general fund, giving has exceeded expenses by \$4,904. This makes the Year-to-date giving exceed expenses by \$7,282. Mission giving for the fourth quarter was \$5,683 for a Year-to-date total of \$17,977. A detailed financial report is available in the Welcome Center. Your dedicated contributions to our operations and missions are appreciated.

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

Sermon Manuscripts Available

If you would like to read some of Dr. Allison's sermons, they are available on our website. There are currently manuscripts for the past six months online. Others will be added soon.

Interested in Membership?

There are several ways in which you 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

We are 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 Dr. Allison, and he 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.


- Larry Faulk, deacon chairperson

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<p>6</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship Holy Communion</p> <p>11am Board of Christian Education</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30 Board of Deacons</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Women's Lunch Suspended until further notice</p>
<p>13</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship</p>	<p>Valentines Day 14</p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Men's Breakfast Suspended until further notice</p>
<p>20</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship</p> <p>March newsletter deadline today</p>	<p>Presidents Day 21</p> 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 Parish Council</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship</p> <p>March newsletter available today</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>March 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>February Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turning Point 		

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March has finally arrived and this year it brings with it the end of the time of Epiphany and the beginning of Lent. In addition to its liturgical significance, March also promises an end to winter and the beginning of spring. Warmer temperatures and more daylight promise to brighten the outlook and are welcome after a long cold winter.

In the ongoing ordeal wrought by Covid, there are also good prospects. After the spike in December and January, there is an ebb to the pandemic that opens opportunities to return to more normal routines. We will begin Sunday School on March 20, at 9:30 am. Worship will begin at 10:45 am. Also, don't forget to spring the clocks forward on March 13th.

It is the plan to combine the two adult classes for the first four weeks for a Lenten Bible Study. The study will be devoted to Reflections on the Journey to the Cross, a study of selected gospel texts that mark important parts of the life and ministry of Jesus as he and his followers moved toward the events of Holy Week. The confession of Peter that Jesus is the Messiah will start things off of the 20th.



March

Though there will not be a pancake supper on the day before Ash Wednesday, there will be a Maundy Thursday service on April 14, at 7 pm. On the one hand, the return of normal scheduling does not mean that we believe the pandemic is over for good. The spread of the virus will continue to be monitored, with appropriate actions taken when necessary. On the other hand, it is very welcome to get Sunday School up and running again and we look forward to the resumption of other activities as well.

Meanwhile, the life of the world goes on. The Russian invasion of Ukraine is unsettling, as are a number of other happenings in our lives. Be always reminded that life's precariousness is accompanied by God's presence, which redeems and hallows the journey.

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me,

your right hand will hold me fast. (Psalm 139:7-10)

God bless you in this season of Lent and in the preparation for Easter.

Mark

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- Mar 3 Faulk
- Mar 10 Faulk
- Mar 17 Turner
- Mar 24 Turner
- Mar 31 Lovell

PERSONALS

-Love Ayinde's mother and sister attended church on January 30. His mother thanks everyone for their prayers during her cancer treatments.

-Jim Snyder had minor surgery on his forehead and is healing, but is having some discomfort.

-Bud Salyer thanks everyone for their support and prayers.

-Randy Turner retired from Alpha last month.

-Candy Lee reports that the men at the Place of Warmth are very appreciative of the soup we have been providing.

- Brennan Howe was named on the Hayes Honor Roll for the second quarter. Congratulations Brennan!

- David Spear is recovering from and illness and thanks everyone for their support.

- Pam and Larry Faulk are happy to be back from their trip to Hawaii.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 13. That is also the day we bring all our loose change to church to contribute to the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for Children. Please don't forget.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer (March 4) is celebrated on the first Friday of March each year to encourage Christian women to engage in personal prayer and lead communal prayer within their mission auxiliaries and associations.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the historical, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day is also observed in support of taking action against gender inequality around the world. Organizations large and small come together to show women just how valuable they are in today's society.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST

During the month of March, our church will be supporting the America for Christ offering. The theme this year is "Testimony," based on Psalm 22:22. "I will praise you and testify about what you have done."

COVID-19 is devastating communities across the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Wildfires are raging in the West. Floods are rising in the East. Hurricane Ida leaves destruction from the Gulf Coast to the Northeast. Unemployment soars in many communities.

In this context, our American Baptist partners are faithfully serving in congregations and communities with helping ministries and creative responses to the diverse needs in their local contexts, whether helping innocent children living in conditions of poverty, assisting a family that is being evicted, providing food and shelter to the homeless, and so many others who are hurting and lost. What is needed is God's love in its fullest expression in our congregation.

Through your generous financial contributions, we can work together to bring more hope into our broken world. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the America for Christ offering this month. Our goal is \$900.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



March

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

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Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to all who brought donations for Turning Point for our Mission focus during the month of February. You bless others with your donations.

In March, we will have the America for Christ offering and our Change for Change offering.

Panera Pick Up has continued because of all those who faithfully go to Panera and pick up the unsold items, rebag them, and take them to Andrews House on Friday morning to be distributed to those in need in the community. Thank you to ALL!

Another HUGE thank you to those who have made soup for the men at the Zion Church Place of Warmth. Zion opens their church to men who need a place to spend the night when the temperature outside is less than 20 degrees. The men are grateful to have homemade soup to eat while there. Thanks to those who have given monetary donations to the Place of Warmth at Zion Church. Your gifts make it possible to continue this ministry.

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Sunday School to Resume

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, March 20th at 9:30 am. Worship will begin at 10:45 am. For the first four weeks, we will combine classes for a Lenten Bible Study. All are invited to join in these studies.

Lenten Activities

Lenten Bible Study
-Mar 20, 27
-Apr 3, 10 at 9:30 am

Palm Sunday Service
-Apr 10 at 10:45 am

Maundy Thursday
-Apr 14 at 7 pm

Easter Sunday Service
-Apr 17 at 10:45 am

Scripture Readers / Worship Leaders Wanted

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.

Previous Services Available

During the Pandemic, 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.

Thank You

Dear FBC Congregation,

On behalf of the Delaware County Department of Job and Family Services, Protective Services Division, I cannot thank you enough for your generous donation of gifts for our foster children for Christmas.

Our children truly enjoyed a wonderful holiday thanks to your generosity and thoughtfulness. The smiles and wide-eyed excitement are to be cherished.

Delaware County is rich with people who have huge hearts and are willing to help others. Thank you again so very much for thinking about our youth during the Christmas Season.

Sincerely,
Lynn Stacy,
Social Service Supervisor

Interested in Membership?

There are several ways in which you 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

We are 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 Dr. Allison, and he 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.

- Larry Faulk, deacon chairperson

Sermon Manuscripts Available

If you would like to read some of Dr. Allison's sermons, they are available on our website. There are currently manuscripts for the past six months online. Others will be added soon.

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

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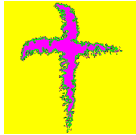








101 North Franklin Street
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March

2022

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Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>February 27</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship</p>	28	<p>Shrove Tuesday 1</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday 2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	<p>World Day of Prayer 4</p> 	5
<p>First Sunday of Lent 6</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship Holy Communion</p> <p>America for Christ begins</p> 	7	<p>International Women's Day 8</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	11	<p>12</p>  <p>No Women's Lunch Set clocks forward one hour tonight</p>
<p>Second Sunday of Lent 13</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship Daylight Savings Time Begins</p> <p>Change for Change Offering</p>  	14	15	16	<p>St. Patrick's Day 17</p>  <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Turner</p>	18	19
<p>Third Sunday of Lent 20</p> <p>9:30 am Lenten Bible Study 10:45 am In-person Worship</p> <p>Women in Ministry Sunday Spring Begins</p> <p>April newsletter deadline today</p> 	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p>Fourth Sunday of Lent 27</p> <p>9:30 am Lenten Bible Study 10:45 am In-person Worship</p> <p>April newsletter available today</p> 	28	29	30	31	<p>March Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> America for Christ Change for Change 	

Good News Letter

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I hope that this year's celebration of the resurrection of Jesus finds you well, that everything in your life is in good order. At church we are moving in the direction of normalcy. We gathered for Sunday School last week, and hope to continue. The American Baptist Men's and Women's groups will resume in April, on the 9th; the men for breakfast at the Corner Cafe at 8 am and the women for lunch at the church at 11:30 am. We also anticipate, after two years, meeting for a Maundy Thursday service downstairs in the fellowship hall at 7 pm. It is a blessing to return to these routines. And there is Easter on April 17. We look forward to a breakfast during the Sunday School hour.

It is not my intention to be negative at this time of the year when springtime makes the earth come alive and we celebrate the gift of eternal life, but I am aware that in the world and in our lives, all is not completely well and in good order. There are some things amiss.

It should be remembered that when Easter first happened, things did not change all that much. In the Mediterranean world and elsewhere, life went on pretty much as normal.



Resurrection has always been a universal truth. With the raising of Jesus, *it was revealed* that death and trouble and hardship *do not get the last word*. The power of Easter is that it happened in the midst of life's greatest contradiction. At the cross, death collided with the power of life and was conquered. That is the meaning of resurrection and the power and joy of Easter.

Here we are again, like our forebears in the faith, living in the middle of troubled times, more troubled than we have wanted to believe, celebrating defiantly this triumph of life over death, goodness over evil. That death and trouble are still in the world is only a part of the truth. The other part is that there is Easter in it too. There is no truer truth than resurrection.

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life . . ." (John 11:25) No matter what are the immediate circumstances, either personally or in the world, we rise on Easter and give praise to God for this victory of life. Consequently, with God's grace and help, let us resolve to be better than we have been; more generous and kind, more empathetic and forgiving, and more confident in the goodness of things, both in this life and the next.

Blessings,

Happy Easter,
- Mark

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10
9:30 am Lenten Bible Study
10:45 am Worship

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14
7:00 pm Communion
Fellowship Hall

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17
9:30 am Easter Breakfast
10:45 am Worship

Panera Volunteers for April

- Apr 7 Grubbs
- Apr 14 Faulk
- Apr 21 Faulk
- Apr 28 Grubbs

Thanks to all who volunteer for this mission.

PERSONALS

-Brennan Howe has been accepted at the Delaware Career Center for grades 11 and 12 to study hospitality and food service. Congratulations Brennan!

-Pastor Mark traveled to St. Louis to see his father whose health is failing.

-Randy and Calvin Turner went on a hunting/fishing trip to Georgia.

-Marci Cooper's father placed first in an event at the Arnold Classic.

-Emilie Showalter has a new position with Ohio Health.

- Randy Gardner's father-in-law recently passed away. Randy is the former pastor at Central Community Baptist Church.

- Randy Turner had a role in the recent Arena Faire's production of Twelfth Night.



Kenneth Peterson May 30, 1925 - March 14, 2022

Kenneth Edsel Peterson, 96 of Delaware entered Eternal Life early Monday morning, March 14, 2022 at his residence.

Born May 30, 1925 to his parents Ebert Russell & Jessie Hazel (Simmon) Peterson on their farm in Rock Island County, IL. Ken graduated from High School in Rock Island, IL in 1943. Called to the Army Air Corp during WWII, he became a tail gunner on a B17 stationed in England flying 20

missions over Europe, and discharged in 1945. After returning home he attended Augustana College in Rock Island, where he graduated in 1949. He married Genevieve E. Mac Neill on August 21, 1949 and they located in Rochester NY where he graduated from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in 1952.

Ken's pastoral duties were with the First Baptist Church in Morris IL, a period of time as a staff member in the Youth Department of American Baptist Churches USA encouraging young people all over the country to develop their leadership skills in service to others, Memorial Baptist Church in Dayton OH, First Baptist Church Lexington, MA, and Cherry Hill Baptist Church Dearborn Heights, MI. In a different role and creative servant he became a Facility Planner for American Baptist Churches USA traveling from home in Columbus OH to help congregations all over the central parts of the USA to create a new church building or to renovate a history filled old one. His history as a carpenter with skills in financial matters combined with his ability to relate to people made this a special unique ministry.

After retirement Ken and Genevieve became early residents of Willow Brook Delaware Run, Delaware OH in 2006.

Loving family include son Bruce (Dorothy) Peterson and their three daughters: Kristyn (Tony) Gansen, Jill (Jason) Bigelow, Casey Peterson, daughter Martha (Stephen) Rhodes and their two sons Brian (Aleasha) Rhodes, and Robert Rhodes.

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.

Great-grandchildren include: Sophie, Ellie, and Cole Gansen, Charlotte and Callum Bigelow, Wesley, Alayna, Elijah Rhodes. Ken's circle of extended family and friends include people all around the world.

A celebration of life for Ken will be held at a later date at Willow Brook Delaware Run.

Mission/Outreach News

Emerson and Ivy Wu have completed their missionary work abroad. They sent a beautiful hanging of a foot washing which is in the front of the sanctuary, along with their thanks. They thanked us for our financial support and prayers while in the mission field in Taiwan.

They are now residing in Las Vegas, Nevada and ask for prayers as they begin the new chapter of their lives.

We are now looking for a new missionary to support. At the congregational meeting in April, we will have some possibilities of missionaries needing financial support.

Thanks to all who brought change on March 13th for our Change for Change Sunday. Our total was \$143.

The money will be given to Andrews House for the summer lunch program for Delaware children.

Thanks to all who have given to the America for Christ offering.

Thanks to all who continue to pick up unsold items from Panera on Thursday evenings at 8:45 p.m., rebagging them, and taking them to Andrews House on Friday morning.

Prayer List

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

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Dr. Allison's father & sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Candy Lee's family	Health Issues
Condolences to the Peterson Family on the death of Ken	

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

On Easter we will have a special offering. It will be given to HELPLINE. HELPLINE assists those in need to find an agency (such as People In Need, Turning Point, Family Promise, and Andrews House) to help with individual and family needs.

Thank You Bags for Teachers

In April our mission focus will be collecting items for the thank you bags for the teachers at Conger Elementary School.

Items suggested to bring for the bags include individual prepackaged items:

- popcorn
- Cookies
- Pretzels
- Hot chocolate
- Tea bags
- Candy
- Bars -granola, etc
- Chips
- Pencils

Last year we made 60 bags for the May Appreciation Day. Please bring the items by April 24th. Thank you.



WALL HANGING FROM THE WU'S

We recently received a gift of a wall hanging from Emerson and Ivy Wu along with the following note. "Peace and greeting!

Thank you very much for your congregation's faithful prayers and financial support since 1/31/2013. The partnership with us for the Global Chinese Mission was sincerely appreciated. As you may know, we will retire from International Ministries of Mission work on 3/1/2022. So, we no longer need the financial support for the mission work. Enclosed please find our recent journal (printed on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place) and a token of gift. The artwork of ethnic style dyeing cloth comes from Dali in Yunnan, China. the cotton wall hanging is handmade indigo tie-dye cloth that is plant blue dyed." This wall hanging can be found hanging on the pull-down door in our sanctuary.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIPS

On Saturday, April 9, the men of the church will meet at the Corner Cafe at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. On that same day at 11:30 a.m. the women will gather for lunch in the Fellowship Hall at church. Bring your own lunch and beverage, and we will discuss what we want to do for fellowship in the future months.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

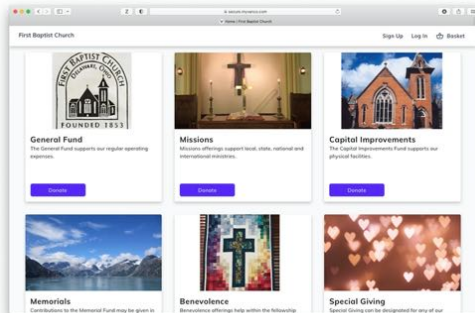
Regular Sunday school classes will finally resume on the Sunday after Easter, April 24. Candy Lee will be teaching the Adult I Class and using the Judson Journeys curriculum. Pastor Mark will lead the Adult II Class in a study of the Book of Revelations. Larry Faulk will teach the Teen Class, and Pam Faulk will teach the Youth Class. Classes will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

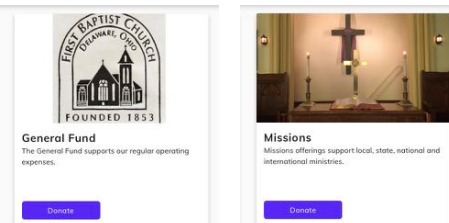
All are invited to Easter Breakfast before worship on Easter Sunday, April 17th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will include pancakes, blueberry syrup, sausage, fruit, pastries, and possibly scrambled eggs. All food and drink are provided. You only need to bring your appetite and your fellowship.

Online Giving Changes

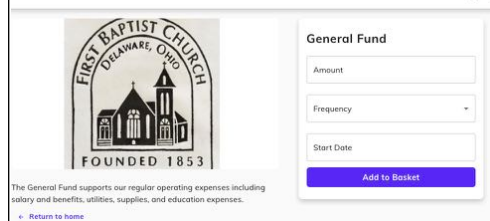
Our online giving website screens have changed. When you “click” on the link to donate, the donation screen has a new “look”:



You are presented with separate boxes for each of the giving areas: General Fund, Missions, Capital Improvements, Memorials, Benevolence, and Special Giving as well as one of the ABC Special quarterly offerings.



When you click on “donate” in one of the areas, you can enter an amount, a frequency, and a starting date.



On the next screen, 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.

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Easter Sunday 17 9:30 am Easter Breakfast 10:45 am In-person Worship May newsletter deadline today 	18	19	20	21 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	Earth Day 22 	23
24 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am In-person Worship Teacher Items are Due May newsletter available today	25	26	27 6:30 Potluck Dinner 7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting	Holocaust Remembrance Day 28  8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	29	30

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I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter celebration while I was away. The month of May is upon us, and the leaves are coming on the trees. The Easter season is accompanied by the springtime that brings the world of nature to life. Though it has been cool, I hope you have had a chance to share some outside time with your family and friends.

As you all know, I was in St. Louis the past two Sundays for my father's funeral. I want to thank everyone in the church for your prayers during this time, and for the cards, and for the beautiful flowers that came from the church. Your support has been uplifting and most appreciated. I missed very much being in church for Easter, and I am glad to be home and trying, at least, to get back into routine life.

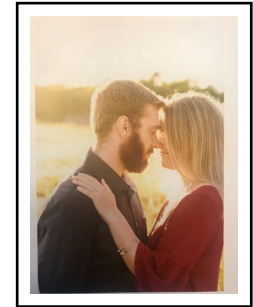
The visitation for my father was actually on Easter Sunday, and the memorial



service the day after. They both went well and I was grateful to be there. I saw some friends and family, some of whom I hadn't seen in decades. I learned some things I had not known before about my family. Thus It was a unique Easter Sunday for me.

It seems strange to be in a bereavement setting on Easter, and in springtime. Because, however, of the blessed hope of resurrection that we celebrate on the day, and remember every day of the year, it is really not that strange at all. God's grace brings *us* to renewed life. I hope it was meaningful for you. In that hope I have been sustained.

God bless you all,
- **Mark**



Wedding Invitation

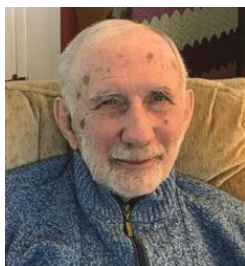
You are invited to the wedding of
Claire Turner and Jake Pierce

Saturday, August 13, 2022
5 o'clock in the afternoon
1st Baptist Church
Delaware, Ohio

Ceremony will be followed by a
Cocktail Party and Reception at:

***The Homestead of
Radnor***
2866 OH-203
Radnor, OH 43066

Please RSVP no later than
June 1st 2022
To RSVP: Please contact
Claire Turner
email: mclairet97@gmail.com
phone: (740) 816-5037



Oscar Hugh Allison, Jr.
Sept 19, 1934 - April 12, 2022

Oscar "Bocky" Hugh Allison, Jr., 87, died peacefully on April 12, 2022, in Creve Coeur, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 50 years, Fern (Crews) Allison, and his parents, Oscar and Ruth (Kinhead) Allison. He is survived by his wife, Jackie Neuhaus Allison; his sister Mary Sue van Horn of Tulsa, OK; his three children: Laurie (Curtis Vincent) Allison, Mark Allison, and Jeanne (Doug Burden) Allison; his grandchildren: Lauren (James) Cook, Patrick Russell, Evan Russell, Robert Russell, Evan (Devin) Allison, Samuel (Grace) Allison, Jonathan Allison, and Sienna Burden; four great grandchildren: Aiden, Zeke, Titus, and Holden; stepchildren; step-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

His name was Oscar, but everyone called him Bocky. He was born on September 19, 1934, in McAlester, Oklahoma, where he graduated from high school in 1952. He attended Southeast Missouri State University, graduating in 1956. After becoming a high school history teacher a few years later, he earned a master's degree from the University of Missouri and a PhD in History from St. Louis University. He taught high school history for 30 years, mostly at Pattonville High School, where he coached cross country and track.

After retirement, he taught for 14 more years at Missouri Baptist University.

Bocky was an avid reader and enjoyed biking, hiking, and birdwatching. He often sang in the church choir, both at Edmundson Road Baptist Church and later at Kirkwood Baptist Church. He had a subtle sense of humor, delivered with a sparkle in the eye. He liked to play small pranks on his students. His students would, in turn, hide the walking stick that he used to practice his golf swing while lecturing about history. He was proud of his grandchildren and loved spending time with them, taking the older ones to watch airplanes take off and land at Lambert Airport and attending as many sports events for them as he could.

Bocky endured some hard things in his life, but, as an extension of his faith, came to the belief that no matter what a person faces along the way, anyone can make it if there is at least one person in

their life that is kind to them. He once said that it could be a neighbor or an aunt or a sibling, but everyone deserves someone in their life that is kind to them. With the help of his 1st wife Fern, they tried, whenever they could, to be that person for others.

His wife Jackie is grateful to have had a short 10 years with Bocky. He was an easy person to love and didn't have an angry bone in his body. She married him for the twinkle in his eye and for all his many stories. She will miss him always, as will the rest of his family and friends.

Panera Volunteers for May

- May 5 Faulk
- May 12 Grubbs
- May 19 Volunteer Needed
- May 26 Volunteer Needed

Thanks to all who volunteer. Look for a new sign-up sheet for the summer quarter in the Gathering Place.

Blanket Sunday

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

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

Please report any errors.

PERSONALS

- Since Pastor Mark was out of town due to his father's death, Mike Reynolds conducted our worship service on Easter Sunday. Thanks Mike.

- Brennan Howe was on the Honor Roll for the third quarter at Hayes.

- Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk took their first Disney Cruise for Spring Break and had a great time until they joined the thousands of other people stranded at the Orlando Airport trying to get home.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

There were 6 women at the April luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

We decided that it was OK to go back to restaurants for lunch some months and continue in the Fellowship Hall for others. We also decided to move our day to the third Saturday of the month instead of the second. That means it will be on the same day that the men have their breakfast. Our May lunch will be at noon at El Vaquero's in Delaware. All Women are invited and should feel welcome to bring a guest.

Please let Pam Faulk know if you plan to attend so she can give the restaurant an estimated count.

LAST DAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, May 22, will be the last day for Sunday school classes until the fall. This will also be Youth Sunday. On the following Sunday, May 29, we will be starting our summer hours with church beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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Mission/Outreach News

Our Easter offering was given to HelpLine which guides those who need food, a place to stay, or other life crisis situations, to a local agency in Delaware. Thanks to all who gave.

For our May outreach, we are preparing and giving thank you bags to teachers and support staff at Conger Elementary School for Teacher Appreciation week. Thank you for all the snacks and items you have brought to fill the bags. We are making 70 bags this year. Each year the teachers have been so appreciative of our congregation saying thank you for the incredible work they do and the dedication they have for their students.

In May, we celebrate mothers by thinking of mothers around the world. On Mother's Day we pin an offering to a blanket in the front of the sanctuary. This blanket represents the mothers that need a blanket to keep themselves and their children warm. We call it Blanket Sunday. Church World Service uses our donations to provide blankets to those in need.

Thanks to all who bring in items to fill the basket People In Need.

Thanks to all who continue to pick up Panera's unsold items on Thursday night to be taken to Andrew's House on Friday morning. Please check the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place for a time you can help.

Thank You

Thank you to Chaplin Mike Reynolds for being with us and giving such an inspiring sermon on Easter. It was wonderful to have him with us; as Mark was away to be with his family because of his father's passing. Thanks to James Craig for reading the scripture. Thanks to all who provided music for Christ's Resurrection Sunday. Choir- Pam Shears, Deb Fogle, Candy Lee, Dave Lovell, and Randy Turner. It was a blessing to hear the choir sing after over 2 years.

Thank you to Randy Turner for his solos; The Palms, on Palm Sunday and, The Holy City on Easter.

Thank you again to Candy Lee and Jennifer Turner for playing the organ these last few months. It was another blessing to hear the congregation fill the sanctuary with the glorious sound of the hymns for the Celebration of Christ's resurrection.

Thanks to Larry, Randy, and Dave for getting up early on Easter to make us the pancakes with blueberry syrup, eggs, , sausage, and fruit breakfast. Great way to begin our Easter celebration!



Bridal Shower

Please Join Us For a
Bridal Shower
in Honor of

Claire and Jake

Saturday, June 11, 2022
12:00 - 2:00 pm
42 Yorkshire Road
Delaware, Ohio

RSVP by May 20:
margaretothomson@gmail.com

Registered At Target

50th Anniversary

You are invited

Please come celebrate
Dave and Mary Lou Lovell's
50th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, June 11, 2022
in the Fellowship Hall

It will be an open house style
celebration, so stop in,
have some cake, and
let's celebrate with them!

Directory Update

Genevieve Peterson
100 Delaware Crossing West
Apt. 2007
Delaware, OH 43015

Easter Lily Dedications

*In memory of Cap & Myrtle Gabriel, Marjorie Lathrop, Gene Lathrop
from Pam Shears*
*In honor of Jane Moore Snyder, In memory of Mary Alice Snyder,
Olive & Brooks Snyder from Jim Snyder*
*In honor of Jim & Anna Brown, Hannah, Emily, & Nathan, In memory
of Ruth & Charles Brown, Teresa Griffith from Carol Grubbs*
*In honor of Jim Snyder, In memory of Jimmie Moore
from Jane Moore Snyder*
*In memory of Dr. Robert J. & Jennie Lovell, Margaret Morby,
Raymond Morby from Dave & Mary Lou Lovell*
*In honor of Darlene Caulkins, In memory of Shay Caulkins
from Dr. Robert Caulkins*
*In honor of our children, In memory of our parents
from Larry & Pam Faulk*
*In memory of Bim Howe, Glenn Howe, Jim Howe
from Candy Lee*

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




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Baptist Heritage Day 15 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service	16	17	18	19 7:00 Choir Practice 8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed	20	Armed Forces Day 21 8am Men's Breakfast Corner Cafe 12pm Women's Lunch El Vaquero's
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The life of the church is seasonal, in part because the various parts of the gospel story are emphasized throughout the year; Christmas in the winter and Easter in the spring; all the outside things are in the summer. It is not a coincidence that stewardship campaigns and budgets are fall tasks, for they come at the end of the year after the harvest and are associated with Thanksgiving. Pentecost is the next holy day in the church's life. It represents the coming of the Holy Spirit which came at the celebration of the winter harvest, fifty days after Passover.

In another way, the life of the church is not seasonal at all. The presence of sin in our lives and in the world is a universal, not contingent on the time of the year. The daily tasks of work and play requiring a display of Christlike character and faithful witness never take a day off, nor does Grace, which is an ever-present reality throughout the year and throughout life. Neither time nor space separates us from the love of God. This idea is reflected in the 139th psalm:



Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,

your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me

and the light become night around me,"

even the darkness will not be dark to you;

the night will shine like the day,

for darkness is as light to you. (Psalm 139:7-12)

With all of that in mind, it is summer and that means a return to summer scheduling, worship at 10 am. It means vacations and visits with family and friends who live in other places. I pray for all a wonderful summer filled with blessings and with a powerful sense of God's gracious presence in everything you do, everywhere you go.

Please take a look at the biographical and ministry information for Peter and Sarah McCurdy and Bill and Ann Clemmer. They are American Baptist missionaries that are recommended for our support after the retirement of Emerson and Ivy Wu. They do important work in theological education and medical ministries respectively. Be in prayer for them and all the ABC missionaries who serve around the world.

Blessings,
Mark

Panera Volunteers for June

- June 2 Faulk
- June 9 Grubbs
- June 16 Shears
- June 23 Faulk
- June 30 Lovell

Thank you all for volunteering. There are still openings for July and August. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Place.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who brought items for the teacher appreciation bags for Conger Elementary. There are 3 thank you notes from them on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

WOMEN'S LUNCH

On Saturday, June 18 at 11:30am, the women will be gathering for lunch at Scramblers on Route 23 in Lewis Center (in front of Kroger Marketplace). Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend so she can call ahead with our numbers. If you need a ride, call Pam Faulk.

PERSONALS

- Brennan Howe was named on the Hayes honor roll for the third quarter. Congratulations Brennan!

- Jay Roberts will be honored at the BV/Radnor alumni dinner in June.

-Dave Lovell would like to thank everyone for their prayers for his brother Richard.

- Jeanne Ekelberry would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her brother-in-law Bruce.

- Pastor Mark would like to thank everyone for their prayers for his family, especially his sister.

- Tennis star Gabe Fogle was featured in a May 5 article of the This Week newspaper.

- Our church got a mention in a thank you letter from the Warming Center printed in the May 11 Delaware Gazette.

- Candy Lee and Brennan will be traveling most of June with Candy's sister Pat Gosser and son Chad. They will be touring out West.

- Jim Snyder has been recovering from some facial surgery,

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

Please report any errors.

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to everyone who pinned a slip of paper on the blanket hanging in the front of the sanctuary for Mother's Day. I hope, as you pinned the slip of paper with names and a monetary donation on the blanket, that you thought of your mother or another special woman in your life who was a blessing to you. I hope that you also thought of how important it is to be warm with a blanket or to use it to comfort a child. Your donation is a wonderful gift to a woman in need. The monetary donation will be given to Church World Service to provide for others.

Thanks to all who gave snacks to fill the "thank you" bags for the teachers at Conger. Beginning this year, the "thank you's" are for all the staff. We filled 70 bags. They were so appreciative that we were thinking of them, supporting them with their work with children, and providing a snack as a "pick me up." They also liked the flower seeds that were included. It gives them something to look forward to this summer!

Father's Day Tools of Hope Sunday

Each year you have an opportunity to honor or remember your father or another man. You will have the opportunity to write that person's name on a slip of paper with a donation. These donations are given to Church World Service to meet needs such a tools to repair structures or build something new. From tornados, fires, and floods, the need is great!.What a great tribute and way to help.

Panera Pick Up

Thanks to all who continue to pick up Panera items that are not sold on Thursdays evenings. Your dedication to picking up, rebagging the items and delivering them to Andrews House the next day is so appreciated!

Thank You

Thank you to Pastor Dwight Davidson who gave an inspiring message in Pastor Mark Allison's absence. It was so good to see Dwight again! Thanks for coming to be with us.

Youth Sunday

Thanks to all the youth who had a part in Youth Sunday. It was so great to have you involved in the worship service: Connor, Brennan, Taylor, and Gabe. Thanks Will for your beautiful violin music. Thanks to Larry for cooking all the hamburgers and hot dogs! So good to have a picnic filled with good food and conversation!

LOVE REMAINS

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13). Love Remains is the theme of the 2022 One Great Hour of Sharing offering. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) began 73 years ago in response to the devastation of WWII. On Saturday evening, March 26, 1949, a national broadcast titled "One Great Hour" featured a remarkable assembly of national leaders and celebrities, including

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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!

a radio address from President Truman which included the following words:

"There are thousands of children in foreign lands today who have no memory of their parents, no knowledge of the meaning of the words 'home' and 'family,' and who have forgotten what it feels like to have enough to eat. There are hopeless thousands who wander among the shattered towns seeking a place to rest, seeking security and a chance to begin their lives anew. There are many who pray to God only in secret, fearing persecution if they profess their beliefs openly. It is hard for us to comprehend grief and distress such as this because we in America are so much more fortunate. Our country has been blessed with material riches. Our homes are secure. We can go to our churches and worship God as we desire. We know that we enjoy these great blessings not because of any special merit on our part, but because of the bounty of God. It is to His Providence that we owe the richness of our country and our heritage of freedom. Since these good things come to us from Him, we know that we must use them for the good of others in

accordance with His will." President Truman's words could be used today about the people of Ukraine.

The broadcast concluded by asking Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. More than 75,000 churches responded. Today, Love Remains. One Great Hour of Sharing serves people in over 80 countries around the world. American Baptists are one of the many Christian U. S. denominations that contribute to it. The goal of our church is \$900. Please prayerfully consider giving to the OGHS in the month of June.

Pam Faulk

Missionaries

Ivy and Emerson Wu are no longer in the mission field abroad, so they no longer need our monetary support. I'm sure they would still like an email or note from you to say "hi" if you can.

We have been researching other missionaries who could use support from our church.

Currently we are considering Peter and Sarah McCurdy and the family and Ann and Bill Clemmer.

Sarah has come to our church and given us information about their work abroad. They were both at a Fall Rally one year. You may have met them.

Included in this newsletter is a little information about each of their ministries. There will be a picture with information on the bulletin board at church as well.

Peter and Sarah McCurdy

Peter and Sarah McCurdy serve in Mexico City. Peter's ministry focus is theological education, spiritual direction, and spiritual formation. He serves seminary students, seeking to provide a safe and nurturing environment for them, their families, and others pursuing a call to the ministry.

Sarah, is a former French teacher and has been invited to meet with International Ministries partners who work with children's holistic ministries in health and education. They have 4 children.

Peter and Sarah hope that through their ministries, people will grow in the image of Christ. They post what they are doing on Facebook or you can look them up on the international ministries website if you would like to more about what they are doing.

Ann and Bill Clemmer

Ann and Bill Clemmer live in the Democratic Republic of the Congo on the Congo-Rwanda Border where they work as regional consultants working with International Ministries partners (HEAL Africa and IMA World Health) in the town of Goma.

Bill provides support to health care workers, hospitals, and clinics that provide life-saving maternal and child health services.

Ann supports educational and relief assistance to orphans and vulnerable children. The Clemmers began their service with International Ministries in 1993.

They have served in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan, and Haiti, with interim assignments in Somalia, Yemen, Burundi, and other countries to meet needs.

You can go on the International Ministries website to learn more about them and what they are doing.
[www. International ministries.org](http://www.Internationalministries.org)

Blanket Sunday 5/7/2022 Dedications

Given by:	In memory/honor of:
Mark Allison	In memory: Fern Allison
Jeanne Ekelberry	In memory: Ethel Trogon Imogene Ekelberry
Erin and Larry Faulk	In honor: Pam Faulk
Larry and Pam Faulk	In memory: Evoleno Cole Florence Faulk Jean Wickum
	In honor: Erin Faulk Laurie Faulk Pat Rose Donna Mann
Deb, Will and Gabe Fogle	In honor: Mary Lou Lovell Carol Seviss Barbara Smith Raeleen George
Carol Grubbs	In memory: Theresa Griffith In honor: Suzanne Haycox Alison Bradford
Candy Lee	In memory: Jean Scott Christine Lee
Dave Lovell	In memory: Margaret Morby Jennie Lovell
	In honor: Barbara Smith Deborah Fogle Mary Lou Lovell
Jane Moore Snyder	In memory: Willa Smith Corder
Jay and Joyce Roberts	In memory: Grace Jones Pauline Roberts
Jim Snyder	In memory: Olive Fern Snyder
Archie Trigg	In memory: Mary C. Trigg
Beth Trigg	In memory: Anne Linn
Randy and Jennifer Turner	In honor: Tonabell Turner Jane Moore Snyder

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>5</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion</p>	<p>Pentecost 6</p> 	7	8	9	10	11
<p>Baptist Youth Day of Prayer 12</p>  <p>10:00 am Worship Service</p>	13	<p>Flag Day 14</p> 	15	16	17	18
<p>Father's Day Tools of Hope Juneteenth 19</p>  <p>10:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>July newsletter deadline today</p>	20	<p>Summer Begins 21</p> 	22	23	24	25
<p>26</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>July newsletter available today</p>	27	28	29	30	<p>June Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Great Hour of Sharing • Tools of Hope (CWS) 	

Good News Letter

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At the time of this writing, it was only a few days after the summer solstice, when in the northern hemisphere there is the most daylight. Today was an astonishingly beautiful day, and as I sat and looked out my window at it all, I thought that for some people, these scenes of wonder may not be as common as they have been for me. A sense of gratitude welled up within me.

I thought of all the summer blessings:

Warmth, although some might think it too warm at times, I am refreshed by the experience of going outside at night without a jacket; and the aforementioned light, which for a few days stretches into the twenty-second hour of the day; the color green, barbecues and ice cream, vacations, just the memory of school being out, fireflies.

I am sure there are more summer blessings to name, and each have their own list. Some are a matter of taste

JULY



and opinion, but what they all have in common is that they are gratuitous, that is, they are sheer gift. They can't be manufactured or earned, only seen, and they are not necessary. They just are, and are for anyone who takes the time to notice.

God's love is like that, and so is forgiveness, the cross, resurrection, friendship, family, meaningful work, praise and thanksgiving, salvation, as well as the beauty of summer.

For us at First Baptist Church there is not as much going on in the summer; there is no Sunday School, and fellowships and get

togethers are fewer and farther between as people take time for vacations and other summer activities. There will be some events toward the end of July, a Sunday potluck meal, and on August the 1st an organ concert. Also, in August we look forward to Claire Turner's wedding.

In the meantime, wherever you are, and whatever you are doing, I hope for you all many summer blessings. They are God's grace to you along the way.

Blessings,
Mark

Potluck Lunch

After worship
Sunday, July 24th
in the Fellowship Hall
All are invited

Missionary information
will be shared

Panera Volunteers for July

July 7 Grubbs
July 14 Volunteer Needed
July 21 Fogle
July 28 Shears

Thank you all for volunteering. If you would like to help with Panera, please contact Pastor Mark to set up a "training session..

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who brought items for the teacher appreciation bags for Conger Elementary. There are 3 thank you notes from them on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

WOMEN'S LUNCH

Our July women's lunch will be on Saturday, July 16 at 11:30. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at church. Everyone should bring her own lunch and beverage. Feel free to bring a guest..

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our July men's breakfast will be on Saturday, July 16 at 8am at Bob Evans. All men are invited.

MISSIONS LUNCH

On Sunday, July 24, after church, we will have a potluck lunch. At that time we will learn more about our commitment to our missionaries.

PERSONALS

-Brennan Howe will have bone graft surgery on July 6. Please keep him in your prayers.
-Our area minister, Jane Gibbons will be retiring at the end of this year.

-Brennan Howe made the Hayes Honor Roll for the last quarter of the year. Congratulations Brennan!

AND LOVE REMAINS

Thank you all so much for your very generous donations to the One Great Hour of Sharing. We surpassed our goal of \$900.
Pam Faulk

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.

Mission/Outreach News

On June 19, 2022 we celebrated Father's Day by having our Tools of Hope dedication. On that day we thought of fathers and other men that have influenced our lives. We wrote the names of those men we wanted to remember or those we wanted to honor on a slip of paper and pinned it to the blanket in the front or the sanctuary with a donation. The donations were sent to Church World Service to help those in need. Thanks you for your generous giving for others!

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

June was the month we collect the offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. Thank you to Randy Turner for singing the solo, One Great Hour to Share by Lee and Gretz, on June 12, 2022, to remind us of the need others are experiencing.

Thank you for your generous giving for this offering.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thanks to all who are picking up the unsold items from Panera on Thurs. evening, rebagging the items to make it easier for distribution, and delivering it to Andrews House on Friday morning.

If you would like to know more about this or take a turn to help with it, please call Mary Lou Lovell at 740-369-6041.

School Supplies Needed

School begins in August. In order to help children get off to a great start for the year, we donate school supplies and headphones to those in need at Conger Elementary School. We also give money to purchase gift cards for them to buy shoes for school. There will be envelopes in the pew racks for donations.

Needed items include:
 notebooks (wide ruled)
 pencils
 crayons
 erasers
 markers
 folders
 glue sticks
 money to buy gift cards to be given to buy shoes

People In Need Box

Thanks to all who bring food items for the PIN (People In Need) box. There is always a need to provide food for others in Delaware. Thank you for thinking of others as you do your grocery shopping by purchasing something for someone in need.

Missionary Support

With the retirement of Emerson and Ivy Wu, our fellowship has been considering which missionaries to receive the financial support that we had previously directed to the Wu's. Parish Council has decided to support both Peter and Sarah McCurdy, and Bill and Ann Clemmer with a monthly contribution of \$100 per family.

We will share more information about the McCurdy and Clemmer missions (as well as Jeni Pedzinski) during our Potluck Lunch after worship July 24th.

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
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Candy Lee's family	Health Issues
Brennan Howe	Upcoming Surgery

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

Recorded Services Delayed

The video recordings of our worship services on July 3, 10, and 17th will not be available on our website: fbcdelaware.org in a timely fashion. I will be returning from out of town on July 19th and will post them as soon as possible after that.

In the meantime, feel free to visit our website and view any of our previous services from the past two years. They are available on our "Previous Services" pages or on our "Videos" pages.

Thanks Blanket Sunday Tools of Hope

Thanks for your contributions on Mothers and Fathers Day to Blanket Sunday and Tools of Hope. You honored and remembered men and women in your lives as well as made significant contributions. Your donations totaled \$580 to CWS (Church World Service) to support their mission.

Financial Update

General fund expenses for January - May have exceeded income by \$5,575. The shortfall is due primarily to the winter utility bills and the semi-annual tax bill. Mission giving continues to be on target to meet or exceed our goals. Your dedicated giving to operations and missions is appreciated.

Maintenance and Repairs Congress Ct

Over the past few months, a number of repairs have been made to our rental property on Congress Ct. The hot water tank has been replaced. The ceiling has been replaced in one bathroom and caulk and molding replacement has been done in the other bathroom. A sheet of drywall was replaced in the garage as well as an access panel was repaired. Your contributions to our Capital Improvements Fund allow us to maintain our property.

Interested in Membership?

There are several ways in which you 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

We are 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 Dr. Allison, and he 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.

- Larry Faulk, deacon chairperson

Tools of Hope Sunday 6/19/2022 Dedications

Given by:	In memory/honor of:
Mark Allison Jeanne Ekelberry	In memory: Oscar Hugh Allison In memory: Michael Ekelberry Dick Ekelberry Jr. In honor: Charles Ekelberry John Ekelberry Bill, Jack Allen, Mark Trogdon
Erin and Pam Faulk Larry and Pam Faulk	In honor: Larry Faulk In memory: Ralph Cole Don Faulk Wilbur Wickum Bill Faulk In honor: Jeff Faulk Cullen Faulk
Deb, Will, Gabe Fogle and Rolf Remlinger	In memory: Furian Remlinger Raymond Morby Dr. Robert Lovell Willard G. Fogle In Honor: Dave Lovell Rolf Remlinger Vic Fogle
Carol Grubbs	In memory: Charles Brown In honor: Jim Brown Don Brown Ted Stephenson
Mary Lou Lovell	In memory: Raymond Morby Dr. Robert Jay Lovell In honor: Dave Lovell Kip Smith Vic Fogle Rolf Remlinger
Jay and Joyce Roberts	In memory: Allan Roberts Rossford Jones
Pam Shears Randy and Jennifer Turner	In memory: Gene Lathrop In memory: Jimmie Ray Moore In honor: Ben Turner Heryl Turner Jim Snyder
Anonymous	In honor: Mark Allison

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8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs

8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed

8:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle

8:45 Panera Pickup - Shears

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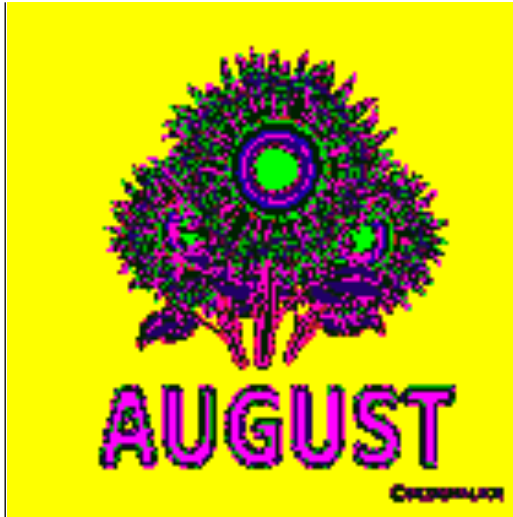
Good News Letter

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The theologian Augustine is well-known for much more than having a city in Florida named after him. He guided the Church through the difficulties associated with the fall of the Roman Empire. He lived through the chaos and tragedy of it all. One has a hard time imagining what that part of his life must have been like; what it was like to be a pastor, or a believer, in a time of such trauma.

And yet he was able to advance a theological tradition that has been greatly influential even in our times, more than 1500 years later. It has been known as, "Augustinian," which doesn't really help us know very much what it was all about. It was influenced by Paul, and even earlier than that, by the prophets of Israel, namely Isaiah.

It was heavy on God's sovereignty and the majesty and grace of God. Having turned into a theological system, it was studied by the



great Protestant reformers like Martin Luther and John Calvin; thus, it is another name for *our* theology, as we are among the heirs of the Protestant traditions.

It has its greatest influence over us in times of distress and uncertainty, if not of full-out loss, such as in times like the decline and fall of a civilization. Augustine did make some mistakes, of course, but I hope he can still be seen for his larger contributions to the life of faith.

All of this fuss I have made, in fact, is just to offer, as a kind of prayer, what is one of the best reflections of

Augustine's life, a couple of sentences that seem to fit the noisiness and uncertainties of our lives. I hope these famous sentences will bring some comfort and peace, as well as guidance, no matter where your life finds you, or at least something to ponder in these waning summer days.

They come from the beginning of his, Confessions, which is a spiritual autobiography. Augustine writes;

"Great art Thou, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is Thy power, and of Thy wisdom there is no end. . . . for Thou hast formed us for Thyself, *and our hearts are restless till they find rest in Thee.*"

May it be so for each of you,
Mark

Panera Volunteers for July

Aug 4 Shears
Aug 12 Grubbs
Aug 28 Grubbs
Aug 25 Faulk

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

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our August lunch will be on Saturday, August 20 at 11:30 at the Corner Cafe. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend so she can give them a number.

PERSONALS

-Dave Lovell was pictured in the June 23 issue of the Delaware Gazette with an article about local Vietnam veterans.

- Genevieve Peterson would like to express her thanks to everyone for all their support these past few months.

- Brennan Howe is recovering from his bone graft surgery. He and Candy would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards.

-Former member Sam Chesser visited our worship service on July 24. He sends his greetings to all.

- Pam and Ken Shears would like to thank everyone for their prayers for Ken and ask for continued prayer for his COPD issues.

-Dave and MaryLou Lovell recently visited former member Jean Osborne and her family.

-Jeanne Ekelberry recently experienced a bad fall. She is all right but bruised.

-Jay Roberts has spent some time in the hospital recently.

-Pam, Larry, and Erin Faulk spent much of June in Alaska on a land/sea tour.

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to all who have contributed money for shoes for school to People In Need in July. Imagine the smiles on the children's faces as they receive a new pair of shoes to start school!

Thanks to all who have brought school supplies to help children at Conger Elementary School get a great start to their school year!

Thanks to everyone who has brought food items for People In Need during the month of July and throughout the year. There is continuous need for food in Delaware.

It was good to fellowship as we enjoyed the pot luck luncheon on Sunday, July 24th. Thanks to Dr. Allison for introducing the missionaries we are considering to give monetary support.

Jeni Pedzinski, missionary to Thailand, to whom we give monetary support is hoping to come to our church in November. We will be making plans to welcome her.

Our August outreach will continue to be collecting food items for People In Need. We will also give a \$100.00 donation to the Common Ground Free Store as we have in the past.

As you are shopping, keep in mind that in September we will be asking you to donate new underwear for our Undie Sundays. Also, it is a good time to think ahead to buy items for the Christmas shoe boxes, as school items are on sale.

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
- 23 Bev Cox
- 24 Ken Shears
- 27 Linda White
- 30 Archie Trigg

Please report any errors.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Each Thursday, someone from our congregation goes to Panera at 8:45 p.m. to pick up the items from the day that have not been purchased, then rebag items for easy distribution by Andrews House. The items are then taken to Andrews Hour at 9:30 a.m. on Friday morning. People are very grateful to have bread. A huge thank you to everyone who keeps this outreach going.

Historical Organ Society

Our church is pleased to be chosen to host the Historical Organ Society on August 1st. Each year the society celebrates historic pipe organs through a convention in North America. This year they are visiting organs in Ohio. The Seventh Day Adventist Church organ is also part of the tour.

Members of the society are the guest organists at churches and they give lectures, demonstrations, and recitals. Stephen Price, who is the Assistant Teaching Professor at Ball State University will be playing our organ for the members of the convention. His recital will be on Monday afternoon (time-to be announced).

If you would like more information, see Peter White or Mary Lou Lovell.

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Janet Lathrop	Health Issues

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Organ Repair

On July 11th, Ryan and Taylor came from Mueller Organ company to repair and tune the organ. They worked from 9:30- 1:30. Six of the large wooden pedal pipes needed to be taken out to repair the broken tracker.



Directory Update

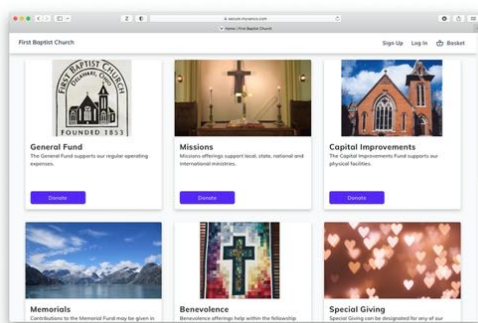
Genevieve Peterson
100 Delaware Crossing West
2007
Delaware, OH 43015

HOPE YOU NOTICED THE ORGAN SOUNDS BETTER!

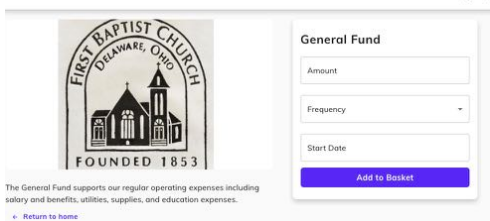
Consider Online Giving

Our online giving website screens have changed. When you “click” on the link to donate, the donation screen has a new “look”:

You are presented with separate boxes for each of the giving areas: General Fund, Missions, Capital Improvements, Memorials, Benevolence, and Special Giving as well as one of the ABC Special quarterly offerings.



When you click on “donate” in one of the areas, you can enter an amount, a frequency, and a starting date.



On the next screen, 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

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There are several ways in which you 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

We are 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 Dr. Allison, and he 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.

- Larry Faulk, deacon chairperson

Sermon Manuscripts Available

If you would like to read some of Dr. Allison's sermons, they are available on our website. There are currently manuscripts for the past six months online. Others will be added soon.

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August

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:00 am Worship Service 31	1 Historic Organ Society Concert	2	3	4 8:45 Panera Pickup - Shears	5	6
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21 10:00 am Worship Service Sept newsletter deadline today	22	23	24	25 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	26	27
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As fall approaches, and the return to regular scheduling, which will happen on September 11 this year by the way, I find myself in a reflective mood. Two events that occurred in August, the organ recital and the Turner/Pierce wedding, have set me to thinking about how blessed we are to have such a beautiful place to worship, and rich traditions to help us as we seek together to grow in grace, and in love for each other and for our neighbors, and in peace with God. Perhaps it is because unlike most Sundays, I was able to be a part of the congregation at these experiences, that they made an impression on me.

In this era of contemporary worship and modern buildings, we have an older building and a pipe organ (and people who can play it. I am thankful for Mary Lou Lovell and all she does with the music, and for Jennifer Turner and Candy Lee, who contribute greatly to our worship experience).

It occurs to me that though our style and setting are not the most popular trends in worship these days, as they may have been 75 years ago, they are still meaningful for many people, for all of *us* to be sure, and perhaps for some who have not found their way to us yet.

What gives this style meaning to me is that by it, we are connected to those who came before us and worshipped in the same place, sang many of the same hymns, and heard the same scriptures read. It also spans the gap between the transcendent and the immanent, the sense that God is over us in holiness and grandeur, and also with us in our midst and in our hearts.

A few weeks ago we found ourselves reading in the Letter to the Hebrews about, “a great cloud of witnesses.”

It is inspiring to me to worship in a place and in a way that connects us also to the ancient inhabitants of that cloud, as well as to those more recent.

Let us be encouraged about the future, for we are a part of the family of believers acting as stewards of not just the worship traditions that have been handed down to us, but the Grace that underlies those traditions, and the faith gives energy to our lives both in present moments, and in the days ahead.

Thank you all for your faithfulness. I look forward to our times of worship as we head into the fall season, I hope you will join us.

Blessings,
Mark

September Panera Volunteers

- Sept 1 Fogle
- Sept 8 Lovell
- Sept 15 Grubbs
- Sept 22 Volunteer Needed
- Sept 29 Faulk

Thanks to all who continue to volunteer.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On Saturday, September 17, the women will gather for lunch at 11:30 at Bun's. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend.

RALLY DAY

Sunday school will begin once again on Rally Day, September 11. We will begin the morning with coffee, juice, and pastries at 9:15 in the Gathering Place. Classes will begin at 9:30. Candy Lee and Pam Faulk will be teaching the Adult I Class, using the Baptist JOURNEYS curriculum, Pastor Mark will be teaching the Adult II Class, continuing the focus on the book of Revelation. Larry Faulk will teach the Teen Class, and Pam Faulk will teach the Youth Class. We invite everyone to participate in our Sunday school program. Do not forget that the worship service will begin at 10:45 after Sunday school.

PERSONALS

- Bailey Turner has a new job at Dempsey Middle School.
- Pat Gosser and her family have recovered from a bad case of COVID.

- Claire Turner and Jake Pierce were married in our church on August 13. Their address is 625 Weller Avenue, Hamilton, OH 45015

- Candy Lee's son Tim was recently hit by a car and had serious injuries to his shoulder and wrist, as well as other cuts and bruises. He is currently recovering at Candy's. If you would like to participate in a Meal Train for them, please contact Deb Fogle. Candy would like to thank everyone for their prayers.

- Janet Lathrop would like to thank everyone for the prayer shawl and the card.

- Carol Grubbs would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her sister Donna.

- Beth Trigg has recently been experiencing back trouble.

- Genevieve Peterson would like to thank everyone for all their support over these past months.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



September

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

Please report any errors.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE ("PEACE DAY")

The International Day of Peace is observed around the world each year on September 21. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. This year is particularly significant. It is the 20th anniversary of the UN Resolution on the Program of Action on a Culture of Peace.

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to everyone who brought school supplies for Conger students.

Here is the final tally for all items donated. It is remarkable!

- 18 folders
- 6 pairs of scissors
- 6 bottles of glue
- 20 pens
- 4 erasers
- 50 glue sticks
- 17 sets of 10 markers
- 4 highlighters
- 20 boxes of crayons
- 9 boxes of colored pencils
- 7 boxes of 24 pencils
- 3 boxes of 12 pencils
- 19 spiral notebooks
- A box of 25 pairs of head phones

Imagine the smiles of the students when they receive these to give them a good start for their school year.

When I dropped the supplies off, Joyce King the secretary, greeted me with a huge smile on her face. She was so excited to see that we had collected so many supplies for the students. She said that they were very needed, especially the head phones!

Money for Children's Shoes

Thanks to all who made a monetary donation for shoes. The money was given to People In Need to distribute gift cards to buy shoes. I'm sure you made so many children happy having a new pair of shoes to begin their school year.

Thank you soooooo much!

Undie Sundays

September is Undie Sundays month. During the month of September we take donations of new underwear of all sizes! You have done a great job with the school supplies and shoes, now, let's buy underwear! The basket will be in the entry way for the collection. The underwear will be given to Common Ground Free Store for them to distribute.

Thinking Ahead and Marking Our Calendars!

Jeni Pedzinski, missionary to Thailand who works at the New Life Center, is coming to First Baptist on Sunday, November 20th. Rev. Jeni Pedzinski is an American Baptist Missionary who has been serving at the New Life Center Foundation in Chiang Mai, Thailand since 2015. Established in 1987, NLCF serves young ethnic minority women who are at risk for, or survivors of, human trafficking, forced labor and sexual abuse. With degrees in development and Christian theology, Jeni provides

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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!	

administrative support, Christian discipleship and financial literacy training to NLCF staff and program beneficiaries.

Jeni will be giving a presentation of her work during the church service on November 20th. Jeni gives us updates on what she has been doing which have been printed in our newsletter. Jeni has been back in Michigan with her family on a furlough year. Her Grandmother's husband was very ill, so it was good for her to be there to support the family. She also is visiting churches. We give monetary support to Jeni.

Please mark your calendars to come to church on November 20th to see Jeni!

Thank You

Thanks to everyone for the Panera Pickups on Thursday evenings! You are a blessing to those in need of food.

Marion Association Fall Rally

The 107th Annual Fall Rally of the Marion Baptist Association will be September 25, 2022 at 4pm at The Bridge, 12259 N Old 3C Rd in Sunbury, Ohio. The missionary speaker is Sarah McCloy, Global Servant to Japan. Dinner is \$5, provided by The Bridge Church: pasta with meat sauce, salad/bread, assorted desserts, iced tea/lemonade. For more information, contact Ronda Harrand, 740-262-1522.

Congress Court Maintenance & Repairs

Over the past six months, a number of repairs, maintenance items, and appliance replacements have taken place at our rental property on Congress Court. The main water valve to the house was replaced. Some roof repairs were done. One bathroom ceiling was replaced. The other bathroom had molding replaced, bath tub overflow replaced, and resealing and caulking applied. A drywall sheet was replaced in the garage.

The hot water tank was replaced. Several trees were trimmed. The kitchen refrigerator has been replaced. The total cost of these items has been \$6,287 from our Capital Improvements Fund. Your continued contributions to our Capital Improvements Fund allows us to maintain our church and rental properties.

The Historical Organ Society

On August first our church hosted The Historical Organ Society Convention as did the Seventh Day Adventist Church.



125 Members of the Society ate lunch in our fellowship hall and youth room. After lunch ,Stephen Price, Professor of Music at Ball State, presented an organ recital in which he demonstrated the many sounds of our organ. He played a variety of music from Bach to twentieth century music. Our sanctuary was full. When he played the Hymn "Rise Up O Saints of God" the congregation filled the church with wonderful singing as he played.

The group of people at our church then went to the Seventh Day Adventist Church to hear a concert there, while the folks(about 90) that were at the Seventh Day Adventist Church then came to our church to hear Stephen's program.

Michael Barone, host of the radio program called "Pipe Dreams" introduced Stephen for the second program. He also said that our organ was very much like the first organ he learned to play. There were many comments from those in the convention thanking us for having them here and how much they enjoyed hearing our organ.

An extra special thank you goes to Peter White who made sure our organ was repaired, tuned and ready for the concert. He also did that for the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Thanks to Mark Allison and Peter White for hosting ; and everyone who set up tables and chairs.



Stephen Price, Professor of Music Ball State

Late, Late School News

(editor missed article last month)

My great-granddaughter, Marley Kas finished the last term of school with all A's (as usual).

She was invited to bring her Bass instrument to Hayes High School to audition for The Hayes Players. A long 2 weeks later, she was told that she was accepted. She has been playing a Bass since 4th grade at Smith Elementary and 3 years at Dempsey Middle School.

- Jeanne Ekelberry

WEDDING GOWN MAKES THE NEWS

In the August 21 Sunday edition of the Columbus Dispatch, columnist Joe Blundo wrote an article about the wedding gown that Claire Turner Pierce wore for her recent wedding. The gown was the one that Jane Moore Snyder had worn for her wedding to Jimmie. Then Melissa and Jennifer also wore the gown for their weddings. There were photos in the Dispatch also. Claire wore a different gown at her reception, and Jane's gown was on display there for all to get a closer look

Just a Note:

Why not stay in the sanctuary for a couple of minutes after worship to listen to the Postlude? It's a great way to leave with music in your head.

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<p>Rally Day 11</p> <p>9:15 am Coffee/Pastries 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p> <p>Grandparents Day Patriot Day</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>5:30 Deacons</p>	13	14	15	16	17
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The month of October is a busy one in the life of our church. In addition to the transition from the late days of summer to the beautiful colors and chillier temperatures that signal winter's approach, there are several important activities that add to the character of the month.

October is one of the central missions-giving months of the year. Things begin on October 2nd with the Crop Walk. We haven't participated much in the last two years because of Covid, so it is another mark of a return to regular routines. It is also a chance to work together with some of the other churches in town to help alleviate hunger. I will be participating this year, and hope some of you might join me, or help out with a financial contribution.

The other missions emphases for the month include the shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse, giving Christmas gifts to children in



need around the world, and the World Mission Offering to support the ongoing work of American Baptist International Ministries. This offering gives us the chance to help *all* of the missionaries in American Baptist life, in addition to the ones we support more directly. I am very grateful for our church and all of you, for your generosity and faithfulness in missions giving.

It is also the month of budget preparation and approval, and of the nominating committee report, both to be considered and renewed at the quarterly meeting and meal on October 26th, which also marks a return to normal practices, with a Wednesday evening meal and meeting. Although we do not overemphasize stewardship,

this is the time of the year at which we faithfully reconsider and renew our commitments in Christ's service.

Stewardship is also on my mind because financial things are the focus of the scripture readings for this Sunday, September 26, which are the ones I have been thinking about all week as I write this. In 1st Timothy we will read, "godliness with contentment is great gain," and that is a good thought for reflection to leave you with as we enter the fall season and the month of October. Enjoy the color of the coming days.

Blessings,
Mark

Dinner & Meeting

October 26

**6:30 Covered
Dish Dinner**

**7:00 Quarterly
Business
Meeting
Fellowship Hall**

October Panera Volunteers

Oct 6 Grubbs
Oct 13 Turner
Oct 20 Faulk
Oct 27 Turner

Thank you all for volunteering your time.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

There were seven women who met at Bun's for lunch and fellowship in September. Our October lunch will be at El Vaquero's at noon on Saturday, October 15. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend.

WORLD MISSION OFFERING (WMO)

Each year through International Ministries' World Mission Offering, thousands of churches and individuals come together to promote and support ministries that God is using to transform the world. Our church joins in, too! As one pastor described his church's involvement in the WMO, "God allows us to participate in what He is doing, which blesses our church and inspires us to get involved in our own mission activities where we live and beyond. WMO gifts are used for mission program support (global servant, international partner, and other ministry support), for administrative support, and for development costs. As the body of Christ, we respond together to the needs around the world -- when everyone contributes, no one group carries the full burden of expense. IM does not ask global servants to raise all of the funds they need but comes

alongside them in financial support as well as in ministry. When personalized funding falls short, WMO gifts fill the gap and keep global servants in their country of service. WMO gifts support global servants with training and pastoral care, enable us to address crises when they arise, and so much more. Giving to the WMO is the best way to make sure that you support all of IM's ministries. During the month of October, we will be accepting the World Mission Offering during our Sunday worship. Look for the special envelopes and further information about the WMO in your bulletin each week. Our goal is \$900.

PERSONALS

- We recently received a thank you note from Conger Elementary for the school supplies. It can be found on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.
- Dr. Bob Caulkins thanks everyone for the prayer shawl and card and says that he is with us in spirit every Sunday.
- Candy Lee is thankful for the support of our church family these past few months and for the meal train.
- Randy and Jennifer Turner would like to thank the congregation for their support for Claire's wedding.
- Pastor Mark had an article published in the August 26 edition of the Delaware Gazette about Frederich Buechner. A copy can be found on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

31 DAYS OF PRAYER

In conjunction with the World Mission Offering, we will once again offer 31 days of prayers from some of our global servants (missionaries). We will begin on Sunday, October 2. Look for a printout for the week in the Welcome Center. You should also be able to find them on the church's website each week. During October please join these global servants each day with a special prayer.

GAME NIGHT IS BACK!!!

On Saturday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. all are invited to come for a game night in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to bring a favorite board game to play and maybe a snack to be shared. Beverages will be provided. Come and join in the fun.

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 Pierce

Please report any errors.

Mission/Outreach News

Undie Sundays

During the month of September we have been taking donations of new underwear. The donations will be given to Common Ground Free Store. When I take your donations to Common Ground, the workers are always so happy to see packages of new underwear come in. Underwear is always needed and is unlike other items that they have plenty of to give. They are very appreciative and grateful for your generous giving. Thank you!

Crop Walk

On October 2, 2022 you will have the opportunity to get exercise while thinking of others in the world. The Crop Walk is a great way to be with others in the community who want to band together to help the hunger problem in Delaware and around the world.

If you would like to walk (which is about 3 miles, or a 1 mile), join others at the Hamilton-Williams Center at Ohio Wesleyan University at 2 pm.

If you are not able to walk, you can sponsor someone monetarily who is walking or just make a donation. To donate online, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/delawareoh>

You can also designate a portion of your offering to FBC by noting "Crop Walk" in the memo on your check.

Prayer List

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

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Ken Shears	Health Issues
Candy Lee's family	Health Issues
Donna Brown	Health Issues
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Tim Lee	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!

Jeni Pedzinski Coming to First Baptist

Remember to mark your calendars for the Sunday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 20th) to come and spend time with Jeni. She has been in the states for a number of months. She is a missionary to Thailand and will be giving an update to the work she is currently doing. We are planning a luncheon so think of a special dish you can fix for her visit.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thanks to ALL who continually sign up to get the unsold items on Thursday night from Panera. Items are bagged and taken to Andrews House on the following Friday morning for distribution to those in the community needing food assistance.

People In Need

Thanks to all who think of others while doing their weekly food shopping and purchase items that they donate to our basket for those in need. The items are taken to People In Need for distribution. Thanks to Peter White who takes your items to PIN.

Board Members Needed

Officers and board members for 2023 will be elected at the October Quarterly Business Meeting. Please express your interest in serving to Randy Turner, moderator. The board of trustees and the board of deacons are especially in need of additional members.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Every year on the first Sunday in October (on Oct. 2 this year), Christians around the globe celebrate World Communion Sunday. It is a day to remember that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and that every Christian church and any denomination that promotes Christian unity are one. On this day, people draw faith and inspiration from seeing that they are part of a community that boasts millions of believers and worshippers.

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 is why they created World Food Day, observed annually on October 16. It is a day of observance to draw attention to the plight of the hungry and for people to join in eradicating hunger.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Make a Difference Day is celebrated annually on the fourth Saturday of October (October 22 this year). On this day we come together to volunteer, raise funds, offer support, and learn about the most urgent needs of our society. You don't have to join an N.G.O. or travel to another country -- you can start by cleaning our own backyard (literally and figuratively) because volunteering is all about becoming the change you wish to see in the world.

UNITED NATIONS DAY

It was after WWII when 51 countries from across the world came together to take an oath to preserve peace across the globe. The United Nations is a representation of these countries, and United Nations Day is a celebration to commemorate this togetherness for promoting world peace. October 24 is the day the UN Charter was first implemented.

Financial Update

Through the first 8 months of 2022, expenses for the general operation of FBC have exceeded income by \$4,109. Mission giving continues on target to meet our 2022 goals. We have spent \$6,186 of Capital Improvement funds on major repairs and appliance replacements at our Congress Ct. rental property. Your generous contributions to our general fund, missions, and capital improvements are appreciated.

Christmas Shoe Boxes to be Collected

Darlene Caulkins is starting early in collecting Christmas Shoe 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.

Cardboard shoeboxes and pamphlets for this will be available soon 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.

The boxes are due by November 13th, 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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Pastor Appreciation Month

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“Wilt heden nu treden voor
God den Heere,
Hem boven al loven van
herten seer,
End' maken groot zijns
lieven namens eere,
Die daar nu onsen vijant
slaat terneer,”

These words form the first verse of a Dutch hymn reputed to have been sung after their army had been victorious and had secured their independence from a foreign power that had restricted their freedom to gather and worship in their own way. There was great meaning for those who came together to celebrate their new found liberty.

Don't be surprised if you can't make out the meaning of it, even if you happen to know a little of the Dutch language. Translators have a difficult time with it, especially finding English words that match the old Dutch Folk Melody to which it is sung.



The general gist of the song is captured in the popular hymn we know as, “We Gather Together.”

“We gather together to ask
the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens
His will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now
cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His Name;
He forgets not His own.”

For us it is a well-known Thanksgiving hymn (just for fun, see if you can match the Dutch words to the familiar tune.) Most of my life I never knew its context and meaning, other than gratitude, which is the sentiment of the month of November. And we *are* thankful, and will likely sing, “We Gather Together,”

some time this month, to worship God and sing praises to God's name.

November this year, will be for me, a month of vacation. I will be away on the 13th and the 20th. I know you will welcome Dwight Davidson on the 13th, and ABCUSA missionary Jeni Pedzinski on the 20th. I am thankful for the time away, and for being able to serve such a generous and loving congregation as ours.

November is also Stewardship month. You will be receiving a stewardship letter soon, and given the opportunity to pledge support for 2023 if you are so inclined. Giving tithes and offerings to God, especially when given voluntarily and in gratitude, is a great companion to the Thanksgiving season.

When I return, it will be time for Advent.

Blessings to all,
Mark

October Panera Volunteers

Nov 3 Grubbs
Nov 10 Volunteer Needed
Nov 17 Faulk
Nov 24 Faulk
Dec 1 Volunteer Needed

Thank you all for volunteering your time.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

On Saturday, Nov. 19, the women will gather for lunch at 11:30 at the Scramblers at Lewis Center. It is located on Route 23 in front of the Kroger Marketplace Center. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend. Feel free to invite a friend.

PERSONALS

-Beth and Archie Trigg recently spent a month touring Scotland.

-Dave and MaryLou Lovell took a trip to New York and Massachusetts to visit relatives and then took another trip to Mississippi for a family reunion.

-Jane and Jim Snyder traveled around West Virginia.

-Will Fogle played a beautiful violin piece for our worship service on Sept. 25.

-Jeanne Ekelberry recently spent a week in West Virginia and got to visit with all of her siblings.

-Jane and Jim Snyder suffered from COVID for about a week.

-On October 15, the Turner family celebrated Jack Turner's fifth birthday with a party in the Fellowship Hall.

-Randy Turner and Claire Turner Pierce sang a duet during the worship service on Oct. 16.

-Taylor Trigg placed first with her rabbits at the Delaware County Fair.

-Candy Lee's son Tim has recovered enough to go back home.

-Pat Gosser recently fell and hurt her back and is in a lot of pain.

-Claire and Jake Pierce have recently suffered two incidents where the truck they were driving was hit by someone else.

-Randy Turner's parents recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

-Archie Trigg recently injured his back.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



November

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

Please report any errors.

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 items by Dec 4th and make their Christmas a joyous occasion. Toys, clothes, and gift cards or money to buy gifts are welcomed.

TIME TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour..

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

On Sunday, Nov. 6, Daylight Saving Time will end. That means that it is time to bring your loose change to church on that Sunday. This special offering that we make twice a year goes to Andrews House which administers the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for our local children. If you forget to bring your change on the 6th, you can always bring it any Sunday during the year and leave it in the plastic jar in the Welcome Center. It will be kept until the next Change for Change offering.

Thanksgiving Offering

The offering in the "Thanksgiving" envelopes will go to People in Need (PIN). This offering helps those in the community with food and other necessities.

Mission/Outreach News

Undies Sunday

During the month of September we had a collection of new underwear for adults, youth and children. I could not believe all the bags of undies that were donated. You gave 48 women's under garments, 16 pairs of men's underwear, 19 pairs of boys boxers, 32 pairs of girls undies, 24 pairs of men socks, 6 pairs of girls socks, 10 pairs of boys socks, and 13 pairs of women's socks. That was fantastic! The worker at Common Ground was so delighted to see new underwear donated! Thank you all!

World Mission Offering

Thanks to all who have given to the World Mission Offering in October. It has been a blessing to read and pray the prayers that the missionaries have written. The missionaries do such wonderful work and share God's love. Thank you for supporting them.

Christmas Shoe Boxes Due Nov 13th.

Darlene Caulkins has brought the Christmas shoe boxes for children all over the world to be filled. It seems early to fill them, but they must be returned by November 13th so that they can be taken to a center and be sent out so children receive them for Christmas. Please take one and think what a child might like. The children that receive them have not received a gift for Christmas. It is fun to think about a child opening the box you packed and having a smile on their face.

Prayer List

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

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Carol Serviss	Health Issues
Pat Gosser	Health Issues
Linda White's mother	Health Issues

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

Items that can be included are: a small toy, stuffed animal, washcloth, toothbrush, a pad, pencils, hairband, toy car, game, etc.

If you would like to help with the shipping cost of your box, you can donate \$10.00 per box. Thank you for bringing joy to children!

Mark Your Calendars for November 20th!

What : A missionary will be coming to First Baptist and dinner after church for all.

Who: Jeni Pedzinski, missionary in Thailand

Why: To see everyone and hear the work that Jeni has been doing and about Thailand

What you need to do: Come to church and bring one or two of your best entrees and desserts to share for a meal with Jeni after church. It will be wonderful to see Jeni again and spend time with her. See you then!

Soup and Sing!

Mark your calendars for December 10th at 4:00 For Soup and Sing!

To celebrate the birth of Christ, we will join together to sing Christmas carols!

Bring your relatives and friends to fill the sanctuary with the beautiful sound of the carols of Christmas! After singing, we will go to the fellowship hall for homemade soup. If you would like to make your favorite kind of soup, there will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Place. We would love to have a variety of crockpots of different kinds of soup.

When we are finished, the remaining soup will be donated to the Place of Warmth at Zion Church of Christ for the men who need a place to stay for the night (when temperature is below 20 degrees).

2023 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 (24)

Asst. Moderator:

Dave Lovell (24)

Clerk:

Pam Shears (24)

Treasurer:

Larry Faulk (24)

Asst. Treasurer:

Candy Lee (23)

Financial Secretary:

Randy Turner (23)

Asst. Financial Secretary:

Linda White (24)

Church School Clerk:

Pam Faulk (24)

Finance Committee Chair:

Deb Fogle (23)

Board of Christian Education:

Pam Faulk (23)

Carol Grubbs (24)

Erin Faulk (24)

Candy Lee (23)

Board of Deacons:

Larry Faulk (24)

Dave Lovell (24)

Jennifer Turner (23)

Available (22)

Available (23)

Available (23)

Board of Trustees:

Peter White (23)

Archie Trigg (23)

Available (24)

Available (24)

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

Thanks!

First, let me say how blessed our church and missions are with a congregation so generous with the support of this congregation.

Over the last years, we have seen such an enormous amount of financial support to keep this church and the missions moving forward. With the passing of the 2023 annual budget at the October business meeting, we start to look ahead to pledging to help meet that budget in November. Inserted in the newsletter will be the approved budget and a pledge sheet that you can begin to prayerfully consider your giving for the upcoming 2023 year. On November 20th, we will collect the pledge sheets as is our custom during the Thanksgiving worship service. Again, thank you for the generous support to keep the mission of our church moving forward.

Sincerely yours,
Deb Fogle

Pastor on Vacation

Dr. Mark Allison will be on vacation Nov 7 - 28. Dwight Davidson will be the guest pastor on Nov. 10th and Jeni Pedzinski will be the guest pastor on Nov. 20th. Please contact a deacon for any pastoral needs during this time.

Interested in Membership?

There are several ways in which you 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

We are 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 Dr. Allison, and he 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.

- Larry Faulk, deacon chairperson

Directory Update

Love Ayinde
554 River View Drive,
Columbus, OH 43202

Alec Ferguson
9220 Worthington Road, Apt. 336,
Westerville, OH 43082

Colin Ferguson
702 Third Street, Apt. 9,
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Aidan Ferguson
OSU Scott House Front Desk,
160 West Woodruff Avenue,
Columbus, OH 43210

Evan and Devin Allison
6036 Queen Street,
Arvada, CO 80004

Samuel and Grace Allison
2409 Redbird Court,
Kirksville, MO 63501

Jonathan Allison
1706 Washington Street, # 612,
St. Louis, MO 63103



November 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

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As members and friends of First Baptist Church, we have a stewardship responsibility to help our church fulfill its ministry. We have been able to sustain our church through the generous giving and stewardship of the congregation. One way to help us plan and to demonstrate our continued commitment to adequately funding our budget is to make a pledge for the financial needs of our church for 2023 and to use that pledge as a reminder to give regularly. This year, we continue to offer the option for online giving. If you would like to explore this option, please visit our website fbcdelaware.org and click on the right side of the page *Make an Online Offering or Donation*. This will link to a site to the online banking site.

A Pledge Form has been included on the back of this letter for you to record your commitment for 2023. You may return the form to Randy Turner, Financial Secretary or you may bring it with you for the dedication as part of the worship on Sunday, November 20. Even if you are choosing to donate online, please fill out the dedication form to help us reach our budget goals.

Yours in Christ,

Deb Fogle, Finance Chairman



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio
Commitment Form 2023

In love and loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ, and in support of his ministry through this church, and in love and concern for each other, I/We make the following Commitment for 2023.

CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES _____ Per Week /Month/ Year (circle one)
OUTREACH MINISTRIES (Missions) _____ Per Week /Month/ Year (circle one)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Special Projects) _____ Per Week /Month/ Year (circle one)

Signed _____

Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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

Keep This Portion For Your Records

Name _____

My/Our Commitment for 2023

For Church Operating Expenses \$ _____ Per _____

For Outreach Ministries Expenses \$ _____ Per _____

For Capital Improvements \$ _____ Per _____








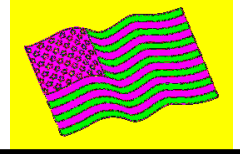



If for any reason you need to change your Pledge, please notify Mr. Randy Turner, Financial Secretary.

November

2022

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>November Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Shoeboxes • Gifts for Foster Children 		 <p>1 All Saints Day</p>	 <p>2 All Souls Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30 Deacons 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs</p>	<p>4 World Community Day</p> 	 <p>5 Turn Clocks Back 1 Hr tonight</p>
<p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service - Holy Communion</p>  <p>6 Change for Change Offering Daylight Saving Time ends</p>	<p>7 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer</p> 	<p>8 Election Day</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>Dr Allison on vacation</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day</p> 	<p>12</p>
<p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Dwight Davidson, guest pastor</p>  <p>13 Shoeboxes Due</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans 11:30 Women's Lunch Scramblers</p>
<p>Stewardship Sunday</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Jeni Pedzinski, guest pastor Noon - Fellowship Lunch</p> <p>Thanksgiving Offering to PIN Dec newsletter deadline today</p> <p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Thanksgiving</p>  <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p>  <p>27 Dec newsletter available today</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>December 1</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>

First Baptist Church - 2023 Budget Planning		Budget 2023
1.0 CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES		
1.1 Pastoral Ministry		
COMPENSATION		
Cash Salary		52,000
Housing Allowance		17,400
Total Compensation		69,400
BENEFITS		
M & H Pension(TC + SSS) X 0.16		11,953
Health Saving Account		6900
Social Security Supplement(TC X 0.0765)		5,309
Total Benefits		24,163
ACCOUNTABLE REIMBURSEMENT PLAN		
Car Allowance		600
Continuing Ed, Conventions, Seminars		800
Professional Materials (Books, Dues, hospitality,etc.)		600
Total Reimbursement		2,000
	SUBTOTAL	95,563
1.2 Pastoral and Support Staff		
Janitor - Salary		3120
Social Security (FICA)		500
Pastoral Assistant		1625
Organist & Choir Director		2000
Pastoral Intern (Youth Coordinator)		2400
Pulpit Supply		625
Workers Compensation		100
	SUBTOTAL	10,370
1.3 Church Utilities		
Church Heating (Gas)		6200
Church Electricity		4000
Church City Utilities		900
Church Telephone		1700
	SUBTOTAL	12,800
1.4 General Operating Expenses		
Church Insurance		3300
Property Taxes		4200
Copier Maintenance / Toner		1450
Church & Office Supplies/Postage/Newsletter		500
Music Supplies		300
Organ Repair/Piano Tuning		1000
Flowers, Decorations, & Gifts		600

First Baptist Church - 2023 Budget Planning		Budget 2023
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1.4 Continued		
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Marion Assoc Dues & New Member Banquet		150
Payroll Processing		1000
Exec Ministers' Fund		50
Evangelism Promo/Public Rel / Outreach Projects		400
Online Giving		1300
Periodicals & Books (Secret Place)		150
Fire Extinguishers		150
Elevator Maintenance		1500
Miscellaneous Expenses		300
Church Repair Fund		1000
	SUBTOTAL	17,350

1.5 Education		
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Teaching Supplies & Curriculum		700
Special Events / Hospitality / Youth		300
Adult Conventions, Workshops, MLK Bkfst		300
Youth-Conventions/Advisors		600
Missionary & Stewardship Education		100
Marion Assoc Scholarship		200
	SUBTOTAL	2,200

TOTAL CHURCH OPERATIONAL EXPENSES		\$138,283
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2.0 OUTREACH MINISTRIES		
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ABC united Mission		7,500
Targeted Missionaries - (Clemmer, McCurdy, Pedzinski)		3,600
Institutional Support - AB		300
Neighborhood Ministries		300
Andrews House Partnership		1,000
Second Fridays(Dinners)		300
PIN - People In Need		600
	SUBTOTAL	13,600

SPECIAL ABC OFFERINGS		
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America for Christ		900
One Great Hour of Sharing		900
World Mission Offering		900
Retired Ministers and Missionaries		900
Other Special Offerings - including Christmas, Easter, Change for Change, Blanket Sunday, Tools of Hope.		2,000
	SUBTOTAL	5,600

TOTAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES		19,200
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Good News Letter

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Adeste Fidelis, laeti
triumphantes
Veniti, veniti in Bethlehem
Natum videte, regum
angelorum
Veniti adoremus, veniti
adoremus, veniti adoremus
Dominum

These words are the Latin of one of the most famous Christmas carols in the world. Although there is, as always, a debate about authorship, one story is that an English refugee in France wrote these words while in exile, and later the lyrics were translated in England into the well-known words:

O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, o come ye to
Bethlehem
Come and behold him, born
the king of angels
O come let us adore him, o
come let us adore him, o
come let us adore him
Christ the Lord

And they are, of course,
beloved even now. I am very
much looking forward to the
Advent season and the
Christmas worship



celebrations when we gather to adore Jesus this year. Once again, after three years of waiting, we will have the Soup and Sing service and fellowship on December 10th. At 4 pm, we will gather in the sanctuary to sing carols and enjoy the music of the season.

Afterward, we will meet in the fellowship hall for soup and fellowship. It is our tradition to provide soup for the Place of Warmth at Zion UCC, and we look forward to that ministry again this year.



And again, after three years, we will meet at 6:45 pm on December 24th for a traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service. I am looking forward to seeing all of you as we prepare for and celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ this year. O come, let us adore Him.

Blessings,
Mark



Soup and Sing

Join us for an evening of
Christmas carols and soup.
Saturday, December 10th
at 4:00pm



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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

December Panera Volunteers

Dec 1 Faulk
Dec 8 Volunteer Needed
Dec 15 Faulk
Dec 22 Volunteer Needed
Dec 29 Volunteer Needed

As you can see, there are many openings to be filled for December. We know it is a busy month, but the need for volunteers continues.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

On Christmas Eve, we will have our traditional candlelight worship service with preludes beginning at 6:45 p.m. On Christmas Day, we will have worship at 10:45 a.m., but will not have Sunday School.

PERSONALS

-There were 14 people who came to Game Night on Oct. 29. Thanks to Erin for providing the "wrapped ball" game. A good time was had by all.

- Brennan Howe was named on the Merit Roll for the first quarter at Hayes.

-Candy Lee would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her son Tim. He is back home in Barberton now but still needs continued prayer because he has to walk everywhere he goes.

- Randy Turner would like to thank everyone for their prayers for Ben. He is back home now.

- Pastor Allison took a much needed vacation in November and was able to visit with family and friends and celebrate birthdays and Thanksgiving with them.

- On November 13, Dwight Davidson was our guest pastor. He expressed his joy to be there along with his wife Kari.

- Dr. Bob Caulkins fell recently and is currently at Sarah Moore for rehab. His room number is 254.

Parish Council Planning

On Saturday, December 3rd, Parish Council will meet at 9 a.m. to fill out our planning calendar for 2023. If you have events planned for FBC in the new year, let a council member know so it can be added to the calendar.

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for your generous spirit. You contributed \$1002.50 to the World Mission Offering and \$320.50 to the Change for Change Offering last month. Well Done!!! - Pam Faulk

Thanks to everyone to filled 40 Christmas shoeboxes for children.
- Darlene Caulkins

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.

RMMO - FOR ALL THEY'VE DONE

This past year has been one of both recovery and enduring struggles for our American Baptist Church community -- a year that reminds us of all that pastors do for our churches, congregations, and the communities they serve. Our pastors are active. They baptize, marry, mourn, counsel, celebrate, and so much more. It takes a lot of energy to sustain a congregation through the ups and downs of life. We all remember the pastors or missionaries who made a difference in our lives, the ones who were with us in the big moments and small. With leadership, listening, wisdom, condolence, or just the right prayer when needed most, their selfless service has a lasting effect. The theme of this year's Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering is "For all they've done." This is a special way we can honor our retired pastors and missionaries, by supporting the RMMO. Our goal is \$900. Please prayerfully consider making an offering to honor our retirees. - Pam Faulk

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Saturday, December 17, at 11:30, the women will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck Christmas lunch. Bring your own table service and a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. We plan to have some special activities after lunch, one of which will be an ornament exchange. Please bring a wrapped or bagged ornament. We hope that all the women will attend, even if you usually do not come to the women's lunch. Come for the fellowship and fun. Feel free to bring a guest.

Mission/Outreach News

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Thanks to Darlene Caulkins for organizing the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box collection this year. 40 boxes of gifts will make 40 children somewhere in the world have a Christmas gift this year. Thank you to those who donated \$10.00 per box for postage to send the boxes. Thank you for your generosity in filling the shoe boxes to bring God's love and a smile to a child.

Rev. Jeni Pedzinski visits First Baptist

On Sunday, November 20th, we welcomed Jeni Pedzinski! She gave the message in Pastor Mark's absence. Jeni gave a wonderful powerpoint presentation of the work being done at New Life Center in Thailand. She told of how girls' lives are being changed by meeting their physical and spiritual needs through support and counseling. It was great to see her and have lunch with her after church.

Jeni will have a new position in her missionary journey beginning Dec. 1, 2022. A more detailed article about her transition is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

Rev. Dr. Dwight Davidson Guest Pastor

On Sunday, November 13, Rev. Dr. Dwight Davidson served as our guest pastor for the first Sunday of pastor Mark's vacation. His message, "Persistent Imperfection, Unwavering Hope" is available on our website, www.fbcdelaware.org.

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Condolences to the Faulk family on the death of Jim Faulk	

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THANK YOU

Thanks to Mike Reynolds and the Boy Scouts for the yard work on November 27.

Christmas Offering

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

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 Deacon

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 11th. Please give any cash donations to me.

Thanks for your contributions.
Larry Faulk, deacons.

Pheabe – 9 year old female

Gift Wishes:

Barbie dolls and accessories
arts and crafts
size 7.5 roller blades
Age appropriate toys
Clothes girls size 12
Gift Cards

Piper – 10 year old female

Gift Wishes:

Clothing - girls size 14
Barbie dolls and accessories
arts and crafts
Hover board
Age appropriate toys
Gift Cards (Barnes & Noble, Meijer, Walmart, etc.)

Aiden – 15 year old male

Gift Wishes:

clothes size mens XL
Patriots sportswear
Age appropriate games
books
Gift Cards (Barnes & Noble, Meijer, Walmart, etc.)

Peter and Sarah McCurdy Ministry Change

Peter and Sarah McCurdy are accepting new ministry roles. Peter has resigned from International Ministries(IM) as a Global Servant and is also stepping away from the MTS program after the January 2023 term. He has accepted a Senior Pastor position at First Baptist Church, jeffersonville, Indiana.

Sarah is staying with IM as a Regional Consultant for K -12 Education in Ibero-America and the Caribbean. We wish them well in their new roles.

A more detailed article about their transitions is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.










Note - Even though Jeni Pedzinski and the McCurdy family are making changes, we will continue our level of support.

December

2022

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

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December Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RMMO offering Gifts for Foster Children 		November 29	30	World Aids Day 1 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	2	3 9am Parish Council Planning Mtg
Second Sunday of Advent 4 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service - Holy Communion RMMO Begins 	5	6 6:00 Board of Christian Education at Faulk's	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 7  6:30 Choir Practice	8 8:45 Panera Pickup Volunteer Needed	9	Human Rights Day 10  4pm Soup and Sing
Third Sunday of Advent 11 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Foster Kids gifts due RMMO Continues 	12 5:30 Deacons at Amato's	13	14 6:30 Choir Practice	15 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	16	17 8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans 11:30 Women's Potluck Christmas Lunch at Church
Fourth Sunday of Advent 18 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Hanukkah Begins RMMO Continues Jan newsletter deadline today 	19	20	 Winter Begins 21 6:30 Choir Practice	22 8:45 Panera Pickup Volunteer Needed	23	6:45 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 24 
Christmas Day 25 10:45 am Worship Service No Sunday School RMMO Ends Jan newsletter available today 	 Kwanza Begins 26	27	28	29 8:45 Panera Pickup Volunteer Needed	30	New Year's Eve 31 