

Good News Letter

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It is hard to believe that it is 2024. I say something like that every year, yet here we are, at the beginning of another journey around the sun. Each new year carries with it great potential and great concern. This coming year will be no different.

Acknowledging that we live in challenging times both for individuals and for the world, I went searching for some kind of blessing for the new year, or prayer. Frankly, I didn't find anything that I liked. In the end, I turned to Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians.

Sometimes Paul, when in the middle of giving advice or instructions about some particular concern, or making a sophisticated theological argument, would break into a statement of praise or a benediction or a prayer that would rise above whatever the topic was and speak on a higher level about the life of faith.



Right in the middle of the third chapter of Ephesians there is such an example. In it we find a prayer and a blessing. It provides a good thought and a positive frame of mind to start the new year, no matter what comes our way in 2024. So, from Ephesians 3:16-21:

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know

this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Happy New Year, and may God bless 2024!

Mark

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

January 15, 2024
11-1 OWU
Hamilton-Williams Center

Dr. Hasan Jeffries
Keynote Speaker

January Panera Volunteers

Wed	Thur
Jan 3-Brown	Jan 4-Brown
Jan 10-Lovell / Remlinger	Jan 11-Lovell / Remlinger
Jan 17-Brown	Jan 18-Brown
Jan 24-Faulk	Jan 25-Grubbs
Jan 31-Faulk	Feb 1-Grubbs

Thank you all for volunteering. Adding the second night of pick-ups is going very well. We can always use volunteers. There are still spots available for February and March. The sign-up sheet is on the podium in the Gathering Place. If you wish to help with this and don't know how, talk to Larry or Pam Faulk. You need not sign up for both nights in a week. It is a very flexible schedule. The Thursday morning drop-off is at the United Way food bank at Willis, and the Friday morning drop-off remains at Andrews House.

PERSONALS

-Pastor Mark visited family in St. Louis during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

-Annabelle Ellen Pierce was born on December 18. She is the daughter of Claire and Jake Pierce, granddaughter of Randy and Jennifer Turner, and great-granddaughter of Jane M. and Jim Snyder. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long. Congratulations Claire and Jake!

-Pastor Allison had an article printed in the Delaware Gazette on Dec. 2.

-Brennan Howe had oral surgery on Dec. 28.

-Matt Lovell visited from California during the Christmas holiday and joined the choir at church.

-Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk visited with Jeff Faulk and family in Warren over the Christmas holiday

ABW - Women's Fellowship

December 16th was the Women's Fellowship Holiday Lunch and Ornament Exchange. Eleven women met for a potluck lunch, games, music and fellowship. There was plenty of merriment to make our season bright.

January 20th will be our next gathering. It will be in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30. Please bring a sack lunch and be ready to share stories of your joys of the season and plan 2024 gatherings!

Laura Brown

Mission/Outreach News

As we make plans for the New Year, we reflect on what we have provided to others in 2023. Every month we have asked for a material donation, money, support, and/or your time to help others in our community.

The congregation has:

Made soup for the Place of Warmth.
Given items of need to those at Turning Point.
Provided items for Teacher Appreciation Bags for Conger teachers.

Provided school supplies for students at Conger Elementary. Given money for shoes to People In Need for students. Given new underwear to Common Ground Free Store. Filled Christmas Shoe boxes for children around the world and given money for postage for the boxes. Donated items from 3 foster children's Christmas wish lists. Brought food on a regular basis to give to People In Need. Given your change in Spring and Fall to provide extra for school children's summer lunch program. Given a monetary gift to Family Promise, Common Ground, People In Need, Helpline, and Andrews House.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



January

3 Bailey Turner
6 Ken & Pam Shears
10 Kip Smith
12 Matt Cooper
Larry Faulk
16 Jane Moore Snyder
18 Matthew Lovell
20 Jennifer Turner
24 Lena Putkonen
28 John Dalglish
30 Calvin Turner
31 Jay Roberts

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Given monetarily to the America for Christ Offering, World Mission Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, and the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering.

Walked for Crop Walk and given money for food.

Given money to the special Easter and Christmas offerings.

Given money to provide tools to Church World Service.

Given money to provide blankets to Church World Service.

Picked up unsold items from Panera on Wed. And Thurs. evenings and distributed them to United Way at Willis School and Andrews House for distribution to those in need.

I am always amazed that this congregation gives so generously, giving what they can with a grateful heart for what they have been given through Christ.

The Mission/Outreach committee met in December and approved the list of opportunities for giving for 2024.

Place of Warmth

We begin January by making soup for our neighbor church, Zion United Church of Christ, that has the Place of Warmth for men that need a place to stay overnight when the temperature is 20 degrees or colder. We are thankful that Zion has this ministry and we can help by providing soup.

We have given some soup to them already from the soup that was extra from Soup and Sing. More will be needed. Contact Mark or Mary Lou(740-369-6041) if you would like to make soup for the men.

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!

Family Promise

In January, we will be asking for donations of needed items for Family Promise. Family Promise houses people that do not have a place to live. Family Promise gives them support by helping them find housing, a job, and other ways to help them be independent. They provide meals as well.

Shampoo, tooth brushes, tooth paste, hair brushes, feminine products, mouth wash, towels, wash cloths, and sheets are needed.

Thank You! To:

-Darlene Caulkins for supervising the collection of Christmas Shoe Boxes to bring smiles and God's message to 41 children somewhere in the world.

-Those who have taken food items to People In Need.

-Those who have picked up unsold Panera items on Wed. and Thurs. nights and have taken them to Willis School and Andrews House.

-Candy Lee for ordering poinsettias for the sanctuary.

-All who decorated the sanctuary for making it so beautiful for Advent and Christmas.

-Pat Gosser who is printing the bulletin and Chad for helping her clean.

-Thanks to Laura Brown, Candy Lee, and Pat Gosser for having a wonderful Christmas luncheon for the women.

-Thanks to Larry Faulk for coordinating the collection of new items for 3 foster children bringing smiles to them for Christmas.

Soup and Sing

On December 9th, we enjoyed coming to our beautiful sanctuary to sing Christmas carols. Thanks to Larry for setting up the monitor for the words on the screen. Thanks to Dr. Allison for leading the program and providing information about the carols. Thanks to Randy Turner for leading the singing of the carols. Thanks to Candy Lee for accompanying the carols: also to violinists Deb Lovell and Will Fogle. Thanks to Rolf Remlinger for playing guitar. It was a wonderful evening singing carols of Jesus' birth. Thanks to all who made soup, cornbread, and cookies. So delicious! Extra soup was given to the Place of Warmth.

Gloves, Mittens and Hat Tree

The Christmas tree with the gloves, mittens and hat was filled during December. The gloves, hats and mittens will be distributed to People In Need or Common Ground or Zion's Place of Warmth for the cold winter months. Thanks to all who filled the tree!

Please continue to support our missionaries in prayer:

Bill and Ann Clemmer
Sarah McCurdy
Jeni Pedzinski

Thank You!

Thank You to all for their music for Advent and Christmas Eve

Thank you to the choir for singing Christmas Eve morning and Christmas Eve.

Thank you to Deb Lovell, Barbara Smith, and Will Fogle for playing their violins for the Christmas Eve preludes. Difficult and beautiful music.

Thank you to all choir members who took time to practice and added lovely music to the services:

Pam Shears, Candy Lee, Deb Lovell, Rolf Remlinger, Dave Lovell, Randy Turner and 3 additional singers- Barbara Smith, Andrew Smith, and Matthew Lovell

Thank you to Randy Turner for singing Mary, Did You Know? And O Holy Night

A wonderful group of singers!

Miss a Worship Service?

Visit our Website:

fbcdelaware.org

Our website contains links to videos of previous worship services as well as newsletters (dating back to 1969), sermon manuscripts, bulletins, and audio of archived services.

A MESSAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR

"THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS"

by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins.
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others.
To make music in the heart.

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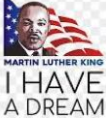

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January

2024

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	1  New Year's Day	2	3 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	4 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	5	Epiphany 6 
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Christian Unity Sunday 21 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service February newsletter deadline 	22	23	24 Holocaust Remembrance Day 6:30 Potluck Dinner 7:00 Annual Business Meeting 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	25 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	26	27
28 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service February newsletter available today	29	30	31 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup -Faulk	February 1 8:45 Panera Pickup -Grubbs	January Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Place of Warmth• Family Promise	

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The last couple of weeks in January have been cold and snowy. Their beauty has been slightly diminished by the discomfort, simply of being outside. Yet it has now been over a month since the winter solstice, and the daylight is lengthening each day by a few minutes, signaling that the season we call Lent is approaching, as well as, dare I say it, springtime.

The actual date when Lent begins this year is February 14, which is Ash Wednesday (also Valentine's Day), and is a little earlier than normal, and it means that Easter will be early as well, on March 31st. While I am at it, I may as well mention that the Pancake Supper will be on February 13th and the Maundy Thursday service will be on March 28th.

Last year, the Lenten Study was, "Stories in Genesis," and we had excellent discussions about the Patriarchs in Israel; about Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and his twelve sons, and especially



February

Joseph and the sojourn into Egypt. Both the historical and the theological aspects of these stories provided for a very meaningful study.

This year, the Lenten Study is "Scenes in Acts." It will feature the progression from the time immediately after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus through to Paul's arrival in Rome thirty or so years later. Some of the scenes we will discuss include the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the stoning of Stephen, the dream of Peter at Caesaria, the conversion of Paul and the missionary journeys, and more.

The study will begin on February 25th and run on Sundays through March

24th, which is also Palm Sunday. We will gather at 5 pm. If you think of it, between now and then, read a little of the Book of Acts each day to help you prepare. I am really looking forward to it.

Meanwhile, we are conditioned in February to the lenten time of anticipation and preparation for the Holy season of Passion and Easter. May it be a time of learning, to be sure, but also growth in grace, and in faith, and in love.

Blessings,
Mark

Pancake Supper

Join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship.
Tuesday, February 13th
at 6 pm

Lenten Bible Study

Please join us for our
Lenten Bible Study
beginning
Sunday, February 25th at 5 pm

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Thank you all for volunteering. It is much appreciated. Look for a new spring sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place later this month.

PERSONALS

- Pam Shears's sister Cindy visited from Florida recently.
- Sally Williams passed away on January 19, and a service was held on Friday, January 26.
- Lauren Reynolds has a new job.
- On January 20, Jim Snyder formalized his membership with our church. Welcome Jim!

ABW - Women's Fellowship

Even though January 20th was cold and snowy, 7 women gathered in the Fellowship Hall. We shared stories of holidays past, snowy days and then made bird seed-covered pinecones to feed our feathered friends.

February is National Random Acts of Kindness month and the 17th will be our next meeting. Again we will meet in the Fellowship Hall. So bring a sack lunch and join us at 11:30. All women are welcome...so join in the fun!

- Laura Brown



Sally Williams

Sara Jean Eliot "Sally" Williams passed away on January 19, 2024, at the age of 97. She was a resident of Inniswood Village in Westerville, previously living in Delaware and Upper Arlington, Ohio. Sally was a gracious and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who was deeply loved by her family and friends.

Born October 11, 1926, Sally grew up in Delaware, Ohio, the first child of Claudia and Charles Eliot, later to be joined by her brother Don, who predeceased her. She was a 1944 graduate of Willis High School, where she was her class Valedictorian. After graduation from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1948, she married the love of her life, Don Williams, later that year. Together, they raised three children, and were married for 64 years before his passing in 2013.

In 1974, Sally began a fulfilling job as General Office Manager for the Lazarus Department Store in Upper Arlington, a position she held for 17 years. She especially enjoyed her staff, many of whom became good friends. Once she retired in 1991, she and Don began a new phase of their married life, deciding to buy a motor home and travel around the country. They spent many winters in Florida, enjoying the company of friends. In her leisure time, Sally was an avid bridge player

and a dedicated, unwavering fan of her beloved OSU Buckeyes. She was a past member of Mountview Baptist Church in Upper Arlington and current member of First Baptist Church in Delaware.


Sally is survived by her loving children, Susan (Robert) Bauer of Westerville, Judy Williams of Grandview Heights, and Steven (Stephanie) Williams of Rockbridge, Ohio. She is a cherished Grandma to Jessica Bauer, Julie (Ben) Senff, Claudia (Adam) Cumby, Zachary Williams and Jeremy Williams, and "Gigi" to her great grandchildren Marie and Charlie Senff, and Charley and Sophie Cumby.

Mission/Outreach News

Place of Warmth at Zion United Church of Christ

Zion UCC has had many nights to be open for the cold weather we have had. Thanks again to all who made soup for Soup and Sing. As you know the extra soup was given to them for the men

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4 Candy Lee
8 Samuel & Grace Allison
13 Lana Palmer
24 Emilie Showalter

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who stayed at night. The next couple of weeks are supposed to be warmer, but winter is not over so, in a couple of weeks we may be asking if anyone would like to help out by making soup to give them. Let Mary Lou or Mark know if you are interested in making soup.

Family Promise

Our mission for February was providing shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, towels, washcloths, sheets, dish soap, and laundry detergent for Family Promise. Thanks to everyone who filled the basket.

Hats, Gloves, and Mittens Tree

During the month of December we collected hats, gloves, and mittens to add to the very generous 40 pairs of gloves that were given by a friend of Genevieve Peterson. The tree was covered with those items as well as scarves and socks to be donated as well. The items that you gave were taken to Family Promise, Common Ground Free Store and Conger Elementary School.

Turning Point

Turning Point is a women's shelter in Delaware that provides a place for women and their children stay when they need to leave their home due to domestic violence. The shelter provides bedrooms, meals, a common area, and counseling to enable them to feel secure and find work and a place that is safe to live. In February, we will be taking the following donations to be given to Turning Point : garbage bags, paper towels, cleaning supplies,

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Condolences to the family of Sally Williams on the death of Sally

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

personal care products, batteries, pajamas, grocery gift cards.

People In Need Basket

Thanks to all who add items to their weekly shopping list to bring to fill the basket for People In Need

Panera Pick Up

As you have noticed at the grocery store, food items keep going up in price. There is a need for food for people in our community. One of the ways we can help is to pick up the unsold items from Panera and take them to be distributed to those who are in need. As you have seen in the bulletin, we now have 2 nights that our congregation has the opportunity to pick up the items from Panera.

On Wednesday nights we pick up at 8:45p.m., re-bag items, and take them to Willis School on William St. on Thursday morning. On Thursday nights we pick up at 8:45 p.m., re-bag items, and take them to Andrews House on Friday morning.

There is a sign up sheet in the gathering place if you can help with this ministry. If you want more information about it, talk with Pam or Larry Faulk.

Each day in February, let us remember that "Love Never Ends" as we find ways to serve our community.

PANCAKE SUPPER

All are invited to join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 13th at 6 p.m. The menu includes pancakes, waffles, sausage, fruit, and Dave Lovell's famous blueberry syrup. The meal is free. Just bring a friend and your appetite. Come and join in an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.



SHROVE TUESDAY

Looking Ahead

Start saving your pocket change. On March 10th we will collect it for the Delaware City Schools Lunch Program.

We will also be collecting for the America for Christ offering in March

PUZZLE EXCHANGE

There are jigsaw puzzles on the tray table in the Gathering Place. Feel free to take some home with you and to bring some in for others to take.

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.

4th Quarter Financial Update

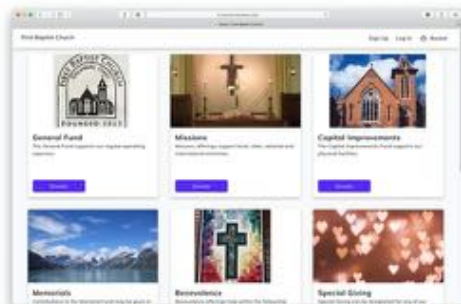
At the end of 2023, income for the general operation of FBC has exceeded expenses. Mission giving met our 2023 goals. You have contributed to our Memorial and Capital Improvements Funds which provide the resources to maintain our facilities and programs.

Detail copies of the financial report are available in the Welcome Center. Your generous contributions are appreciated

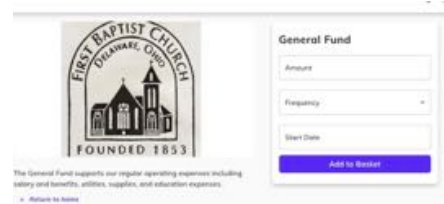
Consider Online Giving

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 make an offering online. Visit our website at FBCDelaware.org and click on the "Donate" button.

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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The 51st Psalm is associated with the period in King David's life after he had been confronted about his sinful relationship with Uriah's wife Bathsheba, involving both adultery and murder, not to mention the rather blatant abuse of power. In that context the psalm makes perfect sense as a prayer of penitence and confession.

It is an offering of repentance, a prayer about the loss of life's joy, and about the feeling that life is meaningless. Yet it is a hopeful prayer, expressing a great belief in God's mercy; that restoration and reconciliation are not only possible, but will come in due time.

As such, even though we do not identify with sinfulness on such a scale as David's, this sacred poem offers itself as a realistic Lenten prayer that anyone can pray. It is fit for the season we are in, and appropriate as Easter draws near. It also turns out to be one of the readings from the psalter during Lent, and thus it would be an error to ignore the opportunity to make it our prayer.

Confession of sin, of course, can be a dangerous thing for someone to ask of others.

March



Calls for repentance can be and have been used down through the years in manipulative and domineering, thus in harmful ways. No such meaning is intended here. There is no cause to artificially impose guilt on anyone. The only goal is to acknowledge the reality that sin and guilt are already a present part of life, and we are healthier when we are honest about them, ask forgiveness, and work to remove them from our lives.

And so, in the spirit of the season, I offer it now, Psalm 51:1-12, and hope that its words can convey the biblical message and the sentiments in our hearts better than I ever

could. Take the time to make this prayer your own as you journey through Lent.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

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Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship
5:00 pm Bible Study

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28
7:00 pm Communion
Fellowship Hall

Good Friday

Friday, March 29
11:00 Stations of the Cross
Noon Service at St. Mary

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31
9:15 am coffee & pastries
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship

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4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

6 Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

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

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

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Blessings, Mark

Also, I hope to see you Sunday afternoons in March for the Lenten Bible Study, "Scenes in Acts."



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Mar 27-Faulk	Mar 28-Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering to this rewarding mission. There is a new sign-up sheet for the spring quarter in the Gathering Place. Let's see how quickly we can fill all the spaces. .

PERSONALS

- The brother of Dr. Bob Caulkins passed away last month.

- Randy and Jennifer Turner thank everyone for their prayers for the family when several of them had COVID last month.

- Ken Shears fell and broke his pelvis in several places. He is in rehab at Sarah Moore for a few weeks.

-Claire and Annabelle Pierce attended church on February 11 and the pancake supper on the 13th.

-Dave Lovell suffered an allergic reaction on Feb. 11. Mary Lou Lovell would like to thank all those who filled in with the music that day, as she stayed home to be with Dave.

-Laura Brown visited her brother who suffers from Alzheimers in Missouri last week.

- Evan and Devin Allison from Colorado visited Pastor Mark over Presidents Day weekend.

ABW - Women's Fellowship

February, being Random Acts of Kindness Month, was dealt an unkind act by Mother Nature. Our meeting on February 17th was cancelled due to an unexpected heavy snowfall. Hopefully it won't happen again for our next meeting.

March is Women's History Month and we will extend an invitation to the Second Baptist Church's Women's Fellowship to join us for a potluck lunch on March 9th. This change to the second Saturday is because of members' travel plans surrounding Spring Break. All women are welcome to come and celebrate a month dedicated to our shared history.
- Laura Brown

Easter Offering

The Easter Offerings in the special Easter envelopes will go to Helpline. Helpline connects people with agencies that provide services that they need.

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- Ben Turner
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- 9 Rolf Remlinger
- 10 Connie Roberts
- 11 Rick & Sandy VanBrimmer
- 12 Evan Trigg
- 14 Darlene Caulkins
- 18 Dave Lovell
- 20 Bob & Darlene Caulkins
- 24 Richard & Laura Brown

Please report any errors.

GRACE UPON GRACE

The 2024 America for Christ theme "Grace Upon Grace" is based on Lamentations 3:22-23. "Because of God's great love, we are not consumed, for God's compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." God's love for us, even in times of despair, never wavers. Each year the ABHMS awards grants from the donations that they receive from AFC. Here are some of the areas that are funded by AFC:

- Grants to churches to fund ministry initiatives such as camps, daycare, youth, and young adult initiatives.

- Grants to American Baptist seminaries and colleges.

- Grants to American Baptist Partners training opportunities, funding of learning opportunities that involve travel and housing, repairs and upgrades to preserve our critical American Baptist spaces.

- American Baptist Regional Offices.

- Scholarships for which our own members may apply.

- Disaster response and recovery efforts.

ABHMS does not retain any AFC funds for operations or overhead.

One hundred percent of AFC dollars support vital ministries.

AFC empowers us to provide

"Grace upon Grace." Please prayerfully consider your

contribution during the month of March as you read about some of the ways the AFC money is used in the weekly church bulletin. Our church's goal is \$1000.

-Pam Faulk

Prayer List

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Condolences to the Caulkins family on the death of Dr. Bob's brother

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

Daylight Saving Time begins on March 10. On that Sunday, we ask that you bring all your loose change to church for the Change for Change offering. The money will be sent to Andrews House which oversees the summer lunch program for Delaware children. This is one small way that our church can help eliminate hunger in our own community.

EASTER BREAKFAST (of sorts)

On Easter morning there will be coffee and pastries in the Gathering Place at 9:15. Everyone is welcome to join us for Sunday school.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come

together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality. Marked annually on March 8, IWD is one of the most important days of the year to celebrate women's achievements, educate and raise awareness for women's equality, call for positive change advancing women, and fundraise for female-focused charities. In many countries it is a national holiday.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. It is initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions. It is symbolized by an annual day of celebration observed on the first Friday in March. It brings women of different races, cultures, and traditions together in fellowship, understanding, and action throughout the year.

Mission/Outreach News

We have had many cold nights in February. Thanks to those who have made soup for the Zion United Church of Christ Place of Warmth for men needing a place to stay.

February's outreach was to Family Promise. Family Promise houses those women and children who have sought shelter from domestic abuse. The basket has overflowed with needed items. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to provide for others.

Thank you to Peter White for delivering the items to the shelter.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone has been collecting the unsold items from Panera on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Thank you for your commitment to this outreach.

People In Need Basket

The basket in the Welcome Center continues to have food items in it at all times. Thank you to all who give on a regular basis to help others in need of food.

Looking Ahead

In April, we also will be collecting items for the Teacher Appreciation bags that are given to the staff at Conger Elementary School

2024 Directory

I have begun revising the Directory for 2024 and hope to have it available by Easter. If you have updated your phone number or email address, I would like to include it. If you would like an updated photo, see me or send me one. Thanks, Larry Faulk, lfaulk01@aol.com.

Easter Lillies

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lilly for our Easter service, the cost this year is \$13 each. Dedication forms will be available in the Welcome Center soon.

1897 Bulletin

I have been adding copies of our Worship Bulletins to our website. The oldest bulletin that I have found in our files is a bulletin from October 3, 1897 which was the dedication service for the rebuilt church. There are bulletins from most years from 1939 going forward with the exception of some more recent years.

I have no bulletins for 1989 or for 1991-1996. If you have access to any of those bulletins (or any others that you see missing) let me know and I will make copies for the website.

Visit our website: fbcdelaware.org and click on "View Bulletins" to explore them.

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 May 27th, 2024 from 4-8 pm
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 Please join us to celebrate the marriage of
 [Name] & [Name]
 Join us for food, fun, music, dancing, and games. Your presence is our present so please refrain from bringing gifts. Come anytime, stay as long as you like.
 RSVP by May 20th to delaware@fbc.org

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Calvin, Taylor, and Kennedy Turner
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 Galena, OH 43021

First Baptist Church











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March

2024

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I have been complaining a little about Easter coming early this year. Waiting until later in April gives springtime so much more time to bless us with seasonal warmth and trees filling out and all the flowers of the season. I have long thought I would be willing to make Easter the second or third Sunday in April and leave it that way. But things are not that simple.

March 31st, which is both Easter this year, and the day the newsletter will be published, is actually not the earliest that Easter can come. That would be March 22, which doesn't happen often. The last time it occurred was way back in 1818 and it will not happen again until 2289, a gap of 467 years.

I have always believed that Easter was the Sunday after Passover, the date of which is determined by a lunar calendar, which explains why it moves around from year to year. Apparently I am mistaken. Some years Easter actually precedes Passover, like this one when Easter is on March 31st and Passover is April 23rd.

And things are made even more confusing by the Julian calendar used by the Orthodox in the Eastern traditions. Sometimes their Easter comes as late as early May. (In an occasional and coincidental occurrence, both the Eastern and Western churches will celebrate Easter on the same day next year, which will be April



the 20th). In the Gregorian calendar, which is used in the Western churches, Easter comes on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. It is all too confusing.

It doesn't really matter, of course, when we celebrate the Resurrection, but only that we honor it every day. The bright side of an early Easter is that we live for a few weeks longer in the time after the resurrection, and are given more time to contemplate it. And I have made too big of a fuss.

This Good Friday just past, I took my turn giving the sermon at the Community Good Friday service. The emphasis was the meaning of the Cross. The following is part of what I left them with, and offer here now as words of encouragement for the months ahead:

“The cross is God accepting us in the power of redeeming love. It is the triumph of mercy over judgment. It is God's kindness to all the world. It is the foundation

of our kindness and mercy toward, and acceptance of each other. It carries us across divides and makes impossible friendships possible. It liberates us from excessive selfishness, from the seemingly never-ending habit of attaching eternal significance to lesser things, and somehow failing to attach eternal significance to eternal things. It dispenses with fear, calms anxiety, and makes new beginnings possible.”

One can say much the same about the Resurrection. Good Friday and Easter operate in tandem to strengthen our hope in new beginnings, so that the news of the world does not get the last word.

I am reminded of the passage in the 21st chapter of Revelation near the end of the Bible, when the New Heaven and Earth come down:

“And the one seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new.’ Then he said, ‘write this down, for these words are faithful and true.’”

They are at that.

Blessings, and Happy Easter

- Mark

April Panera Volunteers

Wed	Thur
Apr 3-Faulk	Apr 4-Faulk
Apr 10-Grubbs	Apr 11-Grubbs
Apr 17-Brown	Apr 18-Brown
Apr 24-Faulk	Apr 25-Faulk

Thanks to all who volunteer their time for this mission..

PERSONALS

-Dr. Bob Caulkins was recently a patient at Grady and is now receiving comfort care at Willowbrook South. His room number is 259.

- Ken Shears is at Sarah Moore receiving rehab for a broken pelvis. He and Pam would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers.

-Dave Lovell's nephew was killed in a car accident on March 1.

-Seven ladies from the Second Baptist Church joined our women for lunch on March 9.

-Will Fogle played a beautiful violin piece in church on March 3. Thanks Will.

-Gabe Fogle and the OWU tennis team spent a week in Florida in March. Will Fogle went there also.

-Rolf Remlinger went on a music cruise in March.

-Pat Lauver recently cracked a rib and her sternum in an accident.

-Jim Snyder would like to thank everyone for their prayers during his son Jeff's successful open-heart surgery.

-Richard and Laura Brown traveled to Iceland in March.

-Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk went on a Disney Cruise during Erin's Spring Break.

-Don't forget to RSVP to Deb Lovell and Rolf Remlinger for their reception in May. (See March newsletter or bulletin board in Gathering Place)

ABW - Women's Fellowship

Our March meeting was on the 9th to accommodate all of the Spring Break trips. Women's History Month was perfect for inviting the Second Baptist Women for a potluck lunch. Seven of their members joined the nine members of ours for the first combined meeting since the Pandemic. Thank you to all our women for providing lunch.

Our next meeting will be on April 20th, in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sack lunch and enjoy Springtime.
- Laura Brown

Mission/Outreach News

In March, the America for Christ offering was collected. Thanks to all who gave so generously to support vital ministries.

The Change for Change offering was collected in which you emptied your pockets of loose change to support the summer lunch program for school children Delaware.

Thanks to all who continue to fill the People In Need basket with food for those in need.

Thanks to all who pick up unsold items from Panera on Wednesday and Thursday nights to be distributed by Willis food pantry and Andrews House. Since we are picking up 2 nights a week now, we could use more

volunteers. See Pam Faulk if you would like to help with this mission.

Our March/April mission will be collecting the Easter offering which will be given to Helpline. Helpline connects those in need with agencies to give them food, housing, and necessary services.

In April, we collect items for the Teacher Appreciation Bags given to the staff at Conger Elementary School.

A box will be in the Welcome Center for your donations. Suggested items: (All must be individually wrapped) Candy, Chocolate, Chips and snack items, Granola bars, Cheese crackers, Dried fruit snacks, Hot chocolate packets, Tea bags, Pretzels, Pencils, Pens.

Last year we filled 70 bags

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
- Devin Allison
- 29 Deb Lovell
- Benjamin Trigg

Please report any errors.

THANK YOU NOTES

The church has received the following thank you notes recently. These can be found on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

Dr. Mark Allison and First Baptist Church,

Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers in memory of our mom Sara (Sally) Williams. They provided comfort to our family at a difficult time. A special thank you to Mark for leading the service and to Mary Lou for playing the piano. Our mom loved the First Baptist Church.

-Steve and Stephanie Williams, Judy Williams, Susan and Bob Bauer

First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the donation in memory of Craig Reynolds. The Athletic Department is currently pricing AED's to purchase in Craig's name. Thank you again for the donation.

- Mike Lindsey, AD, Pleasant Local Schools

THANK YOU

Thank you to my First Baptist family for the contribution to my father's memorial at the Pleasant Local Schools. So far over \$6,000 has been raised through gifts, which will be used to purchase additional AEDs (automated external defibrillators) to be placed near athletic areas at Pleasant.

Also, thank you for your prayers in my recent job search. I have been selected to serve as Assistant to the President for Leadership Investment (a fancy term for fundraiser) at Randolph-Macon Academy, a college

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preparatory school in Front Royal, Virginia. This job involves travel, but when I am not traveling I will be working remotely from Delaware.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for contributing their loose change last month for the Change for Change offering. We were able to send \$234.50 to Andrews House to supplement the funds for the summer lunch program for Delaware children.

-Pam Faulk

1989-1996 Missing Bulletins

Please check your personal archives. I am looking for any FBC Worship Bulletins for any Sundays from 1989 - 1996. I have been making archive copies of our church bulletins for our website and I can't find any from 1989-1996.

-Larry Faulk

WORLD HEALTH DAY

On April 7 we will celebrate World Health Day. Around the world, the right to health of millions is increasingly coming under threat. Diseases and disasters loom large as causes of death and disability. Conflicts are devastating lives, causing death, pain, hunger and psychological distress. The burning of fossil fuels is simultaneously driving the climate crisis and taking away our right to breathe clean air, with

Graduation

Brennan Howe
Rutherford B. Hayes
High School
Class of 2024

All are invited to come and help us celebrate Brennan's high school graduation.

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indoor and outdoor air pollution claiming a life every 5 seconds. The WHO Council on the Economics of Health forAll has found that at least 140 countries recognize health as a human right in their constitution. Yet countries are not passing and putting into practice laws to ensure their populations are entitled to access health services. This underpins the fact that at least 4.5 billion people — more than half of the world's population — were not fully covered by essential health services in 2021. To address these types of challenges, the theme for World Health Day 2024 is **'My health, my right'**. This year's theme was chosen to champion the right of everyone, everywhere to have access to quality health services, education, and information, as well as safe drinking water, clean air, good nutrition, quality housing, decent working and environmental conditions.

FBC History / Historical Special Services

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-Larry Faulk

Easter Lily Dedications

Jim Snyder

In Honor of Jane Moore

In Memory of Mary Alice Snyder

In Memory of Olive & Brooks Snyder

Dave & Mary Lou Lovell

In Memory of Jay Emmer-Lovell

In Memory of Dr. Robert Lovell

In Memory of Jennie Lovell

In Memory of Margaret Morby

In Memory of Ray Morby

Candy Lee

In Honor of Maureen Howe

In Memory of Bim Howe

Pam & Larry Faulk

In Honor of our children & grandchildren

In Memory of our parents

Carol Grubbs

In Honor of Jim & Anna Brown

In Memory of Nick Haycox

In Memory of Teresa Griffith

Pam Shears

In Memory of Gene Lathrop

In Memory of Francis & Bill Shears

Richard & Laura Brown

In Memory of our son, David Brown



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On my walks this spring, especially on the days when it is warm enough outside that no coat is necessary, I think of how near to the beginning we are of the spring to summer to fall journey. It is all in front of us. It makes me want to start enjoying it now, before any of it passes by (my favorite time when I go on vacations is at the very beginning when nothing has happened, and everything lies ahead).

In the cycle of seasons, it is early spring, and flowers and green grass, lawn mowers and rakes and sticks - all the sticks - are once again a part of life. Along with springtime comes rain, sometimes in the form of storms that can be destructive in a variety of ways. But the over-arching features of the season are increasing daylight, warmth, and sunshine.

Each new season is a gift from God. It is not necessary that another year be given to the world. There does not



need to be flowers and rain and sunshine. For these gifts and more, we are thankful.

Of course, the word, "spring," has another meaning. It refers to the source of water coming up out of the ground that is fresh and clear and cold, and flows into streams and rivers and gives its life to the world. One thinks of the words of Jesus that he spoke to the woman at the well in Samaria when she gave him something to drink;

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

We are led to observe the life around us and its cycles and repetitions and contemplate the meaning of eternity. At the beginning of The Book of Revelation are found these words,

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, who is, and was, and is to come, the almighty."

The newness of spring reminds us, like all new beginnings do, that God indwells and accompanies every beginning, middle, and end, of every life, of life itself. Anyway, these are the things that come to mind while on my springtime walks.

**Blessings,
- Mark**

**May
Panera Volunteers**

Wed	Thur
May 1-Gosser	May 2-Gosser
May 8-Brown	May 9-Brown
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May 22-Brown	May 23-Faulk
May 29-Lee	May 30-Gosser

Thank you all for your wonderful support!



Dr. Robert S. Caulkins Jr.

Robert Sharp Caulkins Jr., 99, of Delaware, passed away peacefully, Thursday Morning, April 25, 2024 at Willow Brook Christian Village in Delaware.

Robert was born September 10, 1924 in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of the late Robert Sharp & Dorothy (Cain) Caulkins Sr. Robert graduated from high school and attended Amherst College. After receiving his Bachelor's Degree, he joined the United States Army. He served during World War II and was stationed in Central Europe. He was honorably discharged in April 1946 and earned the theater

ribbon with 2 bronze stars, along with good conduct and victory medals.

Returning from the service he enrolled at Western Reserve University School of Medicine, where he received his Doctorate in Medicine. He started his residency with Columbia Saint Luke's Medical Center in Cleveland, and fulfilled it with Southside Medical Center in 1955. Robert made his way to Delaware in 1955 and opened up his own practice, serving the community from 1955-2019. He was known by everyone in the community as the straight-shooting, no-nonsense doctor that he was. He was an Emeritus Staff at Grady Memorial Hospital, and was a longtime parishioner with First Presbyterian Church in Delaware and here recently the First Baptist Church in Delaware. One with many interests, he also enjoyed the outdoors, playing tennis, riding his recumbent bike, and being on the water.

He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years Darlene; his children Robert Lee (Lisa) Caulkins, Nancy (Tom) Kevern, Susan Caulkins and Amy (Scott) Schubert; 10 grandchildren; brother David Caulkins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife Shirley "Shay" Caulkins in 2000, and brother Doug Caulkins.

In keeping with his simple wishes, graveside services will take place at 1:00 pm Monday, April 29, 2024 at Oak Grove Cemetery, 334 South Sandusky Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015, where military honors will be provided by the Delaware County Veterans Association and the United States Army.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed toward First Baptist Church, 101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

Memories and condolences may be expressed at www.robinsonfuneralhomeinc.com

The Robinson Funeral Home in Delaware is honored to serve this veteran and his family.

PERSONALS

-Ken Shears is home from his rehab.

-Laura and Richard Brown would like to thank everyone for their prayers for their safe trip to Iceland in March.

-Thank you Mary Lou Lovell, Randy Turner, Will Fogle, and the choir for the beautiful Easter music.

-Pastor Allison took a trip to Missouri to see family the week after Easter.

**Birthdays
and
Anniversaries**



May

- 3 Rick VanBrimmer
- 8 Will Fogle
- 10 Archie & Beth Trigg
- 12 Jeanne Ekelberry
- 15 Barbara Smith
- 16 Brianna Showalter

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-Richard and Laura Brown took a driving trip to Lakeside, Ohio last month.

-Randy Turner performed in the Arena Faire production and in the Delaware Community Chorus spring concert in April.

-Laura Brown thanks everyone for their prayers for her medical tests and for her daughter Rachel's recent surgery.

-Brennan Howe was accepted into Project Search program for next year.

-Jim Snyder thanks everyone for their prayers for his son Jeff who had heart surgery. Jeff is back in the pulpit and doing well.

- Larry and Pam Faulk's grandson Cullen will graduate from Case Western University on May 19.

ABW - Women's Fellowship

April 20th was a beautiful day and 7 women gathered for lunch and fellowship. Because of May graduations and the Arts Festival it was decided that our next meeting should be the second Saturday in May.

May 11th will be our next meeting. Please bring a sack lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30.
- Laura Brown

Mission/Outreach News

In April, the Easter offering was collected and given to Helpline to connect people with agencies to help them in times of crisis.

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We have been collecting items to celebrate the faculty at Conger Elementary School for Teacher Appreciation Day in May. The bags will be filled with goodies that you have brought in to thank them for their dedication to helping students learn. Thank you to everyone who has helped to fill these bags. In May we will pack the bags and deliver them to Conger.

In May, we will celebrate mothers on Mothers Day by having our annual Blanket Sunday. Many mothers ,having a time of need, will receive needed blankets in many parts of the world.

Thinking about how many hurricanes and tornados we have had, there are so many in need. Providing a blanket for a mom to stay warm, use as a tent, or to help keep their children warm, is a way for us to reach out to others. The money given can be given in honor or memory of a

mother or special woman in your life . The monetary collection will be given to Church World Service for blanket distribution.

Looking ahead:
In June we will collect the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We will celebrate fathers or special men in our lives on Father's Day, by giving money to provide tools where needed to repair or build new houses, churches, and other buildings.

Graduation

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Graduates

Brennan Howe

Brennan Howe will be graduating from R.B. Hayes High School on May 17, 2024 and Delaware Area Career Center on May 18, 2024. While attending Hayes High School his junior and senior year, he also attended DACC in the Hospitality program. Through that program he worked at OWU in the Alexander Hamilton and Smith dining halls. Brennan works hard to accomplish any task he is given. He has been accepted into the DACC Project Search internship program at Grady Memorial Hospital. He loves helping others and brings joy wherever he goes.

James Craig Reynolds

James will graduate from Olentangy Berlin High School on May 19th.

James plans to attend Miami University this fall to study journalism. He was recently recognized as Student of the Month at Olentangy Berlin High School.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the America for Christ offering in March. With your support we were able to surpass our goal of \$1000 to help in mission work right here in the U.S.

-Pam Faulk

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer is on May 2 this year. Please take a moment out of your busy day to stop and pray for peace around the world and especially in our own country.

YOUTH SUNDAY AND SUMMER HOURS

On May 19 we will celebrate Youth Sunday and recognize our graduates. This will be the last Sunday for Sunday school classes until the fall. Summer Hours will begin on May 26 with the worship service at 10:00 a.m. There will NOT be a picnic on Youth Sunday this year. We hope to have a church picnic later in the summer instead.

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3 season pavilion

Join us for food, fun, music, dancing and games. Your presence is our present so please refrain from bringing gifts.

RSVP by May 20th to
debthesciencemom@gmail.com

First Baptist Church






101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

May

2024

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Appreciation Bags for Conger Elementary School • Blanket Sunday 			May Day 1 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser	National Day of Prayer 2  8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser	May Fellowship Day 3	4
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 Mother's Day Blanket Day 12 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Ascension Day	13 5:30 Deacons	14	15 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	16 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	17	Delaware Arts Festival 18 8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans Armed Forces Day
Pentecost Youth Sunday 19 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Last day of Sunday School June newsletter deadline 	20	21	22 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	23 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	24	25 Brennan's Party 1-4 Mingo Park
Summer Hours Begin 26 10:00 am Worship Service June newsletter available today	Memorial Day 27  Party for Deb and Rolf 4-8 Mingo Park	28	29 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup -Lee	30 8:45 Panera Pickup -Gosser	31	

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Last year, for a summer activity, we learned about stained glass, its history and role in church architecture and worship. In particular, we studied the meaning of the images found in our church. In a similar vein, this year I am suggesting we have the same kind of emphasis, only lending our attention to the hymnody of the church and its significance.

Beginning in July, there will be a couple of Sunday evening hymn sings, at which we will gather to sing some of the songs of the faith, and learn about the stories of a couple of the more prolific writers whose songs we sing. On Sunday July 14th, the hymns of Isaac Watts will be featured, and on August 11, it will be the hymns of Fanny Crosby (I realize that I am looking past the month of June, with the Tools of Hope offering on Father's Day and the month long emphasis on the One Great Hour of Sharing, but I hope I can be forgiven for getting ahead of things a little).

The hymns of the faith is admittedly way too big of a category to do much justice in only two meetings, and to focus on the contributions of just two writers doesn't even begin to touch the tip of the



iceberg. With that concession, they provide a place to start, and to become better acquainted with the musical aspect of our worship tradition, as we did the artistic setting last summer.

So put the dates on the calendar and make plans to attend. The hymn sings will begin at 5 P.M. I am sure that in addition to a time of learning, it will also provide an opportunity for both worship and fellowship.

One of the strengths of the hymns that have stood the test of time and become a part of the Church's collection of sacred music is its thoughtful theological reflection. Good theology can and should be sung. It finds its way into our minds and hearts more easily when it is shared musically.

So as a devotion I will lead off this month with the lyrics of one of my favorite Isaac Watt's hymns from the time of the

First Great Awakening in the 18th century, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," which has always reminded me of a couple of texts in Philippians; 2:1-11, and mainly 3:4-11.

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

**Blessings,
- Mark**

June Panera Volunteers

Wed **Thur**

June 5-Brown June 6-Lee
June 12-Brown June 13-Faulk
June 19-Lee June 20-Brown
June 26-Gosser June 27-Faulk

There is a new sign-up sheet for the Summer Quarter in the Gathering Place.
Thanks to all who volunteer.

PERSONALS

-Please keep Darlene Caulkins in your prayers for undergoing knee replacement surgery.

-Richard and Laura Brown's daughter Rachel and her husband are moving to St. Louis for her new job promotion.

-Pastor Allison had an article published in the May 4 Delaware Gazette. It can be found on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

-Brennan Howe graduated Cum Laude from Hayes High School on May 17th.

- Deb Lovell and Rolf Remlinger were married on May 25 at Maumee Bay.

THANK YOU

We recently received the following thank you note which can be found on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

Thank you so very much for the wonderful treats you were kind enough to provide our staff at Conger Elementary. Everyone (including me) enjoyed the

goodies and appreciated being thought of.

Blessings,
Sandy Kincaid

THANKS

Thanks to Mary Lou Lovell, the choir, Randy Turner, Claire Pierce, and Will Fogle for all the beautiful special music for the Mother's Day church service.

ABW - Women's Fellowship

In May Women's Fellowship met on the Mother's Day weekend, as there were members away for graduation and also because Delaware Arts Fair was during our regular meeting week. We enjoyed lunch and plans for our June meeting. Our plan for June meeting is as follows -

Women's Fellowship will prepare a joint breakfast for the MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. It will be on June 15th (regular meeting week) at 9 AM. We are looking forward to social fellowship together! Everyone is invited.

- Laura Brown

SHARE THE LIGHT

"Let me tell you why you are here... You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world...Keep open house; be generous with your lives."
Matthew 5:13-16.

The verses in Matthew 5 give us the commission to show up brightly in the world and to be generous with our lives. That is the invitation extended in this year's One Great Hour of Sharing

(OGHS) theme, "Share the Light." The OGHS is an opportunity to do just that. When we participate in OGHS, we become a dazzling prism of light scattering blessing in places that desperately need it. We offer hope to people forced to flee their homes in search of safety. We support life-giving recovery efforts when disasters devastate communities and lives. We empower partners in their labors to build sustainable futures. We plant seeds of peace where war has multiplied despair and destruction. This is why we are here: to be shining witnesses of uncommon love and enduring hope and to be generous with our lives. Won't you share your light and give generously to the OGHS in June? Our goal is \$1000.

- Pam Faulk

Birthdays and Anniversaries



June

- 4 Dwight Davidson
- 8 Pam Faulk
- 10 Aidan Ferguson
 Dave & MaryLou Lovell
 Mike & Cathy Reynolds
 Mike & Emilie Showalter
- 11 Randy & Jennifer Turner
- 12 Jay & Joyce Roberts
- 16 Chad Myford
 Kennedy Turner
- 17 Matt & Marci Cooper
- 21 Dan & Sherry Chambers
- 24 Beth Trigg
- 27 Dwight & Kari Davidson

Please report any errors.

Mission/Outreach News

Teacher Appreciation Bags Delivered

Thanks to everyone who brought snacks, candy, and packets of flower seeds to fill the bags for the staff at Conger Elementary School. The bags were delivered on May 14th and we were met with smiles and thank you's for them. Thanks to all who purchased the bags, packed the bags, and delivered them.

Honors and Memorials of Mothers on Blanket Sunday

On Mother's Day, May 12th, slips of paper with names of women (mother's or special woman in your life) with monetary gifts were placed on a blanket hanging in the front of the church. This represented helping purchase blankets for those in need around the world. The blankets provide warmth and shelter for women and children. They are distributed by Church World Service.

One Great Hour of Sharing

During the month of June, we take offerings to provide money to the One Great Hour of Sharing. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports disaster relief, ministries to displaced persons, and the development projects of the American Baptist Churches.

Tools for Hope Sunday

On Father's Day, June 16th, we will have an offering to buy tools and supplies for needs around the world. With many floods and tornados this year, there is much need for reconstruction and

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Jenni Pedzinski and family	Father's stroke
Trigg Family	Continued Prayers
Darlene Caulkins	Condolences and 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!

building. Paper slips will be available for you to list the names of fathers or men in your lives that you wish to honor or remember. You will pin the slips and your monetary gift on the blanket hanging in the front of the church during the worship service.

People In Need

People In Need appreciates your gifts of food for those in need. Thank you for continuing to fill the boxes each month.

Panera Pick Up

Panera pick up continues each week on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Repacking and delivery to Willis School food pantry occurs on Thursday morning. Repacking and delivery to Andrews House occurs on Friday morning. Thanks to ALL who are doing this outreach mission.

There is a sign up sheet in the gathering room if you would like to help. If you want more information, talk with Larry Faulk.

Financial Update

Through the first four months of 2024, expenses have exceeded income in our general fund by \$2,547. Missions contributions are on track to meet our goals and commitments. Your faithful offerings are appreciated.

Possible Church Tower Project

With the continued loss of some slate tiles on the roof of the tower and some obvious decay in the eaves, we have reached a point where we must consider major renovation of the tower. Trustee Peter White is seeking bids from companies who specialize in such repair and/or replacement. Once we have multiple quotes for the extent of the necessary work, we will present info to the fellowship for consideration and commitment to the project.

Blanket Sunday Dedications

5/12/2024

Given by:

In memory/honor of:

Mark Allison	In memory:	Fern Allison
Richard and Laura Brown	In honor:	Marie
Darlene Caulkins	In honor:	Martha Rittenhouse
Jeanne Ekelberry	In memory:	Ethel Trogden
Erin and Larry Faulk	In honor:	Pam Faulk
Larry and Pam Faulk	In memory:	Evoleno Cole
		Florence Faulk
		Mary Anderson
		Jean Wickum
	In honor:	Erin Faulk
		Laurie Faulk
		Patricia Rose
		Donna Mann
Pat Gosser	In honor:	All the Ladies Of First Baptist
Carol Grubbs	In memory:	Ruth Brown
Brennan Howe	In honor:	Candy Lee
Patricia Lauver	In memory:	Blanche Aurand
		Mildred Lauver
Candy Lee	In memory:	Jean Scott
		Chris Lee
Dave and Mary Lou Lovell	In memory:	Margaret Morby
		Jennie Lovell
	In honor:	BarbaraSmith
		Deborah Lovell
		Mary Lou Lovell
Deb Lovell	in memory:	Carol Serviss
		Ida Morby
		Jenny Lovell
		Margaret Morby
		Hermina Remlinger
	In honor:	Mary Lou Lovell
Jay and Joyce Roberts	In memory:	Pauline Curry Roberts
		Grace Thompson Jones
Randy Turner	In honor:	Jennifer Turner
		Claire Pierce
		Taylor Turner
		Bailey Brooks

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Father's Day Tools of Hope Sunday 16 10:00 am Worship Service 	17	18	Juneteenth 19  8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	First Day of Summer 20  8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	21	22
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I got the call. At times I had begun to wonder if it would ever come. In some ways I was okay with its delay because I knew that when came it would mean a different life, a big adjustment.

I got the call, and apparently couples do not need ultrasounds anymore, blood tests will do. It is a boy. The only thing I do not like about it is that, if things don't change, he will grow up in Colorado, which is too far away, one-thousand two-hundred and seventy miles too far.

So far everyone is healthy and happy, and I pray that the trend continues. Believe it or not, the due date is January 1st, and I did not even think about making the observation that December 31st would save them money.

I do not mean to make *too big* of a deal about it, but



since this is the first time, I do not apologize for overdoing it.

“Congratulations, you are going to be a grandfather,” they said. What wonderful words.

Please pray for Devin and Evan as they enter the challenging world of parenting in these challenging times, and for us all that we can be the support that they will surely need.

At this point I could transition into something about summer activities or a small devotional of some kind, but I think I will just

let it be. I got the call. This is to me good news, and I am very thankful and consider myself blessed. Though in Christ, joy is not dependent upon happy news, it is easy when the happy news comes. Feel free, of course, to join me in my good news, and I pray for all of you a joyful summer and many blessings

- Mark

Summer Events

Sunday, July 14 at 5 pm
Hymn Sing and Ice Cream
Social

Sunday, July 28 at 3 pm
Potluck Picnic
at Richard and Laura Brown's

Sunday, August 11 at 5 pm
Hymn Sing and pizza

July Panera Volunteers

Wed	Thur
July 3-Brown	July 4-Brown
July 10-Brown	July 11-Brown
July 17-Grubbs	July 18-Faulk
July 24-Lee	July 25-Grubbs
July 31-Open	Aug 1-Open

Thank you all for volunteering your time. Please note that there are still two openings to be filled.

PERSONALS

- On June 6, our church had a break-in, but nothing was taken. We are looking into security concerns.
- Pat Gosser broke her leg and is recovering at home. Deb Lovell has started a "Meal Train."
- Candy Lee would like to thank everyone for all the help and prayers for Pat.
- Pastor Mark took a brief trip to St. Louis to visit family in May.
- We had 14 for brunch for our combined ABW and ABM. Many thanks to Laura Brown for planning it and to all the women who supplied food.
- Erin Faulk spent several days in Santa Fe, NM with her childhood friend Stephanie.
- Janet Lathrop has moved to Sarah Moore.
- Condolences to the Lovell Family. Dave 's brother Richard passed away on June 25.

- Evan and Devin Allison are expecting a baby around Jan. 1

Thank You

Thank you, Dave Lovell, for installing the hand railing on the steps to the altar. This will be a big help in getting up and down during the service.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the goodie bags! It was very nice of you to think of us! - The Fourth Grade Team at Conger Elementary

To our Church Family,

I want to thank our church family for everything. We appreciate all the kindness to us. Bob so loved the pastor visiting him when he could no longer attend the services. The planter is beautiful and thriving. Thank you to everyone for the prayers and encouragement.

Love,
Darlene Caulkins

ABW - Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship hosted a brunch for the Men's Fellowship on June 15th. The food was delicious and the fellowship was fun. Thanks to everyone and especially to Deb Lovell for the Father's Day Word Search. There were many joint efforts for finding solutions.

Our next meeting will be on July 20th. Members have decided to go out for lunch at Panera on Central Avenue. We will meet there at 11:00 and celebrate Air Conditioning Appreciation Days. We were concerned the Fellowship Hall would be too warm since there is no air conditioning there. Please come join these "cool" women for fun and fellowship.

- Laura Brown

CHURCH PICNIC

Summer is Picnic Season and First Baptist is returning to the tradition after the long break due to the Pandemic. Chicken will be provided. Please sign up for a side dish, drinks, or dessert. Plan on bringing a lawn chair. There is plenty of parking.

The Horseshoe pit will be open and the Corn Hole will be set up in the yard. LET THE GAMES BEGIN!!!

Date - July 28, 2024
Time - 3:00 pm to 6 pm
Place - 4620 Cackler Rd,
Delaware, OH 43015
(Richard and Laura Brown's farm)

Birthdays and Anniversaries



July

- 4 Dave & Patty Spear
- 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
Richard Brown
- 26 Pat Lauver
- 27 Maxwell Showalter
Devin Allison

Please report any errors.

Hymn Sings and Treats

On July 14 at 5 pm, all are invited to join in the sanctuary for a Hymn Sing focused on the hymns of Isaac Watts with commentary. After the hymns, join in the Fellowship Hall for ice cream. On August 11 at 5 pm, we will have another Hymn Sing focused on Fanny J. Crosby followed by pizza.

Mission/Outreach News

During the month of June, monetary gifts were given for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

To promote the "Share the Light" theme, Randy Turner and Rolf Remlinger led the congregation in singing "This Little Light of Mine." On June 23, Randy Turner sang a solo called "One Great Hour to Share" with very meaningful words for the offering. June 30th will be the last Sunday to give to this offering.

In June, our congregation honored and remembered fathers and special men in our lives by giving to the Tools of Hope offering which was given to Church World Service to supply tools needed to rebuild and build new structures around the world.

Panera Pickup continues on Wednesday and Thursday evenings with items given to Willis food pantry and Andrews House. Thanks to all who have continued to keep this commitment to be a blessing to others. If you would like to help with this, talk to Pam or Larry Faulk.

Thanks to all who continue to bring food for the People In Need basket. The need continues in our community.

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

In July, we will be collecting school supplies to be given to those needing them at Conger Elementary School. Due to prices rising, it is a blessing to parents who can not afford to get the supplies. This will extend into August due to the Tax Holiday.

There will also be an opportunity for you to provide a new pair of shoes for a child. The congregation can give money which will be given to PIN to purchase gift cards for the purchase of shoes. There will be special envelopes for this in the pew racks. Think of the smiles on the children when they get an unexpected new pair of shoes!

While you are shopping, look for underwear. Some stores have sales for back to school shopping and a no-tax day. In September, we will have our Undy Sundays. We ask for new underwear of all sizes to give to the Common Ground Free Store. Common Ground workers are always happy when they see we are bringing new underwear because they always have need of it.

Our "New" Piano

by Peter White

I received a phone call from our local piano tuner, Richard Dacks. He told me that retired OWU professor, Dr. Harry Bahrck was moving into Willow Brook and was looking for a charitable group that could use his Baldwin grand piano as a gift. Knowing that it would be a huge improvement over our baby grand piano, he suggested us. I agreed and called Dr. Bahrck. Mary Lou and I went to see the piano at his home and played it. We knew for sure that it was a great improvement over ours.

Next, I called the Davis Piano Moving Company in Columbus to make the move. Another moving company cleaning out Dr. Bahrck's house, moved it to the Delaware Music Academy and Store located behind Sherwin Williams on West William St. Another call to Davis Moving Company was made to have them pick it up there. The hunt was on to find someone to take our baby grand. No one was found after calls to 3 piano stores

and other contacts thru the piano tuner. I attended the parish council meeting and reported that Davis movers would haul it away for disposal.

I got home that nite and the phone rang. It was the Mergler family two blocks north of the church on Franklin St! Their baby grand was shot and they wanted to see ours! It was still light out so I suggested we meet at the church. They felt it would be a big upgrade for them and said yes.

The next day I went to the Delaware Music Academy. They were glad to see it move on as they needed the space. I went on to the church to meet the movers when it came. Then they took ours north to the Mergler's. I followed the move up there and had a nice visit. Talk about a last minute save!

The Merglers had Davis Co haul away their old baby grand, an upright consul piano, and an electric organ. It was a day of musical chairs.

Our "New" Baldwin is a fine piano with great tone. It is a 1947 model, only one owner with regular tuning and about 2 sizes larger than a baby grand. I took a thank you letter from the church to Willow Brook West and visited Dr. Bahrck in his new apartment. We have had it tuned since it arrived.

- Peter White

Possible Business Meeting

We will have a brief quarterly business meeting after worship on Sunday, July 21st only if there is some business that we need to deal with.

Tools of Hope Sunday 6/16/2024 Dedications

Given by:	In memory/honor of:
Mark Allison	In memory: Bocky Allison
Erin and Pam Faulk	In honor: Larry Faulk
Larry and Pam Faulk	In honor: Jeff Faulk
	In memory: Ralph Cole
	Donald Faulk
	Jim Faulk
	Bill Faulk
	Ron Rose
Carol Grubbs	In memory: Charles Brown
	In honor: Jim Brown
	Don Brown
	Ted Stephenson
Brennan Howe	In honor: Chad Scott
Candy Lee	In memory: Phil Lee
	Abe Lee
	Bim Howe
	Floyd Scott
Mary Lou Lovell	In honor: Kip Smith
	Dave Lovell
	Rolf Remlinger
	In memory: Raymond Morby
	Dr. Robert J. Lovell
Deb Lovell, Rolf Remilnger	In Honor: Dave Lovell
Barb and Kip Smith	Rolf Remlinger
	Vic Fogle
	In memory: Ray Morby
Jay and Joyce Roberts	In memory: Dr. Robert Lovell
	Rossford Jones
Pam Shears	In memory: Gene Lathrop
Jane Moore Snyder	In honor: Jim Snyder
	In memory: Jimmie Moore
Randy Turner	In honor: Heryl Turner
	Calvin Turner
	Ben Turner
	Jake Pierce

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Janet Lathrop
26 North Union Street #309
Delaware, OH 43015

Please add to your directory:
Laura Bennington (Jan 3}
66 Joy Avenue
Delaware, OH 43015
614-562-8326

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<p>14</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Hymn Sing / Ice Cream Social</p>	15	16	17 <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Gribbs</p>	18 <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	19	20 <p>8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans 11 am ABW Luncheon Panera</p>
<p>21</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Qtrly Business Mtg (only if needed) August newsletter deadline</p>	22	23	24 <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee</p>	25 <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Gribbs</p>	26	27
<p>Parents Day</p> <p>28</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service 3:00 pm Picnic at Browns</p>  <p>August newsletter available today</p>	29	<p>Sales Tax Holiday Begins</p> 	31 <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Open</p>	<p>August 1</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Open</p>	<p>July Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Supplies • Shoe Gift Card Money 	

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Greetings for August. It is hard to believe that the summer break is half over.

When I look forward to the month ahead, I anticipate a trip to Scotland with my son Evan and his wife, Devin. I am thankful for the time with them, and for Dwight Davidson and Mike Reynolds who will preach for us while I am away. I am also looking forward to the hymn sing we will share together before I leave.

**A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,
a wonderful Savior to me.
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
where rivers of pleasure I see.**

**A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord;
he taketh my burden away.
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be
moved;
he giveth me strength as my day.**

**With numberless blessings each moment
he crowns,
and filled with his fullness divine,
I sing in my rapture, "Oh, glory to God
for such a Redeemer as mine!"**

**When clothed in his brightness,
transported I rise
to meet him in clouds of the sky,
his perfect salvation, his wonderful love,
I'll shout with the millions on high.**



These are the words to one of several familiar hymns from Fanny Crosby that we will sing together on August 11 at 5pm. Others include; I Am Thine, O Lord, Rescue the Perishing, More Like Jesus Would I Be, Jesus Is Tenderly Calling You Home, Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine, and To God Be the Glory.

Each one has a message that draws us by way of a reminder to the grace that we have known, the love that we have shared, and the hope that is both the foundation and the outcome of our faith. Her hymns represent only a small part of the church's rich musical heritage, but it is significant, and becoming more familiar with her story, and the story of her hymns is a meaningful way to share summer times together. I hope to see all of you there.

**He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
that shadows a dry, thirsty land.
He hideth my life in the depths of his love,
and covers me there with his hand.**

May God bless us all throughout these waning summer days,

-Mark

August Panera Volunteers

Wed **Thur**

July 31-Grubbs Aug 1-Lee
Aug 7-Brown Aug 8-Brown
Aug 14-Grubbs Aug 15-Grubbs
Aug 21-Brown Aug 22-Faulk
Aug 28-Gosser Aug 29-Lovell

Thank you all for volunteering.
There is still one spot open in
September.

PERSONALS

-Erin Faulk took a 10-day cruise
along the Eastern Seaboard in
July.

-Dave Lovell would like to thank
the congregation for all their
prayers for his brother Richard
and their family.

-Pat Gosser would like to thank
everyone for their prayers, cards,
food, and support when she
broke her leg.

-Laura Bennington is downsizing
and has items to be given away.
There is a list on the bulletin
board in the Gathering Place.

-Ted Stephenson recently had
knee replacement surgery and
will have the other knee done
soon.

-Richard Brown has recovered
from COVID and is anticipating
hip replacement surgery soon.

-Congratulations to Brennan
Howe for making the Honor Roll
at Hayes for the last quarter of the
year.

-Peter White recently underwent
aortic valve replacement at Mt.
Carmel and is doing well.

THANK YOU

We offer a big thanks to Larry
Faulk for refinishing the front
doors of the church.

ABW - Women's Fellowship

On July 20th seven ladies met at
Panera for lunch and celebrated
Christmas in July. Pam Faulk
was the door prize winner. As the
summer winds down, our next
meeting will be August 17th. We
will be meeting in the Fellowship
Hall at 11:30 so please bring a
lunch and be ready to help plan
our upcoming fall meetings.
Things we will be planning
include going as a group to the
Aspire program in October, lunch
and shopping in November and of
course, a Christmas Party in
December.

-Laura Brown

Hymn Sing and Pizza

On Aug 11 at 5 pm, all are invited
to join in the sanctuary for a
Hymn Sing focused on the hymns
of Fanny Crosby with
commentary. After the hymns,
join in the Fellowship Hall for
pizza and salad.

Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Mark will be on vacation in
Scotland from Aug. 19th through
Sept. 1st. Please contact a
deacon for any pastoral needs.

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks for all who have filled the
basket with school supplies for
those children needing them at
Conger Elementary School. The
supplies given will get many
children off to a positive start for
the school year.

Thanks to those who have given
a monetary gift for buying shoes
for school children in need of
them. Your monetary gift is given
to People In Need to purchase
gift cards to be given to
parents to buy shoes for their
children.

What smiles you have created on
the faces of children and their
parents to help them!

Birthdays and Anniversaries



August

- 4 Gabe Fogle
- 8 Kate Cooper
Ryan Cooper
- 11 Steve & Tammy Ferguson
- 13 Jake & Claire Pierce
- 17 Andrew Smith
- 18 Larry & Pam Faulk
- 20 Brennan Howe
- 23 Bev Cox
Grace Allison
- 24 Ken Shears
- 27 Linda White
- 30 Archie Trigg

Please report any errors.

PEOPLE IN NEED (PIN)

Many of you bring food items in for the People In Need basket on a weekly basis. In August, we dedicate the whole month to remembering those who have a hard time providing food for their families. With school not being in session, some children are not provided breakfast or lunch through the schools. This makes it more difficult for families. As we shop for food this month, let's buy extra to put in the basket for those needing it.

Undy Sunday

Looking ahead, in September, we will have our Undy Sundays when we bring in new underwear of all sizes. This is given to Common Ground Free Store. The workers there are always so pleased to see the new underwear we give, as they are always in need of it to give to men, women, and children.

Some stores offer sales on school supplies and clothing for the start of school. The tax free time for buying those items has been extended this year. So now, is a good time to be looking for underwear.

Panera Pick Up Continues

So many thank you's are needed for those dedicated people who are picking up unsold items from Panera Wednesday and Thursday nights! Those who receive the items at Willis School (who give them to those in need in the community) and at Andrews House (who give them to those in need in the community) are very grateful for your time and commitment!

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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!

If anyone would like to help with this outreach, the sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Place. You can talk to Larry Faulk, Pam Faulk, Laura Brown, or Carol Grubbs if you are interested in helping.

James Reynolds at Philmont

Since late May, James Reynolds has served as a ranger / guide at the Philmont Scout Camp in New Mexico. Philmont is the Boy Scouts of America's premier High Adventure™ base which challenges Scouts and Venturers with more than 214 square miles of rugged northern New Mexico

wilderness. James has helped lead scout troops in their outdoor adventures at Philmont. Below are a few pictures.



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2024

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August Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Supplies People in Need (PIN) Common Ground Free Store 		Sales Tax Holiday Begins 30 	31 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	August 1 6:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	2	3
Friendship Day 4 10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion School Supplies due 	5	Transfiguration Day 6 	7 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	8 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	9	10
11 10:00 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Hymn Sing / Pizza Party	12 5:30 Deacons	13	14 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	15 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	16	17 8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans 11:30 am ABW Luncheon Fellowship Hall
18 10:00 am Worship Service September newsletter deadline	19	20	21 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown Dr Allison on vacation Aug 19 - Sept 1	22 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	23	24
25 10:00 am Worship Service September newsletter available today	26	27	28 8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser	29 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell	30	31

Good News Letter

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Welcome to September! For me, the month begins with the end of a vacation that includes a trip to Scotland. When I return, it will be Rally Day, the time when we resume regular scheduling, with Sunday School at 9:30am and Worship at 10:45am.

The class I teach will be a study of Paul's Letter to the Romans, which is the only letter he sent to a congregation of which he was not the founder, and did not personally know many of the people. It is the most famous of the epistles, and contains the great exposition of the meaning of the gospel that has always been a focal point of Christian theology. Along the way he writes many well-known verses, including:

“For in the gospel a righteousness of God has been revealed that is by faith from first to last.” (Romans 1:17, NIV)

“Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and



the whole world held accountable to God” (Romans 3:19); and,

“We maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from observing the law.” (3:28); and,

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

There are many others, way too many to list here, but the letter reaches a zenith in the eighth chapter;

“ . . . we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (8:37-39).

And then as is his custom, Paul concludes with practical application:

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

I am excited about the chance to Study Romans again. Anyone who would like to join is welcome.

I am thankful for the chance to take some time away, and look forward both to Scotland, and to time with family. I know that you will be praying for me while I am away, and, as always, I will keep all of you in *my* prayers. See you on September 8th.

Blessings,
- Mark

"REGULAR HOURS"

On September 8, Rally Day, our Sunday worship service will go back to our regular start time of 10:45 a.m.



GAME NIGHT

On Saturday, September 14, we will have a game night in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. Come and join in the fun!

Mission/Outreach News

During July and the first week in August, the congregation donated school supplies for those children needing them at Conger Elementary School. I delivered 11 bags of school supplies to Conger. The secretaries are always so grateful to see the supplies come so that they can help those students who do not have them.

Money was also donated to purchase gift cards by People in Need (PIN) to be given to parents in need of buying shoes for their children. Children always love getting new shoes especially to begin the new year of school. Thanks to all for your generosity to provide for the children of our community. We contributed \$630 for shoes

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Richard Brown	Recovery
Condolences to the Grubbs family on the death of Fred Grubbs	

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

In August, the basket in the Welcome Center has continued to be filled with food items that will be given to People In Need. People In Need has a pick up from 1:00-4:00 pm on the last Wednesday of the month, in which they offer food, fresh fruits, and vegetables. They also provide food on an as-needed basis. Thank you for giving.

Undies Sundays

Undies Sundays are back for the month of September! Please shop for new underwear of all sizes so we can give it to the Common Ground Free Store. Common Ground Free Store is a nonprofit organization in which many volunteers give their time to sort clothes, fill shelves with household items, and provide a meal.

If families are in need because of their financial situation or had a house fire, or another crisis, Common Ground allows them to come in and get what they need free. They always need new underwear of all sizes for women, men, and children.

Please put your donations in the basket in the Welcome Center.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thank you to the dedicated people who pick up unsold items from Panera, rebag them for ease of distribution, and take them to Willis School on Thursday, and Andrews House on Fridays. Willis has a food pantry from which items are distributed. Andrews House meets the needs of those who come in. If you would like to help with this, please talk to Larry Faulk, Pam Faulk, or Carol Grubbs.

Benevolence Fund

The Board of Deacons manages the Benevolence Fund. Offerings to the fund are used to help special needs within our fellowship and community. We make monthly contributions from the fund to Helpline and PIN in order to support needs within the community. While we emphasize benevolence offerings on Communion Sundays, contributions to the benevolence fund are appreciated any time.

-Larry Faulk, deacon chair

Repairs Needed

Organ - For the past few Sundays, we have not been able to enjoy our beautiful pipe organ because the motor that powers the blower that provides the air for the pipes is in need of repair. Plans have been made to have the motor overhauled.

Congress Ct - The basement walls in our rental property are in need of vertical beam supports to provide stability and prevent any further damage. Our site management company will supervise those repairs.

While each of the above repairs are necessary and will cost quite a bit, your contributions to our capital improvements and memorial funds enable us to deal with these issues. Your continued support is appreciated.

News from our missionary Jeni Pedzinski

First, thank you for praying for my continued ministry with IM; recruiting, training, and caring for new missionary recruits! I base out of the Philadelphia area, and travel about 50% of the time. I visit and speak at churches, conferences, retreats, and invite folks of all walks of life to consider God's invitation to global service. Most recently, I've traveled and spoken in New Jersey, Virginia, western Pennsylvania, and even had a call with a young woman from Canada!

My next trip will be to Colorado for 2.5 weeks, visiting prospective candidates and churches there! Please pray with me that God will move in the hearts of God's people, and that they would respond with openness and willingness to follow God's call. I long to see a new wave of global

servants committed to service and sacrifice.

As of June 1st, IM asked me to direct all of its mission engagement; both long and short-term. Instead of working on my own and focusing solely on long-term recruitment, I now oversee a team of 4 people who are all focused on engaging the people of God in the mission of God, whether for one week, one year, or for a lifetime. My title is now "Mission Engagement Director". I am humbled and grateful for the opportunity to serve this way, and believe God has called and prepared me to do so.

This expansion of my role at IM has added a lot of responsibility, but also a lot of joy and freedom to grow in servant leadership. Please pray that God would teach me and guide me as I lead the mission engagement team.

You will remember that my father, Tim had a severe stroke on January 2, 2023 and is permanently and severely physically and mentally disabled. He now lives in a long-term skilled nursing home, and is medically stable. His condition, at just 64 years old, is extremely difficult and disheartening for my mom, Marcia. For all practical purposes, she is living as both a widow and a caretaker. Please pray for her health; emotionally, spiritually, and physically.

Personally, I am doing well. Tired and stretched, but well. My current favorite activity is playing pickle ball.

Thank you all, once again, for your continued prayer and loving kindness. I look forward to the next time we get to see one another!

-Jeni

News from missionary, Sarah McCurdy

Thank you for journeying and partnering with me in my international mission work. God is leading me to return to the classroom to teach French and Spanish. Additionally, God is calling me to join Peter at a higher level of involvement at the local church where he is currently pastoring in Jeffersonville, Indiana. God is calling us to do ministry together. My last day as a Regional Coordinator for Education in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean with International Ministries is July 31, 2024.

I will begin my new position as a Spanish teacher at a local high school. However, I will continue with International Ministries in a volunteer role as a Special Assistant for Education in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean. This will allow me to continue building relationships with IM partners and Global Servants involved in K-12 education, assisting them as time and funds permit.

I will continue managing my 2 projects; Mini Libraries for the Talita Cumi Girls Clubs and the Deborah's House tutoring project. Both were adopted this summer as a yearly state project by 2 different American Baptist Women's Ministry Regions! Additionally, I will take over managing 3 projects from Patti Long who will retire soon. These projects support the Didaque School every school year and its outreach to the neediest children of Tijuana, including special needs students. What does this mean for you as my prayer and financial supporters?

(continued on back of calendar)

You may continue to pray for my family and me. We are grateful for your prayers.

You can continue your current financial gift to my mission work by transferring your giving to any of the 5 projects that I manage. Alternatively, you may transfer your mission giving support to one of my colleagues who need new ongoing support: Jae Stockton assists with hybrid tutoring program Deborah's House in Tijuana. Sarah Matos assists with the TCGC program and other ministry needs in Mexico.

Deliris Carrion-Joseph leads Deborah's House ministry in Tijuana.

Roberto and Molly Juarez implement and train volunteer in an educational program based on biblical values that teachers peacebuilding in public schools in El Salvador.

Sarah's complete message to us is copied and on the bulletin board for you to read.

Anne and Bill Clemmer, missionaries

Information from posting on International Ministries Website on April 15, 2024

Anne and Bill Clemmer are in the DCCongo working on a project begun in 2021 to help the street children of Goma. The first phase was the construction of a 2 story structure with classrooms, a counseling room, office, kitchen and emergency safe heaven . The children attending the program are ages 5-12, with the priority to the most vulnerable: younger children and those with disabilities. They receive sort-term relief(food, clothing, medical care) alongside trauma counseling, educational and life-skills training that will build their resilience and self-assurance. You can contribute to this project. (See the bulletin board).

47% of the population of DR Congo is said to be children 14 years old and younger. In Goma, an area with much insecurity and turmoil, thousands of children are living on the streets for various reasons.

There is a print out with more information on the bulletin board.

Forgot Your Dishes?

There are a number of unclaimed dishes and containers on the desk in the educational wing. Please check to see if you may have left some at church.

Website History

Take some time to visit our website: fbcdelaware.org and checkout some of the expanded history elements. FBC History, Historical Special Services, and a Photographic Tour have been added.

In addition to our archived newsletters dating back to the first Good News letter published in 1969, we have archived Order of Worship / Bulletins dating back to 1897 . A special thank you to Carol Grubbs for sharing her library of past bulletins which has filled in many of our missing bulletins, especially those in the 1990's. If you notice any missing bulletins that you may have in your library, I would love to add copies to our collection. If you have other historical items that could be included on our website, please share them with me.

-Larry Faulk, editor

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion Mike Reynolds, Guest Pastor</p> <p>Undies Sunday</p>	<p>Labor Day 2</p>  <p>Labor Day</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>Rally Day 8</p> <p>9:15 Coffee and Pastries 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Teacher Dedication</p>  <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>Grandparents Day</p> <p>Undies Sunday</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30 Deacons</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>Patriot Day 11</p>  <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 Fashion & Fixin's for Common Ground 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>7:00 Game Night Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>American Baptist Women's Sunday 15</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p> <p>Undies Sunday</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>International Day of Prayer 21 for Peace</p> <p>8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans 11:30 am ABW Lunch Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p> <p>Autumn Begins</p> <p>Undies Sunday</p> <p>October newsletter deadline</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell / Remlinger</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>Christian Education Sunday 29</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p>  <p>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</p> <p>Undies Sunday</p> <p>October newsletter available today</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>October 1</p>  <p>Begin 31 Days of Prayer</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>September Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Ground Free Store • Undies Sundays 	

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As we enter into the autumn season, our congregation has been confronted by several challenges regarding the physical property. There are needed repairs on the parsonage, the prayer room on the south side of the sanctuary is shedding plaster, the motor that runs the organ blower has gone out, and there are maintenance and repair needs on the tower on the north side of the building, all of which require attention, at some expense.

There will be discussions and decisions made in the month of October, and I am confident that the Lord will provide the means to meet the challenges as well as the guidance to make good decisions. I encourage everyone to participate in the process; to be informed, and to come to the Congregational Meeting on October 25th.

I see no need to add to the conversation here (details are in this newsletter and in coming announcements). Except that it has started me



thinking about that aspect of the church's ministry that involves buildings and all that goes with them. While no building should be treated in an idolatrous way, something adored for its own sake, the building is a part of the church's ministry.

Other churches these days have chosen functionality over aesthetics, and seek to reduce expense at every opportunity. We are committed to a 125-year-old building that has distinct architectural features; high ceiling, stained-glass, pipe organ, the tower itself. Many contemporary buildings do not include these features.

I am thankful for those who chose to build this building all those years ago. I find the art and architecture meaningful because it combines transcendence,

the sense of God's majesty and power and beauty, with a sense also of immanence, the immediate presence of God; Jesus knocking at the door, speaking with the woman at the well in Samaria about worship, "in Spirit and Truth."

We call the room a sanctuary, and it is; a place in the world into which people can enter from the world, and experience the presence of God. And the tower itself, which orients our gaze toward the heavens, reminds us to lead Christ-centered, heaven-centered lives.

At a time when there are some expenses that accompany this ministry of physical resources, I consider us very blessed to have the building we have, and affirm our commitment to its maintenance and upkeep. I trust that God will provide for the needed repairs as we continue to meet in this treasured place, in Jesus's name.

Blessings,
- Mark

October Panera Volunteers

Wed	Thur
Oct 2-Volunteer needed	Oct 3-Faulk
Oct 9-Volunteer needed	Oct 10-Volunteer needed
Oct 16-Brown	Oct 17-Brown
Oct 23-Grubbs	Oct 24-Grubbs
Oct 30-Brown	Oct 31-Brown

Thanks to those who volunteer their time and energy for this important mission. Please note that volunteers are needed for October. There is a new sign-up sheet for the fall quarter in the Gathering Place.

PERSONALS

- Pastor Mark has returned from his trip to Scotland and offers thanks to Dwight Davidson and Mike Reynolds for filling in.

-Richard Brown thanks everyone for their cards and prayers for his hip surgery.

-Dave and Mary Lou Lovell suffered from COVID in September, and Mary Lou has been suffering back pains from the coughing. They thank everyone for their cards and prayers.

-Don't forget that October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

-Brennan Howe has begun his internship at Grady Hospital in the mailroom.

-Jane and Jime Snyder are spending a few weeks in West Virginia.

-Jay Roberts thanks everyone for their prayers during his recent illness.

Message from Ellen Brown (FBC interim Pastor 2014-15)

It has been a long time but I wanted you to know how much I appreciate receiving and reading the Good News Letter from FBC Delaware. I continue to be amazed by the mission outreach the church continues to have. Tools of Hope, Change for Change, PIN, Andrews House, food pantry, Panera Pick-up, Conger Elementary, Common Grounds, all the ABC Offerings and I know this is not the whole list. I know of congregations larger than Delaware that don't even begin to have this kind of outreach. I was impressed with this when I was with you in 2014-15 and continue to be impressed. The church is to be commended for this kind of sacrificial giving month after month, year after year.

... Dave and I moved from Lancaster, OH to the Philly area last July to be nearer to family, especially grandkids! We continue to enjoy retirement while being active in our new home church.

Please give my regards to the church folks who may remember me and pass on my continued awe at your praiseworthy outreach and giving.

Blessings, ELLEN

THANK YOU

Our church recently received the following thank you note:

Thank you all so much for the generous donation of school supplies you provided for our students. They are being used and appreciated

Blessings,
The Conger Elementary Staff

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

Our September meeting was held on the 21st in the Fellowship Hall and 7 ladies were in attendance. For lunch Pam Faulk provided a delicious Baked Potato Bar with all the fixins. Thanks Pam! It was yummy. We made plans for the rest of the fall quarter.

October 19th is our regular meeting and we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30. The women should bring their own lunches. On November 16th we will again carpool to Der Dutchman in Plain City for lunch and some Holiday shopping. In December we will meet on the 14th in the Fellowship Hall for Christmas lunch. We will be inviting the Second Baptist Women's Fellowship to join in for the merriment of the Season.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



October

- 2 Christina Kilhefner
Ben & Bailey Turner
- 3 Janet Lathrop
Jarrod & Nichelle Trigg
- 7 Ann Brown
Bud Salyer
- 10 Claire Cooper
- 16 Taylor Trigg
- 20 Jim Brown
Genevieve Peterson
- 24 Sherry Chambers
- 25 Jack Turner
- 31 Claire Pierce

Please report any errors.

HALLOWEEN MOBILE SCAVENGER HUNT

A Spooktacular event is planned for young and old on Saturday October 12th at 2:30 in the afternoon. (The OSU is an away game in Pacific Time.)

We will divide into car teams to search the items on the Scavenger List. This is a one hour search where team members hunt the items, photograph a car mate with the item, record the address and return with the list/photos (and car mates) within the hour time allowance.

After returning we will enjoy an Autumnal Chili dinner, reveal our travels and share the photos. There will be prizes.

OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH

WERE NOT OUR HEARTS BURNING WITHIN US?

This is the theme of the 2024 World Mission Offering based on Luke 24:32. Rev. Sharon Koh, Executive Director of International Ministries has this message. "The hearts of our global servants (missionaries) burn within them with God-given passion for serving others and proclaiming the gospel through word and deed. This burning within their hearts is why they go back. By God's grace, IM has been able to return to the same international partners for generations. While global servants and church leadership face change, that burning within their hearts remains. ... Thank you for your partnership in making it possible for our global servants to not only go back but to stay. Thank you for sending multiple short-term mission teams back to the same

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places... Thank you for supporting and hosting our global servants whenever they are in your area. Lastly, and most importantly, thank you for your faithful prayers. This World Mission Offering, I invite you to participate in God's mission - one where people commit to going back and, when possible, commit to staying." Please prayerfully consider your offering to the WMO. Our church's goal is \$1000.

Flooding in Thailand

Thanks to those of you who made an offering recently to the One Great Hour of Sharing to help with the catastrophic flooding crisis in Thailand. This was in the Chiang Rai Province where the New Life Center is located. According to Jeni Pedzinski, the center, as well as several missionary homes were completely ruined, filled up with mud, and all the items inside are now unusable, and several of our missionaries have had to flee their homes. Please keep these missionaries in your prayers, and remember that you can contribute to the OGHS at any time during the year. Just be sure to designate where the money is going. Here is a link for the online giving page as well: <https://internationalministries.org/thailand-floods/>

31 Days of Prayer

Once again our church will be participating in the 31 Days of Prayer provided by some of our American Baptist missionaries. On the table in the Welcome Center, you can pick up a set of prayer requests each Sunday, beginning September 29 for days 1-5. These requests will also be available on the church's website. Please join other Baptist churches in praying each day for our missionaries.

World Communion Sunday

On Sunday, October 6, our church will join other protestant church denominations around the world in celebrating Holy Communion. Because most of the prayer requests from our 31 Days of Prayer come from global servants in Central and South America this year, our communion bread will be a tortilla, in recognition of these servants.

Prayer Room Relocated

The Prayer Room in the South vestibule has been relocated to the last classroom on the right in the educational wing while the vestibule is under repair.

Tower Project Proposal

Parish Council has recommended that the Trustees present a near \$50,000 proposal to the congregation for approval at the Quarterly Business meeting October, 23rd. The proposal will include repair and restoration of the tower roof as well as some painting and tuck pointing. After review of multiple options, Parish Council believes that this is the best, cost effective solution to the tower issues. Please plan to attend this important business meeting.

Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse) Christmas Shoe Boxes

Some of the special Christmas shoe boxes are available in the Gathering Place now. More are on order, but please start thinking of things to fill them and purchase them now. By filling a box or two, you will bring smiles to children's faces in another country. Whatever you buy needs to fit in the shoe box. There will be stickers to put on the outside of the boxes to indicate if it will go to a boy or girl and the age of the child.

A donation of \$10.00 may be given for each box to cover the postage. You can also track your box to see where it is given.

Suggested items:

doll, soccer ball, stuffed animal, fun toys, games, pads of paper, pens, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, coloring books, picture books, solar calculators, combs, scarves, school supplies, hair brushes, Wash cloths, tooth brushes, socks, yo-yos, sun glasses, jewelry, watches, jump ropes, toy cars, puzzles, football, ball, personal note, photo.

Please do NOT include: candy, tooth paste, gum, food, war-related items, liquids or lotions, Breakable items.

Boxes will be due to FBC by Sunday, November 17th. Enjoy filling the boxes!

Delaware County CROP Hunger Walk

The 55th Annual CROP Hunger Walk will be Sunday, October 13th, beginning at the Ohio Wesleyan University Hamilton-Williams Campus Center starting at 2:00 p.m. with a planned 3 mile or 1 mile walk (or anything in-between!) in order to show our solidarity with those who have to walk miles just to find safe water supplies and food sources.

Crop Walk is affiliated with Church World Service in order to fight hunger worldwide with 25% of the proceeds staying right here in Delaware County with the People In Need, Inc. organization.

If you would like to walk, let Dr. Allison or me know or just join us at the walk, and/or register on the website below. If you are not able to walk, you can sponsor someone monetarily who is walking or just make a donation

You can designate a portion of your offering to FBC by noting "Crop Walk" in the memo on your check or you can donate online at:

events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/delawareoh

Organ Repair

The electric motor repair company has determined that the blower motor is beyond repair. They are seeking a replacement motor for the blower.

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to all who donated new underwear during the month of September! The underwear will be taken to the free store for distribution to those in need. There is always a need for underwear. Thank you for your generous giving to others.

World Mission Offering

During the month of October, the World Mission Offering will be received. There is so much need around the world. In Thailand, where Jeni Pedzinski, our missionary, was living and working at the New Life Center, there was a huge amount of flooding creating so much need.

Jeni now is living in Pennsylvania working with missionaries through International Ministries. She is paid a salary from International Ministries. She also raises support, and whatever support she raises offsets the administrative costs of other missionaries. She has made recommendations of missionaries to support.

The Clemmers are 98% funded. They are working on the Enfants Bien Aimes (Beloved Children) Project. The goal of this project is to provide care, training, discipleship, emergency shelter, and integration into safe homes for vulnerable children in Goma. Money is needed for clothing, food, and full care of the children.

Directory Update

Colin Ferguson
7578 Canter Ridge Lane
Worthington, OH 43085

(continued on back of calendar)

Sarah McCurdy is teaching French and Spanish in school. She is taking on a higher level of involvement in the local church. She is ministering with her husband in Jeffersonville, Indiana. She will continue with International Ministries in a volunteer role. She suggests that financial support can be given to projects that she is managing.

We will discuss our missionary giving at the quarterly business meeting on October 23rd. For more information, please read the information in the September newsletter concerning our missions giving.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thanks to all who continue to pick up unsold items from Panera. The Wednesday pick up is delivered to the food pantry at Willis School on Thursday morning. The Thursday pick up is delivered to Andrews House on Friday morning. Thanks to all for their commitment to serve others in this way.

People In Need Basket

Thanks to all who bring food in on a regular basis to fill the basket. It is delivered to People In Need and distributed to those in our community needing it.

Quarterly Business Meeting

All are invited to join us for our Quarterly Business Meeting on Wednesday, October 23rd. We will share a potluck dinner at 6:30 followed by the business meeting at 7:00. Items of business include the Tower Repair Project Proposal, election of officers and approval of the budget for 2025.

FBC History / Historical Special Services

I have been making copies of several of our FBC historical documents and programs of historical Special Services to include on our website. Visit our website at fbcdelaware.org and click on FBC History or on Historical Special Services to view some of them. 50th, 75th, and 100th year anniversary items are included as well as a tribute to our first parsonage and 25th and 40th anniversary celebrations of pastor J.B. Stephenson.

If you have other significant historical documents in your personal collection that I can copy and include, I would appreciate it.
-Larry Faulk

Interested in Membership?

There are several ways in which you can join our fellowship:

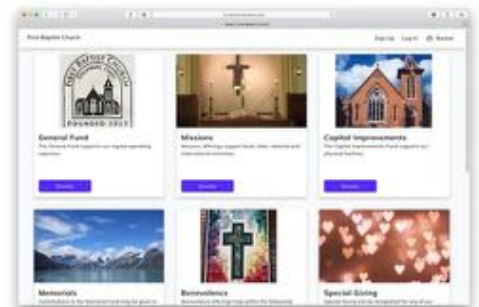
- 1 - By profession of faith and baptism
- 2 - By a transfer from a sister Baptist congregation
- 3 - By a statement of faith from other Christian faith traditions

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.

Consider 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 make an offering online. Visit our website at FBCDelaware.org and click on the "Donate" button.

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

First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

October

2024

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Mission Offering • Crop Walk • Children's Shoe Boxes Pastor Appreciation Month		 1 Begin 31 Days of Prayer	2 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed	3 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	4	5
World Communion Sunday 6 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion  World Mission Offering	7	8	9 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed	10 8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed	11	12 2:30 pm Mobile Scavenger Hunt 5:00 pm Chili Supper
American Baptist Laity Sunday 13 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 2 pm Crop Walk World Mission Offering	14 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples Day 5:30 Deacons	15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> ABC Ohio Meeting </div>	National Boss's Day 16 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	17 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	18	Sweetest Day 19 8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans 11:30 am ABW Lunch Fellowship Hall
20 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service World Mission Offering November newsletter deadline	21	22	23 6:30 Covered Dish Dinner 7:00 Qtrly Business Meeting 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	24 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	25	Make a Difference Day 26 
Reformation Sunday 27 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service  World Mission Offering November newsletter available today	28	29	30 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	Reformation Day 31 31 Days of Prayer Ends Halloween  8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	November 1  All Saints Day	2

Good News Letter

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In last Sunday's online edition of the New York Times, there was an interesting article by someone named Ross Douthat, (I have no idea how his name is pronounced) about religion in America, which has been in decline for sixty years or so.

He sees the precursors of positive trends. For more than the last several decades, "cultured despisers of religion" (my words, not his), as they are sometimes called, have been advocating a religionless society characterized by reason and science as the best hope for the transformation of the world and the solution to problems like war, poverty, disease, civil unrest, and many other problems. These problems display a stubborn persistence.

I make my usual caveat that reason and science do have their place, and should be respected. But they struggle when too much is claimed for them. One of the observations Douthat makes is that it is evident that no



such fulfillment has emerged in modern society. Not only do the aforementioned problems persist, but other problems remain unsolved; loneliness, depression, separation, anxiety about the failure to solve the big problems, polarization and fragmentation. The world is not "happy in its unbelief."

The experiment with reason as a universal guide for living is failing to deliver on its promise. I am sure that those who advocate such an approach would disagree and attribute the present state of things to other causes, but their interpretation becomes less and less satisfactory as time goes by.

Perhaps the biggest problem we face as a world is the breakdown and loss of a sense of community and belonging, and that should be right in the wheelhouse of religion in general, and Christianity in particular. The

church's name, "Church" or "ecclesia," means a gathering of people in community, and its message of divine compassion, mercy and forgiveness, resurrection, and the supremacy of the rule of love still stand as better alternatives and offer a better interpretation of life than any secular options.

If Douthat is right about a comeback for religion and Christianity, there is no way to tell when it will happen, or what it will look like. It is worthy of our prayers, and the source of a hope not for the renewal of the religious life for its own sake, but for a stronger sense of Koinonia, genuine Christian community, and the helping of individuals towards a healthier life in mind, body, and spirit.

May our minds and hearts and lives be open to such a renewal.

Blessings,
- Mark

November Panera Volunteers

Wed	Thur
Nov 6-Faulk	Nov 7-Faulk
Oct 13-Volunteer needed	Nov 14-Volunteer needed
Nov 20-Brown	Nov 21-Brown
Nov 27-Gosser	Nov 28-Closed
Dec 4-Volunteer needed	Dec 5-Volunteer needed

Thanks to all who help with this important mission.

PERSONALS

- Pastor Mark wrote an article for the Delaware Gazette which appeared on Sept. 28. A copy can be found on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

- Mary Lou Lovell wishes to thank everyone for their cards and prayers during her recent absence from church . She also wishes to thank Candy Lee and Jennifer Turner for playing the piano for her.

- We all had a great time at the mobile scavenger hunt and chili supper. Thanks to Laura Brown for planning that.

- Ryan Cooper, son of Marci and Matt Cooper, had surgery on his leg to fight an infection. Thank you all for your prayers.

- Ted Stephenson recently had successful knee replacement surgery. Thank you for your prayers.

- Jane and Jim Snyder have been traveling in New England.

- Dave Lovell will be going on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. on October 31.

-Beth Trigg recently broke her foot.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

On Saturday night, November 2, we will set our clocks back one hour for Daylight Saving Time. This means that on Sunday, Nov. 3, we will all bring all the loose change we have been accumulating to church for the Change for Change offering. This offering will go to Andrews House which administers the Summer Lunch Program for Delaware children.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who have given so generously to the World Mission Offering during October, and for participating in the 31 Days of Prayer. Also thank you to those who contributed more to the OGHS to go to the flood relief in Thailand.

- Pam Faulk

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

11 women met on Sweetest Day, October 19th, in the Fellowship Hall and celebrated Genevieve Peterson's birthday. Excerpts from an article about Sweetest Day were read, revealing that it isn't just another "Hallmark Holiday" held on the third Saturday of October. Rather, it was started in Cleveland as a day promoting altruism and philanthropy. Sounds like a perfect reason for Baptist Women to gather for Fellowship! Our November meeting will be on the 16th and will be our Annual Lunch and Shopping trip at Der Dutchman. Please let Laura Brown (740-815-8399) know if you are planning on attending so reservations can be made. We will meet at the Church at 11:15 and carpool to Plain City. Hope to see you getting in the Holiday Spirit with us.

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 8th and make their Christmas a joyous occasion. Toys, clothes, and gift cards or money to buy gifts are welcomed.

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



November

- 1 Love Ayinde
- 2 Jeni Pedzinski
Laura Brown
- 11 Jonathan Allison
- 12 Jackson Trigg
- 14 Jake Pierce
- 17 Jim & Ann Brown
Luke & Connie Roberts
- 19 Steve Ferguson
- 20 Randy Turner
- 21 Mark Allison
- 22 Peter White

Please report any errors.

SCAVENGER HUNT and CHILI SUPPER

Members gathered on October 12th at the church to go on the First Annual Mobil Scavenger Hunt. 3 teams were given a list of 10 items to locate, note the address, and photograph. They had one hour to find as many as possible and return to the church. There were 1st Baptist signs in the car windows letting other drivers know the cars were stopping for a Scavenger Hunt. Laura Brown checked the photos to the lists that they had the items and Team Faulk were the winners having gotten all 10 items. There was a lot of frivolity and laughing during the chili dinner looking at the photos. Attendance gifts and prizes to the winners were awarded. We are looking forward to next year and more of you joining what turned out to be a blast of a good time!



Budget & Stewardship Sunday

The budget for 2025 was approved at the Quarterly Business Meeting on October 23rd. A copy of the budget is on the back of the calendar. In this newsletter, Deb Lovell, Finance Chairperson, has included a Stewardship letter along with a Pledge Form to record your commitment for 2025.

Stewardship Sunday is November 24th. We will dedicate our pledges as part of the worship on that day.

Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Jay Roberts	Health Issues
Jenni Pedzinski and family	Father's stroke
Ryan Cooper	Recovery
Beth Trigg	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!

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to all who contributed to the World Mission Offering in the month of October.

Thanks to those who walked to raise money for food for Crop Walk. It served two needs- getting exercise and providing money for food.

In October, we began collecting items for Operation Christmas Child Boxes. Millions of children around the world will be impacted by the gift of a shoe box filled with a game, a jump rope, a ball, a book, pencils, pens, socks, a toothbrush, a stuffed animal, a backpack, a note from you, or maybe a picture. Think about the smile of a child when he gets a gift!

Your monetary gift of \$10.00 to pay for the postage of each box is also extremely appreciated. Boxes need to be filled and back to church by November 17th.

Soup and Sing

Yes, this is the November newsletter, but look ahead to the first Saturday in December.

Mark your calendar for 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 7th for Soup and Sing.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place to list soup or corn bread that you would like to make. We have had a variety of delicious homemade soups in the past. The soup that is left will be given to be served to the men who stay at Zion UCC on cold nights.

We will sing carols together in the sanctuary at 4:00p.m., then go to the fellowship hall to enjoy dinner and conversation. Bring your relatives and friends so that we can fill the sanctuary with beautiful Christmas carol singing and have a meal with us.

Financial Update

For the 3rd quarter of 2024, income in our general fund exceeded expenses by \$2,813. \$3,730 was contributed to our Outreach Ministries and \$1,297 was contributed to Capital Improvements. Copies of the 3rd quarter report are available in the Welcome Center.

NEW CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2025

At our October business meeting, the following officers were elected for the two-year term of 2025 and 2026:

Moderator-

Randy Turner (26)

Assistant Moderator-

Dave Lovell (26)

Church Clerk-

Pam Shears (26)

Sunday School Clerk-

Pam Faulk (26)

Treasurer-

Larry Faulk (26)

Assistant Treasurer-

Candy Lee (25)

Financial Secretary-

Randy Turner (25)

Assistant Financial Secretary-

Linda White (26)

Finance Committee Chair-

Deb Lovell (25)

Board of Christian Education-

Pam Faulk (25),

Candy Lee (25),

Erin Faulk (26).

Carol Grubbs (26)

Board of Deacons-

Richard Brown (25),

Larry Faulk (26),

Dave Lovell (26)

Board of Trustees-

Peter White (25),

Archie Trigg (25),

David Spear (25)

Tower Repair Project

At our Quarterly business meeting on October 23rd, the fellowship approved moving forward with the Tower Repair Project. This will include replacing any missing or damaged slates on the upper tower roof and repairing the roof overhang. The slate over the lower portion of the roof will be replaced along with gutters and some painting.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$49,550. This expense will exhaust our Memorials and Capital Improvements Funds. We are seeking gifts, donations, and memorial contributions to offset the cost of the project. As a part of our Stewardship Commitment for 2025, we have included a line item on our pledge form for the project. You may also contribute online by selecting "donate" on our website: fbcdelaware.org.








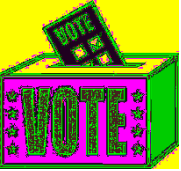



Congress Court Repair

We recently had to install a number of vertical steel beams in the basement of our rental property to support the walls that were unstable. The cost was \$7,920,



November

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>November Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change for Change • Christmas Shoe Boxes • Wish Lists for Foster Children • Thanksgiving Offering - PIN 		October 29	30	Reformation Day 31 31 Days of Prayer Ends Halloween  8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	November 1 All Saint's Day 	 Set Clocks back 1 hour
Change for Change Sunday 3 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion  Daylight Saving Time Ends	American Baptist Women's Day of Prayer 4 	Election Day 5 	6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk		
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9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Christmas Shoeboxes Due  December newsletter deadline	18	19	8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	22	9 am Parish Council Planning Meeting
9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 24 December newsletter available today	25	26	6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser	 Thanksgiving	29	Prepare for Advent

First Baptist Church - 2025 Budget		Budget 2025			Budget 2025
1.0 CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES			1.4 Continued		
1.1 Pastoral Ministry			Marion Assoc Dues & New Member Banquet 150		
COMPENSATION			Payroll Processing 1100		
Cash Salary		56808	Exec Ministers' Fund 50		
Housing Allowance		17400	Evangelism Promo/Public Rel / Outreach Projects 400		
Total Compensation		74,208	Online Giving 1300		
BENEFITS			Periodicals & Books (Secret Place) 150		
M & M Pension(TC + SSS) X 0.16		12,781	Fire Extinguishers 250		
Health Saving Account		6900	Elevator Maintenance / Certification 1600		
Social Security Supplement(TC X 0.0765)		5,676	Miscellaneous Expenses 300		
Total Benefits		25,357	Church Repair Fund		
ACCOUNTABLE REIMBURSEMENT PLAN			SUBTOTAL 17,800		
Car Allowance		600	1.5 Education		
Continuing Ed, Conventions, Seminars		800	Teaching Supplies & Curriculum 700		
Professional Materials (Books, Dues, hospitality,etc.)		600	Special Events / Hospitality / Youth 200		
Total Reimbursement		2,000	Adult Conventions, Workshops, MLK Bkfst 300		
SUBTOTAL		101,565	Missionary & Stewardship Education 100		
1.2 Pastoral and Support Staff			Marion Assoc Scholarship 200		
Janitor - Salary		3220	SUBTOTAL 1,500		
Social Security (FICA)		500	TOTAL CHURCH OPERATIONAL EXPENSES \$142,235		
Pastoral Assistant		1625	2.0 OUTREACH MINISTRIES		
Organist & Choir Director		2000	ABC united Mission 7,500		
Pulpit Supply		625	Targeted Missionaries - 3,600		
Workers Compensation		200	Institutional Support - Ohio Baptist Ed Society 300		
SUBTOTAL		8,170	Neighborhood Ministries 300		
1.3 Church Utilities			Andrews House Partnership 1,000		
Church Heating (Gas)		6200	Second Fridays(Dinners) 300		
Church Electricity		4500	PIN - People In Need 600		
Church City Utilities		1000	SUBTOTAL 13,600		
Church Telephone		1500	SPECIAL ABC OFFERINGS		
SUBTOTAL		13,200	America for Christ 1,000		
1.4 General Operating Expenses			One Great Hour of Sharing 1,000		
Church Insurance		4000	World Mission Offering 1,000		
Property Taxes		4600	Retired Ministers and Missionaries 1,000		
Copier Maintenance / Toner		1500	Other Special Offerings - Christmas, Easter, 2,000		
Church & Office Supplies/Postage/Newsletter		500	Change for Change, Blanket Sunday, Tools of Hope.		
Music Supplies / CCLI		300	SUBTOTAL 6,000		
Organ Repair/Piano Tuning		1000	TOTAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES 19,600		
Flowers, Decorations, & Gifts		600			



November 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

First Baptist Church is blessed by the generous support of this congregation to both our missions and our church. We have seen such an enormous amount of financial support to keep this church and its missions moving forward. With the intention of being good financial stewards for the church, the Finance Committee recommended some adjustments in the budget to align our budget more to the experience of the expenditures of the church. Along with providing pastoral compensation and benefits, the budget includes utilities, supplies, educational materials and funding for important church programs. The Outreach Ministries budget includes goals for ABC United Missions, institutional support, support for People In Need and the Andrews House as well as goals for our Special ABC offerings.

Also, at the business meeting we discussed the large upcoming project and financial undertaking to repair the church's tower. With the cost of this repair estimated at \$50,000, we are encouraging the congregation to take into consideration a pledge amount to the Tower Project. Your contribution would be used toward the cost of the repairs.

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 2025 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 "Donate" in the upper right corner of the page. This will link to the online banking site.

A Pledge Form has been included on the back of this letter for you to record your commitment for 2025. 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 24. 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 Lovell

Finance Chairperson



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio
Commitment Form 2025

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 2025.

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)
Tower Repair Project _____ 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 2025

For Church Operating Expenses \$ _____ Per _____

For Outreach Ministries Expenses \$ _____ Per _____

For Capital Improvements \$ _____ Per _____

For Tower Repair Project \$ _____ Per _____

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

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As the snow showers fly through the air for the first time in this winter season, we prepare our hearts for Advent and Christmas. For the better part of 2,000 years the world has been blessed by the celebration of Christ's birth, and even with the excesses and degradations that accompany the celebration, the beauty and wonder of God's gift stands out.

Of course, there are things to do; the shopping and the decorating; the travel and the getting together with people that we love but don't see as much the rest of the year. There is the weather that doesn't always cooperate; it snows when we do not want it to snow, and not when we do. And sometimes the world itself seems unmoved by it all; it just goes on, good and bad.

At church there will be the traditional events; Soup and Sing and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. There are the collection of gifts for



Foster Care children and the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (Please see this newsletter for details and all the applicable information). Nonetheless, when the commotion dies down, there will be time to consider the birth of Christ, the Incarnation, and its meaning for our lives.

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth."

"And he will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of

Jacob forever; his kingdom shall never end."

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to men, on whom his favor rests."

May everyone have a blessed and beautiful season, and a very Merry Christmas, and the grandest of all New Years.

Blessings,
- Mark



Soup and Sing

Join us for an evening of Christmas carols and soup.
Saturday, December 7th
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

Wed	Thur
Dec 4-Brown	Dec 5-Brown
Dec 11-Faulk	Dec 12-Faulk
Dec 18-Grubbs	Dec 19-Gosser
	Dec 26-Brown
	Jan 2-Volunteer needed

Thank you all for volunteering. There will be a new sign-up sheet for the winter quarter in the Gathering Place next Sunday. Be sure to get your first pick of dates.

PERSONALS

-Thanks to Larry Faulk for installing new taller toilets in the women's and men's bathrooms.

- Dave Lovell went on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., on October 31. He thanks everyone for the cards he received on the flight home.

-Jay Roberts thanks everyone for their prayers during his recent illness.

-Jim Brown was recently hospitalized.

- Ian Ferguson is engaged to be married next summer.

- Emilie Showalter recently had gall bladder surgery and thanks everyone for their prayers.

-Laura and Richard Brown recently traveled to St. Louis to see their daughter Rachel.

-Thanks to Will Fogle and Claire Pierce for their musical solos in November.

In Memory / Honor Of

An anonymous contribution to cover the cost of the organ repair has been made in memory of Edgar Ebenhack and Ruth Brown; and in honor of Mary Lou Lovell, Jennifer Turner, and Candy Lee.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

It seems like it was just summer! Our November meeting was lightly attended, and now we are planning the Holiday Season. We decided to move our Christmas Luncheon and Ornament Exchange to the second Saturday, December 14th. The ladies of Second Baptist have been invited to join us for a potluck lunch and seasonal merriment. We will be meeting at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall for food, fun & games, fellowship and a break from shopping.

Laura Brown

Sponsor Foster Children

FBC is again sponsoring three foster children for Christmas this year. There are copies of the children's info and wish lists in the Welcome Center. You will find a sign-up list of the children's wish lists in the Sanctuary. Please check the lists to see what is still needed to give these children a very special Christmas. All of the items you wish to donate must be new and unwrapped. Gift cards and money to buy gifts are welcomed as well. The final date to bring your gifts is Sunday, December 8th.

Thank You!

Thanks to all who continue to do Panera Pick Up on Wednesday and Thursday nights. It is a big commitment! Thank you for picking up unsold items and delivering them to Willis School food pantry on Thursday morning and to Andrews House on Friday morning. Many in our community are served by your time to do this work.

Andrews House Christmas Cupboard is Back!

Mark your calendars for December 6th and 7th!

If you like to bake Christmas cookies, Andrews House will need them for their cookie sale on Dec. 7th. Bake Christmas cookies and take them to Andrews House on Friday, December 6th from 9:00 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



December

- 3 Kari Davidson
- 4 Erin Faulk
Jim Snyder
- 8 Phyllis Beasley
Joyce Roberts
- 12 Samuel Allison
Patty Spear
- 17 Pat Gosser
- 18 John Dagleish/Lena Putkonen
- 25 Carol Grubbs
- 27 Jim & Jane Snyder
- 28 Sharon Baker
- 29 James Craig Reynolds

Please report any errors.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Please join us for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This special service will begin with preludes at 6:45 p.m.

Christmas Offering

The offering in the "Christmas" envelopes will go to Andrew's House to support their mission in the community.

40 Christmas Shoe Boxes Given!

In October, we began collecting items for Operation Christmas Child Boxes. Millions of children around the world will be impacted by the gift of a shoe box filled with a game, a jump rope, a ball, a book, pencils, pens, socks, a toothbrush, a stuffed animal, a backpack, a note from you, or maybe a picture!. Thank you so much for your generosity to bring happiness to children. Thanks to those who gave a monetary donation of \$10.00 for each box for the postage.

TOGETHER, WE REMEMBER

This is the theme of the 2024 Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO). It is based on the scripture from I Chronicles 16:12 which states "Remember the wondrous works that the Lord has done." This calls us to remember those who have devoted their lives to lead us in worship, service, and in mission. Gifts to the RMMO are distributed to eligible retired clergy and missionaries and their spouses in the form of a thank you check- a tangible expression of our

Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Jay Roberts	Health Issues
Jenni Pedzinski and family	Father's stroke
Condolences to Rev. Tim Chesser and family on the death of Kathy	

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

enduring gratitude for their service. There are members of our own fellowship who receive this yearly appreciation check. Please prayerfully consider your contribution to this year's RMMO. Our goal is \$1000. Thank you. Pam Faulk

Kathy Chesser

Please be in prayer for the family of Tim Chesser in the passing on Nov. 22 of his wife Kathy. For those of you who are newer to our congregation, Tim is my immediate predecessor as Pastor and he and Kathy served our church faithfully for several years. Pray for Tim and their family in this time of bereavement.
- Mark

At the publishing of this newsletter, arrangements have not been available. For anyone who would like to send a card or letter, the present address is:
217 Oaklawn
Cranston RI 02920

Mission/Outreach News

On Saturday, December 7th, from 9:00-1:00 p.m. you can go to Andrews House and purchase a wide variety of homemade cookies for your holiday gatherings.

Soup and Sing

Mark your calendars - 4:00 p.m. on December 7th!

Calling everyone who enjoys singing Christmas carols! We will meet in the sanctuary to sing together. The more people we have singing, the greater the wonderful sound to praise God for Jesus' birth! So invite your family and friends to join us! Following the sing-a-long we will enjoy a variety of homemade soups and cornbread in the fellowship hall. There is a signup sheet in the gathering place so that you can sign up to make your favorite soup, cornbread, or cookies.

After we eat, the remaining soup will be given to Zion UCC for their Place of Warmth which is open for men to stay when temperature is below 20 degrees. Please join us for enjoying carols, delicious soup, and fellowship!

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

Thanks to all who contributed their loose change for the November Change for Change offering. We had a total of \$298.50. If you did not get to bring your loose change on that Sunday, you can bring it any time and put it in the plastic container on the table in the Welcome Center. It will be kept until next March.

FBC History / Historical Special Services

I have been making copies of several of our FBC historical documents and programs of historical Special Services to include on our website. Visit our website at fbcdelaware.org and click on FBC History or on Historical Special Services to view some of them. 50th, 75th, and 100th year anniversary items are included as well as a tribute to our first parsonage and 25th and 40th anniversary celebrations of pastor J.B. Stephenson.

If you have other significant historical documents in your personal collection that I can copy and include, I would appreciate it.
-Larry Faulk

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

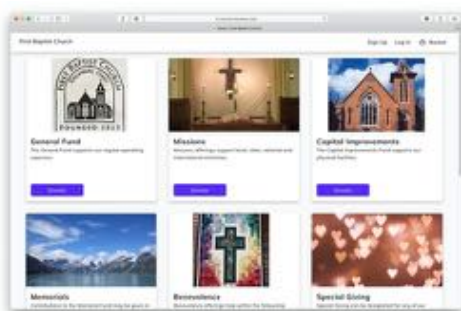
We are mindful that some who wish to be a part of the FBC family life may not be interested in

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.

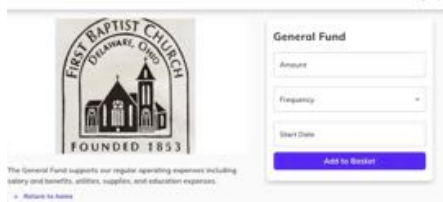
Consider Online Giving

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 make an offering online. Visit our website at FBCDelaware.org and click on the "Donate" button.

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

1897 Bulletin

I have been adding copies of our Worship Bulletins to our website. The oldest bulletin that I have found in our files is a bulletin from October 3, 1897 which was the dedication service for the rebuilt church. There are bulletins from most years from 1939 going forward with the exception of some more recent years.

If you have access to any of our missing bulletins, let me know and I will make copies for the website.

Visit our website: fbcdelaware.org and click on "View Bulletins" to explore them.
- Larry

First Baptist Church









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Delaware, Ohio 43015

December

2024

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
First Sunday of Advent 1 The Church Year Begins 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion RMMO begins 	2	3	4 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	5 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	6 Drop off cookies at Andrew's House	9am -1pm Andrew's House Christmas Cupboard  4pm Soup & Sing
Second Sunday of Advent 8 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service RMMO continues Gifts for foster children due 	9 5:30 Deacons at Amato's	Human Rights Day 10	11 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	12 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	13	14 11:30 am ABW Christmas Luncheon Fellowship Hall
Third Sunday of Advent 15 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service RMMO continues 	16	17	18 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	19 8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser	20	8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans  Winter Begins
Fourth Sunday of Advent 22 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service RMMO continues January newsletter deadline 	23	24 6:45 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Christmas 25 	26 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	27	28
29 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Mike Reynolds, guest pastor RMMO ends ← January newsletter available today	30	New Year's Eve 31 	New Year's Day 1 8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed Dr Allison on vacation	2 8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed	December Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMMO Offering • Wish Lists for Foster Children • Christmas Offering - Andrews's House →	