

Good News Letter

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Only nine weeks ago I moved from Illinois to Ohio and in just nine weeks it will be Christmas. Since then the weather has changed and the leaves on the trees are at their fall peak. Soon the weather will keep changing as summer turns into fall and then into winter. As the seasons change outside we also transition into the holidays when we celebrate Thanksgiving and the birth of Christ.

November begins with All Saints Day which is not as well observed as the other two days, but we do like Halloween, the Eve of All Saints Day. While it used to be attached to the November 1 holiday, it has become more of a secular day of costumes and candy and fun. Later comes Thanksgiving. In the secular sense it means turkey and pumpkin pie, football games and black Friday. In the spirit of the Christian faith it gives us a time to reflect on the grace of God, the goodness of life, and the wonder of redemption, as well as to think about the specific ways we have experienced the love of God in our lives. Gratitude is the natural result of that reflection.

And then Advent begins. Advent is a remarkable time of anticipation and repentance before something

big and important happens that is itself sometimes as amazing as the arrival of the awaited time. It is a time of expectation and hope as well as preparation.

I am excited about the next nine weeks sharing this holiday season



November

with you all, my new family at First Baptist Church. Let us remember that the essential thing we celebrate in the holidays is relationships, both the blessing of a relationship with God and the friendships we are making with each other. Those relationships are more important than decorations or wonderful sermons or beautiful music or good food, all of which sometimes demand more of us and require most of our time and energy. And if I have not said it enough, I am very grateful to be here.

My hope and my prayer is that you will come and be a part of it, and that it will be a joyous and meaningful time, that our love will grow

in the assurance faith provides of God's amazing grace.

– Mark

Dr. Allison to be Installed

Please join us for worship and communion on Sunday, November 1st. As a part of the worship service, we will celebrate the official installation of Dr. Allison as our pastor. The ceremony will include Greetings from ABC-Ohio, remarks from a search committee member, and a Litany of Installation.

A reception and fellowship time will follow the service.

– Larry Faulk

Kid Connection Volunteers

Thanks to all who have signed up to help with Kid Connection. We only have 2 spots to fill until the end of 2015 on December 6 and December 13. Please consider signing up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

Volunteers for this month are the following:

- Nov. 1 Debbie Fogle / Will Fogle
- Nov. 8 Pam Shears / Colin Ferguson
- Nov. 15 Pam Faulk / Claire Turner
- Nov. 22 Jennifer Turner / Aidan Ferguson
- Nov. 29 Pat Gosser / Alec Ferguson

Thank you again for volunteering.

– Pam Faulk

Next Month

The December newsletter will be one week earlier than usual because Advent begins in late November.

Articles must be submitted by Sunday November 15.

Change Your Clock And Bring Your Change To Church

Last fall we started this mission from an article we read in our Sunday school lesson about raising awareness of the extent of child poverty in the U.S. Churches were encouraged to see how much money they could raise from their loose change to help alleviate child hunger in our own community.

We will be doing this again this year. On Sunday, November 1, we will be changing our clocks back (FALL BACK) from Daylight Savings Time. That is a reminder to bring all your loose change to church on November 1 and put it into the jar.

We will then give this money to Andrews House to help with the community's summer lunch program for children. We felt that the summer lunch program reaches the greatest number of children in our community. Andrews House oversees this mission and welcomes any financial support we can give. So, please bring all your change on November 1.

Get to Know the Pastor

Dr. Allison would like to get to know you better. Please invite Mark to join you for lunch or dinner. He likes restau-

PRAYER LIST

This list is prepared by the Deacons. Prayer requests will be removed after 2 months unless "renewed". Please send changes to Larry Faulk (Lfaulk01@aol.com).

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
The Deacons	Gosser family	Condolences on the death of Pat's mother
	Stephenson family	Condolences on the death of Sophia's sister
	Alvin Cox	Health issues
	Betty Porter	Recovery from oral surgery
	Christina Kilhefner	Transplant recovery
	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
	Steve Baker	Health issues
The Faulks	Bora Porter (Janet's daughter)	Health issues
	Mary Anderson	Health Issues

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

rants as well as home cooked meals. Consider inviting him to share in family events and activities. Being alone, his schedule is flexible and he would appreciate the opportunity to interact with you beyond Sunday School and worship.

- Larry Faulk

FBC to Sponsor Foster Kids for Christmas

During the month of November, we will collect gifts for 3 or 4 foster children through Jobs and Family Services of Delaware. We do not have the details of the kids and their "Wish Lists" yet. We will post them at church when they are available. Please consider contributing to help make their Christmas meaningful.

2016 First Baptist Church Directory

It's time to update our directory for 2016. Please review your info in the 2014 directory and let Larry Faulk know about any changes, or fill out the form below and return it to him. We would like to update pictures as well. See Larry Faulk or Dave Lovell to get a new picture taken. We would like to include all members and friends of FBC.

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Address _____

Home Phone _____ *No year is necessary

Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings

This year's special offering for Thanksgiving will be dedicated to Andrews House, Second Friday Meals and the Christmas offering will go to support PIN (People in Need). Special envelopes are in your box of giving envelopes.

Contact a Deacon

If you or someone close to you is ill, or goes to urgent care or the emergency room, or is having a crisis that we should know about, please call one of the deacons. We want to be supportive and to share your concern with the fellowship as you desire. The deacons and a primary phone number are:

Larry Faulk - (614)-204-1098

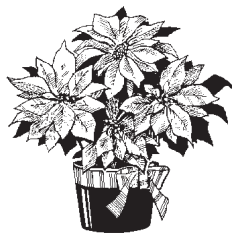
Dave Lovell - (740)-369-6041

Jennifer and Claire Turner - (740)-816-0269

Lana Palmer - (740)-369-6098

Poinsettias

You're invited to order poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during Advent. They can be given in memory or honor of someone, and you can take them home after our Christmas Eve service.



The cost is to be announced (probably around \$9). Place your orders with Melissa Mercer or Jim Stephenson by Sunday, Nov. 22.

Personals

- Please offer condolences to Pat Gosser and her sister Candy who often visits us on the death of their mother.
- Please offer condolences to Sophia Stephenson on the death of her sister, Lee Sullivan.
- Several members have done some fall traveling. Jerry and Lana Palmer

drove to the Smoky Mountains. The Stephensons also visited the Smoky Mountains. Erin Faulk spent a few days in New Orleans. Pam and Larry Faulk took a Canada/New England cruise. Dave and Mary Lou Lovell, Barb and Kip Smith and their sons traveled to Massachusetts to see Mary Lou's father who went on an Honor Flight with Dave as his escort.

— Pam Faulk

Ray Biggar

Ray Biggar, the husband of former member Cynthia Bland-Biggar, died in Saco Maine on Sept. 30 after a long illness.

Cynthia serves as Pastor of the Standish Congregational Church, UCC in Standish Maine.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



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| Nov. 12 | Jackson Trigg |
| 15 | Harold Van Broekhoven |
| 17 | Jim and Ann Brown Emily Inscho |
| 19 | Steve Ferguson |
| 20 | Randy Turner Molly Kennedy |
| 21 | Mark Allison |
| 22 | Peter White |

Names and dates are from the latest church directory.

15 Years Ago

Nov 2000 Newsletter

Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Cynthia Bland and Ray Biggar were married in Massachusetts.

20 Years Ago

Nov 1995 Newsletter

Evelyn Lee donated a changing table for the nursery.

Stef and Peter Heizer have moved to Cleveland.

Recent hospital patients included Bernice Turney, John Linn, Flo Faulk, and David Osborne.

25 Years Ago

Nov 1990 Newsletter

The Search Committee is starting to look for a new pastor after Rev. Gillin left. Members are Cynthia Bland, Willard Fogle, Jeff Faulk, Carol Grubbs, Ann Linn, and Jim Van Brimmer, chair.

40 Years Ago

Nov 1975 Newsletter

The Morning Circle group visited German Village.

45 Years Ago

Nov 1970 Newsletter

Don Brown and Dorothy McCown were married.

Ted and Jeannie Stephenson moved to Ambridge Pennsylvania where he will be minister of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Stanley Hanby became a member of our church.