

Good News Letter

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I have been thinking about favorite hymns lately. Among the hymns that I did not grow up singing, but later learned was in the hymnal all along, is called. "Abide with Me," the words written by Henry Lyte in 1847. In the last decade or so it has become a part of my "hymnal within a hymnal." It fits the autumn season, which is also on my mind, as I look out the window at the color of the leaves as they change.

"Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me."

The title of the song comes from Luke 24:29 when the two disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus on that Easter evening invited him to dinner saying, "Stay with us." The words serve as a prayer for the end of the day,

"Swift to its close ebbs our life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim, its glows pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changes not, abide with me."

As autumn descends, and the days grow shorter and colder and winter approaches, I think over the past year and anticipate the



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year to come, reflecting on the past looking forward to what is next. I guess I am in the autumn of life. It feels like the time has passed quickly. Many things have changed along the way.

Only a few decades ago I would not have entered this reflection into a computer and sent it in by email. Even now I am behind on the technology of the times. Only a few years ago I would not have dreamed of being in Ohio when I wrote it.

But there is still a long way to go. This hymn, which is a prayer, gives me hope that through all of life's changes, God remains present with me and with us. God's grace does not waver in the passage of time. And so I offer it as an autumn devotion:

"I need Thy presence every passing hour
What but Thy grace can spoil the tempter's power
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,
Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me."

In our hymnal there is a 5th verse with which I am not familiar, but it caps off this little devotion as a prayer for the evening, for autumn:

"Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me."

Blessings
-Mark

From Our Pastoral Intern

Where has 2017 gone? October seems to have come and gone, and we have yet to truly experience the fall weather that we have come to associate with this season. Things might feel out of place when we see pumpkin decorations and warm weather. However, what seems to always allow us to find a quiet center is the transition to the holiday seasons. It is our annual traditions that help us to focus on the things that we give thanks for, and help to remind us of those who are less fortunate to have the things that we have given thanks.

The month of November allows us to think back over the year that has gone by, and begin to prepare for the year ahead.

During the month of November, the youth will be continuing their ecumenical worship visits by observing and participating in the worship service at Second Baptist Church. Due to the Thanksgiving season and the anticipation of travels, the youth will be doing their visit on the THIRD Sunday of the month, November 19th, instead of on the fourth Sunday. Subsequently, the youth group meeting will also take place on the evening of the 19th.

Blessings and Peace,
-David L. Harris, Jr.

Volunteers For November

Kid Connection

- Nov. 5- Erin Faulk / Hannah Nace
- Nov. 12- Adult Needed / Will Fogle
- Nov. 19- Adult Needed / Colin Ferguson
- Nov. 26- Candy Lee / Bowen Nace

Fellowship Time

- Nov. 5- Faulk
- Nov. 12- Trigg/Showalter
- Nov. 19- Candy Lee
- Nov. 26- Gosser

Panera Pick-Up

- Nov. 2- Faulk
- Nov. 9- Allison
- Nov. 23- Gosser
- Nov. 30- Lovell

Thank you all for volunteering

Personals

•Please be in prayer for Carol Serviss as she is healing from a stress fracture in her left leg, in addition to a broken right ankle.

Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Tim Chesser	Heart Surgery Recovery
Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Dr. Ernest Jones	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Ken Peterson	Health Issues
Ekelberry Family	Condolences
Carol Serviss	Broken Leg / Ankle
Kilhefner Family	Brother's Health Issue

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

•Ken and Genevieve Peterson have a new great-grandson in Oklahoma, Elijah Tim Rose.

•Welcome new members Candy Lee and Brennan Howe who officially joined our church on October 1.

•Our Mission Sunday on October 8 was a big success. Thanks to Pastor Mark for helping to plan this and to all who brought food for lunch.

•Former Pastor Tim Chesser had successful bypass surgery on October 9 and is recovering at home.

•Jean Syler sends greetings to all from Willowbrook. She appreciates cards and visits.

•Deb Guebert visited her father in Pennsylvania and took him to the Jersey shore.

•Erin Faulk spent a long weekend visiting Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon.

•Once again Dan and Sherry Chambers had a fun-filled farm party with many of our church fellowship attending. Thank you Dan and Sherry.

•Aidan Ferguson was in the cast of ARSENIC AND OLD LACE which was recently performed at Hayes.

•A big thank you to all who participated in the outdoor clean-up day on October 21. We had many, many, many bags of yard waste collected.

•Ben and Kylie Turner had a baby boy on October 25. His name is Jack Edward Turner. He weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Congratulations Ben and Kylie!

•Jennifer Turner has a new job as secretary at Carlisle Elementary School.

Disaster Relief

If you would like to give money for disaster relief for the recent hurricanes, earthquake, and forest fires, you may write out a check to the church and make a note for it to go to One Great Hour of Sharing.

2018 Officers & Budget

At the Quarterly business meeting Oct. 25th., the 2018 budget was approved and church officers

were elected. Copies of the budget are available in the Welcome Center. The 2018 officers are:

- Moderator - Randy Turner
- Asst. Moderator -
 Jeanne Ekelberry
- Church Clerk - Lana Palmer
- Treasurer - Larry Faulk
- Asst. Treasurer - Candace Lee
- Financial Secretary -
 Randy Turner
- Asst. Financial Sec. - Linda White
- Church School Clerk - Pam Faulk
- Finance Chairman - Deb Fogle
- Board of Education - Pam Faulk,
 Pat Gosser, Pam Shears,
 Erin Faulk
- Board of Deacons - Dave Lovell,
 Larry Faulk, Claire Turner,
 Jennifer Turner,
 Colin Ferguson
- Board of Trustees-Scott Nace,
 Ken Shears, Peter White,
 Archie Trigg

Stewardship Sunday

Our pledges to support the 2018 budget will be dedicated during worship on Stewardship Sunday, November 19. Please prayerfully consider your commitment both to financial support and to attendance and participation in worship, study, and service at FBC.

Thanksgiving Offering

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

Financial Update

Copies of the 3rd Quarter Financial Report are available in the Welcome Center. General expenses exceeded offerings by \$1,022 for the quarter bringing the deficit to nearly \$3,000 for the year to date or an average of \$329 per month.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



November

- 11 Jonathan Allison
- 12 Jackson Trigg
- 15 Sarah Byall
 Harold VanBroekhoven
- 17 Jim & Ann Brown
- 19 Steve Ferguson
- 20 Randy Turner
- 21 Mark Allison
- 22 Peter White

Please report any errors.

Contributions for missions continue on target to meet our annual goals. Your gifts to memorial and capital improvement funds are appreciated.

The Votes Are In!

In October we asked that you list your favorite hymns on the "Get Connected" slip. Many of you did just that! Throughout October and into Nov. we have and will include all of them in our worship service. Thanks for being a part of the worship service.

Here are the top picks!

- It is Well with My Soul
- Amazing Grace
- Awesome God
- Great is Thy Faithfulness
- For All the Saints
- Great is the Lord
- "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
- Down at the Cross
- Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
- Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
He Has Made Me Glad
Standing on the Promises
This is My Father's World
Did Jesus Care?
How Great Thou Art
In the Garden

Change for Change

As you change your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening, Nov 4th, please remember to gather your loose change. On Sunday, Nov 5, we will be collecting all your loose change during the morning worship service. The money will go to Andrews House to help defray the expenses of the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for children. Bring your change to make a change in our community. No coin is too small.

A Stewardship Story

I know there might be a few of you who have heard this story before, but it has been many years, and I thought I would share it again.

Many years ago when our kids were still young, we were in Michigan for a camping vacation. Unfortunately, while we were gone, there was a "hold" put on our credit card and we were out of ready cash for things. None of the banks in the area were ones that were branches of our bank, but we stopped in one of the local banks anyway and asked if we could write a check.

The cashier told us that they could not cash checks from out of state. Not wanting to cut our vacation short, we asked if we could speak to a manager to explain our problem. We sat down with the bank manager and explained what had happened and we just wanted to cash a

check to have money for the rest of the week. She asked to see our checkbook, so we showed it to her. She started looking through our check records and said, "I see here that you give regularly to the First Baptist Church. I think we can cash your check for you."

So you see, when you give regularly, not only is the church blessed by your gifts, but you just might be blessed too.

-Pam Faulk

Women's Fellowship (AKA-American Baptist Women ABW)

There will be no women's fellowship this month, so that we may have time to look over the surveys. However, there will be a very special Christmas luncheon for all the women of the church next month on December 9, hosted by Candy Lee. Please mark your calendar and watch for details in the December newsletter.

Pastor on Vacation

Dr. Allison will be on vacation, Oct 30 - Nov 5. If you have a need during that time, please contact a deacon.

"Brothers All"

The newly formed male singing group called "Brothers All" has met 2 times, and they have enjoyed singing together. The next rehearsal will be Nov. 12th at 6:30 p.m. All males who like to sing are welcome. Call Dave Lovell if you need a ride.

The November 26th rehearsal is at 6:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead!

Mark your calendars for :
Dec. 2nd
Andrews House
Christmas Cupboard
provide cookies for cookie box sale

Dec. 9th
People In Need
Packing Day at Delaware County
Fairgrounds

Dec. 16th
Women's Luncheon, 12:00

Soup n' Sing, 4 p.m.
Sing Christmas Carols and enjoy
soup and fellowship
Start looking for a delicious recipe
to bring!

Wu's & McCurdy at FBC

On Oct. 8th we were honored to have 3 missionaries come to our church and give informative and interesting power point presentations about the work they are doing. Emerson and Ivy are serving in Hong Kong and Sarah (and Peter) are serving in Costa Rica.

We enjoyed having the Central Community Church fellowship as our guests. Some of them joined us to sing the anthem, "Send the Light", during the church service.

We enjoyed a meal together and had time to ask Emerson, Ivy and Sarah questions. What a wonderful day it was to hear how our missionaries are sharing God's love and helping others to know God.

People in Need Boxes

In September we collected items for People In Need. It is now the end of October and the boxes are full again! Wow!

Thanks to all for your generosity in helping others. Thanks to Peter White who delivers the items to People In Need.

Sponsor Foster Children

FBC will again sponsor foster children for Christmas this year. We expect to have the ages and wish lists for three children in the next week. During the month of November, we encourage you to donate items to make their Christmas a joyous occasion. Toys, clothes, and gift cards or money to buy gifts are welcomed.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Each Thursday someone from our church goes to Panera to pick up the unsold items. The items are bagged in suitable amounts and delivered to Andrews House on Friday morning. Mel Corroto, at Andrews House, distributes the items to various locations in the community where the items can be distributed to those in need. Thanks to ALL who so willingly help with this ministry.

If you can pick up the items, wrap them(bags are provided) and deliver them to Andrews House, please add your name to the sign-up sheet. If you have questions about it, see Pat Gosser or Mary Lou Lovell. Many hands are needed to continue helping those who are thankful to have something to eat.

Rides for David

Winter and bad weather will soon arrive, and our pastoral intern, David Harris, will not be able to ride his bike to church on most Sundays. Please be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place to provide him with a ride.