

# Good News Letter

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Last year when I traveled to Colorado to visit my son, I came home by way of Montana, where I stopped to see the place of “Custer’s Last Stand,” the Little Bighorn River. I learned a great deal about the battle and the circumstances that surrounded it.

The leader of the Lakota Sioux was a man who has become a well-known historical figure; his name was Sitting Bull. He was a religious leader. He and his people faced rapid change, which they could neither understand nor control, and understandably, they resisted.

Sitting Bull had a vision for his people that had two main facets. He believed the “white people” would all go away, and that the Buffalo would return. His vision involved the recovery of a treasured past. He is rightly seen as a noble figure, and who can blame him for the resistance he led. As of yet, neither of his predictions has happened.

The same kind of thing appears in the Bible, especially in the part we call the Old Testament. The people of Israel had been conquered, and they were also forced to confront rapid change, which they could neither understand nor control. And they too were



led by religious leaders, some of whom envisioned the recovery of a treasured past which was sacred to them, involving the restoration of the Davidic monarchy and the rebuilding of the Jerusalem temple. Although both predictions came true temporarily, neither lasted. After the Babylonians, came the Persians, then the Greeks, and then, after a brief time of independence, the Romans; and all these years later both of the envisioned recoveries remain unfulfilled.

Today, we also face rapid change. I advise against attempting to comfort ourselves by hoping for the recovery of the past. It is better to look to the future, bringing what is best from our religious heritage into the changes we face, with hopefulness that the changes *can* be positive, to be sought rather than feared.

Last Sunday (October 20) the text came from Jeremiah, one of Israel’s prophets, who wrote,

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people.” This is the great promise we anticipate; that through God’s teaching, having been etched into the inner places of the soul, our lives will come to be characterized by deep gratitude, sincere hope, genuine love, and strong faith, accompanied by compassion and mercy for all the people who share with us this ever-changing journey.

Blessings, and Happy Thanksgiving,

- Mark

## Communion Available

Have you missed a Communion Sunday, or you cannot get out to church when you want, or you are recovering from an illness or surgery, or you feel “shut-in”? We would like to come and share a little time and communion with you.

Let Mark or one of the deacons know that you would like communion in your home and we will make arrangements to bring you communion.

- Larry Faulk, deacon chair



## Volunteers For November

### Fellowship Time

Nov 3 Lovell  
 Nov 10 Grubbs  
 Nov 17 Lee  
 Nov 24 Gosser

### Panera Pick-Up

Nov 7 Grubbs  
 Nov 14 Lovell  
 Nov 21 Faulk  
 Nov 28 Faulk

Thanks to all who volunteered this month, our sign-up sheets for the fall quarter are finally complete. Look for new sign-up sheets for the winter quarter this month. Your service is greatly appreciated.

## Personals

> Last month Michael Mercer graduated from Ohio Northern University in Lima and is back home looking for a job.

> Jim Snyder traveled to Tennessee for the Storytellers Festival in October.

> Cullen Faulk was recently named "Top 20 Under 20" in Trumbull County, a program which celebrates outstanding young people in the county.

> The Ferguson Family traveled out of state in October to celebrate Steve's father's 80th birthday.

> Aidan Ferguson was selected to be in Hayes's National Honor Society. Congratulations, Aidan!

> Pam Shears recently had successful back surgery.

> Jane Moore Snyder recently had knee replacement surgery.

> Genevieve Peterson would like to thank all those who sent her birthday greetings.

## Thank You

Thanks to all who contributed to the World Mission Offering. At the writing of this newsletter, we had received \$623 of our \$700 goal. With this Sunday left to contribute, I am sure we can reach that goal.

## Women's Fellowship

Three of our women attended the Aspire conference in October. Our November lunch will be on Saturday, November 9 at Vaquero's. We will gather there at noon because they don't open earlier than that. Just to give you a "heads up," our December luncheon will be a week earlier than usual. It will be on Saturday, December 7 instead of the 14th.

- Pam Faulk

## 2020 Budget Approved

At the Quarterly Business Meeting on Oct. 23rd., the 2020 budget was approved, and church officers were elected. Copies of the budget are available in the Welcome Center.

Thank you for passing the budget for our 2020 fiscal year. I am very thankful for all of your faithfulness to the service of the church and its missions. This month, pledge sheets will be available in the newsletter and in the Welcome Center for you to prayerfully consider your giving for the upcoming year. We will have a dedication of our pledges as part of the Thanksgiving week worship service or you can return these pledge sheets to Randy Turner. Again, thank you all for your pledge and commitment to the ongoing support of the mission of our church.

- Deb Fogle, finance chair

## Stewardship Is More than Money

As you consider your annual financial commitment to FBC, please consider your participation commitment. You are needed in worship, service, and fellowship. Please consider attending worship more often than you currently do. Our worship experiences are enhanced by your presence. Our service projects, like Andrews House, CROP Walk, Stepping Up Meals, Panera pickup, etc., are enriched by your involvement. Our fellowship opportunities, like game nights, mission presentations, picnics, Fellowship Time, and potlucks, are more fulfilled by your participation. Please commit to increased attendance, both for yourself and for FBC.

-Larry Faulk, deacon chair

### *Birthdays and Anniversaries*



### **November**

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

*Please report any errors.*

## Change For Change

On Saturday night, November 2, we change our clocks back one hour to end Daylight Saving Time. That means that on Sunday morning, November 3, we should all bring our loose change to church for the Change for Change offering. This money goes to Andrews House to help administer the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for Children. This is one way that we can help alleviate childhood hunger in our own community.

## Thanksgiving Offering

The offering in the special Thanksgiving envelope will go to PIN this month.

## The 2020 officers are:

Moderator - Randy Turner  
 Asst. Moderator - Jeanne Ekelberry  
 Church Clerk - Pam Shears  
 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, Carol Grubbs,  
 Erin Faulk  
 Board of Deacons - Dave Lovell,  
 Larry Faulk, Claire Turner,  
 Jennifer Turner, Colin Ferguson  
 Board of Trustees - Ken Shears,  
 Peter White, Archie Trigg

## Volunteers Needed

Five or six volunteers are needed to help serve at the Nov 8th Second Friday meal at Andrews House at 5 pm. Let me know if you can help.

- Larry Faulk

## Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Raleigh Gosser	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Raeleen George	Health Issues
Steve & Sharon Baker	Health Issues
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's father & sister	Health Issues
Keith Anderson	Health Issues
Jane Moore Snyder	Surgery
Pam Shears	Surgery

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

## Delivery Assistance Needed

The Metro Community Baptist Church has invited us to help them with one of their Holiday service projects. They are involved with the Angel Tree ministry, which provides Christmas gifts to the children of people who are incarcerated during the holidays. Some of the children they are helping this year live in Delaware, and they have asked us to help them make deliveries in December. Stay



tuned for future announcements.

## Year For Prayer

As we continue our Year for Prayer, please don't forget to pick up a name from the Prayer Chest and also to continue to pray for our missionaries whose prayers are given in the 60 Days of Prayer list.

## Sponsor Foster Children

FBC will sponsor two foster children for Christmas this year.

Charlie (age 8) loves legos and board games. He has an Xbox 1 gaming system, and would like games or a gift card to get new games. He would also love a bike with helmet. He wears size 8 pants and shirts.

Kimberley (age 5) loves doll babies and Barbies. She likes board games. She wears size 7/8 clothing.

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

## Mission/Outreach News

For the Undie Sundays in September, 73 pairs of new underwear, 1 pair of leggings and, 5 pairs of socks were donated and filled the box in the Welcome Center of the church. They were given to the Common Ground Free Store and will be given to those in need.

We hosted Reverend Jeni Pedzinski on Sunday, September 29th. After a potluck dinner, we enjoyed playing a Trivia Game in which we learned a great deal about Thailand. Pam Faulk showed a World Mission DVD which helped us put a face with the missionaries that Pam is talking about during the Mission Moments on Sundays in October. Jeni's presentation described the pain some children and young women have experienced. She explained how the New Life Center Foundation is providing shelter and education for these children and young women along with giving them hope and a new path for their lives. An offering was collected to help with expenses for Jeni. Seventeen people attended.

Our October Missions were CROP WALK, World Mission Offering, and a meal for the Stepping Up participants class at William St. Church

Six people participated in the CROP WALK: Larry Faulk, Erin Faulk, Deb Fogle, Will Fogle, Gabe Fogle and Mary Lou Lovell. As the walk began, so did the rain. Larry, Erin, Will, and Mary Lou walked the mile loop. Deb and Gabe walked the 3 mile loop.

We began planning for November and December. In November we collect the Change for Change offering which will go to Andrews House which will be used next

summer for the Delaware City Schools Summer Lunch Program.

November 8th is the Second Friday dinner at Andrews House for which we will need servers. See Larry Faulk to help.

For December, we are looking ahead to the Andrews House Christmas Cupboard and cookie donation and Woman's Luncheon on December 7th. Soup and Sing will be held Sat., Dec. 14th at 4 p.m.

Our next meeting will be November 17th at noon.

## Thank You

< To all who donated new underwear

< To Candy and Pat for setting up for Jeni Pedzinski's visit

< To Larry for setting up the dvd and to Pam for showing the World Mission dvd

< To all who brought food and helped clean up for Jeni's visit

< To all who walked for the Crop Walk and those who gave money to fight hunger

< To those who bought, prepared food, served and cleaned up for the stepping up meal at William St. Church on Oct. 21st.

< Thanks to Mike Reynolds who prepared 2 excellent sermons and led worship in Mark's absence. We remember "please and thank you" and your faith testimony as well as your singing "I Come To the Garden Alone". It is a blessing to have you!

< To all who continue to pick up Panera

< To all who host fellowship time

## Thanks Mark

Thanks to mark for ministering to us for 4 years !

We are thankful that God led you to First Baptist!

Mark prepares inspirational and Bible based sermons, prepares the evening prayer services, leads Lenten and Advent Bible

studies, leads the youth group, attends Delaware Ministerial Association meetings, represents fFirst Baptist for Fifth Sunday services, leads services at Willow Brook, attends church meetings, attends ABC Ohio meetings, and sings with Brothers All. Mark goes to the hospital to visit and pray with those dealing with health issues.

The list is longer than this; we want to say thank you for all you do! You are a blessing to our congregation!

## Church Directory Update

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# November

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>November Mission Focus:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change For Change</li> <li>• Second Friday Meal</li> <li>• Gifts for Foster Children</li> <li>• Thanksgiving Offering - PIN</li> </ul>		October 29	30  6:30 Choir	<b>Reformation Day</b> 31 <b>Halloween</b>  8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	1	 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS 2  Turn Clocks Back 1 Hr
<b>Change for Change Offering</b> 3  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship - Communion 1:30 Brothers All  Daylight Saving Time Ends 	<b>Baptist Women's Day of Prayer</b> 4  6:00 Piecemakers 7:00 Board of Christian Ed	<b>Election Day</b> 5  	6  6:30 Choir	7  8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	8  5:00 Second Friday Meal Andrews House	9  Women's Lunch at Vaquero's at noon
10  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	<b>Veterans' Day</b> 11  6:30 Deacons	12	13  6:30 Choir	14  8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell	15	16  8:00 Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans
17  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 12:00 Mission / Outreach  Dec newsletter deadline today	18	19	20  6:30 Choir	21  8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	22	23
24  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 6:30 Youth  Dec newsletter available today	25	26	27  6:30 Choir	 <b>Thanksgiving</b> 28 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	29	30

November 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

At the October, Quarterly Business Meeting, the fellowship adopted the 2020 church budget. 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.

As members and friends of First Baptist Church, we have a stewardship responsibility to help our church fulfill its ministry. One way to help us plan and to demonstrate our commitment to adequately funding our budget is to make a pledge for the financial needs of our church for 2020 and to use that pledge as a reminder to give regularly. This year we have installed the option for an online option for your giving. If you would like to explore this option, please visit our website [fbcdelaware.org](http://fbcdelaware.org) and click on the right side of the page Make an Online Offering or Donation. This will link to a site to the online banking site.

A Pledge Form has been included on the back of this letter for you to record your commitment for 2020. 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 18. Even if you are choosing to donate online, please fill out the dedication form to help us reach our budget goals. Each of us needs to prayerfully review our resources, not just monetary, and consider our commitment to Christ and our church.

Yours in Christ,  
Deb Fogle, Finance Chairman

Name \_\_\_\_\_

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio  
Commitment Form 2020

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 2020.

**CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES**

\_\_\_\_\_ Per Week / Month / Year (circle one)

**OUTREACH MINISTRIES (Missions)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Per Week / Month / Year (circle one)

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Special Projects)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Per Week / Month / Year (circle one)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Keep This Portion For Your Records

Name \_\_\_\_\_

My/Our Commitment for 2020

For Church Operating Expenses      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per \_\_\_\_\_

For Outreach Ministries Expenses      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per \_\_\_\_\_

For Capital Improvements      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per \_\_\_\_\_

If for any reason you need to change your Pledge, please notify

Mr. Randy Turner, Financial Secretary

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