

# Good News Letter

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One of the most succinct descriptions in the Bible of the life of the Church, is found in Colossians 3:12-17. The characterization of Christian fellowship is so clear it speaks for itself.

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of



the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

In this time of pandemic, when the church is not able to meet as usual, when even the meetings that take place are not routine, it strikes me as helpful simply to hear these words, and see them in print, and take them as a reminder of our precious calling in Christ. Let them remain fresh on our minds.

We have been meeting for about a month now, and things have gone well. I know that wearing masks and not singing is a sacrifice, and we all want very much for normal worship to return along with fellowship meals and Sunday School and game nights. I encourage all of you to remain vigilant about the Covid-19 protocols. One never knows when letting our guard down will allow the virus to spread among

us. I am grateful to everyone for helping so that we can continue to meet in person.

The holiday season begins in November. Because of the pandemic, we are not sure what it will be like this year. Some of our traditional holiday activities will change a little. In November, be ready for Change for Change on the first Sunday, the Thanksgiving Offering, a new (for us) project, the Shoe Box ministry supporting Samaritan’s Purse, and the gift collection for foster children through Jobs and Family Services. See this newsletter for all the details.

The text from Colossians reminds me that the Church is not primarily programs and buildings, doctrines and rituals, nor denominations. It is people in relationship with God and each other through Jesus Christ, who calls us, forgives us, is present with us, as we experience God’s love working among us.

God Bless,

- Mark

## Panera Volunteers for November

- Nov. 5 Faulk
- Nov. 12 Grubbs
- Nov. 19 Shears
- Nov. 26 Faulk

There is a new sign-up sheet located at the back of the sanctuary for the winter quarter. We pick up Panera donations every Thursday night at closing time and deliver them to Andrews House the next morning. If you wish to help with this and need "training," please speak to Larry or Pam Faulk.

## Change for Change

On Sunday, November 1, Daylight Saving Time will end. Changing our clocks reminds us to bring our loose change to church that Sunday. There will be a container next to the regular offering for you to deposit your change when you arrive at church on the 1st. This money will be sent to Andrews House to help them administer the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for children. This is our way to help alleviate hunger in our own community. If you forget to bring your change, there is always a plastic container in the Welcome Center where you can drop it any time, and I will hold onto it until our next change offering in March.

## Thanksgiving Offering

The offering in the special Thanksgiving envelopes will go to PIN.

## Personals

- > Bob and Darlene Caulkins are expecting their fifth great-grandchild soon.
- > Cathy Reynolds would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers after the death of her father.
- > Brennan Howe was pictured in the Delaware City Schools Annual Report in a picture of the Dempsey Service Club.
- > Pastor Mark wrote an article for the October 16 edition of the Delaware Gazette.
- > Thanks to Deb Fogle for playing her violin during our October 18 worship service.
- > Love Ayinde's sister is in the hospital.

### ***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.*

## Shoebox Ministry

At our last Mission/Outreach meeting Darlene Caulkins told us about the Shoebox Ministry through the Samaritan's Purse organization that they have been involved with. This is an ongoing mission that we would like to undertake. "We want children around the world to know that God loves them... Operation Christmas Child is a powerful way to share the message of God's love...Every shoebox gift you can pack represents one more boy or girl we can reach with the Gospel. Dozens of countries that have been wracked by the coronavirus are opening back up to receive and distribute shoebox gifts. At a time when many missionaries have had to retreat from their fields, our church partners worldwide are stepping up into the gap and are ready to use these gifts along with the literature we provide to share the Gospel." Darlene has brought empty shoeboxes for us to fill. Please feel free to take more than one and bring them back on Sunday, November 15 along with a \$9 donation for postage. Checks can be made out to Samaritan's Purse. Suggested items for the boxes are toothbrushes, washcloths, bar soap, socks, ponytail holders, pencil sharpeners, pencils, glue sticks, crayons, scissors, paint sets, rulers, note pads, story books, comb, jigsaw puzzles, learning card, games, marbles, balls, slinkies, yo-yos, stickers, stuffed animals. Please do NOT include food, candy, gum, or toothpaste. Please try to include a "Wow" toy such as a doll, ball, larger ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Remember to pray for the child who will receive your gift.

## Mission/Outreach News

A huge thank you to ALL who continue giving in this CRAZY COVID time!

Thanks to all who gave food and supplies to People In Need for the drop off at the church on September 19th. Many of you brought UNDIES for our collection of new underwear for the Common Ground Free Store. We continued the collection for Common Ground through September as the church opened for service on September 20th. On October 5th, I delivered 68 items of underwear to Common Ground. They are always so pleased and appreciate getting these new items! Thank you!

Linda and Peter White delivered the items you donated to People In Need. Thank you Peter and Linda!

Thanks to all who have continued to pick up Panera, repackage it, and take it to Andrews House on Friday morning. Mel is always delighted to see the Panera items come so they can give them to those in need.

During October we have been collecting the World Mission Offering. CROP WALK was not a physical walk this year because of COVID. You may donate through FBC by noting "Crop Walk" on our contribution.

On October 18th, the Mission/Outreach group met after church to discuss our current missions and future ones. It was wonderful to have new faces meet with us and share.

We decided to participate in a new mission known as Shoe Box Ministry sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. Some of you might be familiar with this, but this

## 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
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Raeleen George	Health Issues
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's father & sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	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!

is the first time we are doing it at First Baptist.

Darlene Caulkins is going to head the collection of the Shoe Box Ministry. The boxes need to be filled and returned by Nov. 15th, so the time is short to complete the boxes. The boxes are sent to children all over the world. Can you imagine the smiles on the children's faces when they receive an unexpected box?

Other missions for November include collecting new items for children in foster care.

People In Need will receive our Thanksgiving offering.

Get your change ready for November 1st when we Collect the Change for Change offering that goes to Andrews House to use for the Delaware City Schools Summer Lunch Program.

Thanks to all who continue to give locally and globally!

## In-Person Worship

On Sunday, September 20th, we returned to in-person worship. Worship is at 10am until further notice.

Below are some of the protocols that are in place to help us worship as safely as possible:

- Open with worship service only
  - Initially no Sunday School
  - No fellowship time in the gathering place
- Masks/face coverings required
  - We have disposable and cloth masks available
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Sit socially distanced at least six feet apart
  - families may sit together
  - maintain distance entering / exiting
- Visual greetings
  - No handshakes - hugs
- Disinfectant spray/wipes will be available in all restrooms
- Minimize contact with items
  - offering plate on stand at the back of the sanctuary
  - bulletins on table in the Welcome Center
- Microphone for joys & prayer concerns on an extender

## **Worship Videos Available**

As we resume in-person worship, we will video record the live services and make an edited version available on our website. at [fbcdelaware.org](http://fbcdelaware.org). Copies of previous worship services are available on the "Videos" page of our website.

- Larry Faulk

## **Sponsor Foster Children**

FBC will sponsor three foster children for Christmas this year.

Andy (age 3 months). size 6-9 month clothing, age-appropriate toys, baby lotion, wipes, diapers.

Andrea (age 4 years). size 4T clothing, doll babies, books, games.








Jeffrey (age 15) remote control cars, Dicks Sporting Goods gift card, WalMart gift card.

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 6th and make their Christmas a joyous occasion. Toys, clothes, and gift cards or money to buy gifts are welcomed.

## **A note from the financial secretary:**

As we look forward to a new year of service and giving, I want to thank all of you who have continued to financially support the ministry of our church through lock down, online worship, and the uncertainty of a global pandemic. It has not been an easy year, but the financial condition of our church remains strong. I also want to take this opportunity to make a few points (or reminders) about how your giving is designated and apportioned. All undesignated giving, as well as all money designated for the general fund, goes to support our budgeted expenses. If you wish to give to ABC unified mission as well as the other mission commitments in our budget, then it should be designated as missions. If you wish to give to an organization or missionary outside our budget, simply indicate your wishes on the check or envelope, and it will be treated as a gift from the church going to the designated organization or missionary. We also have a savings account for designated giving: Capital Improvements (for large projects, maintenance and/or repair expenses) and Memorials (to memorialize a loved one - a booklet outlining our policies is available). The church also has an investment account that we maintain as an Educational Endowment administered by the Board of Education to award scholarships for those who may need financial help to encourage continuous spiritual growth. Again, thank you for your support and faithfulness! Checks should be made out to First Baptist Church or First Baptist Church, Delaware.

Randy Turner, financial secretary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p><b>All Saints Day</b> 1</p> <p>10:00 Worship and Communion</p>  <p><b>Change for Change Offering</b> Daylight Savings Time ends</p>	2	<p><b>Election Day</b> 3</p> 	4	5	<p><b>World Community Day</b> 6</p> 	7	
8	9	10	<p><b>Veterans Day</b> 11</p> 	12	13	14	
<p>10:00 Worship 11:00 Board of Christian Ed</p>	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p>10:00 Worship 11:00 Missions/Outreach Mtg</p> <p><b>Shoeboxes Due</b></p> 	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>10:00 Worship</p> <p>Dec newsletter deadline today</p>	29	30	December 1	2	<p><b>Happy Thanksgiving</b></p>  <p><b>Thanksgiving</b> 7:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	3	<p><b>November Mission Focus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change for Change</li> <li>• Shoebox Ministry</li> <li>• Foster Children Wish Lists</li> </ul>
<p><b>First Sunday of Advent</b> 29</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p> <p>Dec newsletter available today</p> 							

November 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

At the October Quarterly Business Meeting, the fellowship adopted the 2021 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 2021 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](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 2021. 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 22. 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 2021

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 2021.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if your donation is through online services

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

Keep This Portion For Your Records

Name \_\_\_\_\_

My/Our Commitment for 2021

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