

# Good News Letter

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“Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, God’s steadfast love endures forever,” is a familiar refrain found mainly in the psalms, such as the 107th or 136th. It reminds us that all of life is grace and that for us, gratitude is meant to be a way of life.

It is November, and we enter the season of thanksgiving. It is the time of year for breaking out the winter clothes and getting ready for holiday celebrations, for raking leaves and stewardship campaigns. You will notice information about our annual stewardship campaign in this newsletter. I encourage everyone to participate and prayerfully make your pledges. It is a great help. I do want to thank you all for being a generous and caring congregation. We have done really well in these tough Covid times. You are all to be commended. I am very thankful.

Thanksgiving is what I mainly want to emphasize.



One of the attitudes in competition with gratitude is self-pity, which leads to a downcast, melancholy life. By way of contrast, gratitude is like sunshine on a dreary day. It enlivens and lifts the heart, focuses one’s attention on life’s blessings rather than its troubles and mends what it touches.

It is no wonder that throughout the Bible there are many exhortations to thankfulness like the ones from the psalms which form a drumbeat of gratitude, entering the mind like a familiar song one can’t stop singing. In the spirit of the season, I will leave you with another of the Bible’s gentle nudges, this time from St. Paul; perhaps this one may become a theme for the whole month:

“Whatever you do, in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, *giving thanks* to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17.

May God bless you and may your Thanksgiving be filled with the goodness and steadfastness of God’s love,

Mark



## SET YOUR CLOCKS

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 6 as Daylight Savings Time ends.

## CHANGE FOR CHANGE

Remember to bring your change to church on November 7 for the Change for Change Offering for the summer lunch program.

## Panera Volunteers for November

- Nov 4 Shears
- Nov 11 Grubbs
- Nov 18 Faulk
- Nov 25 Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering. There is a new sign-up sheet for the winter quarter in the Gathering Place. Please sign up.

## Personals

- Jane and Jim Snyder recently traveled to West Virginia where Jim was honored as a distinguished alumna of their high school.

- Will Fogle played his violin for the church service on October 3. Thanks for the beautiful music Will.

- Pastor Mark had an article in the Delaware Gazette on October 15.

- Jim and Ann Brown were both quarantined with COVID recently.

- Carol Grubbs would like to thank everyone for their prayers for members of her family who have had health concerns.

- Candy Lee would like to thank everyone for their prayers for family members who have had health concerns.

- Mary Lou Lovell had surgery on October 22 to remove a non-cancerous mass. She is recovering and would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and help.

- Jenni Pedzinski is back home in the U.S. She is helping out with her grandmother who is in failing health. She has a birthday on Nov. 2.

- Emerson and Ivy Wu are also back in the U.S. Pastor Mark had a chance to talk with them at the October Ohio Annual Meeting.

- Pastor Mark took a vacation in October and took a trip to St. Louis to see family.

- Reverend Jane Gibbons Preached at our October 24 worship service during Mark's absence.

- Ben and Bailey Turner had a commitment ceremony on October 2.

- Jack Turner recently celebrated his 4th birthday.

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## CHANGE FOR CHANGE

When we change our clocks for Daylight Savings Time, we are reminded to bring our loose change to church for the Change for Change offering. This offering helps to make a change in our own community by eliminating childhood hunger. The money will be sent to Andrews House which organizes the summer lunch program for Delaware children. Remember to bring your change to church on November 7

## WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Thanks to all who contributed to the World Mission Offering in October. To date, we have received a total offering of \$690 toward our \$850 goal.

-Pam Faulk

## THANK YOU

We recently received this thank you note from Turning Point. On behalf of Turning Point, I would like to thank you for your donation. We are humbled by your thoughtfulness and generosity. We appreciate your generous donation of hygiene products, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, and paper towels. Your help makes it possible for Turning Point to successfully address the needs of the individuals and families we serve.

Amber Scott, CEO/President

### *Birthdays and Anniversaries*



### **November**

- 1 Love Ayinde
- 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.*

## Christmas Shoe Boxes

Thanks to all who have already taken home Christmas shoe boxes to fill for children for Christmas. Darlene Caulkins has set up a great display in the Gathering Place of suggested items for these boxes. When you go to the store you can look for items on sale that children would enjoy. These boxes are due on November 14th.

## Care Packages

Five "Care Packages" were sent out to our college students in October.

## Pete Stover

Garland "Pete" Stover passed away October 13, 2021 at Willow Brook Christian Village. He was born in West Virginia to Fred and Mindy Stover on September 22, 1935. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He retired from Ranco, Plain City, Ohio after 44 years of service. He was a member of the Central Community Baptist Church, Waldo, Ohio.

## Thanksgiving Offering

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

## 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

## 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
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's father & sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Candy Lee's sister Trudy	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!

items by Dec 5th and make their Christmas a joyous occasion. Toys, clothes, and gift cards or money to buy gifts are welcomed.

## 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.

- Larry Faulk, deacon chairperson

## 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

## **Have You Considered 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 now make an offering online. Visit our website at [FBCDelaware.org](http://FBCDelaware.org) and click on the link: "Make an online Offering or Donation." The link will take you to a page describing the current giving options. Click on the link: "Click Here to make an Offering or Donation Online." On the Donation page you can input an amount that you would like to offer for any or all options.

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](mailto:lfaulk01@aol.com) or 614-204-1098. Your gifts to FBC are appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

## **Previous Services Available**

For the past 18 months, we have been video recording weekly worship services and making them available on our website. Since we have returned to in-person worship, we have continued to video record our worship services. Go to our website: [fbcdelaware.org](http://fbcdelaware.org) and either click on the link titled "Previous Services" or the "Videos" link to view previous services.

## **Scripture Readers / Worship Leaders Needed**

If you would like to read scripture during worship or serve as a Worship Leader, please let Dr. Allison know of your interest. During worship, the Worship Leader traditionally leads the Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer, and the Offertory prayer. They also read scripture when there is not a separate scripture reader that Sunday.

## **Stewardship Sunday**

Our pledges to support the 2022 budget will be dedicated during worship on Stewardship Sunday, November 21st. Please prayerfully consider your commitment both to financial support and to attendance and participation in worship, study, and service at FBC.

# First Baptist Church











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# November

2021

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>Reformation Sunday</b> <b>Halloween</b> <b>31</b> 10 am In-person Worship Quarterly Business Meeting after Worship  November newsletter available today	<b>All Saints Day</b> <b>1</b> <b>Baptist Women's</b> <b>Day of Prayer</b> 	<b>All Souls Day</b> <b>2</b> <b>Election Day</b> 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Shears	<b>5</b>	 <b>6</b> Turn Clocks Back 1 Hr
10 am In-person Worship Holy Communion  <b>Change for Change Offering</b> Daylight Savings Time ends	<b>8</b> 5:30 Board of Deacons	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Veterans</b> <b>Day</b> <b>11</b>  8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Women's Lunch Suspended until further notice
10 am In-person Worship  <b>Shoeboxes Due</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00 am Parish Council Planning Mtg Men's Breakfast Suspended until further notice
<b>Christ the King Sunday</b> <b>Stewardship Sunday</b> <b>21</b> 10 am In-person Worship The Church Year Ends December newsletter deadline today	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>25</b>  8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> <b>28</b> 10 am In-person Worship The Church Year Begins  December newsletter available today	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>December 1</b>	<b>2</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	<b>November</b> <b>Mission Focus:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change for Change</li> <li>• Shoebox Ministry</li> <li>• Foster Children Wish Lists</li> </ul>	