

Good News Letter

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“Wilt heden nu treden voor
God den Heere,
Hem boven al loven van
herten seer,
End' maken groot zijns
lieven namens eere,
Die daar nu onsen vijant
slaat terneer,”

These words form the first verse of a Dutch hymn reputed to have been sung after their army had been victorious and had secured their independence from a foreign power that had restricted their freedom to gather and worship in their own way. There was great meaning for those who came together to celebrate their new found liberty.

Don't be surprised if you can't make out the meaning of it, even if you happen to know a little of the Dutch language. Translators have a difficult time with it, especially finding English words that match the old Dutch Folk Melody to which it is sung.



The general gist of the song is captured in the popular hymn we know as, “We Gather Together.”

“We gather together to ask
the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens
His will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now
cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His Name;
He forgets not His own.”

For us it is a well-known Thanksgiving hymn (just for fun, see if you can match the Dutch words to the familiar tune.) Most of my life I never knew its context and meaning, other than gratitude, which is the sentiment of the month of November. And we *are* thankful, and will likely sing, “We Gather Together,”

some time this month, to worship God and sing praises to God's name.

November this year, will be for me, a month of vacation. I will be away on the 13th and the 20th. I know you will welcome Dwight Davidson on the 13th, and ABCUSA missionary Jeni Pedzinski on the 20th. I am thankful for the time away, and for being able to serve such a generous and loving congregation as ours.

November is also Stewardship month. You will be receiving a stewardship letter soon, and given the opportunity to pledge support for 2023 if you are so inclined. Giving tithes and offerings to God, especially when given voluntarily and in gratitude, is a great companion to the Thanksgiving season.

When I return, it will be time for Advent.

Blessings to all,
Mark

October Panera Volunteers

Nov 3 Grubbs
Nov 10 Volunteer Needed
Nov 17 Faulk
Nov 24 Faulk
Dec 1 Volunteer Needed

Thank you all for volunteering your time.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

On Saturday, Nov. 19, the women will gather for lunch at 11:30 at the Scramblers at Lewis Center. It is located on Route 23 in front of the Kroger Marketplace Center. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend. Feel free to invite a friend.

PERSONALS

-Beth and Archie Trigg recently spent a month touring Scotland.

-Dave and MaryLou Lovell took a trip to New York and Massachusetts to visit relatives and then took another trip to Mississippi for a family reunion.

-Jane and Jim Snyder traveled around West Virginia.

-Will Fogle played a beautiful violin piece for our worship service on Sept. 25.

-Jeanne Ekelberry recently spent a week in West Virginia and got to visit with all of her siblings.

-Jane and Jim Snyder suffered from COVID for about a week.

-On October 15, the Turner family celebrated Jack Turner's fifth birthday with a party in the Fellowship Hall.

-Randy Turner and Claire Turner Pierce sang a duet during the worship service on Oct. 16.

-Taylor Trigg placed first with her rabbits at the Delaware County Fair.

-Candy Lee's son Tim has recovered enough to go back home.

-Pat Gosser recently fell and hurt her back and is in a lot of pain.

-Claire and Jake Pierce have recently suffered two incidents where the truck they were driving was hit by someone else.

-Randy Turner's parents recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

-Archie Trigg recently injured his back.

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 items by Dec 4th and make their Christmas a joyous occasion. Toys, clothes, and gift cards or money to buy gifts are welcomed.

TIME TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour..

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

On Sunday, Nov. 6, Daylight Saving Time will end. That means that it is time to bring your loose change to church on that Sunday. This special offering that we make twice a year goes to Andrews House which administers the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for our local children. If you forget to bring your change on the 6th, you can always bring it any Sunday during the year and leave it in the plastic jar in the Welcome Center. It will be kept until the next Change for Change offering.

Thanksgiving Offering

The offering in the "Thanksgiving" envelopes will go to People in Need (PIN). This offering helps those in the community with food and other necessities.

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.

Mission/Outreach News

Undies Sunday

During the month of September we had a collection of new underwear for adults, youth and children. I could not believe all the bags of undies that were donated. You gave 48 women's undergarments, 16 pairs of men's underwear, 19 pairs of boys boxers, 32 pairs of girls undies, 24 pairs of men socks, 6 pairs of girls socks, 10 pairs of boys socks, and 13 pairs of women's socks. That was fantastic! The worker at Common Ground was so delighted to see new underwear donated! Thank you all!

World Mission Offering

Thanks to all who have given to the World Mission Offering in October. It has been a blessing to read and pray the prayers that the missionaries have written. The missionaries do such wonderful work and share God's love. Thank you for supporting them.

Christmas Shoe Boxes Due Nov 13th.

Darlene Caulkins has brought the Christmas shoe boxes for children all over the world to be filled. It seems early to fill them, but they must be returned by November 13th so that they can be taken to a center and be sent out so children receive them for Christmas. Please take one and think what a child might like. The children that receive them have not received a gift for Christmas. It is fun to think about a child opening the box you packed and having a smile on their face.

Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Candy Lee's sister Trudy	Health Issues
Donna Brown	Health Issues
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Jay & Caldwell Lovell	Health Issues
Carol Serviss	Health Issues
Pat Gosser	Health Issues
Linda White's mother	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 that can be included are: a small toy, stuffed animal, washcloth, toothbrush, a pad, pencils, hairband, toy car, game, etc.

If you would like to help with the shipping cost of your box, you can donate \$10.00 per box. Thank you for bringing joy to children!

Mark Your Calendars for November 20th!

What : A missionary will be coming to First Baptist and dinner after church for all.

Who: Jeni Pedzinski, missionary in Thailand

Why: To see everyone and hear the work that Jeni has been doing and about Thailand

What you need to do: Come to church and bring one or two of your best entrees and desserts to share for a meal with Jeni after church. It will be wonderful to see Jeni again and spend time with her. See you then!

Soup and Sing!

Mark your calendars for December 10th at 4:00 For Soup and Sing!

To celebrate the birth of Christ, we will join together to sing Christmas carols!

Bring your relatives and friends to fill the sanctuary with the beautiful sound of the carols of Christmas! After singing, we will go to the fellowship hall for homemade soup. If you would like to make your favorite kind of soup, there will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Place. We would love to have a variety of crockpots of different kinds of soup.

When we are finished, the remaining soup will be donated to the Place of Warmth at Zion Church of Christ for the men who need a place to stay for the night (when temperature is below 20 degrees).

2023 Church Officers

At our October Quarterly Business meeting, the following officers were elected. Their terms expire at the end of years noted in parentheses.

Moderator:

Randy Turner (24)

Asst. Moderator:

Dave Lovell (24)

Clerk:

Pam Shears (24)

Treasurer:

Larry Faulk (24)

Asst. Treasurer:

Candy Lee (23)

Financial Secretary:

Randy Turner (23)

Asst. Financial Secretary:

Linda White (24)

Church School Clerk:

Pam Faulk (24)

Finance Committee Chair:

Deb Fogle (23)

Board of Christian Education:

Pam Faulk (23)

Carol Grubbs (24)

Erin Faulk (24)

Candy Lee (23)

Board of Deacons:

Larry Faulk (24)

Dave Lovell (24)

Jennifer Turner (23)

Available (22)

Available (23)

Available (23)

Board of Trustees:

Peter White (23)

Archie Trigg (23)

Available (24)

Available (24)

Other Positions:

Organists:

Mary Lou Lovell

Jennifer Turner

Candy Lee

Choir Director:

Mary Lou Lovell

Mission and Outreach Chair:

Mary Lou Lovell

Pastoral Assistant:

Deb Fogle

Custodian:

Deb Fogle

Thanks!

First, let me say how blessed our church and missions are with a congregation so generous with the support of this congregation.

Over the last years, we have seen such an enormous amount of financial support to keep this church and the missions moving forward. With the passing of the 2023 annual budget at the October business meeting, we start to look ahead to pledging to help meet that budget in November. Inserted in the newsletter will be the approved budget and a pledge sheet that you can begin to prayerfully consider your giving for the upcoming 2023 year. On November 20th, we will collect the pledge sheets as is our custom during the Thanksgiving worship service. Again, thank you for the generous support to keep the mission of our church moving forward.

Sincerely yours,
Deb Fogle

Pastor on Vacation

Dr. Mark Allison will be on vacation Nov 7 - 28. Dwight Davidson will be the guest pastor on Nov. 10th and Jeni Pedzinski will be the guest pastor on Nov. 20th. Please contact a deacon for any pastoral needs during this time.

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

Directory Update

Love Ayinde
554 River View Drive,
Columbus, OH 43202

Alec Ferguson
9220 Worthington Road, Apt. 336,
Westerville, OH 43082

Colin Ferguson
702 Third Street, Apt. 9,
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Aidan Ferguson
OSU Scott House Front Desk,
160 West Woodruff Avenue,
Columbus, OH 43210

Evan and Devin Allison
6036 Queen Street,
Arvada, CO 80004

Samuel and Grace Allison
2409 Redbird Court,
Kirksville, MO 63501

Jonathan Allison
1706 Washington Street, # 612,
St. Louis, MO 63103



November 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

First, let me say how blessed our church and missions are with a congregation so generous with the support of this congregation. Over the last years, we have seen such an enormous amount of financial support to keep this church and the missions moving forward. With the passing of the 2023 annual budget at the October business meeting, we start to look ahead to pledging to help meet that budget in November. 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. We have been able to sustain our church through the generous giving and stewardship of the congregation. One way to help us plan and to demonstrate our continued commitment to adequately funding our budget is to make a pledge for the financial needs of our church for 2023 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 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 2023. 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 20. Even if you are choosing to donate online, please fill out the dedication form to help us reach our budget goals.

Yours in Christ,

Deb Fogle, Finance Chairman



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio
Commitment Form 2023

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 2023.

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 2023

For Church Operating Expenses \$ _____ Per _____

For Outreach Ministries Expenses \$ _____ Per _____

For Capital Improvements \$ _____ Per _____








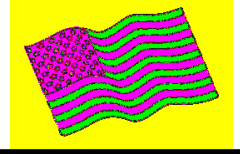



If for any reason you need to change your Pledge, please notify Mr. Randy Turner, Financial Secretary.

November

2022

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>November Mission Focus: • Christmas Shoeboxes • Gifts for Foster Children</p>		 <p>1 All Saints Day</p>	 <p>2 All Souls Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30 Deacons 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs</p>	<p>4 World Community Day</p> 	 <p>5 Turn Clocks Back 1 Hr tonight</p>
<p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service - Holy Communion</p>  <p>6 Change for Change Offering Daylight Saving Time ends</p>	<p>7 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer</p> 	<p>8 Election Day</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day</p> 	<p>12</p>
			Dr Allison on vacation			
<p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Dwight Davidson, guest pastor</p>  <p>13 Shoeboxes Due</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup Pickup - Faulk</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans 11:30 Women's Lunch Scramblers</p>
<p>Stewardship Sunday</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Jeni Pedzinski, guest pastor Noon - Fellowship Lunch</p> <p>Thanksgiving Offering to PIN Dec newsletter deadline today</p> <p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>Thanksgiving 24</p>  <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p>  <p>Dec newsletter available today</p> <p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>December 1</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>

First Baptist Church - 2023 Budget Planning		Budget 2023
1.0 CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES		
1.1 Pastoral Ministry		
COMPENSATION		
Cash Salary		52,000
Housing Allowance		17,400
Total Compensation		69,400
BENEFITS		
M & H Pension(TC + SSS) X 0.16		11,953
Health Saving Account		6900
Social Security Supplement(TC X 0.0765)		5,309
Total Benefits		24,163
ACCOUNTABLE REIMBURSEMENT PLAN		
Car Allowance		600
Continuing Ed, Conventions, Seminars		800
Professional Materials (Books, Dues, hospitality,etc.)		600
Total Reimbursement		2,000
	SUBTOTAL	95,563
1.2 Pastoral and Support Staff		
Janitor - Salary		3120
Social Security (FICA)		500
Pastoral Assistant		1625
Organist & Choir Director		2000
Pastoral Intern (Youth Coordinator)		2400
Pulpit Supply		625
Workers Compensation		100
	SUBTOTAL	10,370
1.3 Church Utilities		
Church Heating (Gas)		6200
Church Electricity		4000
Church City Utilities		900
Church Telephone		1700
	SUBTOTAL	12,800
1.4 General Operating Expenses		
Church Insurance		3300
Property Taxes		4200
Copier Maintenance / Toner		1450
Church & Office Supplies/Postage/Newsletter		500
Music Supplies		300
Organ Repair/Plano Tuning		1000
Flowers, Decorations, & Gifts		600

First Baptist Church - 2023 Budget Planning		Budget 2023
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1.4 Continued		
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Marion Assoc Dues & New Member Banquet		150
Payroll Processing		1000
Exec Ministers' Fund		50
Evangelism Promo/Public Rel / Outreach Projects		400
Online Giving		1300
Periodicals & Books (Secret Place)		150
Fire Extinguishers		150
Elevator Maintenance		1500
Miscellaneous Expenses		300
Church Repair Fund		1000
	SUBTOTAL	17,350

1.5 Education		
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Teaching Supplies & Curriculum		700
Special Events / Hospitality / Youth		300
Adult Conventions, Workshops, MLK Bkfst		300
Youth-Conventions/Advisors		600
Missionary & Stewardship Education		100
Marion Assoc Scholarship		200
	SUBTOTAL	2,200

TOTAL CHURCH OPERATIONAL EXPENSES		\$138,283
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2.0 OUTREACH MINISTRIES		
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ABC united Mission		7,500
Targeted Missionaries - (Clemmer, McCurdy, Pedzinski)		3,600
Institutional Support - AB		300
Neighborhood Ministries		300
Andrews House Partnership		1,000
Second Fridays(Dinners)		300
PIN - People In Need		600
	SUBTOTAL	13,600

SPECIAL ABC OFFERINGS		
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America for Christ		900
One Great Hour of Sharing		900
World Mission Offering		900
Retired Ministers and Missionaries		900
Other Special Offerings - including Christmas, Easter, Change for Change, Blanket Sunday, Tools of Hope.		2,000
	SUBTOTAL	5,600

TOTAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES		19,200
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