

# Good News Letter

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In Sunday School last week, the lesson was focused on 1 Corinthians 13, the great essay by Paul on the meaning of God's love. Paul holds it as the highest good and teaches that it is more important than any of the other spiritual gifts. He writes,

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Every time I read that paragraph I am challenged by it. Though none of us is very good at living up to it, it describes that way God has treated us and means for us to treat one another, our neighbors, and the world, even our enemies. It is the foundation of the church's ministries.

This understanding of love is the reason why our church supports so many of the helping ministries in Delaware; PIN, Helpline, Family Promise, Common Ground Free Store, Andrew's House, Stepping Up. God's love is the reason why we participate in the Crop Walk to raise money for hunger relief and why we support American Baptist missionaries around the world.

October is World Mission Offering (WMO) month, so I will reflect on the latter for a moment. International missions is not what it used to be. The vision of solitary missionaries traveling to remote places that were very often primi-

tive and without Christian influence is outdated. The Christian witness has gone just about everywhere in the world. Though recent surveys about trends in religious practices indicate a decline in both Europe and in America, there is tremendous growth in South America, Asia, and Africa.

## OCTOBER



The roll of the missionary has changed to a collaborative task, finding partners around the world and helping them with things like theological education, publishing of educational materials, and agricultural and medical services in the spirit of the Great Commission. Though we support all American Baptist missionaries, we give particular support to Jenny Pedzinski in Thailand and Emerson and Ivy Wu in China. They are real people doing real things and they connect us in an important way to God's work in the world giving meaning to the idea of Christendom. Please give prayerfully and generously.

And whatever we are doing, it is good to remember the way Paul finished his famous chapter, "And now these three remain: faith, hope,

and love. But the greatest of these is love."

– Mark

### Thank You

Good morning First Baptist Church family! I first want to extend my deepest gratitude and thanks to all of you for that welcome basket that was presented to me on September 18th. I was, and still am, in complete surprise and shock, and I look forward to responding in gratitude for your gifts. I am glad to be a part of the FBC family, and cannot wait to continue to walk with you. Second, I want to also extend thanks and gratitude to everyone who was able to make it out to the bowling fellowship on Rally Day. The turnout was better than I had anticipated (which is always a positive), and there were smiles and good times all around during our time spent together.

As we enter into October and our minds begin to shift towards the upcoming holiday season, I am working on and planning a lot of fun and exciting activities for the youth, the first of which is right around the corner. On October 2nd, as has been advertised throughout the month of September, the church will be participating in the Delaware Crop Walk. I hope that as many of the youth as possible will come out and walk with the church, as it is for a good cause. On the last Sunday of the month, October 30th, we will also be having a Halloween party for the youth, with the time and location to be announced as the time approaches. There will

also be a third activity to split the difference in days between events, although this is still in the works and will be announced as details are confirmed.

Once again, I am extremely blessed and thankful to be in fellowship with you, and I am looking forward to all that October has to bring (other than the pumpkin spice lattes).

- David

### Rev. Tim Chesser

Rev. Chesser is now pastor at First Baptist Church, North Stonington, Connecticut. Congratulations!

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### World Mission Offering

Our mission focus for October is the World Mission Offering, with the theme of "On Earth as in Heaven." Even though the spotlight for this offering is on Cuba, please keep in mind that this special offering goes to support American Baptist missionaries all over the world, like Emerson and Ivy Wu, Jeni Pedzinski, and Matt Mann, all of whom have visited our church. The World Mission Offering provides financial support for current global workers and to maintain over 240 global

## PRAYER LIST

*This list is prepared by the Deacons. Prayer requests will be removed after 2 months unless "renewed". Please send changes to Larry Faulk (Lfaulk01@aol.com).*

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
Trustees	Ray Serviss	Health issues
	Alvin Cox	Health issues
	Christina Kilhefner	Transplant recovery
	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
	Steve Baker	Health issues
	Bora Porter (Janet's daughter)	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!*

Christian partnerships worldwide. It helps the International Ministries recruit, train, and send new global workers out into the field. Our goal for this offering is \$700. Please give prayerfully and generously so that we can not only meet this goal but surpass it.

- Pam Faulk

### Adult I Sunday School Class

The Adult I Sunday school class reconvened on Rally Day. They meet in the Gathering Place at 9:30 each Sunday morning. Topics for discussion for October are the following:

Oct. 2 – Seeking Guidance (Hebrews 1: 1-9)

Oct. 9 – Planning the Work and Working the Plan (Hebrews 3: 1-6)

Oct. 16 – Gifted and Chosen Leaders (Hebrews 4:15- 5:10)

Oct. 23 – Seeking Continuity and Permanence (Hebrews 7: 1-3, 19b-28)

Oct. 30 – Embracing and Overcoming Trials (Hebrews 12: 1-13)

Please join us for Sunday school at 9:30.

### Volunteers For October

#### Kid Connection

Oct. 2 Pat Gosser / Aidan Ferguson

Oct. 9 Deb Nace/ Gabe Folge

Oct. 16 Jennifer Turner/  
Hannah Nace

Oct. 23 Debbie Fogle /  
Colin Ferguson

Oct. 30 Pat Gosser / Will Fogle

#### Panera Pick-Up

Oct. 6 Needs a volunteer.  
Please sign up.

Oct. 13 Faulks

Oct. 16 Lovell

Oct. 27 Needs a volunteer.  
Please sign up

#### Fellowship Time

There is a new sign-up sheet for this also. Please sign up in the Gathering Place. Beverages are provided. You only need bring a light snack like cookies or cheese and crackers.

Oct. 2 Faulks

Oct. 9 Needs a volunteer.  
Please sign up.

Oct. 16 Needs a volunteer.  
Please sign up.

Oct. 23 the Palmers

Oct. 30 the Gossers

A big thank you to all who volunteer each month!

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



- Oct. 1 Bruce Bowman  
Kathy Chesser
- 2 Christina Kilhefner  
David Harris
- 3 Janet Lathrop  
Jarrod & Nichelle Trigg  
Tim & Kathy Chesser
- 4 Ellen Brown
- 7 Ann Brown
- 11 Sally Williams
- 16 Taylor Trigg
- 20 Jim Brown  
Genevieve Peterson
- 21 Emily McKendrick  
Dr. Mark Allison
- 24 Emily Bowman  
Sherry Chambers
- 28 Bora Porter  
Ed Linn
- 30 Jean Osborne
- 31 Melissa Claire Turner

*Please report any errors  
or omissions.*

### A Change Reminder

Please remember to be holding onto your loose change. We will be collecting it in November.

### Attention All Women Of The Church

Were you aware that the Women's Fellowship meets on the second Saturday of each month for fellowship and breakfast? There is no agenda; we just have a meal and fellowship just like the men do. Unlike the men, however, we do not have 6-10 people attending. We only have 1-4 women participating. Come on, ladies, we ought to be able to get as many people out for breakfast as the men do! Our October 8 breakfast will not be at Panera, but instead will be at the CORNER CAFE at 9:00. Let's see if

## PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

### 1 Years Ago

*Oct. 2015 Newsletter*

There will be a service of installation during worship on Sunday, November 1 to celebrate Dr. Allison as pastor of FBC. Rev. Jane Gibbons, our regional minister will be present.

### 5 Years Ago

*Oct. 2011 Newsletter*

Former member Dorothy "Virginia" Houston, 89, of Mt. Gilead died at the Morrow County Hospital Extended Care Unit.

### 10 Years Ago

*Oct. 2006 Newsletter*

Barbara Lovell and Kip Smith were married on in September at Oakhaven Country Club.

Member John Richards, 90, has died at Willow Brook Christian Village in Delaware. John had been a member for many years and held many church offices. He was a veteran of World War II, and was Postmaster of the Delaware Post Office from 1955 until his retirement in 1977.

### 15 Years Ago

*Oct. 2001 Newsletter*

We welcome Rev. Tim Chesser as our new pastor.

### 20 Years Ago

*Oct. 1996 Newsletter*

Nellie Sheets, 87, died at the Delaware Court Health Care Center. She was retired from OWU and was a long-time member.

### 25 Years Ago

*Oct. 1991 Newsletter*

A Service of Installation will be held in mid October for our new pastor, Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett.

Evelyn Lee was profiled in the Gazette.

### 30 Years Ago

*Oct. 1986 Newsletter*

Our church organ is undergoing major repairs.

Mrs. Mary McKean spent 2 weeks in the hospital with a back injury after falling from a chair while hanging curtains.

we can all attend and have fellowship together. If you would like a ride, please contact Pam Faulk, Mary Lou Lovell, Pat Gosser, Jeanne Ekelberry, or invite someone else to pick you up and come along with you.

### Volunteer Opportunity

As a church, we would like to provide David Harris, our pastoral intern, with a ride to and from church during the upcoming winter and inclement weather. Anyone willing to give him a ride to and

from the Methodist Seminary (off 23S) can sign up on the sheet in the gathering space. He will need to be picked up around 9 am in time for Sunday School. Please note his contact information and call him to work out details when it is your turn. Thank you!

– Larry Faulk

## Pastor Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We will honor Mark during fellowship time on Oct 2 with a cake. Please invite Mark to share a lunch, dinner, or family event with you and your family sometime in October. Feel free to show appreciation in some additional way.

– Larry Faulk

## School Address Updates

Below are address updates for some of our students who are attending higher education. Please stay in touch with them. A card or note or “treat” from home is appreciated. We will include other addresses as we get them.

### Ian Ferguson

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The College of Wooster  
Wooster, OH 44691-2363

### Alec Ferguson

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311 North Mercer Road  
Bowling Green, OH 433403

### Claire Turner

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### Emily Bowman

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Oxford, OH 45056

### Sarah Bowman

153 Griswold St  
Delaware, OH 43015

### Jane Mercer

Miami University  
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300 E. Spring St.  
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### Evan Allison

1705 Country Side Ln  
Columbia, MO 65202

### Jonathan Allison

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Columbia, MO 65203

### Samuel's Allison

4581 East Todd St  
Columbia, MO 65201

– Larry Faulk

## Undy Sundays in August A Success!

**You did it again! 62 pairs** of new underwear were collected and given to the Common Ground Free Store on East Central Ave.!

Not only that, but 3 undershirts, 6 blouses, baby clothes, 2 bars of soap, 1 tooth brush, 1 tube of tooth paste, and 5 children's Pocket Magazines were also donated. You made others of all ages happy by providing those needs.

Thank you.

### September's Mission Focus was People In Need.

Every week there have been more items on the table in the front of the sanctuary to give to people in need. We met our goal of 3 boxes. Thanks to everyone who gave generously to help those to have a meal and other necessities that we sometimes take for granted.

### October Mission Focus

We have 2 opportunities for serving in October. On October 3rd you may walk with others in the community as a way of showing support for those in the world who need to walk each day to get daily needs such as water. Pledge forms are available to sponsor a walker in which the money goes to providing food for those in need.

The second opportunity is to give to the World Mission Offering.

### Stepping Up Meals

On September 19th we provided a lasagna dinner for the folks taking the Stepping Up Class at William St. Church.

Thanks to Jane Moore, Pam Faulk, Genevieve Peterson, and Pat Gosser for making food for this meal.

Thanks to Dr. Allison, Pam Faulk, Jane Moore and Mary Lou Lovell for serving. Your willingness to provide the food and help serve is what makes this happen. Thanks so much!

If you would like to help reach out to others by providing a cooked item or serving, you have an opportunity on **Mon., Oct. 17th**. There will be a sign up in the Gathering Room. If you would like to know more about Stepping UP, please see Mary Lou Lovell.

### Panera Pick UP

Panera pick up continues each Thursday evening with volunteers from the church to get the unsold items from Panera at 8:45 p.m. The items are wrapped and then taken to Andrews House at 8:45 a.m. on Friday morning.

It takes about 30 minutes to wrap the items. This is outreach is a WIN-WIN mission. Panera knows that the items that would otherwise be thrown away are given to those in the community that need them. It is a very short time commitment on our part and we have a good time talking while we are wrapping the breads and pastries. See Pat Gosser for information. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Room if you would like to give it a try.

During the meeting on Sept. 18th we discussed up coming events:

Be ready to hear more about a Pink Piggy Party in Nov. and Sing and Soup Event in December.

Keep saving your change (coins) as we will collect “Change for Change in November.

We would love to have you be a part of the Mission/Outreach of the Church.

Come to the next meeting on October 16th at 2 p.m. Bring your ideas!

– Mary Lou Lovell

## Officers Needed

First Baptist will be electing officers for 2017-2018 at the October business meeting.

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Positions available include assistant treasurer and at least one position on the Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees and the Board of Christian Education.

Please prayerfully consider serving and helping our church function as an effective body in service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please contact Randy Turner or Pastor Mark to be considered for nomination. The nominating committee will be meeting soon and we would love to present a full slate of officers at the business meeting!

*– Moderator, Randy Turner*

## **Personals**

- Jennifer Turner has started a new job with Delaware City Schools.
- Sally Williams took a trip to Rhode Island with her family for the wedding of her granddaughter.
- There were 19 of us for bowling for the first youth group outing of the year. Thanks to David Harris for planning this fun event.
- Aidan Ferguson will portray the part of Zazu in Dempsey's production of THE LION KING.
- Pastor Mark Allison was a guest columnist in the September 16 edition of the Delaware Gazette. See a copy of his article on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

