

Good News Letter

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When Jesus first began to preach, his message was simple, “the time is fulfilled, the Kingdom of God is near, repent and believe in the gospel.” When he mentioned time, he was not speaking about chronological time, measured by the clock, days and months and years. Instead he was speaking of the coming of an eternal moment, one that changes things forever.

The closest analogies we have are the once-in-a-lifetime events such as births and graduations and deaths. It feels like we are living through one of these crucial moments, when everything is changing permanently. Maybe some things will change, but I believe that whatever comes will be tied to history and not eternity, and that in the kind of time the clock measures, we will be able to adjust and find normalcy again. The kind of time Jesus meant when he said, “the time is fulfilled,” has not been affected by the present situation, and we can take some comfort in that knowledge.

Anyway, it was wonderful to meet for worship this past Sunday for the first time in six months. The pandemic crisis has taken a toll, part of which is that people are not able to



meet together as much as they have grown accustomed, and in the same ways. Those of you who were there, thank you for coming, and for your patience throughout this time.

If you were not there, we understand. We are thinking of you, and miss you. The worship video of the service came up on Monday. Remember to check that each week if you are unable to attend in person. In the past there was an audio version of the service on the website fbcdelaware.org; now it will be a video.

It is our plan to continue to monitor the Covid-19 numbers in Ohio and in Delaware, and assess our ability to meet safely. At some point we think it unsafe to meet, we will make the hard decision to go back to online worship. For now, the case numbers are holding steady, although there are some other negative trends that are concerning. As of now, we plan to stay open. For the present there are no plans to

restart Sunday School or regular fellowships. As the circumstances allow we will restart them.

Once again, I want to thank everyone who helped in the making of the videos; those who provided readings, musical pieces and photography. I would be amiss if I did not single out Larry Faulk for the filming and editing, and Mary Lou Lovell for coordinating the music. Without them these videos would not have been possible. I am more than grateful.

October is ahead, be ready for the World Mission offering emphasis, in support of ABC missionaries around the world. As you know, we support Jeni Pedzinski and Emerson and Ivy Wu, and all the missionaries through our missions giving.

God bless you all, and remember, God’s Kingdom is very near to us. See you on Sunday.

- Mark



Rev. Alvin Ray Cox

Rev. Alvin Ray Cox, 74, of Delaware, Ohio, passed peacefully at his home surrounded by his family to his eternal home with the Lord and Savior on Friday, September 18, after a valiant battle with cancer the past 6 years. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7). Alvin was born at home on May 31, 1946 to the late Paul and Blanche (King) Cox, in Gilmer County, West Virginia. He was number 4 of their 8 children. He grew up on a farm and the story of him preaching to the cows as a young child was told over and over to his family. Alvin served as a member of the West Virginia Army Reserves.

He married Beverly (Shaver) on June 22, 1968, and they celebrated 52 years together. In their love, they had three children, DeeDee, Jeff & Jeremy. They added 5 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter. Alvin was a devoted husband and loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be greatly missed by his loving family.

Alvin earned a Master of Divinity Degree from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas. Alvin was an ordained minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ for 35

years. He served 8 churches as their minister in the states of West Virginia, Kansas, Ohio and Indiana. Locally, he served as pastor at Radnor Baptist Church for ten years. As a pastor, he married all three of his children and oldest grandson. He was a kind, patient, generous, sweet, loving Man of God, who spent his life work faithfully modeling a Christian life and serving our Lord as he ministered to others. He was welcomed into Heaven with the words, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant."

For the complete obituary, go to snyderfuneralhomes.com.

31 Days of Prayer

During this year's World Mission Offering, our global servants and staff invite you to join us in prayer. Our theme for this year ("I once was blind, but now I see") reflects on the story of Jesus's healing of the blind man in Mark. Will you journey together on a month of prayer? Join with our global servants to pray that God would help us follow Him with wisdom and courage and help those we serve to know Christ's love. We will begin on October 1 and pray each day one of the prayers provided in this newsletter and on the church's website.

- Pam Faulk


Volunteers Needed

Ever since March, the Fogle family has been kind enough to do the Panera pick-ups each week for our church. This has enabled many of us to stay home and be safe. Now with school having started, their schedule is more full with activities, so it is time for the rest of us to help out again. This is a mission that our church adopted several years ago that benefits countless people in the Delaware area by providing

bread, bagels, and pastries to those in need of food. We pick up the items at Panera on Thursday evening right before closing and bring them home to bag up. We then put the bags in bins that the church owns and deliver the bins to Andrews House the next morning. It is all quite safe. Masks are worn at Panera and Andrews House, and there is distancing. If you have not helped out with this mission yet, and would like to "learn the ropes," please speak to Larry Faulk. It is really quite easy to do. You can do it as a family or get together with other church members and do it together. Please sign the volunteer sheet found at the back of the sanctuary by the Prayer Room.

- Oct. 1 Lovell
- Oct. 8 Lovell
- Oct. 15 Shears
- Oct. 22 Faulk
- Oct. 29 Faulk

**Birthdays
and
Anniversaries**



October

- 1 Kathy Chesser
- 2 David Harris
Christina Kilhefner
- 3 Tim & Kathy Chesser
Janet Lathrop
Jarrod & Nichelle Trigg
- 7 Ann Brown
- 10 Claire Cooper
- 11 Sally Williams
- 16 Taylor Trigg
- 20 Jim Brown
Genevieve Peterson
- 24 Sherry Chambers
- 25 Jack Turner
- 30 Jean Osborne
- 31 Claire Turner

Please report any errors.

" I ONCE WAS BLIND BUT NOW I SEE "

A Letter from Sharon Koh,
Executive Director/CEO
International Ministries

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

..."This year's World Mission Offering theme is 'I once was blind, but now I see.' We are seeing God at work in so many hopeful and encouraging ways through our global servants and global partners (missionaries)... Your participation now more than ever will help global servants and partners rebuild and re-establish ministries affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and crisis... When confronted with uncertainty, we as Christians have the opportunity to respond with faith in Jesus. I urge you to consider prayerfully how your faithful giving and prayers could be used by God at this moment to impact the lives of many in need of Him around the world today... until it is on earth as it is in heaven."

Please remember the work that our missionaries do all over the world and the hardships they face as you consider your WMO donation this month. Your gifts through the WMO supply the practical support needed by our 125 global servants, 900+ short-term volunteers, 35+ home staff, and 250+ international partners as we help others see Christ more clearly. Our goal is \$700.
- Pam Faulk

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation month. Please try to find a way to show your appreciation to Pastor Mark this month.

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
Raeleen George	Health Issues
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's father & sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Cox family	Condolences
Reynolds family	Condolences

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

Personals

> Please be in prayer for Cathy Reynolds and her family on the death of her father, Earl Jones.

> Please be in prayer for all our students, college students, and teachers who are back in the classroom (even if remotely) this fall.

> Please be in prayer for the Cox family on the death of Rev. Alvin Ray Cox.

> Pat Gosser and Chad Myford have moved to Arizona. Many of our fellowship attended a get together to say goodbye to them on Sept. 13.

> Peter White recently had his pacemaker "upgraded".

Thank You Dr. Allison

September was Mark's 5th Anniversary with us. November 1st is his installation anniversary. We have been so blessed to have him to lead our church in these 5 years. Thank you for your inspiring sermons. It has been wonderful to get to know you. We have had a great time working together serving meals,

picking up Panera, participating in Family Day, CROP Walk, and packing for Families at Christmas at the Fairgrounds and singing for Soup and Sing. We have also had laughs and good times at games nights, the Halloween party, puzzle nights, the Table Tennis Tournament and of course, picnics and dinners. Thanks for being here for us in good times and tough ones. We appreciate you and are glad you are our Pastor. Thank you!

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to all who brought food items to People In Need on drop off day on September 19th. The Whites had lots of bags to take to People In Need that will supply food to those in need. We also collected new underwear of all sizes for the Common Ground Free Store on that day as well and on September 27th. Thanks to all who were able to buy underwear in this difficult COVID time when people are not going to stores to shop. Our focus for October will be the World Mission Offering and the Crop Walk

In-Person Worship

On Sunday, September 20th, we returned to in-person worship at 10am.

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. Copies of previous worship services are available on the "Videos" page of our website.

- Larry Faulk

Sunday School

We are hoping to start Sunday school classes again soon, after we have had a few weeks of being back together for worship. Our teachers this year will be

Candy Lee teaching the Adult I class, Pastor Mark Allison teaching the Adult II class, Larry Faulk teaching the Teen class, and Pam Faulk teaching the Youth. We still need some substitute teachers. See Pam Faulk if you would be willing to sub.

-Pam Faulk

From Jeni Pedzinski

Below is a portion of a recent email: ... Here in Thailand, it's business and life as usual. Thailand has not had a single community transmission for months now, so no cases of COVID at all. However, out of respect for the virus, we still wear masks and have our temperatures taken in public places. These are just basic precautions though, and while they aren't really necessary, there's also no real reason *not* to do it, so we do. No big deal. I continue to serve New Life Center as usual, and our residents and staff are doing well. We are well into the rainy season, so temperatures are only between 85-95 each day and upper 70's at night. It's humid though. I sleep with an air conditioning unit in my bedroom, but otherwise we mostly use electric fans to stay cool. It was one year ago this weekend that I flew back to the U.S. for my 2019 travels. Hard to believe it's been that long already. I think it was September that I visited you in Ohio. May God continue to keep you safe and healthy.

With love from Thailand,
Jeni

Read more at www.internationalministries.org/teams/529-pedzinski

Crop Walk

While Delaware will not have the traditional Crop Walk event of walking through Delaware this year, we will still be supporting Crop Walk. 25% of the money raised remains locally to support People in Need(PIN). You may donate through FBC by noting "Crop Walk" on your contribution, or give through our website, or at the Crop Walk website: www.crophungerwalk.org/delawareoh.

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31 Days of Prayer

on the back of the calendar.

1 Guide graduate students in Bolivia, Brazil, Mexico, and the U.S. as they learn to lead transformational churches that proclaim the gospel and care for the marginalized.

REV. JENNIFER T. PEDZINSKI, THAILAND

2 Dear Jesus, open our eyes to see those whom we find morally repugnant as your beloved children. Give us courage to gracefully love and care for them, as you would. Amen. Matthew 5:44: "I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

LAURAN D. BETHELL, GLOBAL

3 Gracious Lord, we pray for those studying in the Latin American Master in Theological Studies program. Open their minds and hearts to your Spirit and empower them to use their training to build your kingdom in their local ministries.

REV. J.D. REED, JR., IBEROAMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

4 For the breath to fill our lungs, the bones to hold us together, and the flesh to make us move, we give you thanks, oh God! "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (2 Corinthians 3:17)

MYLINDA BAITTS, GLOBAL

5 Father, help me to see with your eyes the needs of those around me. I pray for clearer vision of the true need and strength of will to follow you into meeting those needs, through Christ, Amen.

KYLE WITMER, THAILAND

6 Thank you, Jesus, for opening eyes, restoring sight, and helping our world see more clearly the trauma of prostitution and human trafficking. Now, open their wallets and purses accordingly. Amen.

JEFF DIESELBERG, THAILAND

7 Lord, help us to see the world through your eyes, so that images will be true and clear and not fuzzy like in an incomplete reflection. While there is faith, hope, and love, help us to embody the fact that, in your mission, the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:12)

REV. SHARON KOH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / CEO

8 May Jesus illuminate the eyes of hardened hearts who cling on to worldly securities. May they see and experience how Jesus' love sustains them in tough times. **MELANIE BAGGAO, LEBANON**

9 I pray for our leaders serving in countries in political turmoil, for our students in the Master in Theological Studies program, and for the capacity to see clearly to share the kingdom of God.

MERCY GONZÁLEZ-BARNES, IBEROAMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

10 Thank you, God, for Spirit-empowered women leaders who faithfully serve and

strengthen the body of Christ in spite of limitations placed on them just because they are women. Galatians 3:28: "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

ANN & BRUCE BORQUIST, GLOBAL

11 Lord, open the eyes and the hearts of the hill tribe people to see you and to accept your love. May they know you more intimately than ever before. (Psalm 139)

ALISE & MARK JUANES, THAILAND

12 Lord, please help all those receiving book knowledge through education also come to heart knowledge of and a dependence on you.

RUTH FOX, GLOBAL

13 Father, help us to see the needs (mental, physical, and spiritual) of our missionary children, who go because their parents are called to global ministry. **In Jesus' Name.**

FAYE YARBROUGH, SOUTH AFRICA

14 Father, thank you for the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus in Hungary. We ask that the door stays open and that all find living hope in Christ. **AMANDA & JON GOOD, HUNGARY**

15 Father God, I come to you in the name of our most precious Lord Jesus Christ. Please bless all the Master in Theological Studies students as they go out into their communities to share the gospel and the love of Christ with those who are lost in the darkness of this world. May you be glorified. Amen.

JAE STOCKTON, MEXICO

16 Gracious Father, teach us to see your image in those who suffer, so that we might be agents of peace and transformation in our broken world.

ELIBERTO & MOLLY JUAREZ, EL SALVADOR

17 Heavenly Father, thanks to Jesus who bore our shame on the cross and restores our honor. May we give our allegiance to you alone as we teach your people. **GORDON HWANG, JAPAN**

18 God of love and God of grace, we praise you because your ways are righteous, and your path is peaceful. You have the power to bring to pass that which seems impossible for us. In the Middle East we are hemmed in from all sides. But thank you, gracious Father, you can do all things. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen!

DAN & SARAH CHETTI, MIDDLE EAST

19 Lord, give us your eyes, to see "everything clearly" in the wake of COVID-19, and your heart to serve your world, to the glory of Jesus.

STAN SLADE, GLOBAL

20 Pray for us in our new mission assignment as spiritual caregivers

ministering to IM's global servants in Soul Care, Self-Care, and Community Care. Pray for global servants to thrive in their ministry contexts.

DAVID & JOYCE REED, GLOBAL

21 Join us in prayer as we envision our next term of service with International Ministries so that God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

PETER & SARAH MCCURDY, MEXICO

22 Lord, open the eyes of our hearts and spirits that we may see our neighbors through your eyes and love them as you do. **CARLOS BONILLA & MAYRA GIOVANETTI, COLOMBIA**

23 Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Amid the conflicts around us may we show we are your children by being peacemakers (Matthew 5:9). Begin in our hearts, so we may bring grace to our neighbors and even our enemies.

DANIEL BUTTRY, GLOBAL

24 Loving God, open our eyes to see the world through your eyes. Help us to be bold in faith that we may be your light of hope to children in Bolivia. Amen.

SARAH NASH, BOLIVIA

25 Father God, fill me with your perfect love and drive out all fear so I may respond to people and situations with the assurance that I can trust you in all things. **ANNIE DIESELBERG, THAILAND**

26 Lord, how privileged we are to bear witness to your presence among us in the joyful twinkle of an eye and the hopeful dreams of a new generation. (Luke 10:23) **KIT RIPLEY, THAILAND**

27 Lord, please give us ears to hear and eyes to see you in the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, imprisoned, and in the stranger. Give us grace to feel and share your love.

LARRY STANTON, HUNGARY

28 Holy Spirit, save me from my hair, make-up, and popularity contests. Please help me love people like Jesus, remember what's important, and that God is in control.

REBECCA STANTON, HUNGARY

29 Lord Jesus, in a world full of confusion, apathy, anger, and violence, may we—your people, your body—be a healing presence spreading in every place the faith, hope, and love that come through knowing you. **DENISE & JUAN ARAGÓN, MEXICO**

30 Lord, teach us to do justice, to love mercy, and, as we seek to walk humbly with you, lead us to walk with those who would otherwise walk alone.

RAY SCHELLINGER, GLOBAL

31 Lord, we pray for Baptist churches in Congo as they seek to reach the lost and disciple them. (Matthew 28:18-20)

JILL & MIKE LOWERY, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO








October

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Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Mission Offering • Crop Walk 		29	30	Begin 31 Days of Prayer  1 7:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell	2	3
World Communion Sunday 4 10:00 Worship and Communion 	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 10:00 Worship	Columbus Day 12 	13	14	15	World Food Day 16 	17
18 10:00 Worship Nov newsletter deadline today	19	20	21	22	23	Make a Difference Day 24 
Reformation Sunday 25 10:00 Worship 11:00 Quarterly Business Meeting  Nov newsletter available today	26	27	28	29	30	Reformation Day 31  Halloween