

Good News Letter

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At 3:20 pm on Tuesday of this past week, the autumnal equinox happened. It didn't take very long before the clouds and the rain and the chilly weather came and the "Halloween" house in my neighborhood began its transformation, even though the night before All Saint's Day is still more than a month away. October itself, however, is only a week away, there is much to do.

It is hard not to settle into the way things have been for the last year-and-a-half as if it was routine and impossible to know if it will return to normal and when, and what things will be like when it does. These are heavy times; we carry it on our shoulders like a burden even when we are not directly affected by it. It is heavier when we are.

I have found helpful a devotional book called, [A Diary of Private Prayer](#), by a 20th century Scottish minister named John Baillie. I thought I would offer part of one of his prayers because his experience also led him through heavy times. It is a prayer about work and for the ones who do it. It is also an evening prayer, offered at the end of the day. Perhaps for one evening, it can be our prayer:

" . . . O Lord, when the day's work is done, I turn once more to you . . . In the morning I set out with your blessing, all day you



have upheld me by your grace, and now I pray that you will grant me rest and peace. I cast all my cares upon you and leave to you the outcome of all my work. I pray that you will prosper all that has been done today in accordance with your will, and forgive all that has been done wrong . . .

O Lord, I remember before you all the workers of the world:

Those whose work is mainly physical and those whose work is mainly intellectual;

Those working in cities or on the land;

Those who go out to work and those who keep the home; employers and employees;

Those who give orders and those who obey;

Those whose work is dangerous; Those who work is monotonous or demeaning;

Those who work against their will or for little or no pay;

Those who can find no work to do;

Those whose work is the service of the poor or the healing of the sick or the proclamation of the gospel of Christ at home or overseas.

Lord Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve, have mercy on all who work faithfully to serve the common good. Lord Jesus, who fed hungry crowds with loaves and fishes, have mercy on all those who have to endure physical hardship to earn their bread for a single day. Lord Jesus, who called all those who are weary and carrying heavy burdens to come to you, have mercy upon all those who work is beyond their strength. And to you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all the glory and praise. Amen."

May God bless these beautiful autumn days, and everything we do in them,

Mark

Quarterly Business Meeting

All are invited to stay for a brief congregational meeting after Worship on Oct. 31st. to elect officers and approve a budget for 2022.

Panera Volunteers for October

- Oct 7 Shears
- Oct 14 Grubbs
- Oct 21 Faulk
- Oct 28 Faulk

Thanks to all who volunteer. There is still one slot available in November..

Personals

- Jane and Jim Snyder have a new great-grandson, Wendell Lawrence Snyder, in St. Paul Minnesota.

- Dave Lovell's brother Richard (who has been on our prayer list) and his wife Jody recently visited the Lovells and attended our church service.

WE'VE BEEN SURPRISED BY GOD'S GLORY (John 1 : 16)

This is the theme of this year's World Mission Offering. Here are some excerpts from the letter from International Ministries about this important offering. " When a faithful servant of Christ like you begins to pray about how to steward God's kingdom resources entrusted to you, God's Spirit grows your mustard seed investment into something large enough to provide rest and refuge for others. Your partnership through World Mission Offering means that your gift is multiplied with others' gifts to bring economic development, theological education, health and wellness, and numerous other changes in people's lives for the glory of God.

Thank you for your deep investment in the mission of God through IM. Your steadiness in

the midst of a changing world and great uncertainty has made it possible for us to continue the discernment journey together with many who are seeking God's call into cross-cultural mission around the world."

There is a letter from International Ministries about last year's WMO and how it was used posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place. Information about our missionaries and the WMO will be posted on the easel at the front of the sanctuary. Please take a moment to check these out.

Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this year's World Mission Offering. Our goal is \$850.

Pam Faulk

JUDY KUHN

Judith "Judy" Jeanene Kuhn, age 78, of Delaware, died unexpectedly Monday, September 6, 2021 at Monarch Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Marysville.

A switchboard operator her entire career, she retired from the Smith Clinic in Delaware and was a former operator at Grady Memorial Hospital. She was a founding member of Central Community Baptist Church in Waldo. Judy was a bowler and participated in women's leagues at Delaware Lanes for many years. Above all, she was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, greatgrandmother, aunt and sister.

31 DAYS OF PRAYER

During this year's WMO, our global servants (missionaries) and staff invite you to join them in prayer. The theme for this year ("We've been surprised by God's glory") is a celebration of the ways in which we've seen God enter into the grief and difficulties of our pandemic year to work through video-conferencing events, to raise up new global servants, to provide generous support through you for our global partners as they faced food scarcity and critical needs during the pandemic. In dark, lonely, and difficult times, God has surprised us with hope and provision. Will you come alongside our global servants to join in a month of prayer? Each Sunday in October, you can pick up a leaflet with prayers for the week. In each you will find a short request for each day. These will be located in the Welcome Center. You will also be able to find them posted on the church's website.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



September

- 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.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND MEN'S BREAKFAST

These two opportunities for fellowship among our church family are currently "on hold" due to high COVID numbers.

THANK YOU

There is a thank you letter from Heart Reach Neighborhood Ministries on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place. This mission located in Trumbull County is one that we support through our mission giving each year.

WORLD FOOD DAY

Where would we be without food? We certainly wouldn't be at Starbucks, grocery stores, or restaurants. We wouldn't, in fact, be anywhere for very long, because we need food to live.

Food is seen as a basic human right, and yet one in nine people globally experience chronic hunger. As far back as 1945 the United Nations recognized food as not a privilege, but a right, and that's why in 1979 they created World Food Day, observed annually on October 16. It's a day of observance to draw attention to the plight of the hungry and to join in the fight in eradicating hunger.

Pastor on Vacation

Dr. Mark Allison will be on vacation Oct 18-24. The Rev. Jane Gibbons will be the guest pastor on Oct. 24. Please contact a deacon for any pastoral needs during this time.

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
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!

Board Members Needed

There are openings for members of the Boards of Christian Education, Deacons, and Trustees for 2022. Please let Randy Turner, Carol Grubbs, or Larry Faulk know of your interest. Trustees are especially needed.

Quarterly Business Meeting

There will be a brief quarterly business meeting (no meal) in the Sanctuary after Worship on Sunday, October 31st. All are invited.

Mission/Outreach News

Undies Sunday a Success!

During the month of September the congregation was asked to bring new underwear for our Undies Sundays. Once again you have filled the basket! Thanks to all who brought underwear. It will be delivered to Common Ground Free Store in Delaware and they will distribute it. They are always so pleased and appreciative for your generosity. All those who receive it will be blessed by your giving.

News from Emerson and Ivy Wu

They have returned to the U.S. from Taiwan at the end of June. They became fully vaccinated in August. They were planning to visit churches and friends, but with the pandemic, they are changing their plans to video conferencing or virtual meetings to interact with everyone.

They will be in Columbus, OH Oct. 9-15th. They will attend Karl Road Baptist Church on the 10th and the ABC Ohio Annual Gathering on the 12th. They are temporarily living in San Francisco, CA. If you wish to contact them, their email is wu@internationalministries.org

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 in November.

Prayer Chest

I noticed that the prayer slips in the box are getting fewer. That is a good thing! I am always pleased when someone from church gives me a call to say "hi" or writes me a note. It makes me smile and brightens my day when I think someone is thinking of me. Keep taking those slips!

Your Favorite Hymn

There are slips of paper on the table as you enter the church to fill out the preference of your favorite hymns. I would like to play and have you sing some of your favorites. Please take a couple of minutes and fill it out and put it in the offering plate so we can use the ones you like.

Stephenson Garden

When I come to the church to practice, I go in the blue doors on the side of the church. This summer, I have noticed the beauty of the Stephenson Garden. It reminds me of the Stephenson family and all that they gave to our church. The garden is full of impatiens and doesn't look like Fall yet. Candy and Brennan have done a great job with it. and also others who have watered it. Thank you!

- Mary Lou Lovell

News from Jeni Pedzinski

Dear FBC Family,

I am finally back in the U.S. for my full furlough which will last roughly a year. Originally, I intended to spend the majority of this time on the road, traveling

constantly in order to connect and reconnect with churches all over the country. However, when I returned to Michigan to visit my family, I found that my grandmother (82) desperately needs support to care for my grandfather, who has been on hospice for more than a year with a very painful, but slow-growing cancer. She has been his primary caregiver in their home for 5 years since he was originally diagnosed. I have moved in with my grandmother for the time being, in order to share the burden of care and support her emotionally as she loses a second husband to a long and painful disease. Please pray for us, and pray that my grandfather's terrible suffering will not last too much longer. On weekends, I will still be traveling and visiting churches as I am able or speaking at churches virtually. Please pray that I can adequately communicate the wonder and goodness of all God continues to do at New Life Center through the ongoing love and support of each donor. Please also pray for wisdom and grace as I continue to offer my services to New Life Center from here in the U.S. during this year. I am not sure how to navigate all these responsibilities but feel God has not released me from any of them (nor do I seek release). Therefore, balance and wisdom are essential. Please know that I love you all and am deeply grateful for your continued lovingkindness toward me and your generous and loving support for the work of New Life Center and its residents!

With love,
Jeni
Rev. Jennifer T. Pedzinski
Missionary to Thailand

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

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October

Pastor Appreciation Month
2021

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
World Communion Sunday 3 10 am In-person Worship Holy Communion 31 Days of Prayer Begins Begin World Mission Offering 	4 	5	6	7	8	9 Women's Lunch Suspended until further notice
10 10 am In-person Worship	Columbus Day 11  5:30 Board of Deacons ABC Ohio Meeting	12	13	14 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	15	World Food Day - National Bosses Day - Sweetest Day 16 Men's Breakfast Suspended until further notice
17 10 am In-person Worship	18	19	20 Dr Allison on vacation	21	22	Make a Difference Day 23
United Nations Day 24 10 am In-person Worship Rev. Jane Gibbons, Guest Pastor November newsletter deadline today	25	26	27	28 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	29	30
 Reformation Sunday Halloween 31 10 am In-person Worship Quarterly Business Meeting after Worship November newsletter available today 	November 1 All Saints Day Baptist Women's Day of Prayer 	All Souls Day Election Day 2 	3	4 8:45 Panera Pickup - Shears	October Mission Focus: •World Mission Offering •Shoebox Ministry	