

Good News Letter

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The month of October is a busy one in the life of our church. In addition to the transition from the late days of summer to the beautiful colors and chillier temperatures that signal winter's approach, there are several important activities that add to the character of the month.

October is one of the central missions-giving months of the year. Things begin on October 2nd with the Crop Walk. We haven't participated much in the last two years because of Covid, so it is another mark of a return to regular routines. It is also a chance to work together with some of the other churches in town to help alleviate hunger. I will be participating this year, and hope some of you might join me, or help out with a financial contribution.

The other missions emphases for the month include the shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse, giving Christmas gifts to children in



need around the world, and the World Mission Offering to support the ongoing work of American Baptist International Ministries. This offering gives us the chance to help *all* of the missionaries in American Baptist life, in addition to the ones we support more directly. I am very grateful for our church and all of you, for your generosity and faithfulness in missions giving.

It is also the month of budget preparation and approval, and of the nominating committee report, both to be considered and renewed at the quarterly meeting and meal on October 26th, which also marks a return to normal practices, with a Wednesday evening meal and meeting. Although we do not overemphasize stewardship,

this is the time of the year at which we faithfully reconsider and renew our commitments in Christ's service.

Stewardship is also on my mind because financial things are the focus of the scripture readings for this Sunday, September 26, which are the ones I have been thinking about all week as I write this. In 1st Timothy we will read, "godliness with contentment is great gain," and that is a good thought for reflection to leave you with as we enter the fall season and the month of October. Enjoy the color of the coming days.

Blessings,
Mark

Dinner & Meeting

October 26

**6:30 Covered
Dish Dinner**

**7:00 Quarterly
Business
Meeting
Fellowship Hall**

**October
Panera Volunteers**

- Oct 6 Grubbs
- Oct 13 Turner
- Oct 20 Faulk
- Oct 27 Turner

Thank you all for volunteering your time.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

There were seven women who met at Bun's for lunch and fellowship in September. Our October lunch will be at El Vaquero's at noon on Saturday, October 15. Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend.

WORLD MISSION OFFERING (WMO)

Each year through International Ministries' World Mission Offering, thousands of churches and individuals come together to promote and support ministries that God is using to transform the world. Our church joins in, too! As one pastor described his church's involvement in the WMO, "God allows us to participate in what He is doing, which blesses our church and inspires us to get involved in our own mission activities where we live and beyond. WMO gifts are used for mission program support (global servant, international partner, and other ministry support), for administrative support, and for development costs. As the body of Christ, we respond together to the needs around the world -- when everyone contributes, no one group carries the full burden of expense. IM does not ask global servants to raise all of the funds they need but comes

alongside them in financial support as well as in ministry. When personalized funding falls short, WMO gifts fill the gap and keep global servants in their country of service. WMO gifts support global servants with training and pastoral care, enable us to address crises when they arise, and so much more. Giving to the WMO is the best way to make sure that you support all of IM's ministries. During the month of October, we will be accepting the World Mission Offering during our Sunday worship. Look for the special envelopes and further information about the WMO in your bulletin each week. Our goal is \$900.

PERSONALS

- We recently received a thank you note from Conger Elementary for the school supplies. It can be found on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.
- Dr. Bob Caulkins thanks everyone for the prayer shawl and card and says that he is with us in spirit every Sunday.
- Candy Lee is thankful for the support of our church family these past few months and for the meal train.
- Randy and Jennifer Turner would like to thank the congregation for their support for Claire's wedding.
- Pastor Mark had an article published in the August 26 edition of the Delaware Gazette about Frederich Buechner. A copy can be found on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

31 DAYS OF PRAYER

In conjunction with the World Mission Offering, we will once again offer 31 days of prayers from some of our global servants (missionaries). We will begin on Sunday, October 2. Look for a printout for the week in the Welcome Center. You should also be able to find them on the church's website each week. During October please join these global servants each day with a special prayer.

GAME NIGHT IS BACK!!!

On Saturday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. all are invited to come for a game night in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to bring a favorite board game to play and maybe a snack to be shared. Beverages will be provided. Come and join in the fun.

***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 Pierce

Please report any errors.

Mission/Outreach News

Undie Sundays

During the month of September we have been taking donations of new underwear. The donations will be given to Common Ground Free Store. When I take your donations to Common Ground, the workers are always so happy to see packages of new underwear come in. Underwear is always needed and is unlike other items that they have plenty of to give. They are very appreciative and grateful for your generous giving. Thank you!

Crop Walk

On October 2, 2022 you will have the opportunity to get exercise while thinking of others in the world. The Crop Walk is a great way to be with others in the community who want to band together to help the hunger problem in Delaware and around the world.

If you would like to walk (which is about 3 miles, or a 1 mile), join others at the Hamilton-Williams Center at Ohio Wesleyan University at 2 pm.

If you are not able to walk, you can sponsor someone monetarily who is walking or just make a donation. To donate online, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/delawareoh>

You can also designate a portion of your offering to FBC by noting "Crop Walk" in the memo on your check.

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 family	Health Issues
Donna Brown	Health Issues
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Tim Lee	Recovery

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

Jeni Pedzinski Coming to First Baptist

Remember to mark your calendars for the Sunday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 20th) to come and spend time with Jeni. She has been in the states for a number of months. She is a missionary to Thailand and will be giving an update to the work she is currently doing. We are planning a luncheon so think of a special dish you can fix for her visit.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thanks to ALL who continually sign up to get the unsold items on Thursday night from Panera. Items are bagged and taken to Andrews House on the following Friday morning for distribution to those in the community needing food assistance.

People In Need

Thanks to all who think of others while doing their weekly food shopping and purchase items that they donate to our basket for those in need. The items are taken to People In Need for distribution. Thanks to Peter White who takes your items to PIN.

Board Members Needed

Officers and board members for 2023 will be elected at the October Quarterly Business Meeting. Please express your interest in serving to Randy Turner, moderator. The board of trustees and the board of deacons are especially in need of additional members.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Every year on the first Sunday in October (on Oct. 2 this year), Christians around the globe celebrate World Communion Sunday. It is a day to remember that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and that every Christian church and any denomination that promotes Christian unity are one. On this day, people draw faith and inspiration from seeing that they are part of a community that boasts millions of believers and worshippers.

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 is why they created World Food Day, observed annually on October 16. It is a day of observance to draw attention to the plight of the hungry and for people to join in eradicating hunger.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Make a Difference Day is celebrated annually on the fourth Saturday of October (October 22 this year). On this day we come together to volunteer, raise funds, offer support, and learn about the most urgent needs of our society. You don't have to join an N.G.O. or travel to another country -- you can start by cleaning our own backyard (literally and figuratively) because volunteering is all about becoming the change you wish to see in the world.

UNITED NATIONS DAY

It was after WWII when 51 countries from across the world came together to take an oath to preserve peace across the globe. The United Nations is a representation of these countries, and United Nations Day is a celebration to commemorate this togetherness for promoting world peace. October 24 is the day the UN Charter was first implemented.

Financial Update

Through the first 8 months of 2022, expenses for the general operation of FBC have exceeded income by \$4,109. Mission giving continues on target to meet our 2022 goals. We have spent \$6,186 of Capital Improvement funds on major repairs and appliance replacements at our Congress Ct. rental property. Your generous contributions to our general fund, missions, and capital improvements are appreciated.

Christmas Shoe Boxes to be Collected

Darlene Caulkins is starting early in collecting Christmas Shoe Boxes! Last year was a such a success! Items that children can use and enjoy are placed in the boxes and sent to Samaritan's Purse to be given to children around the world so that they can experience getting a gift at Christmas. You can track where your box is being sent.

Cardboard shoeboxes and pamphlets for this will be available soon in the Gathering Place next to the Panera sign-up sheet. Ideas for items for the boxes are mini games, paper pads, colored pencils, markers, card games, craft items, small toys, personal care items such as combs, brushes, and toothbrushes, but NO liquids or toothpaste.

The boxes are due by November 13th, so we need to get going now!

Thanks to all who participated last year. It was fun to go to the store and buy for other children!

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October

2022

Pastor Appreciation Month

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
World Communion Sunday 2 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion  2:00 pm Crop Walk Begin World Mission Offering Begin 31 Days of Prayer	3	4	5	6 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	7	8
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23 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service World Mission Offering Nov newsletter deadline today	United Nations Day 24	25	26 6:30 Covered Dish Dinner 7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting	27 8:45 Panera Pickup - Turner	28	29  7:00 Game Night
30 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service World Mission Offering Nov newsletter available today	Halloween 31 	November 1 All Saints Day 	2	3 8:45 Panera Pickup Volunteer Needed	October Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Mission Offering • Crop Walk • Christmas Shoeboxes 	