

Good News Letter

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It is good to be home. For a few days last week, I left the country and went into Canada. This was the first time I had ever been out of the United States, believe it or not. Canada is not too much of an adjustment. Life in Ontario is not that much different than in Ohio, but it is still another country.

Driving around, there were Canadian flags waving and Ontario license plates on all the cars. All the people were nice and polite (I doubt any of them knew I was an American), but I still felt a little different, a little more vulnerable, than when driving anywhere in America, to which I was happy to return after a few days.

Most of America is strange to me, places I have never been, but I still felt differently driving in Canada. It isn't that I wasn't welcome, but that I wasn't *home*. *That* feeling was new to me, and enables me to better relate to those in similar



circumstances. I also thought of the passage in Hebrews 11:13-16, "All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country — a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them."

Anyway, I am thankful for the time away. It is greatly appreciated.

Now it is fall and October is upon us. Fall is a blessed time of the year with the cooler temperatures and the changing colors. Rally Day happened while I was away, and we are back to regular scheduling, with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:45 a.m. I look forward to the Crop Walk, October 1st, at 2 pm at OWU, and also to the emphasis on World Missions throughout the month.

If Frederick Buechner is right when he suggests, "faith is a journey in search of a homeland," then we might think of missions as journeying with others along the way. I thank God for journeys and for coming home again, and for the promise of an eternal home.

Blessings,

Mark

October Panera Volunteers

Oct 5 - Brown
Oct 12 - Grubbs
Oct 19 - Faulk
Oct 26 - Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering your time and for filling the new fall sign-up sheet. There is only one slot left open.

PERSONALS

- Candy Lee and Brennan Howe both suffered from COVID in September.
- Jennifer and Randy Turner spent an enjoyable Labor Day with a lot of family.
- Isaiah Davidson is recovering from a case of Lyme Disease.
- Randy Turner served as a Fair Director this year.
- Rev. Dwight Davidson served as our guest pastor on Sept. 10 and Sept. 17 while Pastor Allison was on vacation.
- Jane M. Snyder got a First Place at the fair for her "Buckeye" prayer shawl.
- Candy Lee's sister Pat Gosser is moving from Arizona back to Delaware next week.

Quarterly Business Meeting

All are invited to join us for our Quarterly Business Meeting on Wednesday, October 25th. We will share a potluck dinner at 6:30 followed by the business meeting at 7:00. Items of business include election of officers and approval of the budget for 2024.

ABW- Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship met on September 16th with 8 ladies in attendance. Our October 21st, lunch, which is National Sweetest Day, will be held at the Panera Bread 750 W. Central Avenue Delaware, OH

We will still meet at 11:30. We want to support Panera's managers and staff for providing the bread which 1st Baptist takes to Andrews House. If you need a ride to Panera please let me know so I can make an arrangement.

Laura Brown
740-815-8399

Thank You

Brennan Howe wants to thank everyone who helped him celebrate his 18th birthday. Thank you for all the cards and gifts. You made his birthday very special.

Baby Shower for Claire Pierce

ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH:

Margaret Thomson and Amy Yant are having a baby shower for Claire Turner Pierce on Sunday, October 29, from 2:00 to 4:00. All women are invited. It will be at Amy's house at 2995 Curve Road, Delaware. Amy asks that you RSVP to her at 740-972-1592 by October 1. Claire is registered with Amazon. Also included in the invitation is a request for the guests to bring a book for the baby instead of a card. By signing your book, they will be able to remember and share your special gift.

GAME NIGHT

Instead of a Halloween party, we are having a game night on Saturday, October 28. Come at 7:00 p.m. and bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy fellowship and a good time.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Make a Difference Day is celebrated annually on the fourth Saturday of October, which is Oct. 28 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 someone's yard because volunteering is all about becoming the change you wish to see in the world.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



October

- 2 Christina Kilhefner
Ben & Bailey Turner
- 3 Janet Lathrop
Jarrod & Nichelle Trigg
- 7 Ann Brown
Bud Salyer
- 10 Claire Cooper
- 11 Sally Williams
- 16 Taylor Trigg
- 20 Jim Brown
Genevieve Peterson
- 24 Sherry Chambers
- 25 Jack Turner
- 31 Claire Pierce

Please report any errors.

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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Every year on the first Sunday in October, 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 every 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 MISSION OFFERING

During the month of October, our mission focus will be the World Mission Offering. The theme this year is "He has made everything beautiful in its time" from Ecclesiastes 3:11. The following is part of a letter from Rev. Sharon Koh, Executive Director/CEO of International Ministries.

"As the world moves into an endemic stage of the pandemic, we acknowledge that out of difficult places, loss of loved ones, internal and external stressors,

we may still carry emotional scars from the experience. We

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
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Jay & Caldwell Lovell	Health Issues
Pat Gosser	Health Issues
Jenni Pedzinski and family	Father's stroke
Donna Brown	Health Issues
Trigg Family	Continued Prayers

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

are like people who have come through the fire together.

Still, the Lord sees everything that is going on in the world in any given moment of time. In the midst of earthquakes, war and diseases, God's kingdom continues to show signs of budding life..."

... "As our global servants and staff return to traveling, we see the signs of all that God changed and renewed while we were 'laying in the ground.' God is making everything beautiful in its time. God's perfect timing is an aspect of divine sovereignty, and we can know that God acts when the timing is optimal for accomplishing kingdom purposes.

My prayer for you, our dear IM family, is that as you pray with us over these ministries that God is growing all around us, you will feel new life and hope budding in your hearts as well. God set eternity in our hearts, and, together, we were built to long for God's kingdom. May you see the

beauty of God at work in God's kairos time around you, even as

you and I live out our lives in linear chronos time."

Our church's goal is \$900. Please prayerfully consider your contribution to the World Mission Offering this year.

Pam Faulk

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 1. Look for a printout for the week in the Welcome Center each Sunday. 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.

Mission/Outreach News

First Baptist Mission outreach for September was filling the box with new underwear to be given to Common Ground Freestore. The box was overflowing. Thanks to all who contributed to filling the box. I'm sure there will be many families that go to Common Ground who will be very thankful for your generosity.

Crop Walk

On October 1st, 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 (3miles, or 1 mile), join with others at Hamilton-Williams Center at Ohio Wesleyan University at 2 p.m. If you are not able to walk, you can sponsor someone monetarily who is walking or just make a donation.

You can designate a portion of your offering to FBC by noting "Crop Walk" in the memo on your check or you can donate online at: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/delawareoh>



Mark Your Calendars for November 12th!

Christmas Shoe Boxes to be Collected

Darlene Caulkins is starting early in collecting Christmas Shoe Boxes! The shoe boxes need to be at First Baptist Church by November 12th so that they can be taken to a collection center. The boxes are sent to Samaritan's Purse to be given to children around the world so they can experience getting a gift at Christmas. You can track where your gift is sent.

Cardboard shoeboxes and pamphlets for this will be available in the Gathering Place next to the Panera sign-up.

Ideas for items for the boxes :

mini-games pads of paper, colored pencils, markers, craft items, small toys, combs, brushes, puzzles, scarves, stuffed animals, balls, frisbee, jump rope, toothbrush

No food, candy, liquids or tooth paste

Thanks to all who participated last year. Start shopping now for this years children.

If you have questions, talk to Darlene Caulkins.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thanks to all who go to Panera on Thursday evening to pick up unsold items, rebag them, and deliver them to Andrews House on Friday mornings. There are many in our community that need food assistance.

People In Need Box

Since there is a great need to help others have food, First Baptist has a box in the Welcome Center for donations all year long. The box fills thanks to all who buy an item for others when they do their grocery shopping. The items are taken to People In Need for distribution. Thank you!

Directory Update

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October

2023

Pastor Appreciation Month

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
World Communion Sunday 1 Crop Walk 2:00 p.m. 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Begin World Mission Offering Begin 31 Days of Prayer	2	3	4	5 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	6	7
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Reformation Sunday 29 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 2:00 pm Shower for Claire Pierce World Mission Offering Continues 31 Days of Prayer Continues November newsletter available today	30	Halloween 31 	November 1 All Saints' Day  6:30 Choir	2 8:45 Panera Pickup - Remlinger / Lovell	October Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Mission Offering • Crop Walk • Christmas Shoeboxes 	