

Good News Letter

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As we enter into the autumn season, our congregation has been confronted by several challenges regarding the physical property. There are needed repairs on the parsonage, the prayer room on the south side of the sanctuary is shedding plaster, the motor that runs the organ blower has gone out, and there are maintenance and repair needs on the tower on the north side of the building, all of which require attention, at some expense.

There will be discussions and decisions made in the month of October, and I am confident that the Lord will provide the means to meet the challenges as well as the guidance to make good decisions. I encourage everyone to participate in the process; to be informed, and to come to the Congregational Meeting on October 25th.

I see no need to add to the conversation here (details are in this newsletter and in coming announcements). Except that it has started me



thinking about that aspect of the church's ministry that involves buildings and all that goes with them. While no building should be treated in an idolatrous way, something adored for its own sake, the building is a part of the church's ministry.

Other churches these days have chosen functionality over aesthetics, and seek to reduce expense at every opportunity. We are committed to a 125-year-old building that has distinct architectural features; high ceiling, stained-glass, pipe organ, the tower itself. Many contemporary buildings do not include these features.

I am thankful for those who chose to build this building all those years ago. I find the art and architecture meaningful because it combines transcendence,

the sense of God's majesty and power and beauty, with a sense also of immanence, the immediate presence of God; Jesus knocking at the door, speaking with the woman at the well in Samaria about worship, "in Spirit and Truth."

We call the room a sanctuary, and it is; a place in the world into which people can enter from the world, and experience the presence of God. And the tower itself, which orients our gaze toward the heavens, reminds us to lead Christ-centered, heaven-centered lives.

At a time when there are some expenses that accompany this ministry of physical resources, I consider us very blessed to have the building we have, and affirm our commitment to its maintenance and upkeep. I trust that God will provide for the needed repairs as we continue to meet in this treasured place, in Jesus's name.

Blessings,
- Mark

**October
Panera Volunteers**

Wed	Thur
Oct 2-Volunteer needed	Oct 3-Faulk
Oct 9-Volunteer needed	Oct 10-Volunteer needed
Oct 16-Brown	Oct 17-Brown
Oct 23-Grubbs	Oct 24-Grubbs
Oct 30-Brown	Oct 31-Brown

Thanks to those who volunteer their time and energy for this important mission. Please note that volunteers are needed for October. There is a new sign-up sheet for the fall quarter in the Gathering Place.

PERSONALS

- Pastor Mark has returned from his trip to Scotland and offers thanks to Dwight Davidson and Mike Reynolds for filling in.

-Richard Brown thanks everyone for their cards and prayers for his hip surgery.

-Dave and Mary Lou Lovell suffered from COVID in September, and Mary Lou has been suffering back pains from the coughing. They thank everyone for their cards and prayers.

-Don't forget that October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

-Brennan Howe has begun his internship at Grady Hospital in the mailroom.

-Jane and Jime Snyder are spending a few weeks in West Virginia.

-Jay Roberts thanks everyone for their prayers during his recent illness.

Message from Ellen Brown
(FBC interim Pastor 2014-15)

It has been a long time but I wanted you to know how much I appreciate receiving and reading the Good News Letter from FBC Delaware. I continue to be amazed by the mission outreach the church continues to have. Tools of Hope, Change for Change, PIN, Andrews House, food pantry, Panera Pick-up, Conger Elementary, Common Grounds, all the ABC Offerings and I know this is not the whole list. I know of congregations larger than Delaware that don't even begin to have this kind of outreach. I was impressed with this when I was with you in 2014-15 and continue to be impressed. The church is to be commended for this kind of sacrificial giving month after month, year after year.

... Dave and I moved from Lancaster, OH to the Philly area last July to be nearer to family, especially grandkids! We continue to enjoy retirement while being active in our new home church.

Please give my regards to the church folks who may remember me and pass on my continued awe at your praiseworthy outreach and giving.

Blessings, ELLEN

THANK YOU

Our church recently received the following thank you note:

Thank you all so much for the generous donation of school supplies you provided for our students. They are being used and appreciated

Blessings,
The Conger Elementary Staff

**AMERICAN BAPTIST
WOMEN**

Our September meeting was held on the 21st in the Fellowship Hall and 7 ladies were in attendance. For lunch Pam Faulk provided a delicious Baked Potato Bar with all the fixins. Thanks Pam! It was yummy. We made plans for the rest of the fall quarter. October 19th is our regular meeting and we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30. The women should bring their own lunches. On November 16th we will again carpool to Der Dutchman in Plain City for lunch and some Holiday shopping. In December we will meet on the 14th in the Fellowship Hall for Christmas lunch. We will be inviting the Second Baptist Women's Fellowship to join in for the merriment of the Season.

***Birthdays
and
Anniversaries***



October

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

Please report any errors.

HALLOWEEN MOBILE SCAVENGER HUNT

A Spooktacular event is planned for young and old on Saturday October 12th at 2:30 in the afternoon. (The OSU is an away game in Pacific Time.)

We will divide into car teams to search the items on the Scavenger List. This is a one hour search where team members hunt the items, photograph a car mate with the item, record the address and return with the list/photos (and car mates) within the hour time allowance.

After returning we will enjoy an Autumnal Chili dinner, reveal our travels and share the photos. There will be prizes.

OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH

WERE NOT OUR HEARTS BURNING WITHIN US?

This is the theme of the 2024 World Mission Offering based on Luke 24:32. Rev. Sharon Koh, Executive Director of International Ministries has this message. "The hearts of our global servants (missionaries) burn within them with God-given passion for serving others and proclaiming the gospel through word and deed. This burning within their hearts is why they go back. By God's grace, IM has been able to return to the same international partners for generations. While global servants and church leadership face change, that burning within their hearts remains. ... Thank you for your partnership in making it possible for our global servants to not only go back but to stay. Thank you for sending multiple short-term mission teams back to the same

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.
Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Pat Gosser	Recovery
Jenni Pedzinski and family	Father's stroke

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

places... Thank you for supporting and hosting our global servants whenever they are in your area. Lastly, and most importantly, thank you for your faithful prayers. This World Mission Offering, I invite you to participate in God's mission - one where people commit to going back and, when possible, commit to staying." Please prayerfully consider your offering to the WMO. Our church's goal is \$1000.

Flooding in Thailand

Thanks to those of you who made an offering recently to the One Great Hour of Sharing to help with the catastrophic flooding crisis in Thailand. This was in the Chiang Rai Province where the New Life Center is located. According to Jeni Pedzinski, the center, as well as several missionary homes were completely ruined, filled up with mud, and all the items inside are now unusable, and several of our missionaries have had to flee their homes. Please keep these missionaries in your prayers, and remember that you can contribute to the OGHS at any time during the year. Just be sure to designate where the money is going. Here is a link for the online giving page as well: <https://internationalministries.org/thailand-floods/>

31 Days of Prayer

Once again our church will be participating in the 31 Days of Prayer provided by some of our American Baptist missionaries. On the table in the Welcome Center, you can pick up a set of prayer requests each Sunday, beginning September 29 for days 1-5. These requests will also be available on the church's website. Please join other Baptist churches in praying each day for our missionaries.

World Communion Sunday

On Sunday, October 6, our church will join other protestant church denominations around the world in celebrating Holy Communion. Because most of the prayer requests from our 31 Days of Prayer come from global servants in Central and South America this year, our communion bread will be a tortilla, in recognition of these servants.

Prayer Room Relocated

The Prayer Room in the South vestibule has been relocated to the last classroom on the right in the educational wing while the vestibule is under repair.

Tower Project Proposal

Parish Council has recommended that the Trustees present a near \$50,000 proposal to the congregation for approval at the Quarterly Business meeting October, 23rd. The proposal will include repair and restoration of the tower roof as well as some painting and tuck pointing. After review of multiple options, Parish Council believes that this is the best, cost effective solution to the tower issues. Please plan to attend this important business meeting.

Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse) Christmas Shoe Boxes

Some of the special Christmas shoe boxes are available in the Gathering Place now. More are on order, but please start thinking of things to fill them and purchase them now. By filling a box or two, you will bring smiles to children's faces in another country. Whatever you buy needs to fit in the shoe box. There will be stickers to put on the outside of the boxes to indicate if it will go to a boy or girl and the age of the child.

A donation of \$10.00 may be given for each box to cover the postage. You can also track your box to see where it is given.

Suggested items:

doll, soccer ball, stuffed animal, fun toys, games, pads of paper, pens, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, coloring books, picture books, solar calculators, combs, scarves, school supplies, hair brushes, Wash cloths, tooth brushes, socks, yo-yos, sun glasses, jewelry, watches, jump ropes, toy cars, puzzles, football, ball, personal note, photo.

Please do NOT include: candy, tooth paste, gum, food, war-related items, liquids or lotions, Breakable items.

Boxes will be due to FBC by Sunday, November 17th. Enjoy filling the boxes!

Delaware County CROP Hunger Walk

The 55th Annual CROP Hunger Walk will be Sunday, October 13th, beginning at the Ohio Wesleyan University Hamilton-Williams Campus Center starting at 2:00 p.m. with a planned 3 mile or 1 mile walk (or anything in-between!) in order to show our solidarity with those who have to walk miles just to find safe water supplies and food sources.

Crop Walk is affiliated with Church World Service in order to fight hunger worldwide with 25% of the proceeds staying right here in Delaware County with the People In Need, Inc. organization.

If you would like to walk, let Dr. Allison or me know or just join us at the walk, and/or register on the website below. 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:

events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/delawareoh

Organ Repair

The electric motor repair company has determined that the blower motor is beyond repair. They are seeking a replacement motor for the blower.

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to all who donated new underwear during the month of September! The underwear will be taken to the free store for distribution to those in need. There is always a need for underwear. Thank you for your generous giving to others.

World Mission Offering

During the month of October, the World Mission Offering will be received. There is so much need around the world. In Thailand, where Jeni Pedzinski, our missionary, was living and working at the New Life Center, there was a huge amount of flooding creating so much need.

Jeni now is living in Pennsylvania working with missionaries through International Ministries. She is paid a salary from International Ministries. She also raises support, and whatever support she raises offsets the administrative costs of other missionaries. She has made recommendations of missionaries to support.

The Clemmers are 98% funded. They are working on the Enfants Bien Aimes (Beloved Children) Project. The goal of this project is to provide care, training, discipleship, emergency shelter, and integration into safe homes for vulnerable children in Goma. Money is needed for clothing, food, and full care of the children.

Directory Update

Colin Ferguson
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Worthington, OH 43085

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Sarah McCurdy is teaching French and Spanish in school. She is taking on a higher level of involvement in the local church. She is ministering with her husband in Jeffersonville, Indiana. She will continue with International Ministries in a volunteer role. She suggests that financial support can be given to projects that she is managing.

We will discuss our missionary giving at the quarterly business meeting on October 23rd. For more information, please read the information in the September newsletter concerning our missions giving.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thanks to all who continue to pick up unsold items from Panera. The Wednesday pick up is delivered to the food pantry at Willis School on Thursday morning. The Thursday pick up is delivered to Andrews House on Friday morning. Thanks to all for their commitment to serve others in this way.

People In Need Basket

Thanks to all who bring food in on a regular basis to fill the basket. It is delivered to People In Need and distributed to those in our community needing it.

Quarterly Business Meeting

All are invited to join us for our Quarterly Business Meeting on Wednesday, October 23rd. We will share a potluck dinner at 6:30 followed by the business meeting at 7:00. Items of business include the Tower Repair Project Proposal, election of officers and approval of the budget for 2025.

FBC History / Historical Special Services

I have been making copies of several of our FBC historical documents and programs of historical Special Services to include on our website. Visit our website at fbcdelaware.org and click on FBC History or on Historical Special Services to view some of them. 50th, 75th, and 100th year anniversary items are included as well as a tribute to our first parsonage and 25th and 40th anniversary celebrations of pastor J.B. Stephenson.

If you have other significant historical documents in your personal collection that I can copy and include, I would appreciate it.
-Larry Faulk

Interested in Membership?

There are several ways in which you can join our fellowship:

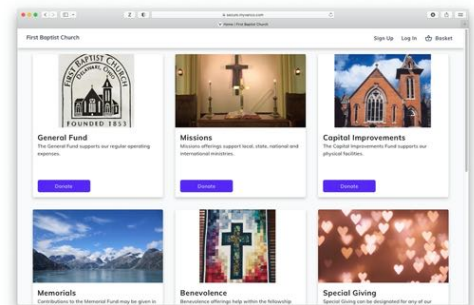
- 1 - By profession of faith and baptism
- 2 - By a transfer from a sister Baptist congregation
- 3 - By a statement of faith from other Christian faith traditions

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.

Consider Online Giving

If you would like to make an offering or donation to FBC, but cannot attend a worship service or would rather not have to write a check and mail it to FBC, you can make an offering online. Visit our website at FBCDelaware.org and click on the "Donate" button.

You are presented with separate boxes for each of the giving areas: General Fund, Missions, Capital Improvements, Memorials, Benevolence, and Special Giving as well as one of the ABC Special quarterly offerings.



When you click on "donate" in one of the areas, you can enter an amount, a frequency, and a starting date.

On the next screen, you can choose to give by credit or debit card, or electronically from a checking or savings account. After entering your name and address, you can process your giving and save your profile to simplify future online giving.

If you need assistance in the process, please contact me at lfaulk01@aol.com or 614-204-1098. Your gifts to FBC are appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

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October

2024

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Mission Offering • Crop Walk • Children's Shoe Boxes Pastor Appreciation Month		 1 Begin 31 Days of Prayer	2 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed	3 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	4	5
World Communion Sunday 6 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion  World Mission Offering	7	8	9 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed	10 8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed	11	12 2:30 pm Mobile Scavenger Hunt 5:00 pm Chili Supper
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