

Good News Letter

Published in the Cause of the Abundant Life by the First Baptist Church
101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, OH 43015 • 740-363-7021 • www.FBCDelaware.org

I have been in Delaware for three weeks now. I know where the bank is and the grocery store and the gas station. I am comfortably moved in my new home and I like it there. Once again I thank you for the warm reception I have been given and for the work that has been done in the office. The carpet should be in soon. I also like it there. If you haven't seen it please stop by sometime when you are at church. As one might expect, I am more familiar with the people who served on the search committee than with those who did not, but I am enjoying becoming acquainted with the rest of you and look forward to when we can get to know each other better.

Some of this will be at my initiation, but some can be at yours also. Since I live by myself, I am available for dinners almost every night, so if entertaining guests for dinner is your thing, feel free to invite me and I will come (with the provision that someone else hasn't already invited me on that night). Or perhaps you like to eat out. So do I. Maybe dinner is not your thing but would just like to get together and visit. Just mention it to me and I would be happy to set something up.

The concept of a "divine coincidence" is built on the belief that life is meaningful so that seemingly unrelated events are, after all, related by Providence. I like to look for meaning in things. Perhaps my sense that life is meaningful is so strong that I hope to find it in everything that happens, especially the little things, which is not always possible. Moving to Delaware, however, is no little thing in my

life and in the life of this church. I wonder why I am here, not in a confused way but in a good way, wondering why of all the towns to which I could have come, I came to Delaware, Ohio. And of all the people you could have chosen to be your pastor, You chose me? There really is quite a set of "coincidences" that led to our meeting.



OCTOBER

Experience teaches that the meaningfulness of things becomes clearer as they move from the present to the past. The answers to my questions may emerge over time. My prayer is that I am here to be a part of a robust future for The First Baptist Church and that over the years we will come to find it fulfilling to have shared the time together. At any rate I am grateful

to be here and the strength of that feeling enhances the anticipation of getting to know each of you. For the next several years we will share life together, help build each other's faith, and see what God does among us.

– Mark

Installation Service

There will be a service of installation during worship on Sunday, November 1 to celebrate Dr. Allison as pastor of FBC. Rev. Jane Gibbons, our regional minister will be present to welcome Dr. Allison to ABC-Ohio.

A reception and fellowship time will follow the worship and communion service.

– Larry Faulk

Volunteers Needed

Once again we are seeking volunteers for Kid Connection during the sermon portion of the worship service. Kid Connection is for children from pre-school through 4th grade. We now have very few children in that age group, so there is a chance that there would not be any children on the Sunday that you have volunteered for. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place. We would like to get it completely full for the whole school year please.

– Board of Christian Education

World Mission Offering to Be Received in October

Now, more than ever, there is an urgency to stretch forward all around the world, and I encourage you to be part of the new and surprising things God is doing through International Ministries with your support of the World Mission Offering. Gifts directed to IM's current global servants are crucial. There is a great and continuing need for IM to coordinate with partners worldwide to prepare, place, and support new global staff and volunteers, like Emerson and Ivy Wu and Jeni Pedzinski, who can bring God's love, hope, and healing to new areas of the world. Two-thirds of the world still does not know the fullness of God's love through Jesus Christ.

That is why this October we will focus on the wide-range impact of the World Mission Offering, using the theme "STRETCH FORWARD" found in Philip-pians 3:13-14. I believe that, as we STRETCH FORWARD together, God will lead us to provide increased support for worldwide missions.

Our goal this year is \$700. Please give generously and expectantly to the World Mission Offering as, together, we help people everywhere come to Christ, grow in their relationships to God, and change their worlds through the power of the Holy Spirit.

– Pam Faulk

Youth Group

Welcome back youth! The youth group will have it's first meeting on October 18th, at 6:30 p.m.. This meeting will be to have a quick Bible study, snack and some fellowship time. We will also be planning the Halloween party for our whole church family on October 31st at 7:30 p.m. See you there!

– Debbie Fogle

Halloween Party

Happy Halloween! The youth group will be putting on a Halloween Party this year on October 31st at 7:30 p.m. The whole church family is welcome to come as well as friends and family

PRAYER LIST

This list is prepared by the Deacons. Prayer requests will be removed after 2 months unless "renewed". Please send changes to Larry Faulk (Lfaulk01@aol.com).

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
The Deacons	Alvin Cox	Health issues
	Betty Porter	Recovery from oral surgery
	Christina Kilhefner	Transplant recovery
	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
	Steve Baker	Health issues
The Faulks	Bora Porter (Janet's daughter)	Health issues
	Mary Anderson	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!

members! Costumes are optional, but would be lots of fun! We will have prizes, games and food! Please come and enjoy! (If you are wearing a costume, please make sure it's a family friendly costume as we may have little ones coming!) Any questions? Ask Deb Fogle or email at [deleted from web PDF].



Letters Of Appreciation

Recently, our church fellowship has received several expressions of appreciation.

We received a thank you post card from American Baptist Home Mission Societies for our contribution to the America for Christ offering this spring.

Several of us received photo certificates from Delaware City Schools Family Resource Center for our help with the summer lunch program for Delaware children.

We also received a certificate and a letter from International Ministries

for our contribution to the World Mission Offering in October of 2014.

You can find these on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place. We also have a few copies of the International Ministries newsletter which can be found on the table in the Welcome Center.

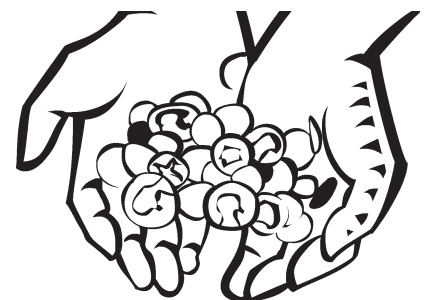
Kid Connection Volunteers

- Sept. 27 Erin Faulk/ Will Fogle
- Oct. 4 Sherry Chambers/ Colin Ferguson
- Oct. 11 Pam Faulk/ Claire Turner
- Oct. 18 Beth Trigg/ Aidan Ferguson
- Oct. 25 Pat Gosser/ Alec Ferguson

Thank you for volunteering!

Save Your Change

Don't forget to save your change for the first Sunday of November!



OSU Tailgate Party

Please join Dr. Allison for an OSU Tailgate Party Saturday, Oct. 10th, 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Faulks.

All are invited to an afternoon of fun and fellowship during the OSU/ Maryland game. Meat, buns, and soft drinks are provided. Please bring a side dish, dessert, or snack to share. There will be adequate opportunity for watching the game and/or socializing. RSVP to the Faulks or on the "get connected" slip.

- Larry Faulk



Fall Fellowship

Thanks to all who have signed up to bring a small treat such as cookies or crackers for fellowship after worship each Sunday this Fall.

There are still a couple of open dates. Please let me know if you can volunteer for an open Sunday or would like to choose a winter date to share.

- Larry Faulk

Walkers and Donors Needed

The Delaware 2015 Crop Walk is Sunday, October 11 beginning at OWU Hamilton Williams Building.



The walk begins at 2 pm after gathering at 1:30. Participants choose between a 3 mile or 1 mile walk.

Please consider walking and/or donating to the 2015 Crop Walk. Twenty-five percent of all donations go locally to P.I.N.

Thanks

Thanks to Larry Faulk who put new lights in the pastor's office, painted it, and soon there will be new carpet. He also put a new floor in the copier room and the adjacent classroom, and made that classroom into an office.

Personals

• Emilie Trigg Showalter gave birth to a son Elijah Quinn Showalter on September 1. He weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and was 19 inches long. After a stay in the hospital due to Emilie's blood pressure and Elijah's jaundice, they are both now home.

• Jim and Ann Brown's son Chuck was here from Japan for a visit.

• Randy Turner is back from his travels to West Virginia, Michigan, and Maine.

• Thanks to Jeanne Ekelberry for the artificial flower arrangements of summer flowers we used in the sanctuary during the summer.

- Pam Faulk

Mission Outreach News

Undy Sunday Was a Success! What an amazing giving congregation you are! Thanks to all who donated to give new underwear and gently used clothing to the Common Ground Free Store on Central Ave.

Items given: 6 men's t-shirts, 13 men's briefs, 16 boy's briefs, 14 boy's t-shirts, 7 pairs of boy's socks, 12 pairs of girl's socks, 53 girl's briefs, 35 women's briefs, gently used clothing including boys pants, shirts, shorts and a jacket.

THANK YOU!

continued

5 Years Ago

Oct 2010 Newsletter

Bob and Pat Foor have moved to Florida.

15 Years Ago

Oct 2000 Newsletter

Erin Faulk is student teaching in Chicago.

30 Years Ago

Oct 1985 Newsletter

John and Mary Helen Richards attended the 40th reunion of his WWII army unit.

Marge Adams and Dorothy Crane (daughters of Helen and Rufus Crane) visited Delaware friends.

Ben and Bernice Turney thanked the church for the "memory" book on their 50th wedding anniversary.

40 Years Ago

Oct 1975 Newsletter

Our Sunday School teachers include Sis Mansfield, Evelyn Lee, Margaret Young, Jeanne Ekelberry, Janet Inscho, Dick Lee, Jean Brower, Carol Grubbs, Donna Brown and Linda White.

45 Years Ago

Oct 1970 Newsletter

Air Force News: Gary Evans is serving in Korea; Karen Van Brimmer and Steve Stoner are leaving for duty in Texas.

Mrs. Howard Cummins is a patient at the Helene Nursing Home.

An open house was held for the Wickums on their 25th anniversary.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- Oct. 1 Bruce Bowman
Kathy Chesser
2 Christina Kilhefner
3 Janet Lathrop
Jarrod & Nichelle Trigg
Tim & Kathy Chesser
4 Ellen Brown
7 Ann Brown
11 Sally Williams
16 Taylor Trigg
20 Jim Brown
Genevieve Peterson
21 Emily McKendrick
24 Emily Bowman
Sherry Chambers
28 Bora Porter
Ed Linn
30 Jean Osborne
31 Melissa Claire Turner

Names and dates are from the latest church directory.

September Mission Focus is People in Need

We are making a tour of the top for food needs for PIN: cereal, chicken noodle soup, tuna helper, and canned fruit.

Please help to make it a TALL TOWER OF FOOD!

Mr. Dave Lorz came to First Baptist Church during the worship service on Sept. 20 and gave a short presentation about People In Need; how connections are made for people with agencies, how many people are served, and their work throughout the year as well as the Christmas Clearing House.

October Mission Focus is helping the Salvation Army with needs for their Guest House for those who have been victims of Human Trafficking. Samantha Hudson will come to First Baptist on Oct. 4th

to give a short presentation on the work of the Salvation Army for the victims. When survivors leave the guest house they receive a basket to help with their recovery. List of needs for the guest house: shelf stable food, gatorade, snack foods, new sets of dishes, pots and pans, cooking utensils, laundry detergent, pre-paid cell phone, or gift cards such as Meijer, Wal-Mart, Target, or Kroger fuel.

Individual Needs during their stay include: full size personal hygiene products, deodorant, hair products, Basket needs (given upon departure), new sheet sets, new blankets, new pillows, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, new dish sets, silverware, and new dish towels. Monetary donations may also be given.

Please be in prayer for these victims and consider bringing a donation for this cause. There will be a box labeled "Salvation Army".

Stepping Up - Getting Ahead Classes

Getting Ahead is a 16-session financial independence program for hard-working, low-income persons who are committed to transforming their lives. It is held at William St. Church. In the Spring we chose two dates to prepare and serve meals for the participants of the classes. They really enjoyed the meals! We have an opportunity to do this again as another session of classes is beginning.

Those serving the meal go to William St. Church at 4:30 p.m., serve the meal at 5 p.m., clean up and are finished about 6:15.

We will be preparing and serving a meal on Oct. 14 and Nov. 2. If you would like to help plan, prepare, and or serve the meal, please let call Mary Lou Lovell [phone and email deleted from web PDF].

If you are interested in volunteering to listen to children read on a weekly basis, contact Mary Lou Lovell or Mr. Joshua Page, Principal, at Conger Elementary School. The

Church Directory Update

Please add the following information to your copy of the church directory.

Pastor Mark Allison
130 Schellinger Street
Delaware, OH 43015
[phone and email
deleted from web PDF]

students love to have your encouragement and friendship!

Team Meeting

The Mission/Outreach Team met on September 20. We discussed the Mission focus for August which included donations of new underwear and gently used clothing which was delivered to Common Ground. Sharon Griner, Executive Director for Common Ground was very thankful for all the new underwear and donations.

The tower of food has been growing. Donated items: chicken noodle soup, tuna helper, canned fruit, and cereal will be given to People In Need for our September mission project.

October's Mission focus is to help the Salvation Army help the victims of Human Trafficking. We are planning to sponsor the Common Ground Celebration help on Oct. 10.

November's Mission focus will be "Change for Change". Keep saving your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. You set your clocks back, so bring your change on Nov. 1st. The next meeting will be Nov. 8th at 2:00 p.m.! We would love to have you join us! We want fresh new ideas and we love to brainstorm!

continued on back of calendar

continued from page 4

Panera Pickup

The Panera pick-up of unsold daily baked goods continues on Thursday evenings.

Thanks to: the Gossers, Chad Myford, the Faulk family, the Palmers, the Fogle family, the Shears, Jean Ekelberry, Dr. Mark Allison, and the Lovells for serving the community to bring bread and baked goods to those in need.

Pick up is at 8:45 p.m. on Thursday nights, followed by wrapping the goods (as they are sometimes frozen for later use, given out at Andrews House meals, and taken to local food pantries). Friday morning goods are delivered to Andrews House where they are distributed in the community.

Try it for a week—we have a good time wrapping and conversing and it doesn't take long (about 20 minutes when you have several hands to do it).

If you would like to do any part of this pick up, call Pat Gosser at [phone deleted from web PDF].

– Mary Lou Lovell