

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

As anniversaries go this is a big one. The Baptist family is celebrating our 400th Anniversary. Dr. Roy Medley, the General Secretary of the ABCUSA, attended a meeting of the Baptist World Alliance to celebrate this anniversary. Following is a part of what he wrote about that gathering.

"I recently attended the Annual Gathering of the Baptist World Alliance in Ede, Netherlands. It is always a joy and a privilege to share in a time when the world-wide Baptist family comes together; our common love of the Lord Jesus Christ is tangible among people from every tribe and tongue and people and nation (Rev. 5:9b).

"We began with a celebration of the 400th anniversary of Baptists, recognizing the founding of the first Baptist church by British exiles living in Amsterdam in 1609. Throughout these past four hundred years Baptists have made impressive contributions to the faith and to the world. Spurred on by William Carey of England, Baptists were the leaders in the modern missionary movement. Baptists gave

to the world the principle of religious liberty which is enshrined in our Bill of Rights, the UN Declaration on Human Rights, and the constitutions of many of the world's nations.

"Baptists have been 'drum majors' for justice and peace with figures as diverse as Walter Rauschenbush, Joanna P. Moore, Martin Luther King, Jr, Edwin Dahlberg, and Jitsuo Morikawa."



I am proud to be a Baptist and appreciate being able to read about our worldwide family gathering. As we retell our history we hold on to it. As we remember from our study a few years ago our Baptist freedoms are "fragile."

When you receive this newsletter we will be a week away from our annual all church retreat. We are meeting earlier than usual this year. The retreat will begin with an 8:00 breakfast on Saturday, August 29, and end with Sunday lunch on August 30. There will be no services at the church on August 30. Even

if you can't be there for the whole retreat you are welcome to join us for the communion and worship service at 11:00. We will be exploring different styles of faith. I am looking forward to sharing some of the new insights I have received while preparing for the retreat. For this year all children third grade and above will participate in all the sessions. Matt will be working with the younger children. I hope to see you there.

Your Pastor,

Fellowship Hall Being Prepared for Redecoration

Thanks are in order for all those who met on Thursday evening, August 6 in the Fellowship Hall. Buckets, rags, brushes, cleaner — all were there to make our job easier. Thanks to Peter's advice, we didn't "flood" the moveable partitions — we just scrubbed the bases (which were really DIRTY!). With a little sanding they'll be ready for paint.

We also lugged an old, old pew outside to the back parking lot. We certainly appreciated having a hose hook-up at Melissa Neill's son's home across the alley; we were able to really give that pew the scrubbing of its life! The dirty water just rolled off. The pew will be sanded and rubbed with tung oil in the

Special Business Meeting Scheduled

There will be a called special business meeting on Sunday, September 13 after worship for the purpose of considering a church painting project and any other necessary church business.

future. Then it will find a "home" in the Youth Corner.

We finished off the evening with pizza, soft drinks and marshmallow crispies.

There's still LOTS of work to be done. You'll be hearing about the various projects in the future. Be ready to bring a paint pan, a roller, and lots of energy when we schedule the "Paint Parties". Surely there'll be a job for YOU!

– Jane Moore

Something New in the Gathering Place

On July 26, Don Chenoweth, Executive Director of Andrews House, was our guest in morning worship. Don presented to the church a framed print of Andrews House as a token of appreciation for our many years of support. The picture is a signed print of an original work by local artist Mary Morrison. We have hung the picture in the Gathering Place, just to the right of the ticking clock. It is a beautiful addition to our Gathering Place and a wonderful reminder that we have many partners in Delaware.

– Pastor Tim

Come To Sunday School

We have a GREAT Sunday school program here at First Baptist for young and old alike. We offer a variety of curriculum and teaching styles for our children and adults. Our children's classes are very well-attended. There are actually two adult classes to choose from, and neither requires the students to have a lot of background knowledge.

Why not make a commitment this September to go back to Sunday school? It will revitalize you for the rest of the week. Rally Day is September 13 with opening at 9:15 a.m. The following is a list of Sunday school teachers, and their substitutes in parentheses.

Adult:

Tim Chesser (Larry Faulk)

Adult:

Randy Turner (?)

Senior High (grades 9–12):

Vic Fogle (Liz Bowman)

Middle School (grades 5–8):

Erin Faulk (Lana Palmer)

Middlers (grades 2–4):

Sam Chesser (Melissa Mercer)

PK1 (Preschool, kindergarten, grade 1):

MaryLou Lovell (Kathy Chesser)

Crib Room (ages 0–3):

Debbie Fogle (Pam Faulk)

– Pam Faulk

Sanctuary Painting

Since the carpet project has been approved and funded, there has been discussion about how we might move ahead with painting the sanctuary and possibly the assembly room. A special congregational business meeting is being called after worship on September 13 to consider reallocating or borrowing from existing savings (Jones Estate) in order to do the painting this Fall. It is a goal to have the project funded from contributions.

Estimated costs of two coats of paint in the sanctuary, narthex, and baptistery are \$9,300. Painting the Assembly Room would cost an additional \$4,200. To date, receipts of \$1,689 combined with pledges (including undesignated) for the next year of \$2,320 would provide \$4,009 towards this project.

Additional pledges and receipts of \$5,300 would be needed to fully fund the sanctuary painting. The Assembly Room would need an additional \$4,200.

Pledges for this project may be placed in the offering plate or given to Pastor Tim, Randy Turner, or me.

– Larry Faulk
Finance Chairman



PLEDGE FOR SANCTUARY PAINTING

I pledge \$ _____ per: week month year (check one)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Trustees Notes

• The dehumidifier in the kitchen gave out, so a new one was purchased at Meijer. The cost was \$139.99. The hose out of this unit goes in the floor drain, so it must not be moved much or it will flood the floor. Also, for this to be effective in the fellowship hall, the doors to the stairwells need to remain closed. If you prop them open for an event, please close them afterwards.

• A chimney sweep had to be called to the parsonage after racoons got into the chimney. Birds have also gotten in. Pastor Tim purchased a steel-topped wire basket and installed it on top of the chimney. The cleanout by the chimney sweep cost \$119.95.

• Sunbury Plumbing and Heating did the final check of the new heating and cooling system at the parsonage after the gas was connected. This completes this major project which cost \$4,001. The new system totally replaces the one installed in 1978 when the parsonage was built. The timing was good since the law changed last year and the gas company now maintains the line to the house. A year ago, that new line would have cost us around \$1,000. The trustees are very grateful for the special donations which covered the cost of this large project.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Capital Projects Funding Update

Parsonage Heating & AC: Completed, actual cost \$4001. Paid completely by contributions requiring no expenditure of savings.

Sanctuary Carpet: Following the carpet selection at the recent quarterly business meeting, the budget was revised to \$12,884. Contributions and pledges have been received to fully fund the project requiring no expenditure of savings.

– Larry Faulk

Prayer List

Please give additions or corrections to a deacon.

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
Larry Faulk	Bill Faulk	Recovering from stroke
Jane Moore	George Corder	Health issues
	Cathie Corder	Continued recovery
	Olivia Langwasser	Leukemia
The Deacons	Pam Debasio	Health issues
	Jim VanBrimmer	Health issues
	Julie Wilson	Has moved to Alabama; seeks employment and cares for her father
Jeanne Ekelberry	Her step-son John	Recovering from surgery for colon cancer
Matt & Marci Cooper	John & Shea Cummings and Family	Death of 4-month-old daughter, Sydney
Jean Wickum	Martha Green	-
	Fran Cook	Heart problems
	Mary & Steve Sealey	Health issues
The Bakers	Victoria Baker	Health issues
	Heath Baker	Auto accident injuries
The Chessers	Toosie Eggers	Health issues & auto accident injuries
Evelyn Lee	Mary Tilson	at Willowbrook
	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health issues
	Florence Faulk	at Delaware Court
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	-
Beth Trigg	Connie Coy	Brain cancer
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health
Lisa & Tim Fogle	Tyler Wayne Fogle	Baby Tyler in home from the hospital; continued prayer for his good health

Second Friday

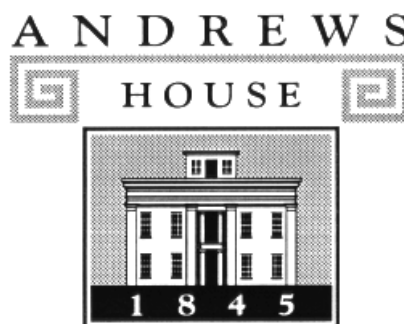
At the Second Friday Dinner on September 11, we will again be serving as greeters and mixers. If you would

like to help, please let me know. Our thanks to all who have helped in the past.

Thirty-nine attended the August dinner, and there were 40 take-outs.

Please remember we will be furnishing peach pies in September. Donations of \$9.00 may be given to me at any time to purchase the pies. Several have already contributed, but more is needed.

– Evelyn Lee
362-9107



People Strengthening People

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Sept. 1 Roger & Shannon
Kennedy
Robert and Kathy Russell
- 3 Alec Ferguson
- 4 Roger Kennedy, Jr.
- 5 Jessi Inscho
- 7 Christy Sykes
- 9 Barbara & Kip Smith
- 11 Barbara Reed
- 13 Jerry Palmer
- 14 Marci Cooper
- 15 Janet Porter
Jim & Bertha Van Brimmer
Sarah Sykes
- 17 Ed Burton
- 18 Melissa Mercer
- 22 Angie Burton
- 26 Phil & Melissa Mercer
- 29 Ian Ferguson
- 30 Mary Lou Lovell

Please report any errors or omissions to
Jim Stephenson.

Personals

- On July 28, a funeral service for Aunt Alice Osborne was held in Maine and was followed by her burial there. Alice was 100 years old when she died on December 16, 2008, and a memorial service was held at First Baptist during morning worship on Dec. 21.
- Evelyn Lee's great-granddaughter, Bethany Lee Wray, gave birth to Elijah on August 8 in Baton Rouge, LA.
- Erin Faulk attended a science study program in Wyoming for elementary teachers from all over Ohio. This is the same program that Rick Lee has taught for 14 years.
- Betty Porter had tests at Grady for leg problems.
- Shirley Parker was hospitalized for kidney problems.
- Mary Lou Lovell was in Albany, New York, because her father was ill.
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson celebrated their 60th anniversary. Congratulations!

- Julie Wilson's father passed away in Birmingham, Alabama. We extend our sympathy to Julie and her family.

- Tim and Lisa Fogle brought their baby, Tyler, to church.

- Larry Faulk's brother, Bill, is recovering from a stroke.