

Good News Letter

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Dr. Mark Allison Chosen as New Pastor

On the weekend of July 31 to August 2, we hosted Dr. Mark Allison as our candidate for permanent pastor of our church. He attended an open house, met with boards and committees, attended a covered-dish dinner, and led the service on Sunday.

After church we had a business meeting in which we voted to make him our new pastor.

We welcome him to our church!



From Our New Pastor

"The Pink Brick" was the title of the sermon on the Sunday I was presented as a candidate to be your pastor. The title referred to a story from my childhood about playing basketball in the driveway of the house of my youth. In the brick wall that bordered my little basketball court, there was a pink brick and if I bounced the ball off the brick, it would go in the basket. The point

of the story is that God orders our lives, directs our paths, and makes a place for us in this life as well as in the next. What are the odds that some anonymous bricklayer, years before my family moved into that house, would put a pink brick in a red brick wall so that when I came along and put a basketball goal up over the garage I could bounce the ball off the brick and make it go in the basket? It is a silly story and nothing can

be proved about the cause of that brick's placement. Yet the illustration stands. That place was a gift to me. The story would likely have been forgotten if the rest of life seemed disconnected, chaotic, and meaningless. Instead life seems ordered, given, and full of meaning. The memory of that brick has become a symbol for the way my path seems directed.

What are the odds that my path would be directed here to the First Baptist Church of Delaware, Ohio? Ministers always like to say that the Lord has "called them" to this place or that ministry, without ever really being able to prove anything about the cause. Yet the facts are that I did play basketball in the driveway as a teenager and there was a pink brick in just the right spot that if I hit it right, the ball would bounce into the

basket. And the fact is that I have been invited to become the pastor of this church. I know because my head is spinning with the process of moving, packing, and making arrangements for a place to live and figuring out how to say goodbye. In much the same ways that the brick brought delight and wonder to me as child, I am delighted to become your pastor and I wonder what

the future holds for us together.

One of the reasons I feel drawn to this church is its love of tradition. The old building with the stained glass and the pipe organ, all that goes with denominational connections, and even its location near the center of town are inviting to me. Yet the future of traditional churches is uncertain in view their general decline in the past several decades and the advent of contemporary non-traditional churches very often without a denominational connection. Our task together is to find our place in that uncertain future with respect both for the changes that are happening and for the traditions we love and seek to honor.

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I am convinced that there will be good things. The most important part of being the church together is the relationships we have along the way. Meaning is found in relationships. They are sometimes boundless with joy and sometimes overwhelmed with disappointment and sorrow, but engaging in them and working through them is what life is about. Getting to know each other, learning to love each other, to forgive and be forgiven, is what being the church is and how life becomes fulfilling. Whatever else, we will become more than brothers and sisters in name only, but genuine family in Christ. Who could help but be excited and look forward to this next chapter in our lives?

– Mark

Rally Day!!!

It is time for another exciting year of Sunday school. Rally Day this year is September 13. Although we will not be having Sunday school “opening” this year, we are going to kick off the year with a breakfast at 9:00 a.m. followed by classes at 9:30.

The start time for Sunday school this year will be 9:30 except for when we have a special breakfast (about once a quarter). Our Sunday school teachers this year will be the following:

Adult I - Pat Gosser
(substitute is Lana Palmer)

Adult II - Randy Turner

Teen Gals (grades 6-12) - Erin Faulk
(substitute is Linda White)

Teen Guys (grades 6-12) - Larry Faulk
(substitute is Mark Allison)



Youth (grades K-5) - Debbie Fogle/
Pam Shears (substitute is Mary Lou Lovell)

Nursery/Pre-school- Pam Faulk

– Pam Faulk

Change Sunday

Don't forget to be saving your change for Change for Change Sunday on November 1. There is a plastic jar in the Welcome Center for change if you do not wish to hold on to it at home.

– Pam Faulk

Rainbow Jello Salad Recipe

This is the recipe for the Rainbow Jello Salad I made for Ellen's luncheon. Several people have asked for the recipe.

– Genevieve Peterson

Ingredients:

Six 3-ounce packages of jello in the rainbow colors: strawberry (or cherry), orange, lemon, lime, blueberry, grape

Instructions:

Mix only 2 boxes at a time, use separate containers for each. Add one cup boiling water to each box of Jello, stirring until well dissolved. Divide each mixture in half. Add 3 tablespoons water to 1/2 and 1/3 cup sour cream (yogurt) to the second half.

Lightly butter a dish (9x13).

Pour the first layer (grape with yogurt) into the dish evenly over the bottom. Refrigerate on a level shelf for 20 minutes. Add the clear grape layer next, tipping the dish so this layer covers the first evenly. Refrigerate for 20 minutes.

Repeat layers in the rainbow order. Do not try to shorten time between layers or the mixtures may combine rather than form layers. Rather than pouring the mixture directly on the previous layer, pour the mixture

onto a spoon which is suspended over the other layer, so the liquid is diffused as it flows over the previous layer.

When layers are complete, chill for 3 hours or more before serving. Cut the servings in ribbons or squares. May be served on a lettuce leaf for salad, or on a plate along with sugared strawberry for dessert. May be garnished with whipped cream or fresh mint leaves.

Enjoy a rainbow!

Personals

- Pat Gosser had cataract surgery on one eye and will have surgery on the other eye this month.
- Jane and Jim Snyder toured the West. Jim had some medical issues while on the trip, but they were able to continue and have now returned home.
- Please be in prayer for our college students this year. Ian Ferguson is returning to the College of Wooster, Jane Mercer and Emily Bowman are at Miami, Sarah Bowman is at Wright State, and Liz Bowman is taking classes in Marion.
- Erin Faulk recently enjoyed a 10-day cruise to Alaska followed by several days in San Francisco.
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson were recently visited by their Japanese “daughter” Hiroko.
- Ellen Brown's son Matt has been called to be the pastor at Owl Creek Baptist Church in Mount Vernon. His first Sunday was August 9, which was Ellen's last day with us.
- Randy and Claire Turner attended Family Camp in West Virginia.
- Dave and Mary Lou Lovell recently enjoyed a visit with Dave's sister from Canada and Dave's brother and sister-in-law, who have been on our prayer list.
- Sharon Griner from Common Ground Free Store spoke briefly during the August 16 worship service in which Dr. Larry Swain was our guest pastor.

• The church women held a baby shower for Emilie Trigg Showalter on August 15.

– Pam Faulk

Lemonade Success to Continue

Since the “Lemonade in the Shade” fellowship time after worship was well received, we will continue a time of fellowship this Fall. Volunteers are needed to bring a “simple” snack such as cookies, or crackers, or chips and dip.

After worship each Sunday, plan to join for a brief time of fellowship in the Gathering Space. Coffee, water, and juice will be provided. Please see me if you are willing to provide a snack.

– Larry Faulk

First Baptist Church T-shirts

First Baptist Church has t-shirts for sale which we can wear to promote FBC when we go on service projects such as Andrews House or Family Promise or “just out and about”.

Shirts are available in men’s sizes S, M, L, XL, or XXL for \$8 each. There is one on display in the Gathering Place.

See Larry Faulk to purchase one.

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
	Bora Porter (Janet’s daughter)	Health issues
The Faulks	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!

July Mission For Students of Conger School a Success!

The First Baptist Church July Mission was to provide children who needed school supplies at Conger School with glue sticks, spiral notebooks, and pencils. Principal Joshua Page said that supplying ear phones for students would be a great help. So money was donated for the purchase of the headphones. Larry Faulk purchased the headphones and packed up the supplies to be delivered.

This is the GRAND TOTAL:

- 33 pairs of head phones
- 129 glue sticks
- 368 pencils
- 95 notebooks

- 5 folders
- 2 pair of scissors
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 2 sets of markers
- 1 pencil box

The items were delivered on Aug. 5th by Gabe Fogle and Mary Lou Lovell. Mr. Page was surprised by the amount of items collected and very grateful.

– Mary Lou Lovell

Thanks To ALL Who Donated to Make It a Great Start for the Students School Year!

We would like to continue to help the students. If you are interested in going to Conger to read with the students (one on one), let Mary Lou Lovell

Thank You to Our Pastoral Search Committee

We thank them for their hard work.



Jennifer Turner



Pam Shears



Debbie Fogle



Jerry Palmer



Dave Lovell



Larry Faulk, Chair

know. Mr. Page suggested this as a very valuable way that we can help.

We can also provide nonperishable food items for students that have need over vacation times.

Shoes and boots could be donated as well as gift cards to purchase them.

– Mary Lou Lovell

Common Ground

Common Ground is the First Baptist Church Mission for August. Common Ground offers free clothing, shoes, household items, and meals to those in need.

On Sunday August 16th, Sharon Griner, Executive Director of Common Ground gave a presentation for the Mission Moment. She explained that this is a ministry that serves a tremendous amount of people in Delaware. She thanked the members of the congregation for their continuing support of Common Ground and specifically this month of collections, including UNDY SUNDAY.

The piles of underwear for UNDY SUNDAY continues to GROW! Thanks to everyone who has given new packaged underwear!

We will continue this collection of underwear as well as the following items (through August).

Needed Items

Gently used clothing (all sizes), household items, dishes, silverware, toasters, blankets, sheets, towel, washcloths, pots and pans, coffee makers, and storage containers, shampoo, soap, tooth paste, diapers (all sizes), paper towels, toilet paper.

Look for sales and see what items you may be able to donate.

– Mary Lou Lovell

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- Sept. 1 Roger & Shannon Kennedy
3 Alec Ferguson
4 Roger Kennedy, Jr.
5 Jessi Inscho
7 Christy Sykes
Olivia Burton
9 Barbara & Kip Smith
13 Jerry Palmer
14 Marci Cooper
15 Janet Porter
Sarah De Vaughn
17 Ed Burton
18 Melissa Mercer
22 Angie Burton
26 Phil & Melissa Mercer
29 Ian Ferguson
30 Mary Lou Lovell

Names and dates are from the latest church directory.

People In Need

Our Mission for September will be donating to PEOPLE IN NEED. The TOP 4 NEEDS in the FOOD PANTRY are:

- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Tuna Helper
- Chicken Noodle Soup

Add one or more of the items to your grocery list. If everyone does that we can build a tower of food! Woodward Summer Lunch Program was a SUCCESS! Many of you helped to serve: Erin Faulk, Pam Faulk, Larry Faulk, Reverend Ellen Brown, Deb Fogle, Will Fogle, Gabe Fogle, Alec Ferguson, Randy Turner, and Mary Lou Lovell.

Thank you for your willingness and taking the time to meet this need for these children. Check out the

continued on back of calendar

10 Years Ago

September 2005 Newsletter

Carolyn White Schneeberger, 92, the mother of Peter White, died at the Sarah Moore Home after a long illness. She served as a missionary in India, taught religious education in Delaware and Fostoria, and was a longtime member at First Baptist.

15 Years Ago

September 2000 Newsletter

Rev. David Ball finished his time as our interim pastor. His wife Kim Ball, who also served as our interim, will be ordained in Granville on Sept. 10.

Cynthia Bland moved to Boston.

Out 28th annual retreat at Judson Hills went well.

30 Years Ago

September 1985 Newsletter

Steeplejacks from Baton Rouge, Louisiana worked on our steeple. They were in town to work at the Catholic Church. A photo in the Gazette showed a man using a ladder to repair the top of our steeple. It looked very dangerous.

45 Years Ago

September 1970 Newsletter

Our organist, Ruth Brown, is taking a leave of absence for health reasons. Marcia Augsburg will play until she returns.

Helen Aleshire and Carolyn White have returned to Delaware after a 6 week world tour which included attending the Baptist World Alliance in Tokyo, Japan.

Miss Mary Frances Focke will be baptized this month and will become a member of our church.

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pictures of the volunteers on the church bulletin board!

– *Mary Lou Lovell*

Panera Bread Pick Up

Panera Bread continues to have a great deal of bread, bagels, and baked goods left on Thursday night to donate to the community. Our ministry continues by having volunteers pick up the items, bag them for freezing or distributing in the community by Mel Corroto at Andrews House. The bagging of the items only takes about 20 minutes. The items are delivered on Friday morning at 8:30 a.m.

Thank you to Pam and Ken Shears, Pam, Erin, and Larry Faulk, Jean Ekelberry, Debbie Fogle, Will Fogle, Gabe Fogle, Pat Gosser, Chad Myford, Raleigh Gosser, Lana and Jerry Palmer, Dave and Mary Lou Lovell for volunteering so that others needs in our community may be met.

If you would like to help in any way with this, contact Pat Gosser 317-979-0116.

Mission/Outreach Team

The next meeting of the Mission/Outreach Team will be September 20, 2015 at 2 p.m. Please come and bring your ideas!

Unity Festival

Saturday, September 12, 2015 at Ross Park and Woodward Elementary School. Go and see what it is all about!