

Good News Letter

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Here we are, it is the end of my first year in Delaware. It seems like the time has flown by so fast that I could not keep pace. I have enjoyed every Sunday morning experience of worship and fellowship, in part because of the quiet time during Sunday School when I can be alone for a few minutes before worship to reflect and pray and gather my thoughts.

There will be some changes as the second year begins. One of the changes is the addition of David Harris, a new pastoral intern for youth. David grew up in Pittsburgh and went to the University of Toledo and is now a student at The Methodist Theological Seminary of Ohio. Please welcome him. I look forward to the addition he will make to our fellowship throughout this coming year.

Another change is that I will give up that quiet time before worship in order to teach a Sunday School class. Some of you may be interested and wish to join. Pat Gosser will continue to teach her class and I encourage her and those who are a part of her class.

I have been thinking and praying all summer long searching for a way to express why I want to give up the quiet moments before worship to lead bible study. The best way is to ask the question, "how does one interpret the bible?" It has always perplexed and amazed me that Christians can read the same bible and sometimes reach such diverse, sometimes opposite conclusions. One wonders why?

I hope to address this question

by selecting a text or a topic each week and attempting to learn something. My hope is that each Sunday's lesson will stand alone so that if someone is present only one Sunday, there will be something gained, but also so that those who are present each Sunday over time may learn something that takes



more than one week to learn.

We will study the great texts, such as the 23rd Psalm, I Corinthians 13, Isaiah 55, Genesis 1, Philippians 2, and many others. Over time we will switch to doctrinal studies; Creation, Sin, Incarnation, Atonement, Ecclesiology (what it means to be a church), Eschatology, Resurrection. We will tackle book overviews including some of the lesser known books; Ruth, Esther, Titus, II Peter etc. There will be time for historical interests (I love history); the history of Israel, the life of Jesus, the life of Paul, the inter-testamental period, the history of the bible itself. Where did the books of the bible come from and how did they come to be viewed as sacred? How did they come to be gathered together in the collection we know so well? There is

much more. It will take a long time to get to everything. At first I will make the selection but in time the class will help decide what to study. My prayer is that together we may learn better how to interpret the bible, to hear God speak through the scriptures.

Perhaps this will be a good time for some of you to have been thinking about coming to Sunday School but who haven't made it yet, to come and be a part of it. In any case, may we always be led through the changes by the Spirit of Christ and by his love.

Blessings to All.

- Mark

From David Harris, Jr.

Good morning First Baptist family,

I am excited to be spending the next year in community and fellowship with you as a pastoral intern for my field education this year. As the summer winds down and the rigors of the school year draw upon us, I look forward to working with the entire congregation, and especially the youth of the church. There are a lot of exciting and enriching things on the horizon and a lot of ideas and potential ideas already brainstormed, and I cannot wait to begin this journey together with you.

For those who do not know, I am entering my fourth year as a dual degree candidate at MTSO, pursuing both an M.Div and a Master's of Theological Studies degree. I am originally from Pittsburgh, PA, and completed my undergraduate degree at the

University of Toledo in December 2012. Having been involved in youth ministry leadership since high school, I served in youth ministry leadership capacities for roughly the past decade. Before joining FBC, I worshipped and worked with the youth at William Street UMC.

I am excited for our time together, and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us this year!

Blessings and Peace,

– David

Chimney Removal Complete

The old coal furnace chimney on the back of the church was removed by Quality Masonry of Marion. The 20 foot tall red brick chimney was in bad shape and had been unused since 1963 when the church switched from coal to gas. The mortar was out of the joints and it was shakey.

Since it was a threat to the roof, it was removed to just below the roof line and was roofed over, ending a maintenance problem forever and making further roofing much easier. The cost was almost \$10,000 dollars.

– Peter White
Chairman Trustees

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to everyone who brought school supplies for the Conger Elementary School students. The following items were given:

68 notebooks
450 pencils
3 boxes of markers
6 boxes of crayons
6 folders
3 pairs of scissors
4 erasers
20 head phones
5 board games for indoor recess

Will and Gabe Fogle delivered the supplies to Conger on Aug 9th. What a great way to get the students off to a great start.

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
	Ken & Genevieve Peterson	Condolences on the death of Ken's sister
	Ray Serviss	Health issues
	Alvin Cox	Health issues
	Christina Kilhefner	Transplant recovery
	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
	Steve Baker	Health issues
	Bora Porter (Janet's daughter)	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!

During the month of August we collected all kinds and sizes of underwear to be given to Common Ground Free Store on East Central Avenue. Thanks for your generosity to provide for others.

We supported Common Ground Free Store Fund Raiser on August 26th with a \$100 donation.

Jean Ekelberry donate a hand-made brightly colored baby quilt and a light blue baby throw for the silent auction.

September

We will prepare and serve a meal for the Stepping Up class participants on Monday, Sept. 19th. If you are interested in preparing or serving (4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.), see Mary Lou Lovell or sign the sheet in the Gathering Room. Meals are served at William Street Church.

We will be providing money to purchase cupcakes for the Second Friday meal at Andrews House on Sept. 9th. See Larry Faulk to help with this.

The Mission Focus for September will be People In Need (P.I.N.). Items can be placed in the boxes in the welcome center.

Most needed items: canned fruit,

cereal and saltine crackers.

Other needs: non-perishable foods, bar soap, tea bags, tooth brushes, tooth paste, toilet paper, razors, and diapers.

Let's fill 3 boxes!

The next Mission/Outreach meeting will be Sept. 18th at 1:30 at the church. Please come and bring your ideas.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Each week (Thursday 8:45 p.m.) someone or a group of people pick up the unsold bread and pastries from Panera. These are donated by Panera to be given away by Andrews House where they are needed in the community (food pantry, Second Friday meals, and the summer lunch program). The items are rewrapped for freezing and delivered to Andrews House by 8:30 a.m. Friday morning. If you would like to help with this, see Pat Gosser or sign the Panera sheet in the Gathering Room.

Choir

Calling everyone who likes to sing! The choir has been missing Jim Stephenson for several months as his back illness (stenosis) has not allowed him to lead the choir. We are hoping he can return later this

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- Sept. 3 Alec Ferguson
- 9 Barbara & Kip Smith
- 13 Jerry Palmer
- 14 Marci Cooper
- 15 Janet Porter
Elijah Showalter
- 18 Melissa Mercer
- 23 Debra Nace
- 26 Phil & Melissa Mercer
- 29 Ian Ferguson
- 30 Mary Lou Lovell

*Please report any errors
or omissions.*

fall.

We have to say "so long" to Claire Turner as she begins her studies at Miami University. We will miss her, but she promises to sing when she is home.

Choir rehearsal will begin on Wednesday Sept. 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. We are looking forward to new choir members. We laugh, talk and have a great time learning music to praise God. Come join us!

– Mary Lou Lovell

Fellowship Signups

The signup sheet for Fellowship Time for October, November, and December is available in the Gath-

Church Directory Update

Please make the following changes in your copy of the 2016 church directory.

David Harris

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PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

1 Years Ago

Sept. 2015 Newsletter

Dr. Mark Allison was chosen as new pastor. After church we had a business meeting in which we voted to make him our pastor.

5 Years Ago

Sept. 2011 Newsletter

It's Rev. Tim Chesser's 10th anniversary at First Baptist. A party was held.

Rev. Ted Stephenson of Indianapolis will retire in September. He is the son of the late Rev. Stephenson, and Sophia Stephenson.

20 Years Ago

Sept. 1996 Newsletter

Jean Wickum attended her 60th high school reunion.

Shirley Parker visited her son Andy in Boston.

Florence Faulk spent 2 weeks in Oklahoma visiting her son Bill and his family.

25 Years Ago

Sept. 1991 Newsletter

Our new pastor is Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett.

30 Years Ago

Sept. 1986 Newsletter

Our annual retreat at Judson Hills will be Sept. 5-7.

The Lovells have moved to 351 S. Section Line Road.

Helen Aleshire took a vacation in Canada.

Betty Porter drove to Florida to bring her mother to Delaware.

David and Jean Osborne spent 4 weeks in Maine.

Polly Focke vacationed in New England.

ering Area. Please signup to bring a snack for fellowship time after worship. Keep it simple: Cookies, brownies, veggie platter, or cheese and crackers are appreciated. Drinks are provided.

Anniversary

Sept. 1 marks the one year anniversary of Dr. Allison's ministry with us as pastor. We will honor Mark during fellowship time on Oct. 2 with a cake. Please invite Mark to share a lunch or dinner with you and your family sometime in September or October.

Cupcake Donations

FBC will be providing cupcakes for Andrews House Second Friday

dinner on September 9th. I will be purchasing them for the occasion since they are not permitted to use homemade items. Your \$5 contribution to me by Sept. 4 will help offset the cost. Thanks,

– Larry Faulk

Crop Walk

The Delaware Crop Walk will be held October 2nd beginning at 2 PM on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan University. Plan to walk, and help reach those who struggle with hunger and poverty in our community and world.

Youth Kickoff Event

As our official youth “kick-off” event for the year, we are inviting all families to come together at Colony Lanes on September 11th (Rally Day!) at 5:30 to fellowship over bowling. This will be a time of casual fun and getting to know one another as we begin the year together. The cost for bowling is \$5 per game, with shoes included in the cost as well. Colony Lanes is located at 451 Pennsylvania Ave.

KID CONNECTION

When we start back to our regular hours on September 11, we will once again have a need for adult volunteers for Kid Connection for children in grades K-5 during the morning sermon. We will not always have children of that age group present, but we need coverage available just in case. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place. This is open to all adult men and women in our church fellowship. There will also be a rotation of our teens who will be available to help each adult volunteer.

Pam Faulk

September Volunteers

Fellowship Time

Sept. 4	Gossers
Sept. 11	Petersons
Sept. 18	Shears
Sept. 25	Triggs

Panera Pick-up

Sept. 1	Lovells
Sept. 8	Gossers
Sept. 15	Triggs
Sept. 22	Open (Volunteers needed)
Sept. 29	Faulks

Kid Connection

Sept. 11	Open (Volunteers needed)
Sept. 18	Open (Volunteers needed)

Sept. 25 Open (Volunteers needed)

Thanks you to all who volunteer!!!

Rally Day

Sunday school will be starting again on September 11. Join us at 9:15 in the Gathering Place for donuts and coffee before going off to our classes. This year’s classes and teachers are as follows:

Adult 1 – Pat Gosser

Adult 2 –Mark Allison (sub is Randy Turner)

Teen Class (grades 6-12) – Larry Faulk (sub is David Harris)

Youth (grades K-5) – Pam Faulk (sub is Jennifer Turner)

Please make a commitment this year to join us for Sunday school.

– Pam Faulk

Adult 1 Sunday School Class

This year the Adult 1 Sunday school class will again be taught by Pat Gosser. We will be studying from the Judson Bible Journeys quarterly. The theme for the fall quarter is “Sovereignty of God.” We will begin on Rally Day, September 11 with a combination of the first two lessons, “The Peaceful Kingdom” based on Isaiah 11 and “The End of Oppression” based on Isaiah 25. The lesson for September 18 is “Ultimate Power” based on Isaiah 40, and on September 25, we will look at “Reliable Promises” based on Isaiah 61. The class provides for open discussion of the issues addressed in each lesson. Join us in the Gathering Place at 9:30 each Sunday for class.

Personals

- The Pastor vacationed in Missouri for a week in August.
- Jeanne Ekelberry displayed West Virginia wildflowers on fabric during fellowship time on August 7.
- Dan and Sherry Chambers spent

time in Montana.

- Pam Shears took a trip to California.
- Donald Brown, Carol Grubbs’ brother and a former member, suffered a heart attack in Orlando and was hospitalized for two days. It was a serious heart attack, but the damage was minimal because he went to the hospital quickly.
- Please keep Ken and Genevieve Peterson in your prayers . Ken’s sister passed away in August.
- Claire Turner graced us with a beautiful solo on August 21 before leaving for college on the 22nd. Thank you Claire for sharing you musical talents with us.