

# Good News Letter

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As the summer is drawing to a close, we begin to think about fall events and activities. In Delaware, the Horse Parade is right around the corner, along with the county fair and the Little Brown Jug. The new students at MTSO and OWU have arrived and all the schools are back in session. Once again, school buses fill the roadways all over town.

At church we anticipate the resumption of Sunday School. Rally Day is September 10th. In addition to the children and youth classes, there will be two adult classes again this year. One will be taught by Pat Gosser. The other is the pastor's class which will begin with a study of the Writings of the Old Testament (as opposed to the Law and the Prophets). The Writings include Psalms, Proverbs, Song of Songs, Job, Ecclesiastes and Lamentations, Ezra and Nehemiah, Daniel, I and II Chronicles, Ruth and Esther. After an overview, the class will begin with the study of the Book of Esther. As a teaser, I might mention that Esther is the only book in the Bible that does not mention God in any way. This is a good time to try out Sunday School if it has not been your habit.

I would like also to take the time to emphasize Mission's Sunday

on October 8th, even though that requires looking ahead to next month. Along with the Central Community Baptist Church in Waldo, we will be hosting

Emerson and Ivy Wu, ABC missionaries serving in Hong Kong, and also Sarah McCurdy, who serves in Costa Rica.

Although we will meet in the Sunday School hour, there will be no Sunday School, as there will be missions programming instead. I encourage everyone to come and be a part of the entire program even if the earlier hour is not a normal Sunday routine. Details about the program will be forthcoming as plans are put together. Afterward a potluck lunch is planned.

As the weather cools and fall colors begin to appear, we anticipate God's presence in all we do; guiding, teaching, comforting, assuring our salvation in every season of the year and of our lives.

Blessings,  
- Mark

## ***From Our Pastoral Intern***

Can you believe how quickly the summer has flown by? I cannot believe it either.

Summer is winding down, and the weather is soon about to change to represent the fall season.

As school years begin across the country and across all levels, the transition from vacation to work catches some off guard and provides a sense of relief for others. Our minds shift from a mindset of relaxation to preparing for the year ahead. The same holds true within our church life.

As Rally Day approaches, marking the beginning of a new Sunday School year, the youth are gearing up for another year full of fun and fellowship. On Rally Day itself, the youth will gather at Smith Park on Troy Road at 5 PM for an afternoon of energy-filled excitement. As was the case last year, all members of the church are invited to join the youth in the afternoon fellowship.

On September 24th, the youth will continue their ecumenical church visitations by attending the morning worship at the Delaware campus of Lifepoint Church. I am looking forward to starting another exciting year with the youth of First Baptist.

Blessings and Peace,  
-David L. Harris, Jr.



## Thank You Notes

We received the following thank you notes recently. These can be found on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place also.

### First Baptist Church Family,

I wanted to express my thanks for the floral arrangement you provided for my mother's funeral. It was a very lovely floral arrangement. Also, thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God bless all of you!

*-Chad Kilhefner*

### To our church family,

There are no words to express our appreciation for everything you have done for us. Thank you for the food, the planter, but most of all, your prayers, love, and support. God has truly blessed us that he brought us to such a caring and loving church. Thank you so much.

*-Love, the Lee Family*

### Dear First Baptist Parishioners,

Once again you have blessed us with your generous donation of much needed school supplies and headphones! We can't thank you enough for your thoughtfulness and time! We can help many students in need of supplies now, thanks to you.

Looking forward to a wonderful school year.

*Yours, Josh Page,  
Principal Conger Elem.*

(Josh just happens to be a former student of Pam Faulk from Jonathan Alder.)

### Thank You

We recently received a very nice thank you letter from Neighborhood Ministries in Trumbull County. We send a donation to them each year through our mission giving. They

are affiliated with ABC. USA and serve a very depressed area. You can read the entire letter on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### September

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

*Please report any errors.*

## Treasurers Report

We continue to limit expenses in our general fund as much as possible. During the month of July, our income exceeded expenses by \$103. While our year-to-date deficit still remains at nearly \$3,300, we are hopeful that your generous offerings and our prudent spending will allow us to balance the general fund by the end of the year. Our mission giving is meeting our goals with the exception of the One Great Hour of Sharing.

*-Larry Faulk, treasurer*

## Personals

- Please be in prayer for the Kilhefner family. Chad's mother, Myra Kilhefner, passed away on August 3.

- Will Fogle played the violin for the July 30 worship service. Thank you, Will.
- Deborah Guebert is running for election to the Delaware School Board.
- During his vacation in August, Pastor Mark Allison visited Gettysburg, his sister in Virginia, and his sons, other sister and father in Missouri.
- Claire Turner vacationed in Vermont with friends.
- Randy and Claire Turner attended Family Camp in West Virginia.
- We have a new glider chair in the crib room. It is a gift from Marci and Matt Cooper.
- Jane Mercer will be studying abroad in Luxembourg this semester.

- Please be in prayer for former Pastor Tim Chesser who was recently hospitalized with heart issues. At this date, he was being scheduled for vascular surgery on his carotid artery followed by bypass surgery in a few weeks.

- Nine members of our fellowship had a good time attending a recent Clippers game, and they won!

- Carol Serviss fell and broke her foot. She is healing.

## Choir Begins September 6th

Calling all those  
who like to sing!  
Please come join us in singing  
praise our Lord!  
Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

## Thank You!

The box overflowed with school supplies for Conger students!

The box included :

- 25 pairs of head phones
- 146 glue sticks
- 307 pencils
- 22 erasers
- 19 boxes of crayons
- 2 rulers
- 22 highlighters
- 11 boxes of colored pencils
- 3 games
- 9 folders
- 8 boxes of markers 2 binders
- 16 notebooks

Thank you for your generosity to help those students at Conger who would not have the needed supplies to get a good start to their school year!

Thank you to Gabe Fogle for helping pack up the supplies and deliver them to Conger.

## Undy Sundays in August

Thanks to all who helped fill the box with new underwear! It will be given to the Common Ground Free Store to be given to those in need.

## People In Need Collection for September

Our September mission focus is People In Need.

Their most needed items are:

- pork and beans
- macaroni
- kidney beans
- tomato sauce
- tuna
- cereal
- bar soap

Please consider putting an item or two on your grocery list and bringing it each Sunday in September so we can fill a box or two!

## Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.

Please send changes to Larry Faulk ([lfaulk01@aol.com](mailto:lfaulk01@aol.com)).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Chad Kilhefner & family	Condolences for the death of Chad's mother
Tim Chesser	Heart & Vascular Surgery
Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Dr. Ernest Jones	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Ken Peterson	Health Issues
Carol Serviss	Broken Foot

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

## Meals for Stepping Up Class Participants

We will be providing 2 meals for those in the Stepping Up class held at William St. Church on October 23 and 30. The sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering Place for those who would like to provide a food item, prepare a dish and/or serve the meal (4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.). If you have questions, call Mary Lou Lovell 740-369-6041.

## Rally Day / Sunday School

September 10 will be Rally Day when we begin our Sunday school classes for the year. We will kick off the morning with coffee, juice, and pastries at 9:15 and then continue on to our classes at 9:30. The worship service will begin at 10:45.

Pat Gosser will be teaching the Adult I Class, and Jerry Palmer will be her substitute. She will be using the Judson Baptist curriculum again this year.

Lessons for September will come from Genesis, Exodus, and Ezekiel. Session titles are "The Rainbow," "Sabbath Observance," and "Spirit-Filled Heart."

Pastor Mark Allison will teach the Adult II Class, and he will be looking at the "Writings" in the Old Testament. His substitute is Randy Turner.

Larry Faulk will teach the Teen Class for grades 7-12, and David Harris is his substitute.

Pam Faulk will teach the Youth Class for grades K-6, and her substitute is Candy Lee. We invite you all to attend Sunday school this year and be part of a very special fellowship.

## Garden Dedication

During worship on September 10th, we will dedicate the Stephenson Garden. James B. Stephenson was a long-time pastor here. His son, Jim Stephenson was our long-time choir director and published our monthly newsletter. He also managed our flowers and the flowerbeds here at FBC often using plants from his mother Sophia's garden. When Jim passed away earlier this year, we decided to honor him and his family by dedicating the corner flowerbed on the north side of the church as the Stephenson Garden. Please join us in

worship on September 10th for the dedication.

## Volunteers for September

There are new sign-up sheets in the Gathering Place for Kid Connection, Fellowship Time, and Panera Pick-up. All of these need your support. Right now, most of the blanks are empty.

**Kid Connection** is for children grades K-4, and they leave the service during the sermon. The volunteer simply needs to be with them and supervise. No planning is necessary. There are games and toys there for the children.

Once again we will ask our teens to be assistants to the adult volunteers, so that there are two people there if a need arises. On the rare occasion when an adult is needed in the Crib Room, the adult volunteer may be asked to go there, and the Teen volunteer would take the children for Kid Connection.

We pick up all the bread and pastry from our local **Panera** every Thursday night. You need to be there right before closing (about 8:45) to pick up the bags and boxes. Then take them home and bag the items and put them into bins. All bags and bins are supplied by the church. Then you need to take the items to Andrews House on Friday morning. If you would need help with any part of this, arrangements can be made for someone else to work with you. Just talk to Pat Gosser, Pastor Mark, MaryLou Lovell, or Pam Faulk about it.

**Fellowship Time** is after church every Sunday. We need volunteers who will supply a small snack item such as cookies, doughnuts, cheese and crackers, etc. It does not have to be a lot

because the fellowship is the main focus. Beverages, and paper products are supplies.

Please prayerfully consider adding your name to the sign-up sheets. Your assistance with these things is much appreciated.

## Mark Your Calendar

Please mark October 8 on your calendar as Mission Sunday.

Three missionaries will be visiting us that Sunday, Emerson and Ivy Wu from Hong Kong and Sarah McCurdy from Costa Rica. You won't want to miss this. More details will come in the October newsletter, but please plan to come and spend the whole morning, lunchtime, and afternoon.

### Directory Update

Jerry & Lana Palmer  
have a new email address  
and phone number:  
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