

# Good News Letter

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School started last week, and that means the summer is about to end. Autumn is near. It won't be long, just the second Sunday in September, until we cast off the summer schedule and return to regular activities with Sunday School at 9:30 A.M. and worship at 10:45.

I have been praying and thinking all summer about which direction to go in the Sunday School class that I teach. Since I will be on vacation for two weeks at the end of September and the beginning of October, I thought it would be a good idea to start off with a study emphasis that could be completed in three Sundays, and then begin with something else after I return. Paul's Letter to the Philippians comes to mind. It has always been one of my favorites, and has well-known passages, such as the suggestive statement in Chapter 1, "to live is Christ, to die is gain," the Christ hymn in Chapter 2, and the exhortation against anxiety in Chapter 4.

While we are studying Philippians, I will offer the class some input about what to study when I return in October. Richard Foster's Celebration of Discipline, Rick Warren's The Purpose Driven Life, or Henry Blackaby's Experiencing God, would be good to consider. So come prepared to learn and grow in faith and understanding.

On one of the Sunday's while I am away, Hospice Chaplain Mike



Reynolds, who has been worshipping with us for these last few months, will be preaching in my absence. David Harris Jr. will preach on the other Sunday.

And just as a reminder, the Sunday I return from vacation, October 14, is Crop Walk Sunday. We missed it last year because we had a missions focus that day, but I am sure that we will resume our commitment to the worthy cause of alleviating the effects of hunger and poverty.

As you know, over the summer we held a series of "prayer meetings." One of the outcomes of these services involves the opportunity to enhance the prayer ministries of our church. Although no particulars will be given presently, let me plant a seed about the coming year as a time to focus on prayer, keeping in mind Paul's words in Ephesians 6:18,

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers

and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

I know there are many other things happening in the life of our church and in our community in September. My prayer is for God's blessing upon each of you, and on everything we do and share together.

Blessings,  
-Mark

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

The dog days of summer are long behind us and summer vacations have come to an end for many of us. As the calendar shifts to the final third of 2018, we find ourselves quickly back into our familiar rhythms and routines. Whether revolving around work, school, or relaxation, the month of September will be for many of us a return to a kind of flow that is different than what we have enjoyed during these last few months. September also marks the beginning of the new "church year," a time where we return to the Sunday School classrooms and the non-summer worship schedule.

During the month of September, the youth will host an all-church picnic in the evening on Rally Day (Sept. 9) at Smith Park. There will be games available,

and there will be announcements and information regarding food/snacks/beverages in the upcoming bulletins and announcements. At the end of September, the youth will gather for their monthly youth group meeting at 6:30 PM.

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

**Birthdays  
and  
Anniversaries**



**September**

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

*Please report any errors.*

**Reba Jean Syler**

Long-time member Jean Syler died Sunday, July 29, 2018 in Willow Brook at Delaware Run. She graduated from Fairview High School and received a Business degree from the University of Tennessee. She was an executive secretary for the State Highway Dept. She was a member of the Delaware Business Club, Women's City Club, and past President of The American Legion Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank A. Syler, Jr. She is survived by children,

Deborah Syler (John W.) Johnson of Delaware, Son Douglas Syler of Shiloh, IL, Grandson Isaac Syler, step brother John Davis.

A memorial service will be held at Willow Brook on Saturday, September 22nd at 10 a.m.

**Janet E. (Lutz) Inscho**

Another long-time member Janet Inscho, passed away August 5, 2018. Preceded in death by her husband, Foster L. Inscho Jr.; son, Donald L. Inscho. Survived by daughters, Karen (Scott) Mills, Elaine (Mike) Dever; sons, Mark (Cheryl) Inscho, Tim (Paula) Inscho, Brent Inscho; many grandchildren and great-grand children.

A private graveside service was held Friday, August 9, 2018.

**Volunteers For September**

**Fellowship Time**

- Sept 2 volunteer needed
- Sept 9 Faulk
- Sept 16 Lovell
- Sept 23 Grubbs
- Sept 30 Faulk

**Panera Pick-Up**

- Sept 6 Lovell
- Sept 13 volunteer needed
- Sept 20 Fogle
- Sept 27 Faulk

As you can see, there are some dates needing volunteers. There are new sign-up sheets in the Gathering Place.

**Please volunteer.**

**Fellowship Time**

Please consider signing up to host one of the Fellowship Times after Sunday worship. The focus is fellowship, not feasting. There is no need to bring a large variety of items. Cheese and crackers,

fruit, cookies, or a light snack are great, but not all the above on the same Sunday is needed. Drinks are provided. If you are unable to sign up, please join us any way and share in the fellowship.

**Kid Connection**

Because most of our attending children are too old for Kid Connection, the Board of Christian Education has decided to no longer offer Kid Connection on a regular basis during the worship service. Instead we will have a list of volunteers who will rotate through as the need arises for Kid Connection or Nursery coverage. Please see Pam Faulk to volunteer to be on this list.

**Women's Fellowship**

There were 8 ladies who lunched at Bun's in August. Our September lunch will be on Saturday, September 8 at 11:30.

We will be going to El Vaquero's for lunch. They are located at 33 Wootring Street just behind the McDonald's on South Sandusky. We have invited the ladies of Second Baptist to join us for lunch.

For October we are going to do something a little different. We will not meet for lunch on October 13.

Instead, we will be attending ASPIRE on Sunday, October 14, at the Powell United Methodist Church. This is an event similar to Women of Faith but on a smaller and cheaper scale. The cost is only \$20 if we have at least 10 people going. Please let Pam Faulk know by September 23 if you wish to attend so that she can purchase the tickets. See the bulletin board in the Gathering Place for details.

## Rally Day

Rally Day will be on September 9. We will kick off the year with coffee, juice, and doughnuts at 9:15 in the Gathering Place and then proceed to our classes at 9:30. Remember that this also means that we will be back to "regular" hours on the 9th with the worship service beginning at 10:45. Pat Gosser and Candy Lee will be teaching the Adult I Class. They will be working with the Judson quarterly "Journeys," with the theme "God's World and God's People." Pastor Mark Allison will be leading the Adult II Class. They will start the year with a study of Paul's letter to the Philippians. Larry Faulk will teach the Teen Class. Pam Faulk will teach the Youth Class. Substitute teachers are Candy Lee, Randy Turner, and David Harris.

## Personals

- Chad Myford dropped a full case of milk jugs on his feet recently and broke his foot.
- Matt Lovell visited Dave and MaryLou in July and attended church on July 27.
- Maxwell Lincoln Showalter was born on July 27. He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. Congratulations Emilie and Mike!
- Jim Brown is now home from rehab at Sarah Moore.
- Will Fogle had knee surgery and is healing well.
- Jonathan Allison was here for a few days.
- Pam and Larry Faulk would like to thank everyone for their well wishes as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

- Jane Moore Snyder's sister-in-law Cathie Corder passed away on August 13 in West Virginia. She had been on our prayer list for quite a while. We offer condolences to Jane and her family.

- Ben Geary was recently treated to a ride in the wide-wing Ford Trimotor airplane at the invitation of the pilot.

- Dave Lovell recently had skin surgery on his face.

- Archie Trigg had more eye surgery recently.

- Pastor Mark Allison has been named President of the Delaware Ministerial Association.

## Thank You

Dear First Baptist Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your continuous supply donations to Conger Elementary. We are able to help many students with your generous donations.

Thank you again,  
Josh Page  
Principal

## Mission/Outreach News

The Mission/Outreach Group met on Sunday, August 19th. We discussed the evaluations of the Family Day/Block Party on July 14th from 11a.m. to 2 p.m. on Winter St. It was well attended.

In July we collected school supplies for Conger Elementary School. They were extremely appreciative to receive the following items when we dropped them off:

- 50 headsets
- 4 pencil cases
- 2 bottles of glue
- 12 packages of pencils
- 3 pairs of scissors
- 2 packages of pens
- 1 ruler
- 23 folders
- 26 tablets of paper
- 4 boxes of crayons
- 4 boxes of markers
- 3 rolls of tape
- 37 glue sticks
- 4 hi-lighters
- 4 packs of filler paper
- 3 games
- 15 books to give out at birthdays

## 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
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Jim Brown	Recovery and Rehab
Kilhefner Family	Brother's Health Issue
Will Fogle	Rehab
Archie Trigg	Eye Surgery
Cathie Corder Family	Condolences on Cathie's death
Jean Syler Family	Condolences on Jean's death
Janet Inscho Family	Condolences on Janet's death

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

Undy Sunday was our Mission Focus for August. The box is filling up with new underwear of all sizes ( tee shirts, underwear and socks). Let's make it overflow to have lots to give to the Common Ground Free Store on Central Avenue.

Common Ground Free Store has a Fund Raiser each year which was held on Aug. 11th with food and a fashion show. We contributed \$100.00 to this as we have in the past.

Our September Mission Focus will be People In Need.

Most needed items are:

pork n'beans  
beans (any variety)  
canned fruit  
feminine products  
shampoo  
toothbrushes and toothpaste

If we all brought 2 items a week for September, we would have well over 80 items!

There will be a box in the entry way of the church for your donations.

## **Panera Pick Up Continues**

Thanks to all who continue to go on Thursday evenings to pick up unsold items at Panera so that they can be distributed to Food Pantries and given out at Andrews House. Your support of this has reached many in our community.

## **Brothers All**

The Brothers All have continued to bless us with their music! We are looking for males who want to be a part of this group. Join us on September 16th at 1:30 p.m. Come, sing and praise the Lord!

## **Make a Joyful Noise!**

The choir has been on vacation this summer but now is getting ready to start singing anthems for the fall. Thanks to Linda White, Dave Lovell, Pam Shears, Jennifer Turner, and Randy Turner for their dedication to choir and blessing us with many beautiful anthems last year. If you like to sing, please come and join us at 6:30 on Wednesday nights in the Youth Room. The first choir rehearsal will be September 5th to prepare for Rally Day!

## **Funds Needed**

Increased funding support for our general fund is needed. While we have tried to control spending, our income continues to fall short of our necessary expenses. This shortage is nearly \$200 per week.

Please prayerfully consider increasing your weekly offerings by \$5 - \$15. If everyone gave \$10 more per week, we would meet our expenses.

- Larry Faulk, treasurer