

Good News Letter

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The summer is nearly over. The weather has been beautiful for quite some time now, and hopefully there will be another month or more of bright sunshine and summer breezes. I want to thank all of you who came to the Evening Prayer services this summer, and especially to Mary Lou Lovell for providing the music, which was such an important part of the service. I hope you have all been helped by the Prayer Chest ministry, the times of Open Sanctuary, as well as the Evening Prayers. Look for this prayer emphasis to continue in some way in the coming year.

The coming of a new school year means resuming the regular schedule of Sunday School at 9:30 A.M. and Worship at 10:30 A.M. Rally day is September 8th. The Pastor's Class is going to kick off the year with a look at the Minor Prophets, beginning with Hosea, Joel, and Amos. We will examine the historical context in which they ministered and wrote, and look for insights regarding the meaning of their messages for our time. Sometimes the smaller books of the Old Testament receive less attention than the larger ones like Isaiah and Jeremiah, but they are equally as powerful and important.



Also, it is the tradition of the last few years for the youth to sponsor a "kick-off-the-year" party. The last few years it has been a picnic in the park. This year it will be at the church. At 5 P.M. on September 15th, there will be a ping pong fellowship, along with other games. The central fun will be a table tennis tournament for those who would like to participate. There will be food. Everyone is invited. Anyone who wants to play ping-pong will get the chance. If not, come for the fellowship.

I will be on vacation on September 29 and October 6, as I travel to Colorado for my son's wedding. Mike Reynolds will fill the pulpit. Also be aware that on the evening of the 29th, ABC missionary Jeni Pedzinski will share with us the story of her work at the New Life Center Foundation in Chang Mai Thailand.

There is much to do and think about. I am always amazed at the generosity and support from all of you at our church.

I hope you can enjoy the last few weeks of summer, and enjoy a great Labor Day holiday.

God Bless,
-Mark

Treasurer's Report *shortfall continues*

Income from January through July has fallen short of expenses. The deficit has reached \$6,000. Your prayerful attention to giving is appreciated.

Mission giving for the first half of 2019 is on target to meet our budgeted goals. Contributions to our capital improvement fund allow the fund to grow and be prepared to meet future capital needs.
-Larry Faulk, treasurer

Rally Day

I encourage everyone to make a commitment to attending Sunday school this year. We will begin on Rally Day on September 8. Our morning will begin at 9:15 with pastries, coffee, and juice in the Gathering Place. Sunday school classes will begin at 9:30. Candy Lee will be teaching the Adult I

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Sunday school class and will be using the Judson Journeys quarterly. The theme for September is "God is Faithful." Her substitute is Pat Gosser.

Pastor Allison will again be teaching the Adult II class. He will be focusing on the minor prophets. His sub. will be Randy Turner. Larry Faulk will be teaching the Teen class with Debbie Fogle as his sub, and Pam Faulk will teach the Youth class. Candy Lee will be the sub.

Won't you join us?

-Pam Faulk

Volunteers For September

Fellowship Time

- Sept 1 Lovell
- Sept 8 Ekelberry
- Sept 15 Lee
- Sept 22 Faulk
- Sept 29 Gosser

Panera Pick-Up

- Sept 5 Lovell
- Sept 12 Volunteer Needed
- Sept 19 Lovell
- Sept 26 Faulk

Thanks to everyone who volunteers. As you can see, there is a spot open for September and quite a few more for the rest of the fall quarter. Please volunteer your help and sign up in the Gathering Place.

Marion Association Fall Rally

The 105th annual Fall Rally of the Marion Baptist Association will be held on Sunday, September 22 at the Richwood First Baptist Church at 4:00. Please see the announcement on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place for more details.

International Day of Prayer for Peace

Saturday, September 21 is the International Day of Prayer for Peace. Our sanctuary will be open 9-noon for anyone who would like to come and pray.

Youth Sponsored Picnic Games and Ping Pong Tournament

On Sunday, September 15th, all are invited to join the youth with a picnic in the Fellowship Hall at 5pm. The youth will sponsor a ping pong tournament as well as other games.

Women's Fellowship

There were 8 of us who enjoyed lunch at Bun's last month. On Saturday, September 10, we will meet for lunch at 11:30 at the Corner Cafe at "The Point."

Please let me know if you will attend. There is an interest in once again attending the Aspire conference in October, so please mark your calendars. We will NOT be having our luncheon on October 14, but will instead attend the Aspire conference on Sunday, October 15. Please see me for more details. I need to know by September 22 in order to pre-order the tickets. We get a discount if we buy 10 tickets.

Thank You Notes

• Dear First Baptist Church, On behalf of Turning Point, I would like to thank you for your contribution of \$100 toward our families in shelter and outreach programs. Please know that your involvement makes a very tangible impact on our community, and most importantly, on families in need. It is because of people like you that Turning

Birthdays and Anniversaries



September

- 1 Elijah Showalter
- 3 Alec Ferguson
- 9 Kip & Barbara Smith
- 13 Jerry Palmer
- 14 Marci Cooper
- 22 Calvin & Taylor Turner
- 29 Ian Ferguson
- 30 MaryLou Lovell

Please report any errors.

Point is able to grow and meet the needs and challenges facing our families in the 21st century.

Thank you again for your continuous support - not only to Turning Point and the women, men, and children we serve, but also to building a safe, peaceful, healthy community for our children and grandchildren. Sincerely, Paula Roller, Executive Director

- We received a certificate from Church World Service for our donations through Blanket Sunday and Tools of Hope Sunday. It is on the bulletin Board in the Gathering Place.
- Thank you to all who contributed school supplies for Conger Elementary in July. They were very appreciative. Also a big thank you to all who donated money for gift cards to go to PIN for school shoes for children. \$340 was given.

Personals

> Claire Turner attended Family Camp in West Virginia and is now back in Oxford for her senior year at Miami U.

>Cullen Faulk received his Eagle Scout award on July 25. He is the grandson of Pam and Larry Faulk

>The Faulk family enjoyed a nice visit with Marci Cooper and her children when she spent some time here in July. Ryan and Kate Cooper started kindergarten on August 7.

>Brennan Howe dislocated his knee and has been wearing a brace.

>Ken Shears was recently hospitalized with breathing problems. He thanks everyone for their cards and prayers.

>Pastor Allison's father was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

>Ken and Genevieve Petersons celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with a party at Willowbrook on August 21.

>Sally Williams will have cataract surgery on September 5.

Online Giving?

If you would like to make an offering or donation to FBC, but cannot attend a worship service or would rather not have to write a check and mail it to FBC, you can now make an offering online. Visit our website at FBCDelaware.org and click on the link: "Make an online Offering or Donation."

The link will take you to a page describing the current giving options. Click on the link: "Click Here to make an Offering or Donation Online." On the Donation page you can input an amount that you would like to offer for any or all options for giving.

You can choose to give by credit or debit card, or electronically from a checking or savings account. After entering your name and address, you can process your giving and save your profile to simplify future online giving.

If you need assistance in the process, please contact me at lfaulk01@aol.com or 614-204-1098. Your gifts to FBC are appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

Come Sing With Us! Join the choir

When: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Beginning on Sept. 4th

Where: Youth room at FBC

What: Lift your voice in song to praise the Lord for Sunday worship service

Who: All who enjoy singing

Mark Your Calendars!

Plan on coming to see
Rev. Jeni Pedzinski
September 29
5 P.M.

Bring a very **LARGE** container of your favorite covered dish meal.

6 P.M. Presentation of Jeni's work in Thailand

Rev. Jeni Pedzinski is an American Baptist missionary who has been serving at the New Life Center Foundation (NLCF) in Chiang Mai, Thailand since 2015. Established in 1987, NLCF serves young ethnic minority (tribal) women who are at risk for, or survivors of, human trafficking, forced labor and sexual abuse. With degrees in development and Christian theology, Jeni provides administrative support, Christian discipleship and financial literacy training to NLCF staff and program beneficiaries.

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.
Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Alvin Cox	Health Issues
Raleigh Gosser	Health Issues
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Raeleen George	Health Issues
Steve & Sharon Baker	Health Issues
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's father & sister	Health Issues
Keith 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!



International Day of Prayer for Peace

The sanctuary will be
open for prayer
on Saturday, September
21
9am - noon

**Come,
Spend some time,
Pray**

Mission/Outreach News

The Mission/Outreach Group met on Sunday, August 19, 2019. July's focus was collecting school supplies for those children in need at Conger Elementary School. Thanks to all who generously brought in items. August's Mission focus was donating food to be given to People In Need for distribution. We were asked to help out at this time of year as the supply is low in August. Again, you are filling boxes for others.

We will be giving a check for \$100.00 to Common Ground Free Store for their August fund raiser as we have in the past. Common Ground Free Store on East Central Avenue offers free household items and clothes to those who have had a fire in their home or have another need. In September, our Mission Focus will be Undie Sunday. We will be accepting donations of new underwear of all sizes. This will be given to Common Ground Free Store.

In September, our church will host Rev. Jeni Pedzinski, a missionary

that we regularly support financially. She is an American Baptist missionary who lives Thailand. We are excited that she can come to our church while she is in the U. S. We are going to invite other churches in the Marion Association to join us for an evening of a potluck meal, fellowship, and hearing about Jeni's work at the new Life Center Foundation in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Our next meeting will be right after church on September 22, 2019.

Everyone is welcome to attend and bring ideas.

Thank You!

In July, you brought in school supplies for Conger Elementary. The items were delivered on August 8th and received with appreciation and gratitude. The boxes overflowed with : 2 packages of erasers, 4 packages of pens, 3 boxes of crayons, 20 mechanical pencils, 10 boxes of pencils, 55 glue sticks, 12 boxes of colored pencils, 5 notebooks, 10 composition notebooks, 13 boxes of markers, 38 folders, 5 packages of notebook filler paper, 5 bottles of glue, 2 pencil sharpeners, and a large box of head sets. In addition to all of this, \$340.00 was given for gift cards to be purchased by People In Need and given to those children who qualify. You are a truly amazing giving congregation. There will be many smiles on children's faces and a sense of pride because of all of you. Thank you so much!

Boxes are overflowing with food for P.I.N.

Thank you to all who have added items to your shopping list and bought extra to be given to those in need. As August is a month

when People In Need has a shorter supply of food, we have made P.I.N. our focus for August. Peter White has taken an overflowing box of food items to P.I.N this week. We have one more week to bring food for others.

Panera Pick Up Continues!

Thanks to all have continued to pick up the unsold items from Panera on Thurs. evening, bag them and take them to Andrews House on Friday morning. It does not take a lot of time, and the breads are so appreciated. They are given to food pantries and given to those who come to Andrews House. If you have never participated in helping with this and would like to, talk with Pam and Larry Faulk or Mary Lou Lovell. We would love to have more hands doing this service to others.

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