

Good News Letter

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The waning days of summer approach, leaving ahead some of the best weather of the year; crisp blue skies, cooler temperatures (although there has been little reason to complain this summer), and in time, beautiful fall color. When it comes to the beauty of nature, it is my favorite season.

In the educational arena it means “back to school,” which for those who teach or learn has significant implications for everyday life. We offer a prayer of blessing to all whose summer break is over and who have resumed school-year routines. At church it means a return to regular scheduling, beginning on September 10th, with Sunday School at 9:30 am each Sunday, and worship at 10:45.

Let me take some space to introduce the topic this year for the class that



I teach. In my time here, I do not believe that we have had a discussion about what it means to carry the name, “Baptist.” I am sure most of you have been educated in this regard, though some may not. In any case, it seems good to be reminded.

With nothing more than that goal in mind, my class will begin the year learning again about Baptist history, polity, and distinctive doctrines. Anyone who has questions about such things or is otherwise interested is welcome to attend.

Randy Turner will teach the first two Sundays. I will be taking some time off in September and will be

away on the 10th, which is Rally Day, and the 17th. Rev. Dr. Dwight Davidson will preach in my place both Sundays. I know you all are acquainted with him and will make him welcome.

By the time I return, the autumnal equinox will have come and fall will be official. What a wonderful time of the year.

I anticipate it with Blessings to all,

Mark

Rally Day

Sunday, Sept 10th

9:15 am coffee & doughnuts
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service

All are invited

September Panera Volunteers

- Sept 7 - Grubbs
- Sept 14 - Brown
- Sept 21 - Lee
- Sept 28 - Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering your time. There is a new sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place for the fall quarter. Let's see how quickly we can get all the slots filled.

PERSONALS

- Love Ayinde broke his arm in a scooter accident. He is beginning a new job as a teacher. His parents are moving from Nigeria to Missouri.

- Brennan Howe celebrated his 18th birthday with a party at the church on August 19.

-Deb Lovell is resigning as our custodian as of September 17 since she now has a full-time job at Ohio Wesleyan University.

- Pam and Larry Faulk stayed with their granddaughter Jane while Jeff and Laurie took their other granddaughter Brigid to Notre Dame for the school year. Jane made the varsity volleyball team as a freshman and is even a starter on the team. Their grandson Cullen made it safely back from Philmont Ranch in New Mexico and is now back in school for his senior year at Case Western. Thank you for your prayers for his safety this summer, especially since he had encounters with bears and rattlesnakes.

RALLY DAY

Sunday school classes will begin on Rally Day on September 10. We will begin at 9:15 a.m. on that Sunday with coffee and doughnuts in the Gathering Place. Classes will begin at 9:30. We will be back to our regular worship time of 10:45 on that morning also. The Adult I Class will be co-taught by Candy Lee and Pam Faulk and will use the Judson Journeys curriculum. Pastor Mark will lead the Adult II Class with a discussion of what it means to be Baptist. Larry Faulk will teach the Teen Class, and Pam Faulk will teach the Youth Class. Please plan to make a commitment to attending Sunday school this year.

DISASTER RELIEF

Due to the fires in Hawaii and the present hurricane season, I would like to remind everyone that you can give to the One Great Hour of Sharing for disaster relief at any time during the year. Simply make a note on your check that you would like for a certain amount be given to the OGHS.

Pam Faulk

ABW- Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship met on August 12th with 6 ladies in attendance. Our next meeting will be back to the 3rd Saturday in September on the 16th. Bring your lunch and meet at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Laura Brown

Quarterly Business Meeting Update

At the FBC Quarterly Business Meeting on July 23rd, David Spear was elected to serve as a Trustee. As we look ahead to the next quarterly business meeting in October when we elect officers for 2024, please consider how you might serve. If you would like to be nominated for a board or office, express your interest to our Moderator, Randy Turner.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

Thursday, September 21 is the day set aside as the International Day of Prayer for Peace. Please try to make a concerted effort to pray for peace throughout our world on this day.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



September

- 1 Elijah Showalter
- 3 Alec Ferguson
- 9 Kip & Barbara Smith
- 10 Bob Caulkins
- 14 Marci Cooper
- 22 Calvin & Taylor Turner
- 25 David Spear
- 29 Ian Ferguson
- Evan & Devin Allison
- 30 MaryLou Lovell

Please report any errors.

Mission/Outreach News

Our church outreach for August was to collect food items for People In Need. Thanks to all who filled the basket with food for others!

In July, school supplies were collected for Conger Elementary School students. When I took the items to the school, I was greeted with smiles and gratitude for your contributions. The collection consisted of:

19 notebooks, 232 pencils, 10 boxes of colored pencils, 16 boxes of crayons, 64 glue sticks, 7 pairs of scissors, 2 pencil pouches, 15 folders, 20 pens, 11 boxes of colored markers, 1 pack of notebook dividers, 3` erasers, and 15 packages of notebook paper. The students at Conger will be off to a great start thanks to all of you!

Thanks to those who put money for shoes in the envelopes provided. Just think about the smiles of children when they get a new pair of shoes! We received \$790 for shoes.

Panera pick up continues. Thanks to all who are willing to pick up unsold items, rebag them, and take them to Andrews House on Friday morning.

In September, we will be collecting new underwear of all sizes. We call this Undie Sundays. There is always a need for new underwear at Common Ground Free Store which they give to those in need. Donations are gratefully appreciated.

On September 14th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Common Ground Free Store will have a fundraiser called "Fashion and Fixing." It will be at Ohio Wesleyan University -Hamilton Williams

Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Jay & Caldwell Lovell	Health Issues
Pat Gosser	Health Issues
Jenni Pedzinski and family	Father's stroke
Donna Brown	Health Issues
Peter White	Surgery Recovery
Trigg Family	Continued Prayers

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

Center. Tickets are \$60.00. (See the August newsletter for more details) Reservations are necessary.

There is a newsletter from Sara McCurdy, one of our missionaries, on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place describing her work.

Peter McCurdy is senior pastor in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Sara has been learning her role with International Ministries as a Regional Coordinator for Education in Iberoameria and the Caribbean. She has visited multiple partners in Mexico, while traveling once a month. She traveled to Puerto Rico for the American Baptist Churches USA Biennial Mission Summit. She attended the International Ministries' conference for missionaries. In August, she was to travel to El Salvador and Nicaragua. This fall, she is hoping to begin giving a literacy training seminar to local leaders of the Talita Cumi Girls' Clubs so that leaders can become reading mentors to the girls. There is much more in her letter. Take a look!

Custodian Needed

FBC is seeking to hire a new custodian. Weekly needs include, but are not limited to, cleaning the restrooms, Sanctuary, Welcome Center, Gathering Place, and taking out the trash. Periodic cleaning of classrooms, hallways, and the Fellowship Hall are also expected. If you or someone you know are interested in being considered for the position, please contact Larry Faulk, treasurer, Randy Turner, moderator, or Pastor, Dr. Mark Allison. It is our desire to have a new custodian by mid September.

Choir Begins in September

Come one, come all, who like to sing!

Our first rehearsal will be September 6th at 6:30. According to schedules, we may have to alternate Wed. and Thursday night rehearsals.

History of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

In 1939 newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst advocated a day to celebrate US Citizenship. In 1940 the Congress created "I Am an American Day" to be celebrated in the third Sunday in May. On February 29, 1952, President Harry Truman signed into law "Citizenship Day" replacing I am an American Day. On August 2, 1956, the Congress requested that the president proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as "Constitution Week".

Constitution Day became a national observance in 2004, when the Congress passed a bill designating September 17 as the day for citizens to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution and learn more about our founding document. The chief sponsor, Senator Robert Byrd, Democrat from West Virginia, once said, "Our ideals of freedom, set forth and realized in our Constitution, are our greatest export to the world." He added the Constitution Day clause to his 2004 federal spending bill because he believed that all citizens should know about their rights as outlined in the Constitution. This clause mandates the teaching of the Constitution in schools that receive federal funds, as well as federal agencies.

National Day of Encouragement

The National Day of Encouragement was announced in 2007 and occurs each year on September 12. It is a day to uplift and encourage people to make a positive impact in their lives.

Newsletter Available

The Good New Letter is available in a variety of formats: print, email, or website. The newsletter is printed and distributed to the fellowship in attendance on the last Sunday of most months. It is mailed to those not in attendance and those who wish to receive a paper copy in the mail. Many prefer to receive it electronically via email. Several read the newsletter on our website: fbcdelaware.org. If you would like to be added to the email group or would like a paper copy mailed to you, let me know at lfaulk01@aol.com.

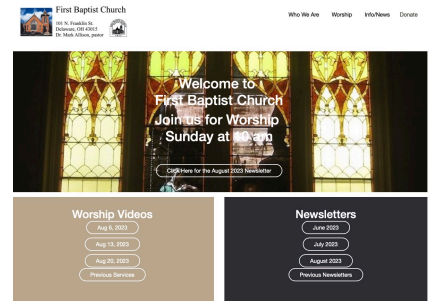
Thanks, Larry Faulk, editor.

New Copier

FBC received a new copier last month which is similar to the old machine, but is brand new and provides an improved quality of printing. The lease is also \$6 per month cheaper than the previous lease.

FBC Website Updated

The home page for our website has been updated to reflect and celebrate our stained glass. Several of the web pages have been updated to include easier



navigation with pulldown menus and extended options. Did you know that the website includes links to videos an/or audio of worship services dating back to 2016. More will be added as time permits.

There is an archive of previous newsletters including the first publication of "The Good News" in 1969. The Bulletin/Order of Worship archive includes copies of most bulletins since 1999. There is a growing collection of Dr. Allison's sermon manuscripts available on the website.

Please let me know about additional content that you would like to see on our website.

Visit fbcdelaware.org to view the changes.



-Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com)

September

2023

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
September Mission Focus: • Common Ground Free Store Undies Sundays		29	30	31	1	2	
10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion	Labor Day 4  Labor Day	5	6:30 Choir Dr Allison on vacation	8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	8	9	
Rally Day 10 9:15 am coffee & doughnuts 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Grandparents Day	Patriot Day 11 National Day of Remembrance	12 National Day of Encouragement	13 6:30 Choir	14 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	15	16 8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans 11:30am ABW Lunch Fellowship Hall	
American Baptist Women's Sunday 17 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Citizenship Day October newsletter deadline today	18	19	20 6:30 Choir	International Day of Prayer for Peace 21 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	22	First Day of Autumn 23 	
9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 4:00 pm Marion Association Rally at Mt. Gilead October newsletter available today	24	25	26	27 6:30 Choir	28 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	29	30