

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

The lyrics of a popular song have this line, "These are a few of my favorite things." The surprise celebration of my 60th birthday featured some of my favorite things; doughnuts, potato chips, M & M's, grits, tenderloin, and Coca-Cola. Thank you for making the day special. As I looked at all of the birthday cards later that afternoon I realized anew how blessed I am to be your pastor. Add that to my list of favorite things.

Another of my favorite things is the trustworthy leadership of FBC. Just before I was to go out of town for a week we were presented with a special opportunity to have a visit from Debbie Kelsey, who with her husband Jim serves as an ABCUSA missionary in Northern Italy. I turned the task of inviting people and arranging the meal over to Betty Porter and Pam Faulk. With little advance warning we were able to have a good group to hear Debbie's presentation. I appreciate the willingness of the ABW group to give up their monthly lunch meeting so more people could be informed about our mission work. Thanks to all who helped make the meal possible. It is our hope to build on that meal

and presentation as we become more active partners with the Kelseys and their ministry.

Yet another of my favorite things is the remarkable generosity of the people of FBC. Just as we were considering new carpet and paint for the sanctuary the heat pump at the parsonage gave up the ghost. As of this writing you have already contributed or pledged enough to meet the cost of the new heating and air-conditioning units at the parsonage. In addition pledges and gifts have been given to cover the cost of new carpet in the sanctuary. We are still working on the costs of painting and renovating the fellowship hall. While all of those demands were being met we also managed to honor our mothers with contributions for Church World Service Blanket Sunday of \$322.00.

The month of June is the time we collect the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. This offering which is collected by several denominations goes to meet human need all around the globe. When I pastored in Oklahoma I saw how quickly this money met needs after our community suffered yet another devastating tornado. We were privileged to be given the opportunity to help people put their lives back

together. Please give generously to help us meet our goal of \$600.00.

Invite your friends to church so they might share in the blessings of this faith community.

Your Pastor,
-Tim Chesser

All Church Family Picnic

Our all-church family picnic will be held on Sunday, June 14 at 11:30 at Blue Limestone Park. Bring beverages, table service, and a dish to share. Don't forget your lawn chairs, fishing gear, and outdoor games.

This is always a great time of good food and fellowship
...hope to see you there!
-Board of Christian Ed

Guest Editor's Note

Thanks to those who contributed to this edition of the newsletter. It is intended to provide timely news for the fellowship. Quality formatting, design, and editing will return next month with the real editor, Jim Stephenson.

-Larry

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June

- 2 Jerry & Lana Palmer
- 4 Patricia Foor
Dwight Davidson
- 8 Pam Faulk
Carol Serviss
- 10 David & Mary Lou Lovell
Aidan Ferguson
- 11 Randy & Jennifer Turner
- 16 Bud & Becky Sykes
- 17 Matthew & Marci Cooper
- 19 Wyatt Cramer
- 22 June Grubbs
- 24 Beth Trigg
- 27 Dwight & Kari Davidson
Jenna Inscho
- 28 Jami Riedmiller
- 30 Jimmie & Jane Moore

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson

Supplies Needed

The Sewing Group is in need of fabrics suitable for lap robes. These can be placed in the store room in the corner of the Fellowship Hall. We also need old sheets which are suitable for "tearing and rolling" into bandages for Haiti. If you have questions please call Jeanne Ekelberry or Evelyn Lee. We meet to work on the first Wednesday of the month from 10am to 2pm. All are welcome to join us. You don't have to sew to help.

-The Sewing Group

Directory Update

- Please delete Pat & Bob Foor's home phone number (using cell phones only). Also Pat's email should be pat.foor@yahoo.com
- Randy Turner's cell phone should be 816-0268

Blanket Sunday

May 10, 2009

In Memory & In Honor of:

Jim and Ann Brown.....In memory of:	Teresa Griffith, Ruth Brown, Edith Hall
	In honor of: June Grubbs
Kathy Chesser.....In memory of:	Jessie Street
Sam Chesser.....In honor of:	Kathy Chesser
Tim Chesser.....In honor of:	Hazel Chesser
Jeanne Ekelberry.....In memory of:	Ethel Trogdon
Geneva Evans.....In memory of:	Ernestine Frost
Pam and Larry Faulk.....In honor of:	Evoleno Cole, Florence Faulk Jean Wickum, Laurie Faulk, Erin Faulk, Pat Rose, Jodi Mustard
Erin and Larry Faulk.....In honor of:	Pam Faulk, Laurie Faulk, Florence Faulk, Evoleno Cole, Jean Wickum
Will and Gabe Fogle.....In honor of:	Deborah Fogle
The Fogles.....In honor of:	Carol Serviss, Mary Lou Lovell
Bob and Pat Foor.....In memory of:	Mildred Foor, Marjorie Shively
Kennedy Family.....In honor of:	Becky Sykes, Marilyn Kennedy
Evelyn Lee.....In honor of:	Barbara Lee, Linda Lee, Marcia Lee
Rick Lee.....In honor of:	Evelyn Lee
Mary Lou and David Lovell.....In memory of:	Rose Vespery, Jennie Lovell, Margaret Morby
	In honor of: Deborah Fogle
Jerry and Lana Palmer.....In memory of:	Mary Helen Palmer
	In honor of: Bernice Turney
Ken and Genevieve Peterson.....In memory of:	Jessie Peterson Amanda MacNeill
	In honor of: Martha Rhodes Dorothy Peterson
Betty Porter.....In memory of:	Blanche Berger Martha Jane Guy
	In honor of: Janet Porter, Jennifer Cramer
Barb Reed.....In memory of:	Katherine Clapper
	In honor of: Cris Riedmiller, Holly Kauf, Katherine Riedmiller, Sharon Baker
Robert and Kathy Russell.....In honor of:	Barbara Hock, Mildred Russell
Jim Stephenson.....In honor of:	Sophia Stephenson
Sykes Family.....In honor of:	Betty Stout, Shannon Kennedy
Claire, Ben, Calvin Turner.....In memory of:	Willa Corder
Randy and Jennifer Turner.....In memory of:	Willa Corder, Freeda Jones
	In honor of: Jane Moore, Tonabell Turner
Jim and Bertha VanBrimmer...In memory of:	Their mothers
Linda and Peter White.....In memory of:	Carolyn Schneeberger
	In honor of: Margaret Seckman

Summer Hours to Begin

We will begin our summer schedule with Morning Worship at 10:00 on June 7th. There will be no Sunday School or Junior Church during the summer.

Trustee Notes

- Beth Trigg has been employed as janitor for the church. Please coordinate any janitorial needs and/or requests with Jimmie Moore.

- The 30 year old heating and air conditioning system at the parsonage is being replaced by Sunbury Plumbing and Heating who provided the “lowest and best” bid of \$3,625 for a Lennox brand system. Columbia Gas will extend the gas line to the house at no charge. There will be an approximate \$500 cost for the gas line plumbing within the house. The air conditioning portion is installed and working. The furnace will be operational when the gas line is completed. Generous gifts and pledges will cover the cost of this project.

- Thanks to Jimmie Moore and Jerry Palmer for filling dirt in around an external corner of the parsonage where it had “washed out”.

-Peter White, reporting for the trustees

Personals

Wil Verhoff graduated from Methodist Theological School in Ohio with a Master of Divinity degree on Saturday, May 23. Wil, his wife, Barbara, and other family and friends were in Delaware that weekend for the graduation ceremony. Wil sends his greetings and said he misses everyone at First Baptist Church.

Rev. Robert Russell was the guest preacher at First Baptist Church of Delaware on May 17 and at Grand Prairie Baptist Church on May 24. On May 24 he felt very blessed to

be able to baptize a young boy and to help a young girl who came forward at the altar call to commit her life to Jesus Christ. He will be the guest preacher at Grand Prairie Baptist Church again on June 7.

Sam Chesser was recently inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national Political Science Honor Society. He was also inducted into Theta Alpha Kappa, the national honor society for Religious Studies and Theology.

Prayer Closet / Meditation Room Now Available To All

Recently preparations were completed for the Prayer Closet/Meditation Room, which is located in the “south vestibule” of the sanctuary. The purpose of this room is to provide a quiet space to commune with God. A Bible, chairs, and kneeling cushions are there for your use. A crucifix, candles, and pictures offer reminders of the One Who will never leave us nor forsake us. We invite you to spend some time with God in this secluded spot, away from all distractions.

America for Christ Offering Exceeds Goal

The America for Christ Offering totaled \$1,021.14. Thanks to all who contributed to this special offering.

Congratulations Grads

Dominique DeBiasio and Calvin Turner are Hayes High School 2009 graduates.

Mission News – One Great Hour of Sharing

A luncheon was held May 21 in the Fellowship Hall to meet Debbie Kelsey and Carol Kuntz. Debbie is a missionary working with English speaking immigrants who are caught in the prostitution industry. This human tragedy is happening in Italy where Debbie, her husband, Jim, and sons live. This couple is involved with urban missions and assist with theological training.

The month of June is for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. The donations you give will help further mission work throughout the world. There is a great need for our support with a goal of \$600. Envelopes are in the pew racks, so I hope you give, knowing your gift will be used to help so many.

*-Carol Serviss,
Mission Coordinator*

Gifts & Pledges Update

Gifts and pledges received indicate that we will have funds to pay for the heating and cooling project at the parsonage as well as the sanctuary carpet. They also suggest that painting the sanctuary (and assembly area) may be possible as well anticipating additional gifts and pledges.

To date, we have received \$4,450 for the HVAC and/or “undesignated”, \$6,731 for carpet, \$2,340 for painting, and \$1,500 for the fellowship hall.

-Larry Faulk, finance

Prayer List

Please give any additions or corrections to a deacon

<u>Church Contact</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason for Prayer</u>
Jane Moore	George Corder	Health Issues
	Cathie Corder	Continued Recovery
	Olivia Langwasser	Leukemia
The deacons	Pam DeBiasio	Health Issues
	Jim VanBrimmer	Health Issues
Jean Wickum	Martha Green	
	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
	Mary & Steve Sealey	Health Issues
The Bakers	Victoria Baker	Health Issues
	Heath Baker	Auto Accident Injuries
The Chessers	Toosie Eggers	Health Issues & Auto Accident Injuries
Evelyn Lee	Mary Tilson	at Willowbrook
	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health Issues
	Florence Faulk	at Delaware Court
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	
Erin Faulk	Kathy Sharp	Cancer Treatments
Lana Palmer	Jack Cooperider	Health Issues
Jule Wilson	Her dad, Robert Wilson	Health Issues
Beth Trigg	Connie Coy	Brain Cancer
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's Health

Thank You!

A big thank you to all who gave on Blanket Sunday, the complete list of contributors is in this month's newsletter. We will also be taking an offering on Father's Day, June 21, 2009 for Church World Service. These offerings were formerly known as "Blanket Sunday" and "Tools for Hope", they are now a part of the Blankets+ Program. If you are not familiar with the ministry of Church World Service, it is an organization that provides emergency relief and helps those in need all over the World. We join with over 8,000 other churches around the country by dedicating offerings to help Church World Service partnership with local communities to build a foundation for a more viable economic future. Some of the ministries include: blankets, tents, food, tools, seeds, water wells, literacy training and microcredit to help impoverished communities recover from disasters and/or build a sustainable economy. While these offerings go to the Blankets+ program, Church World Service also sponsors the CROP walk held each Fall. Thank you for your continued support of Church World Service and the meaningful and necessary services they provide.

*-Randy Turner,
Financial Secretary*

Thank You Very Much!

We want to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who helped Robert throughout the ordination process and made his ordination service so special. Many thanks to all who participated in and attended the ordination service on May 3, those who organized and held the reception afterward, everyone who gave us cards and gifts, and those who were unable to attend but wanted to be there and expressed their congratulations and good wishes. Everything about Robert's ordination day was just perfect! The ordination service itself was very meaningful, and the reception was lovely. We were surrounded by more wonderful friends who came to celebrate with us than we could have imagined! It means so much to us that all of you were there! Robert's ordination was one of the most significant events of our entire lives. We will remember it always with great joy.

*Sincerely,
Robert & Kathy Russell*

Mission Encounters July and August

The American Baptist Churches of Ohio are offering something new this summer--two **Mission Encounters!**

The first Mission Encounter, featuring Rev. Walter White as the main speaker, will be on **July 11 at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Chillicothe, Ohio.**

The second Mission Encounter, featuring Dr. Stan Slade as the key speaker, will be on August 8 at the First Baptist Church of Massillon, Ohio.

Look for additional information in next month's newsletter. Registration forms are available from Rev. Tim Chesser, Kathy Russell (740-362-5465), and ABC/Ohio (www.abc-ohio.org or 740-587-0804).

*-Kathy Russell,
Adult/Leadership Education*