

Good News Letter

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I love Easter when it is late in the season. It gives nature a chance to catch up with theology and bless us with warmer temperatures for Easter egg hunts, with sunshine and green leaves and flowers, with the majestic metaphor of life springing forth from winter's death. A resurrection acted out before our very eyes.

Easter is about new birth, about being born not only into the physical world, but of the Spirit, into the realm of eternity. In 1st Corinthians, Paul writes that immortality must be put on, along with imperishability, like a coat or a shirt or a pair of jeans. Putting on immortality is not a given and is also not a human achievement. It is a gift of God, accepted by faith.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus has a conversation with a man named Nicodemus, in which he introduces the idea of new birth, causing Nicodemus to try, rather comically, and conceive a way for a full-grown person to re-enter his mother's womb in order to come out a second time.

But the clearest biblical presentation of this new life is the resurrection of Jesus itself, presented in the simplest terms by the gospel writers. In

April



He is Risen

Mark it is a simple announcement. The angel said, "He has risen, he is not here, see where they laid him. Go . . . and tell."

There are a few stories about having seen him; Mary in the garden, the disciples on the road to Emmaus, the upper room, and the seaside trip to Galilee while they were all fishing. But the truest story of the resurrection is the way it has enlivened the lives of the believers ever since. We are not told everyone's story, but the stories we are told tell us of lives filled with meaning, convictions that run deep enough to last a lifetime and that overcome objections to faith and the failures of the faithful, a sense of calmness in the face of the world's chaos.

Even 2,000 years later people still experience its power. It is our prayer this Easter for each of us, that its power might be experienced once again, reminding us of God's love, and the gift of eternal life that is higher than all the words we use to describe it.

I leave you with the conclusion of Paul's exposition about resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15:50-58;

"I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of
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Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17
7:00 pm Communion
Youth Room

Good Friday

Friday, April 18
11:00 Stations of the Cross
Noon Service at St. Mary

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship

God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:

'Death has been swallowed up in victory'
Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

Blessings, Mark

April Panera Volunteers

Wed	Thur
Apr 2-Faulk	Apr 3-Faulk
Apr 9-Brown	Apr 10-Brown
Apr 16-Faulk	Apr 17-Faulk
Apr 23-Faulk	Apr 24-Faulk
Apr 30-Faulk	May 1-Faulk

Thanks to all who volunteer. There are many open spots remaining on the sign-up sheet for the rest of spring quarter.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thanks to all who brought their change for the Change for Change offering in March. We were able to send \$169 to the Summer Lunch Program for Delaware children.
Pam Faulk

Thanks for all the encouragement and prayer support the friends at OUR church have given to me always -- in all ways. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian Love.

-Genevieve Peterson

Thanks to all who have kept me in their prayers these last few months. As you know, I lost quite a bit of my hearing in 2005 when I almost died from sepsis. When I had a second extreme episode of vertigo in February, I lost most of the rest of my hearing. I am now waiting for approval for a cochlear implant which may help some. Until then, I am relying on the amplifying device that you may have seen me wear in church. It is not perfect, but it does help me to hear. Things aren't always clear, however, so I may ask you to repeat yourself. Since there are several church members who also have mild to severe hearing loss, I would like to offer some friendly reminders.

-Speak a little more slowly and much more distinctly. Often the problem is more with clarity and not volume.

-Don't try to talk from behind the person or from too far away. Be sure to face the person.

-Don't hold you fingers or hand in front of your mouth when you speak.

-Most of all, be patient.

Thanks,

-Pam Faulk

PERSONALS

- Pat Gosser was a patient at Grady for a few days in March.
- Genevieve Peterson fell and broke her hip. She is now in rehab and healing.
- Pam and Larry Faulk's grandson Cullen Faulk has a new job and is moving to Philadelphia.
- Max Showalter had surgery for his tonsils and adenoids in March.
- On March 24 Calvin and Taylor Turner welcomed new son Cameron Joseph into the world.
- After a bad bout with the flu, Mary Lou Lovell had been having back issues and has missed some Sundays at the organ.
- Jeanne Ekelberry and her family have all been suffering from RSV virus.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



April

- 2 Cathy Reynolds
- 4 Taylor Turner
- 5 Evan Allison
- 10 Lauren Reynolds
- Connor Trigg
- 15 Ray Serviss
- 20 Tammy Ferguson
- 27 Colin Ferguson
- Devin Allison
- 29 Deb Lovell
- Benjamin Trigg

Please report any errors.

- Jeanne Ekelberry's granddaughter Marley Kasser had her art displayed at the Arts Castle for the month of February. Art to be displayed was chosen by the art teachers in Delaware County high schools.

- Pat Lauver has been hospitalized with an infection.

- Jeanne Ekelberry's son John had surgery to remove his bladder after a return of his cancer.

- Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk went on a Disney cruise for Spring Break.

Gabe Fogle Honored

Gabe Fogle was named a North Coast Athletic Conference Men's Tennis Athlete of the Week for the week of March 17. Gabe, a sophomore tennis player on the Ohio Wesleyan University men's tennis team was a double winner as the Bishops continued their spring trip with a 7-0 win over the Kings, helping the No. 1 doubles team to 6-2 win and then winning in a tiebreaker at No. 2 singles. Gabe followed up with wins on Friday. There was more info in an article in the March 19 Delaware Gazette.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

Six women attended our March meeting and did some trivia for Women's History Month. Our April meeting will be on the 12th (second Saturday) so to make traveling, or having company over Easter weekend easier to get ready. Bring a sack lunch and meet us in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30.

- Laura Brown

Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Jenni Pedzinski and family	Father's stroke
Genevieve Peterson	Recovery from injury
Bill & Ann Clemmer	Safety

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

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to all who supported our outreaches in March. You donated to the America for Christ offering and gave your loose change to provide needs for the summer lunch program for children in Delaware.

Thank you to all who are supporting our missionaries, Bill and Ann Clemmer. They are devoted Christians who are dedicated to helping those in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo despite the dangerous times. They bring material needs, meals and education to children and demonstrate the love of God to them. They bring hope to them. Please continue your prayers for their safety and your financial support so they may continue their work.

Easter Offering

On Easter we will collect a special offering to be given to Helpline. Helpline is an agency that assists people who are in crisis to find what they need; food, through People In Need, someone to talk to at Andrews House, someone to help at Family Promise, a place to sleep at Zion Church, or someone at Turning Point women's shelter.

Thank You Bags for Conger Staff

In April, we will bring items to fill the "Thank You" bags for the staff at Conger Elementary School. The bags are presented on Teacher Appreciation Day. The entire staff at Conger works so hard all year long to help children learn.

We will fill 74 bags.

Suggestions of things for the bags are:

Candy

Chocolates

Pencils

Individual packages of chips, cheese and crackers, cookies, fruit chews, dried fruit snacks, individual bags of

pretzels, granola bars

tea bags

Hot chocolate packets

Items can be placed in the box in the front entrance of the church in April.

Please bring items by April 27th.

Panera Pick Up Continues

With all the sickness and medical issues our congregation has had this winter, many devoted people in our congregation have managed to make sure the unsold Panera items have been picked up on Wed. and Thurs. nights, repacked items, and taken them to Willis on Thurs. morning and Andrews House on Friday morning. We are very grateful to you. You are a blessing to others!

People In Need Box

The People in Need Agency provides food to those in need. Thanks to your generosity, the box in the Welcome Center gets full often and food is taken to People In Need for distribution. Thanks to Peter White for delivering it.

Financial Update

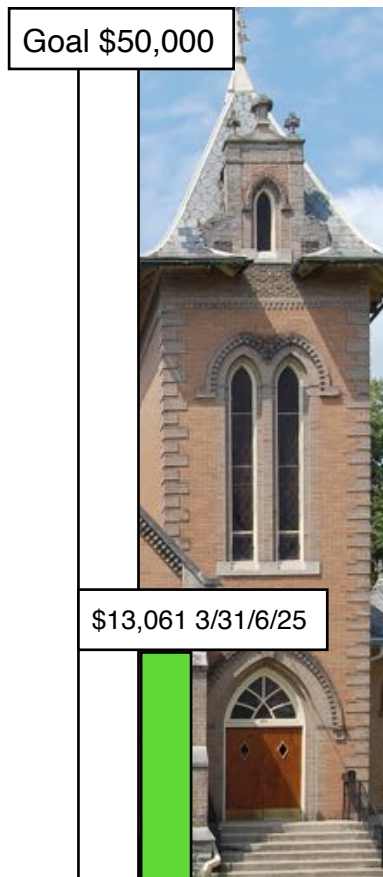
General Fund expenditures for the first quarter of 2025 have exceeded income by \$2,608. Mission giving is on target to meet our annual goals. In March, we met our goal for the America For Christ offering. Your contributions to our operating expenses, missions, and capital improvements are appreciated.

Mission Support

Since Jeni Pedzinski and Sarah McCurdy have left the foreign mission field, we have been examining other missionaries to support. In light of the devastation in Goma, Parish Council has decided to send the \$200 per month that would have gone to specific missionaries to support OHGS - Goma Relief.

Tower Repair Project Update

While we still do not have a definite start date from Durable Slate, we are hopeful that work on the tower will begin soon. The project will include replacing any missing or damaged slates on the upper tower roof and repairing the roof overhang. The slate over the lower portion of the roof will be replaced along with gutters and some painting.



The cost of the project is estimated at \$49,550. We are seeking gifts, donations, and memorial contributions to offset the cost of the project. Our goal is to replenish our Capital Improvements Fund. As of Mar. 31st, we have received \$13,061 for the project. Your pledges and donations are appreciated. You may also contribute online by selecting "donate" on our website: fbcdelaware.org.

Quarterly Business Meeting

Our Quarterly Business meeting will be at 7pm, Wednesday, April 23rd. It will begin with a potluck dinner at 6:30, followed with a brief business meeting which includes updates from Dr. Allison and the various boards and committees of the church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Maundy Thursday Candlelight Communion

On Thursday, April 17th, all are invited to gather at our cross-shaped table in the youth room for our annual candlelight communion. The service includes hymns, scripture, and a homily concluding with communion. This is a service that we enter and depart in reverent silence.

Community Good Friday

The community Good Friday celebration begins with an 11 a.m. crosswalk, followed by a noon worship service at St. Mary Catholic Church.

First Baptist Church






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April

2025

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher Appreciation Bags Easter Offering - Helpline 		April Fools Day 1 	2 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	3 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	4	5
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