

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

A sweltering July afternoon seems an odd time to be thinking about October. However, some of us have been hard at work planning this year's all church family retreat. I want to tell you a little about what we have planned for this year. I also want to challenge you to make this a priority and put it on your calendar now. OSU is not playing a conference game that weekend. Life is about making choices. I am asking you to make a choice about sharing some meaningful time with your church

family. The dates are October 3 – 5. We will gather once again at Camp Christian in Magnetic Springs. It is only a 10 minute drive from the west side of Delaware (new Kroger).

The theme of this year's retreat is Heroes of the Faith. We will have three different leaders. On Saturday morning we will be led by Dr. Diane Lobody of the Methodist Theological School. Dr. Lobody, professor of church history, will help us remember the work of the churches in the Progressive Era. I believe some useful parallels with today's world will occur to us.

On Saturday afternoon we will welcome the Reverend Tim

Mohon, pastor of the Grand Prairie Baptist Church and President of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio. Tim is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He has long had an interest in Baptist history and has served on the board of the American Baptist Historical Society.

He will make a presentation about Baptist heroes.

On Sunday morning our guest presenter will be Dr. Emmanuel Twesigye, a religion professor at Ohio Wesleyan University. Dr. Twesigye is an ordained Episcopal priest,

originally from Uganda. He will be adding to our store of knowledge about the church in Africa.

If all of that is not enough to convince you to save these dates, there is one more thing. Pam Faulk is planning a fun evening for the whole family to kick things off on Friday night. As always there will be games and refreshments on Friday night.

A lot of time and effort has gone into planning this retreat. Help us to make sure the investment offers a good return.

There have been some changes in the cost at Camp Christian. We will provide more details as we get

closer to the date. As always, first time attendees are free. If finances are a problem please check with me. No one should miss this event because of financial considerations.

Invite a friend to church,

Your Pastor,



Retreat News

In a few weeks you will be receiving information and a registration form for this year's church retreat. Our theme this year is "HEROES." It will be slightly different from past retreats because we will have three presenters instead of just one leader.

It came as no surprise to the retreat committee that Camp Christian has raised their prices this year. Because of this, we needed to adjust the cost of this year's retreat. When you receive your registration, you will notice that the cost for the weekend is \$45 for adults and \$20 for children ages 4-10. We have tried to keep the cost as reasonable as possible. This does not even cover our cost of all the meals to the camp, let alone the cost of materials, supplies, and leaders. Last year we were able to include the overnight lodging as part of the total cost. We are not able to do that this year. If you wish to stay overnight in the lodge, the cost will be \$10 per night per person over the age of 10. We will have to pay for the lodge whether anyone sleeps there or not, so



please make use of it if you wish to. As always, we do not wish for anyone to miss the retreat because of financial difficulties. If you need financial assistance in attending the retreat, please speak to Pastor Tim or Pam Faulk. If you are attending the retreat for the first time, the entire weekend is free to you.

– Pam Faulk

Sunday School For Fall 2008

Rally Day is just around the corner on September 7 when we will be back on our regular schedule of Sunday school at 9:15 and the worship service at 10:45. Teachers for this year's classes are as follows with substitute teachers in parentheses:

Adult Quarterly- Tim Chesser
(Larry Faulk)

Adult Study- Randy Turner
(Phil Mercer)

Senior High (grades 9-12)
Erin Faulk (Debbie Lovell)

Junior High (grades 7-8)
Liz Bowman (Vic Fogle)

Juniors (grades 4-6)
Linda White (Lana Palmer)

Primary (grades 1-3)
Sam Chesser (Melissa Mercer)

Pre-school/Kindergarten
MaryLou Lovell (Kathy Chesser)

Nursery (ages 0-2)
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Please notice that we do not have a Nursery teacher yet. If you would like to volunteer for this position, please see Pam Faulk. This is only for the Nursery during the Sunday school hour.

I want to thank all of these members of our church family who have volunteered their time to our Sunday school program.

– Pam Faulk

Attention All Sunday School Teachers

Please remember to let me know about your curriculum by the first of August. Don't forget the teachers' meeting on August 26 at 7:00 at the church.

– Pam Faulk

Introducing Robert Russell

The deacon board met with Robert and Kathy Russell on Wednesday, July 9, 2008 to discuss the possibility of being licensed by our church as the first step toward ordination in the ABC-USA for Robert. As a result of that meeting the deacons will move that he be licensed and that First Baptist serve as Robert's sponsor in the business meeting on July 30, 2008. The deacons hope you will get to know Rob and Kathy Russell and that their experience at First Baptist will be one of support and great fellowship! A short bio for Robert Russell follows.

Robert was born in Morgantown, WV and was raised in nearby Stewartstown. In 1982, at twelve years of age, Robert had his first encounter with God and was "born again" during vacation bible school at Eden United Methodist Church. He continued to attend at Eden and sometimes at Forks of Cheat Baptist Church until he graduated in 1988 from University High School. Robert attended Fairmont State College for one year and then joined the Air Force to help pay for school. He became a command and control specialist with a top secret clearance, serving in Kwang Ju, Korea and at Warner Robins in Georgia. After he completed his enlistment, Robert returned to Morgantown and was baptized by immersion in Cheat Lake on July 23, 1994.

Early in 1995 Robert met Kathy Hock, also from Morgantown. They were married after a whirlwind courtship on Sept. 1, 1995. Robert attended West Virginia University from 1998 to 2001, graduating cum laude with a Regents Bachelor

of Arts with a Religious Studies emphasis. In 2003, Rob and Kathy sold their house and farm to come to Delaware, OH and attend seminary. One

of the reasons they chose MTSO was for the Spouse Program. Kathy has attended (audited) all his classes except the field education with Robert. Graduating May 17, 2008 with a Master of Divinity degree, Robert now seeks ordination in the ABC-USA and believes God is calling him to serve as a chaplain.

First Baptist is privileged and honored to assist Robert and Kathy in their journey to follow God's will. May God richly bless their efforts and may their presence with us be a blessing to First Baptist as well!

– Randy Turner

A Letter from the Coopers

Hi All!

As you may be aware, we have relocated to Indianapolis for the remainder of Matt/Matthew/Coop's residency program. ;)

Here's our new address:
Matthew and Marci Cooper
4918 N Kenwood Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46208

Cell phone numbers and email addresses remain the same.

Hope you are well and enjoying a lovely summer! :)

– Marci Cooper

Trustees Notes

- Since our renter moved out of the old parsonage, several clean-up projects have taken place there. The house has been cleaned out and is empty. All windows have been washed. The gutters were cleaned. Brush and debris was removed from the yard.

A large limb hanging over the old parsonage's roof had to be removed so we can repair several roof leaks, and several branches that hung over the driveway and

touched the house were also removed. The cost by James Tree service was \$421.66.

On Wednesday, July 23, all the carpets at the old parsonage were cleaned by Servicemaster. They came out remarkably well, except for the dining room carpet which needs to be replaced. The total cost was \$183.00.

The trustees are looking for renters.

- The city has finished repairing the storm sewer from the church down to the corner of Franklin Street and Central Avenue, where the sewer empties into a basin under the corner storm grate.

- The state elevator inspector did his annual visit on July 15. The only citation was for a burned-out light behind a button.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Mission Report

Have you felt a little “damp” lately while sitting in our sanctuary? We’ve been showered on quite generously by your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. There are many, many raindrops on the wall – each one denoting an offering of \$10. Our goal was \$600, and to date receipts total \$891.48. Many folks in desperate circumstances will be helped with our donations. God bless you for your generosity.

– Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

A Note Especially for the Women of the Church

This fall the ABC/Ohio Annual Gathering will be held here in the Columbus area at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Women’s Day will be on Thursday, October 16th, 2008. The special luncheon will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$15.

Anne Walcott will be speaking about the Night Light Project. The missionary speaker will be Ruth

Fox, and special music will be provided by Jean Peters

Transportation can be arranged. Please call me if you have questions.

– Jane Moore
363-0234

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart group celebrated the 100th birthday of Aunt Alice Osborne at their July 10th meeting with a cake, candles and “Happy Birthday”. There were 27 present to enjoy a great luncheon and lots of good conversation. Betty Porter read an article from the internet called “A Conversation Between God and Me.” Funny, but thought-provoking, too. This time Jim Brown won the silver heart. Next meeting will be August 14th.

– Jean Wickum

Delaware Community Chorus Scholarship Award

The Delaware Community Chorus annually awards a \$1,000.00 Performing Arts Scholarship to a deserving Delaware County Middle School or High School student. Students apply for the scholarship and are interviewed by a jury of Chorus members. The recipient of the scholarship award must demonstrate an understanding of the importance of sharing their talents with others in some outstanding way for the purpose of promoting the Performing Arts in their community, and report to the jury the way in which they have accomplished this. Additionally, they must share their plans for future involvement with the Performing Arts, including any continued education and professional plans.

As Community Chorus members, Dave Lovell and I are proud to announce that the 2008 recipient of the Delaware Community Chorus Performing Arts Scholarship is Dominique DeBiasio. Dominique will be using the scholarship to

attend the prestigious Interlochen Summer Arts Camp, in Interlochen New York this summer, and to purchase a new violin.

Please congratulate Dominique on her award! Dominique’s outstanding service volunteering her talents in our community and others, and her sheer love of sharing the arts demonstrates that she is clearly the right recipient for this scholarship!

Congratulations Dominique!

– Melissa Neill
*2007/2008 President
Delaware Community Chorus*

Praise Jam 3

Praise Jam 3 will be held August 9th from 12 to 6 at Mingo Park. Ten celebration bands will be performing including the nationally acclaimed, “Chris Bell Band.” This is a family-friendly event offering picnic-style food, puppets and song!

Representing our church in the chili cook-off is Jeanne Ekelberry, and Carol Serviss has agreed to enter the pie baking contest. Prizes will be awarded for first place. Come and cheer on our in-house cooks!

I would love to see our youth attend this event. Since Kristen has moved on, is there someone who would like to volunteer to supervise a group of our teens?

Tickets are available for just \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. All proceeds go to benefit the continuing growth of The Common Ground Free Store.

See me for tickets today! Or call me at 740-816-3491. Hope to see you there!

– Beth Trigg

Musings on America the Beautiful

On the Sunday following Independence Day, our choir’s anthem was “America the Beautiful” (“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”), and the congregation was asked to stand and sing the last verse along

with the choir. For me this was a very moving experience—it was as though we were adding a powerful affirmation to the words the choir had just sung.

This hymn has a special meaning for me—it ought to be titled, “The Patriot’s Prayer.” While the words acknowledge the many blessings we have received as a nation, there is an honest admission that there are yet problems to be solved that require wisdom beyond our human limitations. How shall we lessen the burdens that handicap so many of our citizens in their pursuit of happiness, and how shall we become that uncompromising symbol of hope and justice in our family of nations?

O America, O God, may we truly mend our every flaw; may we one day realize that humble greatness for which we so earnestly pray.

– Jim VanBrimmer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Aug. 3 Ray & Carol Serviss
- 4 Gabriel Fogle
- 5 Bruce & Elizabeth Bowman
- Carrie Trigg
- 7 Jennifer Cramer
- 8 Jim Van Brimmer
- Jean Syler
- 9 Steve Stoner
- 11 Steve & Tammy Ferguson
- 17 George & Chris Riedmiller
- 18 Pam & Larry Faulk
- 20 Spencer Kauf
- 21 Jim Stephenson
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson
- 24 Florence Faulk
- 27 Linda White
- Penny Hagaman
- 28 Pam DeBiasio
- 30 Katie Riedmiller
- Archie Trigg

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the deacons. If you have any additions or corrections, please contact your deacon or Randy Turner.

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
Erin Faulk	Kathy Sharp	Cancer treatments
Evelyn Lee	Mary Tilson	at Willowbrook
	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health Issues
	Florence Faulk	Delaware Court
Phil Mercer	Jerry Mercer	Health Issues
	Judy Mercer	Health Issues
Jane Moore	George Corder	Health Issues (Heart, Diabetes)
	Cathie Corder	Continued recovery
	Olivia Langwasser	Young girl with leukemia
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	
	Richard Reed	Health Issues
Randy Turner	Sara Paullin Casto	Cancer
Jean Wickum	Martha Green	
	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
Marci Cooper	Marc Parulekar	Cancer treatments
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children’s health issues
H. Van Broekhoven	Deborah Van Broekhoven	ABC USA Historical Society

Personals

- Jarrod and Nichelle Trigg’s baby, Benjamin, was dedicated at First Baptist on Sunday, July 6.
- Jane and Jimmy Moore celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a family gathering in West Virginia.
- Fran Cook had outpatient surgery to adjust her pacemaker
- Ray Serviss is receiving therapy at Grady for osteoarthritis
- Former member Colleen Whitacre (who is recovering from a bad fall) visited First Baptist on July 20
- Former members Rev. Ted and Jeannie Stephenson of Indianapolis visited First Baptist

on July 20, and Ted was our guest minister.

- The Turner family attended a family church camp in West Virginia.

Church Directory Update

Please update your copy of the 2008 Church Directory.

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 (Their cell phone numbers and email addresses stay the same.)