

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

How do things become important to us? Recently I played in a charity golf outing that included a meal afterwards. When I sat down to eat I removed my hat and placed it on a



window sill behind my chair. Good manners remind us not to eat while wearing caps. On my way home from the golf course I realized that I had left my hat behind. When I arrived at home I called Mill Creek to see if any of the organizers were still there. I had hoped they might bring my hat back to Helpline. No luck, but they did find my hat and promised to save it for me. Why would I care? The hat was inexpensive, a present someone had found at the Dollar Store. It was from a Memorial tournament that I had not attended. However, it is also my favorite golf hat. Just a week previously I had been wearing the hat when I scored a decisive victory

on the golf course. I cared for the hat because I associate it with some emotional ties.

How does the church become important to us? If we were to close our doors tomorrow would it matter to you? I could have just written off my hat and got another one out of the closet. Would you just write off the loss of the church and move on to another one without much thought? Would you just miss the building, which is one of the

churchiest in Delaware? Would you think about the weddings, funerals, and baptisms you had witnessed here? Would you give a moment to think about all the saints who have sat in these pews for the past 157 years? Could you even remember all the hours you had spent behind these doors? If you had ever heard even the faintest echo of the voice of the living God here could you hold on to that memory?

People, places, and things become important to us in direct proportion to the investment we make in them. As these lazy, hazy days of summer move relentlessly toward fall evaluate your investment in the First Baptist Church. Our future is

only as important as our investment in the present. I retrieved my golf hat today. There is one more thing I forgot to tell you about it. In a little clip on the brim is a ball marker that I received from the Rodman Neepner funeral home a few years back. My golf hat, a constant reminder that you never know what tomorrow will bring.

I close with this invitation from Hebrews 10:24, 25. "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor,

Missionary Speaks at First Baptist

On July 11, our church welcomed the Reverend Dr. James Kelsey as our guest speaker. He told us about the missionary work that he and his wife Deb do in Italy.

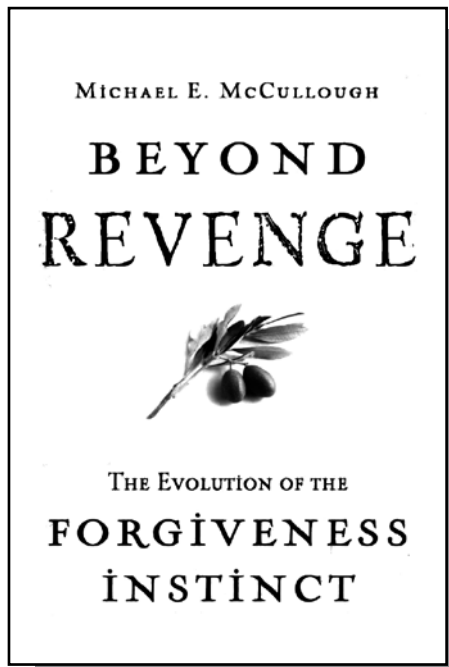
After church we had an ice cream social in the fellowship hall. Ken and Genevieve Peterson made REALLY, REALLY GOOD homemade ice cream for our sundaes. A free will offering of \$155 was given to Jim to take with him to help with their expenses.

A big thank you goes to all who contributed.

– Pam Faulk

Adult Class Book Study

Randy Turner and his Sunday School class will be exploring revenge and forgiveness this Fall. Michael E. McCullough's book *Beyond Revenge* explores revenge and forgiveness in new and challenging ways. He



makes a strong case that both revenge and forgiveness are innate human behaviors. He rejects the disease model casting revenge as the disease and forgiveness as the cure. Come examine his claims and embark on a journey of exploration through the Bible as we attempt to understand how these ancient human capacities for peace and war can be used to make our world a better place.

–Randy Turner

Second Friday Update

Second Fridays continue to be well attended. The June gathering was the largest ever.

Kathy and Tim Chesser, Jeanne

PRAYER LIST

This list is prepared by the Deacons.

Please send changes to Larry Faulk (Lfaulk01@aol.com)

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
The Deacons	Pam Debiasio	Health Issues
	Evelyn Lee	Health Issues
	Wasielewski family	Condolences
	Sophia Stephenson	Health Issues
	Jean Osborne	Health Issues
	Nancy Snook	Health Issues
Jane Moore	George Corder	Health Issues
	Cathie Corder	Continued Recovery
Jean Wickum	Martha Green	–
	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
	Mary & Steve Sealey	Health Issues
Evelyn Lee	Mary Tilson	At Willowbrook
	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health Issues
	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	Health Issues
Lana Palmer	Judy Overly	Health Issues
	Wayne's wife, Harper	Cancer Surgery
Bob Foor	Kay Kern	Cancer
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's Health
	David Sander (her uncle)	Health Issues
	Wendell and Suzanne Diehl (her grandparents)	Health Issues
Marci Cooper	Sue Newman	Support in caring for her dad
	Dave and Amy Daniels	Infant twin daughters with health issues
Beth Trigg	Her Aunt Caroline Walker in Florida	Health Issues
Debbie Fogle	Walter Grace	Health Issues
Robert Russell	His mother in West Virginia	Dementia
Larry, Pam and Erin Faulk	Marilyn Moore	Breast Cancer

Ekelberry, Barbara Reed and Pam Shears have recently represented us as Greeters and Mixers. We will be serving in that capacity again in August and September. If you'd like to take a turn, please let me know.

Our church will be providing apple pies for the September 10th dinner. We will need 12 nine-inch pies at \$9⁰⁰ each. Those wishing to help

with the pies may give me the money and I will order, pick-up and deliver those pies. Our guests always look forward to deserts.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Second Friday Program.

– Evelyn Lee
362-9107

Do One Thing

Sometimes we think we have to do big things to make a difference in the world. But the little things can be really important too. Challenge yourself to do one thing to make a difference this month. Here are some suggestions, not in any particular order.

1. Pray for a friend who has moved away.
2. Attend the church retreat.
3. Donate old towels and blankets to an animal shelter.
4. Help at Second Friday dinner at Andrews House.
5. Be a mentor.
6. Take some fresh veggies, fruit, or flowers to a neighbor.
7. Seek out people who make you laugh.
8. Pray for someone who is new to your area.
9. Share yourself with our young people.
10. Use less water.

– Pam Faulk

Retreat! Retreat! Retreat!

The retreat committee has been planning a fun retreat for this year. The retreat is like a vacation for our church family. You would not want to be part of a family that went on vacation without you. You will be greatly missed if you do not attend. Look for more details next month.



– Pam Faulk

Tools of Hope

Thank You First Baptist! We contributed \$335 to Church World Service on Father's Day (June 20). Your donations will help Church World Service provide help and relief to those struggling in poverty and recovering from disasters, a wonderful way to honor the men that have influenced our lives!

– Randy Turner, Financial Secretary

GIVERS AND THEIR DEDICATIONS

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| Anna Brown, in honor of Bruce Bowman and Jim Brown | David and Mary Lou Lovell in honor of Ray Morby, Rich Lovell, Randy Morby, Vic Fogle, and in memory of Dr. Robert Lovell, A. George Cray, Jay L. Lovell |
| Kathy Chesser, in honor of Wynson Hope | Phil and Melissa Mercer, in honor of Jimmie Moore, Jerry Mercer, Michael Mercer, Alex Irwin, David Irwin, Calvin Turner, Ben Turner, and in memory of Nathan Corder, James C. Moore, Ivan "Bill" Mercer, Clayburn Happeny |
| Sam Chesser, in honor of Tim Chesser | Jane Moore, in honor of Jimmie Moore |
| Tim Chesser, in memory of A. G. Chesser | Jim and Jane Moore, in honor of Phil Mercer, Randy Turner, and in memory of James C. Moore, N. G. Moore |
| Jeanne Ekelberry, in memory of Hewlett Trogdon | Jerry and Lana Palmer, in memory of their fathers |
| Erin and Pam Faulk, in honor of Larry Faulk | Ken and Genevieve Peterson, in memory of Ebert Peterson, Vernon Mac Neill |
| Pam and Larry Faulk, in honor of Jeff Faulk, and in memory of Ralph Cole, Donald Faulk, Laurie Faulk, Paul Stewart, and Wilbur Wickum | Betty Porter, in honor of Joe Mowery, and in memory of Ralph E. Guy |
| Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle, in honor of Vic Fogle, Dave Lovell and Ray Serviss | Pam Shears, in memory of Gene Lathrop |
| Barbara and Kip Smith with Vic, Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle, in honor of Dave Lovell, Ray Morby, and in memory of Will Fogle | Archie and Beth Trigg, in memory of Anne Linn, Archie L. Trigg |
| Bob and Pat Foor, in honor of Bob Foor, Mark Foor, Curt Gilligan, Jonathan Nolan, and in memory of Albert Foor, Daniel Shively | Randy and Jennifer Turner, in memory of N. G. Corder, James C. Moore, Adren Jones, Audy Turner |
| Carol Grubbs, in memory of Charles Brown | Jean Wickum, in memory of Wilbur Wickum, Lloyd Mead Jr. |
| Lisa Lawrence, in memory of John Matthews | |
| Evelyn Lee, in honor of Rick Lee, Douglas Lee, and in memory of Dick Lee, Bruce Lee | |
| Mary Lou Lovell, in honor of Victor Fogle, Dave Lovell | |

Personals

- Jane Moore was hospitalized at Grady with chest pains, but they didn't find anything wrong.
- Liz, Emily, and Sarah Bowman participated in the 5K for Lifeline of Ohio in memory of Adam Wasielewski, who recently died from an auto accident.
- Lori Brummett, sister of Jodi Lynn Hagans (who served as our pastor in the 1990s) has died. The funeral will be at Cherry Hill Baptist Church in Michigan. We extend our sympathy to Jodi Lynn and her family.
- Matt and Marci Cooper traveled to South Africa for two weeks and attended some of the World Cup games.

- Matt and Marci Cooper will participate in the SIDS Awareness Walk on July 31 in Columbus.
- Dave, Mary Lou, and Matt Lovell; Vic and Debbie Fogle and the boys; Kip and Barbara Smith; and Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk all spent the Fourth of July weekend at Lakeside. The Lovells and the Fogles stayed for the whole week. A good time was had by all.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.