

# Good News Letter

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On the way to Omaha for the Biennial I had some time to kill (check-in time was 3pm and I was running early), so I stopped in St. Joseph, Missouri to look around. I had never been there even though it is in my home state, way up in the northwest corner.

I was surprised by the size of the city. There are more than 70,000 people which call it their home. There were beautiful houses and churches and even a few tall buildings. The city overlooks the Missouri River about sixty miles north of Kansas City. It is the home of Missouri Western University, and is famous for being the eastern terminus of the Pony Express (the Pony Express Museum is there). And it was the home of Jesse James, of all people, at the end of his life. It is the place where he was killed. Wikipedia says it is a, "thriving town."

There isn't much else around. Other than Kansas City, one must go at least 130 miles, or in some



directions, *several hundred miles* to reach a city of any size. William Street, that is, Highway 36, goes through St. Joe, as it is called, along with Springfield, Illinois, Hannibal, Missouri and later Center, Kansas, which is the actual geographical center of the United States, and then on to Boulder, Colorado. On the entire 536 mile journey from St Joseph to Denver, there is no town bigger than 3,000 people. The road is amazingly straight. Someday, on one of my journeys, I plan to take that route either on the way or the return.

It felt like the drive from Denver back to what for me is civilization took forever. Most of the way, the speed limit was 75 mph and I can't imagine going any slower. The car seemed to float over the terrain.

All of this is just to say that it was good to be away but also very good to be home. I look forward to the next couple of months, the living out of the waning days of summer, the hymn sing on August 10th, the return to regular scheduling in September, which coincides with my tenth anniversary as your pastor, and the Fall Rally.

I pray that where the road takes you this summer, you will all be blessed, that there will be interesting diversions along the way, and that Christ is met on every road and in every destination.

Consider the familiar words of Proverbs as a final thought:

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy *paths*."

**Blessings, Mark**

## August Panera Volunteers

<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thur</b>
Aug 6-Grubbs	Aug 7-Open
Aug 13-Grubbs	Aug 14-Open
Aug 20-Open	Aug 21-Faulk
Aug 27-Gosser	Aug 28-Faulk

Thanks to all who volunteer. As you can see, there are still several opportunities open in August.

## PERSONALS

-Mary Lou Lovell recently traveled to New York and Massachusetts to visit family.

-Erin Faulk took a 2-week cruise to Canada, Greenland, and Iceland in July.

-Candy Lee's son Tim has moved to Delaware with Candy. He is currently receiving dialysis and awaiting a kidney transplant.

-Pam Faulk recently had surgery to install a cochlear implant.

-Former member Donald Brown recently passed away in Florida. Donald was a brother to Carol Grubbs and twin brother to Donna Brown.

-Connor Trigg will attend Ohio Wesleyan in September.

## AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

Summer has arrived like a furnace. July 19th was attended by members with a "cool head". Our next meeting will be August 16th. Please bring a sack lunch and meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30. We will have fellowship sharing vacation joys, concerns and plans for the upcoming Fall!

- Laura Brown

## Hymn Sing / Pizza Party

On Sunday, Aug 10th at 4 pm, all are invited to join in the sanctuary for a Hymn Sing featuring your favorite hymns. If you haven't filled out a request with your favorite hymns, there are hymn slips in the Welcome Center. After the hymn sing, we will share a pizza party in the Fellowship Hall.

## Mission/Outreach News

### News from the Clemmers

Greetings to all,

We wanted to share this update with you. We're in the US. Bill has knee surgery (7-25), then we look forward to heading back to Goma. The situation remains serious, but God is faithful.

On a personal note, our newborn twin grandsons (Jasmine) who came 10 weeks early are now up to 5 pounds and should be released from the NICU mid-August.

In His love,  
Ann

Please continue your prayers for Bill and Ann Clemmer and all the young people they serve.

## School Supplies for student at Conger Elementary

Thanks to all who have been filling the basket with school supplies for children in need of them at Conger Elementary School. The school supplies will be delivered in August for them to have as they begin a new school year.

Thanks to all who have donated money to buy new shoes for students in need. Imagine the smiles on their faces when they start the year with comfortable new shoes.

## Undies Sundays in September

As you shop this month please look for underwear of all sizes! Underwear is always needed at Common Ground Free Store. The new underwear will be given to Common Ground to help those who have circumstances that prevent them from purchasing necessities.

In September, please bring in new underwear to fill the basket in the entry way of the church.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### August

- 8 Kate Cooper  
Ryan Cooper
- 11 Steve & Tammy Ferguson
- 13 Jake & Claire Pierce
- 17 Andrew Smith
- 18 Larry & Pam Faulk
- 20 Brennan Howe
- 23 Bev Cox  
Grace Allison
- 24 Ken Shears
- 27 Linda White
- 30 Archie Trigg

*Please report any errors.*

## Panera Pick Up Continues

Thanks to all who continue to pick up unsold items at Panera, rebag them, and take them to Willis School and Andrews House. These items are a blessing to those in our community. Let Deb Lovell or Larry Faulk know if you can help with pickups and deliveries.

## People In Need

Many thanks to all who continue to bring shelf stable items in and put them in the basket in the entry of the church. Food is needed throughout the year for many in our community, but we are focusing on PIN for August.

## Financial Update

At the end of the second quarter of 2025, our expenses have exceeded our income by \$2,749. Giving for missions continues to be on target to meet our goals. We have reached our goal for the special offerings of America for Christ and One Great Hour of Sharing. We have received generous offering to our Capital Improvements and Memorial Funds. Copies of the financial report are in the Welcome Center. -Larry Faulk, treasurer

## HVAC Projects

The air conditioning unit at our rental property on Congress Ct. failed recently. It was determined to replace both the AC and the furnace at the same time at a cost of \$9,137.

The HVAC unit that serves Dr. Allison's office has also failed and is in the process of being replaced at a cost of \$4,500.

## Prayer List

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

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

Condolences to the Brown, Grubbs families on the death of Donald Brown

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

## FBC History / Historical Special Services

I have made copies of several of our FBC historical documents and programs of historical special services which I have added to our website. Visit our website at [fbcdelaware.org](http://fbcdelaware.org) and click on FBC History or on Historical Special Services to view some of them. 50th, 75th, and 100th year anniversary items are included as well as a tribute to our first parsonage and 25th and 40th anniversary celebrations of pastor J.B. Stephenson.

If you have other significant historical documents in your personal collection that I can copy and include, I would appreciate it. -Larry Faulk

## Interested in Membership?

There are several ways in which you can join our fellowship:

- 1 - By profession of faith and baptism
- 2 - By a transfer from a sister Baptist congregation
- 3 - By a statement of faith from other Christian faith traditions

We are mindful that some who wish to be a part of the FBC family life may not be interested in formal membership. Please don't feel any pressure. For those who are interested, mention it to Dr. Allison, and he will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Then in a worship service where there can be a formal affirmation, we will present your decision to join.

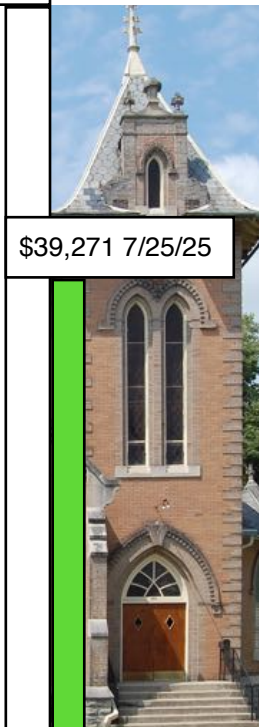
## 1897 Bulletin

I have been adding copies of our Worship Bulletins to our website. The oldest bulletin that I have found in our files is a bulletin from October 3, 1897 which was the dedication service for the rebuilt church. There are bulletins from most years from 1939 going forward.

If you have access to any of our missing bulletins, let me know and I will make copies for the website.

Visit our website: [fbcdelaware.org](http://fbcdelaware.org) and click on "View Bulletins" to explore them. - Larry

Goal \$50,000



\$39,271 7/25/25

### Tower Repair Project Update

We are expecting Durable Slate to begin work on the tower soon. The project includes 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 July 25th, we have received \$39,271 for the project. Your pledges and donations are appreciated. You may also contribute online by selecting "donate" on our website: [fbcdelaware.org](http://fbcdelaware.org).

### Tools of Hope Sunday 6/15/2025 Dedications

Given by:	In memory/honor of:
Laura Brown	In honor: Richard Brown
Darlene Caulkins	In memory: Robert Caulkins
Erin and Pam Faulk	In honor: Larry Faulk
Larry and Pam Faulk	In honor: Jeff Faulk
	In memory: Ralph Cole
	Donald Faulk
	Jim Faulk
	Bill Faulk
	Ron Rose
Pat Gosser	In honor: Chad Myford
	Randy Gosser
	In memory: Raleigh Gosser
Carol Grubbs	In memory: Charles Brown
	Fred Grubbs
	In honor: Jim Brown
	Ted Stephenson
Jay and Joyce Roberts	In memory: Allan J. Roberts
	Rosford Jones
Pam Shears	In memory: Gene Lathrop
Jane Moore Snyder	In honor: Jim Snyder
	In memory: Jimmie Moore
Jennifer Turner	In honor: Randy Turner
	Calvin Turner
	Ben Turner
	Jake Pierce

### Directory Update

Pat Gosser / Chad Myford  
 2000 US 23, North, Lot # 79  
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# August

2025

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor  
 Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed		
10:00 am Worship Service						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
4:00 pm Hymn Sing / pizza party	5:30 Deacons		8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed		
10:00 am Worship Service						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed	8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk		8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans 11:30 am ABW Lunch In Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 Board of Christian Education						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
September newsletter deadline			6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser	7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk		
10:00 am Worship Service	September 1	2	3	4	<b>August Mission Focus:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People In Need (PIN)</li> </ul>	
September newsletter available			8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed	8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed		