

Good News Letter

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Under the canopy of summer trees comes the days of August. The evenings begin to cool and the sunsets arrive a little earlier; some of the best weather of the year offers a peaceful setting for reflection about life with God, and a time of gratitude for the gifts of nature. And other gifts too.

My sister in Texas called the other day. She had received a call from one of her high school friends, who happens also to be the sister of one of my high school friends. He wanted my phone number to see if I wanted to meet in St. Louis with another friend, also from high school, someone who I had searched for, but had been unable to find. I said that it was okay to give him my number. As of yet, neither has called, but even the prospect of re-connecting with old friends after forty-five years is a blessing.

Jim Prentice showed up at the church the other day as well. He was the treasurer of



the Ohio Baptist Education Society (OBES) a few years ago, back when I served a couple of terms on its board of trustees. He is a member of the Market Street Baptist church in Zanesville.

He came by because he is working on a project to photograph churches of ABC/OH in preparation for its 200th celebration later this fall. He was driving around to all the churches in the Marion Association and I just happened to be in when he stopped by. We went to Buns for lunch. It was a blessing to spend time with a newer friend.

I mention this also because it brings up the bi-centennial, just in case anyone is interested in participating in the festivities. The meeting is in October, on Tuesday and Wednesday the 6th and 7th. The location is at the

Cherry Valley Motel which is between Granville and Newark. You can drive over for a day or part of a day, or spend the night. Let me know and I will provide more detailed information.

And don't forget about the hymn sing on August the 2nd, which is right around the corner. It is at 4pm, and will be followed by an ice-cream fellowship.

Okay, they both did call, at the same time. It took hours to even begin catching up.

Anyway, I hope all of you have a beautiful August and many blessings along the way as the weather of summer begins to fade into autumn.

- Mark

Hymn Sing
August 2 at 4pm
followed with ice cream

Aug Panera Volunteers

Wed **Thur**

Aug 5-D/M Lovell Aug 6-D/M Lovell
Aug 12-Lee Aug 13-volunteer
 needed
Aug 19-Brown Aug 20 -Brown
Aug 26-Grubbs Aug 27-Faulk

Thanks to all who volunteer their time.

PERSONALS

-Pastor Mark took a vacation in July and visited family in Missouri and Colorado.

-Dwight Davidson filled in for Pastor Allison on July 12.

-Pam Faulk is recovering from spine surgery. She thanks everyone for their prayers, cards, and messages of encouragement.

-Randy and Jennifer Turner vacationed with Calvin and Taylor Turner and their children.

-Sam Chesser attended our worship service on July 19.

American Baptist Women

The ladies of 1st and 2nd Baptist took on the Solar Express on July 18th and celebrated Christmas in July. 12 ladies sang carols, ate lunch, laughed and played games.

Our next meeting will be August 15th in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30. Pack a lunch and join in for the fun.

- Laura Brown



David Spear

David Spear passed away on July 17th, 2026. David was a recent member of FBC and served as a trustee. Memorial arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Hymn Sing

There will be a Hymn Sing at 4pm on Sunday, August 2nd, followed with ice cream. Come and join in singing hymns in praise to God!

Mission/Outreach News

School Supplies for Conger Elementary School

During the month of July, school supplies were purchased by our congregation and put in the basket in the Welcome Center. Many parents have a hard time being able to purchase the school supplies for their children. Our congregation also gave money to go to Andrews House to purchase gift cards to be used to get new shoes for children needing them. The beginning of school (in August) is such an exciting time for children. Thanks to all who have provided these needs and brought smiles to the parents and children's faces.

People In Need Basket

Our mission focus for August is providing shelf stable goods for People In Need. Year round the congregation puts food items in the basket in the Welcome Center. Peter White delivers these goods to People In Need. In August, with people being on vacations, the shelves of donations at People In Need are needing many items. When you go grocery shopping, think of an item or 2 or 3, that you can purchase, say a prayer for the person that receives it, and put it in the basket for People In Need.

Suggestions:

dry cereal, peanut butter, dried fruit, energy bars, pasta, tuna, tuna helper, crackers, canned fruit, pasta sauce, soup, precooked rice, rice, canned vegetables, packets of precooked chicken and salmon, stew, mac and cheese

Birthdays and Anniversaries



August

- 4 Gabe Fogle
- 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
- 26 Ian & Marissa Ferguson
- 27 Linda White
- 30 Archie Trigg

Please report any errors.

Undies Sundays

Looking ahead to September! We will be collecting new underwear of all sizes to give to Common Ground Freestone. Each year when I take the items that you have given, the workers are so happy to see the many sizes of underwear! They are grateful as new underwear is always needed and is not one of the most donated items. Those that receive the underwear are very grateful as well.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thank you to ALL who volunteer to pick up unsold items from Panera! If Panera does not have a place to donate the items, they are thrown away. People are blessed by what is collected and they can receive from the Willis School and Andrews House. If you can help to pick up the items at Panera on Wed. or Thursday night at 8:45 p.m. please talk with someone on the list that is in the Gathering Place. Any of them can tell you about it. Items are picked up and rewrapped with plastic bags provided.

The Wed. items are picked up and delivered to Willis School (United Way) on Thursday morning. The items picked up on Thursday night at Panera are taken to Andrews House on Friday morning. If you would like to help with us, please talk with Larry Faulk.

Our Missionaries

Bill and Ann Clemmer are in the U.S. this summer. Please continue to pray for them and all the people that they continue to minister to in Africa.

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
Bill & Ann Clemmer	Safety
Tim Lee	Health Issues
David Salyer	Health Issues
Connie Roberts	Health Issues
Ray Serviss	Health Issues
Condolences to the Spear family on the death of David	

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

Financial Update

During the second quarter of 2026, our income fell short of expenses by \$4,095. Part of the shortfall was due to no longer receiving rent from the old parsonage. Fortunately, since we had received a substantial gift to the general fund in January, we have finished the quarter slightly in the green.

Mission giving is on pace to meet our annual goals and your generous contributions to memorials and capital improvements is helping to rebuild those funds.

Copies of the Financial Report are available in the Welcome Center.

- Larry Faulk, treasurer

Parsonage Endowment

Funds from the sale of our old parsonage are currently in our Money Market account at the bank. The finance committee is exploring investment opportunities that will preserve the investment with proceeds to support the pastor's housing allowance as well as provide a growth of funds toward future projects.

Directory Update

Kip & Barbara Smith and family
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Hoover, AL 35244

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August

2026

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor
Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion 4:00 pm Hymn Sing / Ice Cream2	3	4	5 8:45 Panera Pickup - D. & M.L. Lovell	6 8:45 Panera Pickup - D. & M.L. Lovell	7	1 8
10:00 am Worship Service9	10 5:30 Deacons	11	12 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	13 8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed	14	15 8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans 11:30 am Women's Lunch -Fellowship Hall
16 10:00 am Worship Service	17	18	19 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	20 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	21	22
23 10:00 am Worship Service Sept newsletter deadline	24	25	26 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	27 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	28	29
30 10:00 am Worship Service Sept newsletter available	31	September 1	2 8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed	3 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	Aug Mission Focus: • People In Need	