

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

We had a special moment in worship a couple of weeks ago. As Steve Yang was telling us about his plans for his last Spring Break Mission trip in 2008 he said the only family he had in Ohio was his church family. Steve has been attending FBC since his freshman year. It is hard to believe that in just over six months we will be saying goodbye as Steve graduates and goes on to medical school. Be sure to look on the bulletin board for a print out of an article about Steve that appeared in an Ohio Wesleyan University electronic publication.

When we think about sojourners who are helped by strangers our attention is drawn to the advent and Christmas season. The Holy Family would encounter many as they anticipated the birth of the savior. Some were helpful, some not. Let us make sure that our hearts are open to others during this season. As we worship in December our services will revolve around the themes of Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy. Advent and Christmas at FBC is about the coming of the light of God into the world. From the lighting of Advent candles every week to our candlelight communion on Christmas Eve we will be bathed in the light. Please plan on being at every service and invite your friends.

Word arrived by email this week that Jarrod, Nichelle, and Jackson Trigg will be back in town during December. We look forward to hearing exciting tales of their new

life in New Jersey. The Davidsons will also be visiting from Japan.

December is also the time when we remember the services of our retired ministers and missionaries by taking up the annual Thank You



## December

offering. Our goal this year is \$600.00. Our own Sophie Stephenson is featured in a national publication promoting the offering. Please give generously.

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge toward next year's budget.

Have a blessed Christmas season. Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor,

## Children's Christmas Program

Please join us on December 16th as we celebrate Christmas with the children of the church. During Sunday School Opening, we will have our birthday party for Jesus followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall. During the worship service on the 16th, the children will present the musical, A Shepherd's Story. Kirsten and the children have been working hard on the costumes, set, music and lines for this performance. Hope you'll all attend and show your support for all of their hard work!

— Liz Bowman

## Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to join us for our annual Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 9. We'll meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. and will visit our shut-ins. We'll be singing familiar carols that everyone knows, and will be done by around 8:00 pm. Hope to see you then.

— Jim Stephenson  
Choir Director

## Christmas Offering

The Christmas offering envelope will be donated to Second Friday's at the Andrews House.

— Larry Faulk

## Mary Helen Richards

Mary Helen Richards, 90, died on Nov. 17 at Willow Brook Christian Village in the presence of her two sons.

Mary Helen and her husband John (who died last year) had formerly been members of First Baptist. Mary Helen taught Sunday School here for many years and was active in the ABWM.

Mary Helen was a gourmet cook and cultivated a renowned asparagus garden and a small orchard along with growing herbs and flowers. Both she and John were particularly fond of Colorado and made many numerous trips out West to visit their sons. They also enjoyed traveling in Europe.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Delaware Child Study League, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, The First Baptist Church, Outlook Club and the Sarah Moore Home Board.

Later in life, she endured poor health with grace and dignity, and was admired for a sweet disposition in the face of her physical adversity.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Jon and Kathy Richards of North Bend, Ore., and Jeffery and Carolyn Richards of Denver; one grandson, Cameron; three granddaughters, Alison, Laetitia and Nathalie; one sister, Lou Ann Heinrichs of Greenville; numerous nieces and nephews; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, on Sept. 11, 2006.

A memorial service was held at Willow Brook Christian Village, with the Rev. Charles Wilson Jr., officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Willow Brook Christian Village.

## People In Need (PIN)

The 1st Sunday of December is designated for our PIN basket contributions.

## 2008 Church Directory

It's time to update the Directory for 2008. Please check your address, phone numbers, and email addresses in the directory and forward any changes to one of the deacons during December. Also, please see Dave Lovell or Larry Faulk to "update" your photo.

– Larry Faulk

## Parish Council

The combined November/December Parish Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on November 27th at the Palmer residence.

– Jerry Palmer

## Andrews House Needs Help with Christmas Bazaar

Don't forget the Andrews House's annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday, Nov. 30. The one thing we are a bit short on right now is volunteers. We need 1 to 2 cashiers in the afternoon and 3 to 4 greeters. These volunteer positions are all for 2 to 3 hours shifts between 10 am and 6 pm. Please call me at 740-369-4520 if you're interested..

– Kendra Carlson  
Andrews House

## Mission Moment

Our World Mission Offering was very successful again this year. We received \$817.57. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

And once again it's time to remember the saints and servants of our denomination. The RMMO will be received during the month of December. This is a tangible way we as an American Baptist congregation can honor retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses. This offering provides emergency and other financial assistance, based on financial need; and Thank You checks to over

## January Newsletter

The January newsletter will be available on Sunday, January 6, which is **one week later** than our usual schedule. (This is so I won't have to work on it during Christmas week.)

The deadline to submit articles will be Sunday, Dec. 30.

– Jim Stephenson, editor

3,000 recipients, based on 15 or more years of ABC service.

Our own Sophia Stephenson is featured in this year's promotional material as a recipient of a Thank You check each year. She wrote, "I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for the Thank You check. I have had a lot of medical expenses this year and the check has helped me pay some bills. God bless you."

When we know our contribution is used for such worthy recipients, it makes the giving much easier. Our goal is \$600.

Children will be receiving their offering boxes on December 2 and we ask that they be returned by Dec. 23

REMEMBER with LOVE – GIVE with GRATITUDE

– Jane Moore  
Mission Coordinator

## Trustees Notes

- The furnace that heats the fellowship hall was noisy and required a new electric motor which powers the fan. The cost of removal, installation and rewiring by Don Patrick was \$265.23. This included some work on a slow-moving drain in the mens' room.

- An effort has been made to eliminate the occasional bat from entering the church. An inspection

## Prayer list for January

*prepared by the Board of Deacons*

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
Erin Faulk	Kathy Sharp	Cancer treatments
Evelyn Lee	Mary Tilson Shirley Irvin Rosemary Warner Bertha VanBrimmer Dewey Fittro Eloise Robinson Florence Faulk	at Willowbrook Health issues Health Issues at Sarah Moore Home Delaware Court
Phil Mercer	Jerry Mercer Judy Mercer	Health Issues Health Issues
Jane Moore	George Corder  Cathie Corder Olivia Langwasser	Health Issues (Heart, Diabetes) Continued recovery Young girl with leukemia
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller Richard Reed	Health Issues
Randy Turner	Taylor Nelson	3-year-old with cancer
Jean Wickum	Jim Grant Martha Green Fran Cook	Arbors Heart Problems
Marci Cooper	Marc Parulekar	Cancer treatments
Angie Burton	Lillie Temple	Hospitalized for numbness
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health issues
H. Van Broekhoven	Deborah Van Broekhoven	ABC USA Historical Society

(which cost \$189.00) determined that the main point of entry was the tower above the entrance vestibule. Work was needed to seal the tower-room ceiling and redo the trap doors at the top of the stairways in the front vestibule. This was completed at a cost of \$485.00 This may have a side benefit of holding more heat downstairs. The work was done by Creature Catchers of Columbus, LTD.

- The heat pump and electric furnace at the parsonage was checked for winter. The "old" boiler at the "old" parsonage needed repairs and cleaning on the controls for the burner and pilot light to get it working for the winter. This work was done by Don Patrick and cost \$180.00.

*– Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees*

## Second Friday

Many thanks to all who helped purchase the 12 pumpkin pies we provided for the November Second Friday Dinner. They were put to good use as the dining room was completely filled this month.

Our thanks also to Jim Van Brimmer who has picked up the leftover bakery goods for many months from the Belle Avenue Food Pantry and delivered it to Andrews House to be distributed at Second Fridays following the meal.

*– Evelyn Lee*

## "Grow Old With Me"

Jim and Ann Brown and family wish to thank our friends and family of the First Baptist Church for the love and joy that was shown and shared in the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

God bless you all!

Love,

*– Jim and Ann*

## Personals

- Florence Faulk was in the hospital from October 30 to 31 after she fainted and was found to have very high blood pressure.
- Aunt Alice Osborne has returned to her home with Jean after spending several months at Delaware Court, where she received physical therapy as she recovered from a fractured hip.
- Jim and Ann Brown renewed their wedding vows at First Baptist on Nov. 10, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.
- Janet Porter had shoulder surgery and Anna Kailyn had appendicitis surgery. With both of them recovering from surgery at the same time, they needed help from relatives to care for their four children (two with special needs).

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- Dec. 4 Erin Faulk  
11 Holly Kauf  
13 Geneva Evans  
15 Bud Sykes  
23 Dominique DeBiasio  
24 Francis Cook  
25 Carol Grubbs  
Steve & Karen Stoner  
27 Cory Lawrence  
28 Sharon Baker  
29 Harold & Deborah  
Van Broekhoven
- Jan. 4 Cynthia Biggar  
Fred DeBiasio  
Shirley Parker  
5 Evelyn Lee  
10 Kip Smith  
12 Larry Faulk  
Matthew Cooper

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