

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family,

From its beginning, the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) has been described as a "People Offering"—given by people for people, rather than for denominational programs, resources, budgets, benefits and buildings. The RMMO provides you with a tangible way by which to honor, say "thank you" and provide financial assistance to the retired American Baptist ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses who supported you in times of need, guided you on your spiritual journey and provided inspiration.

Thank You check recipients and others who received financial assistance in 2010 were overwhelmed by the generosity of American Baptist congregations in the midst of these difficult economic times. Many wrote to express gratitude for this tangible evidence of God's providential care, encouragement and assurance that they have not been forgotten by their ABC family.

Contributions to the RMMO in 2010 totaled \$1,288,585. Of this amount, \$563,514 was made available to meet immediate emergency and special financial needs. The balance

of the receipts was distributed by MMBB on behalf of American Baptists in the form of "Thank You" checks to 3,322 retired American Baptist ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses. The average check was \$217.61.

Please join me as we *Remember with Love and Give with Gratitude* to those who have dedicated their lives to Christian ministry. Please make a generous

contribution to the RMMO on Sunday, December 4, 2011. Our goal is \$600.00.

Your gift makes a difference for the women and men who tirelessly carried forth God's work.

December brings us many special moments. Our Christmas Program and Birthday for Jesus will be held on December 18. Our Christmas Eve candlelight communion service will be at 6:45 on December 24. We will

not be having Sunday School on Christmas Day or New Years Day.

Your Pastor,



Birthday Party for Jesus

On Sunday, December 18th, we will celebrate Jesus' birthday during Sunday School opening in the fellowship hall. Please plan to join us for cake and punch.

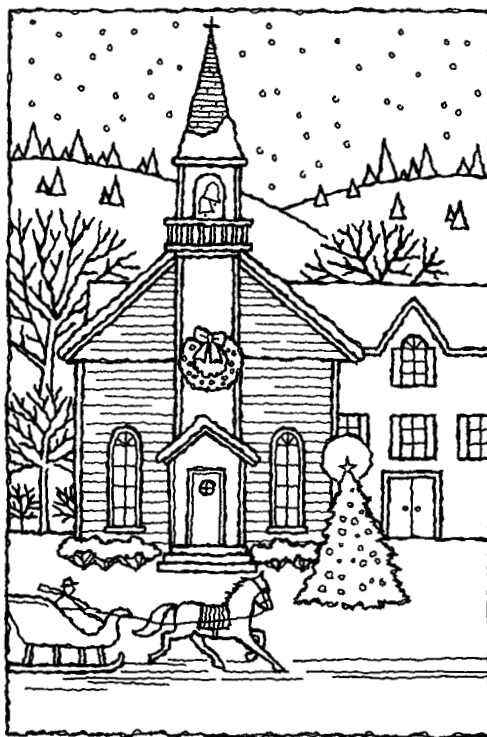
— Liz Bowman



Christmas Program

On December 18 during the worship service we will be doing our Christmas Program. This year will have several intergenerational skits fun for the whole family!

— Sam Chesser



December

Next Month's Newsletter
Our January newsletter will publish one week later than our usual schedule.
Articles will be due on Sunday, December 25, and the newsletter will be available on Sunday, January 1.

No Sunday School on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1

Because Christmas Day and New Year's Day both occur on a Sunday this year, there will be no Sunday school classes on those two Sundays. There will, of course, be Sunday worship services at the regular time.

– Pam Faulk

Join Us for Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, December 11 for our annual Christmas caroling. We'll meet at the church at 6:30 PM and will visit our shut-ins. We'll be done by around 8:00 and will go to the Faulk's home for refreshments.



We'll be singing familiar carols that everyone knows, and all are welcome to join us regardless of singing ability. We especially encourage our older church members to join us so our shut-ins will see familiar faces. Hope to see you then.

– Jim Stephenson

Christmas Gifts for Needy Children

First Baptist Church is sponsoring Christmas gifts for four children through Jobs and Family Services. Wish lists are on display in the gathering area. Please have your gifts or contributions to Pastor Tim by Sunday, December 4. Cash and/or gift cards are welcome as well.



Recognition of Veterans

As a part of the worship service on Sunday, November 13th, eighteen veterans who attend First Baptist were recognized. Jeanne Ekelberry presented a patriotic lap robe to the following veterans:

Jim Brown, Pastor Tim Chesser, Fred DeBiasio, Steve Ferguson, Victor Fogle, Edward Linn, David Lovell, Jimmie Moore, Jerry Palmer, Ken Peterson, George Reidmiller, Robert Russell, Ray Serviss, Ken Shears, Steve Stoner,



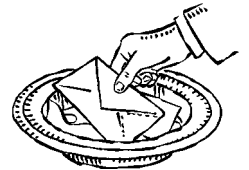
Peter White, Don Williams, and Jean Wickum

We are grateful for the service these veterans gave to our country and thanks to Jeanne for making the robes for them to keep comfortable this winter.

– Betty Porter

Special Offerings

The Thanksgiving Offering has been designated as a contribution to People In Need.



The Christmas Offering has been designated as a contribution to Andrews House.

– Betty Porter

American Baptist Women

Five members attended the October meeting of ABW. The Love Gift was \$10.70. Members voted to change the time of future meetings to 12:00 noon on the third Thursday of each month at Buehler's (weather permitting). The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15th.

– Betty Porter

Our Church Directory is Being Updated

If you'd like to be included in the 2012 church directory, please update your info with Larry Faulk or fill out the form below and return it to Larry by December 31. If you'd like a new picture, see Dave Lovell to have one taken.

Name	Birthday*	Anniv.*	Cell Phone	Email
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Address _____

Home Phone _____

* No year is necessary for birthday or anniversary.

Retirement Party for Founder of Common Ground Free Store

All are invited to attend a retirement party for Bonnie Ristau. It will be from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15 at William Street United Methodist Church

Many of you know Bonnie as the founder and former director of The Common Ground Free Store in Delaware. After retiring from teaching 2nd grade at Conger school, Bonnie founded the Free Store at 193 East Central. She has led the store for the past 5 years and created a place of hospitality and love for many of our neighbors in the community.

Refreshments will be served. We do ask that you bring one item to benefit the store. Examples: toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, plastic spoons, plastic forks, napkins, plastic zip lock bags.

I look forward to greeting and seeing many of you!

Thanks,

– Beth Trigg

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart members have admitted that deciding what to bring to our luncheons on second Thursdays, preparing it, carrying it to the church, serving it and cleaning up afterwards was a chore and one we could change. So change it we did, moving our feast to En Super Buffet down in the South Mall.

We really enjoy the good food and being waited on. We have a semi-private area, the staff welcomes us, and the service is good.

Just after we moved there for our luncheons, Evelyn Lee pointed out that many members of our groups were not long-time First Baptists, and should we have some get-acquainted programs. So we have had some. The first program had each one telling where they went to first grade, what their name was then (“fessing up” to middle names they disliked), and telling



how they liked (or disliked) what their teachers’ names were. Two of our members went to first grade in Canada — Genevieve Peterson and Frances Cook.

Next time we talked about where we met our spouses. That led to wedding talk — and what things can go wrong — hilarious when one looked back, but upsetting back then.

Then we got around to what our first job was or what college we went to.

Next time, our December meeting, will be about our Christmas memories.

We have lost a mainstay of our group — Evelyn Lee, who called the people to find out if they would attend; called me to tell me how everybody is and how many cards (get-well, miss you, happy birthday, etc.) to prepare. When we met at the church, she was in charge of the kitchen. More than that, she was a reliable friend, someone who cared

COMING SOON!



remember with LOVE

give with GRATITUDE

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

—Psalm 100:5

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO)

On Sunday, December 4, 2011, our congregation will receive the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO).

The RMMO is an annual ABCUSA offering that provides (1) “Thank you” checks to more than 3,000 retired American Baptist ministers and missionaries or their widowed spouses, based on 20 or more years of ABC service, and (2) emergency and other financial assistance based on need.

Our 2011 goal is \$ 600 .

Please help us remember them with love and give with gratitude.

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering: Administered by The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board

PRAYER LIST

This list is prepared by the Deacons. Prayer requests will be removed after 2 months unless "renewed". Please send changes to Larry Faulk (Lfaulk01@aol.com).

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
The Deacons	Bertha Van Brimmer	Health issues
	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
	Jimmie Moore	Car accident injuries
	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
	Lana Palmer	The Palmer's grandson, Cpl. Jeremy Chaffin , and severely injured troops in Echo Battery, 1st Platoon, Unit 44125 deployed in Afghanistan and the medical personnel caring for these Marines.
Jean Wickum	Fran Cook	Heart problems
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	Health issues
Betty Porter	Dotty Florance at Willow Brook South	Rehab for injury from fall

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

about our fellowship. We were glad that our treasury was full enough for us to send \$50 to Andrews House Second Fridays, another place which went more smoothly because of her devotion to it. We miss her.

– Jean Wickum, Convenor

Christmas Clearing House

Contributions from our church for the Christmas Clearing House are finished and consist of 20 skirts for young girls and 5 lap robes and children's quilts. A friend of Evelyn Lee (the friend attends another church in Delaware) gave a child's quilt in Evelyn's memory.

If you have items to donate, you can deliver them to the Delaware County Fair Grounds on the first Saturday in December from 9 to 11. They need toys, food and clothing.

– Jeanne Ekelberry

Church Directory Update

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If Many Little People Do Many Little Deeds, They Can Change the Face of the Earth.

AFRICAN PROVERB

Please give prayerful consideration to doing at least one thing over and above what you normally do this month. Here are 10 ideas, in no particular order.

1. Share daily Advent devotions with your family.
2. Read the Christmas story as a family.
3. Support the RMMO more than usual.
4. Pray for those for whom Christmas may be a sad time.
5. Recycle paper, cardboard, and other materials from your family's Christmas celebration.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| Dec. | 3 | Kari Davidson |
| | 4 | Erin Faulk |
| | 8 | Tim & Lisa Fogle |
| | 9 | Bill & Karen Hedges |
| | 11 | Holly Kauf |
| | 13 | Geneva Evans |
| | 15 | Bud Sykes |
| | 23 | Dominique DeBiasio |
| | 24 | Frances Cook |
| | 25 | Carol Grubbs
Steve & Karen Stoner |
| | 27 | Cory Lawrence |
| | 28 | Sharon Baker |
| | 29 | Harold & Deborah
Van Broekhoven |
| Jan. | 4 | Fred DeBiasio |
| | 6 | Ken & Pam Shears |
| | 10 | Kip Smith |
| | 12 | Larry Faulk
Matthew Cooper |
| | 13 | Evan and Carrie Trigg |
| | 16 | Jane Moore |
| | 18 | Matthew Lovell |
| | 20 | Jennifer Turner |
| | 21 | Tim Fogle |
| | 22 | Michael Mercer |
| | 23 | Nick Porter |
| | 26 | Sophia Stephenson |
| | 27 | Steve Baker |
| | 28 | Sarah Davidson |
| | 30 | Calvin Turner |

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

6. Visit children who will spend Christmas in the hospital and take books or games to share.
7. Organize a group to sing Christmas carols at a senior citizens home or a homeless shelter.
8. Provide the ingredients for Christmas dinner for a family in need.
9. Support the Christmas Clearinghouse and the Andrews House Christmas Bazaar.
10. Pray for peace.

– Pam Faulk

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Angel Food Ministries Shuts Down

Angel Food Ministries, which provided discount food in 45 states through churches (and locally through Andrews House), has ceased operations, blaming the economic downturn.

In 2009 the FBI searched the Angel Food offices in Georgia after a lawsuit was filed by several Angel Food board members. The lawsuit alleged that the founders, pastors Joe and Linda Wingo, enriched themselves by \$2.7 million and had charged personal expenses on Angel Food credit cards. The Wingos denied the allegations and an out-of-court settlement was reached.

Although the bad economy was the main factor in the closing, a former employee stated that the lawsuit hurt the organization's reputation and resulted in considerable legal expenses.

A group of former Angel Food employees in Georgia is seeking to start up a similar ministry under new leadership.

Andrews House Annual Kitchen Cupboard

Cookies, items for the baked goods table and any other contributions for the Kitchen Cupboard fundraiser should be delivered to Andrews House on Friday, December 2nd or before the opening on December 3rd. This event will be held on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Andrews House Winter newsletter, The Messenger, featured the article "Evelyn Lee, In Memoriam", along with a photograph of her at a

Second Friday Dinner. Evelyn served as the partner church representative from First Baptist for many years. The article said "It is hard to imagine Second Fridays and the Christmas Cupboard without Evelyn. She will be greatly missed."

We should prayerfully consider who will serve as the partner church representative from First Baptist in the future.

– Betty Porter

Personals

- Reagan Riedmiller had four wisdom teeth pulled but came through it well.
- Chris Riedmiller started a new job.
- Jimmie Moore's brother and family visited from Texas.
- Ed Linn visited family and friends from November 2 to the 16th. He still lives near Bakersfield, California and works as a civil servant on base.
- Emily Bowman was inducted into the National Honor Society.
- Jerry and Lana Palmer are happy to announce that their grandson, Jeremy Chaffin, is no longer deployed in Afghanistan.

A Note About the Personals Column...

You may notice that the column is a little short this month. That is because I have lost a valued source of information with the loss of Evelyn Lee. Evelyn would call me every month and fill me in on items that needed to go into the newsletter. She truly cared about everyone and really listened, especially at ABW and at Young at Heart. Without Evelyn's input this column will be short unless people make an effort to contact me with their information. If you have something that you want to be in the Personals Column, please let me know before the newsletter deadline each month.

– Pam Faulk
Personals Editor

Martin Luther King Jr. Community Worship

On January 15, we will be hosting the worship service for the community celebration of the life and ministry of Dr. King. Our brothers and sisters at Second Baptist Church will be cohosting. After the afternoon service there will be a reception at the church.



If you'd like to help with the reception, please tell Betty Porter. Betty has agreed to coordinate. We believe the service will be held at 4:00, but that is subject to change.

Poinsettia Dedications

Our thanks to everyone who ordered poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during Advent:

- From Matt and Marci Cooper, in memory of Marci's grandma Beatrice Newman, and her step-grandma Suzanne Diehl, both of whom died this summer
- From the Grubbs and Brown families, two poinsettias in memory of Teresa Griffith and Fred Grubbs Sr., and Charles and Ruth Brown
- From Dave and Mary Lou Lovell, two poinsettias in memory of Dr. Robert and Jennie Lovell, and Margaret Morby and Ida Morby
- From Jimmie and Jane Moore, in honor of their children — Melissa, Phil, Jennifer, and Randy
- From Ken and Genevieve Peterson, two poinsettias in memory of their parents
- From Jerry and Lana Palmer, in memory of their parents
- From Betty Porter and family, 2 poinsettias in memory of Jim "Billy" Porter and Evelyn Lee
- From Peter and Linda White, in memory of Evelyn Lee

If this list contains any errors or omissions, please tell the pastor so a correction can be announced.