

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

At a recent ministerial gathering we were discussing the upcoming time of Lent. One pastor observed that if Lent began any earlier it would be a part of our Advent worship. Ash Wednesday is on February 6 this year. That means we will be having our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 5. Be sure to start thinking about the talent you want to share.

Do you ever wonder why we have pancakes on the Tuesday before the start of Lent?

Here is the answer according to Wikipedia:

*The reason that pancakes are associated with the day preceding Lent is that the 40 days of Lent form a period of liturgical fasting, during which only the plainest foodstuffs may be eaten. Therefore, rich ingredients such as eggs, milk, and sugar are disposed of immediately prior to the commencement of the fast. Pancakes and doughnuts were therefore an efficient way of using up these perishable goods, besides providing a minor celebratory feast prior to the fast itself.*

At FBC we could easily add blueberries and chocolate to that list of ingredients that we try to use up.

Even if you don't fast during Lent you should use the time to remind yourself of the meaning of Easter in your own life. The coming of Jesus Christ into the world was for the entire world's redemption, but that redemption starts with our

acceptance of God's gracious gift of salvation.

One of the other ways we observe Lent is by having a series of special studies for each of the six Sundays in Lent. These studies will begin on February 10 and continue until March 16. In consultation with the board of Deacons I have decided to offer a series on Death. In addition to looking at Old and New Testa-



ment stories about death we will look at how our culture looks at death. We will also have a session on planning for funerals.

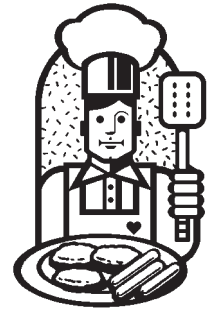
As you make your decision about whether or not to be a part of this possible growth experience I invite you to meditate on this word from Hebrews 2:15 which promises that Jesus Christ came to "free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death."

Invite an unchurched or dechurched friend to church. They need what the Lord offers in this place.

Your Pastor,

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

On Tuesday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m., the men will once again be cooking pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. The festivities will be held in the Fellowship



Hall at the church. All are welcome to come and enjoy a good time, fellowship, and yummy pancakes, waffles, fruit, and sausage. (Donations are welcome.) It is even more fun if you bring a talent, skit, joke, reading, etc. to share. Above all, bring a good appetite.

— Larry Faulk

## Cookies Needed for Blood Mobile

The American Red Cross has asked that we donate cookies for the Blood Mobile this year. They especially ask for homemade cookies.

We are scheduled for Tuesday, March 25th at Hayes High School. Cookies can be dropped off the day before (Monday the 24th) at the Red Cross, 5 West Winter Street, or dropped off at Hayes High School on the 25th.

We need 10 to 15 dozen. This is the part of our outreach in the community and of course they would like to have blood donors

also. Call for an appointment. Schedule on the board in the Sunday School room.

– Jeanne Ekelberry

## Anne Linn Memorial Funds

Recently I was gently reminded that Mom had some monies remaining in her memorial fund. As we are beginning 2008 I pondered and prayed on the best way to make her money speak for her. As we approach some of the coldest months and gather on frosty Sunday mornings, I imagined Mom would be blessed to help out on the church's gas bills. It isn't a huge donation but I think Mom would be pleased to know her small contribution went for something that would benefit the whole church family.

Take a moment and remember Mom and her giving heart and loving hugs.

On behalf of all the Linn kids — Mike, Andi, Alison, Beth and Ed,

– Beth Trigg

## Soup Sale

The Ecumenical Youth Group will present another soup sale on February 10. Last year's event was such a success that we have been asked to host another one this year and promise not to run out of that delicious potato/onion that went so fast.

Along with several choices of soup, we will provide bread or corn bread, and homemade cookies for dessert. All dinners will be packaged in take-home containers.

EYG students will be on hand to prepare the orders and appreciate First Baptist Church's participation in their efforts to raise funds for the



summer work camp of 2008.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on February 10th after church services.

– Pam DeBiasio  
Ecumenical Youth Council, Secretary

## Retreat News

Our annual church retreat will be the weekend of October 3 to 5. Please mark your calendars

now. If you have ideas you would like to share about this year's retreat, please speak to Pam Faulk — or better yet, join this year's retreat committee. Our first meeting of the retreat committee this year will be Monday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. at Pam's house. If you are interested in being on the committee, please speak to Pam.



## Your Financial Contributions

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you for supporting our ministry as a church. I am writing to remind you that all undesignated contributions are placed in the general fund for church operations. Contributions to missions must be so designated by the contributor. If you designate part of your giving to missions, those funds will be distributed as directed by our church budget. Our church typically tithes (10%) to missions, but contribution designations reflect each givers conscience and covenant with our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you intend a portion of your contributions go to missions and have not indicated your wishes verbally or on your pledge form, please inform the Financial Secretary. Questions or comments can be directed to the pastor or any Finance Committee member.

Thank you for your support and commitment to First Baptist!

– Randy Turner  
Financial Secretary

## Please Return Kitchen Items

If you were kind enough to take home some towels and dish cloths from the church's kitchen to wash, please return them. Thank you.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Feb. 1 Melissa Neill
- 2 Elizabeth Bowman
- 4 Mary Early
- 6 Janet Inscho
- 13 Lana Palmer
- 15 Deborah Van Broekhoven
- 24 Emilie Trigg

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

## Personals

- Steve Stoner's father, John Stoner, 81, passed away on January 6 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus. We extend our sympathy to Steve and Karen and their family.
- Jerry Palmer had cataract surgery and also a separate surgery to repair a hole in his retina, and must remain in a face-down position for a week to allow his retina to heal properly.

## Thank You

Holiday Clearing House 2007 was a huge success. We provided food, new toys, new clothing, and gift certificates to over 435 families with almost 1,000 children. Also, baskets of food and gifts were delivered to 156 senior/disabled shut-ins to neighbors in Delaware County.

Your gift of \$212 helped to bring smiles and relief to worried parents, grandparents and eager children who try to believe in the wonder

## Prayer List

*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 Sara Paullin Casto <i>(Sally Casto's daughter-in-law)</i>	3-year-old with cancer 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

of the season when there is little hope. Thank you.

– Kevin James Crowley  
*Executive Director*

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Thank you on behalf of all who will now benefit from your gift of \$335 for the Costa Rica Mission Trip. You are helping to build upon a great — and vital — tradition.

– Ohio Wesleyan University