

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

With sadness I report that long time member Shirley Parker died on January 18. Although she had been confined to the Arbors in recent years, Shirley kept up with the life of the church. She welcomed a group of us during the Christmas season for caroling in her room. As was her usual habit she shared a song from her youth with the group. To accommodate Shirley's extended family a memorial service will be held at First Baptist on March 20 at 1:00.

On February 12 the men of the church will reach out beyond our congregation. We have signed on to be greeters and servers at the Second Friday meal at Andrews House. At our Saturday breakfast we had been having ongoing discussions about where we could serve as a group. With our varied schedules the 2nd Friday meal seemed like an excellent choice. Having volunteered there for the past few months I know what a wonderful opportunity this will be for our men's group. Our men's breakfast on the second Saturday of every month is one of the things I look forward to every month. We meet at Buehlers at 8:00. Our discussions run the gamut from faith to football

to family life and anything else the members bring to the table. When appropriate we sometimes even venture into the intersection of faith and politics.

February 14 will be the date for this years Sandy Heizer music festival at the Trinity Baptist Church in Marion.

The event will kick off at 6:00. Festival PR person, Brenda Donegan, suggests, "This would be an excellent place to take your honey for Valentine's Day." We don't send a choir ourselves, but a few of our

people try to attend. If you would like further details let me know.

As stories continue to come out of Haiti we are reminded that the people of Haiti are our brothers and sisters. The Board of Deacons voted to send a \$500.00 contribution from the Benevolence Fund to the Red Cross for immediate relief. The deacons also plan to recommend that our February benevolence offering be designated to the ABCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing for use by our missionaries in Haiti. For the present there does not seem to be a need to raise funds to send small work parties to Haiti. Consider all the requests for aid to Haiti that you will no doubt receive prayerfully and critically.

Exciting opportunities await us in 2010. May it be a year of open and healthy communication. Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor,



## Lenten Study

We will have a Lenten Study beginning on February 21 and going forward to March 28. Each study will be at 6:30.

The topic will be announced later.

## Shirley Parker

*(See the pastor's editorial for more about Shirley.)*

Shirley L. Parker, 90, a long-time member of First Baptist, died on Monday, January 18.

Shirley was born in Natick, Mass. She first came to Ohio to attend Miami University, where she was tapped for Cwen, Mortar

Board, the YWCA Board, and served in student government. She graduated from Miami in 1943. Shirley attended Yale Divinity School from 1943 to 1944 before she married Robert Fichter.



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*Lent begins on  
Wednesday, Feb. 17*

While in New Haven, she helped found an inter-racial-inter-faith nursery school under the auspices of the National Council of Christians and Jews.

Shirley moved to Delaware with her family in 1949, where she held various volunteer positions within the community and at Ohio Wesleyan. She was President and a charter member of the Delaware League of Women Voters, as well as a member of the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom, the Delaware County Political Action Council, and the Downtown Improvement Committee. At Ohio Wesleyan, Shirley was an advisor to Mortar Board and the YWCA. She also served as Merrick Lecture hostess and assistant coordinator of University Convocations.

Shirley served as pastor to the Waldo Methodist Church from 1955 to 1956 and later at the Radnor Congregational Church and the Old Stone Presbyterian Church. In the 1960s, Shirley did graduate work at Ohio Wesleyan and Ohio State. She also taught English and worked as a guidance counselor at Willis Junior High School, and taught religious education in the Delaware Public Schools.

She earned a master's in library science from George Peabody College in 1971, after which she moved to Athens to take a position at the Ohio University library. Upon her retirement in the early 1980s, Shirley returned to Delaware where she has been a member of the First Baptist Church.

Shirley's passions included history — especially Civil War and family history, reciting poetry, cooking, baseball, singing and sharing her interests and ideas with others. She was actively engaged in human rights and politics throughout her life.

Shirley is survived by three children, Andrew (Margaret) Fichter of Philadelphia, Allison (Phil O'Brien) Fichter of Canton, Ga., Joseph (Laurie) Fichter of Putney, Vt.; seven grandchildren, Andrea O'Brien, Jonathan Fichter, James O'Brien, Daniel Fichter, Julia Tadlock, Wilder Fichter, Gage Fichter; as well as many friends and extended family members.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 on March 20 here at First Baptist.

Memorial contributions can be made to First Baptist Church or the League of Women Voters of Delaware County Education Fund (c/o Corinne Lyman, 27 Woodland Ave., Delaware, OH 43105).

### Do One Thing

Sometimes we think we have to do big things to make a difference in the world, but little things can be really important too. Challenge yourself to do at least one new thing this month. Here is a new list for this month, in no particular order.

I will do  
one new thing  
this month.

*thing:*

1. Donate money to the Red Cross.
2. Pray for those who have lost someone special.
3. Sign up to help in the nursery or with Tweenies at church.
4. Reduce, reuse, recycle
5. Support the Common Ground

free store. They can always use large trash bags.

6. Try to compromise more when having a disagreement.
7. Pray for everyone on the church prayer list.
8. Attend more church activities in addition to Sunday morning worship.
9. Smile more.
10. Help a neighbor or friend with a chore that is hard for him or her to do.

– Pam Faulk

### Pam Shears Joins Board at Common Ground Free Store

Common Ground Free Store is pleased to announce that Pam Shears now sits on our Board of Directors.



So far, Pam has “jumped right in” on events and has offered some well-thought suggestions for improvements. I am thrilled to have a “family member” from First Baptist committed to such a cause! Pam and I have been members of this church since birth! You can do the math.

Thanks for continuing to fill our store basket (which is in the vestibule). Two urgent needs for this month are:

- 1) large, black trash bags
- 2) coffee (we serve upwards of 100 cups at day!)

In Him,

– Beth Trigg

## Thank You

*Below are excerpts from a letter we received recently. — editor*

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the many clients we serve, we send you our heartfelt thanks for your very generous gift of \$381 to the *Second Fridays* free dinner program. First Baptist has been extraordinarily supportive of *Second Fridays*, not only financially but with staffing by volunteers.

These have been difficult times for many in our community, and our *Second Fridays* meal program is almost always at or near capacity.

We will work hard in 2010 to preserve your trust as we live out our mission of "People Strengthening People."

Sincerely yours,

*– Donald G. Chenoweth, Ph.D.  
Executive Director  
Andrews House*

## Last Call For Corrections For Our 2010 Church Directory

The deacons are finalizing the 2010 edition of our church directory. If you'd like your photo to be added or reshot, or if your listing needs to be updated, please inform a deacon immediately.

## Fellowship Time

Communion is observed on the first Sunday of every month at First Baptist. Afterwards, we gather in the Fellowship hall for light refreshments, coffee and punch. This is a great time to catch up with church family and enjoy a few laughs. There is no time frame, so just pop in and have a snack with us!

The food for this gathering is supplied by individuals in the church. There is a sign-up sheet in the Assembly room on the bulletin board to add your name. As our

## Prayer List

*Please give additions or corrections to a Deacon.*

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
The Deacons	Pam Debiasio	Health Issues
	Jim VanBrimmer	Health Issues
	Della Dove	Stroke Recovery
	Duane Binkley	Health Issues
	Jean Wickum	Condolences
Jane Moore	George Corder	Health Issues
	Cathie Corder	Continued Recovery
	Olivia Langwasser	Leukemia
Jean Wickum	Martha Green	–
	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
	Mary & Steve Sealey	Health Issues
The Chessers	Toosie Eggers	Health Issue
	Mary Tilson	At Willowbrook
Evelyn Lee	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health Issues
	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
	Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller
The Faulks	Bill Faulk	Stroke Recovery
Bob Foor	Kay Kern	Cancer
	Donald Brown	Health Concerns
	Haycox Family	Children's Health
Carol Grubbs	Celesta Crawford	Medical Issues

congregation grows I have decided to have two families be responsible for the "goodies" each month. By sharing the cost, it makes it easier to accomplish supplying food for the group.

So far, we have volunteers for the first 3 months of the year. A couple months have one family signed up thus far. Please check your personal calendars, then fill in a time on our calendar when you can help provide for this traditional time many of us have come to love.

I will be calling with reminders prior to your date.

Thanks for your participation!

*– Beth Trigg*

## Retreat Planning

It's not too soon to start planning for this year's church retreat. The date for the retreat this year is October 9–10. If you would like to serve on the planning committee for the retreat, please let Pam Faulk or Pastor Tim know. The committee will be meeting at the Faulks' house at 7:00 p.m. on February 2.

*– Pam Faulk*

## Trustees Notes

The Gable Elevator Company returned and installed the new "back up" battery in the control room. The new battery, the extra service call, and testing everything again cost a total of \$121.50.

*– Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees*

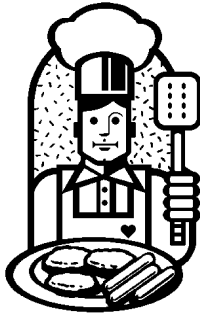
## Help for Haiti

On behalf of the fellowship, the deacons have contributed \$500 to the Red Cross from the benevolence fund. Additionally, we will dedicate the February benevolence offering to help Haiti through the One Great Hour of Sharing.

– Larry Faulk

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Please plan to join us for our annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 16th at 6:30. The menu will include pancakes, waffles, sausage, fresh fruit, homemade blueberry sauce, and fellowship. Bring a talent, skit, poem, or reading to share.



– Larry Faulk

## Church Directory Update

*Our new directory will be coming out soon, but until then be sure to update your current directory with this change.*

**Bernice Turney's** address has changed to:

Room 59  
2 CU  
Marjorie P. Lee Retirement  
Community  
3550 Shaw Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45208-1445

## Personals

• We offers condolences to Jean Wickum and her family on the death of Mary Ann Brown, 59, who died in Texarkana, Arkansas on January 5. Mary Ann was one of Jean's younger sisters, but in 1961 (when Mary Ann was 11) she and her sisters and brother made their home with Jean and her husband, Wick.

• Janet Lathrop recently had cataract surgery.

• Matt Lovell visited for a few days over the holidays.

• Jane Moore had arthroscopic surgery on her knee and is recovering at home.

## Andrews House Kitchen Cupboard

The 2009 Kitchen Cupboard raised \$9,000 for Andrews House. This topped last year's event and will be used to continue the good work Andrews House does for our community.

I want to thank those from our congregation who helped to make the cookie sale and bake sale successes. The cookie sale brought in \$800 and the bake sale \$200, which represents \$1,000 of the total. Knowing which items on the bake table were contributed by you, be assured that represents a large share of the total.

My thanks also to our members who attended that day. Perhaps next year even more of you will be able to stop by. Your continued support of Andrews House is important to many.

– Evelyn Lee

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Feb. 1 Melissa Neill  
2 Elizabeth Bowman  
6 Janet Inscho  
10 Matt Yoder  
13 Lana Palmer  
15 Deborah Van Broekhoven  
24 Emilie Trigg  
26 Shannon Kennedy

*Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.*

## A.B.W.

Our America Baptist Women (A.B.W.) continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 at Buehlers. This month, nine attended to enjoy lunch and fellowship. All are welcome. This month's Love Gift offering was \$19.88. This goes to the American Baptist Missions. Please consider attending and sharing friendship.

– Evelyn Lee