

# Good News Letter

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“. . . But we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.” 1st Corinthians 1:23-24

“If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.” 1st Corinthians 15:19

“For we live by faith, not by sight.” 2nd Corinthians 5:7

“ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

“But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’” 2 Corinthians 12:9

These are a few of the more familiar and powerful texts from the Corinthian correspondence of the Apostle Paul. These letters will be the focus of the Lenten Bible Study this year. Lent begins on February



## February

18th (Don't forget the Pancake Supper on the 17th). The first Sunday is the 22nd, and will continue March 1st, 8th, 22nd, and 29th. and the Bible Study begins at 5pm.

We will review the setting of the church and its history after it was founded on the 2nd missionary journey of Paul. We will then select key passages, longer ones than those previously quoted, and let them teach us, and learn their importance for the theology of the church and for the devotional lives of believers ever since, including ourselves.

This year will be a little different than previous years. On March 15th, instead of meeting for bible study, there will be a lenten and cross-themed hymn

sing, similar to the ones we have enjoyed over the last couple of summers and each year at Christmastime. On that Sunday, the activities will begin at 4pm.

I am greatly anticipating the season of Lent and Holy Week which will compel our attention over the next two months. I pray that it will be a meaningful time for all of us. Anyhow, could I have forgotten this great text:

“And now these three remain; faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.” 1st Corinthians 12:13

Blessings,  
**Mark**

### Pancake Supper

Join us for our annual pancake supper  
Tuesday, February 17th  
at 6:00pm

### Lenten Bible Study

Lenten Bible Study  
begins  
Sunday, February 22nd  
at 5:00pm.

## February Panera Volunteers

<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thur</b>
Feb 4 -Trigg	Feb 5 -Grubbs
Feb 11-Lee	Feb 12-Lovell / Remlinger
Feb 18-Grubbs	Feb 19-Grubbs
Feb 25-Faulk	Feb 26-Faulk

Thanks to all who volunteer

## PERSONALS

- Richard Brown was in the hospital for several days with a digestive issue. He thanks everyone for their prayers.
- Ray Service was recently in the hospital and is now at Delaware Court for rehab.
- Ken Shears was recently in the hospital with the flu.
- Jay Roberts will celebrate his 90th birthday this week.
- There is a new letter from our missionaries, the Clemmers, on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.
- On January 10 Larry Faulk's family hosted an open house at the church to celebrate Larry's 80th birthday. Larry would like to thank all those who attended or sent cards.
- Mike Reynolds was our guest pastor on January 18 while Pastor Mark was out of town.
- Connor Trigg was named on the Dean's List at OWU.

## Thank You Notes

**Thank you!** Thank you so much for your participation in Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. Every shoebox is a gospel opportunity telling a child of Christ's birth, sacrifice, and resurrection. We are looking forward to and planning for next year. If there is anything I can help you with to prepare for next year, do not hesitate to call. Have a wonderful Christmas!

- Marilyn Taynor

### Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Delaware County Department of Job and Family Services, Protective Services Division, please accept our thanks for the joy you brought to children and families during the holiday seasons with your generous donations. We appreciate each and every one of you. Have a wonderful 2026!

- Lynn Stacy  
Social Service Supervisor

## American Baptist Women

As I write this winter has made itself known! We are all praying, I'm sure, for everyone's health and safety as we enter this cold period. Our January lunch had 6 ladies share fellowship. We discussed some ideas for this coming year. Our next meeting will be February 21st in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30. Please bring a lunch (don't forget it will be Lent in case you are giving up any foods!) and join in planning a March outing. Stay safe and warm!

- Laura Brown



## Pancake Supper

All are invited to join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 17th at 6 p.m. The menu includes pancakes, waffles, sausage, fruit, and Dave Lovell's famous blueberry syrup. The meal is free. Just bring a friend, your appetite and a talent to share. Readings, poems, humor, and music are appreciated. Come and join in an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

## Lenten Bible Study

Our Lenten Bible Study will begin on Sunday, February 22nd at 5pm. A focus will be on the letters to the Corinthians. The study will continue on March 1st, 8th, 22nd, and 29th.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### February

4 Candy Lee  
8 Samuel & Grace Allison  
13 Lana Palmer  
21 Mary Sealey  
24 Emilie Showalter

*Please report any errors.*

## Mission/Outreach News

It was good to get an update from Ann and Bill Clemmer. The following is the message they sent:

Bill and I are back in Goma. The region remains under control and banks remain closed causing great difficulty for the population. We are thankful to be here and are looking forward to new initiatives:

Program for 197 widows in the church who lost their livelihoods last January as the city was Taken.

Study/Research Room and Library for youth who have rare access to books and internet. God is so faithful!

Love,  
Ann and Bill

As I read this, my heart aches for Ann and Bill and the people there. Ann and Bill are dedicated Christians who do incredible missionary work.

There will be more information and pictures in the Gathering Place.

## Family Promise Donations

Thank you to all who have filled the basket in the Welcome Center with donations to Family Promise during the month of January.

## Turning Point

During the month of February we will fill the basket in the Welcome Center with items needed at Turning Point ( the shelter for women and their children to get assistance from being in domestic violence). The shelter provides bedrooms, meals, a common area, and counseling to enable women to find work and a place that is safe to live.

## Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.  
Please send changes to Larry Faulk ([lfaulk01@aol.com](mailto:lfaulk01@aol.com)).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Jenni Pedzinski and family	Father's stroke
Bill & Ann Clemmer	Safety
Tim Lee	Health Issues
David Salyer	Health Issues
Connie Roberts	Health Issues

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

Suggested donations are: garbage bags, paper towels, cleaning supplies, personal care products, women's pajamas, body wash, batteries, grocery gift cards, women's new socks, women's new underwear, copy paper, and stamps.

## Panera Pick Up

Thanks to all who continue to do Panera pick up. Thank you for your time and dedication to this to support those in the community. There are opportunities for you to go to Panera at 8:45pm on Wednesday or Thursday to pick up unsold items and deliver them to Willis School on Thursday morning; or Thursday items picked up to Andrews House on Friday morning.

Please see Larry Faulk if you can help. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Place on the podium.

## People In Need

The basket for shelf-stable food items to be donated to People In Need is in the Welcome Center. Food items are ALWAYS needed. Thanks to all who fill the basket on a regular basis.

## Pledges and Donations

Thanks to all who have made pledges for 2026 and have made significant donations in 2025 to our General Fund, Missions, Memorials, and Capital Improvements. Our income for 2025 was sufficient to meet our operational expenses. We met our goals for missions and your contributions to the Tower Project have now totaled \$48,867 toward our goal of \$50,000. Your faithful pledges and giving are appreciated.

## 2026 Church Directory

During the month of February, a draft copy of the 2026 directory will be available for review in the Gathering Place. Please check your information and let me know of any changes or corrections. See me to update or include a new photo.

- Larry Faulk, editor

## Miss a Worship Service?

Our website contains links to videos of previous worship services as well as newsletters (dating back to 1969), sermon manuscripts, bulletins, and audio of archived services.

## Website History

Take some time to visit our website: [fbcdelaware.org](http://fbcdelaware.org) and check out some of the expanded history elements. FBC History, Historical Special Services, and a Photographic Tour have been added.

In addition to our archived newsletters dating back to the first Good News letter published in 1969, we have archived Order of Worship / Bulletins dating back to 1897. A special thank you to Carol Grubbs for sharing her library of past bulletins which has filled in many of our missing bulletins, especially those in the 1990's. If you notice any missing bulletins that you may have in your library, I would love to add copies to our collection. If you have other historical items that could be included on our website, please share them with me.

-Larry Faulk, editor

## Sermon Manuscripts Available

If you would like to read some of Dr. Allison's sermons, they are available on our website. Sermons from the last quarter of 2025 are currently being added.

## Interested in Membership?







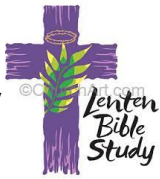
There are several ways in which you can join our fellowship:

- 1 - By profession of faith and baptism
- 2 - By a transfer from a sister Baptist congregation
- 3 - By a statement of faith from other Christian faith traditions

We are mindful that some who wish to be a part of the FBC family life may not be interested in formal membership. Please don't feel any pressure. For those who are interested, mention it to Dr. Allison, and he will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Then in a worship service where there can be a formal affirmation, we will present your decision to join.

# February

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>February Mission Focus:</b> • Turning Point			<b>January 28</b> 6:30 Potluck Supper 7:00 Annual Business Meeting 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	<b>29</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>1</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion	<b>Groundhog Day 2</b> 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Trigg	<b>5</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service  <b>Super Bowl</b> 	<b>9</b> 5:30 Deacons	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	<b>12</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell / Remlinger	<b>13</b>	<b>Valentine's Day 14</b> 
<b>Christian Legacy Sunday 15</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service  March newsletter deadline	<b>Presidents Day 16</b> 	 <b>17</b> 6:00 Pancake Supper <b>Lunar New Year</b>	 <b>18</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	<b>19</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans 11:30 am Women's Lunch Fellowship Hall
<b>First Sunday of Lent 22</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Lenten Bible Study  March newsletter available 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	<b>26</b> 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>