

Good News Letter

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I hope you have been enjoying the warm summer weather and the daylight until the tenth hour of the evening. I know some think that it is *too* warm, but all things considered, it is good to be in this time of the year.

I have been reading about Charles Wesley in anticipation of and preparation for the upcoming hymn sing on July 27, which will feature his hymns. Being a Baptist, it is always interesting to learn the story of other faith traditions, especially one that is very near to ours. The Methodist Movement in the 18th century is a part of the larger Protestant story in America. Several Wesleyan hymns appear in our hymnal and other Baptist hymnals as well.

I don't know if my favorite one is, O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing, or, Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, but they all tend to be oriented toward praise and are up-lifting. It will be a delight and pleasure to learn more about them and sing them together.

That is for later in July. At the beginning of the month, I will be attending my first ABCUSA Biennial in Omaha, Nebraska.



It will also give me the chance to visit my family on the way out and on my return. While I am away, please welcome Mike Reynolds on July 6th and Dwight Davidson on July 13th.

And don't forget to enjoy the stars at night on these warm summer evenings, and the trees in their fulness in the daytime. I am reminded of the 8th Psalm, and the pronouncement in the 55th chapter of Isaiah, which speak of their grandness, both the stars and the trees, and beauty:

Psalm 8:3-4

"When I consider your heavens,

the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,

human beings that you care for them?"

Isaiah 55:12

"You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before
you,
and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands."

If you haven't already, go look!

Blessings, Mark

Save the Dates

Sunday, July 20th
Quarterly Business Meeting
after Worship

Sunday, July 27th
Hymn Sing
4 p.m. in the sanctuary
followed with ice cream
in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Aug 10th
Hymn Sing
4 p.m. in the sanctuary
followed with pizza
in the Fellowship Hall

July Panera Volunteers

Wed	Thur
July 2-Lovell/ Remlinger	July 3-Lovell/ Remlinger
July 9-Grubbs	July 10-Faulk
July 16-Grubbs	July 17-Faulk
July 23-Lovell/ Remlinger	July 24-Lovell/ Remlinger
July 30-Lovell/ Remlinger	July 31-Lovell/ Remlinger

Thank you all for volunteering. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place for the summer quarter. There are still many open spots to fill.

PERSONALS

-Pastor Mark had an article printed in the May 21 edition of the Delaware Gazette. You can read it on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

-Jay and Joyce Roberts celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in June.

-Pastor Mark will be attending the ABC Biennial from July 3-5 in Omaha and then taking some vacation time.

-Mike Reynolds and Dwight Davidson will be our guest pastors while our pastor is out of town.

-Tim Lee is experiencing kidney failure and is on dialysis until he can get a kidney transplant. He is now living with his mother, Candy.

-Genevieve Peterson is back at Delaware Run in a new apartment with assisted living. Her room number is 262.

-David Salyer, son of Bud Salyer is undergoing treatment for cancer in his lung.

-Pam Faulk was on the planning committee and attended her 60th high school reunion from Worthington High School on June 21. Larry Faulk was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his help on the committee and was named an honorary member of the class of 1965. Larry actually graduated from Dublin in 1964.

-Laura Bennington formally joined our church fellowship on June 8. We welcome Laura!

-David Spear formally joined our church fellowship on June 15. We welcome David!

-Pam Faulk will be having cochlear implant surgery on July 29.

THANK YOU

FBC Family-
Thank you for the beautiful planter sent in memory of our mother, Janet. We offer this memorial gift in memory of our parents, Gene and Janet Lathrop with gratitude for the many years the church has provided spiritual support. We ask that these funds be dedicated to building improvements and repairs.
Grace and Peace,
- Pamela Lathrop Shears, Lori Lathrop Parfenchuk, Cindy Lathrop Kinder, Dianna Lathrop Martiny

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering in June. The money from this offering often goes to areas where natural disasters have caused a need for aid and rebuilding. Because of this, you can give any time throughout the year, especially when a specific need arises. Just make a note on your check that the money should go to OGHS.
- Pam Faulk

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

Summer has made its appearance! Braving the June heat, 6 ladies came to the Fellowship Hall, had lunch and a laugh or two. We also talked about upcoming events in the next few months. Our July meeting will be on the 19th at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

- Laura Brown

Quarterly Business Meeting

There will be a brief Quarterly Business Meeting after Worship on July 20th. The meeting will include board and committee reports as well as any old and new business. All are invited to participate in the business of the church.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



July

- 4 Dave & Patty Spear
- 12 Pam Shears
- 14 Chad & Christina Kilhefner
Lucas Smith
- 15 Sandy VanBrimmer
- 16 Donna Brown
- 17 Nichelle Trigg
- 18 Chad Kilhefner
Peter & Linda White
- 19 Jarrod Trigg
- 21 Dan Chambers
Richard Brown
- 26 Pat Lauver
- 27 Maxwell Showalter
Devin Allison

Please report any errors.

Hymn Sing / Ice Cream

On Sunday, July 27th at 4 pm, all are invited to join in the sanctuary for a Hymn Sing featuring the hymns of Charles Wesley. Afterwards, we will share ice cream in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor to Attend Biennial

Dr. Allison will attend the ABCUSA Biennial in Omaha, Nebraska the first week in July. He will also spend some vacation time with family along the way. Between June 30th and July 15th, please contact a deacon with any pastoral needs.

Mission/Outreach News

The Clemmers

We continue our prayers for Ann and Bill Clemmer for their continuing work in The Democratic Republic of the Congo. They provide needs of food, clothing, meals, and medical needs to children and young people along with showing God's love. During the month of June, we have learned about those who serve and have had the opportunity to support their work through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. The theme has been "Be the Light". The Clemmers show the light and so do you! Thank you!

Tools of Hope

On Father's Day we honored fathers and men in our lives that have made a difference to us. Names of those men were written on forms and placed on the blanket in the front of the sanctuary along with a donation to purchase tools to build and rebuild in needed areas of the world. Donations are given to

Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Jenni Pedzinski and family	Father's stroke
Genevieve Peterson	Recovery from injury
Bill & Ann Clemmer	Safety
Tim Lee	Health Issues
David Salyer	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!

Church World Service to supply needed tools and supplies. With so many tornados, hurricanes, floods, and fires this year, the need is great.

People In Need

Thanks to all who keep filling the basket in the entry of the church with shelf stable food. It is delivered to People In Need. It provides the necessary food and hope to those in need.

Panera Pick Up Continues

A SHOUT OUT! to all of the volunteers who continue to pick up unsold items from Panera on Wednesday and Thursday nights and deliver them to Willis School and Andrews House. Thank you! If anyone would like to help with this, please talk to Larry Faulk..

School Supplies for students at Conger Elementary School

In July we are asking that you bring in new school supplies for children at Conger Elementary School as we have in the past. For parents with limited income, it is hard for them to buy

school supplies. Below is a list that students need. We will collect items that you donate and deliver them to Conger for the start of school in August. We also will be collecting money for gift cards for shoes for students to begin the new school year.

School Supplies:

- #2 pencils
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Color markers (box of 10)
- Large pink erasers
- Highlighters
- Spiral round notebooks (wide ruled)
- Black dry erase markers
- 24 count box of crayons
- Washable paint color set
- 2 pocket folders (solid colors)
- 3x5 index cards
- 3x3 post it-sticky notes

Tower Repair Project Update

We are expecting Durable Slate to begin work on the tower soon. The project includes replacing any missing or damaged slates on the upper tower roof and repairing the roof overhang. The slate over the lower portion of the roof will be replaced along with gutters and some painting.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$49,550. We are seeking gifts, donations, and memorial contributions to offset the cost of the project. Our goal is to replenish our Capital Improvements Fund. A substantial memorial gift in honor of Gene and Janet Lathrop has been dedicated to the project. As of June 22nd, we have received \$32,838 for the project. Your pledges and donations are appreciated. You may also contribute online by selecting "donate" on our website: fbcdelaware.org.

Goal \$50.000



\$32,838 6/22/25



Directory Update

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July

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Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School supplies Money for school shoes gift cards 		1	6:30 Choir 2 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell / Remlinger Dr Allison at ABC Biennial / vacation	3 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell / Remlinger	Independence Day 4  ABC Biennial in Omaha	5
6 10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion Guest Pastor - Mike Reynolds	7	8	9 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	10 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	11	12
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