

Good News Letter

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Welcome to summer! This July marks the semiquincentennial of the United States of America, the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. There are many things to celebrate and each person, I am sure, has their own thoughts.

There is one feature of the American story that stands out to me and is worthy of attention. Please forgive me for sounding like a stuffy academic. Over the years I have become more impressed that our country's origins coincided with the decline of dynastic monarchies as the dominant political form, which had been prevalent for thousands of years.

Owing to shifts in the world's life, the old form of government became less effective. Change became a fact of necessity. Over the last 200 years almost all of the dynasties have given way to some kind of republic, but that does not tell the whole story.

Although we almost universally believe that republics are better than monarchies, it is more accurate to acknowledge that there could be, and were, *good* monarchies, or at least better ones; and that there can



be, and are, *bad* republics, or at least worse ones. In fact, the world has very many republics that fail by every measure. Not all republics are cut from the same cloth.

It is significant that the first modern republic is based on the twin ideas of equality under God and liberty, and that without any roadmap for how to create a good republic, the founders of The United States set up democratic institutions that greatly increased the rights of each citizen to participate in their government, and to freely pursue life, and faith. After all, they had only known, and history had only known monarchy, which literally means one person rule, or in reality, government by the few.

To me, there are no words that can convey the importance of what the founders did; it is nothing short of miraculous. Many of them *were* aristocratic landowners themselves. They set up a framework by which a broad public could have a voice, and they included a Bill of Rights that has enhanced individual lives and become a worldwide aspiration. Things could very easily have gone a different way.

I am very grateful for their wisdom, acknowledging that it wasn't easy. I believe it was providential. There have been many sacrifices. It was/is not devoid of conflict and imperfections. Yet it established a model for the world of what a *better* republic could be. And that is very much worth celebrating.

Blessings for the summer and happy semiquincentennial.

- Mark

**Quarterly
Business Meeting**
after worship, July 26

Hymn Sing
August 2 at 4pm
followed with ice cream

July Panera Volunteers

Wed	Thur
July 1-Lovell / Remlinger	July 2-Lovell / Remlinger
July 8-Brown	July 9-Brown
July 15-Lee	July 16 -Faulk
July 22-Faulk	July 23-Faulk
July 29-volunteer needed	July 30-Brown

Thanks to all who volunteer.

PERSONALS

-Laura and Richard Brown recently traveled by train through the northern and northwestern U.S.

-Mary Sealy would like to thank everyone for their prayers.

-Lena Putkonen and John Dagleish recently visited Finland to see family.

THANK YOU

We recently received the following thank you note from Charles Ekelberry:

Thank You.
You and everyone involved. It was Everything Mom would've wanted, and it wouldn't have been, without all of you.
C.J. Ekelberry

American Baptist Women

Our next meeting is on July 18th. We will be celebrating Christmas In July with Second Baptist! Lunch will be provided, games will be played, AND we won't be canceled again because of bad weather. Please come to the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 and join the merriment.

- Laura Brown



Jim Brown Graveside Celebration of Life

The Brown family would like to extend an invitation to a graveside celebration of life for Jim Brown, who passed away on March 12th. All are invited to Oak Grove Cemetery, 334 S. Sandusky St., at 11:00 am Saturday, August 8th. Afterward, all are welcome to gather at the Brown home, 2596 Main Street, Powell, for lunch. To honor Jim's love of the Buckeyes, guests are encouraged to wear scarlet and gray or their favorite OSU attire. To RSVP for lunch and receive a cemetery map, email emilybowman1994@gmail.com.

Pastor on Vacation

Dr. Mark Allison will be on vacation July 6-12. Dwight Davidson will be the guest pastor on July 12.

Benevolence Fund

The Board of Deacons administers the Benevolence Fund which is used to help special needs within our fellowship and community. The deacons make regular contributions to Helpline and People in Need in support of this mission. Benevolence offerings are welcome any time, especially on Communion Sundays.

Mission/Outreach News

Email from Ann & Bill Clemmer

Greetings,
I am sending this out from Maine. Bill is still in Africa, but should join me by week's end.
Thanks for your prayers.
It will be a busy summer... then we'll head back to Goma by mid-August.
With joy!
Ann and Bill

One Great Hour of Sharing

During the month of June, we have collected money for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This offering, in addition to the offerings from other ABC churches, provides money for shelter, food, safety, the ability to have clean water, and reconstruction of buildings. Thanks to all who prayed for others and gave to this offering.

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.

Tools of Hope

On June 21st, Father's Day, we celebrated men in our lives. We honored and /or remembered those men by placing their names on a form and placing it with a monetary donation on the blanket in the front of the sanctuary. The money is given to Church World Service to purchase tools to be used in areas where construction or reconstruction is needed in areas where there has been damage due to weather or fires. Through this ministry, we provide hope for others to be able to move forward and help others.

Shoes and School Supplies

Since children begin school in August, we will be using the month of July to collect new school supplies and money for shoes for those in need.

Please place your donations in the basket in the entry of the church.

Your money for shoes can be placed in the special envelopes in the pew racks and it will be given to Andrews House to supply gift cards for children in need to begin school.

School Supplies List:

#2 yellow pencils
24 count crayons
loose leaf paper(wide ruled)
scissors
glue sticks
3x3 post it notes
colored markers (box of 10)
large pink erasers
Spiral bound notebooks(wide ruled)student, not college
Black dry erase markers (low odor)
2 pocket folders (solid colors)
folders with 3 holed punched holes
boxed colored pencils
Box of tissues

Prayer List

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

Name

Dr. Allison's sister
Jenni Pedzinski and family
Bill & Ann Clemmer
Tim Lee
David Salyer
Connie Roberts
Ray Serviss
Joyce Roberts
David Spear

Reason for Prayer

Health Issues
Father's stroke
Safety
Health Issues
Health Issues
Health Issues
Health Issues
Injury Recovery
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!

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thanks to all who pick up unsold items from Panera on Wed. and or Thurs. nights.

Thank you for rewrapping items and delivering them to specified locations.

If anyone can help with ministry, please see Larry Faulk or Deb Lovell.

Sign up sheet for it is in the Gathering Place. Help is welcomed.

People In Need Box

The box in which shelf-stable foods are collected is in the entry of the church. If you can pick up an item when you are grocery shopping to donate, it would help someone in our community have part or all of a meal. Thank you for your steady donations. Thank you to Peter White for continuing to take the items to the PIN location for distribution.

Quarterly Business Meeting

On Sunday, July 26th, there will be a brief quarterly business meeting after worship which will include board and committee reports and any business that the fellowship needs to consider.

Hymn Sing

There will be a summer hymn sing on Sunday, August 2nd at 4pm followed by ice cream. All are invited. Bring a friend.

Interested in Membership?

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

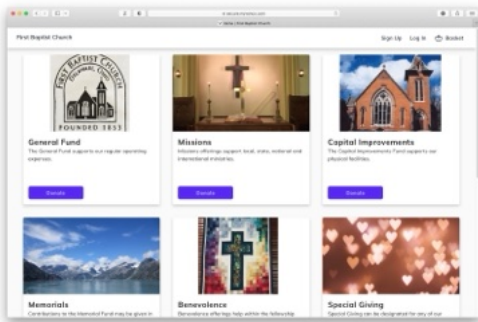
- 1 - By profession of faith and baptism
- 2 - By a transfer from a sister Baptist congregation
- 3 - By a statement of faith from other Christian faith traditions

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

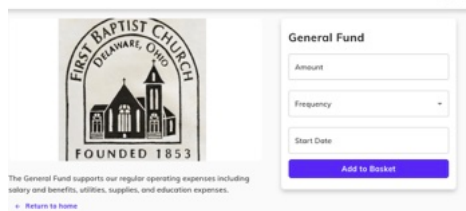
are interested, mention it to Dr. Allison, and he will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Then in a worship service where there can be a formal affirmation, we will present your decision to join.

Consider Online Giving

If you would like to make an offering or donation to FBC, but cannot attend a worship service or would rather not have to write a check and mail it to FBC, you can make an offering online. Visit our website at FBCDelaware.org and click on the "Donate" button.



You are presented with separate boxes for each of the giving areas: General Fund, Missions, Capital Improvements, Memorials, Benevolence, and Special Giving as well as one of the ABC Special quarterly offerings.



When you click on "donate" in one of the areas, you can enter an amount, a frequency, and a starting date.

On the next screen, you can choose to give by credit or debit card, or electronically from a checking or savings account. After entering your name and address, you can process your giving and save your profile to simplify future online giving.

If you need assistance in the process, please contact me at lfaulk01@aol.com or 614-204-1098. Your gifts to FBC are appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

Tools of Hope Sunday Dedications

6/21/2026

Given by:

In memory/honor of:

Mark Allison
Laura Brown
Erin and Pam Faulk
Pam and Larry Faulk

In honor: Oscar Hugh Allison
In honor: Richard Brown
In honor: Larry Faulk
In honor: Jeff Faulk
In memory: Ralph Cole
Donald Faulk
Wilbur Wickum
Keith Anderson
Bill Faulk
Jim Faulk
Ron Rose

Candy Lee

In memory: Vernon Howe
Abe Lee
Floyd Scott
In honor: Dave Lovell
Rolf Remlinger
Kip Smith
In honor: Dave Lovell
Rolf Remlinger
Vic Fogle

Mary Lou Lovell

In honor: Dr. Robert Lovell
Raymond Morby
Ben Geary
In honor: Jim Snyder
In memory: Jimmie Moore
In honor: Archie Trigg, Sr.
Jarrod Trigg
Evan Trigg

Deb Lovell

In memory: Rossford Jones
Allan J. Roberts
Heryl Turner
Jim Snyder
Jimmie Moore

Jane Moore Snyder

Archie Trigg

Jay and Joyce Roberts

Randy and Jennifer Turner

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July Mission Focus: • School supplies and shoe gift cards. for Conger Elementary			1 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell/Remllinger	2 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell/Remllinger	3	 4 Independence Day
5 10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion	6	7	8 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	9 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	10	11
←			Dr. Allison on vacation		→	
12 10:00 am Worship Service Dwight Davidson - guest pastor	13	14	15 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	16 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	17	18 8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans 11:30 am Women's Lunch -Fellowship Hall
19 10:00 am Worship Service Aug newsletter deadline	20	21	22 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	23 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	24	25
26 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am - Quarterly Business Mtg Aug newsletter available	27	28	29 8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed	30 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	31	
			International Ministries World Mission Conference			