

Good News Letter

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Summer is here, what a wonderful relief! And as the Covid pandemic subsides, we are able to consider the gradual return to normal activities. We have been worshipping in-person since mid-March, taking precautions, distancing, wearing masks. There have been few other meetings.

With the rescinding of Covid mandates by the governor on June 2, and considering the decline in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, and the vaccination rate, and in consultation with the deacons and other church leaders, we believe it is safe to relax some of the protocols, particularly mask-wearing. So on the first Sunday in June, the wearing of masks will be optional.

In the coming months the worship service will be expanded a little, and other meetings can resume as it is fitting. All this will be organic, meaning there is no definite



schedule. As things come up, we will decide to go ahead with normal activities, always considering whatever the present situation may be. I want to be sure that anyone who wants to wear a mask is encouraged and welcome to do so. I thank everyone for your patience and cooperation this past year. It has been hard, and you have been very faithful.

I also want to talk about membership. We have been blessed with new friends as we are coming out of this Covid year. Because we weren't meeting and then in restricted ways, we haven't really spoken about formalizing these new relationships. There are several bases on which one 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

I am 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 me and I 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.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Memorial Day, and as vacations come and go, times of restoration and renewal. Happy Summer everyone,

Blessings, Mark

Panera Volunteers for June

- June 3 Faulk
- June 10 Grubbs
- June 17 Fogle
- June 24 Spear

Thank you all for volunteering.

Personals

-On Youth Sunday, May 23, we honored our Hayes graduate, Aidan Ferguson. Aidan will be attending OSU in the fall, majoring in Biomedical Engineering. Aidan was quoted in the May 20 edition of the Gazette in an article about seniors at Hayes.

-Pastor Mark wrote an article for the April 30 edition of the Delaware Gazette.

-Gabe Fogle was quoted in the May 2 edition of This Week Delaware News in an article about the boys' tennis team at Hayes. Gabe was also pictured and mentioned in an article about the boys' tennis team in the May 23 edition of the This Week Delaware News.

-Pat Gosser attended church on May 16. She came for a weekend visit from Arizona.

- Erin Faulk has accepted a position with Dublin City Schools' new Virtual Academy for next year. She will still be teaching fourth grade.

NEW BENCH

For your convenience, there is now a bench by the elevator door for people who arrive or leave by the back alley and may need a place to wait for a ride or to put something down.

Can You Hear Me Now?

For those who suffer from hearing loss, there are listening devices found in the basket by the stairway in the Welcome Center. These devices pick up anything that goes out over the microphone, which is why it is so important that all announcements and prayer requests be said using the microphone. They work really well, but only after the organ is turned on. Recently, two more devices were purchased, and all devices have brand new batteries. Please remember to turn them off after each use, in order to save the battery life.

Mission/Outreach News

A HUGE Thank You to all who donated items for the "Thank You" bags for the teachers at Conger Elementary School for Teacher Appreciation Day. They were delighted to receive their bags. Thanks to all of you we were able to give them snacks and let them know how much we appreciate all that they have done this COVID year to help their students be successful.

Thanks to ALL who gave money for Blanket Sunday to remember or honor a mother, relative, or woman that was special in their life. Those donations go to Church World Service to help other women in need.

In June we will be collecting money for the One Great Hour of Sharing and Tools of Hope. The Tools of Hope giving will be collected on Father's Day. Please remember or honor a Dad, Grandfather, Uncle, or friend who has been special to you by making a donation.

The money will go to Church World Service to be given to those in need.

Thank you all for your generous donations of items, money, and taking the time to reach out to others in our church and community. Keep making phone calls to say "hi", and sending a note to let someone know you are thinking of them.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



June

- 4 Pat Foor
- 8 Pam Faulk
Carol Serviss
- 10 Aidan Ferguson
Dave & MaryLou Lovell
Mike & Cathy Reynolds
Mike & Emilie Showalter
- 11 Randy & Jennifer Turner
- 16 Chad Myford
- 17 Matt & Marci Cooper
- 21 Dan & Sherry Chambers
- 24 Beth Trigg

Please report any errors.

Let Love Flow

The year 2020 was unlike any year we have witnessed in our lifetime. Record-breaking fires on the west coast of the U.S. devastated communities and burned millions of acres. An extremely active hurricane season brought destruction to the Gulf Coast and Central America. A massive explosion in Beirut displaced thousands of individuals. All these events happened in the midst of the prolonged COVID-19 global pandemic. We are living in a time of uncertainty. Yet, even with so much that is unclear about the future, one thing is certain: through the ministry of One Great Hour of Sharing, you continue to Let Love Flow.

The COVID-10 pandemic has impacted every area of our personal and communal lives. In the same way, it also touched every area of the work of One Great Hour of Sharing: sustainable development, disaster relief, and refugee support. With so many in need, your compassion is more important than ever.

We have carried into 2021 many of the same challenges. Disasters will continue to occur. Displaced populations remain vulnerable, and hundreds of millions of people around the world struggle under the weight of poverty. Thanks to your faithfulness and generosity, One Great Hour of Sharing will continue to respond.

Prayer List

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

Name	Reason for Prayer
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's father & sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Candy Lee's sister Trudy	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!

Events of the past year have shown us that, even in times when we cannot be physically together in one place, our offerings to support One Great Hour of Sharing continue to strengthen our church's presence all over the world: providing water to the thirsty, food to the hungry, and hope for the weary. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you "Let Love Flow." Your generosity ensures that the transforming power of love continues to change the world. Please prayerfully consider your donation during the month of June. Our goal is \$850.

Pam Faulk

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Have you been missing our monthly women's lunches as much as I have? We are going to start having them again in July. Our normal day is the second Saturday of the month, so on July 10 at 11:30, we will once again gather for lunch. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall where we can spread out if need be (in case some are not vaccinated). Everyone should each bring her own lunch and beverage. We will eat and have fellowship together. At that time we can discuss how we want to proceed in the coming months. This is open to all women of the church and their guests.

Pam Faulk

July Newsletter Delayed

The Good News newsletter for July will publish a week later than normal (July 4) because of my vacation plans. Articles for the newsletter are due on Sunday, June 27th. Also, there will be a delay in posting the worship service videos for June 13th and 20th.

Tools of Hope Sunday

On Father's Day, we honor men in our lives by pinning donations for Church World Services ministry on the blanket at the front of the sanctuary. Forms will be available to designate your honor to pin on the blanket with your donation or you can donate online at fbcdelaware.org.

2021 Church Directory

The Board of Deacons is planning to publish a new Church Directory. You do not need to be a formal member to be included in the directory We invite Members and Friends of First Baptist to be included in the directory. If you would like to formally join our fellowship, please contact Dr. Allison. Even if you do not wish to be a formal member, we would like to include you in the directory. We would like to include as many updated photos as possible. Please see me for a new photo. There is a form below to update your info. Please return the form to me or any deacon.
-Larry Faulk

Scripture Readers / Worship Leaders Needed

If you would like to read scripture during worship or serve as a Worship Leader, please let Dr. Allison know of your interest. During worship, the Worship Leader traditionally leads the Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer, and the Offertory prayer. Thy also read scripture when there is not a separate scripture reader that Sunday.

First Baptist Church Directory		Anniversary _____
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Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
		Home Phone _____
<i>(return this form to Larry Faulk)</i>		

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June

2021

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June Mission Focus: • One Great Hour of Sharing * Tools of Hope (CWS)		1	2	3 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	4	5
D Day 6 10 am In-person Worship Holy Communion	7	8	9	10 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	11	12
Baptist Youth Day of Prayer 13 10 am In-person Worship	Flag Day 14 	15	16	17 8:45 Panera Pickup - Fogle	18	19
Father's Day 20 10 am In-person Worship Tools of Hope Summer Begins 	21	22	23	24 8:45 Panera Pickup - Spear	25	26
27 10 am In-person Worship July newsletter deadline today	28	29	30	July 1 8:45 Panera Pickup -	2	3