

Good News Letter

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Welcome to summertime! Well, almost. As I write this, the temperature outside is in the low fifties and it is raining. I feel blessed that there has been no need as of yet to turn on the A/C, but I know that summer is right around the corner. The hints of warmer temperatures in the last few weeks will eventually lead to the real thing.

Summer at First Baptist is more relaxed and involves a lighter schedule. There is a break from Sunday School. Worship begins at 10am on Sunday mornings each week.

This year I look forward to the ABCUSA Biennial meeting in Omaha, NE over the 4th of July weekend (July 3-6). I have never attended a Biennial, and I look forward to the new experience. Additionally, I will have a chance to travel through Missouri and on out to Colorado to visit family.



Like last year, we are having a couple of hymn sings later in the summer. The first is on the schedule for July 27th, and will feature the hymns of Charles Wesley, such as Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing. O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, Christ the Lord is Risen Today, and several others.

The second will be on August 10th and will involve the opportunity to sing some of your favorite hymns. Stay tuned, more information is forthcoming. Both will begin at 4pm.

Even though it will be a little past the equinox, we are hosting the Marion Baptist Association Fall Rally on September 28th, which will

give a unique flare to the end of the summer. It will also begin at 4pm.

I pray that everyone has a wonderful summer, with many opportunities to enjoy the warmth and sunshine; the experience of God's presence in nature; and precious time with family and friends.

"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us." Psalm 67:1

**Happy Summer,
Mark**

Save the Dates

Sunday, July 20th
Quarterly Business Meeting
after Worship

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

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

May Panera Volunteers

Wed	Thur
June 4-Brown	June 5-Faulk
June 11-Grubbs	June 12-Grubbs
June 18-Lee	June 19-Faulk
June 25-Brown	June 25-Brown

Thank you all for volunteering. There will be a new sign-up sheet for the summer quarter in the Gathering Place next week.

PERSONALS

-Archie and Beth Trigg celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 10. They are currently leading two trips to the U.K. They departed May 18 to go to the borders of Wales and England. They have a week alone in Cumbria and then collect a group in Edinburgh on June 5. They will return home on June 7th,

- Pam Shears would like to thank the church fellowship for their prayers, cards, flowers, and luncheon after the death of her mother Janet Lathrop.

-Laura and Richard Brown have been on a cruise to Alaska.

- Randy Turner accompanied eighth graders from Olentangy on their Washington, D.C. trip last month.

-Brennan Howe has graduated from Project Search

-Dave and Mary Lou Lovell have delayed their trip East due to Dave's unexplained leg pain.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

It seems that it was just Easter. I was gone during the May meeting but I heard the ladies had an enjoyable time. Our next meeting is June 21st and will be in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30. Bring a sack lunch and let's share your Summer plans, past and future..

- Laura Brown

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for their prayerful support for me in recent weeks 🙏 I am in WB Christian Home, Room 139, 55 Lazelle Road, Columbus OH 43235 for more rehab. Thank you to everyone and my prayers join all for strength in Pam's recovery.

-Genevieve Peterson

Project Completed

The plaster in the south vestibule had become cracked and some had fallen off the ceiling. Ball Decorating has removed the loose plaster, repaired the cracks and filled the missing plaster with new. They also repaired a vertical crack in the sanctuary as well as a couple of other minor repairs in the Welcome Center and Gathering Place. They sanded and repainted the repaired areas. Check out the refurbished vestibule. Ball Decorating did an excellent and inexpensive job.

BE THE LIGHT

Imagine the difference we can make -- the light we can be in the world -- when we join together with other people of faith who are giving to the same cause. One

Great Hour of Sharing is one way churches generously share out of their bounty with those who may need some assistance. We will have the opportunity to do that during the month of June. Your generous gifts enable our church to make a difference in lives and communities around the world. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus reminds us that we are the light of the world. One Great Hour of Sharing understands the needs -- immediate and long-term. It is there when needs are most pressing. By giving generously, you are the light that brings life forth in desolate places. By giving generously, you are the light providing spaces for others to be the light -- bringing expertise and sustainable approaches to farming. By giving generously, you are sharing beams of light today, tomorrow, and well into the future. Our goal is \$1000. Please be the light!

-Pam Faulk

Birthdays and Anniversaries



June

- 4 Dwight Davidson
- 8 Pam Faulk
- 10 Aidan Ferguson
- Dave & MaryLou Lovell
- Mike & Cathy Reynolds
- Mike & Emilie Showalter
- 11 Randy & Jennifer Turner
- 12 Jay & Joyce Roberts
- 16 Chad Myford
- Kennedy Turner
- 17 Matt & Marci Cooper
- 21 Dan & Sherry Chambers
- 24 Beth Trigg
- 27 Dwight & Kari Davidson

Please report any errors.

Mission/Outreach News

Clemmers

Ann and Bill Clemmer continue doing the Lord's work in The Democratic Republic of the Congo in a dangerous area. They are committed to helping children succeed by providing meals, clothing, medical needs, and education while showing God's love for them. Please keep them in your prayers to be safe to continue their ministry there.

Teacher Appreciation

Thanks to all who donated items for the teacher thank you bags for Conger Elementary School. The bags were delivered and appreciated by the teachers.

Blanket Sunday

On Blanket Sunday, Mother's Day, we remembered mothers and women that have been or are now important in our lives. Members of our congregation pinned slips of paper with their honors or remembrances of the women with monetary donations to help other women in need. Blankets and other needs will be purchased by Church World Service and given to mothers needing blankets to stay warm, cover their children, and /or use as a tent.

Panera Pickup

Panera Pickup continues because of the commitment of those in our congregation that are able to pick up bread and other unsold items from Panera, rebag them for distribution, and deliver them to Willis School and Andrews House. If you can help with this ministry, talk to Larry

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
Dave Lovell	Health Issue

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

Faulk. You need to be available to pick up the items at 8:45 p.m. on Wed. and /or Thurs. nights and deliver them the next morning- Thurs. to Willis, Fri. to Andrews House. Thanks to ALL who are able to help.

People in Need

The People In Need box continues to be filled with nonperishable foods to be given to People In Need for them to give to those who are of need. Thanks to Peter White for delivering food to People In Need.

June Outreach

Tools of Hope

Tools of Hope Sunday is Father's Day. We will pin a slip of paper with the names of men to honor or remember with a monetary gift (on the blanket in the sanctuary) which will be used for buying tools and equipment to build or rebuild in areas damaged by weather of other circumstances. Church World Service is instrumental in making this happen. Thanks to all who can contribute to this ministry.

One Great Hour of Sharing

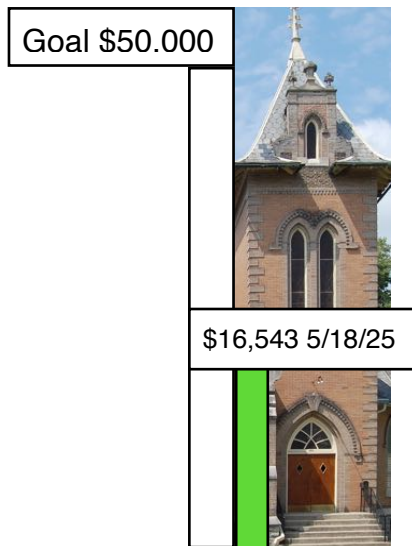
During the month of June we will collect money for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This offering meets many needs when people are faced with disaster. Please pray for those who have lost homes and personal belongings due to all of the tornados, hurricanes, and fires last year and this year. So many are starting with nothing and having to rebuild their lives.

Financial Update

General Fund expenditures through the month of April have exceeded income by \$2,706. Mission income is on target to meet our annual goals.

Tower Repair Project Update

Durable Slate says that work on the tower will begin as soon as their schedule permits. The project will include 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. As of May. 18th, we have received \$16,543 for the project. Your pledges and donations are appreciated. You may also contribute online by selecting "donate" on our website: fbcdelaware.org.

Blanket Sunday Dedications

5/11/2025

Given by:

In memory/honor of:

Mark Allison
Jeanne Ekelberry
Larry and Pam Faulk

In memory: Fern Allison
In memory: All Mothers
In memory: Evoleno Cole
Florence Faulk
Mary Anderson

In honor: Erin Faulk
Laurie Faulk
Pat Rose
Donna Mann

Pat Gosser

In memory: Jean Scott
In honor: Mary Lou Lovell

Carol Grubbs
Brennan Howe

In memory: Ruth Brown
In honor: Candy Lee
Alicia Scott

Candy Lee

In memory: Jean Scott
Chris Lee

Dave and Mary Lou Lovell

In honor: Barbara Smith
Deborah Lovell

Deb Lovell

In honor: Mary Lou Lovell
Barbara Lovell Smith
Raeleen George

Lena Putkonen
Jay and Joyce Roberts

In honor: Carole D. Putkonen
In memory: Pauline Curry Roberts
Grace Thompson Jones

Randy and Jennifer Turner

In honor: Tonabell Turner
Jane Moore Snyder

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June


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June Mission Focus:

- One Great Hour of Sharing
- Church World Service (Tools)

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion One Great Hour of Sharing	2	3	4 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	5 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	D-Day 6	7
Pentecost 8 10:00 am Worship Service Baptist Youth Day of Prayer  One Great Hour of Sharing	9 5:30 Deacons	10	11 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	12 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	13	Flag Day 14 
Father's Day 15 Tools of Hope 10:00 am Worship Service  One Great Hour of Sharing	16	17	18 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	Juneteenth 19  8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	Summer Begins 20 	21 8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans 11:30 am ABW Lunch in Fellowship Hall
22 10:00 am Worship Service One Great Hour of Sharing July newsletter deadline	23	24	25 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	26 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	27	28
29 10:00 am Worship Service One Great Hour of Sharing July newsletter available	30	1	July 2 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed	3 8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed	Independence Day 4 	5