

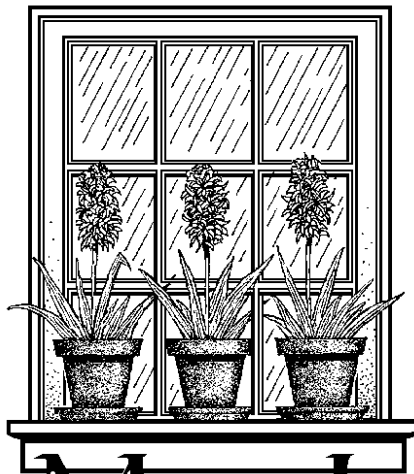
Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

As we witnessed the destruction in Haiti many wondered how we could help. As a church we made an immediate donation to the Red Cross. We followed up with a commitment to send our benevolence offering in February to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering dedicated to relief in Haiti. I would also like to share a something shared with Ohio Baptists by our executive minister, Dr. Larry Swain who wrote:

*"Through the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**, American Baptists began responding immediately. Nearly \$40,000 has been sent so far for relief efforts underway in Port-au-Prince and the surrounding area. Church World Service is already providing desperately-needed hygiene kits, tarps and blankets in the affected areas. The Haitian Baptist Convention has mobilized pastors to minister to their Haitian brothers and sisters even as they themselves learn how their own families and communities have been affected by the earthquake. I would plea with each ABC/Ohio congregation to step up and respond in whatever way you can. Financial gifts are most needed now."*



March

For further information about what American Baptists are doing to help in the ongoing crisis you could check our websites. ABCUSA is found at www.abc-usa.org. ABC/Ohio can be found at www.abc-ohio.org.

I would like to extend a special thanks to the men of our church for their participation in the Second Friday meal at Andrews House on February 12. We had a great turnout and everyone worked very hard. Barb McKendry, who runs the Second Friday program, singled out two of our teenagers.

She said she didn't know when she had seen anyone work as hard as Michael Mercer and Ben Turner. Well done guys.

As we wait for the record thirty inches of February snow to melt we are moving toward Easter. I encourage you to be in worship for the Sundays in Lent. It is a much needed time of introspection as well as preparing our hearts for the Good News of Easter. Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Tim".

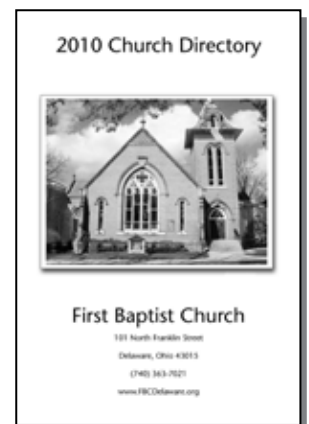
Shrove Tuesday

About 25 people braved the winter weather to come out for our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. A big thank you should go to the cooks who did such a wonderful job in the kitchen.

Church Directory Available

The 2010 edition of our church directory is now available. Please let us know if it contains any errors; if it does we'll print a correction in the newsletter.

The directory info is assembled each year by the deacons. Please note that the directory is **NOT** a membership list.



Retreat News

Nine people attended the planning meeting for this year's church retreat. I am excited about our ideas for this year. Please put the date on your calendar now. It will be October 9-10. It is for our whole church family, and it would be nice if our whole church family could attend. Remember, if it is your first time attending, the cost to you is

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free. Please feel free to contribute to the retreat fund at any time during the year to help defray the cost for others.

– Pam Faulk

Bernice Turney

Bernice A. Turney, 94, mother of Lana Palmer, died on February 4, 2010 in Cincinnati.

Bernice was a member of First Baptist for many years, and attended regularly until just a few years ago when she moved to a retirement community in Cincinnati.



Bernice was the beloved wife of the late Ben Turney, dear mother of Mary (Ron) Heinlen of Cincinnati, Lana (Jerry) Palmer of Delaware, and Wayne (Harper McAdoo) Turney of Hilltown, Pa., sister of Bill (Marlene) and Jack (Sue) Cooperider, Mary Lou Cain, preceeded in death by infant brother Kenneth and sisters Sara Jane Courter and Marjorie Hartley, grandmother of Michael (Susan Spalding), Deborah, and Robert (Allison) Heinlen, Stephen (Sandi) Palmer, Jennifer (Jason) Lenhart, and Jamin (Yania Sumo) Turney, also survived by nine great-grandchildren. She was also a member of Daughters of the American Revolution.

A well-attended memorial service was held at First Baptist on Saturday, February 20, with Rev. Tim Chesser and Rev. Harper McAdoo Turney officiating, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Interment was at Fulton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Marjorie P. Lee Retirement Community, 3550 Shaw Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45208, or to The First Baptist Church.

We extend our sympathy to Lana and Jerry and their family.

Thank You

To my dear church family,

Words cannot adequately express my appreciation to you all for the lovely expressions of sympathy given to me and to my family following the recent loss of my mother, Bernice Turney. Please know your many kindnesses were indeed a blessing to us. The beautiful pink azaleas were such a lovely gift in memory of mother. They certainly brought sunshine our way.

Thank you and God bless you.

Love,

– Lana and Jerry Palmer

Trustees Notes

- The B&J Fire Extinguisher Service of Marion completed checking and tagging our extinguishers for inspection. Five extinguishers had reached an age that was outlawed and had to be replaced. The total cost was \$272.25.
- A special thank you to Larry Faulk for bringing his big snow blower to the church and doing all the walks

Volunteers Needed for Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

Looking for a way to help? Many nursing home residents have no regular visitors or may not have family living near. The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is looking for volunteers to visit residents in nursing homes and act as advocates for their care.

Volunteers are provided with a 14-hour initial training program and can be assigned to nursing home near the volunteer's home or work. Volunteers need to be age 18 or over and able to commit about 2 hours a week to visit.

Please contact Ruthie Fortkamp at (614) 857-1230 or (800) 536-5891 or email rfortkamp@colscss.org for more information.

– Ruthie Fortkamp
Volunteer Coordinator
Catholic Social Services

Common Ground Free Store Presents:

AN EMERALD ISLE EVENING!

Wed., March 17th 5-8 p.m.

The Delaware Township Hall, 2590 Liberty Road

**Serving Traditional Fare:
Corned beef, Scalloped Cabbage Casserole, Roast
Potato, Roll and Fruit Trifle, beverage, too.**

\$25 couple, \$12 single • Pre-sale tickets only
Phone Carla: 740-816-7827 or Beth: 740-816-3491

***Wear your green! • Enter the Limerick Contest!
Guess the number of Lucky coins! • Prizes! Music! Fun!***

**All proceeds benefit Common Ground General fund.*

and the four parking spots out back for the *three* large snows during the first half of February.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Orders to be Taken for Easter Lilies

Easter lilies can be ordered to decorate our church on Easter Sunday. They can be given in memory or honor of someone, and you can take them home after our Easter service.



The price is \$8.00 each. Place your orders with Melissa Mercer or Jim Stephenson. The last day to place orders is Palm Sunday (March 28).

Thank You

Thank you all for the many expressions of support during my recent surgery and subsequent hospitalization. Just knowing that you were praying was a great comfort. The visits, flowers and cards were rays of sunshine and boosted my spirits considerably. I feel blessed by my church family.

– Jane Moore

Each One Do One

During this time of Lent, we often try to think more of others. See if you can do one thing over and above what you already do. Here are some suggestions, in no particular order.

1. Pray for our world leaders.
2. Attend the Lenten study at church on Sunday evenings.

Prayer List		
<i>Please give additions or corrections to a Deacon.</i>		
Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
The Deacons	Pam Debiasio	Health Issues
	Jim VanBrimmer	Health Issues
	Della Dove	Stroke Recovery
	Duane Binkley	Health Issues
	Jean Wickum	Condolences
	Nancy Snook	Health Issues
	Lana Palmer & family	Condolences
	Pam Faulk & family	Condolences
	Kathy Russell & family	Condolences
Jane Moore	George Corder	Health Issues
	Cathie Corder	Continued Recovery
	Olivia Langwasser	Leukemia
Jean Wickum	Martha Green	–
	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
	Mary & Steve Sealey	Health Issues
The Chessers	Toosie Eggers	Health Issue
	Mary Tilson	At Willowbrook
Evelyn Lee	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health Issues
	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
	Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller
The Faulks	Bill Faulk	Stroke Recovery
Bob Foor	Kay Kern	Cancer
	Donald Brown	Health Concerns
	Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family
	Celesta Crawford	Medical Issues

3. Go green.
4. Tell friends and family why you appreciate them.
5. Say something nice to someone each day.
6. Say a short prayer when you feel like shouting and wait until you can speak calmly.
7. Bring a friend to church.
8. Create art from trash.
9. Join a peace organization.
10. Practice random acts of kindness.

– Pam Faulk

Personals

- As this newsletter was being completed, we received word that Kathy Russell's mother, Barbara Hock Grigsby, died on March 1 in San Diego. Kathy and Robert had just arrived in San Diego a few days earlier to visit her. We extend our sympathy to Kathy and Robert and their family.
- Pam Shears had oral surgery.
- Rick Lee has returned safely from his trip from Antarctica and visited here on February 21.
- Peter White participated in a presentation of "Down at the Depot: Portrait of Delaware as a Railroad

Town" for the Delaware County Genealogical Society in February.

- Jane Moore was hospitalized at Grady with blood clots in her lungs but came home on February 6.

- Mike Ekelberry was in the cardiac unit at the Cleveland Clinic for two days but has now been released. Jeanne Ekelberry drove up to be with him.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



March 5 Ben Turner
7 Robert Foor
11 Rick & Sandy Van Brimmer
12 Evan Trigg
Sydney Kauf
13 Amy Pfarr
18 Dave Lovell
21 Samantha Davis
27 George Riedmiller
28 Becky Sykes

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

