

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

The book of Habakkuk has a beautiful conclusion about life tumbling in. He writes: "Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, yet will I rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights."

As we gathered for worship yesterday our hearts and minds were filled with thoughts of the tragedy that had struck one of our own. What an outpouring of love and affection and a sense of the comforting presence of God permeated our worship. The auto accident that so changed the lives of the Moore family certainly qualifies as an example of when life tumbles in. Their testimony since bears witness to their faith, which is like that of the prophet Habakkuk. Truly, the family of God makes a difference in times like this. We are reminded of what is really important.

As we move into March we will enter into the Lenten season. It is a

time to consider our walk with the Lord. As always we will have a time of celebration on Fat Tuesday with our Pancake dinner on March 8. On March 13 we will begin our Lenten study. This year we are going to think about world hunger. We will be using an intergenerational study from Heifer Project International.

We hope to engage all of our senses and different learning styles to learn how to make a difference.

The Grand Prairie Baptist Church has invited our church to an installation service for their new

pastor, the Reverend Gene Parker. The service will be held on March 13 at 5:00. Let me know if you are able to celebrate this important day in the life of one of our Marion association sister churches.

Eight FBC people were able to make the trip to Granville to be a part of the installation service for the Reverend Dwight Davidson as the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Granville. It was especially nice for me to be able to reconnect with friends and colleagues from the Rochester/Genesee Association of the American Baptist family.

I would like to extend a special word of thanks to the men of FBC for their efforts at February's second Friday dinner. Don Chenoweth noted that

we had a special team. Several of our men also had a busy Saturday morning recently helping one of our own pack a moving truck. Way to go guys.

Invite a friend to church. You might just change a life.

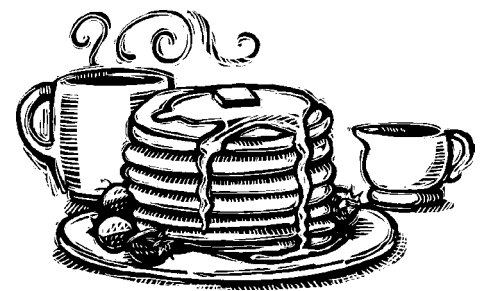
Your Pastor,



Pancake Supper

Please join us for the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at 6:30, March 8th in the Fellowship Hall sponsored by the men of the church. Bring a talent, reading, joke, music, or a story to share after a supper of pancakes, waffles, sausage, and fruit. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

—Larry Faulk



Do One Thing to Make a Difference

1. Pray for people who volunteer.
2. Attend the Lenten study.
3. Use resources more wisely.

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4. Contribute more to the America for Christ offering.
5. Go fly a kite.
6. Share Lenten devotions with your family.
7. Thank God for each new day, no matter what is going on.
8. Leave a thank you note at a police station.
9. Support FEED THE CHILDREN.
10. Say "Hi" to 3 people you have never spoken to before.

Retreat Committee

Last month's retreat committee meeting had to be postponed because of bad weather. It has been rescheduled for Monday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Faulks. The

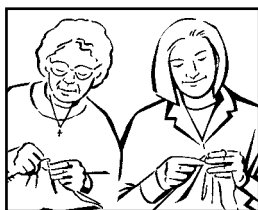


committee is open to anyone who has ideas about planning this year's retreat. If you have input but cannot make the meeting, please contact Pam Faulk (362-8637). Refreshments will be served (and they are not left over from last month).

– Pam Faulk

Sewing Group

The Sewing Group will not meet on March 2 because of other commitments.



Please plan to join us on April 6 from 10:00 to 2:00.

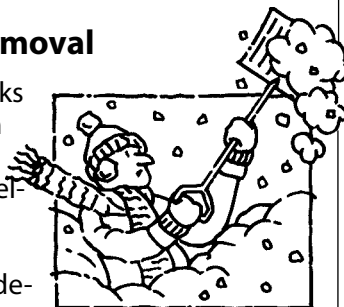
– Jeanne Ekelberry

PIN for March

This month we are collecting laundry detergent as a special item for PIN. All sizes are needed as PIN serves families of all sizes. Please bring your donation of laundry detergent the first or second Sunday of March. Thank you.

Snow Removal

Many thanks to the men who have been shoveling snow from the church's sidewalks and steps this winter. It is much appreciated.



Most of the shoveling is being done by men over 60. We're sure they'd appreciate help from some of the younger men.

Trustees Notes

- The plaster repairs to the cornice in the northeast corner of the sanctuary have been completed. The work was done by Jack Ball's men, who did a great job of replicating the cornice which had been damaged by a water leak. At press time we hadn't received the bill.

- A new coat rack was installed on the east wall in the fellowship hall. The work was done by Jimmie Moore and Jerry Palmer.

- A ball was thrown through a window in the "copier/choir robe" room. We repaired the window using glass that was left over from the classroom project from two years ago. There was no expense.

- Electrician Mike Clark wired and installed three new electrical outlets to meet the city fire inspection. They are on the east wall of the youth room (for the television), behind the hallway desk (for the water cooler), and behind the flag in the northwest corner of sanctuary (for the Christmas tree lights in

December and the fan during the summer). These outlets eliminate the need for extension cords in all three locations. At press time we hadn't received a bill.

- A thank you to those who helped remove snow and ice during the last 6 weeks.

- The power was off at the church for two days. We left the faucets running so nothing would freeze.

- The Gable Elevator Company did an inspection and service.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Susan Mussard

Susan R. Mussard, 63, passed away at her home in Delaware on Tuesday, February 15.

For almost 20 years she taught 8th grade language arts at Willis.



In spite of her physical limitations (cerebral palsy), she was active and had great rapport with her students.

Susie was a former member of our fellowship and was very close to Wick and Jean Wickum. She was instrumental in forming our church's young adult group, called The Groan-Ups, in the early '70s. Besides Susie, members included Donald and Dorothy Brown, Donna Brown, Larry and Pam Faulk, Jim Stephenson, Steve and Karen Stoner, and Pete and Linda White.

There will be a memorial service for her at Asbury Methodist Church at a date to be announced.

To share a memory of Susan or to offer condolences to the family, please visit the website of the Rodman Neeper Funeral Home at <rodmanneeper.com>.

ABW

ABW gathered at Buehlers on Thursday, Feb 17 with eight people sharing the time of fellowship, luncheon, remembering those unable to attend and sharing our deep concern of our church. Betty Porter treated us to delicious homemade valentine cookies.

Even though we did not meet in December, due to bad weather, \$25 was contributed to our Love Gift offering. Our Love Gift for January and February was \$45.76. It was good to be gathered again and we welcome any women to join us on March 17 at 11:30.

– Evelyn Lee, 362-9107



Church Women United

On May 6, at 11:30, Church Women United of Delaware will gather at William Street United Methodist Church. Please save the date and remember all women are invited. Watch future newsletters for details as you remember the joys we had as we hosted this event last year.

– Evelyn Lee, 362-9107

Andrews House

Many thanks to all of the ABM who worked hard at the Second Friday Dinner as greeters, mixers, servers and cleanup crew. This is an important part of showing our support for the mission of Andrews House, which is "People Strengthening People."

Remember to pick up your March order form for Angel Food Ministries on the vestibule table. Our support of the program enables the

PRAYER LIST

This list is prepared by the Deacons.

Prayer requests will be removed after 2 months unless "renewed".

Please send changes to Larry Faulk (Lfaulk01@aol.com)

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
The Deacons	Pam Debiasio	Health Issues
	Jean Osborne's sister-in-law, Ruthie	Health Issues
	Jimmie Moore	Car Accident Injuries
	Jean Wickum	Condolences on the death of Susan Mussard
	Harry Rittenhouse	Recovering from surgery and complications
	Sophia Stephenson	Health Issues
	Nancy Snook	Health Issues
Jean Wickum	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
Evelyn Lee	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health Issues
	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	Health Issues
Robert Russell	His mother in West Virginia	Dementia

program to have better purchasing power to serve more people needing food at the National level. Thank you for your support.

– Evelyn Lee, 362-9107

America for Christ Offering



AMERICA FOR CHRIST gifts support Christ-centered ministries that touch lives and transform people across the United States and Puerto Rico—through evangelism training, church renewal and discipleship resources, volunteer disaster response plus initiatives that fight poverty and so much more.

Our Goal is \$600.00.

Personals

• Jimmie and Jane Moore were taken to Grant Medical Center after an auto accident in Columbus. Jane was released after receiving some stitches, but Jimmie remains hospitalized with a spinal cord injury that has caused paralysis. As the newsletter went to press he was expecting to be transferred soon to a rehabilitation facility.

• Jeanne Ekelberry has a new great-grandson. Jack Thomas Arden was born to Doug and Jennifer Ekelberry Arden on February 14. Jack weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches. Barbara Bianchi Ekelberry is the maternal grandmother, and Jeanne is the paternal great-grandmother. Congratulations!

• Jim and Ann Brown's son Chuck received a fellowship from the Taiwanese government for his continued studies for his dissertation.

• Bob and Pat Foor have sold their condo in Powell and gifted some of their furniture to Sam and Lindley Chesser. They were back in town recently for the closing.

• Don Williams and Janet Lathrop recently both suffered bumps on the head from falls. They are both on the mend now.

• Jean Osborne recently visited her sister-in-law in California. Several members of the church recently helped her pack some of her things to be moved to Michigan.

• Ken and Genevieve Peterson made a quick trip to Florida to attend a meeting about retired ministers and missionaries.

• Sally Williams recently had family here and they toured her parents' house with its new owners. They talked about the history of the house. Sally is the daughter of long-time members of our church, Charles and Claudia Eliot.

• Rick Lee has returned safely from his 7th trip to Antarctica.

- Pam Faulk, Personals Editor

Birthdays and 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.

