

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC Family:

In some old time movies the passing of time would be presented as pages of a calendar turning over in the wind. As we prepare to celebrate Sam's graduation from Ohio Wesleyan in a couple of weeks

it seems that wind has been a strong one. Kathy and I are very proud of Sam and grateful for the support you have offered him. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find an invitation to the next big event in Sam's life.

As we wind down the Sunday school year I am thankful for all the work that goes into Christian Education at FBC. Many of my colleagues tell me that it is almost impossible to have a traditional Sunday school program anymore. Year after year we continue to prove that it is possible. It requires committed teachers and willing students. We have been blessed with an abundance of both.

Please be in prayer for our denominational family. At our last Marion association clergy luncheon Jane Gibbons, our Minister of Congregational Development, shared

news about changes in ABC/Ohio staffing. A committee is at work that will probably recommend the elimination of one or two professional staff positions. We currently have an executive minister and four Ministers of Congregational

Development, what we used to call Area Ministers. This is a direct result of decreasing contributions to the United Mission Budget. While our congregation is not one of the churches which have decreased its contribution we are still affected by the changes. In my thirty plus years of ministry I have always led the churches I pastored to support the work of the larger church. The main reason we are connected as Baptists is to accomplish ministry that we cannot

accomplish individually. Unfortunately we have seen a increase of those American Baptists who are unwilling to support regional and national efforts unless we are in complete theological agreement. Some of those folks have used their giving as a weapon. We all end up paying the price for what seems to me to be the malcontents misguided actions.

On the home front I would like to encourage you to vote on May 4. Some people just don't get very motivated to go to the polls for primary elections. However, we are also being asked to approve a school levy. Support for our public schools is too important to leave to someone else. Think about all the children in our church who are a part of Delaware City Schools. Vote yes for the renewal of the Emergency Levy.

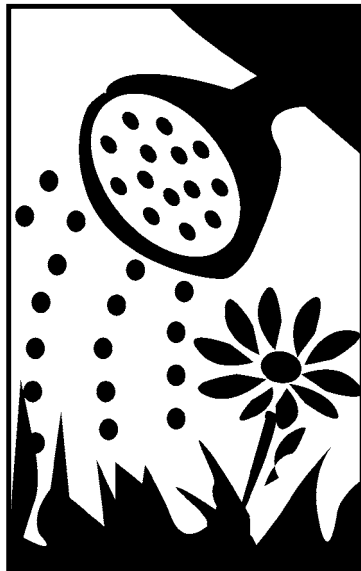
Invite a friend to church. They may not be ready to say yes, yet, but you never know until you ask.

Your Pastor,



## First Baptist to Host Church Women United

We will welcome friends at the annual Ecumenical Church Women United meeting and luncheon on Friday, May 7, at 11:30 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall. At 11:30 we will share a potluck meal, followed by the dedication of the Least Coin Offering. At 12:15, April Nelson will update us on the Andrews House Interfaith Legal Clinic which she helps to present monthly. All women are invited and urged to



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join this gathering. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. For further details, contact Barb Reed (740-369-4125), Sharon Baker (614-629-4090), or Evelyn Lee (740-362-9107).

– Evelyn Lee

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**If Many Little People  
 In Many Little Places  
 Do Many Little Deeds,  
 They Can Change the  
 Face of the Earth.**

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 submitted by Pam Faulk

**Trustees Notes**

- The sanctuary piano was tuned before Easter by Richard Dacks. The cost was \$85.00.
- A new **whiteboard** was installed in the youth room. The cost was \$181.00. The trustees urge all members and youth not to use any magic markers in this room. Marks made with magic markers can't be removed. To avoid soiling the board, **please only use dry-erase markers** which are made for whiteboards. It was an expensive mistake.
- A new valve was installed in the mens room. The cost was \$240.00.
- The trustees extend a thank you to Bill Hedges for using his truck to deliver the new tables to the fellowship hall.

– Peter White  
 Reporting for the Trustees

**Prayer List**

*Please give additions or corrections to a Deacon.*

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
The Deacons	Pam Debiasio	Health Issues
	Evelyn Lee	Health Issues
	Betty Porter	Mobility Problems
	Sophia Stephenson	Health Issues
	Harold and Deb VanBroekhoven	Condolences on Death of Deb's Father
	Della Dove	Stroke Recovery
	Duane Binkley	Health Issues
	Janet Lathrop	Health issues
	Nancy Snook	Health Issues
	George Corder	Health Issues
Jane Moore	Cathie Corder	Continued Recovery
	Olivia Langwasser	Leukemia
Jean Wickum	Martha Green	–
	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
	Mary & Steve Sealey	Health Issues
Evelyn Lee	Mary Tilson	At Willowbrook
	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health Issues
	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	Health Issues
Lana Palmer	Judy Overly	Health Issues
Jennifer Cramer	Bev McKirgan	Cancer Treatment
	Jennifer's Neighbor, Tim	Cancer Diagnosis
Bob Foor	Kay Kern	Cancer
	Donald Brown	Health Concerns
Carol Grubbs	Abby Brown	Health Concerns
	Haycox Family	Children's Health
	Celesta Crawford	Medical Issues

**WEB LINKS**

**American Baptist Churches USA**  
 ABC-USA.org

**American Baptist Churches of Ohio**  
 ABC-Ohio.org

**First Baptist Church**  
 FBCDelaware.org



## 10 Things

Here is a list of 10 things, in no particular order, that you might consider doing, over and above what you already do.

1. Pray for the pastor every day.
2. Attend all church business meetings.
3. Help clean a stream.
4. Give homework help or tutor someone.
5. Go out and enjoy God's world.
6. Pray for a friend who is going through a hard time.
7. Thank our Sunday school teachers for the time they put in.
8. Plant a garden.
9. Give shoes to Soles 4 Souls.
10. Vote in every election.

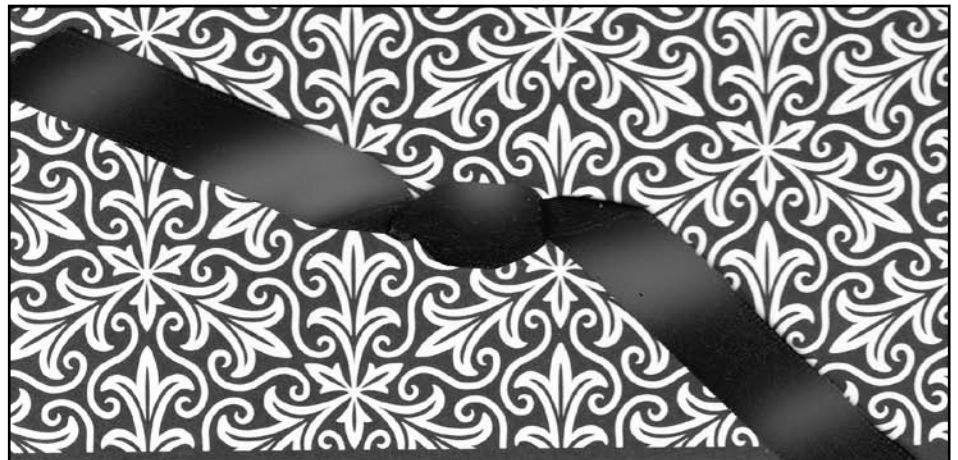
## Church Directory Update

*Please update your copy of the 2010 directory with this address change...*

**Florence Faulk** has moved to room 301 at Delaware Court.

## PERSONALS

- Our condolences to Deb VanBroekhoven on the death of her father in Vermont.
- Evelyn Lee broke her leg and is recuperating at home.
- Betty Porter experienced a setback in recovering her mobility.
- Michael Ekelberry is doing better.
- Sam Chesser preached the sermon on April 18.
- Will Fogle was baptized on April 4. This was followed by a nice reception.



*Robert and Katherine Fischer  
and  
Wendi and Stephen Chapman  
request the honour of your  
presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Lindley Marie Fischer  
to  
Samuel Elijah Chesser  
son of Tim and Kathy Chesser  
Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 2010  
at 3:30 in the afternoon  
First Baptist Church of Delaware  
101 North Franklin St.  
Delaware, Ohio 43015*

- On April 11, a bridal shower was held at the church for Lindley Fischer and Sam Chesser. It was very well attended, and everyone had a good time.
- The new tables have arrived in the fellowship hall. Be sure to take a look at them.

### SPRING TRAVELERS...

- Sally and Don Williams spent a month in Arizona.
- Dave and Mary Lou Lovell traveled to Williamsburg, Virginia.
- The Mercers traveled to St. Louis.
- The Whites went to Maryland.
- Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk cruised in the Eastern Caribbean.

- Tim and Kathy Chesser traveled to Indiana.
- The Turner family vacationed in Florida.

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



- May 2 Lisa Fogle  
3 Rick Van Brimmer  
7 Bertha Van Brimmer  
8 Willard Fogle  
9 Chris Riedmiller  
Tim Chesser  
10 Archie & Beth Trigg  
Anna Kailyn Porter  
12 Jeanne Ekelberry  
15 Barbara Smith  
Betty Porter  
24 Jean Wickum  
Sharon & Steve Baker  
27 Lisa Lawrence  
30 Ken Peterson  
31 Isaiah Davidson

*Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.*

