

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

Something new popped up in the back of the church this past Sunday. On Sunday morning there was a wooden floor about 8' x 6' outside the back door of the educational building. By 6:00 there was a brand new shed for storing our snowblower and lawn-mower. It is amazing what six men and a few good tools can get done in a day. Jerry Palmer and Larry Faulk had built the base and were part of the six. The rest of the group was Phil Mercer, Randy Turner, Ben Turner, and me. If you had happened by and heard all the laughter throughout the day you would have been hard pressed to believe we got any work done. Be sure to extend a word of thanks to these hard workers.

What a blessing it was to have Jimmie Moore in church with us Sunday for worship. We were all moved by his presence and his testimony. Jimmie will be at Willowbrook for a few more weeks. After that the Moore house remodeling will be done and he will come home. After Jimmie returns home a neighbor of the Moores has volunteered to coordinate meals for Jane and Jimmie. Please let me know if you would like to be a part of this

effort. I will also put the contact information in the bulletin as the time draws closer.

If you were not able to be in worship on April 10 you missed something special. As Sam Chesser talked about his call to the ministry he lifted up the importance of our congregation. Although he was not able to name everyone who had served as witnesses for him he stressed how important all of you had been. By the time you read this missive we will have

already voted as a congregation on the licensing issue. Kathy and I were two proud parents as we listened to Sam's testimony. Sam's ten years as a member of FBC have truly been life changing. Thanks to all who played a part in that process.

Invite a friend to church. You might not win a car, but you will still be making a difference.

Your Pastor,



## Thank A Teacher

Tuesday, May 3 is National Teacher Day. It is a good time to reflect on the teachers you have had who had an influence in your life. Have you ever considered writing a thank you note to a teacher? It does not necessarily have to be a teacher you currently have if you are a student. It can be any teacher from your life's journey.



As our Sunday school time winds down for this year, please consider also thanking our Sunday school teachers and substitutes. The last day for Sunday school will be May 29. We will begin summer hours on June 5.

— Pam Faulk

## Church Directory Available

The new edition of our church directory is now available in the vestibule. If you find any errors in your family's listing, please leave a note in the newsletter box and we'll put a correction in the next newsletter.

## People in Need

Our special items for the month of May are tooth brushes and tooth-paste. Please bring these items the

first of the month and put them in the PIN basket.

– Kathy Chesser

### Please Use the Microphone When Making Announcements

For those in our congregation who are hearing impaired, it's important that you use the microphone when making announcements in church on Sunday. This helps us all to hear what you have to say.

– Pam Faulk

### Do One Thing

Sometimes we think we have to do big things to make a difference in the world. But little things can be really important too. Challenge yourself to do one thing this month to make a difference. Here are some suggestions, in no particular order.

1. Pray for mothers all over the world.
2. Spend time with a spiritual mentor.
3. Plant a flower bulb or seed in a pot. After it sprouts, give it to

someone who needs cheering along with a note of hope.

4. Volunteer at a hospital.
5. Donate your organs.
6. Thank your Sunday school teacher.
7. Pray for those you work with or attend school with.
8. Organize a group to clean up a local park or playground.
9. Support Kelsey's Dream, an organization that makes life a little easier for kids with cancer.
10. Take a family walk and look for signs of spring.

### Angel Food

Remember to pick up your Angel Food order form for May in the vestibule. Thanks to Jim Stephenson for providing these.

– Evelyn Lee

### Sewing Group

The Sewing Group met on April 6th with four present. We were glad to have Janet and Bertha join us. We finished five quilt/lap robes which

were given to Common Ground.

We can still use old sheets for bandages, and mattress pads and old blankets for use in sleeping bags for the homeless. Donna Immel uses these items; she rolls bandages for us from leftovers of sheets. This last quarter she gave us

90 and we made 59 to be given to Harold Rittenhouse.

Hope you can join us on May 4th from 10:00 to 2:00 for more bandages and quilts.

– Jeanne Ekelberry

### Della Nofsinger Dove

Former member Della June (Nofsinger) Dove, 85, of Oxford, Kansas, died of a stroke on February 17, 2011.

Della was a 1943 graduate of Oxford High School. She received her degree in Religious education and Bible from Philips University in 1950.



She later earned her Masters from Butler School of Religion.

Della taught religion in several cities in Kansas, and then here in Delaware until 1974.

In 1981 she married John Edward Dove. After his death in 1992, Della returned to Oxford, but she stayed in touch with several members of our church with letters sent to our Young at Heart group.

Della enjoyed reading, travel, genealogy, taking walks, butterflies, and her cat Tippy.

Survivors include her niece Sue Wall and Sue's husband Brent of McPherson, Kansas, and numerous friends.

Funeral services were held at the Oxford Christian Church, and burial was at the Oxford Cemetery. Memorial gifts can be sent to the Oxford Christian Church.



## Retreat

Anyone wishing to have input in the planning of this year's church retreat is invited to attend a meeting at the Faulks on May 12, at 7:00 p.m.



## Ecumenical Church Women United

The women of William Street United Methodist Church invite all women to join them for the 2011 Annual Ecumenical Church Women United Annual Meeting on Friday, May 6. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. Beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and your table service. The meeting will be in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.



After the luncheon the Last Coin offering will be collected and dedicated. At 12:15 we will have the program including a speaker from the Common Ground Free Store who will tell us of their present work and we'll hear of some mission outreach of William Street women.

Those using the elevator should enter the church at the south end of the parking lot. Parking is available in the City Parking Lot and in the Masonic Temple lot in the opposite corner.

This is the meeting we hosted last year. Please plan to come again this year and fellowship with others in our county.

– Evelyn Lee

## 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 Debasio	Health Issues
	Jimmie Moore	Car Accident Injuries
	Jean Wickum	Recovering from cat bite
	Sophia Stephenson	Health Issues
	Tommy Ford's Mother, Lucy	Cancer
	Betty Porter	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

## April Second Friday Dinner

Thanks to Barb Reed, and Kathy and Tim Chesser for helping at the April dinner. There were so many people that we had to put up an extra table for late comers. There were lots of new faces as well as many familiar guests so the need is still there.

We will be working again in May and helpers are welcome. Let me know if you would like to help from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00.

–Evelyn Lee, 362-9107

## Trustees Notes

- The cost of the plaster repair in the northeast corner of the sanctuary was \$596. Jake Ball's men did a great job.

- A new shed was purchased and constructed at the rear of the church to hold a snowblower and a lawn mower. A shed was necessary because items with a gas tank cannot be kept inside. The total cost was \$375. Jerry Palmer headed up the project, and helpers were Larry Faulk, Tim Chesser, Randy Turner, Phil Mercer and Ben Turner.

- A new lawn mower was purchased. The cost was \$165.

– Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees

## Thank You

Thank you to the person(s) responsible for waxing and buffing the floors in the Sunday school wing. They look beautiful!

– Archie and Beth Trigg

## Personals

- Jimmie Moore was released from Dodd Hall and is currently at Willow Brook in Delaware. He now has a motorized wheelchair and an accessible van. On April 17 he was able to attend church for the first time since February. It was a joyous sight to see him. Jimmie thanked everyone and gave testimony that God is working through him.

- Our former interim pastor, Robert Hughes, is currently undergoing treatment for throat cancer. His address is 902 Berwin Street, Akron, OH 44310-2122.

• Mary Lou Lovell was taken to the ER last month with issues related to blood pressure. She thanks everyone for their prayers and cards.

• Jean Wickum was taken to the ER twice from complications from a cat bite which became infected. She eventually had surgery on her hand to clean the infected area. She stayed several days at Grady and then was released to Delaware Court to recover.

• The Palmers' grandson Jeremy Chaffin was home for two weeks before his deployment.

• Sam Chesser preached on April 10 and gave testimony of his journey toward being licensed to preach.

• The Dempsey Junior High Honor Roll included these names for the last quarter: Alec Ferguson, Distinguished Honor Roll; Claire Turner, Distinguished Honor Roll; Jane Mercer, Honor Roll; and Sarah Bowman, Merit Roll. Congratulations to all!

• Emily Bowman had several parts in the Hayes musical PHANTOM OF THE OPERA.

• Phil Mercer and Will Fogle, along with Pam and Larry Faulk and Vic Fogle, attended the Marion Association New Member banquet on April 8.

– Pam Faulk, Personals Editor

## *Birthdays and 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.*