

Good News Letter

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As I sit down to write this article, the temperature outside is warming up from a chilly night to a very pleasant day. As the greening of the world continues, nature reminds us that it is springtime, the season of Easter.

We celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord all year round, of course, but more than any other time of the year, in this time, it becomes the central focus of our worship, fellowship, and service,

Resurrection simply means, “to stand up again,” and in the spiritual sense it refers to the eternal life that both accompanies us throughout our time on earth *and* ushers us into heaven.

I am moved by the simple message of the angel at the tomb; “He is not here, he has risen, go tell his disciples,” and also Paul’s message in First Corinthians about, “putting on imperishability, immortality.” Faith in the power of the



cross over sin and in the resurrection victory over death and emptiness, binds us to each other, and to all believers everywhere, and truth be known, to all people.

It is the source of inner peace, and of confidence in God’s presence, come what may. This confidence spreads to every facet of life, including the ministries of this church and of the Church in the world, because God is present in them.

In honor of that presence and grace, we are going to have an Easter themed hymn sing on Sunday May 17th at 4 pm. Included will be some of the hymns that proclaim the triumphant victory of God, even if they

are not directly associated with Easter. Afterward there will be a fellowship meal potluck style. Everyone is welcome. Spread the word.

I hope these weeks of early springtime will bring a firm sense of the Easter victory and strengthen your faith for the journey ahead.

**May God bless you all,
Mark**

**Jeanne Ekelberry
Memorial Service**

Saturday, May 9th
11:30 am
followed with
meal

Hymn Sing

Sunday, May 17th
4:00 pm
followed with
potluck fellowship meal

May Panera Volunteers

Wed	Thur
May 6-Brown	May 7-Brown
May 13-Lee	May 14 -Brown
May 20-Grubbs	May 21-Faulk
May 27-Gosser	May 28-Grubbs
Jun 3-Brown	Jun 4-Brown

Thank you all for volunteering. There is still one spot available in June.

PERSONALS

-Laura and Richard Brown would like to thank everyone for their prayers during their illnesses and death of Laura's brother.

-Joyce Roberts recently injured her spine in a fall and was in Riverside Hospital. She is now at home but in much pain. She and Jay would like to thank everyone for their continued prayers-

-Larry, Pam , and Erin Faulk took a Southern Caribbean cruise for Erin's spring break.

-Pam Faulk has been having issues with her spine and right leg. She thanks everyone for their prayers.

THANK YOU

We recently received the following thank you note:

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you so much for the many ways you supported us during a hard week. We appreciate the meal and your loving kindness.
 With Gratitude,
 Pam Shears and Family

America For Christ

I want to thank you all for your generous donations to the America for Christ offering in March. Because of all of you, we were able to reach beyond our goal of \$1000.

- Pam Faulk

American Baptist Women

Spring is upon us and our schedules are busy with sports, activities, graduations and summer travel. This month we are cancelling the May meeting. Our next meeting will be June 20th.

- Laura Brown

Old Parsonage Sale

The church has owned a single family house at 632 Congress Ct since the early 1970's. It has served both as a parsonage and most recently as a rental property.

At a called business meeting on March 15th, the congregation voted to sell the property. On March 27, we finalized the sale to the current tenant, Mike Thomas.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 7 is the National Day of Prayer. Please remember to take a moment out of your day to say a prayer for our church, our city, our state, our nation, and the world.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENDS THIS MONTH

Sunday, May 17 will be the last day for Sunday School classes until the fall. Of course, that means that summer hours will begin on Sunday, May 24 when the worship service will begin at 10:00.

Jeanne Ekelberry Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service for Jeanne Ekelberry on Saturday, May 9th at 11:30 am. All are invited to this celebration of Jeanne's life. There will be a meal afterward in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place if you would like to contribute to the meal.

Easter Themed Hymn Sing

There will be a hymn sing on Sunday, May 17th at 4 pm in the sanctuary. After the hymn sing, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck dinner. All are invited.

2026 Church Directory

There is a draft of the 2026 directory on a table in the Gathering Place for your review. You do not need to be a member to be included. Please see me to update your photo and/or info.
- Larry Faulk, editor

Birthdays and Anniversaries



May

- 3 Rick VanBrimmer
- 8 Will Fogle
- 10 Archie & Beth Trigg
- 15 Barbara Smith
- 16 Brianna Showalter
- 25 Rolf Remlinger/Deb Lovell

Please report any errors.

Mission/Outreach News

Bill and Ann Clemmer, our missionaries, continue their tremendous work in Goma in the Democratic Republic of Congo at the HEAL Africa Spiritual Ministries campus, located across the road from a 300-bed hospital. The campus stands as a beacon of healing, dignity, and hope. They give thanks for your support to continue their ministry where they continue to be that beacon of hope for so many children, youth, and adults. There is a large Chapel there. Surrounding the chapel are ministries you have supported that embrace all who come to them:

A day school for children whose mothers are hospitalized

A Sunday School complex welcoming more than 900 children each Sunday

A learning and counseling center for homeless youth

A women's center and arts facility for livelihood training

Playgrounds and open spaces for recreation and restoration

A chaplaincy school equipping spiritual leaders for service
And 2 large dormitories: one sheltering up to 60 street children, and another providing refuge for women recovering from medical/surgical care after surviving sexual violence.

There is more information from the Clemmers on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

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
Jenni Pedzinski and family	Father's stroke
Bill & Ann Clemmer	Safety
Tim Lee	Health Issues
David Salyer	Health Issues
Connie Roberts	Health Issues
Ray Serviss	Health Issues
Joyce Roberts	Injury Recovery

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

During the month of April our church outreach was giving to the America for Christ offering. Thanks to all who contributed to exceed the goal for giving.

Our church began bringing individually wrapped snack items to be put into bags and given to the staff at Conger Elementary School in May to show our appreciation for their work with children.

Donations of individually wrapped cookies, chips, popcorn, granola bars, and candy may be given. The last day for collection of these items will be May 3rd.

Thanks to all those who pick up unsold Panera items, rebag them for distribution and deliver them to Andrews House and Willis School. We are always looking for more volunteers. The sign up sheet is in the Gathering Place.

Thanks to all who continue to bring nonperishable food items and put them in the basket in the entry for People In Need. You are helping with a huge need in our community!

Mother's Day - Blanket Sunday

When you come to church on Sunday, May 10th, think of your mother or another woman who was important in your life. There will be a blanket in the front of the church. This blanket reminds us that many in our world do not have blankets to use for their children to keep them warm or use as a tent. Please pin a piece of paper on the blanket indicating the names of those you wish to remember with your monetary gift. The money will be given to Church World Service to be used for those in need.



Easter Lily In Honor/Memory

Darlene Caulkins – In Memory of Robert Caulkins
John Rittenhouse
Martha Rittenhouse

Richard & Laura Brown – In Honor of Brian and Rachel

Candy Lee – In Honor of Tim Lee, Brennan Howe and Chad Myford

Jane Moore – In Memory of Jimmie Moore and Mary Alice Snyder

Pam & Larry Faulk – In Honor of our Children and Grandchildren
In Memory of our Parents

Carol Grubbs – In Honor of Meredith Bradford & Jacob Bradford
In Memory of Jim Brown and Nicholas Haycox

Lauren Fitzpatrick – In Memory of Loraine Lewis

Pat Gosser – In Memory of Jean Scott and Trudy Laslo

Pam Shears – In Memory of Ken Shears

Mary Lou Lovell – In Memory of Dr. Richard Lovell and Jay Emmer-Lovell



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FISH FRY FUNDRAISER MAY 8, 2026

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PLATES INCLUDE 2 SIDES
LUNCH 12pm-2PM DINNER 5PM-7PM
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May

2026

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Peace Sunday 3 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion 	4	National Teacher Appreciation Day 5 	6 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	National Day of Prayer 7  8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	8 / May Day 1	9 / 2 11:30 am Jeanne Ekelberry Memorial Service followed by Luncheon
Mothers Day Blanket Sunday 10 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service  Baptist World Alliance Sunday	11 5:30 Deacons	12	13 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	Ascension Day 14  8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	15	Armed Forces Day 16 8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans
Recognition Sunday Baptist Heritage Day 17 9:30 am Sunday School (last SS until fall) 10:45 am Worship Service 4:00 pm Hymn Sing 5:00 pm Potluck Supper	18	19	20 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	21 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	22	23
Pentecost 24 10:00 am Worship Service (Summer Hours Begin) June newsletter deadline 	Memorial Day 25 	26	27 8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser	28 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	29	30
10:00 am Worship Service 31 June newsletter available	June 1	2	3 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	4 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	May Mission Focus: • Blanket Sunday (Church World Service)	