

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

Our advent worship services were a wonderful time of remembering and looking ahead. I am grateful that the really heavy snow held off until after our Christmas Eve service. It is always a joyful gathering of family and friends for a rehearing of the birth of Christ story. Kathy and I thank you for your wonderfully generous Christmas gift.

As the year comes to an end our church met our goal for the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Thank You Offering. We also collected a welcome Christmas offering which will be given to People in Need of Delaware County. We support PIN all year long, but a January gift is always welcome after the challenges of the holidays.

Later in this newsletter you will read about a challenge that we are facing in 2013. The tenants in the 93 Franklin Street house have moved out. We wish them well as they prepare to move to Florida for new opportunities. We are faced with some difficult decisions about the property. Others will spell out the options. I simply want to encourage you to hear all of the facts and help us to make sound decisions. In keeping with our congregational polity we will try to hear all sides of the issue and

then come to a decision. While it is unlikely that any decision will satisfy all we cannot hold off on making a decision.

As a nation our Christmas celebrations were marred by the death and destruction in Newtown, Connecticut. While no single thing can be blamed it seems obvious to me that we should do a better job of keeping guns out of the hands of those who have demonstrated poor decision making for whatever reason.

It might also be a good time to engage in some sound, critical thinking about the things that come our way from newspapers, emails, and internet sites. Let us make it a goal to protect our children and help make them secure in a dangerous world. Don't give up trying to make a difference just because an answer does not immediately appear.

A worthy New Year's resolution: I will attend church every Sunday in 2013 unless providentially hindered. Invite a friend to join you.

Your Pastor,



## Poinsettias

Our thanks to those who purchased poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during Advent.

- From Jerry & Lana Palmer, in memory of their parents
- From Randy & Jennifer Turner, in memory of Jimmie Moore
- From Betty Porter, 2 poinsettias in honor of Jennifer Cramer and Wyatt, and in honor of Janet Porter and family
- From the families of Carol Grubbs and Jim and Ann Brown, 3 poinsettias in memory of Teresa Griffith, Ruth and Charles Brown, and in honor of our church family

## The Board Of Christian Education

Our Board of Christian Education is very active in our church fellowship. We meet about 5 times a year for about an hour each time. We educate about missions, both locally and nationally, and missionaries. We offer an active Sunday school program. We provide leadership for children during the church service. We provide leadership and planning for workshops, retreats, and Bible studies. We plan special activities, especially for our youth. We plan special events such as Christmas programs and Children's Day activities. We oversee the use of the educational endowment.

As of the first of January, we will be missing 2 people on our board. If this is something you have an interest in and would like to serve on this board, please speak to our church moderator, Phil Mercer.

— Pam Faulk

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### 10 New Year's Resolutions To Consider

1. Pray for peace.
2. Pray for all church and world leaders.
3. Become more active in the life of our church.
4. Contribute more financially to our church.
5. Be more responsible with our resources.
6. Eat less, move more.
7. Choose one way to make a positive difference this year and get started on the first step.



8. Encourage others who are trying to make positive changes.
9. Be a nicer person and smile more.
10. Find a project to help others. Work on it all year long.

### Thank You

Thank you to the string ensemble that played the preludes for the Christmas Eve service; Aidan Ferguson(violin), Colin Ferguson(violin), Gabe Fogle(violin), Will Fogle(violin) and Claire Turner(cello). I appreciate your taking the time to practice.

You played the carols beautifully. Your music is a very special part of the Christmas season for me.

Thank you for sharing your gift of music with the congregation.

– Mary Lou Lovell

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To a friend at First Baptist,

Thank you so much for the lovely gift that we found at our door recently! It was a very thoughtful and generous gift that is still being enjoyed. Best wishes in 2013!

– Prefers to remain anonymous

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Jan. 4 Fred DeBiasio  
 6 Ken & Pam Shears  
 10 Kip Smith  
 12 Larry Faulk  
 Matthew Cooper  
 13 Evan and Carrie Trigg  
 16 Jane Moore  
 18 Matthew Lovell  
 20 Jennifer Turner  
 21 Tim Fogle  
 22 Michael Mercer  
 23 Nick Porter  
 26 Sophia Stephenson  
 27 Steve Baker  
 30 Calvin Turner

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

Dear FBC family,

What a journey I've been on with you! I feel like I have been walking a path for 11 years, and it all culminates in the next few months, when I graduate from seminary and am ordained. I want to thank you for your continued support, not just financially but moral support as well. You have shown that I am in your hearts as much as you are in mine. Enjoy a wonderful holiday season!

Love,

– Sam Chesser

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EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER:

It is with much appreciation that I express my heartfelt thanks for your participation in the annual Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering over the years... It is encouraging to know that we are still remembered and appreciated by those we have served!

After 35 years of ministry, I have retired to Delaware to be near chil-

dren and grandchildren, and have had the opportunity to worship with you on occasion, especially last Advent... My family experiences difficulties in life from time to time [and] it is at times like this that your gift from RMMO is most welcomed.

– Pastor Alvin R. Cox,  
Delaware, Ohio

### Scholarship Awarded

The Board of Christian Education has awarded a \$300 scholarship to Sam Chesser for his continued studies at Methesco. This scholarship is possible from funds from our educational endowment.

### Books Available

Jean Wickum has moved into the Sarah Moore Home and is downsizing her personal library. During the month of January, Jean's book collection will be on display in the fellowship hall. Please take any books that you like for your library. Donations are appreciated.



### Franklin House Possibilities

Our renters have left the Franklin House as of January 1, 2013. It is appropriate at this time to review and consider the possible options moving forward. The obvious options include:

- 1) sell the building
- 2) rent the building (after some needed improvements)
- 3) demolish the building

Each option has advantages and disadvantages.

In an effort to give everyone an opportunity to visit the house, see the challenges and opportunities, and to discuss the pluses and minuses of each option, we will have an open house at the Franklin house at 2 pm on Sun., Jan. 13th followed by an open forum discussion at the church at 3 pm.

Your feedback will be important as the congregation seeks to determine a course of action at the quarterly business meeting in January.

– Larry Faulk  
Finance Chairman

### Personals

- Erin Inscho and Richard Beddow were married on December 22nd, during a candlelight service in our sanctuary. A cake and punch reception followed in the Fellowship Hall. Erin is the youngest daughter of Melissa Neill. The bridal party wore Christmas red, black and silver. The bride and groom were attended by their respective children, parents, other family members and close friends.



## Last Call — Our Church Directory is Being Updated

If you'd like to be included in the 2013 church directory, please update your info with Larry Faulk or fill out the form below and return it to Larry. If you'd like a new picture, see Larry to have one taken.

Name	Birthday*	Anniv.*	Cell Phone	Email

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\* No year is necessary for birthday or anniversary.

- Congratulations to the following Hayes student who were honored for the first term:
  - Emily Bowman and Ian Ferguson — Honor Roll
  - Sarah Bowman, Jane Mercer, and Claire Turner — Merit Roll
- Charles Ekelberry and Elizabeth have been visiting Jeanne Ekelberry for several weeks from California.
- Matt Lovell was here over the Christmas holiday, also from California.
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson celebrated the holidays with family from Michigan and Minnesota who visited. The Petersons also have a new great-granddaughter, Sophie Louise.
- Jean Osborne was here for a visit from Michigan.
- Jim and Ann Brown celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.
- Florence Faulk fell at Delaware Court and fractured her leg above the knee. She had another knee replacement surgery to repair the fracture and is recovering at Delaware Court.
- Jean Wickum had surgery on a wound on her leg and is recovering back at Sarah Moore but is temporarily in the skilled nursing section instead of her apartment. She is currently in room 326 and would love visitors.
- Jennifer Turner has a new job in Dublin.
- Debbie Fogle has started substitute teaching for Delaware City Schools.
- Pam, Larry, and Erin Faulk and Pam's mother Evoleno Cole traveled to Warren to spend Christmas with Jeff and Laurie Faulk and their family. Jeff and Laurie and family then traveled to Delaware for a visit.
- Penny Hagaman was at Grady for awhile but is now back home.
- Dublin City Schools presented Larry Faulk with the "Extra Mile Award" for his excellent work in reporting accurate student data to the state.
- Barb Reed recently had successful surgery to remove a tumor on her nose.
  - Pam Faulk  
*Personals' Editor*

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# January

2013

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Days Off: Friday and Saturday

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13 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 2:00 Open House at Franklin House 3:00 Discussion about Franklin House	14 7:00 Deacons	15	16 7:00 Choir	17 12:00 ABW	18	19 8:00 ABM
20 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 Martin Luther King Worship Service at First Presbyterian Last day to submit newsletter articles	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> 21 7:45 MLK Breakfast Celebration at OWU 	22 7:00 Finance Committee	23 7:00 Choir	24	25	26
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Dear FBC family:

I am hoping you will put a red circle around February 10. We will be hosting some special guests during Sunday School and church on that day. Ivy and Emerson Wu will be sharing their testimonies with us.

Emerson and Ivy have been called as American Baptist missionaries to Macau. Because of changes in how we support our International Missions they must first raise 100% of their support before they actually move to the mission field. At our October business meeting we agreed to become ongoing supporters.

This is the first time that we have had the opportunity to partner with our missionaries from the very beginning of the process. Emerson and Ivy are both from China originally. They have been in America for many years. Emerson recently retired from the Ohio Board of Workers Compensation, where he was an IT person. Ivy was ordained last year by the Karl Road Baptist Church in Columbus. They have dynamic testimonies and visions for the future to share.

On February 12 we will have our traditional Pancake Dinner prior to the beginning of Lent. We have decided this year to make this a purely fellowship with food event. Instead of the talent portion we encourage folks to sit around the

table and chat. We are hoping some of our newer people will come and let us get a little better acquainted.

We are in the starting phase of identifying someone to come in during Lent to share with us planning for our elder years. We have identified

some issues that we think would benefit many of us. At times we put off decisions about the future because we don't have the proper information earlier in life. We hope to have people share information about elder legal issues, Medicare issues, and if

necessary elder housing.

I was grateful that so many came out for the tour of the 93 Franklin Street house. By the time you read this we will probably have voted what direction to pursue about this property. It was clear from our tour and discussion afterward that we don't want to continue to pour money into this house.

It was a special event to hear Dr. Albert Brinson share his life with us at the just concluded Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations the last two days. Thanks to those of you who managed to attend one or both of the events. A special thanks to Jane Moore and Michael Mercer for getting Dr. Brinson to Delaware from the airport. We all had a delightful lunch at Buns and got to share a blessed time with our guest.

Invite a friend to church. We have seen that sometimes they say yes and we are enriched.

Your Pastor,



## Pancake Supper

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Feb. 12 at 6:30 pm. The meal includes pancakes, waffles, fruit, chocolate chips, blueberry syrup, and fellowship. Especially the fellowship. Bring a friend. The meal is free. The time together is priceless.

P.S. There is no talent sharing requirement this year.



## Email Prayer list Change

We would like to expand the group email list that we currently use to share prayer concerns to include some "news" and "announcements" in an effort to keep you



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better informed. If you would like to be added to the email list, just send an email to pastor Tim (fbcdelaware@frontier.com) or me (lfaulk01@aol.com).

We will also build a phone list for those who would rather receive a call or voice message. To be added to that list, let me know or leave a voicemail at (740) 362-8637.

Thanks,

– Larry Faulk, deacons chair

### 10 Ways To Let Your Light Shine

1. Share Lenten devotions with your family.
2. Attend the church's Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.
3. Join the World Wide Fund for Nature.
4. Support the Kids for Kids Program through the United Methodist Church Children's Home.
5. Stay informed.
6. Ask God to show you something good even on the worst day and remember that even a terrible day is just one day.

7. Invite a friend to a church activity.
8. Use reusable containers instead of throw-away ones when packing a lunch or snack.
9. Make sew-free quilts for the Kid 2 Kid outreach program.
10. Compliment a different friend each day.

### Thank You

*[excerpts from a letter]*

On behalf of the Delaware County Department of Job and Family Services, Foster Care and Adoption Program, I would like to say thank you for your participation in the Holiday Wish Program for foster children. We appreciate the generosity of your organization in supporting our children and families. If anyone is interested in other ways to assist children, please do not hesitate to contact me at (740) 833-2386.

– Karen Cohen and Amber Huber  
Department of Job and Family Services

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Feb. 1 Melissa Neill  
2 Elizabeth Bowman  
6 Janet Inscho  
13 Lana Palmer  
15 Deborah Van Broekhoven  
24 Emilie Trigg  
26 Shannon Kennedy

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### Personals

- Sam Chesser recently spent two weeks visiting Cuba along with other Methesco students.
- Harold and Deb VanBroekhoven are heading to Burma for a historical trip along with about 25 others, to celebrate the birthday of the Judsons.
- Christina Kilhefner was in the ICU at Riverside Hospital dealing with complications from diabetes.

# February

2013

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3 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	4	5	6 7:00 Choir	7 7:00 Board of Christian Education	8	9
10 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Emerson and Ivy Wu	11 7:00 Deacons	12 <b>Shrove Tuesday</b> 6:30 Pancake Dinner 	13 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 7:00 Choir 	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> 	15	16 8:00 ABM
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The 2013 America for Christ (AFC) theme is "Building Communities of Hope" based on text found in Matthew 5:13-16. This is a vital reminder that we are to be "salt and light" in the world. We are to live out an incarnational practice that

world". As "light" we are to illuminate or make visible. Our lives are to be an on-going witness to the reality of Christ's hope and presence in our lives. When we worship God with pure hearts, when we love others as ourselves, and when we do good without growing weary, we are lights shining. It is important,

We will be receiving this offering throughout the month of March. Help us to reach our goal of \$600.00.

Your Pastor



## Jean Wickum

Jean Marie Wickum, 93, died on February 18, 2013 at the Sarah Moore Home in Delaware.

She was born May 24, 1919, in Meadville, Pennsylvania. Jean served in the Women's Army Corps during WWII, where she met and married Wilbur C. "Wick" Wickum on Sept. 15, 1945. Wick died December 25, 1990.



Jean served 21 years as Director of the Mental Health Association. She volunteered at the Andrews House and served as a poll worker. She served on the boards of several community agencies, and was the first President of the Board of the Council on Alcohol, which is now the Delaware Area Recovery Resources. She also served as a staff member of the Alcohol Education Program, the court related school for DUI offenders. Jean was a former member of the City Shade Tree

## BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF HOPE

MATTHEW 5:13-16

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2013



makes a difference in the life of our churches and communities.

Those first disciples would have been intimately familiar with this function of salt. Without refrigeration, the fish that they caught would quickly spoil and rot unless they were packed in salt. Once salted, the fish could be safely stored and then used when needed. The spiritual health and strength of the Christian is to counteract the corruption that is in the world. Christians, as salt, are to be agents of change that thwarts the destructive forces in our society. This in turn creates opportunity for the gospel of hope to be proclaimed and received.

In Matthew 5:14, Jesus tells His disciples, "You are the light of the

however to know that it is not our light, but the reflection of the Light of the world, Jesus Christ Himself, that people will see in us.

Those who have counted the costs of discipleship and pay the price daily are different. They function as salt and light. It is a call to stand out and stand up for Christ. To change the atmosphere, and influence others with a transformational hope wherever we go.

The theme this year "Building Communities of Hope" encourages us to be engaged. I am asking you to join me in becoming "salt and light" and giving liberally to this year's 2013 America for Christ Offering and help us reach our church goal in support of making a life giving difference in the lives of others for the cause of Christ.

Commission. She was a charter member of D.A.L.A.

As a member of The First Baptist Church, she served as a choir member, convener of the Young at Heart group, member of the American Baptist Women's Ministries, Sunday school teacher, youth group advisor, and various other boards and committees.

She is survived by siblings, David Mead, John Mead, and Karen Ellison; many nieces and nephews; and her godson and his wife, Larry and Pam Faulk.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd Mead Sr. and Marie Moffett; husband, Wilbur C. Wickum; brothers and sisters, Wallace Mead, Henry Mead, Lloyd Mead Jr., Marcia Chapman, Mary Ann Brown; and special friend, Susan Mussard.

Visitation was at Robinson Funeral Home on Feb. 21 and burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery in Delaware on Feb. 22 with the Rev. Tim Chesser officiating. Military honors were conducted by the Delaware County Veterans Association. A memorial service was held on Feb. 23 at The First Baptist Church. Contributions may be made to First Baptist.



Jean and Wick at her retirement party around 1985.

### Thank You

Thanks to everyone who helped with the reception after Jean Wickum's memorial.

– Jeanne Ekelberry

### Order Your Easter Lilies

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

The price is \$7 each. Place your orders with Melissa Mercer or Jim Stephenson.

The last day to place orders is Palm Sunday (March 24).

### Worship Wings

We are in need of volunteers to spend 20–30 minutes with the youth on Sunday mornings. You may provide a short devotion or activity, or simply supervise them as they have free time to play with the Wii or do other activities. This is a great opportunity to spend some time getting to know the kids while providing an important service to our church.

A sign up sheet can be found on the bulletin board by the Gathering Place. Please consider helping.

Thanks,

– Liz Bowman

### Mission Update

We were pleased to host Emerson and Ivy Wu on February 10. They gave a joint presentation during the Sunday school hour. We learned about their spiritual journeys and their call to service in Macau. Rev. Ivy Wu delivered the sermon.

You may remember that we voted to support Ivy and Emerson with a \$200 monthly contribution through the ABCUSA Board of International Ministries.

If you would like to receive their monthly newsletter electronically, please let me know.

– Tim

### Andrews House Open House

Want to find out more about Andrews House? You should stop by our open house on March 1st from 6–8 pm.

The whole house will be open, including our partner agencies housed on the second floor. There will be kids activities provided by Big Brothers Big Sisters and Action for Children, free memory tests from the Alzheimer's Association, and much more. Tour the historic building, built in 1846, and enjoy some refreshments.

It will be a fun, informal night where we hope to see many friends and make many more.

Hope to see you!

– Liz Bowman

## LENTEN SERVICES

**Palm Sunday** — March 24

**Maundy Thursday** — March 28  
*A candlelight communion service will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. Please enter and leave in silence.*

**Good Friday** — March 29  
*A community service at St. Mary Church will begin with the Stations of the Cross at 11:00, followed at 12:00 by an Ecumenical Prayer Service.*

**Easter Sunday** — March 31  
*Join us for Easter worship.*



## Choir Sings Introit Written by Jeanne Ekelberry

*Recently our choir has been singing an introit written by Jeanne, so we asked her to tell us how she came to write it.*

I was driving back to Delaware after a visit with my family in West Virginia. It was a few weeks after Michael's death and memorial service and it had been difficult to see all the young children and know my youngest was gone.

As I drove back on that cloudy Sunday, feeling sorry for myself, the sun came out and I reminded myself it was God's day and as the words came to me I wrote them on a paper napkin (when there were traffic stops!).

Two verses — coming to worship and to always be thankful for what we are given.

Months later Mary Lou worked with me to write down the notes I "heard" in my head, since I don't read music. And this year the choir sang with joy the words I wrote, and I thank them.

We are blessed with so much — family, friends — and we need to remind ourselves often!

– Jeanne Ekelberry

## Introit

*This is the day which the Lord hath made.*

*We come to worship, bow down and pray.*

*We shall be joyful! Shout out our praise!*

*This is the day which the Lord hath made.*

*We come together on this Holy day.*

*Kneel down in reverence, give Him our thanks.*

*For all he has given us through all our days,*

*This is the day which the Lord hath made.*

## Franklin House Update

At the quarterly business meeting, the fellowship voted to make application for a grant to demolish the Franklin House. We anticipate that the approval process will be complete this spring.

– Larry Faulk  
Board of Deacons

## Sam Chesser Ordination Process

Sam Chesser met with the board of deacons at their Feb meeting to present his ordination paper and to seek their support in the ordination process. The board recommended that his ordination proceed. The next step will be for Sam to present his ordination paper to the Marion Association for their consideration.

– Larry Faulk  
Board of Deacons

## A Prayer For Our Church

O Loving Father,  
Thank you for this church  
And for the chance  
To learn more about  
Jesus.  
We pray for the  
Teachers and leaders  
Of the church and  
For our Pastor.

We pray for each other -  
The one  
Sitting next to us  
And Across...  
That we can be  
Better followers  
Of Jesus.

Give us courage  
When we are tempted  
To do wrong, and help  
us bring good news  
to everyone  
We meet.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

– From the Evelyn Prayer Circle

(All church women are invited to attend E.P.C. We meet monthly, so please call 201-3315 for more information. Thank you!)

## Personals

- The Board of Christian Education has awarded a \$300 scholarship to Jennifer Turner to help pay for organ lessons for her. This money came from the educational endowment.
- Lana and Jerry Palmer took a trip to Williamsburg, Virginia.
- Jane Moore took a 3-day trip to Nashville.
- Claire Turner had a part in the Hayes production of The Farnsworth Invention. Jane Mercer was in the stage crew.
- Matt and Marci Cooper traveled to Arizona for Marci's sister's wedding. Two of Marci's uncles recently died.
- Tim and Kathy Chesser recently were rear-ended in their car. There was little damage, and they are all right but sore.
- Barbara and Kip Smith are expecting a baby in July.
- Christina Kilhefner is in need of continued prayers for her health issues. Both she and Chad are thankful for our prayers.

– Pam Faulk, Personals' Editor

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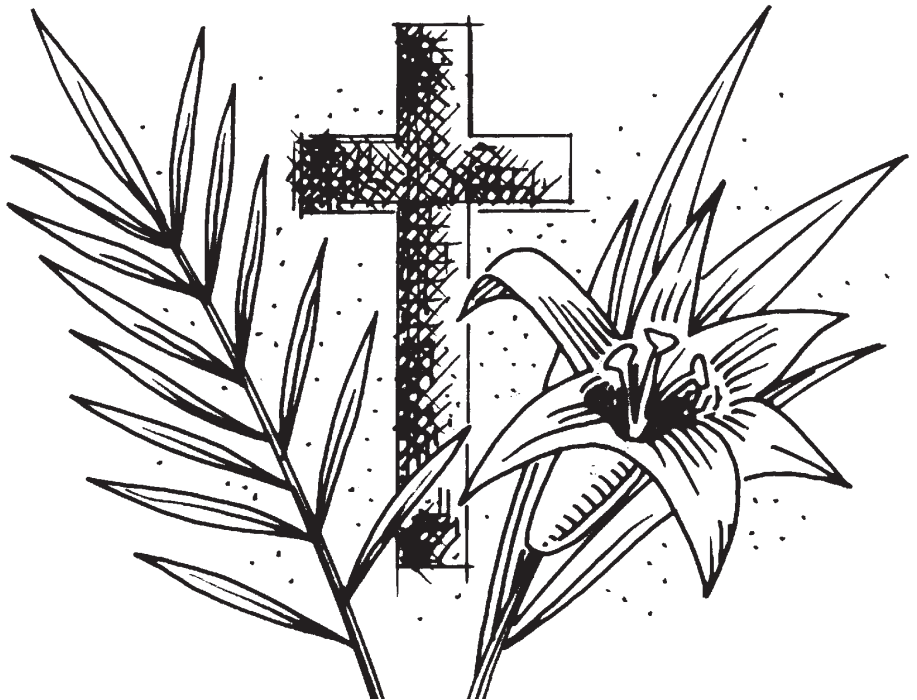
March 5 Ben Turner  
 7 Robert Foor  
 11 Rick & Sandy Van Brimmer  
 12 Evan Trigg  
 Sydney Kauf  
 13 Amy Pfarr  
 18 Dave Lovell  
 27 George Riedmiller  
 28 Becky Sykes

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## 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 to make a difference. Here are 10 ideas in no particular order.

1. Pray for all the staff at your workplace or school.
2. Invite a friend who does not go to church to come to church with you.
3. Feed the birds in your yard and leave water out for them.
4. Support Bright Hope, a Christian charity that provides for the needs of people who live on less than \$1.00 a day.
5. Simplify your life where you can.
6. Trust God to be with you always.
7. Attend Maundy Thursday candle-light communion.
8. Recycle aluminum cans and donate the money to a charity.
9. Donate brand new books to schools, libraries, and charitable organizations.
10. Write more thank you notes.








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Dear FBC family:

Spring is here. That statement requires more than a little faith after the 5.5 inches of snow that fell on Sunday night. By the time you read this column Easter worship will have concluded. Hopefully the joy of



beauty of worship on that day will carryover into our lives.

With the coming of spring comes the promise of change. Graduation draws near for several of our young people. They are busy finishing up the school year and dreaming about future opportunities.

Jim Stephenson asked me to give an update on our son, Sam, and the ordination process. On February 11 Sam presented his ordination paper to our board of deacons. After reviewing the paper they recommended proceeding with the process. On February 25 Sam met at FBC with the members of the Marion Association Pastoral Relations committee. After reviewing his paper they recommended that we proceed to the next step.

On March 19 Sam met with the ABCOhio state commission on ordination. They have given us

permission to call a Marion Association ordination council. Permission from the region is necessary so that Sam's ordination will be recognized throughout the American Baptist Churches USA.

We will be inviting all of the churches of our association to send a pastor and two delegates to our church on April 27 at 2:00 to once again go over the ordination paper and ask relevant questions. Only the pastors and

delegates will be allowed to vote on recommending that we proceed with the ordination. However, anyone is welcome to attend the council meeting.

If the council recommends that we proceed with the ordination we anticipate having the ordination service on May 19 at 3:00. This will be a public worship service open to all. This fairly exhaustive process is to insure that candidates for recognized ordination are properly educated and fit within the parameters of the American Baptist Churches, USA.

Kathy and I are very proud of Sam and grateful for the role First Baptist has had in his call to ministry and ongoing preparation. His graduation from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio on May 18 will be a day of rejoicing for us as a church family.

May the new life of Easter bring blessings in your life.

Your Pastor,

## Thank You

We would like to thank all those in our church fellowship who have helped to take care of Jean Wickum this past year and especially all those who helped with her memorial service and the refreshments afterward. Everything was great!

– The Faulk Family

## Recipe

At Jean Wickum's memorial service, I shared about a rutabaga dish that Jean liked. An acquaintance of Jean was at the service and had brought a number of Jean's recipes to share with the family. The rutabaga "I Can't Believe I Ate It Salad" was one of the recipes:

- 6 frankfurters, cut in "coins"
- 2 cups peeled, diced rutabagas
- 2 cups peeled, diced turnips
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 1/3 cup diced onion

Put each of 1st three ingredients into a sauce pan. Put the heat under the rutabagas, and when the water "smiles" (begins to move gently), start the turnips. When the turnip water "smiles", start the franks. Meantime put the diced celery and onion into a large bowl. If the bowl is cold, run hot water in it to warm it before using.

When the vegies are done, drain and return to burner, shaking to dry. Do the same with the franks. Put all of them in the bowl with the celery and onion. Toss with a good French dressing.

I served with corn muffins and iced tea.

You can make your own dressing. 1/2 cup tomato soup from a can, and 1/2 cup oil, 1/2 cup vinegar; blend and play around with your spices until you like the taste. There is enough for this salad and more.

– Larry Faulk

### QR Codes

URLs are appearing more often in the newsletter, but it can be tricky to copy a ULR into your browser, especially if it's a long one.

So in this issue I'm introducing a new feature: QR (Quick Response) Codes. These are square bar codes that let you visit a website without typing the URL.

QR Codes can be read by most smartphones, iPads, tablets, and computers that have a built-in camera. You'll need to use a QR app; free ones are available.



QR Code

Just launch the QR app, use it to scan the barcode, and you'll be taken directly to the URL without having to type it.

I'll always include the URL too, so you can go to the website by typing it manually if you prefer.

– Jim Stephenson, editor

### Thank You

Thank you, First Baptist and Delaware friends, for your financial mission support! I'm working on logistics for the European Baptist Federation's Anti-Trafficking Network meeting in April in Spain. Just after that, I'll go on to Italy to follow-up with a couple of outreach groups. One group, just outside Naples, is brand new. I've been mentoring them a bit by phone and email. Thanks for making this possible!

God bless you,

– Debbie Kelsey

### Fun Night

Everyone is invited to a game night on Saturday, April 13 at 7:00 at the church. Bring your favorite games, finger snack food to share and a favorite beverage.



### Ten Ways To Let Your Light Shine

1. Do something special for Earth Day.
2. Pray for someone who is away from home.
3. Come to game night at the church.
4. Support Loose Change to Loosen Chains, which works for freedom

for the millions of people who are being held as slaves.

5. When you are about to get into an argument, stop and think about the situation from the other person's point of view.
6. Pray for people who work in the news media.
7. Plan a get-together for our church fellowship.
8. Use less plastic.
9. Any time your family has a special meal, set aside a food item for PIN.
10. Think of yourself as a gift for everyone you see. Make a difference in their lives.

### Community Chorus

Please join the Delaware Community Chorus on Sunday, May 5 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church for their spring concert. They will give two performances — 3 pm and again at 5 pm — and will sing a medley from the Broadway musical *Camelot*, arrangements of Psalms poetry set to music, and Haydn's masterpiece "Te Deum". Tickets cost \$7.50 and are available from chorus members or online at [delawarechorus.org](http://delawarechorus.org).



### Personals

• Geneva Evan's son-in-law, Kendall Jones, 55, of Kilbourne, died on March 3. He was married to Geneva's daughter, Gina (Evans) Jones, who attended our church in her youth when she lived in Delaware, and longtime members will remember Gina's grandmother, Ernestine Frost. We extend our sympathy to their family.



Our church's website:  
<http://www.FBCDelaware.org>



Our church's Facebook page:  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Baptist-Church-Delaware-OH/160223227393892>



Missionary Debbie Kelsey:  
<http://www.internationalministries.org/teams/71-kelsey>

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- Steve Baker has been a patient at Riverside Hospital with a severe infection affecting his heart.
- Christine Kilhefner is out of the hospital and thanks everyone for their cards and prayers.
- Melissa Neill was in the emergency room with balance issues due to

an inner ear infection.

- Marci and Matt Cooper are expecting twins in August.
- Emily Trigg became engaged to Mike Showalter on her birthday. The wedding is planned for the summer of 2014.

- Pastor Chesser traveled to Atlanta to visit his mother.
- Sam Chesser recently presented his ordination paper to the state advisory commission on ordination.
- Harold and Deb VanBroekhoven are back from their travels.



"Flood insurance is very expensive, Mr. Noah, and besides, it would have to rain 40 days and 40 nights to flood around here."

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- April 10 Jane Mercer  
Connor Trigg  
15 Ray Serviss  
Tyler Wayne Fogle  
20 Tammy Ferguson  
27 Colin Ferguson  
29 Deborah Fogle  
Benjamin Trigg

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

- Claire Turner attended a leadership conference for Stand Up at Recreation Unlimited.
- Claire Turner traveled to Texas to visit a friend.
- Thanks to all the young people who helped at the March Second Friday dinner at Andrews House.

*– Pam Faulk, Personals' Editor*

## Easter Lily Dedications

From Emogene Ekelberry, 2 lilies in honor of sons Charles and John, and in memory of sons Michael and Dick Jr.

From Carol Grubbs, 4 lilies in memory of Charles and Ruth Brown, Fred Grubbs Sr., Teresa Griffith, and Edith Hall

From Jane Moore, 2 lilies in honor of George and Cathie Corder, in honor of Dale and Janet Moore, and in memory of Jimmie R. Moore



From Jerry and Lana Palmer, 2 lilies  
in memory of their parents

From Ken and Genevieve Peterson  
in memory of loved ones

From Betty Porter, 3 lilies in honor  
of her daughters Janet Porter and  
Jennifer Cramer, in memory of Jean  
and Wilbur Wickum, and in memory  
of Evelyn and Dick Lee

From Nancy Via Summers, 3 lilies  
in memory of Lucille and Fred Via,  
Millie and Cliff Richards, and Rufus  
and Helen Crane.

From Pam Shears, 2 lilies in memory  
of Gene Lathrop, and in memory of  
Cap and Myrtle Gabriel

From Linda White in honor of  
Margaret Seckman

### **Business Meeting**

On Wednesday, April 24 we'll have a  
potluck dinner at 6:30, followed by  
our quarterly business meeting at  
7:00.







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Our hearts and minds are united in prayer for the lives lost or dramatically changed last week as a result of the bombing in Boston. Let us renew our commitment to work and pray that love might replace hate in the world.

An update on the 93 Franklin Street property. I recently exchanged

for the Delaware City schools. It was an opportunity to learn about the inner workings of our school system. I am much better informed about the challenges of managing growth in a school system. The strength of our public schools has an immediate and long term effect on the livability of our community. I hope you will join with me in voting yes on the school levy.

in making summer a time of dreaming, re-visioning, and hoping for a better future.

Invite someone to join you for worship. At the very least, it will give you something to talk about.

Your Pastor,



## Sunday School to Take Summer Break

The last Sunday for Sunday school this year will be May 19. Summer hours will begin Memorial weekend on May 26.

Thank you to all who participated in our Sunday school program this past year. I especially want to thank our Sunday school teachers and subs who have done a great job.

There will be a teacher appreciation dessert at my house on June 7. Teachers will be receiving invitations this month.

— Pam Faulk



emails with Julie Smith, who is an administrator with the Moving Ohio Forward program. She informed me that we are number one on the list for the next round of demolition. We should be hearing further information in early summer.

As most of you know we are inviting the churches of the Marion Association to First Baptist for an ordination council on April 27. As I reported last month if that council goes as expected we will be holding an ordination service for Sam on May 19. The time for that service has been changed to 4:00.

I recently completed a time of service on an Educational Council

As our current Sunday school year winds down I encourage you to start thinking about the new year, which will begin on September 8. Is there a place where you can offer support for our Christian Education program? Perhaps you could team teach in one of the children's classes. Maybe you could take a Sunday of fellowship time. Do you have ideas about starting a new adult class? If any of these ideas interest you please see Pam Faulk or ask me for further details.

May is a time for many things to finish. Will you join with me

## Baby Shower for Marci

Ladies of the church, young and old, save this date. On Sunday, June 23, at 2:00, we will be having a baby shower for Marci Cooper. More details will appear next month, but please save the date.

– Pam and Erin Faulk



## Young at Heart Disbands

The Young at Heart group did not meet during the winter. In March they got together to discuss future plans. After the loss of two long time members, the group decided to disband.

- Tim

## Challenge Yourself

Challenge yourself to do one thing each week to make a difference. Here are some ideas.

1. Pray for mothers all over the world.
2. Say "Thank you" to a teacher or write a thank you note to a teacher. Don't forget our Sunday school teachers.
3. Plant a vegetable garden and donate vegetables to groups that feed the hungry or to neighbors who don't have gardens.
4. If a local organization is planning to decorate graves for Memorial

Day, volunteer to help.

5. Pray for those who are now or who once were in the military.
6. Attract butterflies to your yard by planting certain plants and colorful flowers.
7. Support Smile Train, an international charity that provides cleft lip and cleft palate surgery to children in need.
8. Offer to walk a neighbor's dog.
9. Make up a gift bag for someone's caregiver.
10. Give sincere compliments to your friends, family, and peers.

## Personals

- Emily Bowman participated in the choir festival in Chicago recently.
- Melissa Neill thanks everyone for their cards and prayers during her recent illness.
- Please offer condolences to Genevieve and Ken Peterson. Genevieve's sister passed away this month.
- Gabe Fogle was in the hospital with a viral infection.
- Not only were Claire Turner and Jane Mercer involved with the Hayes production of "HELLO DOLLY," but their grandmother Jane Moore helped sew costumes.
- Dave and MaryLou Lovell spent a week in California visiting with their son Matt.
- On May 18, Sam Chesser will graduate from Methesco. Congratulations Sam!
- Dominique DeBiasio will graduate from Capital University this month. Congratulations Dominique!
- In their Spring newsletter, the Andrews House had a nice obituary for Jean Wickum. They also recognized donations to their fund raising campaign made in her memory and also in Evelyn Lee's memory.
- As the newsletter went to press, we received word that Ken and Pam

## 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 Sharon & Steve Baker  
 27 Lisa Lawrence  
 30 Ken Peterson

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Shear's daughter Amy has given birth to a baby girl. Congratulations!

– Pam Faulk, Personals Editor

## Thank You

I want to thank all those who volunteered this past year to help out with Sunday school opening. I am looking for volunteers for next year. Please speak to me if this is something you can help with.

– Pam Faulk



**Memorial Day**  
*Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives*

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### Sunday School Teacher Needed

We have a very nice youth class of students from grades 1 to 6. We are looking for someone who will be willing to co-teach that class next year. We have great curriculum and great kids.

If you are interested in spending some time with our young people and helping with this class, please see Pam Faulk.

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Dear FBC family:

May 19, 2013 is certainly a day that will live long in the memory of the Chesser family. It was a privilege to be able to see our son Sam ordained to the gospel ministry. The timing also could not have been better. By being held so close

to graduation many of Sam's friends from the seminary were able to attend and participate. With Region staff, members of First Baptist, Marion Association pastors and officers, and ecumenical guests we had a full slate of participants. On behalf of my

family I extend a special thanks to all who made the day special from the service to the reception.

Almost half of Sam's life has been spent at FBC Delaware. You have played a significant role in his development as a person and now as an ordained clergy person. As Sam and Lindley leave for Connecticut they take a little bit of you with them and they will be blessed as a result.

In June we will be receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. We are targeting June 30 for this offering with a goal of \$600.00. As I write this our neighbors in Moore, Oklahoma are trying to recover from a devastating tornado. Even though there were no American Baptist Churches in the area hit by

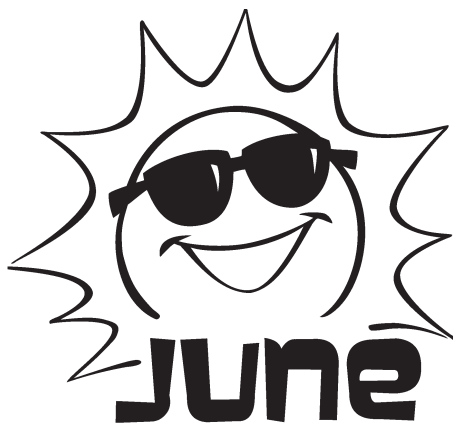
the storm people from the Central Region of the ABC will be providing assistance aided with OGHS funds. In addition Church World Service will be offering assistance. We participate in the later with our Blanket Sunday and Tools of Hope offering. The former is the special offering we are receiving in June.

As we enter into our summer schedule we have some time to relax after a busy year. Many will be traveling during the summer. Kathy and I plan to take some time in July to visit Sam and Lindley in their new home and church in Norwich as well as our usual time in

New York. Sam has already figured out what train we need to take for the trip.

I hope we can spend some time this summer asking what kind of questions should we be asking about what God expects of us as a church. If you have some ideas about how we might promote healthy dialogue please let me know.

Your Pastor,



## Our Graduates

Our church is blessed to have three seniors graduating from Delaware Hayes High School. **Emily Bowman** was named valedictorian and is planning to attend Miami University in the fall. **Ian Ferguson** is planning to attend the College of Wooster.

**Michael Mercer** is planning to attend Columbus State.



On the college front, **Dominique DeBiasio** is graduating from Capital University. She is continuing to work in a variety of musical endeavors.

We have one seminary graduate. **Sam Chesser** graduated from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. He will begin serving as the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Norwich, Connecticut on June 1.

## Take Me Out to the Ball Game

All are invited to join us on Saturday evening June 22 for a Columbus Clippers baseball game at Huntington Park in Columbus. Game time is 7 pm. See me for tickets. Come enjoy the game and fellowship together. Thanks,



—Larry Faulk

## Palmers Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Jerry and Lana Palmer celebrated their Golden Anniversary on Saturday, June 1, 2013. They chose to make the occasion a celebration of family, for family is — to them — a great and wonderful blessing. The children, Jennifer and Jason Lenhart and Steve and Sandi Palmer, hosted



a dinner in the private dining room at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City for immediate and extended family members. The party then returned to the Palmer home where Rev. Tim Chesser performed a renewal of vows service, complete with an exchange of anniversary rings. Refreshments, including a traditional anniversary cake, were then served.

Jerry and Lana were married at Asbury United Methodist Church in Delaware on June 2, 1963 with the Rev. Harry A. Hull officiating. The couple met while Jerry was serving in the United States Air Force at Selfridge Air Base, Mount Clemens Michigan, and Lana was attending Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing in Detroit. Lana did not complete her training in Michigan, opting instead to accept a position as office assistant to Douglas L. Smith, M.D. of Delaware. She later completed her education at Marion Technical College, Marion, Ohio. Jerry retired from PPG Industries in 2001 as a Sales and Technical Service Representative. Lana ended her nursing career as Nurse Educator (staff development and patient education) at Memorial Hospital of Union County, Marysville.

Jerry and Lana have five beloved grandchildren. They are Jeremy Tyler Chaffin, Morgaine Elise Williams (Ian), Aaron Lenhart, Joshua Lenhart and Brady Palmer. They are also blessed to have a wonderful church family at First Baptist Church!

Jerry and Lana will travel to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Gatlinburg, Tennessee in October to enjoy revisiting the site of their honeymoon trip.

## Baby Shower For Twice Blessed

This summer Marci and Matt Cooper will receive twice the blessings with the birth of their twins. All the ladies of the church, young and old, are invited to a baby shower for Marci on Sunday, June 23 at 2:00 in the afternoon in the fellowship hall. Marci is registered at Babies 'R Us, Target, and Amazon.com. Please R.S.V.P. to Pam Faulk, 740-362-8637.



## Activity Bags

This summer there will be a stand in the vestibule which will hold some green cloth bags. These bags will contain activities for our children to enjoy in the pews during our worship service.

Children should feel free to pick up a bag before the service and enjoy the activities found inside and take any papers home with them. Please encourage them to leave supplies in the bag for the next person.

Contributions from last year's "birthday money" were used to pay for the bags and supplies.

— Board of Christian Education

## Ten Ways To Let Your Light Shine!

1. Pray for fathers all over the world.
2. Support the One Great Hour of Sharing offering more.
3. Attend the more social events that the church sponsors.
4. Plant extra plants in your vegetable garden to take to neighbors who do not have a garden.
5. Find out about the Cards for Kids organization and make cards for kids facing poverty, homelessness, or other difficult circumstances.
6. Cook something together with someone.
7. Pray for people who help children in the community during the summer.
8. Create a local tool library where people can check out donated tools free of charge.
9. Give your children chores.
10. Plan a family picnic.

## Volunteers Needed

We still need one Sunday school teacher for next fall who will teach the pre-school class. We also need people who will help with the opening fellowship for Sunday school. Please speak to Pam Faulk to volunteer.



## Blanket Sunday (May 12)

We honored the women of our lives on Mother's day, raising \$260.00 for Church World Service. Thank you First Baptist! This is the first of three activities each year to raise money for Church World Service and the mission work they do worldwide. We will honor the men of our lives on Father's Day, followed by the CROP walk this fall. Thanks again for your wonderful support of Church World Service!

– Randy Turner, Financial Secretary

### Giver

Jim and Ann Brown  
with Carol Grubbs  
Jeanne Ekelberry  
Erin and Larry Faulk

Pam and Larry Faulk

Debbie, Will and Gabe Fogle

Janet Lathrop

Lisa Lawrence  
Mary Lou Lovell

Jane Moore  
Jerry and Lana Palmer  
Ken Peterson  
Genevieve Peterson

Betty Porter

Jim Stephenson  
Sophia Stephenson  
Cynthia Tizzano  
Calvin, Ben and Claire  
Turner

Randy and Jennifer Turner

Linda White

### In Honor/Memory

In Memory of: Ruth Brown  
Edith Hall

In Memory of: Ethel Trogdon  
In Honor of: Pam Faulk

Marci Cooper  
In Memory of: Jean Wickum  
In Honor of: Florence Faulk

Evolena Cole  
Erin Faulk  
Laurie Faulk  
Patricia Rose  
Donna Mann  
Mary Anderson

In Memory of: Jean Wickum  
In Honor of: Mary Lou Lovell  
Carol Serviss

In Honor of: Pam Shears  
Lorri Parfenchuk  
Cindy Kinder  
Dianna Lathrop

In Memory of: Myrtle Gabriel  
In Honor of: Marge Matthews  
In Honor of: Deborah Fogle  
Barbara Smith  
Mary Lou Lovell

In Memory of: Margaret Morby  
Rose Verespj  
Jennie Lovell

In Memory of: Willa Smith Corder  
In Memory of: Both Mothers  
In Memory of: Jessie Peterson  
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Amanda Mac Neill  
Corinne Potter

In Honor of: Mary Lou Lovell  
In Memory of: Martha Jane Guy  
In Honor of: Sophia Stephenson

In Memory of: Her Mother  
In Memory of: Barbara Tizzano  
In Honor of: Jennifer Turner

Melissa Mercer  
In Honor of: Jane Moore  
Tonabell Turner

In Honor of: Margaret Seckman



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Build a village,  
one smile at a time.



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## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- June 2 Jerry & Lana Palmer
- 4 Patricia Foor
- 8 Pam Faulk  
Carol Serviss
- 10 David & Mary Lou Lovell  
Aidan Ferguson
- 11 Randy & Jennifer Turner
- 12 Sam & Lindley Chesser
- 16 Bud & Becky Sykes
- 17 Matthew & Marci Cooper
- 19 Wyatt Cramer
- 21 Dan & Sherry Chambers
- 22 June Grubbs
- 24 Beth Trigg
- 28 Jami Riedmiller  
Hannah McKendrick

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### Church Social

On June 9, Children's Day, we will be having a pot-luck lunch in the fellowship hall after church. Bring a dish to share and your own table service and join us for fellowship. We will eat at approximately 11:30.

### Personals

- Congratulations to our high school graduates, Emily Bowman, Ian Ferguson, and Michael Mercer.
- Steve Baker was in Riverside Hospital with complications from gall bladder surgery.
- Melissa Mercer fell down several steps and badly bruised her spine but is recovering.
- Phil Mercer recently celebrated 30 years with NAPA Auto Parts.
- Erin Faulk's 4th grade science classes were featured on Channel 6 "Lunchbox Weather" recently.
- Beth and Archie Trigg traveled to Scotland with a group of ladies.
- Ed Linn was home for a visit recently.

• Thank you to our violinists, Will and Gabe Fogle and Aidan Ferguson who played wonderfully during the Mother's Day worship service.



- Marci and Matt Cooper are buying a house in Indianapolis. Matt has accepted a position there as a pediatric radiologist. He has finished his fellowship here at Children's Hospital.
- Lana Palmer and her daughter Jennifer flew to New Mexico to see Jennifer's daughter.
- Cynthia Tizzano is starting a new job with Lab Corp in Dublin.
- Pam and Larry Faulk recently traveled to Warren to attend the first communion and also dance recital of their granddaughter Brigid Faulk. They also attended a play about the Titanic that their grandson Cullen had several parts in.
- Sophia and Jim Stephenson visited Biltmore House in North Carolina, the Smoky Mountains, Gatlinburg, and Shaker Village in Kentucky.

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<b>Father's Day/Tools of Hope</b> 16 10:00 Morning Worship 	17	18	19	20 12:00 ABW	<b>First Day of Summer</b> 21 	22 7:00 Columbus Clippers Baseball (see Larry for tickets)
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Dear FBC family:

I hope you are using these lazy days of summer to recharge whatever needs recharging in your lives. Kathy and I will be recharging in New York as we usually do, but with an added bonus this year. We will get to spend some time with Sam and Lindley in their new home in Connecticut. While we are gone the Reverend Alvin Cox will be filling the pulpit for me. I trust that you will come and give heed to his sermons in my absence.

As a pastor I often think of beginnings and endings. Last week I witnessed one of each. On Wednesday I attended the ribbon cutting and open house at the recently completed Family Promise house at the corner of Washington and Winter streets. It is a new beginning for Family Promise in a building of their own. A property, once an eyesore, has been refurbished and repurposed. On Thursday I was coming back to the church from the Sarah Moore home when I saw many emergency vehicles at the corner of Central and Franklin. A home next to the Zion UCC church was aflame. Firefighters from all over the area were hard at work trying to contain the flames. As I drove by there earlier this week it was obvious that the end had arrived for that building.

What lessons might we learn from the story of those two buildings. From the Family Promise house we might learn that when people come together big things can happen. From the Franklin street property we be reminded that we never know when or how trouble can strike. Institutions, like houses, can

deteriorate and sometimes collapse and die. The only true static things in the world are dead. We need to keep moving and keep hoping. Jesus once responded to the doubts of the Sadducees with the comment



that, "God is the God of the living, not the dead. Zombies need not apply for the job of helping the church survive.

Invite someone to church. You might help change a life.

Your Pastor,

## Worship Leaders Wanted

If you would like to take a more active roll in worship, by reading scripture, sharing an invocation, announcing hymns, and praying, see Pastor Tim or me to sign up as Worship Leader for a Sunday or several Sundays this summer.

Thanks,

– Larry Faulk  
Deacons Chairman

## Thank You

Thank you all for the beautiful prayer shawl that Tim delivered to us. It means so very much that our church family has us in their thoughts and prayers for improved health for Don.

We do miss being with you on Sundays and at other church activities. Hopefully we will be able to get to church his summer and thank you in person for your love represented by the prayer shawl.

Love,

– Don and Sally Williams

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Thank you for the great book *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis. I appreciate you thinking of me, and I really like the book so far. The ideas are very interesting, yet true of humanity as a whole.

I'd also like to thank everyone who generously sent me graduation cards and gifts.

Thanks again,

– Ian Ferguson

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- July 1 Robert & Patricia Foor
- 3 Phil Mercer
- 6 Sam Chesser
- 6 Lindley Chesser
- 7 Roger Kennedy
- 11 Karsen Grace Riedmiller
- 12 Pam Shears
- 14 Sarah Bowman
- Chad & Christina Kilhefner
- 15 Sandy Van Brimmer
- 17 Nichelle Trigg
- Ed and Angie Burton
- 18 Peter & Linda White
- Chad Kilhefner
- 19 Jarrod Trigg
- 21 Dan Chambers
- 28 Regan Riedmiller
- 31 Ashlee Inscho

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## 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 to make a difference this month. Here are some suggestions, in no particular order.

1. Thank God for our freedoms.
2. Use reusable shopping bags.
3. Donate funds to a group that furnishes school supplies for kids.
4. Write more thank you notes.
5. Check the news and make a list of places that need your prayers. Make time daily to pray for the people in those places.
6. Attend church more regularly, even in the summer months.
7. Patronize local farm markets.

8. Check out the website [thegivingeffect.com](http://thegivingeffect.com). where you can browse 1300 charities and find out what items are on their wish lists.
9. Take a basket of treats to your local fire department. Include a card that says, "Thank you for all you do."
10. Forgive someone.

## Personals

- Sarah Sykes and Eric DeVaughn were united in marriage on Sunday June 2nd at Marion Palace Theater. After a honeymoon in Florida, they reside at 278 Penick Ave. in Delaware. It was a beautiful and joyous day for all!
- Claire Turner and Jane Mercer were inducted into the National Thespian Society at Hayes.
- Bruce Bowman recently had arthroscopic knee surgery and is recovering.
- Erin and Pam Faulk took a one-week cruise in Alaska's inside passage to celebrate Pam's birthday

- Steve Baker returned to the hospital for more surgery.
- Charles Ekelberry made a surprise visit to Delaware recently.
- Randy and Claire Turner performed in the local production of "Man of La Mancha."
- Calvin and Jennifer Turner recently traveled to Minnesota for a family wedding.
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson were visited by their daughter and her husband from Oklahoma.



- Pastor Tim attended the opening of the Family Promise Home on Winter Street.
- Matt and Marci Cooper have moved back to Indianapolis. See the Church Directory Update in this issue for their new address.

– Pam Faulk, Personals' Editor

## **Church Directory Update**

*Please update your copy of the 2013 Church Directory:*

**Sam and Lindley Chesser**

82 Summitwoods Drive  
Norwich, CT 06360

**Matt and Marci Cooper**

5163 North Illinois Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46208  
*(see article in Personals)*

**Erin and Richard Beddow,  
Nettie, Rebecca, and Addisyn**

499 North Liberty Street  
Delaware, OH 43015  
740-816-5004

**Sarah and Eric DeVaughn**

278 Penick Ave.  
Delaware, Ohio  
*(see article in Personals)*

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Dear FBC family:

In just a few week our girls and boys will return for the 2013-14 school year. Before the year is over the kids will have learned new things and hopefully made new friends. In some ways every school year is like the previous one, but all are marked by new possibilities.

Even though the lectionary says the church year begins with Advent as a practical matter we also think the beginning of the church year is closely tied to the start of the school year. Sunday school starts anew, regular meeting resume after a summer break, and vacations are over for most. What lessons might we learn from these parallel experiences?

Regular attendance and a desire to learn lead to good results. Sometimes we enter into the experiences of life with low expectations and for some unknown reason are surprised when our expectations are met. The opposite can also be true. When we have high expectations they are often met.

I have returned from our Connecticut vacation with a renewed desire to see us move forward as a church. The one area that still challenges us is how to reach out to the Delaware

community. We are supportive of the larger mission of the American Baptist churches. I know that others share my desire to be more involved in the needs of our immediate community. We need to be doing more than serving meals at Andrews House a couple of times a year. If you have ideas about places we might serve speak up and let others hear your ideas.

There are two ministries at work in Delaware that could use help. They are the Second Ward Community Center and the new Family Promise house. If

you would like to know more about either of these ministries let me know. I would be happy to bring in leaders for either.

We want our students to be in school every day. Let us endeavor to be found faithful by being in church for worship unless providentially hindered. Invite a friend to join you.

Your Pastor,



## Don Williams

Donald Herbert Williams, 87, passed away unexpectedly on July 17, 2013 at Grady Memorial Hospital.

Don was born on Aug. 15, 1925, in Lansing, Michigan, to the Rev.

Morgan Leslie and Clara Belle (Arthur) Williams. Following graduation from high school and one year at Ohio State University, he completed officer training as a Naval Ensign, receiving pilot wings in 1945.



He graduated from OSU with BS and MS in Industrial Engineering, and was employed by AccuRay and Gerhard Associates. Memberships included Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Pi Mu National Industrial Engineering Honorary, Ohio Society of Professional Engineers, American Legion, Old North Hi Club, York Lodge No. 563 F&AM, Scottish Rite and Aladdin Temple Shrine where he sang with the Chanters.

Don and Sally began their life together at our church, where they met and were married. They lived for many years in Upper Arlington and were members of Mountview Baptist Church, where Don was moderator and sang in the choir.

He enjoyed an active life filled with family events and interests in singing, sailing, golf, Boy Scouts, RV travel, OSU athletics, photography,

painting and poetry, and he was active in Vaud-Villities for 38 years.

In December 2009 they became members of our church after moving to Delaware, and Don sang in our choir for several years.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Roger. He is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Sally, and is the loving father of Susan

(Robert) Bauer of Westerville, Judy Williams (Todd Henning) of Upper Arlington, and Steven (Stephanie) Williams of Rockbridge, Ohio, along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family received friends on July 21 at Snyder-Rodman Funeral Center, where a Masonic service was held. Funeral services were held on July 22 at our church with Rev. Tim Chesser officiating, followed by a luncheon. Interment was at Oak Grove Cemetery in Delaware.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Don's memory to Shriners Hospital for Children, 3229 Burnet Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229, or to our church.

### Volunteers Needed

As another Sunday school year approaches, it is time to make plans for contributions to the opening fellowship time. Many people enjoy this time, but it takes volunteers to make it happen. If you feel this is something you can help with, please speak with Pam Faulk.



*Don's father, Rev. Morgan Williams, was our church's pastor from 1938-1946.*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Aug. 3 Ray & Carol Serviss
- 4 Gabriel Fogle
- 5 Bruce & Elizabeth Bowman  
Carrie Trigg
- 7 Jennifer Cramer
- 8 Jean Syler
- 11 Steve & Tammy Ferguson
- 17 George & Chris Riedmiller  
Andrew Smith
- 18 Pam & Larry Faulk
- 20 Spencer Kauf
- 21 Jim Stephenson  
Ken and Genevieve Peterson
- 24 Florence Faulk  
Ken Shears
- 26 Sofia Kennedy
- 27 Linda White  
Penny Hagaman
- 30 Katie Riedmiller  
Archie Trigg

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## Sunday School Starts In September!

Randy Turner's adult class will be studying the book "Baptist Questions, Baptist Answers." The author is Bill Leonard, former dean of the Wake Forest Theological School and prolific author on all things Baptist. The study will look at traditional Baptist thought and practice from the beginning of Baptist history to the current controversies Baptists face today. Leonard is a thoughtful Baptist historian who loves the congregational church and presents a carefully crafted book about what Baptists believe. He emphasizes the common Baptist beliefs with precision and accuracy but he also tackles the many differences with sensitivity and boldness.

If you have ever wondered why you were Baptist, this is the place to find out!

### Personals

- Steve Baker has been recovering from serious surgery.
- Barb Reed was recently in Grady Hospital. She is now in a rehab facility in Marengo.
- Congratulations to Barbara and Kip Smith who have a new baby boy, Lucas Robert, born on July 14, which was also the 90th birthday of his great-grandfather Ray Morby. Lucas was 7 lbs. 15 oz. and 19.5 inches long. All are doing well.



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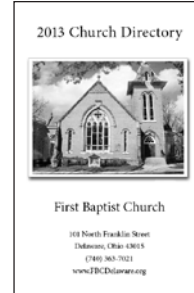
- Cynthia Tizzano came forward seeking membership to our church fellowship on June 30. Welcome Cynthia.
- Gabe Fogle came forward on June 30 seeking baptism. This event should happen on August 4.
- Emily Bowman took a trip to Costa Rica with her Spanish class.
- Erin Faulk took a 12-day cruise around Greece and Italy. Both Emily and Erin were on the same plane to Atlanta and had many delay problems due to the weather.
- Tim and Kathy Chesser took a vacation to New York City and to Connecticut to see Sam and Lindley.
- Dan Chambers took a trip to Montana.
- Jerry and Lana Palmer took a trip to Canada.

– Pam Faulk, Personals' Editor

## Church Directory Update

Chad and Christina Kilhefner's address is incorrect in the 2013 Church Directory.

It should be 107 Quarry Court.



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**Next Month:** Labor Day is Monday, September 2; Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 8 (Rally Day)

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Dear FBC family:

I am happy to report that our sister and brother, Ivy and Emerson Wu, were commissioned yesterday at the Karl Road Baptist Church in Columbus. They have reached 100% of the support needed to move forward in their call to serve as American Baptist missionaries in Macau, China.

Over the years the ways we have supported our missionaries, both foreign and domestic, has changed. In September we have a wonderful opportunity to learn more about current conditions.

At the Marion Association Fall Rally on Sunday, Sept. 22, to be held at the First Baptist Church of Sunbury, the Reverend Dwight Davidson will share with us how the process has changed over the years and where we stand currently. We also hope to have a serving missionary make a presentation. The Rally will begin at 4:00 with a business session. A meal will follow and dismissal will be no later than 7:00. I hope we can have a good number of people attend. Our missionary support is one of the things that holds us together as American Baptists.

September will also present some local opportunities for ministry. We have been asked to provide apple pies for the Second Friday meal at Andrews House. As you know food brought in for this program must

be purchased. If you would like to make a contribution please see Kathy Chesser. We will need to have the funds by September 8.

On September 16 we will be providing a meal for the Steps out of Poverty Program. This meal will be served at the Williams Street United Methodist Church. A few slots remain on the sign up sheet.

September also brings a schedule change. On September 8 we will celebrate Rally Day. Greeting time with coffee and pastries

will begin at 9:15. Sunday school will begin at 9:30 and morning worship at 10:45. New class assignments and teacher introductions will be made in the first greeting time.

One of the signs of change in our community are the three young people starting college in the next week or so. Remember to lift up in prayer Emily Bowman, Ian Ferguson, and Michael Mercer as they begin their college days.

As we enter into the fall season ask yourself, "What can I do to make FBC better?"

Invite someone to church, you might change a life.

Your Pastor,



## Barb Reed

Barbara Ann (Murday) Reed, 78, passed away on August 4, 2013, at Grady Memorial Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

Barb was born Sept. 11, 1934, in Columbus, Ohio, to David and Katherine (Brannon) Murday.

She was a 1952 graduate of Linden McKinley High School and attended the Ohio State University for two years. She was a homemaker and caregiver to her grandchildren, and was a member of our church, where she taught Sunday school.

She also was a member of the VFW Post #3297 Auxiliary and Eagles Lodge #376 of Delaware and the Rakkasans 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team Association and was vice queen of the Foxy Ladies Red Hat Society. She enjoyed playing euchre, making crafts, and dancing.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Michael (Maria) Reed of Oxnard, Calif., Richard (Arlene) Reed of Delaware, James Reed of Chicago, Ill., Holly (Jake Horlocker) Kauf, Cristine (George) Riedmiller, and Scott (Veronica) Reed, all of Delaware; nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, brother, David "Butch" (Laura) Murday of Texas; four sisters, Sharon (Steve) Baker of Delaware, Jeanne (Harold) DeWeese of Lewis Center, "Sis" Metzler of



Columbus and "Pip" (Jerry) Swart of Pennsylvania, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and by her husband James Milton Reed in 1988, and two brothers John Murday and Robert Brannon.

The family received friends on August 8 at the Snyder-Rodman Funeral Center in Delaware, and funeral services were held there on August 9 with Rev. Tim Chesser officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Contributions in Barbara's memory may be made to the National Organization of Disorders of the Corpus Callosum (NODCC), PMB 363, 18032-C Lemon Drive, Yorba Linda, CA 92886.

### Rally Day!

Welcome back to another year of Sunday school! Rally Day is September 8. We will begin in the fellowship hall at 9:15 with pastries, coffee, and juice and then continue to our classes at 9:30. Remember that church will start at 10:45 starting on Rally Day.

The classes for this year are as follows:

**Adult I** – Tim Chesser (sub. Jerry Palmer)

**Adult II** – Randy Turner

**Teen Girls (Grades 6-12)** – Kathy Chesser (sub. Liz Bowman)



**Teen Boys (Grades 6-12)** – Larry Faulk (sub. MaryLou Lovell)

**Youth (Grades 1-5)** – Pam Shears and Debbie Fogle

**Pre-school/Kindergarten** – Lana Palmer (sub. Pam Faulk)

Please make Sunday school a commitment this year. We are looking forward to seeing everyone.

– Pam Faulk

### New Communion Linens

A special thank you goes to Jeanne Ekelberry who has spent the last few months in a labor of love sewing new linens for our communion set. The set includes new napkins, doilies, candle and cross pads, as well as a new alter cloth adorned with "flowers of the Bible". Included in the design are a crown of thorns, lentil, copper burst, crown anemone, colander, poppy, flax, narcissus, rock rose, balm, water lily, and frankincense.

Jeanne presented the new linens to the deacons at their most recent meeting. They will be used at our September communion. Please take time after the service to check out the beautiful flowers on the altar cloth up close.

Again, thank you Jeanne for your wonderful gift to FBC.

– Larry Faulk, Board of Deacons

### The Twins Are Here!

Marci and Matt Cooper are the proud parents of twins. They were born on August 8 in the early evening. Katharine Anne was 19.5 inches long and weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces, and Ryan Robert was 19 inches long and weighed 6 pounds. Everyone is doing fine. If you did not get their new address from the July newsletter, here it is again.

5163 North Illinois Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46208

### Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Sept. 1 Roger & Shannon Kennedy
- 3 Alec Ferguson
- 4 Roger Kennedy, Jr.
- 5 Jessi Inscho
- 7 Christy Sykes  
Olivia Burton
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- 13 Jerry Palmer
- 14 Marci Cooper
- 15 Janet Porter  
Sarah Sykes
- 17 Ed Burton
- 18 Melissa Mercer
- 22 Angie Burton
- 26 Phil & Melissa Mercer
- 29 Ian Ferguson
- 30 Mary Lou Lovell

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### Letters of Thanks

To our church friends,

Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement sent at the time of Don's funeral.

Our family deeply appreciates all of the kind expressions of sympathy we have received from so many of you.

This church was very special to Don. He enjoyed singing in the choir and during our four years here, he felt love from everyone.

Don had a long and wonderful life and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Our love to all,

–Sally Williams

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Dear friends at First Baptist,

I appreciate so much your ongoing mission partnership!

Thank you so much.

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# Delaware STEP Program

## Save the Date: Monday, September 16

All church family are asked to contribute food or money to support and feed 40.

These 40 are leaders, mentors and participants of the newly developed local **STEP (Support Through Empowerment & Partnerships)**.

Please look over the simple menu printed below:

- Hot chicken sandwiches
- Buns
- Tossed vegetable salad
- Dressings
- Fruit jello salad
- Potato chips
- Assorted pies

What would you be willing to contribute? Can you prepare a crockpot of the chicken filling? Would you be willing to provide chips or buns? Are you available that evening to deliver and serve the meal?

Please see me to make your donation.

– Beth Trigg, cell 740-816-3491



## What is STEP?

The Delaware STEP (Support Through Empowerment & Partnership) organization mobilizes caring community members working to create pathways out of poverty through education and support. Comprised by a broad group of interested county community leaders, Delaware STEP is based on the Marion Matters in Marion County.

### Delaware STEP Organization

**Partners:** Legal Aid Society, William Street United Methodist Church, Andrew’s House, Job & Family Services, United Way of Delaware County, Woodward Family Resource Center

### Bridges Out Of Poverty Training:

The Bridges Out of Poverty Training, which many communities nationwide use, encourages judicial systems and community agencies and organizations to attend to learn about the root causes of generational poverty.

### Getting Ahead Curriculum:

The Getting Ahead program is a 16-session (8-week) financial independence program. The hard-working, low-income persons (the “working poor” and those seeking work) can enroll in the program to truly commit to transforming their lives. Each participant creates a personal plan for how they will not only get their own family out of poverty, but also what he or she can do to reduce poverty in our community which includes learning about: legitimate financial services, financial predators, wealth creation, and policies and resources that affect people who are trying to transition out of poverty. Participants will receive incentives, child care, and a meal\* at each class to facilitate their ability to commit to the class.

*\* First Baptist Church has been asked to provide a meal and individuals to assist in serving and cleaning up on Monday September 16th at William Street Church. This is a great and easy opportunity for our church to come together in fellowship to provide outreach to the community and contribute to the success of this program. There is a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board. Please contact Beth Trigg for more information.*

– Liz Bowman

## Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop

The Delaware S.T.E.P. Program is sponsoring a free two day Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop at Columbus State Community College in Delaware on September 12th and 13th 9am-4pm. I had the opportunity to attend a Bridges training in Marion and it is a very informative workshop that attempts to help people understand how individuals get trapped in the cycle of generational poverty. As a middle class individual, I have wondered why someone simply can’t “pull themselves up by the bootstraps” and into a better life. This workshop helps to provide some insight into this and other questions. The purpose of this training is to provide education and information to interested community members. Participants are not required or obligated to become involved in the S.T.E.P. program.

If you would like more information on this training or the S.T.E.P. program in general, please visit the site listed below.

– Liz Bowman

To visit the STEP website, go to:  
**[www.delawarestep.org](http://www.delawarestep.org)**

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My trips back to Italy were very encouraging in April and June as so many people I've encouraged are joining in reaching out to women in the streets. You have a part in that!

God bless you!

– Debbie Kelsey

### Gosser Family Joins Church

On August 4 the Gosser family joined our church. Please welcome Raleigh, Pat, and Chad.

Please see the "Church Directory Update" on this page and add them to your directory.

### Personals

- On August 4 Gabe Fogle was baptized in our church. Many family members attended, including Dave Lovell's sister Jean from Canada.
- Jane Moore has torn cartilage in her left knee.
- Ken and Genevieve Peterson had relatives visiting from Canada.
- Lana Palmer and her daughter Jennifer attended the Women of Faith conference recently.

- The Stoners have a new address: Steve and Karen Stoner  
7441 Millrace Ln. #105  
Sagamore Hills, OH 44067

– Pam Faulk, Personals' Editor

### Car for Sale

My mother no longer drives so she is selling her car. It's a 1999 Plymouth Neon, gray, 4 door, 93,000 miles. See me if you'd like more info.

– Jim Stephenson  
cell: 740-972-4364

## Church Directory Update

**Please add the Gosser family to your church directory:**

Raleigh and Pat Gosser  
Son Chad  
149 Grandview Ave.  
Delaware, OH 43015  
(317) 442-7806

Anniversary: July 6

Birthdays

Raleigh: August 25  
Pat: December 17  
Chad: June 16

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**The Turner family has a new address:**

8685 US Hwy 42 N  
Ashley, OH 43003



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1 10:00 Morning Worship	<b>Labor Day</b> 2 	3	4 7:00 Choir	5	6	7
<b>Rally Day</b> 8 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to donate funds to purchase pies for Andrews House</i> 	9 7:00 Deacons	10 7:30 Marion Trustees	11 7:00 Choir	12	13 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner (we're providing apple pies, see editorial)	14
15 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	16 7:00 Deacons <i>"Steps Out of Poverty" dinner today at William St. Church</i>	17	18 7:00 Choir	19 12:00 ABW	20	21 <b>International Day of Prayer for Peace</b> 8:00 ABM
<b>First Day of Autumn (Autumnal Equinox)</b> 22 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 4:00 Marion Assoc. Fall Rally in Sunbury <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	23	24	25 7:00 Choir	26	27	28
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Dear FBC family:

Part of what it means to be a follower of Christ is to share the good news of Jesus not only in your neighborhood but also around the world. Each year, the World Mission Offering (WMO) provides an opportunity to understand what is happening worldwide through International Ministries (IM) and to support those important mission efforts.

On four Sundays in our worship services, from October 6 to October 27, we will gain information about WMO, using the theme **Embrace the Cause.**

You and your children and grandchildren will remember how God promised Abram that all the peoples on earth would be blessed through him. Genesis 12:3 reminds us of how we are called to be a blessing to others. We can bless others by being active in mission and embracing the cause of Christ in our community and globally.

We will celebrate how our WMO gifts make possible the ministries of 109 long-term missionaries and more than 1,800 short-term missionaries and volunteers. They,

along with more than 200 partner organizations, work in more than 70 countries in:

- Evangelism
- Health and Healing
- Anti-human trafficking
- Theological Education
- Economic Development
- Education
- Peace and Refugee



I believe that when we Embrace the Cause, God will lead us to provide increased support for our worldwide missions. Our goal is \$660.00 which is a 10% increase of our 2012 WMO goal. Please join with me as

we gain deeper understanding of International Ministries and are blessed through our giving to WMO.

Your Pastor,

## Can You Serve?

Our Board of Christian Education is comprised of 4 people plus the pastor. Last year we had 2 openings on the board that went unfilled. This year we will have the other 2 positions up for election. If none of these positions get filled, we will not have a board. Ideally, the board needs 4 people, but we can get by with 3.

If you feel that this is where your "talent" lies or if you have ideas to share about Christian education, mission education, Sunday school, children's work, adult activities, retreats or book study or just have an interest in any of these things, then please give our board a try. We only meet about 5 times a year. We have one or two year terms available.

If you have questions about the board, please talk to me. If you wish to volunteer to be on the board, please speak to our moderator, Phil Mercer, as soon as possible.

– Pam Faulk



## Crop Walk

Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, October 6 at 2:00. The starting point will be the OWU Hamilton Williams Building. See the pastor for information and a pledge form.



## Party at the Farm

The Chambers invite you to join them at the second annual Party at the Farm! It will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5 starting at 5 pm at the Chambers farm, 4499 Cackler Road, Delaware.

Food, drinks, live band ("Big Al and the Capitol City Players"), bonfire, hay rides, cornhole, pumpkin painting and more — fun for the whole family!

Please bring lawn chairs and dress appropriately for the fall weather.

If the weather is questionable, call (614) 937-6615 after 2 pm the day of the party for a recorded message about whether or not the party is on.



## Do You Remember What You Were Doing 10 Years Ago?

We at First Baptist, led by Barbara Van Brimmer, were planning a big celebration for the 200th anniversary of our church; contacting former members, special music, food (of course) and speakers for our dinner in February. We ended with a picnic downstairs and the weather cooperated so we could eat outside.

During those months, everyone who came to activities at church could sign small quilt squares that became the wall hanging that is hanging in the sanctuary.

Now at 210 years there are new faces, new members, children that mingle with the old.

On the first two Sundays in October, you will have a chance to sign an addition to the wall hanging before it is retired for another 10 years. Parents can sign for children born since 2003 who don't write yet.

Look for me with my fabric permanent fabric pens before and after church.

— *Jeanne Ekelberry*



## The Delaware Piecemakers Guild

The Delaware Piecemakers Quilt Guild also celebrated a birthday this month, but only 30 years!

The Guild has met most of the 30 years in the Fellowship Hall but our first time was at the home of Rose Fitzgerald in Hayes Colony. I was told about it when Ernestine Frost told me I was picking her up, getting Bertha Van Brimmer, and going to a meeting. (Very much Ernie's way of saying, "I need a ride!")

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Oct. 1 Bruce Bowman  
Kathy Chesser
- 2 Christina Kilhefner
- 3 Janet Lathrop  
Jarrod & Nichelle Trigg  
Tim & Kathy Chesser
- 7 Ann Brown
- 11 Sally Williams
- 16 Taylor Trigg
- 20 Jim Brown  
Genevieve Peterson
- 21 Emily McKendrick
- 24 Emily Bowman  
Sherry Chambers
- 28 Bora Porter  
Ed Linn
- 30 Jean Osborne
- 31 Melissa Claire Turner

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

We had a great turnout of past members and guests — Rose came from her home in Pennsylvania to visit with us on September 9, 2013.

We are a non-profit group — dedicated to quilting and sharing in the community. Funds from our quilt raffles have gone to P.I.N., Delaware County District Library, Ecumenical Youth, Hospice, and others. For years we have donated baby quilts to ABC and Linus for Babies at Risk. We currently give to the nationwide "1 Million Pillowcases" to emergency rooms, and gave 12 quilts to be given to veterans at the Delaware County Fair in September.

Thanks to all here at First Baptist who help us move dividers, podiums, clean, etc. We do appreciate it.

— *Jeanne Ekelberry*

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### Make A Difference Day

Saturday, October 26 is Make a Difference day. Here are some ideas for you to consider.

1. Collect, boots, gloves, coats, etc. to donate to a group that helps the homeless or needy.
2. Pray for those who are looking for jobs.
3. Invite someone you know to attend church with you on Sunday.
4. Pick up litter in your neighborhood and dispose of it properly.
5. Organize a group to participate in a 30-hour famine. Send money saved to a charitable organization.
6. See how many family members, friends, and neighbors you can get to commit random acts of kindness.
7. Pray for people who feel like no one cares for them.
8. Start making devices for feeding the birds for the winter.
9. Find a project your entire family can do to help others that demonstrates the spirit of Jesus.

10. Choose a recipe your family can make together and then take the dish to a neighbor or shut-in.

### Update from Emerson and Ivy Wu

#### ***Our New Chapter: International Ministries***

After the Mission Summit at Kansas City in June, we were busy visiting churches and planning the Commissioning Service. We were close to reaching 100% of our personal support goal and had been advised that with the goal achieved and the commissioning service held, shortly thereafter we would be departing to the mission field – Macau. We wondered how that could be done



within three months and how we could say "Good bye" to Ivy's 93 years old Mother.

August was a very stressful month. Ivy's mother went to the Lord on August 1st, the Commissioning Service occurred on August 18, leaving us only about 10 days to choose and pack what we would take to Macau, dispose of or store everything else, clean the apartment and pack the luggage. We had our brothers, sister, sisters-in-law and nephew to help in the last three days before we left Columbus on August 29. After that we stayed a few days with our children in San Francisco.

All praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, for we safely arrived in Hong Kong with seven large pieces of luggage on September 5. Some of our bags contain the materials and/or computer accessories for ministry. Only our Omnipotent God could have made it happen within three months. While waiting for the approval of our visas to Macau, we will stay at IM's mission apartment in Hong Kong. We will have orientation consisting of learning Cantonese, the local culture, the environment, and we shall visit churches. Thanks be to the Lord that calls His children and faithful servants from local churches to help us. Since the environment and the process of doing simple business is different, we need to learn many things such as the location of the ATM for withdrawing money, how to take the subway and even how to turn on the burner of the stove. So many things that ordinarily would be taken for granted, we have had to learn. We have now experienced the "wet market"; the alley in the market where we have to walk is really wet! Fortunately, the market where we buy our daily food or the restaurant are all within walking distance. Because the weather here is hot and humid, we sweat all the time with any kind of activity, especially walking on the street.

We have met with our partner, Macau Bible Institute, to discuss

the ministry, and we have already received some assignments in studying Macau's church history and culture. We will update you about the ministry progress when we are settled in Macau. Our communication channel so far is the following:

By email:  
wu@internationalministries.org

By phone: 614-888-1051 (Please keep in mind, our time is 12 hours ahead of EST)

We are so very thankful for all the prayers and financial support that you, our faithful Missionary Partnership Network, give us. Without your prayers and support, we would not be on the mission field today. In that regard, please pray that the Lord will be working on hearts in Macau, that the Lord will give us the wisdom and energy to learn Cantonese and adjust to the new environment quickly that our visas will be approved quickly and without difficulty, that our health and travel will continue to be blessed.

May you be blessed with God's warm love and trust in His living grace!

– Emerson Wu

## Personals

- Thank you to Jeanne Ekelberry for locating the quilt that the church put together for our 2003 celebration. It has been on display this past few weeks in the sanctuary.
- Check out the new laminate on the front doors of the church. They look very nice.
- The Palmers took a trip to Williamsburg, Virginia.
- The Chessers took a trip to Connecticut to see Sam and Lindley.
- On September 22, Randy Turner was installed as the president of the Marion Association during the Fall Rally in Sunbury.

- Matt Lovell recently visited from California. During his visit Dave and Mary Lou and their extended family did a weekend getaway at Sauder Village.

– Pam Faulk, Personals Editor



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<b>World Communion Sunday</b> 6 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 2:00 CROP Walk	7	8 7:00 Finance Committee	9 7:00 Choir	10 7:00 Parish Council	11 6:00 Second Fridays at Andrews House; FBC Serving	12
13 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	<b>Columbus Day</b> 14 7:00 Deacons	15	16 7:00 Choir	17 12:00 ABW	18	19
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<b>Reformation Sunday</b> 27 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Rev. Tracey Sumner, Sr. November newsletter available.	28	29	30 6:30 Potluck Dinner <b>7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting</b>	<b>Halloween</b> 31	<b>November</b> 1	2

ABC Ohio Annual Meeting

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Dear FBC family:

I recently read an article in the Pentagon Times, which later appeared in a variety of other publications. The thrust of the article was that our brains cleanse themselves of toxins while we sleep. I guess that is why people are often cranky when they don't get enough sleep. After reading the article I am going to try to arrange my weekly schedule so I always get a good night's sleep on Saturdays. Who wants a cranky pastor on Sunday?

As I thought further about the article I realized that we need some ways to rid our souls of the toxins that build up from everyday life. We have just come through a couple of weeks as a nation that were rife with toxins. People out of work. Worries about our nation's financial future. Folks worried about retirement. Words of hatred and negativity spread in every direction. Divisions at a national level that inevitably trickle down to local government.

How might we rid ourselves of these toxins? We might remember

that scripture tells us to pray for our leaders and remember that no authority exists except by God's will. We can continue to gather for worship and community. As we live out what it means to be all together

inspite of the things that could separate us we become a living witness. We should pay special attention to our daily devotions. One hour on Sunday is not enough to overcome the toxins of the world.

Share the good news with one another. My email program has a trashcan icon. I use it regularly for bad news and lies. Hold on to Hebrews 10:24; "And let us consider how

to provoke one another to love and good deeds..."

Two significant events will mark the Chesser family life in November that are connected in ways that I might hardly imagine. In the beginning of the month our son, Sam, will be installed as the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Norwich, Connecticut. On November 26 Kathy and I will celebrate the 35th anniversary of my ordination to the Gospel Ministry. I include Kathy in that celebration because without

her I would never have arrived at that place in my life. We also celebrate the fact that a little over one third of my ordained life has been as pastor of FBC Delaware.

Provoke one another to good works and give thanks for the blessings of the Almighty. Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor,



## You're Invited to A Celebration of Friends

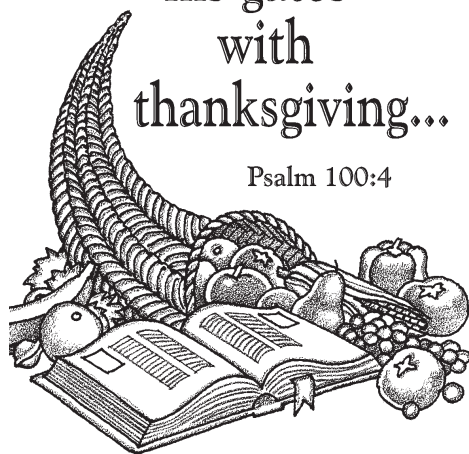
Andrews House depends on a small army of generous volunteers and donors like you who contribute time, energy, and resources to help us continue our services and programs to the Delaware community. As our way of saying thanks, we would like to **invite you to Andrews House on Friday, November 1st between 6:30 and 8:30 pm** to enjoy some wonderful live music, punch, wine, and hors d'oeuvres.

Whether you have been involved with Andrews House since its



Enter  
his gates  
with  
thanksgiving...

Psalm 100:4



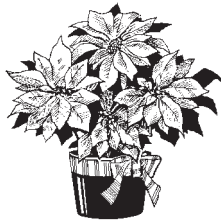
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beginnings in 1994 or you are a new friend, we want to celebrate you! Take this opportunity to meet other volunteers and donors as we thank you for being a friend and partner of Andrews House. November 1st is a First Friday in downtown Delaware, so make us part of your First Friday evening. Enjoy the activities of downtown and then stop by to join us in the great rooms of this lovingly restored house so many of you worked to rebuild. We look forward to seeing you and thanking you in person.

– Liz Bowman  
Andrews House

### Poinsettias

You're invited to order poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during Advent. They can be given in memory or honor of someone, and you can take them home after our Christmas Eve service.



The cost is to be announced (probably around \$9). Place your orders with Melissa Mercer or Jim Stephenson by Sunday, Nov. 24.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 12 Jackson Trigg
- 15 Harold Van Broekhoven
- 17 Jim and Ann Brown  
Emily Inscho
- 19 Steve Ferguson
- 20 Randy Turner  
Molly Grace Kennedy
- 22 Peter White

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	<b>Kip &amp; Barbara Smith and Family</b>	Condolences on the death of Kip's father
	<b>Lily Sullivan</b> (Sophia Stephenson's sister)	Recovering from stroke
	<b>Christina Kilhefner</b>	Health issues
	<b>Bertha Van Brimmer</b>	Health issues
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### Fall Party

You're invited to a fall party at the Turner's new house on Sunday, November 10 starting at 4:00.

Bring a dish to share. Burgers and hotdogs will be provided.

The address is 8685 US Highway 42 North, Ashley (about 9 miles from our church).

### Personals

- Our condolences to Barbara and Kip Smith and their family. Kip's father was killed in an electrical accident while at work on October 21.
- Jerry and Lana Palmer took a trip to the Smokies.
- Dave and Mary Lou Lovell spent a weekend at Falling Water (a house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright) in Pennsylvania.

– Pam Faulk, Personals' Editor







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					<b>All Saints Day</b> 1 6:30 Celebration of Friends at Andrews House (until 8:30)	2 Set clocks back one hour tonight. 
3 <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b> 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Ms. Christian Yost, MTSO Student	4	<b>Election Day</b> 5 	6 7:00 Choir	7	8 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	9
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**Next Month:** December 1 is the first Sunday of Advent

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Dear FBC family:

In the many years that I have planned Advent services I have always stuck to the classic themes of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. Sometimes I have had to seek out advice about which week to light the pink candle. As I was planning for this year's service I came across a site with some helpful hints. In keeping with the traditional themes I am also linking them to some other themes used in many churches. The result will be an Advent that looks like this:

December 1:  
Hope—Prophecy Sunday

December 8:  
Love—Bethlehem Sunday

December 15:  
Joy—Shepherds Sunday (pink)

December 22:  
Peace—Angels Sunday

We will also be having a special treat during this Advent season. On December 22 our chancel choir will be presenting a Christmas cantata. They have been hard at work practicing and I know that we will be blessed.

Even though Advent is the beginning of the official liturgical year it is hard to escape feeling like it is really the end of the year. As we

move into the dark days of winter we are ever aware of yet another year passing away. The lights and colors of Christmas may hide that fact for a while, but sometime between December 26 and 31 reality will intrude. If we can let our yesterdays die then we can hope

for the renewal a new year offers. I hope and pray that your Advent and Christmas worship participation will grant you the strength you need for finishing the year strong.

Melissa Neill has informed us that December 29 will be her last Sunday playing the organ. Her

ongoing health issues have brought her to this decision. Help me to extend our gratitude to Melissa for sharing her gifts with us these past few years. How fortunate that we are that Jennifer Turner has been taking organ lessons and wants to continue to play. Few churches anymore can find one organist and we are blessed by having both Mary Lou and Jennifer. We can thank Barbara Van Brimmer for the fact that we had the funds to pay for organ lessons for Melissa and Jennifer. When she was planning our Sesquicentennial celebration in 2003 she wanted to do something that would carry on into the future. Out of her vision came the Educational Endowment Fund. Sadly, she did not live to see her dream come

to fruition, but perhaps the sounds of our organ might reach her corner of heaven.

See you in church for Advent and Christmas, invite a friend.

Your Pastor,



## “Come to the Table” Communion

Our worship service December 1 will include “Come to the Table” communion where the congregation will be invited to come forward to receive the elements and then form our fellowship circle. If you need a deacon to bring you the elements, please let me know.

—Larry Faulk, Deacon Chair

## Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering

Since 1935, American Baptists have contributed to special offerings received in their churches for retired ABC ministers and missionaries or their widowed spouses. In 1977, American Baptist Churches USA launched the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) to continue this tradition of thanks.

### Next Month's Newsletter

Our January newsletter will  
publish one week later than  
our usual schedule.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Dec. 4 Erin Faulk
- 8 Tim & Lisa Fogle
- 11 Holly Kauf
- 13 Geneva Evans
- 15 Bud Sykes
- 17 Pat Gosser
- 23 Dominique DeBiasio
- 24 Frances Cook
- 25 Carol Grubbs
- 27 Cory Lawrence
- 28 Sharon Baker
- 29 Harold & Deborah Van Broekhoven
  
- Jan. 4 Fred DeBiasio
- 6 Ken & Pam Shears
- 10 Kip Smith
- 12 Larry Faulk  
Matthew Cooper
- 13 Evan and Carrie Trigg
- 16 Jane Moore
- 18 Matthew Lovell
- 20 Jennifer Turner
- 21 Tim Fogle
- 22 Michael Mercer
- 23 Nick Porter
- 26 Sophia Stephenson
- 27 Steve Baker
- 30 Calvin Turner

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Today, RMMO is a tangible way for the American Baptist congregations to say "Thank you for ..." the commitment, service and spiritual guidance of retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses. This year, we have redesigned the structure and theme of this offering to make it both more meaningful to church members and easier to administer. This year we are continuing the tradition of saying Thank You. Our materials will provide opportunities for your congregation to showcase their thankfulness and generosity, attributes that define us as Christians.

The offering supports those who have devoted 15 or more years of their lives to God's service by providing emergency assistance in times of need and a thank you

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Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
The Deacons	<b>Christina Kilhefner</b>	Health issues
	<b>Bertha Van Brimmer</b>	Health issues
	<b>Penny Hagaman</b>	Health issues
	<b>Steve Baker</b>	Health issues
	<b>Fran Cook</b>	Heart problems
Pastor Tim	<b>Hazel Chesser</b>	Health Issues
Beth Trigg	<b>Joy McAfee</b>	Cancer

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

check at the end of each year. We will receive this offering during December.

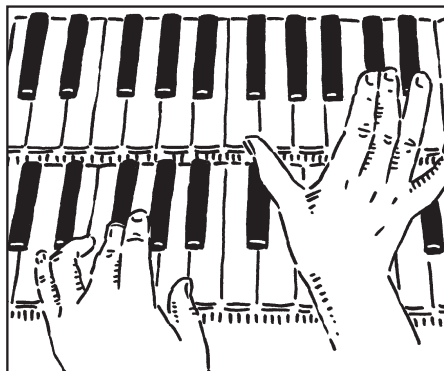
Prayerfully consider helping us meet our congregational goal of \$600.00.

### Melissa Neill to Retire as Assistant Organist

My last Sunday to play will be December 29, 2013. I am pleased that I could fulfill my commitment to FBC at an acceptable degree of ability to assist in the congregation's worship. I am SO grateful for the complete and loving support of the congregation all of these years I have been struggling to learn to play the organ. It has been a great honor to assist with worship.

Sincerely,

– Melissa Neill



### Holiday Wish Program

First Baptist Church is again sponsoring gifts for 4 foster children this year through the Holiday Wish Program of Jobs and Family Services. Please consider helping fulfill a wish or two. The wish lists are on a poster at church. Gifts do not need to be wrapped, just labeled. Cash contributions and/or gift cards are welcome. We'd like to complete the program by the first Sunday in December.



– Larry Faulk

### Thank You

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the beautiful pink prayer shawl (it is my favorite color). I have used it often, and think of all of you when I use it. I can't tell you how much I appreciate the thoughts, love, and prayers went into making it. I thank you all for your continued prayers, and thank you again for your love and support.

Many Thanks,

– Christina Kilhefner

### Join Us for Caroling

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, Dec. 15 for our annual Christmas caroling. We'll meet at the church at 6:30 pm and will visit our shut-ins. When we're done (probably around 8:00) we'll go to the Faulk's home for refreshments.

### Christmas Cantata

On Sunday, December 22 our choir will present the Christmas cantata *Bethlehem Joy* during morning worship. The last time we sang a cantata was ten years ago!

- Jim Stephenson, Choir Director

### Birthday Party

Please join us for a birthday party for Jesus on December 22nd immediately following the worship service. Cake and punch will be served in the fellowship hall.

- Liz Bowman

### Fellowship Time

On January 5, we invite anyone who has leftover holiday goodies to bring them to share for fellowship time after the morning worship service.

- Pam Faulk

### Cookie Exchange at Jane Moore's Home

Ladies! We will gather for a Cookie Exchange at my home on Sunday afternoon, December 8 at 2 o'clock. Each lady is asked to bring two dozen cookies, plus an empty container to take your share back home.



Looking forward to a great time of fellowship that day.

- Jane Moore

### P.I.N. Reminder

P.I.N. is no longer able to breakdown some items as we have done in the past. As a result, we do not need plastic containers or glass jars. As always, we welcome nutritious food items, especially cans of fruits and vegetables.

Thanks for your help.

- Linda White, PIN Volunteer

### Trustees Notes

- The three "older" furnaces at the church were serviced and had their filters changed by Don Patrick.
- The fire extinguishers were checked and tagged by B+J Service of Marion.
- The pipe organ was tuned and checked by John Miller.
- The pianos were tuned by Richard Dacks.
- The "old" parsonage next to the church has been cleaned out with most of the usable supplies removed. Soap, toilet paper, a large sack of light bulbs, and a good broom were brought over to the church as demolition draws nearer. Electrician Mike Clark, who has done many jobs for the church, was given permission to salvage breaker boxes and any items he could use. Don Patrick was offered any plumbing items he wanted. An asbestos checker found some asbestos in the basement around the boiler pipes. At press time the electric and cable lines had been removed to the house but not the phone lines.
- The largest project earlier this fall was resurfacing the church's front doors, which included a new door sill. This was a great improvement

## Our Church Directory is Being Updated

If you'd like to be included in the 2014 church directory, please update your info with Larry Faulk or fill out the form below and return it to Larry by December 31. If you'd like a new picture, see Larry to have one taken.

Name	Birthday*	Anniv.*	Cell Phone	Email
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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*No year is necessary for birthday or anniversary.

and was supervised by Jerry Palmer.

- The church's gutters were cleaned out three times this fall.

- The streetlight in front of the church was repaired by AEP after being out for several months and after several phone calls.

- The streetlight on the alley behind the church, which the church pays for, was repaired by AEP after one phone call.

- A fire department inspection late in the summer cited us for the multiple "plug-in" plugs in the kitchen. They were removed and also several exit lights were replaced.

– Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees

### Cookies for Andrews House

Cookies for the Christmas Cupboard can be dropped off at Andrews House on Friday, Dec. 6 between 9am and 9pm, or on Saturday between 9am and 11am, but they would prefer to have them on Friday.

Donate your homemade cookies and baked items. Last year they ran out of cookies early and had many disappointed shoppers, so they need lots of COOKIES this year.

– Liz Bowman



### Community Chorus

On Sunday, Dec. 22, the Community Chorus will present their holiday concert, *Awe & Wonder*. There will be two performances, 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 45 W. Winter St. Tickets may be purchased for \$10 from chorus members, at the door, or online at [delawarechorus.org](http://delawarechorus.org).

### Personals

- Jane Moore and Pastor Tim represented our church at the annual ABC Ohio meeting in Columbus.

- Jean Wickum's house and belongings will be auctioned on December 11 at 90 Richards Drive.

 <h2 style="margin: 0;">Andrews House Christmas Cupboard</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Saturday, December 7, 2013 9am-3pm 39 W. Winter St., Delaware</p> 	
<p>❄️ Cookie &amp; Gourmet Food Sale</p> <p>❄️ Homemade Frozen Apple Pies (\$7.50 pre-order before 12/7/13 (call 369-4520), \$8.50 the day of the event)</p> <p>The annual raffle will be held at 3pm on December 7th Enter to win:</p> <p>❄️ Arizona Condo (one week's stay) ❄️ Stained Glass Nativity</p> <p>Tickets: \$2/ea, \$5/3, \$10/8, \$20/20</p> <p>Each item will be raffled separately. Winner need not be present.</p>	
<p><b>Don't Miss our Silent Auction!</b> Including: Autographed OSU Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Randy Ayers basketball</li> <li>• Archie Griffin jersey</li> </ul> <p><b>Golf outings to area courses &amp; much more!</b></p> <p><b>Stop in 6-9pm Friday, 12/6 for a special preview of auction items!</b></p>	<p><b>Win a 2014 Chevy Cruze!</b> <b>\$100/ticket</b> <b>(only 400 will be sold)</b></p> <p><small>Winner responsible for tax, title and registration. In the event all 400 tickets are not sold, there will be a 50-50 split of the ticket sale proceeds between the winner and Andrews House. Drawing will take place at 3pm on December 7, 2013. Winner need not be present. Andrews House board members and employees are not eligible to win.</small></p>
<p><b>**We need your donations of homemade cookies &amp; gourmet food items for our sale**</b> <b>(sweet or savory baked goods, herb butters, candy, etc.)</b></p> <p><b>Items may be dropped off at Andrews House on Friday, December 6th anytime between 6-9pm (containers cannot be returned).</b></p> <p><small>All proceeds will support the programs of Andrews House, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit, help-giving community center.</small></p>	

- Congratulations to Jeanne Ekelberry on the birth of great-grandchild Benjamin Hayes Arden, born in Columbus on Nov. 14, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

Also, Charles and Elizabeth are coming from California to visit Jeanne for Thanksgiving and will stay through Christmas.

- Erin Faulk recently visited Marci and Matt Cooper and the twins in Indianapolis. The Coopers say hi to all, and everyone is doing well.

- Pam and Larry Faulk sailed on the new Royal Princess ship for its

maiden voyage in the Caribbean.

- Betty Porter asks for prayers for Diane Lukart who had major surgery on her leg, and Joe DeGenova who is recovering from cancer surgery.



# First Baptist Church

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# December

2013

Rev. Tim Chesser, Pastor  
Office 363-7021 Parsonage 362-6033  
Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 9 to 12  
Days Off: Friday and Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> 1 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	2 6:00 Deacons at Amatos	3	4 7:00 Choir	5 6:30 Board of Christian Education at Faulks	6 Take cookies today to Andrews House	7 8:00 Parish Council at Buehlers 9:00 Christmas Cupboard at Andrews House (until 3:00)
<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 8 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 2:00 Christmas Cookie Exchange at Jane Moore's Home 	9	10	11 Jean Wickum's house and belongings auctioned today 7:00 Choir	12	13 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	14
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 15 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Christmas Caroling 	16	17	18 7:00 Choir	19	20	<b>First Day of Winter</b> 21 8:00 ABM 2:00 Cantata Rehearsal
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 22 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Christmas Cantata 12:00 Birthday Party for Jesus with Refreshments 	23	<b>Christmas Eve</b> 24 6:45 Music Preludes 7:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	<b>Christmas</b> 25 	26	27	28
29 9:15 Greeting Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Newsletter deadline. January newsletter will be available January 5.	30	<b>New Year's Eve</b> 31 	<b>New Year's Day</b> 1 2014	2	3	4 See note below about Sunday, January 5

**Next Month:** Sunday, January 5 — bring leftover holiday goodies to fellowship time. Monday, January 6 — Epiphany.