

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

As November approaches we realize that another year is drawing to a close. In a few short weeks we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. As we walked down the last aisle at Buehler's I noticed the Christmas display at Ace hardware. I said that it seemed too early to have Christmas decorations out. Kathy said it only seemed that way since the weather is still singing the song of summer.

Thanksgiving is the time to give God thanks for all of the blessings of life. We have much to be thankful for as a church and as a people. I hope that you will remember that November is also the time that we ask people to prayerfully consider their giving for the year to come. As always certain expenses rise with the passing of time. Our most recent financial statements indicate to me that many of us have room to grow in our stewardship.

Bob Roberts, former general secretary for world mission support of the ABC, once asked in a publication that he edited, "Could you live on 10 times what you give to the church?"

The question we need to ask ourselves is whether or not we are being faithful to God. If we are then the work of the church will not suffer.

I learned at the Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio last week that we need to communicate that same message to our churches. Without giving

specifics the treasurer told the gathering that gifts to the United Mission Budget are not measuring up to the expenses of the region.

We had another wonderful all church retreat again this year. Special thanks are due to Pam Faulk for all her work in managing

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the logistics of the retreat and to Kathy Chesser for her work in getting the information for the retreat in a form I could use for my presentations. It was a privilege to serve as the retreat leader this year. However, it was your contributions that made the retreat special.

I will be on vacation from November 12 to 24. The Reverend David Seidzol, former chaplain for the Grady Hospice program and American Baptist pastor, will be preaching on November 18. On

November 25 we will have a special hanging of the greens service.

Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim".

Thank You

A very special thank-you goes to our Pastor, Tim Chesser, for leading such a special retreat this year. And also, thanks go to Kathy for helping Tim with some of the legwork.

— Pam Faulk

Bertha McTaggart Memorial

The memorial fund for Bertha McTaggart totaled \$150, and we gave it to Bacone College. Bacone was one of Bertha's missionary interests, it was where she and John went on John's sabbatical, and her family thought it would be appreciated.

— Evelyn Lee

People In Need (PIN)

The first Sunday of November is designated for our PIN basket contributions. Special needs this month are corn, juice, rice, boxed potatoes.

— Linda White

Andrews House 13th Annual Christmas Bazaar

This year's bazaar will be held on November 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. It will again feature the famous cookie sale. Dozens of cookies—fancy, plain, small or large—are needed to make this a success.

If you can furnish cookies, please have them there by 5:00 p.m. on November 29 in order for them to be arranged and ready for the rush at 10:00 a.m. the next morning.

We will again have a bake sale table all day at the bazaar. We would appreciate yeast or quick bread, pies, candy, jams and jellies, jars of mixes and other items suitable for this popular table. These need to be at Andrews House by 9:00 the morning of the bazaar. Please let me know if you can bring any of these items.

The bazaar again will feature a drawing for one of Milt Wyman's beautiful stained glass nativity sets and a quilt by Brenda Venzke. Tim has tickets for this and will be glad to sell them to you. Milt will also have a roomful of stained glass items from jewelry to lawn ornaments.

A new feature this year will be a decorated wreath sale.

January Newsletter

The January newsletter will be released on Sunday, January 6, which is **one week later** than our usual schedule. This is so I won't have to work on it during Christmas week.

If you plan to submit an article or calendar item concerning an event in early January, you may wish to put it in the December issue instead (Nov. 18 deadline).

— Jim Stephenson, editor

Remember this bazaar is one of Andrews House's most important funding projects. Please try to give it your generous support.

— Evelyn Lee,
362-9107

Second Friday Dinners

For the past six months, First Baptist has served as Greeters and Mixers at these meals. Those working with me have been Sharon Baker, her granddaughter Kaitlyn Maker, Jeanne Ekelberry, Barb Reed, and Sophia Stephenson. My thanks to each for their hours of service.

— Evelyn Lee

Pumpkin Pies Needed for Andrews House

We will be furnishing 12 large-size pumpkin pies for the November 9 Andrews House dinner. If you can purchase a pie and have it there by 5:00 on that day, please let me know. The pies cost \$8 and I will be glad to purchase and deliver them to Andrews House if you prefer to give me the price of a pie.

As I've stated before, more churches are **sponsoring their own community dinners** and thus we need to take more turns at the various needed tasks. I need to know by November 4. Your past help has been much appreciated.

— Evelyn Lee, 362-9107

News from Cynthia Biggar

A recent note from Cynthia and Ray Biggar states that she is continuing a pastoral internship at Edwards Church, UCC, in Farmington, MA, serving as an

BAKED SAUERKRAUT

Makes 8 servings. (It's good with pork.)

5 slices thick-sliced bacon
¾ cup firmly packed light or dark brown sugar
¼ cup (½ stick) margarine or butter
1 can (about 27 ounces) sauerkraut, drained
1 can (about 20 ounces) tomatoes
or stewed tomatoes, drained

1. Fry bacon crisp; drain and crumble.
2. Mix brown sugar, margarine (or butter) and crumbled bacon to make a topping.
3. Place drained sauerkraut and tomatoes in a 13 x 9-inch baking dish; mix well. Sprinkle sugar mixture on top.
4. Bake, uncovered, in preheated 350-degree oven for 1 hour.

— submitted by Jane Moore

assistant pastor. Over the summer she preached quite a bit. She will be at Edwards Church through December.

Her ordination interview is scheduled for December 18 in Boston. If all goes well, she would then be eligible to "search for a call" (find a real job as a pastor).

They send their best and hope to see us in the near future.

— Evelyn Lee

Worn Sheets to Hospital Bandages

We recently finished rolling dozens of 3" x 10 yd. bandages made from your old sheets. Harold Rittenhouse is sending them to a hospital in Haiti, which they have supported for years.

Our supply of sheets is now exhausted so we welcome any you might wish to pass along. These may be left on the table under the mailboxes in the back hallway. Plain and printed sheets are welcome.

Thank you for thinking of others who depend on handmade bandages for their health needs.

— The Sewing Group

Prayer list for November

prepared by the Board of Deacons

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
Erin Faulk	Kathy Sharp	Cancer treatments
Evelyn Lee	Mary Tilson Shirley Irvin Rosemary Warner Bertha VanBrimmer Dewey Fittro Eloise Robinson Florence Faulk	at Willowbrook Health issues Health Issues at Sarah Moore Home Delaware Court
Phil Mercer	Jerry Mercer Judy Mercer	Health Issues Health Issues
Jane Moore	George Corder Cathie Corder Olivia Langwasser	Health Issues (Heart, Diabetes) Continued recovery Young girl with leukemia
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller Richard Reed	Health Issues
Randy Turner	Taylor Nelson	3-year-old with cancer
Jean Wickum	Jim Grant Martha Green Fran Cook	Arbors Heart Problems
Marci Cooper	Marc Parulekar	Cancer treatments
Angie Burton	Lillie Temple	Hospitalized for numbness
Carol Grubbs	Haycox Family	Children's health issues
H. Van Broekhoven	Deborah Van Broekhoven	ABC USA Historical Society

Trustees Report

The concrete repairs at the parsonage have been completed. The cement floor of the porch was leveled, which required bracing and strengthening the basement wall and then injecting cement under the porch. Also, two blocks of the front walk between the driveway and the front steps were leveled in the same manner. The cost was \$2,600. The work was done by A1 Concrete.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Poinsettias

You are invited to order poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during Advent. They can be given in memory or honor of a friend or relative, and you can take your poinsettias home after our Christmas Eve service.



The cost is to be announced

(probably around \$9). Please place your orders with Jim Stephenson or Melissa Mercer by Sunday, Nov. 25.

Personals

- Fran Cook was hospitalized for heart problems.
- Jim Van Brimmer had cataract surgery.
- Steve Stoner had hip replacement surgery, and has been re-admitted to Grady due to infection.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Nov. 5 Victor Fogle
- 8 Matthew & Annette Fritsch-Lovell
- 10 Natalie Griffith
- 12 Jackson Trigg
- 15 Harold Van Broekhoven
- 17 Jim and Ann Brown
Emily Inscho
- 19 Steve Ferguson
- 20 Randy Turner
- 22 Peter White
- 28 Karen Stoner
- 29 Sophia Campbell

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.