

Good News Letter

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Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the Lord is God!
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates *with thanksgiving*,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him, bless his name!
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.
(Psalm 100)

We *are* going to have some color this fall at last. I thought it would be more restrained than it is turning out to be. It is the time of autumn's magnificence. It reminds me of Thanksgiving, which completes the season and prepares us for Advent. It also makes me think of some of my favorite passages in the bible that, like the psalm above, call us to be thankful;

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. *And be thankful.* Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs *with thankfulness in your hearts to God.* And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, *giving thanks to God the Father through him.*" (Colossians 3:12-17)



"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let everyone know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication *with thanksgiving* let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:4-7)

To be thankful is to acknowledge the goodness of God's grace; the goodness of life and creation; the goodness of God. We chide ourselves, and admonish and exhort ourselves, we discipline and teach and train ourselves to be thankful because we know that it is the right response to grace. It is no wonder that it stands as one of the bible's foremost commands.

Forced gratitude, however, is not the goal. Occasionally, thankfulness wells up from deep within spontaneously, and that is when it is most powerful. The result begins perhaps, with a sigh of relief as the power of life's burdens over us is diminished; but then comes joy and peace and hope. It is this kind of gratitude that we seek and for which we pray, in this blessed season.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Mark

November Panera Volunteers

Wed	Thur
Nov 5 -Faulk	Nov 6 -Faulk
Nov 12-Lee	Nov 13-Grubbs
Nov 19-Gosser	Nov 20-Grubbs
Nov 26-Volunteer Needed	Nov 27-Closed

Thanks to all who volunteer.

PERSONALS

- Colin Ferguson is engaged to be married in the spring.

- Mike Reynolds recently backpacked on the Appalachian Trail.

- Richard Brown has been recovering from ankle surgery and is having kidney surgery on October 28.

-Bev Cox recently had foot surgery

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

World Community Day began in 1943 by Church Women United who wanted a day set aside in the fall for the study of peace by church women. This day continues to emphasize peace but has been broadened to include justice, a vital partner of peace. This year World Community is November 9. Please pray for peace in our community and in our world.

CALENDAR PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

On Saturday, Nov. 22, Parish Council will meet to plan next year's church activities calendar. If you have an event that you would like to have on the calendar, please give it to Randy Turner or the pastor.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

Our October meeting was held on the 18th and was attended by 6 members. It was decided to change the meetings for November and December because of holiday activities surrounding our usual meeting days. So MARK YOUR CALENDARS and join the fun.

November 15th - this will be our Annual trip to DER DUTCHMAN for lunch and shopping. To avoid road construction we decided to meet at the Church at 10:30 and will carpool to the Mansfield restaurant for lunch and shopping.

November 25th - the Fellowship will do the annual Christmas tree trimming and combine it with our Holiday Party and Ornament Exchange. We will meet at 11:30 and have a baked potato bar provided.

Join the merriment and fellowship as we all prepare for a busy and joyous season as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

- Laura Brown

CHANGE FOR CHANGE OFFERING

On Sunday, Nov. 2, Daylight Saving Time will end for this year. It has been our tradition that when we change our clocks, we bring our loose change to church to effect change in our local community. The money will be sent to Andrews House which coordinates the Summer Lunch Program for many Delaware children. The program supplies free lunches on weekdays during the summer and also food to go home with the children for the weekends. Please don't forget to bring your change to church on November 2.

BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

For 75 years, sisters in Christ have united in prayer for the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. The 2025 theme is "Living the Good News," drawn from Luke 4:18-19. As we pray together on November 3, it is hoped you will experience the joy of proclaiming the Good News in word and deed. Add your voice to the chorus of women in more than 100 countries who are interceding for their communities and seeking to be difference makers in the world. Link hearts and hands with others as we seek the wisdom of God's Word, pray with intention, and hear how the Spirit is moving in every part of the world.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



November

- 1 Love Ayinde
- 2 Laura Brown
- 11 Jonathan Allison
- 12 Jackson Trigg
- 14 Jake Pierce
- 17 Jim & Ann Brown
Luke & Connie Roberts
- 19 Steve Ferguson
- 20 Randy Turner
- 21 Mark Allison
- 22 Peter White

Please report any errors.

Mission/Outreach News

Thank you for prayers for our missionaries, Ann and Bill Clemmer.

We continue to collect the Christmas Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child through the second Sunday in November. A \$10.00 donation for processing and mailing of each box would be welcome. There are plenty of boxes and labels for them in the Gathering Place. Last year we packed 40 boxes.

There will be a special Thanksgiving offering this month.

In November, check the easel for the Wish List for Christmas wishes for children that are in foster care. When you purchase something that is on the list, place it under the easel.

On the Sunday we change our clocks to one hour earlier, the Change for Change offering is taken. The offering is given to Andrews House for the Delaware City Schools summer lunch program.

In November, as we give thanks for all that we have, I say thank you to all who give so generously of their time and financially throughout the year for people in our community and our world.

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2026

At our October business meeting, the following officers were elected for the two-year term of 2026 and 2027:

Moderator-
Randy Turner (26)
Assistant Moderator-
Dave Lovell (26)

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.
Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Jenni Pedzinski and family	Father's stroke
Bill & Ann Clemmer	Safety
Tim Lee	Health Issues
David Salyer	Health Issues
Connie Roberts	Health Issues

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

Church Clerk-
Pam Shears (26)
Sunday School Clerk-
Pam Faulk (26)
Treasurer-
Larry Faulk (26)
Assistant Treasurer-
Candy Lee (27)
Financial Secretary-
Randy Turner (27)
Assistant Financial Secretary-
Linda White (26)
Finance Committee Chair-
Deb Lovell (27)
Board of Christian Education-
Pam Faulk (27),
Candy Lee (27),
Erin Faulk (26),
Carol Grubbs (26)
Board of Deacons-
Richard Brown (27),
Larry Faulk (26),
Dave Lovell (26)
Board of Trustees-
Peter White (27),
Archie Trigg (27),
David Spear (27)

Thanksgiving Offering

The offering in the "Thanksgiving" envelopes will go to People in Need (PIN). This offering helps those in the community with food and other necessities.

Budget & Stewardship Sunday

The budget for 2026 was approved at the Quarterly Business Meeting on October 22nd. A copy of the budget is in the Welcome Center.

In this newsletter, Deb Lovell, Finance Chairperson, has included a Stewardship letter along with a Pledge Form to record your commitment for 2026. Please consider the 10% Challenge.

Stewardship Sunday is November 23rd. We will dedicate our pledges as part of the worship on that day.

Sponsor Foster Children

FBC will again sponsor three foster children for Christmas this year.

We hope to have the children's info and wish lists soon. You will find a sign-up list of the children's wish lists in the Gathering Place during the month of November. We encourage you to donate items by Dec 7th and make their Christmas a joyous occasion. Toys, clothes, and gift cards or money to buy gifts are welcomed.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

On Saturday night Nov. 1st, remember to set your clocks back one hour for Daylight Saving Time to end

Financial Update

At the end of the third quarter of 2025, our expenses have exceeded our income by \$4,894. Giving for missions continues to be on target to meet our goals. We have received generous offering to our Capital Improvements and Memorial Funds. Copies of the financial report are in the Welcome Center.
-Larry Faulk, treasurer

Goal \$50,000

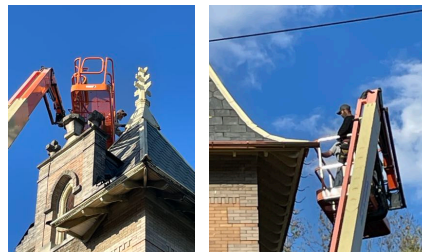


\$43,603 10/24/25



Tower Repair Completed

On October 22, Durable Slate completed the tower repair project. The project included replacing any missing or damaged slates on the upper tower roof and repairing the roof overhang. The slate over the lower portion of the roof was replaced along with new gutters and some painting.



The cost of the project is estimated at \$49,550. We are seeking gifts, donations, and memorial contributions to offset the cost of the project. Our goal is to replenish our Capital Improvements Fund. As of October 24th, we have received \$43,603 for the project. Your pledges and donations are appreciated. You may also contribute online by selecting "donate" on our website: fbcdelaware.org.



Dear Friends in Christ,

First Baptist Church continues to be richly blessed by the generosity and faithfulness of this congregation. At our October 2024 business meeting, the church voted to undertake a significant capital project—to repair the church tower—with an estimated cost of \$50,000. Our initial goal was to replenish the Capital Improvements Fund over a five-year period.

We are overjoyed to share that, thanks to your generous giving and several large memorial gifts, we have nearly reached the full amount for the tower project within just one year. Thank you for your gifts and for helping us to realize this goal four years ahead of schedule.

We have also witnessed tremendous support for our mission efforts. Every outreach ministry offering this year has met—or exceeded—its goal. In addition to financial contributions, the Mission and Outreach Team has received strong support through donations of requested items for our local drives, which have blessed many people in our community. Thank you for continuing to lift up our neighbors through both your giving and your actions.

Looking Ahead: The “10% Challenge”

As part of our commitment to being faithful stewards, the Finance Committee has carefully reviewed our budget and expenses to ensure that our financial plan reflects the experiences of the church. In doing so, we’ve identified a projected shortfall for 2026 due to a regular weekly offering of approximately \$250 that will no longer be received. If giving in other areas remains consistent, this will leave us about 10% short of meeting our budgeted needs.

To meet this challenge, we’re inviting every regular giver to consider a “10% Challenge” for their 2026 pledge. That means increasing your current giving by just 10%. For example:

- If you currently give \$5 per week, could you give \$5.50?
- If you give \$25 per week, would you consider \$27.50?
- If you give \$200 per week, might you give \$220?

This modest increase across the board would allow us to fully fund our ministries and operations in the coming year. For those who pledged to the tower fund, and since that need is nearly met, we invite you to consider redirecting a portion of that pledge to the General Operating Fund.

Growing in Mission and Invitation

Financial giving is only one part of stewardship. Another is sharing the love of Christ with others. One of the most meaningful ways we can do this is by inviting people in our community to join us in worship. Every new face brings fresh gifts, energy, and stories—and helps our church grow in visibility and vibrancy.

We have been able to sustain our church through the giving and stewardship of the congregation. One way to help us plan and to demonstrate our continued commitment to adequately funding our budget is to make a pledge for the financial needs of our church for 2026 and to use that pledge as a reminder to give regularly. This year, we continue to offer the option for online giving. If you would like to explore this option, please visit our website fbcdelaware.org and click on the right side of the page *Make an Online Offering or Donation*. This will link to a site to the online banking site.



A Pledge Form has been included for you to record your commitment for 2026. You may return the form to Randy Turner, Financial Secretary or you may bring it with you for the dedication as part of the worship on Sunday, November 23, 2025. Even if you are choosing to donate online, please fill out the dedication form to help us reach our budget goals.

Let us all prayerfully consider how we can be good stewards—not only of our finances, but of our calling to be Christ’s hands and feet in the world.

Thank you for your continued support, your generosity, and your commitment to the mission of First Baptist Church.

Yours in Christ,

Deb Lovell
 Finance Committee Chair

Keep This Portion For Your Records

Name _____

My/Our Commitment for 2026

For Church Operating Expenses \$ _____ Per _____

For Outreach Ministries Expenses \$ _____ Per _____

For Capital Improvements \$ _____ Per _____

Invite a Community Member to worship at the First Baptist Church _____

If for any reason you need to change your Pledge, please notify Mr. Randy Turner, Financial Secretary.

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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Delaware, Ohio

Commitment Form 2026

In love and loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ, and in support of his ministry through this church, and in love and concern for each other, I/We make the following Commitment for 2026.

CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES _____ **Per Week /Month/ Year (circle one)**
OUTREACH MINISTRIES (Missions) _____ **Per Week /Month/ Year (circle one)**
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS _____ **Per Week /Month/ Year (circle one)**

Signed _____

Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____

If for any reason you need to change your Pledge, please notify Mr. Randy Turner, Financial Secretary.

First Baptist Church









101 North Franklin Street
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November

2025

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>All Souls Day Change for Change 2</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion</p>  <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Baptist Women's Day of Prayer</p>	<p>Election Day 4</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	<p>World Community Day 7</p> 	<p>1 All Saints Day</p> <p>Set Clocks Back</p> <p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p>  <p>Shoe Boxes Due</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30 Deacons</p>	<p>Veterans Day 11</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans 10:30 am Women meet at church to carpool to Der Dutchman, Mansfield</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 am Parish Council Calendar Planning</p>
<p>Stewardship Sunday 23</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p> <p>December newsletter deadline</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:30 Women's Christmas Lunch in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>Thanksgiving</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>First Sunday of Advent 30</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p>  <p>December newsletter available</p>	<p>December 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>November Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Shoe Boxes • Change for Change • Wish Lists for Foster Children • Thanksgiving Offering -PIN 	