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The Good News Letter

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The season of the year dedicated to gratitude has arrived. Between the traditional fall celebrations connected to harvest and the national holiday at the end of November, there is ample encouragement to let our minds drift in the direction of the graces received in life, both in general, and over the last year.

Grace means, “gift,” and at its heart is a favorable response to the gifts encountered throughout life. At the Lord’s table, sometimes the host is referred to as the, “eucharist,” which simply put means, “good gift.” Thanksgiving is an affirmation and acknowledgment of a good gift.

The English word, “thanks,” is derived from a variety of germanic terms that mean, “to think.” To give some thought toward the bearer of a gift is the literal meaning of, “thanksgiving.”

Whatever the derivation of the words may be and the meaning of the emphasis itself, the Bible is persistent in instructing the faithful to be thankful. From the thank offerings in Leviticus to the psalmists refrain, “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever,” the people of God are reminded of gratitude as among the most important responses to God’s love and mercy.

The New Testament concurs. Paul writes in Colossians 3:16-17,

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. *And be thankful.* Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, s*inging to God with gratitude in your hearts.* And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, *giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (italics mine)*

And, of course, in Philippians 4:6-7;

“ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, *with thanksgiving,* present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

In the gospels Jesus leads by example in drawing attention to the one leper out of ten that returned to offer thanks; by giving thanks at the Feeding of the Multitude, and at the raising of Lazarus, and at the Last Supper, and other occasions.

And we know that when our hearts are thankful, we are better prepared to face the demands of life, to avoid the pitfall of self-pity, and to appreciate the good things that are present to us even in difficult times. As we enter into this season, let us heed Paul’s encouragement to, “Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Have a wonderful November and a Happy Thanksgiving.

Blessings,

- Mark

Quarterly Business Meeting

October 28th
6:30 Potluck Dinner
7:00 Business Meeting

November Panera Volunteers

Wed	Thur
Nov 4-Brown	Nov 5-Lee
Nov 11-Faulk	Nov 12 -Faulk
Nov 18-Faulk	Nov 19-Faulk
Nov 25-Grubbs	Nov 26 -Grubbs (Probably Closed)

Thanks to all who volunteer. The sign-up sheet for fall is already full except for New Year's Eve.

PERSONALS

-Pastor Allison officiated at Genevieve Peterson's memorial service at Willowbrook on Sept. 26. It was well attended.

-Dave and MaryLou Lovell traveled to Alabama to visit their daughter Barbara and her family and also Will Fogle. Their son Matthew also visited at the same time. They were there during the hurricane, but were not affected by it very much.

-Richard Brown has a melanoma on his head and will have surgery on November 9. He and Laura appreciate all your prayers. The Browns' daughter Rachel had knee surgery on Oct. 27.

-Brennan Howe has started a new job at the WMCA

THANK YOU

Dear First Baptist Church Family, Thank you so very much for the beautiful plant. Mom would have loved it. You were all such a very special part of her life. We thank you for that.

-The Family of
Genevieve Peterson

American Baptist Women

The October 17th meeting was a busy session planning for the upcoming months. November 21st will be our Annual Holiday Shopping Trip to Der Dutchman. We will carpool from the Church, leaving at 11 AM and going to the Mansfield restaurant. It is always a fun outing! On November 24th ladies will gather at 10 AM to decorate the Christmas Tree and the Sanctuary. Our December Christmas Party will be on December 19th and we will invite Second Baptist to join. Advent is early this year! Plan on joining and making the Season more joyous for all!

- Laura Brown

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The offering in the special Thanksgiving envelopes will be collected on November 22. The proceeds will go to People in Need (PIN).



CHANGE FOR CHANGE

On Sunday, November 1, we will have set our clocks back one hour for the end of Daylight Saving Time. We mark this event by bringing our loose change to church for a special offering. The proceeds go to Andrews House which administers the Delaware Summer Lunch Program for local children. This is our small way of trying to make a change in our community by eliminating childhood hunger.

World Community Day

World Community Day is observed annually on the first Friday of November, focusing on prayer and action for peace and justice. It originated in 1943 as a day for church women to study peace and has since evolved into a broader ecumenical observance. It is sponsored by Church Women United.

Stewardship Sunday

The budget for 2027 should be approved at the Quarterly Business Meeting on October 28th. A copy of the budget will be in the Welcome Center after approval.

Stewardship Sunday is November 22nd. We will dedicate our pledges as part of the worship on that day.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



November

2 Laura Brown
Ivy Pierce
11 Jonathan Allison
12 Jackson Trigg
13. Matt Lovell & Charity Madrid
14 Jake Pierce
17 Luke & Connie Roberts
19 Steve Ferguson
20 Randy Turner
21 Mark Allison
22 Peter White

Please report any errors.

Sponsor Foster Children

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

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 6th and make their Christmas a joyous occasion. Toys, clothes, and gift cards or money to buy gifts are welcomed.

Financial Update

At the end of the third quarter of 2026, our expenses have exceeded our income by $2,318. 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

CALENDAR PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

Parish Council will meet on Saturday, November 21 at 9:00 a.m. to plan the 2027 church calendar. If you have an item that needs to be on the calendar, please speak to Randy Turner or the pastor.

Mission/Outreach News

World Mission Offering

Thanks to all who gave monetarily to the World Mission Offering in October, to support our sponsored missionaries and other ABC missionaries.

Having Ann and Bill Clemmer come to First Baptist was a blessing. To hear the work they do on a daily basis to help children, youth and widows is truly amazing! All missionaries have chosen to follow the call of Christ for their lives and spread the love of God through their work.

Thank you for supporting them.

Operation Christmas Child

In November, our congregation will continue purchasing items to put in the Christmas shoe boxes that are in the Gathering Place. If you have not had a chance to to do this before, ask Darlene Caulkins, Pam Faulk, or Mary Lou Lovell about it. On the table there are flyers which contain the information about what can and cannot be put in the boxes for girls and boys.

When you have purchased your items, put them in the box and place the label on the top of the box to indicate if it is for a girl or boy and the age. These boxes are collected the week of Nov. 15th. Nov. 15th is the last day we can accept the boxes as they are delivered to another church , and then taken to a distribution center where they will be sent by Samaritan's Purse somewhere in the world to a child that never has experienced receiving a gift at Christmas and knowing about Jesus.

Samaritan's Purse asks that you help by including a $10.00 donation for each box for shipping.

Thanks

Thanks to all who continue to do Panera Pickup and Drop Off and fill the People In Need basket with shelf stable food.

Looking Ahead

First Sunday of Advent is November 29th.

Soup and Sing

Soup and Sing will be Saturday, December 5th at 4:00 P.M. Be thinking of which kind for soup in a crockpot you would like to make to share after we sing Christmas carols in the sanctuary. Please invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors to this to enjoy the music of the season and have conversation as you

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
Bill & Ann Clemmer	Safety
Tim Lee	Health Issues
David Salyer	Health Issues
Connie Roberts	Health Issues
Ray Serviss	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!

enjoy delicious soup. There will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Place, so we have a variety of soup. We would also like cornbread and cookies.

Online Worship Services

Did you miss a Sunday Worship, but would have liked to have experienced it or would you like to revisit a previous service? Worship Videos dating back to the beginning off the Pandemic are available on our website: fbcdelaware.org

Audio versions of services prior to the Pandemic are also available on the website dating back to 2016. Click on Worship Videos and then Previous Services to navigate to the the service that you want to see or hear.

History and Special Services

Under the link FBC History on our website, you will find a few history items for FBC such as Ministers of FBC, Jubilee Manual 1903, 75th and 100th Anniversary.

Under the link Historical Special Services, you will find the 1897 Church Dedication document, J.B. Stephenson 25th and 40th Anniversary documents as well as the Handicap Project Dedication.

If you have other historical documents or suggestions of things to include in this area, please share them with me. Thanks, Larry Faulk, editor.

Interested in Membership?

There are several ways in which you can join our fellowship:

1 - By profession of faith and baptism

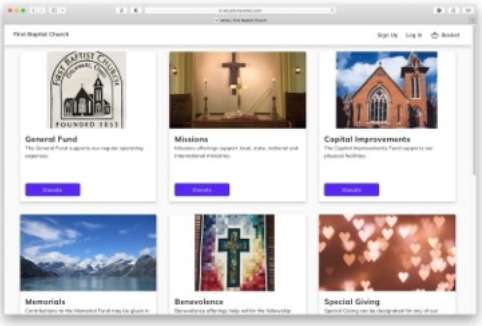
2 - By a transfer from a sister Baptist congregation

3 - By a statement of faith from other Christian faith traditions

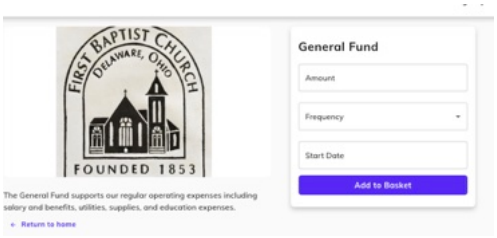
We are mindful that some who wish to be a part of the FBC family life may not be interested in formal membership. Please don't feel any pressure. For those who are interested, mention it to Dr. Allison, and he will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Then in a worship service where there can be a formal affirmation, we will present your decision to join.

Consider Online Giving

If you would like to make an offering or donation to FBC, but cannot attend a worship service or would rather not have to write a check and mail it to FBC, you can now make an offering online. Visit our website at FBCDelaware.org and click on the "Donate" button.



You are presented with separate boxes for each of the giving areas: General Fund, Missions, Capital Improvements, Memorials, Benevolence, and Special Giving as well as one of the ABC Special quarterly offerings.



When you click on "donate" in one of the areas, you can enter an amount, a frequency, and a starting date.

On the next screen, you can choose to give by credit or debit card, or electronically from a checking or savings account. After entering your name and address, you can process your giving and save your profile to simplify future online giving.

If you need assistance in the process, please contact me at lfaulk01@aol.com or 614-204-1098. Your gifts to FBC are appreciated.

-Larry Faulk, treasurer

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Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Saints Day 1 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion **Change for Change Offering** **Daylight Saving Time ends**	**All Souls Day** 2 **Baptist Women Day of Prayer**	**Election Day** 3 	4 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brone	5 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	**World Community Day** 6 	7
8 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service	9	10	**Veterans Day** 11  8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	12 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	13	14
15 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service  **Shoeboxes Due**	16 5:30 Deacons	17	18 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	19 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	20	8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans 21 9 am Calendar Planning Women's Lunch - Der Dutchman Mansfield-Meet 11am
Stewardship Sunday 22 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service **Thanksgiving Offering** Dec newsletter deadline	23	24 10 am Sanctuary Tree Trimming	25 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	26 	27 **Black Friday**	28
First Sunday of Advent 29 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service  Dec newsletter available	30	**December** 1	2 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	3 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	**November Mission Focus:** • Christmas Shoeboxes • Christmas Gifts for foster children • Change for Change • Thanksgiving Offering (PIN)	