

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

Sometimes the change of seasons just seems to come too fast. One day we are talking about golf, tennis, picnics, and vacations and the next thing you know we are talking about back to school issues, raking leaves, and the next election. I feel that way as I look at October's calendar.

We will begin the month by finishing up a vacation in New York City. The day after our return I plan on being at Ohio Wesleyan University for the annual CROP Walk. The first full week in October brings the opportunity to gather with other Ohio Baptists for our Annual Gathering at the Crowne Pointe Hotel in Columbus. Returning from that meeting late Friday I will readjust my thinking for our all church family retreat at Camp Christian, which begins at 8:00 on October 9. Our theme this year will be "Do You See What I See?" We hope to engage all of our senses in rediscovering the wonder of God's creation and how we all see the world in different ways.

By the time we recover from all that activity it will be time to look forward to our October business meeting. One of our most important meetings of the year, the October business meeting is when we elect officers for the coming year and vote on our budget priorities for the upcoming year. Please make plans to attend on October 27.

While I am on vacation I have asked the Reverend Gunnar Cerda to fill

the pulpit for me on October 3. Gunnar is the former pastor of our sister church, Zion United Church of Christ.

Invite a friend to church before winter strikes.

Your Pastor,



## October

### New Youth Leaders

We appreciate Vic and Debbie Fogle who have stepped forward to work with our youth this year. Vic will be supervising the teen youth group, and Debbie will be conducting the children's worship time for grades kindergarten through fifth

grade. They both are very excited about doing this and have lots of fresh ideas. Please give them your prayers and support in their endeavors.

### Annual Church Retreat

Our annual church retreat is October 9-10 at Camp Christian.

Remember that there will be no Sunday school or church service at our home

church on Sunday, October 10. Instead, we will be worshipping at Camp Christian at 11:00 a.m. Even if you cannot attend the retreat, please join us for worship. Directions to the camp can be found in your retreat packet. If you wish to stay for lunch also, the cost is \$10.00.

— Pam Faulk



### Save To Help Others

I am a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary. We are collecting **empty medicine bottles** to be given to Doctors Without Borders. Following the earthquakes in Haiti, the need is great to have sufficient supplies to dispense medication to the victims. Please remove the labels and bring them to me at church.

I am also collecting **plastic screw-top bottle caps** (water bottles,

milk bottles, sports drinks, etc.). These will be used to help pay for chemotherapy treatments. Please rinse the caps and bring them to me at church also.

Thanks,

– Barb Reed

## Sarah Moore Home Spaghetti Dinner

It's time for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Sarah Moore Home Service Board. Once again we'll be at Five-Star Banquet Hall & Event Center (under new management). This establishment is at 1502 West William Street, next to Rodman-Neeper Funeral Home.

The dinner will be on Monday, October 18, from 4:30 – 8 PM

Adults: \$6

Children 6-12: \$3

Children under 6: FREE

Carry-outs available.

I will have tickets or you can buy them at the door.

– Jane Moore

## New Flannel Boards

Do you ever wonder what birthday/ anniversary money in the little church is used for? Usually it goes to our Sunday school teachers to purchase the little odds and ends that they might need in their classrooms. This year we were able to purchase two new flannel/ white boards for our classrooms, in addition to giving each teacher a bit of change for classroom use. Thank you all for contributing to this fund.

## Make A Difference Day

For the past year I have been including in the newsletter ways that you can make a difference in our homes, our church, our community, our country, and our world.

October 23 in Make a Difference Day. Please try to do something special on that day to make a difference. However, do not forget that there are things you can do every day to make a difference. Here is another list of suggestions, in no particular order.

1. Pray for our world leaders.
2. Take on a church office or committee.
3. Get more in tune with nature by taking walks.
4. Participate in the Crop Walk by walking and/or donating money.
5. Make a treat and share it with a neighbor or shut-in.
6. Pray for a person you've had a disagreement with.
7. Bring a friend to church.
8. Plant more trees.
9. Contribute more to the World Mission Offering
10. Give more words of encouragement.

## Trustees Notes

- Jerry Palmer installed a new drain pipe and trap under the sink in the women's rest room. This turned into a big job due to the style of the sink and the old plumbing. It saved us a plumber's bill.
- A new floor mat was placed under the pastor's office chair to keep it from wearing the carpet.

– Peter White

*Reporting for the Trustees*

## Young at Heart

The Young at Heart group met on the second Thursday of September to share jokes that poke fun at the foibles of being old, and to share the news of family and friends. We also shared good food.

We pass around cards to shut-ins, and other members who have moved away, so they know we are thinking of them. When Fran Cook is there she helps with this, and in her absence Jean Syler does it. Tedious business, making sure everyone signed, that the return stamp is on and the proper postage is applied, and that they are mailed. Our thanks to these helpers.

I found this quote to share with you. It's from H. Jackson Brown, Jr., author of *Life's Little Instruction Book*:

**"Remember the most valuable antiques are dear old friends."**

– Jean Wickum

*Convenor*

## World Mission Offering

During the month of October I am asking that you, financially, support the World Mission Offering. There are so many people in this country and throughout the world that need your help. Earthquakes, floods and tornadoes have devastated people everywhere. Your gifts can help rebuild homes, provide food, clean water, education and a chance for spiritual guidance. Churches and missionaries are doing what they can to help, but need your assistance. Our church membership is very blessed because most of us have all we need and more.

– Carol Serviss

*Mission Coordinator*

## Second Friday

The September 2nd Friday found over 70 attending — the largest number ever.

Thanks to all of you who gave me money for the apple pies. I ordered the streusel pies which were the same price as a regular apple pie at both Buehlers and Krogers. The pie was served with a dip of ice cream

and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The October 2nd Friday dinner will find us starting our 15th year! First Baptist will again be Mixers and Greeters in October and November. If you would like to serve, please let me know. We need to be there shortly after 5:00 p.m. and will be finished by 7:00.

Thanks to all who have helped in the past.

– Evelyn Lee  
362-9107

### Andrews House Kitchen Cupboard

Please mark December 4 on your calendar as the date of this annual fundraiser and plan to attend.

Again I'm asking you to donate items for the cookie sale and the bake sale. We need **lots** of cookies — Christmas cookies are preferred but any kind are welcome. For the bake sale we welcome all goodies (except large cakes) from your kitchen — jams, jellies, yeast breads, muffins, candy, fancy nuts, cupcakes, salad dressings, seasonings, large and small fancy breads, special butters, and any other treats from your kitchen.

Raffle tickets will again be available, and you've continued to support that. Please continue.

Milt Wyman's art glass pieces and jewelry are always a special feature.

Please put December 4 on your schedule and plan to support this event in every way possible.

– Evelyn Lee  
362-9107

### Recycle As We Help Others

Please remember the following needs:

1. First Baptist Sewing: Sheets for bandages for Haiti; fabric for lap

## PRAYER LIST

*This list is prepared by the Deacons.*

Prayer Requests will be removed after 2 months unless "renewed".  
Please send changes to Larry Faulk (Lfaulk01@aol.com)

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
The Deacons	Pam Debiasio	Health Issues
	Penny Haggeman	Surgery
	Martha Rhodes (daughter of the Petersons)	Heart problems
	Ken Shears	Condolences on the death of his brother
	Harry Rittenhouse	Recovering from sugery and complications
	Sophia Stephenson	Health Issues
	Dave Lovell's brother, Richard	Recovering from emergency surgery
	Nancy Snook	Health Issues
Jean Wickum	Fran Cook	Heart Problems
Evelyn Lee	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health Issues
	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	Health Issues
Lana Palmer	Wayne's wife, Harper	Cancer Surgery
Robert Russell	His mother in West Virginia	Dementia

robes and baby quilts — Jeanne Ekelberry

2. Sleeping Bags for the Homeless: blankets, mattress pads, flannel sheets, neckties, pillow cases — Jeannie Ekelberry

3. Greeting Cards: Genevieve Peterson

4. Nylon Hose: stuffing for pillows for cancer patients — Evelyn Lee

5. Pill Bottles: Jeanne Ekelberry & Barb Reed

– Evelyn Lee

### Personals

• Our condolences to Ken Shears and his family on the sudden death of his youngest brother (who lived in Texas) on September 16 from a heart attack.

• Bob and Pat Foor have now moved permanently to Florida, but they will come back for visits when they can and will welcome visitors from our fellowship any time.

• Sam Chesser preached on September 5th. Visitors that day were Jarrod and Nichell Trigg and sons, Dorothy Brown, and Colleen Whitacre.

• Deb VanBroekhoven was able to attend our church on September 5th and invited us all to visit the ABC offices any time we are near Atlanta.

• Ed and Angie Burton have a baby girl, Olivia Mason Burton. She was born September 7th and weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Congratulations Angie and Ed.

• Penny Hagaman had surgery this past week.

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



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

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

- The Peterson's daughter Martha in Oklahoma was hospitalized for cardiac arrest. She is showing improvement.
- Emily Bowman recently had outpatient surgery to remove a small growth.
- Charles Ekelberry has moved back to Delaware with his mom Jeanne. He is currently looking for a job.
- Dave Lovell's brother, Richard, is recovering from 9-hour emergency surgery in Pittsburgh for an aortic aneurysm.
- Jeff and Laurie Faulk marched with Notre Dame's alumni band at the September 25th football game. Grandpa Larry and Cullen attended the game, while Grandma Pam and Aunt Erin babysat with Brigid and Jane.
- Betty Porter's son John has been visiting from Mexico. Betty is doing better and driving some. She recently got a good report from the doctor.

*– Pam Faulk, personals' editor*