

Good News Letter

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By the time this article is being read, it will be Fall Rally day for the Marion Baptist Association, capping off a busy September in the life of our church. The month began with a celebration of ten years of ministry and service together. I would be amiss if I did not give some space here to express my gratitude for the life together that we share, and for the celebration on the 7th and all who took part in its preparation and who attended it, and also for the generous gift given to me.

In the end, words fail at times like these, just like they do at Christmas and Good Friday and Easter when the message of the gospel surpasses understanding and strains the limits of words to carry the freight of meaning. Please know that I am very grateful.

After the Marion Association Fall Rally on September 28th, October affords a



breathing space before Advent and the holiday season. There will hopefully be beautiful color and weather throughout the month as the year's end draws near. Of course we will concentrate our attention on the World Missions Offering, which is an important emphasis that comes each October. Opportunities for generosity also continue as we think about the Crop Walk for hunger relief through the Church World Service, and later the Christmas Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse.

The beginning of the month will see the completion of the tower project. It may seem like it has been a long time coming since we have been talking about it for nearly a year and a half, but I am thankful for the

faithfulness of our congregation, that is, all of you, which has made this experience a cause for celebration.

I do not lightly write this forthcoming line, but I *really do* look forward to our times of worship and service and fellowship together throughout these waning days of 2025.

**Blessings,
Mark**

Quarterly Business Meeting

October 22nd

6:30 Covered Dish Dinner
7:00 Business Meeting
including election of
officers and budget
for 2026

October Panera Volunteers

Wed	Thur
Oct 1 -Lovell	Oct 2 -Faulk
Oct 8-Lovell	Oct 9-Lovell / Remlinger
Oct 15-Lee	Oct 16-Lovell / Remlinger
Oct 22-Faulk	Oct 23-Faulk
Oct 29-Lovell	Oct 30-Lovell

Thank you all for volunteering. There is a new sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place for the Fall Quarter.

PERSONALS

-Thanks to Mary Lou Lovell, the choir, Randy Turner, and Will Fogle for the special music for the pastor's anniversary celebration.

- Tim Lee had surgery on Sept. 23.

-Thanks to those who helped with or supplied brownies for the Marion Association Fall Rally.

-On September 20 a memorial service was held at our church for Donald Brown.

THANK YOU NOTES

-Thanks to all at FBC Delaware! Just a note of appreciation before we head back to Goma. Bill and Ann Clemmer

-Thank you so much for the generous donation of school supplies. Many students were able to use them. We are so grateful for your partnership and support of the families in our school community. Blessings, The Staff and Students of Conger Elementary

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

It's Fall! Writing that is so hard to believe. There have been many celebrations and festivals and there is so much more to look forward to. Our next meeting is October 18th and we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30. Bring a lunch and join in as we recap our Summer fun and plan Fall and Winter celebrations.

- Laura Brown



Donald Lee Brown

Donald Lee "Don" Brown, 73, passed away on July 14, 2025, in Orlando, Florida. Born on July 16, 1951, in Columbus, Ohio, A proud graduate of Rutherford B. Hayes High School in 1969.

Don began his professional journey at the Scioto Juvenile Correctional Facility in Ohio. There, he not only made a lasting impact on the lives of those he worked with but also formed enduring friendships that remained close to his heart throughout his life. His time at Scioto was more than just a job-it was a calling that reflected his belief in second chances and the power of human connection. Later relocating to Florida, Don continued to serve others through his work in security at Chrysler at the Orlando International Airport. His commitment to safety and leadership shone especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, when he earned recognition for his unwavering dedication to protecting employees during uncertain times

He is lovingly remembered by his children Kenneth L. Brown (wife Marie Brown) and Abby Brown Franz (husband Michael "Chip" Franz); his cherished grandson Hunter Winegardner; and his devoted partner in life, Sandy Keith. He also leaves behind his brother James Brown (wife Anna Brown), sisters Carol Brown Grubbs and Donna Brown; brother-in-law Ted Stephenson; many nieces and nephews; as well as Sandy's children: Aaron, Alyssa, and Amanda. Don was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Ruth Brown and by his sister Jean E. Brown Stephenson.

Don's legacy is one of laughter shared, kindness extended, and love freely given. May his memory bring comfort to all who knew him-and may we carry forward the joy he so generously gave us all. A Celebration of Life was held on September 20, 2025 at First Baptist Church.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



October

- 2 Christina Kilhefner
Ben & Bailey Turner
- 3 Jarrod & Nichelle Trigg
- 7 Ann Brown
Bud Salyer
- 10 Claire Cooper
- 16 Taylor Trigg
- 20 Jim Brown
Genevieve Peterson
- 24 Sherry Chambers
- 25 Jack Turner
- 31 Claire Pierce

Please report any errors.

GAME NIGHT

On Saturday, October 25 at 7:00, we will have a game night in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite board or card game and a snack to share. All are welcome.

WORLD MISSION

OFFERING -

See, I am doing a new thing!

During the month of October, our church will be contributing to the World Mission Offering. The theme this year is based on Isaiah 43:19: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" Here are words from Rev. Dr. Sharon T. Koh, Executive Director and CEO of International Ministries (IM).

"God is doing a new thing in the lives of our global servants (missionaries) and in the lives of those they serve. Throughout the world, God's work through IM is springing up in each unique cross-cultural context. Even in places of deep hardship, God's faithfulness remains steadfast, bringing forth life where despair once seemed overwhelming. As global servants adapt to changing needs and discover new ways to serve, one thing is certain -- God is not finished yet. Thank you for your unwavering partnership in God's mission. There is a new thing taking place and your support allows our global servants to build lasting relationships and make a far-reaching impact for God's glory. Thank you for sending short-term mission teams who witness all that God is doing and return to share that with others. Most importantly, thank you for your faithful prayers -- it is prayer that cultivates the soil for new growth." Our church's goal for this offering is \$1000. Please prayerfully consider your contribution.

Pam Faulk

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!

PRAYER CALENDAR

One of the "new things" coming out of the World Mission Offering this year is a different type of prayer calendar. For the past several years we have been receiving prayer requests from specific missionaries for 31 Days of Prayer in October. This year things will look a little different. Each Sunday there will be an insert in the church bulletin with some information about specific missionaries and the new things they are doing. On the back will be two separate prayer requests. These will be written by the area directors of specific areas of the world where our missionaries are located. Each will contain a prayer and then the list of global servants who are located in that geographic area. We ask that you pray for these global servants and their needs each week.

Pam Faulk

Mission/Outreach News

Please be in continued prayer for Ann and Bill Clemmer who serve as our Baptist Missionaries in Goma, Africa. They continue to do their calling by helping to feed, clothe, educate, and show God's love to children, youth, and teens. They are serving in a very

unstable dangerous area. They text when they can to let us know what is happening there. Their texts are printed and put on the bulletin board in the church Gathering Place for you to read their updates.

World Mission Offering

One of our focuses for the month of October is giving to the World Mission Offering. During this month let us pray each day for missionaries all over the world doing God's work. October is your opportunity to support more mission work as well as supporting the Clemmers.

Undies Sundays

During the month of September we have been collecting new underwear of all sizes to be given to the Common Ground Free Store. The basket is piling up for your generous contributions. Following Sunday, September 28th, the donations will be taken to Common Ground for distribution to those in need. These items are always much needed and the volunteers smile when we arrive with them as they know it will bring smiles and gratitude to many others in our community.

Crop Walk

Please join in walking for the Crop Walk on Sunday, October 5th at 2pm at Hamilton-Williams Campus Center. If you cannot walk, you have the opportunity to give a donation. 25% of the proceeds stay in Delaware for assisting People In Need (PIN) to supply fresh and shelf stable foods to those in need. See Dr. Allison if you would like to walk for more details. You can donate by designating a portion of your offering to FBC for "Crop Walk" or you may donate online to the Delaware Crop Walk at the link below and then click on "make a donation"

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/delawareoh>

Panera Pick Up Continues

Last week was Delaware County Fair Week. Panera unsold items are usually delivered to Willis School for their food pantry and after school programs on Thursday from the Wednesday night pick up. Since Willis school was closed, they were delivered to Andrews House. Volunteers at Andrews House were happy to receive the extra delivery as they had a free meal for the community on Thursday evening and could offer the breads as additional food support to take with them. Thursday night's pickup from Panera provided a lot of bread and bagels for Andrews House to distribute as well. Thanks to all who help by giving their time to pick up unsold items, repackage them, and deliver them to Willis/and or Andrews House for others in this community.

Operation Christmas Child Pack a box to show God's love!

During the month of October and the first week in November, you have the opportunity to reach out to children around the world to show God's love by providing them with a Christmas gift, as many children do not receive a gift for Christmas. The boxes we collect are part of the boxes that are shipped to arrive for Christmas to over 100 countries. You have the option to track your box and see where it was sent. You can use a standard size sturdy shoe box or take one from church.

Gifts you can include : dolls, fun toys, stuffed animals, personal care items, and school supplies, small soccer ball, toy cars, jump ropes, frisbees, games, yo-yos , toothbrushes, hair brushes, pens, pencils, markers, colored pencils, notebooks, coloring books, sunglasses, solar calculators, flash lights, prayer for each child, A note, photo,

Please do not include: soap, candy, toothpaste, lotions, gum, used or damaged items, seeds, food, liquids, breakables, glass, aerosol cans.

Please pray for the child that will receive your gift.

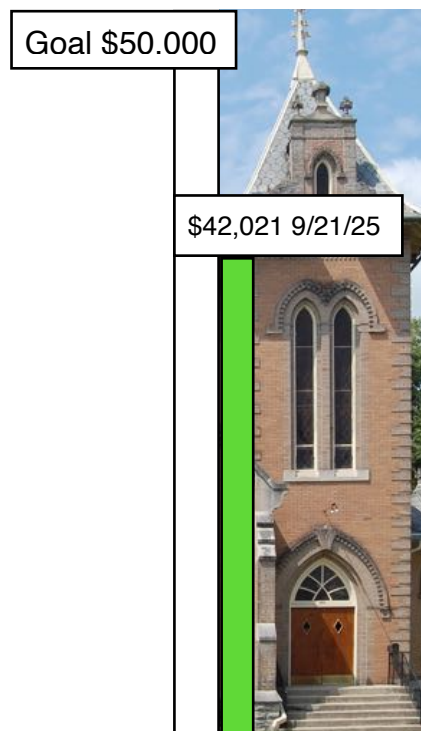
Do not tape the boxes closed. Glue a shoe box label indicating if the box is for a boy or girl and the age appropriate gifts that are in the box. This label will give you the opportunity to track the box. A donation of \$10.00 to ship each box may be given online, or a check may be mailed in the envelopes provided at the church. You can contribute to the postage for mailing, even if you do not pack a box.

We will collect the boxes through Nov. 2nd as they need to go to a distribution center on Nov. 17th. Last year we sent 40 boxes! What a blessing to 40 children!

Tower Repair Begins

Durable Slate has begun work on the tower this past week. The project includes 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 will be replaced along with 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 September 21st, we have received \$42,021 for the project. Your pledges and donations are appreciated. You may also contribute online by selecting "donate" on our website: fbcdelaware.org.



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October

2025

Pastor
Appreciation
Month

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Mission Offering Crop Walk Christmas Shoeboxes 		September 30	1 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - D&M L Lovell	2 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	3	4
World Communion Sunday 5 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion  2:00 pm Crop Walk World Mission Offering Begins Begin Month of Prayer	6	7 ABC Ohio Annual Gathering	8 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - D&M L Lovell	9 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell/Remlinger	10	11
12 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service World Mission Offering Continues	Columbus Day 13 5:30 Deacons	14	15 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup Pickup - Lee	World Food Day 16 National Bosses Day 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell/Remlinger	17	Sweetest Day 18 8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans 11:30 am ABW Lunch - Fellowship Hall
Chaplains / Pastoral Counselors Sunday 19 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service World Mission Offering Continues November newsletter deadline	20	21	22 6:30 Potluck Dinner 7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	23 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	United Nations Day 24	Make A Difference Day 25 7:00 Game Night Fellowship Hall
26 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service World Mission Offering Continues November newsletter available	27	28	29 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - D&M L Lovell	30 8:45 Panera Pickup - D&M L Lovell	Halloween 31 	November 1 All Saints Day 