

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

As I passed by Smith school on my way to work this morning I saw the sign that announced one more day until school starts. It was one more reminder that summer is almost over. Summer vacations are at an end. Endings also bring beginnings.

September 9 will be Rally Day at FBC. We will resume our school year schedule of Sunday school at 9:15 followed by worship at 10:45. I want to encourage each of you to be a part of a Sunday school class this year. Our commitment to Christian education has never been more evident that it is for the 2007 – 2008 school year. We have several new teachers and new ideas about curriculum. Hopefully all of you will receive an invitation to be a part of a class this year.

This is a special word to parents. The Board of Christian Education and the teachers, who have volunteered to teach this year, need your help and commitment. In addition to making sure your children are here for each lesson, if possible, we are asking that you help them to follow-up on the material they are learning. The Bible tells us that it is our responsibility as parents to raise our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We get to teach for one hour a week. The other 167 hours of the week are up to you.

Both of the adult classes offer opportunities to start anew if you have not been a part of a Sunday school class. Randy Turner will continue offering the class on

contemporary issues. I will be teaching the Gathering Place class. We continue our use of the American Baptist curriculum. The theme for this quarter will be Genesis: the God of Promises creates a people. It will be an excellent opportunity to discuss how the Old Testament narratives inform our faith and our understanding of our world.



Since 1992 I have been involved with CROP walks around the country. I hope by now you know the slogan: help CROP stop Hunger. This year's CROP walk will be held on October 7 at 2:00 P.M. The walk will begin at the Hamilton-Williams building on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan University and will end at the First Presbyterian Church. There will also be a shorter route established for families with younger children. I hope we can have at least 10 walkers with pledge of \$100 or more each. Please ask me for details and a pledge envelope. 25% of every dollar raised goes to People in Need. Kevin Crowley, executive director of PIN, notes

that the funds usually arrive after the first of the year and are an important part of their work.

Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor,

Sunday School Starts!

Have you participated in Sunday school lately? There will be some interesting topics discussed this year. Why not come and join in? Rally Day is September 9. We will begin with intergenerational opening in the assembly room at 9:15 and then go to our classes. Church worship service will begin at 10:45. Make a commitment this year to attend Sunday school every Sunday. Feel free to bring a friend too.

– Pam Faulk
Board of Christian Education

New Windows to be Dedicated

The new windows in the Sunday school rooms will be dedicated on Sunday September 2, 2007. We hope to fill the church that Sunday so that all may see the new windows that will keep our children and Sunday school teachers much warmer this winter. Cake and punch will be served during the fellowship hour after services.

– Jerry Palmer

Mission Moment

It's so exciting to be the Mission Coordinator here at First Baptist. I never know what each special offering will bring. Your response is just overwhelming. Yet another contribution came in for One Great Hour of Sharing giving us a total of \$674.68. Praise the Lord for your generous hearts!

There's another opportunity for us to share of our bounty on a local level. The Common Ground Free Store (that I wrote about last month) is going strong, but there are on-going needs for items to be given out.

1. They are accepting gently used household items (clean and with all pieces included, please), gently used toys (also clean and with all pieces included) and SUMMER clothing only (gently used and clean) at present.

You are encouraged to bring items that you would share with a good friend or family member. They want the shoppers to receive items that make them feel happy and excited.

2. Material donations will be accepted on SATURDAYS from 10:00-2:00. With their small space for accepting and sorting items, this enables them to stay on top of things.

3. They are in constant need of NEW underwear and socks – all sizes. To that end we will be sponsoring a basket for you to bring donations on Sunday, September 9. We'll be calling this "Undie Sunday". There will be reminders for you prior to that date.

Thanking you for all you do for The Kingdom,

– Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

Teachers' Meeting

There will be a meeting for Sunday School teachers on Thursday, Aug. 30 at 9:00 a.m.

– Pam Faulk

Bertha McTaggart

Bertha (Tower) McTaggart, 89, died on July 26 at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton following a brief illness.

Bertha and her husband John were members of our church for over 20 years when they lived in Delaware.

Born in Marion, Bertha graduated from Marion Harding High School, Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, Schauffler School of Religious Education in Cleveland and earned her Master Degree in Christian Education at The Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. She served with the Navy WAVES during WWII.

In 1947 Bertha married John McTaggart. During their marriage they lived in Berkley, CA and in Delaware, where John served as Head Librarian at the Methodist Theological School.

They spent most of their retirement years in Dayton, where they were members of First Baptist Church of Dayton.

Bertha was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, John, and is survived by sister-in-law Margaret Mumpower, brother-in-law Bruce McTaggart, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Saturday, August 11 at First Baptist Church in Dayton.

Her family suggests that her friends in Delaware make memorial contributions to our church to be used for Missions, in recognition of Bertha's lifelong interest in Missions.

A Letter from Bertha's Nephew

Some of you may not know that my aunt, Bertha McTaggart, went to be with the Lord on July 26, following a brief illness. She was 89 years old.

On July 18 she fell, broke her hip and had a stroke. On July 19 she had surgery to repair the hip, but the stroke left her not being able to swallow and affected her speech. While in the hospital, pneumonia set in and she died around noon on Thursday, July 26. I do not know the exact cause of death.

She was able to continue her normal routine in the St. Leonard Assisted Care Unit until the events of July 18. During the next week she had several visitors including friends, relatives and her Pastor at First Baptist Church Dayton.

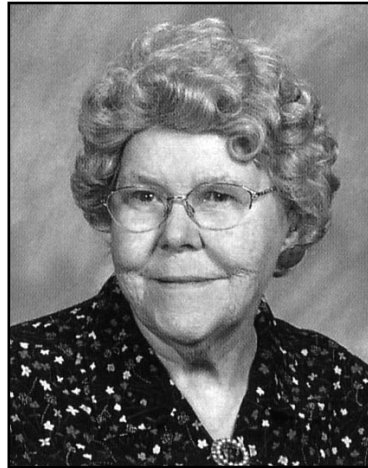
Like her late husband, John, she had arranged to have her body donated to the Wright State University School of Medicine so there was no funeral service.

I am thankful for the time I spent with her following John's death. She kept her sweet spirit even as she lost her independence over the past year and one half. I visited her and helped with her affairs almost every Saturday. And most Sundays we went to church together at First Baptist Dayton. She always enjoyed greeting her many friends there.

We will all miss her.

Her nephew,

– Ted A. Greenwood



Prayer list for September

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	@ Willowbrook Health issues Health Issues @ Sarah Moore Home Riverside Hospital
Phil Mercer	Jerry Mercer Judy Mercer	Health Issues Health Issues
Jane Moore	George Corder Cathie Corder Beverly Thomas Olivia Langwasser	Health Issues (Heart, Diabetes) Continued recovery Heart transplant Young girl with leukemia
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	
Randy Turner	Kelly Rider	Cancer Treatments
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

Church Retreat

Plan now to attend our annual church family retreat at Camp Christian the weekend of October 12-14. The retreat is for everyone in our church family. It is a weekend where we enjoy studying a topic for our spiritual growth, as well as A LOT of fun activities! The camp is beautiful, the food is great, the price is cheap, and the fellow-



ship is rewarding. If you are new to our church fellowship, it is a good way to get to know people better. If you are not so new, it is a good way to just have fun and fellowship and replenish the spirit. Information letters and registration forms should be coming your way this week. Please register by September 23.

– Pam Faulk

Recipe

As promised, below is the recipe for a casserole I served when my daughter Emily and I hosted the

last after-church fellowship time.

This actually is not “my” recipe. It is taken from a new cookbook produced by Gooseberry Patch, a local company here in Delaware. I believe this book is now available for sale. This edition, called “Coming Home With Gooseberry Patch”, features my gardens (thus, the reason I have this recipe in advance of the book’s sale!).

Sweet Onion & Zucchini Bake

1/4 cup butter
3 cups sweet onion, thinly sliced
3 cups zucchini, thinly sliced
2 eggs, beaten
1/4 cup half-and-half
1 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard (I was a bit more liberal)
1 cup Swiss cheese, shredded and divided

Melt butter in large skillet over medium heat; saute onion and zucchini until tender. Arrange vegetables in a lightly greased 8” x 8” baking pan. Combine eggs, half-and-half, salt, pepper, mustard and 1/2 cup cheese. Pour over vegetables. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake at 375° for 20 minutes, or until center is set. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

For the brunch, I doubled this, but added an extra egg and a bit more cheese. Next time, I think I will cut the zucchini the night before and layer with sea salt so that it reduces the juices.

Enjoy!

– Melissa Neill

Thanks for Donations

(The complete letter is on the bulletin board in the Sunday School room – editor)

Thank you for your generous donations totalling \$400 from the Deacon’s Fund. We have chosen your gifts to be applied to the School Shoes program of the People In Need (PIN) Agency. Each participating child is presented

with a gift card to purchase a new pair of school shoes.

Thank you for your continued support.

– *Kevin James Crowley*
Executive Director
People In Need

Highlights of the July 25 Quarterly Business Meeting

The important issue of needed repairs to the parsonage was addressed. Jim Moore recommended the porch and underlying basement wall be repaired at this time at a cost of \$2,400.00. He explained how the chimney could be protected from further weather damage which would allow actual repairs to be completed at a later date. This recommendation was subsequently placed before those in attendance in the form of a motion and serious discussion and consideration followed. The motion was then amended to include how the work would be funded, i.e., 1/2 from the general fund and 1/2 from the house and property fund. The amended motion was ultimately called to a vote, and it carried by a unanimous vote. The much needed work will therefore be completed in as timely a fashion as possible.

– *Lana Palmer, Clerk*

Officers Needed

Its not too late to be included in the slate of officers for 2008-09 years. There are several slots left to be filled so if you have a desire to do a bit more for your church, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you.

– *Jerry Palmer*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Sept. 3 Alec Ferguson
- 5 Jessi Inscho
- 7 Christy Sykes
- 9 Barbara & Kip Smith
- 11 Barbara Reed
- 13 Jerry Palmer
- 14 Marci Cooper
- 15 Janet Porter
- Jim & Bertha Van Brimmer
- Sarah Sykes
- 17 Ed Burton
- 18 Melissa Mercer
- 22 Angie Burton
- 26 Phil & Melissa Mercer
- 29 Ian Ferguson
- 30 Mary Lou Lovell

Please report any errors or omissions to
Jim Stephenson.

Personals

- **Shirley Parker** was a patient at Grady for gallstones, kidney stones and pancreatitis.
- **Bob Foor** is recovering from a bout with kidney stones.
- **Flo Faulk** is in assisted living at Delaware Court Health Center.
- **Penny Hagaman** had thyroid surgery.
- **Carol Grubbs'** grandson Nickolas was a patient at Children's Hospital.
- **Bernice Turney**, who resides at Marjorie P. Lee Retirement Center in Cincinnati, entered The Association of Ohio Philanthropic Homes Services for the Aging's 2007 Arts and Writing Exhibition. Her entry was a crocheted doily made just this summer in the "Parisian Pineapple" pattern. The annual exhibition includes fine arts, needle arts, photography, poetry, prose (fiction & nonfiction), quilting, woodworking, etc.

Bernice placed second in the Marjorie P. Lee competition and third place in the needle arts division of the Southern Regional AOPHA Exhibition. This year there were over 268 entries from 19 participating agencies at the regional level. First, second, and third

winners of the regional competition now go on to compete in the State Exhibition which will be held September 25 through the 27th in Columbus, Ohio.

Congratulations, Bernice and best wishes from the First Baptist Church family for continued success in Columbus.

• The **Faulk family** is back from their travels. In June they all traveled to the Outer Banks of North Carolina to spend a week in a beach house. It was great fun for Larry, Pam, Erin, Jeff, Laurie, Cullen, Brigid, and all of Laurie's family too. Pam spent a month in July/August at Lake Erie at Geneva-on-the-Lake in their trailer. Larry came up for a few days at a time to relax and then go back to work. Erin was there at the beginning and then went to Wyoming for almost 3 weeks. Erin had a great time in Wyoming in a program for Ohio elementary teachers studying science. The program is offered through Miami University for two weeks. She found out about it from Rick Lee, who teaches one of the sessions. Erin stayed out there longer in order to spend more time in Yellowstone.

• **Pat Foor** told the Delaware Area Career Center Board of Education that she will be retiring in July, 2008. Pat has been the Superintendent of the Career Center for eight years. She plans to start her retirement next summer by relaxing, travelling, and spending more time with her family.

Andrews House news
is on the back of
the calendar.