

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

Breaking up is hard to do. These words from an old song come to mind as I think about changes in the American Baptist Churches of Ohio. We have been hearing for some time that financial realities were going to cause change in our region staff. I received word last week about the reality of that change. As the number of Regional Ministers, previously called Ministers of Congregational Development, and before that, Area Ministers, is reduced from four to three it was found necessary to say goodbye to one of the four. Leaving the staff at the end of September will be the Reverend Dan Taylor. Dan and I have been friends for almost thirty years. He has been on the ABCOhio staff for thirteen years. I will miss his bow ties, quips, and service to the whole ABCUSA family.

Also leaving the staff will be Donna West and Sue Buckenberger. Sue was the Region bookkeeper and while I appreciate her work I did not know her personally. I have often told Donna that she is the reason I am in Ohio. In 2001 I decided at the last minute to attend the Face to Face conference in Cincinnati. Donna went the extra mile in helping me to get all my materials and to set up appointments. It was



at that conference that I met the pulpit committee of First Baptist Delaware.

Pastors usually have more contact with Region staff than the average church member, but I am confident

that you will join me in wishing Dan, Donna, and Sue the best as they search out places of service in coming days.

Needed changes at ABCOhio remind us that the world is constantly evolving. Part of the problems

with our denomination have to do with our inability to value diversity. Our ABC family is still a rainbow, even though that rainbow is often hidden by the clouds of theological conformity in Ohio.

It may seem early to you but I want to remind you to reserve October 3, 9, and 10 on your personal calendars. October 3 is the Delaware CROP walk. It is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in Delaware and the world. You will be hearing more about this opportunity. Our annual Family Retreat will be held at Camp Christian on October 9, 10. We need you to be there.

Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor,

## Rally Day

Fall is a time to go back to school, and in our church that means back to Sunday school. We have an excellent and well-attended Sunday school program here at First Baptist. If you do not participate in our Sunday school program, I encourage you to do so. Rally Day is September 12. We will meet as a large group at 9:15 in the fellowship hall downstairs for opening and then break out into our classes. There are two adult classes to choose from. Pastor Chesser will be



teaching an adult class which uses the adult quarterly booklet from Judson Press, which is our Baptist publisher. Randy Turner teaches the second adult class. He will start the fall with a book study on Michael McCullough's book BEYOND REVENGE. Why not make it a habit to attend Sunday school regularly this year!

Here are the teachers and their

substitutes in parentheses for each class:

Adult — Tim Chesser (Larry Faulk)

Adult — Randy Turner (Beth Trigg)

Senior High (grades 9-12) —  
Vic Fogle (Liz Bowman)

Junior High (grades 6-8) —  
Erin Faulk (Debbie Fogle)

Middlers (grades 3-5) —  
Pam Shears (Melissa Mercer)

Primary (grades K-2) —  
Kathy Chesser (MaryLou Lovell)

Crib Room/Nursery — Pam Faulk

## Retreat

Our annual all-church retreat is approaching on October 9-10. Information and registration forms for the retreat are being distributed this week. Registration forms are due back by September 19.

If you do not receive your retreat information by the end of this week and would like to attend the retreat, please call Pam Faulk at (740)362-8627.



## Young at Heart

Now that the weather is being kinder to the 55+ years gang, Young at Heart is meeting every second Thursday of the month. If you are 55 or over, come join us at noon for food and fun.

We met August 12 with only 10 present, but the time together was great. So was the food!

By the way—even if you are too young to belong, come visit us anyway.

—Jean Wickum, convenor

# Buckeye Cake Recipe

## STEP ONE: CAKE

- 1 Betty Crocker Super Moist Choc. Cake Mix (18.25 oz. size)
- 1½ cups water
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- Mix as directed on box. Batter will be thin.
- Bake at 350 ° for 20–22 minutes. Use 15" x 11" jellyroll pan (or 2 smaller pans)
- Cool completely

## STEP TWO: TOPPING

- ½ cup milk
- 2 cups sugar
- 1½ cups peanut butter\*
- 1 jar marshmallow crème (7 ounces)\*
- \* *have these two ingredients ready before heating milk*
- Bring milk and sugar to boil; add peanut butter and marshmallow, and beat till smooth. Quickly pour over cake (may

run over sides depending on your pan sides). Cool. Don't smooth topping after it is poured on cake.

## STEP THREE: GLAZE

- ½ cup (1 stick) butter or margarine
- ¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- ½ cup milk
- 1 lb. confectioners sugar
- ¼ teaspoon vanilla
- Melt butter, add cocoa, add milk, and then boil. Remove from heat. Add confectioners sugar and quickly stir/beat till smooth. Pour over peanut butter layer.
- Cake can be refrigerated in covered container for up to 8 days. Becomes more moist as stored.

—Jeanne Ekelberry  
(recipe found in the Columbus Dispatch)

## Do One Thing

If many little people in many little places do many little deeds, they can change the face of the earth. Here is a list of 10 things to consider doing, in no particular order.

1. Pray for all teachers, including our Sunday school teachers.
2. Make it a habit for your family to attend Sunday school regularly.
3. Help clean a stream.
4. Do a "not-your-favorite" chore without being asked and without complaining.
5. Telephone someone to let them know you are thinking about them.
6. Pray for everyone on the church prayer list.
7. Sing in the church choir.
8. Ride a bike.
9. Don't sweat the small stuff.
10. Make baby quilts for the Linus Project.

## Scholarship Awarded

On Sunday, August 22, the church awarded Sam Chesser a \$300 scholarship toward his studies at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio (Methesco) this year.

This gift was made possible by the educational endowment which the church maintains. The Board of Christian Education oversees this fund and has request forms available for those who have an appropriate use for money from this fund.

## Thank You

Dear FBC family,

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship which you gave to me for my studies at MTSO. I would not have gotten this far without your love and support, and that same love and support is sure to get me through seminary.

– Sam Chesser

## American Baptist Women

Seven women gathered at Buehlers on August 19 for an enjoyable lunch and visit. Our Love Gift was \$34.91 for Baptist Missions. Remember, even if you can't attend each time, you can remember your Love Gift at home and bring it when you are able to join us.

– submitted by Evelyn Lee

## Correction

In the August newsletter there was a list of donations for the Tools of Hope. It said that money was given in memory of Laurie Faulk. I would like everyone to know that Laurie is alive and well. I had intended to write in memory of my nephew Ron Rose. I'm not sure what happened. I guess it was a SENIOR MOMENT!

– Pam Faulk

## PRAYER LIST

*This list is prepared by the Deacons.*

*Please send changes to Larry Faulk (Lfaulk01@aol.com)*

| Church Contact            | Name   | Reason for Prayer                        |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| The Deacons               | Pam Debiasio                                 | Health Issues                            |
|                           | Evelyn Lee                                   | Health Issues                            |
|                           | Wasielewski family                           | Condolences                              |
|                           | Sophia Stephenson                            | Health Issues                            |
|                           | Jean Osborne                                 | Health Issues                            |
|                           | Nancy Snook                                  | Health Issues                            |
| Jane Moore                | George Corder                                | Health Issues                            |
|                           | Cathie Corder                                | Continued Recovery                       |
| Jean Wickum               | Martha Green                                 | –  |
|                           | Fran Cook                                    | Heart Problems                           |
|                           | Mary & Steve Sealey                          | Health Issues                            |
| Evelyn Lee                | Mary Tilson                                  | At Willowbrook                           |
|                           | Bertha VanBrimmer                            | Health Issues                            |
|                           | Florence Faulk                               | At Delaware Court                        |
| Barb Reed                 | Regan Riedmiller                             | Health Issues                            |
| Lana Palmer               | Judy Overly                                  | Health Issues                            |
|                           | Wayne's wife, Harper                         | Cancer Surgery                           |
| Bob Foor                  | Kay Kern                                     | Cancer                                   |
| Carol Grubbs              | Haycox Family                                | Children's Health                        |
|                           | David Sander (her uncle)                     | Health Issues                            |
|                           | Wendell and Suzanne Diehl (her grandparents) | Health Issues                            |
| Marci Cooper              | Sue Newman                                   | Support in caring for her dad            |
|                           | Dave and Amy Daniels                         | Infant twin daughters with health issues |
| Beth Trigg                | Her Aunt Caroline Walker in Florida          | Health Issues                            |
| Debbie Fogle              | Walter Grace                                 | Health Issues                            |
| Robert Russell            | His mother in West Virginia                  | Dementia                                 |
| Larry, Pam and Erin Faulk | Marilyn Moore                                | Breast Cancer                            |

## Personals

- Jackson Trigg recently had surgery to place tubes in his ears.
- Jane and Jimmie Moore traveled to the Wisconsin Dells with all of their grandchildren and Phil and Melissa Mercer.
- Jean Osborne has been back in Delaware for several brief visits.

- Betty Porter had surgery on her heel and has been confined for a while but is doing better.
- Jean Wickum's granddaughter Julie and her daughter Megan came for a visit and attended church on July 25.
- Angie Burton has been confined to bed as she awaits the arrival of her baby in early September.

- Jimmie Moor recently had eye surgery and is doing well.
- On August 15 Sam Chesser preached at Central Community Church in Waldo.
- Jerry Palmer is finally experiencing some improvement in his eyesight after his surgery.
- Chris Riedmiller fractured her pelvis in a boating accident in Florida.
- Jeanne Ekelberry has become a great-grandmother.
- Jean Syler's grandson from Indiana visited for a week.

### Trustees Summer Notes

- The state elevator inspector did his annual inspection. We passed, but we're required to display our operating license, not just have it on file.

- The kitchen floor drain became plugged up. A thank you goes to Jerry Palmer for cleaning it out, saving us a plumber's bill.
- Several large branches broke off the walnut tree out back and fell on the roof during a strong thunderstorm. They were removed and the gutters were cleaned out. There was no apparent damage.
- Honey from the former bee hive continues to leak through the plaster in the Assembly Room and run down the wall beside the clock. Stopping the honey would require a master carpenter to work at the top of a ladder while taking the eaves apart to get in and clean out the old hive, so the trustees hope it will just drain out, or will stop leaking when cooler weather arrives.

– Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees

### Andrews House Offers Legal Workshops

With the help of volunteer attorneys, Andrews House will offer a series of FREE workshops on legal issues.

**Divorce** — Tue. Sept 28, 6:30 p.m.

**Dissolution** — Tue. Oct 26, 6:30 p.m.

**Victim Rights** — Tue. Nov. 30, 6:30 p.m.

See the poster hanging in the Assembly Room for more details.

### Andrews House Angel Food Ministries

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing food relief to communities throughout the United States. Angel Food Ministries now serves hundreds of thousands of families across 39 states. Andrews House has been a local distribution site since February 2009.

Angel Food offers a medium-sized box of food for about \$31 that contains quality food including meats, milk, eggs and vegetables.

One box of food assists in feeding a family of four for one week. The menu varies each month, and primarily consists of frozen & fresh items.

Specialty boxes are available which include meats, seafood, fresh fruit & vegetables, allergen-free, after-school snacks and senior/ convenience meals.

Angel Food is for everyone. There are no limits to the quantity of boxes per individual, nor are there any applications or qualifications for eligibility.

Orders can be placed in person or online. The current menu and order form is included as an insert in this newsletter. You can also download it as a PDF at [andrewshouse.org](http://andrewshouse.org).

### Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Sept. 1 Roger & Shannon Kennedy
- Robert and Kathy Russell
- 3 Alec Ferguson
- 4 Roger Kennedy, Jr.
- 5 Jessi Inscho
- 7 Christy Sykes
- 9 Barbara & Kip Smith
- 11 Barbara Reed
- Don & Sally Williams
- 13 Jerry Palmer
- 14 Marci Cooper
- 15 Janet Porter
- 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.

### Church Directory Update

Please update your copy of the church directory.

#### Sam and Lindley Chesser

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