

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

It hardly seems possible that summer could be over already, but such is the reality. In just a couple of weeks we will begin our new Sunday school year on September 11. We will continue our practice from last year of having coffee and doughnuts at 9:15 followed by classes at 9:30. We will also resume our 10:45 worship service.

Our other big fall event, the all church family retreat, will be held on September 24, 25 at Camp Christian. For the adults and older youth we will be having sessions based on Nooma

videos. Other activities will be offered for the younger children. For the first time we are offering the retreat on a no cost basis. However, it is important to remember that the church will have to pay for the number of meals that we sign up for in advance. Contributions toward the retreat will be welcomed but not required. This is our opportunity to see if this is an activity that we want to see continued into the future.

Another change you will notice this fall is that we have extended a call to Sam Chesser to serve the church as a student pastor. Sam will be working with the children and youth. He will also be doing some on the job training with me. The decision to hire Sam for this posi-

tion was done in consultation with the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Deacons. Sam will begin in this position at the first of September, but he has a standing commitment to preach at the First Baptist Church of Mt. Gilead on September 4.

I am grateful to those who made it possible for me to take three consecutive weeks of vacation. This

is something I have not done in the thirty two years I have pastored. Thanks to Jon Powers and Sam Chesser for preaching in my absence. Thanks to Melissa Mercer for taking care of the mail. Thanks

to Jerry Palmer for making sure my first task back from vacation was not having to cut the grass. Thanks to Melissa and Mary Lou for taking over music selections for the whole month. Thanks to all of you for your faithfulness in my absence.

As we enter into this new church year let us remember Paul's admonition to the Philippians; "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13,14

Your Pastor,



Rally Day

Please make a commitment this year to attend Sunday school. Rally Day will be September 11. We will begin with opening fellowship at 9:15 a.m. and then continue to our classes. Kathy Chesser and Pam Shears will be teaching the youth class; Vic Fogle will teach the teen class, and Randy Turner and Tim Chesser will teach the two adult classes.

We are still looking for attendees who would be willing to be put into the rotation to provide refreshments for opening. Please see Pam Faulk to volunteer for this.

We hope to see you at 9:15 on the 11th.

10th Anniversary Celebration for Pastor Tim

Please join us for fellowship time after worship on September 4 to celebrate Pastor Tim's 10th anniversary as our pastor. Cards and gifts are welcome.

— Larry Faulk

Retreat

Our annual church retreat is right around the corner on September 24 to 25. Please be sure to give your registration form to Pam Faulk by September 4th. Because we are not charging for this year's retreat, we are asking our church fellowship to donate to our church's retreat fund. This can be done at any time. Checks can be made out to the church with a notation for the retreat fund. Donations may be

given to the Pastor, Pam Faulk, or Randy Turner.

Please remember that the church service on September 25 will be at Camp Christian and not at our church. We urge everyone to join us for worship that Sunday, even if you cannot attend for the retreat. Directions to the camp can be found in your retreat information packet. Please let us know if you will be staying for lunch after the worship service, as we have to let the staff know.

New Youth Leader

Sam Chesser has agreed to be our new youth leader for the coming year. He will be leading Worship Wings several Sundays out of the month, as well as leading extra activities for our youth and our teens.

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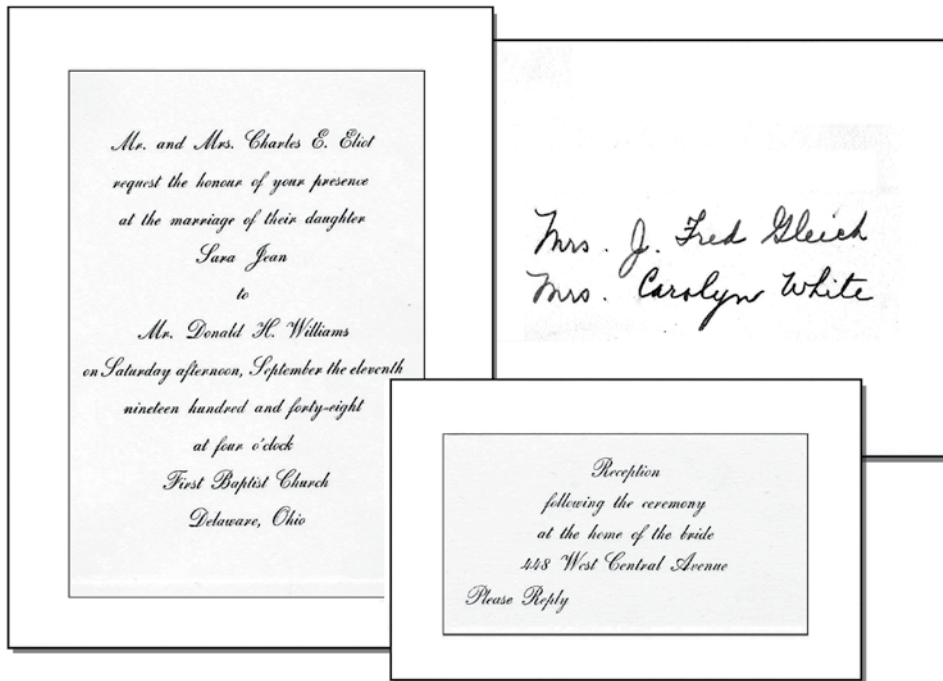
Seven women gathered for our August luncheon and to share fellowship as we remembered our absent ABW friends. Our Love Gift in July totalled \$15.03. In August we gave \$21.37 to help support Love Gifts across our nation for American Baptist Mission work. We urge all the women to reserve the third Thursday at 11:30 to share with us.

– Evelyn Lee

Trustees Notes

- New seat cushions have been placed in the pulpit chairs. They were made by Delaware-Marysville Upholstering.
- The Gable Elevator Company fixed the defect noted by the state inspector.
- A new dehumidifier was purchased for the Fellowship Hall kitchen, to replace the old one which no longer worked.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees



Wedding Invitation Found

Peter White recently found an invitation to the 1948 wedding of Don and Sally Williams. It had been sent to Peter's mother, Mrs. Carolyn White, and to his grandmother, Mrs. J. Fred Gleich.

The invitation said, "Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Eliot request the honour of your presence at the

marriage of their daughter Sara Jean to Mr. Donald H. Williams on Saturday afternoon, September the eleventh, nineteen hundred and forty-eight at four o'clock, First Baptist Church, Delaware, Ohio.

A separate card contained an invitation to a reception at the bride's home at 448 West Central Ave.

Second Friday

The Second Friday in August found Andrews House welcoming a full house of guests. Jeanne Ekelberry, Barb Reed and I served as Greeters and Mixers. Our church is signed up to help again on September 9 and I invite any of you to join us. The guests need friendship as well as food.

I continue to ask you to save your plastic bags for us, as many are used at every Second Friday dinner. You can give them to me at any time. As always, thanks to First Baptist for your continued support of Andrews House.

– Evelyn Lee, 362-9107

Do One Thing

If many little people in many little places do many little deeds, they can change the face of the earth. Here are 10 things to consider this month.

1. Pray for teachers everywhere, including our Sunday school teachers.
2. Make a commitment to attend Sunday school every Sunday.
3. Pray for scientists and engineers who are working to find cleaner sources of energy.
4. Support the Crop Walk.
5. Pick up after yourself more.
6. Pray that the words that you speak to others are kind and compassionate.

7. Take a turn at providing for Sunday school opening fellowship.
8. Volunteer to pull weeds at a community garden.
9. Volunteer at a school.
10. Pick three friends who are really special to you and write notes to let them know how much you appreciate them.



Jeannie and Ted Stephenson

Rev. Ted Stephenson Retiring

Rev. Ted Stephenson, pastor of the Church of the Master (American Baptist) in Indianapolis, will retire on September 11.

Ted is the son of Rev. James B. Stephenson (our pastor from 1947-87) and Sophia Stephenson. His wife Jeannie is the sister of Carol Grubbs and Jim Brown, and her mother, Ruth Brown, was our organist for many years. Ted has preached many times at First Baptist and he led our church retreat at Camp Christian several years ago.

Ted and Jeannie were married in 1967. Ted was ordained at First Baptist in 1970 following his graduation from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago. He became pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, and a year later became pastor of Church of the Master in Indianapolis, where he has been pastor for 37 years.

Ted and Jeannie have three children (Amy, Jonathan, and Jennifer) and three grandchildren (Mary Sophia, Maggie Rose, and Molly Grace).

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 Debasio	Health issues
	Jimmie Moore	Car accident injuries
	Betty Porter	Health issues
	Sophia Stephenson	Health issues
Lana Palmer	Cpl. Mike Nicholson (friend of the Palmer's grandson)	Severely injured by a land mine in Afghanistan
Janet Lathrop	Nevin Gabriel (Janet's brother)	Health problems due to leg amputation
Jean Wickum	Fran Cook	Heart problems
Evelyn Lee	Bertha VanBrimmer	Health issues
	Florence Faulk	At Delaware Court
Barb Reed	Regan Riedmiller	Health issues

Their current address is the church's parsonage at 1323 North Furman Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46214. After September 11 their address will be 7108 Swallow Lane, Plainfield, IN 46168.

Personals

- Dave Lovell had successful gall bladder surgery.
- Florence Faulk recently had successful cataract surgery.
- Jean Wickum was hospitalized briefly for dehydration.
- Penny Hagaman recently underwent surgery.
- Andrew Lovell Smith was born to Kip and Barbara Smith on August 17. He weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces and was 19 inches long. He is the grandson of Dave and Mary Lou Lovell.
- Evelyn Lee has a new great-grandson, Judah Lee Wray, born to Bethany Wray and her husband. Bethany is the daughter of Rick Lee.
- June Grubbs (Ann Brown's mother) recently underwent successful colon surgery.

- Emily Bowman has been named as a new Deacon to finish the unexpired term of Beth Trigg.

- Will Fogle played a violin prelude, and Phil Mercer and Melissa Neill sang a duet on July 31.

- Lana and Jerry Palmer's son Steve and his family recently visited and attended church.

- Randy, Ben, and Claire Turner attended Family Camp in West Virginia, and then the Turners traveled to Tennessee for a long weekend with friends.

- Charles Ekelberry has moved to Florida and is seeking a job there.

- Tim and Kathy Chesser recently vacationed in New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

Church Directory Update

Please add Kip and Barbara Smith's new baby to your copy of the 2011 church directory:

Andrew Lovell Smith
born Aug. 17

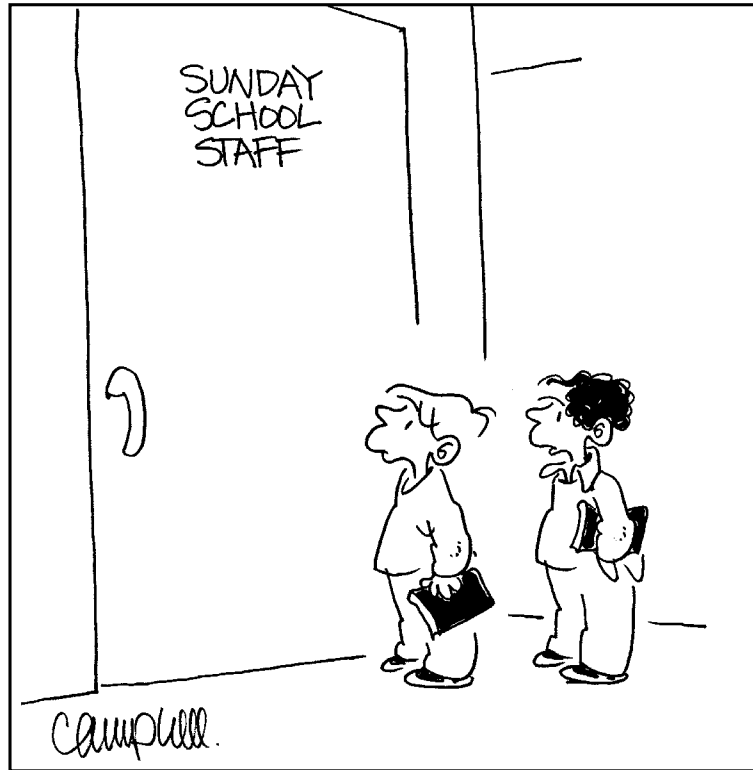
- Frank and Nancy Via Summers recently visited our church and brought flowers for the altar.
- Jean Syler's grandson from Indiana visited her recently.
- Jimmie Moore's brother Dale visited from Dallas, Texas.
- Betty Porter organized a reunion at Der Dutchman of court clerks from all over the state.

– Pam Faulk
Personals Editor

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Sept. 1 Roger & Shannon Kennedy
Robert and Kathy Russell
- 3 Alec Ferguson
- 4 Roger Kennedy, Jr.
- 5 Jessi Inscho
- 7 Christy Sykes
Olivia Burton
- 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.



*"They meet in there.
It's some kind of support group."*