

Good News Letter

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What a fall season awaits! In addition to the changing of the seasons, this September is full of events to anticipate. There are three noteworthy enough to mention here.

The first two arrive on the first Sunday, September 7th, which marks the 10th anniversary of my first Sunday as your pastor. I have to admit it has flown by. It is worth celebrating. I also have to admit that I don't know everything that is being planned, but I am honored and thankful to have served these last ten years with such a faithful congregation as you are, and anticipate a rewarding future as we serve Christ together.

It is also Rally Day, and we return to regular hours with Sunday School at 9:30 A.M. and worship at 10:45. I have been thinking of the Adult 2 Sunday School class. Last year we spent the entire year working through Paul's Letter to the Romans, one of the major voices in all scripture.

This year I thought we might listen to lesser voices, some of the supporting characters who have only a few spoken lines but are nonetheless memorable and important. People such as the prophet Nathan who spoke truth to power when he said to King David, "Thou art the man!" (2 Samuel 12:7) Or the unnamed Syro-Phoenician woman who spoke with unforgettable force to Jesus, "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the children's table." (Mark 7:28) Or Pontius Pilate, who asked of Jesus one of the great philosophical questions of life, "What is truth?" (John 18:38) And then later proclaimed when he presented Jesus for crucifixion, "Behold, the man!" (John 19:5)

There are many others, and we will spend the fall listening to them, thinking about the questions they ask and how they fit into the larger gospel message.

Then there is the Marion Baptist Association Fall Rally on September 28th. American Baptist Churches of Ohio Executive Minister Mark Click will be with us in morning worship that day, and serve as the guest speaker at the meeting later in the afternoon. We look forward to the opportunity to welcome the other churches in our association to First Baptist for worship and fellowship.

All in all, it is a good way to begin the 2025-26 year as we look forward to another season together in Christ's service.

**God bless you all,
Mark**

September Panera Volunteers

Wed	Thur
Sept 3 -Lee	Sept 4 -Lovell
Sept 10-Grubbs	Sept 11-Lovell
Sept 17-Lee	Sept 18-Lovell
Sept 24-Gosser	Sept 25-Faulk

Thanks to all who volunteer. Look for a new sign-up sheet for the fall quarter in the Gathering Place in the next few weeks.

PERSONALS

-Richard Brown had ankle replacement surgery on August 5 and is recovering at home.

-Pam Faulk had cochlear implant surgery and is now using a hearing device for that. She is now going through the process of re-teaching her brain what everything sounds like. She thanks everyone for their prayers and understanding during the last 9 months since she lost most of the rest of her hearing.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

This summer has been like no other in a long time. Our August meeting was cancelled as so many members were traveling or had other commitments that we cancelled. August and September are still very busy but we are endeavoring to fellowship and support each other. For September we have decided to meet for breakfast on the 20th at 9:00 am at Panera on Central Avenue. After breakfast members can be available to support Carol Grubbs for her brother's memorial service.

- Laura Brown

RALLY DAY

September 7 is Rally Day when we will go back to our regular schedule. To celebrate, we will begin at 9:15 in the Gathering Place with coffee and pastries. Sunday school classes will begin at 9:30. Candy Lee and Pam Faulk will be teaching the Adult I Class and will be studying the Baptist quarterly Journeys. Pastor Mark Allison will teach the Adult II Class. His topic will be Lesser Voices, in which he will focus on lesser-known people from the Bible. Larry Faulk will teach the Young Adult Class and will also use the Journeys curriculum, as well as film media. Pam Faulk will teach the Youth Class. We invite you all to make a commitment to attend Sunday school this year.

MARION ASSOCIATION FALL RALLY

On Sunday, September 28, the Marion Association will hold their annual fall rally at our church. It will begin with a worship service at 4:00 with Rev. Mark Click as the guest speaker. Rev. Click is the Executive Minister of ABC Ohio. This will be followed by a meal in the Fellowship Hall. The charge is \$10.00 per person. Please see Pam Faulk if you can provide a pan of brownies for the dessert. Rev. Click will also be guest speaker at our Worship Service that morning.

WE ARE CELEBRATING

On Sunday September 7, we will be celebrating 10 years that Pastor Mark Allison has been with our church. We hope that all will attend the communion worship

service that morning and will stay for a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall afterward. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place for those who wish to help with the meal. Please remember to let Larry Faulk know if you plan to attend.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

September 16 is the International Day of Peace. Please take a moment in your day and pray for peace in our world.

Mission/Outreach News

We continue to be in prayer for Ann and Bill Clemmer who serve in Goma helping children and youth; many of whom depend on their facility for meals, education, and comfort in a difficult area.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



September

- 1 Elijah Showalter
- 3 Alec Ferguson
- 9 Kip & Barbara Smith
- 14 Marci Cooper
- 22 Calvin & Taylor Turner
- 25 David Spear
- 29 Ian Ferguson
- Evan & Devin Allison
- 30 MaryLou Lovell

Please report any errors.

School Supplies for Conger

School supplies for Conger Elementary students in need to them were delivered. The administrative assistants welcomed these supplies with smiles and appreciation for them. Thanks to all who gave to make this possible.

Thanks to all who gave money for shoes for those in need to begin their school year. There is an article which was in the Gazette about this on the bulletin board.

August Mission Has Been Food for People In Need

The basket continues to overflow with your giving to others in need. August is a time when the concern for food is greater in our community. Since August has 5 Sundays this year, we could collect for a longer period of time for this need.

Thanks to all who give all year long to keep filling the basket!

Undies Sundays for September for Common Ground Free Store

During the month of September, we will collect new underwear of all sizes to be given to the Common Ground Free Store. We do this each year. As the underwear is dropped off, the volunteers are so grateful to have this to give to those in need! The basket is already getting filled up!

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
Condolences to the Grubbs/Brown families on the death of Donald Brown	

Remember daily all the men and women in the military — Those stationed in the USA and those deployed throughout the world. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

More information about Common Ground Free Store

If you have clothing, shoes, appliances, household items that are in good shape, think about donating them to the Free Store.

Free Store Hours

Mon. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
6p.m.-8 p.m.

Tues. 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Wed. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thurs. 6 p.m. -8 p.m.

Sat. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Donation Center Hours

(147 E. Winter Street)

Mon. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tues. 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Wed. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thurs. 6 p.m.-8p.m.

Sat. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

To go to the Donation Center at 147 E. Winter Street, enter the back alley behind the building to access the garage and hand your donations to volunteers.

Richwood Bank Coffee Shop

When you buy coffee at the coffee shop, 100% of the money goes to the nonprofit of your

choice. Look online for hours it is open. If you like coffee, this is another way to support Common Ground Free Store.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who can pick up unsold items from Panera on Wed. evening and deliver them to Willis School on Thurs. a.m., and on Thurs. evening and deliver them to Andrews House on Friday mornings!

Crop Walk

The annual Crop Walk will be on Sunday, October 5th at 2pm, beginning at the OWU Hamilton-Williams Campus Center. 25% of the proceeds stay in Delaware with People in Need (PIN). 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](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/delawareoh)

Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, September 20th at 11 am at our church for Donald Brown who passed away recently in Florida. Donald was a brother of Jim and Donna Brown and Carol Grubbs. Our church family is invited to the service.

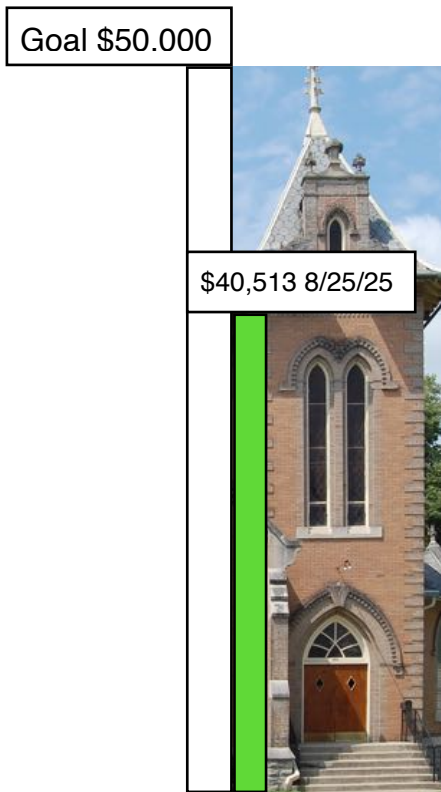
Financial Update

At the end of July, our expenses have exceeded our income by \$5,805. Giving for missions continues to be on target to meet our goals. We have received generous offerings to our Capital Improvements and Memorial Funds. Copies of the second quarter financial report are available in the Welcome Center. -Larry Faulk, treasurer

Tower Repair Project Update

We are expecting Durable Slate to begin work on the tower soon. 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 August 25th, we have received \$40,513 for the project. Your pledges and donations are appreciated. You may also contribute online by selecting "donate" on our website: fbcdelaware.org.



Directory Update

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First Baptist Church


101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

September

2025

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">August 31</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service</p>	<p>Labor Day 1</p>  <p>LABOR DAY</p>	2	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - D&M L Lovell</p>	5	6
<p>Rally Day Grandparents Day Pastor Allison Celebration 7</p> <p>9:15 am Coffee/Pastries 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion Noon Celebration Lunch</p>	8	9	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs</p>	<p>Patriot Day 11</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - D&M L Lovell</p>	12	13
<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p>	15	<p>International Day of Peace 16</p>  <p>INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - D&M L Lovell</p>	19	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans 9:00 am ABW Breakfast at Panera 11 am Donald Brown Memorial Service</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p> <p>October newsletter deadline</p>	<p>First Day of Autumn 22</p> 	23	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk</p>	26	27
<p>Guest Speaker - Rev. Mark Click 28</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 4:00 pm Marion Assoc. Fall Rally</p> <p>October newsletter available</p>	29	30	<p style="text-align: center;">October 1</p> <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed</p>	<p>September Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undies Sundays for Common Ground Free Store 	