

Good News Letter

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Fall is right around the corner and that means the return of the regular Sunday morning schedule. It all begins on September 13th with Sunday School at 9:30 am and worship at 10:45. There are two adult classes from which to choose, both are worthy. You can read about Adult 1 elsewhere in this newsletter.

I thought I might write about Adult 2, the class I teach. The theme for the year is the General Electric Power Company, which is a mnemonic device designed to aid in the memory of the order of some of Paul's letters; Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians.

We will begin with Galatians in September, which is very interesting and unique among Paul's letters. After the greeting, Paul's starts right in with his main concern, not his regular habit. In every other letter, Paul begins with a thanksgiving and a prayer of blessing for the recipients before getting to whatever topic is on his mind. For instance, First Corinthians 1:4-9, we read:



"I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

Not so in Galatians. Rather, he skips the blessing and begins:

"I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all.

Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!" Galatians 1:6-9

Why such a startling approach? What is happening in the Galatian church that is so urgent? All four of these letters present powerful expressions of the gospel, and raise important issues. Beginning on the 13th, we will dive deeper into this and other questions.

In any case, everyone is encouraged to make bible study a part of the devotional life. Sunday morning Bible Study provides an excellent opportunity. Hope to see you there in September. May God bless you all as fall, along with the beauty that accompanies it, approaches.

- Mark

Please report any errors.

Mission/Outreach News

People In Need Donations

In August, our outreach was to collect food for People In Need distribution. The box has overflowed with food items to be donated to People In Need. Thanks to all for your generosity, as well as thinking and praying for others in need. Thank you to Peter White for delivering the food items.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thanks to all who sign up and pick up unsold items from Panera. There is a change for people that pick up items on Wed. evening. Those items will now be delivered to Turning Point on Thursday morning. Thursday night pick up remains the same with those items going to Andrews House on Friday morning.

In her column in the Aug. 22 edition of the Gazette, Mel Corronto, the director at Andrews House, specifically mentioned our church in praising our generosity of delivering Panera donations every Friday.

Undies Sundays

During the month of September, we will collect new underwear of all sizes to be given to the Common Ground Free Store. The workers there are so appreciative! New underwear is not donated as readily as other items and there is always a need. Thank you for your support to help others.

Common Ground Free Store

The Common Ground Free Store is having its annual Fashions & Fixins' fundraiser on Sept. 10 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Hamilton Williams Campus Center.

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
Bill & Ann Clemmer	Safety
Tim Lee	Health Issues
David Salyer	Health Issues
Connie Roberts	Health Issues
Ray Serviss	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!

Visit from Dr. Bill and Ann Clemmer

On Sunday, August 9th at 4:00 p.m. Dr. Bill and Ann Clemmer, our missionaries that serve in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo, came to our church. Throughout the year we have corresponded with them and put information about what they are doing in the newsletters and copies of texts with pictures on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

We were so fortunate that they could adjust their schedule (as they are in the U.S. for a short time) to come to our church and give a presentation of the work they are doing.

Bill and Ann met in the Peace Corps and have served as missionaries for 35 years. Because Bill was a doctor, he was called to many countries, first Haiti (where they had to make a very fast escape), Zaire, South Sudan, Yemen, and now Goma. They have experienced volcanos and earthquakes (2021) in which evacuation was necessary. Now in Goma, there are rebels that want to be the controlling power and kill men, women, youth, and

children. The Congo is rich in gold, cobalt and copper.

They also are dealing with Ebola for which there is no vaccine. It has been an extremely tough year for them.

Bill and Ann feel God has led them in their missionary work to bring needs and hope to those wherever they are.

Bill and Ann went to Goma in 2016. Bill worked with women subjected to sexual violence. Ann worked with Sunday School teachers.

In 2025, the rebels took over the city where they are.

In Goma, they are providing help to widows, and children and youth that are homeless due to the violence. Ann works with the Sunday School teachers. Bill works with medical staff. During the day, they provide meals, education, and medical services. They began a new program on Saturday morning (6am-noon) in addition to all they provided during the week), for children 4 years and up.

They have been blessed by a man in Wisconsin that provided a new large building (Alpha Omega building) along with start up costs to minister to street children.

Ann and Bill will return to Goma. They are taking 47 pounds of seeds with them to teach gardening and provide food . Ann said, "It is a joy see what God is doing."

If you want to see the full video of the Clemmers presentation, go to fbcdelaware.org Click on First Baptist Church. You will see the stained glass window of the church that says Welcome to First Baptist Church. Below that you will see Click Here for the Ann and Bill Clemmer visit. Click on that and the video with start.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who welcomed Dr. Bill and Ann Clemmer to our church on August 9th. I contacted Ann just 2 weeks before August 9th and invited them to come to First Baptist. She was gracious and said that they could change their flights to come to our church after 2 presentations at another church. Mark said, " We can make it happen! "Mark contacted the Marion Association and others to invite.

With lots of texts, phone calls, to the Deacons, others, and the Clemmers, we were able to have them come. Thanks to Larry for setting up the equipment to video their visit so that others who could not attend could watch it (it is on the church website). It was great to see the dance video showing the joy the young people are having as an outlet; and hope, knowing of the sad and difficult

lives they have. Thanks to all who cleaned the fellowship hall, set up tables and chairs, and the clean up crew. Thanks to all who provided a delicious dinner for ALL! The Clemmers appreciated it. It was a blessing to share time with them.

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Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September Mission Focus: • Undies Sundays - Common Ground Free Store		1	2	3	4	5
10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion Undies Sunday	Labor Day 	8	8:45 Panera Pickup - D. & M.L. Lovell	8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs		
Rally Day 9:15 am Coffee / Donuts 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Grandparents Day Undies Sunday 	14 5:30 Deacons	15	16 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	17 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - D. & M.L. Lovell	18 	19 8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans 11:30 am Women's Lunch -Willow Brook
ABW Women's Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Undies Sunday Oct newsletter deadline	International Day of Peace 	Autumn Begins 	23 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	Jug Day  24 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	25	26
9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 4:00 pm Fall Rally - Richwood Undies Sunday Oct newsletter available	28	29	30 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	October 1 8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed	2	3