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The Messenger

The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield

Dear Members and Friends:

We hear about hundreds of thousands of refugees pouring out of Syria, having to make their way to Europe. It is an epic human migration. We feel compassion for them, but it seems to stop there. What can we do? The following is from an article written by Roger Amerman about what our One Great Hour of Sharing offerings are helping to accomplish in the name of Jesus Christ. The story tells of Larry Stanton, Hungary-based American Baptist missionary and Pastor Zoltán Nyúl of the Baptist Mission Center in Serbia.



With the Hungarian border closed, the refugees looked for alternate routes to Germany. One popular border crossing was about four miles west of the Serbian town of Sid, near the Croatian border.

‘You can’t go to Syria to share the gospel. But God, who can redeem even the darkest situation, is using this tragedy as an opportunity to bring Syrians to us. And we have an opportunity to tell them about the love of Jesus.’

‘Every five minutes, a bus would unload - and this would go on for hours and hours,’ Larry said. ‘The people getting off were happy. They thought they were going to cross the border. But when they walked down the hill, Croatian military forces told them to sit down. There were thousands of them sitting in the middle of the field with no shade, no toilets, no facilities and

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only enough food for a meal or two.’ The closest refugee camp, more than 10 miles away, was full.

Larry and Zoltán ministered to these refugees, giving out all the blankets, winter clothes and food they had with them. But with the temperatures forecasted to dip into the 30s, Larry was concerned for the health and safety of the young families.

‘I think the church in the U.S. needs to develop a way to respond,’ Larry said, clearly touched by his experience. Since 2011, One Great Hour of Sharing has distributed over \$130,000 in grants for IM partners this September. But as Larry noted, the need is both urgent and ongoing. He said, ‘We were buying \$700-\$1,000 worth of supplies every couple of days.’

Larry hopes to make a return trip to Serbia in the near future to continue his ministry of mercy. His wife, Becky, is an IM missionary teaching conversational English in Hungary.

Thank you, First Baptist, for your ongoing support of International Ministries and our American Baptist work world-wide.

Blessings!

Pastor Michael

*Additional giving can be made by writing a check to *First Baptist Church*, and Memo: *Mission, Syria Relief*.

THE STORY

STUDIES and GROUPS FOCUSING ON STUDY OF THE BIBLE USING "THE STORY"

FOR ALL

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Will meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room. Tom Minuti and Bill Keane are leading a study of "The Story." All are welcome!

FRIDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Will meet every Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Bill and Kathleen Keane are leading a study of "The Story." All are welcome!

FOR WOMEN

FRIENDS IN THE SPIRIT - Will meet on February 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room. We will be studying "The Story." If you have questions, contact Sandra Mezger at 856-429-7540. All are welcome!

FRIENDS IN FAITH - February 1st will find us at FBC chopping vegetables for the soup luncheon. Women of all ages are welcome to give us a try. Call Sue Nazak with questions at 856-321-9360.

FOR MEN

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST - The breakfasts take place at 8:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month, alternating between First Baptist and Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. The next one will be February 13 at Mt. Olivet. Women are welcome!

Praise and Prayer Requests

Shirley Printz - Elaine Nieu Kirk's sister. Being released home from hospital to hospice care.

Matthew Krogstad - Will have surgery on January 29 to remove adenoids and correct deviated septum.

Rachel Ann Avery - Prayers for continued recovery.

Ted Stanczak - Upcoming heart procedure.

Blair Wright - Prayers for recovery from gallbladder surgery.

Joan - Pam McCullough's sister. Prayers for God's peace and direction.

Douglas Braun has requested prayers for the following: **Jane Seymore** - Stroke; **Dave Currin** - Accident; and **Joyce Furguson**, who is now with the Lord.

Julie Eckert - On a mission trip to Thailand.

John Nazak - Is receiving hospice care. Prayers for peace.

Greg Nutt - Prayers for continued recovery.

Eleanor Gatzke - Severe back pain and decreased mobility.

Bobbie Clouston - Having surgery to place rod in her back.

Sheila Wagner - Anna Keppen's neighbor; admitted to hospital with fluid in lung and sac around heart. Prayers for continued healing.

John Hennessey - Pray for relief from very high blood pressure.

Bob Fish - Elaine Bugoski's brother; recovering from surgery.

Walker Hinkle - age 5; lung problems and speech problems; pray for healing & development.

Scott Stevens - Frank Stevens' nephew; prayers for continued recovery after liver transplant.

Patricia Williams - Melissa Fagin's mother; recovering from double lung transplant.

Jack Yezzi - father of John Yezzi. Dealing with medical issues.

Mary Carroll - Has terminal cancer. Please pray for deep loving times with the Lord, and her family and friends, and also relief of physical pain.

Madeline Williams - Madeline Yezzi's mother. Prayers for good health and blessings.

Jo Anne Trout - Serious health issues.

Donald Steadman - Marilyn Steadman's brother. Re-occurrence of cancer.

Lisa - friend of Jim and Sandra Dennion. Sciatica.

Brenda Lee Watson's family - Please pray for a relative with heroin addiction.

Mary Tharom - Marilyn Steadman's friend. Brain injury from fall.

Mark Schuler - Isabelle Nutt's uncle. Health issue.

Please Continue to Pray for These People With Ongoing Needs

John and Sue Nazak; Jan Gardner; Connie Asquith; Sandy Williams; Ivan & Rachel Ann Avery; Jim Dennion's niece, Nicole; Jim & Pam McCullough's grandchildren Kate McCullough, Hugh & Luke, Pam McCullough's sister, Joan; Margo Schreiber's friend Joanne; Liam; Nancy Hubbard; Marilyn Nutt's sister Bobbie Clouston; Pat Papa; Mildred Mayes; Alma Goodman's daughter-in-law Randi; Pastor Erin Phillips; Brian Brick; John Reheis; teen with eating disorder (Jane Brick's friend); Allan & Janet (Eleanor Shockey's brother and sister-in-law); Loue & Campbell Families; Kelli Dreyer; Diane Ott; Jim Reinick; Sue Marinello.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Brad Trojan	23 Jane Tubbs
4 Jaslyn Ngo	24 Devon Purves
5 Sramila Aithal	26 Jim Dennion
8 Megan Carol	27 Irma Nielson
10 Glen Jacobson	28 Paul Ho-Eun Yu
11 Donald Carr	
15 Rachel Ann Avery	
17 Mary Elizabeth Jamison	



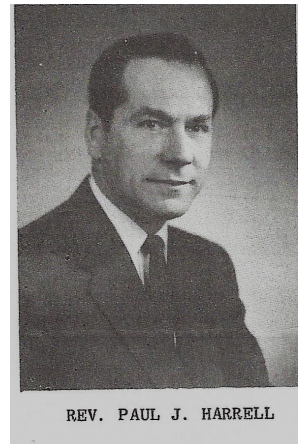
12 Mr. & Mrs. Glen Jacobson



Former Pastor of First Baptist Church of Haddonfield, Rev. Paul Harrell, is home with the Lord. He passed away on December 28, 2015, at the age of 96. Services were held January 5 in Winston Salem, North Carolina.

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

~John 5:24



REV. PAUL J. HARRELL







I would like to thank all of my friends at First Baptist Church for remembering me during the Christmas season by delivering a beautiful poinsettia and cookies baked by the children, along with all of the wonderful Christmas cards. What a blessing I have for such thoughtful friends. Happy New Year to All!

~Ruth Hartigan

New Praises and Prayer Requests

To add someone to the prayer chain, contact Linda Jacobson at 856-354-1031 or fill out a blue prayer card. Please mark on the card if you would like your prayer placed in the bulletin. We love to hear updates and praises as well as concerns! Please notify the office if someone can be removed.

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE TO OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR Soup Luncheon Prep (K, SH) 9:30 AM Friends in Faith @ FBC - Soup Luncheon Prep 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SR) 7:00 PM Missions Board (BR)	2 Soup Luncheon Prep (K, SH) 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (BR) 12:00 PM Pastoral Meeting @ FBC (L)	3 Soup Luncheon Prep (K, SH) 10:30 AM Gathering for Prayer	4 Soup Luncheon Prep (K, SH) 9:00 AM Brass & Beat (SH) 12:00 PM AA Mtg. (BR) 6:45 PM Carillon Ringers (B) 7:45 PM Chancel Choir (M)	 11:00 AM Annual Vegetable Beef Soup Luncheon (K, SH) 4:30 PM Asian Church Youth (SL) 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (BR) 7:00 PM Phila. Handbell Practice (B)	6 7:00 AM Volunteer Work Group
7  <i>Service of Communion</i> 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (BR) 9:30 AM Asian Baptist Ch (SL) 10:00 AM Praise & Prayer Service (S) 11:00 AM Worship Service (S) 11:00 AM Worship w/Communion (S) 11:15 AM Children's SS 12:30 PM Carol Choir (S)	8 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SR) 7:30 PM Finance Board (BR)	9 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (BR) 11:00 AM Garden Club (SH) 7:00 PM Executive Board (BR)	10  Ash Wednesday 10:30 AM Gathering for Prayer 6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner and Worship Service at Mt. Olivet	11 12:00 PM AA Mtg. (BR) 6:45 PM Carillon Ringers (B) 7:45 PM Chancel Choir (M)	12 4:30 PM Asian Church Youth (SL) 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (BR)	13 Trekkers staying at FBC - arrive between 3-6 PM 7:00 AM Volunteer Work Group 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Mt. Olivet
14  ANNUAL MEETING Valentine's Day 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (BR) 9:30 AM Asian Baptist Ch (SL) 10:00 AM Praise & Prayer Service (S) 11:00 AM Worship Service (S) 11:15 AM Children's SS 12:30 PM ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCH (SH) 12:30 PM Carol Choir (S)	15 Trekkers staying at FBC - leaving between 8-9 a.m. 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SR)	16 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (BR) 12:00 PM Pastoral Meeting @ FBC (L)	17 10:30 AM Gathering for Prayer 12:00 PM Artisans (SH) 7:30 PM Eagle Scout Board of Review (BR)	18 9:00 AM Brass & Beat (SH) 10:00 AM Brown Bag Lunches (K) 12:00 PM AA Mtg. (BR) 6:45 PM Carillon Ringers (B) 7:45 PM Chancel Choir (M)	19 4:30 PM Asian Church Youth (SL) 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (BR) 7:00 PM Phila. Handbell Practice (B)	20 7:00 AM Volunteer Work Group
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KEY: S - Sanctuary, L - Lounge, MR - Middleton Room, BR - Boardroom, N - Nursery, SH - Social Hall, K - Kitchen, SR - Scout Room, ABC - ABC Room, SL - Skylight Room, G - Green Room, B - Bell Room, M - Music Room

2016 Fellowship Hour Assignments

January - Christian Ed

February - Music & Arts

March - Mission

April - Diaconate

May - Christian Ed

June - Property



July - Finance

August - Music & Arts

September - Diaconate

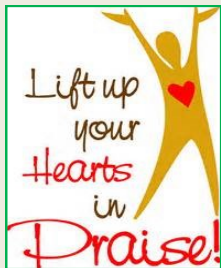
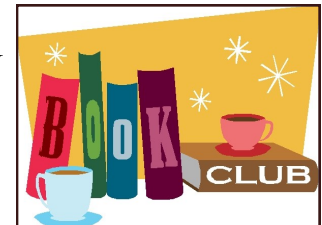
October - Mission

November - Property

December - Finance

WOMEN'S BOOK & BREAKFAST - Next meeting is Friday, February 12

One of our own at First Baptist has been published...Carol Chandler Malcarney is the author of *Liberty Street - World War II Correspondence between Janice Y. Chandler & Alfred G. Chandler M.D.* For a copy and background of the book, please visit www.carolchandlermalcarney.com. The author will be our guest on Friday, February 12 at the Bistro Restaurant, 57 East Kings Highway at 10:00 AM. For information concerning this event, contact Sandra Mezger at 856-429-7540.



Join us in the Sanctuary **every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.** for a Praise and Prayer service led by Jason Hahn and Pastor Michael.

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Come and lift your hearts in praise for the one who Created us, loves us, and died so that we may live!



**The date for the Annual Meeting has been changed to February 14.**

**BOARD CHAIRS & TREASURERS: Annual Reports Are Due No Later Than February 1st!**



### **Quizzie Haddon!**

This monthly fun night continues on the **February 23 at 7 PM in the Social Hall**. If you enjoy friendly competition and answering trivia questions, this is the event for you! Come as a small team or join an existing team. Snacks and beverage provided. Free will offering will be taken. All are invited!



# 25 YEARS

## *serving Christ and our family*



On January 10, our church family celebrated the joyous occasion of Pastor Michael's 25th Anniversary with First Baptist Church. What a wonderful day it was! With inspirational speakers, guests, family, friends, and song, we all gathered and enjoyed good food and fellowship! I have it on good authority that Pastor Michael was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love.



TO LIFE!  
(Sung to the tune of "To Life" from  
"Fiddler on the Roof")  
Bob and Sherry Gardner

From us, from us, to Michael  
Be happy, be healthy, long life  
God has a way of addressing us  
Through you and blessing us  
Here's to Michael from us  
From us, to Michael  
Be happy, be healthy, long life  
A gift is seldom enough to say  
All that we want to say  
Here's to Michael from us

God would like us to be joyful  
So we're gathered here with joyfulness galore  
How much more can we be joyful  
When there's really something to be joyful for

From us, from us, to Michael  
Be happy, be healthy, long life  
We have a love gift to give to you  
Token for all you do  
Here's to Michael, God Bless!



### CONGRATS PASTOR MIKE

Congratulations Pastor Mike  
You really are a speaker that I like  
I enjoy your sermons on Sundays  
They inspire and help me get through Mondays  
Your prayers are greatly appreciated  
Even as my body has depreciated  
Your visits to the hospitals were great  
Our personal talks have helped keep my life straight  
So congrats again on your 25 years  
I have many compliments, but now just say cheers!

Love,  
Greg Nutt 1/10/15



# Through the years...



**In infinite wisdom  
the Lord surely knew,  
that we'd need a  
Pastor as faithful as  
you.**

**A love of God's word  
and a heart for His  
flock,  
you give of yourself,  
and you stand on  
the Rock.**

**BAPTIST CHURCH AND MICHAEL**  
(Sung to the tune of "Gary Indiana"  
from "the Music Man")  
Bob and Sherry Gardner

Baptist church and Michael,  
Baptist church and Michael,  
Baptist church and Michael - let me  
say it once again...

Baptist church and Michael,  
Baptist church and Michael,  
For a quarter century, that's the  
pairing that it's been.

If you need to have a pastoral  
consultation,  
Or you need to hear a sermon of  
exultation;  
If you need to seek a personal  
invitation,  
This is just the place that can light your  
face.

Baptist church and Michael,  
Not St. Paul's in London,  
Notre Dame in Paris,  
Or Basilica in Rome...

But Baptist church and Michael,  
Baptist church and Michael,  
Baptist church and Michael,  
Our home sweet home.





## **BOARD MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY**

Monday, February 1 at 7:00 PM - Missions Board

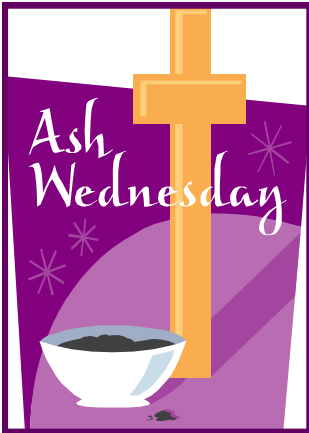
Monday, February 8 at 7:30 PM - Finance Board

Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 PM - Executive Board

Monday, February 22 at 7:30 PM - Diaconate

## **Ash Wednesday - February 10th**

***At Mt. Olivet - Start the Lenten season with your church family.***



- 6:00 PM- Potluck Dinner  
Sign up to bring a dish to share - entrée, side dish or dessert.

- 7:00 PM - Service

We join with our friends from Mt. Olivet. Sign up sheet available on the table in the Middleton Room.

## **Chancel Flower Dedications**



The new Flower Chart for 2016 is available. If you would like to honor or remember a special person or date in the coming year by dedicating the sanctuary flowers, please sign up using the chart on the desk in the Middleton Room. You can also call or email Marion in the church office.

The cost is \$40 and you may take one of the vases home with you or have them delivered to a home-bound or ill church member. Payment is due by the week of your dedication and can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office marked "Flowers." Checks should be made payable to "First Baptist Church." with "Flowers" on the memo line.

Sunday, February 21st is Boy Scout Sunday. We will have members of the local Boy Scouts leading our worship service.



Keep up with our events, updates and announcements!!!



Check out our Facebook page and "Like" us!

Our page name is:  
**"First Baptist Church of Haddonfield"**

The Diaconate Food Drive is ongoing.



You may place items in the large wooden box in the Middleton Room. Share your blessings. Every item helps, thank you!

**The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield is Hosting**

# **The Haddonfield *HYMN* Festival**

**Sunday, February 28th ~ 4pm**

## **FEATURING A HUNDRED VOICES**

**Intergenerational Choirs of Four Haddonfield Churches:**

**First Baptist ~ First Presbyterian ~ Grace Episcopal  
Lutheran Church of Our Savior**

**Enjoy the anthems, solo performances and hymn singing  
presented by combined children's and adult choirs.**



**Free Will  
offerings benefit  
Haddonfield  
Council of Churches  
contribution to  
"Feed My Starving Children"**

**Info: 856.429.2326**

**~ [www.firstbaptisthaddonfield.org](http://www.firstbaptisthaddonfield.org) ~**



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**Deadline to submit for next issue: February 15th!**

**WE ARE A RECYCLING COMMUNITY! PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSLETTER.**

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| <u>Church Staff:</u><br>The Rev. Dr. Michael J. Feicht, Pastor<br>Eleanor Shockey, Organist<br>Dr. David Shockey, Director of Chancel Choir<br>Robert Gardner, Director of Handbells<br>Jane Brick, Sunday School Superintendent<br>Judy Petrongolo, Office Administrator<br>Betty Willingmyre, Cemetery Administrator | <u>Church Office Hours:</u><br>Monday through Friday<br>9:00 AM – 2:00 PM<br>Phone: 856-429-2326<br>Fax: 856-795-3680<br>Email: <a href="mailto:info@firstbaptisthaddonfield.org">info@firstbaptisthaddonfield.org</a><br>Website: <a href="http://www.firstbaptisthaddonfield.org">www.firstbaptisthaddonfield.org</a><br>Cemetery Phone: 856-429-1644 | <u>Every Sunday</u><br>~ 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study<br>~ 10:00 AM Praise and Prayer Service<br>~ 11:00 AM Worship Service<br>~ 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School<br><br><u>First Sunday of Each Month:</u><br>~ Communion is served at the<br>11 am worship service |
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**The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield**  
124 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield, NJ

# **Annual Vegetable Beef Soup Luncheon**

**First Baptist Social Hall  
Friday Feb. 5th  
11:00 am to 2:00 pm**



**Menu Includes:**  
**Homemade Vegetable Beef Soup,  
Rolls and Butter, Beverage  
and Homemade Desserts**

**Tickets At Door - \$10**  
*Proceeds benefit the ministries of the church*

## **TAKE-OUT ORDERS**

**856-429-2326**