



First Baptist Church  
Bulletins and  
Order of Worship  
1952-53

Missing several

## A NEW YEAR FOR ARMANDO

A new year began for Armando when the Boys' Worker found him sitting on the steps of the Christian Center an hour after the group had been dismissed. "Won't your mother be worried about you when you come home so late?" asked the Boys' Worker. "No," replied the boy glumly, "instead, she would holler if I came home early." "Where is your father?" the Worker asked. "I don't have a father. I don't even know who my father is!" answered Armando.

There was silence between them until the Boys' Worker said gently, "I know who your Father is." The boy looked startled, then disbelieving, as the Worker continued, "I know because He's my Father too." Not quite daring to believe, the boy then listened to the wonderful story of God's love for all boys everywhere.

The following day, Armando came eagerly to the Center and sought out the Boys' Worker. "Please tell me more about my Father," he said earnestly.

If you could talk personally with any of our 139 staff workers in our 57 Christian Centers in this country, you could learn of many people like Armando, who are beginning new lives with new hope because they have been told of God's redeeming love.

As we, ourselves, start the new year, let us not forget to pray often for the work of these representatives of ours on the field. Let us support them generously with our gifts, in order that many other Armandos may learn of the Father who cares for all boys, everywhere.



*Into the Future—Unafraid*

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio

James Stephenson, minister  
Alan Geyer, student minister  
\*\*\* \*\* Epiphany

January 6, 1952

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack

Silence and stillness have the effect of conserving all the bodily forces usually wasted in unnecessary speech and action. You become for the first time conscious of the rhythmic flow of life's forces. You become aware of having entered a condition of peace wherein your passions lose their power, and the worm in the brain ceases to squirm.

Claude Bragdon

THE CALL TO WORSHIP  
\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 121 "Three Kings"  
\*THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

THE RESPONSIVE READING Selection 60  
\*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 2:1-12

THE ANTHEM The Choir

THE OFFERTORY  
\*THE RESPONSE The Doxology

THE SERMON "A Star in your Heart"

\*THE COMMUNION HYMN, No. 443 "Jesus thou Joy"

THE INVITATION  
THE FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

\*THE PARTING HYMN, No. 356 "Blest be the Tie"

\*THE BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

\* Congregation stands

Choir Director - Mrs. Hazen Young  
Organist - Mr. Edgar Ebenhack  
Usher - Mr. William Hutcheson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTES . . . . .

Today 3:00 Junior Youth Fellowship.  
6:00 United Fellowship at the Evangelical & Reformed parsonage.  
Wednesday 7:15 Monthly business meeting and Bible study.  
Thursday 8:00 Phyllis Beckley Mission Circle at Mrs. Myrtle Smith's.

A person is not one, but two people; one is called the outward man - the sensual person. He is served by the five senses. The other is the inner man - the spiritual person.

Meister Eckhart

A bad mental habit, fostered by the reading of newspapers, crime, and mystery stories, and the seeing of many movies, is a morbid preoccupation with the calamitous side of life. In almost any company of people, sooner or later someone is almost sure to introduce the calamitous. These things should be talked about when necessary, but that is when something can be done about them. The habit of continually talking about the unpleasant poisons the air and darkens the sky.

(adapted) Claude Bragdon

## THE CALL

Today marks the beginning of Youth Week. Young people throughout the entire country as well as in other lands will be given special attention in services to be conducted in local churches and in the community. This is a recognition of the fact that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow.

Of special significance this year is the Call to United Christian Youth Action. This is an appeal to one million Protestant Youth and their adult leaders, asking them to deepen their commitment to Jesus Christ, to contribute one million dollars for Christian Youth work and to participate in a program of United Action.

Sometime during this week in thousands of American communities, Protestant young people will join in community rallies, where each will give his dollar as a demonstration of his willingness to become one of the "concerned" million.

This money will help to make possible community programs of Youth Evangelism, a national radio and television program for youth, a stronger Christian ministry to service men and women, service projects at home and abroad and an exchange of students with other countries. But more important than all these will be the far-reaching effects of the dynamic Christian witness of one million Protestant youth working together.

As a follow-up to the Call to United Christian Youth Action, Baptist young people will gather in a series of Discipleship Call meetings across our entire convention during the month of March. These meetings will emphasize Discipleship living, giving and serving in and through the local church.



*Did You Not Know?*

Parris Angelin - Cesar Ranch

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio

James Stephenson, minister                     January 27, 1952  
Alan Geyer, student minister               Morning Worship

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The universe holds nothing against us. No matter how many mistakes we have made, we are still perfect beings within, and the within may become the without, if we will train ourselves to listen to the inner voice of truth which speaks to us in our moments of quietness and solitude.

Ernest Holmes

The Prelude                                             Mr. Ebenhack  
May all bow in meditation and prayer.

The Call to Worship  
The Invocation and Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn, No. 60                                     "The Lord is my Shepherd".

Responsive Prayer                                     Reading 546  
Confession of Sins                                    Reading 548

The Anthem                                             The Choir

The Scripture Lesson                                 ~~St. Mark 1:29-39~~

Rev. 4:1-11

The Morning Prayer  
Call to Prayer  
Prayer Hymn, No. 275 (Stanzas 1,3, and 4)  
Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory  
\*The Response                                     No. 362 (1st stanza)

The Sermon                     the                     "Star Light, Star Bright"  
"I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star."

\*The Parting Hymn, No. 66  
\*The Benediction

"Lord of all Being"  
Choral Amen

The Postlude                                             Mr. Ebenhack  
                                                           \* Congregation stands

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                                                           Mr. Edgar Ebenhack-Organist  
Usher -- Mr. William Hutcheson

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	6:00	United Fellowship at the Evangelical and Reformed Church.
	7:30	Evening Worship and Discussion.
Wednesday	7:15	Worship and Bible study. Concluding session on the Sermon on the Mount.

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION. . . .

True Christianity is an entirely positive influence. It comes into a man's life to enlarge and enrich it, to make it fuller and wider and better; never to restrict it.

You cannot lose anything that is worth having through acquiring a knowledge of truth. Sacrifice there has to be, but it is only sacrifice of the things that one is much happier without - never of anything that is really worth having.

Many people have the idea that getting a better knowledge of God will mean giving up things that they will regret losing.

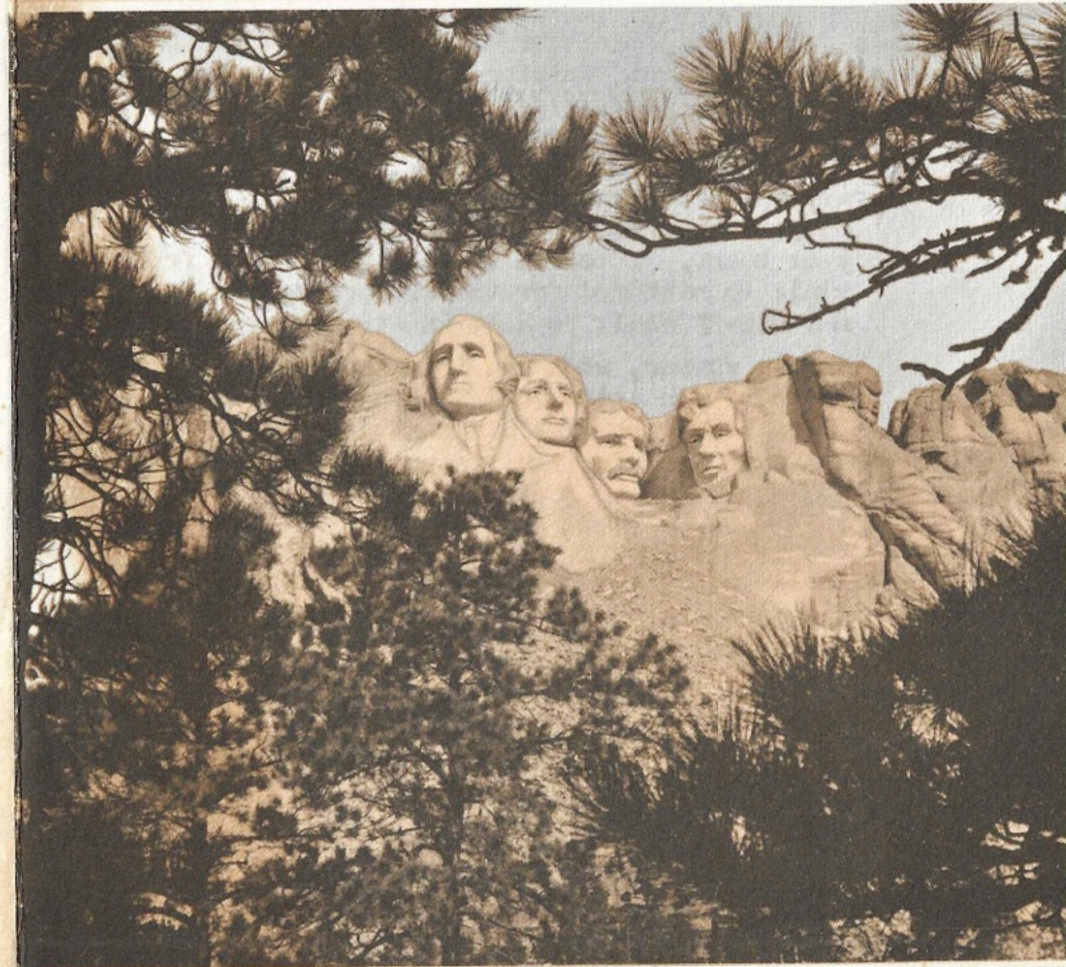
## This Nation Under God

Inspired by the words of the Apostle Paul addressed to the Athenians, "God has made of one blood all nations . . .," and by the statement of Abraham Lincoln that our nation was "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal," this is the time of year set apart to emphasize the concept of brotherhood. Standing alongside Lincoln, we again make the high resolve "that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom."

American Baptists have always marched in the vanguard with those Christian organizations which are committed to the cause of freedom and brotherhood. Our Home Mission Societies and our Board of Education and Publication have been untiring in their efforts to promote the spirit of brotherhood through the establishment and maintenance of churches, schools and religious centers for racial and national groups residing within our country. Outstanding among these projects is the work with our Negroes and American Indians.

In order to maintain all of these activities at a high level of efficiency, and also to aid in the rehabilitation of churches damaged or destroyed by the floods of last summer, American Baptists are being given the privilege and opportunity of contributing through the AMERICA FOR CHRIST offering on February 17.

"That this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom," we must give liberal support to all of our agencies which are working to make our nation more Christian. Now is our opportunity to win America for Christ.



*This Nation Under God*

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio

James Stephenson, minister  
Alan Geyer, student minister

Morning Worship  
February 3, 1952

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And in the autumn, when you gather the grapes  
of your vineyards for the winepress, say in  
your heart, "I too am a vineyard, and my fruit  
shall be gathered for the winepress, and like  
new wine I shall be kept in eternal vessels."

And in winter, when you draw the wine, let there  
be in your heart a song for each cup; And let  
there be in the song a remembrance for the aut-  
umn days, and for the vineyard, and for the wine-  
press.

Kahlil Gibran

The Prelude

Mr. Ebenhack  
May all bow in reverent meditation and prayer.

The Call to Worship

\*Hymn, No. 168

"All Hail the Power"

\*The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

The Confession of Sins

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

I Corinthians 11:23-29

The Anthem

"Panis Angelicus"

Cesar Franck

W. C. Wickum and Choir

The Scripture Lesson

Genesis 2:4-8  
Genesis 1:28-31

The Offertory

\*The Response

The Doxology

The Sermon "The Living Earth"  
\*The Communion Hymn, No. 104  
"Break Thou the Bread"

The Fellowship Offering

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Consecration

Communion

Thanksgiving

\*The Parting Hymn, No. 443

"Jesus Thou Joy"

\*The Benediction

Choral Amen

The Postlude

Mr. Ebenhack

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Wednesday 7:15 Monthly Business meeting and  
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Thursday 8:00 Nithfus Class

THOUGHTS . . . . .

The mind is just like a milk cow which gives  
a larger supply when fed well. Give the mind  
more food and you will find it giving you  
better service in return. And what constitutes  
the food of the mind? Meditation and concentration,  
prayer and worship, and all such practices.

Brahmananda

It is true that fear is the cause of degradation  
and sin. And what causes fear? Ignorance of  
our own nature. Each of us is heir-apparent  
to the Emperor of Emperors; we are of the  
substance of God himself.

Vivekananda

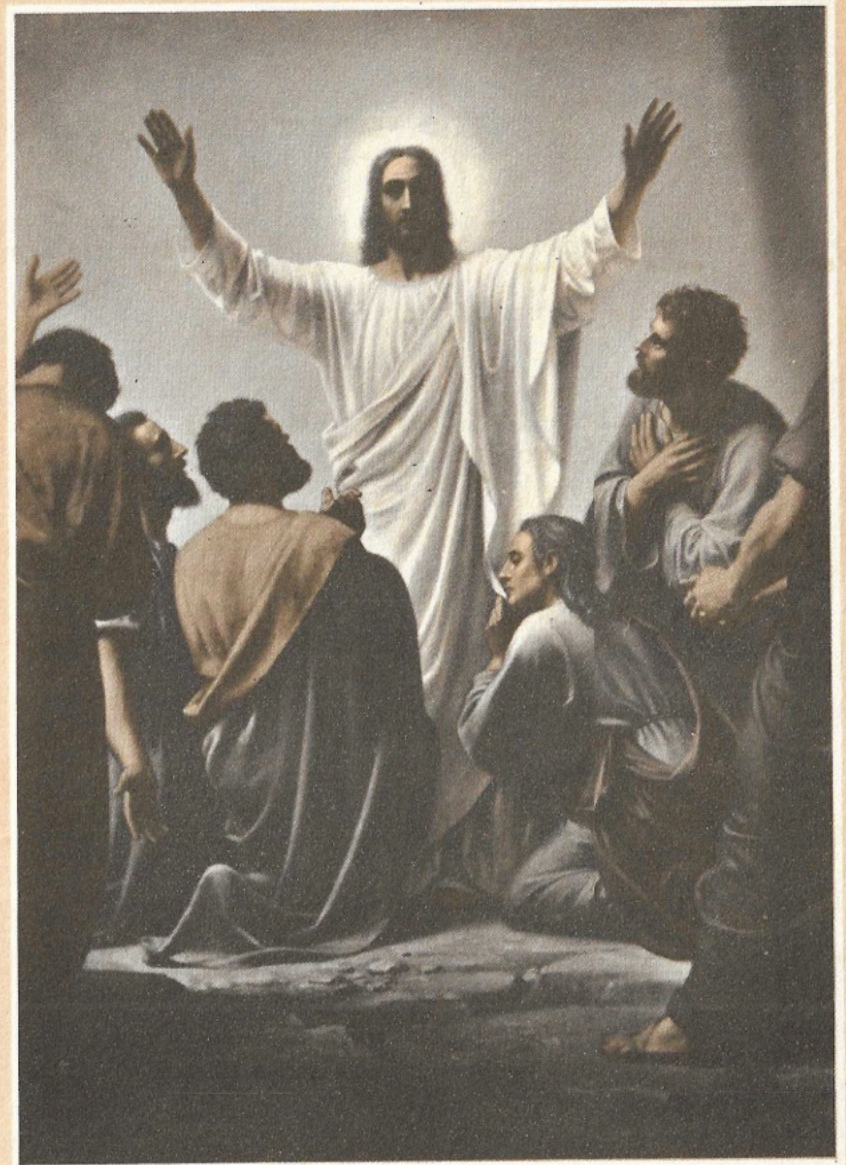
## Jesus of Nazareth Passeth By

*And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. And they which went before rebuked him that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.*

Luke 18:35-43

This story from the ministry of our Lord is relived across America in the day-by-day work of Home Missions and Christian teaching. Through the witness of evangelists . . . those who work with children and youth . . . in crowded cities . . . in new suburban communities . . . in rural America . . . multitudes are drawn from darkness into His marvelous light. Having gained new spiritual sight, they seek training that they too may serve Him.

American Baptists are challenged to consider this important ministry in the observance of AMERICA FOR CHRIST Sunday on February 17 . . . that more may experience the presence of Christ and walk in His light.



*Jesus of Nazareth Passeth By*



1. accept intention as it is found. not analyze but act.
2. Use the whole person - not divided selves - sermon title "Time of joy and be crowned";  
(non-conformist - Emerson)

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister February 10, 1952  
Alan F. Geyer, student minister Morning Worship  
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude Mr. Ebenhack  
Let thy Soul lend its ear to every cry of pain.  
Let not the fierce sun dry one tear of pain before thyself hast wiped it from the sufferer's eye. But let each burning human tear drop on thy heart and there remain; nor ever brush it off until the pain that caused it is removed.  
from the Voice of the Silence

The Call to Worship "Faith of our Fathers"  
\*Hymn, No. 323  
\*The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

The Responsive Reading Selection 44

The Anthem The Choir

The Scripture Lesson Acts 17:22-31

The Morning Prayer  
Call to Prayer  
Silence

The Offertory  
\*The Response No. 362 (1st stanza)

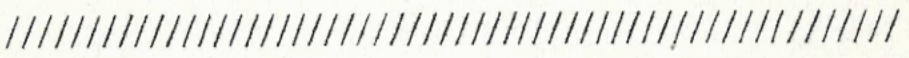
The Sermon "The People Who See thru Our Eyes"  
I shall try to correct errors where shown to be errors, and I shall adopt new views as fast as they shall appear to be true views.  
Abraham Lincoln

\*The Parting Hymn, No. 393  
\*The Benediction

"God of Our Fathers"  
Choral Amen

The Postlude Mr. Ebenhack  
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- Monday 8:00 Deacons and Trustees at the John Richards home.
- Thursday 8:00 Phyllis Beckley Mission Circle at the J. A. Graham home.

I have sworn upon the altar of God Eternal, hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man.  
Thomas Jefferson

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.  
Benjamin Franklin

Who would be a man must be a non-conformist.  
Nothing can bring you peace but yourself.  
One of the benefits of a college education is to show the boy its little avail.  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Symbol for the Hopes of Men

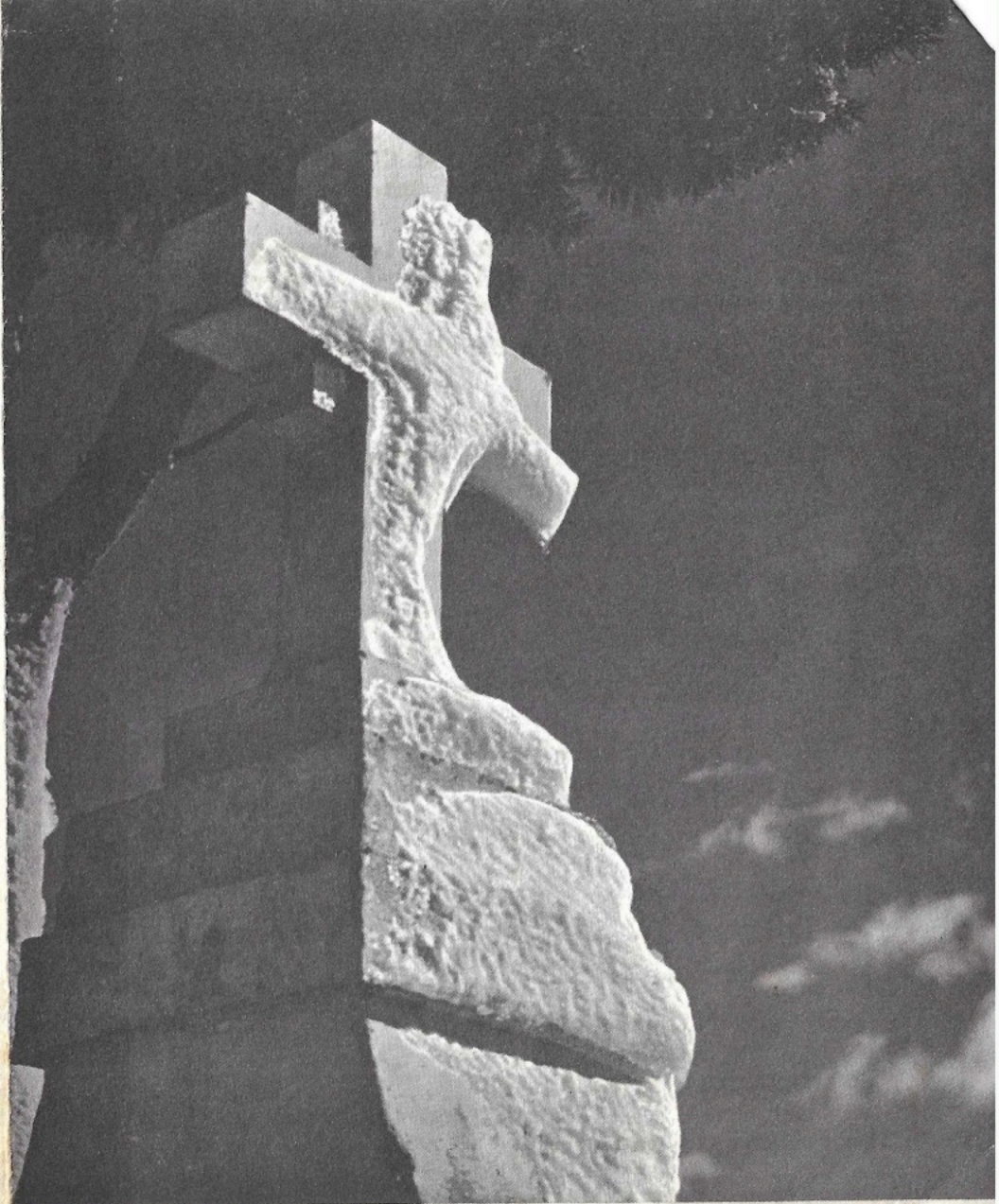
At this season of the year our minds turn to that symbol of redemptive love—the Cross. As we move into its shadow our hearts are solemnized and our spirits humbled. We long to know more of its meaning in our individual lives, to learn for ourselves the sacrificial way of the Cross.

The Cross symbolizes God's redemptive act and His continuous redemptive love. Once and for all Christ redeemed us on the Cross. He continues to redeem us, day by day. This is the Good News which He bade us publish abroad.

The redemptive power of which the Cross is the symbol is illustrated in the life of a boy from the Belgian Congo, Nanama of the Willing Heart. Even as a schoolboy, Nanama never spared himself, and might, even then, have been called "the one with the willing heart." When training to be a nurse, he was asked to spend one year in practical work at the leper camp. He transformed the place with his zeal and eagerness to help. Just recently Nanama and his wife pledged themselves to full-time Christian service. When asked his reason for doing this, he replied, "I am not my own. I am bought with a price. If God prepares the way for me to work for and with Him, that is what I want to do."

"Bought with a price." Nanama recognized the redemptive work accomplished by Christ on the Cross. First, he accepted the free gift of salvation. Second, he dedicated his life to sharing the knowledge of God's saving gift.

We may accept God's free gift—or we may reject it. We may hoard the Good News—or we may share it. We may take the message in person and also send it through our missionaries by our support—or we may close our lips and purses tight. Let us look at the Cross and then into our own hearts.



*Symbol for the Hopes of Men*

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister 1st Sunday in Lent  
Alan F. Geyer, student minister March 2, 1952  
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The Prelude Mr. Ebenhack  
You attract to yourself not the condition you  
ASK, not the condition you EXPECT, not the con-  
dition you WANT, but you attract unto yourself  
the condition that accords with what you ARE.  
- Glenn Clark

The Call to Worship  
\*The Hymn, No. 341 "Onward Christian Soldiers"  
\*The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

The Confession of Sins Page 422 (third prayer)  
Solo, "I Came before Thy Throne" Moore  
W. C. Wickum

The Scripture Lesson St. Mark 2:1-12

The Offertory  
\*The Response The Doxology

The Sermon "A Key for any Lock"  
(The first word from the Cross)

\*The Communion Hymn, No. 104  
"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

The Fellowship Offering

The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
The Invitation  
The Consecration  
The Communion  
Thanksgiving

\*The Parting Hymn, No. 356 "Blest be the Tie"

\*The Benediction Choral Amen  
The Postlude Mr. Ebenhack

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Wednesday 8:00 School of Religion at the Evangelical  
and Reformed Church.  
Thursday 8:00 Nithfus Class at Gabriel's  
Friday 2:30 Women's Organization  
Next Sunday 10:30 Sermon theme - "Today You Will be with  
Me in Paradise" (Second word from  
the Cross.)

Monday thru Friday 12:30 to 12:50 p.m. Lenten Service  
at St. Peter's Church. Minister in charge, Rev. A. J.  
Sterrett.

The sermons throughout Lent will be based on the words of  
Jesus from the Cross. The schedule is as follows:

March 9th - "Today You will be with Me in Paradise"  
" 9th (evening) - "Women, Behold your Son!"  
" 16th - "My God, why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?"  
" 23rd - "I Thirst"  
" 23rd (evening) - "It is Finished"  
" 30th - "Father, into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit"

A nursery is being conducted by Miss Nancy Via  
during the service.

## The Cost of Witnessing

One of the earliest witnesses for Christ was the Samaritan woman who talked with Him beside Jacob's well. "The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did; is not this the Christ?"

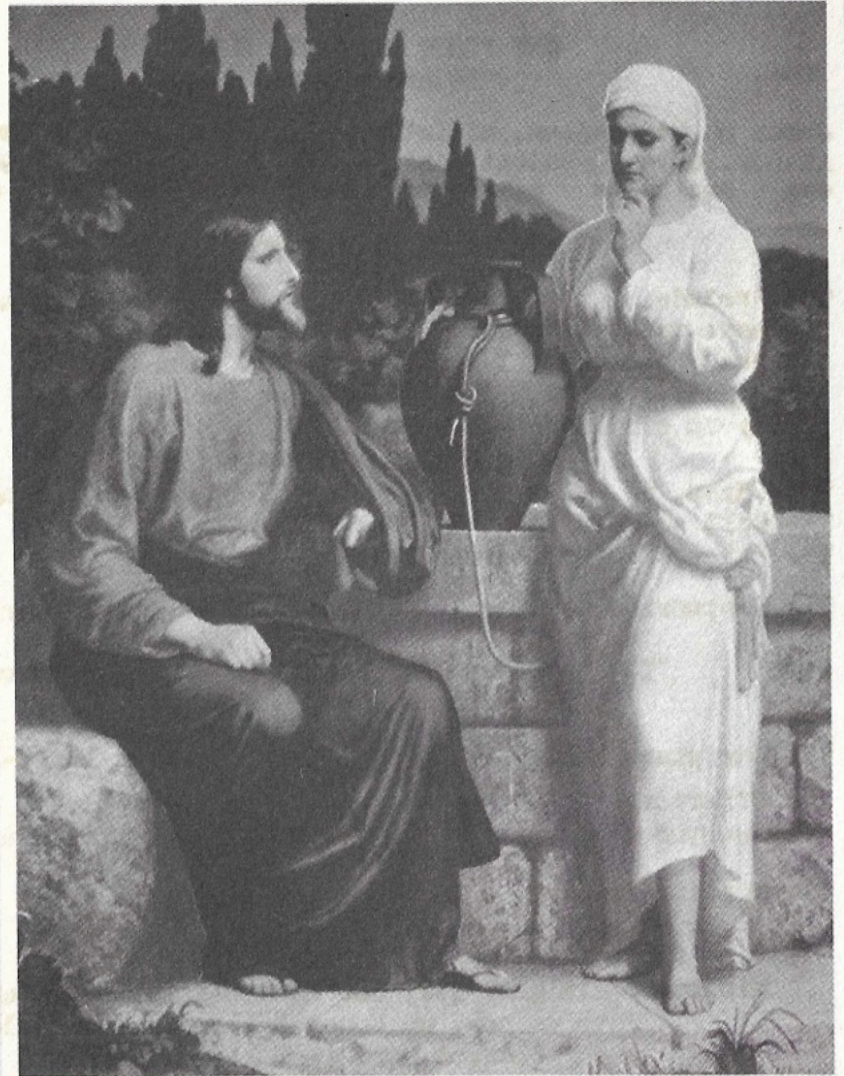
We do not know what the cost of witnessing was to this woman, but it is probable that she had to face criticism, perhaps even ridicule, from her associates when she asked the question.

Faithful witnessing is not an easy thing. In a day of practical materialism, it is not easy to speak of an invisible Person and salvation through faith in Him. But He said, "Ye are my witnesses."

Some who are faced with the challenge of being witnesses shrink from the cost. A business man in El Salvador who has five daughters refused to make his Christian faith known. "I shall be ruined in business and my daughters will be ruined socially if it is known that I am a Christian," he said. "I will not be a martyr to the truth." But, while this one turned back, many other Christians openly declared their faith.

How is it with you and me? Have we the courage to bear witness to our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? It requires less courage in this country than in many other lands, but it does call for some.

We have many opportunities to witness to our Master—casual contacts with other people to whom we may bear witness if we will. Both with our words and through our attitudes, we may speak for Him



*I That Speak unto Thee Am He*

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister      2nd Sunday in Lent  
Alan F. Geyer, student minister      March 9, 1952  
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The Prelude      Mr. Ebenhack  
I have maintained and I still maintain that I  
already possess all that is granted to me in  
eternity. For God in his fullness dwells etern-  
ally in his image - the Soul.

Eckhart

\*The Hymn, No. 43      "Come Thou Almighty King"  
The Call to Worship  
The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

The Responsive Reading      Selection 42 (first part)

Solo      "I Come Before Thy Throne"      Moore  
            W. C. Wickum

The Scripture Lesson      St. John 16:16-28

The Offertory

\*The Response      No. 362 (1st stanza)

The Morning Prayer

Call to Prayer

Litany for Lent

Minister: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, grant  
to us now, we beseech thee, as we follow  
our blessed Lord thru the days of his  
passion, a mind and a will to follow him  
faithfully all our days. Amen.

Blessed Savior:

By thy entry into Jerusalem:

People: Give us courage to ~~esse~~ the issues of our  
lives.

Minister: By thy cleansing of the temple:

People: Give us zeal for righteousness and for thy  
world.

Minister: By thy breaking of the Bread and Giving of

the Cup:

People: Help us to give ourselves for the life of  
the world.

Minister: By thy washing of the disciples' feet:

People: Take away our pride, and fill us with the  
spirit of true humility.

Minister: By thy acceptance in the garden of the will  
of God:

People: Help us to seek to learn the will of God,  
and to surrender our own will to it.

Minister: By thy forgiveness of those who nailed  
thee to the cross:

People: Make us ready to forgive.

Minister: By thy faithfulness unto death, even the  
death of the cross.

People: Make us steadfast in our faith to our life's  
end, for thy Name's sake. Amen.

The Sermon      "How to Go to Heaven without Dying"  
            "Where does the soul go, when the body dies?"  
            "There is no necessity for it to go anywhere."

\*The Parting Hymn, No. 76  
            "O Love that Will Not Let Me Go"

\*The Benediction      Choral Amen

The Postlude      Mr. Ebenhack

\* congregation stands

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TODAY      3:00 Junior Youth Fellowship  
            6:00 United Fellowship at the parsonage  
            8:00 Worship and discussion - "Woman behold  
                    Thy Son"

MONDAY      8:00 Deacons and Trustees.

WEDNESDAY      8:00 School of Religion at the E & R Church.

THURSDAY      8:00 Phyllis Beckley Mission Circle.

NEXT SUNDAY      Fourth Word from the Cross - "My God,  
                    why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?"

1.00  
+ 1.00  
= 2.00

# Thy Will, Not Mine

In the garden of Gethsemane our Lord prayed, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." From the depths of intense suffering came this cry, "Not my will, but thine, be done."

By this example we are taught how to bear suffering. And we learn that our cries are not unheard. "And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him."

But the subordination of our wills to that of God applies to hours of everyday activity quite as much as to those of suffering and sorrow.

Especially important are the decisions of youth—that they be in line with the will of God. Like the rich young ruler, many a young man or woman is asking earnestly, "Master, what shall I do . . . ?"

Young people today are faced with the necessity of choosing one of many possible avenues of service. Among others, the call to the foreign or home mission field is most urgent.

There the needs—for the Gospel, for teachers, for doctors and nurses, for modern methods of farming, for modern tools, for food—are more pressing than in the communities where we now live. And there is a scarcity of consecrated young people to fill the many positions now open.

"Master, what shall I do . . . ?" Do not ask Him unless you are ready to obey. Because you may hear Him say, "Go ye into all the world. . . ."

Herbert Bradley } Club  
Ronald Hamlin }

Carol and  
Seven  
George Young

15.11.11  
Dedication  
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Thy Will, Not Mine

Other work  
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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Delaware, Ohio

James Stephenson, minister 4th Sunday in Lent  
Alan Geyer, student minister March 23, 1952  
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude Mr. Ebenhack

What have you in your houses? And what is it you guard with fastened doors? Have you peace? Have you beauty, that leads the heart from things fashioned of wood and stone to the holy mountain?

Or have you only comfort? Have you only the lust for comfort, that stealthy thing that enters the house a guest, and then becomes a host, and then a master?

adapted from The Prophet

The Call to Worship

\*Hymn, No. 73 "Love Divine"  
\*The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

The Confession (Unison)

O blessed Spirit of Truth, Thou who searchest the heart and triest the inmost thoughts; I confess to thee all my sins of thought, word and deed, and the leaving undone of good things which I should have done. Pardon whatever has been evil in thy sight, and grant me grace to amend my life. In the name of the Master of all life: Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

The Responsive Reading Selection 20

\*The Gloria Patri

The Scripture Lesson St. Luke 16:19-31

The Anthem The Choir

The Offertory

\*The Response No. 362 (1st stanza)

The Morning Prayer  
Silence  
Pastoral Prayer

The Sermon "Thirst in the Desert"  
Jesus said: "I Thirst."

\*The Parting Hymn, No. 275 "Dear Lord and Father"  
\*The Benediction Choral Amen

The Postlude \* congregation stands Mr. Ebenhack

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The church is grateful to Professor and Mrs. Rufus Crane for the gift of five new tables. The tables were used for the first time last Tuesday at our annual birthday dinner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. . . . .

- TODAY 3:00 Bob-bob Whites.
- 5:30 United Fellowship Dinner at the Gamma Phi Beta house. The Fireside Fellowship of Denison will be guests and present the program.
- 8:00 Evening Worship and discussion of the Sixth Word from the Cross - "It is Finished."
- WEDNESDAY 8:00 School of Religion at the Evangelical and Reformed Church.
- FRIDAY 8:00 Finance Committee meeting at Drey's.
- NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Seventh Word from the Cross - "Father into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit."

What are you?

Are you a giving person? If you are, the world will be giving to you. Are you a getting person? If you are, the world will be getting all it can away from you.

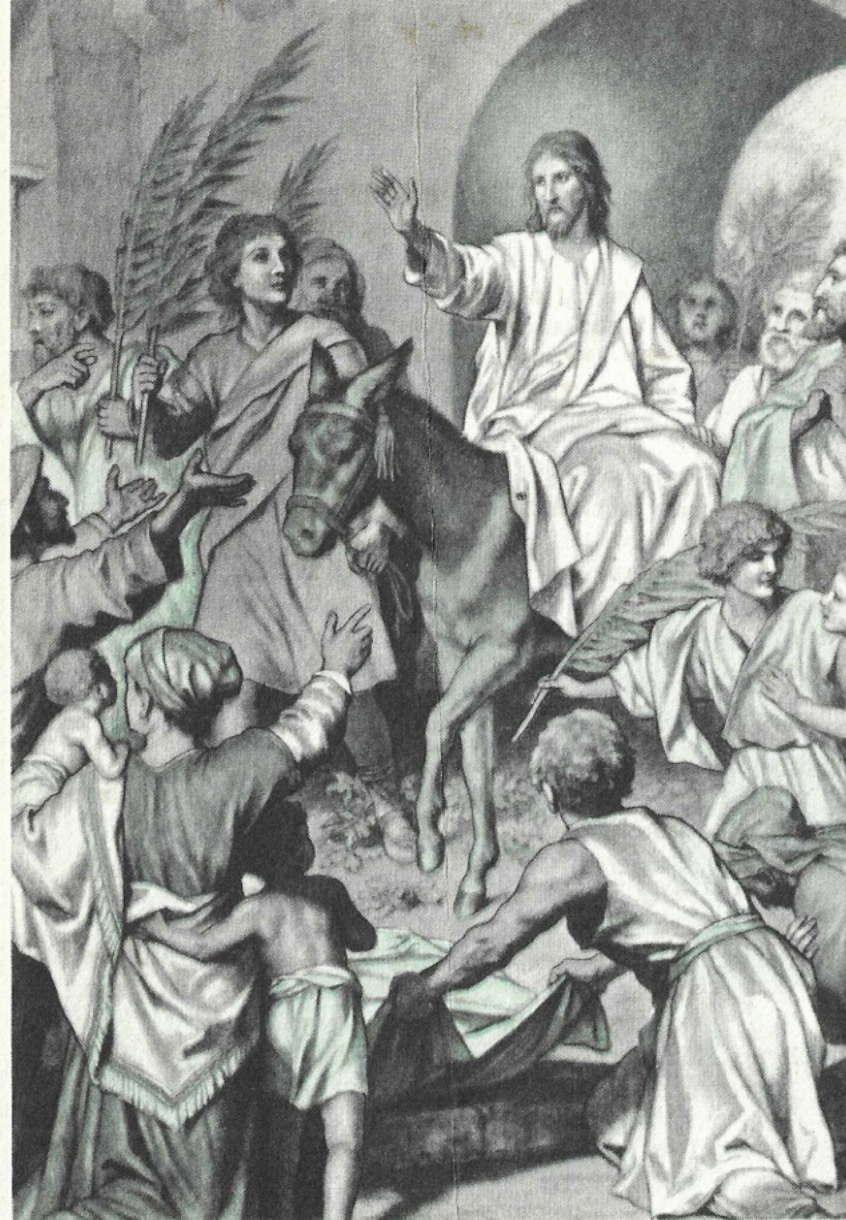
Glenn Clark

## Christ the King

The setting of Christ's entry into Jerusalem was one of utmost simplicity, with none of the outward trappings of regal splendor. However, a throng of people transformed the incident into one of the most spectacular events of Jesus' life. The garments of the disciples took the place of a king's saddle. No rich carpet, but the clothing of the multitude, was spread for the royal procession. No silver trumpets heralded its approach, but the grateful people raised their clamorous praise to God for the mighty works they had seen.

Sometimes people speak of Christ as King, but their words have little meaning. In Mexico there is a fanatical group called "Cristeros." On the churches one may see their motto, "Viva Cristo Rey," which means, "Long Live Christ the King." That they do not understand Christ's kingship is indicated by the excesses practiced in their celebrations, and by the fact that this motto becomes a battle cry when they make violent attacks on Protestants in the name of Christ the King. These "Cristeros" attempt to destroy by violence the work of Christians.

In various ways people deny Christ's kingship, even while they call Him Lord. Jesus had trouble with that kind of people in His own day. In our time, there is strife among Christian people. Instead of a positive and confident message of peace, even some Christian folk express a terrible hopelessness which can foresee only another world war. In the solemn joy of Palm Sunday, let us remember that as we truly make Christ King of our lives, His peace will come to us, and we can then help to bring peace to the world.



*Hosanna to the Son of David*



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister April 6, 1952  
Alan F. Geyer, student minister Palm Sunday  
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude Mr. Ebenhack  
I, Lord, went wandering like a strayed sheep,  
seeking Thee with anxious reasoning without,  
while thou wast within me...I went round the  
streets and squares of the city of this world  
seeking Thee; and I found thee not, because in  
vain I sought without for him who was within  
my self.

St. Augustine

The Call to Worship

Minister: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is  
he that cometh in the name of the Lord;  
hosanna in the highest.

People: Say ye to the daughter of Zion, behold,  
thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward  
is with him and his work before him.

Minister: Blessed be the King that cometh in the  
name of the Lord; peace in heaven, and  
glory in the highest.

\*The Hymn, No. 166 "Crown Him with many Crowns"  
\*The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

The Responsive Reading Selection 37

The Anthem The Choir

The Offertory  
\*The Response No. 362 (1st stanza)

The Sermon "Jerusalem Dedication"

\*Dedication Hymn, No. 203 "Softly and Tenderly"

Service of Personal Dedication

\*Parting Hymn, No. 234 "Jesus Lover of My Soul"

\*The Benediction

The Postlude

Mr. Ebenhack

\* congregation stands

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

TODAY 3:00 Bob-bob Whites.  
7:30 Cantata, "Darkness and Light"  
and the sacrament of Baptism.

THURSDAY 8:00 Upper-Room Candle-Light Communion.

FRIDAY 12:00 Three hour Good Friday service in  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Easter Worship and the reception of  
new members.

DAILY 12:30 - 12:50 Lenten Worship in St. Peter's Church.

The following will be baptised during our worship tonight:  
Misses Sandra Bosh, Nancy Byerly, Carol Gabriel, Margaret  
Young, and Mr. Donald Faulk.

Speakers for the daily services are: Monday, Albert  
Suthers; Tuesday, Harold Hutson; Wednesday, Richard Gay;  
Thursday, Robert Fichter. Speakers for the Good Friday  
service are: introduction, Ralph Putney; first word,  
Louis Campbell, second word, Arwood Sterrett; third word,  
Thomas Crawford; fourth word, John Strout; fifth word,  
I.H. Hisher, sixth word, J.R. Fields, seventh word,  
Glenn Warner.

Your minister will be out of town Monday and Tuesday.  
If necessary, he may be reached by calling the moderator,  
Prof. Rufus Crane, or by calling Pomeroy, Ohio, 270X

*Willie Smith*  
*Bill & Doris*

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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio

Evening Worship

April 6, 1952

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude Mr. Ebenhack

The Call to Worship and Invocation The Minister

The Lord's Prayer

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Easter Cantata  
"Darkness and Dawn"  
by  
Fred Peace

Introduction Mr. Ebenhack

Solo (tenor) "And when they were come to a place"  
Mr. Wickum

Chorus "Thou that destroyest the temple"

Recitative (bass) and Solo "Now from the sixth hour  
The Sun was darkened"  
Mr. Burkhardt

Solo (tenor) "And at the ninth hour" Mr. Wickum

Quartet "Thy life was given for me"  
Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Linn, Mr. Wickum, Mr. Geyer

Intermezzo Mr. Ebenhack

Recitative and Air (tenor) "When the even was come"  
Mr. Wickum

Solo (bass) and Chorus "When it began to dawn"  
Mr. Geyer

Solo (soprano) "He is not here" Mrs. Young

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Quartet and Chorus "Behold I tell you a mystery"  
Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Linn, Mr. Wickum, Mr. Geyer

Solo (bass) "I am Alpha and Omega" Mr. Geyer

Chorus "And behold, I have the keys"  
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The Offertory

"Baptism and the Easter Faith" The Minister

\*Hymn, No. 310 "Savior Thy Dying Love"

The Sacrament of Baptism

Those receiving baptism are: Sandra Bosh, Nancy  
Eyerly, Carol <sup>1925</sup> Gabriel, Margaret Young, and  
Donald Faulk. *McElhinney.*

The Benediction The Choir

\* congregation stands  
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The Director The Organist  
Mrs. Hazen Young Mr. Edgar Ebenhack

The Choir  
Mrs. Frances Johnson, Mrs. Wayne Burkhart, Mrs.  
W. C. Wickum, Mrs. George Dunlap, Miss Marcia  
Ramey, Mrs. James Linn, Mrs. G. A. Ebenhack,  
Mrs. Lester Waldron, W. C. Wickum, Wayne G.  
Burkhart, Ted Ramey, Alan Geyer, George Dunlap.

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and  
dies, it remains along; but if it dies, it  
bears much fruit.  
He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates  
his life in this world will keep it for eternal  
life.

John 12:24,25

*at home*



*"...and give thee peace"*

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister  
Mrs. Carolyn White, worship leader

June 22, 1952  
Morning Worship

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let your visit to the temple be for naught  
but ecstasy and sweet communion;  
For if you should enter the temple for no  
other purpose than asking you shall  
not receive.

The Prophet

The Prelude  
Nothing is so like God as stillness. Mr. Ebenhack

The Call to Worship  
\*Hymn, No. 1 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"  
\*The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Highlights of the American Baptist Convention

The Offertory  
\*The Response No. 362 (1st stanza)

The Sermon Mr. Sterrett

\*The Parting Hymn, No. 315 "Take my Life"  
\*The Benediction Coral Amen

The Postlude Mr. Ebenhack  
\* congregation stands

Choir Director - Mrs. Hazen Young

Organist - Mr. Edgar Ebenhack

Ushers - Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Faulk, Mr. Byerly, Mr. Gregory

## The Church and the Family

Today's cover picture presents a family group setting forth together on a picnic. Such shared recreation is desirable for every family. Shared play helps to strengthen the bonds that hold families together. The church interested in building strong family life encourages the family to share its play and its interests.

The church also seeks to foster shared worship, both in the sanctuary and in the home. If the family is present in the family pew on Sunday and gathers around the table or fireplace for prayer at home, both the church and the family are strengthened. Such a family is a source of spiritual power that greatly reinforces the ministry of the church. Family life also profits from time spent in prayer. As the familiar slogan puts it: "The family that prays together stays together."

The family and the church are two fundamental units in our world. Each needs the other. The right kind of a church is as necessary to the life of the family as bread. Every member of the family needs the inspiration of the church service and the church school. On the other hand, the church gains much from the family. The Christian family supports the church with its time, its talents, and its money. The very fact of its relationship to the church strengthens the standing of the church. Even the children, just by being regularly in their places, can contribute to the impact of the church upon the community.

American Baptists recognize the importance of the relationship between the church and the family and its effect upon the community. A division of The Board of Education and Publication is called Education in Home, Church and Community. This division includes departments for children and youth and one known as the Department of Adult Work and Family Life. Its materials and guidance are available to every Baptist family in the denomination.



*Where Lifelong Memories Were Made*

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, Minister  
Phone 29293

Morning Worship  
July 20, 1952

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

On the wings of imagination may I ride into  
the lives of others, and live at their  
side.

Forgetting myself and the life I live, enter-  
ing another's life, to live as he lives.

If I were he and this happened to me, I would  
do as he does, no different would I be.

May I have the joy and rich experience of  
living with others.

Lois Lenski (adapted)

The Prelude Mr. Ebenhack  
May all bow in reverent meditation and prayer

The Call to Worship and Invocation  
\*Hymn, No. 422 "I Love Thy Kingdom"

The Responsive Reading  
Minister: Out of my distress I called upon the Lord.  
People: The Lord answered me and set me in a large  
place.

Minister: The Lord is on my side, I will not fear;  
what can man do unto me?

People: It is better to trust in the Lord than to  
put confidence in men.

Minister: This is the day which the Lord hath made,  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is  
good; for his mercy endureth forever.

The Lord's Prayer

The Scripture Lesson Exodus 3:1-6

Rev. Reed (Spudak)

Solo "My God and I" Wihtol  
W. C. Wickum

The Offertory  
\*The Doxology

The Sermon "Fire Finders"  
".....I will now turn aside and see  
this great sight."

\*The Parting Hymn, No. 315 "Take my Life"  
\*The Benediction Choral Amen

The Postlude Mr. Ebenhack  
\* congregation stands

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTES . . . . .

TODAY 7:30 Evening Worship and discussion

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Bible Study (Conclusion of II Timothy)

The following note addressed to the Church has been re-  
ceived:

July 9, 1952

Dear friends,

Just a short note to thank all of you in the  
Baptist church for your friendliness extended us  
during our stay in Delaware. We have returned to  
our home in Penna. We shall always remember the  
kindness of your church and town folk.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Vincent Clark, Jr. &  
daughter Nancy

#21 Charming  
North Wade Richardson St



Darkness flees, All Is Light



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister  
Paul Monroe, student minister

Morning Worship  
December 7, 1952

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Here is the Truth in a little Creed,  
Enough for all the roads we go:  
In love is all the law we know.  
Edwin Markham

The Prelude Mr. Ebenhack  
May all bow in silent prayer and quiet meditation

The Call to Worship  
\*Hymn, No. 5 "Holy, Holy, Holy"  
\*The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

The Responsive Reading Selection 33  
\*The Gloria Patri

The Scripture Lesson St. Mark 1:1-8:6:16-20  
"Awake O Zion" Ashford

The Choir

The Offertory  
\*The Response The Doxology

The Sermon "Freedom in a Dungeon"

\*The Communion Hymn, No. 104 "Break Thou the Bread"  
The Fellowship Offering

The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
The Invitation  
The Consecration  
The Communion  
The Thanksgiving

\*The Parting Hymn, No. 356 "Blest be the Tie"  
\*The Benediction Choral Amen



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister  
Paul W. Monroe, student minister

Christmas Worship  
December 21, 1952

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

I knelt to pray on Christmas night  
Beside a candle warm and bright,  
And through my window from afar  
There gleamed a faithful, shining star.

God make me bright as candles are,  
And patient as a shining star;  
For shining stars and candlelight  
Are lovely things on Christmas night!

Ruth Ricklefs

The Prelude "Christmas Medley" Mr. Ebenhack

The Call to Worship

\*Hymn, No. 115

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

\*The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Anthem "On Christmas Day in the Morning" W. V. Cook  
Junior Choir

The Christmas Scripture

Selection 36

Solo

"Jesu Bambino"

Pietro Yon

W. C. Wickum

The Service of Prayer

## "He Is Our Peace."

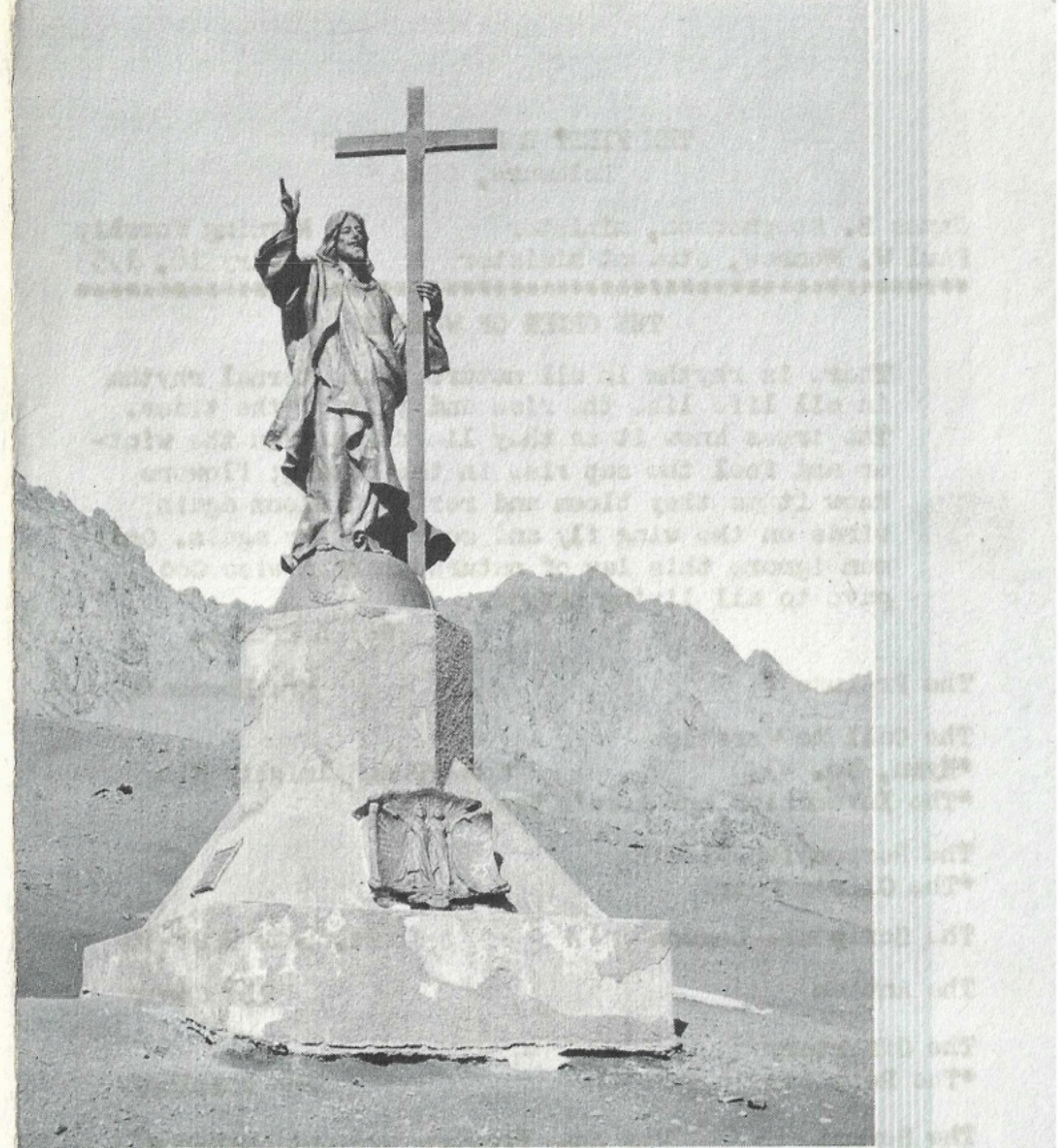
After the war between Argentina and Chile the soldiers cast the metal of their cannons into the moulds for the huge statue of Christ. This was to stand between their respective countries as a perpetual token of the Christian understanding and goodwill which would ensure peace between them.

When the new Republic of Indonesia issued its first postage stamps it featured portraits of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, and Alexander Hamilton, representing respectively, freedom, democracy, peace, and integrity. When he suggested the designs, President Sukarno may have had in mind Franklin's statement in 1788, "I lament the prospect of a horrid war which is likely to engage so great a part of mankind. There is little good and so much mischief done generally by wars that I wish the imprudence of undertaking them was more evident."

For the Christian it may be true that his immediate business is to throw himself heart and soul into the direct service of world evangelism. The only radical cure for war is the freeing of man from pride and aggressiveness, revealing to him the worth and demands of the life of the spirit and fashioning him into the sensitive and generous fellowship. It is to the task of moral and religious education, of evangelism in the true sense, that we are called.

The religion of Christ has alone shown itself capable of universal acceptance. Those who enlist in the service of the Prince of Peace find a moral equivalent and a satisfying alternative for war. A peace army is a necessity. It already exists in the church of Jesus Christ. As a peacemaking agency the Christian mission has proved its power.

WILLIAM J. KEECH



*The Way of Peace*

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister  
Paul W. Monroe, student minister  
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Morning Worship  
January 18, 1953  
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

There is rhythm in all nature - an eternal rhythm  
in all life like the rise and fall of the tides.  
The trees know it as they lie dormant in the winter  
and feel the sap rise in the spring; flowers  
know it as they bloom and rest and bloom again;  
birds on the wing fly and soar and fly again. Only  
men ignore this law of nature which a wise God  
gave to all living things.

Helen Bramble

The Prelude Mr. Ebenhack

The Call to Worship  
\*Hymn, No. 43 "Come Thou Almighty King"  
\*The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

The Responsive Reading  
\*The Gloria Patri

The Scripture Lesson St. Luke 9:28-36

The Anthem The Choir

The Offertory  
\*The Response The Doxology

The Sermon "Why Some Prayers are not Answered"

The Morning Prayer  
Call to Prayer  
Silence  
Pastoral Prayer

\*The Parting Hymn, No. 239  
\*The Benediction "I Am Thine"  
Choral Amen

The Postlude Mr. Ebenhack  
\* congregation stands

CHOIR DIRECTOR - Mrs. Hazen Young  
ORGANIST - Edgar Ebenhack SOLOIST - W. C. Wickum

-USHERS  
William Hutcheson, Chr., Donald Faulk, Donald Byerly,  
James Gregory

ANNOUNCEMENTS .....

TODAY 6:00 United Fellowship (University) at the  
Presbyterian Church.  
TUESDAY 7:30 Whatever Class.  
WEDNESDAY 7:15 Worship and Bible study.

EACH MEMBER OF THE CHURCH WILL receive an important letter  
this week. Please give it your careful attention.

Never be afraid of God's will. Only good and perfect  
gifts come from the Father. His will is higher and  
better than anything we can think, or suggest to Him.  
Let the larger part of your expressed prayer be grati-  
tude and praise for God's nearness and loving good-  
ness. Then listen for God's instructions. When man  
listens, God always speaks.

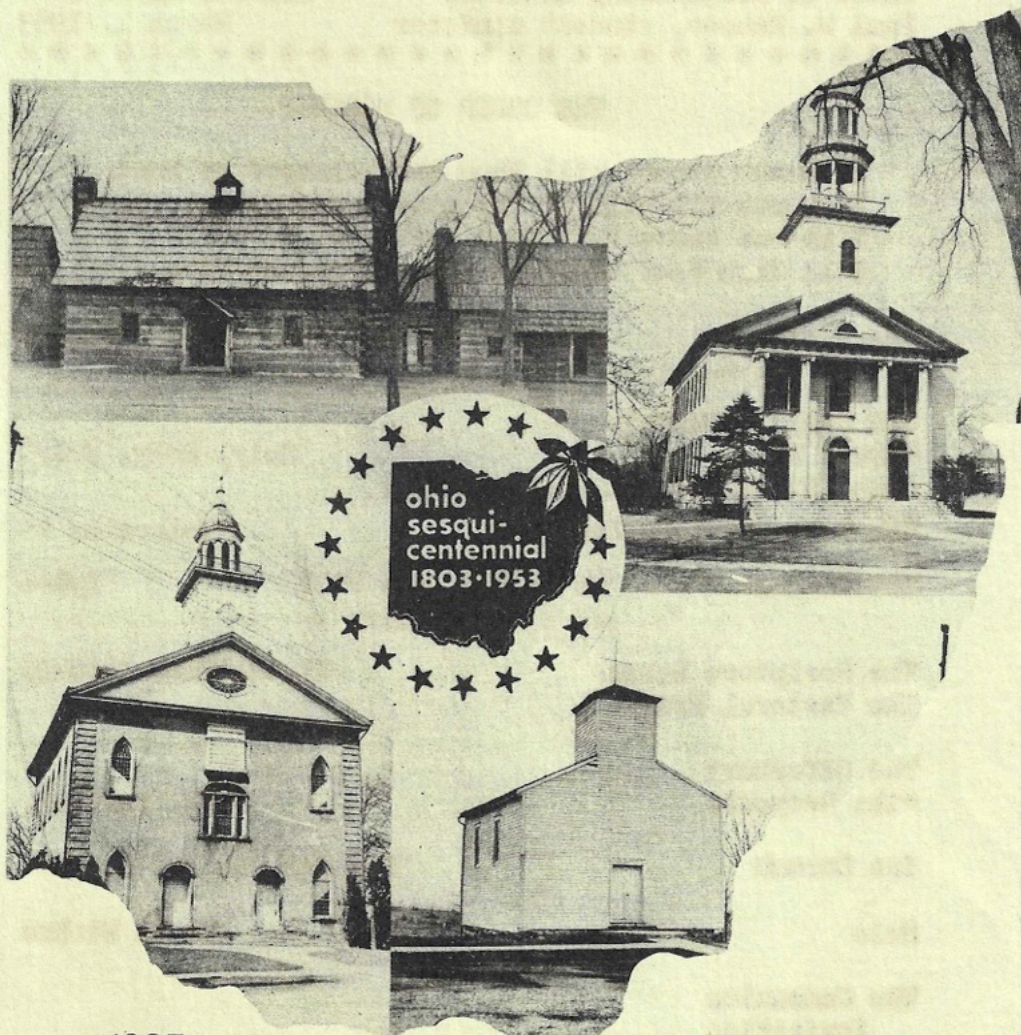
Louise Eggleston

The great secret of successful living is to meet life  
in a spirit of cooperation, instead of antagonism.  
Until we realize that life is good and friendly, we  
oppose it at every turn; consequently, our troubles and  
disharmonies are increased and multiplied. The object  
of life is two-fold:

1. To learn thru experience, build up  
character, and attain wisdom.
2. To take our share, small tho it may  
appear to be, in the work of the  
universe.

Henry T. Hamblin

# In The Beginning . . . .



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DELAWARE CITY AND COUNTY CHURCHES

March 1, 1953



## The Cross Where We Are

THE HUGE CROSS of stone is a reminder of the cross that was borne by our Saviour. It tells us that there is a cross for us, too. Sometimes the missionaries reveal the cross they bear, as did Rev. Thomas F. F. Dixon of the Baptist Mission in El Salvador:

“The past year brought us greater problems and trouble than any previous year. It began with a cut of \$1000 which the Home Mission Society had to make in its annual appropriation for the Salvador Mission. For days it staggered us, but we were able to raise more than the difference on the field so that we were able to come through the year without dropping a single pastor or worker or making any retreat.

The rains have been so irregular that the coffee crop is down 30%. This will probably mean hard times for Salvador. It will be difficult for Salvadorean Baptists to increase their giving this year.”

The cross is a part of life for the Salvadorean Baptists; it is a part of life for us, too, when we help them bear their burden. The America for Christ Offering that many American Baptist churches receive today will help the Baptists of El Salvador. It will help win America for Christ. It will show the cross in our hearts.



*Shame or Glory?*



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister March 8, 1953  
Paul W. Monroe, student minister 2nd Sunday in Lent

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

My Master was a helper,  
The woes of life he knew,  
And he who would be like Him,  
Must be a helper too;  
The burden will grow lighter,  
If each will take a share,  
And where there is a helper  
The Master's man is there.  
W. G. Tarrant

The Prelude Mr. Ebenhack  
Worship begins when you enter the Sanctuary

The Call to Worship  
\*Hymn, No. 149 "In the Cross of Christ"

\*The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

The Confession of Sins  
Call to Confession  
Prayer (unison)  
Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we confess  
that we have sinned against thee in thought, word,  
and deed. Have mercy upon us, O Lord; have mercy  
upon us, after thy great goodness; according to the  
multitude of thy mercies, put away our offenses, and  
cleanse us from our sins. Amen.

Silence  
Assurance of Pardon

The Responses  
Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips.  
People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
Minister: Praise ye the Lord.  
People: The Lord's name be praised.

\*The Gloria Patri

The Scripture Lesson St. Mark 12:28-34; 41-44

The Anthem The Choir

The Offertory  
\*The Response No. 362 (1st stanza)

The Sermon "Are You Wasting Your Life?"

Morning Prayer  
Solo W. C. Wickum  
Pastoral Prayer

\*The Parting Hymn, No. 281 "Savior Like a Shepherd"  
\*The Benediction Choral Amen

The Postlude Mr. Ebenhack  
\* congregation stands

CHOIR DIRECTOR - Mrs. Hazen Young  
SOLOIST - W. C. Wickum

ORGANIST - Edgar Ebenhack  
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William Hutcheson, Chairman; Donald Faulk, Donald Byerly,  
James Gregory

ANNOUNCEMENTS . . . . .

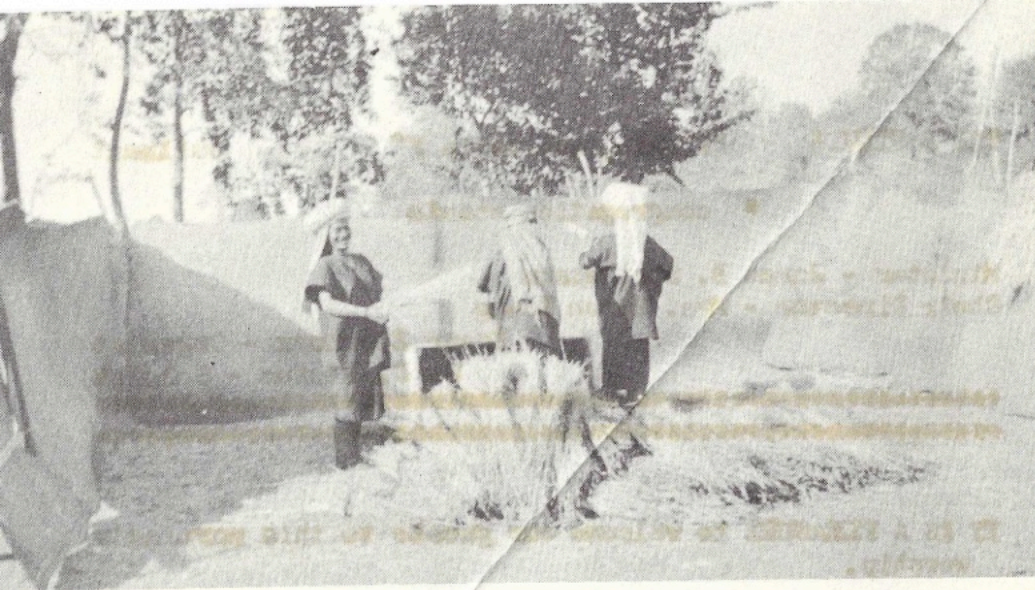
TODAY 6:00 United Fellowship at the Presbyterian  
Church.  
8:30 Bible Class - "The Bible and Your Life"

WEDNESDAY 7:45 School of Religion at the Presbyterian  
Church.

THURSDAY 8:00 Phyllis Beckley Mission Circle at Miss  
Mildred Bowers', 39 Chestnut Street  
Learn memory verse!!!

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Dedication Sunday.

Anyone who did not contribute last Sunday to the Home  
Mission Offering, may give his contribution to Mrs.  
Carolyn White.



*Taunggyi: Women Threshing Rice*

## Life Abundant

“Rural peoples have always looked upon the earth as the ‘good earth’ or ‘earth mother.’ They have prayed for rain, believing that God or gods would send it. They have never taken seeds for granted but have carried out some form of ceremony to assure their fertility,” say missionaries William and Marion Hackett of Taunggyi, Burma. “In our Pa-O Rural Christian Center our program attempts to influence all phases of the life of the villager. We want to help him to improve his living standard by raising better pigs and chickens; by growing new fruits and vegetables; by rebuilding the depleted soil to new fertility. We want to demonstrate to him a better home with light, ventilation, and sanitation: we bring to him the benefits of modern medicine and instruct him in public health and personal hygiene. His children will be educated through schools and extra-curricular activities which help to make them good citizens in an agricultural village.

“Through such means you who support us are helping these villagers to understand God’s eternal purpose. To know the worth of the individual in God’s plan, and the need for service to one’s fellow men . . . in short to know ‘The Life Abundant’ offered by Jesus Christ.”

Mrs. B. E. READ



*The Earth's Fullness*

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio

Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. August 9, 1953

1853 A CENTURY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE 1953

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE "Finlandia" Sibelius

\*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

\*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN, NO. 111 "Come Thou Fount"

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 24 (New Testament)

THE ANTHEM "The Lord Is My Light" Stoughton

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON St. Matthew 16:13-20

THE PASTORAL PRAYER Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY "Andante from Concerto" Beethoven

\*THE RESPONSE The Doxology

THE SERMON "You Against the Centuries"

PERSONAL REDEDICATION

Silence

Prayer

SOLO "My God and I" Wihtol

W. C. Wickum

\*THE COMMUNION HYMN, NO. 461 "Break Thou the Bread"

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Fellowship Offering

Communion

Thanksgiving

\*THE PARTING HYMN, NO. 476 "Blest Be the Tie"

\*THE BENEDICTION Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE "Finale, Sonata in F" Guilmant

\* congregation stands

Minister - James B. Stephenson

Choir Director - Mrs. Hazen Young

Edgar Eberhack - Organist

W. C. Wickum - Soloist

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IT IS A PLEASURE to welcome our guests to this morning's worship.

THE CENTENNIAL SERVICE will begin at 2:30 p.m. Our speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Paul Judson Morris, executive secretary of the Ohio Baptist Convention.

COOLING REFRESHMENTS will be served in the church school assembly room immediately after the centennial service.

THERE WILL BE a display of historical objects related to our church's history in the church school assembly room this afternoon.

INFANTS AND SMALL CHILDREN will be cared for during this afternoon's service.

OUR NEW HYMNALS are in use for the first time today. They represent a memorial to Mrs. Eugene Nash, presented by her daughter, Miss Pauline Nash.

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING will be held this Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.

YOUR MINISTER will be on vacation for two weeks beginning this Thursday. During this time he may be reached by calling Pomeroy, Ohio, 270X.

MOST SINCERE THANKS are extended by the church to all who have labored to make this Centennial Sunday a day to be long remembered.

Minister— James B. Stephenson

Choir Director— Mrs. Hazen Young

Organist— Edgar Ebenhack

Soloist— W. C. Wickham

PARTICIPANTS in our service today include the Rev. Arwood J. Sterrett, minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and president of the Delaware County Ministerial Association, and the Rev. I. H. Fisher, minister of the Second Baptist Church.

OUR SPEAKER, the Rev. Dr. Paul Judson Morris, is executive secretary of the Ohio Baptist Convention, Granville, Ohio.

ALL MEMBERS and GUESTS are asked to sign the register in the vestibule.

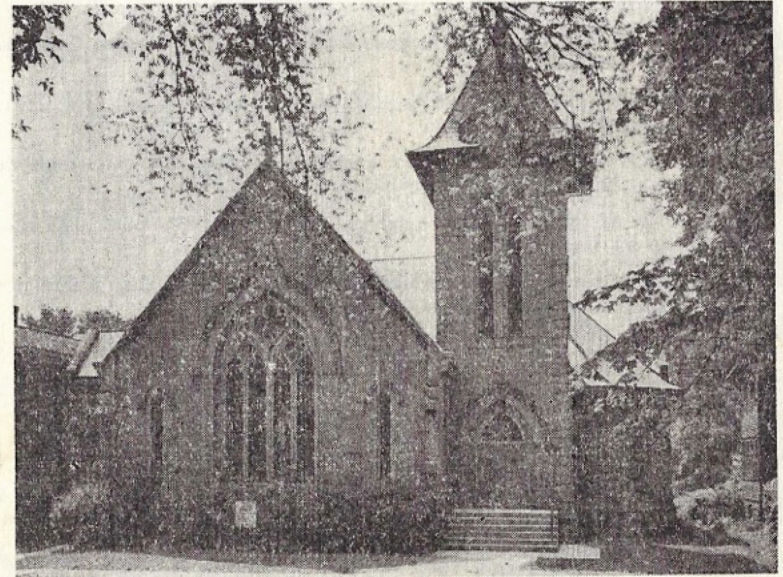
COOLING REFRESHMENTS will be served in the Church School assembly room at the right of the Sanctuary immediately after the service.

YOU ARE INVITED to visit the display of historical documents and pictures in the Church School assembly room.

# First Baptist Church

Delaware, Ohio

1853-1953



*“A Century of Christian Service”*

AUGUST 9, 1953

JAMES B. STEPHENSON, MINISTER

# CENTENNIAL WORSHIP

Two-thirty o'clock

THE PRELUDE "Grand Choeur Dialogue" Gigout

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy Name. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honor and majesty.

People: I will give thanks in the great congregation; I will praise thee among the people.

Minister: O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

People: O Lord, how great are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

Minister: The glory of the Lord shall endure forever; the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

People: I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

HYMN NO, 348 "Faith of Our Fathers" (Congregation standing)

THE INVOCATION Unison (Congregation standing)

O Eternal God, mighty in power and in majesty incromprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with human hands; and who yet has promised thy special presence where two or three shall assemble in thy name; be present with us, who are here assembled to reconsecrate this place to thee; bless this church and this congregation to Thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GLORIA PATRI (Congregation standing)

GREETINGS FROM THE CHURCHES OF DELAWARE The Rev. A. J. Sterrett

RESPONSE AND WELCOME

ANTHEM "The Radiant Morn" H. H. Woodward  
The Choir

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 11:32-12:2 The Rev. I. H. Fisher

## LITANY OF REDEDICATION

Minister: O God, who art present in all places of thy dominion to accept and further the services of all thy creatures; hear us, we humbly beseech thee, and by thy Holy Spirit reconsecrate this house which we here rededicate unto thee.

For the worship of thy holy Name;  
For the ministry of the word;  
For the administration of the sacraments;

People: We rededicate this house.

Minister: For the blessing of the family;  
For the guidance of childhood;  
For the summoning of youth to a life of service;

People: We rededicate this house.

Minister: For sympathy and fellowship with the needy;  
For brotherhood with all men;  
For the unity of all believers in Christ;

People: We rededicate this house.

Minister: For aggression against evil;  
For fostering civic righteousness;  
For promoting peace and justice in all the earth;

People: We rededicate this house.

Minister: For the sending forth of the gospel unto all the earth;  
For the giving of hope and courage to those that labor in the Lord;  
For the consecration of life and service;

People: We rededicate this house.

Minister: O God, the Father of all mankind, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; O God, the Son, Savior of the world, the head of the church; O God, the Holy Spirit, Teacher, Sanctifier, Comforter, Giver of all life;

People: To thee we rededicate this house.

SOLO "Let this Mind Be in You" Humphreys  
W. C. Wickum

THE ADDRESS "Our Baptist Witnesses" Dr. Paul Judson Morris

HYMN NO. 423 "The Church's One Foundation" (Congregation standing)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Congregation standing)

THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

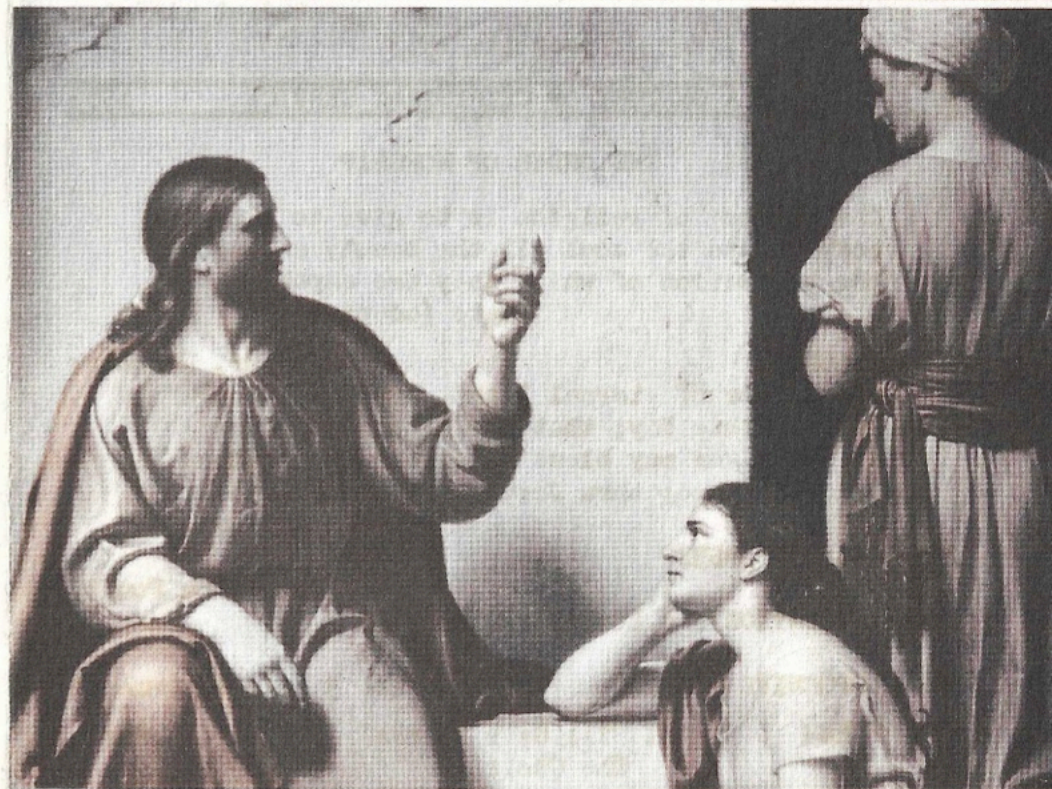
THE POSTLUDE "Grand Chorus" Dubois

## Good or Best?

The good is ever enemy of the best. What a good thing is generous and practical hospitality which prepares and serves a delicious meal for a welcome guest. Thank God for the Marthas. Something fine is gone from life when people are too selfish or lazy to have friends in to meals. But to be fretful and irritable about entertaining and to do it at the cost of time to sit at the feet of Jesus and drink in His truth and His spirit is to exalt the good thing above the better thing. Mary chose the better thing. And Jesus would not let it be taken from her. Can it be that Jesus sometimes wishes church workers would stop doing things for Him long enough to sit at His feet in loving adoration and true worship to absorb the beauty of holiness that is in Him?

In our emphasis on the importance of *doing* good, let us not forget it is important to *be* good. Time spent in quiet, restful communion with our blessed Saviour is a prime need of our rushing modern lives. It takes time to witness the reality of God in Christ. For this reason American Baptists are urged this month to give the evenings of at least one week to a Spiritual Life Mission. How can we witness to others of that which we have never seen ourselves? "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." How we need the rest of sitting quietly with the Master before we take the yoke and go to work with Him. (See Matthew 11:28, 29, 30)

W. E. WOODBURY



*The One Needful*

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James Stephenson,  
minister

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student minister

October 11, 1953

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The purpose of religion is to give to the  
body and to the soul all the beauty and all  
the perfection of which they are capable.  
Plato (adapted)

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack  
O God, author of eternal light, lead us in our  
worshiping this day; that our lips may praise  
thee, our lives may bless thee, our meditations  
may glorify thee; thru Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP  
\*HYMN, No. 11 "Come Thou Fount"  
\*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 3 (Old Testament)

THE ANTHEM "I Will Give Thanks" Marks  
The Choir

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON John 1:35-51

THE MORNING PRAYER  
Call to Prayer  
Silence  
Pastoral Prayer

SOLO "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" Liddle  
Ruth Webster

THE OFFERTORY  
\*THE RESPONSE The Doxology

THE SERMON "Small Christians in a Big World"

\*THE PARTING HYMN, No. 530 "We've a Story to Tell"  
\*THE BENEDICTION Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE Mr. Ebenhack  
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Wednesday 7:15 Bible study and monthly business meeting.

THOUGHTS ON "Small Christians in a Big World". . . . .

My country is the world;  
My flag with stars impearled,  
Fills all the skies;  
All the round earth I claim,  
Peoples of every name;  
And all inspiring fame,  
My heart would prize.

And all men are my kin,  
Since every man has been,  
Blood of my blood;  
I glory in the grace  
And strength of every race,  
And joy in every trace  
Of brotherhood.

Anon.

My idea of patriotism is that if need be the whole of  
the country may die, so that the human race may live.  
My patriotism includes the good of mankind in general.

Mohandas Gandhi

## Clean-Up Time

The bright colors of fall leaves quickly fade in sun and rain. Old leaves must be cleared away to make room for the new leaves of spring. Fall winds twist the old leaves and tug at them until they let go and the tree is clean. So too in the fall small girls and boys turn from play and vacation to school and books. The discipline and education of the schools are designed to clear out cobwebs of lazy thinking and develop clear, sharp, well-defined ideas true to the facts of life.

And what shall we do when consciences need cleaning and sharpening? Is there no provision for cleansing hearts stained by sin and lives dirty with selfishness or moral filth? "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." (Psalm 119:9)

"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you," said Jesus (John 15:3) to His friends the night before He died for us on the cross. But what if men will not listen to God's word? What if they do not read their Bibles or give attention to the preaching of the word? How then can God cleanse their lives of the corruption of self-seeking and dishonesty? Good consciences don't just happen. Men have to submit their minds to the transforming word of God.

October is Spiritual Life Evangelism Month for American Baptists. Many of our churches are having Spiritual Life Missions, or special revival efforts this month. When our church has special meetings for the preaching of the word, what a fine chance to cleanse our hearts and sharpen our consciences.

W. E. WOODBURY



*Life's Contrasts*



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio

James Stephenson, minister Morning Worship  
Bruce Patton, student minister Ten thirty o'clock  
October 25, 1953

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Oh God, how does it happen in this world, that  
you are so great and yet nobody finds you, that  
you call so loudly and nobody hears you, that  
you are so near and nobody feels you, that you  
give yourself to everybody and nobody knows your  
name! Men flee from you and say they cannot find  
you; they turn their backs and say they cannot  
see you; they stop their ears and say they can-  
not hear you.

Hans Denck

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN, No. 551 "God of Our Fathers"  
\*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 33 (Old Testament)  
\*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 7:1-4;9-17  
THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE ANTHEM The Choir

THE OFFERTORY  
\*THE RESPONSE The Doxology  
THE SERMON "The Helpers We Cannot See"

\*HYMN, No. 489 "We Would be Building"  
\*THE BENEDICTION Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

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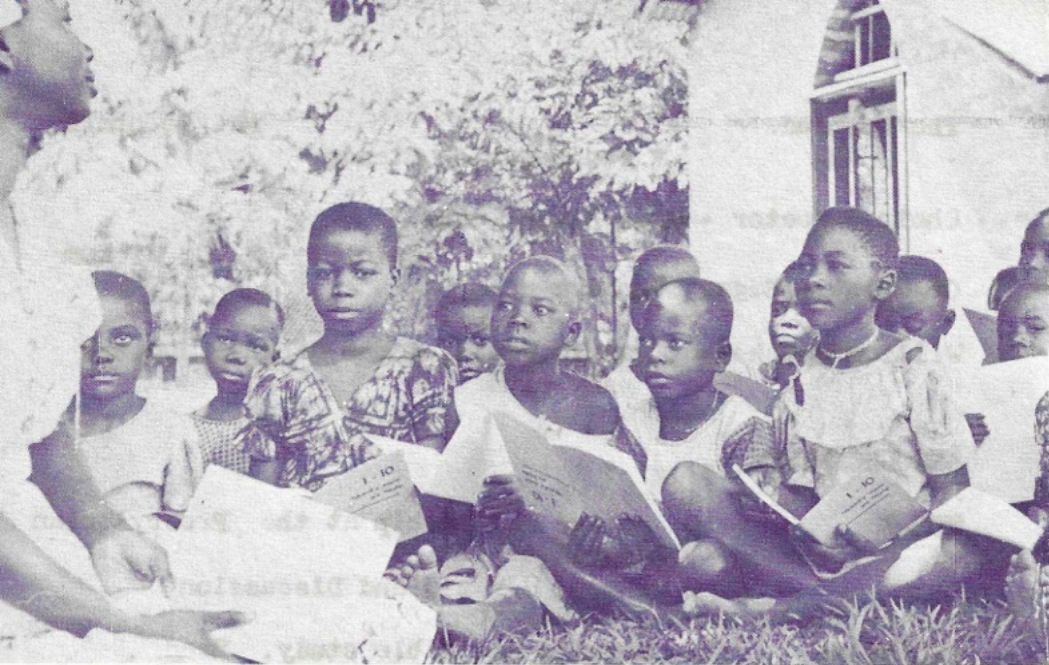
ANNOUNCEMENTS. . . . .

TODAY 5:30 United Fellowship (University) at the  
Evangelical & Reformed Church. Supper  
and discussion.  
MONDAY 8:00 Deacons and trustees.  
WEDNESDAY 7:15 Bible study and Worship. Study sub-  
ject, Hebrews.  
NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Guest speaker, Miss Miriam R.  
Corbett. (see below)

Our guest speaker next Sunday will be Miss Miriam Corbett,  
Research and Project Secretary of the American Baptist  
Convention's Council on Christian Social Progress. Her  
work covers Christian social relations in church and  
community, and her subject will deal with some aspect  
of social righteousness.

Miss Corbett was formerly a member of the Field Activities  
Department of the Council on Missionary Cooperation. She  
is a member of the historic Judson Church in New York  
where she has served on official boards of the Church and  
Woman's Society.

Miss Corbett is a graduate of Baypath Institute of Spring-  
field, Mass.



Primary School, American Baptist Mission, Leopoldville, Congo Belge

## Is It So Strange?

From a violin pictured on the cover, through your church service, to a mission school for Congo children—what a strange journey!

It is not really strange—not if you start at the center in your church. “Silent Night” played on the violin lifts us to worship.

But, for children in the Congo, what will music be? They were born to the sensuous rhythm of the heathen tom-tom. Will they ever know the pure and holy strains of “Silent Night”? And what of their learning? Shall they be witch doctors rising to personal power by playing on men’s fear? Shall they rise to power like the white trader exploiting their brother’s ignorance? Or shall their new-found knowledge lead to the greatness of him who serves in the spirit of Jesus Christ?

God has an answer to these questions. His Good News in Jesus Christ He has entrusted to you; to your prayers, to your missionary partners, to your gifts. If this seems strange and frightening it is also glorious and true. Have you found your part in it?

—RICHARD CUMMINGS

The Postlude

Mr. Ebenhack

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-Ushers-

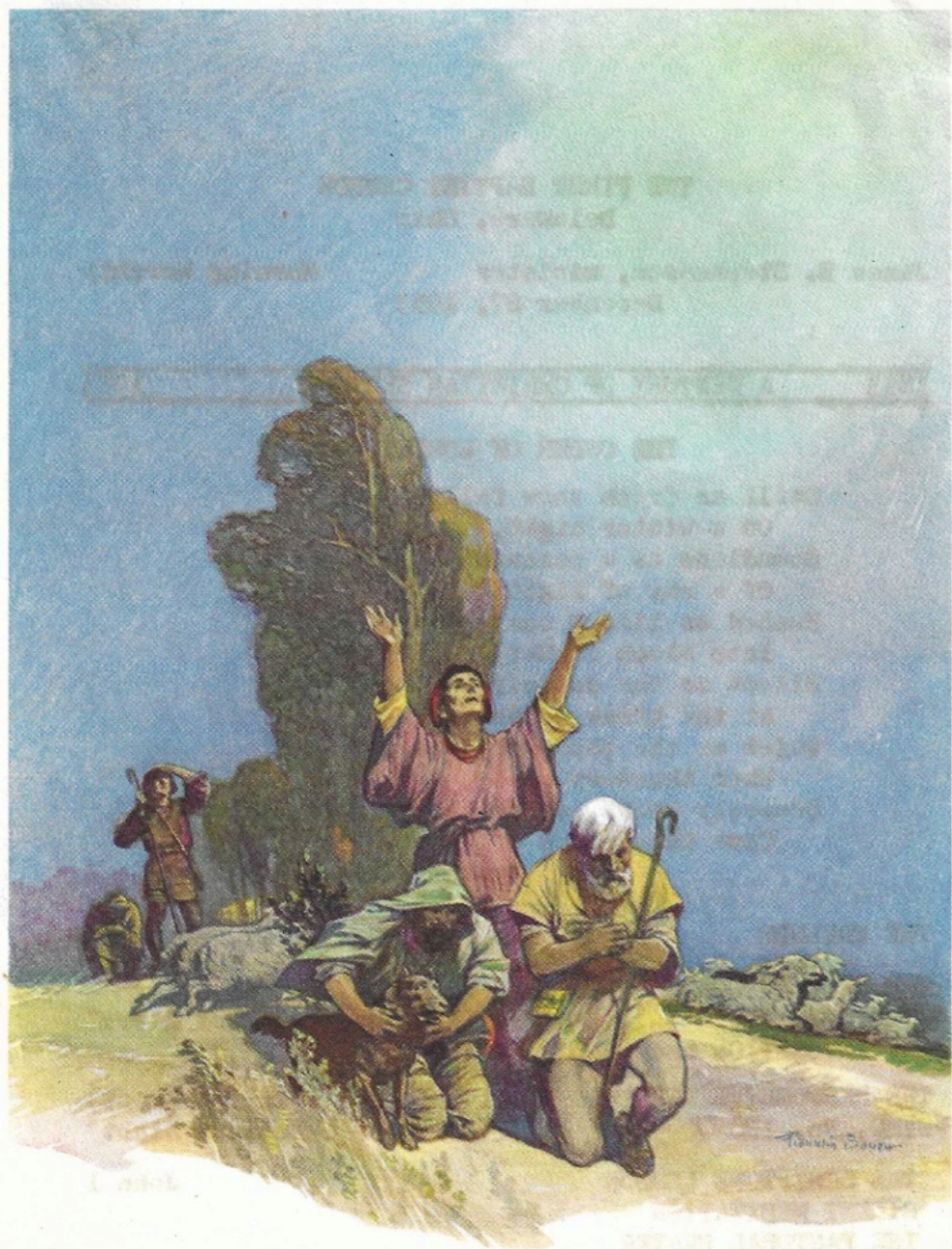
William Hutcheson, Donald Faulk, James Gregory, Donald  
Byerly

ANNOUNCEMENTS. . . . .

- TODAY            6:00 United Fellowship at the Presbyterian  
                    Church.  
                    8:00 Evening Worship and Discussion
- WEDNESDAY        7:15 Worship and Bible study. Read .  
                    Luke 1:26-56 and Matthew 1:18-25.
- THURSDAY         8:00 Phyllis Beckley Mission Circle at  
                    Byerly's. Christmas meeting.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

- Dec. 11th - Phyllis Beckley Circle at  
            Byerly's (8:00)
- Dec. 14th & 16th - Ohio Wesleyan Christmas  
                    Concert at Gray Chapel (8:00)
- Dec. 16th - Whatever Class Dinner at Gabriel's.  
            (6:00)
- Dec. 19th - Nithfus Class Dinner at the  
            Church (6:30)
- Dec. 21st. - Christmas Worship at the Church  
            (10:30) and annual Christmas  
            Service and Party of the Church &  
            Church School (7:30)
- Dec. 22nd - Christmas Service of the Delaware  
            Schools at Gray Chapel (8:00)



Thomas Cooper

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister  
December 27, 1953

Morning Worship

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Still as fresh snow falling  
    On a winter night,  
Soundless as a passage  
    Of a ray of light,  
Hushed as lilacs coming  
    Into bloom in May,  
Silent as the dewfall  
    At the break of day,  
Quiet as the storm cleared air  
    When thunders cease,  
Scarcely known, scarce hoped for  
    Came the Prince of Peace.

Martha Williams

THE PRELUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN, No. 192      "Angels from the Realms of Glory"  
\*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

THE RESPONSIVE READING

No. 51 (Old Testament)

\*HYMN, No. 188      "Silent Night"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1

SILENT MEDITATION

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN, No. 191      "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE OFFERTORY

\*THE RESPONSE

The Doxology