



First Baptist Church
Bulletins and
Order of Worship
1954-55

Missing several

Let's Add More Salt

"Ye are the salt of the earth." It was a long while ago that these words were first spoken by the man of Galilee to a crowd of people gathered on a mountain side.

Last fall in a village in Nicaragua a group of adults joined a discussion of this saying as they sat in a Sunday school class taught by the pastor. "Salt," they said, "is a preservative, it is a purifier," and even as they spoke they must have been thinking of the need of purification within their own town. They were such a small group of believers, how could they be the salt, the light, the leaven?

In discouraged moments one wonders how effective a purifier such a small group of Christians can be in their country of 1,500,000 inhabitants. Upon American Baptists rests a heavy responsibility for we are the only major denomination at work in Nicaragua. Through primary and secondary school with an enrollment of over 800, through the 60-bed hospital with preaching in the clinical services and the ministry of a Bible woman, through individual churches the gospel is spread. But in town after town where I visited on two week-end trips we were making no witness at all. The America for Christ offering reaches Nicaragua but the grains of salt need to be increased more than a thousand fold. It is possible if we open our hearts—and give.

MARGARET N. WENGER



Brethren in Christ

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister Morning Worship
Bruce Patton, student minister February 21, 1954
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

We think we must climb to a certain height of goodness before we can reach God. But He says not "At the end of the way you may find me"; but He says "I am the way, I am the road under your feet, the road that begins just as low down as you happen to be." If we are in a hole, the Way begins in the hole. The moment we set our face in the same direction as His, we are walking with God.

Helen Wodehouse

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 151 "Lord of All Being"

*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 9 (New Testament)

*THE GLORIA PATRI

CONFESSION OF SINS

Meditation

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God our Father, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved thee with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Cleanse us from every sin and save us from every evil way, that we may follow after that which is pure and holy, and that we may come at last to the perfect obedience and fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Choir

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

THE MORNING PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE

The Doxology

THE SERMON

Miss Eva M. Shepard

*THE PARTING HYMN, No. 530

"We've a Story to Tell"

*THE BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

* congregation stands

Choir Director.....Mrs. Hazen Young
Organist.....Edgar Ebenhack
Soloist.....W. C. Wickum
Chief Usher.....Richard Lee

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Our guest speaker this morning is Miss Eva M. Shepard, American Baptist Missionary to the Belgian Congo. Miss Shepard has served since 1937. She is a graduate of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Alfred University. We consider it a real privilege to have her with us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY 2:30 - 4:00 P.M. Open House at Crane's for Miss Shepard - 269 W. William.
- MONDAY 8:00 Deacons and Trustees at the parsonage.
- WEDNESDAY 7:15 Bible study.
- THURSDAY 8:00 Box Social at the Church sponsored by the Phyllis Beckley Mission Circle. Each lady is to bring a decorated box containing supper for two and her name. Boxes to be auctioned; all proceeds to the roof fund.

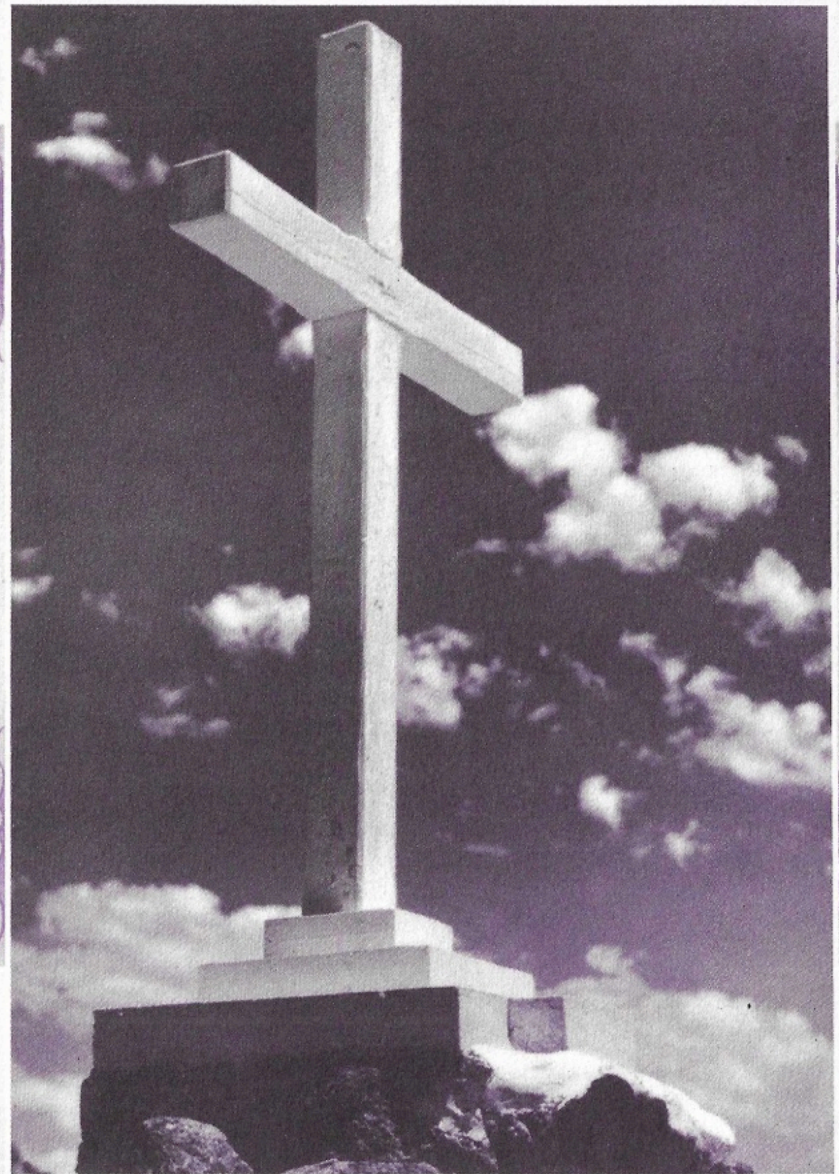
The Cross on High

The cross of Jesus Christ on a pedestal lifted high into the clouds makes a beautiful picture. Sometimes we need to see it that way. Most of the time the cross we know takes us where there is hard work to do and where sinful people have made life miserable. Missionary Jason Cedarholm of El Salvador tells of the cross in that kind of situation:

“Another high spot of the year was the ‘Eastern Association’ which was held in a little out-of-the-way town where the believers had erected a roof and clapboard walls to accommodate 350 people. The place was packed every night for the evangelistic meetings and there were from 100-200 people inside. During the first nights the crowds were noisy because 75 per cent of them had never attended church and did not know how to behave. Drunks with long machete knives arrived to threaten those who attended, but local friends disarmed them, and the services continued. For the last two nights, there was order and 26 people made profession of faith. The believers of this simple, little town (where visitors hardly ever arrive) were so happy because of the meetings that some shed tears of joy.”

When the cross is lifted up in the midst of human need, men are drawn to it.

R. DEAN GOODWIN



Symbol of Eternal Love

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister 1st Sunday in Lent
Bruce Patton, student minister March 7, 1954
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Whenever there is silence around me
By day or by night -
I am startled by a cry.
It came down from the cross-
The first time I heard it.
I went out and searched-
And found a man in the throes of crucifixion,
And I said, "I will take you down,"
And I tried to take the nails out of his feet.
But he said, "Let them be
For I cannot be taken down
Until every man, every man, and every child
Come together to take me down."
And I said, "But I cannot hear you cry.
What can I do?"
And he said, "Go about the world-
Tell everyone that you meet-
There is a man on the cross."
Elizabeth Cheney

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 235 "Beneath the Cross"

*THE INVOCATION (unison)

Almighty God, who givest us our quiet seasons of
thought and prayer, help us now and at all times
to find in thee our true peace. Save us in the
hour of trial; deliver us from evil thoughts and
desires, and from the tyranny of outward things.
May we learn of Christ to be strong and brave in
the struggle with evil, and to overcome even as
he over came. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD"

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Miss Webster & Mr. Wickum

CONFESSION OF SINS

Call to Repentance
Silent Prayer
Assurance of Pardon

THE CALL TO PRAISE

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 OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE

The Doxology

THE SERMON

"Making the Most of the Least"

Thanks to St. Matthew, who had been
At mass meetings in Palestine,
We knew whose side was spoken for
When comrade Jesus took the floor.

"Where sore they toil and hard they lie,
Among the great unwashed, dwell I:-
The tramp, the convict, I am he;
Cold-shoulder him, cold shoulder me." (S.N.C.)

*THE COMMUNION HYMN, No. 419 (1st, 2nd, 3rd stanzas)

THE FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE THANKSGIVING

*THE PARTING HYMN, No. 392 "The very Thought of Thee"

*THE BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

* congregation stands

A Story to Tell!

"This year the Every Member Canvass gave us a new fellowship hall, new adult classrooms, a chapel and beautiful departments for little children."—*Rev. E. W. Bloomquist, Youngstown, Ohio*

"The EMC plan helped us turn the tide of spiritual and economic dissolution into a great victory."—*Rev. J. O. White, Steubenville, Ohio*

"EMC developed a corps of leaders and workers for a formerly leaderless church, and gave us a budget of \$100 per member."—*Rev. B. J. K. Arthur, Columbus, Ohio*

"The Sector Project brought a spiritual revival to our church."—*Rev. N. D. Renn, Marion, Ohio*

"The Every Member Canvass has enabled us to see the vision for greater service to our Lord, both financially and spiritually."—*Rev. M. D. Raisor, Hope, Indiana*

"EMC brought to our church a new sense of unity as we found it took all of us to do an effective job."—*Rev. K. P. Losh, Anderson, Indiana*

"Our release from financial burden has given us reason for new visions of future service."—*Rev. W. A. Hull, Indianapolis, Indiana*

"Our Every Member Enlistment effort enabled us to intelligently dedicate ourselves to a church program that is definite—ambitious."—*Rev. G. H. Calhoun, Alexandria, Indiana*

What do these pastors and their churches have in common? They determined to tell the story well, to attempt great things for God and expect great things from Him.

You need not wait until some perfect time to begin. In Cincinnati, Walnut Hills Baptist ended their fiscal year in April, but Pastor Arthur Cowley led them to join a Sector Project in the fall. They doubled their income. They received over 100 new members. Dr. Cowley says, "If we wait until everything is just right, we'll never do some of the things we ought to do."

You need not wait. Begin NOW, through an Every Member Canvass, to tell the story of your church.

HERBERT E. MACCOMBIE
Field Counsellor,
Council on Missionary Cooperation



Pardoned

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister 2nd Sunday in Lent
Bruce Patton, student minister March 14, 1954

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

God is not far from any one of us:
He speaks to us in every glad sunrise,
His glory floods us from the noonday skies,
The stars declare His love when daylight
dies.

And men know not His voice !

God is not far from any one of us:
He watches o'er His children day and night,
On every darkened soul He sheds His light,
Each burdened heart He cheers, and lends
His might
To all who know His voice.

Thomas Curtis Clark

THE PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 250 "Crown Him with many Crowns"

*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 3 (Old Testament)

SPECIAL MUSIC The Choir

CONFESSION OF SINS

Call to repentance

Meditation

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord of Life and Love and Beauty, help us to
know ourselves even as we are known. Quiet
our restless minds that we might know thy near-
ness and thus see the darkness of our sins. May
we be truly sorry for our faults and failures.

Lift us above the dark moods and shadows of
sin and forgive us, in Jesus' name. Amen.
Assurance of Pardon

CALL TO PRAISE

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

THE MORNING PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE

The Doxology

THE SERMON

"Are We Killing Ourselves?"

(1st in a series on "How Christ Brings Life")

*THE PARTING HYMN, No. 228

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*THE BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

* congregation stands

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TODAY 7:30 Union Lenten Service at Gray Chapel.
Dr. Howard Thurman will speak. Dr. Thur-
man is the Merrick Lecturer for 1954 and
will also speak Monday & Tuesday evenings
at 7:30, and Tuesday morning at 11:00.

TUESDAY 7:30 Whatever class at Mrs. Van Brimmer's.

WEDNESDAY 7:15 Monthly business meeting.
8:15 Deacons and trustees at the parsonage.

All persons who desire to receive the Crusader please see
Mrs. C. H. Richards as she is revising the mailing list.
The church pays for all subscriptions out of its treas-
ury, but any wishing to pay for his own may do so at 5¢
per month, or 55¢ per year.

The Good Part

"It has been my privilege to do two community surveys with pastors of small rural churches. Both pastors were new and the survey was to make the community aware of the pastor and the church and to find new prospects. One church, back in the hills of southern Oregon, was reached by narrow, winding roads with no room for passing. It rained day and night the week I was there and the roads became sloughs of four inch thick, soft mud. We found people at the ends of these roads who were interested in the church and happy that someone cared enough to hunt them out. Some of them had no idea the church was there. For many years it has had no regular pastor. It did one good to see the interest awakened in the church and to see the gratitude that they felt when they realized they were wanted. If only we were more aware of the people at our back doors! We would find many who are hungry for our interest, especially if that interest brings to them the love and welcome of the church.

"The happiest day I believe I have ever had was the day I attended the corner stone laying for the church at Medford which I was helping to start a year ago. It is a thrill beyond description to realize that today they are worshipping in a beautiful building with a full-time pastor and close to 60 members. At this time last year services had not been started and there were only a dozen people meeting to talk over the possibility of a church. When we think of all the other folk who perhaps would be starting a church of their own in areas where they have no church, we feel doubly challenged to seek them out and make possible for them the joys we know."

We who have a church cannot understand what it means not to have one. Sara Louise Walker, appointee of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, is a general missionary for Oregon. She could be called a Church Extension Missionary for she spends her days helping to build a church or to extend its influence.

HELEN C. SCHMITZ



The Good Part

Hope in Christ

On this Sunday when so many people around the world are filled with apprehensions about the future, millions of Christians are praying for the 600 delegates who will be gathering at Evanston, Illinois, for the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

This morning they will meet in an opening worship service. This afternoon in their first plenary session they will hear a bishop of the Church of South India, a Yale professor and a German theologian discuss the main theme of the Assembly: "Christ, the Hope of the World." This evening they will meet at Soldier Field with 100,000 Protestants from the midwest for a public service of worship.

For the next sixteen days these delegates plus hundreds of consultants and accredited visitors will join in a fellowship of study and worship as they attempt to come to a clearer understanding of the faith by which the churches live. They will look prayerfully at the religious indifference, the false hopes, the fears, the despairs in today's world, and, God willing, will come out of this experience with a new understanding of the power of Christ and the utter dependence of Christians upon Him.

Millions who will not be physically present at Evanston, will be there in reality as they pray earnestly for the divine guidance of our Lord upon those who represent them.

As they come together on this Sunday, we can be certain that, despite the fact that they represent many races, many nations, many denominations, their differences will be swallowed up in one great belief that Jesus Christ, dead and risen again, is the Hope of the World.

ANNA CANADA SWAIN



Silent Testimony

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister
Phone 29293

Morning Worship
August 15, 1954

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

The theme of our worship is taken from the great 103rd Psalm. You will find it printed on the opposite page. During the moments before the service begins, and during the Prelude, you may use it as the basis of your meditation.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN, No. 105

"O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 103

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE

The Doxology

THE SERMON

"God's Open Road to Life"

THE MORNING PRAYER

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

*THE PARTING HYMN, No. 414 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

*THE BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

* congregation stands

"GOD'S OPEN ROAD TO LIFE"

- I. BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL; AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS HIS HOLY NAME. BLESS THE LORD O MY SOUL, AND FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS;

who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live,
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

- II. The Lord words vindication and justice for all who are oppressed, He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, not will he keep his anger for ever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

- III. As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

- IV. THE LORD HAS ESTABLISHED HIS THRONE IN THE HEAVENS, AND HIS KINGDOM RULES OVER ALL. BLESS THE LORD, O YOU HIS ANGELS, YOU MIGHTY ONES WHO DO HIS WORD, HEARKENING TO THE VOICE OF HIS WORD. BLESS THE LORD, ALL HIS HOSTS, HIS MINISTERS THAT DO HIS WILL. BLESS THE LORD, ALL HIS WORKS, IN ALL PLACES OF HIS DOMINION. BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL.

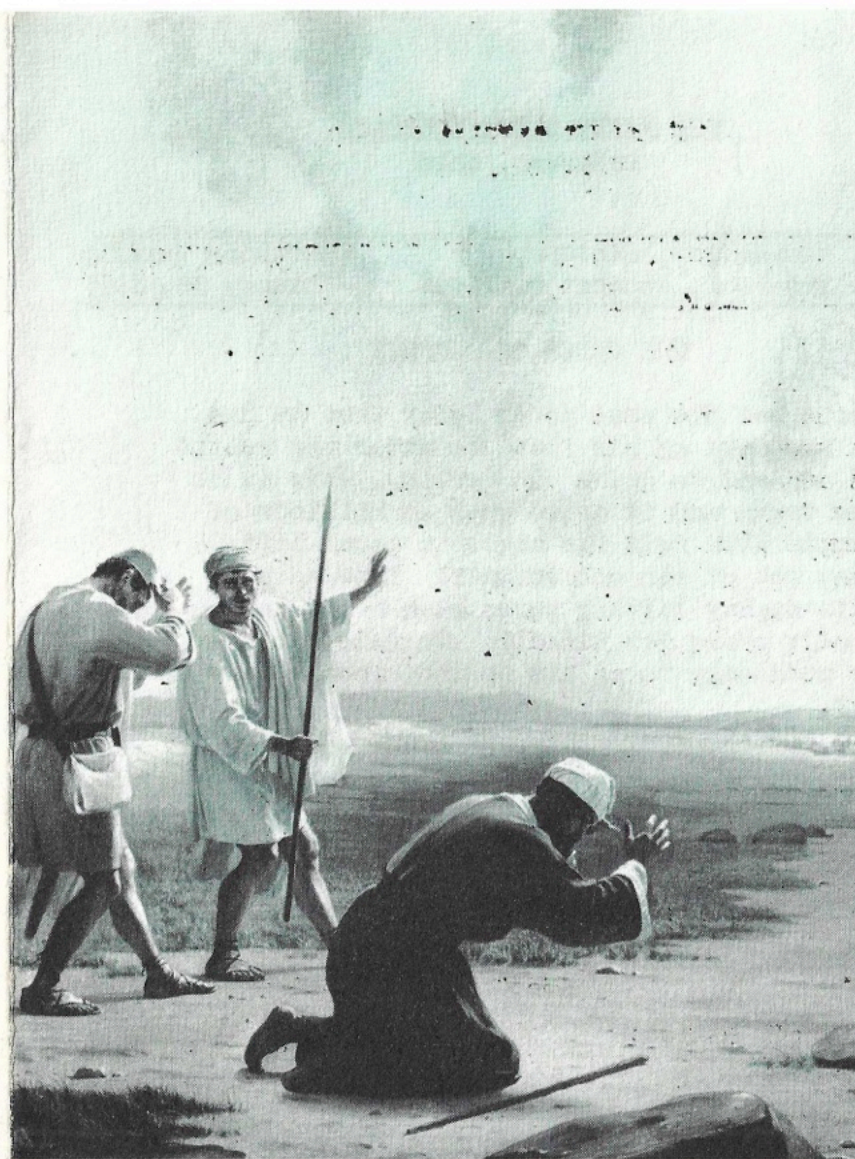
Damascus Road

SAUL, a good orthodox man of religion, had been persecuting Christians. When he saw the radiance and heard the voice from heaven, there was no doubt that he had met his Master. It was natural to address Him as "Lord." What must have been Saul's utter humiliation when he learned that this Being of wonder, might, and irresistible love was the Nazarene carpenter whose admirers he had condemned! His ensuing blindness may have been a symptom that his whole inner world had been smashed. The lights he had lived by had gone out.

It has been noted many times that all of us have our Damascus-road experiences. A man has been following the wrong tack, lured by egotism, avarice, or some other light that is really darkness. He wears a good front for others to see; he has his motives neatly rationalized to himself. But gradually he's drifting farther and farther from real life.

Then comes a moment. Perhaps he's praying, hearing a sermon, talking with his friends, or listening to music. He forgets himself, his tensions relax, the guard around his self-deception drops. And he sees what he's been doing. Penitent, he asks, "Who art thou, Lord?"

It was hard for Saul to kick against the pricks. It is hard for us to buck God's plan for our lives (though we can do it if we persist). After a Damascus-road experience, we look at our compass again and go on our way, to a better destination.



Who Art Thou, Lord?

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister Morning Worship
David H. Peterson, student minister January 16, 1955

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Jesus has the same power today that he had in the days of his flesh to enter the hearts of men and to drive out devils. This is no new truth and it is no guess. Millions of people have felt his magnetic charm lift them out of sin and despair. That he has this mighty lifting power each of us may easily prove for himself. To feel that lift we need only touch him as iron touches a magnet.

Frank Laubach

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack
May all bow in silent prayer and meditation

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN, No. 116 "Lord We Come before Thee Now"

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 31 (Old Testament)
*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 4:1-15
THE MORNING PRAYER
Call to Prayer
Meditation
Pastoral Prayer

SPECIAL MUSIC The Choir

THE OFFERTORY
*THE RESPONSE The Doxology

THE SERMON "The Power We Waste"
"Thou hast given him dominion over the works of Thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet."

*THE PARTING HYMN, No. 312 "I Am Thine O Lord"
*THE BENEDICTION Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE Mr. Ebenhack
(* congregation stands)

Choir Director - Mrs. Hazen Young
Organist - Edgar Ebenhack
Soloist - W. C. Wickum

Chief Usher - Richard Lee
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week we shall observe our annual community week of prayer. This series of services is sponsored by the local ministerial association. The enclosed schedule of meetings is your guide to the place of each service and the subject and leaders of each evening.

As you know, this March all the churches of the community are joining in a week of evangelism, which is to be known as the Delaware Christian Mission. We all believe that this week of prayer will be the secret of the success or failure of our evangelist efforts. Plan to attend all the services if possible. They are intended to help you and your church.

Whatever Class will meet this Monday rather than the regular night.

JESUS

I think we should not worship Him as one
Who dwell apart in some far-shining star:
He's one who helps in trouble, shares in fun,
And feels our heart-throbs every place we are,
And drinks with us the sweet or bitter cup;
And if perchance we fall He helps us up!
Lide Marie Erwin

Christ Blessing the Multitude

MULTITUDES STAND BEHIND THE MODERN NO-MAN'S LAND OF STATELESSNESS. Refugees from persecution, religious and political, they have no country; they are denied the right to earn a living, to make a life.

HOW CAN CHRIST BLESS THIS MULTITUDE? How is He using us?

Christian citizens encouraged Congress to allow Americans to help. By law of August 1953, 209,000 persons now overseas became eligible to apply for the right to work and to become American citizens. Protestants hope to resettle 100,000 of these families who are now in Western Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Sponsorship assurances of job and housing may be furnished by a church group.

Church representatives, having seen the multitudes in detention and temporary camps, protested the delay in processing and cried out: "Give us proof. . . . Send us some of the folk for whom the church people have made room . . ."

The first came—seventy strong, in October 1954. By airplane from several cities in Europe they came. Not an eye was dry as they were told: "We who represent the churches of America look upon you today as the symbols of the other thousands of the homeless and oppressed whom you have left behind and for whose coming, please God, we are planning today."

CHRIST WILL BLESS the 1,000 families for whom American Baptists show themselves to be brothers.

RUTH H. TEASDALE



Blessed Are They...

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister	Morning Worship
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

If you want to know how the church came to be, read the first chapter of John. The church started with the idea that every one who found Jesus was to bring another to him. But one cannot expect to be a guide along a path which he has never walked himself. We ourselves must first have a personal experience in the things of God. How do we know that Jesus will save others, if we are not conscious that He has saved us?

Charles Goodell (adapted)

THE PRELUDE	Mr. Ebenhack
THE CALL TO WORSHIP	
*HYMN, No. 111	"Come Thou Fount"
*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER	
THE RESPONSIVE READING	No. 6 (Old Testament)
*THE GLORIA PATRI	
THE CONFESSION OF SINS	
Call to Confession	
Silence	
Assurance of Pardon	
SPECIAL MUSIC	The Choir
THE SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 1:35-51
THE PASTORAL PRAYER	
THE OFFERTORY	
*THE RESPONSE	No. 422 (1st stanza)
THE SERMON	"The Disciple's Daily Work"

*THE PARTING HYMN, No. 304	"Living for Jesus"
*THE BENEDICTION	Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE	Mr. Ebenhack
	* congregation stands

Choir Director.....	Mrs. Hazen Young
Organist.....	Edgar Ebenhack
Soloist.....	W. C. Wickum
Chief Usher.....	Richard Lee

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY	7:30	Monthly Business Meeting and Bible Study.
THURSDAY	6:30	Choir Rehearsal.
	8:00	Women's Missionary Society at Lehnern'. Mr. Stephenson will review "Man and God in the City," by Kenneth Miller.
FRIDAY	2:30	World Day of Prayer Service at the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Lynn Rohrbach will discuss the world-wide projects which are supported by the service. Solo by Mrs. Bliss Wiant.
NEXT SUNDAY	10:30	First Sunday in Lent.
	8:00	Community Lenten Worship at the William Street Methodist Church. Sermon by Dr. Devadutt.

We are at the beginning of another Lent. This year we look forward to a great season of preparation for the glories of Easter, for we have committed ourselves to a mission of evangelism under the leadership of Mr. Harry Denman. The weeks between now and March 27th, the opening of our mission, must be weeks of consecrated prayer.

America for Christ

When I was a small boy, my father took his family to Oregon and settled in a secluded little community on Coos Bay. There were no railroads or highways there in those days. The only transportation was by boat. The school was just one room for all grades and there was no church or minister. I learned more about the sea and the forest, I fear, than about reading, writing or religion.

One day there came the shrill whistle of a launch which announced the coming of the *Lifeline*. On board was the colporter missionary sent by Northern Baptists. He was the only minister those isolated communities ever saw. When the *Lifeline* came into dock, everyone knew there would be church that night. They all came, from the mayor to the town drunk—who happened to be the same man that year.

I do not know what the skipper said in his sermon. But I remember him and as I listened, I said in my heart, "Surely this is the greatest man there is. I wonder if I could ever be like him." It was there that the seed was planted which grew into a call to the Christian ministry.

Coos Bay now has highways and a railroad. There are churches. Other boys are hearing the gospel in churches the skipper planted. Still others are up in Alaska who even now can be reached only by boat. Today the gospel boat *Evangel* is ministering to them as the *Lifeline* did to me. American Baptists continue to send teachers and preachers, seeking out the neglected and lost. But there are so many it will take far more than we are doing if we are actually to win America for Christ.

*" . . . how shall they hear without a preacher?
And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"*

Theron Chastain



Source of Strength

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO

James B. Stephenson, minister 1st Sunday in Lent
David H. Peterson, student minister February 27, 1955

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

I see His blood upon the rose
And in the stars the glory of His eyes,
His Body gleams amid eternal snows,
His tears fall from the skies.

I see His face in every flower;
The thunder and the singing of the birds
Are but His voice - and carven by His power
Rocks are His written words.

All pathways by His feet are worn,
His strong heart stirs the ever beating sea,
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,
His cross is every tree.

Joseph M. Plunkett

THE PRELUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 235 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

CONFESSION OF SINS

Call to Repentance
Silence

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God our Father, we thy wayward children do
make humble confession of our shortcomings and
our sin. We have lived too much to ourselves
and not unto thee. We have not loved our fel-
low men as we ought, nor have we followed our
Master in unselfish service. But thou will par-
don our offenses. Create within us a clean
heart, O God. May we go our way assured of thy
compassion; and forgetting the things which are

past, we press on toward the mark of our high
calling in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*THE GLORIA PATRIA

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Choir

THE MORNING PRAYER

The Call to Prayer
Silent Meditation
Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE

The Doxology

THE SERMON

"Do We Need a Savior?"

*HYMN, No. 339

"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

*THE BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

* congregation stands

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Organist.....Edgar Ebenhack

Soloist.....W. C. Wickum

Chief Usher.....Richard Lee

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY 7:30 Union Lenten Worship at William Street
Church. Dr. V. E. Devadutt will speak.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Prayer and Bible study.

THURSDAY 8:00 Nithfus Class at Barkeloo's. Bible
study - "What is Salvation?" (Romans 5)

FRIDAY 2:30 Alice J. Whittier Circle at C. H.
Richards.

SATURDAY 5:30 - 7:00 International Dinner at Asbury,
for Foreign Student Fund. Tickets at
\$1.25 may be purchased at News Shop.
After March 3rd, get tickets at Asbury.

Three-Dimensional Stewardship

Thousands of dollars and reams of publicity were released to sell the now popular entertainment called "3-D" motion pictures. The publicity was designed to create curiosity, develop an interest and get people to act in seeing the pictures in this new dimension.

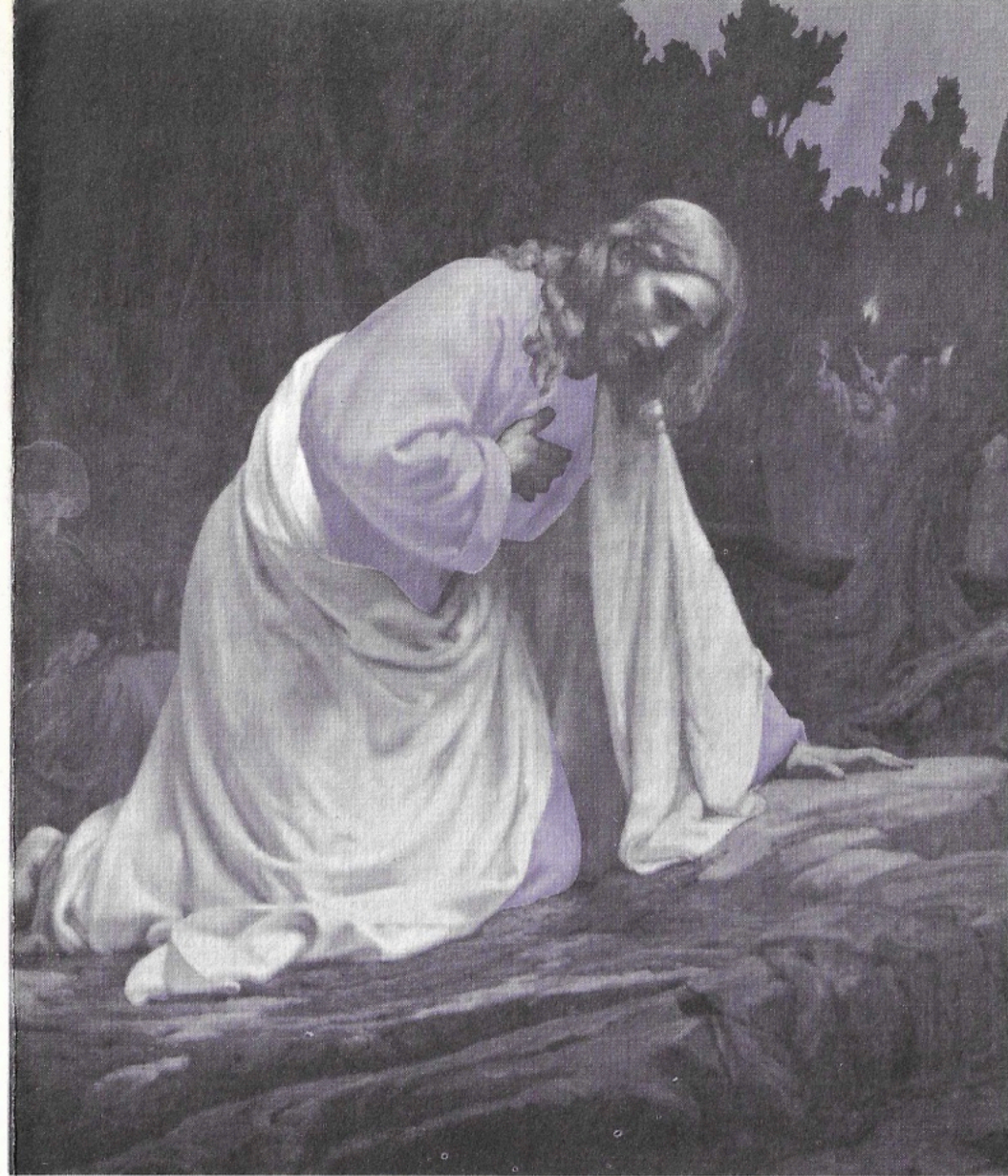
I want to chat with you for just a few moments about "3-D Stewardship" as it relates itself to our Baptist World Mission. I should like you to adjust your spectacles of faith, which can and should screen out the trivia and bring into bold relief the responsibility and privilege of sharing Christ's unsearchable riches through our Baptist World Mission.

Briefly, "3-D Stewardship" consists of concern, dedication and participation.

Concern comes as we hear the words, "Come over"; dedication surrounds the words, "Here am I"; and participation culminates in the words "This one thing I do" through our Baptist World Mission which is possible only as we support the Unified Budget of our Convention. We are in the most important exporting business in the world. Sharing the gospel through the directed will of God.

Let us then take a new look at our mutual task, be sure every dimension of our stewardship measures up in God's purpose and plan. If this be true, we will see a new picture developing with larger accomplishments and greater opportunities standing in bold relief. This is our greatest year of Baptist opportunity.

JOHN A. RAMSAY
Field Counselor of the
Council on Missionary Cooperation



Thy Will Be Done

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister	2nd Sunday in Lent
David H. Peterson, student minister	March 6, 1955

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

When shall I find You, God, if not today?
Where shall I hope to meet You, if not here?
Peace is the moment when I pause to pray,
Heaven the instant that I feel You near.

Humbly, I see each task a sacrament
The heart may share with you, each place a
shrine
Where faith renews its joyous covenant,
Conscious that all I am, and have, is Thine.
R. H. Grenville

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, No. 122 "Come Thou Almighty King"

*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 12 (New Testament)
SPECIAL MUSIC The Choir

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON John 3:1-21
THE MORNING PRAYER
Call to Prayer
Meditation
Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERTORY
*THE RESPONSE The Doxology

THE SERMON "Half-way Christians"

*THE COMMUNION HYMN, No. 461
"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

THE FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
COMMUNION
THANKSGIVING

*THE PARTING HYMN, No. 290 "I've Found a Friend"
*THE BENEDICTION Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE Mr. Ebenhack

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY 7:30 Union Lenten Worship at Gray Chapel;
speaker Canon Warren of England.
MONDAY 8:00 Deacons and trustees at John Richards'.
WEDNESDAY 7:30 Worship and Bible study.
THURSDAY 8:00 Phyllis Beckley Circle at Mrs. White's.
Book review by Mrs. Fred Blakeslee.

How do you observe Lent? It is often thought of as a period of self-denial and personal sacrifice. Others think of it as just another part of the church year and do nothing with it.

Can we go to the deeper meaning of this sacred season and find in it an opportunity for turning from ourselves and toward the living Christ? These are days for self-examination, times in which to ask, "What is between me and total surrender to Jesus?"

Use every opportunity offered in your church and community to make a new and fuller commitment to the Master.

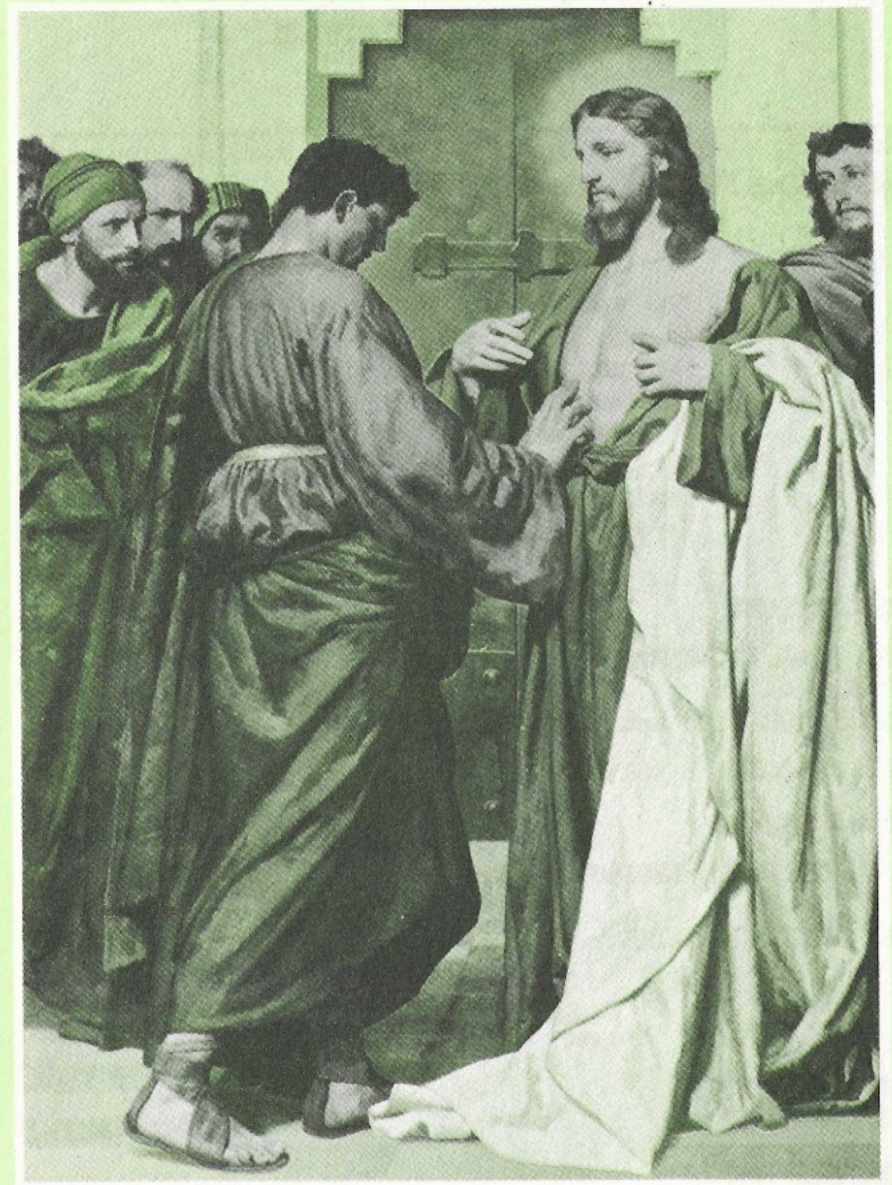
Doubt Dispelled

Thomas doubted, but he believed as Jesus revealed Himself. Doubt is always dispelled when the presence of the Master is experienced. Every one of the disciples had their doubts in this terrible period, but the eleven Apostles and the other friends of Jesus experienced the change of doubt to faith. And what a change! Ever after they had a faith they could act upon without hesitation. Their faith led to works that cannot possibly be explained apart from the living presence of the Master.

Everyone of us can enjoy the beatitude spoken by Jesus on this occasion: "Happy are those who have never seen me and yet believe." An old proverb from India expresses the thought, "Who comes to God an inch through doubts dim, God will approach a yard toward him." Whenever we doubt our doubts and make the slightest move to act on faith, we experience His presence. Like the Apostles, we move to truly victorious, creative living.

The other day I had the experience of flying from an airport shrouded in clouds. The pilot lifted the plane above the clouds and we enjoyed the sunshine, with the entire area below an unbroken cloud-bank. Looking down, the clouds appeared to be like an arctic wasteland as we flew for several hours over hundreds of miles. Even though we landed in a foggy area, I was reminded that the sun is always shining. When we are aware of the love of God through the presence of the Master, we have the spiritual vantage point where we look down on the clouds and all doubt is dispelled.

PAUL SHELFORD
Director of Field Counselling
Council on Missionary Cooperation



Doubt Dispelled

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister Morning Worship
David H. Peterson, student minister April 17, 1955

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

May you walk a little surer
On the path that lies before,
May you see a little clearer
May you trust a little more.
May you come a little closer
To the Lord of Love Divine,
That your heart may sing for gladness -
Is this Easter prayer of mine.
Anon.

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 252 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 16 (New Testament)

THE ANTHEM The Choir

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:24-31
1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5

THE MORNING PRAYER

Call to Prayer
Silence
The Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE The Doxology

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN, No. 405 "He Leadeth Me"

THE SERMON "Living by the Resurrection Power"

"Christ....the power of God and the wisdom of God."
1 Corinthians 1:24

*THE PARTING HYMN, No. 412

"Blessed Assurance"

*THE BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS . . .

TODAY 2 - 5 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Birdsell will hold open house in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. All are cordially invited to share in this happy occasion.

7:30 & 9:00 First Delaware showing of the full length color motion picture, "John Wesley," at the William Street Church.

MONDAY 8:00 All church school teachers, officers, and members of the Board of Education invited to meet with the Rev. M.K. Lasley, pastor of the North Baptist Church, Columbus, to learn of new plans for the coming year.

TUESDAY 7:30 Whatever Class at the home of Mrs. William Volk, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ West Winter.

WEDNESDAY 2:00 Central W.C.T.U. meets with Mrs. Birney Adams, Delaware-Ashley Road.

6:30 Leave for Mary Welch Mission in Columbus, Ohio.

The Church extends its thanks to Donald Faulk, who designed and built our new bulletin board, to the Nithfus Class, which financed it, and to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lee, who gave and installed the automatic timer which turns on and off the board's lights.

"I've Found What I Was Looking For"

"Chaplain, I need peace in my heart." Those were Charles' words as he sat in the office of an American Baptist chaplain at Sampson Air Base, New York.

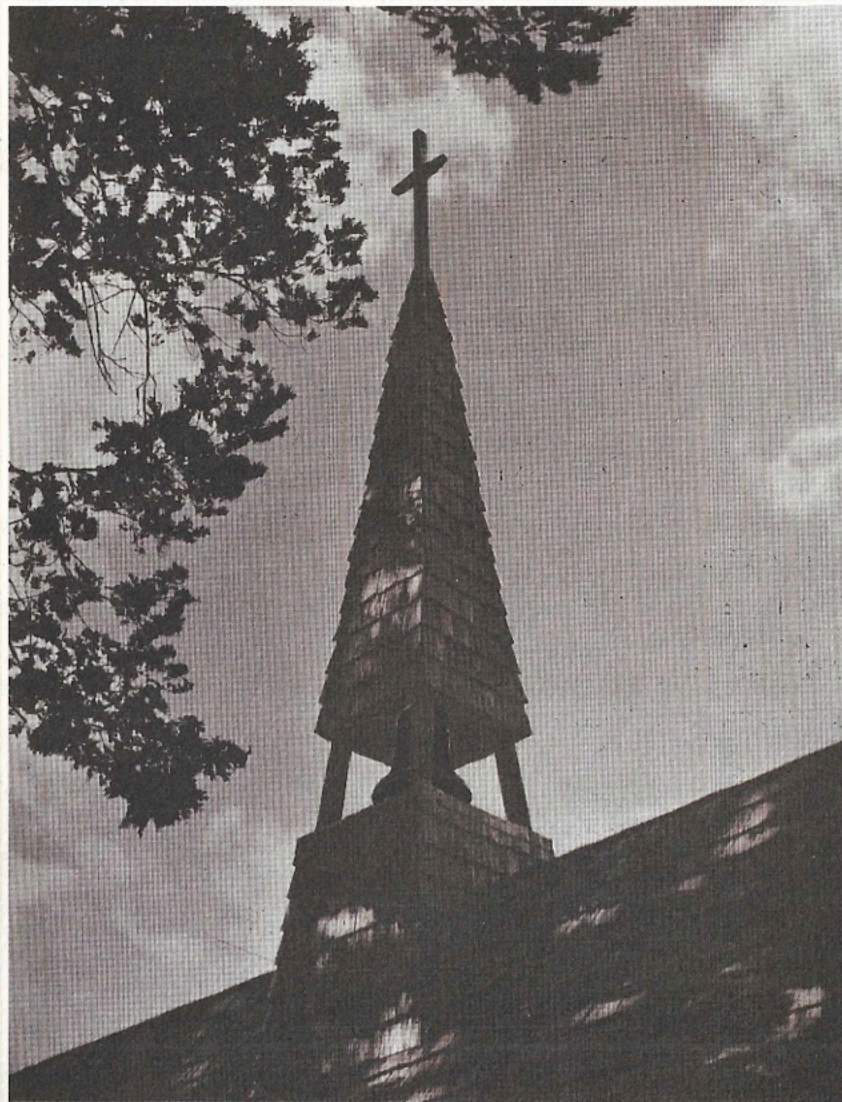
The sympathetic and interested chaplain invited Charles to tell his story. Then it came. Charles had always been restless. He had run away from home at 13 and joined a carnival. Two years later he began driving trucks. Then he entered the army. While serving in the South he had been runner-up in a Golden Gloves tournament. Sent overseas to Japan 6 months before the Korean conflict broke he was in the front lines when fighting started. Nine hundred men were in his corps when the great retreat began. Only 24 escaped on a Dutch freighter. Charles was one of these.

Still seeking peace, he was discharged from the service. But after one year and four days he left a good job in a machine shop to re-enlist—this time in the Air Force. And now finally he had come to the chaplain and expressed his deep life yearning for peace and happiness.

The way of salvation was clearly explained to him. Charles said, "That's just what I need." The two men prayed together and then the airman said, "I've found what I was looking for." Three days later Charles brought Jerry to the same office and said to the chaplain, "Jerry here needs the same thing I needed."

Jerry became a Christian that day and immediately called his wife long distance to tell her the good news. Two weeks later she too became a Christian.

JOSEPH H. HEARTBERG



Symbol of Peace

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister Morning Worship
David H. Peterson, student minister May 15, 1955

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

At the heart of the cyclone tearing the sky
And flinging the clouds and the towers by,
Is a place of central calm;
So here in the roar of mortal things,
I have a place where my spirit sings,
In the hollow of God's palm.
Edwin Markham

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 122 "Come Thou Almighty King"

*THE INVOCATION

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 40 (Old Testament)

THE ANTHEM The Choir

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 25:14-40

"The Lord's Prayer" Malotte
Mrs. Hendricks & Mr. Wickum

THE MORNING PRAYER

Call to Prayer

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE The Doxology

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN, No. 530 "We've a Story to Tell"

SERMON "One Life"

Mr. Peterson

*THE PARTING HYMN, No. 307 "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"

*THE BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

TUESDAY 7:30 Whatever Class

WEDNESDAY 2:15 Central W.C.T.U. at the home of Mrs.
Moore, 16 Fountain.

7:30 Bible study and prayer.

FRIDAY 12:30 May Fellowship Day sponsored by the
Council of Church Women. Begins with
a box lunch (coffee provided). Program
at 2:30 with address by J. B. Stephen-
son. Place - this church.

We welcome visitors to our worship. Please sign the
guest book which you will find on the table in the
vestibule. If you are not a member of a local church,
we invite you to consider membership in our congrega-
tion.

Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance; it is laying
hold of his highest willingness.

Trench

To a spiritually minded person everything seems to be
pointing to God.

Anon.

A Christian Chance for Every Child

In May, 1944, at Atlantic City, a report was made to the American Baptist Convention which launched one of the most dynamic home missions programs of today. In this tenth anniversary year of the Juvenile Protection Program we are more than ever conscious of the prophetic insight of the report, for juvenile delinquency has now become one of the greatest Christian challenges confronting us.

In the year 1953, 385,000 young people between the ages of 11 and 17 were in the courts of our land. Another 1,000,000 were classified as predelinquents. The U. S. Senate Committee on Juvenile Delinquency says that by 1960 there will be 750,000 in the courts and 2,000,000 predelinquents at the present rate of increase. Significantly the greatest increase is coming in communities of less than 100,000 in population.

The field staff of the Juvenile Protection Program is seeking through three channels to find methods and helps in this area of opportunity. Each summer there is a series of Junior Citizens Camps for "young people with problems." These camps seek to provide for these often friendless young people a Friend who is Christ. The second channel is the training in Christian recreation laboratories. A third channel is the study of a local church and its program in relation to its neighborhood. The needs of the community and the resources of the church are evaluated. In the light of the findings the church program can be adapted for greater service to the immediate neighborhood.

In these days of high tension in mobile populations of crowded cities, more than ever is the need apparent for "A Christian Chance for Every Child." PAUL O. MADSEN



He Ascended

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister Morning Worship
David H. Peterson student minister May 22, 1955

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let me be still; still as a mountain pool
After the storm; still as a praying pine
In winter's twilight; let me be still and know
God's love is mine.

Let me be calm; calm as the noonday sky
Warned by summer's sun; calm, knowing no fear
Of the unseen; let me be calm and know
That God is here.

Courtney E. Cottam

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack
"How rare to find a soul still enough to hear
God speak". - Fenelon.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, No. 253 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S Prayer

THE RESPONSIVE READING (No. 33 (Old Testament))

THE ANTHEM The Choir

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 16:14-20
Acts 1:6-11

THE MORNING PRAYER
Call to Prayer
Silence
Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERTORY
*THE RESPONSE No. 422 (1st stanza)

ANNOUNCEMENTS
*HYMN, No. 414 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

THE SERMON "The Power of Christ"
"You shall receive power....."

Acts 1:8

"He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it
is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved
by my Father, and I will love him and manifest my-
self to him."

John 14:21

*HYMN, No. 396 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"
*THE BENEDICTION Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE Mr. Ebenhack

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Bible study and prayer service.

THURSDAY 12:30 Covered dish luncheon of the
Women's Society at Eliot's.
Installation of officers.

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Morning Worship and Baptism.

We welcome visitors to our church. Please sign the guest
book that you will find on the table in the vestibule.
If you have no church home in this city, we invite you to
become a member of our church. If you have never accepted
Christ as your Savior, we suggest that you give serious
and immediate thought to this most important decision.

This is the last Sunday for Mr. David Peterson to serve
as our student minister. It has been a privilege to have
him with us, and we all join in wishing God's richest
blessing upon him as he completes his ministry in this
community.

Little Church by the Side of the Road

There it stood—the little white church by the side of the road—just as it had forty years ago, with its tall spire pointing to the sky and its well-kept grounds bespeaking the continuing devotion of its members. As we came down the hill toward it that Sunday morning, I thought of the many changes in that valley during these years—houses completely modernized, tractors replacing horses, television in almost every home. Has the little church kept pace with these changes, I thought, or is it outmoded in the midst of modern life? Then I saw the cars parked all around the church, and people assembling for morning worship and I knew that the message of that church is just as relevant to life today as it was in my childhood.

We entered the building, and noted the changes there, too. The old stoves were gone, a hardwood floor had been laid and an electric organ had replaced the old reed one. But as the service proceeded with simple dignity, as we sang the old familiar hymns and heard the message of the gospel of Christ applied to problems of the new rural community which has come into being, a sense of peace came down upon us. The Spirit of Christ was there.

This little church, one of over 2,700 in the American Baptist Convention which have one hundred or less resident members—still has a ministry to perform in its neighborhood. May these summer Sundays give many of us an opportunity to worship in such a little white church along some village street or roadside.

CLAYTON A. PEPPER



Tranquility

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 N. Franklin St.
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister
Children's Day
June 19, 1952
Phone 29293

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the Kingdom of God.

Jesus (Mark 10:14)

THE PRELUDE

Mr. Ebenhack
May all bow in silent meditation during the Prelude. God speaks to the mind quiet enough to hear Him.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Ane he called the twelve; and he said to them, "If any one would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.

People: And he took a child, and put him in the midst of them; and taking him in his arms, he said to them,

Minister: "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN, No. 95 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:16-22

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Prayer

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

ANTHEM "God Speaks to Us"

Youth Choir

Welsh Melody



Complete Trust

Dependent or Independent

A Declaration of Dependence could well be the title for man's relationship with God. When man makes his declaration of dependence, then has he reached maturity in the life of his soul.

Paul declared that when he was weak then was he really strong, and that while of himself he could do nothing, in Christ's strength he could do all things. God's intent with you and me is to bring us to a state of total dependence upon Him.

Much of man's fear stems from a deep awareness of incompetence. If you confront some circumstance which demands more skill or wisdom than you have, you will have fears. However clever and resourceful you may be, life in its totality faces you with innumerable situations which you know you are incompetent to handle. There is disease, and war and unemployment. They may come sweeping down upon you, try as you will to stop them.

There are but two ways to eliminate the fear of incompetence. Either you must yourself increase in skill and wisdom to match the variant fortunes of life, or you must delegate life's imponderables to someone who already is competent. True Christianity chooses this latter step as its starting point. It asks us to surrender, to yield, to delegate to the all-wise and all-powerful hands of God, the whole of life. It invites us to the calm and the courage of a man who says, "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

But it does not stop there. For while we acknowledge our full dependence upon Him, we also begin sharing His competence with Him. Learn of me, said Jesus; and He meant just that. He invites us to walk with Him in ever increasing strength and wisdom.



Comforted

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 N. Franklin St.
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister Morning Worship
Phone 29293 July 17, 1955

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

"I am the Lord your God.....you shall
have no other Gods before me. You shall
not make yourself a graven image, or any
likeness of anything; you shall not bow
down to them or serve them.
from Exodus 20:2-5

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack
Our worship begins with the first note of the
Prelude. We ask your reverent and prayerful
silence.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN, No. 135 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 25 (Old Testament)

ANTHEM The Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 18:9-14
THE MORNING PRAYER
Silence
Pastoral Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS
*SERMON HYMN, No. 411 "Dear Lord and Father"
SERMON "One God Or Many Idols"
*HYMN, No. 341 "I Need Thee Every Hour"
*THE BENEDICTION Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE Mr. Ebenhack
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TONIGHT 8:00 Evening Service at the Evangelical
and Reformed Church. Your pastor
will preach.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Bible study and business meeting.

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Morning Worship. Sermon from the
Fourth Commandment: "Remember the
Sabbath Day, to keep it holy."

We welcome visitors to our church. Please sign the
guest book that you will find on the table in the
vestibule. If you have no church home in the city, we
invite you to become a member of our church. If you
have never accepted Christ as your Savior, we suggest
that you give immediate and serious thought to this
most important of all decisions.

"Sunday School attendance has increased. We used to
hit 200 at Easter and Rally Day only - now we have been
over 200 since the Year of Baptist Achievement began."

"We have started 11 new classes since the Year of Baptist
Achievement began, and have tripled our attendance."

The above statements are from churches which participated
in the Year of Baptist Achievement program. Churches
of all sizes have discovered that careful and intelli-
gent preparation results in increased attendnace. We
are soon to begin our own Year of Baptist Achievement.
Committees are hard at work. Can we count on your
willing and dedicated help?

Be Not Fearful!

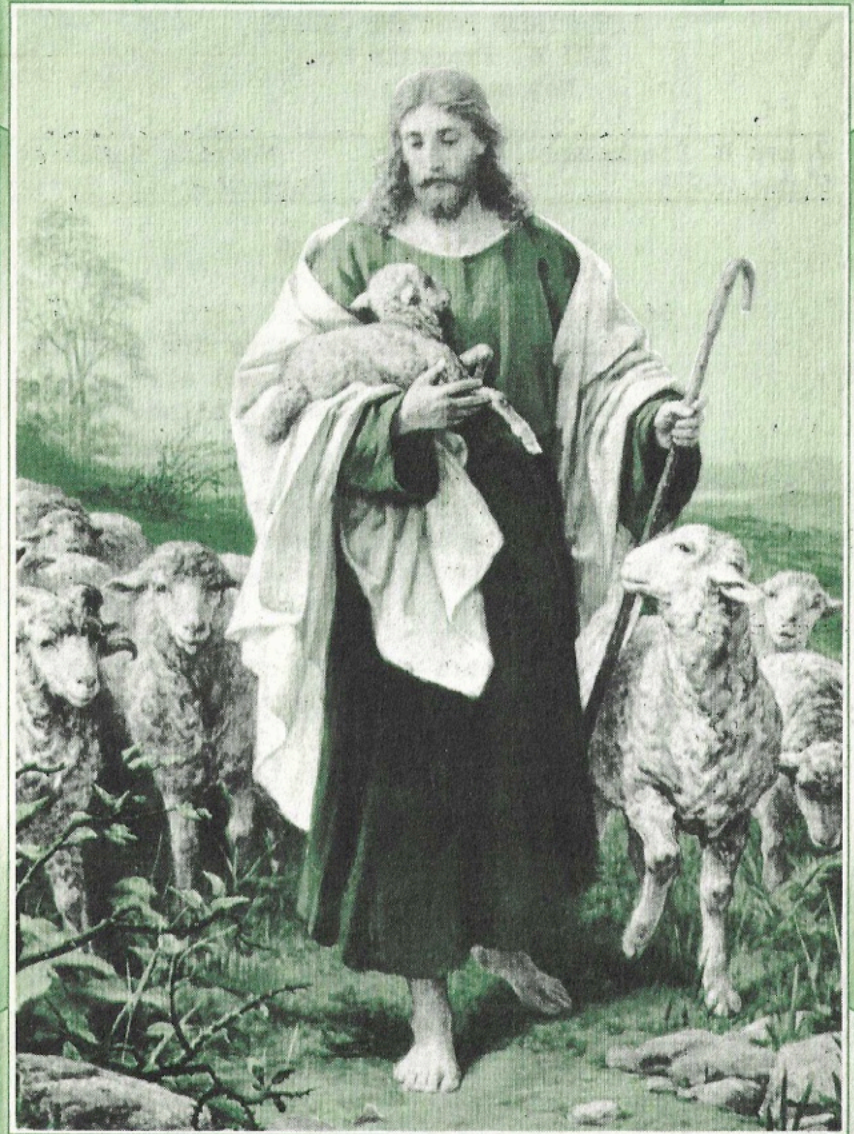
This imperative occurs more frequently than any other in the recorded sayings of Jesus Christ. Don't be afraid! Take courage! Never succumb to cowardice!

If Jesus stresses it so strongly this command must be of vital importance. Think for a moment of the people who are lost for lack of courage. Persecution, torture and painful death have in countless instances not prevailed over the souls of men, women and even children. But in countless other cases loss has been enough: loss of friends or position or social prestige have scared people from confessing Christ. Fear of a sneer on the lips of acquaintances has sufficed to send brawny young athletes to perdition. Read that terrible verse, Revelation 21:8.

Then think of the many Christians who are no good at all as God's instruments because of fear. They go through life scared of illness, or poverty, or old age, or what not. You see no radiance on their faces, nothing to commend their Saviour to the unsaved world. A happy Christian is a living witness to the truth of that gospel of peace and joy we are proclaiming to the world.

Feeling fear is no sin. Your fear becomes sin when you give way to it, let it dictate your conduct, occupy your heart. Even the weakest can conquer fear if he will abide in Christ's word and cling to his promises. God can then become such an overwhelming reality to you that the thought of Him drives away the fear of those who can only kill the body, and lets you rest securely in the hand of Him who has numbered the hairs of your head. (Matthew 10: 26-31)

ARNOLD T. OHRN
General secretary
Baptist World Alliance



In His Bosom

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 N. Franklin St.
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister Morning Worship
Phone 29293 September 11, 1955

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Steadfastly facing Thee, O Lord,
I find all anxious thoughts are stilled,
My body blessed with life and strength,
And all my outer needs fulfilled.

Steadfastly facing Thee, O Lord,
I see no darkness on my way.
I rest secure in Thy great power,
Which keeps me safe by night and day.
Bernice Minter

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack
God's voice is heard when the mind is quiet.
In silent meditation and prayer, wait before
Him.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN, No. 122 "Come Thou Almighty King"

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 13 (Old Testament)

*THE GLORIA

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 10:38-42
I Timothy 4:7b-10

SOLO "His Hands" Hamblin
W. C. Wickum

THE MORNING PRAYER
Call to Prayer
Silence
Pastoral prayer

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE Doxology

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN, No. 414

"Jesus Lover of My Soul"

THE SERMON

"Time to Spare"
"Take time and trouble to keep yourself spirit-
ually fit."
I Timothy 4:7b

*HYMN, No. 293

"I'll Live for Him"

*THE BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

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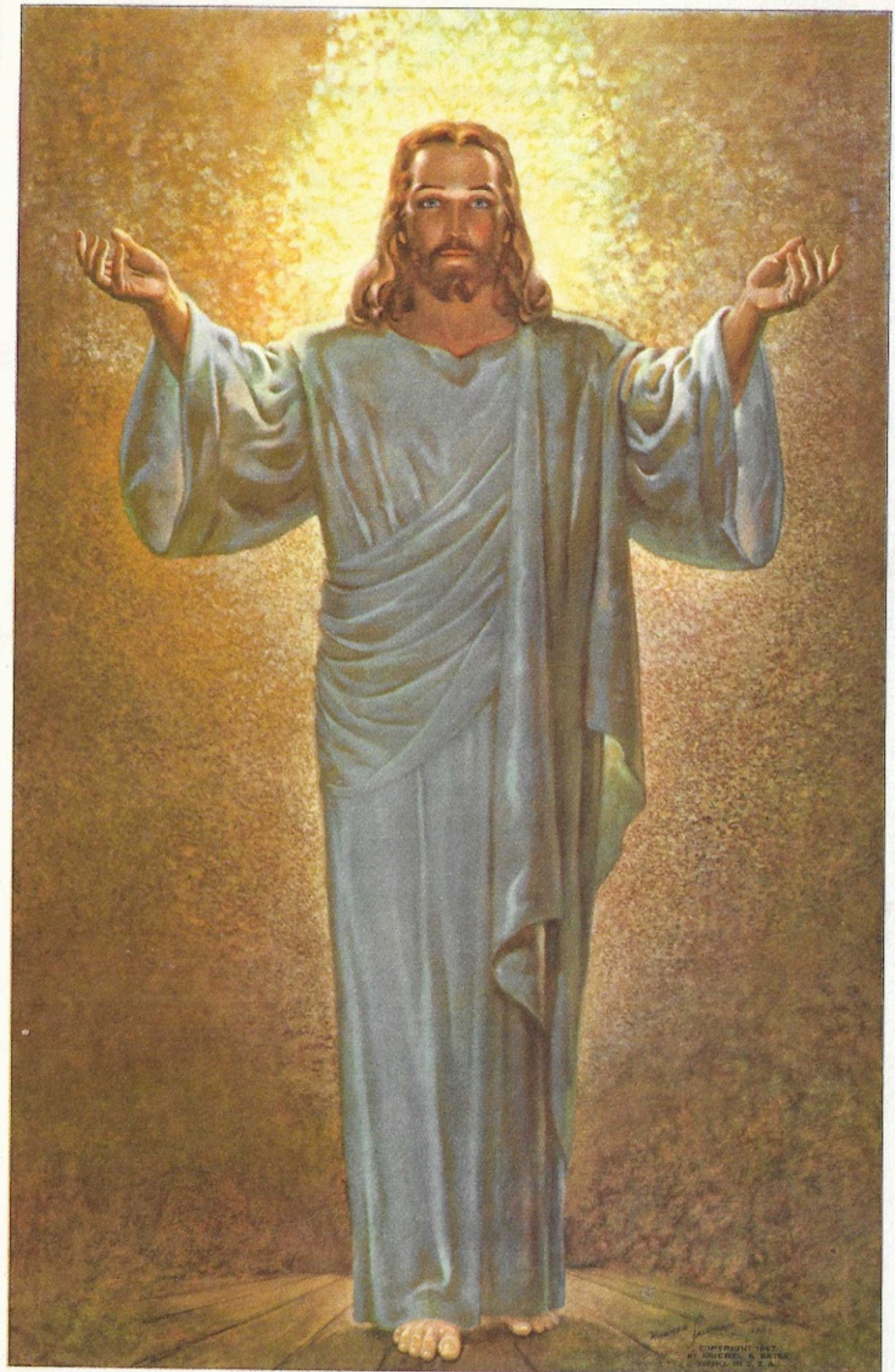
WEDNESDAY 7:30 Bible study on the Miracles of Jesus.
Monthly business meeting.

THURSDAY 8:00 Phyllis Beckley Circle at the home of
Mrs. Robert Belt, Wotring Street.

The Faithful Workers for Christ class is planning a rum-
mage sale at the church September 16th. They need con-
tributions of clothing and other items suitable for
sale. Your articles will be called for if you phone
either Mrs. Gabriel, 21425, or Mrs. Byerly, 34222.

This fine class of senior high young people deserves
your full support. Their teacher is Mrs. Harold Byerly.

Glady H. Australia



His Presence

By Sallman

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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, pastor World - Wide Communion
Robert Corder, William Hsiao, student pastors
October 2, 1955

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

And so I find it well to come
For deeper rest to this still room;
For here the habit of the soul
Feels less the outer world's control;
The strength of mutual purpose pleads
More earnestly our common needs;
And from the silence multiplied
By these still forms on either side,
The world that time and sense have known
Falls off and leaves us God alone.

Whittier

THE PRELUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

If we close the doors to the outer world and enter
the Silence of Prayer, we become conscious of a
Presence in our midst. It is the Presence of the
Living Christ. Let us keep silence before Him.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 425

"The Church's One Foundation"

*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Call to Confession

Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:19,20; 28:16-20

PRESENTATION OF PICTURE, "HIS PRESENCE"-

Mrs. Ernestine Frost

ACCEPTANCE FOR THE CHURCH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE

The Dexology

THE SERMON

"His Presence"

THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

Presentation

Dedication

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

HOLY COMMUNION

*THE PARTING HYMN, No. 480 "In Christ No East or West"

*THE BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

* congregation stands

Choir Director.....Mrs. Hazen Young

Organist.....Edgar Ebenhack

Soloist.....W. C. Wickum

Chief Ushers.....Richard Smith

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We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Ernestine Frost for her gift to us of Warner Sallman's great painting, "His Presence." She presents it in memory of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. O.D. McClain. She has also supplied this Sunday's bulletins on which is reproduced the same picture.

The Church exists to glorify Christ through our obedience and inward dedication. This beautiful painting, signifying the Living, Resurrected Jesus, will remind us His Presence and will inspire us to be true to Him. Remember His words, "My presence shall go with thee."

Our flowers have been given by Miss Pauline Nash, in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nash; and by Mrs. Carolyn G. White, in memory of her mother, Mrs. J. Fred Gleich.