



First Baptist Church Bulletins and Order of Worship 1958-59

Missing several

Each One Precious

In the woods near the Baptist Seminary at Limbe, Haiti, they found him asleep at the roots of a mango tree. A Wild Boy, he was, all right! The missionary invited him to be one of her sons, but he could not conform to family life and both he and the missionary finally gave up.

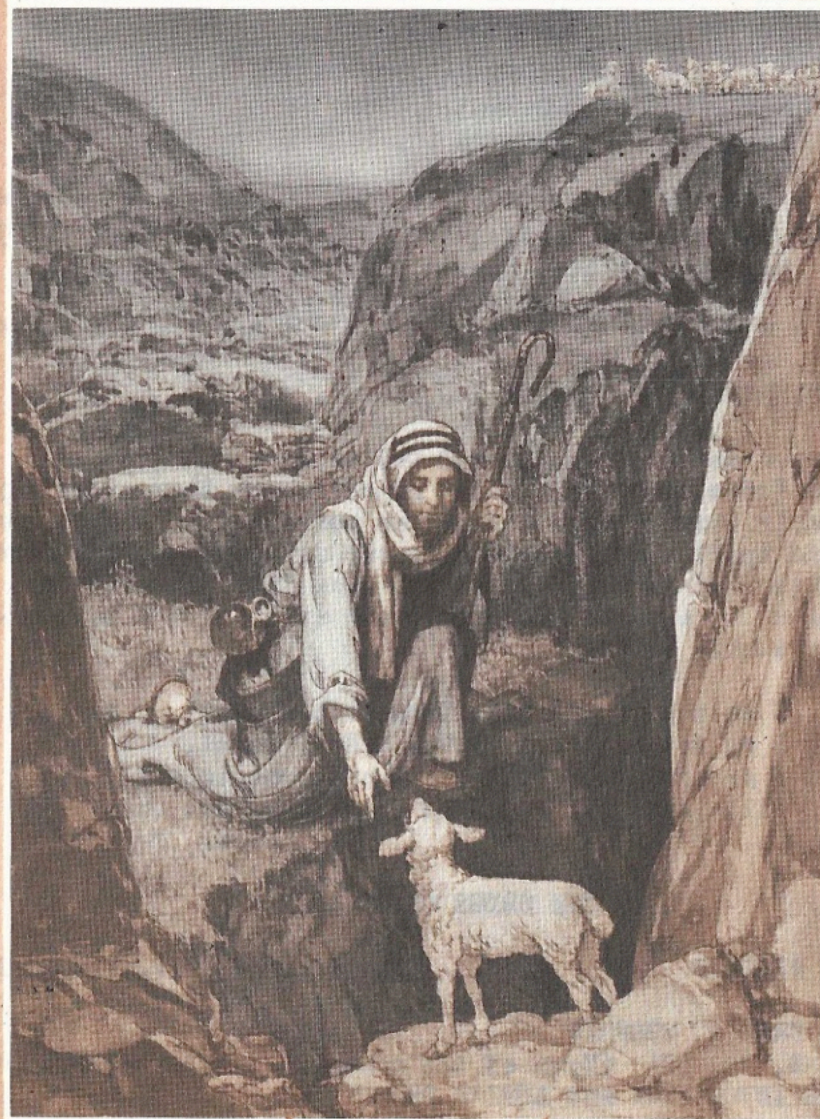
Joe went back to wandering from village to village, living as best he could. This was not good enough for a small boy. Often he was hungry and cold. Seeing the bedraggled form again in the woods, the missionary called, "Joe, let me give you something to eat!" His suspicions were aroused, but hunger drove him forward. When he had eaten, the missionary said, "Joe, the cook at the seminary will feed you any time you call there." Scarcely believing his ears, Joe backed away, but returned later to put her to the test.

Not only did he get food, but the cook made a pallet for him in the cook house where he could sleep warm and dry. He saw the country children eagerly going to the seminary day school. He watched shyly until their singing and laughter drew him inside. The story is not ended, but Joe the Wild Boy is fast becoming Joe the Fine Boy.

In continental United States, Alaska, and Latin America, wherever a child hears the story of Jesus, he learns that each one is precious to Him and that that one is himself!

"The child is father of the man," wrote Wordsworth, and those words embody the basic premise of home missions that the training of the tender years of childhood is that which ultimately determines the character and philosophy of adulthood. Ministering to "the least of these" forms a major part of the total American Baptist program.

HELEN C. SCHMITZ



Each One Precious

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio
January 26, 1958

James B. Stephenson, pastor Phone 29293
Margery Schutts, Norman Edwards, Dale Wright
Student pastors

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Jesus set the example and called upon His disciples
to "come apart to a quiet place" where they might lay
their burdens down and become refreshed in body, mind
and spirit. This Church is our quiet place, and here
this very morning, Jesus can come into your life and
give you a peace and joy beyond anything you have ex-
perienced before.

I am not strong till Thou hast clasped my hand,
I am not fit till by Thy side I stand.
I am not brave till Thou hast come to me;
Till Thou hast bound me fast, I am not free.
Anon.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 506 (Hymn of the month) "Eternal Ruler"
*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 25 (New Testament)

ANTHEM "Great and Marvelous" Brander

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 4:18-22; 9:9-13

PRAYER HYMN, No. 337 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY
*THE RESPONSE

The Doxology

THE SERMON

"Is Religion Necessary?"

*HYMN, No. 296
*THE BENEDICTION

"Take My Life"
Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

* Congregation stands

Mrs. Hazen Young....Choir Director
Edgar Ebenhack.....Organist
Fred Grubbs.....Ass't. Organist
W. C. Wickum.....Soloist
George Young.....Chief Usher
Rufus Crane.....Custodian

COMING EVENTS

TODAY 4:00 - 5:30 Reception for Rev. and Mrs.
James Arnett at the Second Baptist
Church.

4:30 - 7:15 Family School of Missions.
Classes for all ages. Supper at 5:30,
with main dish and coffee provided by
the Phyllis Beckley Circle.

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Holy Communion.

We welcome visitors to our Church. If you have no Church
affiliation, we invite your regular attendance.

Have you taken Christ as your Savior? Without Christ
there is a sense of lostness and an absence of peace. He
said, "My peace I give to you." With Him there is for-
giveness and deep satisfaction of mind and spirit.

EVERY FAMILY SHOULD BE PRESENT AT OUR SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

A Challenge to Christian Teaching

"Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."—Philippians 4:8.

The Apostle Paul, one of the greatest teachers of all time, wrote these words. He is a worthy challenge to the Christian teacher today. He named in the verse above the values and virtues that are characteristic of what is taught in Christian colleges and by Christian teachers.

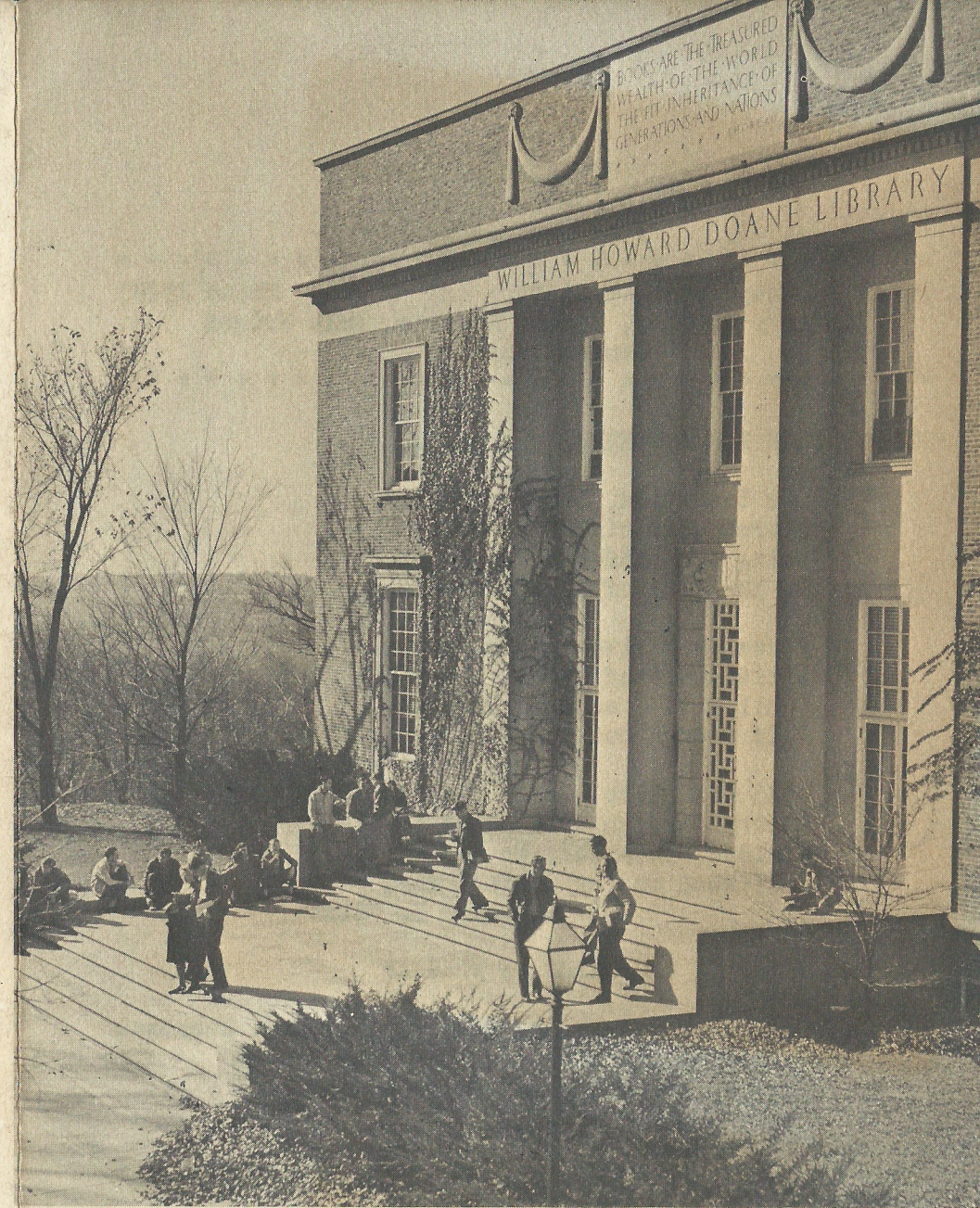
In the thirty-one schools, colleges and universities related to the American Baptist Convention are hundreds of dedicated teachers, professors and administrators whose influence and instruction reflect the Christian application of honor, justice, purity, love and grace.

They are inspired and motivated by these concepts of Christian living. They are committed to transmitting these concepts through word and deed that they may find new reality in the lives of their students. It has been said that a school is only as strong as its faculty.

The rising tide of enrollment which will double or triple the number of students in college within the next twelve years presents a serious challenge to American Baptists. Where shall we find and how shall we train three times the present number of dedicated Christian teachers? This is an imperative if we are to carry our rightful responsibility for higher education under Christian influence. Here is a task that calls for prayerful planning and intelligent action on the part of churches, colleges, seminaries and student centers . . . that more talented and dedicated young people may answer the call of Christ to become Christian teachers.

Through the America for Christ Offering, American Baptists help to support and strengthen a broad ministry of Christian teaching in schools, colleges, seminaries and through university pastors and student work.

PAUL C. CARTER



A Challenge to Christian Teaching

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Delaware, Ohio

February 2, 1958

James B. Stephenson, pastor Phone 29293

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Student pastors

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Am I emptied, Lord, of self?
Search this sinful heart of mine;
Bring the hidden secrets out
To the view of love divine.

Probe my motives, thoughts, and plans,
Attitudes, and loves, and will;
Until I see, as Thou dost see,
Self poured out, so Thou canst fill.

Fill with love -- thus Thou canst bless
Others through this house of clay;
Yielded, fruitful, in Thy Will,
Following in Thy perfect way.

Evelyn K. Gibson

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

Worship begins when you enter the Church
and we request your reverent silence.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 371

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*THE DOXOLOGY

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6:5-14:27

THE MORNING PRAYER

Prayer Hymn, No. 346

ANTHEM

"Let the Earth Rejoice"

Williams

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE

No. 422 (1st stanza)

THE SERMON

"Spiritual Starvation"

"Do not labor for the food which perishes, but
for the food which endures to eternal life."

John 6:27a

*HYMN, No. 294

"Rock of Ages"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation
Consecration
Communion
Thanksgiving

*THE PARTING HYMN, No. 476

"Blest Be the Tie"

*THE BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

* Congregation stands

Choir Director,
Mrs. Hazen Young

Organist,
Edgar Ebenhack

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY 4:30 Family School of Missions. Covered dish
 supper, coffee provided.

TUESDAY 8:00 Board of Education with the Lees.

THURSDAY 2:30 Alice J. Whittier Circle with the Vias.
 8:00 Nithfus Class with the Gabriels. Theme,
 The Meaning of Lent." Leader, Donald
 Faulk.

We welcome visitors to our Church, and to all its act-
ivities. Please sign the guest book in the vestibule.

Disillusionment or Fulfillment?

The sight of a group of kindergarten children clustered expectantly around their much loved teacher presents an appealing picture. Their eager, innocent faces and inquisitive little minds stir a responsive chord in the most cynical of adult observers. Surely no disillusionment can blight the souls of these happy children! But eventually it may, for both children and teacher are Japanese Americans. The accident of birth which determined their physical make-up and ethnic background may present barriers to the complete fulfillment of their American heritage.

Gradually, almost imperceptibly at times, however, those barriers are being dissolved. A Negro missionary remarked recently, "Ten years ago my wife's brother made a down payment on a house in this area but the money was returned. Today many of us can live in nice houses, thank God."

Two American Baptists were chatting at a conference. The first, who was Caucasian, inquired of the other, "How does it feel to be a Negro?" To which the latter replied, "I don't know. I've never been anything else."

Love and hate, joy and sorrow, trust and fear, faith and doubt—all invoke the same reaction in a human soul, regardless of the skin color of the body which houses it. Human emotion, like death, is no respecter of persons. It is human willfulness, not a natural Law of life, which makes the distinction.

The universal brotherhood of man and the intrinsic worth of every life in the sight of God are basic precepts upon which American Baptist Christian centers were originally established. For many years Christian center missionaries have labored to convert these precepts into reality for all those to whom they minister. Within the framework of everyday living they express concern, understanding, and helpfulness. We may participate in their efforts through our financial gifts and our prayers in the name of Him who is Lord of all life and of all men.

PAUL O. MADSEN



Disillusionment or Fulfillment?

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio
February 16, 1958

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Student pastors

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

You drove the nails in His white, white feet;
I pierced each tender hand:
And we laughed as we lifted the cross on high -
Too wise to understand.

You gave Him the gall and vinegar;
I thrust the lance in His side;
Yet they say it was years and years ago
That the Savior was crucified.
Edgar D. Kramer

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack
Worship begins when you enter the Church
and we request your reverent silence.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, No. 235 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*THE DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN OF THE MONTH, No. 97 "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord"
(The Congregation will stand and join with
the Choir for the last stanza)

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 9:1-9
THE PRAYER HYMN, No. 339 "In the Cross"

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

DUET "The Lord Is My Shepherd" Smart
Fred Grubbs, W. C. Wickum

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

THE SERMON "An Open Door to New Life"

*HYMN, No. 341 "I Need Thee every Hour"
*THE BENEDICTION Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE Mr. Ebenhack
* Congregation stands

CHOIR DIRECTOR, ORGANIST,
Mrs. Hazen Young Edgar Ebenhack

COMING EVENTS
TODAY 6:00 Junior and Senior Youth Fellowships.
MONDAY 8:00 Installation Service for Dr. Hansen,
Executive Secretary, Ohio Baptist
Convention, at First Baptist Church,
Columbus.
THURSDAY 8:00 Women's Society with Mrs. John Richards
FRIDAY 2:00 World Day of Prayer, William Street
Church, Sponsored by the United Coun-
cil of Church Women.

The Churches of Delaware are uniting in a series of
Lenten services designed to lead you through a discip-
lined Lent to a glorious Easter.

First Service will be next Sunday at 8:00 in the Asbury
Methodist Church. Speaking will be Dr. Arthur Flemming.

The subject of these services is, "Spiritual Questions
of Our Time." A program will be mailed to you this
week.

Let Them Come

Baby carriages outside the super markets are signs of the times. More than four million babies are to be born in the United States in 1958 according to the statisticians. The number of boys and girls is on the increase. Eighteen million of them are under five years old. Thirty million are between 5 and 13.

What kind of men and women will they become? Men and women of faith in our churches? Or will they grow up without the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ? Much of the answer rests with their parents and with us. It rests with their parents because where their parents lead them they will go. But it also rests with us, because if their parents live in communities that are churchless many of these children will never learn to know Jesus Christ. This is our obligation of Church Extension. Could our church sponsor a new church? If we could we should. Would that every established church would help to establish some new church!

Jesus said: "Let the little children come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." But we are the tools in His hands. He is depending upon us. Through our support of the missionary effort new churches can be started and new buildings can be built. America can be won for Christ! We must not stand in the way. It is for us to cooperate with Christ when He says: "Let them come."

The America for Christ Offering will help to establish new churches with new pastors who can extend the Gospel to many children and adults.

LINCOLN B. WADSWORTH



Let Them Come

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Delaware, Ohio

February 23, 1958

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Student pastors

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

"I am this dark world's light;

Look unto me; thy morn shall rise

And all thy day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found

In Him my Star, my Sun;

And in that light of life I'll walk

Till traveling days are done.

H. Bonar

THE PRELUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

Worship begins when you enter the Church
and we request your prayerful silence.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 97 (Hymn of the month) "Holy Is the Lord"

*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*THE DOXOLOGY

THE RESPONSIVE READING

No. 10 (Old Testament)

ANTHEM

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Shelley

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

THE MORNING PRAYER

*Hymn of Preparation, No. 414

Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE

No. 422 (1st stanza)

THE SERMON

"Jesus and Our Sins"

"I do not understand my own actions. For I do not
do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate...
I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do
not want is what I do."

Paul (Romans 7:15,19)

*HYMN, No. 293

"I'll Live for Him"

THE BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

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Mrs. Hazen Young

ORGANIST,

Edgar Ebenhack

COMING EVENTS.

TODAY

6:00 Junior and Senior Youth Fellowships.

6:00 United Student Movement at the MUB.

8:00 Community Lenten Service at the As-
bury Church. Speaker, Dr. Arthur
Flemming.

MONDAY

8:00 Installation Service for Dr. Clifford
Hansen at the First Baptist Church,
Columbus.

WEDNESDAY 7:30

Midweek Service. Song service led by
W. C. Wickum; Bible study and discus-
sion by Pastor; prayers. Anyone who
needs transportation call 29293. A
Nursery provided for care of small
children.

We welcome visitors to this and all services of the
Church. HURRY BACK!

The Good News

"News" is something in which we are all interested. Good news—bad news—news about our neighbors, news about our country; world news—every bit of it finds eager and receptive eyes and ears. Why is news interesting? Because it concerns people. And people are interested in people!

Along with the daily news with which we are all familiar, there is another kind of news that we call "the Good News". What is it?

This is the Good News, that God, the creator of heaven and earth, wishing to become one with man, sent His own Son to be Saviour of the world.

This is the Good News, that the victory of Jesus Christ over the power of death and of evil is offered to us as our victory; our open door to the Father's house and the fellowship of those He has redeemed.

This is the Good News, that the boundless love and grace of God offers itself to every human need, to every individual who would take it. No experience, however tragic, or empty, is beyond the reach of His cleansing love and the fellowship of His Christian church.

This is the Good News, that in this life with God and one another, we find the purpose for which we were created. When our lives become one with God, we become new creatures, possessed of a deep and abiding happiness, endowed with unlimited potentialities.

The call to participate in the Baptist Jubilee Advance in the coming five years is a call to hear the Good News afresh, and to be moved by it so deeply that we are compelled to declare it to all the world.

LENORA KRUSE



Open Your Door

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio
March 9, 1958

James B. Stephenson, pastor Phone 29293
Margery Schutts, Norman Edwards, Robert Newcombe
Student pastors

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

When I am tired, the Bible is my bed;
Or in the dark, the Bible is my light;
When I am hungry, it is vital bread;
Or fearful, it is armor for the fight.
When I am sick, it's healing medicine;
Or lonely, thronging friends I find therein.
Anon.

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack
Worship begins when you enter the Church,
and we request your prayerful silence.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, No. 412 "Blessed Assurance"
*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*THE DOXOLOGY

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 25 (New Testament)

ANTHEM "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" Rathbun

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON John 5:31-39
THE MORNING PRAYER
Silence
Pastoral Prayer

HYMN OF THE MONTH, No. 211 "O Son of God Incarnate"
(The Congregation will stand and join with
the Choir for the last stanza)

THE OFFERTORY
*THE RESPONSE

No. 422 (1st stanza)

THE SERMON

"Jesus and the Bible"

*HYMN, No. 283
*THE BENEDICTION

"Jesus Is Calling"
Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

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Edgar Ebenhack

DATES TO REMEMBER

TODAY 6:00 Junior and Senior Youth Fellowships.
8:00 Community Lenten Service at Grace
Methodist Church, East Central. Rev.
Craig Reed will preach.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Midweek Worship. Song service by
Mr. Wickum. First use of new hym-
nals. Bible study - Mark 8:27-
9:29.

THURSDAY 8:00 Phyllis Beckley Circle with Mrs.
Cantwell.

We welcome visitors to our service. Will you please
sign the guest book in the vestibule? You have a cord-
ial invitation to attend the activities of this Church.

Membership in this Church is by 1) Profession of faith
in Christ and Baptism by immersion, 2) Letter from an-
other Church, 3) Christian experience.

To become a Christian one accepts Jesus as His Savior
and Lord and makes a public declaration of his faith.
There is no such thing as a secret Christian. We in-
vite you to make a public acceptance of Christ today.

"Commit Thy Way Unto The Lord"

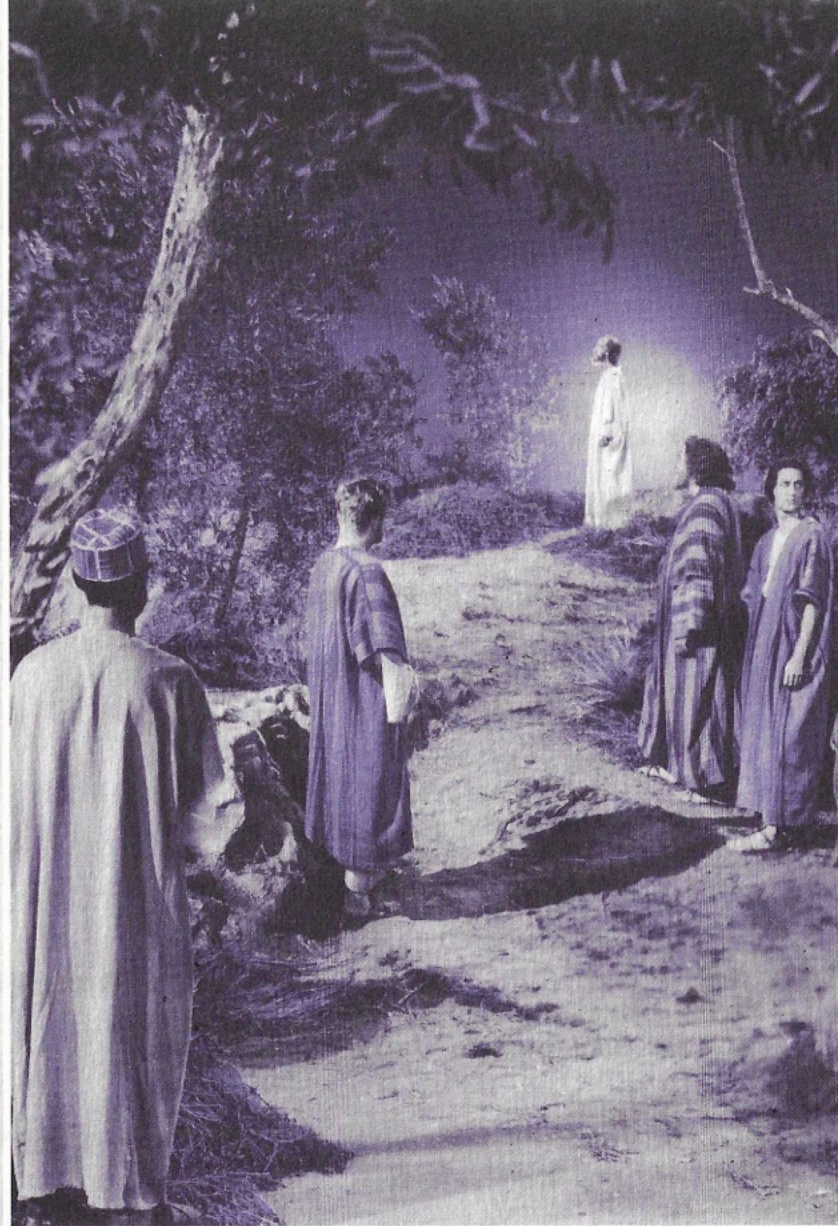
What do you want more than anything else out of life? Is it power, or wealth, or social position? Is it peace of mind, or freedom of thought or happiness? Where do your values lie? These are hard questions to answer, and for many of us, as yet we do not have the answer.

We live among people many of whom measure us not by our wisdom or spiritual insight but by the things we have. If we are to take our place among these people, to be a "success" we are often compelled to close our ears to the dictates of our soul. We find ourselves caught up in the desperate race for more and more. To commit our lives to Christ, to advocate freedom and justice for all, calls for strong men and women. While many of us would like to be strong we follow the path of least resistance, and the fruits of our labors are disillusionment and unhappiness.

How do we get ourselves off this weary treadmill of life? Where do we make our beginning? The first step, we are told, is to "commit thy way unto the Lord." Once we enter into a partnership with God we find our sense of values have changed; we have a new outlook on life, a new loyalty, a new responsibility both to ourselves and our fellow man. And the fruits of our labors for Him are love and strength and a looking forward to each day of life.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance is an adventure in evangelism. It calls each one of us to face up to our responsibilities as messengers of God's Word; to sacrifice willingly; to commit all that we have unto the One who through his sacrifice, opened to us the doors of eternal life.

LENORA KRUSE



In Gethsemane

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Delaware, Ohio
March 16, 1958

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Student pastors

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The hands of Christ
Seem very frail,
For they were broken
By a nail.

But only they
Reach heaven at last
Whom these frail, broken
Hands hold fast.
John Richard Moreland

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack
Worship begins when you enter the Church,
and we request your prayerful silence.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, No. 211 (Hymn of the month) "O Son of God"
*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*THE DOXOLOGY

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 16 (New Testament)

ANTHEM "Near the Cross" Doane

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 1:29-39
THE MORNING PRAYER
Silence
Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERTORY
*THE RESPONSE

No. 422 (1st stanza)

ANNOUNCEMENTS
SERMON HYMN, No. 442

"Wonderful Words of Life"

THE SERMON

"Jesus' Plan for You"

*HYMN, No. 284
*THE BENEDICTION

"I Hear the Savior Say"
Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

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ORGANIST,
Edgar Ebenhack

DATES TO REMEMBER

TODAY	6:00 Junior and Senior Youth Fellowships.
	6:00 Student Christian Federation at the MUB.
	8:00 Community Lenten service at the Evangelical & Reformed Church. Speaker, Rev. John Versteeg.
TUESDAY	7:30 Whatever Class.
WEDNESDAY	7:30 Midweek Worship. Song service by W. C. Wickum. Lead Mark 11-12 as background for Bible study.
THURSDAY	6:30 Family Night covered dish dinner sponsored by the Women's Society.

We are happy to welcome the Delaware Willis Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America to our service this morning.

Next Sunday night we are hosts to the Community Service.

The Fellowship of the Redeemed

Within each one of us is the need to belong—to have someone or something to which we can give ourselves wholeheartedly. Jesus spoke to this innermost need when He instructed each one of us to “repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” In urging us to turn our backs on the old way of life, He was calling us to seek a new and more worthwhile life in Him. Entrance into this new life with Christ means entrance into His church and fellowship with the redeemed.

Sometimes we find a disillusioning gap between what Jesus revealed to be God’s way of living and what we see practiced in the congregation to which we belong. Some of us even use this as an excuse for not joining the church! But this is human failing and not the fault of the church. Christ is still its head. In spite of our shortcomings, He reaches out to each one of us, and with infinite patience and love, helps us to become more worthy disciples. He calls us to obey His commands; to love one another; not to judge or condemn, but to work together to build His church throughout the world.

The church of Jesus Christ is an earthly part of the Kingdom of Heaven. To belong to it is to join forces with those who are earnestly trying to become better Christians, and to build a better world. In dedicating ourselves to Christ and in serving Him through His church, we are fulfilling our basic need to belong. But more than that, we are co-workers with Him and partakers of His redemptive work which must continue both within the church and without.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance, as the church’s coming venture in evangelism, is a call to let Christ move into the world through His church.

LENORA KRUSE



If It Be Thy Will

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March 23, 1958

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Holding His hand, my steadied feet
May walk the air, the seas;
On life and death His smile falls sweet,
Lights up all mysteries;
Stranger nor exile can I be
In new worlds where He leadeth me.
Lucy Larcom

THE PRELUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

Worship begins when you enter the Church,
and we request your prayerful silence.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 405

"He Leadeth Me"

*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*THE DOXOLOGY

THE RESPONSIVE READING

No. 13 (Old Testament)

ANTHEM

"O Jesus Thou Art Standing"

Barrell

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:24-30

THE MORNING PRAYER

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE

No. 422 (1st stanza)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SERMON HYMN, No. 387

"Savior Thy Dying Love"

THE SERMON

"Jesus and Your Needs"

*HYMN, No. 239

"Thy Life Was Given for Me"

*THE BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

* Congregation stands

Choir Director....Mrs. Hazen Young
Organist.....Edgar Ebenhack
Ass't Organist....Fred Grubbs
Soloist.....W. C. Wickum
Chief Usher.....George Young
Custodian.....Rufus Crane

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

6:00 Junior and Senior Youth Fellowships.

6:00 Student Christian Federation at the
MUB.

8:00 Community Lenten Service in this
Church. Speaker, Dr. Robert Mont-
gomery, "The Question of the Home."

WEDNESDAY

7:30 Midweek Worship. Read Mark 13-16.

THURSDAY

8:00 Nithfus Class with the Cantwells.

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Palm Sunday Worship.

We welcome visitors to our Worship. Will you please
sign the guest book in the vestibule? You have a cord-
ial invitation to attend the activities of the Church.

Membership in this Church is by 1) Profession of faith
in Christ and Baptism by immersion, 2) letter from an-
other Church, 3) Christian experience.

The Testimony of Empty Places

EMPTY indeed is the place where our Savior was, but is no more. Glory came to Bethlehem when the angels caroled the glad tidings, when the shepherds broadcast the news of the Savior's birth, and when the Magi came to worship Him with royal gifts. But when He was spirited away to Egypt, Bethlehem was silent, empty, unimportant.

When Jesus began to preach and teach in the temple in Jerusalem, it became the center of worshipping throngs. When its courts no longer rang with the sound of His captivating words, they seemed haunted by a strange emptiness.

When Jesus was lifted up upon the Cross, all Jerusalem went out to see the tragic spectacle. But on the day following the death on the Cross, no one repaired to Golgotha, no one lingered under the tree where He had hung. Alone and empty it stood, a symbol only of the world's greatest tragedy.

When Jesus was laid to rest, the tomb became a hallowed place. On Easter morn He left it empty. Through the voice of angels it could only rebuke those who sought Him there: "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here." Its significance was gone.

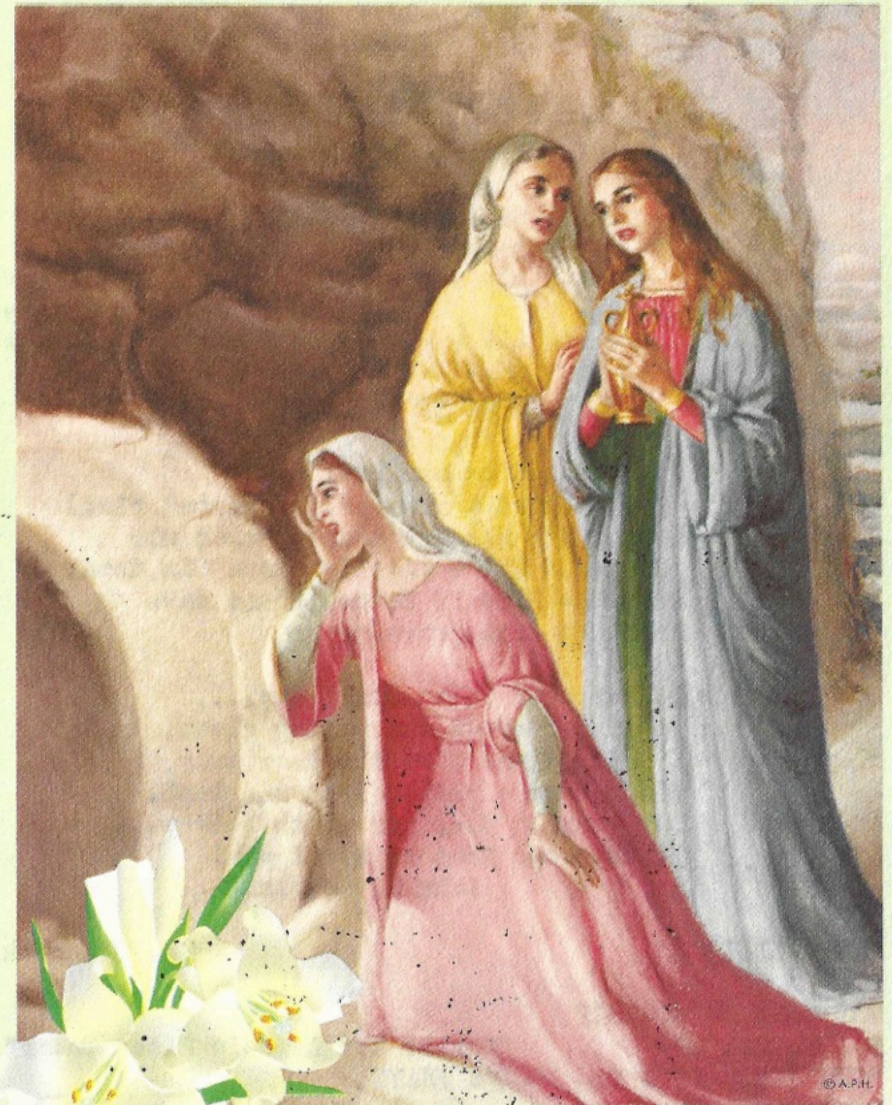
Bethlehem, the temple, the Cross, the tomb—to these Christ brought glory and renown. But it was when He left them empty that they gained their true significance. Their emptiness is a continuing testimony to His unique greatness and glory.

Bethlehem with Christ no longer there points to a Savior for all the world.

The temple without Him announces that the Gospel of salvation has gone out to all people.

The Cross, empty of its sacred burden, proclaims the completion of His atonement, the redemption of mankind.

The empty grave assures us one and all that Christ is risen indeed, risen from the dead, victor over sin and death, our living, glorious Lord. Hallelujah!



The Empty Tomb

April 6, 1958

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson Pastor

It happened on an April day
They tomb'd a man (the crowd had fled)
Sealed it; and set a watch that way
To flout His words; to prove Him dead;
And show Himself He could not save
From the dark grave.

It happened on an April day....
A tremor shook the paling gloom,
A white flame tore the door away,
Life came a victor from the tomb.
Love cannot die, nor truth betray....
Christ rose upon an April day!
John R. Moreland

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, No. 239 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*THE DOXOLOGY

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 15 (Old Testament)

ANTHEM "Behold I Tell You a Mystery" Peace

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 24:1-12**

SOLO	"Easter Triumph" Fred Grubbs	Hildach
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Call to Prayer
Silence
Pastoral Prayer

SOLO	"The Holy City" W. C. Wickum	Adam
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THE OFFERTORY
*THE RESPONSE

THE SERMON "New Life Now and Forever"

*HYMN, No. 250 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
*THE BENEDICTION Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

* Congregation stands

Mr. Ebenhack

Mrs. Hazen Young....Choir Director
Edgar Ebenhack.....Organist
Fred Grubbs.....Ass't. Organist
W. C. Wickum.....Soloist
George Young.....Chief Usher
Rufus Crane.....Custodian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY 6:00 Senior Youth Fellowship.
 7:30 New Testament Baptism.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Midweek Worship. Read John 20-21.

THURSDAY 8:00 Phyllis Beckley Circle at the Parsonage.

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Holy Communion and Hand of Fellowship for new members.
11:30 Reception for new members in Church School assembly room.

The Worth of a Man

Webster defines "MAN" in the following manner: "A rational animal of the genus Homo; a human being; an individual of the human race, as distinguished from a beast."

We find in the scriptures, Genesis 1, verse 27, these words, "So God created man in His Own image, in the image of God created he him." Man's worth has been estimated in many different ways. The slave dealer looked upon him in terms of size and physical strength. The chemist may think of him as so much iron, lime, and sulphur. Some people consider him as a passing cloud, as the morning dew, as grass of the field.

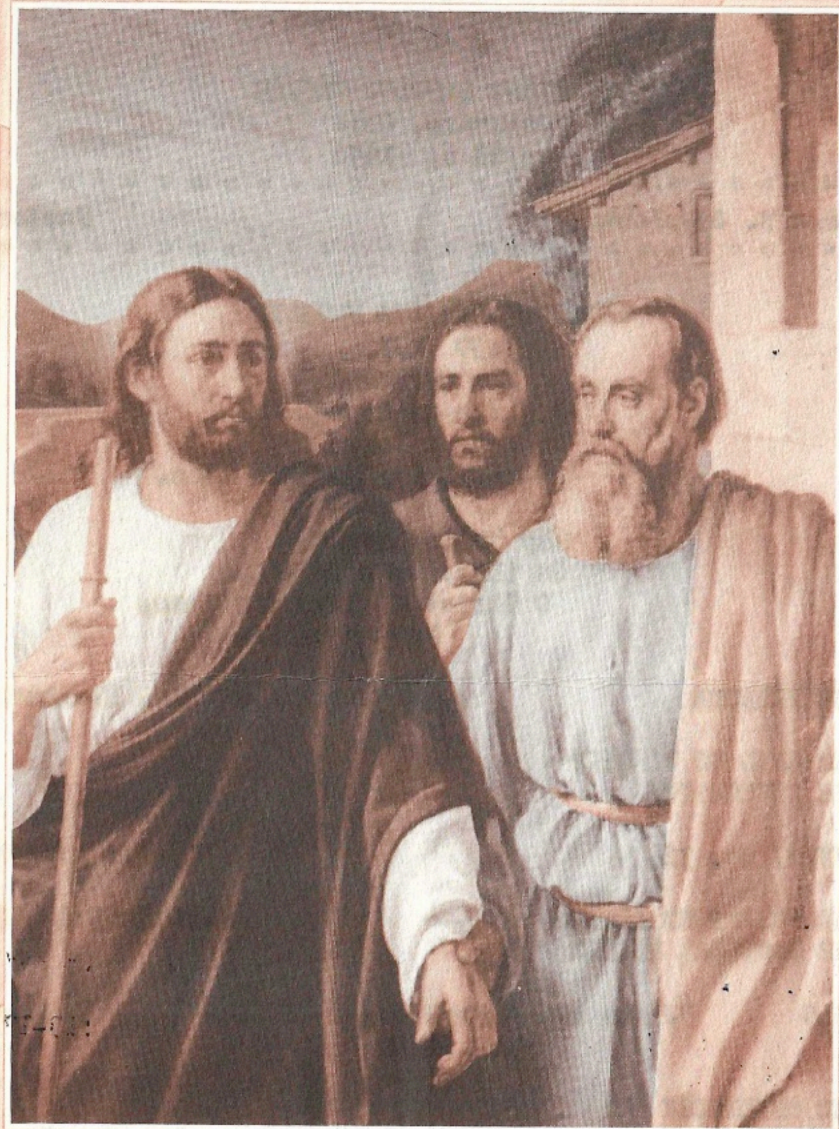
It has been said, "A man shows what he is by what he does with what he has." One of the fine opportunities for men in the American Baptist Convention to prove their worth, is to take advantage of the many channels of service as presented by American Baptist Men, Christian Fellowship, Growth, and Action being their cardinal principles.

Jesus called twelve *Men* to be His disciples. The apostle Paul and his colleagues were *Men*. The leaders of the apostolic church were *Men*. It would seem then that a Men's Fellowship is scriptural, because it gives to the church a strong masculine membership which is greatly needed today.

Men will be happier as they march together in this effort. As they move along—they will gather other men with them. How well we all remember the Greater Master of men, how He gathered men, how He started with two from the Sea of Galilee, and kept on until He had selected His twelve, and then many, many more. He was interested in men—therefore men loved Him and followed Him.

A real measure of our worth as a man . . . Are we truly a follower of Him?

CHARLES P. SMITH



The Lord is Risen Indeed

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio
April 6, 1958

James B. Stephenson Pastor

ORDER OF EVENING WORSHIP
7:30 P.M.

May the calm eve
Of Easter leave
A peace divine with thee.

May Easter night,
On thine heart write,
O Christ, I live for Thee.
Author unknown

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
THE INVOCATION

*HYMN, No. 328 "Christ Arose"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 3:13-17
THE PASTORAL PRAYER

SOLO "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee" Thiman
Fred Grubbs

THE OFFERTORY
*THE RESPONSE The Doxology

SERMON "Easter Baptism"
We were therefore buried with Him by baptism
into death, so that as Christ was raised from
the dead by the glory of the Father, we too
might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:4)

ANTHEM "I Am Alpha and Omega" Peace
"Behold I Have the Keys"

SERVICE OF NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM

*HYMN, No. 118 "Now the Day Is Over"
*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE Mr. Ebenhack
* Congregation stands

Receiving Christian Baptism tonight are Jean Brown,
Barbara Haddix, Mary Ellen Wallace, Robert Belt,
Charles Bradley, Gary Evans, Larry Faulk, Peter White,
and Ted Stephenson. Jon Richards will be baptized
next Sunday morning. We congratulate these who fol-
low Christ in baptism tonight.

Fourteen new members will be received into the Church
next Sunday morning. After the service a reception
in their honor will be held in the Church School Room.

Many persons have cooperated to enrich our Easter Wor-
ship. We especially thank the choir and its director,
the organist, the ushers, those who brought flowers,
the custodian, the many anonymous helpers who have by
their time, talents and prayers brought the Risen
Christ closer to us.

Yield to the Lord, with simple heart,
All that thou hast, and all thou art;
Renounce all strength, but strength divine,
And peace shall be for ever thine.
from Lincoln's personal
book of devotions.

Only a Minute—But Eternity Is in It!

"Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."
ECCLES. 9:10

American Baptist Men center their program around three major areas of interest:

1. Winning men to Christ through CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.
2. Strengthening their faith through CHRISTIAN GROWTH.
3. Encouraging discipleship through CHRISTIAN ACTION.

Action appears naturally as the climax of the threefold emphases, since Fellowship and Growth alone mean little unless they result in Action.

We live in an age where action is becoming more and more important; where discoveries in the scientific and technological fields are happening faster than ever before in the history of man; where a little ball of matter circling our globe in a matter of minutes has forced all of us to a new conception of time and space. It is an urgent age in which we stand the danger of outstripping in the scientific field man's ability to cope spiritually with these new developments. Our world no longer seems vast and distant, but is practically placed on our doorstep. Thus the challenge is flung to Christians everywhere—do something!

What will history have to say concerning the way our church has met the challenge of the day? Will it record as important the numbers of members, Sunday schools, dollars or buildings? Or will it record a significant influence on the course of history in man's ability to live together on this earth? Now is the time for action on the part of all Christians, both individual and corporate.

An anonymous writer once wrote: "I have only just a minute — only sixty seconds in it — forced upon me. Can't refuse it — didn't seek it — didn't choose it — but it's up to me to use it. I must suffer if I lose it — give account if I abuse it. Just a tiny little minute — but eternity is in it!"

HAROLD A. DAVIS



TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth
my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. **Yea**, though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear
no evil: for Thou art with me: Thy rod and Thy
staff they comfort me. **Thou** preparest a
table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth
over. **Surely** goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.

Guide for Life

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio
April 13, 1958

James B. Stephenson, pastor Phone 29293
Margery Schutts, Norman Edwards, Robert Newcomb
Student pastors

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord, in the quiet of this morning hour,
I come to Thee for peace, for wisdom, power
To view the world today through love-filled
eyes;
Be patient, understanding, gentle, wise.
Let me so kindly be, so full of cheer,
That all I meet may feel Thy presence near.
O clothe me in Thy beauty, this I pray,
Let me reveal Thee Lord, through all the day.
Ella S. Schenck

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack
Worship begins when you enter the Church,
and we request your prayerful silence.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, No. 253 "All Hail the Power"
*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*THE DOXOLOGY

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 16 (New Testament)

ANTHEM "They Have Taken Away My Lord" Stainer

SERVICE OF NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM

SOLO "Open the Gates of the Temple" Knapp

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE

No. 422 (1st stanza)

THE SERMON

"Now We Begin....."

THE FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

*THE COMMUNION HYMN, No. 461

"Break Thou the Bread"

HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation
Consecration
Communion
Thanksgiving

*HYMN, No. 476

"Blest Be the Tie"
Choral Amen

*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

* Congregation stands

CHOIR DIRECTOR,
Mrs. Hazen Young

ORGANIST,
Edgar Ebenhack

We are very happy to receive new members into the fellowship of the Church today. Coming by confession of faith and baptism are: Jean Brown, Barbara Haddix, Mary Wallace, Charles Bradley, Gary Evans, Larry Faulk, Jon Richards, Ted Stephenson, Peter White, and Robert Belt. Coming by letter is Mrs. Helen Aleshire. The entire Church unites in offering congratulations and best wishes to these new members.

Everyone is invited to a reception in honor of our new members in the Church School room immediately after worship.

DATES TO REMEMBER.....Youth Fellowships tonight at 6...
....Midweek Worship Wednesday at 7:30 P.M.read the
first chapter of James.....Women's Society Thursday,
8:00 P.M. at the parsonage.

The Love Gift

Love gives. God so loved that He gave. Christ loved us and gave. Day by day we receive countless gifts of love from God. When we truly love Him we gladly give Him a portion of the treasures which He has entrusted to us.

For twenty-five years American Baptist women have offered their Love Gifts to God for the extension of His Kingdom. These gifts are above and beyond their regular contributions to our Baptist world missions. Gifts of love from thousands of women have increased annually until in the silver anniversary year of 1957 the Love Gift reached over a half a million dollars. A magnificent total of over five million dollars has been given since the Love Gift was initiated in 1932.

Love Gifts are Love-in-Action working from within the hearts of Baptist women through the missionaries—consecrated teachers, inspired evangelists, devout doctors—in our mission schools, churches and hospitals where men, women and children, through the power of love, come to the knowledge of the One who is God's love gift to mankind.

Love prompts the gifts. Love offers them to God. Love sends them through our Baptist missions to take the message of God's love around the world, that His spirit may dwell in the hearts of all men.

RUTH WAGER



The Church is Built

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio
May 4, 1958

James B. Stephenson, pastor Phone 29293
Margery Schutts, Norman Edwards, Robert Newcomb
Student pastors

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

O God my Father:
Destroy my pride and give me lowliness;
Destroy my hate and give me love;
Destroy my sadness and give me joy;
Destroy my turmoil and give me peace;
Destroy my fear and give me trustfulness;
Destroy my self-indulgence and give me
self-control. Amen.

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack
Worship begins when you enter the Church,
and we request your prayerful silence.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, No. 107 "Holy, Holy, Holy"
*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*THE SONG OF PRAISE (tune, Doxology)
O Life and Love we all may share,
Creative Spirit everywhere,
O Light and Truth that makes us free,
In joy we sing our praise to Thee. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON John 2:1-11

SPECIAL MUSIC

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

SERMON

"Creative Goodness"

THE FELLOWSHIP OFFERING
*THE COMMUNION HYMN, No. 461

"Break Thou the Bread"

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

HOLY COMMUNION
Invitation
Consecration
Communion
Thanksgiving

*HYMN, No. 419
*THE BENEDICTION

"Jesus Thou Joy"
Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE * Congregation stands

Mr. Ebenhack

CHOIR DIRECTOR,
Mrs. Hazen Young

ORGANIST,
Edgar Ebenhack

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY 2:00 - 4:00 PTA at the Church. Program,
classroom visits, filmstrip, refresh-
ments. All parents and other inter-
ested persons invited.

MONDAY 8:00 Deacons and trustees with the C. H.
Richards.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Midweek Worship. Read James 4 & 5.

THURSDAY 8:00 Phyllis Beckley Circle with Mrs. Della
Dean.

We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Frank Syler and
Mr. Asa Myers into the fellowship of the Church.

The Skyline and the People

Someone has said that no one plans the skyline of a great city. Likewise, no one plans the population of a town or neighborhood. Wherever the towers of churches rise to meet the sky, they bring symmetry to the silhouette of the city and a message of hope and salvation to its people.

The peace, health, safety and general welfare of families are the concern of the church, as well as of governmental agencies, to protect and ensure. Christians would add to these values the benefit of a vital religious experience. Many congregations, believing the gospel of Christ is for all men, are widening their fellowship to include people of all races, religions and classes.

In 1947 a poll showed that one American Baptist church out of every seven had Negroes in attendance. An inventory in 1956 showed an increase of 6 per cent in the number of congregations with Negro-Caucasian membership. One out of every five of the churches responding had Negro members or active participants in the life of the church. The four hundred churches which identified themselves as being racially inclusive are scattered across the American Baptist Convention. With churches small and large, rural and urban, the preponderance lies in the North Atlantic section.

No one can forecast which members of a congregation will arise to live and work among people who carry burdens. Christian Friendliness is the personification of a ministry in deed and in word of American Baptist congregations, "sacrificing themselves in a very real sense upon God's altar of selfless love."

"Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:"

(Acts 10:34)

BERNICE COFER

American Baptist Convention



Come Unto Me

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio
June 1, 1958

James B. Stephenson, pastor
Margery Schutts, Norman Edwards, Robert Newcomb
Student pastors

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In our everyday life, we may have one plan in mind and God may have another, but we shall never know His plan so long as we are busily engaged in thinking, scheming, and reacting to the activities and distractions of the world.
Joel Goldsmith (adapted)

Where love stops, power begins, and violence, and terror.
Dr. Carl G. Jung

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack
The consciousness of God's presence comes when we are quiet in mind and body. "Be still, and know that I am God."

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, No. 261 "Fairer Lord Jesus"
*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*THE SONG OF PRAISE (tune, Doxology)
O Life and Love we all may share,
Creative Spirit everywhere,
O Light and Truth that makes us free,
In joy we sing our praise to Thee. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 6:27-38

ANTHEM "Song of Peace" Sibelius

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

THE SERMON "Receiving through Giving"
You will be enriched in every way for great generosity....

2 Corinthians 9:11a

THE FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

*THE COMMUNION HYMN, No. 392
"Jesus the very Thought of Thee"

THE HOLY COMMUNION
Invitation
Consecration
Communion
Thanksgiving

*HYMN, No. 419 "Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"
*THE BENEDICTION Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE Mr. Ebenhack
* Congregation stands

CHOIR DIRECTOR, ORGANIST,
Mrs. Hazen Young Edgar Ebenhack

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY 6:00 Junior and Senior Youth Fellowships.
8:00 Baccalaureate Service at Gray Chapel.

MONDAY 8:00 Vacation Bible School teachers meet at the E & R Church.

TUESDAY 8:00 Board of Education at the Church.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Midweek Worship and Bible study.

THURSDAY 2:30 Alice J. Whittier Circle with the Lehnerts.
8:00 Commencement at Gray Chapel.

NEXT SUNDAY 11:30 Called business meeting.

An Educated People

Few countries of the world offer educational opportunities such as those of our own land. In Latin America education is often only for the privileged classes. Illiteracy is high. In some countries the efforts of government are scarcely able to keep up with the pressures of mounting population. New schools are filled to capacity as soon as they are built and staffed.

Under such circumstances the educational work of American Baptists is of great importance. On each of our fields we have implemented the establishment and maintenance of schools on the elementary and secondary levels through appropriations of missionary funds and personnel. These schools have helped to make useful citizens of thousands of young people.

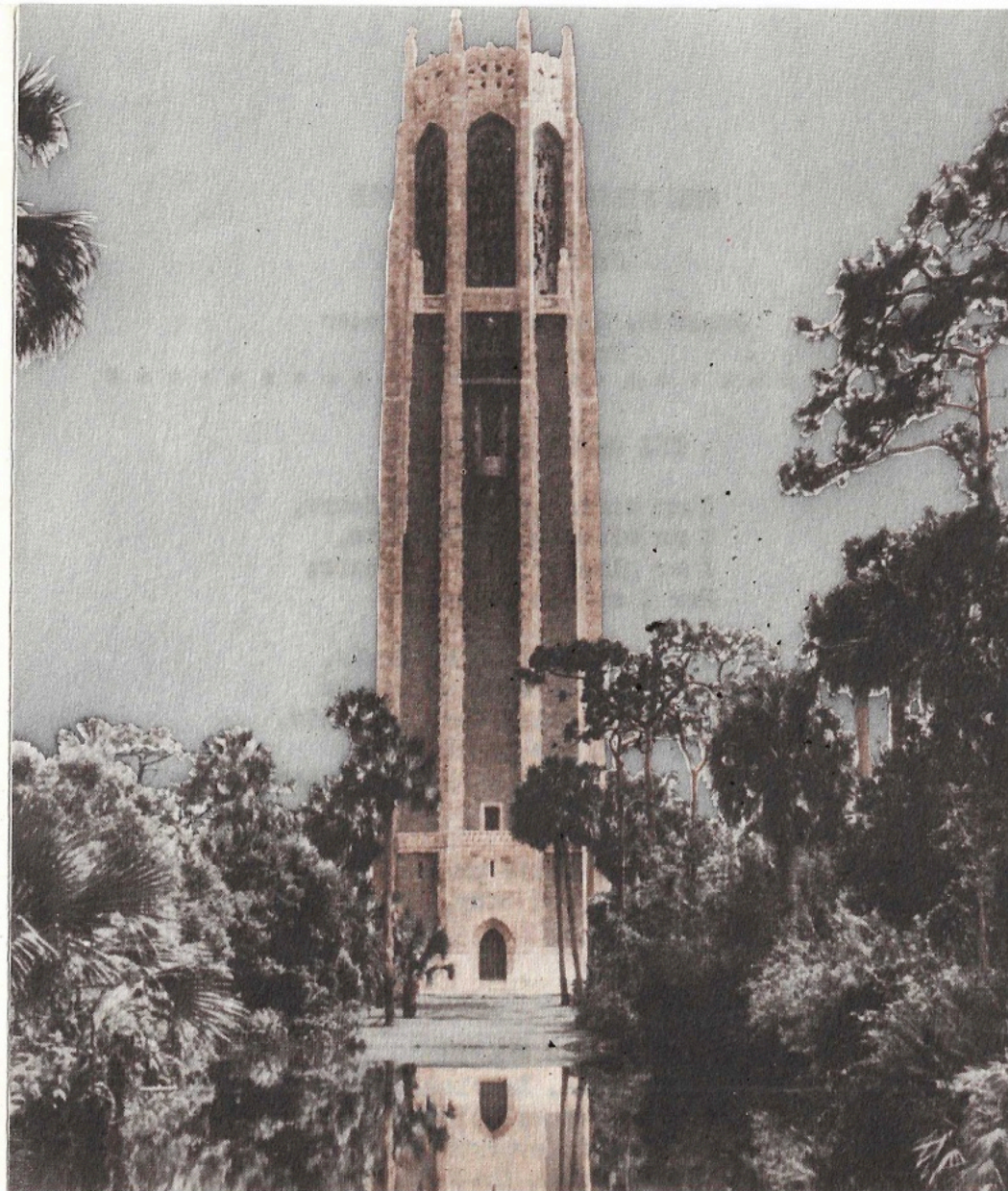
Encouraged by this example, pastors and other church leaders have founded day schools. These schools, staffed and supported without mission help, enroll at present over 7,000 primary and secondary students.

Work among university students is carried on through the ministry of university pastors and related programs. This great field of opportunity has scarcely been touched. Nurses' training schools in two countries bring new dignity and standing to this profession. Special training sessions for doctors raise professional standards.

The educational accomplishments of this program are impressive, but even more so are the changes in the lives of individuals and entire communities through the influence of these schools. Many young people receive their first introduction to the gospel in a Bible class or chapel service; homes are opened to the pastor's visits because the children are enrolled in the school; an entire community is changed because hundreds of young people are under the constant influence of the consecrated leaders of a day school.

An educated people will be a source of great strength for evangelical churches in Latin America.

WILBUR LARSON
American Baptist Convention



Peace

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio
June 8, 1958

James B. Stephenson, pastor
Phone 29293

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

I am stranger than my fears,
I am wiser than my years,
I am gladder than my tears;
For I am His image.

I am better than my deeds,
I am holier than my creeds,
I am wealthier than my needs,
For I am His image.

Hannah M. Kohaus

THE PRELUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

The consciousness of God's presence comes when
we are quiet in mind and body. "Be still and
know that I am God."

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 94

"O Worship the King"

*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*THE SONG OF PRAISE (tune, Doxology)

O Life and Love we all may share,
Creative Spirit everywhere,
O Light and Truth that makes us free,
In joy we sing our praise to Thee. Amen.

THE RESPONSIVE READING
SPECIAL MUSIC

No. 3 (Old Testament)

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON
THE MORNING PRAYER

Luke 4:16-21; 6:6-11

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE

No. 422 (1st stanza)

THE SERMON

"How To Worship"

*HYMN, No. 371

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

*THE BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

* Congregation stands

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Edgar Ebenhack.....Organist
Fred Grubbs.....Ass't. Organist
W. C. Wickum.....Soloist
George Young.....Chief Usher
Rufus Crane.....Custodian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY 11:30 Special business meeting - all members
requested to remain.
4:00 Crusaders Picnec at the Lathrops.
6:00 Youth Fellowships.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Midweek Worship.

THURSDAY 8:00 Phyllis Beckley Circle with the Lees.

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Annual Children's Day Service.

Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. We
again share in a cooperative school with the Evangel-
ical and Reformed Church.

Classes are available for children from 4 years of age
thru the 6th grade.

The School lasts for two weeks. Its theme is "Jesus."

Land of Paradox

The typical tourist's conception of Alaska is one of breathtakingly beautiful scenery, landmarks of pioneer adventure and romance, and colorful native villages with their primitive way of life. This concept is entirely valid, but it presents only one face of the paradoxical Alaskan coin. Often overlooked is the Alaskan's proud display of modern achievement and his emphasis upon Alaska's future.

One-fifth of Alaska's two hundred thousand residents are Eskimo, Indian, or Aleut, the rest settlers, defense personnel, or seasonal workers from many parts of the United States. Most of these folk believe in Alaska, in its future as the forty-ninth state, in its potential as a homeland, and in its capacity to develop an economy and civilian leadership which will make significant contributions to a better America.

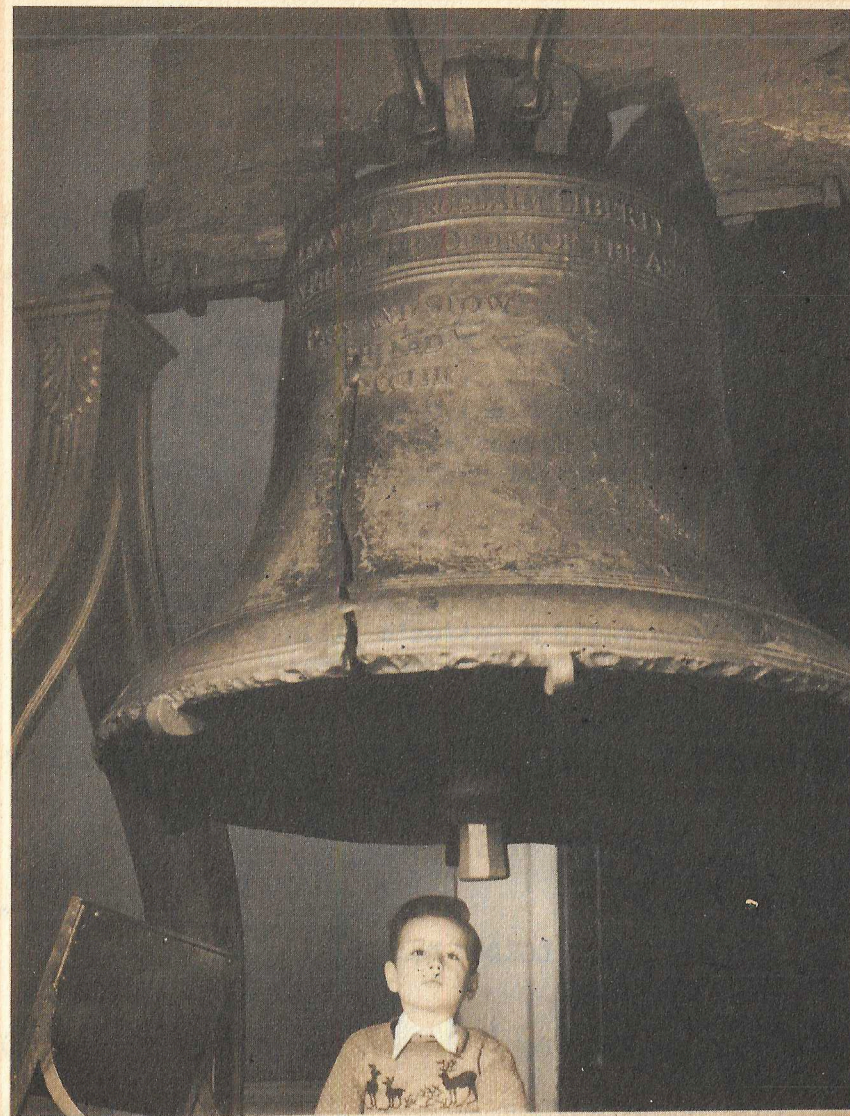
The church is at work in Alaska through worship services and church schools, in ministries of mercy via hospitals and children's homes, in concern for all of life through weekday activities for youth and special ministries to service personnel.

American Baptists work through a church, a Christian center, and a hospital in Cordova; and through a church, a weekday program, and summer camp for youth at Kodiak. A children's home in Kodiak and a colporter boat, the *Evangel*, which carries the gospel to village outstations in the Kodiak Islands, are instruments through which special ministries are performed in the name of Jesus Christ.

As Christians we are links in the chain of brotherhood which transcends space and distance and makes all men one through Christ. Pray for all who serve in His name to bring His gospel to Alaska.

DOROTHY O. BUCKLIN

American Baptist Convention



Priceless Liberty

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, pastor Phone 29293
June 29, 1958

RELIGIOUS HERITAGE SERVICE

What makes a nation's pillars high
And its foundations strong?
What makes it mighty to defy
The foes that round it throng?

Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others fly -
They build a nation's pillars deep
And lift them to the sky.

Ralph W. Emerson

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebonhack
All true worship begins with silence and ends
in dedication.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, No. 550 "America the Beautiful"
*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 27 (Old Testament)

"HYMNS OF THE FRONTIER" Arranged by
"I Want a Principle McCutchan & Blanchard
Within"
"Canaan"
"Pleading Savior" W. C. Wickum

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 11:8-12;32-12:2
THE MORNING PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE

The Doxology

THE SERMON

"The Next 150 Years"

*HYMN, No. 348
*THE BENEDICTION

"Faith of Our Fathers"
Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebonhack

* Congregation stands

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY 6:00 Junior and Senior Youth Fellowships.
8:00 Religious Heritage Inter-Faith Ser-
vice at the Fairgrounds. Speaker,
Charles P. Taft.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Midweek Worship and Bible study.

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Holy Communion.

We are happy to welcome visitors to our wor-
ship. Please sign the guest book in the vest-
ibule. You are always welcome at all of our
services and other activities.

The service tonight promises to be an unusual experience
in worship across all lines of creed and church. The
history of Baptist work in the county is given promi-
nent place. An outstanding Christian layman who has
illustrated by his life the combining of politics and
religion will speak. You can't afford to miss it.

Quietude

*"Come ye yourselves apart,"
said He, "For service to
prepare."*

In the last fifteen years, those who have heeded the poet's injunction and participated in conferences at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, have found that such experiences help them to maintain a sense of quietude and centeredness at the core of their living.

In life's hectic moments, vision can become fuzzy concerning one's direction in life or sense of values. God can seem very far away.

At Green Lake, quietude can be sought in an early morning walk along the lake shore, in a vesper service, in the music of the choir, in the beauty of a sunset, in a visit to the Prayer Tower.

Throughout the year the refreshing experience of quietude can be found in daily periods of meditation and in worshipping with others in church services each week.

Such a rhythm of worship and work and rest, worship and work and rest, helps Christians to remember at the busiest moments of their lives the importance of "Be still, and know that I am God."

As Jesus sought quietude and guidance on the shores of Galilee, so for many American Baptists, Green Lake has become a Galilee where they have found quietude through a closer walk with God.

JOAN THATCHER

American Baptist Convention



Quietude

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, pastor
Morning Worship

Phone 29293
July 6, 1958

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

God, may Thy own peace and comfort
Found by Christ in secret prayer,
Fill our Church this holy morning
Leaving faith and healing here.
Let Thy tender Spirit loosen
Knotted cords of fear and pain -
Then refreshed, renewed and strengthened
Lead us forth to work again.

Edna Hull Miller (adapted)

THE PRELUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

The consciousness of God's presence comes when
we are quiet in mind and body. "Be still and
know that I am God."

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 107

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*THE SONG OF PRAISE (tune, Doxology)

O Life and Love we all may share,
Creative Spirit everywhere,
O Light and Truth that makes us free,
In joy we sing our praise to Thee. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 5:22-24;35-43

THE MORNING PRAYER

Call to Prayer

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE

No. 422 (1st stanza)

THE SERMON

"Knowing and Ignoring"

*HYMN, No. 461

"Break Thru the Bread of Life"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation
Consecration
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Thanksgiving

*HYMN, No. 476

"Blest Be the Tie"

*THE BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

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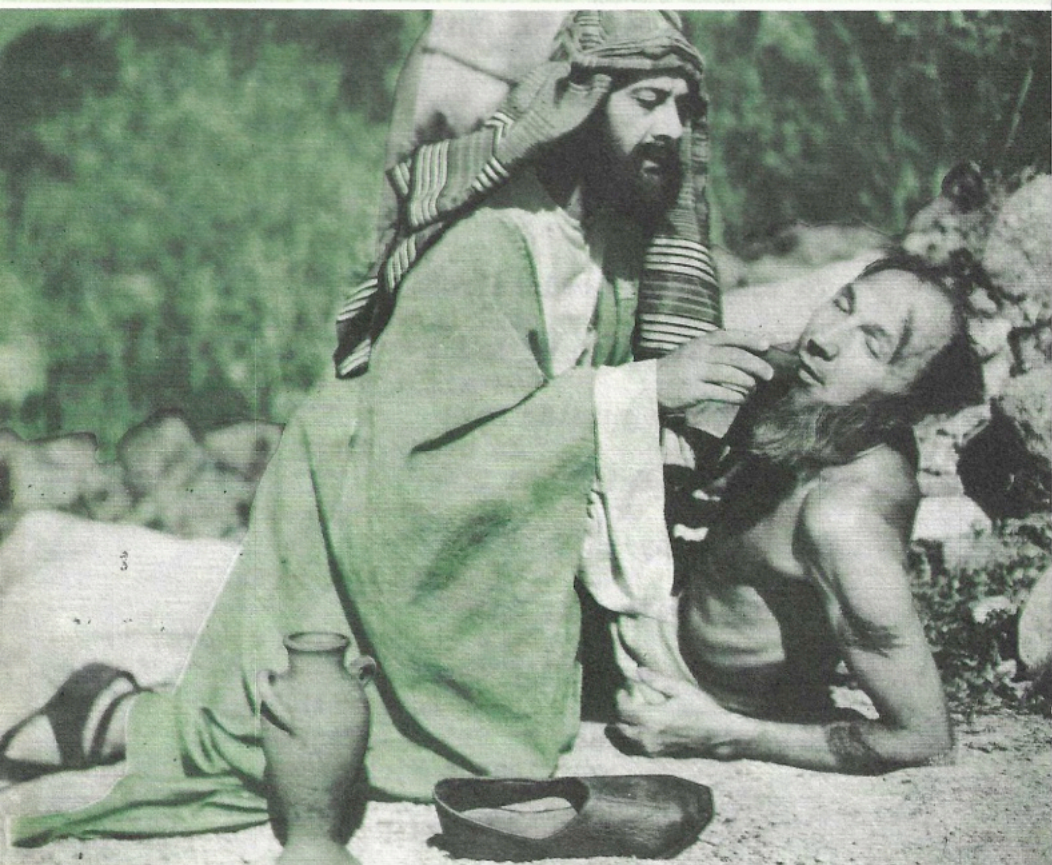
TODAY 6:00 Junior and Senior Youth Fellowships.

MONDAY 8:00 Deacons and trustees at the parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Worship and Bible study. Charles
Yates, leader.

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Guest speaker, Rev. Karl Alexander.

Your pastor will be on vacation from Tuesday until Saturday, July 19. He may be reached by calling Pomeroy, Ohio, 537.



Mercy



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, pastor

Phone 29293

Morning Worship

July 20, 1958

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

To touch Thy seamless robe
And be made whole;
To walk Thy path of Light
Straight to the goal;
To feel Thy guiding hand
In every task;
To live by Faith and Love,
No questions ask;
To roll away the stone
Of doubt and fear,
And rise with Thee into
Thy love-filled sphere;
Help me to keep this tryst
Dear Lord with Thee,
And know my place in Thine Infinity.
Eleanor Fick

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE

Mr. Grubbs

The consciousness of God's Presence comes when we are quiet in mind and body, and turn away all distracting thoughts. He said, "Be still and know that I am God."

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 412

"Blessed Assurance"

*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

O God, our Father, we have come here to worship Thee. We look to Thee, and not to ourselves, for all help. Bless us by giving each a quiet mind and an open heart.

Never Thirst?

At this end of a hot summer everyone knows what it is like to drink water and thirst again. Even cold water from the refrigerator does not quench our thirst for long. The well in Samaria where Jesus stopped to drink, was to people of that day what the cold pitcher of ice water is to us.

There are experiences and ideas too, that leave us unsatisfied. We read the newspaper today, and we read it again tomorrow. Today's news does not satisfy us tomorrow. We watch television today; tomorrow we must see it again. So, too, the radio program for today does not satisfy us for tomorrow.

Can we use the newspapers, the magazines, television, and radio to give people ideas and experiences that do last? That is the problem of the writers and other workers in the new Division of Communication of the American Baptist Convention—to find ways to tell people about the living water which, if they drink it, will leave them without thirst.

One press release resulted in a news story that brought responses from many parts of the country. One man wrote to ask how he could use the means of communication to get people to pray more. He correctly understood one use of the channels of information in our time.

R. DEAN GOODWIN
American Baptist Convention



Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

JOHN 4:13-14

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

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Morning Worship

Phone 29293
August 31, 1958

Labor Sunday

THOUGHTS BEFORE WORSHIP

All work is empty save when there is love;
And what is it to work with love?
It is to build a house with affection, even as
if your beloved were to dwell in that house.
It is to sow seeds with tenderness and reap the
harvest with joy, even as if your beloved were
to eat the fruit.
It is to charge all things you fashion with a
breath of your own spirit.
Work is love made visible.
And if you cannot work with love but only with
distaste, it is better that you should leave
your work and sit at the gate of the temple
and take alms of those who work with joy.
Kahlil Gibran

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE Mr. Grubbs
God becomes real to those who can sit in silence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, No. 371 "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus"
*THE INVOCATION
*THE SONG OF PRAISE (tune, Doxology)
O Life and Love we all may share,
Creative Spirit everywhere,
O Light and Truth that makes us free,
In joy we sing our praise to Thee; Amen.

THE RESPONSIVE READING

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

SOLO "The Lord's Prayer" Malotte
Shirley Collier

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE No. 422 (1st stanza)

SOLO "How Great Thou Art"
Shirley Collier

SERMON "God and Our Work"

*HYMN, No. 274 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"
*THE BENEDICTION Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE Mr. Grubbs

* Congregation stands

Mrs. Hazen Young....Choir Director
Edgar Ebonhack.....Organist
Fred Grubbs.....Ass't. Organist
W. C. Wickum.....Soloist
George Young.....Chief Usher
Rufus Crano.....Custodian

We are happy to have Miss Shirley Collier as our guest soloist this morning. Miss Collier is a graduate of Olentangy High School and will enter Ohio State this fall.

The Church thanks Mrs. Leslie Cantwell and Mr. Fred Grubbs for serving in the absence of our organist.

SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY (7:30 P.M.)...BUILDING COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH ARCHITECT AT THE CHURCH.

THURSDAY - Nithfus Class picnic with the Wickums.

Let God Work Through You

Christian faith affirms that God is at work in His world. He is at work creating, sustaining and redeeming life. Christian faith also affirms that you and I may share God's activity, "for we are laborers together with God."

Parents share God's creative power when they bring a new life into the world. All whose work renders worthwhile service to their fellow-men, whether laborers, craftsmen, artists, or members of professions, share in the creative and sustaining activity of God.

Even more important, all of us may have a part in fulfilling the redemptive purpose of God through the Church, God's special agency on earth for continuing mission of His Son. As Paul puts it, "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, and hath given unto us this ministry of reconciliation."

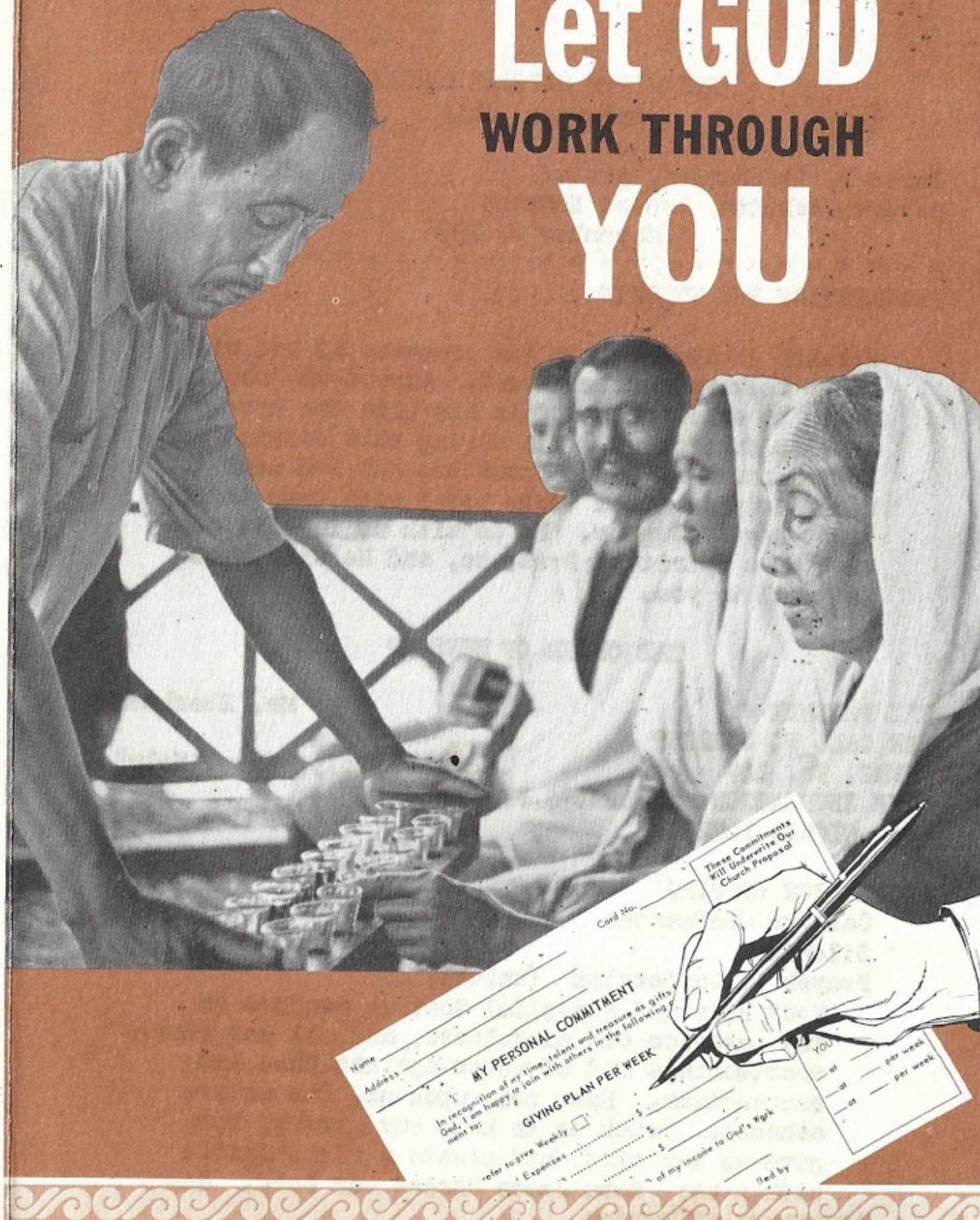
We believe that no power can prevent the ultimate victory of God's Kingdom. Nevertheless, we can aid or hinder the coming of His rule in the hearts of men as we willingly cooperate with God or wilfully refuse to let Him work through us.

The Christians in Assam pictured on this calendar are observing the Lord's Supper because Christians of another day allowed God to work through them. Will you let God work through you in your day?

Your weekly commitment to your church and its world mission is a part of your answer. It is a part of you—your time, your skill and your toil—laid upon God's altar, dedicated to the doing of His will. How much will you let God work through you?

NEWTON E. WOODBURY

Let GOD WORK THROUGH YOU



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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November 2, 1958

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Worship is coming into the presence of God with other seekers and believers. Anyone who really wants to experience God in his life can have a genuine contact with Him during this service of Holy Communion. Once Jesus brought God near to His disciples as He broke bread with them in the first Lord's Supper. He is with us in this service as a Spiritual Presence, and He will make God real to you.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack
THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, No. 107 "Holy, Holy, Holy"
*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*THE GLORIA PATRI

CONFESSION OF SINS

Call to Confession
Silence
Prayer of Confession (unison)

Most Holy and Merciful God; we confess in Thy presence our sinfulness, and all our shortcomings and offenses against Thee and one another. Have pity upon us, for we are ashamed. Teach us to hate our errors, forgive us our sins, and create a right spirit within us; thru Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

ANTHEM

"Love Divine"
The Choir

Jones

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON
THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Acts 3:12-26

THE OFFERTORY
*THE RESPONSE

The Doxology

THE SERMON

"What Is Christianity?"

THE FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

(The November offering is for
The Ministers' & Missionaries' Benefit Board)

*THE COMMUNION HYMN, No. 461

"Break Thou the Bread"

THE HOLY COMMUNION
Invitation
Consecration
Communion
Thanksgiving

*HYMN, No. 476
*THE BENEDICTION

"Blest Be the Tie"
Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebenhack
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Mrs. Hazen Young

ORGANIST,
Edgar Ebenhack

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY 6:00 Junior & Senior Youth Fellowships.
MONDAY 8:00 Deacons, Trustees, Deaconesses, and
Evangelism Committee at the Church.
WEDNESDAY 7:30 Midweek Worship and Bible study.
THURSDAY 2:00 World Community Day Service at the
Evangelical & Reformed Church.
7:30 Nithfus Class at the Church.

We welcome visitors to all our services. Please sign the guest book in the vestibule.

Where Is Your Faith?

Where do you place your faith? Do you, like so many good Christian people, misplace your faith, and then wonder why things do not work out more to your liking? Are you, for example, one of the many who exclaim, "Oh, I put my faith

in prayer"? If so, you are making a terrible mistake.

Our faith belongs in God, not in prayer. This is not to suggest that we stop praying, but if prayer is to serve its true function it will be because it is offered in an utter faith in God, our Creator and Sustainer.

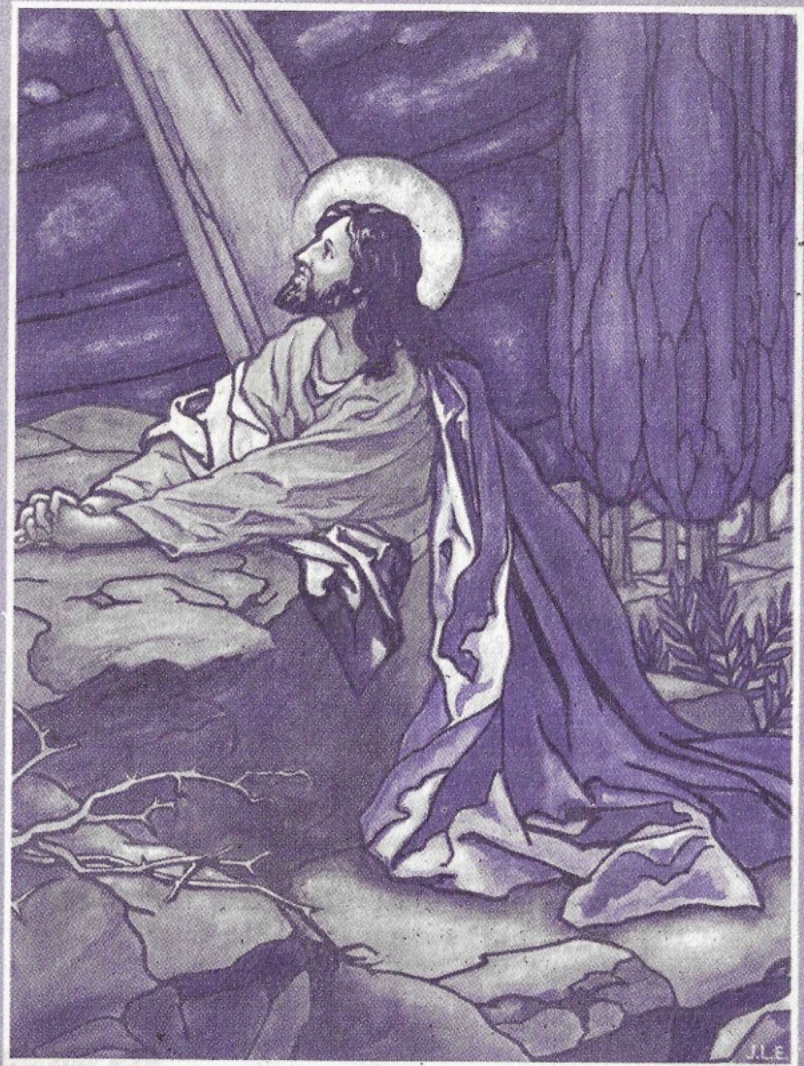
In the garden of Gethsemane Jesus sought communion with God through prayer. Kneeling there, His all too human inclination was voiced in the expressed hope that He might be spared the necessity of going to the cross just then. But it was in the words, "nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt," that Jesus evidenced His great and abiding faith in God. No matter what the cost, or where it would lead Him—even to the cross—Jesus' faith in God neither faltered nor wavered.

When we learn to truly put our faith in God, as Jesus did, we shall experience a new depth of meaning in our prayer life. Absolute trust in God—in His love and concern for us—will enable us to face every experience of life with a calm, quiet confidence born of a knowledge of God's nearness and goodness.

To achieve this quality of faith is to master the secret of literally walking in the steps of our Lord and Saviour.

FRANK E. JOHNSTON
American Baptist Convention

Rev. Frank E. Johnston is Budget Adviser for the American Baptist Convention.



Thy Will Be Done

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March 15, 1959

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

(The two poems which follow are intended to help you prepare yourself for our service of Worship. If anyone seeks Christ he will find Him, and finding Him will find also the answer to his needs.)

Am I a stone and not a sheep
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath Thy Cross,
To number drop by drop Thy Blood's slow loss,
And yet not weep?

Christina Rossetti

Not only once, and long ago,
There on Golgotha's rugged side,
Has Christ, the Lord been crucified
Because He loved a lost world so.
But hourly souls, sin-satisfied,
Mock His great love, flout His commands,
And drive nails deep into His hands,
And thrust the spear within His side.

John R. Moreland

THE PRELUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 237

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*THE GLORIA PATRI

CONFESSION OF SINS

Call to Confession

Silent Prayers
Assurance of Pardon

ANTHEM

Junior Choir

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON (A Psalm of Faith) Psalm 27:1-6
THE PASTORAL PRAYER

SOLO

"Hymn of the Last Supper"
Fred Grubbs

Demarest

THE OFFERTORY
*THE RESPONSE

The Doxology

THE SERMON

"Faith Against Fear"

....."My God, my God,
why hast thou forsaken me?"
"Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit"....

*HYMN, No. 284

"I Hear the Savior Say"
(No. 649) Choral Amen

*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

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Edgar Ebenhack

JUNIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR,
Fred Grubbs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY 6:00 Junior & Senior Youth Fellowships.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 School of Evangelism (Conclude Eph.)
8:30 Board of Christian Education.

THURSDAY 2:15 Central W.C.T.U. with Mrs. Denney.
8:00 Women's Society with Mrs. White.

The Glory of the Resurrection

*Now is Christ risen from the dead,
and become the firstfruits of them
that slept.* 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20

The glory of the resurrection of
Christ is the glory of victory. Seem-
ing defeat was turned into victory:

From the hour of temptation in the
wilderness to His death on the cross, Christ's life had been one
continuous conflict with the powers of darkness. The struggle
appeared in the antagonisms of the common people as well as
in the hatreds and plottings of the leaders of the Jews. His
arrest, trial, conviction, and crucifixion, all seemed to combine
to spell defeat.

When He arose on Easter morn, He demonstrated that He
had freely gone to His death, giving Himself a ransom for all,
finishing the work of atoning for the sins of mankind, redeem-
ing the fallen race. The power and bondage of sin had been
broken. The chains of death had been shattered.

But the glory of the resurrection victory extended farther.
Christ was the firstfruit. Other fruit was to follow. Those who
had fallen asleep, believing in the Lord, should also rise again.
The glory of the hope of the whole Christian Church is
summed up in the one great sentence from our Creed, "I
believe . . . in the resurrection of the body."

The glory of the resurrection lies in the victory of the Son
of God, shared to the end of time by all who believe in Him.
The empty grave assures us that Christ is risen indeed. He is
our living Lord!

He is risen



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

Easter Worship ----- March 29, 1959
----- James B. Stephenson ----- Pastor -----

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:30 A. M.

I, too, O Christ, denied you,
And felt the dawn winds blow
Cold and gray upon my cheek,
And heard the cock's loud crow;

But I have seen the dead arise,
The spring wake fair and strong;
And doubt has changed to soaring faith,
Despair to love and song.
Daisy C. Price

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack
Worship begins when you enter the Sanctuary,
and we request your reverent silence.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, No. 239 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 15 (New Testament)

ANTHEM "They Have Taken Away My Lord" Stainer
The Choir

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON I John 20:1-18

ANTHEM "Hosanna" Granier
Fred Grubbs & Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON II Luke 24:13-16;28-35

THE MORNING PRAYER
Call to Prayer
Silence
Pastoral Prayer

(Jr. Choir) Choral Amen

SOLO "The Holy City" Adams
W. C. Wickum

THE OFFERTORY
*THE RESPONSE The Doxology

THE SERMON "Easter's Challenge to You"

*HYMN, No. 250 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
*THE BENEDICTION (No. 650) Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE Mr. Ebenhack
* Congregation stands

CHOIR DIRECTOR, ORGANIST,
Mrs. Hazen Young Edgar Ebenhack
JR. CHOIR DIRECTOR,
Fred Grubbs

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY 6:00 Junior and Senior Youth Fellowships.

TUESDAY 9:30 - 3:00 Women's Day at Church. Bring
Sack lunch and 25¢.

WEDNESDAY 8:00 Lecture by Dr. Paul Tillich at Gray
Chapel.

THURSDAY 2:00 Alice J. Whittier Circle with Mrs.
Charles Eliot.
8:00 Nithfus Class at the parsonage.

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Communion and Hand of Fellowship.



God's Handiwork

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April 12, 1959

FAMILY WORSHIP
9:30 A. M.

THE PRELUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

Worship begins when you enter the Sanctuary
and we request your reverent silence.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 171

"This Is My Father's World"

*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE RESPONSIVE READING

No. 52 (Old Testament)

SOLO

"Jesus Thou Joy"

Bach

Fred Grubbs

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:1-10

THE MORNING PRAYER

Call to Prayer

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE

The Doxology

HYMN, No. 214

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

(Children from Kindergarten thru Junior High will go to

Out of The Grave

Dr. John V. Taylor, of Uganda, told the All Africa Church Conference in Nigeria of a peasant who declared to him, following a sermon, "I want to come out of the grave." That was his graphic acceptance of the experience of conversion, or the birth to new life in Christ.

The cry of submerged people all over the world is reflected in that African's desire. The gospel of Christ proclaims the power which can release those who are dead in sin from the grave. Tribes and races buried in superstition, ignorance and diseases of body and spirit are clamoring to come out of the grave.

The fast moving tempo of our day is confusing to the most alert. Those in darkness may be misled by false appeals which do not lead to the Light of the World. We who know Christ must display a stewardship which shares our experience with others. Our Savior tasted death that all who believe on Him might have abundant life, both in this world and in the world to come.

Personal faith in Christ must go far beyond mere attendance upon church services and the making of token contributions when the offering plates are passed. One must be raised from his confining grave of selfish concern to the free air of love which we know through Christ to be the spirit of God.

Our concern must be for all mankind. Every race and people must come alive in Christ. We who have risen from our graves are able to point others to Him who died and rose again that all might have life.



EDWARD B. WILLINGHAM
American Baptist Convention

Dr. Willingham is General Secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies.



In My Father's House

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio
James B. Stephenson, Pastor

Morning Worship

May 3, 1959

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Father of lights, in whom there is no shadow,
Giver of every good and perfect gift.
With one accord we seek Thy holy presence,
Gladly our hearts to Thee in praise we lift.

Glad for the cause that binds our hearts together,
Through Thee united, worshipping as one:
Glad for the crowning gift that Thou hast given,
Sending to light the world, Thy only Son.
- Thoburn

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

Worship begins when you enter the Sanctuary,
and we request your silence.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 107

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE RESPONSIVE READING

No. 17 (Old Testament)

ANTHEM

"Great and Marvelous"

Brander

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

THE MORNING PRAYER

Call to Prayer

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

DUET

"The 23rd Psalm
Fred Grubbs, W. C. Wickum

Smart

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE

The Doxology

THE SERMON

"Transferred - or Transformed?"
Dr. Clifford G. Hansen

*HYMN, No. 281

*THE BENEDICTION

"Jesus Calls Us"
(No. 649) Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebenhack
* Congregation stands

CHOIR DIRECTOR,
Mrs. Hazen Young

ORGANIST,
Edgar Ebenhack

It is a pleasure to welcome Dr. Clifford G. Hansen to
our service this morning. Dr. Hansen is executive sec-
retary of the Ohio Baptist Convention.

The Sanctuary flowers are in memory of Walter D. Hall.
They are presented by his widow, Mrs. Edith Hall, and
his daughter, Mrs. Fred Grubbs.

Today's bulletins are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Eliot.

You are invited to examine the plans for our new educa-
tional unit which are on display in the Church School
Assembly room. They will be presented for the church's
approval at our next regular business meeting, May 13th.
After Midweek Service Wednesday, an opportunity will be
given for discussion of the plans with the building com-
mittee. Your reactions and suggestions are invited,

We welcome visitors to our worship. You are invited to
sign the guest book in the vestibule.

Shepherd of Peace

To those engaged in the administrative tasks of the church, today the question often comes, "Whither Bound?" In an age of highly complex organization, and in a society with a tremendous drive for concrete achievement, the pressures which characterize modern secular life inevitably find their way into the administration of the societies

and agencies of the church.

This same pressure is felt within the local church and many ministers have confessed their inability to live a life of calm serenity and inner peace amidst the tremendous pressures of an "active" parish.

One cannot participate in theological conversations with Christians from Europe and Asia without recognizing that, while we may "do" more, they often think much more deeply and manifest a spirit of devotion which often seems lacking in the average busy American church member today.

Jesus made it clear in His conversations with Mary and Martha that Mary had chosen the better part. (Luke 10:38-42). Do those who make tremendous demands for the sake of efficiency take time themselves to sit at Jesus' feet and learn of Him in the silence and holiness of solitude?

I wonder how many of my colleagues cry out, "If only the volume of correspondence, the number of committee meetings, the 'programs' of the church could be so reduced and simplified to allow us to live the balanced lives which surely God intends!"

It is my conviction that American Christianity needs to look unto Jesus to find the pattern of effective witness. It is not by organization nor committees nor correspondence nor program, but by His spirit in the hearts of His witnesses that the world will come to know Him.

J. L. SPRIGG
American Baptist Convention

Rev. J. L. Sprigg is Administrative Secretary for the Congo and Europe and is in the Overseas Department of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies.



Shepherd of Peace
(Memorial Sunday)

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Morning Worship

Phone 37021
May 31, 1959

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Within the darkness of the present hour
We stand serene and dare affirm -
Our country is the world;
Our brothers are all men;
Our law is Love;
Freedom and peace our cause.

Ruth Le Prade

THE PRELUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

Worship begins when you enter the Sanctuary,
and we request your silence.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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

*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*THE SONG OF PRAISE (tune, Doxology)

O Life and Love we all may share,

Creative Spirit everywhere,

O Light and Truth that makes us free,

In joy we sing our praise to Thee; Amen.

THE RESPONSIVE READING

No. 45 (New Testament)

*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:17-31

THE MORNING PRAYER

Call to Prayer

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

SOLO

"America for Christ"

Palmer

W. C. Wickum

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE

No. 422 (1st stanza)

THE SERMON

"How to Be Remembered"

*HYMN, No. 390

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

*THE BENEDICTION

(No. 649) Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

6:00 Junior and Senior Youth Fellowships.

8:00 Willis Baccalaureate Service at Gray
Chapel.

MONDAY

8:00 Deacons and Trustees at the Church.

TUESDAY

7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal.

WEDNESDAY

7:30 Worship and Bible study. Continued
study of the 10 Commandments.

THURSDAY

2:00 Alice J. Whittier Circle.

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Holy Communion.

We welcome visitors to the Church. Please sign the
guest book in the vestibule.

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Mrs. Frances John-
son.

No Greater Challenge

"Receive him in the Lord . . . and honor such men," Paul wrote of young Epaphroditus, "for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete your service to me." (Phil. 2:29-30 RSV)

"Risking his life . . ." What did Paul mean?

The apostle is in his prison cell at Rome as he pens these words. He remembers that Epaphroditus braved the dangers of brigands and bandits to travel the many miles between Philippi and Rome. . . . He is grateful for the strength and courage of the young man . . . for the gifts which he brought from old friends in Philippi . . . and for the young messenger's recovery from serious illness after his arrival. Now Epaphroditus is about to return bearing this letter which Paul is writing. . . .

Suddenly the apostle glances up from the scroll. In front of him are his jailers casting dice to while away the long hours of their watch..

Deliberately, carefully Paul turns again to the parchment and records the word that centuries later will be translated "risk." But Paul is thinking of the dice game before him. The imagery goes beyond the language he uses. "Honor this young man since for the sake of Christ he has *gambled* his life," Paul seems to be saying.

Paul has long since gone, but if ever the world lived dangerously, it does so now. This hour holds no greater challenge than that of gambling life for Christ and His kingdom.



Mr. Paul C. Allen is editor of *Crusader*, official news-magazine of the American Baptist Convention.

PAUL C. ALLEN
American Baptist Convention



Come Unto Me

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson
Morning Worship

Phone 37021
September 13, 1959

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

I sought to hear the voice of God,
And climbed the topmost steeple,
But God declared, "Go down again
I dwell among the people."
Louis I. Newman

THE PRELUDE

Saint-Saens

The consciousness of God's presence comes when
we are quiet in body and mind. "Be still,"
the Father says, "and know that I am God."

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 110

"Praise the Lord"

*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*THE SONG OF PRAISE (tune, The Doxology)

O Life and Love we all may share,
Creative Spirit everywhere,
O Light and Truth that makes us free,
In joy we sing our praise to Thee; Amen.

THE RESPONSIVE READING

No. 13 (Old Testament)

SOLO

W. C. Wickum

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18:35-19:10

THE MORNING PRAYER

Call to Prayer
Silence
Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERTORY

"Andante"

Mendelssohn

*THE RESPONSE

No. 422 (1st stanza)

THE SERMON

"Can We Know God?"

*HYMN, No. 29

"Take My Life"

*THE BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

"In Heavenly Love Abiding"

Thomas

* Congregation stands

Mrs. Hazen Young,
CHOIR DIRECTOR

Fred B. Grubbs,
ASS'T. ORGANIST

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY 6:00 Junior Youth Fellowship Banquet for
parents.

MONDAY 8:00 Board of Trustees at the Church.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Worship and Bible study.

THURSDAY 8:00 Women's Society with Mrs. White.

The Columbus Baptist Association will meet at the Lincoln Village Baptist Church one week from this Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 3:30 P.M. Reservations for the dinner must be phoned to the parsonage (37021) no later than noon this Thursday.

We welcome visitors to our Church. Please sign the guest book in the vestibule.

The senior Choir rehearses Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. Any one interested in joining is welcome.

Custodian,
Rufus Crane

Ass't. Custodian,
Peter White

The Opening Way

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalms 23:6.

So begins a letter from Thra Po Sin, a Karen evangelist working up in the Pwo Karen country of northern Thailand.

Having just come from a discouraging effort to bring the gospel to another village, Thra Po Sin is overjoyed to find in Ban Pin Village a headman who is friendly and cooperative—who has lent the evangelist his own bicycle, in fact, to help in his work.

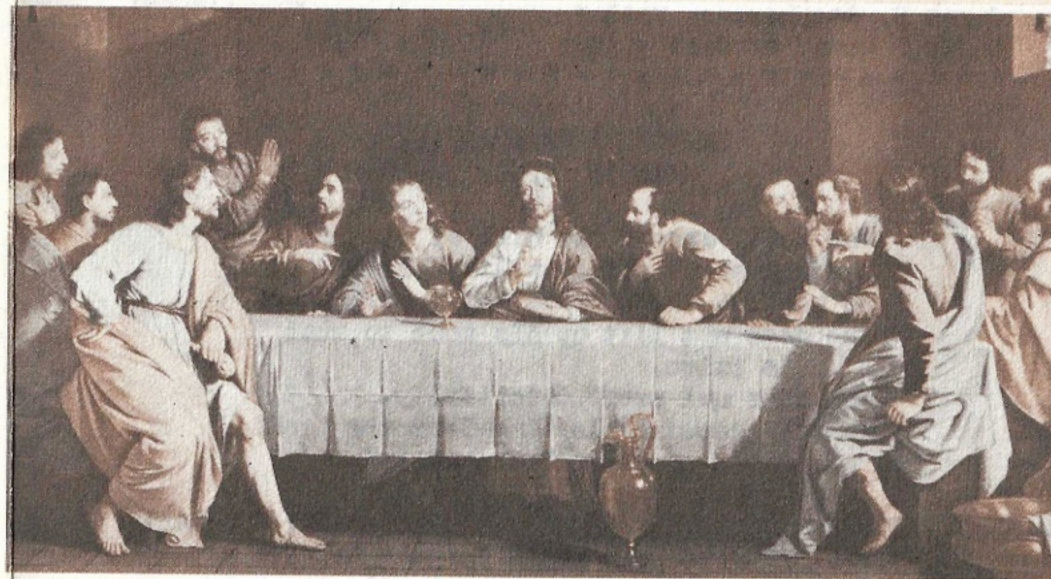
"I feel so thankful in my heart," writes Thra Po Sin. "Now the way has opened wide for us."

... The way is opening in all of Thailand. Your American Baptist Mission has been established there since 1952. With more than thirty missionaries, and with many trained and dedicated workers like Thra Po Sin, Jesus Christ is being brought to Buddhists and animists and they are responding. Surely goodness and mercy shall continue to follow these who themselves are living out their answers to the Great Commission of the Master.

ROBERT F. CRAMER
American Baptist Convention



Rev. Robert F. Cramer is assistant secretary in the Department of Public Relations of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, and is editor of materials for the annual World Fellowship Offering. This offering goes entirely to the Foreign Mission Societies and the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board.



The Lord's Supper

NOW when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it.

MATTHEW 26

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, pastor
David Lehman, student pastor

Phone 37021
October 4, 1959

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:30 A. M.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in His Holy Place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Who does not lift up his soul to what
is false,
And does not swear deceitfully.
He will receive blessing from the Lord!
Psalm 24:3-5a

THE PRELUDE

Mr Ebenhack

Worship begins when you enter the Sanctuary,
and we request your reverent silence.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 107

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE RESPONSIVE READING
SPECIAL MUSIC

No. 28 (New Testament)

THE OFFERTORY
*THE RESPONSE

The Doxology

THE SERMON

"The One Life"

THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

*THE COMMUNION HYMN, No. 461

"Break Thou the Bread"

THE HOLY COMMUNION
Invitation

Consecration of Elements
Communion
Thanksgiving

*HYMN, No. 476

"Blest Be the Tie"
Choral Amen

*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

* Congregation stands

CHOIR DIRECTOR,
Mrs. Hazen Young

ORGANIST,
Edgar Ebenhack

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Congratulations to the Junior High Youth Fellowship and their sponsor, Mrs. W. C. Wickum. They received a certificate of merit with a gold star for achievement in their activity for the past year. Total points obtained - 110, the highest in their district.

World Mission Offerings are being received in American Baptist Churches today. On World-wide Communion Sunday we thus express our unity with our world neighbors. Today's offering is for Thailand.

TODAY 6:00 Youth Fellowships.
TUESDAY 7:30 School of Religion at Asbury Church.
WEDNESDAY 7:30 Worship and Bible study.
THURSDAY 8:00 Eva Shepard Circle with Mrs. John Richards.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY Crusader's Rummage Sale at Church.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER:

General Fund - Aug. deficit, \$107.37 Sept. expenditures, \$425.80
Received Sept., \$640.17
Balance, Oct. 1, \$107.00

Improvement Fund - August Balance, \$597.32
Received Sept., 52.40
Oct. Balance, \$649.72

The Paradox

Many who do not recognize this word are still familiar with its meaning. A paradox is something that sounds self-contradictory, or even absurd, but may nevertheless be true.

Jesus not only spoke in parables, he often spoke in paradox. The first shall be the last, and the last first. Except a grain of wheat die it cannot bring forth fruit. Whoever humbles himself shall be exalted. Paul said, "When I am weak, then am I strong."

One such saying of Christ I like especially well. "Whosoever would save his life shall lose it, but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it." How strange and impossible that sounds. But how everlastingly true it is! We do not find our complete selves until by dedication we have lost our lives in something bigger than ourselves.

In his famous *Outline of History*, H. G. Wells says, "There is, as we are seeing, no social order, no security, no peace or happiness, no righteous leadership or kingship, unless men lose themselves in something greater than themselves." Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "The selfish man suffers more from his selfishness than he from whom that selfishness withholds some important benefit." The unanimous witness of untold thousands is that Christ and His kingdom do indeed rightly claim the giving of our whole lives. And then we shall find them in still greater fulness.

REUBEN P. JESCHKE
American Baptist Convention



Rev. Reuben P. Jeschke is President of Sioux Falls College, an American Baptist College of the upper midwest, serving principally the states of North and South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota.



Render therefore to Caesar the things that
are Caesar's, and to God
the things that are God's.

MATTHEW 22:21

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, pastor Phone 37021
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November 1, 1959

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

(The following affirmation of faith may be read slowly and silently before the Worship begins or during the Prelude. It will prepare your mind for divine communion.)

I will be still and learn of Thee, Spirit of Peace within me,

The courage of Jesus is becoming mine.
The patience of Jesus is becoming mine.
The joy of Jesus is becoming mine.
The peace of Jesus is becoming mine.

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, No. 585 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 12:13-27
SOLO W. C. Wickum

THE OFFERTORY
*THE RESPONSE The Doxology

THE SERMON "The Length of Your Life"

THE FELLOWSHIP OFFERING
*THE COMMUNION HYMN, No. 392
"Jesus the Very Thot of Thee"

THE HOLY COMMUNION
Invitation
Consecration of Elements
Communion
Thanksgiving

*HYMN, No. 419 "Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"
*THE BENEDICTION Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE Mr. Ebenhack

* CONGREGATION STANDS

Mrs. Hazen Young, Choir Director
Edgar Ebenhack, Organist
Fred Grubbs, Junior Choir Director
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY 5:30 Senior Hi Fellowship.
6:00 Junior Hi Fellowship.

MONDAY 7:15 Finance Committee, Advance Gift Committee members, and Team Captains at the First Baptist Church, Columbus.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Worship and Bible study. Continuation of Revelation.

THURSDAY 2:00 Alice J. Whittier Circle with Mrs. Crane.
8:00 Nithfus Class with the Stephensons.

MEETING IN BUSINESS SESSION last Wednesday, the Church adopted the financial goals for 1960 as recommended by the Finance Committee of the Building Committee.

Local Expenses - \$7,700.
Missions - \$1800. CHEC - \$500. Building - \$24,000.
Building Goal payable over three years.

Gratitude

I believe in the validity of prayer for material blessings. Seldom, however, have I felt led so to pray. Day after day, on the other hand I have been led to thank God for the countless blessings He has showered

upon me and mine.

I am grateful for material blessings which I have received far beyond my deserving; for freedom in the land of the free, knowing that, except for the grace of God I might have been born in a land where fear is a constant shadow darkening every joy of life; and, most of all, for the deep faith I received while a small boy on an Iowa farm. It was there that I was led to give my life for Christian service, that I might "live for Him who died for me."

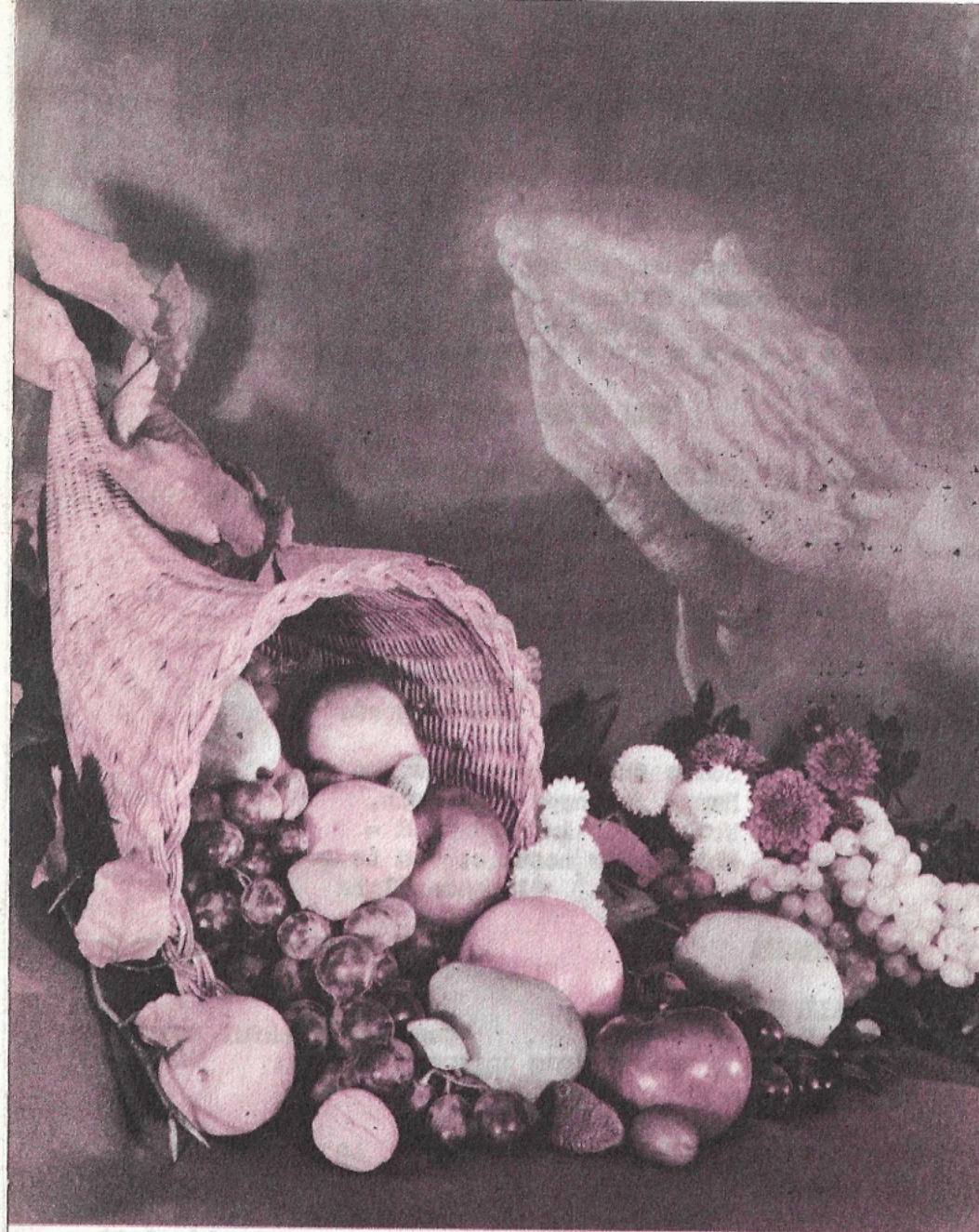
If I were to analyze the one quality of my faith that stands out above all others I am sure it would best be expressed in the word "gratitude."

In gratitude for this abundance I feel the constant compulsion to press forward to make my contribution to the Kingdom in the establishment of New Frontier Churches and in making possible the erection of new "houses of worship for the glory of God and the service of mankind."

LINCOLN B. WADSWORTH
American Baptist Convention



Rev. Lincoln B. Wadsworth is the Secretary of the Division of Church Extension and Edifice Funds of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies.



In Gratitude to God

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

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November 22, 1959

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Smiling sky and reaching field
Golden with the harvest's yield,
Flowering garden, flaming wood,
All proclaim that God is good.

Hopes that glisten in the skies,
Goals that wait before our eyes,
Ways Faith's thought has understood,
Join the echo, God is good.

Roads that brighten in the sun,
Happy journeys to be run,
Work to do in hardihood -
This their message: God is good.
Clarence Flynn

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, No. 593 "Come Ye Thankful People"
*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 43 (Old Testament)
THE ANTHEM The Choir

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 12:22-31
THE MORNING PRAYER
Call to Prayer
Silence
Pastoral Prayer

REPORT OF CANVASS COMMITTEE

THE OFFERTORY
*THE RESPONSE

The Doxology

THE SERMON "Thankfulness - Key to Life"

*HYMN, No. 594 "We Plow the Fields"
*THE BENEDICTION Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE Mr. Ebenhack

* Congregation stands

Mrs. Hazen Young, Edgar Ebenhack,
CHOIR DIRECTOR ORGANIST

Fred Grubbs,
JR. CHOIR DIRECTOR

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CAMPAIGN REPORT TO DATE.....(88% complete)

	GOAL	FLEDGED
Local	\$7700.00	\$6703.00
Missions	1800.00	1776.00
Building	8000.00	6665.00
CHEC	500.00	500.00
TOTAL	\$18000.00	\$15644.00

Previous balance in Building Fund	\$1534.00
Advance gifts	875.00
TOTAL	\$2409.00

THE THREE YEAR PICTURE

Total cost of building - - - - -	\$24,000.00
Pledged for three years	\$19,995.00
Advance gifts & balance	2,409.00
	<u>22,404.00</u>
Needed for Building	\$ 1,596.00
Per year	\$532.00

Autonomy

What do we mean when we say as Baptists that we believe in the "autonomy of the local church"?

One view seems to be, "This church is ours to do with as we please. It suits us as it is. Whether it does much or little for the whole Christian cause is our own business."

Another view affirms, "This is Christ's church. Its autonomy is for the sole purpose of assuring His leadership and His love in His own household."

Unhappily, it seems to me that the principle of autonomy which our fathers affirmed as a principle of responsibility has been subjected to terrible corruption. It has been a growing conviction of mine that a faith that trusts not in our own righteousness but in the work of a redeemer, leads us to the fact of a cross. The cross begins with the acknowledgment that we are not our own but have been bought with a price—such a faith knows nothing of "absolute autonomy."

As we examine that which called us into being as Baptists we will recognize that our belief in a fundamental voluntarism (*autonomy* or *freedom*) in church life is not an excuse for isolationism, but is a principle of responsibility. And our belief in it is not as an encouragement of eccentricity, but as a precondition of maturity.

Our autonomy frees us from formulas and the worship of tradition, even our own formulas and traditions. Our autonomy compels us to search for new and more effective means of witnessing to the lordship of Christ over the ever-changing world of today. Our autonomy binds us to all who are part of the church of Christ—to listen to, cooperate with, and pray for those who are gathered together from other histories and other traditions.

Let us pray for the whole church of Christ.

DEAN R. WRIGHT
American Baptist Convention



Rev. Dean R. Wright is Associate Director of The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board. Three services provided by thoughtful American Baptist churches through this board are the Retiring Pension Fund, Health Plan and Annual Grants. The board is developing services which began in 1911 and continue to grow having the ultimate purpose of aiding in producing good ministers of Jesus Christ.



The Coming of Christ

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephens, pastor Phone 37021
David L. Lehman, student pastor Phone 29821

3rd Sunday of Advent....December 13, 1959

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION (to be read upon entering the
Sanctuary)

Lord, let me keep a Christmas heart,
That mid the tumult of the throng
Still hears the echo clear and sweet
Of angels' song.

Lord, let me keep a Christmas heart,
That hears and sees another's need
And strives each day to follow Thee
In word and deed.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack
Let the music of the organ be the inspiration
for your prayer.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, No. 187 "Angels We Have Heard on High"
*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 1:18-25

ANTHEM "Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Has Come" Elvey

THE MORNING PRAYER
Call to Prayer
Silence
Pastoral Prayer

SOLO "Though Poor Be the Manger" Gounod
Fred B. Grubbs

THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

THE OFFERTORY

*THE RESPONSE

The Doxology

THE SERMON "Joseph - Believer in the Impossible"

*HYMN, No. 198

"There's a Song in the Air"

*THE BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Ebenhack

* Congregation stands

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Mrs. Hazen Young

ORGANIST,
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Fred Grubbs,
JR. CHOIR DIRECTOR

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COMING EVENTS

TODAY 3:00 & 8:00 Handel's Messiah at Gray
Chapel.
6:00 Junior High Fellowship.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Worship and Bible study. Read Luke
2; Matthew 2.

THURSDAY 8:00 "Meditations while Trimming a Christ-
mas Tree." All church program spon-
sored by the Women's Society.

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Morning Worship. "Mary - Achiev-
ing the Impossible."
7:30 Christmas Service presented by the
Church School and Choirs.

THE LIGHT REFLECTED
(A Service of Lights)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CANDLES

(The pastor will light his candle; the ushers will light their candles from the pastor's candle; the ushers will then move down the aisle lighting the candles of the congregation in this manner: the worshiper nearest the center aisle will receive the light and in turn give the light to the one by his side. Silent Night, Holy Night, should be sung softly and reverently, with no other light burning but the candles. The candles should not be extinguished until the close of the Lord's Prayer.)

A CHRISTMAS CAROL (congregation standing)

"Silent Night, Holy Night" J. Mohr

Silent night! Holy night!	Heavenly hosts sing alleluia,
All is calm, all is bright,	Christ the Savior is born,
Round yon Virgin Mother and	Christ the Savior is born.
Child!	

Holy Infant, so tender and mild,	Silent night! Holy night!
Sleep in heavenly peace,	Son of God, love's pure light,
Sleep in heavenly peace.	Radiant beams from Thy Holy

Face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,

THE CLOSING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(followed by the Lord's Prayer)

THE BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROL (congregation and choir)

"Joy to the World" (Antioch) Isaac Watts

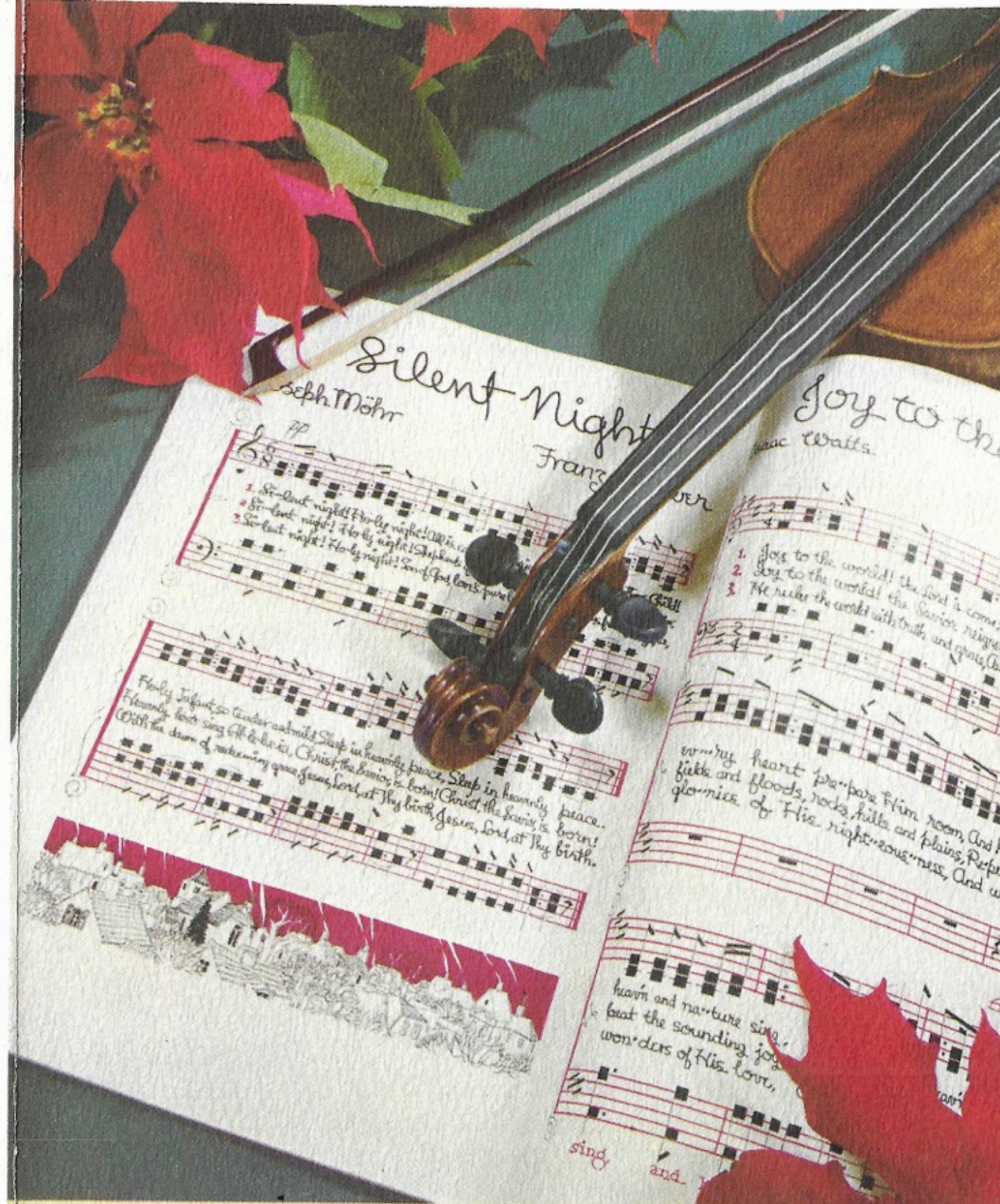
Joy to the world! the Lord is come;	No more let sins and sorrow grow,
Let earth receive her King;	Nor thorns infest the ground;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,	He comes to make His blessings
And heav'n and nature sing.	flow

Far as the curse is found.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills
and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and
grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love.

ORGAN POSTLUDE



A Service of Carols and Candles

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROL

(The congregation will rise as the choir enters)

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Adeste Fideles)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

O sing, choirs of angels; Sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;
O Jesus, to Thee be all glory given,
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: In the beginning was the Word.

People: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Minister: All things were made by Him.

People: And without Him was not any thing made that was made.

Minister: In Him was life.

People: And the life was the light of men.

Unison: Let our light so shine before men, that they may see our good
works, and glorify our Father in heaven. Amen!

(The congregation will be seated)

THE LIGHT REVEALED

A PROPHECY Isaiah 9:6-7
Luke 1:26-33

A CHRISTMAS CAROL (congregation and choir)

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (St. Louis)

O little town of Bethlehem,	O holy Child of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;	Descend to us, we pray;
Above thy deep and dreamless	Cast out our sin, and enter in,
sleep	Be born in us today.
The silent stars go by;	We hear the Christmas angels
Yet in thy dark streets shineth	The great glad tidings tell;
The everlasting Light;	Oh, come to us, abide with us.
The hopes and fears of all the years	Our Lord Emmanuel. Amen.
Are met in thee tonight.	

THE LIGHT RECEIVED

A CHRISTMAS SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-18

A CHRISTMAS CAROL (congregation and choir)

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Edmund H. Sears

It came upon the midnight clear,	O ye, beneath life's crushing load,
That glorious song of old,	Whose forms are bending low,
From angels bending near the	Who toil along the climbing way
earth,	With painful steps and slow!
To touch their harps of gold;	Look now, for glad and golden
"Peace on the earth, good will to	hours
men,	Come swiftly on the wing;
From heaven's all-gracious King;"	Oh, rest beside the weary road,
The world in solemn stillness lay,	And hear the angels sing.
To hear the angels sing.	

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

A CHRISTMAS ANTHEM (the choir)

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER

A CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

A CHRISTMAS CAROL (congregation and choir)

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin's Womb;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell; Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings,
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

The Gift Itself

The gift is Christ Himself. And the giver is God, the Father, who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.

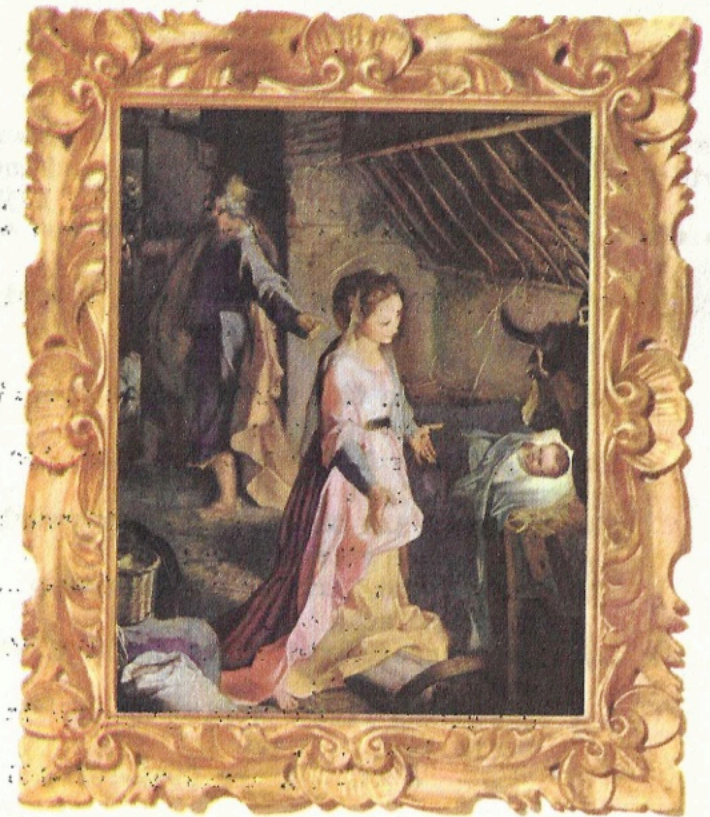
One Christmas we gave our year-and-a-half-old boy a large toy truck.

We were amused and dismayed to have him unwrap the box, remove the truck, and spend the evening playing with the worthless box, the truck abandoned and unnoticed.

The great gift of Christmas, Immanuel, God with us, comes each year in elaborate wrappings of family reunions, exchange of gifts and courtesies, merry-making, magnificent music. It is altogether possible for people to lay aside the great gift and have a juvenile carnival among the wrappings.

Christian churches everywhere beckon to us with the true gift. The Christ Child is exalted in song and story. Children's faces are aglow with remembrances of angels and shepherds. People retreat from store and street to be caught up within the glory of the Church's message, "to us a child is born, to us a king is given . . . and his name will be called Wonderful Counselor. . . ."

Christ Himself brings rich gifts. Forgiveness of sins, peace and joy of conscience, new hope for tomorrow, a kingdom eternal—all this He promises His own. But for every true believer it is Christ Himself who is the priceless treasure. He Himself is the pearl of great price which makes one rich, even when all else is gone.



*For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord.*

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, pastor Phone 37021
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4th Sunday in Advent .. December 20, 1959

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION (to be read upon entering the
Sanctuary)

The lips of the Christ-Child are like
twin leaves;
They let roses fall when He smiles
tenderly.
The tears of the Christ-Child are pearls
when He grieves;
The eyes of the Christ-Child are deep
as the sea.
Like pomegranate grains are the dimples
He hath;
And clustering lilies spring up in
His path.
- St. Gregory (951-1011)

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack
Let the music of the organ be the inspiration
for your prayers.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, No. 190 "Joy to the World"
*THE INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN, No. 188 "Silent Night"

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 50 (Old Testament)
ANTHEM "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" Traditional
Junior Choir

THE MORNING PRAYER
Call to Prayer
Silence
Pastoral Prayer

ANTHEM "Noel, Noel" Ashford
Senior Choir

THE OFFERTORY
*THE RESPONSE The Doxology

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:26-31
Luke 2:1-20

SOLO "Ave Maria" Schubert
W. C. Wickum

THE SERMON "Mary - Achieving the Impossible"

*HYMN, No. 189 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
*THE BENEDICTION Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE Mr. Ebenhack
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TONIGHT 7:30 Special Christmas Service by the Church
School and Choirs.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Worship and Bible Study. Theme: "The
Inner Meaning of Christmas."

His First Steps

Ever since I heard a Nigerian Baptist say that the Christ Child probably took his first steps in Africa, my mind has pondered the years from one to twelve.

In the oratorio *The Infant Christ*, Hector Berlioz describes the harrowing agony of the flight into Egypt. Joseph's plea for asylum and

bread is met by the words, "Go away, vile Hebrews," and Mary cries, "... my breast gives no more milk."

At last an Ishmaelite welcomes them and provides work and a home saying, "Near us Jesus will grow until later he can help you."

Berlioz chose a descendant of the exiled son of Abram to save the Savior.

Luke speaks of the child's becoming full of wisdom (2:40). He also summarizes the years after the visit to Jerusalem in parallel form, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." (2:52-RSV)

When the strong young Jesus spoke, it was not only from the background of Galilee. It was out of the memory of being an immigrant; of having a religion different from his family's sponsor, of knowing that "back-home" could be cruel.

What a difference to the Christian of today's Africa this episode of the flight can make, for if the new African can claim the person of Jesus on his own continent, he may feel free to claim Christ as kin and king.

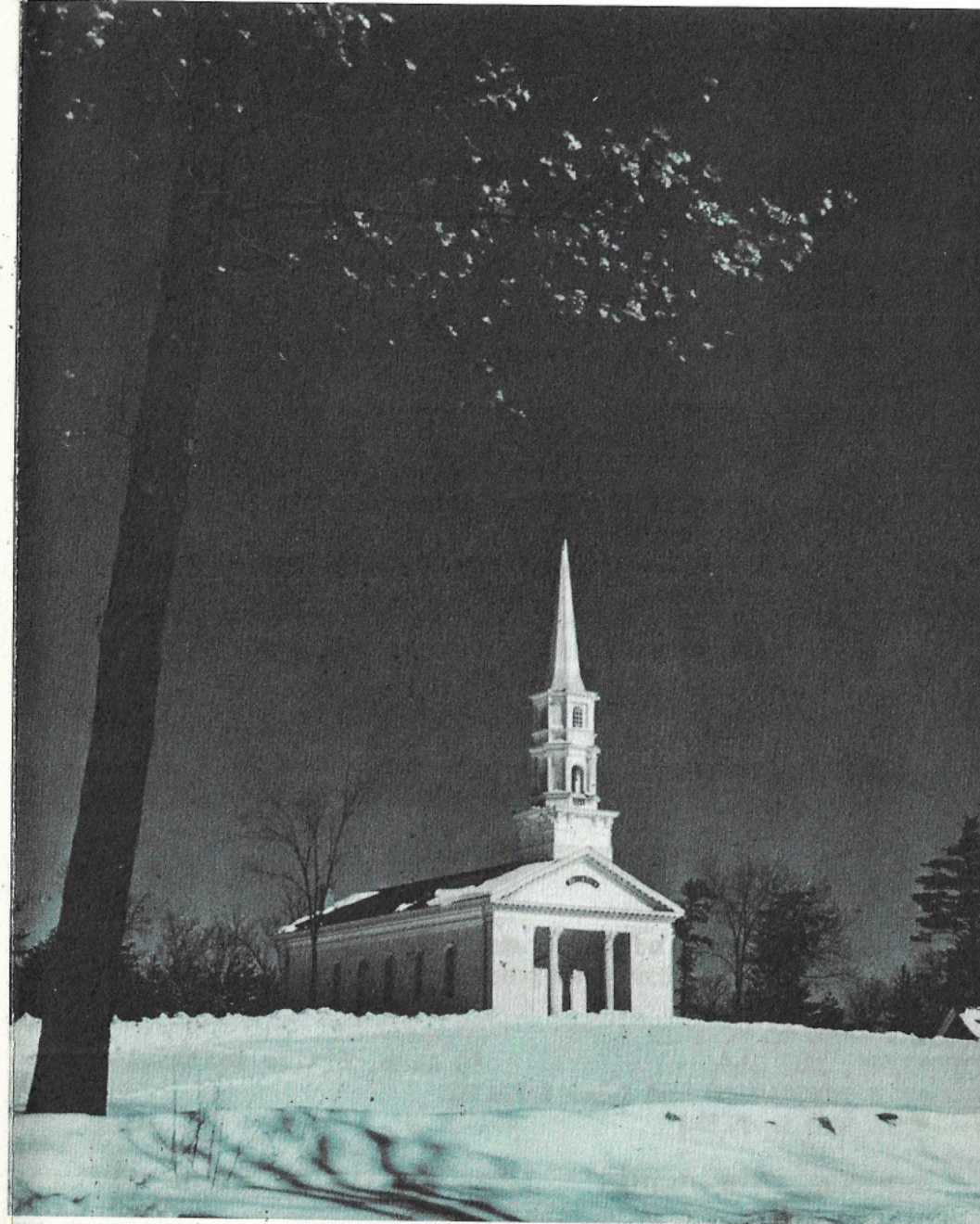
Let us speak to ourselves in the closing words of the oratorio:

O my soul, what is there for you to do,
But humble your pride in the face of such a mystery!
O my heart, be full of that pure and solemn love
Which alone can open the Heavenly dwelling to us.
Amen! Amen!



BERNICE COFER
American Baptist Convention

Miss Bernice G. Cofer is Secretary of the Christian Friendliness Department of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. A missionary staff in Christian Friendliness has been provided since 1919 to help in the healing ministry of the local church with newcomers; hospitality to international students and visitors, and immigration services to refugees.



Landmark of Faith

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

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December 27, 1959

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION (to be read upon entering the
Sanctuary)

It isn't far to Bethlehem town!
It's anywhere that Christ comes down
And finds in people's friendly face
A welcome and abiding place.
The road to Bethlehem runs right thru
The homes of folks like me and you,
M. S. Miller

Should Christ be born a thousand times anew,
Despair O man, unless he's born in you!
Angelus Silesius

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE Mr. Ebenhack
Let the music of the organ be the inspiration
for your prayers

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, No. 205 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
*THE INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 51 (Old Testament)
ANTHEM "In the Stable" Gounod

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:21-35
THE MORNING PRAYER
Call to Prayer

Silence
Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN, No. 200 "What Child Is This?"

THE OFFERTORY
*RESPONSE The Doxology

THE SERMON "Christmas Is a New Beginning"

*HYMN, No. 184 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
*THE BENEDICTION Choral Amen

THE POSTLUDE Mr. Ebenhack
* Congregation stands

CHOIR DIRECTOR, ORGANIST,
Mrs. Hazen Young JR. CHOIR DIRECTOR, Edgar Ebenhack
Fred Grubbs

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY 6:00 Junior High Fellowship.

MONDAY 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Worship and Bible study.

SATURDAY 6:00 Junior Choir Rehearsal.

We welcome visitors to our worship. Please sign the
guest book in the vestibule.

Your minister and family express their thanks to the
Church for the thoughtful Christmas gift.