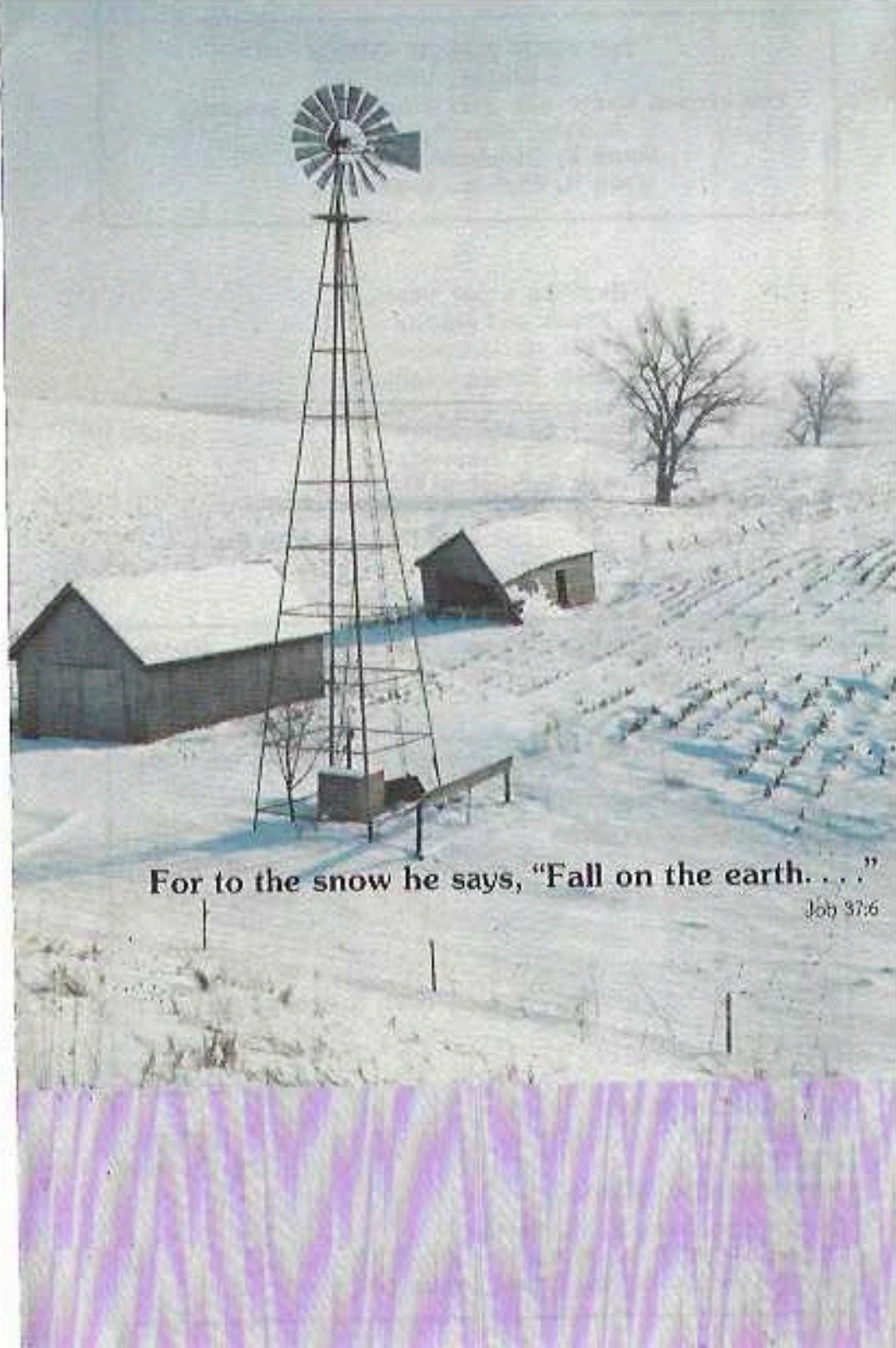




First Baptist Church
Bulletins and
Order of Worship
1980

Missing Several



For to the snow he says, "Fall on the earth. . . ."
Job 37:6

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Delaware, Ohio

The church where all good things are possible

Sunday, Jan. 6, 1980

James B. Stephenson, pastor

Jean M. Wickum, assisting

Here is a new year,

Fresh and white.

Write on its pages

With living light.

Here is a doorway

To joys unknown.

Walk through with faith

And claim your own!

- Justine Huntly Ulp

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

Mrs. Brown

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #585

"O God Our Help"

*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING

No. 1

SOLO

W. C. Wickum

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 9:27-31

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE

The Doxology

MESSAGE

"How to Have a Great New Year!"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

*HYMN, #461

"Bread of Life"

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*BENEDICTION

ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE

Mrs. Brown

*Congregation stands

Choir Director, W. C. Wickum

Organist, Ruth J. Brown

Chief Ushers, David Adams, Bruce Lee

BIRTHDAYS -

SATURDAY

Larry Faulk

NXT SUNDAY

John Linn

We welcome visitors to our worship today. Please sign the guest book in the vestibule. And we are glad you chose to worship with us.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK -

MONDAY

7:00 Board of Education.

8:00 Nominating Comm.

TUESDAY

7:30 Healing Group at 632

Congress Ct.

WEDNESDAY

7:30 Choir Rehearsal.

THURSDAY

7:30 Women's Society.

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER will publish January 20. All material must be turned in to Steve no later than Jan. 13.

Where is the gate to peace?

When you come to it, you will not find a sign saying

"Peace."

The sign will say, "Discipline."

The discipline may be renunciation.

It may be work.

It may be courage.

It may be knowledge.

It may be prayer.

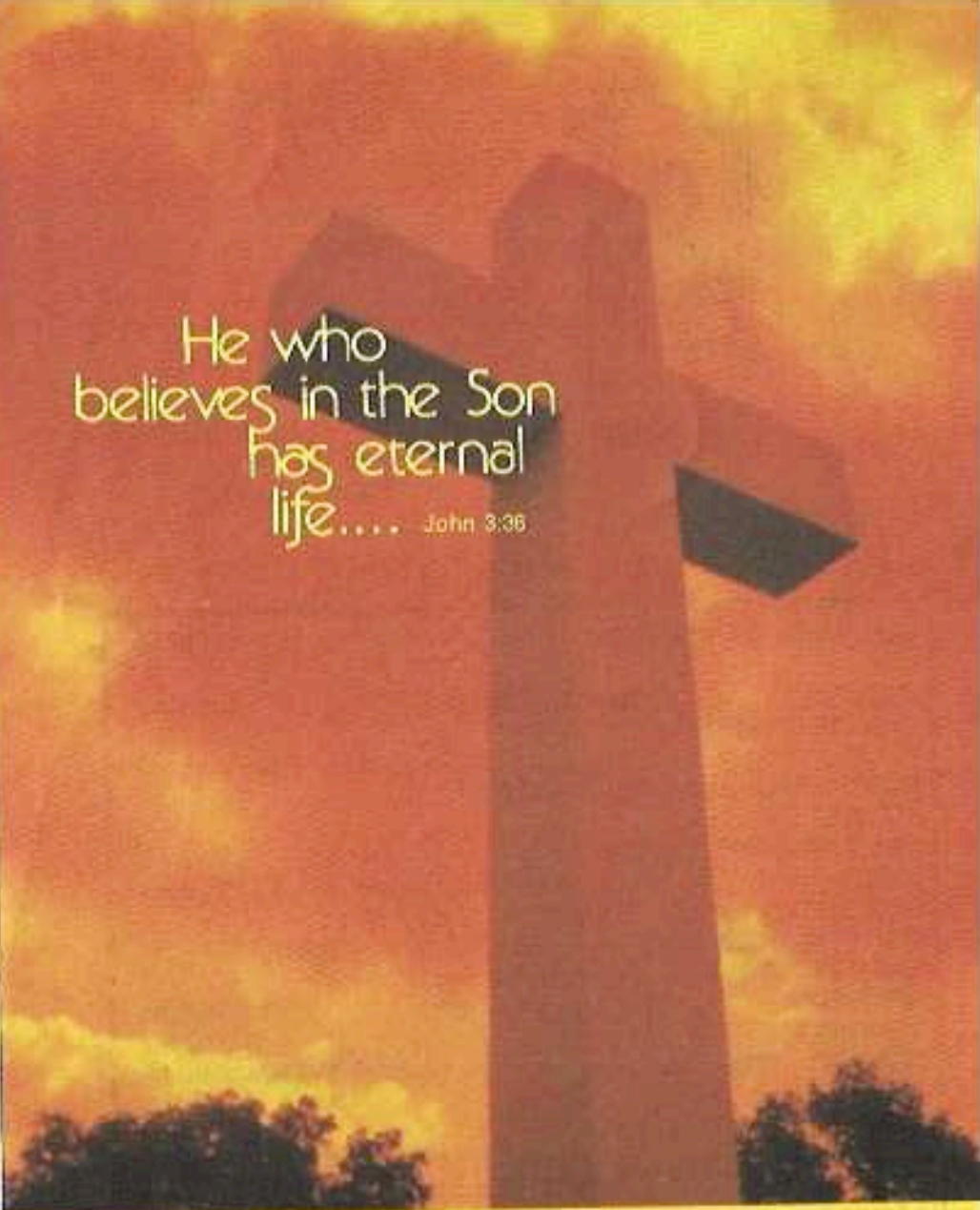
It may be love.

It may be losing yourself in search of God.

To go through the gate of peace

is to find your right relation

to yourself, to things, and to God.



He who
believes in the Son
has eternal
life.... John 3:36



WELCOME

THE
FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH

DELAWARE
OHIO

JAN. 13, 1980

JAMES B. STEPHENSON
PASTOR
PHONE 363-7021

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP		10:45am
PRELUDE	"Morning Prelude"	Schulty
CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN, #406	"How Firm a Foundation"	
*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER		
*GLORIA PATRI		
OLD TESTAMENT READING		No. 48
ANTHEM	"Walk with the Years"	Tarner
DEDICATION OF NEW BIBLES		
NEW TESTAMENT READING		Mark 16:9-19
MORNING PRAYERS		
OFFERTORY	"To God on High"	Mendelssohn
*RESPONSE		Doxology
MESSAGE	"Four Reasons Why You Should Follow Jesus"	
*HYMN, #442	"Words of Life"	
*BENEDICTION		
*ALLELUIA		
POSTLUDE	"Exalt His Name"	Cooke
*Congregation stands		

Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Organist for Today, Betty Porter
Chief Ushers, David Adams, Bruce Lee
Candlelighter, Jennifer Porter

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

This morning we dedicate new Bibles for the use of the congregation. They are an anonymous gift of a church family. We express our sincere gratitude to the donors.

BIRTHDAYS	TODAY	John Linn
	TUESDAY	Claudia Eliot

OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY	11:45 Nominating committee.
MONDAY	7:30 Parish Council at the church.
TUESDAY	7:30 Healing Group at 632 Congress Court.
WEDNESDAY	9:00 Project Group. 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.

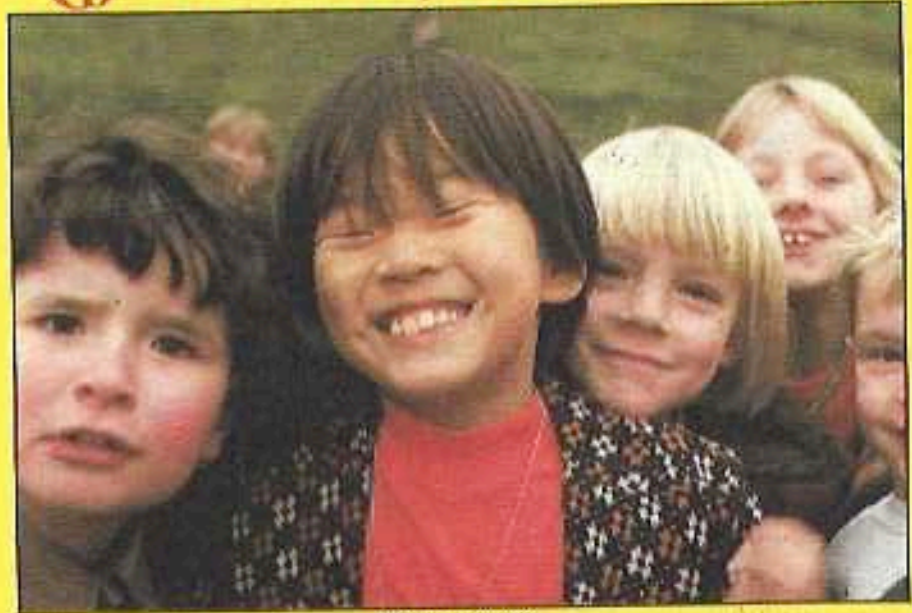
Members of the choir singing the anthem this morning are Karen Stoner, Beth Trigg, and Linda White.

Sometimes I think how little I know me.
I am the unexplored, for the most part;
I stand, as it were, on the edge of a wide sea,
And the sea I gaze upon is my own heart.

For I have other dimensions and am more
Than I have judged I was from surface seeing;
This face, this body - these are but the shore;
How far beyond them stretch my seas of being!

James Dillet Freeman

Rejoice in the Lord always...



Philippians 4:4

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO

. . . the church where all good
things are possible! . . .

1/20/80

JAMES B. STEPHENSON
PASTOR

The flower that is the human face
Is fairest of all flowers to me,
For in its features I can trace
An aspect of divinity.

What petaled beauty can compare
To the flower that is a human child?
The human flower of God is fair
Beyond all flowers that fill the world.
James Dillet Freeman

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Savior like a Shepherd Lead Us" Hughes
A MEDITATION
*HYMN, #95 "Joyful, Joyful"
*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
A PSALM OF PRAISE Psalm 148
ANTHEM "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Price
MORNING PRAYERS
OFFERTORY "Offertory" Chopin
*RESPONSE Doxology
NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 4:4-9
MESSAGE "THANK YOU, JESUS!"
*HYMN, #412 "Blessed Assurance"
*BENEDICTION
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune and Choral" Smith
*Congregation stands

Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Ushers, David Adams, Bruce Lee
Candlelighter, Stefanie Stoner

WE WELCOME VISITORS to our worship service. May
we have your name in the guest book in the vesti-
bule? And we invite you to visit us again.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MONDAY	Tim Fogle
TUESDAY	Ernestine Frost
SATURDAY	Sophia Stephenson
NXT SUNDAY	John & Sis Mansfield

OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAY	7:30 Healing Group at 632 Congress Ct.
WEDNESDAY	6:30 Covered dish dinner and annual meeting.
SATURDAY	7:30 Adult Social in the Youth Room. Helen Aleshire will show slides of her trip to Italy.
NXT SUNDAY	9:15 Church School. 10:45 Dedication of church officers.

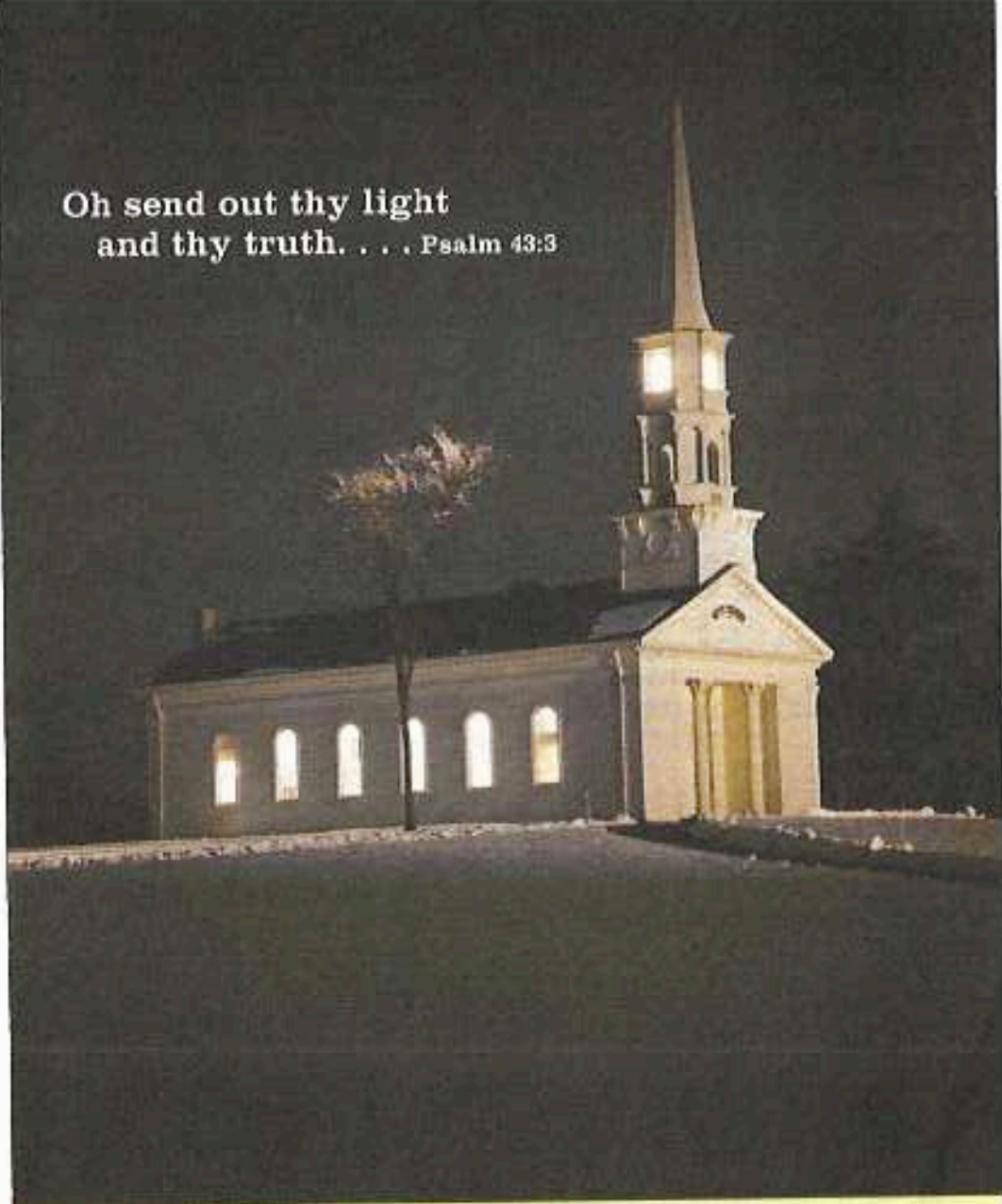
If we knew as much about the spiritual laws as
Jesus did, we could heal every disease.
Stella Terrill Mann

So I spread the gospel - it's the good news that
there is something you can do about the situation,
and it's within your grasp to do it, and it makes
a difference.

Stephen

I AM BEING HEALED BY THE POWER OF LOVE, AND I AM
GRATEFUL THAT THIS IS SO!

Oh send out thy light
and thy truth. . . . Psalm 43:3



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO

JAMES B. STEPHENSON
PASTOR

JANUARY 27, 1980

"The Church where all good things are possible"

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

Mrs. Brown

*HYMN, #371 "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus"

*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE tune, Doxology

O Life and Love we all may share,

Creative Spirit everywhere,

O Jesus Christ who sets us free,

In joy we sing our praise to thee; Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 91

ANTHEM "Count Your Blessings"

Excell

DEDICATION OF OFFICERS

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR A FRIEND

*HYMN, #171 "My Father's World"

Matthew 5:1-12

NEW TESTAMENT READING

BRINGING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*RESPONSE No. 422 (1st stanza)

MESSAGE "Ladder to Success"

We are God's work of art, created in Christ

Jesus to live the good life as from the begin-

ning he had meant us to live it. (Eph. 2:10)

PRAYERS

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE

Mrs. Brown

*Congregation stands

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Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Chief ushers, Bruce Lee, David Adams

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the guest book in the vestibule. And we invite
you to be with us again soon.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

TODAY John and Sis Mansfield

SATURDAY Fred Grubbs

OFFICERS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Moderator, Betty Porter

Asst. Moderator, Steve Stoner

Clerk, Marjorie Adams

Treasurer, Ruth Brown

Asst. Treasurer, Betty Porter

Financial Secretary, Richard Lee

Finance Chairperson, James VanBrimmer

Church School Supt.,

Church School Clerk, Pam Faulk

Deacons & Deaconesses

W. C. Wickum, 1980

Willard Fogle, 1980

Polly Focke, 1981

Marjorie Smale, 1981

Ernestine Frost, 1982

Larry Faulk, 1982

Trustees

George Young, 1980

James Brown, 1981

Paul Gagwin, 1981

David Lovell, 1982

Peter White, 1982

Christian Education

Chairperson, Carol Grubbs, 1981

Leadership, Carolyn White, 1982

Children, Sandra Gagwin, 1980

Youth, Linda White, 1982

Adult, Karen Stoner, 1980

Missions, James VanBrimmer, 1981

YOUR NEWSLETTER will be published next Sunday.
We still have room for a few short articles.

THE HEALING GROUP meets this week with Jim
Brown, 3695 Main St., Hyatts.

NEXT SUNDAY - HOLY COMMUNION

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO
FEBRUARY 3, 1980
BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY

James B. Stephenson
Pastor

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #107 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 13

SOLO "The Song of Joy" Beethoven

W. C. Wickum

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

*HYMN, #419 "Jesus Thou Joy"

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE Carolyn White

ANTHEM "Be Still and Know" Byles

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #476 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE

Mrs. Brown

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Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum

Organist, Ruth J. Brown

Chief Ushers, David Adams, Bruce Lee

Assisting pastor, W. C. Wickum

OPPORTUNITIES . . .

MONDAY 7:30 Board of Christian Education
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at 632 Congress Court
WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY 9:00-3:00 Sewing Day at Church (Youth Room)
Bring sewing equipment and sack lunch

NXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School
10:45 Morning Worship
12:00 Hunger Dinner in Youth Room. Bring meat-
less dish and contribute money saved to
world hunger.

WE WELCOME visitors to our worship. Please sign the guest book in the vestibule. And we invite you to worship with us again soon.

TODAY IS SCOUT Sunday and the beginning of Scout Week. We welcome Scouts to our service.

OUR DUPLICATING MACHINE is in the shop for repairs which caused the postponement of THE GOOD NEWS LETTER. And thanks to Betty Porter for doing this abbreviated bulletin!

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO
FEBRUARY 10, 1980

James B. Stephenson, pastor
Polly Focke, assisting

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP		10:45am
PRELUDE	"Allegretto"	Stainer
CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN, #94		"O Worship the King"
*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER		
*GLORIA PATRI		
OLD TESTAMENT READING		Psalms 34
ANTHEM	"Redeeming Love"	Gaither
MORNING PRAYERS		
OFFERTORY	"Andante"	Anding
*RESPONSE		Doxology
NEW TESTAMENT READING		Mark 10:32-34; 46-52
MESSAGE		"The Faith that Rebels"
*HYMN, #402		"Give to the Winds"
*BENEDICTION		
*ALLELUIA		
POSTLUDE		Rinck
*Congregation stands		

Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Organist for Today, Betty Porter
Chief Ushers, David Adams, Bruce Lee
Candlelighter, Stefanie Stoner

OPPORTUNITIES . . .

TODAY	12:00	Hunger Dinner in the Youth Room.
WEDNESDAY	7:30	Choir Rehearsal.
NXT SUNDAY	9:15	Church School.
	10:45	Morning Worship. Annual pulpit exchange. Rev. Michael Swanton, pastor at Stratford-St. Pauls Church is our speaker.

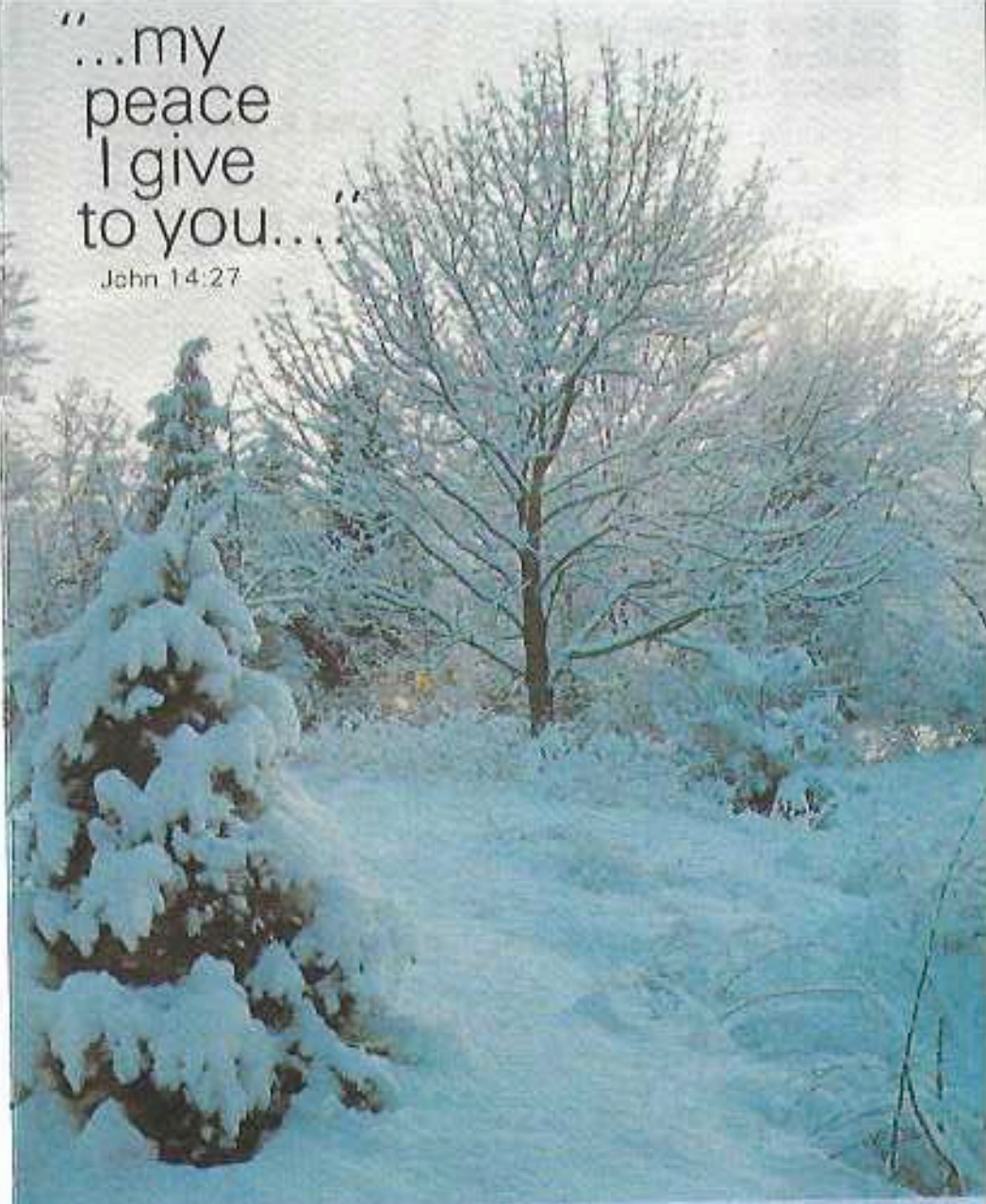
COMING FEBRUARY 18, Parish Council.

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

Our duplicating machine is still in the shop for repairs.

"...my
peace
I give
to you..."

John 14:27



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO
FEBRUARY 17, 1980

JAMES B. STEPHENSON
PASTOR

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"The church where all good things are possible"
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SOUTH WINDOW

Rare winter sunshine envelops
the lone coral geranium and me.
Both of us acknowledge light
essential to our growth and flowering.

To support its flaming cluster,
tiers of scalloped leaves
flare ingeniously, welcoming the gift
of precious daytime hours.

More fortunate am I
with Light indwelling, ever present.
Yet I, too, must seek to let its radiance
touch every greening facet of my life.
- Patton Turner

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am
Rev. Michael Swanton, guest speaker
Mr. Willard Fogle, worship leader

PRELUDE "Prayer" Stark
*HYMN, #123 "The Church's One Foundation"
*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 17:15-19
ANTHEM "I Will Praise Thee" Wilson
OFFERTORY "Poem" Denton
*RESPONSE Doxology
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 6:17-26
MESSAGE "There's Laughter in Heaven"
PRAYERS
*HYMN, #348 "Faith of Our Fathers"
*BENEDICTION ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE "Legions for Christ" Wilson
*congregation stands

Our guest speaker this morning is the Rev. Michael Swanton, pastor of the Stratford-St. Paul's United Methodist Church. We are happy to have him with us.

Our worship leader is Mr. Willard Fogle, a member of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses.

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

OPPORTUNITIES . . .

MONDAY 7:30 Parish Council.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.

BIRTHDAYS FRIDAY Charles Brown
SATURDAY Willard Fogle

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER will publish next Sunday. There is room for a number of brief articles

Father, I know You
to be so large as to be
a part of everything
And yet small enough
to feel every heartbeat
and know every human sigh.

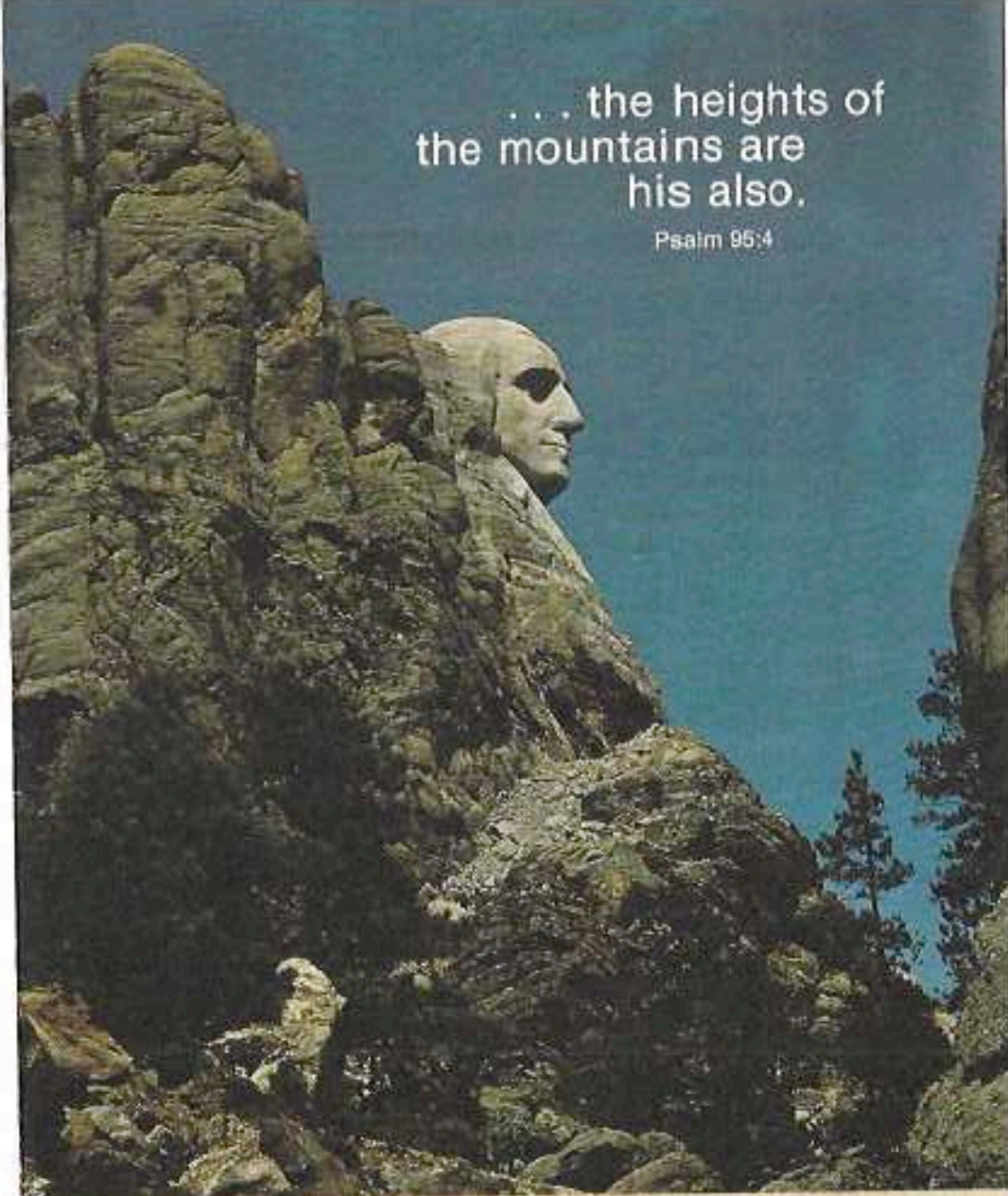
Father, I know You
to govern a universe
And yet You allow me
to live my life of learning.
- Jim Rosemergy

Tues 4th
Wed 5th

Take LWS staff
to Asburg
9:00 to 4:00

... the heights of
the mountains are
his also.

Psalm 95:4



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 24, 1980

James B. Stephenson
pastor
614/363-7021

THE CHURCH WHERE ALL GOOD THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

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The spring came early to my heart this year.
While winds in icy blasts still blew
I sensed the stir of life anew
Beneath the frozen sod. I seemed to hear
An overtone of whispered hope,
And every snowy field and slope
Spoke low, "We seem to sleep, but spring is near."

Let spring come early to your heart this year.
Stir up your dreams and faith renew.
The spirit of spring makes dreams come true
When wintry doubt is gone; and chilling fear
Is melted by God's love divine.
Arise! Rejoice! Let His light shine!
For in your heart the spring of Truth is here.
Mary Mae Oesch

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

Mrs. Brown

*HYMN, #110

"Praise the Lord!"

*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE

tune, Doxology

O Light and Love we all may share,

Creative Spirit everywhere,

O Jesus Christ who sets us free,

In joy we sing our praise to Thee. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (unison) Isaiah 40:1-11

ANTHEM "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Mozart

A SPECIAL MESSAGE Helen Aleshire

BRINGING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*HYMN, #373 "A Charge to Kepp Have I"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 3:1-6; 11-4:4

MESSAGE "Spring Training"

PRAYERS FOR LENT

*HYMN, #361

"I Would Be True"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE

Mrs. Brown

*Congregation stands

ORGANIST, Ruth J. Brown

CHOIR DIRECTORS, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum

CHIEF USHERS, David Adams, Bruce Lee

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OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAY 9:00 Sewing Day. Bring sack lunch.

7:30 Healing Group.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.

SATURDAY 11:00 Children's Choir.

NXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School.

10:45 Worship. "How to Discover the Will of God for You." Read Genesis 22:1-19.

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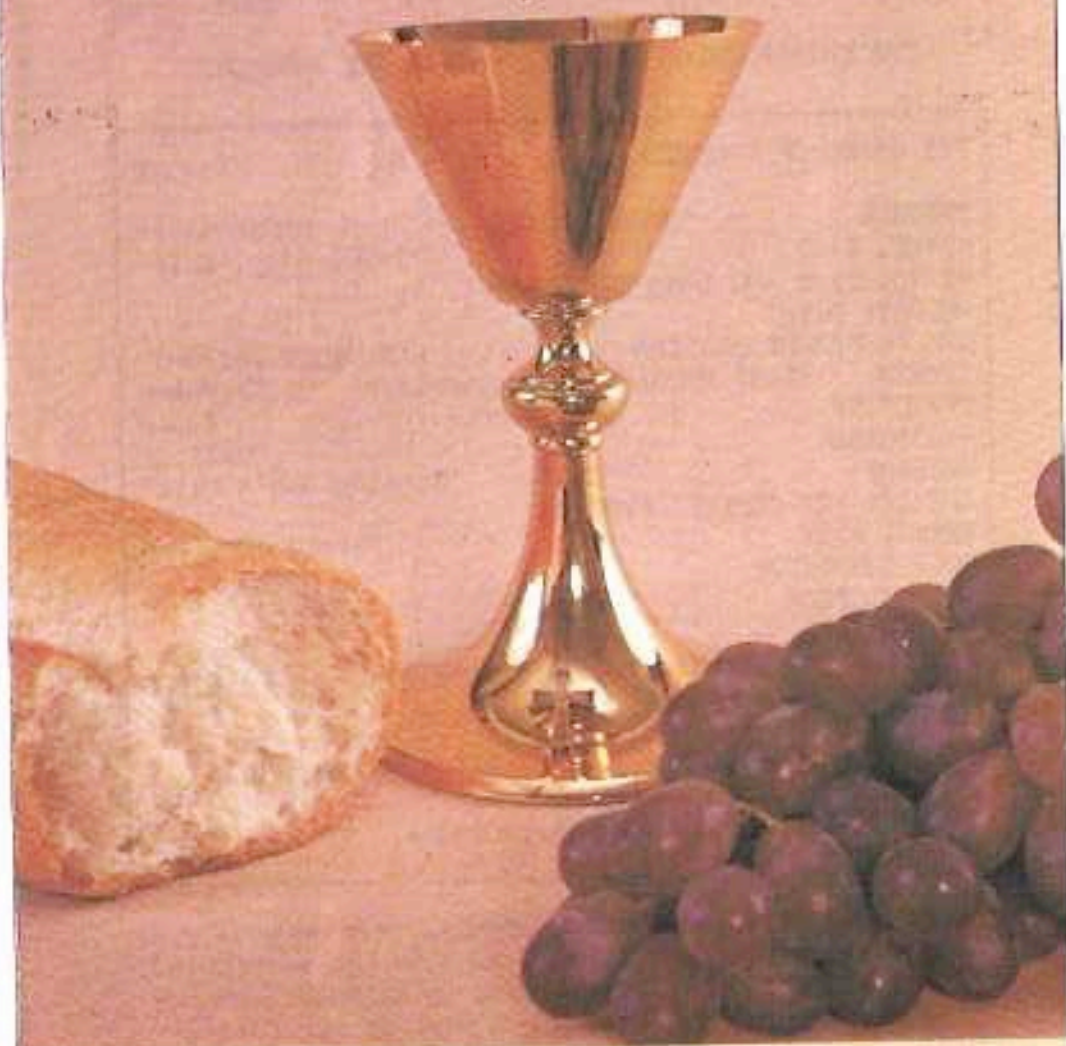
THE GOOD NEWS LETTER is available today. Take a copy for your absent friends.

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Use all your hidden forces. Do not miss
The purpose of this life, and do not wait
For circumstances to mold or change your fate.
In your own self lies destiny. Let this
Vast truth cast out all fear, all prejudice,
All hesitation. Know that you are great,
Great with divinity. So dominate
Environment, and enter into bliss -
Love largely and hate nothing. Hold no aim
That does not chord with universal good.
Hear what the voices of the silence say,
"All joys are yours if you put forth your claim -
Once let the spiritual laws be understood,
Material things must answer and obey."
Anon.

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“... in remembrance of me. . . .”
Luke 22:19



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO
2nd SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 2, 1980

James B. Stephenson
pastor
Willard G. Fogle
assisting

THE CHURCH WHERE ALL GOOD THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP	10:45am
PRELUDE	"Consolation" Mendelssohn
*HYMN, #107	"Holy, Holy, Holy"
*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER	
*GLORIA PATRI	
NEW TESTAMENT READING	Matthew 26:20-30
ANTHEM	"Lead Me Gently Home, Father" Thompson
OFFERTORY	"Psalm" Young
*RESPONSE	Doxology
MESSAGE	"Finding God's Will"
AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING	
*HYMN, #461	"Bread of Life"
HOLY COMMUNION	
*BENEDICTION	
*ALLELUIA	
POSTLUDE	"Praise Ye the Triune God" Flemming
*Congregation stands	

Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Chief Ushers, Bruce Lee, David Adams

We welcome visitors to our worship. May we have your name and address in the guest book in the vestibule? If you do not have a church home in Delaware, we invite you to consider becoming a part of our fellowship.

We observe the tradition of open communion. All who desire to follow Jesus are invited to share in the sacrament.

Your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. (I Cor. 2:5)

BIRTHDAYS

MONDAY	Ted Stephenson Ron Whitacre	3.11 1.84
THURSDAY	Mary Barkeloo	
SATURDAY	Paul Cagwin	5.55
SUNDAY	Annette Ringley	

OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY	7:30	Board of Christian Education.
TUESDAY	7:30	Healing Group at the parsonage. Begin new study.
WEDNESDAY	7:30	Lenten Breakfast at the Holiday Inn. Robert Whiteside will speak.
	7:30	Choir Rehearsal.
FRIDAY	9:30 (A.M.)	World Day of Prayer at the Grace United Methodist Ch. Sponsored by Church Women United.
NXT SUNDAY	9:15	Church School. Jeanne Ekelberry, supt.
	10:45	Morning Worship. Message: Using Prayer Power. Read Mark 9: 14-29.

Collection for Church World Service ends Monday.

Today we receive our America for Christ offering. This is your opportunity to do something specific for the peace of the world.

Pray for the world that men might wake with thoughts of peace.
Pray for the world that children shall live with food to eat.
Pray for the world that men will see that the earth is theirs and their brothers' too. (R. L. Eblin)

"Blessed are the
pure in heart. . ."
Matthew 5:8



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO

James B. Stephenson
pastor

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 9, 1980

THE CHURCH WHERE ALL GOOD THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

Go forth, voyaging for spiritual treasure!
Explore the continent of prayer, seeking
What each different inlet and bay may show.
Explore the high mountains for the gold lode of
faith.

Study the oceans of abundance to learn
The wealth of the gifts given man by his
creator.

Seek in the inner silences for gems of joy,
love,

Beauty and peace. Spiritual treasure
Can never be diminished. Oh, go forth to seek
And having found, give thanks!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown

CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #258 "Ye Servants of God"

*INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 116

ANTHEM "My Song Is Love Unknown" Darwall

MORNING PRAYERS

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE Dcxology

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 7:7-12

MESSAGE "Using Prayer Power"

*HYMN, #296 "Take My Life"

*BENEDICTION ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown

*Congregation stands

Assisting you in your worship are:

Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Chief Ushers, David Adams, Bruce Lee
Greeter, Carolyn G. White

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the guest book in the vestibule. And we invite
you to worship with us again soon!

BIRTHDAYS

TODAY Annette Ringley
SATURDAY Kristina Brown, Kathie Sluss

OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group.

7:30 Association Trustees
at Mt. Gilead.

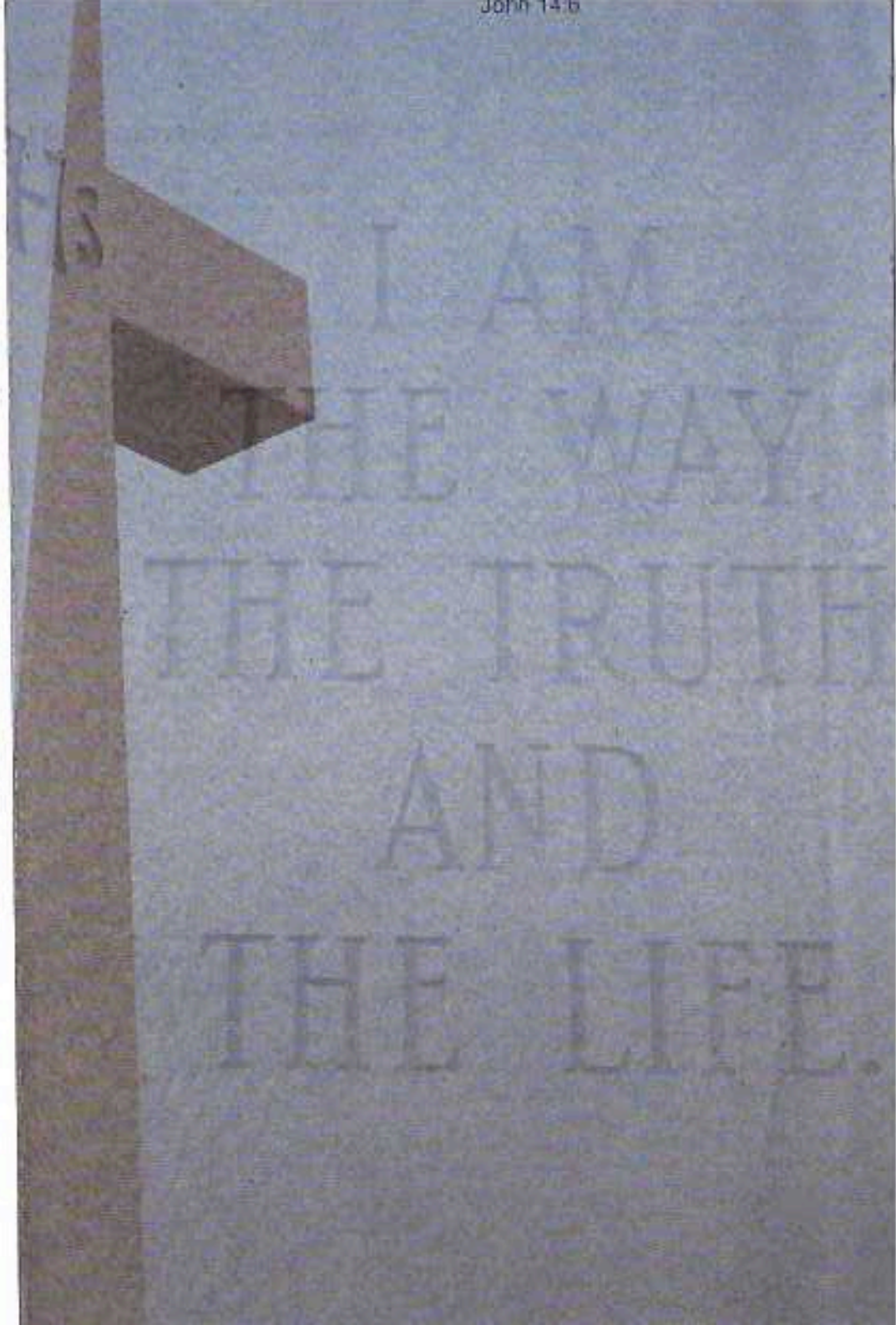
WEDNESDAY 7:30 (A.M.) Lenten Break-
fast at Holiday Inn.
David Eckman, speaker.

THURSDAY 7:00 Women's Mission Society
at the church. Program,
Marjorie Smale.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School classes
for all ages. Jeanne
Ekolberry, supt.

10:45 Morning Worship. Mes-
sage, "Strategy for a
New Life." Read Luke
9:1-27.

FOR GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US THE SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT
OF POWER, AND OF LOVE, AND OF A SOUND MIND.
2nd Timothy 1:7



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO

James B. Stephenson
pastor
John P. Mansfield
assisting

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 23, 1980

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown
CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #261 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 53
ANTHEM "I Saw the Cross of Jesus" Denton
MORNING PRAYERS
OFFERTORY
*RESPONSE Doxology
NEW TESTAMENT READING John 9:1-12
MESSAGE "The Shortest Way Home"
("Strategy for a New Life," Part 2)
PRAYERS
*HYMN, #228 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
*BENEDICTION
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown
*Congregation stands

We welcome visitors to our worship. May we have your name and address in our guest book in the vestibule? And we cordially invite you to worship with us again.

Assisting you in the experience of worship are
W. C. Wickum, Mary Lou Lovell, Choir Directors
Ruth J. Brown, Organist
Della Dean, Greeter
David Adams, Bruce Lee, Chief Ushers

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
(Phil. 4:13)

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at 632
Congress Court.
WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
SATURDAY 7:00 Adult Social in the
Youth Room. Mr. and
Mrs. Carl Mansfield will
present a program on
their visit to Ecuador.
Refreshments.
NXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School.
10:45 Palm Sunday Worship. Mes-
sage: "The Other Side of
the Cross." Read Mark
11:1-11.

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER will be in the mail this week. It is our special Easter Edition and will go to press Tuesday. Relevant material is needed and must be at the church office by 5:00pm Monday. No exceptions!

. BIRTHDAYS

MONDAY Helen Aleshire
TUESDAY Cary Beth Fogle

Though March comes wild and blustering,
It cannot fool my heart; I know that in the secret
bough
The new green leaflets start;
I know the brook has broken through cold winter's
icy chain;
I see the sky a bluer blue,
And rain, more silver rain.

Though March comes wild and blustering,
I know God has begun to warm the meadows with His
hand,
And give a brighter sun; His hosts of April storm
the gate that winter held so long;
He brings new joys where woodlands wait
And to my heart a song. (Eleanor Zimmerman)

EASTER WORSHIP (The Early Service)
8:00 A.M.

4/6/80?
The 1st Baptist Church
Delaware, Ohio

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE Ruth Brown

Breathe the Holy Spirit into every
heart; bid the fears and sorrows
from each soul depart.

WELCOME Minister

INTRODUCTION Helen Aleshire

Thus with quickened footsteps, we
pursue our way; watching for the
dawning of eternal day.

*HYMN, #171

INVOCATION Evelyn Duke

THE MEANING OF EASTER

*HYMN, #261

Carolyn Schneeberger
Della Dove

PRAYER Helen Aleshire

*HYMN (tune, Christ Our Lord Is
Risen Today)

RESPONSIVE READING- EVENTS OF EASTER
Helen Aleshire

1. Early on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb to embalm the body of Jesus.
2. After Mary tells Simon Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved that the tomb is empty they run to see for themselves if this is really true.
3. Being filled with wonder Simon Peter and the other disciple return home.
4. Mary Magdalene follows the two disciples to the tomb but remains there after they leave. Here Jesus appears to her for the first time.
5. Mary goes in haste to tell the disciples the great news.
6. (unison) And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Let us sing of Easter gladness
That rejoices every day.

Sing of hope and faith uplifted
Love has rolled the stone away.

Lo, the promise and fulfillment,
Lo, the man whom God hath made,

Seen in glory of an Easter
Crowned with light that cannot fade.

Living meekly as the Master
Who of God was glorified,

Looking ever to the radiance
Of His wondrous Eastertide.

Freed of fear, of pain, and sorrow,
Giving God the honor due.

Every day will be an Easter
Filled with benedictions new.
(Words by F. T. Hill)

BENEDICTION Evelyn Duke
POSTLUDE Ruth Brown

* Congregation stands

*Hymn

Jesus, stand among us, in Thy risen
power;
Let this time of worship, be a
hallowed hour.

We are all grateful to the Whatever
Class for leading us in our Early
Worship Service.



Bear one another's burdens. . . . Galatians 6:2

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 DELAWARE, OHIO
 APRIL 13, 1980

JAMES B. STEPHENSON
 PASTOR

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY

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A woman may yield to tears while, for shame of being thought a woman, a man will grit his teeth and remain as unmoved as a rock. Yet a rock is more damaged by a hard blow than yielding water, which may be struck and cut a thousand times without leaving a wound. And rock, for all its hardness, is easily worn away or cracked by the softness of water and plants. A purely male God is therefore dead.

Alan Watts

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE	"Hear My Prayer"	Mendelssohn
CALL TO WORSHIP		Jean Wickum
*HYMN, #98		"Praise to the Lord"
*INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER		Beth Trigg
OLD TESTAMENT READING #40		Marjorie Smale
ANTHEM "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"		Gardiner
OFFERTORY	"Sonatina in F"	Clementi
*RESPONSE		Doxology
NEW TESTAMENT READING		Marjorie Smale
SOLO	"Pass It On"	Kaiser
	Janet Porter	
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER		Helen Aleshire
MESSAGE		Mrs. Linda Rohr
MORNING PRAYERS		
*HYMN, #315	"God Who Touches Earth with Beauty"	
*BENEDICTION	Jean Wickum	ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE	"Jubilate"	Landon
*Congregation stands		

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Linda Rohr as our guest speaker today. She is a member of the Sunbury Baptist Church and an officer in our state women's organization.

The women of our church are conducting today's worship as a part of American Baptist Women's Sunday. In addition to those listed on the program, Betty Porter is organist, Mary Lou Lovell our choir director, and Frances Belt, Marilyn Cary, Della Dean, and Sophia Stephenson are serving as ushers. Jennifer Porter is the candlelighter. Evelyn Dukes is the greeter.

We are happy you decided to worship with us this day. If you are a visitors we would like to have your name in the guest book in the vestibule. And we urge you to visit us again.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

WEDNESDAY	Marjorie Smale
THURSDAY	James & Sophia Stephenson

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY	7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.
WEDNESDAY	7:30 Choir rehearsal.
THURSDAY	7:00 Shepherd Circle at the Church.
<i>Wed.</i>	6:00 Greencamp Church is sponsoring a service beginning with a covered dish dinner at 6:00 followed by an address by Louise Capon. Bring own place setting.
FRIDAY <i>Thurs.</i>	9:30 (AM) American Baptist Women of the Assc. at Richwood Church. David Stone, speaker. Nursery provided.

Rummage Sale Friday and Saturday! Good, clean clothing needed. Hours are 1 - 7pm Friday and 9 until noon on Saturday.

... meet together ...
encouraging one
another. ...

Hebrews 10:25



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO
APRIL 20, 1980

JAMES B. STEPHENSON, PASTOR
JACK A. SMITH, ASSISTING

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The path of the just is like the shining light, that
shines more and more unto the perfect day.
Proverbs 4:18 (KJV)
The road the righteous travel is like the sunrise,
getting brighter and brighter until daylight has come
same (TEV)
I will give him the morning star.
Revelation 2:28 (RSV)
To know the universe itself as a road, as many roads,
as roads for traveling souls.
Walt Whitman

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Faith, Will, Imagination
or
Trust willpower

10:45am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown
*HYMN, #239 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP
MORNING PRAYERS
ANTHEM "Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer" Mozart
OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 37:1-11
OFFERTORY
*HYMN, #307 "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 24:13-17
Revelation 2:28
MESSAGE "Path to the Morning Star"
*HYMN, #401 "Savior like a Shepherd Lead Us"
*BENEDICTION
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown
*Congregation stands

Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Chief Ushers, Bruce Lee, David Adams

We welcome visitors to our worship. We are glad you
chose to be with us today. You are cordially invited
to join us again next Sunday.

OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY 7:30 Deacons & Deaconesses at the church.
MONDAY 7:30 Parish Council at the church.
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.
WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
8:30 Board of Christian Education.
NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School Classes for all ages.
Jeanne Ekelberry, supt.
10:45 Morning Worship. Message by Carl
Mansfield.
12:00 Covered Dish Dinner in the Fellow-
ship Hall followed by quarterly bus-
iness meeting.

BIRTHDAYS

TUESDAY Mary Dennis (62 Spring)
WEDNESDAY Nellie Sheets
THURSDAY Michael Grubbs

Steadfastly facing you, O Lord,
I am set free from doubt and fear.
I know that you will comfort me,
Your mighty love is ever near.

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

Bernice Minter

“Behold, I make all things new.”

Revelation 21:5



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO
APRIL 27, 1980

James B. Stephenson, pastor
Carl Mansfield, speaker
Steve Stoner, assisting

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A bird flies out on empty air
And finds that it can balance there
On nothing, if it only dare.
A bird has but to flap its wings
And it can rise up over things -
I do not wonder that it sings!
A human bird, no wings have I
And yet sometimes I have to fly.
I have to molt my fears and try
To mount on faith, and faith is such
A stuff as air, a nothing much
That I can neither see nor touch.
But just on faith, though it is slight,
I find sometimes I can take flight
And fly up to so high a height
That birds would marvel, could they see
Me soaring there so winglessly.

- James Dillet Freeman

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown
CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #167 "For the Beauty of the Earth"
*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
OLD TESTAMENT READING (read responsively) Psalm 148
ANTHEM "We Sing to Thee" Prine
DEDICATION OF A BABY
NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 6:10-24
MORNING PRAYERS
A SPECIAL MESSAGE Helen Aleshire
OFFERTORY
*RESPONSE Doxology
MESSAGE "The Christian Soldier"
Rev. Carl Mansfield

*HYMN, #371
*BENEDICTION
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE
*Congregation stands

"Stand up for Jesus"

Mrs. Brown

Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Chief Ushers, David Adams, Bruce Lee

OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY 12:00 Covered dish dinner and business meeting.
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group.
WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
FRIDAY 10:00 am until 1pm May Fellowship Day at Stratford- St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Bible study, worship, lunch. Free will offering. Baby sitting available.
NXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School.
10:45 Worship and Holy Communion. "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering.

TODAY WE DEDICATE to God Evan Kyle Trigg, son of Beth and Archie Trigg. Evan was born March 12.

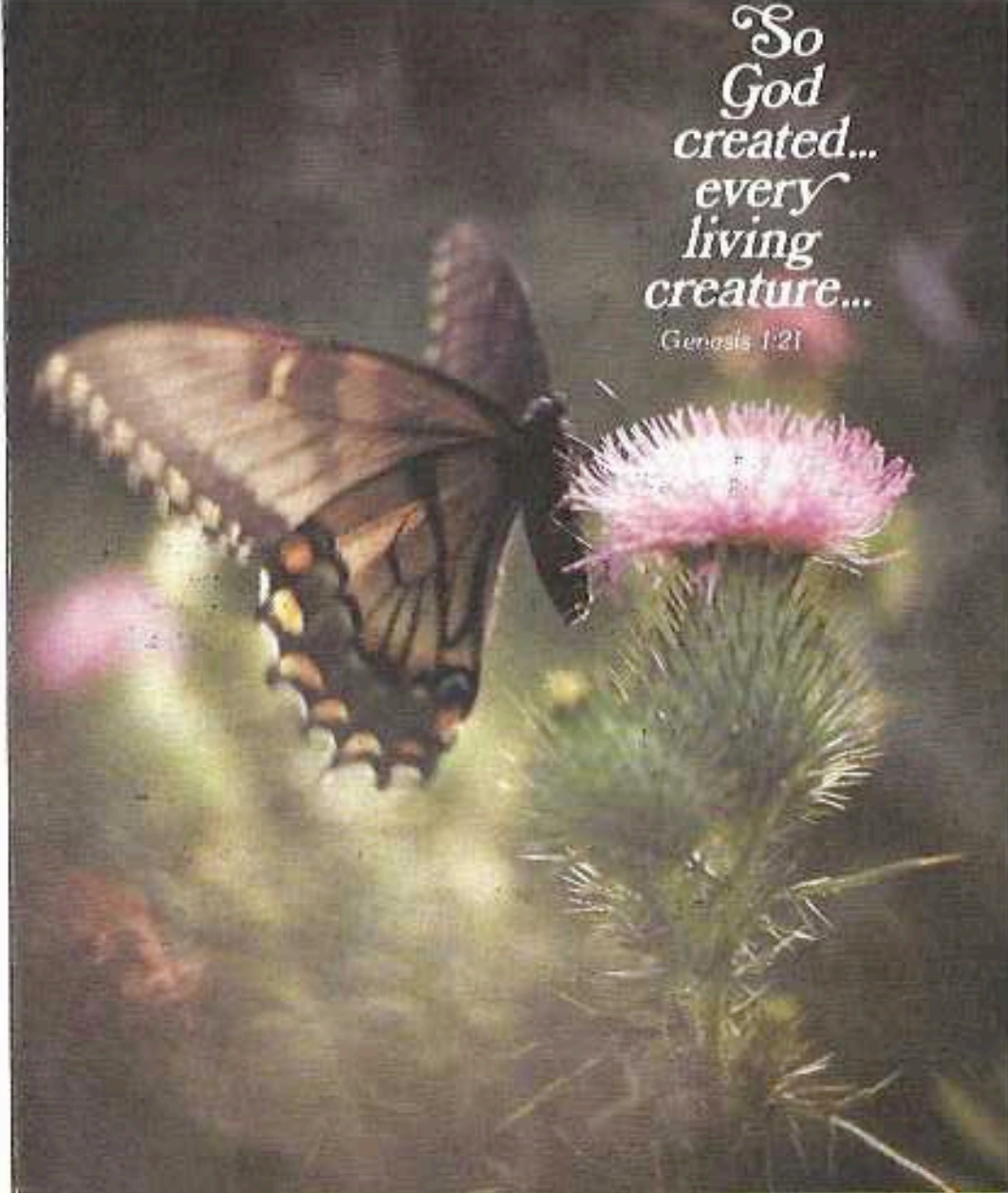
WE WELCOME our guest speaker, Rev. Carl Mansfield. He was superintendent of the City Rescue Mission, East Liverpool, Ohio, for 13 years.

WE ARE HAPPY to have visitors in our worship. Please sign the guest book in the vestibule.

BIRTHDAYS - Deborah Lovell, Jennifer Cagwin (Wednesday), Margaret Young (Thursday), Donald Faulk, Myrtle Gabriel (Friday), Mike Linn, Rick VanBrimmer (Saturday)

*So
God
created...
every
living
creature...*

Genesis 1:21





THE FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH

JAMES B. STEPHENSON
PASTOR

LARRY FAULK
ASSISTING

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MORNING WORSHIP 10:45am MAY 4, 1980

Some day after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of LOVE, and then for the second time in the history of the world man will have discovered fire.
- Teilhard de Chardin

God is Love.
- I John 4:8b

PRELUDE	Mrs. Brown
CALL TO WORSHIP	
*HYMN, #451	"Here at Thy Table, Lord"
*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER	
*GLORIA PATRI	
A SCRIPTURE READING	John 6:1-14
ANTHEM	"Eternal God" Conant
MORNING PRAYERS	
OFFERTORY	
*RESPONSE	The Doxology
MESSAGE	"You Can Have What You Need"
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING	
*HYMN, #261	"Fairest Lord Jesus"
HOLY COMMUNION	
*HYMN, #419	"Jesus Thou Joy"
*BENEDICTION	
*ALLELUIA	
POSTLUDE	Mrs. Brown
*Congregation stands	

Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Chief Ushers, Bruce Lee, David Adams
Greeters, John & Bertha McTaggart

OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY 7:30 Bd. of Christian Education.
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.
WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
THURSDAY 7:30 Women's Society in Youth Room. Bertha McTaggart will discuss her experiences at Bacone College and show slides.
FRIDAY 6:30 Meet at church to make sandwiches for Ice Cream Social.
SATURDAY 9:00 to 5:00 Ice Cream Social on the Courthouse Lawn.

We welcome visitors to our service this morning. If you do not have a church home in Delaware we suggest that you consider becoming a part of our fellowship. We are a church centered in the teachings of Jesus. Here you can find the freedom to become the unique person God intends you to be.

BIRTHDAYS

TUESDAY George Young
WEDNESDAY Bertha VanBrimmer
THURSDAY Michael Ekkelberry
FRIDAY John McTaggart

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* O for a closer walk with man! +
+ Sweet fellowship of soul, +
+ Where each is to the other bound, +
+ Parts of one living whole. +
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+ Our Father God help us to see +
+ That all in you are one; +
+ O warm our hearts with your pure love +
+ Strong as your glorious sun. +
+ +
+ O Jesus Christ, you who were man +
+ Grant us your face to see; +
+ In your light shall we understand +
+ What human life may be. +
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... in a
spirit of
gentleness

Galatians 6:1



THE FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

James B. Stephenson,
Pastor

Carolyn G. White,
Assisting

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 11, 1980

10:45am

PRELUDE Mrs. Porter
 CALL TO WORSHIP
 *HYMN, #151 "Lord of All Being"
 *INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
 *GLORIA PATRI
 *TIME OF FELLOWSHIP
 OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 19
 SCIO W. C. Wickum
 NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 1:26-38
 MORNING PRAYERS
 OFFERTORY
 *RESPONSE Doxology
 MESSAGE "A Good Word for Eve"
 PRAYERS
 *HYMN, #598 "Now Thank We All Our God"
 *BENEDICTION
 *ALLELUIA
 POSTLUDE Mrs. Porter
 *Congregation stands

Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum
 Organist, Ruth J. Brown
 Organist for Today, Betty G. Porter
 Chief Ushers, Bruce Lee, David Adams

We welcome visitors to our worship today. Please sign the guest book in the vestibule. If you do not have a church home in the city we invite you to consider becoming a part of our fellowship. We are a free church dedicated to following the principles of Jesus Christ.

On this Mothers' Day we are happy to welcome all mothers to our worship service. May this day bring joy and satisfaction to you all!!!

ANNIVERSARIES AND
BIRTHDAYS

MONDAY	Jeanne Ekelberry
THURSDAY	Betty Porter
FRIDAY	Dick & Jeanne Ekelberry
YESTERDAY	Beth & Archie Trigg

OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAY	7:30 Healing Group 632 Congress.
WEDNESDAY	7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
THURSDAY	7:00 Shepherd Circle.
NEXT SUNDAY	9:15 Church School. 10:45 Worship.

A warm thank you to all those who worked so vigorously to make our annual ice cream social a success. And a special thanks to Beth Trigg for her leadership!

I went into the fields, but You were there
 Waiting for me, so all the summer flowers
 Were only glimpses of Your starry powers. . .
 I went down by the waters, and a bird
 Sang with Your voice so that my being felt You to
 the bones.
 I went into my house, and shut the door
 To be alone, but You were there with me,
 All beauty in a little room!
 - John Masefield

God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made
 mothers.
 - Jewish Proverb

The future of society is in the hands of the
 mothers.
 - DeBeaufort

THE NACD LEAGUE
 10000 W. 10TH AVE
 DENVER, CO 80201
 (303) 751-1111

Consider Nature

How vast and teeming, this world where we live —
 Full of power and wonder, with so much to give.
 God made it for us — just one of His kind —
 To test us and lead us in body and mind.

No place else has the rivers, the corn and the trees,
 No place else has our cattle, our cotton and bees.
 Only here do men grow with the will to survive,
 Only here are the means for families to thrive.

God's nature enfolds us in ten million ways,
 It joins us with life throughout all our days.
 You were born into nature; you're a part of its being,
 All your actions and outlooks affect its full meaning.

Each new morning's a challenge, if you'll give it a chance
 To sharpen your purpose and plan an advance.
 There are problems to solve; goals yet to be won;
 So lend us your strength while there's work to be done.

We've been moving along over ten thousand years
 With our ups and downs, bringing joys and some tears.
 It's been a long, hard march, from Eden to space —
 All of it possible through God's good grace —
 But it's clear nowadays to all who'll perceive
 Man and nature together have just begun to achieve.

Consider nature. Consider it well.



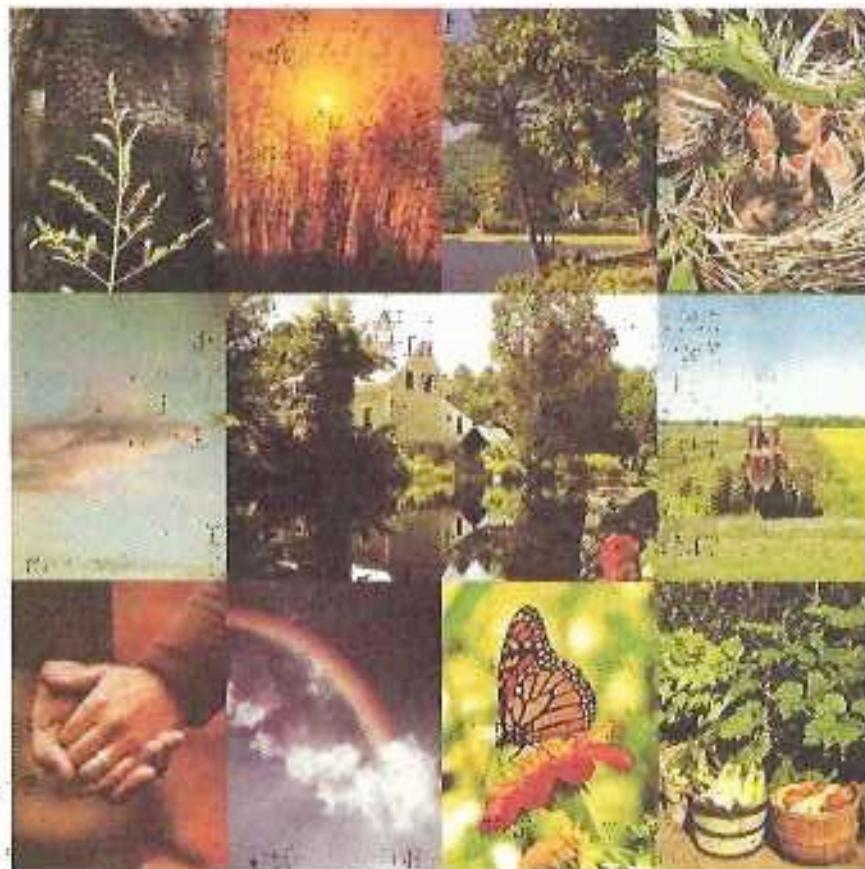
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The Judgment of Nature



Soil Stewardship Week

May 11-18, 1980



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO
MAY 18, 1980

James B. Stephenson, pastor
Phone 614/363-7021

The church where all good things are possible
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Two men this morning rose from bed,
These thoughts ran through the first man's
head;

"I only have to look about
To find out cause for fear and doubt,
To see good reasons, sound and strong,
For thinking things will turn out wrong."

The second thought; "I see reasons for
Doubt, but I see as many more
For faith, and I only see in part
And for the rest must trust my heart.
So trusting things will turn out right,
I'll work and pray with all my might."

Both of these men woke up in me
This morning - which one shall I be?
- James Billet Freeman

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #97 "Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord"

*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

O Life and Love we all may share,
Creative Spirit everywhere,
O Jesus Christ who sets us free,
In joy we sing our praise to Thee. Amen.

AN OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 3:1-13

ANTHEM "My Lord Is Like a Shepherd" Lani Smith

OFFERTORY

*HYMN, #530 (stanzas 1,2) "We've a Story to Tell"

MORNING PRAYER AND PRAISE

A NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 11:22-25

MESSAGE

"The World's Worst Bargain"

*HYMN, #324

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE

Mrs. Brown

*Congregation stands

Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum

Organist, Ruth J. Brown

Greeters, Ron & Colleen Whitacre

Chief Ushers, David Adams, Bruce Lee

The flowers on the altar are presented by Ron and
Colleen Whitacre in honor of Lance's birthday and in
memory of her father, Merle G. Askins.

OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY 7:30 Parish Council at church.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 12:00 - 2:00 Salad Luncheon for all
women of the church at Anne
Linn's, 1478 Stratford Rd.
Bring a salad. Sponsored by
Morning Circle.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School Classes.
10:45 Morning Worship. Pentecost.
Message "Receiving the Gifts
of the Spirit." Read Acts
2:1-21 and 1 Corinthians 12:
1 - 13:13.

BIRTHDAYS

Lance Whitacre
Jean Wickum

TODAY
SATURDAY

WE WELCOME VISITORS to our worship. Please sign the
guest book in the vestibule. And visit us again.

Children's Day Program

5/18/80

Children's Choir

Director - Mary Lou Lovell

The Man Who Played it Safe

by-W. A. Poovey

(A play based on the Parable of The Talents)

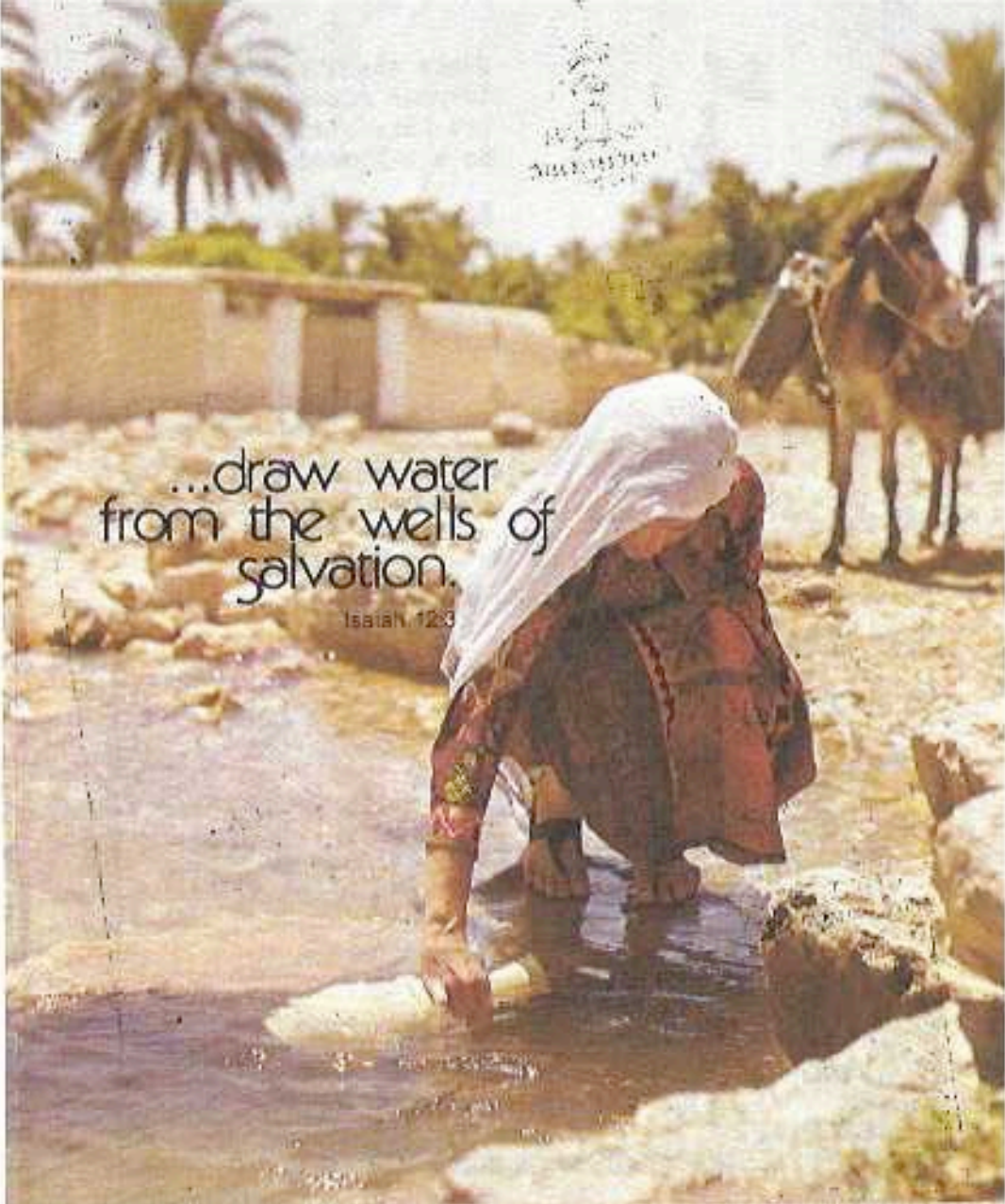
Directed by Carol Grubbs

Characters

Ann	Alison Grubbs
Uncle Henry	Steve Palmer
Henry	Michael Grubbs
Melissa	Suzi Grubbs
Janet	Elizabeth Brown
Mr. Johnson	Charles Brown
Mrs. Layman	Jennifer Palmer
Pastor	Charles Ekelberry
Boy Scout	Mike Ekelberry

Play it Safe Song

Play it safe, friends.	Play it safe
Take no chances	friends,
That's the way you	Live in clover
make advances	And you'll find
Don't be stupid.	when Days are
Fools rush in.	over,
You'll not fail	That your life
if you don't begin.	has Missed its
	goal. Either
	serve or You
	Lose your soul.



...draw water
from the wells of
salvation.

Isaiah 12:3



Jesus stand among us
 In your risen power;
 Let this time of worship
 Be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit
 Into every heart;
 Bid the fears and sorrows
 From each soul depart.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 DELAWARE, OHIO

James B. Stephenson, pastor
 Steve Stoner, assisting

PENTECOST,
 MAY 25, 1980

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP	10:45am
PRELUDE	Mrs. Lovell
THE PROMISES	
PRAYERS OF INVITATION	
*HYMN, #271	"Send Down Thy Truth, O God"
*INVOCATION (unison)	
Come, Holy Spirit, come; come as the wind and cleanse; come as the fire and burn; convict, convert, consecrate our lives; to our great good and thy great glory; through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying,	
*THE LORD'S PRAYER	
*GLORIA PATRI	
OLD TESTAMENT READING	No. 23
ANTHEM	"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" Lermel
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
BRINGING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
*RESPONSE	Doxology
NEW TESTAMENT READING	Acts 2:1-21
MESSAGE	"Receiving the Spirit"
PRAYERS	
*HYMN, #272	"Spirit of God"
*BENEDICTION	ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE	Mrs. Lovell
*Congregation stands	

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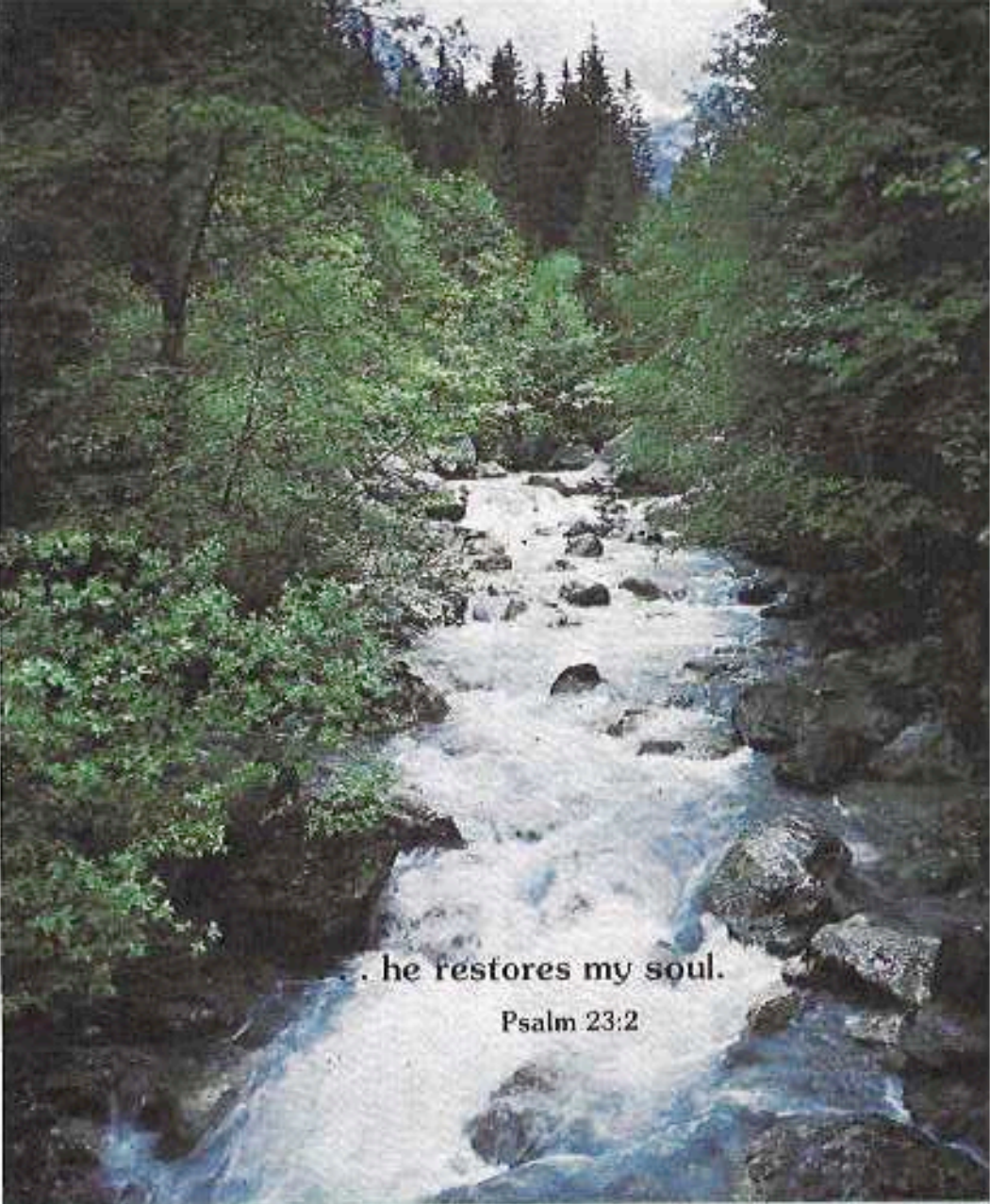
OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAY	7:30	Public Service of Meditation and Healing in the Sanctuary.
WEDNESDAY	7:30	Choir Rehearsal.
SATURDAY	7:00	Songs of Praise Jubilee, featuring Set Free, a trio from Jersey Presbyterian Church. Social hour will follow. This is our May Adult Social. Public invited.
NEXT SUNDAY	9:15	Church School Classes for all ages. Jeanne Ekolberry, supt.
	10:45	Worship. Trinity Sunday. Holy Communion.

WE ARE HAPPY to welcome visitors to our worship service this morning. If you do not have a church home in Delaware we invite you to consider becoming a part of our fellowship. This is a church where you will find acceptance in the spirit of freedom and where you are not bound to a creed but are free to follow the Light within you. May we have your name in the guest book in the vestibule?

O Living Christ, make us conscious now of your healing nearness. Touch our eyes that we may see you; open our hearts that we may love you. Overshadow our souls and bodies with your presence that we may partake of your strength and experience your healing.

Don't look too far ahead or you won't see how far you've come!



... he restores my soul.

Psalm 23:2



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JAMES B. STEPHENSON
PASTOR

MARJORIE SMALE
ASSISTING

*BENEDICTION
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE
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Mrs. Brown

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Dear God,
Help me to be still and know
That You are here.
I was making so much noise
That I couldn't hear You.
- J. B. Thurber

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

TUESDAY Nevin & Peggy Gabriel
WEDNESDAY Cap & Myrtle Gabriel
NEXT SUNDAY Pam Faulk
Carol Fogle

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 7:30 Deacons & Deaconess
Board at the church
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group
WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir rehearsal
NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School
10:45 Children's Day
Worship

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

*PRELUDE "Largo" Veracini

Ruth Hay, Cellist
CALL TO WORSHIP (unison)

Praise the Lord! Praise Him in His Sanctuary;
Praise Him for His mighty power; Praise Him for
His excellent greatness; Let everything that
has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN, #107 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

A SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:16-20

ANTHEM "If Ye Love Me" Wilson

OFFERTORY "Arioso" Bach

Ruth Hay, Cellist

*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "The Presence and Power of God"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

*COMMUNION HYMN, #295 (stanzas 1,4,5) "Just As I Am"

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM "A Holy Air Is Breathing" Mason

We are very happy to have Mrs. Ruth Hay with us as cellist this morning. God shares many gifts with us, but the gift of music seems closest to His Spirit. Thank you, Mrs. Hay, for sharing with us what God has given you!

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

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER will publish next Sunday. All material must be in the church office by Tuesday. Your contributions are needed. Please keep to the length maximum of one half an 8 1/2 page with margins of one inch all around.

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM WHO BELIEVES!



LET THE
CHILDREN COME TO
ME MAY 10/11



THE
FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH

DELAWARE
OHIO

JUNE 8, 1980

James E. Stephenson
Pastor

Words, words, words -
I'm sick of words.
Sing me no song
Read me no rhyme
Don't waste my time
Show me.
(My Fair Lady)

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Prelude in G" Rimbaud

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN, #214 "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM "Day by Day" Leni Smith

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "Peter Was Rowing" Ehlen
"There Are many Ways to Say I Love You" Rogers

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

OFFERTORY "Child's Prayer" Kullak

*RESPONSE The Doxology

MESSAGE "Thomas Is Your Son"
"I Would Be True"

*HYMN, #361 ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Children's Day March"

*congregation stands

Jeanne Ekelberry, Church School Superintendent and
Carol Grubbs, Board Chr. are assisting in the worship.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH -

Crib Room, Evelyn Lee
Nursery & Kindergarten, Sue Elfner
Primary, Jeanne Ekelberry
Middler, Carol Grubbs, Sue Leidtke, Marjorie Smale
Junior, Jean Wickum
Junior High, Linda White
Senior High, Larry Faulk

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES -

Teresa Grubbs
Mike Everhart

ALL THE CHILDREN will be given flowers by Myrtle
Smith after Morning Worship. She will be in the
Church School Assembly Room.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Grubbs are sponsoring an open recep-
tion in honor of Teresa at their home, 188 Griswold,
immediately after Commencement. You are cordially
invited.

We welcome all children, teachers, parents, relatives,
and friends to our Children's Day Worship.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES -

TODAY - Pam Faulk, Carol Fogle
WEDNESDAY - Fred and Lucille Via
THURSDAY - Anne Idan

OPPORTUNITIES -

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parson-
age.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.

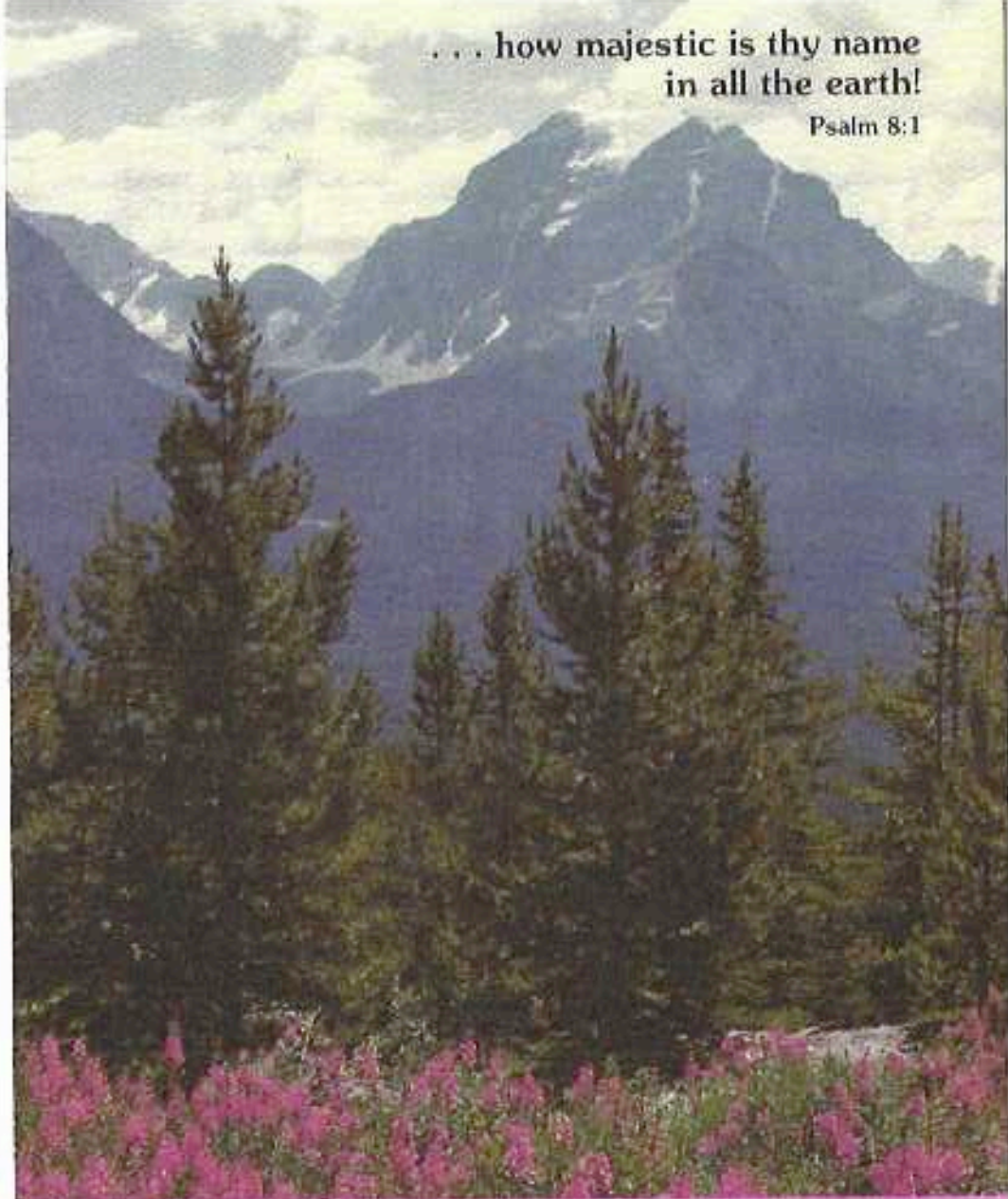
THURSDAY 7:00 Women's Society, Leddie
Norman, guest speaker.

NEXT SUNDAY 10:00 Morning Worship. Activ-
ities for children up
to Junior High.

Organist for Today, Betty Porter, Organist, Ruth J.
Brown; Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, Wilbur
Wickum; Chief Ushers, Bruce Lee, David Adams.

... how majestic is thy name
in all the earth!

Psalm 8:1



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO

James B. Stephenson
Pastor
R. David Lovell
Assisting

JULY 13, 1980

THE CHURCH WHERE ALL GOOD THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE Mrs. Porter

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #337 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

*INVOCATION Unison

O Lord, open the window of our spirits, and
fill us full of Light; open wide the door of our
hearts, that we may receive you; fill us with
love for all your people everywhere. Through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray in
this manner,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

*FELLOWSHIP TIME

OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 5

SOLO W. C. Wickum

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE Doxology

(Children in grades Kindergarten through Five
may go now to the Fellowship Hall for Child-
ren's Activities)

MESSAGE "Making Meditation Work for You"

PRAYERS

*HYMN, #252 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*BENEDICTION ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE Mrs. Porter

*Congregation stands

Organist for Today, Betty Porter

Organist, Ruth Brown

Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum

Chief Ushers, David Adams, Bruce Lee, Charles Brown,

Mike Grubbs

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU

TODAY 11:00 Quarterly Business Meeting in
front of Sanctuary.
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at 632 Congree Ct.
THURSDAY 9:30 (am) American Baptist Women of
Ohio at Millcreek Church of
Ostrander. Nursery (bring sack
lunch for your child)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MONDAY Kenneth Brown
TUESDAY Lucille Via
WEDNESDAY Donna Brown, Donald Brown
FRIDAY Linda and Peter White
SATURDAY Jarrod Trigg
NEXT SUNDAY Dawn Whitacre

WE WELCOME visitors to our worship. Please sign the
guest book in the vestibule. If you do not have a
church home in Delaware we invite you to consider
our Christian Fellowship. We provide an atmosphere
of freedom in which you may grow in the life of the
Spirit.

* If where you are were t faraway place, *
* would you not be looking with astonishment at *
* things you pass by every day - *
* this sky, that tree, those flowers, these *
* people! *
* Waiting for the extraordinary, *
* do not miss the extraordinary ordinary, *
* the beauty of the familiar, *
* the wonder of the nearby now at hand. *
* You are a dweller in a world of wonders - *
* and are you not the most wonderful of *
* them all? *
* -James Dillet Freeman *

JESUS SAID: I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE



“...perfect
in beauty.”

Ezekiel 28:12

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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pastor

JULY 20, 1980

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When for a purpose
I had prayed and prayed and prayed
Until my words seemed worn and bare
With arduous use,
And I had knocked and asked and
knocked and asked again,
And all my fervor and persistence
brought no hope,
I paused to give my weary brain a rest
And ceased my anxious human cry.
In that still moment,
After self had tried and failed,
There came a glorious vision of God's
power,
And, lo, my prayer was answered in that
hour.

Lowell Fillmore

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE Mrs. Lovell

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #95 "Hymn to Joy"

*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 16

SOLO Jeanne Ekelberry

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE Doxology

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 6:37,38

MESSAGE "Seeing the Unseen; Hearing the Unheard"

PRAYERS

*HYMN, #119 "Jesus Thou Joy"

*BENEDICTION ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE
*Congregation stands

Mrs. Lovell

Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickham
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Organist for Today, Mary Lou Lovell
Chief Ushers, David Adams, Bruce Lee, Charles
Brown, Mike Grubbs

WE WELCOME visitors to our worship today. Please
sign the guest book in the vestibule. And worship
with us again soon! If you do not have a church
home in Delaware, we invite you to consider becoming
a part of our Christian fellowship.

HEALING GROUP meets Tuesday at 7:30 at the parsonage.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

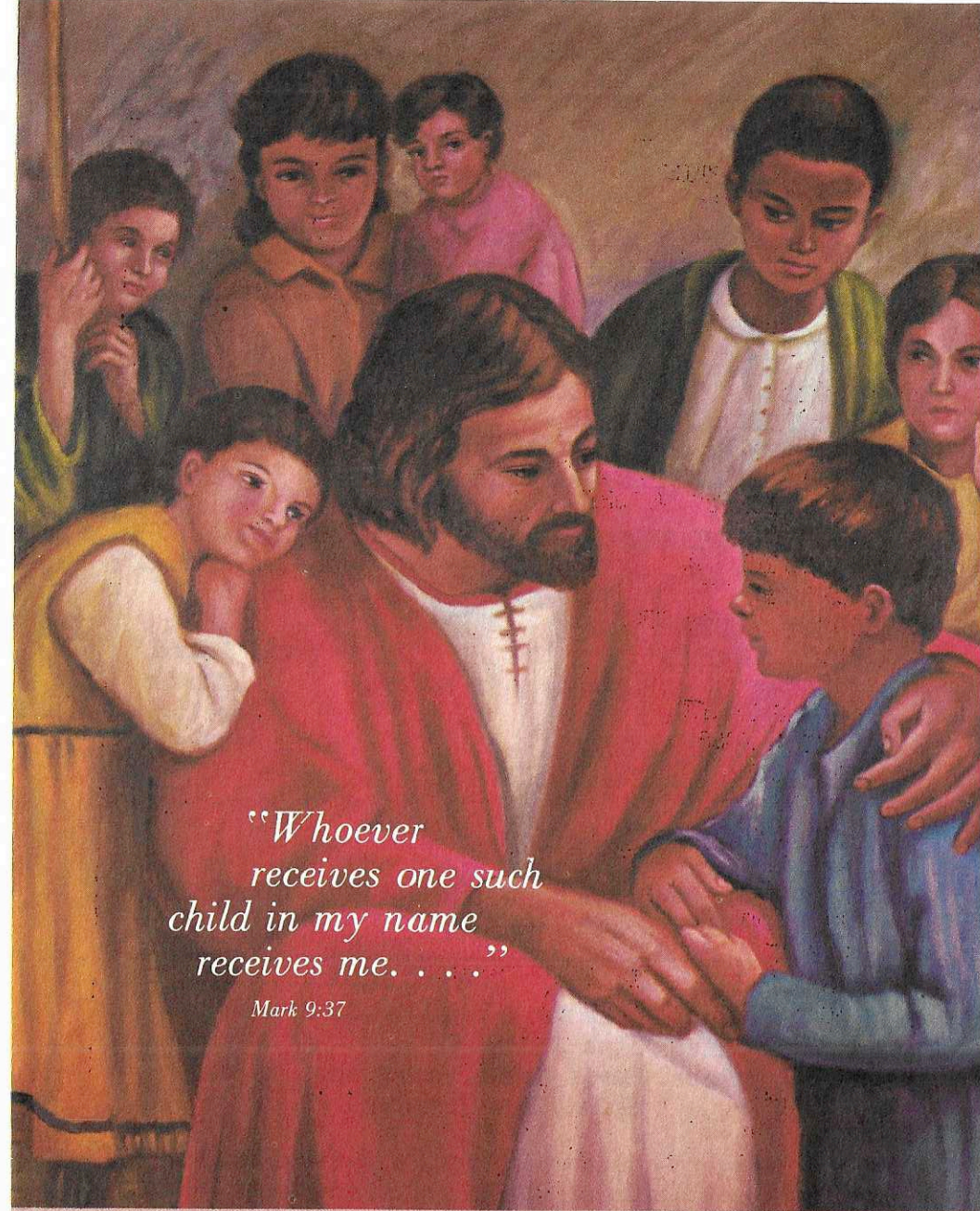
TODAY	Dawn Whitacre
MONDAY	Bertha McTaggart
WEDNESDAY	Alison Linn
SAURDAY	Jeffrey Faulk
	Richard Lee
	Amy Stephenson
	John & Bertaa McTaggart

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Loosen up! To be tense is the surest way to fail in
any undertaking great or small. To desire suc-
cess is a splendid thing but to pursue success
too tensely is to make certain of missing it.
Treat your work as fun. Regard the difficulties as
part of the game, laugh off the annoyances. Take
it easy. Loosen up!

For my yoke is easy, my burden is light!
(Matt. 11:30)

+ + + + + - Ernest Fox + + + + +



*“Whoever
receives one such
child in my name
receives me. . . .”*

Mark 9:37



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson
pastor
Ted D. Stephenson
guest speaker

July 27, 1980

The church where all good things are possible.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00am

PRELUDE "A Galilean Hillside" Smith

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #165 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 23

SOLO "My Tribute" Crouch
Mike Everhart

MORNING PRAYERS

SPECIAL MESSAGE David Lovell

OFFERTORY "Offertory in E Flat" Dubois

*RESPONSE Doxology

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 16:31-33

MESSAGE "You Can Find Peace"

*HYMN, #412 "Blessed Assurance"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Legions for Christ" Wilson

(*Congregation stands)

Choir Directors Mary Lou Lovell, W.C. Wickum
Organist Ruth J. Brown
Ushers David Adams, Bruce Lee, Charles
Brown, Mike Grubbs

We are happy to welcome the Rev. Ted Stephenson as our speaker this morning. Ted, Jeannie, Amy, and Jennifer live in Indianapolis, where Ted is pastor of the Church of the Master. Amy celebrated her seventh birthday yesterday.

A cordial welcome is extended to all our visitors this morning. Please sign the guest book in the vestibule. We invite you to visit us again.

This is your official notice that a called business meeting will be held Sunday, August 10, at 11:00am. It has been called to consider improvements and repairs for our stained glass windows, including installation of protective glass.

Our monthly service of meditation and healing will be held Tuesday in the Sanctuary from 7:30-8:00pm.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Next Sunday - Carolyn G. White

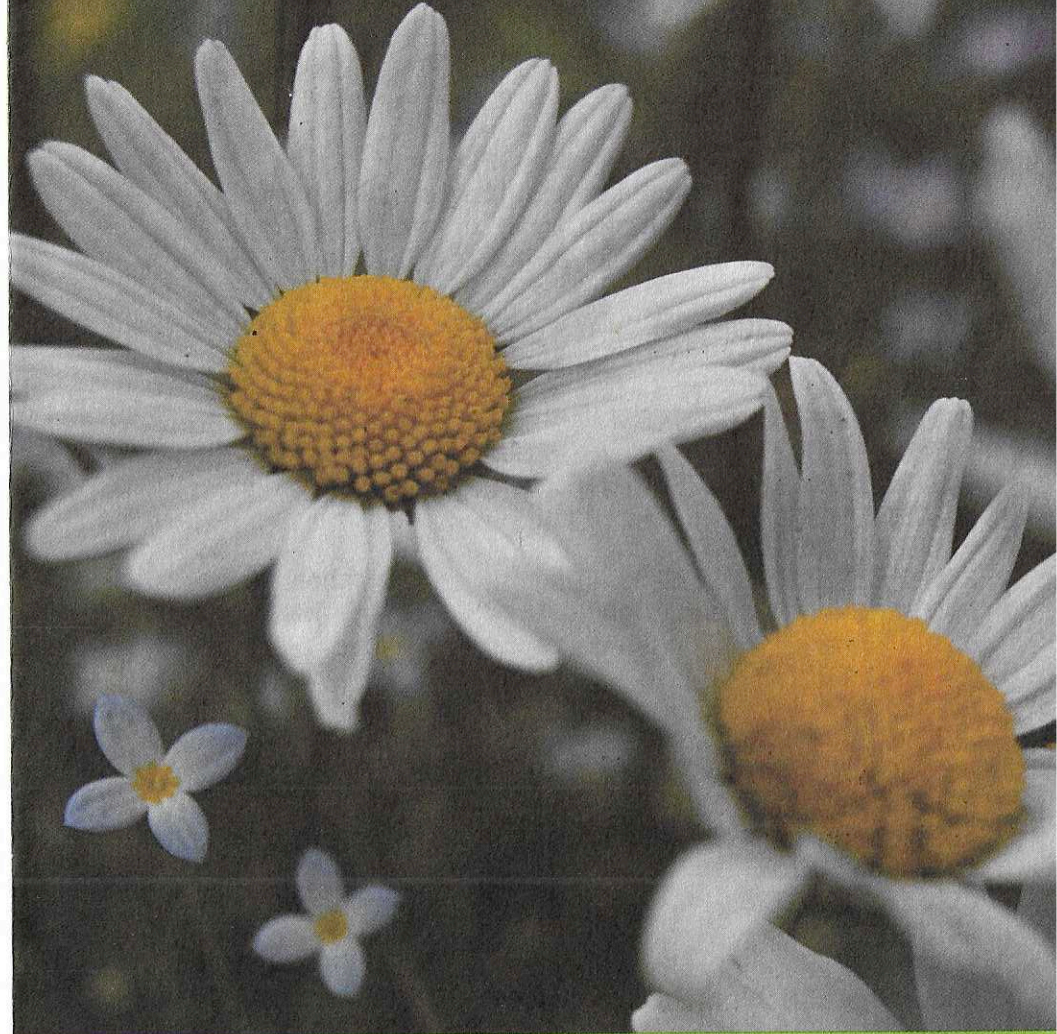
As must the blossom seek the sun
Before its perfect grace is won,
So needs the heart that yearns for peace
Bid its restless striving cease
And let its tranquil flowering be
Endued by the tender artistry
Of Him whose loving genius planned
Each galaxy, each grain of sand.
Ada Marie Ledingham

We are all children, large or small,
Some young, some older, that is all.
God, I am sure, does not expect
Children to always be correct.
This earth is but a little star
And we its human creatures are
Often not brave or wise or strong
Or true to what is best for long.
Yet through our cloud of dark unknowing,
I think God sees that we are growing;
He sees us stumble, sees us err,
But sees we are not what we were.
And when we turn from love and run
Away from truth, He does not shun
Us then, but loves us all the more-
Is this not what a God is for?
Children, you are the offspring of
Our Mother Life, our Father Love.
James Dillet Freeman

Have a good week.
See you next Sunday.

“...even Solomon...
was not arrayed
like one of these.”

Matthew 6:29



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO
AUGUST 3, 1980

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pastor
W. C. Wickum
assisting

THE CHURCH WHERE ALL GOOD THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

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I see His face in every flower,
The thunder and the singing of the birds
Are His; and carven by His power,
Rocks are His written words. (Anon)

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*HYMN, #451 "Here at Thy Table, Lord"

*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26:20-30

SOLO "O Rest in the Lord" Mendelssohn
Karen Stoner

MORNING PRAYERS

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "The Bride of Christ"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

*COMMUNION HYMN, #295 "Just as I Am"

HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING PRAYERS

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown

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Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Chief Ushers, David Adams, Charles Brown, Mike
Grubbs, Bruce Lee

Children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 may leave
during the Offertory Response for their own program
in the Fellowship Hall.

WE WELCOME visitors to our worship today. May we
have your name and address in our guest book in the
vestibule? And we invite you to be with us again.

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER will be available next Sunday.
Send your contributions to the office by no later
than noon Wednesday. Space limitation - no more than
one half an 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ -11 page with margins of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches on
all sides. Notes on your vacation will be appreci-
ated!

OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY	7:30	Deacons & Deaconesses in Fellowship Hall.
TUESDAY	9:30 am	Sewing Day at church for Church World Service. Bring sack lunch and portable sewing machine.
	7:30	Healing Group at 632 Congress Ct.
NXT SUNDAY	10:00	Morning Worship.
	11:00	Called business meeting.

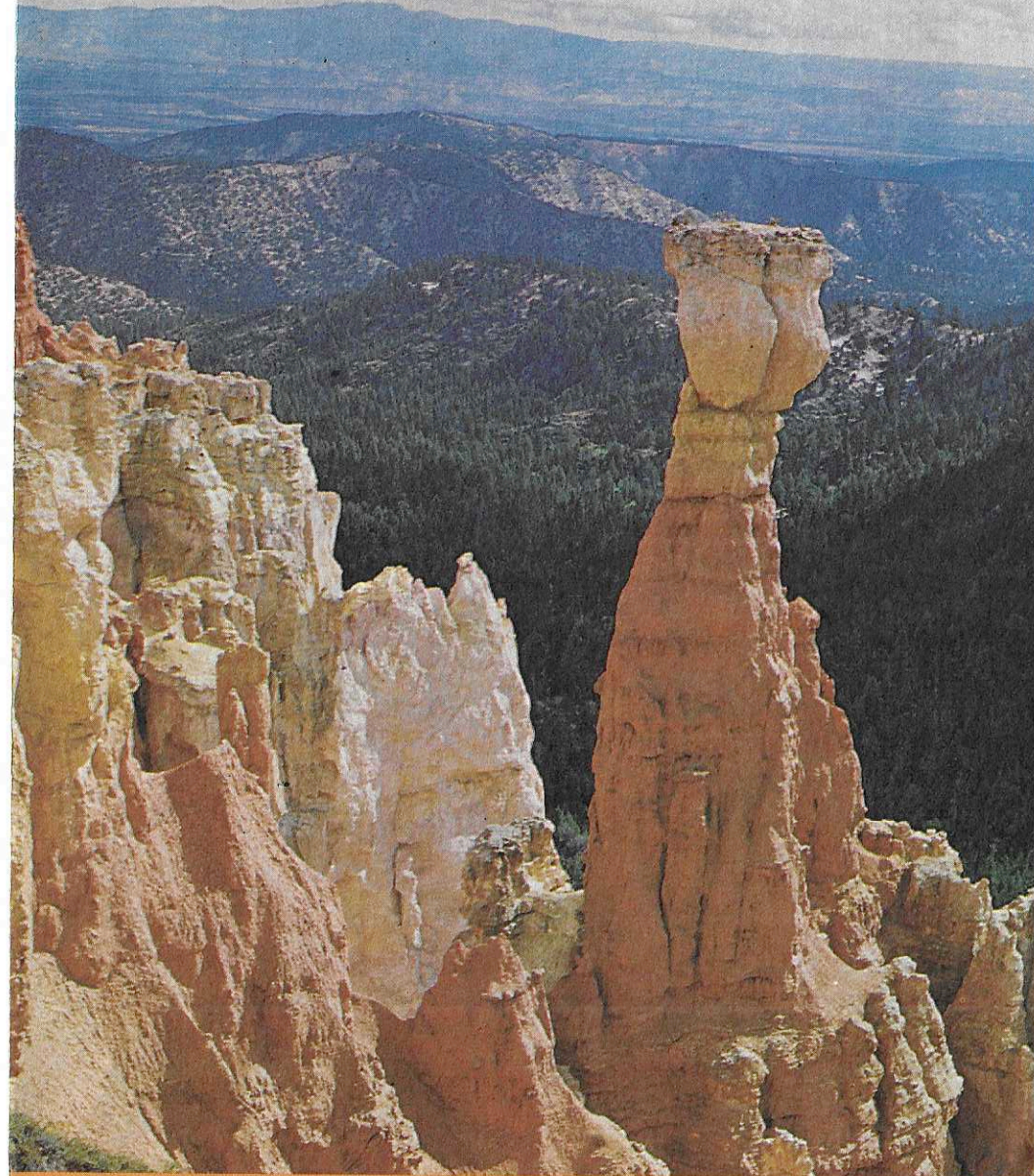
BIRTHDAYS

TODAY	Carolyn G. White
THURSDAY	Jennifer Porter
FRIDAY	James VanBrimmer
SATURDAY	Steve Stoner

The daffodil is in the bulb, the pansy in the seed,
Awaiting soil and rain and sun, incentives that
they need.
Your special talent lies within; God placed the
pattern there,
Give it the sunshine of your work, the raindrops of
your prayer.
And in the beauty that will be your soul shall find
its own,
The loveliness that God designed to its perfection
grown.

Della A. Leitner

... the Creator of the ends of the earth. Isaiah 40:28



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DELAWARE, OHIO
AUGUST 10, 1980

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pastor

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I am a part of His heart,
Of the infinite heartbeat of God -
I grew in His mind before birth
As a flower grows out of the sod.

I was His before earth was created,
I am His past the ruins of time,
I abide in Him now at this moment -
I am His, I am His, He is mine.
Nellie M. Elmore

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE Mrs. Porter
INVITATION TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #290 "I've Found a Friend"
*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
*FELLOWSHIP TIME
OLD TESTAMENT READING, No. 20
SOLO Colleen Whitacre
OFFERTORY
*RESPONSE Doxology
MESSAGE "The Path in the Forest"
PRAYERS
*HYMN, #355 "My Faith Looks up to Thee"
*BENEDICTION
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE Mrs. Porter
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BIRTHDAY - Frances Belt MONDAY

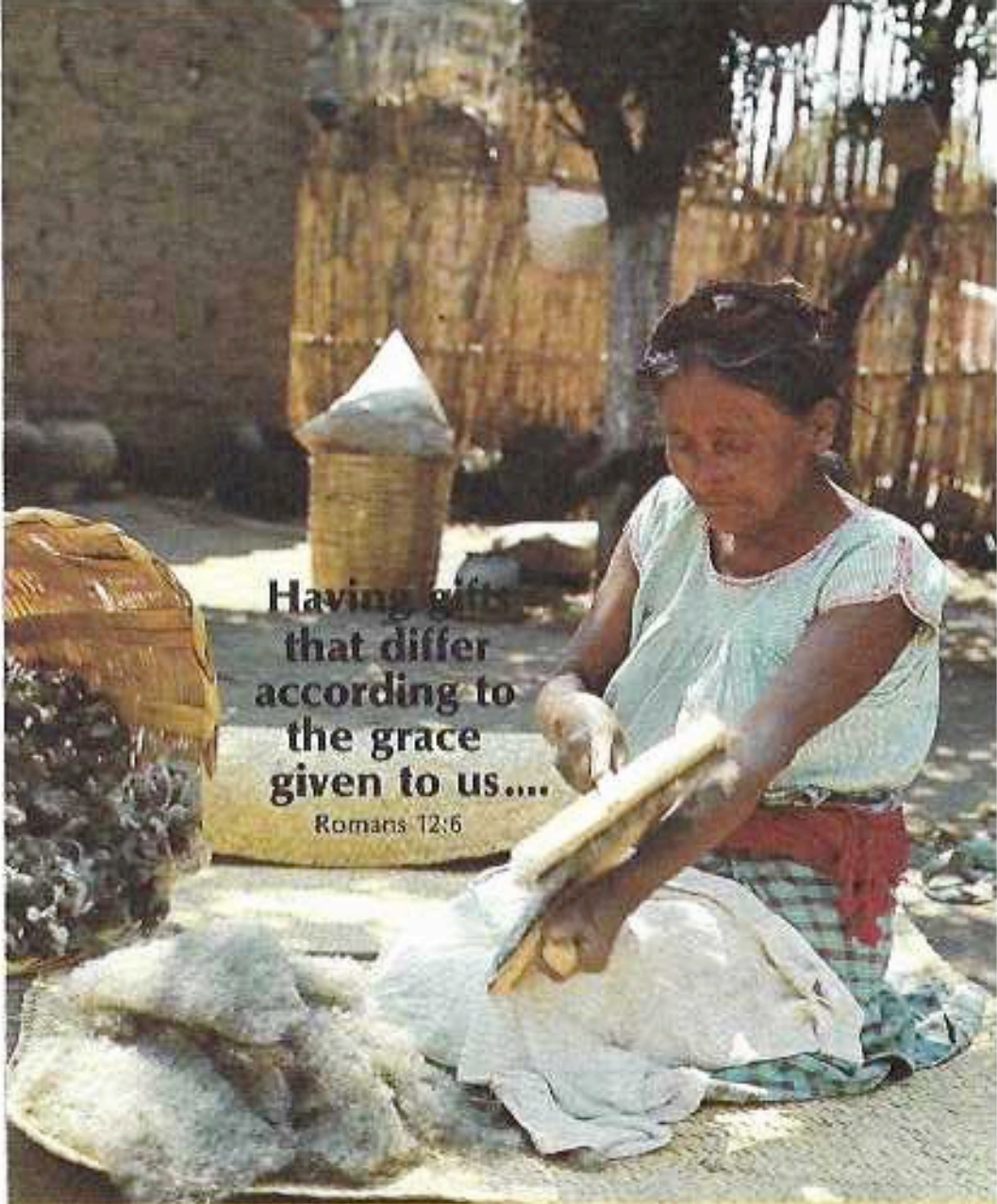
OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY 11:00 Business Meeting.

TUESDAY 9:30 Sewing Day. Sack
lunch. Bring sew-
ing equipment.

7:30 Healing Group at 632
Congress Ct.

When you look at a star
And it is not far;
When the song of a bird
Is your own heart stirred
To voice its note
In the bird's soft throat;
When you feel and know
That the ebb and flow
Of the sea's salt flood
Is your rhythm'd blood;
When a flower blooms
And its sweet perfumes
Distil in your heart
As the petals part;
When life and you
In flesh or clod
Are One . . . not two . . .
Then you know God.
- Don Blanding



**Having gifts
that differ
according to
the grace
given to us....**

Romans 12:6

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DELAWARE, OHIO
AUGUST 17, 1980

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pastor

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Faith is a garden; the seeds of prayer
And expectation lie hidden there -
Under the seeming, beneath the doubt,
Good is waiting its chance to sprout.

No indication will fully show
Just where or when it will start to grow,
But the confident heart, waiting undismayed,
Knows the answer was born when the prayer was
prayed.

- R. H. Grenville

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown
INVITATION TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #122 "Come Thou Almighty King"
*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*FELLOWSHIP TIME
OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 65:17-25
SPECIAL MUSIC

MORNING PRAYERS

OFFERTORY
*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "Night of the Hunter"

*HYMN, #301 (stanzas 1,2,3) "Living for Jesus"

*BENEDICTION
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown
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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

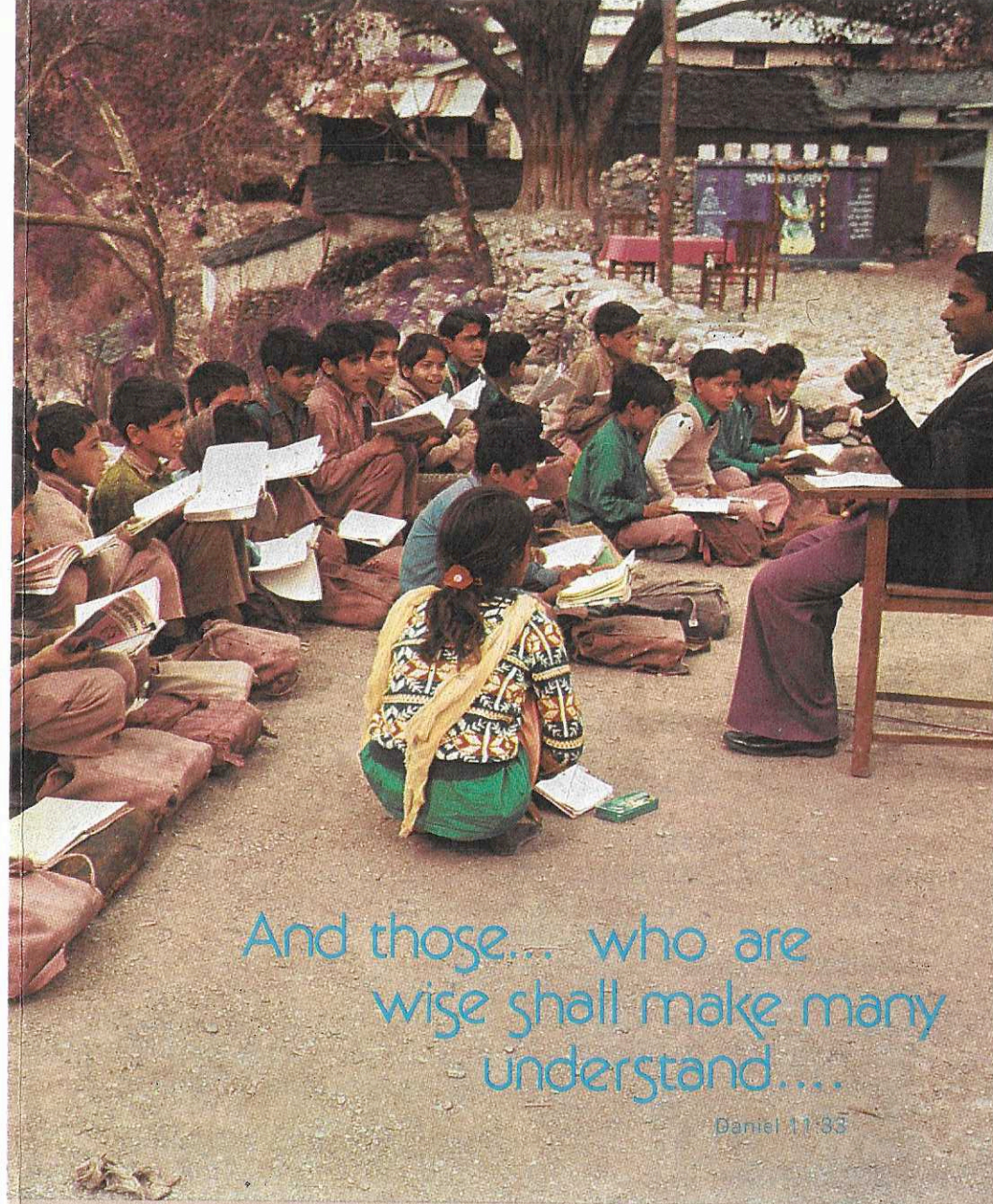
TODAY 3:00 Marion Association Nominating
Committee in Delaware.
MONDAY 7:30 Joint meeting of the Parish
Council and Finance Committee.
TUESDAY 9:30 Sewing Day. Sack lunch. Bring
sewing equipment.
7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.
NEXT SUNDAY 10:00 Morning Worship.
11:00 Business meeting to discuss &
take action of windows.

*12:30 Potluck picnic at
Blue Linnets park.*

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MONDAY Pam & Larry Faulk
THURSDAY Jim Stephenson
SATURDAY Mildred Bowers
Evelyn & Dick Lee
SUNDAY Florence Faulk

Why have we said we were "blue and sad?"
Blue is a color to make us glad.
So many shades, so many hues,
So many tints there are of blues.
Blue larkspur in a tall, blue vase;
The soft blue fuzz on a pansy's face;
The sky at midnight; the bluebird's wings -
Blue is a color for lovely things.
A friendly greeting in deep, blue eyes;
Mist in the mountains; midday skies.
No more can I say, "I am blue and sad;"
Blue is a color that makes me glad!
- Eloise A. Kennedy



And those... who are
wise shall make many
understand....

Daniel 11:35



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Pastor
August 31, 1980

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Lord Jesus, make Thyself to me
A living, bright reality;
More present to faith's vision keen
Than any outward object seen.
- Anon.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown
INVITATION TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #271 "Send Down Thy TRUTH, O God"
*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP
OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 31
SOLO "Little Flowers" Lee
Mike Everhart
MORNING PRAYERS
OFFERTORY
*RESPONSE Doxology
NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:21-38
MESSAGE "A Day in the Life of Jesus"
PRAYERS
*HYMN, #170 "The Lord Is My Shepherd"
*BENEDICTION
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown
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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 9:30 Sewing Day at the church. Sack
lunch. Bringing sewing needs.
7:30 Healing Group at 632 Congress
Court.
7:30 Marion Assoc. Trustees at Sun-
bury Church.

NEXT SUNDAY RETREAT AT JUDSON HILLS. NO WORSHIP
SERVICE HERE. ATTEND CHURCH OF YOUR
CHOICE IF YOU CANNOT BE AT JUDSON
HILLS.

We shall resume our schedule beginning Sept. 14, with
Church School at 9:15 and Worship at 10:45.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

FRIDAY Donald and Florence Faulk
NEXT SUNDAY Doug Lee

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+ The daffodil is in the bulb, +
+ The pansy in the seed, +
+ Awaiting soil and rain and sun, +
+ Incentives that they need. +
+ +
+ Your special talent lies within; +
+ God placed the pattern there. +
+ Give it the sunshine of your work, +
+ The raindrops of your prayer. +
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+ And in the beauty that will be +
+ Your soul shall find its own, +
+ The loveliness that God designed +
+ To its perfection grown. +
+ - Della Adams Leitner +
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SEE YOU AT THE RETREAT!!!!!!

The sea is his, for he made it. . . . Psalm 95:5



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James B. Stephenson, pastor
Robin Campbell, assisting

SEPTEMBER 14, 1980

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By looking at an acorn,
Small and hard and plain,
Could I conceive of oak trees?
By listening to rain,
Could I imagine oceans?
Or could I understand
The desert if my hand but held
A single grain of sand?
Then let me never think
That what I chance to see,
This face, this frame, these thoughts,
That this is all of me.
Yet more than ageless oaks
Or seas that have no shore,
In me there also is yet more, yet more.
- James Dillet Freeman

*Get sausage
+ eggs
rolls*

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Andante" Heffe

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #252 "All Hail the Power" (unison)

*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

O God of peace, who has taught us that in return-
ing and rest we shall be made whole, and that in
quietness and confidence will be our strength; by
your Spirit lift our thoughts to your presence,
where we may be still and know that your are God,

*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 17

MORNING PRAYERS

OFFERTORY "Sketch" Schumann

*RESPONSE The Doxology

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 2:1-12

MESSAGE "You Can Change Your Future"

*HYMN, #97 "Holy Is the Lord"
*BENEDICTION ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE "To God on High" Mendelssohn
*congregation stands
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Organist for Today, Betty Porter
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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

TODAY Joan and Mary Ann Ballengee (30th)
MONDAY Jim and Bertha VanBrimmer
Wick and Jean Wickum
Janot Porter
FRIDAY Paul Mansfield

Robin Campbell is assisting the pastor today. She is from Cleveland where she is X-ray technician at Hillcrest Hospital. She is a senior at Cleveland State University where she is majoring in psychology.

OPPORTUNITIES

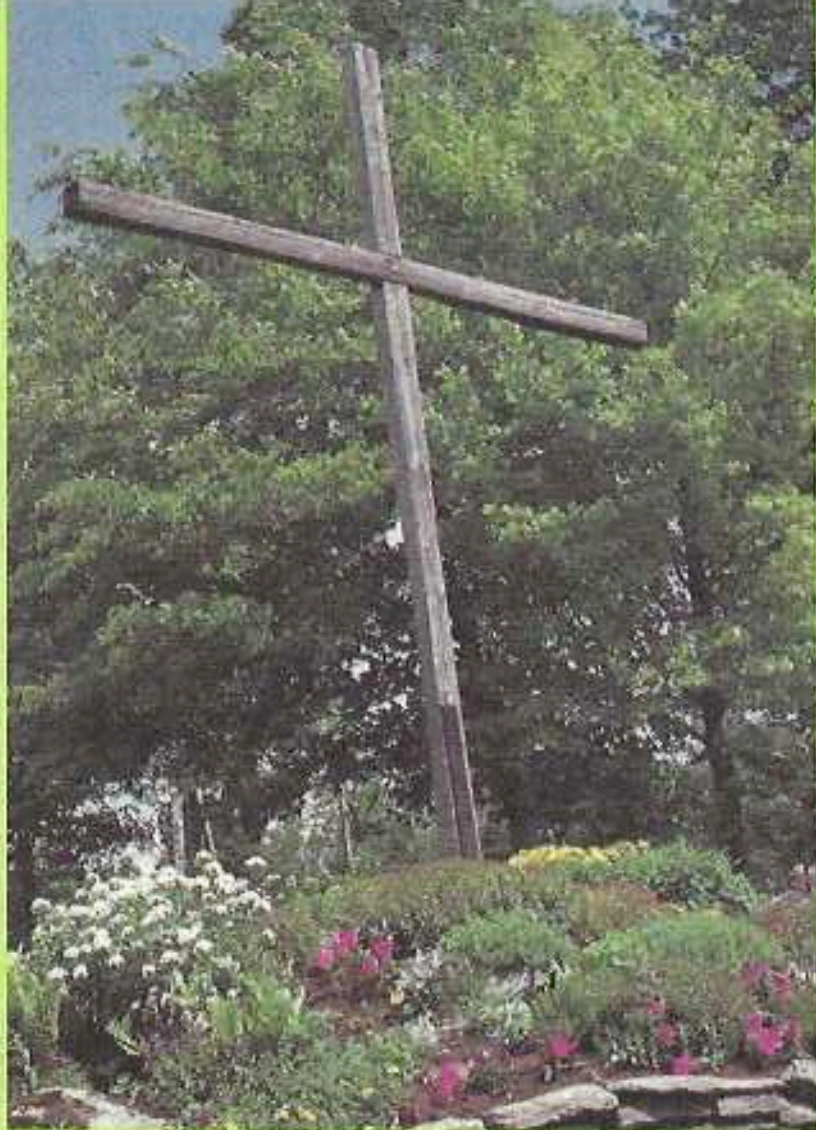
MONDAY 7:30 Parish Council.
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.
WEDNESDAY 9:00 (AM) Morning Project at the Church.
7:30 Choir rehearsal.

THE ADULT CHOIR begins Sept. 17. We need now voices! Please come if you like to sing. (Mary Lou & Wick)

MORNING PROJECT GROUP meets Sept. 17 at 9:00am at the church. Plan to bring one item you wish to donate for the Christmas Bazaar, and an idea for projects we can do this coming year. (Mary Lou Lovell)

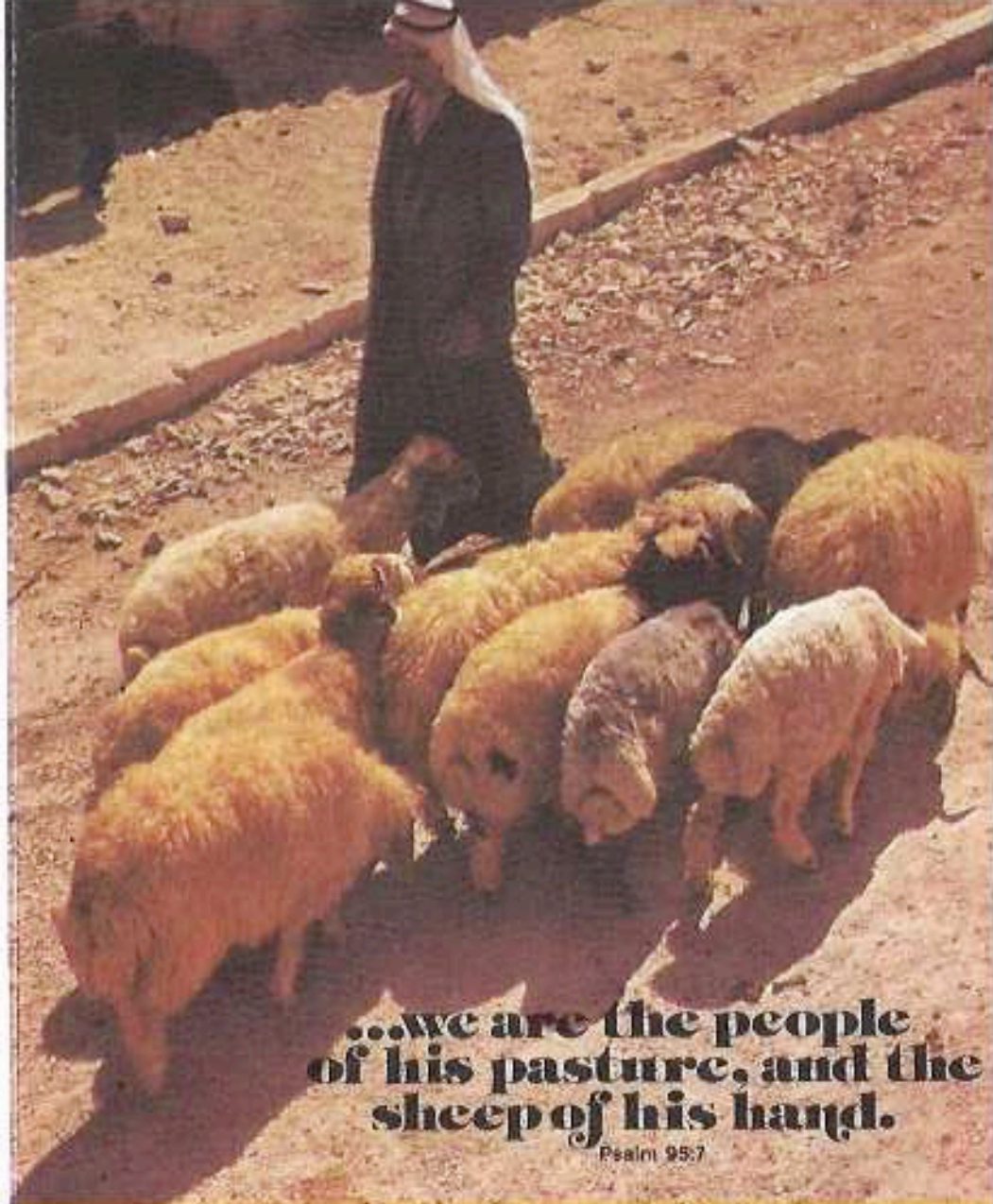
THE FUTURE IS COMING! BUT ONLY YOU CAN DECIDE WHERE IT'S GOING!

Sept. 28. Fite
HAVE A GOOD WEEK



... neither death . . . nor anything else . . .
will be able to separate us
from the love of God. . . .

Romans 8:38-39



**...we are the people
of his pasture, and the
sheep of his hand.**

Psalm 95:7

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

"The church where all good things are possible!"

James B. Stephenson
pastor
Della J. Hofsinger
assisting

September 28, 1980

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Prayer is to see God in any person, or in any creature with which we come in contact. Each person who comes to me on the path of my life is a message of God to me. (Henri leSaux)

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown
INVITATION TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #94 "O Worship the King"
*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER GLORIA PATRI
*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP
OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 46
ANTHEM "Go, Prayer of Mine" Dexter
NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 3:14-22
OFFERTORY
*RESPONSE DOXOLOGY
MORNING PRAYERS
MESSAGE "Who's Knocking?"
Listen! I stand at the door and knock!
(Rev. 3:20a)
*HYMN, #348 "Faith of Our Fathers"
*BENEDICTION ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown
*Congregation stands

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Ushers, Bruce Lee, Charles Brown, Mike Grubbs

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 2:30 - 8:45 Marion Association meets at Fite Memorial Church, Marion.
MONDAY 7:30 Finance Committee at church.
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.
WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School classes.
10:45 Worship. World-wide Communion - Sunday. World Fellowship Offering to be received.
7:30 Board of Deacons and Deaconesses.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

TUESDAY Mary Lou Lovell, Harriet Pittman
FRIDAY Janet Lathrop
NEXT SUNDAY Willard and Carol Fogle

OCTOBER IS OUR MONTH to supply the Delaware Food Pantry. You were handed a sheet with your bulletin that explains the program and our responsibility for it. Remember to bring contributions with you whenever you come to church. Place food in the box in the vestibule; give cash to the pastor

NEXT WEEK is our time to receive our world mission offering. This a positive effort to change the direction of history from violence to love, from confusion to compassion. Be generous!

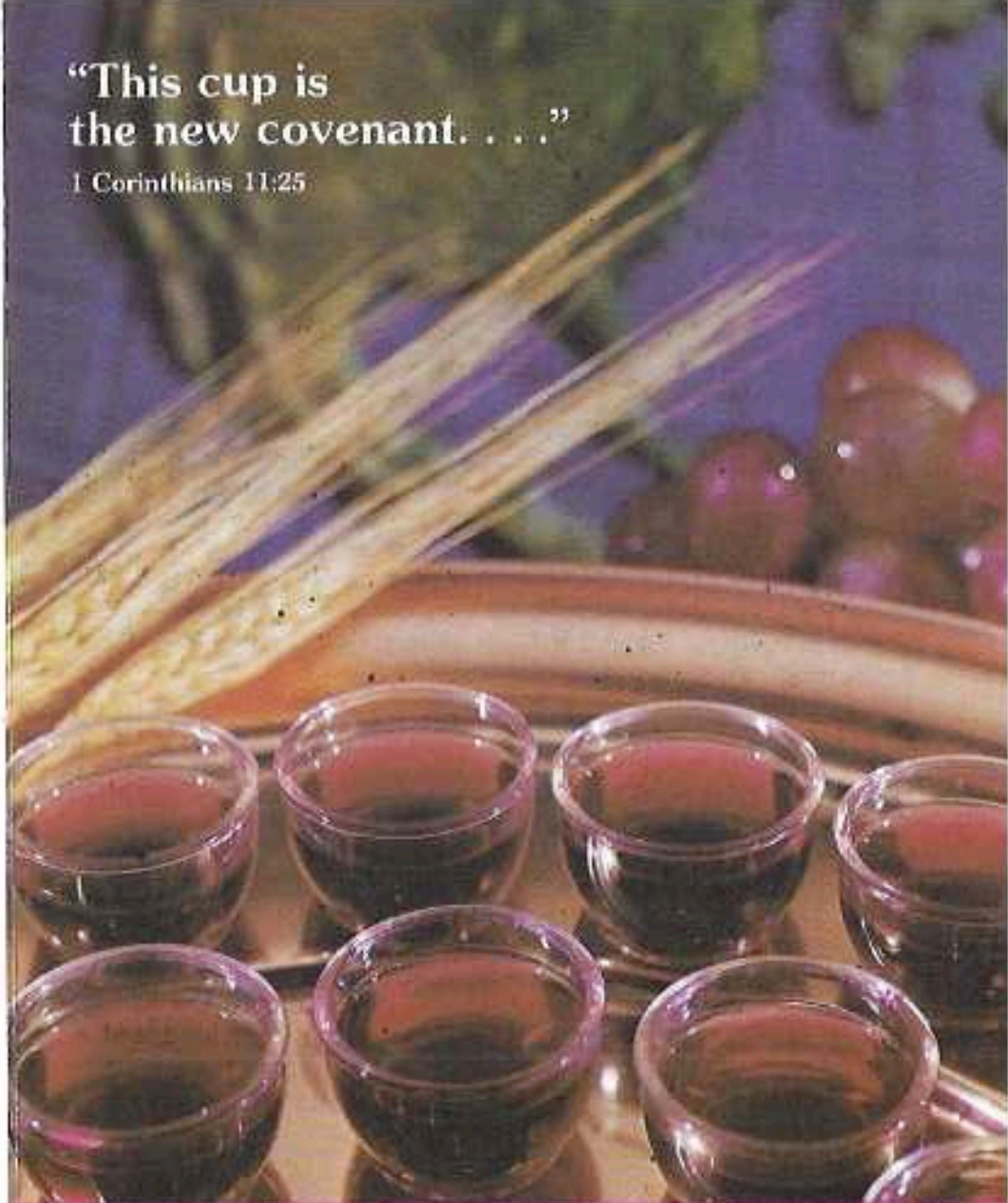
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Thou, mighty One
Thou who art knocking
at the portals of my heart,
Thou art a ray of wisdom and of love,
illuminating those
whose minds are ready
to receive Thy message. . .
Take this my earthly life
and let it be reborn
in Thee!

(Phyllis Campbell)

**“This cup is
the new covenant. . . .”**

1 Corinthians 11:25





WORLD - WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY
October 5, 1980

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO

James B. Stephenson, pastor
Willard G. Fogle, assisting

Rise in new strength and vision. The secret of life is not to be safe, but to be unafraid. Meet every day creatively. You have the power to choose, choose love, joy, peace. (C.T.)

THE ORDER OF COMMUNION 10:45am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*HYMN, #480 "In Christ there is no East or West"
*INVOCATION (unison)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from who no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; thru Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

CONFESSION OF SINS and
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM "Come Thou Fount" arr. Bach

SCRIPTURE READING John 13:21-31

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "How to Live by the Spirit"

WORLD FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

*HYMN, #461 "Bread of Life"

RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER
HOLY COMMUNION
*HYMN, #419
*BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE
*Congregation stands

"Jesus Thou Joy"
ALEXANDRA
Mrs. Brown

Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Ushers, Bruce Lee, Charles Brown, Mike Grubbs

WE WELCOME VISITORS to our worship. We follow the custom of open communion, and all who seek to follow the Way of Jesus are invited to commune with us.

WE ARE DELIGHTED to receive Mrs. Lola Jackson into our church family. She comes by way of Christian experience from the Washington Avenue Baptist of Huntington, W. Va.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 3:30 Cakes of Community at 2nd Bapt.
6:30 Board of Deacons at the church.
MONDAY 7:00 Board of Christian Education.
7:30 Finance Committee.
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group.
WEDNESDAY 6:30 Covered Dish Dinner and Quarterly Business Meeting.

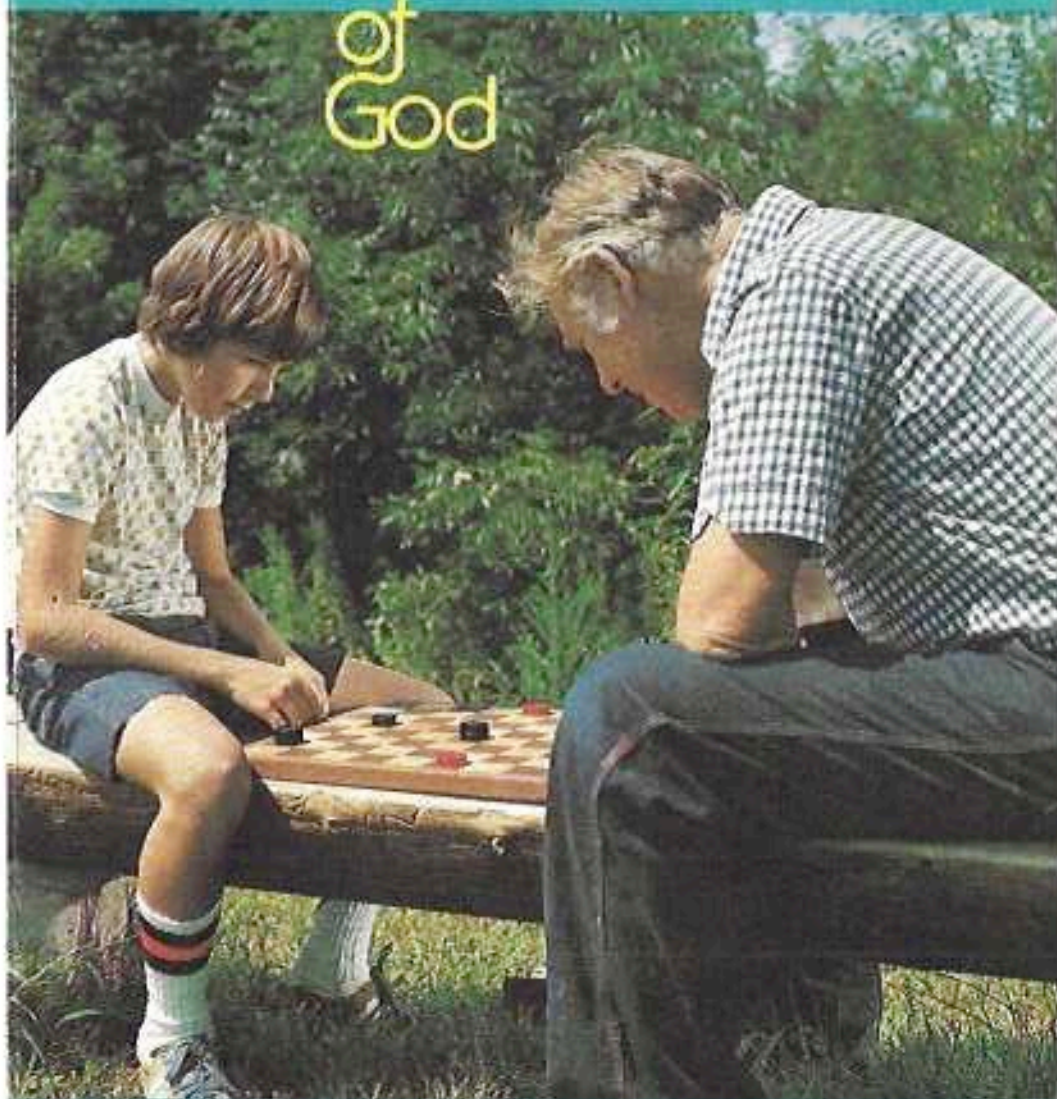
Thurs. 7:30 w/m S at Church

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

TODAY Carol & Willard Fogle
TUESDAY Ann Brown
James B. Stephenson
THURSDAY Suzanne Grubbs

Through the dark cloud of selfishness and materialism shines the Eternal Light of the Christ in man. It can never perish. The Light of Christ in the heart of every man is the ground of our hope, the basis of our faith in the spiritual unity of all people.
Amen.

Servants of God



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 DELAWARE, OHIO
 OCTOBER 12, 1980

James B. Stephenson, pastor
 Larry Faulk, worship leader

Creative energy awaits us, ready to work in us a transformation beyond anything that human eye has seen or ear heard. Who can say what God would fashion out of us, if, trusting in his word, we dared to follow his counsels to the very end and surrender ourselves to his providence? Let us then, for the love of our Creator and of the universe, throw ourselves fearlessly into the crucible of the world of tomorrow. (Teilhard de Chardin)

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP	10:45am
PRELUDE	Mrs. Brown
CALL TO WORSHIP	
*HYMN, #379	"Love Divine"
*INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER	
*GLORIA PATRI	
*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP	
OLD TESTAMENT READING	Psalm 8
SPECIAL MUSIC	
NEW TESTAMENT READING	I Corinthians 13:1-8
MORNING PRAYERS	
OFFERTORY	
*RESPONSE	Doxology
MESSAGE	"If P Then Q"
*HYMN, #371	"Stand up for Jesus"
*BENEDICTION	
*ALLELUIA	
POSTLUDE	Mrs. Brown
*Congregation stands	

Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum
 Organist, Ruth J. Brown
 Greeters, Marge Adams, Marge Smale
 Ushers, Bruce Lee, Charles Brown, Mike Grubbs

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

Larry Faulk is our worship leader and speaker today. Larry teaches math and coaches tennis at Dublin High School. He is a member of our Board of Deacons and teaches the High School Class in the Church School.

ANNIVERSARY
 Gene and Janet Lathrop SATURDAY

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

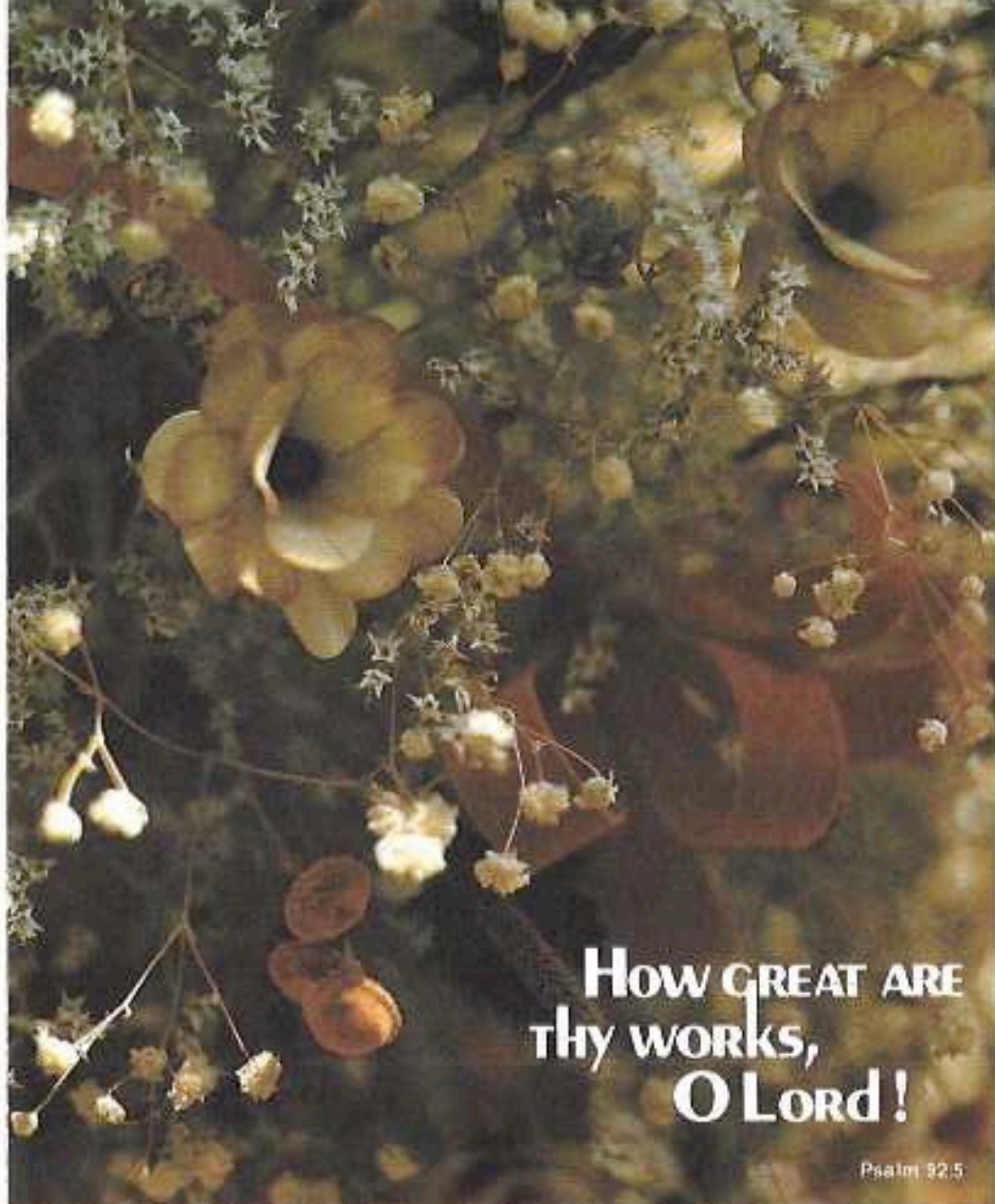
TUESDAY 9:30-2:00 Sewing Day at the church.
 Bring sack lunch.
 7:30 Healing Group at VanBrimmers.
 WEDNESDAY 9:00 Project Group.
 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
 THURSDAY 7:30 Eva Shephard Circle.

LOOKING AHEAD - November 9 will be Mission Sunday and our guest speaker will be Mrs. Lockie Norman of the Sunbury Baptist Church. She will speak about our missions in Latin America during the Morning Worship service. A covered dish Mexican Dinner will be served after the service in the Fellowship Hall. You may obtain Mexican recipes from Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. Aleshire. Mrs. Norman will remain after the dinner for questions and further discussion.

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER will be published Sunday, Oct. 26. All news items and other material must be given to Steve no later than Oct. 19. No exceptions, please!

TODAY MARKS the beginning of Clean-up Week at the church. We hope to have all the work done by next Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule where you can select your portion of the job to be done. Make arrangements with the trustees about the key.

My faith is greater than my fears; therefore, freed from all anxieties, I live one day at a time, praising Him all along the way for His most loving care.
 H.T.H.



**HOW GREAT ARE
thy works,
O LORD!**

Psalm 92:5



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO
NOVEMBER 2, 1980

James B. Stephenson, pastor
W. C. Wickum, assisting

Choir Directors: Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum
Organist: Ruth J. Brown
Ushers: Bruce Lee, Charles Brown, Mike Grubbs
Greeters: Marjorie Smale, Mary Sealey

Our Communion Anthem this morning is "O Christ, Thou Gift of Love Divine!" by Harman.

THE CHURCH WHERE ALL GOOD THINGS ARE POSSIBLE
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The flowers of the earth do not criticize one another, though one be more beautiful than another, but they stand kindly one by another, and enjoy one another's beauty. (Jacob Boehme)

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown

INVITATION TO COMMUNION "Here at Thy Table, Lord"

*HYMN, #451 (unison)

*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray . . .

*GLORIA PATRI John 6:1-14

THE SCRIPTURE READING "Lead Me, Lord" Moliqye-Smith

ANTHEM

OFFERTORY Doxology

*RESPONS? Doxology

BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER Prayer Requests

Message: "Four-sided Earth" Prayers of Faith

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

*HYMN, #393 "Jesus, the very Thought of Thee"

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #276 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds Our Hearts"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA Mrs. Brown

POSTLUDE

*Congregation stands

BIRTHDAYS Bob Stephenson THURSDAY
Sis Mansfield FRIDAY
Gene Lathrop NEXT SUNDAY

OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY 6:00 Deacons at the church.
7:30 Meditation Class in office.
MONDAY 7:30 Bd. of Christian Ed.
TUESDAY ELECTION DAY. VOTING AT THE CHURCH.
7:30 Healing Group at VanBrimmers, 171 Senate Dr.
WEDNESDAY 10:00 Sewing Day at the Church until 2:00pm. Bring sack lunch.
7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
NEXT SUNDAY 7:15 Church School classes for all ages. Jeanne Ekelberry, supt.
10:15 George Calhoun will be our guest speaker.
11:15 Mexican/Spanish Covered Dish Dinner.

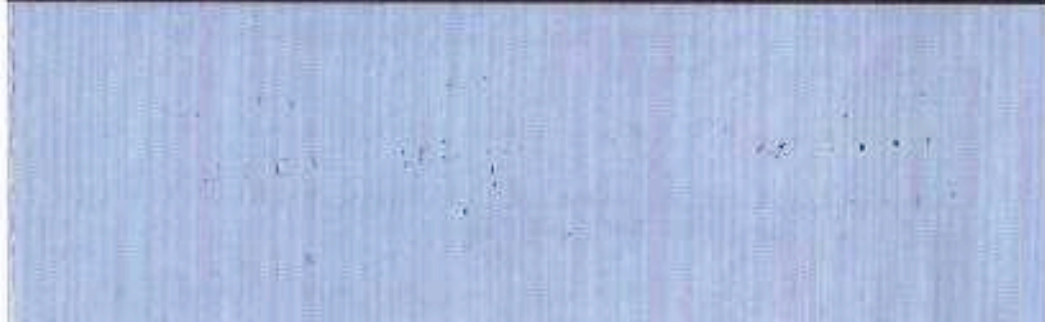
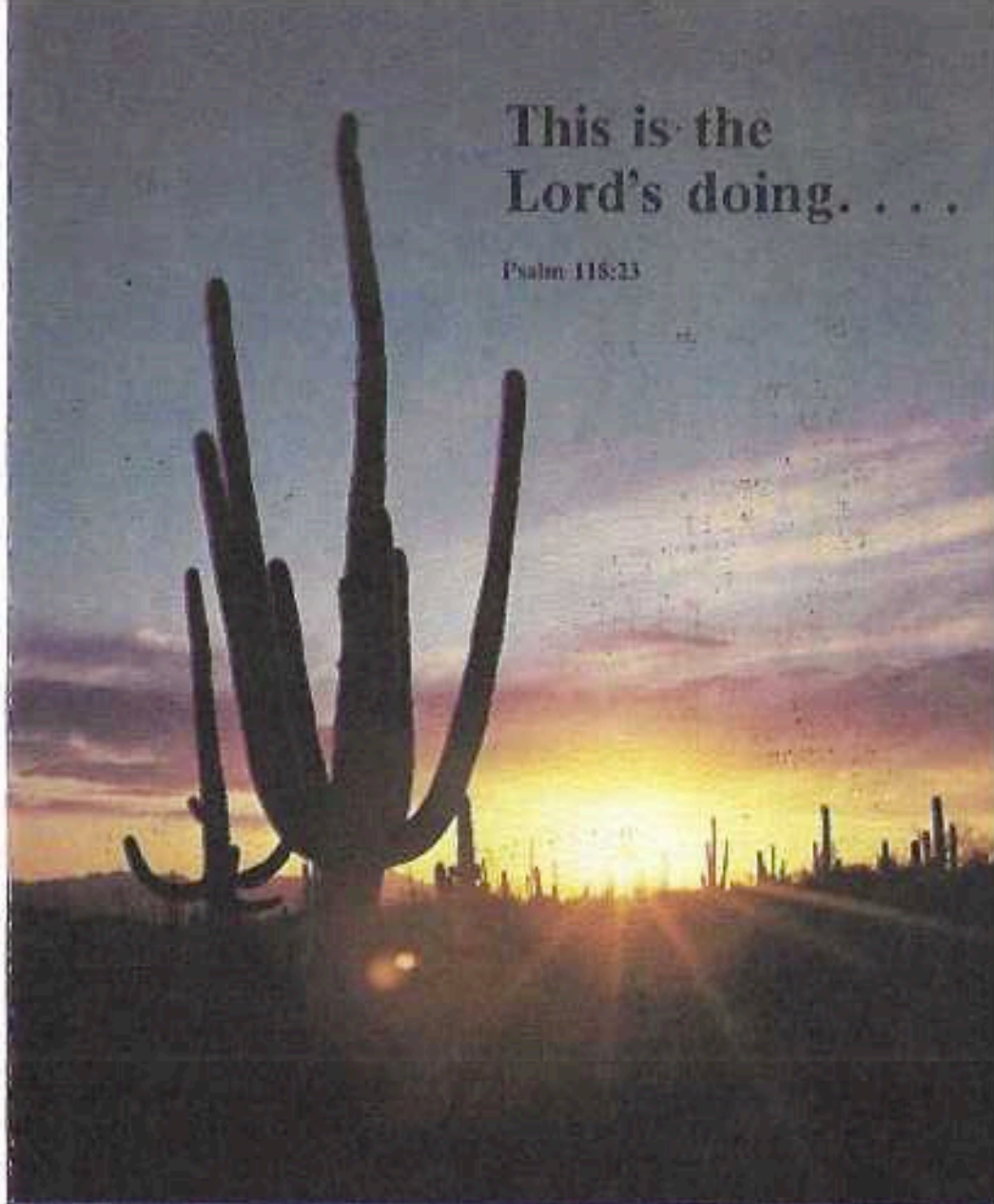
We are all looking forward to hearing George Calhoun next Sunday. He is Minister of World Mission Support for the Ohio Baptist Convention. In keeping with the theme of Latin America, our dinner will feature dishes from that tradition. Recipes are available from Helen Aleshire, Ernestine Frost, and Sophie Stephenson. George will remain after dinner to answer questions.

We are happy to welcome visitors to our service today. Please sign the guest book in the vestibule. We invite you to consider making First Baptist your church home.

Our next public healing service is scheduled for November 11, 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. Save the date and invite your friends for this experience.

This is the
Lord's doing. . . .

Psalm 118:23



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO

James B. Stephenson, pastor

NOVEMBER 16, 1980

THE CHURCH WHERE ALL GOOD THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

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God has made everything beautiful in its season.
Ecclesiastes 3:11

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown

INVITATION TO WORSHIP "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*HYMN, #107

*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 1

ANTHEM "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" Bonar

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:14-20

Matthew 16:1-3; Luke 12:54-56

MORNING PRAYERS

OFFERTORY Doxology

*RESPONSE "Seasons of the Soul"

MESSAGE

*HYMN, #315 "God Who Touchest Earth with Beauty"

*BENEDICTION ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown

*Congregation stands

Choir Directors, W. C. Wickur, Mary Lou Lovell

Organist, Ruth J. Brown

Greeter, Marge Smale

Ushers, Bruce Lee, Charles Brown, Michael Grubbs

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guest book in the vestibule. And we invite you to

worship with us again!

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The right season has come and the Kingdom of God is

near . . . believe the Good News!

Mark 1:15

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 6:00 Meditation class in the office.

MONDAY 7:30 Parish Council.

TUESDAY 10:00-2:00 Sewing day at the church.

Bring sack lunch.

7:30 Service of Healing and Meditation

in the Sanctuary. Public in-

ited.

WEDNESDAY 9:00-11 Project Group at the church.

Pricing of items for bazaar.

7:30 Choir rehearsal.

THURSDAY 7:30 Shepherd Circle at Gabriels.

SATURDAY 10:00-6:00 Bazaar at Mingo Park.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School.

10:45 Commitment Sunday. Dedication

of pledges.

7:30 Community Thanksgiving Service

at St. Peters Church. Father

Paul Enke will speak.

We will be sharing in the Christmas Bazaar at Mingo

Park, Saturday, Nov. 22, from 10 until 6. Items

and workers are still needed. Craft items must be

brought to the church by Nov. 19 and baked items

Nov. 21. See last month's newsletter for details.

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER is scheduled for publication

next Sunday. This is early due to Advent, which be-

gins Sunday, Nov. 30. Please submit your stories

and other items no later than Tuesday night!

BIRTHDAYS

WEDNESDAY Dianna Lathrop

SATURDAY Peter White

NEXT SUNDAY Jeannie Stephenson

OUR SERVICE of Meditation and Healing will be held

in the Sanctuary Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 7:30pm. You

are invited to attend and bring friends who need the

quiet relaxation of our service.

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For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I

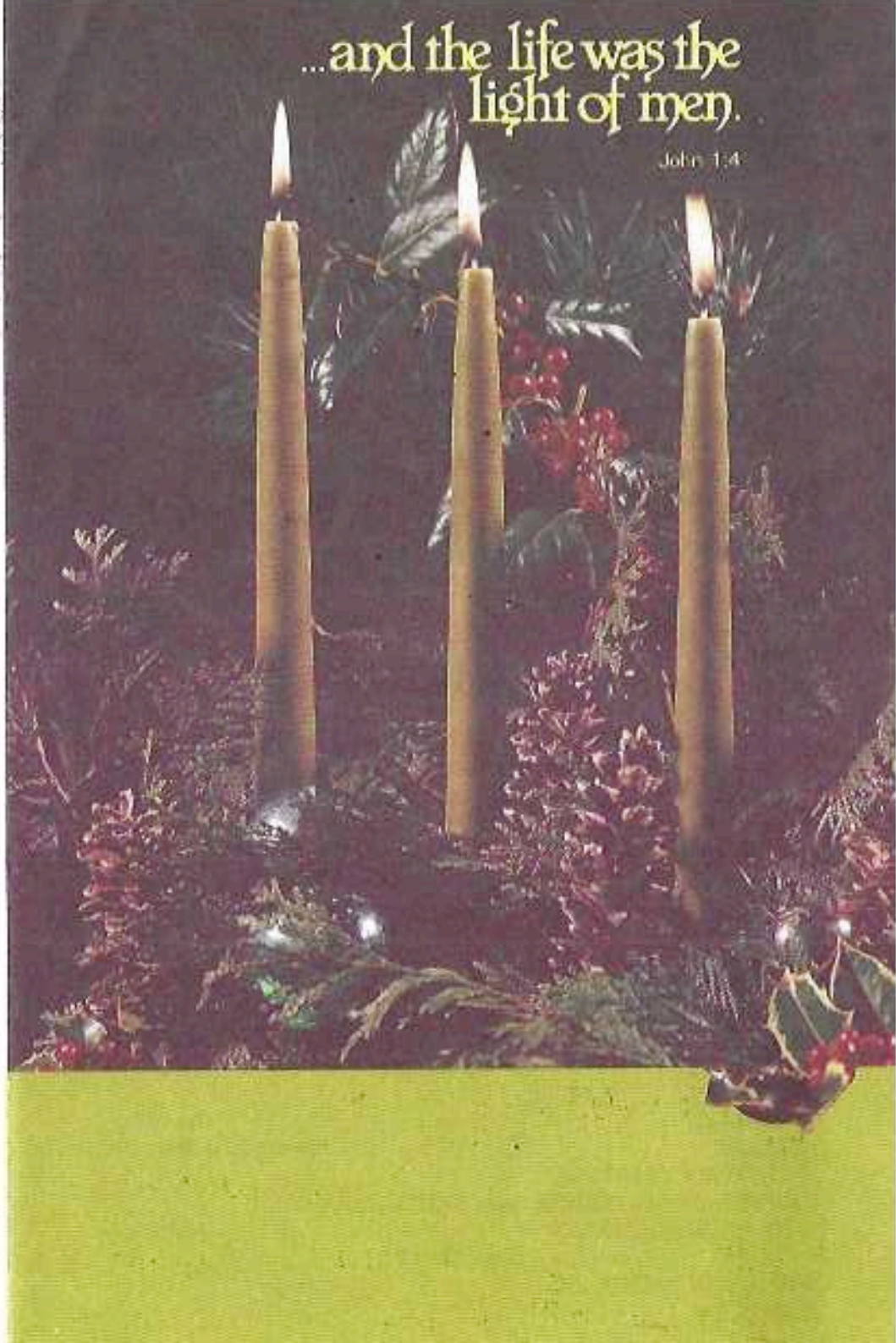
will heal.

Jeremiah 30:17

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...and the life was the
light of men.

John 1:4



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 7, 1980

James B. Stephenson
pastor
Willard G. Fogle
assisting

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* The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap, *
 * His hair was like a light. *
 * (O weary, weary was the world, *
 * But here is all aright.) *
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* The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee, *
 * His hair was like a crown, *
 * And all the flowers looked up at him, *
 * And all the stars looked down. *
 * G. K. Chesterton *
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:00am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown
 *HYMN, #187 "Angels We Have Heard on High"
 *INVOCATION (unison)
 Father in Heaven, the day draws near when the glory
 of your Son will make radiant the night of the
 waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede
 us from the joy which moves the hearts of those
 who seek him. May the darkness not blind us to the
 vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who
 find him. We pray in Jesus' Name and how he taught
 us, saying,
 *LORD'S PRAYER
 *GLORIA PATRI
 A SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-25
 SOLO "Comfort Ye My People" Handel
 W. C. Wickum
 OFFERTORY
 *RESPONSE Doxology
 MESSAGE "Joseph's Secret"
 FELLOWSHIP OFFERING
 PRAYERS OF CONFESSION and PREPARATION Spiritual
 "LET US BREAK BREAD" The Choir
 COMMUNION PRAYER
 COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING
 *HYMN, #198
 *BENEDICTION
 POSTLUDE
 *Congregation stands

"There's a Song in the Air"
 ALLELUIA
 Mrs. Brown

Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum
 Organist, Ruth J. Brown
 Greeters, John and Mary Ann Balengee
 Ushers, Bruce Lee, Charles Brown, Michael Grubbs
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BIRTHDAYS Ruth Brown SATURDAY
 Geneva Evans SATURDAY

OPPORTUNITIES

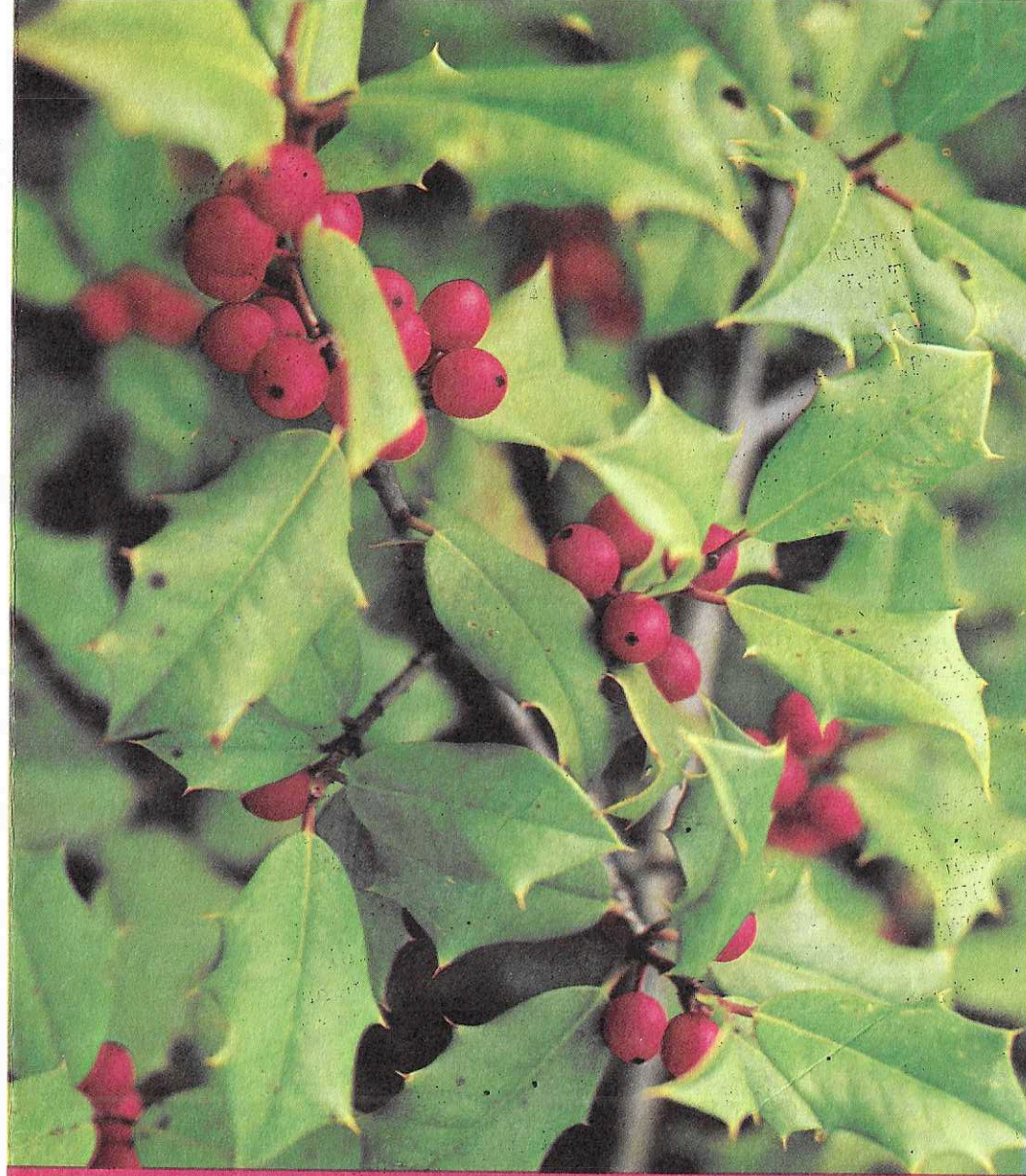
TODAY 12:00 Choir Rehearsal.
 6:00 Deacons.
 TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.
 WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
 FRIDAY 12:00 Advent Worship at William
 Street Church.
 NEXT SUNDAY 9:00 Advent Adventure.
 11:00 Worship. Message: "Mary's
 Music."
 12:00 Choir Rehearsal..

The Children's Choir will practice next Saturday at
 10:30am at the church.

Remember our Christmas Eve Worship . . . music,
 candles, and communion!

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* He is the Ancient Wisdom of the World, *
 * The Word Creative, Beautiful and True, *
 * The Nameless of Innumerable Names, *
 * Ageless forever, yet Forever Now. *
 * G. C. Albertson *
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“My soul magnifies the Lord. . . .” Luke 1:46



The First Baptist Church

Delaware, Ohio

DECEMBER 14, 1980
ADVENT III

James B. Stephenson
Pastor

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown
INTROIT Choir
*HYMN, #189 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO MARY, Luke 1:26-38
CHILDREN'S CHOIR:
"Soon It Will Be Jesus' Birthday" Lovell
"Jesus Is Born Again" Lovell
THE RESPONSE OF MARY, Luke 1:46-55
ANTHEMS:
"Come, O Come" Hughes
"And the Glory of the Lord" Handel
OFFERTORY
*RESPONSE Doxology
MORNING PRAYERS Choral Call to Prayer
SOLO "Ave Maria" Schubert
W. C. Wickum
MESSAGE "Mary's Music"
*HYMN, #200 "What Child Is This?"
*BENEDICTION Choral Response
POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown
*CONGREGATION STANDS

Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Ushers, Bruce Lee, Charles Brown, Michael Grubbs

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 12:00 Choir Rehearsal.
6:30 Choir Rehearsal.
7:30 Youth Fellowship with K.J.
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group.
WEDNESDAY 9:00 Project Group meets at church. Caroling at Sunny-Vee.
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
THURSDAY 7:30 Women's Society at parsonage. Bring 2 dz. cookies or fruit, and a decorated box. Will pack boxes for shut-ins.
FRIDAY 6:30 Choir Rehearsal.
NEXT SUNDAY 9:00 Adventure Adventure.
11:00 Morning Worship. Cantata, "Jesus Is Born the King."
6:30 Meet at church for caroling.

BIRTHDAY Cap Gabriel THURSDAY

THE CHRISTMAS CLEARING HOUSE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Needed are new toys; food (staple items, canned items); and money for non-transferable clothing certificates for children.

Use may be made of the box in the vestibule, or you may go directly to the Community Room, 38 South Franklin, through tomorrow, and to the National Guard Armory from Dec. 15 to 19.

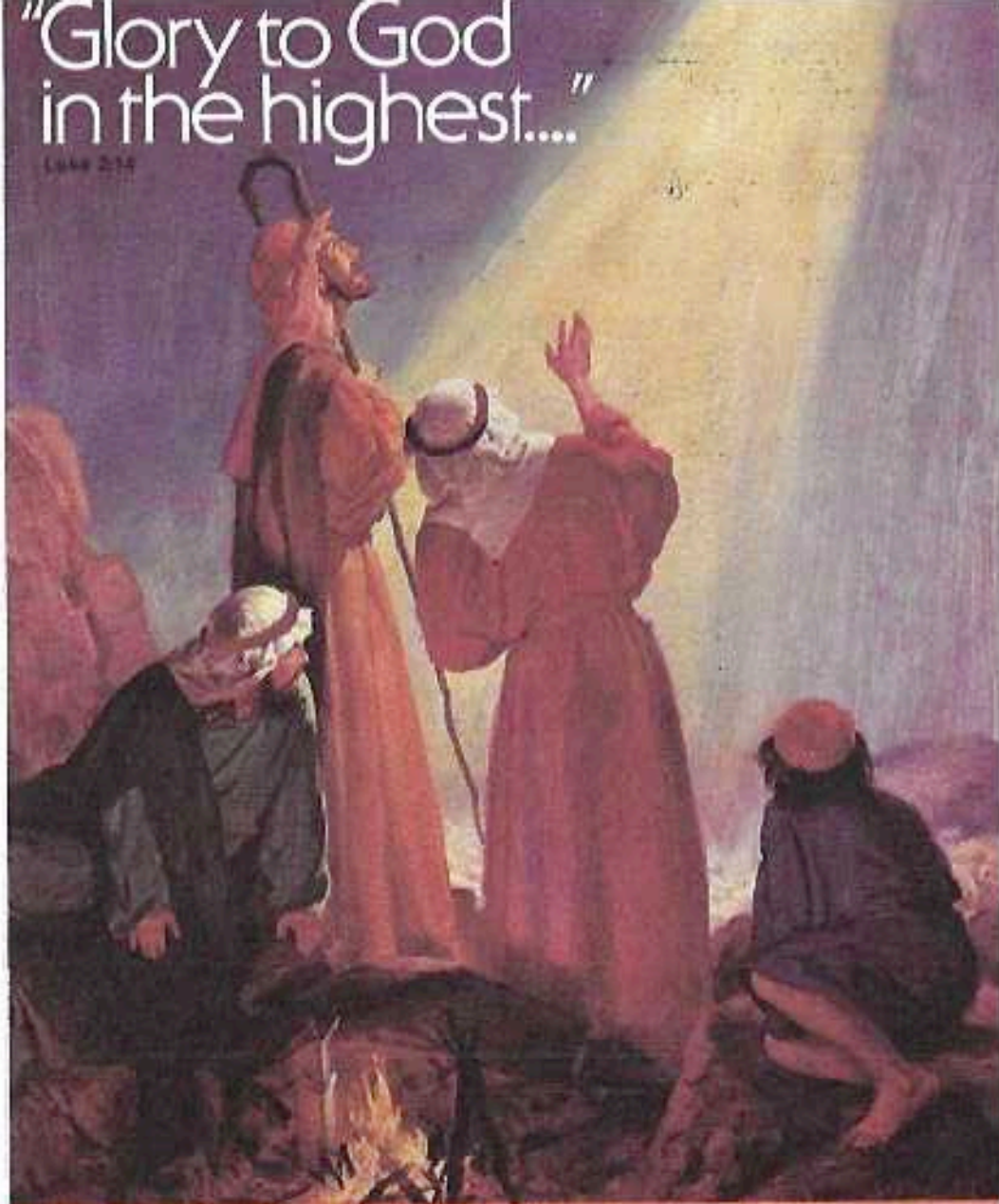
Call church office if you have questions.

Gabriel: For with God nothing will be impossible.

Mary: Behold, I am the handmade of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.

"Glory to God
in the highest..."

Luke 2:14



*Unto us a Child is born,
unto us a Son
is given.*

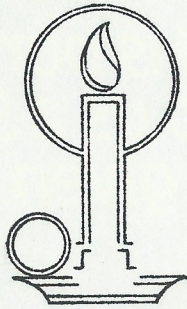


THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO

CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION
December 24, 1980

James B. Stephenson
pastor

Larry Faulk
assisting



Silent Night floats out on the night air
as if the notes were bell-struck
in some small church tower.
Listen! How the silent night is filled
with stardust and angel wing and rustling
of small creatures kneeling down
in a stable at midnight.

Elizabeth Lamb

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

7:30pm

PRELUDE "Christmas Fantasia" Mueller
INTROIT The Choir
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN, #184 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
*INVOCATION
*GLORIA PATRI
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS
ANTHEMS "Angels Round the Throne" Denton
(trio, Karen Stoner, Donna Brown, Janet Porter)
"Mary Had a Baby" Landon
AN OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 50
*HYMN, #198 "There's a Song in the Air!"
A NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 2:1-20
SOLO "O Holy Night" Adam
W. C. Wickum
MESSAGE "I Bring You Good News!"
A GIFT FOR OTHERS "Sleep of the Child Jesus" Smith
*HYMN, #188 "Silent Night"
THE HOLY COMMUNION
*HYMN, #199 "Away in a Manger"
(Parents wishing to have their children with them for
the candlelighting may get them during this hymn)

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
*PRAYERS, BENEDICTION, and ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE "Gloria in Excelsis Deo!"

Wilson

*Congregation stands

Choir Directors, Mary Lou Lovell, W. C. Wickum
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Organist for Prelude, Betty Porter
Candlelighter, Jeffrey Faulk
Ushers, Bruce Lee, Charles Brown, Michael Grubbs
Greeters, James & Bertha VanBrimmer

We are happy to welcome everyone to our annual
Christmas Eve Worship. May you experience a joyful
and exciting Christmas!

A nursery is available for small children. If you
wish to have your little ones with you for the
candlelighting, you may pick them up in the nursery
during the hymn after Communion ("Away in a Manger").

Our Communion Offering will be used for feeding the
hungry. Give generously out of your love for the
Christ Child! Tonight many little ones are hungry.

Our church follows the tradition of open communion.
All who love Jesus are invited to share in the Sac-
rament.

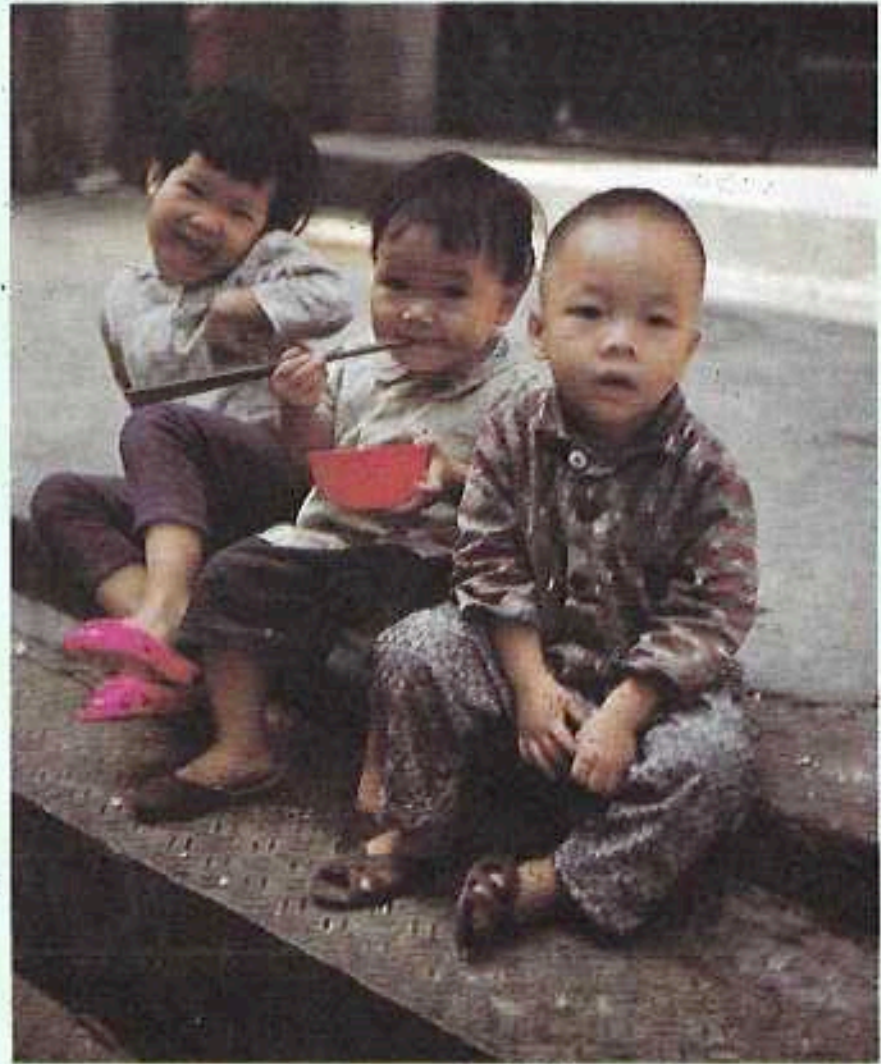
In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness
has not overcome it. (John 1:4,5)

Christmas began in the heart of God. It is complete
only when it reaches the heart of man. (Anon.)

The message of Christmas is that the visible mater-
ial world is bound to the invisible spiritual world.
God has come to us, that we may come to him!

(Author unknown)

Beloved, we are
God's children now.... 1 John 3:2



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO
DECEMBER 28, 1980

James B. Stephenson, pastor
Carolyn Schneeberger, assisting

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00pm

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown
CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #190 "Joy to the World"
*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 51
ANTHEM "How Is Come Salvation"
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 4:14-22
MORNING PRAYERS
BRINGING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
*RESPONSE Doxology
MESSAGE Eva Shepard
*HYMN, #200 "What Child Is This?"
*BENEDICTION
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown
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WE ARE HAPPY to welcome visitors to our worship today.
Please sign the guest book in the vestibule. And we
invite you to worship with us again.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER to day is Ms. Eva Shepard, former
missionary to Zaire. We are honored to have her with
us.

BIRTHDAY Wednesday Kizzie Main

Mrs. Main is a patient at the Park Care Nursing Cen-
ter. A card would really brighten her day!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 12:00 Covered dish dinner in the Fellow-
ship Hall. Discussion with Ms.
Shepard.
2:00 BYF.
MONDAY 1:00 Memorial Service for Prof. Rufus
Crane.
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group.
WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School Classes.
10:45 Morning Worship. Holy Communion.
7:00 Deacons.

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To be Himself a star most bright,
To bring the wise men to His sight,
To be Himself a voice most sweet,
To call the shepherds to His feet,
To be a child - it was His will,
That folk like us might find Him
still.

John Erskine

The Creator of night and of birth
was the Maker of the stars.
Shall we look up now at stars in winter
And call them always sweeter friends
Because this story of a Mother and a Child
Never is told with the stars left out?

Carl Sandburg

The little Jesus came to town;
The winds blew up, the winds blew down;
Out in the street the wind was bold;
Now who would house Him from the cold?

Lizette Reese