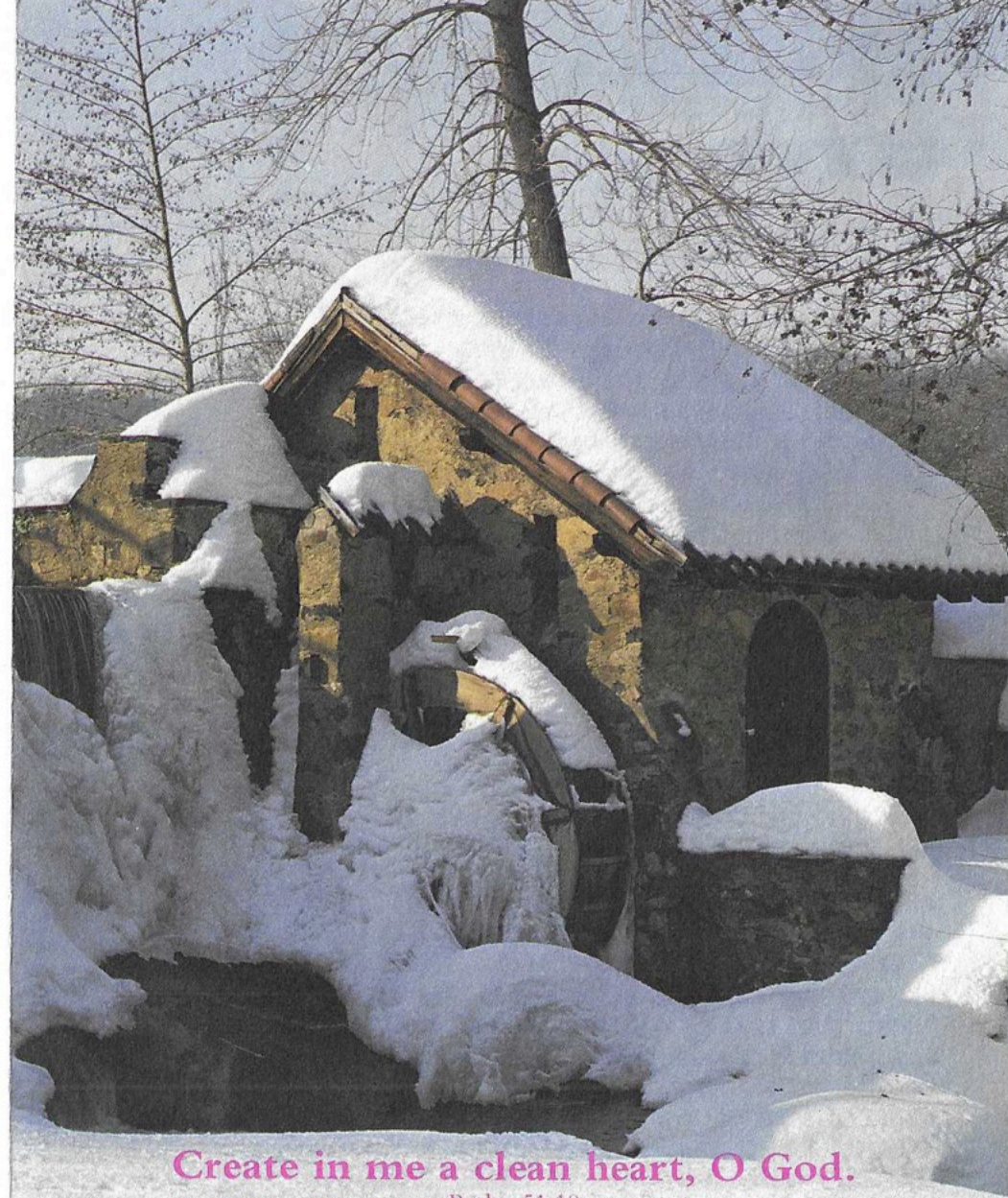




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Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Psalm 51:10



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DELAWARE, OHIO  
JANUARY 16, 1983

James B. Stephenson, minister  
Willard Fogle, assisting

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When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

- To find the lost,
- To heal the broken,
- To feed the hungry,
- To release the prisoner,
- To rebuild the nations,
- To bring peace among brothers,
- To make music in the heart.

- Howard Thurman

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "The Gospel Trumpet"

CHORAL INTROIT

\*HYMN, #98 "Praise to the Lord"

\*INVOCATION

O God, author of eternal light, lead us in our  
worshiping this day; that our lips may praise  
Thee, our lives may bless Thee, our meditations  
may glorify Thee; through Christ our Lord who  
taught us to pray, saying,

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 13

ANTHEM "Open My Eyes" (Hughes)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2:13-23

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Chanson Triste" (Stickles)

\*RESPONSE The Doxology

MESSAGE "Jesus in Egypt"

\*HYMN, #290 "I've Found a Friend"

\*BENEDICTION & ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Gentle, Holy Savior" (Gounod)

We welcome visitors to our worship. May we have your  
name and address in the guest book in the vestibule?  
We invite you to share in all the activities of our  
Christian Fellowship.

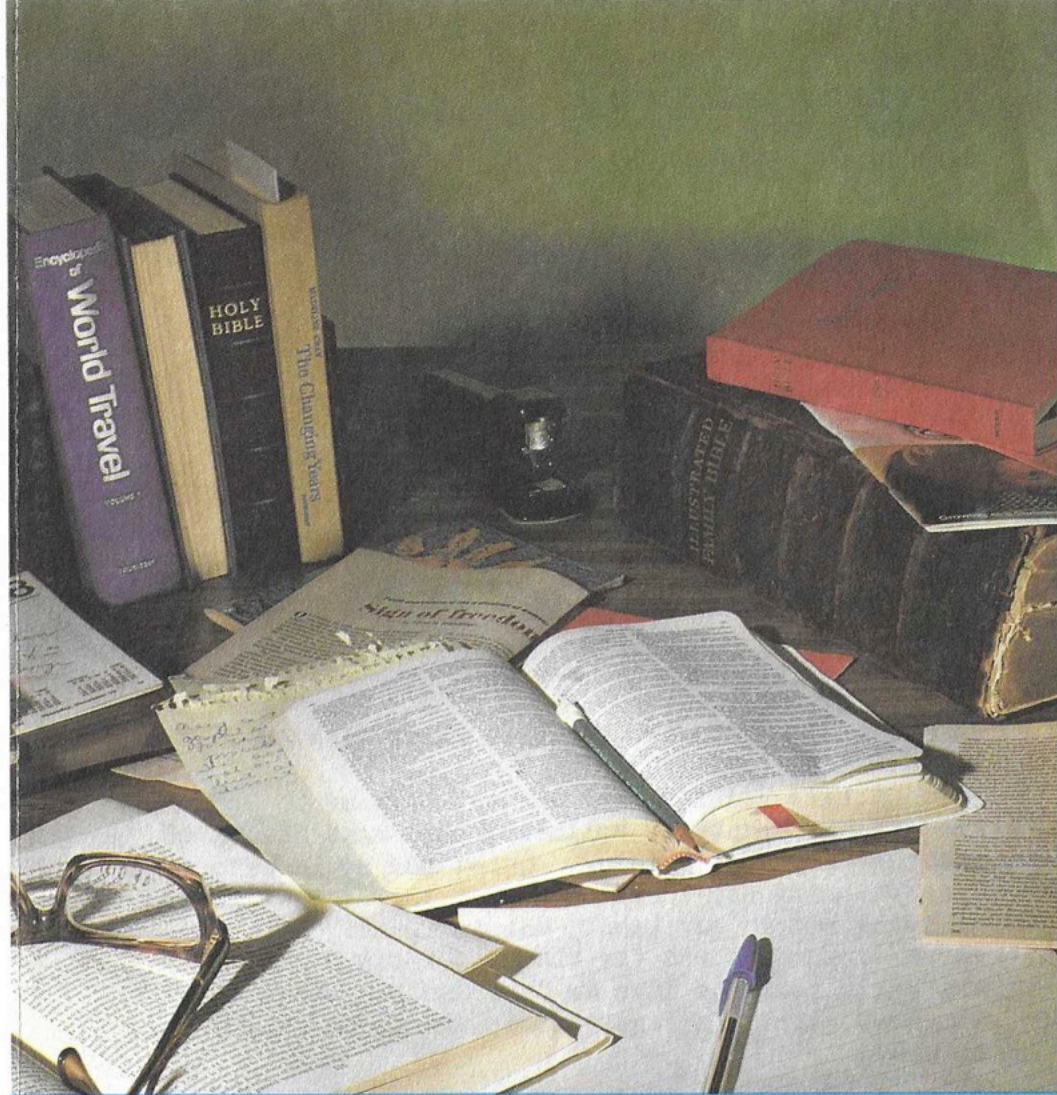
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Candlelighter, Jeff Faulk  
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

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|-------------|-------------|--|
| TODAY       | 2:00 - 4:00 | Women's Mission Society<br>in the Youth Room. Bring<br>fruit or cookies for boxes<br>for shut-ins. |
| MONDAY      | 7:00        | Parish Council.  |
| TUESDAY     | 7:30        | Healing Group at the parson-<br>age.   |
| WEDNESDAY   | 7:00        | Choir Rehearsal.   |
| NEXT SUNDAY | 9:15        | Church School.   |
|             | 9:30        | Leadership Training Ses-<br>sion by Polly Focke  |
|             | 10:45       | Morning Worship.   |
|             | 11:45       | Covered dish dinner and<br>annual meeting. Fellowship<br>Hall.                                     |

Church School teachers will hold a workday at the  
church Saturday beginning at 9:30am.

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A mother's prayer -  
Dear Lord, here I am again, scaping my baby on my knee,  
ready to let her kick in the water, and I see her joy  
and feel an extra burst of love. You are love God, and  
as I care for my child in love I work with You.  
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*To have knowledge, you must first  
have reverence for the Lord.*

Proverbs 1.7 (TEV)



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James B. Stephenson, minister  
Beth L. Trigg, assisting

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I have been crucified with Christ!  
It is no longer I who live, but Christ who  
lives in me;  
And the life I now live  
I live by faith in the Son of God,  
Who loved me and gave himself for me.  
(Galatians 2:20)

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown  
CHORAL INTROIT  
\*HYMN, #315 "God Who Touchest Earth with Beauty"  
\*INVOCATION  
Lord of Life and Love and Beauty, help us to worship  
Thee in the beauty of holiness, that some beauty of  
holiness may appear in us. Quiet our souls before  
Thee with the stillness of a wise trust, and a sense  
of being not in our hands, but in Thine. Lift us  
above dark moods and the shadows of sin, that we  
may begin today to live as Sons and Daughters of  
the most high. In Jesus' name, and as He taught us  
to pray,  
\*LORD'S PRAYER  
\*DOXOLOGY  
OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 8  
ANTHEM "My Jesus I Love Thee" (Lani Smith)  
MORNING PRAYERS  
BLESSING OF CHILDREN  
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 2:41-51  
OFFERTORY  
\*RESPONSE No. 422  
MESSAGE "Jesus at Home - Seeing as Jesus Saw"  
\*HYMN, #171 "This Is My Father's World"  
\*BENEDICTION & ALLELUIA  
POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown  
\*Congregation stands

Organist, Ruth J. Brown  
Choir Directors, W.C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson  
Greeters, John & Mary Ann Ballengee  
Candlelighter, Jarrod Trigg  
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

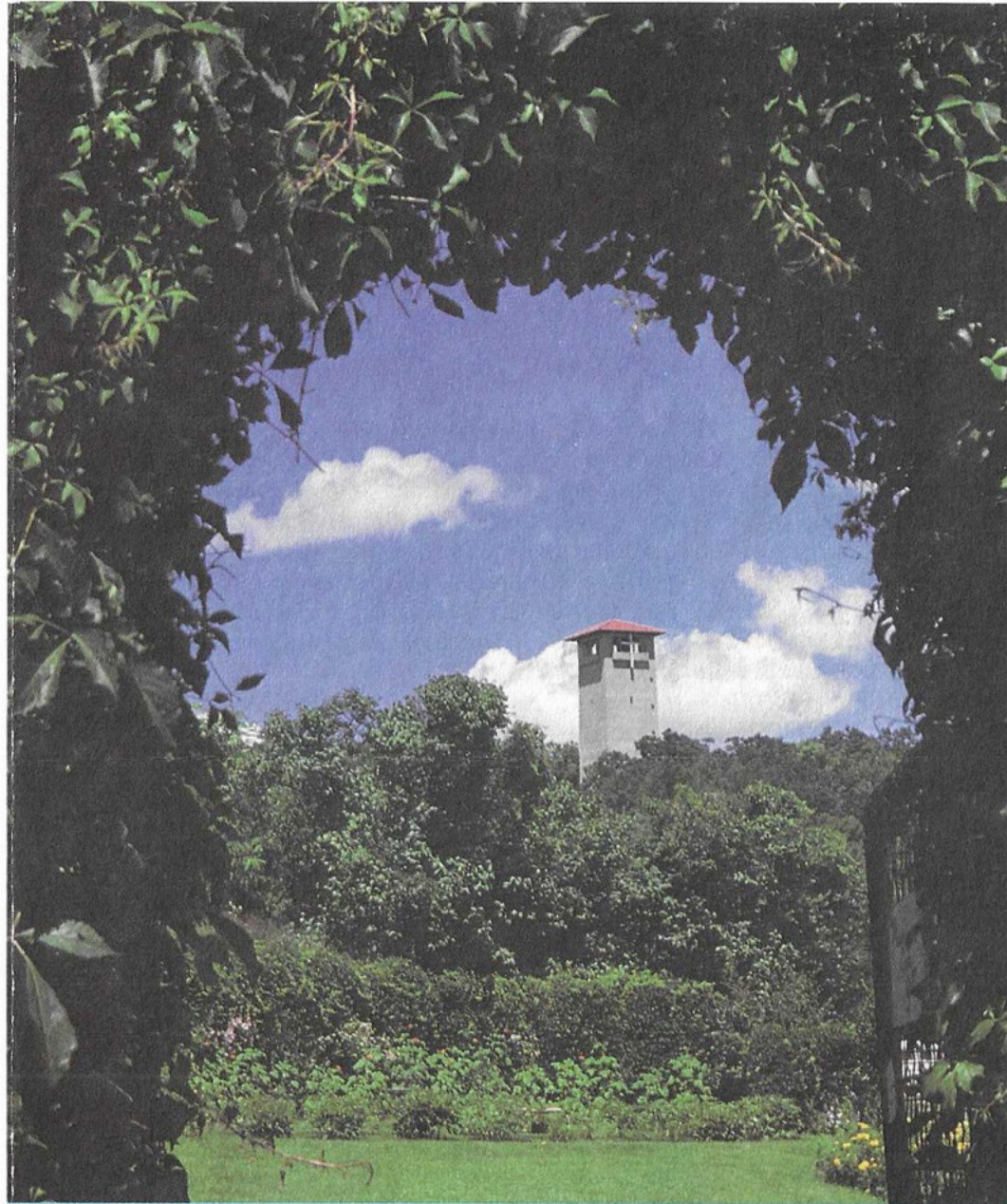
TODAY 11:45 Covered dish dinner in the  
Fellowship Hall.  
12:30 Annual Meeting.  
MONDAY 7:00 Board of Education with Carol  
Grubbs. Special meeting.  
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.  
WEDNESDAY 10:00 - 2:00 Sewing day at the church.  
Bring sack lunch.  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.  
NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School Classes for all  
ages.  
10:45 Morning Worship and Installation  
of Officers.

Church Women United Annual Meeting - at Asbury  
United Methodist Church, Monday, January 31, at 9:30am.  
Business and election of officers. The program will  
be Rev. Judy Dunson, Associate Director of CWS/CROP  
of Ohio, who will tell of her recent world trip to  
see CWS/CROP at work. Everyone invited!

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Christ as Light  
Illumine and guide me!  
Christ as a shield o'er shadow and cover me!  
Christ be under me! Christ be over me!  
Christ be before me, behind me, about me!  
Christ be the Light within and without me!

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**The Lord is like a strong tower.** Proverbs 18:10 (TEV)



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Jerry L. Palmer, assisting

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "The Lost Chord" (Sullivan)

CHORAL INTROIT

\*HYMN, #429 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

\*INVOCATION unison

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, You have created us for Yourself, so that our hearts are restless, till they find rest in You; grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that we may serve You, and in this service find perfect freedom. Through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray, saying,

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*THE DOXOLOGY

OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 24

ANTHEM "Seek Ye the Lord" (Roberts)

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Berceuse" (Godard)

\*RESPONSE, #422 (both stanzas)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 28:16-20

"JESUS' BODY"

\*HYMN, #527 "Jesus Shall Reign"

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

"The Gift of Giving" Jerry Palmer

Presentation of Officers

The Act of Dedication: We accept the office to which we have been elected. We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We renew our dedication to Him, and to the Church which is His Body. We ask the Holy Spirit to anoint us with power, and equip us for the service of the Kingdom. Amen.

Dedication Prayer

\*HYMN, #423 "The Church's One Foundation"

\*BENEDICTION & ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Largo" (Handel)

\*Congregation stands

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Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W.C. Wickum  
Organist, Ruth J. Brown  
Organist for Today, Betty J. Porter  
Candlelighter, Deborah Lovell  
Greeters, Ernestine Frost, Sophia Stephenson  
Ushers, Youth Fellowship  
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Our Stewards:

Moderator, Jerry Palmer; Asst. Moderator, Jeanne Ekellberry; Clerk, Sus Elfner; Treasurer, Betty Porter; Asst. Treasurer, Ruth Brown; Financial Secretary, Richard Lee; Finance Chairperson, James VanBrimmer; Church Sch. Clerk, Pam Faulk; Deacons, Frances Belt, Steve Stoner, Beth Trigg, Bertha VanBrimmer, Ernestine Frost, Larry Faulk; Trustees, Ben Turney, John McTaggart, Jack Smith, David Lovell, Peter White; Board of Christian Ed., Linda White, Carol Grubbs, Lana Palmer.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

MONDAY 9:30 Church Women United at Asbury United Methodist Church. Rev. Judy Dunson will speak on her recent world trip seeing CWS/CROP at work. Everyone invited!

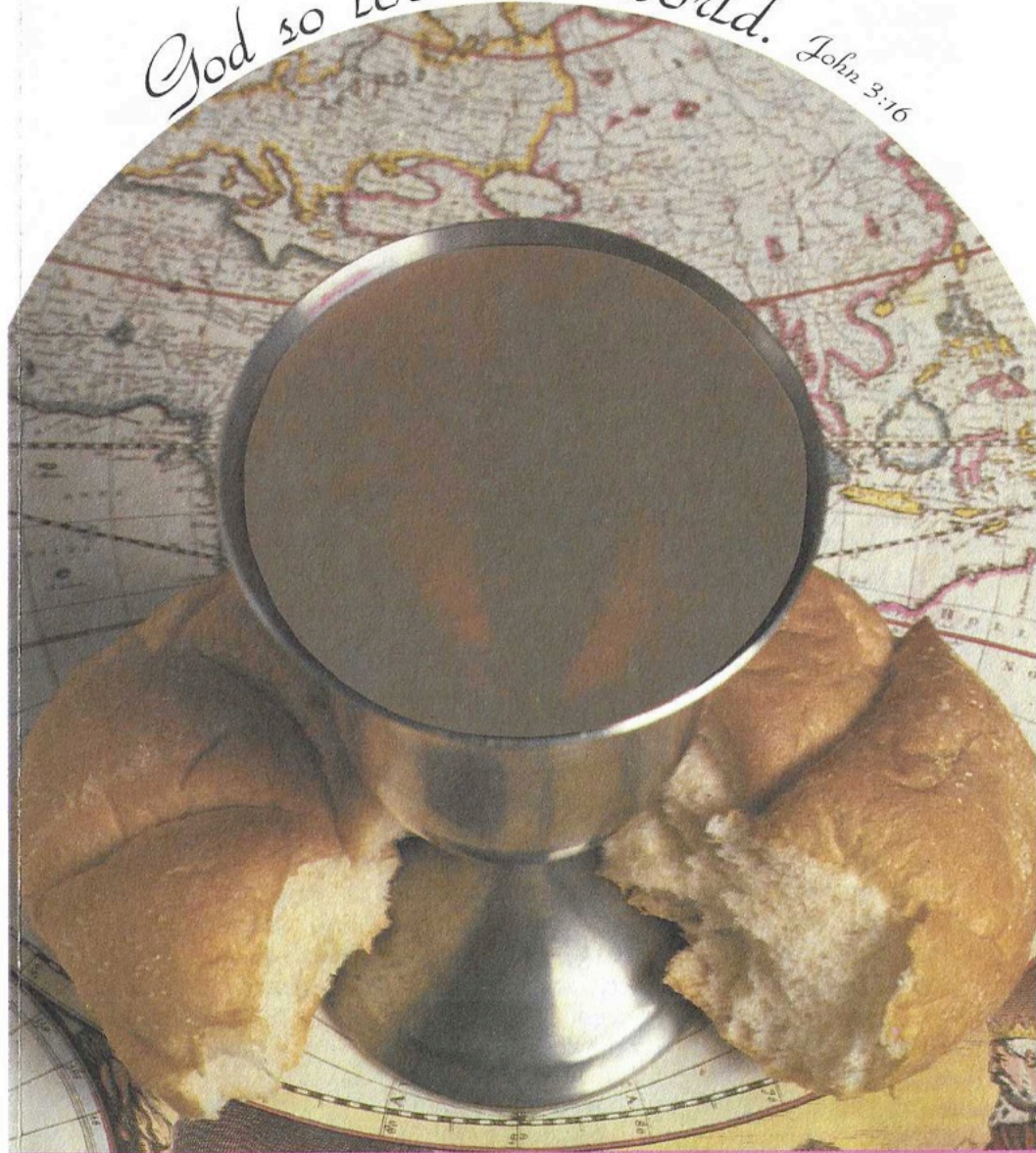
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 9:30 Sewing Day at the church. Bring sack lunch. Meet until 2:00.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School Classes for all ages.  
10:45 Morning Worship and Holy Communion.  
11:45 Coffee Hour in the Assembly Room.

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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.  
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God so loved the world. John 3:16





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James B. Stephenson, minister  
Frances Belt, assisting

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I have a rendezvous with youth.  
My soul is ever young;  
I hear no evil with my ears,  
Or voice it with my tongue.  
I see no evil with my eyes;  
No evil thoughts assail.  
I have a rendezvous with youth,  
And love and joy prevail.  
And so with all the changing years  
My own shall come to me.  
I have a rendezvous with youth;  
"The best is yet to be."

- Wilmet L. Cummings

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown

CHORAL INTROIT

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

\*INVOCATION unison

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 saying,

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI

A SCRIPTURE READING John 6:1-13

ANTHEM "Alleluia!" (Hughes)

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

BRINGING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*RESPONSE The Doxology

MESSAGE "Jesus' Body"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

\*HYMN, #461 "Bread of Life"

HOLY COMMUNION

\*HYMN, #161 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

\*BENEDICTION

\*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown

\*Congregation stands

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Choir Directors, W.C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson

Candlelighter, Charity Piatt

Greeters, Mary Seeley, Marjorie Smale

Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TODAY 7:00 Board of Deacons.

7:00 Youth Fellowship.

MONDAY 11:00 - 2:00 The Women's Society's Public Luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Home-made vegetable beef soup with crackers, gelatin salad, sheet cake, coffee or tea. \$2.25. Everyone welcome! One half profits for the Women's Society, one half for the general fund.

7:00 Board of Christian Education with Whites.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 9:30 - 2:00 Sewing Day at the church. Bring sack lunch.

7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School.

10:45 Morning Worship.

2:00 - 4:00 Women's Society in Youth Room. Program by Della Dean. All women invited to attend.

You are invited to remain after today's worship for a coffee hour in the Assembly Room.

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER will publish next Sunday. All material needed by Wednesday night!



**The earth  
is filled  
with your  
blessings.**

Psalm 104:13  
(TEV)



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W. C. Wickum, assisting

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### PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

The light of God surrounds me;  
The love of God enfolds me;  
The power of God protects me;  
The presence of God watches over me;  
Wherever I am, God is!

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### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45

PRELUDE "Dundee" (Groves)

CHORAL INTROIT

\*HYMN, #122 "Come Thou Almighty King"

\*INVOCATION unison

O God, author of eternal light, lead us in our  
worshipping this day; that our lips may praise Thee,  
our lives may bless Thee, our meditations may  
glorify Thee; through Christ our Lord who taught  
us to pray, saying,

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING #25

ANTHEM "God Leads Us Along" (Denton)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:1-15

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Consolation" (Mendelssohn)

\*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "Jesus Next Adventure"

\*HYMN, #102 "Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

\*BENEDICTION & ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Psalm of Glory" (Lani Smith)

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Greeters, Pam & Larry Faulk  
Candlelighter, Victor Fogle  
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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name and address in the guest book in the vestibule?  
We invite you to consider becoming a part of our free,  
loving, and Christ-centered fellowship.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TODAY 2:00-4:00 Women's Mission Society in the  
Sr. Hi Room. Theme: "Daring to Do  
New Things," Della Dove. Hostesses:  
Bernice Turney and Mary Barkeloo.  
2:30 Executive Board of Marion Assoc. BYF  
here, Meet in southwest class room.

TUESDAY 6:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage sup-  
per in Fellowship Hall. Entertain-  
ment.

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary  
7:45 Choir Rehearsal.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School Classes for all ages.  
10:45 Worship. First Sunday in Lent.

The Marion Assoc. BYF officers, representatives, and  
advisors are meeting at our church today to plan the  
Marion Assoc. BYF Jr. - Sr. Hi Retreat scheduled for  
March 18-20 at Judson Hills camp.

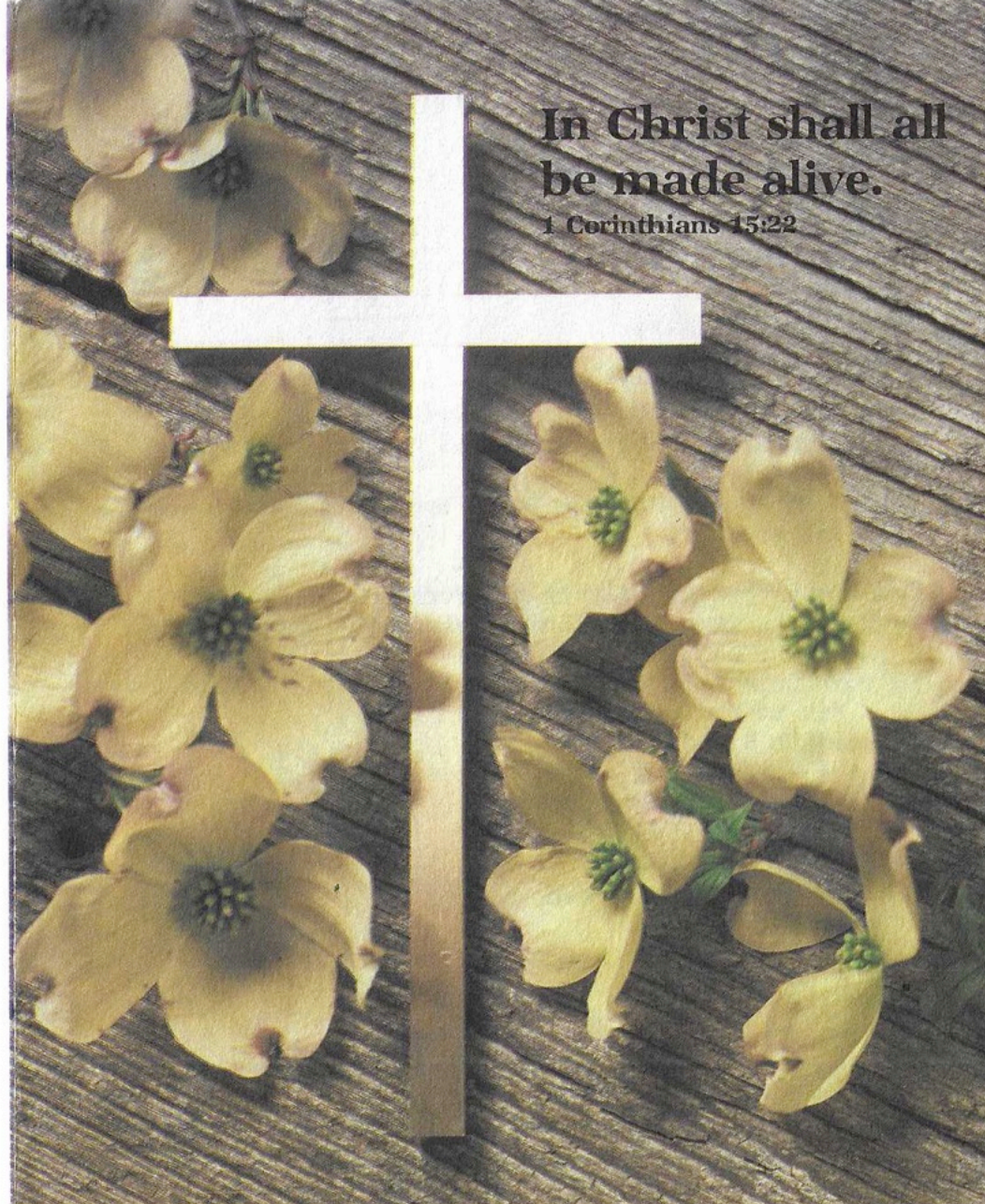
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The Women's Mission Society sponsors a sewing day  
each Wednesday from 9:30 - 2:00. Bring a sack  
lunch with you and enjoy the fellowship and the  
work for others. Come join us this Wednesday!

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**In Christ shall all  
be made alive.**

1 Corinthians 15:22



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 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



"I AM THE WAY"

James B. Stephenson  
 minister  
 Bertha T. McTaggart  
 assisting

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 From Bethlehem to Calvary the Savior's journey lay;  
 Doubt, unbelief, scorn, fear and hate beset Him day  
 by day,  
 But in His heart He bore God's love that brightened  
 all the way.

From Bethlehem to Calvary the world still follows on,  
 Even as the lame and blind of old along His path were  
 drawn;  
 Through Calvary's clouds they seek the Light that led  
 Him to the dawn.  
 - Meredith Nicholson

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown  
 CHORAL INTROIT  
 TIME OF GREETING  
 CHURCH CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP  
 \*HYMN, #237 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"  
 \*INVOCATION unison  
 Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit  
 into the wilderness, come quickly to help us who are  
 tempted; you know our every weakness; you know our  
 every need; lead us as we follow Christ Jesus, fill  
 us with Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus who taught us  
 to pray saying,  
 \*LORD'S PRAYER  
 \*GLORIA PATRI  
 OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 10  
 ANTHEM "Love Divine" (Jones)  
 MORNING PRAYERS and BLESSING OF CHILDREN

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:9-20  
 OFFERTORY  
 \*RESPONSE Doxology  
 MESSAGE "Lenten Journey"  
 \*HYMN, #346 "Take Time to be Holy"  
 \*BENEDICTION and ALLELUIA  
 POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown  
 \* Congregation stands

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 Organist, Ruth J. Brown  
 Greeters, Carol and Suzanne Grubbs  
 Candlelighter, Jennifer Porter  
 Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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 We welcome visitors to our worship. You are invited to  
 share in all the activities of our church. If you do  
 not have a church home in Delaware, we invite you to  
 consider becoming a part of our free, loving, and Jesus  
 centered fellowship.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TODAY 1:00 Board of Education with Lana Palmer.  
 7:00 Youth Fellowship.  
 MONDAY 7:00 Parish Council.  
 TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.  
 WEDNESDAY 9:30 - 2:00pm Sewing at the church. Bring  
 sack lunch.  
 7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

LENTEN BREAKFAST will be held at 7:45am at the Holiday  
 Inn, cost \$1.50, during Lent. Come share in this  
 experience of fellowship and devotion every Wednesday!

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 Jesus said, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.  
 (John 14:6)  
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*Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.*

*Psalm 23:4*



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET  
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2nd SUNDAY IN LENT  
FEBRUARY 27, 1983

James B. Stephenson, minister  
John B. McTaggart, assisting

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We will make Lent  
A time well spent  
In introspection  
With wise reflection,  
A searching within  
And finding we're kin  
Beneath the skin!  
- Mildred N. Hoyer

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am  
PRELUDE "Idyll" (Hegarty)  
CHORAL INTROIT  
\*HYMN, #95 "Joyful, Joyful"  
\*INVOCATION unison  
O God, whose glory is to always have mercy, be  
gracious to all who have gone astray, and bring  
them back with penitent hearts to embrace and  
hold fast to Thy Word. Through Jesus Christ who  
taught us to pray, saying,  
\*LORD'S PRAYER  
\*GLORIA PATRI  
OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 148  
ANTHEM "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (Mozart)  
MORNING PRAYERS  
BLESSING OF CHILDREN  
NEW TESTAMENT READING John 2:1-11  
OFFERTORY "Ave Verum" (Mozart)  
\*RESPONSE Doxology  
MESSAGE "LENTEN JOURNEY (Joy)"  
\*HYMN, #262 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*ALLELUIA  
POSTLUDE "St. Albinus" (Groves)

\* CONGREGATION STANDS

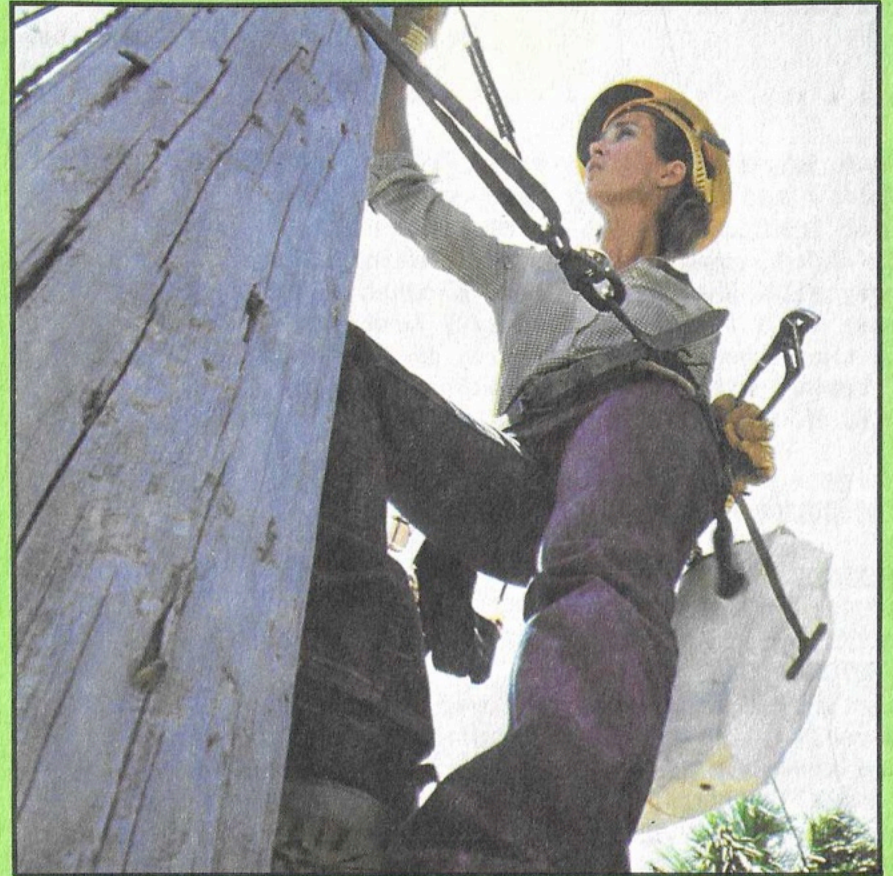
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\* Candlelighter, Cameron Piatt \*  
\* Greeter, Bertha McTaggart \*  
\* Ushers, Youth Fellowship \*  
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We are happy to welcome visitors to our worship today.  
May we have your name and address in the guest book in  
the vestibule? Our church is a fellowship where those  
who seek a new life in Christ Jesus may find Him in an  
atmosphere of freedom and acceptance. We invite you  
to share in our experience.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

- TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.
- WEDNESDAY 7:45 Breakfast at Holiday Inn (\$1.50).  
9:30 - 2:00 Sewing Day at the church.  
Bring sack lunch.  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
- FRIDAY 9:30 - 11:30 World Day of Prayer Ser-  
vice at the First Presbyterian  
Church. Theme is "New Persons in  
Christ." All women are invited to  
attend and share in fellowship with  
their sisters around the world. Beth  
Trigg and Bertha McTaggart will be  
participants.  
7:30 Lenten Group studying "Disciplines  
of the Christian Life." Bring Bible  
and notebook. Meet at the Wickums,  
90 Richards Drive.
- NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School. Intergenerational  
program; activities and study for  
all.  
10:45 Morning Worship and Holy Communion.

We will make Lent a time well spent in inner knowing,  
In greater growing as children of God!  
- Mildred N. Hoyer



**Chosen to Serve,  
Challenged to Grow**





THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET  
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MARCH 13, 1983  
4th SUNDAY IN LENT

James B. Stephenson, minister  
Mary Lou Lovell, assisting

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I am joyously walking on the pathway of Light,  
Gladly and freely, my prospect is bright.  
Each luminous moment, each radiant hour,  
Enfolded, upheld, by love's infinite power.  
Away with the cobwebs that clouded my thought!  
Away with the shadows anxiety brought!  
In the strength of the Lord, in the power of His might,  
I travel with ease on a pathway of Light!  
- R. H. Grenville

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE Alison Grubbs

CHORAL INTROIT

\*HYMN, #443 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

\*INVOCATION unison

Almighty God, we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversity which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray, saying,

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 10

ANTHEM "I Turn My Thoughts to Thee" (Southbridge)

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

SOLO "Before the Crucifix" (LaForge) W.C. Wickum

OFFERTORY "D Minor & Major" (Scheidemann)

\*RESPONSE Doxology

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 17:1-8

MESSAGE "Finding Your Real Self"

\*HYMN, #401 "Savior like a Shepherd Lead Us"

\*BENEDICTION

\*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Paeon of Victory" (Wetherill)

\*CONGREGATION STANDS

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Candlelighter, Amy Elfner

Greeters, Ekelberrys

Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group with VanBrimmers.

WEDNESDAY 7:45 Lenten Breakfast at the Holiday Inn. (\$1.50)  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY 7:30 Lenten Study Group on Christian Discipline at the Whites, 23 Woodland. Read John 13 - 17.

Please note that the Sewing Day will not be held this week.

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Where is the gate to peace?

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

The sign will say, Discipline.

It may be work.

It may be courage.

It may be knowledge.

It may be prayer.

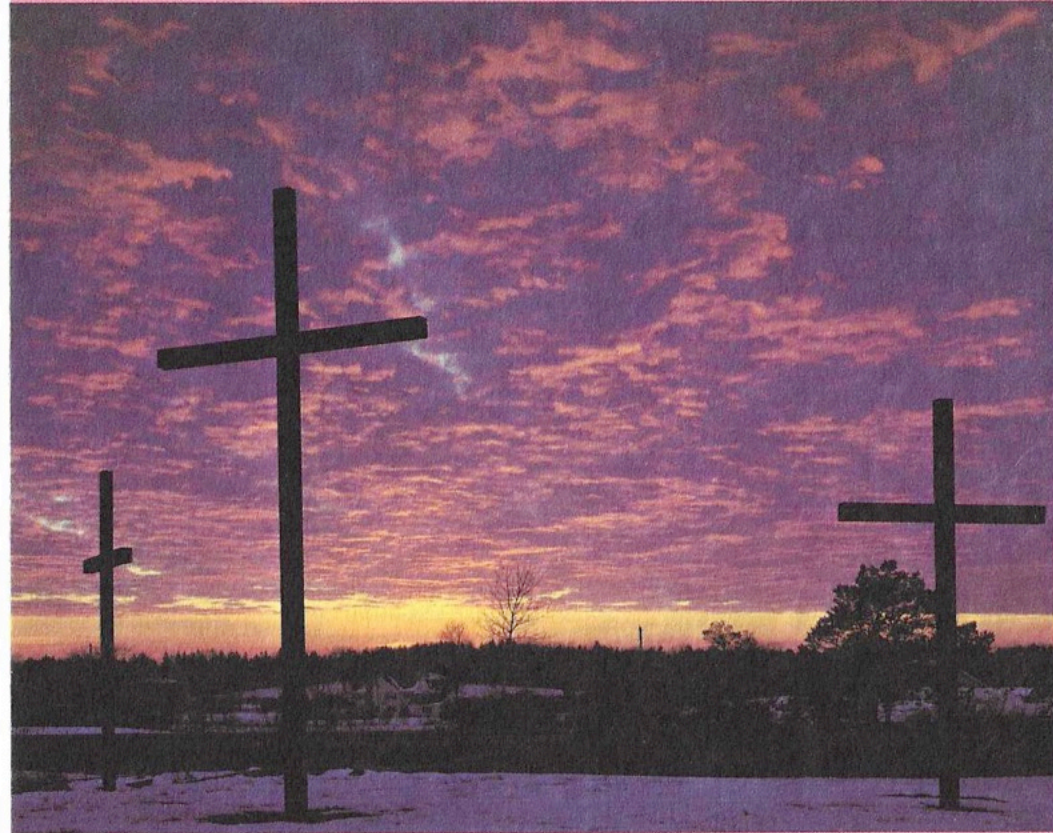
It may be love.

It may be losing yourself in God. (J. D. Freeman)

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**“After three days he will arise.”**

Mark 10:34



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MARCH 20, 1983  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

James B. Stephenson  
Minister

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Where are you going? What is your destination?  
Life is for journeying, not to stand and stay.  
Life is a highroad. Life is for elation.  
Walk through the wide doors, heart, be on your way!  
- James Dillet Freeman

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Introduction and Song" (Southbridge)

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN, #337 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

\*INVOCATION unison

Almighty God, you love all that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent; create in us new and contrite hearts, that we, confessing our sins and shortcomings, may experience your forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who taught us to pray,

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:31-34;

Matthew 26:36-46

MORNING PRAYERS & BLESSING OF CHILDREN

ANTHEM "Ivory Palaces" (Barradough)

OFFERTORY "If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee" (Neumark)

\*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "Jesus' Journey"

\*HYMN, #341 "I Need Thee every Hour"

\*BENEDICTION & ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Canzona" (Roesch)

\* Congregation stands

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\* Choir Directors, W.C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson \*  
\* Organist, Ruth J. Brown \*  
\* Organist for Today, Mary Lou Lovell \*  
\* Candlelighter, Jeff Faulk \*  
\* Greeter, Sophia Stephenson \*  
\* Ushers, Youth Fellowship \*  
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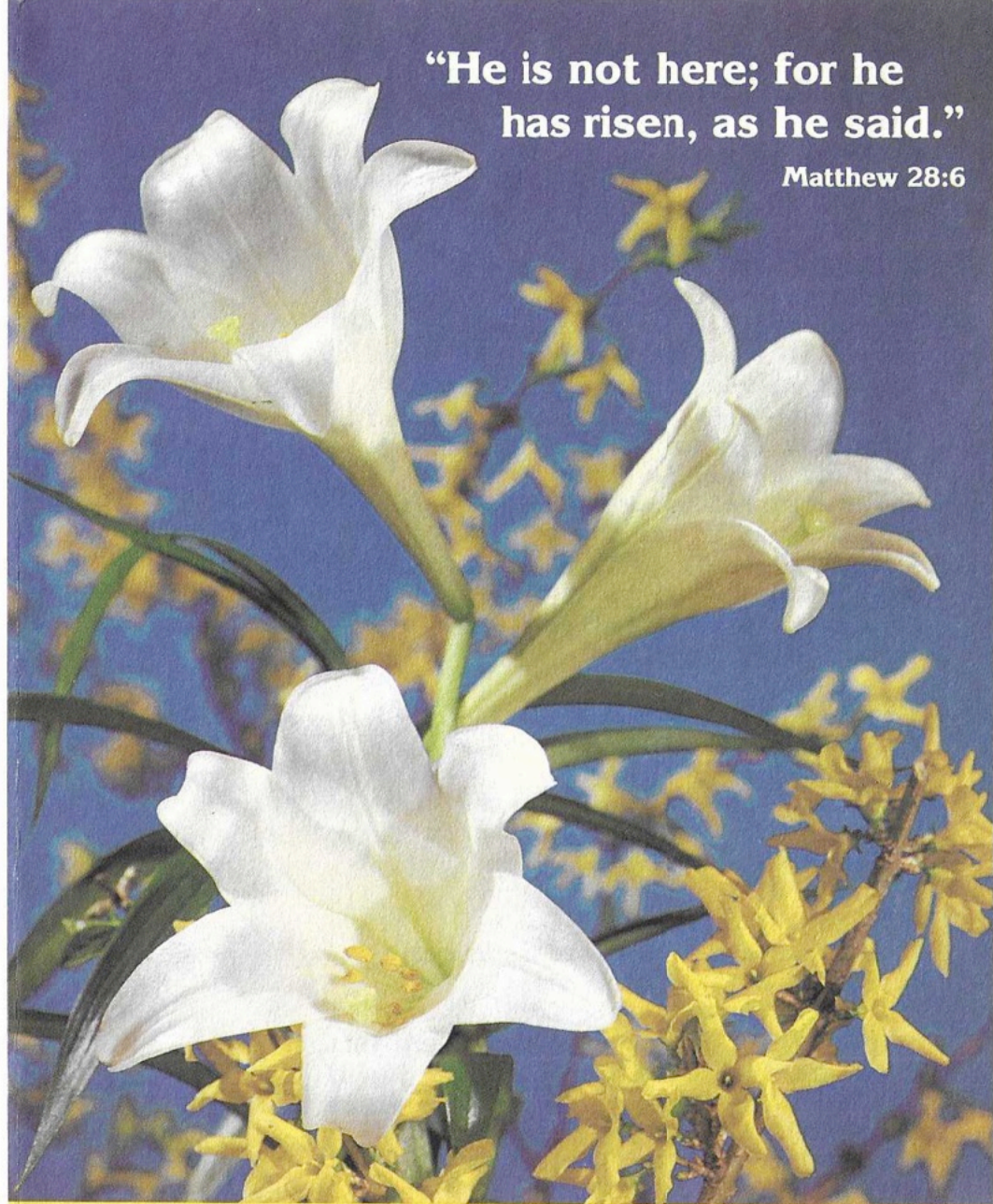
#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TODAY 7:00 Hymnal Committee at the church.  
MONDAY 7:00 Parish Council.  
TUESDAY ELECTION DAY. 4-E votes in our church.  
7:00 Cantata Rehearsal.  
7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.  
WEDNESDAY 7:45 Lenten Breakfast at Holiday Inn. (\$1.50).  
9:30 - 2:00 Sewing Day at the church. Bring sack lunch.  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.  
FRIDAY 7:30 Lenten Study Group at the church. Read John 13-17.  
SATURDAY 10:00 Children's Choir Rehearsal. Cantata Rehearsal. Time to be announced.  
NXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School for all ages.  
10:45 Easter Cantata, NOW IS CHRIST RISEN, by Cross and Rasley.

NEWSLETTER publishes next Sunday. Material must be in office by Wednesday, 9:00pm.

**“He is not here; for he  
has risen, as he said.”**

**Matthew 28:6**



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
DELAWARE, OHIO  
EASTER  
APRIL 3, 1983

James B. Stephenson, minister  
James M. Stephenson, assisting

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WHAT LIES BEYOND?

Beyond the farthest cape, what lies?  
Beyond the islands of surmise,  
The shallow waters where we ply  
Our lives, beyond the reach of eye  
Or even thought, what lies out there?  
Sometimes I stand for hours and stare  
Out, out beyond imagining.  
The waves that break around me bring  
Only a sense of more, yet more.  
I think there is no farthest shore.  
O God, where shall the limits be?  
Your pattern is infinity.  
- James Dillet Freeman

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Christ Has Triumphed, Alleluia" (Smith)

\*HYMN, #239 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

\*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI

THE RESPONSES

Minister: Christ the Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Minister: Sing unto the Lord!

People: For He has done excellent things!

Minister: Sing, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth!

People: For He has given us the victory!

THE FIRST EASTER I Corinthians 15:1-8

QUARTET "The Risen Christ" (Noble)

Mary Lou Lovell, Janet Porter, Michael Grubbs,

Jim Stephenson

OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 15

SOLO "I Am the Resurrection" Janet Porter

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 16:1-14

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "Sing n' Celebrate" (Brown)

"He's Alive" (Avery and Marsh)

OFFERTORY "Jesus the Crucified" (Stainer)

\*RESPONSE "Doxology"

MESSAGE "What Lies Beyond?"

\*HYMN, #252 "All Hail the Power"

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Christ Arose" (Lowry)

\* Congregation stands

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Choir Director, James M. Stephenson

Organist, Ruth J. Brown

Greeters, Pam & Larry Faulk

Candlelighter, Jarrod Trigg

Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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We welcome visitors to our Easter Worship. You are invited to share in all the activities of our fellowship. May we have your name and address in the guest book in the vestibule? Or you may sign one of the cards in the hymnal rack.

OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY 7:00 Board of Christian Education.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir rehearsal.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School. Rev. Dunson.

10:45 American Baptist Women's Sunday.  
Rev. Judy Dunson, Associate Regional  
Director of CROP, will speak.

11:45 Covered dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

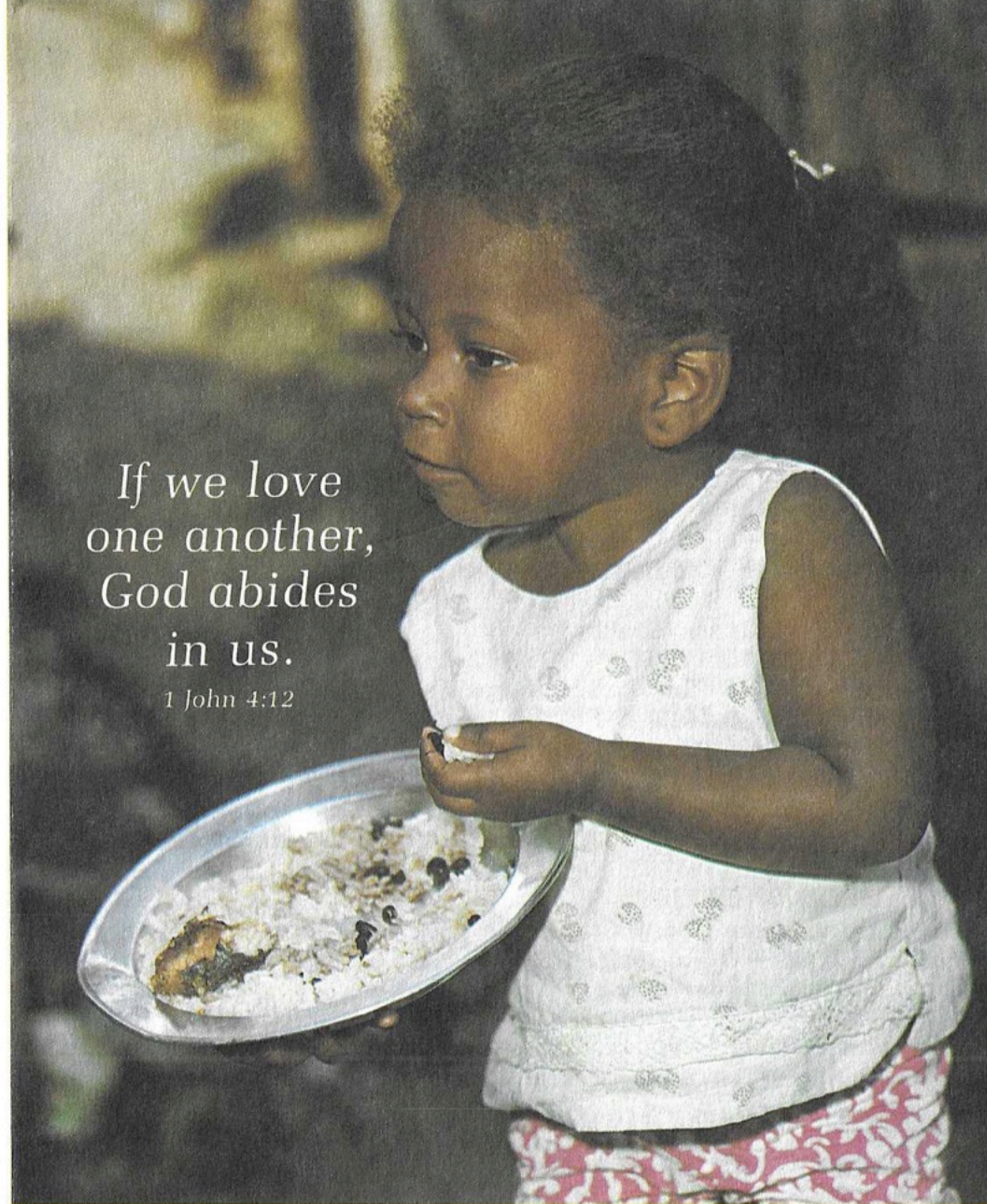
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The rose on the altar is in honor of the son born to Joe and Alison Mowery, April 2, at 1:26am. Congratulations to the new parents! Joe and Alison live at 66 N. Mulberry St., Fredericktown, OH 43019.

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If we love  
one another,  
God abides  
in us.

*1 John 4:12*





THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
 101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET  
 DELAWARE, OHIO  
 APRIL 10, 1983

James B. Stephenson  
 minister  
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AMERICAN BAPTIST  
 WOMEN'S SUNDAY

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Knowledge does not come to us by details, but in  
 flashes from heaven. (Thoreau)

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE Alison Grubbs  
 INVITATION TO WORSHIP Beth Trigg  
 \*HYMN, #480 "In Christ there Is No East or West"  
 \*INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER Lana Palmer  
 \*GLORIA PATRI  
 NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Phil. 3:12-14 Anne Linn  
 SPECIAL MUSIC "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"  
 (Jim & Dee Patton) Sung by the Young Ladies of  
 the Church  
 BLESSING OF CHILDREN  
 SOLO "Jesus Was a Carpenter" (Wren) Jeanne Ekelberry  
 OFFERTORY Carol Sue Fogle  
 \*RESPONSE Doxology  
 ANTHEM "Chosen, Called, and Anointed" (Hess)  
 Women's Choir  
 MESSAGE "The Rest of the Gospel" The Rev. Judy  
 Dunson  
 \*HYMN, #522 "O Father Thy Dear Name"  
 \*BENEDICTION Janet Porter  
 \*ALLELUIA  
 POSTLUDE Ruth J. Brown  
 \* Congregation stands

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 guest book in the vestibule, or fill in one of the  
 visitors cards that you will find in the hymn racks.  
 If you do not have a church home in Delaware, we in-  
 vite you to consider becoming one of our fellowship.

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Organist, Ruth J. Brown  
 Choir Directors, W.C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson  
 Choir Director for Today, Mary Lou Lovell  
 Pianist for Today, Alison Grubbs  
 Greeter, Della Dove  
 Ushers, Suzanne Grubbs, Jennifer Palmer, Frances  
 Belt, Sophia Stephenson  
 Candlelighter, Charity Piatt

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TODAY	7:00 Youth Fellowship.
TUESDAY	7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.
WEDNESDAY	7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
THURSDAY	6:30 Women Society's covered dish dinner at the Fellowship Hall. Program by Carol Grubbs. Bertha VanBrimmer, Sue Elfner hostesses.

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The Quarterly Business Meeting of our fellowship is  
 scheduled for next Sunday after Morning Worship.

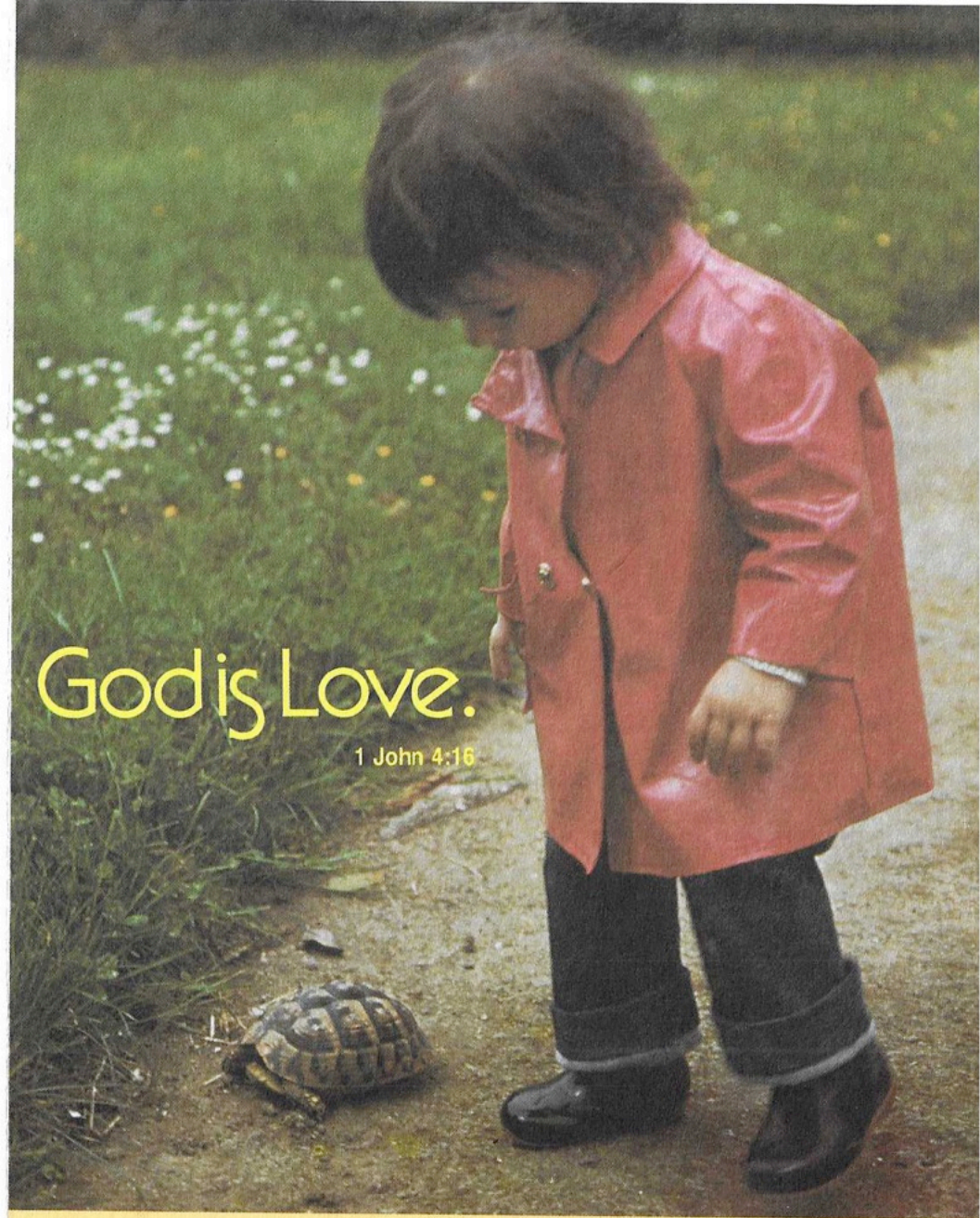
The annual Celebration Banquet of the Marion Assoc.  
 will be held Saturday, April 23, at 6:00pm, at the  
 TriRivers JVS, Marion. Tickets must be obtained in  
 advance and are \$5.00. Persons who have been re-  
 ceived into our membership in 1982 will be our  
 guests.

The Women of the Marion Association will hold their  
 spring meeting April 21, at the Allen Center Church,  
 at 9:30am.

TODAY IS American Baptist Women's Sunday, and the women  
 and girls of our fellowship are leading our worship  
 service.

Our guest speaker is the Rev. Judy Dunson, Associate  
 Regional Director of the Ohio Church World Service/  
 CROP office. We are delighted to welcome her to our  
 pulpit.

Put in nothing I need  
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God is Love.

1 John 4:16





THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET  
DELAWARE, OHIO  
APRIL 17, 1983

James B. Stephenson, minister  
Jerry L. Palmer, assisting

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Please be silent in the Sanctuary. Someone sitting  
near you came to pray.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE  
CHORAL INTROIT  
\*HYMN, #378 "God of Grace and God of Glory"  
\*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER  
\*GLORIA PATRI  
OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 48  
ANTHEM "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" (Moffatt)  
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 7:1-10  
MORNING PRAYERS  
SPECIAL MUSIC Children's Choir  
"There's a Joy in Me" (Purifoy)  
BLESSING OF CHILDREN  
A SPECIAL PRESENTATION Peter White  
OFFERTORY  
\*RESPONSE Doxology  
MESSAGE "Head First, Head Start, Head up!"  
\*HYMN, #442 "Wonderful Words of Life"  
\*BENEDICTION and ALLELUIA  
POSTLUDE  
\*CONGREGATION STANDS

W.C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson, choir directors  
Ruth J. Brown, organist  
Stefanie Stoner, candlelighter  
Sue & Lynn Elfner, greeters  
Youth Fellowship, ushers

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sign the guest book in the vestibule, or you may  
fill out a card from the hymn rack and place it  
in the offering plate. Hurry back another Sunday!

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TODAY 11:45 Quarterly Business Meeting.  
MONDAY 7:00 Parish Council.  
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group with Ernestine  
Frost, 176 N. Liberty,  
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal.  
THURSDAY 9:30 Women of the Marion Assoc. Spring  
Meeting at Allen Center Church.  
Nursery. Lunch, \$1.50. Speakers,  
Rev. & Mrs. Harold Kidwell.  
SATURDAY 6:00 Celebration Banquet at Tri-Rivers  
Joint Vocational School. \$5.00.  
Reservations due by noon Monday.  
NXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School.  
10:45 Morning Worship.  
6:30 Leadership Class by Polly Focke.  
7:00 Youth Fellowship.

National Hospital Week is April 17-23. Interested in  
caring, sharing, and helping? Contact Volunteer Dept.  
at Grady Hospital, 369-8711.

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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

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by  
prayer and petition with thanksgiving let your re-  
quests be made known to God. And the peace of God,  
which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts  
and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6,7

By your words you will be justified, and by your words  
you will be condemned!

Matthew 12:37

*A faith that  
dwelt first in . . . your mother*

—2 Timothy 1:5



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET  
DELAWARE, OHIO  
MAY 8, 1983



MOTHER'S  
DAY

James B. Stephenson  
minister

Carol A. Grubbs  
assisting

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

- PRELUDE
- CHORAL INTROIT
- \*HYMN, #598 "Now Thank We"
- \*INVOCATION unison
- Lord, behold our families here assembled. We thank you for this place where we worship; for the love that unites us; for the peace we feel in our hearts; for our health; our work; our food; our world; for your Kingdom; for the Christ. In Jesus name,
- \*LORD'S PRAYER
- \*GLORIA PATRI
- OLD TESTAMENT No. 19
- ANTHEM "God, Give Us Christian Homes" (McKinney)
- \*MORNING PRAYERS
- BLESSING OF CHILDREN
- NEW TESTAMENT Luke 2:26-38
- OFFERTORY
- \*RESPONSE Doxology
- \*MESSAGE "Mother"
- \*HYMN, #151 "Lord of All Being"
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*ALLELUIA
- POSTLUDE
- \*CONGREGATION STANDS

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Choir Directors, W.C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson  
Organist, Ruth J. Brown  
Greeters, Jim and Bertha VanBrimmer  
Candlelighter, Deborah Lovell  
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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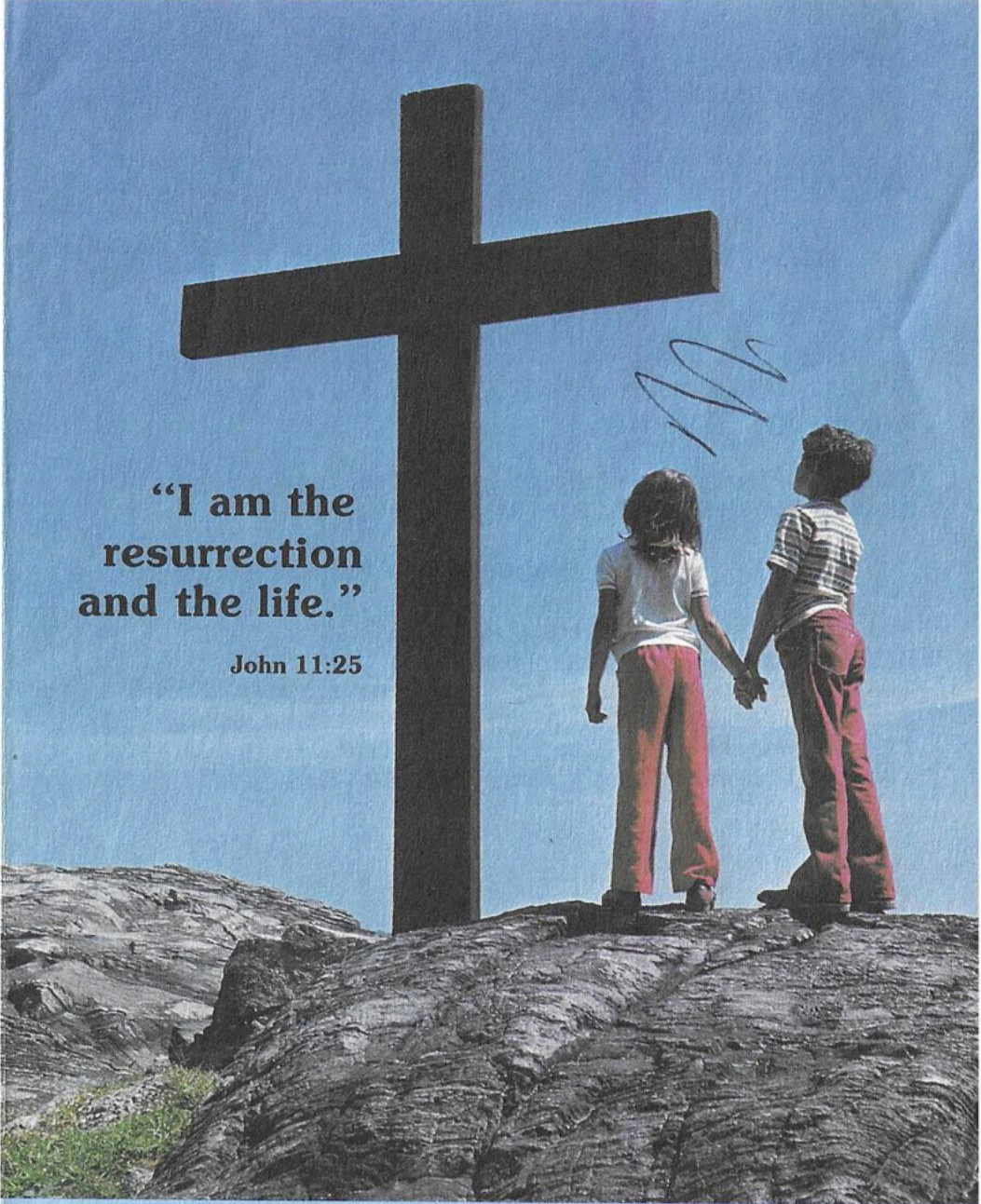
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

- TODAY 7:00 Youth Fellowship.
- TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.
- WEDNESDAY 9:30 Sewing at the church. Bring sack lunch. Concludes at 2:00.
- NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School.  
9:30 Leadership Group with Polly Focke.  
10:45 Morning Worship.

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Hers was a plain theology  
That love could swiftly comprehend;  
Her whole religion was to be  
To all who needed her a friend.  
The laws of science and of art  
She made no claim to understand;  
But love was law within her heart  
And kindness law unto her hand. (Bonnie Day)

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**“I am the  
resurrection  
and the life.”**

**John 11:25**



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET  
DELAWARE, OHIO  
SUNDAY OF PENTECOST  
MAY 22, 1983

James B. Stephenson  
minister  
Marjorie Smale  
assisting

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Those who are prepared to be filled with the Holy Spirit, can never guess the future, for the possibilities are limitless.

There are many surprises in store for those who yield themselves totally to the Holy Spirit.

(adapted from Michael Harner)

And so the yearning strong  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outrace the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace  
Till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

(Bianco da Siena)

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Prelude on a Southern Folk Hymn" (Young)  
CHORAL INTROIT  
\*HYMN, #272 "Spirit of God"  
\*INVOCATION unison  
Come, Holy Spirit, come; come as the wind and  
cleanse, come as the the fire and burn, convict,  
convert, consecrate our lives to our great good,  
and Thy great glory.  
\*LORD'S PRAYER  
\*GLORIA PATRI  
OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 23  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
A SPECIAL MESSAGE Kriss Martin, Suzanne Grubbs  
ANTHEM "God Lives! (Hughes)  
NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:1-8

BLESSING OF CHILDREN  
OFFERTORY "Aria Cantabile" (Schaeffer)  
\*RESPONSE Doxology  
MESSAGE "Holy Spirit!"  
\*INVITATION HYMN, #346 "Take Time to be Holy"  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*ALLELUIA  
POSTLUDE "Lift up Your Songs of Praise!" (Landon)  
\*CONGREGATION STANDS

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W. C. Wickum  
Organist, Ruth J. Brown  
Organist for Today, Mary Lou Lovell  
Greeters, Will & Carol Fogle  
Candlelighter, Victor Fogle  
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TODAY 5:00 Salad Buffet for women and girls of the church. Fellowship Hall.  
7:00 Youth Fellowship.  
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group with Ernestine Frost, 176 N. Liberty.  
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal.  
NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School.  
10:45 Morning Worship. Message: "Receiving the Holy Spirit."

BIRTHDAY  
Tuesday Jean Wickum

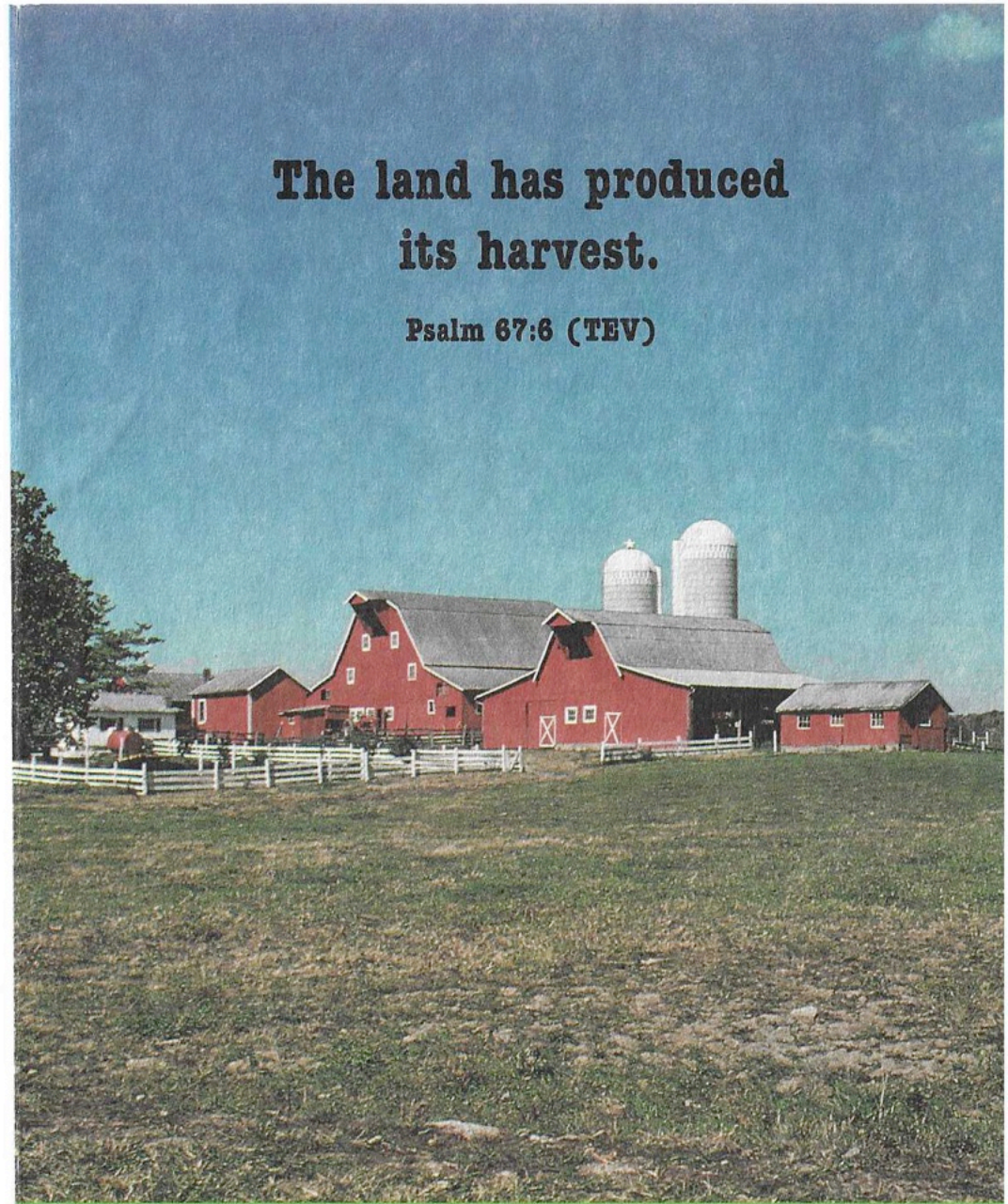
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But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses.  
Acts 1:8a

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**The land has produced  
its harvest.**

**Psalm 67:6 (TEV)**



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET  
DELAWARE, OHIO  
MAY 29, 1983

James B. Stephenson  
minister  
Jeanne Ekelberry  
assisting

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This world so dark and wide  
That looms on every side  
And looks so like a wood  
Is God's, and it is good.  
If you have lost your way,  
You must take time to pray  
And just by being still  
You come out on a hill  
Where for an instant you  
May catch a wider view.  
(James Dillet Freeman)

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE  
CALL TO WORSHIP  
\*HYMN, #518 "America"  
\*INVOCATION  
O Lord our God, we thank you for our nation,  
and for those who have brought it into being.  
May the Spirit of the living Christ bless us,  
and may He be our leader and guide. Give us  
a nation and a world of peace and justice. In  
Jesus name, and in His words, we pray,  
\*LORD'S PRAYER  
\*DOXOLOGY  
OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 45  
MORNING PRAYERS  
RECOGNITION SERVICE  
BLESSING OF CHILDREN  
OFFERTORY  
\*RESPONSE No. 422  
SOLO "Only One Life" (Wolfe)  
Mary Ruth Mossbarger

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 1:6-9;2:1-4  
MESSAGE "Remember"  
\*HYMN, #550 "O Beautiful"  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*ALLELUIA  
POSTLUDE  
\* CONGREGATION STANDS

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Organist, Ruth J. Brown  
Greeters, Della Dean, Sophia Stephenson  
Candlelighter, Jeffrey Faulk  
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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have your name and address in the guestbook in the  
vestibule? Or you may sign a guest card which you  
will find in the hymn rack and which may be placed  
in the offering plate.

We congratulate Jeffrey Faulk who has been awarded  
the God and Country Award by the Cub Scouts.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

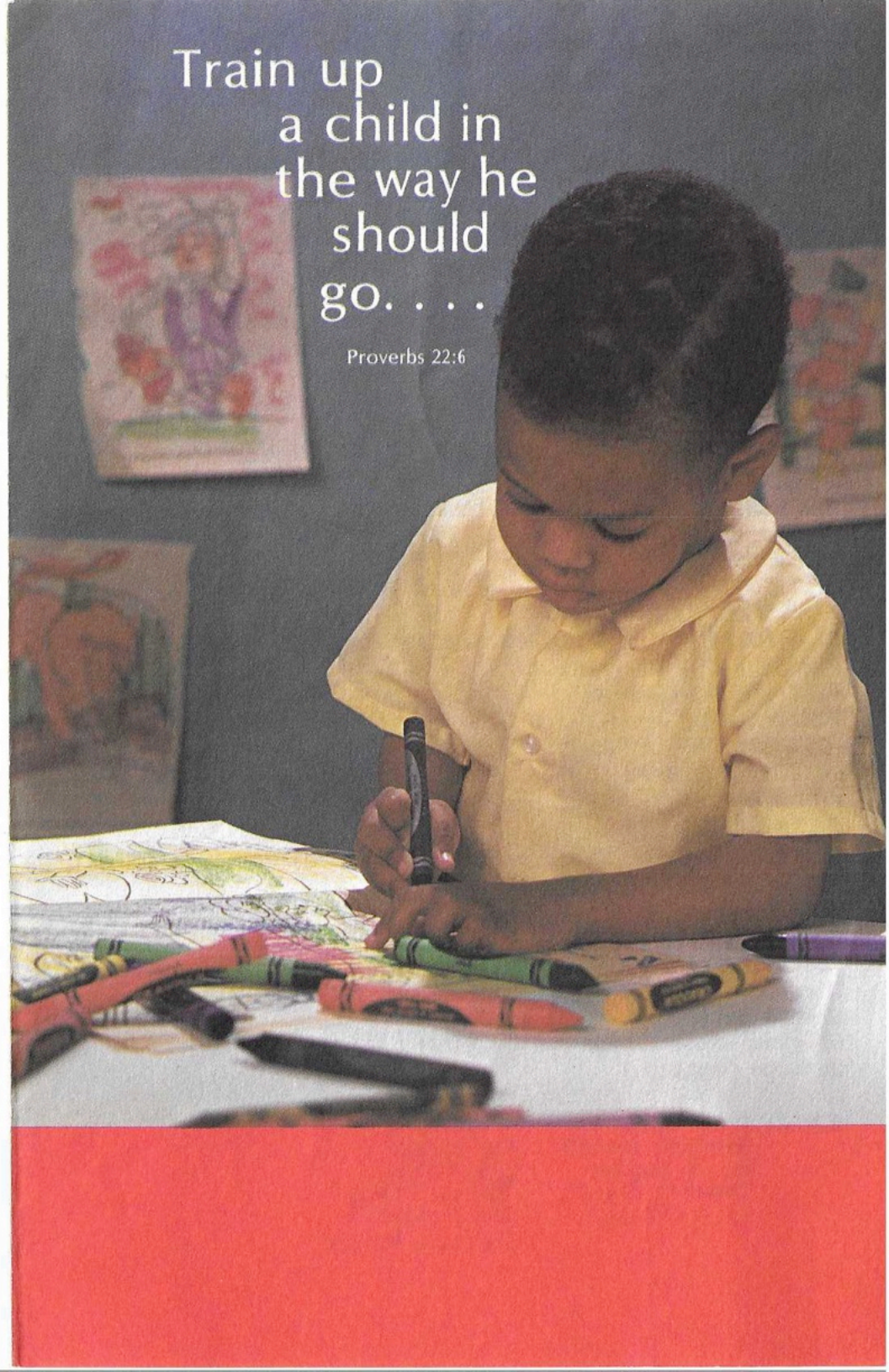
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.  
WEDNESDAY 9:30-2:00 Sewing Day at the church.  
Bring sack lunch.  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.  
NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School.  
10:45 Holy Communion. Recognition of  
graduates.

The Porter family invites you to attend an open  
house for Janet in honor of her graduation from  
high school, at the church, June 5, 6:30 until  
8:00 P.M.

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Come Holy Spirit, come; come as the wind and cleanse;  
come as the fire and burn; convict, convert, con-  
secrate our lives, to our great good and thy great  
glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Train up  
a child in  
the way he  
should  
go. . . .

Proverbs 22:6





THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET  
DELAWARE, OHIO  
CHILDREN'S DAY  
JUNE 12, 1983

James B. Stephenson  
minister

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Blessed Is He who Thinks on Jesus" (Bach)

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

\*INVOCATION Michael Grubbs

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 22 Janet Porter

MORNING PRAYERS

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 18:1-4 Charles  
Ekelberry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY "Pastoral" (Blake) Michael Grubbs

\*RESPONSE Doxology

PRESENTATION OF PROMOTION CERTIFICATES

PRESENTATION OF A BIBLE

"THY FRIEND OBADIAH"

Presented by the Church School Children

GIFTS TO THE CONGREGATION BY THE SCHOOL

\*INVITATION HYMN, #438 "Tell Me the Story"

\*CLOSING PRAYER Suzanne Grubbs

\*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "With His Blessing" (Nordman)

\*CONGREGATION STANDS

Organist, Ruth J. Brown

Accompanist, Mary Lou Lovell

Director, Carol Grubbs assisted by the

Church School Teachers

Original music composed by Carol, Alison and  
Suzanne Grubbs

CHOIR: Erin Faulk  
Matthew Lovell  
Micah Stoner  
Cameron Piatt  
Jarrod Trigg

assisted by:  
Amy Elfner  
Angie Elfner  
Charity Piatt  
Debbie Lovell  
Stefanie Stoner

THY FRIEND OBADIAH

Obadiah	Jeff Faulk
Sea Gull	Jennifer Porter
Mother	Angie Elfner
Rachel	Amy Elfner
Father	Eddie Linn
Rebecca	Stefanie Stoner
Asa	Debbie Lovell
Moses	Charity Piatt
Saddle Maker	Alison Grubbs
Woman at Wharf	Alison Grubbs
Jacob Slade	Alison Grubbs
Narrator	Suzanne Grubbs

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your name and address in the guest book in the  
vestibule. We invite you to worship with us again!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TODAY 11:45 Picnic at Blue Limestone.

MONDAY 7:00 Deacons at church.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.

THURSDAY 6:00 Women's Society picnic with Helen  
Aleshire, 1720 Berlin Station Rd.  
Bring covered dish, drink, service,  
lawn chair.

NXT SUN 10:00 Morning Worship. Note new time.

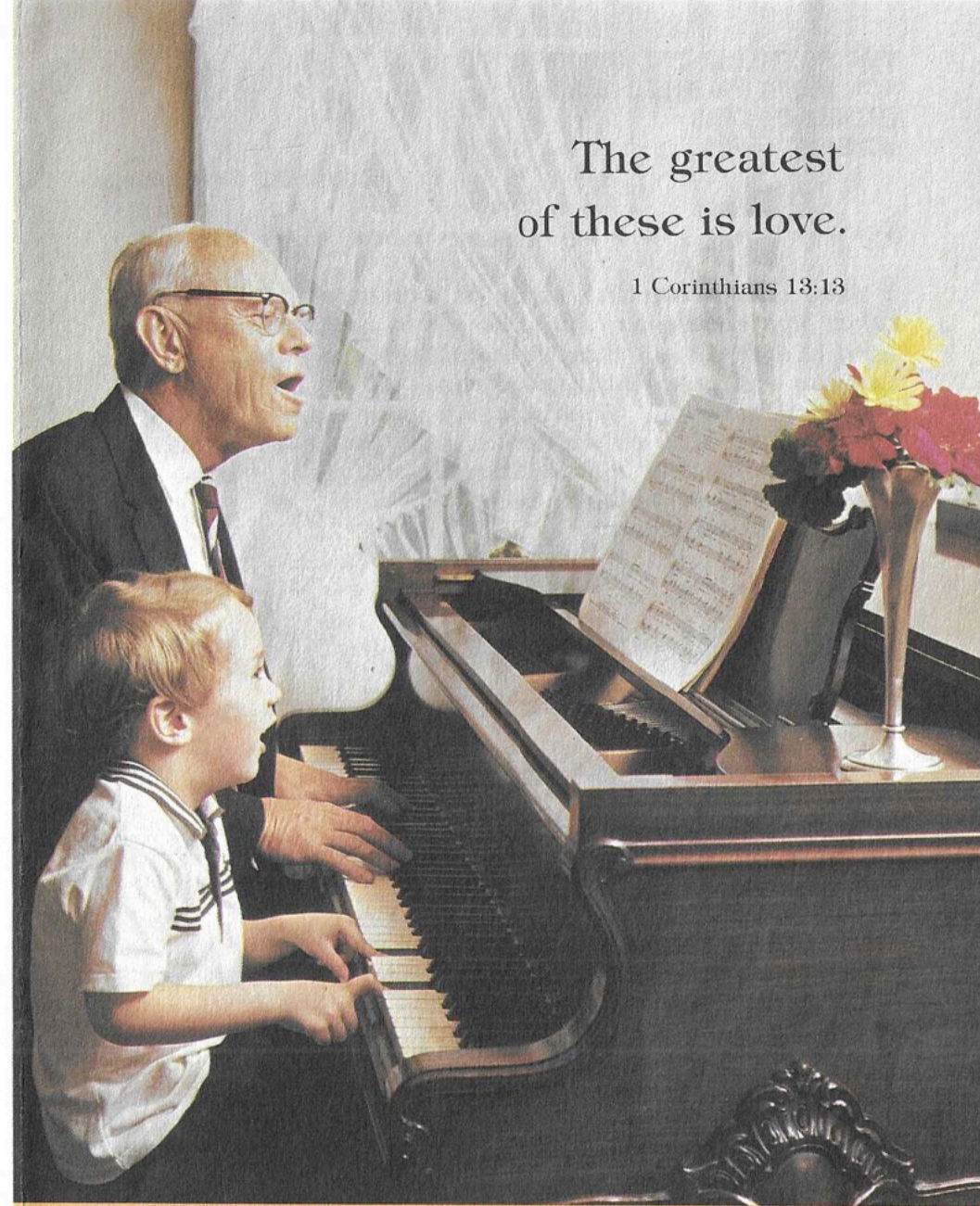
The Leadership Training Group under the direction  
of Polly Focke will hold its last session next  
Sunday, at 8:45am.

We all appreciate the fine presentation by the Church  
School students and teachers.

PRAISE THE LORD IN EVERYTHING!!!

The greatest  
of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET  
DELAWARE, OHIO  
JUNE 19, 1983

James B. Stephenson  
minister

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I feel like a man who lands on a vast continent and makes his home near the shore, but realizes that behind his frail and homely dwellings are impenetrable forests and unscalable mountains, of which he can as yet know nothing. Scholars may make a few inroads and saints climb a few foothills. But what lies in the depths of the silent forest, and what could those unstained heights reveal?

- Leslie Weatherhead

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MORNING WORSHIP 10:00 Fathers' Day

(Children's Church is available for Kindergarten through 3rd grade)

PRELUDE  
CALL TO WORSHIP  
\*HYMN, #348 "Faith of Our Fathers"  
\*INVOCATION  
\*GLORIA PATRI  
OLD TESTAMENT READING #25  
SOLO "The Lord's Prayer" (Malotte) W. C. Wickum  
MORNING PRAYERS  
OFFERTORY  
\*HYMN, #171 "This Is My Father's World"  
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 10:34-39;23:8-12  
MESSAGES "Fathers"  
\*INVITATION HYMN, #411 "Dear Lord and Father"  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*ALLELUIA  
POSTLUDE  
\*CONGREGATION STANDS

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

MONDAY 7:00 Parish Council.  
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group.  
WEDNESDAY 9:30 until 2:00 Sewing at the church. Bring sack lunch.

NEXT SUNDAY 10:00 Morning Worship led by John and Bertha McTaggart.  
4:00 Special service of reception and appreciation for the McTaggarts.

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Now the world is rich with color -  
Crimson roses climb on high,  
Beds of poppies, butter yellow,  
Open to a larkspur sky.

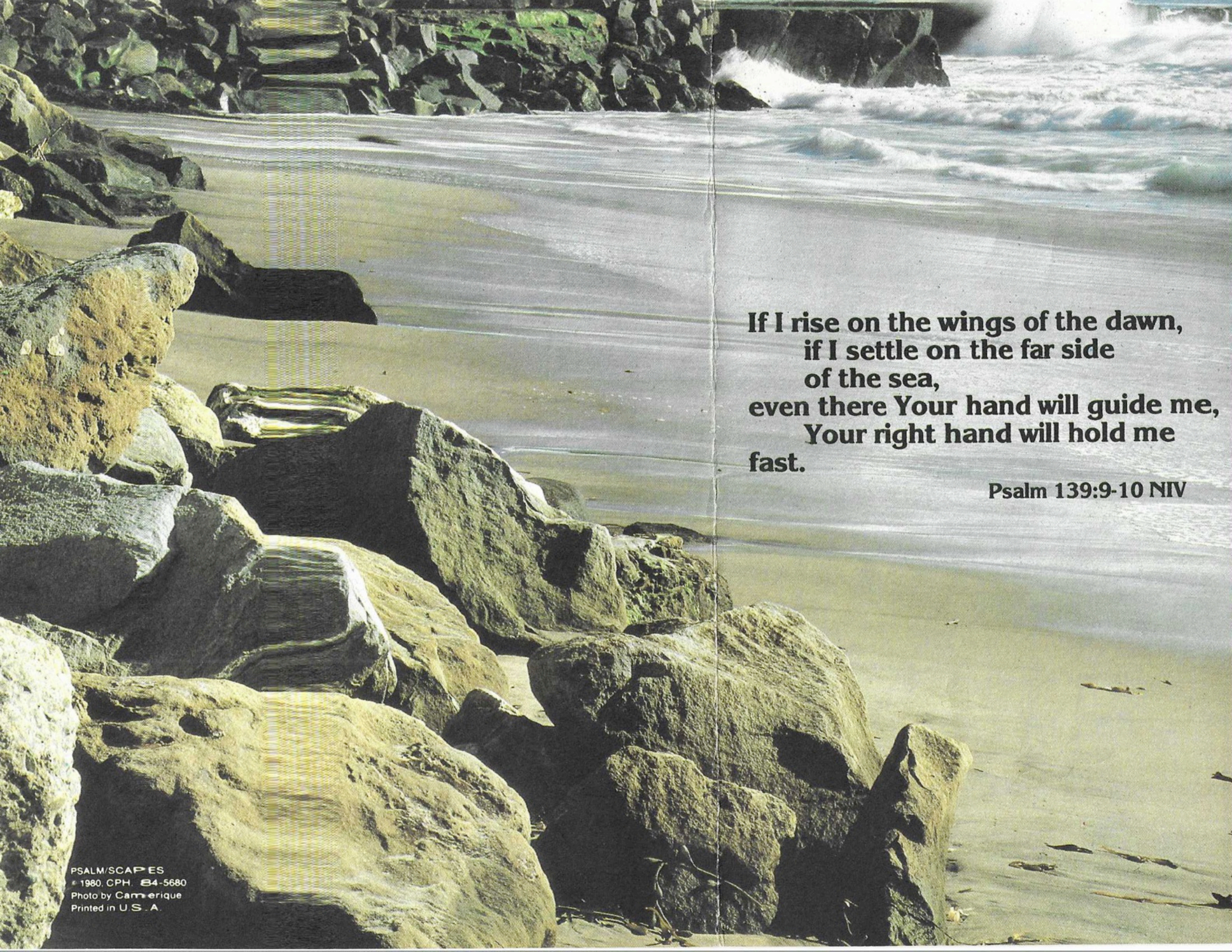
Now the world is rich with promise -  
Horizon-far the plain,  
Spreads itself in emerald beauty  
With its pushing spears of grain.

Now the world is rich with giving -  
Partnership of seed and sod;  
Partnership of rain and sunshine;  
Partnership of man and God.  
- Enola Chamberlin

Truth is a distant mountain range  
Beyond the little hills of change,  
Its summits lost in clouds of doubt;  
And only he can make truth out  
Who dares the perilous ascent  
Out of the valley of content.  
- James Dillet Freeman

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HAPPY FATHERS' DAY TO ALL!!!



**If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side  
of the sea,  
even there Your hand will guide me,  
Your right hand will hold me  
fast.**

**Psalm 139:9-10 NIV**

A SERVICE OF  
RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION

First Baptist Church  
James B. Stephenson, Minister

June 26, 1983 4:00 PM

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PRELUDE "Medley"

WELCOME James B. Stephenson

PRAYER Larry Faulk  
Chairman, Board of Deacons

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "Sing and Celebrate" by Brown  
"There's a Joy in Me" by Purifoy  
"Prayer Song for Mr. and Mrs.  
McTaggart" by M. Lovell

WORDS OF APPRECIATION Carolyn Schneeberger, representing  
the church  
Everett Tilson, representing the  
Methodist Theological School  
Gerry Dunn, representing Church  
Women United and Church World  
Service  
Lockie Norman, representing the  
Marion Baptist Association  
Nancy Frankenberger, representing  
the community

YOUTH CHOIR Camp Songs  
"The Joy of the Lord"  
"Joy in My Heart"  
"Blessed Be the Name"  
"Pass It On"

MESSAGE Dr. John Sundquist  
Executive Minister, Ohio Baptist  
Convention, Granville, Ohio

DUET "The Lord is My Shepherd" by Smart  
Fred Grubbs and W.C. Wickum

A PRESENTATION Jerry Palmer  
Moderator

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

\*BENEDICTION

\*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Londonderry Air" by Kuhlmann

(\*Congregation stands)

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Also assisting in our worship:

MARY LOU LOVELL, Children's Choir Director  
RUTH J. BROWN, Organist  
HELEN ALESHIRE, JEAN WICKUM, Greeters  
STEFANIE STONER, Candlelighter  
RICHARD LEE, BEN TURNEY, PETER WHITE, Ushers  
BARBARA PAYNE, Guest Book

You are invited to greet the McTaggarts in a receiving  
line in the adjoining Assembly Room. Then you may go  
to the Fellowship Hall on the lower floor of the  
Educational Building for our reception time.

Dear Friends,

We thank you for coming and sharing in this  
beautiful service and reception. We appreciate your  
friendship and cherish our memories of you.

We pray for God's tender mercies to bless, guide  
and keep you all your days.

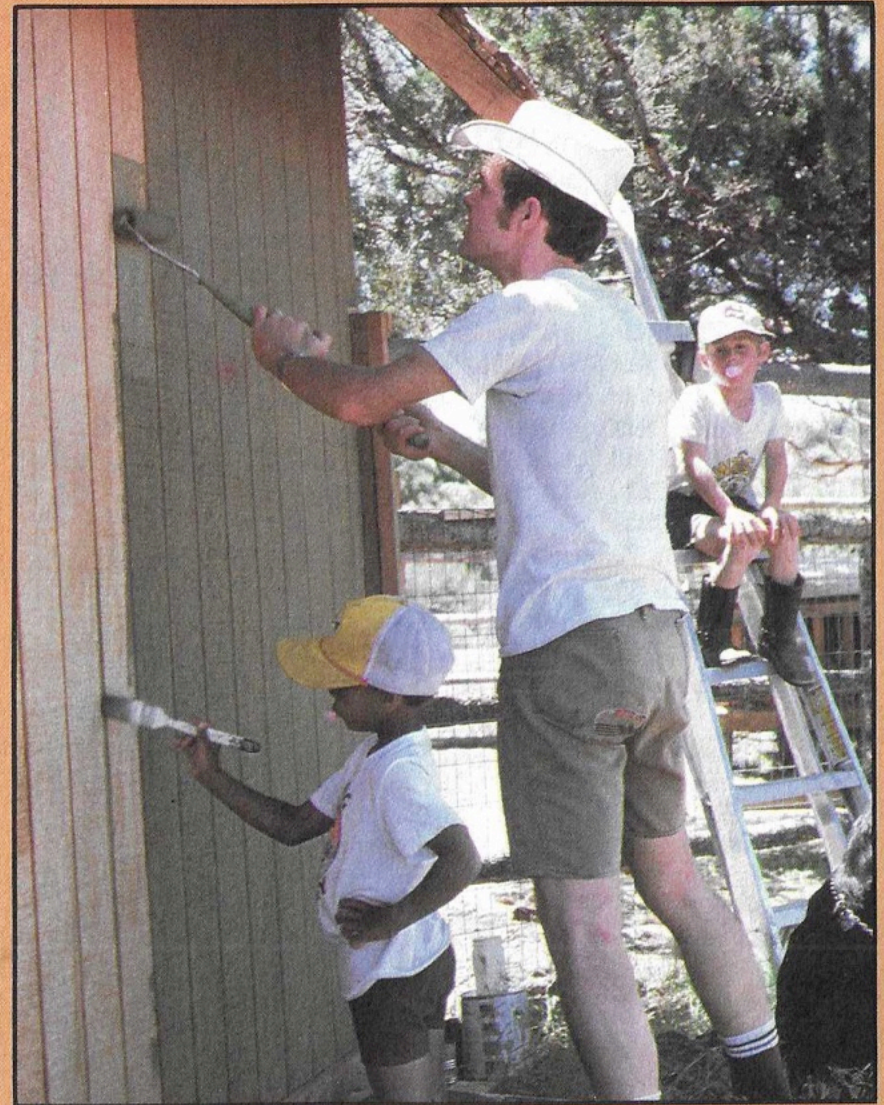
Our new address for writing and visiting is:

GRAND LAKE GARDENS  
401 SANTA CLARA AVENUE  
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94610

With love, joy, and peace to you,  
John and Bertha

# We are ambassadors for Christ

2 Corinthians 5:20



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET  
DELAWARE, OHIO

JUNE 26, 1983

James B. Stephenson, minister

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE "Prayer" (Schumann)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF WELCOME John McTaggart

SPECIAL PRELUDE "Clair de Lune" (Debussy)

\*HYMN, #165 (1st stanza) "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

PRAYER John McTaggart

PIANO SELECTIONS Peter White

THIS WE DID Bertha McTaggart

OFFERTORY "Water Music" (Handel)

PRAYER John McTaggart

\*HYMN, #165 (2nd stanza) "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

THIS WE REMEMBER Bertha McTaggart

VOCAL SELECTIONS

SOLO "When They Ring the Golden Bells (Marbelle)  
W. C. Wickum

DUET "Whispering Hope" (Hawthorne)  
Linda White, W. C. Wickum

SOLO "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" (Lemmel)  
W. C. Wickum

THIS WE BELIEVE Bertha McTaggart

\*HYMN, #165 (3rd stanza) "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

WORDS OF GRATITUDE John McTaggart

POSTLUDE "Londonderry Air" (Kohlmann)

(The congregation will be seated during  
the Postlude)

\*ALLELUIA

This service of joy and gratitude is John's and  
Bertha's parting gift to you.

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

GOD IS IN ALL MY TOMORROWS

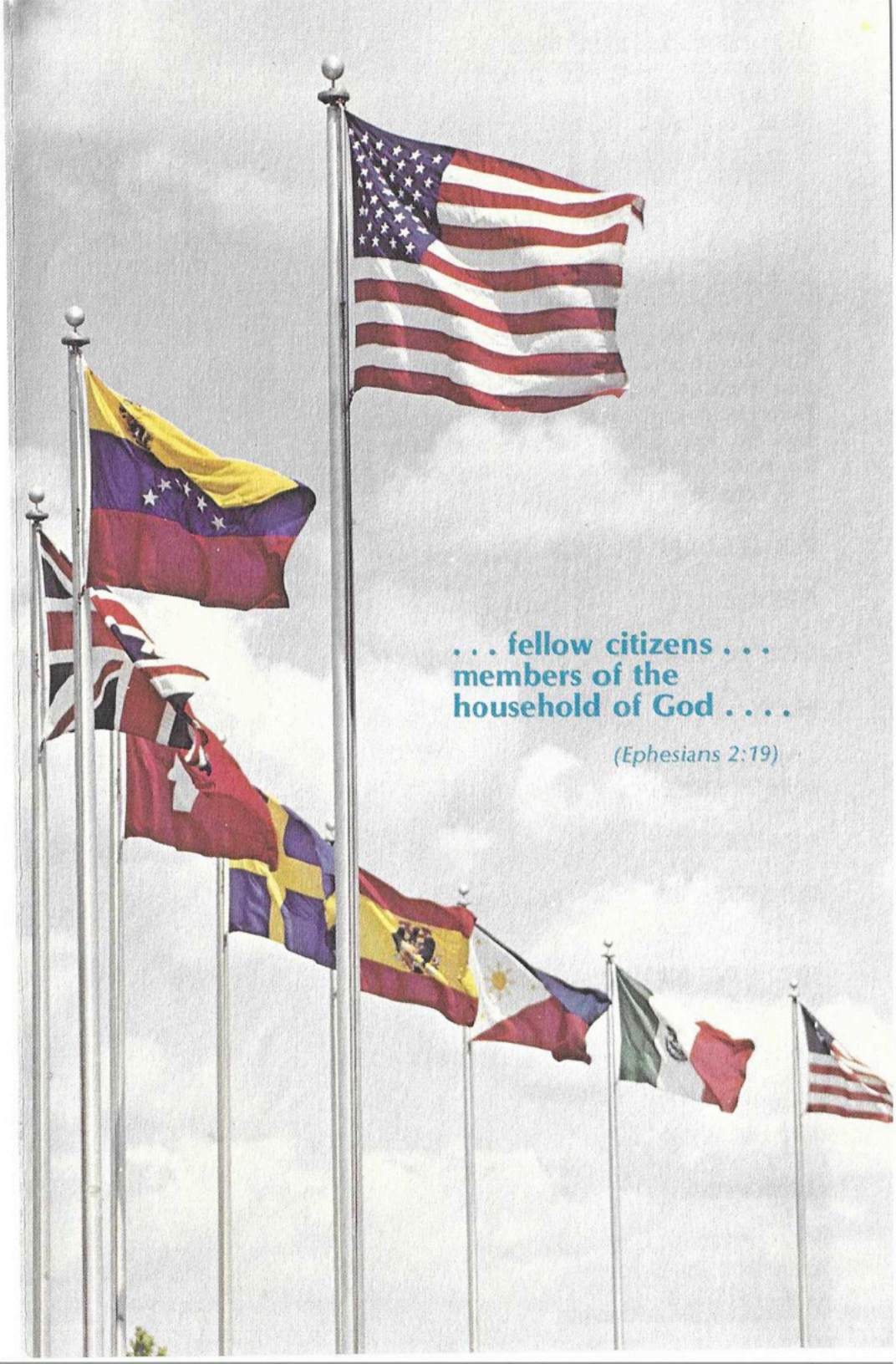
God is in all my tomorrows,  
Therefore I'll live for today,  
Confident of finding at sunrise,  
His joy and strength for the way;  
Strength for each moment of weakness,  
Hope for each moment of pain,  
Comfort for all my sorrow,  
Sunshine and joy after rain.

God is in all my tomorrows,  
He planned it for you and for me;  
With Him in the dark I will follow,  
Trusting where eyes cannot see,  
Quieted by His promise of blessing,  
Stilled by the touch of His hand,  
Confident of His protection,  
Knowing my life He has planned.

God is in all my tomorrows,  
Life with heartaches may come,  
But He's always behind and before me,  
While ahead in the distance I see Home;  
Home, where there will be no tomorrow,  
Nor time ever wrinkle my brow,  
Home, ever present with Jesus,  
Throughout all eternity, Now!  
- Lester L. Buttram

All are invited to the Service of Recognition and  
Appreciation for the McTaggarts this afternoon at  
4:00pm. A reception will follow in the Fellowship  
Hall Our guest speaker will be Dr. John Sundquist,  
Executive Minister of the Ohio Baptist Convention.

Organist, Ruth J. Brown  
Choir Directors, W. C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson  
Greeters, Cap & Myrtle Gabriel  
Candlelighter, Deborah Lovell  
Ushers, Youth Fellowship



**... fellow citizens ...  
members of the  
household of God ...**

*(Ephesians 2:19)*





THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET  
DELAWARE, OHIO  
JULY 3, 1983

James B. Stephenson  
minister  
Larry Faulk  
assisting

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All that we glory in was once a dream;  
The World-Will marches onward, gleam by gleam.  
New voices speak, dead paths begin to stir;  
Man is emerging from the sepulcher!  
Let no man dare, let no man ever dare  
To mark on Time's great way, "No thoroughfare!"  
- Edwin Markham

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE Ruth Brown

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

\*INVOCATION &  
LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT Reading #27

ANTHEM  
"GOD SEND US MEN"  
by Maker

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 2:41-52

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
CAMP MESSAGE

OFFERTORY Ruth Brown  
\*RESPONSE "Doxology"

SOLO "GOD BLESS  
AMERICA" By Berlin  
W. C. WICKUM

PRAYERS

MESSAGE "Free" James B. Stephenson

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

\*HYMN, #461 "Bread of Life"

HOLY COMMUNION

\*HYMN, #550 "O Beautiful"

\*BENEDICTION  
and ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE

(\*Congregation stands)

ORGANIST, Ruth J. Brown  
CHOIR DIRECTORS, W. C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson  
GREETERS, Carol and Alison Grubbs  
CANDLELIGHTER, Victor Fogle  
USHERS, Youth Fellowship

We welcome visitors to our worship today. Please  
sign the guest book in the vestibule. You are in-  
vited to share in all the activities of the church.

HEALING GROUP meets Tuesday at 7:30pm at the par-  
sonage.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

- 3 Gina & Kendall Jones
- 12 Alpha Graham
- 13 Sue Elfner, Kendall Jones
- 14 Kenneth Brown
- 15 Lucille Via
- 16 Donna Brown, Donald Brown
- 18 Peter & Linda White
- 19 Jarrod Trigg
- 21 Nathan Elfner, Bertha McTaggart, Nada Spurlock
- 23 John Dove, Alison Mowery
- 26 John & Bertha McTaggart, Steve Palmer, Dick Lee,  
Jeffrey Faulk, Amy Stephenson
- 27 John & Anne Linn
- 30 Bernice Turney



**We are children of God.**

Romans 8:16



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET  
DELAWARE, OHIO  
JULY 10, 1983

Rev. James B. Stephenson  
minister  
Rev. Ted D. Stephenson  
guest speaker

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O God,  
I will enjoy this day!  
My expectation is of good.  
I am open to the new  
Though it may not yet be understood.

Today I set my mind  
In tune with Your loving care.  
I will enjoy this day  
And look for You everywhere!  
- Dorothy Pierson

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown  
CALL TO WORSHIP  
\*HYMN, #252 "All Hail the Power"  
\*INVOCATION  
\*LORD'S PRAYER  
\*GLORIA PATRI  
OLD TESTAMENT READING #43  
SPECIAL MUSIC  
MORNING PRAYERS  
OFFERTORY  
\*RESPONSE Doxology  
NEW TESTAMENT READING John 10:11  
MESSAGE "You Don't Have to Worry"  
\*INVITATION HYMN, #412 "Blessed Assurance"  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*ALLELUIA  
POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown

\*CONGREGATION STANDS

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. We hope you feel the joy that comes from knowing that God loves you. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a part of our fellowship. May we have your name and address in the guest book in the vestibule?

Our speaker this morning is the Rev. Ted D. Stephenson, minister of the Church of the Master, Indianapolis, Indiana. We are happy to have Ted, Jeannie, Amy, Jennifer, and Jonathan with us!

The quarterly business meeting will be held next Sunday after church.

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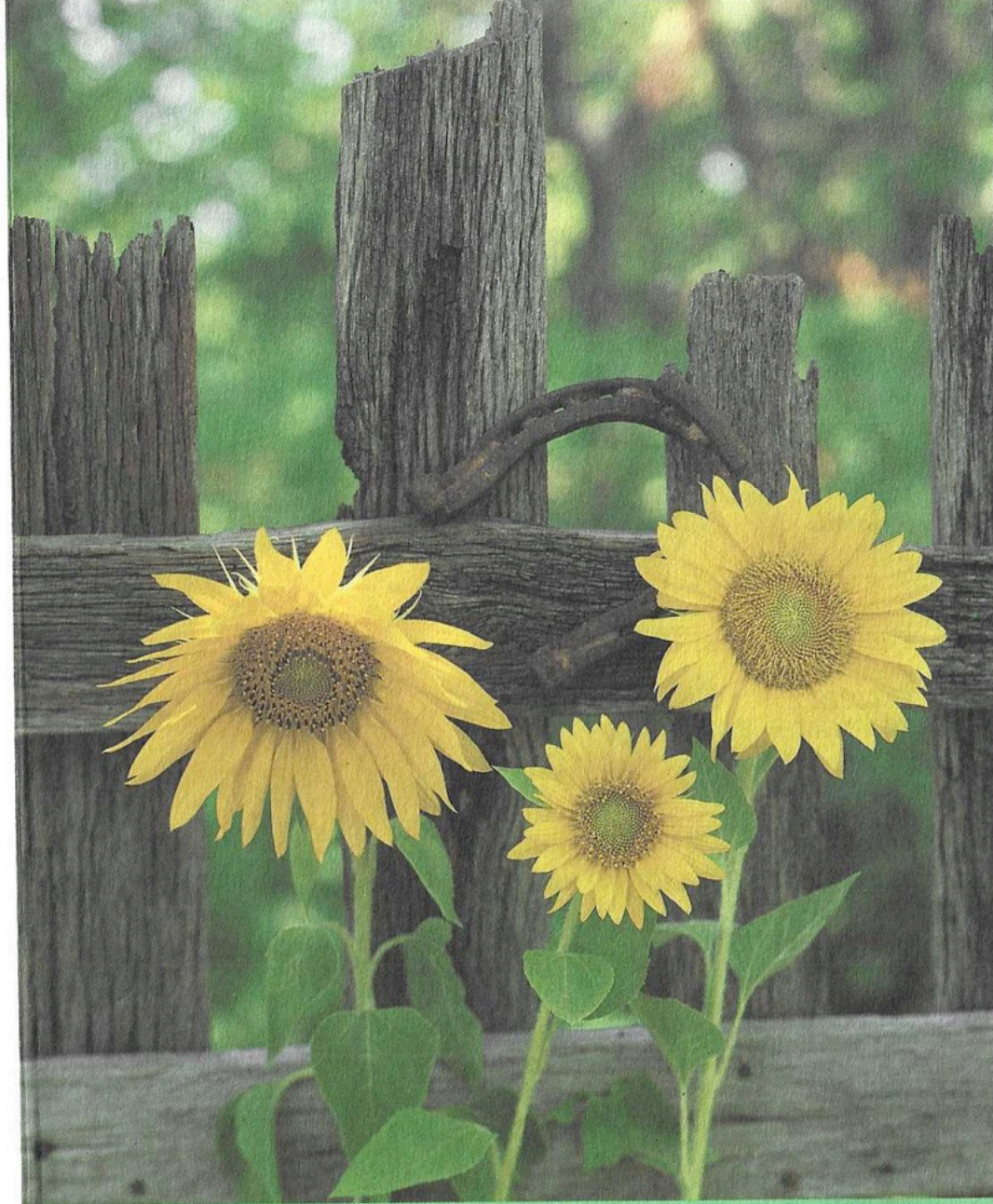
God believes in you  
Even if you  
Don't believe in Him.  
You are never separate  
From His love  
Even for an instant.  
Whether the wave believes  
It belongs  
To the ocean or not  
It still does.  
And so it is  
With you and God.  
- Bonnie Michael Pratt

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Assisting you in your worship

ORGANIST, Ruth J. Brown  
CHOIR DIRECTORS, W.C. Wickum & James M. Stephenson  
GREETERS, Richard & Evelyn Lee  
CANDLELIGHTER, Amy Stephenson  
USHERS, Youth Fellowship

To me, faith means not worrying. (John Dewey)



***Let thy glory be over all the earth!*** Psalm 57:5



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET  
DELAWARE, OHIO  
JULY 17, 1983

*Policy Beth 9.00  
Ret. 106.00  
Sr. H. 186.00*

James B. Stephenson  
minister  
Jerry L. Palmer  
assisting

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To the people, called Christians, who have taken  
Christ for their soul's Captain, the measureless  
spaces and forces of the Universe, pressing irresist-  
ibly upon the mind, do but deepen the wonder of  
their life. In the glory of the stars, in the  
might of the tides, God comes near to the Christian.  
- Anon.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 am

- PRELUDE
- INVITATION TO WORSHIP
- \*HYMN, #151 "Lord of All Being"
- \*INVOCATION
- \*LORD'S PRAYER
- \*GLORIA PATRI
- OLD TESTAMENT READING #2
- SPECIAL MUSIC
- MORNING PRAYERS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- OFFERTORY
- \*RESPONSE, #110 "Praise the Lord"
- NEW TESTAMENT READING John 12:44-50
- MESSAGE "God"
- \*HYMN, #296 "Take My Life"
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*ALLELUIA
- POSTLUDE
- \*CONGREGATION STANDS

*Children  
Aug 3  
9-3  
Old Stone Church*

CHOIR DIRECTORS, W. C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson  
ORGANIST, Ruth J. Brown  
GREETERS, Beth and Archie Trigg  
CANDLELIGHTER, Charity Piatt  
USHERS, Youth Fellowship

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

OUR QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING will be held immediat-  
ly after worship. Please come to the front seats for  
this important activity.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

- TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.
- WEDNESDAY 9:30 (A.M.) Sewing at the church until  
2:00 (P.M.) Bring sack lunch.
- THURSDAY 9:30 (A.M.) American Baptist Women of  
the Marion Association at the West  
Mansfield Church. Speaker, Carrie  
Bell Brown, Director of the Dayton  
Christian Center. Special music!  
Conference Workshops! Take School  
Supplies for the Center. There  
will be no nursery.

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He is there where the tiller is tilling the hard  
ground and where the pathmaker is breaking stones.  
He is with them in sun and shower, and His garment  
is covered with dust. Meet Him and stand by Him  
in toil and in sweat of your brow.  
- Rabindranath Tagore

The time of business does not differ with me from the  
time of prayer; and in the noise and clutter of my  
kitchen, while several persons are at the same time  
calling for different things, I possess God in as  
great tranquility as if I were upon my knees at the  
Blessed Sacrament.  
- Brother Lawrence

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YOU SHALL SEE HIM SMILING IN FLOWERS! (Kahlil Gibran)

A little child shall lead them.

Isaiah 11:6



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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JULY 24, 1983

James B. Stephenson  
minister  
W. C. Wickum  
assisting

PRELUDE  
CALL TO WORSHIP  
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INVOCATION

FOR YOUR MEDITATION BEFORE THE SERVICE -

A hill is not too hard to climb  
Taken one step at a time.

One step is not too much to take;  
One try is not too much to make.

One step, one try, one song, one smile  
Will shortly stretch into a mile.

And everything worthwhile was done  
By small steps taken one by one.

To reach the goal you started for,  
Take one step more, take one step more!  
- James Dillet Freeman

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

- PRELUDE "Built on a Rock" Rasley
- CALL TO WORSHIP
- \*HYMN, #95 "Joyful, Joyful"
- \*INVOCATION
- \*LORD'S PRAYER
- \*GLORIA PATRI
- OLD TESTAMENT READING #18
- MORNING PRAYERS
- SOLO "Prayer Perfect" (Stenson) W. C. Wickum
- OFFERTORY "Summer Song" (Nolte)
- \*RESPONSE Doxology
- NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 16:19-31
- MESSAGE "Journey"
- \*HYMN, #411 "Dear Lord and Father"
- \*BENEDICTION

- \*ALLELUIA
- POSTLUDE "Stand up for Jesus" (Wilson)
- \* CONGREGATION STANDS

Choir Directors, W. C. Wickum, Jim M. Stephenson  
Organist, Ruth J. Brown  
Organist for Today, Mary Lou Lovell  
Greeters, John & Mary Ann Ballengee  
Candlelighter, Jarrod Trigg

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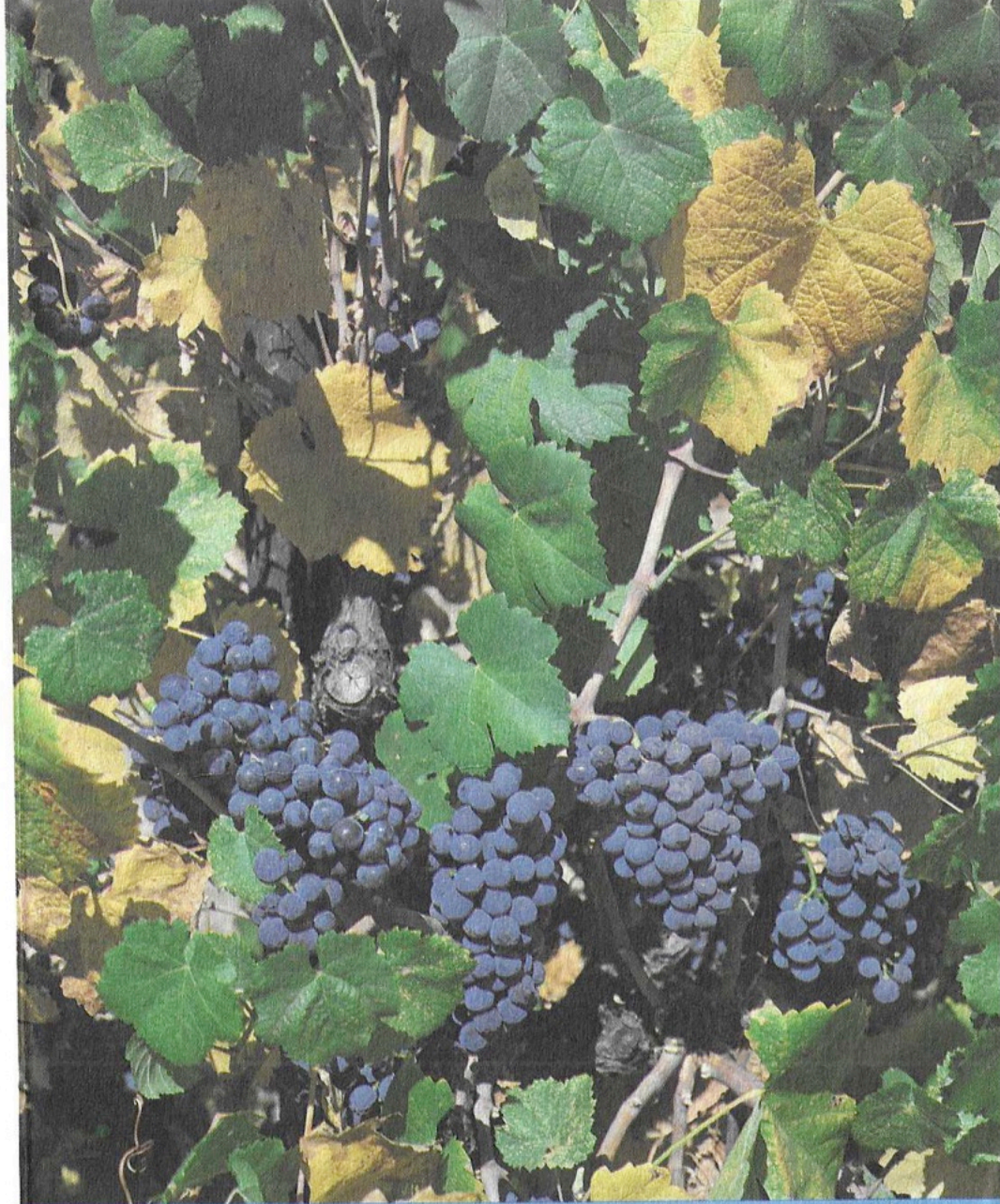
- TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.
- WEDNESDAY 9:30 Sewing Day at the church until  
2:00pm. Bring sack lunch.

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None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to  
himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we  
die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or  
whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end  
Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord  
both of the dead and of the living. Romans 14:7-9

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NOTES TO TAKE HOME . . .



*"The vine shall yield its fruit." Zechariah 8:12*





THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET  
DELAWARE, OHIO  
AUGUST 7, 1983

James B. Stephenson  
minister  
Steve Stoner  
assisting

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Loving Father, please help me  
To be as quiet as August;  
As patient as crops  
Preparing for harvest.  
Please help me to grow in this  
Time of waiting.

While the warm August sun  
Presses down on the earth,  
I am drawn by the warmth  
Of Your love.

I am inwardly alive  
In the wonder and beauty  
Of quiet times  
Like August.  
- Katy Brown

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP "Theme from B minor Piano  
Concerto"  
"Excerpt from 5th Symphony"  
- Tchaikowsky  
Michael Ekelberry

PRELUDE Ruth Brown  
\*HYMN, #107 "Holy, Holy, Holy"  
\*INVOCATION unison  
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 your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your  
Holy Name.

\*LORD'S PRAYER  
\*GLORIA PATRI  
SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26:26-30  
MORNING PRAYERS  
ANTHEM "Let Us Break Bread Together" Spiritual  
OFFERTORY  
\*RESPONSE Doxology  
MESSAGE "Communion"  
FELLOWSHIP OFFERING  
\*COMMUNION HYMN, #561 "Bread of Life"  
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION  
\*HYMN, #476 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*ALLELUIA  
POSTLUDE  
\* CONGREGATION STANDS

We welcome visitors to our worship today. May we have  
your name and address in the guest book in the vesti-  
bule? And visit us again!

The Board of Christian Education along with our Church  
School teachers is planning a "Special Day for Children  
and their Friends" to be held next Saturday at the Old  
Stone Presbyterian Church, Rt. 37 west, from 9:00am to  
3:00pm. Our theme is "Learning about God's Wonderful  
World" Special learning centers are planned, there  
will be crafts, singing, Bible stories, etc. Bring a  
sack lunch and something for the offering. All child-  
ren between Kindergarten and 8th grade are invited,  
and bring a friend or two. It will be a great day.

We invite everyone to remain for a Fellowship Time in  
the Assembly Room after worship this morning.

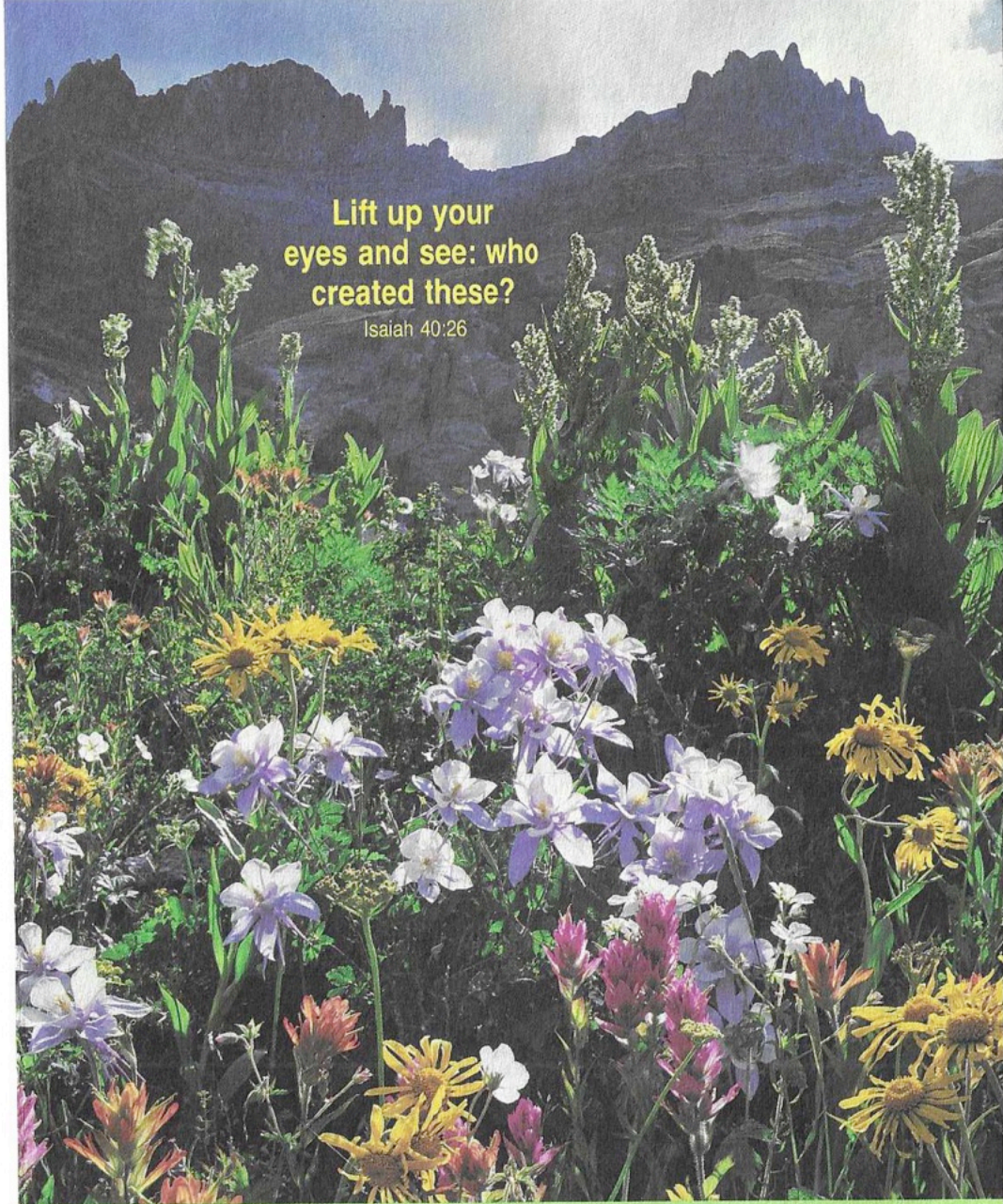
The Youth Fellowship will hold a picnic at 5:00 today  
at Blue Limestone.

Organist, Ruth Brown  
Guest Pianist, Michael Ekelberry  
Choir Directors, W.C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson  
Candlelighter, Jarrod Trigg  
Greeter, Sophia Stephenson  
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

PRAISE GOD!

Lift up your  
eyes and see: who  
created these?

Isaiah 40:26



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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AUGUST 14, 1983

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

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THE UNNOTICED

All through our life we dream of wings,  
Dream of fabulous, far-off things.  
Never trying to understand  
Miracles happening close at hand.  
Beauty that's near enough to touch,  
Beauty that does not matter much  
Because it is such a common thing.  
Until, in future remembering,  
It is the memory that we keep.  
It is the loss for which we weep.  
- Dorothy P. Albaugh  
Dedicated to T.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE "How Pleasant Is this Place" (Towson)  
INVITATION TO WORSHIP  
\*HYMN, #167 "For the Beauty of the Earth"  
\*INVOCATION  
\*LORD'S PRAYER  
\*GLORIA PATRI  
A PSALM OF PRAISE #148  
SOLO "Our God Is Great" Colleen Whiteacre (Wilson)  
MORNING PRAYERS  
OFFERTORY "Quietude" (Arant)  
\*RESPONSE The Doxology  
NEW TESTAMENT READING John 9:1-11  
MESSAGE UNTITLED  
\*HYMN, #165 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*ALLELUIA  
POSTLUDE "Gavotte" (Samuel Wesley)  
\*CONGREGATION STANDS

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

MONDAY 7:00 Parish Council in Senior High Room.  
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.  
NEXT SUNDAY 10:00 Morning Worship followed by picnic at Blue Limestone. *Highbanks*

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I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!  
- Philippians 4:13

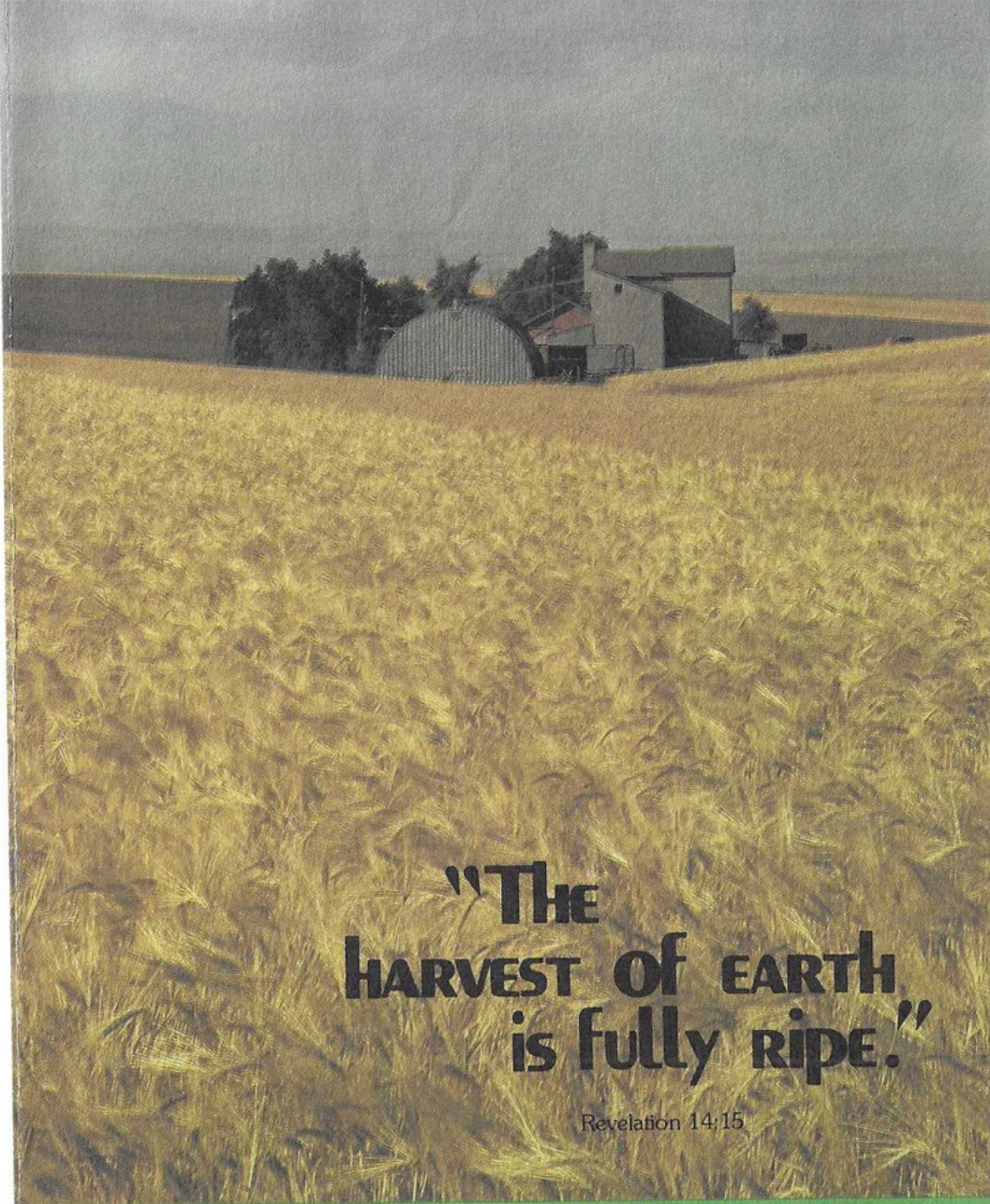
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The purpose of this Church is the study and practice of the Way of Jesus Christ. This is a pathway of freedom which binds no person to a creed but sets each one free to follow the Light of Christ within him.  
(Statement of Purpose from the constitution)

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May all creatures be happy. May they be joyous and live in safety. All creatures, whether weak or strong, small or great, visible or invisible, near or far, born, or to be born, may all creatures be happy.  
- The Metta Sutta

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**"THE  
HARVEST OF EARTH  
is fully ripe."**

Revelation 14:15



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET  
DELAWARE, OHIO  
AUGUST 21, 1983

James B. Stephenson  
minister  
Janet Porter  
assisting

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Prayer" (Ambrosia)

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN, #91 "O Worship the King"

\*INVOCATION (unison)

O God, author of eternal light, lead us in our  
worshiping this day; that our lips may praise You;  
our lives may bless You; our meditations may  
glorify You; through Jesus Christ who taught us  
to pray, saying,  
\*LORD'S PRAYER  
\*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING #2

MORNING PRAYERS

A PRESENTATION

THE HEART IS A GARDEN

Where thought flowers grow;

The thoughts that we think

Are seeds that we sow.

Every kind, loving thought

Bears a kind, loving deed;

While a thought that is selfish

Is just like a weed.

We must watch what we think,

Each minute, all day;

And pull out the weed thoughts

And throw them away;

And plant loving seed thoughts

So thick in a row

That there will not be room

For weed thoughts to grow.

- Katherine Merrill

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OLD TESTAMENT READING #2

MORNING PRAYERS

A PRESENTATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:21-35

OFFERTORY "Prayer from Hansel & Gretel"

(Humperdinck)

\*RESPONSE Doxology

SOLO "El-Shaddai" Janet Porter (Thompson)

MESSAGE "Day"

\*HYMN, #379 "Love Divine"

\*BENEDICTION

\*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "March from Athalia" (Mendelssohn)

\* CONGREGATION STANDS

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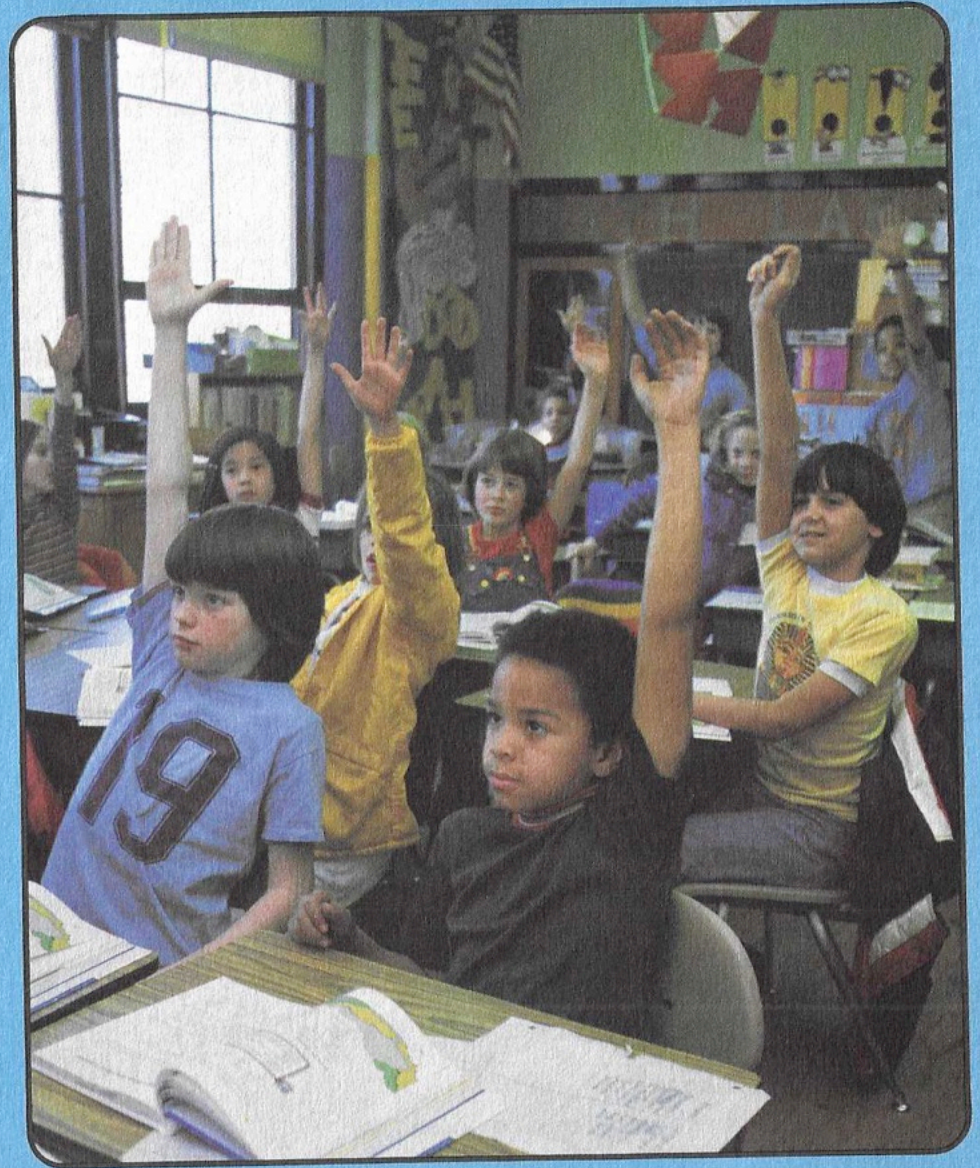
All are invited to a picnic today after church at the  
High-Banks Park.

Healing Group meets at the parsonage Tuesday at 7:30pm.

NOTES TO TAKE HOME:

Try to learn what pleases the Lord.

*Ephesians 5:10 (TEV)*



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET  
DELAWARE, OHIO  
SEPTEMBER 18, 1983

James B. Stephenson, minister  
Jerry L. Palmer, assisting

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Where is the gate to peace?  
When you come to it, you will not find a sign  
saying, "Peace."  
The sign will say, "Discipline."

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Sabbath" (Geibel)  
CHORAL INTROIT  
\*HYMN, #98 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
\*INVOCATION unison  
Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about material  
things, but to seek the things of the Spirit; and  
even now, while we are placed among things that are  
passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure;  
through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever,  
who taught us to pray, saying,  
\*LORD'S PRAYER  
\*GLORIA PATRI  
OLD TESTAMENT READING #2  
ANTHEM "Holy Art Thou" (Handel)  
MORNING PRAYERS  
FAMILY CONCERNS  
OFFERTORY "His Holy Presence" (Sergisson)  
\*RESPONSE Doxology  
NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 9:2-4  
MESSAGE "Thirteen Steps to Success"  
\*HYMN, #272 "Spirit of God"  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*ALLELUIA  
POSTLUDE "God of the Strong" (Sewell)  
\*CONGREGATION STANDS

WE ARE HAPPY to welcome visitors to our worship to-  
day. If you do not have a church home in Delaware,  
we invite you to consider becoming a part of our fel-  
lowship. May we have your name and address in the  
guest book in the vestibule?

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Ushers, Youth Fellowship

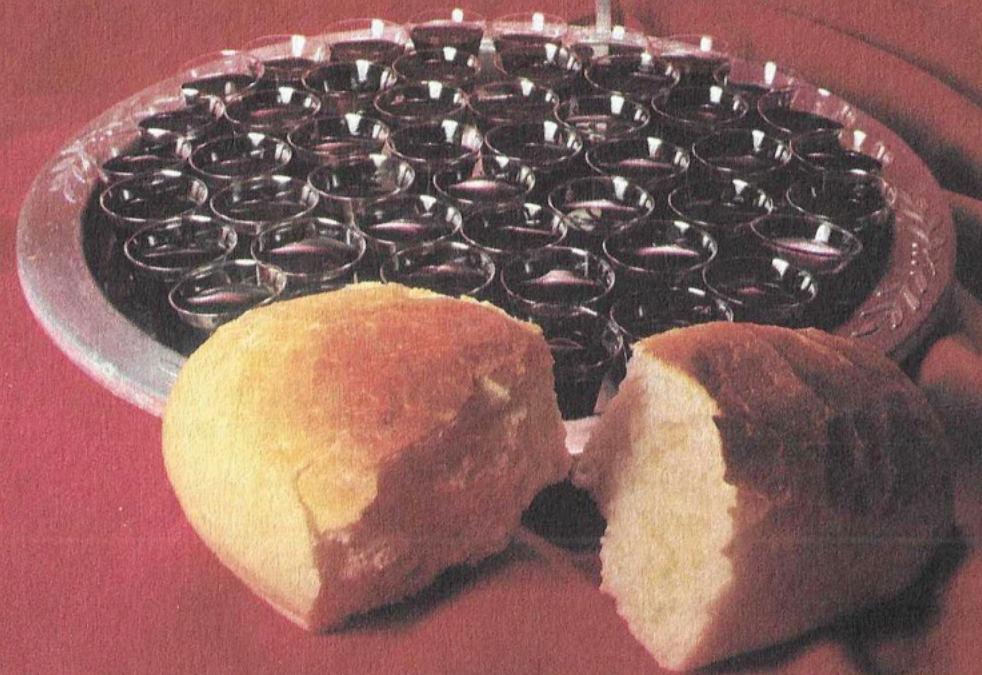
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TODAY 7:00 Youth Fellowship.  
8:00 Board of Deacons.  
MONDAY 7:00 Parish Council followed by  
Finance Committee.  
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.  
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal.  
THURSDAY 10:00 American Baptist Women of the Assoc.  
Mission Fair at Fite Memorial Church.  
Bring salad or dessert. Nursery.  
Concludes at 2pm.  
NXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School Classes.  
10:45 Morning Worship.  
3:00 Marion Assoc. Fall Rally at the Rich-  
wood Church. Dinner at 5:30, \$2.00  
adults, \$1.00 children. Youth pre-  
sentation at evening session. Dinner  
reservations due Thursday.

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We shape ourselves the joy or fear  
Of which the coming life is made.  
And fill our Future's atmosphere  
With sunshine or with shade.  
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*Then Jesus  
took a cup.*

Luke 22:17 (TEV)





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OCTOBER 2, 1983

James B. Stephenson, minister  
Frances Belt, assisting

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PLEASE BE SILENT IN THE SANCTUARY. SOMEONE SITTING  
NEAR YOU CAME TO PRAY.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45  
PRELUDE "Recit from 4th Suite" (Marchand)  
INTROIT

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

\*INVOCATION unison

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all de-  
sires 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 Christ our  
Lord who taught us to pray,

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE Mark 11:12-26

SOLO "God Lives in My Heart" W.C. Wickum (O'Hara)

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION

OFFERTORY "Offertory" (Mueller)

\*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "First Steps"

WORLD FELLOWSHIP OFFERING "To God Let Us Pray" (Engel)

ANTHEM "Let Us Break Bread Together" (Spiritual)

HOLY COMMUNION

\*HYMN, #419 "Jesus Thou Joy"

\*BENEDICTION

\*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Praise Ye the Lord" (Carrier)

\*CONGREGATION STANDS

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W.C. Wickum  
Organist, Ruth J. Brown  
Organist for Today, Mary Lou Lovell  
Greeters, Millie & Kris Martin  
Candlelighter, Stefanie Stoner  
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

We invite everyone to join us in a social hour after  
worship in the Assembly Room on your right.

We welcome visitors to our worship and communion. May  
you experience the Light and Power of God's presence.  
We invite you to consider becoming a part of our  
Christian Fellowship.

#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TODAY 7:00 Youth Fellowship.

MONDAY 7:00 Bd. of Ed. with Linda White

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group.

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

The quarterly meeting of our fellowship will be held  
Sunday, October 16, following a covered dish dinner  
in the Fellowship Hall. Action on the 1984 budget.

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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.

Joy is the most infallible sign  
of the presence of God.

(both from Teilhard de Chardin)

It takes so many thousand years to wake,  
But will you wake for pity's sake!

(Christopher Fry)

The prayer of faith will heal the sick. (James 5:15)

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**"Each tree is known by its own fruit."**

Luke 6:44



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Jerry Palmer, speaking  
Larry Faulk, assisting

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown

\*HYMN, #167 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

\*INVOCATION unison

\*Lord of Life and Love and Beauty, help us to worship you in the beauty of holiness, that some beauty of holiness may appear in us. Quiet our souls before you with the stillness of a wise trust, and a sense of being not in our hands but in yours. Lift us above dark moods and the shadow of sin, that we may begin today, from the height of a prayer, to live as becomes sons and daughters of the Most High. And we pray as Jesus taught us, saying,

\*GLORIA PATRI

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

OLD TESTAMENT READING #2

\*HYMN, #165 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 6:24-34

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY

\*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "God's Presence"

\*HYMN, #171 "This Is My Father's World"

\*BENEDICTION

\*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown

\*CONGREGATION STANDS

ORGANIST - Ruth J. Brown

CHOIR DIRECTORS - James M. Stephenson, W.C. Wickum

GREETERS - Mary Lou & David Lovell

CANDLELIGHTER - Charity Piatt

USHERS - Youth Fellowship

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

TODAY 7:00 Youth Fellowship.

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School.

10:45 Morning Worship. Message: "The Secret Source of Power."

11:45 Covered dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

12:30 Quarterly Business meeting.

We thank Jerry and Larry for today's service.

The Healing Group will not meet this week.

LOOKING AHEAD -

Oct. 20, 7:30 PM, American Baptist Women at Bryn Zion Church. Families invited! Robert Fisher, speaker.

Oct. 21, 6:00 PM until noon next day, Over night get away of the Women's Mission Society. Concludes with lunch.

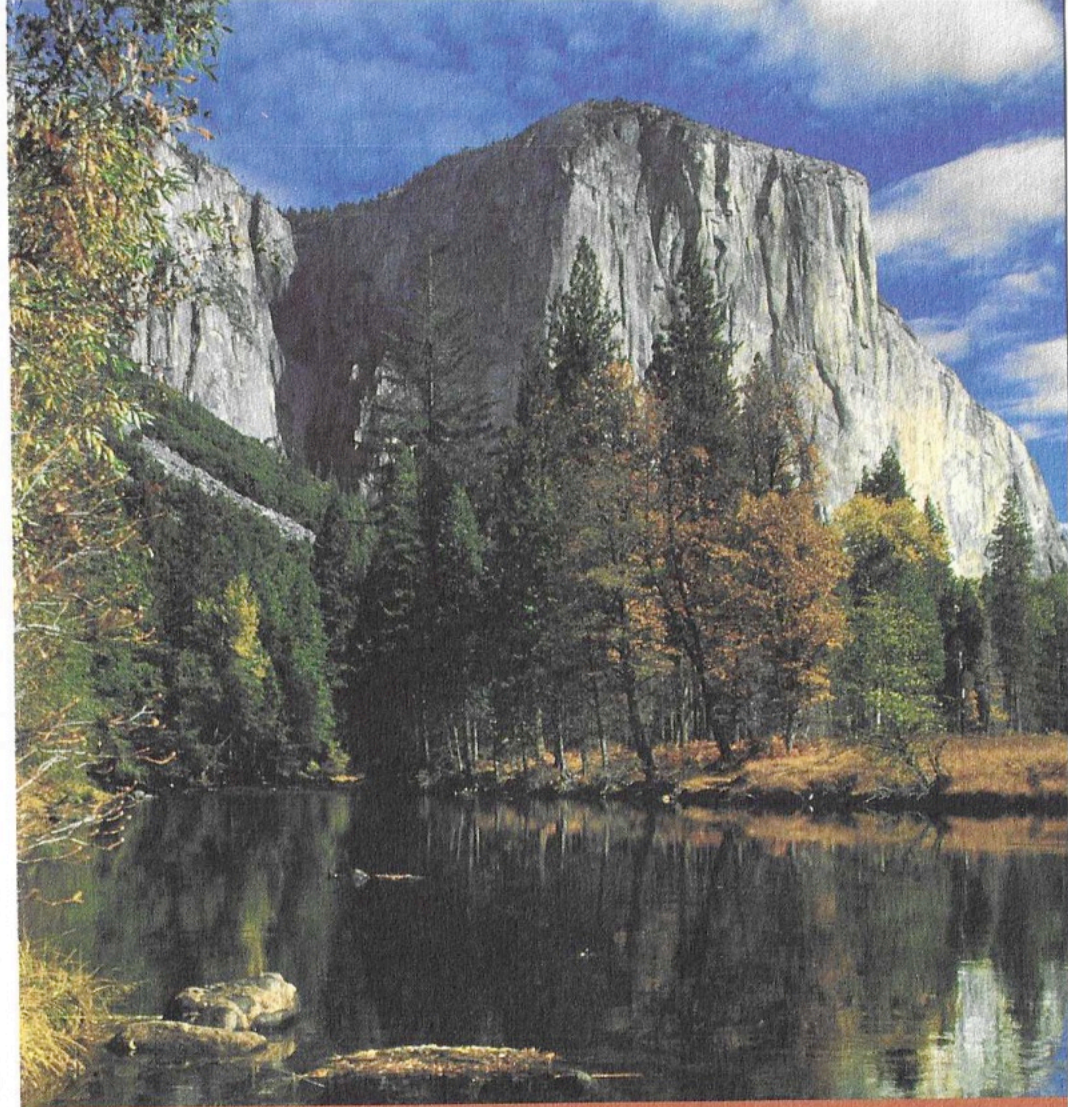
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Love without ceasing  
Give without measure  
Who can exhaust  
God's limitless treasure?  
- Malcolm Schloss

And my God will supply every need of yours.  
- Phil. 4:19

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CAST ALL YOUR ANXIETIES ON HIM, HE CARES ABOUT YOU!  
(I Peter 5:7)



*The solid foundation that God has  
laid cannot be shaken. 2 Timothy 2:19 (TEV)*



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Minister

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Walk on a rainbow trail; walk on a trail of song,  
and all about you will be beauty. There is a way  
out of every dark mist, over a rainbow trail.  
(Navajo song)

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NEAR YOU CAME TO PRAY!

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown  
CHORAL INTROIT

\*HYMN, #157 "O Creatures of Our God"

\*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

AN OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 116

ANTHEM "My Lord Is like a Shepherd" (Lani Smith)

A NEW TESTAMENT READING John 14:15-24

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

\*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "LIVING A LONG LIFE!"

\*HYMN, #530 "We've a Story to Tell"

\*BENEDICTION

\*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown

\*CONGREGATION STANDS

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today. May we have your name and address in the  
guest book in the vestibule? It is our hope that you  
will find God's presence within you.

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ORGANIST, Ruth J. Brown  
GREETERS, Sue & Lynn Elfner  
CANDLELIGHTER, Jeff Faulk  
USHERS, Youth Fellowship

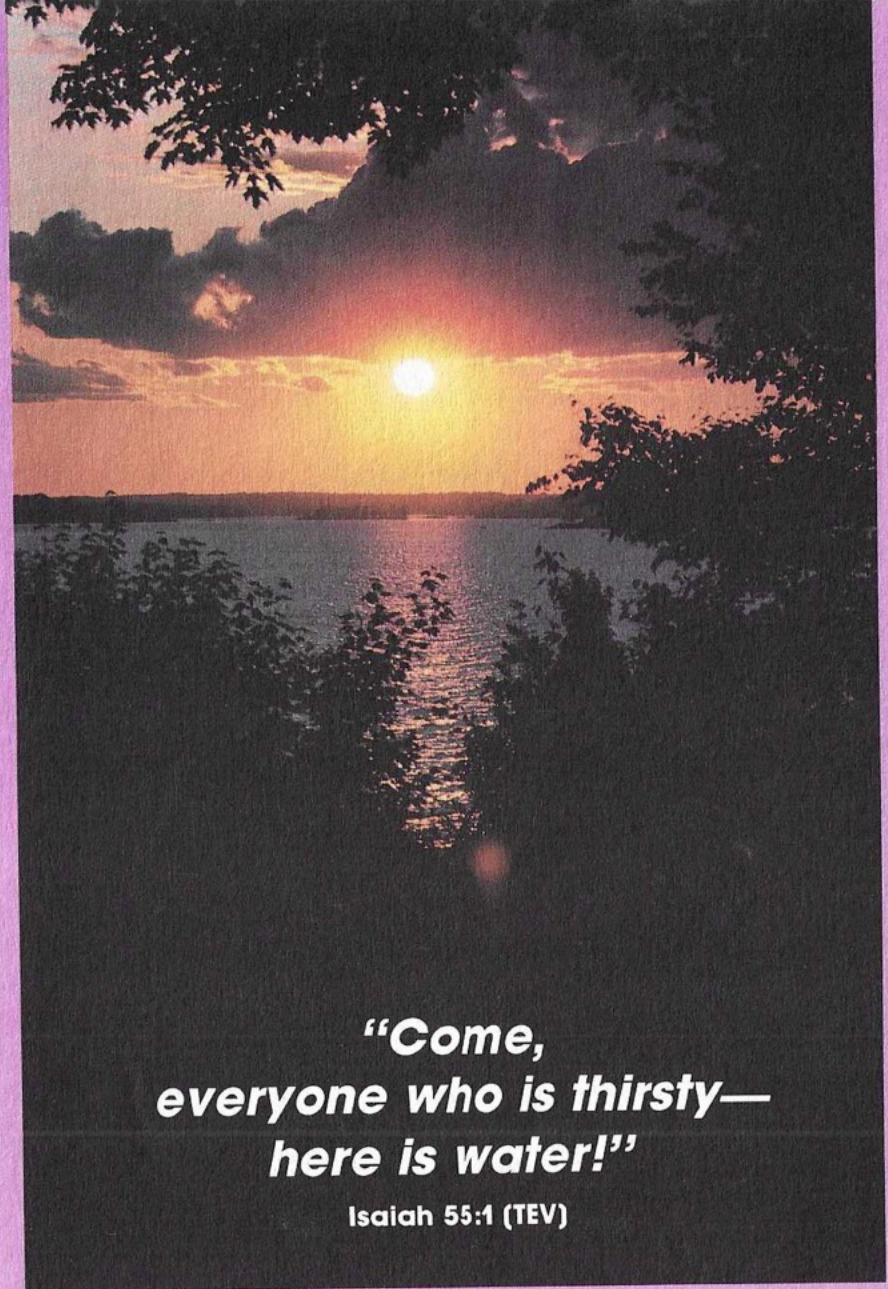
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TODAY	11:45	Covered dish dinner in Fellowship Hall.
	12:30	Quarterly Business Meeting.
	4:00	Interchurch Choir Festival at the 1st Presbyterian Church. Eight choirs will participate including our own.
MONDAY	7:00	Parish Council.
TUESDAY	7:30	Healing Group. Place to be announced.
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir Rehearsal.
THURSDAY	7:30	Women of the Association at Bryn Zion Baptist Church. Family invited. Robert Fisher, speaker.
FRIDAY	6:00pm until SATURDAY 1pm.	Overnight Getaway of Women's Mission Society. You may come for any part of the program.

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Love all God's creation. Love every leaf, every ray  
of light. Love the animals, love the plants, love  
each separate thing. If you do this, you will per-  
ceive God in all; and when you perceive this, you will  
grow every day into fuller understanding of all  
things; and you will come at last to love the whole  
world with a love that will then be all-embracing and  
universal. (Fyodor Dostoevski)

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***“Come,  
everyone who is thirsty—  
here is water!”***

**Isaiah 55:1 (TEV)**



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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "SOLEMN PRELUDE" (Larson)

CHORAL INTROIT

\*HYMN, #155 "A Mighty Fortress"

\*INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING #18

MORNING PRAYERS

A SPECIAL PRESENTATION Larry Faulk

DUET "Take My Life" (Bach) Karen Stoner, Linda  
White

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Musette" (Bach)

\*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "TRUTH AS LOVE"

\*HYMN



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a soul like me! I
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved; How
3. Thru man - y dan - gers, toils and snares, I have al - read - y come; 'Tis
4. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've



once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.  
pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!  
grace hath bro't me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first be - gun. A - MEN.



\*BENEDICTION

\*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Exalt His Name" (Coake)

\*CONGREGATION STANDS

CHOIR DIRECTORS, W. C. WICKUM, James M. Stephenson  
ORGANIST FOR TODAY, Betty J. Porter  
ACCOMPANIST, Mary Lou Lovell  
CANDLELIGHTER, Deborah Lovell  
USHERS, Youth Fellowship

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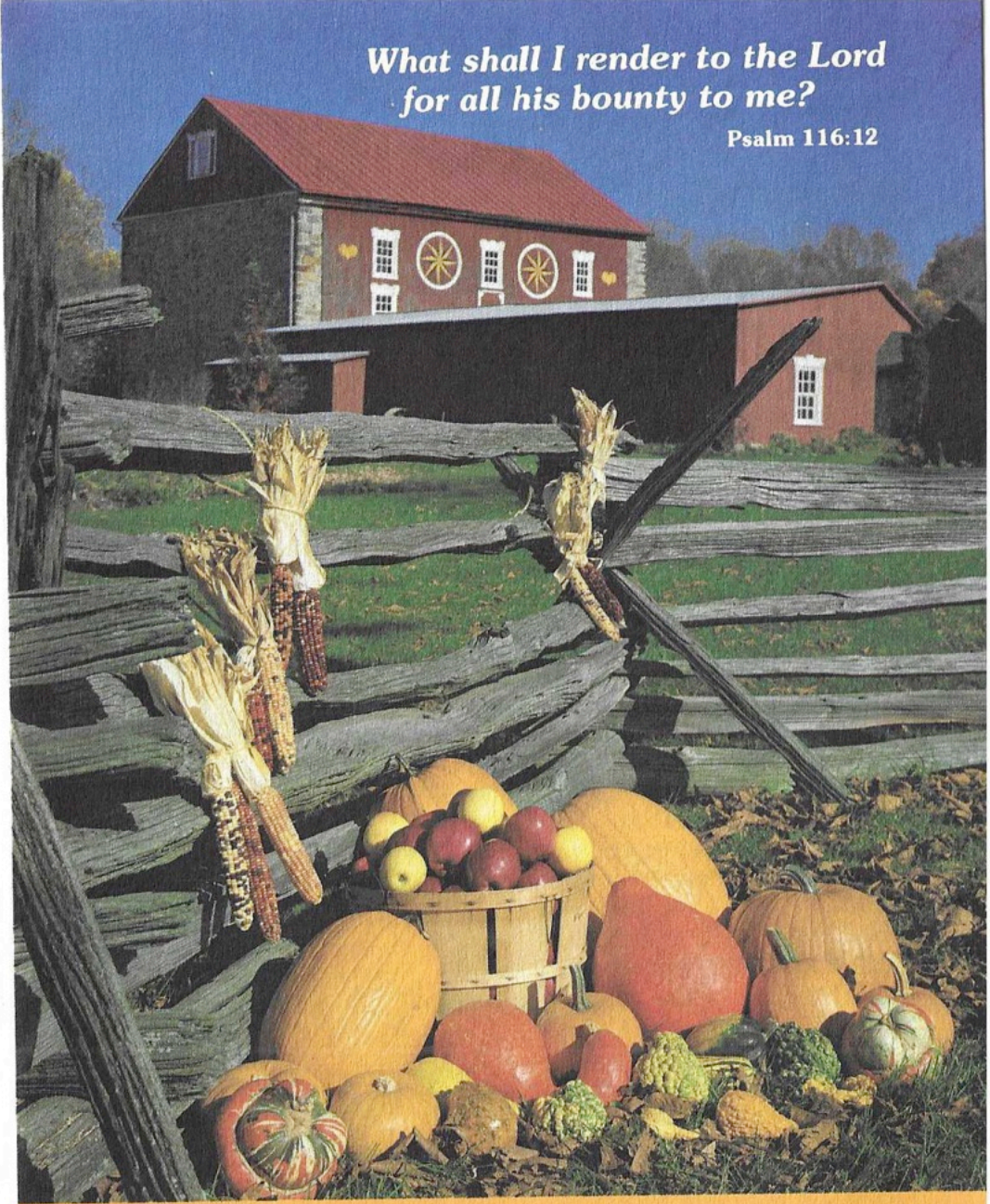
#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

- TODAY 5:00 Covered dish dinner in Fellowship  
Hall. Guests from Sunny Vee.
- TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.
- WEDNESDAY 9:30 Sewing at church until 2:00.  
7:00 Choir rehearsal.
- THURSDAY 7:30 Teacher Training Event at Trinity  
Church, Marion. Meet at church  
before 6:45 so we can leave at  
6:45.
- SATURDAY 9:00 Teachers meeting at the church for  
all Church School teachers and  
alternates. Please let Linda White  
know if you will not be able to  
attend.

NOTES

*What shall I render to the Lord  
for all his bounty to me?*

Psalm 116:12





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James VanBrimmer  
assisting

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" (Saxton)  
CHORAL INTROIT  
\*HYMN, #593 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"  
\*INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER  
\*DOXOLOGY  
OLD TESTAMENT READING #43  
ANTHEM "O Give Thanks unto the Lord"  
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 17:11-19  
MORNING PRAYERS  
BLESSING OF CHILDREN  
OFFERTORY "Melody" (Guilmant)  
\*HYMN, #594 "We Plow the Fields"  
MESSAGE "Love as Power"  
PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES  
PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
\*HYMN, #117 "We Gather Together"  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*ALLELUIA  
POSTLUDE "Exultation" (Cassler)  
\*CONGREGATION STANDS

CHOIR DIRECTORS, James M. Stephenson, W.C. Wickum  
ORGANIST FOR THE DAY, Mary Lou Lovell  
CANDLELIGHTER, Jeff Faulk  
GREETERS, Beth & Archie Trigg  
USHERS, Youth Fellowship

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the guest book in the vestibule.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.  
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal.  
NXT SUNDAY 5:00 Community Advent Service  
at Gray Chapel.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

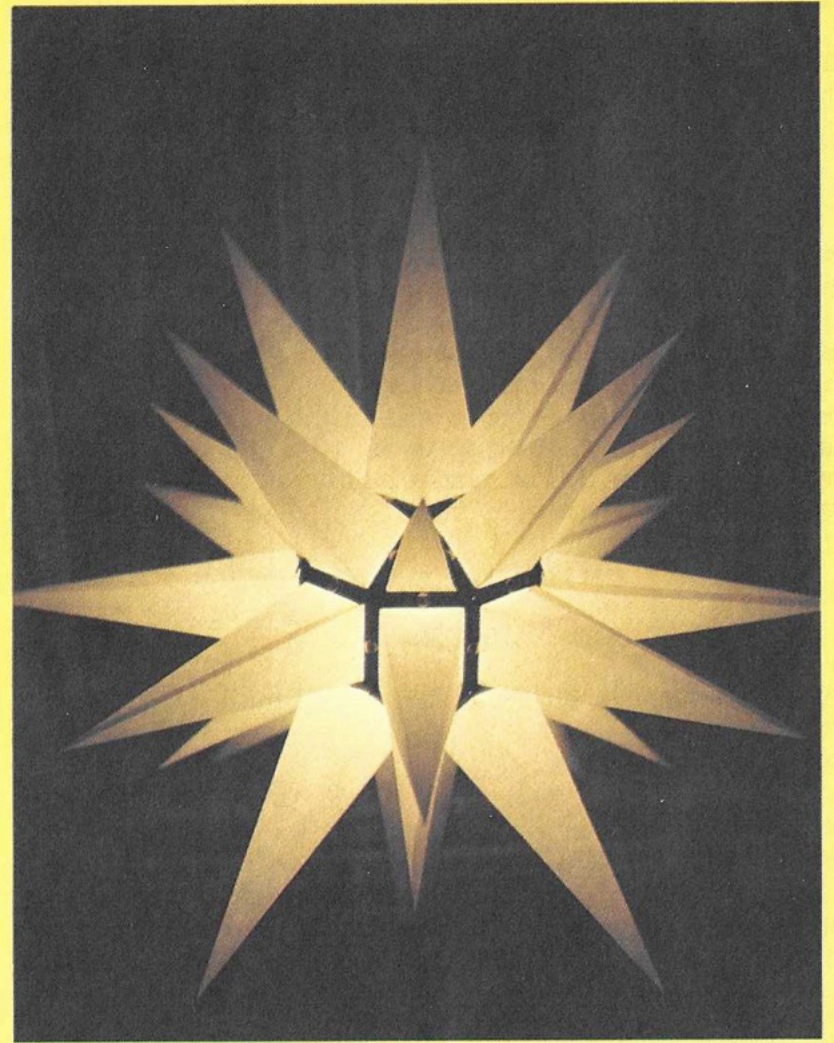
Nov. 1 Stefanie Stoner  
5 Victor Fogle  
6 Bob Stephenson, Helen Bougher  
9 Gene Lathrop  
11 Kristine Martin  
13 Polly Focke  
15 Teresa Grubbs, Frances Johnson,  
Barbara VanBrimmer  
20 Helen & Harold Bougher  
22 Peter White  
27 Gina Evans Jones  
28 Karen Stoner  
Dec. 1 Alison Grubbs, Richard Payne  
4 Erin Faulk

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They have healed the wound of my people lightly,  
saying, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace.  
- Jeremiah 8:11

Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.  
- Luke 17:19  
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Mystically calm is this  
Day in November,  
Filled with a grace for the  
Heart to remember.

Something immortal is  
Whispering, calling  
Softly through sunlight and  
Yellow leaves falling.  
- Hazel M. Kerr



*The first light of Heaven  
shall come to visit us.*

*Luke 1:78 (Phillips)*

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DECEMBER 4, 1983

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Pastor  
Beth Trigg  
Assisting

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Bring in the wonder and the wild;  
Bring in the green and fragrant tree,  
Its boughs bedecked, and like a child  
Kneel down before the mystery  
Of truths but hardly understood,  
As strange as birth and man and night  
Or green trees in a growing wood  
Or stars that are God's candlelight.

- James Dillet Freeman

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Prepare Thyself, Zion" (Bach)

CHORAL INTROIT

MOMENTS OF MEDITATION

\*HYMN, #91 "Jesus Thou Joy"

\*INVOCATION unison

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, saying,

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-14

ANTHEM "Let Our Gladness Know No End" (Denton)

AN ACT OF DEDICATION

Introduction

Presentation

Reception

Blessing

CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

Today we honor Rufus and Helen Crane. Their daughters, Dorothy and Marjorie, are presenting the church new hymnals and a new Assembly Room carpet in their parents' memory.

How well we remember them! Professor Crane taught mathematics at Ohio Wesleyan University. Helen was active in the work of the Girl Scouts, served for many years as Superintendent of our Primary Department, and held many other church offices. Rufus gave his time and energies as church custodian.

They taught us that talent is a gift from God, meant to be used for others. They demonstrated that we are more than citizens of a particular place, but share in responsibility for God's whole earth. They were God's gift to our church family.

