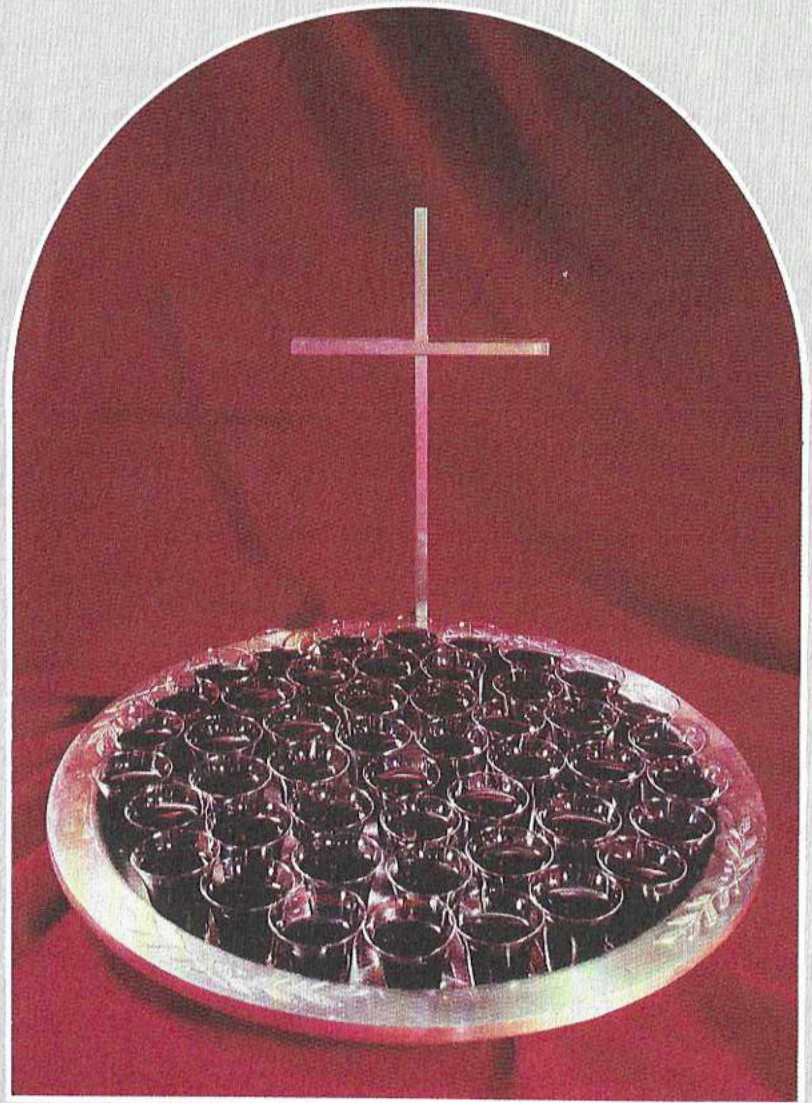




First Baptist Church
Bulletins and
Order of Worship
1988



“This cup is the new covenant . . .”

1 Corinthians 11:25

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W O R S H I P S E R V I C E

January 3, 1988

10:45am

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Gene F. Gillin	Pastor
Larry Faulk	Lay Leader
Mary Lou Lovell	Organist
Fred Grubbs	Pianist
W. C. Wickum	Choir Director

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PRELUDE AND PRAYER

We urge all followers of Christ to observe Christian Communion of the Lord's Supper with us today. Be sure to prepare your heart by making certain your relationships to both Christ and others are what God would approve. Come in a spirit of humility and prayerfulness.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. I am the bread of life (says the Lord): he that comes to me shall never hunger, and he that believes on me shall never thirst. Matt. 5:6; John 6:35

SCRIPTURES OF COMMUNION 612 In Response
"The Lamb of God"

HYMN OF PRAISE 408
"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE 366 (1st verse) Choir & Cong.

RECOGNITION OF OUR GUESTS, REPORTS, REQUESTS

Please take time to greet those near you in worship today. We invite our guests to sign the card in the pew rack and present it with the offering. Please accept our sincere welcome to this Worship Hour and our special invitation to the Teaching Hour at 9:15 a.m. each Lord's Day.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "In the Bleak Mid-Winter"
Choir

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

We have been ransomed at the highest cost, that we may live no longer for ourselves, but for Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, Jesus, our Lord.

Prayer of Dedication
 Giving of Tithes and Offerings
 Musical Offering
 Offertory Hymn 287
 "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"
 (Children attending Children's Church may come forward on the last stanza.)

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

CHRISTIAN COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

To this service of remembrance, all Christians are welcome, without distinction of creed or church.

Communion Meditation Pastor Gillin
Rev. 13:1-4; 5:6-10

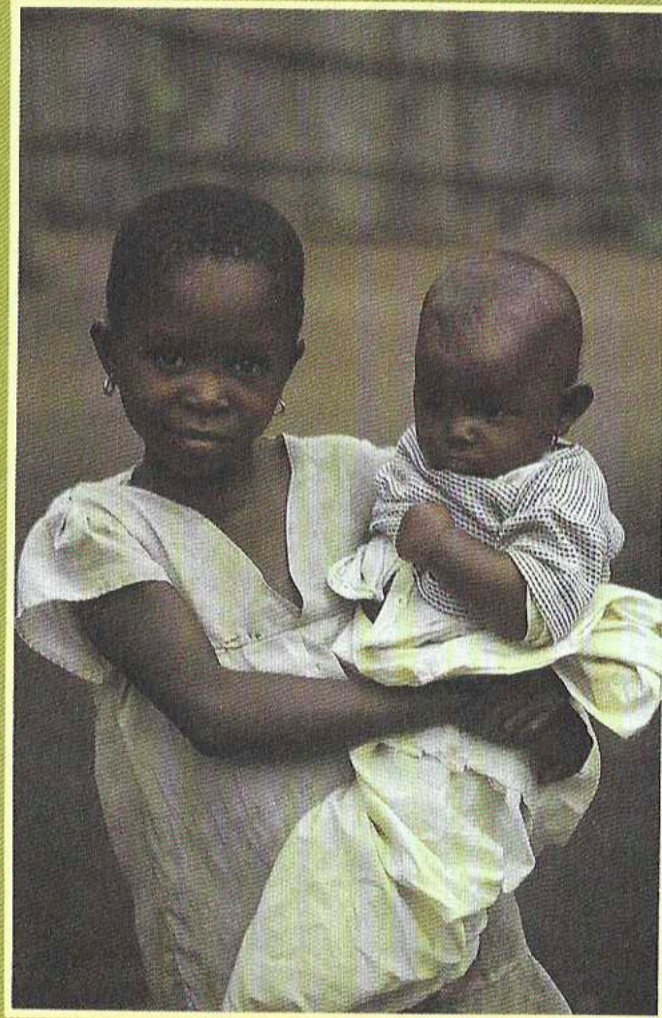
Communion Offering
It is our custom at Communion to receive an offering for those who may be in need. Let the scriptures now be fulfilled in our midst, that we bear one another's burdens through our Fellowship Fund administered by the Deacons confidentially and exclusively for this purpose.

Thanksgiving for The Bread
Thanksgiving for The Cup
Fellowship Hymn 207 (1st verse) and Circle
Dismissal

CONGREGATIONAL JOY AND PEACE (Tune: "Edelweiss")

Joy is mine, Joy Divine,
Joy my Savior has given;
Peace is mine, Peace sublime,
Peace that come down from heaven.
Happy am I as I walk with God,
Of His love I'm singing.
Joy is mine, Joy divine,
Joy my Savior has given!

POSTLUDE



**For we are God's
workmanship, created in
Christ Jesus to do good works.**

Ephesians 2:10

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W O R S H I P S E R V I C E

January 10, 1988

10:45 a.m.

Gene F. Gillin	Pastor
Mary Lou Lovell	Organist
Betty Porter	Pianist
W. C. Wickum	Choir Director

PRELUDE "Morning Star" Wells
 AND PRAYER

No one entering a house ignores who dwells in it. This is the House of God. He is here. You are here. Speak to Him in prayer. He bids you welcome and awaits your greeting.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise is like a plow set to go deep into the soil of a believer's heart. It lets the glory of God into the details of daily living.

HYMN OF PRAISE 31

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE Choir & Congregation

Whisper a prayer in the morning
 Whisper a prayer at noon
 Whisper a prayer in the evening
 T'will keep your heart in tune.

RECOGNITION OF OUR GUESTS, REPORTS, REQUESTS

Reach out and greet someone. Let the Love of God and the peace of Christ flow through you to someone who needs it today.

MINISTRY	"Christ Is Come"	Hughes
OF MUSIC	Mén's Quartet	

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

While you make a living by what you get,
 You make a life by what you give.

Prayer of Dedication
 Giving of Tithes and Offerings
 Musical Offering "In This Holy Place" Hutson
 Offertory Hymn 355

"I'm Pressing on the Upward Way"

(Children attending Children's Church may come forward on the second stanza)

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

MORNING MESSAGE Genesis 1:26+27 Pastor Gillin

"O God, give us the serenity to accept what cannot be changed, courage to change what should be changed, and wisdom to distinguish one from the other." Reinhold Niebuhr

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

"Whoever confesses publicly that he belongs to me, I will do the same for him before my Father in heaven." Matthew 10:32

HYMN OF RESPONSE 438

"Teach Me to Pray, Lord"

Sharing Christian Commitment and Concern
 Dismissal

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (tune: Edelweiss)

Bless our friends, bless our Church
 Come now, Lord, and go with us.
 May our talk glow with peace,
 May your mission surround us.
 Friendship and love - may they bloom and grow,
 Bloom and grow forever.
 Bless our friends, bless our church.
 Come now, Lord, and go with us.

POSTLUDE	"Jubilate Deo"	Handel
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Our Christian fellowship is interracial, inter-denominational and international. We welcome all Christians to our worship and membership and invite non-Christians to be seekers with us. We trust you will find the spirit of Christ present among us.

Please fill out a registration card, to be found in the pewrack, and place it in the offering plate.

OUR LIVES TOGETHER

Tuesday 7:30pm Healing Group

Wednesday 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Stand fast striving together for the faith of the gospel.

Philippians 1:27b



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W O R S H I P S E R V I C E

January 17, 1988

10:45 a.m.

Gene F. Gillin Pastor
Mary Lou Lovell Organist
Fred Grubbs Pianist
W. C. Wickum Choir Director

PRELUDE AND PRAYER "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Boyles

Let us pray to God. Let us be still. Let us clear our minds of the thoughts which take our attention from our Lord. Let us feel God's presence. Let us know God's Power. Let us pray thru the prelude.

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Stand up and praise the Lord your God, for He lives from everlasting to everlasting. Praise His glorious name! It is far greater than we can think or say." Nehemiah 9:5

HYMN OF PRAISE 455

"Stand Up For Jesus"

AFFIRMATION

In Response

Pastor: Why are we gathered in this place at this time?

People: We are gathered as the people of God to acknowledge Him as Lord, to confess before Him our sins, to offer Him our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, to pray for the world and to reconsecrate ourselves to His service in it.

Pastor: Let us acknowledge the God before whom we stand.

People: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

DOXOLOGY (tune #59)

Choir & Cong.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF OUR GUESTS

Reach out and touch someone in love and friendship in worship today. If you are a visitor, we are pleased to have you with us. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join us in the study and worship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "We Thee Adore" Smith

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Nine-tenths goes farther with God's blessing than ten-tenths without it.

Prayer of Dedication
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Musical Offering "Spiritual Medly" Hayes
Offertory Hymn 411 "Happiness Is To Know the Savior"
(Children attending Children's Church may come forward during the last stanza)

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We don't own our children; we hold them in trust for God, who gave them to us. The years of provision and nurture that we have, represent our fulfillment of that trust.

SOLO "Go Down Moses" Spiritual Fred Grubbs

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD Luke 4:16-22; John 8:31-36

MORNING MESSAGE "Free At Last, Free At Last Thank God Almighty Free At Last!" Pastor Gillin

HYMN OF RESPONSE 295

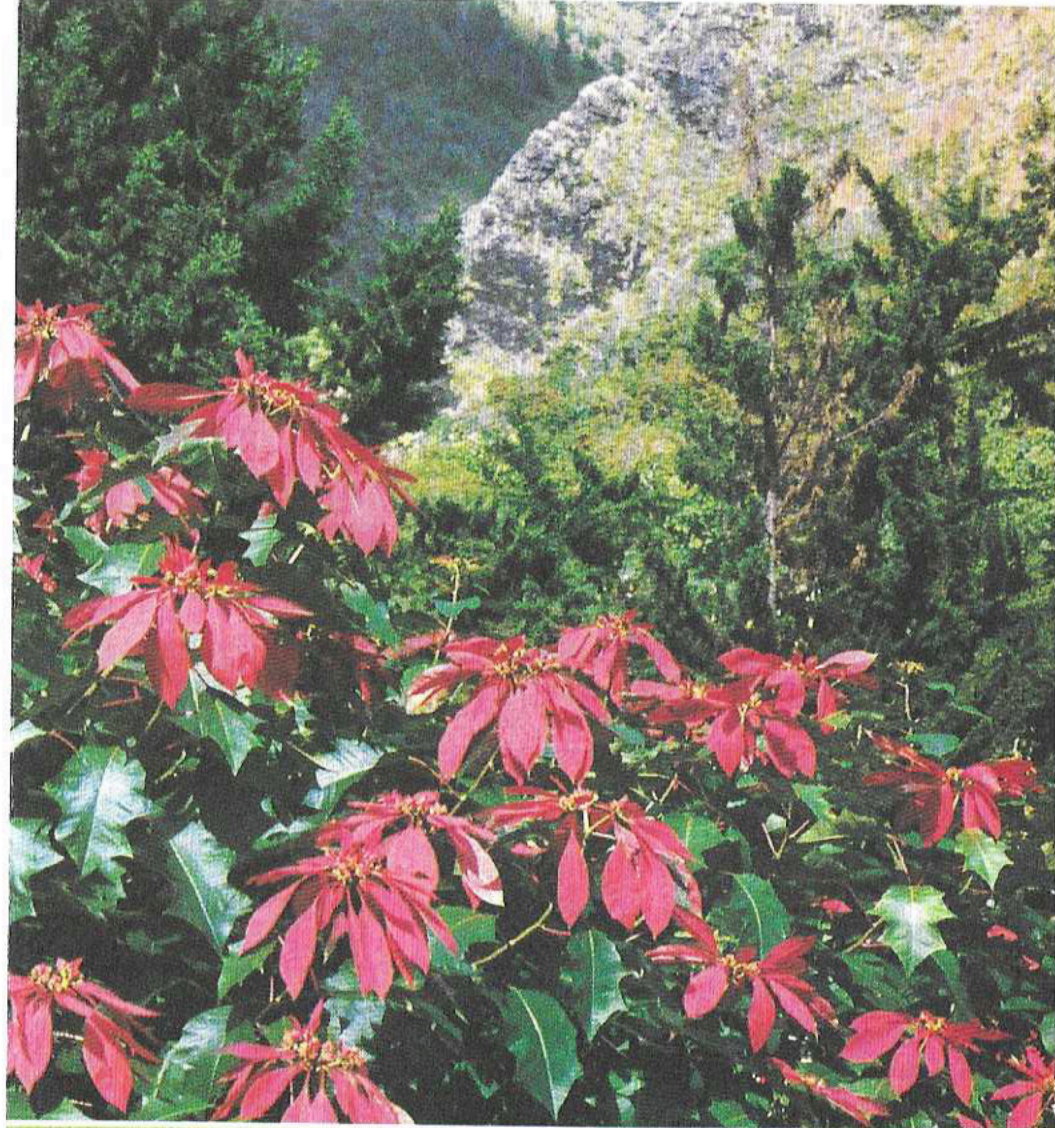
"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"

DISMISSAL

CONGREGATIONAL ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "March of the Victorious" Denton *****

The annual meeting of Church Women United will be held Friday the 22nd at 11:45 a.m. at William Street Church. Pot luck luncheon (bring your own table service). Child care provided. Nancy Pringle from Homemakers-Health Aide will be the speaker. Her topic will be "Reaching Out to Women and Children." Everyone is invited.



The righteous will still bear fruit in old age,
they will stay fresh and green. Psalm 92:14

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INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR 1988
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, DELAWARE
January 24, 1988

THE WORK OF CHRISTIANS

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

THE CALL TO COMMITMENT

All elected leadership of our congregation for 1988 will come forward during the second stanza of hymn #503, "JESUS CALLS US".

WORDS OF INSTALLATION

LEADER: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

RESPONSE: O Lord, you have searched me, and known me. You understand my thoughts afar off. There is not a word on my tongue, but lo, O Lord you know it altogether. Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

LEADER: I appeal to you therefore, by the mercies of God to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God which is your reasonable service. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may recognize that which is good and acceptable and perfect in your work in the world.

RESPONSE: Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands; yea, the work of our hands, establish thou it.

LEADER: I, therefore, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

RESPONSE: Lord, with the work of our hands, the understanding of our minds, the devotions of our hearts, we come to you seeking light for all we do in the world.

LEADER: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit, and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord, and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspired them all in every one.

RESPONSE: Let whatsoever we do in the world be done according to your will and to your glory.

ACT OF INSTALLATION

LEADER: Do you accept the office to which you have been elected, and will you seek earnestly and sincerely, by God's help, to faithfully fulfill the responsibilities attendant thereto?

RESPONSE: I do accept.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

RESOLUTIONS WORTH KEEPING

I resolve to put Christ before my Church and my Church before my club.

I resolve to put the spiritual before the material and the eternal before the temporal.

I resolve to put God's Word before the opinion of others

I resolve to put Christ before creeds.

I resolve to put more of God and less of myself into my work.

W O R S H I P S E R V I C E

January 24, 1988

10:45 a.m.

Gene F. Gillin Pastor
Mary Lou Lovell Organist
Fred Grubbs Pianist
W. C. Wickum Choir Director

PRELUDE "Sacred Song" Mendelssohn
AND PRAYER

The prelude is the veil dropped between everyday life and the sanctuary: the music should separate the world without from the world within. If you must whisper, let it be a prayer.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The beginning of a worship service is like getting out the door in the morning - we have to collect everything and get it together so we can move out. Probably none of us ever "gets it together," but in these few moments we can set aside what we should leave behind and choose what we want to take along with our worship. Give it all to Him, ask Him to help sort it out - and then - COME ... LET US WORSHIP HIM TOGETHER!

HYMN OF PRAISE 457 "Lead On O King Eternal"

INVOCATION

RESPONSE (tune: "Beyond the Sunset") Choir & Cong.
Christ is the answer to all my longings.
Christ is the answer to all my needs.
Savior, Redeemer, the Great Physician.
O Hallelujah, He's all I need.

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

To all who are spiritually weary and need rest; to all who have neglected to pray and yet realize their need of prayer; to all who have sinned and need the Savior; to all who seek a closer walk with Christ - this church opens wide her doors and in the name of Jesus bids you . . . WELCOME!

MINISTRY OF "Great God, We Sing Hughes
MUSIC That Mighty Hand"

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

"We covenant to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations."
Our Church Covenant

Prayer of Dedication
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Musical Offering "In the Chapel" Moore
Offertory Hymn 503 "Jesus Calls Us"
(Children attending Children's Church may come forward on the last stanza)

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

"From infancy up, may our children know how to love because they have seen love at its best. Here in church and at home may they be taught that they are children of God. And may they sense the Divine in others, also.
Dr. Charlie W. Shedd

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
New Testament - Mark 6:7-13

MORNING MESSAGE

Pastor Gillin
"Two Are Better Than One"

HYMN OF RESPONSE 66

"Take the Name of Jesus With You"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Those who wish to declare their faith in Christ and unite with the church are invited to come forward during the hymn of response.

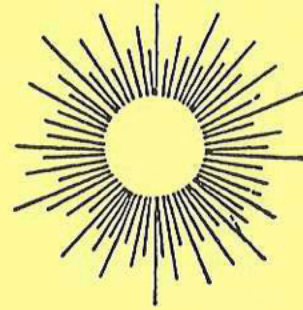
BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Marvelous is Thy Name" Hughes

OUR LIVES TOGETHER

Today 7:00pm Parish Council
Tuesday 7:30pm Healing Group
Wednesday 6:30pm Covered Dish Dinner & Annual Business Meeting



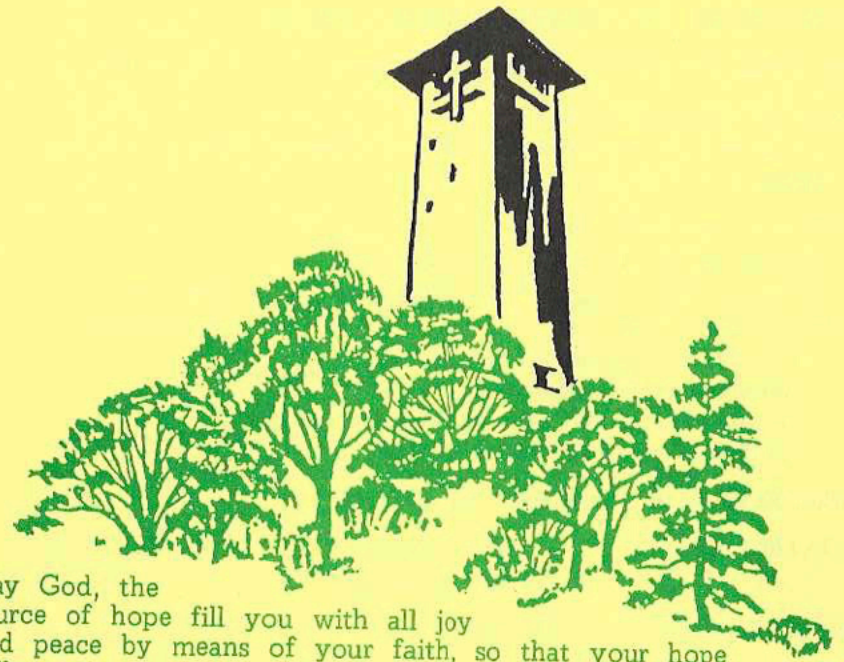
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GREEN LAKE
SUNDAY

"Proclaiming God's Hope for These Days"

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"May God, the
source of hope fill you with all joy
and peace by means of your faith, so that your hope
will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13

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January 31, 1988 10:45 a.m.

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Mary Lou Lovell	Organist
Fred Grubbs	Pianist
W. C. Wickum	Choir Director
Dick & Evelyn Lee	Greeters

PRELUDE "Allemanda" Corelli
AND PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE 32 "How Great Thou Art"

INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER Unison

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 629

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Another Year" Scriveyner

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Our giving becomes Christian when it makes a difference in our standard of living.

Prayer of Dedication

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "Pax Vobiscom" Batiste
Offertory Song 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.

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

MORNING MESSAGE Luke 10:25-37 Pastor Gillin
"Which Neighbor"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF RESPONSE 505 "Make Me A Blessing"

BENEDICTION Cong. Alleluia

POSTLUDE "Praise Ye the Lord" Hughes

O U R L I F E T O G E T H E R

Today	9:15am	Church School; Pam Faulk, coordinator
	9:30am	Teaching Hour; Green Lake Sunday
	10:45am	Worship Hour; Nursery + Children's Church
	7:00pm	Bd. Of Christian Ed. at Whites
Tue.	7:00pm	Healing Group at VanBrimmers
	7:00pm	Diaconate Visitation Ministry
Wed.	7:00pm	Music Ministry Rehearsal
Thur.	7:00pm	Diaconate Visitation Ministry
Sunday	3:00pm	American Baptist Women - "The Cost of Recovery: Forgive and be forgiven", Marge Smale, leader
	4:00pm	Diaconate meeting

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM will be celebrated in worship on Sunday, February 21st at 4:00pm in cooperation with Kilbourne Methodist Church in our sanctuary. Those of our congregation who wish to confess their faith at thsi time in baptism should speak to the Pastor this week.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS bring a special beauty to enrich our worship from week to week. Deacon Jim Stephenson continues to maintain these plants and special arrangements. A flower calendar on the bulletin board will allow you to select a Sunday in 1988 on which to provide flowers in honor/memory, or in celebration of a loved one or special occasion.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER celebrating special days this week: F. Grubbs (2), B. Barkeloo (2), E. Brown (2), M. Martin (2); Rev. Phil Uhlinger (Haiti)(2), Alyce Sandholdt (Japan)(3), Faye Brown (Thailand)(4), Rebecca Cutlip (Thailand)(7), and Dr. John Espy (Hong Kong)(7). See bulletin board for addresses. Mildred Bowers, Delaware Court; Della Dean + Lola Jackson in bereavement.

WRITING ONE ANOTHER Philip Kachersky, Eastern Baptist Sem., City & Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19151

NURSERY WORKERS: January 31 - Mary Sealey; February 7 - Deb Lovell & Jeff Faulk; February 14 - Stef Stoner & Karen Stoner

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: January - Pam Faulk; February - Steve & Karen Stoner. Many thanks to all who are ministering to our children!

THE NEWSLETTER will be available next Sunday. Please submit your stories to Jim by Wednesday. You can place your articles in the folder marked "Newsletter" on Pam's desk.

“Not my will, but thine, be done.”

Luke 22:42



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ORDER OF SERVICE

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CALL TO WORSHIP

In Response

The work of the Creator is visible:

LET US RESPOND WITH PRAISE.

The example of Jesus is apparent:

LET US RESPOND WITH OBEDIENCE.

The wind of the Spirit is blowing:

LET US RESPOND WITH JOY.

The word of God is calling:

LET US WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

John 9:39-41

Jesus said: "It is for judgment I have come into this world, so that those without light may see, and those with sight turn blind."

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, "We are not blind, surely?"

Jesus replied: "Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty; but since you say, "We see, Your guilt remains"

Lord, we must know our blindness before we can see; we must see before we can understand.

FORGIVE OUR BLINDNESS, AND KINDLE AGAIN THE LIGHT OF OUR HEARTS AND MINDS.

Enable us to see our way and to recognize when we are not yet on the way.

UNCOVER US, AND REVEAL TO US AS MUCH OF THE TRUTH AS WE CAN BEAR.

Lord, pierce our darkness and be the light by which we live, today and forever. Amen!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In Unison

Lord, we come before you, not alone, but in the company of one another. We share our happiness with each other - and it becomes greater. We share our troubles with each other - and they become smaller. We share one another's griefs and burdens - and their weight becomes possible to bear. May we never be too mean to give, nor too proud to receive.

For in giving and receiving we learn to love and be loved; we encounter the meaning of life, the mystery of existence - and discover you.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

In Response

Eternal God, we believe that our worship draws to you and towards our neighbors on earth.

WE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE CREATION.

May we all learn before it is too late to respect the uniqueness, fragility, and beauty of our earth and all its creatures.

WE PRAY FOR EVERY NATION AND RACE.

May our actions and lifestyle bear out our belief that all people everywhere are our brothers and sisters, whatever their country, their city, or their tribe, whatever their education or their culture, whatever their circumstances, religion, or color.

WE PRAY FOR PEACE IN OUR TORN AND TROUBLED WORLD.

We pray that weapons may be discarded instead of people, guns silenced instead of the voices of the poor, and that, in a world half expecting nuclear holocaust we might learn that love is not a luxury.

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH IN EVERY PART OF OUR GLOBE.

May it be true and joyful, wholesome and active, always rediscovering that you called it into being for the service and salvation of others.

WE PRAY FOR THE WITNESS OF OUR LOCAL CHURCH COMMUNITY

As we grow in faith, and hope, help us to understand that no planning for the future, however necessary, no program, no matter how carefully conceived, can relieve us of the challenge to move forward into a future of risk, of danger, and of hope in your boundless grace.

WE PRAY FOR OURSELVES.

Not one of us has ever found or given enough love in his or her life, enough truth, freedom, beauty, goodness, and joy. We are always living for a new 'tomorrow'.

LORD, WE PRAY FOR OUR WORLD, WE PRAY FOR OTHERS,
WE PRAY FOR OURSELVES.

We pray because you have put within us an unquenchable hope.

WE PRAY BECAUSE WE LIVE FOR THE ULTIMATE.

We pray because Jesus is our Lord and your kingdom is our mission.

AMEN!!



BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE DAY 1988

**Out of Darkness . . .
into the Light of Christ**

"Helping the Hurting — through Jesus Christ"
Matthew 25: 31-46

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE DAY 1988 The Tie that Binds

You are not alone today as you worship God.

The Holy Spirit reassures you of the living presence of Jesus Christ.

People are physically present here in the service with you. Perhaps friends or family are beside you. Someone is in front, others are behind you. Choir members will stand to sing. Preachers will face you and speak from God's holy word. You are not alone.

You are not alone in spirit either. In some 130,000 churches around the world, the Baptists are at worship. Add to that a great number of mission points and preaching stations where

Christians who believe as you do gather this Lord's Day. With 35 million baptized members, and counting a "community" of family members and others attending, world Baptists are praying, singing, giving, proclaiming, studying, inviting, committing, serving. Just like you there in your place, the Baptists are in their places at worship in other cities, other provinces or states, other countries.

Some wear shoes, and some wear suits. Some have scarves on, some carry umbrellas. Some walked to their place of worship, some came by boat, some took a train. Some sing from hymnals with blue covers, some from green. Some sit in pews, some stand. Some have skin of red, others of yellow or white or black. Some are young, some are not. There are many differences of language and culture.

But every member of the world family of Baptists has this in common with you: Each one loves the Lord Jesus Christ and knows he died for human sin. Each one believes that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is life eternal in Jesus Christ his Son. Each one believes he or she must tell others the gospel message until it reaches around the world. This is the way it touches your life. This is how it touches other individuals, bringing them to know God in Christ.

The BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE is the international organization for this world family of Baptists. Through a national Baptist union or convention working in one of 143 countries of our globe, you and your local congregation are a part of the BWA.

From its international office near Washington, D.C., the BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE assists Baptists in training for evangelism and in Christian education, in mutual aid programs and in times of human need, in Baptist studies and research, in an international communications network, and in funding efforts to support such ministries on a world scale.

Through departments of women's, men's and youth work, the BWA schedules lay leadership programs, prayer projects, fellowship and learning conferences.

Each year, the BWA General Council meets to discuss and react to human rights, religious liberty and other special concerns of its constituent bodies. And in August 1990, the 16th Baptist World Congress is scheduled in Seoul, Korea, as a worldwide celebration for Baptists everywhere.

You are not alone today as you worship God. You are not alone in "helping the hurting — through Jesus Christ."

Baptist World Alliance
Gerhard Claas, General Secretary-Treasurer
6733 Curran Street, McLean, Virginia 22101-3804, U.S.A.

OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

February 7, 1988

10:45 a.m.

Baptist World Alliance Sunday 1988

PRELUDE "His Gentle Voice I Hear" Callendar
 AND PRAYER "The Tie That Binds" Bulletin Insert
 CALL TO WORSHIP Bulletin Insert
 INVOCATION
 HYMN OF PRAISE 40 "To God Be the Glory"
 PRAYER OF CONFESSION Bulletin Insert
 RESPONSE 350(1) "Open My Eyes"
 RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS
 MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Jesus, Savior" Livingston
 CALL TO STEWARDSHIP
 Proportionate Giving 1 Cor. 16:1+2
 Prayer of Dedication Bulletin Insert
 Musical Offering "Canzona" Mozart
 Doxology
 RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP
 READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 1 Cor. 16:13
 PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION Bulletin Insert
 MORNING MESSAGE . . . In Sermon and Songs
 "Stand Firm In Your Faith"
 AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE Pastor
 The Bible as the inspired revelation of God's will
 and way made full and complete in the life and
 teachings of Christ, is our authoritative rule of
 faith and practice.
 HYMN 226 "Holy, Bible, Book Divine" Choir & Cong.
 DIGNITY OF MAN Pastor
 Every person is created in the image of God and
 therefore merits respect and consideration as a
 person of infinite dignity.
 ANOTHER SONG FROM GOD'S PEOPLE
 I am so glad that our Father in heaven
 Tells of His love in the Book He has given;
 Wonderful things in the Bible I see -
 This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.
 I am so glad that Jesus loves me, J. l. m., J. l. m.
 I am so glad that Jesus loves me, J. l. . . even me.

CENTRALITY OF CHRIST

Our ultimate source of authority is Jesus Christ the Lord, and every area of life is to be subject to His Lordship.

PRAISE THE LORD

Christ for me, Yes, it's Christ for me!
 He's my Savior, my Lord and King -
 I'm so happy I shout and sing!
 Christ for me, Yes, it's Christ for me!
 Every day as I go my way it is Christ for me!

NECESSITY OF THE CHURCH

The church, in its inclusive sense, is the fellowship of persons redeemed by Christ and made one in the family of God. The church, in its local sense, is a fellowship of baptized believers voluntarily banded together for worship, nurture and service.

FAMILY OF GOD

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God -
 I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
 Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
 For I'm part of the family, the family of God.

REALITY OF LIFE BEYOND DEATH

Our bodies after death return to dust but our spirits
 return immediately to God - the righteous to rest
 with Him; the wicked to be reserved under darkness
 to the judgement. At the last day, the bodies of
 all the dead, both just and unjust, will be raised.

SINGING CHRIST'S LOVE THROUGH ETERNITY

O if there's only one song I can sing
 When in His beauty I see the great King,
 This shall my song in eternity be:
 "O what a wonder that Jesus loves me!"
 I am so glad that J. l. m., J. l. m., J. l. m.,
 I am so glad that J. l. m., Jesus loves even me.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Offering "O How He Loves Kaiser
 You and Me"
 The Bread and The Cup
 Fellowship Circle and Song
 Passing the Peace

POSTLUDE "One Fellowship of Love" Johnson

The February issue of the newsletter is available today. Please by sure to get you copy before leaving.



Let
the wise
listen and
add to their
learning. Proverbs
1:5

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER

2/14

- TODAY 9:15 Church School, Pam Faulk, Coordinator
9:30 Teaching Hour, Church Vocations Sunday
10:45 Worship Hour, Nursery + Children's Church
6:30 Adult II Class "Valentine Happening"
at the Parsonage
- MON. 7:30 Parish Council
- TUES. 6:30 Pancake Supper
7:30 Healing Group
- WED. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
8:00 Ash Wednesday Service
- THURS. 7:00 Visitation Ministry
- SAT. 8:30 Men's Breakfast Mtg at Bun's
Speaker: Karen Kerns, Dir. Delaware A.R.C.
Reservations by Wed to S.Stoner + B.Houston
- SUN 4:00 Service of Baptism in Sanctuary (Kilbourne Meth)
5:00 B.Y.F. at Parsonage
5:30 Bd. of C.E. at Church

DISCIPLESHIP/MEMBERSHIP CLASSES...will be offered for those wishing to prepare for believer's baptism and the full fellowship of the church. Mtng. Feb 28 5-6 p.m.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER...celebrating special days this wk:
Barbara Payne(16) Beth Linn(17) W+D Dean(18) Mary Sealey(21)
Dr. Fred Downs, India(15) Susanna Powers, India(16) Nancy James, Haiti(17) Dorothy Noyes, Japan(17) Lydia Rivera(17) Cleveland, Virginia Nickerson, Zaire(18), Charles Sydnor(18) Nepal....See Bulletin Board for addresses.

CHURCH SECRETARY FOR A DAY...Volunteers are needed to serve one day a week in our new church office...typing, filing, phoning and preparing historical material for recording and storage.

NEWSLETTER REPORTERS...Become a cub reporter for our church paper and help build an informative monthly publication this year...by writing one brief paragraph on assignment for our Editor, Jim Stevenson. Sign up today. Many thanks!!

SANCTUARY CANDLELIGHTERS
Feb. 6 - Erin Faulk Feb. 21 - Natalie Mowery
Feb. 13 - Micah Stoner Feb. 28 - Jarrod Trigg

MEMORIAL FLOWERS - Betty Porter

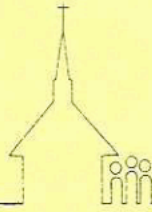
NURSERY WORKERS - Stef Stoner + Bertha Van Brimmer

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - Steve + Karen Stoner

FLOWER CALENDAR ...on the bulletin board invites your name in reservation of a special day to provide sanctuary flowers

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CELEBRATION BANQUET



MARION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MARCH 25

HONORING NEW MEMBERS

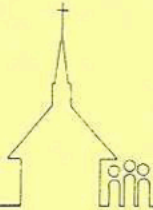


GUEST
SPEAKER

DR. WILLIAM KEUCHER
FORMER PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL
BAPTIST SEMINARY

FOOD

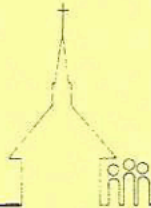
FELLOWSHIP



6:30 PM

\$7.00
(ADULTS)

TRI RIVERS JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
RT. 95 (JUST EAST OF RT. 23)



\$3.00

(UNDER 10 YRS.)

O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

February 14, 1988

10:45 a.m.

Gene F. Gillin
Jerry Palmer
Mary Lou Lovell
Fred Grubbs
W. C. Wickum

Pastor
Lay Leader
Organist
Pianist
Choir Director

PRELUDE "In a World Simone
AND PRAYER Where Love Abides"

Come unto me . . . Enter silently . . . Wait prayer-
fully . . . Worship reverently . . . Be still and
know that I am God . . . The Lord is in His Holy
Temple . . . Let all the earth keep silence before
Him.

CALL TO WORSHIP

"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and
with all your strength." - Jesus

HYMN OF PRAISE 87 "I Love Thee, I Love Thee"

INVOCATION

RESPONSE Choir & Cong.
Some-thing beau-ti-ful, some-thing good;
All my con-fu-sion He understood;
All I had to of-fer Him was bro-ken-ness and strife,
But He made some-thing beau-ti-ful of my life,
But He made some-thing beau-ti-ful of my life.

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 665 In Response

MINISTRY "Sing Praise to God" Smith
OF MUSIC

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP Acts 20:35

Prayer of Dedication
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Musical Offering "The King of Love Shelley
My Shepherd Is"

Offertory Hymn 338 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Thank God for infants so rich in potential goodness.

Thank God for the gifts we see emerging in our
children.

MORNING MESSAGE Romans 5:8 Pastor Gillin
"The Love of God"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Those who wish to declare their faith in Christ and
unite with the church are invited to come forward
during the hymn.

HYMN OF RESPONSE 351 "O Love That
Will Not Let Me Go"

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE Choir & Congregation
"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is
stayed on Thee. When the shadows come and darkness
falls, He giveth inward peace. O He is the only
perfect resting place, He giveth perfect peace!
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is
stayed on Thee." Isaiah 26:3

POSTLUDE "They'll Know We Are Scholtes
Christians By Our Love"

THE HANDS OF CHRIST

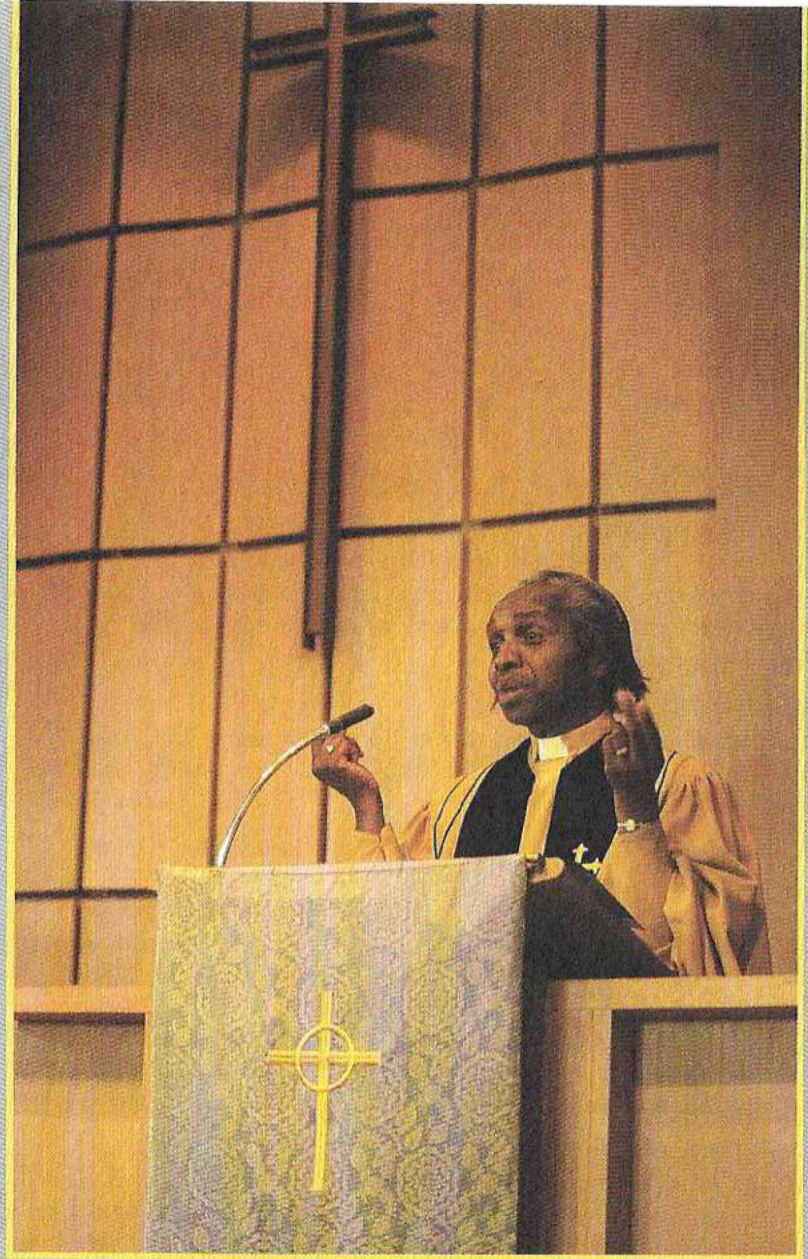
by Leslie Savage Clark

A Baby's hands in Bethelam
Were small and softly curled,
But held within their dimpled grasp
The hope of half the world.

A Carpenter's in Nazareth
Were skilled with tool and wood;
They laid the beams of simple homes
And found their labor good.

A Healer's hands in Galilee
Were stretched to all who came
For Him to cleanse their hidden wounds
Or cure the blind and lame.

Long, long ago the hands of Christ
Were nailed upon a tree,
But still their holy touch redeems
The hearts of you and me.



We preach Christ crucified, the power of
God and the wisdom of God. 1 Cor 1:23-24

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OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

February 21, 1988

10:45 a.m.

Gene F. Gillin
Steve Stoner
Mary Lou Lovell
Fred Grubbs
W. C. Wickum
Natalie Mowery
Beth Trigg

Pastor
Lay Leader
Organist
Pianist
Choir Director
Candlelighter
Nursery

PRELUDE AND PRAYER "A Lenten Psalm" Hutson

"Jesus . . . look upon us in this city . . . and keep
our sympathy . . . and pity . . . fresh . . . and our
faces heavenward . . . our eyes fixed on You . . .
lest we grow hard."

CALL TO WORSHIP

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.
Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He
shall lift you up. James 4:8,10

HYMN OF PRAISE 275 "Come, We That Love the Lord"

INVOCATION

RESPONSE

Choir & Cong.

Some-thing beau-ti-ful, some-thing good;
All my con-fu-sion He understood;
All I had to of-fer Him was bro-ken-ness and strife,
But He made some-thing beau-ti-ful of my life;
But He made some-thing beau-ti-ful of my life.

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

To all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are
tired and need rest; to all who are friendless and
want friendship; to all who are lonely and seek
companionship; to all who search after sheltering
love; to all who pray, and to all who do not but
ought to; to all who sin and need the Savior - to
whosoever will come - this Church says WELCOME in
the name of Christ Jesus our Lord.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "God So Loved the World" Stainer

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

"Taint what you have but what you give.
Taint where you are but how you live.
Taint what you do but how you do it.
That makes this life worth going through it."

Prayer of Dedication

Giving God's Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "Solitude"

Riggs

Offertory Hymn "Savior, Thy Dying Love"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Thank God for infants so rich in potential goodness.
Thank God for the gifts we see emerging in our
children.

SOLO

"God Lives In My Heart"
W. C. Wickum

O'Hara

MORNING MESSAGE

Hebrews 12:12

Pastor Gillin

". . . tighten the grip of your slipping hands;
stiffen the stand of your knocking knees; and keep
your feet in straight paths . . ."

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHP

"If anyone declares publicly that he belongs to me,
I will do the same for him before my Father in Heaven."
Matt. 10:32

HYMN OF RESPONSE 426 "Is Your Burden Heavy"

SHARING CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT AND CONCERN

BENEDICTION

Pastor: We have been together as brothers and sisters,
as a part of the loving family of God. Praise
God for his presence and his words!

People: We depart, saying one to another: The Lord God
be with you and bless you, may his love live
in your heart, and may you know His joy forever!

RESPONSE

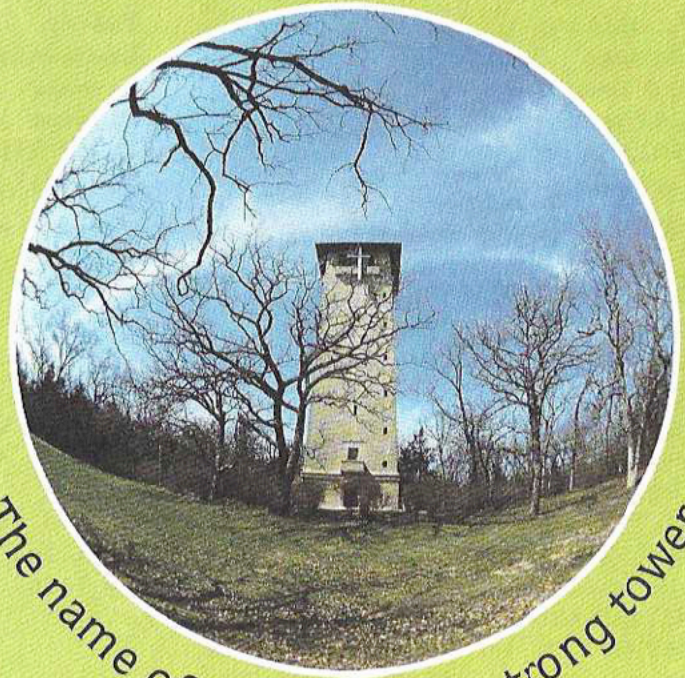
Choir & Cong.

"Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is
stayed on Thee. When the shadows come and darkness
falls, He giveth inward peace. O He is the only per-
fect resting place, He giveth perfect peace! Thou
wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed
on Thee."
Isaiah 26:3

POSTLUDE

"Holy, Holy Holy"

Dykes



The name of the LORD is a strong tower.

Proverbs 18:10a

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February 28, 1988

10:45 a.m.

Gene F. Gillin
Steve Stoner
Mary Lou Lovell
Fred Grubbs
W. C. Wickum
Natalie Mowery

Pastor
Lay Leader
Organist
Pianist
Choir Director
Candlelighter

PRELUDE AND PRAYER "Take My Life" Price
CALL TO WORSHIP
HYMN OF PRAISE 550 "When Morning Guilds the Sky"
INVOCATION
RESPONSE Choir & Cong.

Some-thing beau-ti-ful, some-thing good;
All my con-fusion He understood;
All I had to of-fer Him was bro-ken-ness and strife,
But He made some-thing beau-ti-ful of my life,
But He made some-thing beau-ti-ful of my life.

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS
MINISTRY OF "O Thou to Whose Bach
MUSIC All-Searching Light"

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS
MUSICAL OFFERING "Teach Us Thy Word" Mendelssohn
OFFERTORY HYMN 514 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP
MORNING MESSAGE - First Baptist Youth
"OUR JOYOUS WITNESS: LIVING THE GOSPEL"

HYMN OF RESPONSE 403 "Heavenly Sunlight"
DISMISSAL Philippians 4:7
PEACE OF CHRIST Choir & Cong.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is
stayed on Thee. When the shadows come and darkness
falls, He giveth inward peace. O He is the only per-
fect resting place, He giveth perfect peace! Thou
wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed
on Thee." Isaiah 26:3

POSTLUDE "From Greenlands Icy Mountains" Mansfield

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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Today 9:15 Church School; Pam Faulk, Coordinator
9:30 Teaching Hour; classes for all ages
10:25 Choir rehearsal in Educational Building
10:30 Pre-Service Praise
10:40 Organ Prelude
10:45 Call to Worship - First Baptist Youth Ministering
5:00 Church Membership Class
Tuesday 7:30 Healing Group
Wed. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
8:30 Church Directory Planning
Thur. 7:00 Visitation Ministry
Sunday 10:45 Communion Sunday
4:00 Diaconate Meeting
4:00 Marion Assoc. B.Y.F. Cabinet Meeting in Marion
7:00 Lenten Fellowship at the Palmer House

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER Celebrating birthdays this
week: Jim Ringley (2); Mary Barkeloo (6). Recovering at
home: Don Faulk; Paul & Shirley Edie, Massilon; Fern
Warford, Ada. In Bereavement: Jean Eden, Cinti; Elouise
Meneeley in Sunbury.

LENTEN SUNDAY-NIGHT FELLOWSHIP "Praying through the
Scriptures" is the theme of our fellowship experience
for four evenings in March at the Palmer home, 654
Governors St., 7-8:00 p.m. It will be an informal
gathering of "seekers" ready to experience a deeper
prayer life in the Spirit...an intimacy with God in
meditative prayer. Bring your Bible and a floor pillow
as we assume a posture in prayer that includes the
body, mind and spirit. Leader: Lana Palmer

CALENDARIZING 1988 Your group and organization pro-
gram dates need to be registered on the official monthly
calendar of church activities for this year...all now
awaiting your attention on the walls of the Fellowship Rm.

B.Y.F. STATE CONVENTION Friday-Sunday, March 11-13, in
Toledo. Trinity Baptist Church, Marion, has room on its
bus for those needing transportation. Call Tom Shumate
at Trinity (387-6527).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Sponsored by the Church Women United
of Delaware County... to Open Doors with Brazilian Women
on Friday, March 4, 9:30 a.m. at Radnor Baptist Church,
Radnor, Ohio. Child care provided. Let's have a good
representation of our Baptist Women!

Our Joyous Witness: Living the Gospel

Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus, "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called" (Ephesians 4:1, RSV). These words bring each of us to a moment of reflection. What does it mean to live a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called? To many persons, Paul's words mean being a good steward of all of life.

Have you ever known a person who was a steward of all his or her life resources? If you have, I'm sure that you noted that two of the characteristics of this person's faith were joy and excitement. To know such a person is to know the contagion of an uplifting faith.

For me such a person was a petite lady in her late eighties. Every morning Mrs. Penrose would arise early for her devotions and prayers. She said this was her time of strengthening. After an early breakfast she would work in her yard when the weather permitted. The work was not so much to keep the yard free of weeds but to give her an opportunity to share her faith with those who walked by her home. For those not in too much of a hurry, a moment spent in looking over the flowers or talking to her about the latest concerns brought a lift of spirit. In a concerned but knowing way she would finish the conversation with a word of assurance that everything is in God's keeping. Quietly yet powerfully she demonstrated the importance of letting the joy and excitement of one's faith be seen. As with things of greatest value, across the years the quiet witness of this dear friend has grown even more rich. The joyous witness that she gave has brought me many times to consider also the joyous sharing of my own faith.

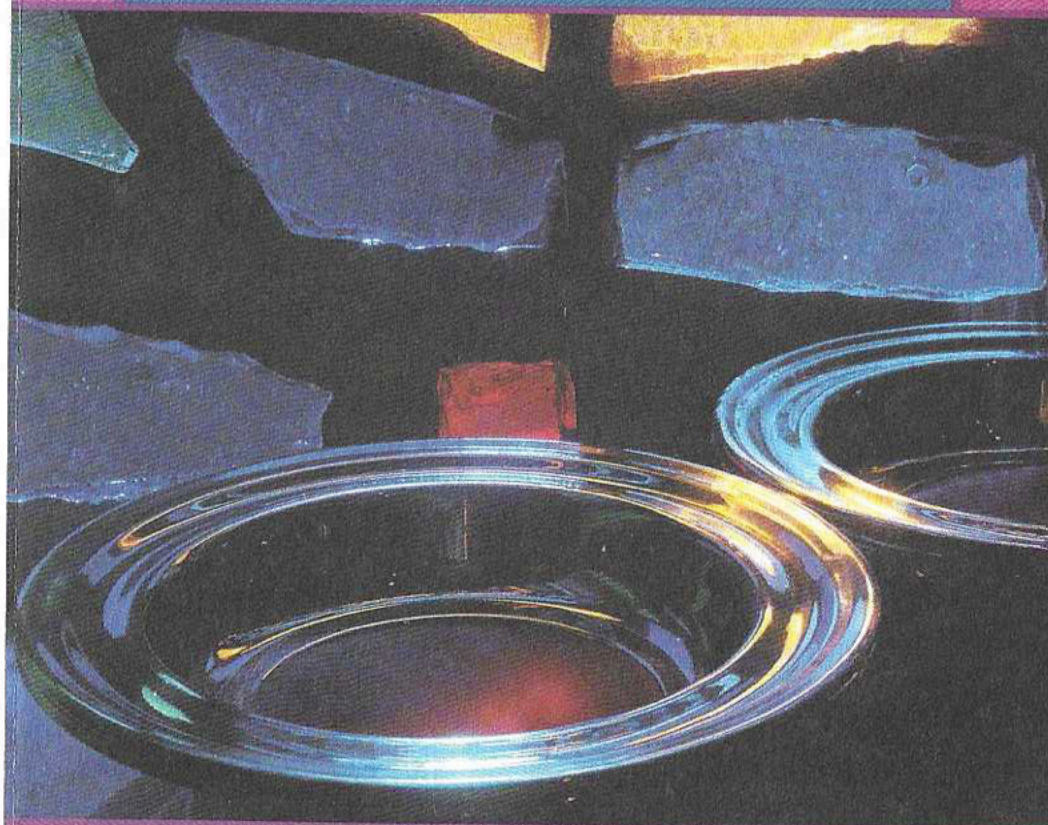
The theme chosen for our America for Christ offering points us to such a call—"Our Joyous Witness: Living the Gospel." The witness we bring must be not only something we talk about but also something we joyfully show.

*Truman G. Sproles
Minister of Church and Community Ministries
and Field Counselor of World Mission Support
American Baptist Churches of Nebraska*



What shall I render
unto the LORD for all his
benefits toward me?

Psalms 116:12



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OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

March 6, 1988

10:45 a.m.

Gene F. Gillin	Pastor
Jim Stephenson	Lay Leader
W. C. Wickum	Choir Director
Mary Lou Lovell	Organist
Fred Grubbs	Pianist
Victor Fogle	Candlelighter

PRELUDE & PRAYER "The Way of the Cross" Benedict

"So when you come together to have the Lord's Supper, wait for one another. Let everyone examine themselves, and so eat of the Bread and drink of the Cup." 1 Cor. 11

CALL TO WORSHIP Choir

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE 1 (2,3,4) "Holy, Holy, Holy"

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

We urge all followers of Christ to observe Christian Communion of the Lord's Supper with us today. Be sure to prepare your heart by making certain your relationships to both Christ and others are what God would approve. Come in a spirit of humility and prayfulness.

DUET "Wonderful" Rudolph

Karen & Stefanie Stoner

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

The 1988 America for Christ Love Offering
Offertory Hymn 204 "There's A Quiet Understanding"
(Those attending Children's Church may leave as we stand to sing.)

Prayer of Dedication

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "Abiding Love" Wells

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Is Not This Bread?"

CHRISTIAN COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

The Scriptures 663 In Response

The Offering "This Holy Feast" Lysberg

Let the scriptures now be fulfilled in our midst, that we bear one another's burdens.

The Hymn of Preparation

Come now to His table, come softly in prayer;
Meet here with the Savior, Communion to share;
Come, break bread together, In light from above;
Eat here of His mercy, Drink here of His love.

"Take, this is my body." Thus saith the Lord;
The wine of redemption, Our Savior has poured;
Do this in remembrance, His death to proclaim;
Come, meet at His table, Partake in His name.

Thanksgiving for The Bread	Pastor Gillin
Thanksgiving for The Cup	Deacon Stephenson
Fellowship Hymn 207 (1) "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"	

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD	Mark 15:21-22
MORNING MESSAGE	Pastor Gillin

1988 America for Christ

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Let this be a sacred time of response and renewal. Feel free to come forward seeking the Lord, whatever your need. If you would like prayer, or wish to make a confession of faith, please come forward as we sing.

HYMN OF RESPONSE 512 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

CHORAL ALLELUIA Choir & Cong.

POSTLUDE "Praise, the Lord, All Ye Nations"

COMING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

Today	9:15 am	Church School; Pam Faulk, Coordinator
	9:15 am	Sunday School Officers & Teachers Meeting

9:30 am Sunday School Classes

10:30 am Diaconate Prayertime in Pastor's Study

10:40 am Organ Prelude

10:45 am Call to Worship

4:00 pm Diaconate Meeting

5:00 pm Church Membership/Discipleship Class

7:00 pm Lenten Sunday-Night Fellowship at the Palmers (654 Governors Street). Child care available at the parsonage (632 Congress Court, one block away).

Mon. 8:00 pm Trustees Meeting

Tue. 7:30 pm Marion Association Trustees

Wed. 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Fri. noon Lenten Lunchtime Program (see newsletter for details)

The March issue of the newsletter is available today. Please be sure to get your copy before leaving.

Say, Mister, I Forgot to Tell You . . .

There was a story told some years ago about a man looking in a store window at a beautiful picture of the crucifixion. A scruffy-looking street child came up and stood next to the man. Wondering if the little urchin really understood the picture, the man asked, "Son, what does it mean?"

"Doncha know?" the child answered, "that there man is Jesus and them others is Roman soldiers, and the woman that's cryin' is his mother, and—they killed him."

The man turned away and in a moment heard pattering footsteps behind him. The little boy said breathlessly, "Say, Mister, I forgot to tell you, but he rose again!"

"*I forgot to tell you.*" It seems to me that a good many Christians and any number of churches have forgotten that the whole gospel is empty and relatively meaningless except as it is validated by the resurrection of Jesus.

The resurrection is *the* decisive event in the whole story of our God who became human to show us the way to life—abundant and eternal. Yet, how often do our lives—our actions, our words, our thoughts—reflect the joy and confident strength that was manifested in the lives of the first disciples following the resurrection of their Master?

They were changed persons. You can read the Gospels and other New Testament books and see the evidence of the power of the resurrection to transform them into an unconquerable people.

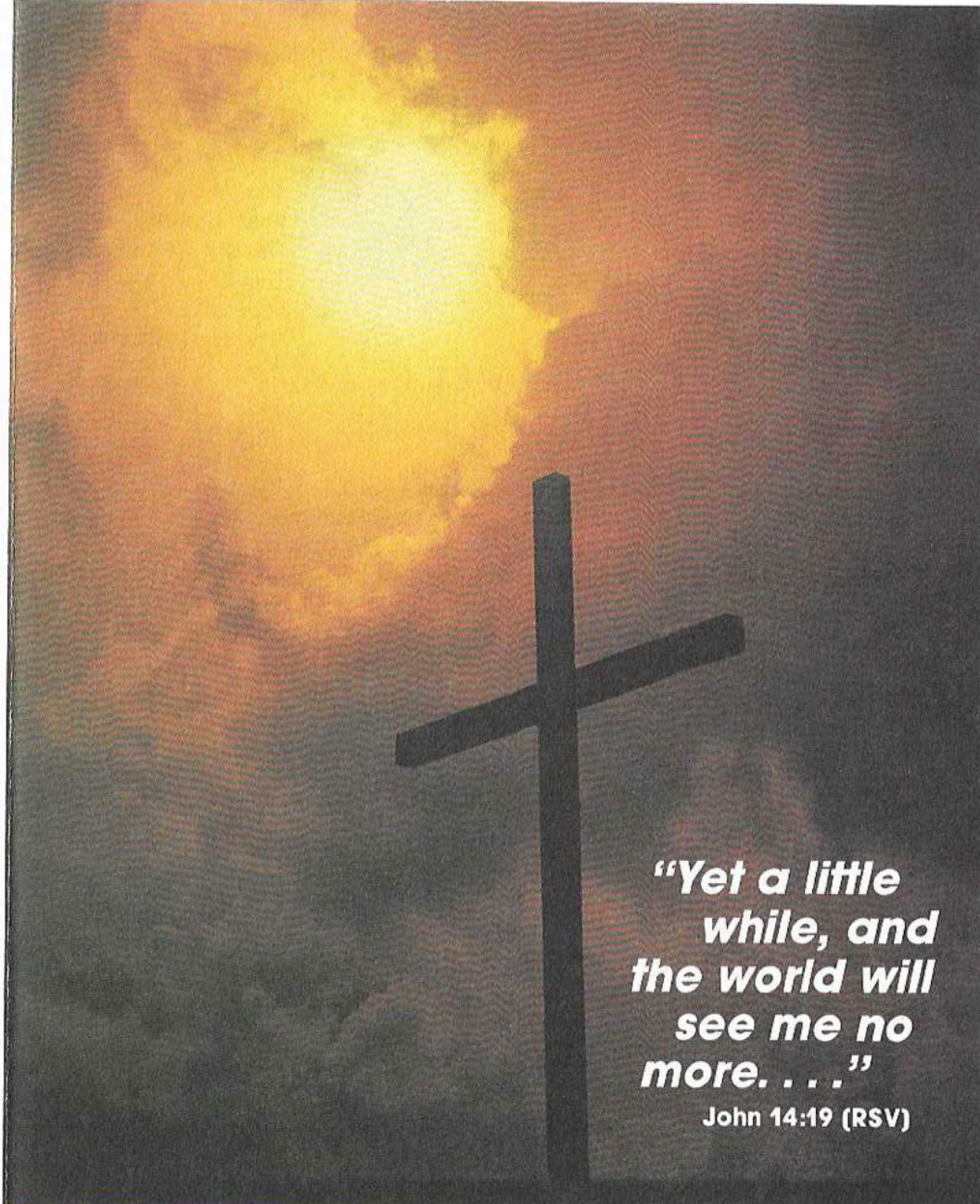
What about us? What about our churches? For example, do we go Sundays to worship with a keen sense of celebration and joy in the Lord? Do we worship with some sense of new life, or is it all rather routine, dull, stuffy, and deadly predictable?

I would hope we Christians and we churches would keep reminding ourselves that the power of Jesus' resurrection and the consequent joy and celebration that it produces in our lives and in the lives of our churches needs to be let loose—not only on Easter but fifty-two weeks a year!

Then, not only will our lives be enriched and meaningful but we will also be witnessing to others that in the living Christ there is *life!*

Will you resolve with me to live "the forgotten news"?

*Russel Hendrickson
First Baptist Church
Bellingham, WA*



***"Yet a little
while, and
the world will
see me no
more. . . ."***

John 14:19 (RSV)

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OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

March 13, 1988 10:45 a.m.
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 Gene F. Gillin Pastor
 Jim Stephenson Lay Leader
 W. C. Wickum Choir Director
 Betty Porter Organist
 Fred Grubbs Pianist
 Matthew Lovell Candlelighter

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PRELUDES AND "Gentle, Holy Savior" Gounod
 PRAYER "Adnus Dei" Bizet
 "With Peace In My Soul" Paxton

The prelude is the veil dropped between everyday life and the sanctuary; the music should separate the world without from the world within. If you must whisper, let it be a prayer.

CALL TO WORSHIP
 HYMN OF PRAISE 245 "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"
 INVOCATION
 RESPONSE "Amazing Grace!" Choir & Cong.

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found,
 Was blind, but now I see.

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS
 MINISTRY "Beneath the Cross" Chesterton
 OF MUSIC of Jesus"

DEDICATION OF OFFERING
 MUSICAL OFFERING "Stand Up for Jesus" Clark
 OFFERTORY SONG Tune: "Amazing Grace"

What can we offer for the grace, we find in ev'ry day?
 How can we show the love we know? Can we God's love repay?
 We simply offer what is yours, the fruits of what you give,
 Enables us to make these gifts, signs of the love we live.
 O let your love work unity, unite us all as one,
 Unite our hopes, our dreams, our lives, In the Life of Your Son.

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP
 MORNING MESSAGE "Amazing Grace" Pastor Gillin
 HYMN OF RESPONSE 240 "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"
 CORINTHIAN BENEDICTION 2 Cor. 13:14
 THREEFOLD AMEN 588 Choir & Cong.
 POSTLUDE "To the Glory of God" Heyser

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Today 9:15am Church School; Pam Faulk, Coordinator
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 10:45am Worship Hour
 5:00pm BYF Bowling Party
 7:00pm Lenten Sunday-Night Fellowship at the Palmers (654 Governors Street); child-care available at the parsonage (632 Congress Court) 1 block away.

Tue. 7:00pm Visitation ministry
 7:30pm Healing Group

Wed. 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thur. 7:00pm Visitation Ministry

Sat. 8:30am Men's Breakfast Meeting at Buns
 7:00pm American Baptist Women's Meeting

Friday noon Lenten Lunchtime Program at William Street Methodist Church. Bring a sacklunch. Beverage provided. Subject: "Great Decision of 1988."

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER Celebrating birthdays this week are: Chris Treese (14th), Kristine Brown (15th), Dave Lovell (18th), Micah Stoner (20th), Natalie Mowery (20th), Norma Hudspith (17th) Thailand, Sandra Schoeninger (17th) India, Pat Coats (18th) Thailand, Tim Long (18th) Dom. Republic, Vonzeal Riddle (18th) Zaire, Gordon Bottomiller (19th) Zaire, Alphonz Lamprecht (19th) Europe. (see bulletin board)
 Hospitalized - Mildred Bowers, Grady, room 301

JUDSON COLLEGE CHOIR In a concert of Sacred Music, Thursday March 24th at Trinity Baptist Church, 220 South Main Street, Marion, at 7:30pm. The program will consist of Classical, Spirituals and Contemporary selections.

MARION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CELEBRATION BANQUET Friday, March 25th, 6:30pm at Tri-Rivers Vocational School, Marion Route 95 East of Route 23. Reservations by March 20 to Fred Grubbs or Betty Porter. Speaker: Bill Keucher, Newark, former president of our Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City.

CANDLELIGHTERS IN MARCH Victor Fogle (6th), Matthew Lovell (today), Evan Trigg (20th), Barbara Lovell (27th).

*Behold, how good and how pleasant
it is for people
to dwell together in unity.
— Psalm 133:1*

Our greatest bond

Perhaps our greatest God-given bond, regardless of race or religious denomination, is our common humanity. The foundation of Judeo-Christian tradition has been built upon the cornerstone-belief that all men and women were created in the image and likeness of their God, a God of compassion and love.

Created in that image we are like a family, growing and thriving on one another's love and concern regardless of age, race or limitation.

Today we have an important responsibility to persons with handicaps. We must ensure that they are received and welcomed into our worship services and related activities, and into our circles of friendship.

Every five minutes a baby is born with mental retardation in the United States. Some 100,000 children born this year will be diagnosed as mentally retarded early in life. Today nearly seven million of our brothers and sisters have mental retardation.

Once isolated and ignored, they now enjoy greater educational and social opportunities. Children with mental retardation now go to schools and share in other activities with their non-handicapped friends. The majority of adults with mental retardation hold responsible jobs and live productive lives in their communities. As old stereotypes reflecting fear and ignorance crumble away, more and more people realize that men, women and children with mental retardation are valuable people to know as neighbors and friends.

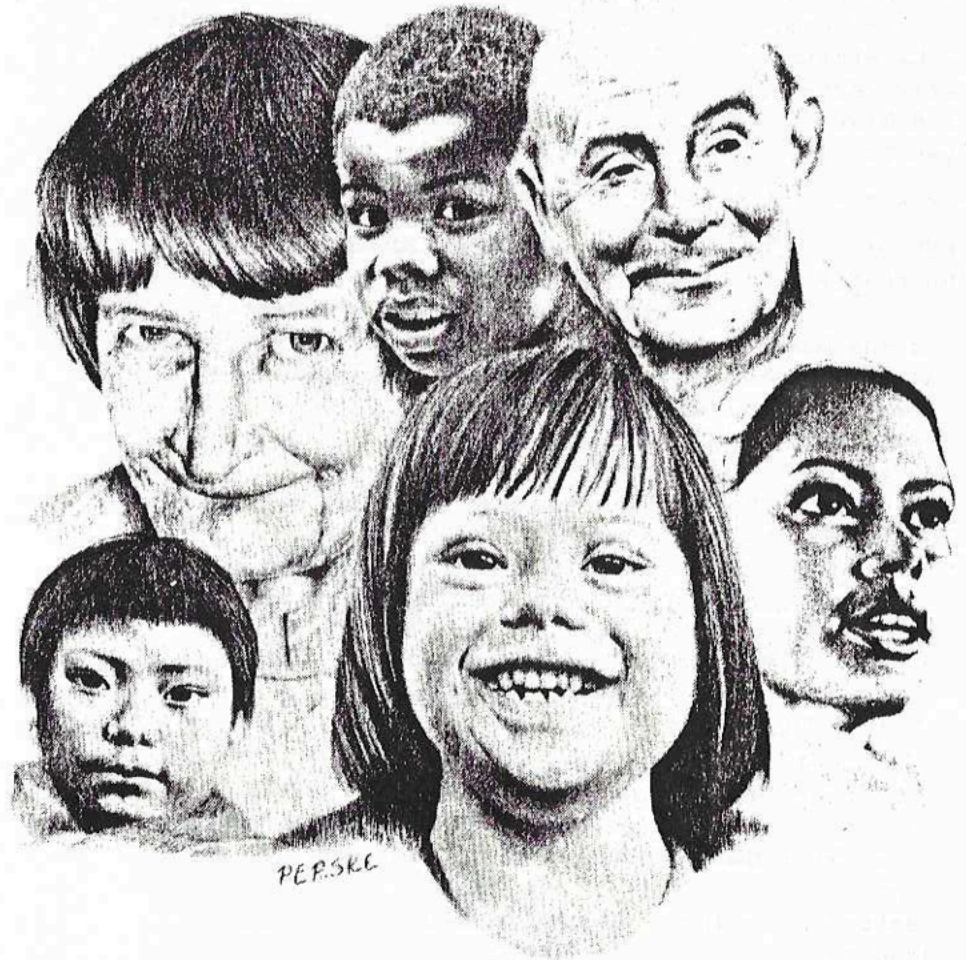
And we can pave the still difficult road people with mental retardation must travel by reducing their vulnerability. Extend your hand to them in friendship. Offer them a warm greeting, a smile, encouragement — the same things all of us value.

Churches and synagogues have a rich opportunity and challenge to open their activities to include persons with mental retardation and their families. With our simple acts of faith — our help and concern — they can work, live and grow in the light of God's love.

A light that should emanate from all of us, God's image and likeness.


Association for Retarded Citizens

The image and likeness . . .



*Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

— Psalm 124:8

*mental retardation
sabbath/sunday*

O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

March 20, 1988

10:45 a.m.

Gene F. Gillin	Pastor
Jim Stephenson	Lay Leader
W. C. Wickum	Choir Director
Betty Porter	Organist
Fred Grubbs	Pianist
Evan Trigg	Candlelighter

PRELUDES	"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"	Hughes
AND PRAYER	"I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"	Sewell
	"With Peace In My Soul"	Paxton

On this Sunday of Lent, what is the most important single thing about you? What are you depending on the most when you die and stand before your maker?

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 578 Choir

INVOCATION
*HYMN OF PRAISE 294 "I Stand Amazed in the Presence of God"

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS
Reach out and greet someone near you in worship today. Help our guests to find a registration card and leave a record of their visit with us.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Did Jesus Weep for Me?" Wilson
Soloist - Karen Stoner

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP
*Hymn 509

Prayer of Dedication
God bless the church in Delaware that hears the community's cry... the church that sows the seed of the WORD where the city folk pass by.

Musical Offering "Blessed Art Thou" Higgins
*Response "Doxology"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP
SOLO "He Was There All the Time" Paxton

MORNING MESSAGE Mark 6:1-6 Pastor Gillin
"Failures and Forgiveness"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP
Those who wish to declare their faith in Christ and unite with the church are invited to come forward during the hymn.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 267 "Jesus, I Come"

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN 588
POSTLUDE "The Power and the Glory"

Choir & Cong.
Nordman

(*congregation stands)

O U R L I F E T O G E T H E R

Today	9:15	Church School; Pam Faulk, coordinator
	9:30	Teaching Hour
	10:45	Worship Hour
	5:00	Board of Christian Education
	5:30	B.Y.F. meeting at the church
	7:00	Lenten Fellowship at the Palmers (654 Governors) with Childcare at the parsonage (632 Congress Crt.).
Monday	7:00	Parish Council
Tuesday	7:00	Peacemakers Quilt Guild
	7:00	Visitation Ministry - Bob Houston & Steve Stoner
	7:00	Healing Group
Wednesday	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00	Visitation Ministry - Jim Stephenson
Friday	6:30	Marion Association Banquet
	7:00	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	5:00	Wycoff-Alexander Wedding
Sunday	10:45	Palm Sunday Worship

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NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH - North Baptist Church announces a Crusade for Christ on Sunday, March 20 through Wednesday, March 23rd, 7pm, 76 East Charleston Avenue, Columbus. Rev. Larry Taylor, Evangelist.

FINAL FRIDAY LUNCHTIME PROGRAM - At William Street Methodist Church. Subject - Western Europe: Between the Superpowers. Bring a sack lunch. Beverage provided.

PALM SUNDAY PRAISE - Our Sanctuary choir will lead us in our worship through beloved anthems, solos, trios, and instrumental praise in a mini-cantata arranged by our director, Wilbur Wickum. Please invite friends and family to this and all of our Holy Week Services.

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST - Our Fellowship offers you resources for spiritual help and guidance. If you would like to make this your church home, please indicate this on the pew card and place it in the offering plate.

Blessed Is the King!

How fleeting were those moments on that first Palm Sunday. It was a day filled with excitement . . . the triumphant entry, this strange man on a donkey, the crowds. For a few hours Jesus was “the talk of the city.” And then suddenly, silence.

As quickly as it had begun, the parades were over, the crowds gone. Silence descended over the city. Jesus was left alone . . . already forgotten by many of the revelers, remembered by a few as the “reason for the parade.” The city turned to other events and things.

Relatively alone, Jesus faced the ominous threat of a friend’s betrayal, the humiliation of a religious court, and the ultimate sacrifice of his life on a cross. Time must have weighed heavily on him and the few friends who surrounded him during the nights and days that were to follow.

We remember and celebrate that grand entrance into Jerusalem. It is a festive time made even more festive by the fact that we know something that none of the early celebrants knew. Death was defeated. Jesus’ antagonists were beaten. He really was King! There was a resurrection! He lives!

SHOUT IT OUT! “Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord” (Matthew 21:9, KJV).

Keith Levon



*Hosanna: Blessed is the
King of Israel
that cometh
in the name
of
the Lord.*

—John 12:13

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- Today 9:15 Church School; Pam Faulk, Coordinator
- 9:30 Teaching Hour; Classes For All Ages
- 10:45 Worship Hour; Choral Praise, Palms + Preaching
- 5:00 Church Membership Class
- 7:00 Lenten Sunday Night Fellowship at the Palmers
- Monday 7:00 Visitation Ministry
- Tuesday 7:30 Healing Group
- Wednesday 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday 7:30 Maundy Thursday Candlelight Communion
- Friday 12:00 Good Friday Service - St. Mary's
- Sunday 7:00 Community Sunrise Service, Gazebo, O.W.U.
- 8:00 Early Worship In Sanctuary
- 8:30 Buffet Breakfast In Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 Church Family Program
- 10:45 Easter Worship

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating birthdays this wk:
 Adam Mowery(2) Missionaries: Marge Fletcher(28)Oakland,
 Calif. George Pixley(29)Nicaragua; Deborah Heneise(30)
 Haiti; Gene Gregory(1)N. J. Francisco Litardo(2)R. I.

EASTER FLOWERS IN WORSHIP - Those who wish to provide
 flowers in loving memory of family and friends are re-
 quested to have them brought to the sanctuary on Saturday
 when the church will be open to facilitate these deliveries.
 If you wish your memorial recorded in the church bulletin
 please call Jim Stephenson or the Pastor.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST - Lana Palmer reports that we are still
 some important dollars short of our 1988 goal of \$250.00
 as we close this month's emphasis on our mission in America.
 Our full participation is critical for our national mission
 as well as our in-state mission here in OHIO - Neighborhood
 Centers, Ministry to Poor + Homeless, Racetrack Ministries,
 and our Youth Camping Programs all depend upon one-third
 of our gifts to this love offering. Many Thanks!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY - Jim Stephenson

NURSERY WORKER TODAY - Alison Mowery

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADER - Carol Fogle

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OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

March 27, 1988

10:45 a.m.

Gene F. Gillin	Pastor
Jim Stephenson	Lay Leader
W. C. Wickum	Choir Director
Betty Porter	Organist
Mary Lou Lovell	Pianist
Barbara Lovell	Candlelighter

PRELUDES	"A Spring Song"	Stairs
AND PRAYER	"A Lenten Prayer"	Harvell
	"The Palms"	Faure
	"Open the Gates"	Knapp

Let us pray to God. Let us be still. Let us clear our minds of thoughts which take our attention from our Lord. Let us feel God's presence. Let us know God's power. Let us pray through the prelude.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship and find peace and challenge to live in this hour together. Seek the Lord and find the Master of Living, who in offering up Himself to death gave us the freedom to live in the salvation of our God. Hosanna to him who comes in the Name of the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 85 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*INVOCATION

*RESPONSE

Choir & Cong.

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
 Give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
 Keep me burning 'til the break of day.
 SING HOSANNA, SING HOSANNA, SING HOSANNA TO THE KING OF KINGS!
 SING HOSANNA, SING HOSANNA, SING HOSANNA TO THE KING!

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

In the name of our triumphal Lord and in the fellowship of First Baptist Church - WELCOME!

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." 2 Cor. 8:9

*Offertory Song "Doxology"

*Prayer of Dedication

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "He Shall Feed His Flock"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

*Children's Hymn 134 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

(Those attending Children's Church come forward on the last stanza)
Prayer of Blessing.

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 623

In Response

MESSAGE IN CHORAL PRAISE AND PREACHING

MESSAGE - "Joy in Jesus"
Matthew 21:1-11

Pastor Gillin

ANTHEM - "Hosanna in the Highest"
Soprano solo - Karen Stoner

Hughes

SCRIPTURE - Crucifixion of Jesus
Mark 15:12-15, 21-37

In Unison

SOLO - "Before the Crucifix"
Fred Grubbs

Stainer

ANTHEM - "When I Survey the
Wondrous Cross"
Tenor Solo - Wilbur Wickum

Mozart

SCRIPTURE - Burial of Jesus
Matthew 27:57-61

ANTHEM - "Lovingly They Laid Him in
a Borrowed Tomb"

Parks

SCRIPTURE - Resurrection of Jesus
Luke 24:1-9

In Unison

ANTHEM - "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Rasley

SCRIPTURE - God's Love in Jesus
John 3:16-17

In Unison

ANTHEM - "What Wonderous Love is This"
Violin obbligato - Stefanie Stoner

Mansfield

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Those who would confess their faith in Christ and unite with his church are invited to come forward during the hymn. The Pastor will meet you there.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 273 "Give Me Thy Heart"

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN

Choir & Cong.

POSTLUDE

"With Sounding Brass"

Nordman

Maundy Thursday Candlelight Communion
3/31/88

Call To Communion

INVOCATION

HYMN 90 "Near The Cross"

RESPONSIVE READING 403

CHOIR "Thy Life Was Given For Me"

MESSAGE

HYMN 2 "In The Garden"

COMMUNION

Prayers Of Preparation
Thanksgiving For The Bread
Thanksgiving For The Cup

HYMN 42 "Blest Be The Tie"

DISMISSAL

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. . . .”
(1 Corinthians 15:20)

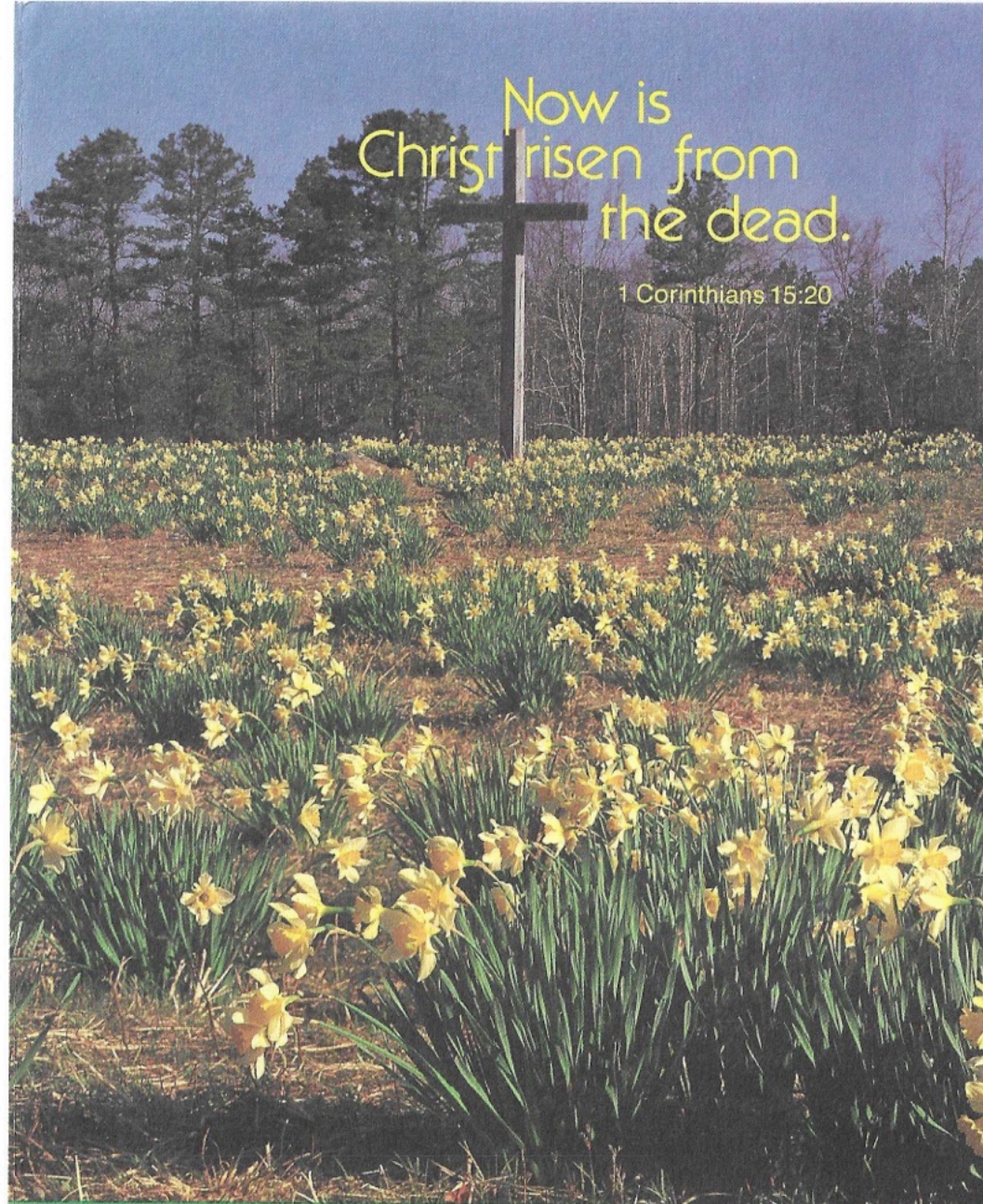
Easter is more than springtime, eggs, and bunnies. The message of Easter is “Now is Christ risen!” And his resurrection relates to the realities of life.

Our Lord’s resurrection took place in our real world, where death seems to have the last word. Theologian Karl Barth wrote, “The resurrection did not take place in a heavenly or supra-heavenly realm, or as part of an intra-divine movement or a divine conversation, but before the gates of Jerusalem in the days of Tiberias Caesar and therefore in the place and time which are also ours, in our sphere.”

Our Lord’s resurrection gives meaning to our dying. In the closing days of World War II, the Nazis took Dietrich Bonhoeffer from his cell in Flossenburg prison to be executed. His last words were to his fellow prisoner: “This is . . . for me the beginning of life!”

Our Lord’s resurrection gives meaning to our current experience. Methodism’s founder, John Wesley, wrote: “I believe in the resurrection not because I can explain it, but because it happened to me.” Martin Luther made the same point when he spoke of a “Christ-filled world.”

Our Lord’s resurrection should also be seen in our lives and witness. When actor Ben Kingsley arrived in a small village in India, he was made up and costumed as Gandhi, ready to shoot a scene. As he got out of the car, some villagers knelt down to kiss his feet. He quickly remonstrated and said that he was only playing the part of Gandhi. They responded, “We know that, but through you he will live again.” Our risen Lord is in us not only for our comfort but for our witness. Through this witness he will live again in the hearts of others.



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Easter Early Service
April 3, 1988
8:00 am

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #151 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING: "He Is Risen"
by Helen Kitchell Evans

Let us welcome the King of Glory
Who has risen from the tomb!
He is risen! He is risen!
Bless His holy name.
Let us welcome the Savior triumphant
Who rolled the stone away!
He is risen! He is risen!
Bless His holy name.
Let us give glad acclaim
For the Lord of life and glory!
He is risen! He is risen!
Bless His holy name.
Let us praise the victory
That we celebrate today!
He is risen! He is risen!
Bless His holy name.

A Businessman Meets the Cross by Harry Parker

*HYMN, #158 "I Serve a Risen Savior"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*(congregation stands)

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- TODAY: 8:00 - Early Worship
8:30 - Buffet Breakfast
9:30 - Church Family Program
10:45 - Morning Worship
- TUESDAY 7:00 - Visitation Ministry
7:30 - Healing Group
- WED. 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal
8:00 - Worship Planning
- THURS. 7:00 - Visitation Ministry
- FRI. 7:00 - B.Y.F. Retreat-Judson Hills
- SUNDAY 10:45 - AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week:
W.C. Wickum (4), Dick Payne (7), Mary Ann Ballengee (7)
Missionaries: Bob Wallace, K.C. Kansas (6), Orville
Chapman, Zaire (10)

DIACONATE MEETING, APRIL 10, 4 pm - Agenda: 1) Updated
Church Directory, 2) Home Ministry of Communion, 3)
Watchcare Visitation Ministry, 4) Church Retreat planning

JUDSON BIBLE SERIES PREVIEW -

Karl Road Baptist Church-Saturday, April 16
Our Educational Ministries Staff from National Office
will be with us to interpret our new curriculum pre-
pared by American Baptists for American Baptists,
beginning in September.

"CANPAIGN 1988" - April 17-23 - For People-In-Need, Inc.
Food Pantry ministry in Delaware. For your support
see BYF members and Beth Trigg. Thanks!!

COMMUNITY BLOODMOBILE - Monday, April 18, 10 a.m. to
4 p.m., William Street Meth. Church. Call 362-2021
or 548-7300 for appointment. Babysitting provided.

QUARTERLY CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, April 24, 1988 - 12 Noon - Written reports
from Boards and Committees, BYF, ABW, ABM, Church
School will facilitate the work of our Clerk and
help the progress of the meeting.

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EASTER SUNDAY April 3, 1988

Gene F. Gillin Pastor
Larry Faulk Assisting
W.C. Wickum Choir Director
Mary Lou Lovell Organist
Fred Grubbs Pianist
Evan Trigg Candlelighter

PRELUDES "Welcome, Happy Morning!" Sciveyner
AND PRAYER "Thine Is the Handel
Glory, Risen Conquering Son"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him. 1 Cor. 15:20; Rev. 19:6.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 163 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*INVOCATION

*RESPONSE Choir & Cong.
He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess That Jesus Christ is Lord.

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 644 In Response

MINISTRY OF "Resurrection Song" Gaither
MUSIC

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. 2 Cor. 5:15

*Offertory Song "Doxology"
Prayer of Dedication
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Musical Offering "Offertoire" Mourlan

SOLO "Holy City" Adams
W. C. Wickum

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

*Children's Hymn 284 "Yesterday He Died for Me"
(Those attending Children's Church may come forward)
Prayer of Blessing

EASTER MESSAGE 1 Cor. 15 Pastor Gillin

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day: and that he appeared to Peter, then to the twelve and to many faithful witnesses.

We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God! Amen!

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you confess with you mouth, JESUS IS LORD, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 165 "Christ Arose"

Those who would confess their faith in Christ and unite with his church are invited to come forward during the hymn. The Pastor will meet you at the communion table.

*DISMISSAL

Pastor: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: AND WITH YOU.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, Christ has risen!

People: THE LORD HAS RISEN INDEED, HALLELUJAH!

All: HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH!

*OUR GOING FORTH

Choir & Cong.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow,

Because He lives all fear is gone;

Because I know He holds the future.

And life is worth the living just because He lives!

POSTLUDE "A Joyous Acclamation" Smith

(*congregation stands)

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

From One Generation To The Next

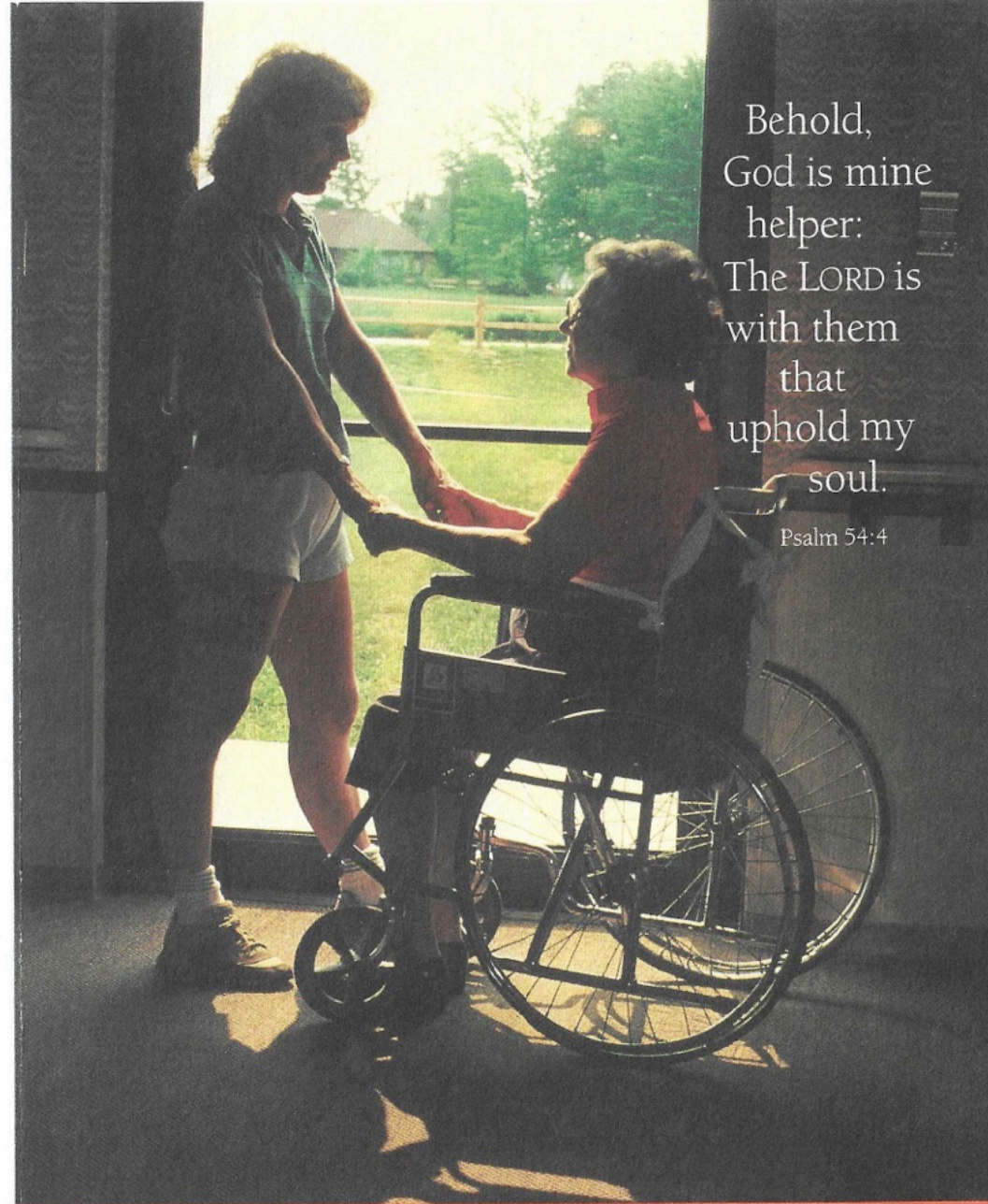
The beauty of this passage is its promise. God is always ready and willing to offer assistance. That was what Israel knew and understood. From one generation to the next the word was passed: "God cares for Israel. We are the chosen children." Upon that faith a nation was built and continues.

The current word is that God still cares. Assistance is still available. It is there for the asking. Even though God knows us better than we know ourselves, asking is the first step toward acknowledging that we need help. It becomes the first step in helping ourselves.

Much of the time God helps through our friends, family, church, and sometimes through strangers. Too often we forget that these people cannot read our minds. They have no crystal ball into which they can peer and see the troubled waters of our living. Help is not offered and the pain cuts even sharper. How can someone *not* see, not know the pain we feel.

One of the old truisms is that it is better to give than to receive. It is also easier to share the joys and pleasures of life than the aches and pains. If family life and friendships are to flourish, both types of sharing are needed. There is no substitute.

"Behold. God is mine helper . . ." (Psalm 54:4). Act on it today.



Behold,
God is mine
helper:
The LORD is
with them
that
uphold my
soul.

Psalm 54:4

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April 10, 1988

A.B.W. Sunday

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Linda Reid	Guest Speaker
Lana Palmer	Lay Leader
Mary Lou Lovell	Organist
Betty Porter	Pianist
Deborah Lovell, Erin Faulk	Greeters
Virginia Houston, Carol Fogle,	Ushers
Alison Mowry, Bertha VanBrimmer	
Marci Sander	Candlelighter

PRELUDES AND PRAYER	"Come, Ye Faithful"	Hughes
	"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"	Livingston

CALL TO WORSHIP Beth Trigg

*HYMN OF PRAISE 161 "The Strife is Over"

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*RESPONSE "He Is Lord" Choir & Cong. Insert

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

RESPONSIVE READING 662 Marge Smale

SPECIAL MUSIC "Awake, Thou Wintry Earth" Dutch Carol

OFFERTORY Prayer of Dedication Pam Faulk

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "He Reigns in Light Above" Blake

*Response "Doxology"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

*CHILDREN'S HYMN 160 "Sons and Daughters" verses 1 & 2

(Those attending Children's Church may come forward during the second verse)

Prayer of Blessing Ruth Gillin

SCRIPTURE

*HYMN 160 "O Sons and Daughters" verses 3,4,5

MESSAGE

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*HYMN 158 "I Serve A Risen Savior"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE "Christ Is Risen" Insert

POSTLUDE "Alleluia, Christ Is Risen" Ritter (*congregation stands)

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Today	9:15	Church School
	9:30	Teaching Hour; classes for all ages
	10:45	Worship Hour; Chaplain Linda Reid, Guest Minister
	4:00	Deacons Meeting
	5:00	Church membership class
Tue.	7:00	Visitation Ministry
	7:30	Healing Group
Wed.	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thur.	7:00	Visitation Ministry
Sat.	9:00	Judson Curriculum Preview, Karl Rd. B.C.

CORRECTION: There was a typographical error in this month's newsletter. It should have stated that there will be a men's breakfast at Buns, 8:30am, Saturday April 23rd.

Remember Today and Never Forget

Deuteronomy 4:39 (TEV) reads, "So remember today and never forget: the LORD is God in heaven and on earth. There is no other god."

Surrounded by things they didn't understand and continuously threatened by warring nations and new gods wherever they went, the people of Israel were often in need of the reassuring word that God is not just god, but *the God* of all that is seen and unseen, heaven and earth.

"Take to heart," comes the reassuring voice, "you are the chosen ones of God . . . remember what God has already done for you . . . look to the past to have hope for the future."

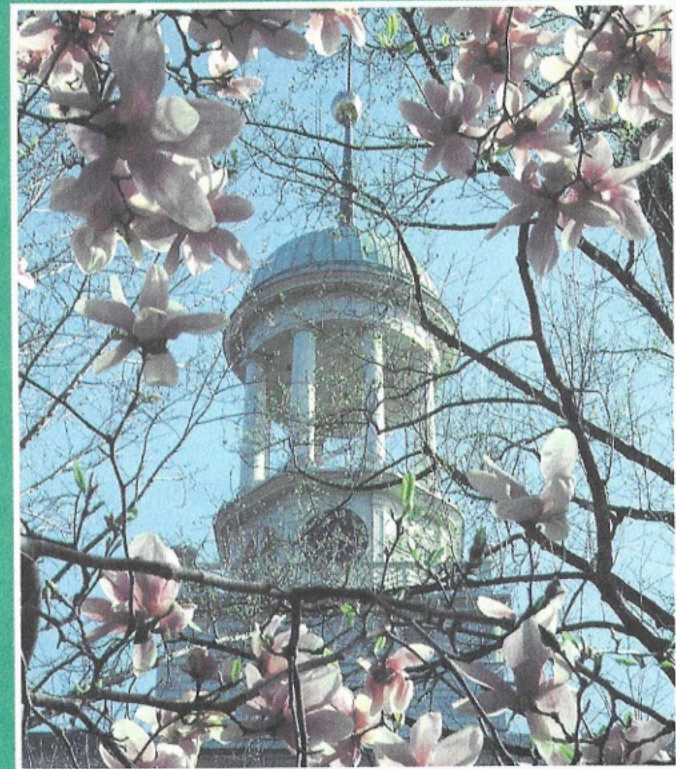
That is good advice for us also. When we are feeling depressed, worried about money, insecure about major changes, overwhelmed by the complexities of life, we need to take time to remember how we have been helped before . . . what God through friends, family, church, and prayer has accomplished in our lives.

In the next verse Moses went on to say, "You will continue to live in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to be yours forever."

Remember and don't forget . . . the Lord is God.

Take to heart that
the LORD is God in heaven
above and on
the earth below.

Deuteronomy 4:39



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O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

April 17, 1988

10:45 a.m.

Gene F. Gillin	Pastor
Larry Faulk	Lay Leader
W. C. Wickum	Choir Director
Mary Lou Lovell	Organist
Fred Grubbs	Pianist
Micah Stoner	Candlelighter

PRELUDE "Sing With Carrier
 AND PRAYER The Spirit"
 "God bless the church that makes the city core a place for an Altar
 of Prayer . . . with a heart for the rich and a heart for the
 poor . . . and rejoices in their burdens to share."

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 177(1) Choir

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE 177(2,3,4)

*RESPONSE Choir & Cong.
 He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead
 and He is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue
 confess that Jesus is Lord.

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Love Divine" Jones

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

"CHARITY, the mother of PATIENCE, has given her as a sister to
 OBEDIENCE, and so closely unites them together that one cannot be
 lost without the other." - Catherine of Siena

Prayer of Dedication

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "O Love That Will Hughes
 Not Let Me Go"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Hymn 367 "Fill All My Vision"

(Those attending Children's Church may come forward on the
 last stanza)

Prayer of Blessing

MORNING MESSAGE Acts 1:4 Pastor Gillin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*Hymn of Response 506 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*DISMISSAL

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Marche Gothique" Koury

(*congregation stands)

O U R L I F E T O G E T H E R

Today 9:15 Church School, Pam Faulk, Coordinator
 9:30 Teaching Hour - Classes for all ages
 10:45 Worship Hour - Acts 1:4
 12:00 B.Y.F. Fieldtrip
 3:00 American Baptist Women's meeting at the church;
 Program: "Health and Wholeness Overseas"
 8:00 Benefit concert (P.I.N. & A.R.C.) at Gray Chapel

Monday 10:00 Community Bloodmobile (362-2021 & 548-7300)
 7:00 Parish Council meeting

Tuesday 7:00 Visitation Ministry - Larry Faulk
 7:30 Healing Group at the VanBrimmers

Wed. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thur. 10:00 Marion Association A.B.W. meeting at Bryn Zion
 Baptist Church in Mt. Gilead. Program: "Holistic
 Healing"
 7:00 Visitation Ministry

Sat. 8:30 Men's breakfast meeting at Buns

Sunday 12:00 Quarterly Business Meeting
 7:00 Board of Christian Education at Lovells

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating special days
 this week: Nellie Sheets (23); Michael Grubbs(24);
 Missionaries - Joanna Hodges, Haita (18); Patricia
 Weidman, India (18); Leon Emmert, Zaire (20); Ken
 Smith, Milwaukee (21); Dr. Dan Fountain, Zaire (22);
 Ms. Sigrid Lindland, Zaire (23); Congratulations to
 Steve & Sophia Stephenson celebrating their anniversary
 today; We extend christian sympathy to Bertha VanBrimmer
 on the death of her aunt in Kentucky and to Sophia
 Stephenson on the death of her sister in California

**“Rejoice for Ever in That Which I Create”
(Isaiah 65:18)**

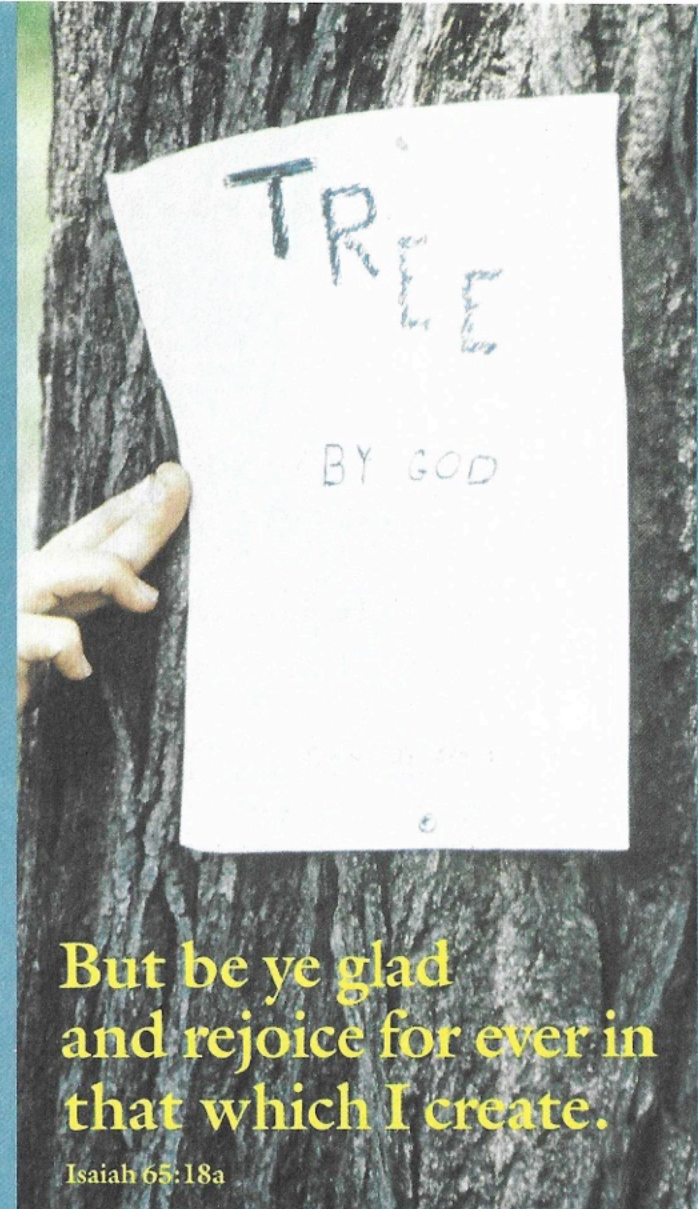
Today is American Baptist Camps and Conference Sunday. We remember and celebrate the wisdom of our early Baptist leaders who had the foresight to establish a series of camp and conference centers across our denomination.

From the West Coast to the Atlantic Ocean, from our national conference center at Green Lake to association retreat centers, American Baptists of all ages retreat to meditate, study, share the Good News, and celebrate new Christian friendships.

What makes this ministry so unique is its “exception to the rule” of living for most of us. We stop work, we leave home, we commit time to be in place where life is focused on the particular subject being studied. We eat, relax, pray, study, and worship with the same groups of people, and that leads to important conversations, intimate sharings of faith, and the building of new or the strengthening of old friendships.

The settings are all quite different. Some are on college campuses; others are in well-equipped conference centers; and some are in rustic settings in the mountains and valleys of the countryside. Wherever they are, their purpose is the same—to provide American Baptists with a place and a program through which they can hear and share the gospel and work to become better disciples.

There is still time for you to participate. Ask your pastor about the kinds of programs available through your Region. Rejoice in that which has been created by experiencing it.



**But be ye glad
and rejoice for ever in
that which I create.**

Isaiah 65:18a

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IT'S A CELEBRATION!

Come Join Us for our 30th Year Anniversary
1958-1988

JUDSON HILLS BAPTIST CAMP

☆☆ OPEN HOUSE ☆☆

DATE: Saturday, May 7, 1988
TIME: 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
(informal dinner at 4:30)
PLACE: JUDSON HILLS CAMP AND
CONFERENCE CENTER
3298 Township Road #629
Loudonville, Ohio 44842
419/994-4657

- An exciting time is planned
- Music
 - Handbell Choir
 - Puppet Presentation
 - Dedication of New Facility

A SPECIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD IN FRONT
OF THE NEW FACILITY TO
DEDICATE AND OFFICIALLY NAME IT

▷ Suggestions for a name for the new building are being accepted. If you have an idea, please send it to the Camp Board at the above address. If your suggestion is chosen, you could win a free night's stay at the new facility.

It's a good time to look up some old camping buddies



AMERICA FOR CHRIST YOUTH PROGRAM

Please reserve applause until the completion of the
entire program. Thank you.

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Jeff Faulk.....Narrator

Junior Choir..... Only a Boy Named David (Arnotte)

- Emilie Trigg
- Barbara Lovell
- Laura Mowery
- Adam Mowery
- Stephanie Sealey
- Accompanist: Jerrod Trigg

Erin Faulk & Marcie Sanders..... Talent Display
Victor Fogle Presented by: Pam Faulk

Micah Stoner.....Original Poetry

Jeff Faulk.....Trombone:

Its a Small World

This World is My World!

Jerrod Trigg..... Piano:

Holy, Holy, Holy

This is the Day

Stephanie Stoner.....A Message for

AMERICA FOR CHRIST

Matthew Lovell.....My, Didn't it Rain?

(C. Mourer)

Accompanist: F. Grubbs

Evan Trigg.....Let Go, Let God

(Helen S. Rice)

Natalie Mowery..... Selected Readings

Stephanie Stoner..... He's Everything to Me

Allison Grubbs..... Piano: Softly & Tenderly

Jesus is calling.

Debbie Lovell.....

Violin: A Concertina,

Allegro Assai (Kuchner)

Thank you, one and all for your efforts on
behalf of AMERICA FOR CHRIST!

O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

April 24, 1988

10:45 a.m.

Gene F. Gillin	Pastor
Larry Faulk	Assisting
W. C. Wickum	Choir Director
Mary Lou Lovell	Organist
Fred Grubbs	Pianist
Natalie Mowery	Candlelighter

PRELUDE & PRAYERS "Wings of Faith" Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Faith is the Victory"

*INVOCATION

*RESPONSE Choir & Cong.
 He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and
 He is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue
 confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

DUET "All in the April Evening" Roberton
 Ruth Gillin & W. C. Wickum

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

When you have nothing left but God, then for the first time you become aware that God is enough.

Prayer of Dedication
 Giving of Tithes and Offerings
 Musical Offering "Sarabande" Corelli

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

*Hymn 317 "Blessed Assurance"
 (Those attending Children's Church may come forward on the last stanza)

Prayer of Blessing

MORNING MESSAGE John 20:28 Pastor Gillin
 "A Great Leap of Faith"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*Hymn of Response 366 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

*DISMISSAL

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Because He lives I can face tomorrow.
 Because He lives all fear is gone.
 Because I know He holds the future.
 And life is worth the living just because He lives.

POSTLUDE "Built on the Rock" Raslyer

O U R L I F E T O G E T H E R

Today	12:00	Quarterly Business Meeting
	1:00	Trustees Meeting
	6:00	Membership/Discipleship Class
	7:00	Bd. of Christian Ed. at Lovells
Monday	7:00	Delaware Piecemakers
Tuesday	7:00	White Cross Meeting at the church
	7:00	Visitation Ministry - Larry Faulk
Wednesday	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00	Visitation Ministry - Steve Stoner
Friday	7:00	Jr. High Baptist Youth Festival at Marion

The May issue of the newsletter will be available next Sunday. Please submit your articles to Jim by Wednesday.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating special days this week: Michael Grubbs (24); Mary McKean (25); Deborah Lovell (25);

CROSS IN THE SANCTUARY - Many have expressed appreciation for the large wooden cross in the chancel during Lenten and Easter worship. Thanks to Steve Stoner and Dave Lovell for constructing and suspending it. Our open, lighted baptistry will be restored on Sunday, May 8.

CAMPAIGN 1988 - for People In Need, Inc. Food Pantry Ministry in Delaware. Bring your special grocery bags of food to the sanctuary for dedication today. Thanks for your kind support of our B.Y.F. and Beth Trigg in this community service project.

DISPLAYS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION - In the sanctuary for today only - Scriptures on Cassettes (N.T. \$18; Bible \$59). In the Ed. Building - New Judson Bible Study Materials beginning Sept. 1988. In the Assembly Room - Ohio Baptist Camping Program registration materials.

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children.

Ephesians 5:1

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. . . .”
(Ephesians 5:1)

In another place Paul had the courage and audacity to invite his readers to imitate himself! Do any of us have the courage and confidence to say that to our dearly loved children? Courage or not, our children will imitate us for good or ill.

I remember a turning point and moment of enlightenment for myself as a parent. My son was in a bad mood and beginning to express it. On this particular occasion he struck me with his hand in anger. Automatically I reacted by slapping his hand, and as I did, I shouted at him, “Don’t ever hit anyone!”

Then a light flashed in my mind. I struck him while telling him that he was not to hit anyone. I’m confident that he felt the conflict between what I said and what I did. I wondered for a moment, but regretfully I knew then that he was only imitating me even then. He had done his homework and had learned his lessons well. When he struck me in anger, I saw myself.

During this week why don’t we be imitators of Christ in yet another way? He called us to an awareness of our weaknesses and reminded us of the necessity of confession. Another healing moment in my life occurred when I was able to confess honestly to my son that I had made a mistake in the way in which I had corrected him. Then I asked for his forgiveness. Guess what happened! He forgave me, but then he imitated me! He confessed his own feelings of failure as a son. It was a joyous moment as our forgiveness of each other healed our apartness.



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OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

May 1, 1988 10:45 a.m.
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Gene F. Gillin Pastor
 Steve Stoner Lay Leader
 W. C. Wickum Choir Director
 Mary Lou Lovell Organist
 Fred Grubbs Pianist
 Matthew Lovell Candlelighter

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PRELUDE & PRAYER "Wonderful Peace" Hughes

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE AND PEACE 519

"Peace In Our Time, O Lord"

INVOCATION

LORD'S PRAYER Unison

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "I'll Walk With Him" Scriveyner

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

"The dead hold in their hands only what they have given away."
 -Carl Sandburg

Prayer of Dedication

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "Song of Spring" Troutman

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

*Hymn 285 "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It"

(Those attending Children's Church may come forward on the last stanza)

Prayer of Blessing

SOLO - W.C. Wickum "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Miller/Jackson

MORNING MESSAGE Luke 19:42 Pastor Gillin

"The Things That Make For Peace"

CHRISTIAN COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Fellowship Offering

Musical Offering "He Shall Be Their Shepherd"

*Hymn of Preparation 260 (1,2,5)

Thanksgiving for the Bread and the Cup

*Fellowship Circle and Hymn 207 (1)

Passing The Peace of Christ

POSTLUDE "The Majesty of God" Dexter

(*congregation stands)

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Today 12:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour
 12:30 BYF Ministry of flowers to shut-ins
 2:00 Worship at Delaware Court
 Tuesday 2:00 Visitation Ministry - E. Frost
 7:30 Healing Group
 Wednesday 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
 Thursday 7:00 Visitation Ministry - J. Stephenson
 Friday 11:45 Church Women United, 2nd Baptist
 Saturday 1:00 Judson Hills Camp Celebration
 Sunday 10:45 Mother's Day on the Lord's Day

Due to unforeseen circumstances the newsletter will not be available until next Sunday.

GREEN LAKE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APPROACHING - Applications for the 1988 Green Lake Scholarships must be received by Sunday, May 15th. This year there is money available for 2 scholarshipsto be given. Requirements for the letter of application were published in the March newsletter. Letters are to be submitted to the Moderator, Jeanne Ekelberry. If you have any questions you may contact Jeanne or a member of the committee. If no applications are received by May 15th, the designated monies will be held for 1989. May 15th is the absolute deadline! (The Green Lake Scholarship Committee consists of Wick, Pam, and Betty.)

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED - May Fellowship Day - Friday May 6th ...at Second Baptist Church, 55 Ross St., Delaware. 11:45a.m., Potluck Luncheon (bring table service and a dish to share); 1:00pm, Program: WOMEN IN CAPTIVITY; Offering: "The Least Coin."

Please bring good women's and children's clothing and household items to contribute to Turning Point, Delaware County Center for the Abused. Plan ahead...CARPOOL.

JUDSON HILLS CELEBRATION - Let's plan to meet at the church shortly after noon on Saturday and carpool to Loudenville.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP - VOTE on Tuesday, May 3rd!

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating special days this week are: Monday - Don Faulk and Myrtle Gabriel; Tuesday - Rick VanBrimmer and Michael Linn; Thursday - Bruce Lee.

Here are Grandma's glasses,
and here is Grandma's hat.
Here's the way she folds her hands
and puts them in her lap.

Many of us as small children have recited these words while performing the motions to complete this fingerplay—a simple game of imitation. Our actions, as children, often were imitations of that warmhearted person known as “Grandma,” “Nana,” “Grandmother,” or many other affectionate names.

Grandmothers have the awesome privilege of being examples to us, their precious grandchildren. They have been granted the opportunity to assist in shaping our lives and the challenge to guide us in the journey of faith. Then, as grandchildren, we live out their examples by truly becoming that “crown to the aged.”

Not only do we become that crown, but we polish it and add to it a sparkle that can come from no other source. We must ask ourselves:

- Are we a “crown to the aged”? Have we brought joy to the hearts of our precious grandmothers?
- What more can we do, and encourage our children to do, to add sparkle and shine to that crown?
- Have we been faithful in sending birthday and get-well cards?
- Can we bring joy by taping favorite hymns?
- Have we made every effort to attend family reunions?

Perhaps, a little polish needs to be reapplied so that the sparkle of Grandma's crown will again shine and reflect the love we hold for her.



Children's
children are a crown
to the aged.

Proverbs 17:6a

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O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

May 8, 1988

10:45 a.m.

Gene F. Gillin
Steve Stoner
W.C. Wickum
Mary Lou Lovell
Betty Porter
Victor Fogle

Pastor
Lay Leader
Choir Director
Organist
Pianist
Candlelighter

PRELUDE "When There Is
AND PRAYER Love At Home"

McNaughton

CALL TO WORSHIP 593

In Response

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Faith of Our Mothers"

Bulletin

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

In Unison

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

MINISTRY OF "O Happy Home"
MUSIC

Hughes

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

No gift that you gave to your mother can compare with the gift that your mother gave you.

Prayer of Dedication

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "God Bless the Mother" Moore

Offertory Song 583 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Those attending Children's Church may come forward at this time.

Prayer of Blessing

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 531 "Happy the Home Where God Is"

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 2 Timothy 1:1-7

MORNING MESSAGE "A Mother's Faith" Pastor Gillin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 318 "When We Walk With the Lord"

*SHARING OF CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT AND CONCERN

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Postlude in G" Peterson

(*congregation stands)

O U R L I F E T O G E T H E R

Today 6:30 pm Diaconate Meeting at the church

Next Sunday our guest minister will be the new Area Minister of the 51 American Baptist Churches of the north central area of Ohio, the Rev. Saundra Heizer of Marion. Please give her a generous welcome to First Baptist and to Ohio.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating special days this week are: Michael Ekelberry (8); John McTaggart, Cameron Piatt (9); Archie & Beth Trigg (10); Jeanne Ekelberry (12); In Bereavement: Jean Osborne in the death of her sister in Maine; In Recovery: Ruth Gillin after minor surgery at Mt. Carmel East.

The newsletter is available today. Please be sure to get your copy before leaving.

FAITH OF OUR MOTHERS

- 1 Faith of our mothers, living still
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades the air;
Faith of our mothers, living faith!
We will be true to thee till death.
- 2 Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace
Oh, may thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race;
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.
- 3 Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without;
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.
- 4 Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
In truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church,
And breath thy spirit thro' our deeds;
(refrain)

Our Baptist heritage is exemplified in the call and commitment of those Indian and non-Indian Christian leaders who have gone before us and left the impact of the ministry of Jesus Christ upon us. In 1891 Lone Wolf, a Kiowa chief, was told the story of a Savior whose love included Indians. Lone Wolf realized that the best future for his people lay along the Jesus road, so he sent a call to the American Baptist Home Mission Society: "Please come to this Lone Wolf mission; I want you to tell me what I and my people must do."

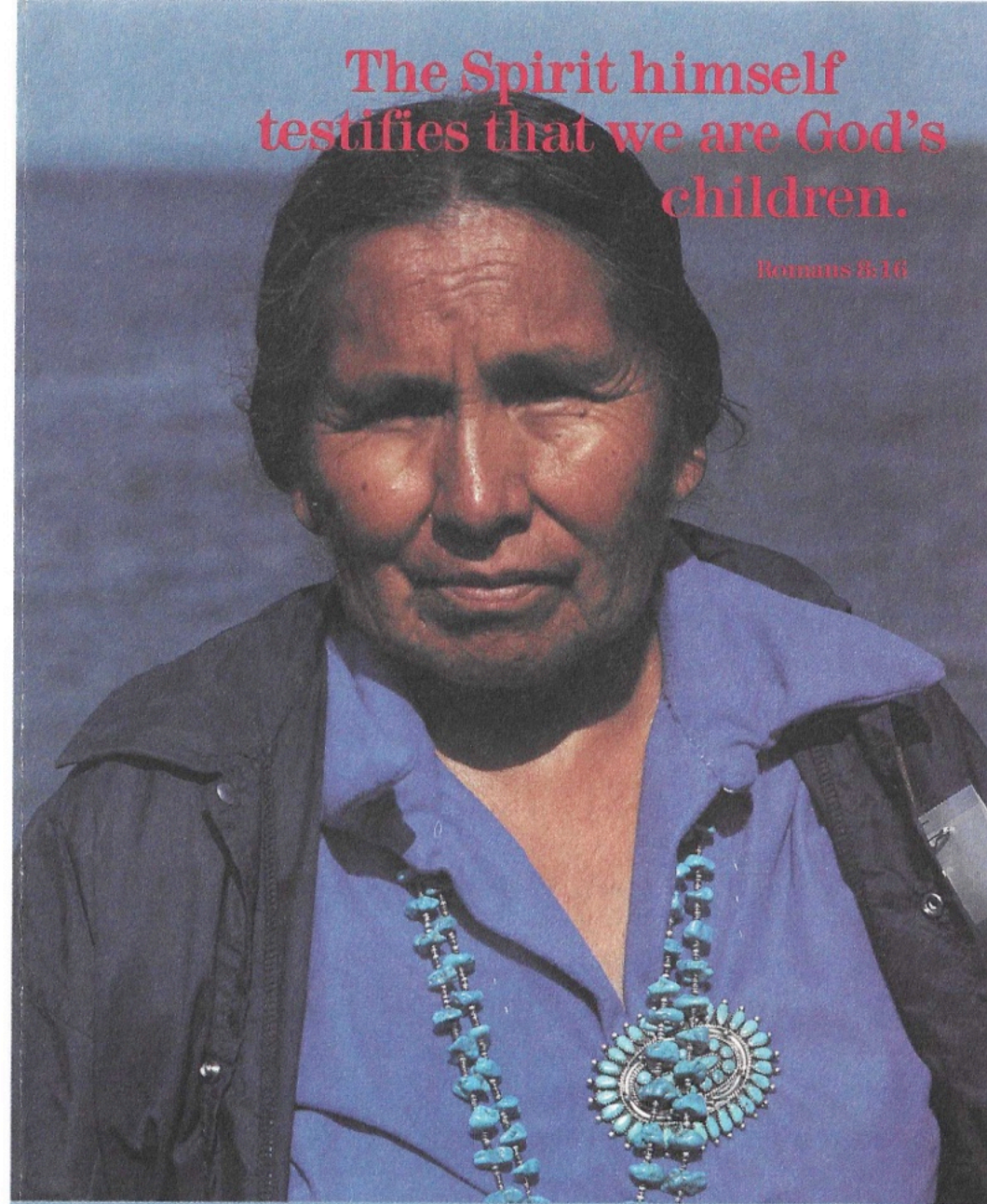
At the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, a missionary, Eliza J. Quinton, told the students of the dire need among the Plains Indian tribes in western Indian territory. Marietta Reeside responded, "That is my call! Send me!" On a hot August day in 1892, she was introduced as the missionary who had come to live among them to teach them of Jesus and to establish a church and school. Lone Wolf, Big Tree, Stumbling Bear, and Poor Buffalo, chiefs of the Kiowas, each took the hand of Miss Reeside and promised loyalty and cooperation. Today the family of God has become bigger and bigger as God's Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. Today the call and commitment to preach the gospel among the Kiowa Indian people has been responded to by Larin and Julie Kerr at Rainy Mountain Baptist Church, Kenny and Brenda Sullivan at Redstone Baptist Church, Dan and Cheryl Chadwick at First Apache Baptist Church, and Kim Mammedaty at the First American Baptist Church. Rev. Kim Mammedaty, a Kiowa woman, responded as American Baptist men and women, Native Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Blacks, and Anglos have responded before her: "That's my call! Send me!"

*Rev. Hershell Dancy
Director of Indian Ministries
National Ministries
American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.*



**The Spirit himself
testifies that we are God's
children.**

Romans 8:16



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May 15, 1988 10:45 a.m.

Gene F. Gillin Pastor
Saundra Heizer Guest Speaker
Steve Stoner Lay Leader
W. C. Wickum Choir Director
Mary Lou Lovell Organist
Fred Grubbs Pianist
Barbara Lovell Candlelighter

PRELUDE AND PRAYER "God Leads Us Along" Hegarty

CALL TO WORSHIP Micah 6:6+8

*HYMN OF PRAISE 200 "The Church's One Foundation"

*INVOCATION

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

DUET "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" Bradbury
Linda White & Fred Grubbs

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

The practice of stewardship is something more than an act of worship. It is an act of love.

Prayer of Dedication

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "Offertory in G" Handel

*Offertory Song 583 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

ANTHEM "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah" Denton

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Those attending Children's Church may come forward.

Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD

DUET "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" Wesley
Linda White & Fred Grubbs

MORNING MESSAGE "Wherever the Gospel Is Told" Rev. Saundra Heizer

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHP

If you would like to confess your faith and make this your church home in Delaware, please come forward during the hymn.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 267 "Jesus I Come"

*BENEDICTION Threefold Amen

POSTLUDE "The Gospel Trumpet" Price

(*congregation stands)

O U R L I F E T O G E T H E R

- Today 6:30 Girl Scout Dinner, Fellowship Hall
Monday 7:00 Parish Council
Tuesday 7:00 Marion Association Mission and Outreach; Fred Grubbs
7:30 Healing Group at the VanBrimmer's
Wednesday 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 6:00 G.O.P. Women's Dinner and Show
7:00 Visitation Ministry; Jim Stephenson
Saturday 8:30 A.B.W. Fellowship Breakfast meeting
9:30 D.V.B.S. Peace Camp Leadership Training
Sunday 5:00 Mother-Daughter Program, Fellowship Hall
7:00 Board of Christian Ed. at the church
7:00 B.Y.F. at the Wickum's

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST

It's a real pleasure to have as our guest minister today the Rev. Saundra Heizer, Ohio Baptist Convention Executive Staff Area Minister. Please give her and all our guests today a generous welcome. Pastor Gillin will return on May 22 when we will celebrate Pentecost - the birthday of the church.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Celebrating special days this week: Barbara Lovell (today); Betty Porter (today); Dick and Jeanne Ekelberry (Monday). In bereavement: Wilbur Wickum on the death of an aunt in New York state; Jean Osborne on the death of her sister in Maine.

For nearly two thousand years the church has pondered the meaning of Pentecost, the day it celebrates as its birthday. Miracle and mystery are inextricably woven into the event, as Luke records it in Acts 2. Wind and fire, sound and touch and sight, all were heard and felt and seen by the disciples on that momentous occasion when the Holy Spirit was given to the church as an enduring presence (in contrast to the occasional appearances of the Spirit in the Old Testament).

Sometimes I find it helpful to focus upon one aspect of such a wondrous account, letting my mind dwell upon a particular feature of the whole picture. Think of the “tongues of fire” that separated and came to rest on the disciples (Acts 2:3). Fire represents the Spirit’s power and light. It depicts the creative might by which God accomplishes all the divine purposes and displays the brilliant glory that accompanies the divine presence. It symbolizes the luminous truth that displaces the darkness of ignorance and sin and gives forth the knowledge of Jesus Christ the Redeemer. As God’s permanent gift to the church, the Spirit has come as fire to empower and enlighten the people of God.

The Spirit comes not only to the people together but also to each member. Although our society welcomes that emphasis upon the gift of the Spirit to individuals, it must note that “they were all together in one place” when the Spirit came upon them. To the church at worship the Spirit was given. May we today receive anew the Pentecostal gifts of power and light.



**Tongues of fire separated
and came to rest on each of them.**

Acts 2:3

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1853



OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

May 22, 1988

10:45 a.m.

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Gene F. Gillin	Pastor
Steve Stoner	Lay Leader
W. C. Wickum	Choir Director
Mary Lou Lovell	Organist
Betty Porter	Pianist
Erin Faulk	Candlelighter

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PRELUDE	"I Will Pour Out	Denton
AND PRAYER	My Spirit"	

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE 209 "Glorious Things"

*INVOCATION

*RESPONSE - Choir

Breathe on me, breathe on me,
 Holy Spirit, breathe on me;
 Take Thou my heart, cleanse every part,
 Holy Spirit, breathe on me.

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

MUSIC MINISTRY	"Spirit of God"	Atkinson
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CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

"We are not cisterns for hoarding, we are channels
 made for caring." Billy Graham

Prayer of Dedication
 Giving of Tithes and Offerings
 Musical Offering "The Breath of God" Landis
 *Offertory Song 583 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Those attending Children's Church may come forward.

Round - Choir & Children "Rejoice in the Lord"
 Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 639	In Response
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MORNING MESSAGE	Pastor Gillin
"Pentecost - Birthday of the Church"	

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 372 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

*BENEDICTION "Threefold Amen"

POSTLUDE	"Hear Now, the Heavens Rejoicing" Denton
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OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Today	5:00 A.B.W. Mother-Daughter Program
	7:00 Board of Christian Education meeting at the church
	7:00 B.Y.F. at the Wickums
Monday	7:00 Delaware Piecemakers, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	7:00 Visitation Ministry
	7:30 Healing Group
Wednesday	7:00 Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 Visitation Ministry - Larry Faulk

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST

Our Christian Fellowship is interracial, interdenominational, and international. We welcome all Christians to our worship and membership and invite non-Christians to be seekers with us. We trust you will find the spirit of Christ present among us.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Celebrating a birthday this week: Jean Wickum (Tuesday)

WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN

"The Spiritual Woman: Meeting Life's Challenges + Changes"
 ...a presentation for women seeking ways to more fully draw upon the spiritual foundations in dealing with a variety of life's concerns . . .TUESDAY, May 24, 7:00pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Upper Arlington (see bulletin board for more information)

THE BIBLE ON CASSETTES

Please examine the display of cassette tapes available in units of the New Testament or the entire Bible for your listening pleasure and for an inspirational ministry with the sight impaired.

SUMMER BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

The pastor would like to know of those who are interested in weekly meetings through the summer for Backyard Bible Study.

The Dead Will Be Raised!

Memory is a wonderful gift. Memory allows us to relive other days, to remember those who have been dear to us but who are now separated from us by distance or death. Our great nation observes Memorial Day at this time each year, raising up in lofty word and ceremony the memory of persons who gave their lives in defense of America's freedom and values.

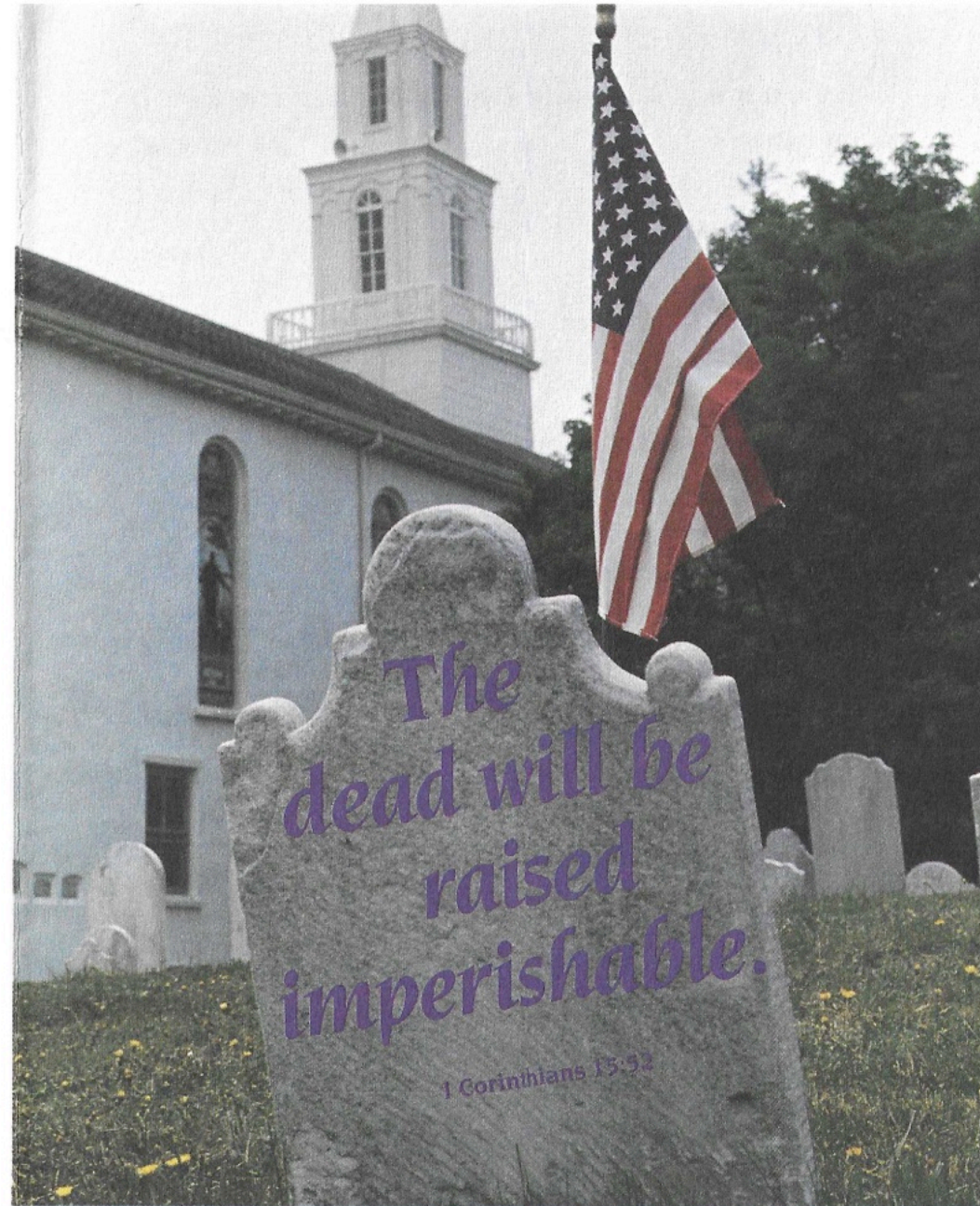
In cities, towns, and open country across the land, many can be seen observing their own ritual ways of raising up, in memoriam, tender thoughts and images of deceased loved ones. Our particular family custom is to visit the cemeteries where our people have been laid to rest. Anna Cemetery in Illinois, with its freshly mowed lawns and great shade trees, is the site of my father's grave.

I tug at a dandelion root, place fresh flowers, and recall the life of this gentle man. A classmate's comment during a high school reunion comes to mind. "I'll always remember your dad. He took the time to play ball with us." Almost effortlessly a flood of memory and emotion comes forth. Raising up Dad to my conscious mind is easy, though sweetly sad, thanks to that marvelous gift of memory. I am truly grateful. Yet, dare I hope for more?

Yes! The Bible, in 1 Corinthians 15:52, contains one of God's most startling and exciting promises. The dead in Christ will be raised! Not only that, this mind-boggling event is to happen in a single moment—the twinkling of an eye—signaled by a heavenly trumpet blast. Every Christian who has died will suddenly become alive, each with a new body that will never, never die! There's more. Those of us who are still alive shall suddenly have new bodies, too!

Hello, Dad!

John J. Gleason



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O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

May 29, 1988

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE AND PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE 526 "God of Our Fathers"

*INVOCATION

*RESPONSE

Choir & Cong.

This is my country, Land of my birth
This is my country, Grandest on earth!
I pledge thee my allegiance, America the bold;
For this is my country to have and to hold!

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

Please be prepared to stand and briefly make any reports, requests and introduce your guest in worship today.

SOLO

"A Song of Peace"
Jeanne Ekelberry

Sibelius

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

"The basic issue for the Christian is whether we believe we are stewards or owners of what we possess."

K. Miller

Prayer of Dedication
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Musical Offering

*Song of Stewardship 517

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Those attending Children's Church may come forward.

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD Mark 3:20 & John 1:8-9

MORNING MESSAGE

"PATRIOTISM"

Pastor Gillin

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 525 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

*BENEDICTION

Threefold Amen

POSTLUDE

(* congregation stands)

Gene F. Gillin
Steve Stoner
W. C. Wickum
Betty Porter
Fred Grubbs
Jarrod Trigg

Pastor
Lay Leader
Choir Director
Organist
Pianist
Candlelighter

O U R L I F E T O G E T H E R

Today 9:15 Church School - Assembly Room
9:30 Teaching Hour - Classes for all ages
10:45 Worship Hour - True Patriotism
Tuesday 7:30 Healing Group at the VanBrimmers
Wed. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
7:30 Parents Encouraging Parents - A. Meth.
Thurs. 2:00 Visitation Ministry - E. Frost
Saturday 2:00 Renewal of Marriage Vows Service at the church - Jerry & Lana Palmer
3:00 25th Wedding Anniversary Reception at Palmer home
6:30 Sunday School officers and teachers recognition dinner in Fellowship Hall
Sunday 10:00 Summer Worship Hour begins; Christian Communion of the Lord's Supper; Student Recognition Sunday; ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - 1988 Goal \$250
6:30- Graduation open houses for Michael
8:00 Ekelberry (433 N. Liberty) and Allison Grubbs (188 Griswold).

The June issue of the newsletter will be available next Sunday. Please submit your articles by Wednesday.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating special days - Jim & Annette Ringley (30); Ruth Gillin (31); Della Dove (1); Jerry & Lana Palmer (2); Cap & Myrtle Gabriel (4)

SUMMER BIBLE FELLOWSHIP - The Pastor would like to know of those interested in weekly meetings through the summer for Backyard Bible Study. Let's keep in touch!

THE BIBLE ON CASSETTES - Several have indicated an interest in ordering a set of the cassettes for either personal or church library use. Let us hear of your interest today.

The Household and the Table

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many" (Mark 14:24) are the familiar words used during the service of Communion when Christians gather around the table. In those moments we remember with thanksgiving the death of Jesus who shed his blood for many and, at the same time, we celebrate his presence as risen Christ.

Communion is sometimes described as the joyful feast of the people of God. The gathering at the table is a foreshadowing of God's vision that men and women will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at the table in the realm of God. It is a picture of a time when no one will be hungry or left to sorrow or suffer. We will share with one another and rejoice together.

It has been said that all households are formed at the table. Households are formed according to who is present and to how what is on the table is shared. At the table of the household, each one's name is known, each person is treasured, and what is on the table is shared. When we consider that the world of men and women comprises one household, we are called to ask ourselves the question, "How are we sharing what is on the table?"

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering gives us an opportunity to share the bounties of the table of the household. Your gift to the OGHS offering can reach out and bring to the table persons who have been excluded because of natural disaster or because some members of the household have not shared with others on the basis of caring and justice.

The theme of the 1988 OGHS offering is "Partners in God's New Creation." You are invited to be a partner by your participation in the OGHS offering.

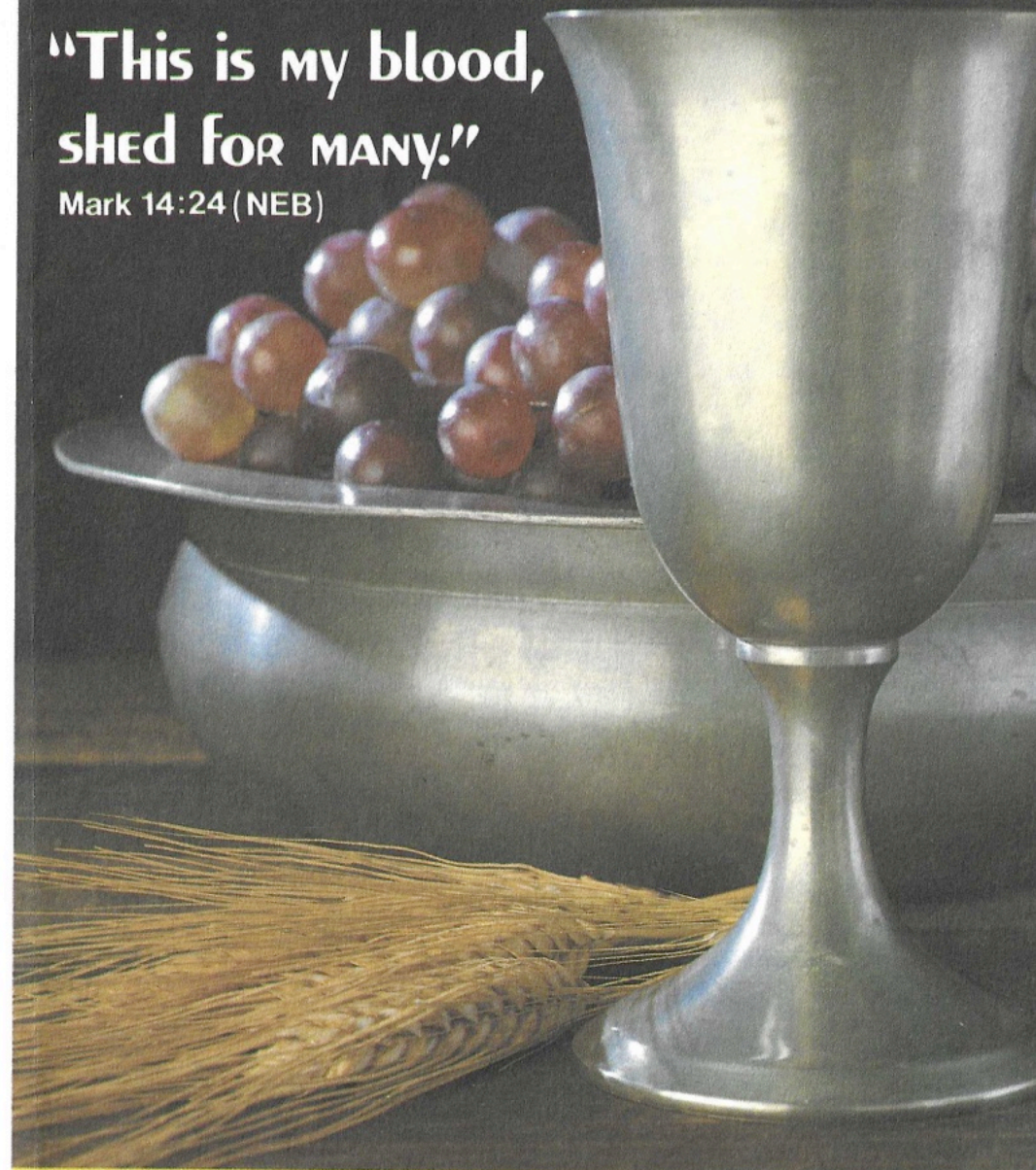
Gracious God, take our hearts and fill them with your love.
Help us to reach out as partners in your new creation. We pray
in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

*Ronald E. Vallet
Executive Director
Commission on Stewardship*



**"This is my blood,
shed for many."**

Mark 14:24 (NEB)



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O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

June 5, 1988 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE "With Every Rising Martin
AND PRAYER of the Sun"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thanksgiving and praise must be the major elements in our singing. So come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 32 "How Great Thou Art"

*INVOCATION

*RESPONSE "Only to Be What He Wants Me To Be" Insert

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

Please be prepared to stand and briefly make any reports, requests and introduce your guest in worship today.

MINISTRY "Worship the Lord Smith
OF MUSIC in the Beauty of Holiness"

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

"To find God's will is life's greatest discovery. To know God's will is life's greatest knowledge. To do God's will is life's greatest achievement."

-George W. Truett

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication
Musical Offering "God Will Take Care of You" Martin
Recognition of Faithful Stewardship

CHILDREN'S CHURCH Pam Faulk

Those attending this special program may come forward at this time.

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD John 2:1-11

MORNING MESSAGE "Divine Imperatives" Pastor Gillin

THE LOVE OFFERING - 1988 One Great Hour of Sharing

CHRISTIAN COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Hymn of Preparation 232 "I Hear the Savior Say"
Thanksgiving for the Bread
Thanksgiving for the Cup

*Fellowship of the Peace of Christ

Let these words as we embrace each other be our benediction today.

POSTLUDE "For a Festive Occasion" Rolsch

(*congregation stands)

O U R L I F E T O G E T H E R

Today 11:00 Coffee Fellowship in the Assembly Room
4:00 Receptions for High School graduates at the Ekelberry & Grubb's homes

Tuesday 7:30 Healing Group at the VanBrimmer's

Thursday 7:00 Visitation Ministry - Larry Faulk

The June issue of the newsletter is available today.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Celebrating birthdays this week are Dick Ekelberry (7); Carol Fogle (8); and Pam Faulk (8). Missionaries celebrating birthdays are Norma Scofield, Zaire (5); Dr. Ramira Cruz, Nicaragua (7); Sandra Mosher, Philippines (8); Judy Entwistle, Belgium (9); Rose Uhlinger, Berkley, CA (11).

Hospitalized - Don Faulk, room 6009, Riverside Hospital for foot surgery.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our 1988 graduates: Michael Ekelberry, Allison Grubbs, Ed Linn and Diane Lathrop (OSU)

COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

First Presbyterian Church, Educational Building; June 13-17, 9:30-11:45am. Theme: Peacemaking. Registration: Complete the form on the literature table today.

CHURCH CAMPING

Judson Hills, Kirkwood and Koinonia. Check the table in the Educational Building for a registration form. Camp Scholarship Aid available. Apply early!

**“Even a child is known by his doing;
whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.”**

Proverbs 20:11

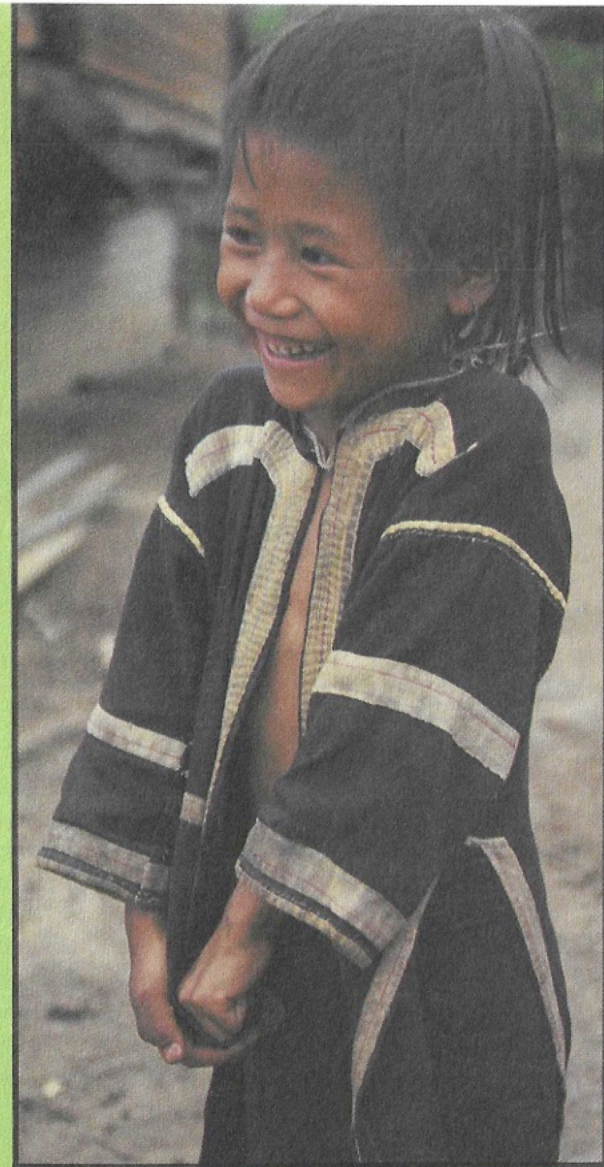
In the personal thoughts of our children, four different angles of consideration is given to this verse:

1. If a child goes along hitting people, saying bad words, and doing bad things—this is what he/she will be judged on.
2. A child is not only judged by his/her actions, but also by their appearance. If a kid dresses sloppy, some may think he/she's not clean.
3. A child should be judged in the **RIGHT WAY**, not in the wrong way, so he/she can correct what they are doing wrong in the future.
4. This means that God looks at what you do for others, or if you just work for yourself—from the time you were born and for the rest of your life.

*Junior Class
First Baptist Church
Kokomo, Indiana*

*Betty Alvey
Kathy Burtcher
Co-Teachers*

*Ruth Lawson
Minister of C.E.*



Even a child is known by his doings.

Proverbs 20:11

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The First Baptist Church
 101 North Franklin St.
 Delaware, Ohio

Morning Worship
 June 12, 1988
 10:00 a.m.

Gene F. Gillin Pastor
 Fred Grubbs Pianist
 Matthew Lovell Candlelighter
 Jim Stephenson Choir Director
 Mary Lou Lovell Children's Choir Dir.

C H I L D R E N ' S D A Y

PRELUDE "Upon This Rock" McGuire
 Fred Grubbs
 "Summer of Peace"
 Debbie Lovell

GREETINGS OF PEACE

INTROIT "Rejoice in the Lord" Youth Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy" Cooke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE IS... Evan Trigg

POEM "The World Needs You" Matthew Lovell

SONG "There's No-one Exactly Like Me" Youth Choir

PEACE IS... Barbara Lovell

SONG "Peace" by Leitner Youth Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:9 Jarrod Trigg

STORY "Sunshine and Rainbows" by Dean Micah Stoner

PEACE IS... Matthew Lovell

SONG "Would You Like to Hear?" by Maddux Youth Choir

RECOGNITION OF NURSERY HELPERS AND JUNIOR CHURCH LEADERS

PLAY "Water Balloon War"

Play adapted from story by Morrison

Sarah - Stefanie Stoner; David - Jarrod Trigg;

Randy - Matthew Lovell; Paul - Evan Trigg

Julie - Barbara Lovell; Mom & Kathy - Deb Lovell

SONG "I Feel Like Getting Even" by Rhea

Matthew Lovell; Micah Stoner; Jarrod Trigg;

Evan Trigg

SONG "All We Want is Peace" Thomas

OFFERTORY "Prayer of St. Francis"

OFFERTORY PRAYER Micah Stoner

OFFERTORY "The Greatest Love of All" Schultz

soloist - Stefanie Stoner; Accompanist - Debbie Lovell

DOXOLOGY
 SCRIPTURE Mark 10:13-16
 SOLO "Jesus Has Time" Fettke
 Wilbur Wickum
 MESSAGE "Childlikeness"
 *HYMN "Hope for the Children" Jarrod Trigg
 (Insert in Bulletin) Skillings
 *BENEDICTION
 *RESPONSE "Lord, We Praise You" Youth Choir
 POSTLUDE "Let's Just Praise the Lord" Gaither

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Ecumenical Peace Camp - June 13-17; 9:30-11:45 a.m.
 Come and bring a friend to the 1st Presbyterian Church.
 T-shirts will be available for \$5.00 and bring a can
 of food or donation for People In Need.

If you have not sent in your registration for Judson
 Hills Camp, please do so. There is financial help
 available - ask Mary Lou.

Picnic and balloon launch at Lovell's immediately
 following today's service. Bring a dish to share. Drinks
 and table setting provided.

Today 12:00 Picnic and Balloon Launch at Lovell's
 6:30 Deacon's meeting
 Monday 9:30 Community D.V.B.S. at 1st Presbyterian
 7:00 Delaware Piecemakers
 Tuesday 7:30 Healing Group at VanBrimmer's
 Thursday 7:00 Visitation Ministry - J. Stephenson
 Saturday 8:30 Men's Breakfast at Buns
 Sunday 10:00 Father's Day Service

Praying for one another - Celebrating special days this
 week are: J. Ballengee (9); D. & M. Lovell (10);
 E. Smith (10); A. Linn (12); C. Ekelberry (15);
 Healing - D. Faulk is recovering at home

Summer Sacred Concerts - at Wyandot lake (across from
 Columbus Zoo) starting June 24. See the pastor for
 more details.

Teach Them the Right Way to Live

In his later years the esteemed Spanish artist, Pablo Picasso, visited an exhibition of children's drawings. Moved by the creativity of their work, he observed, "When I was their age I could draw like Raphael, but it took me a lifetime to learn to draw like them."

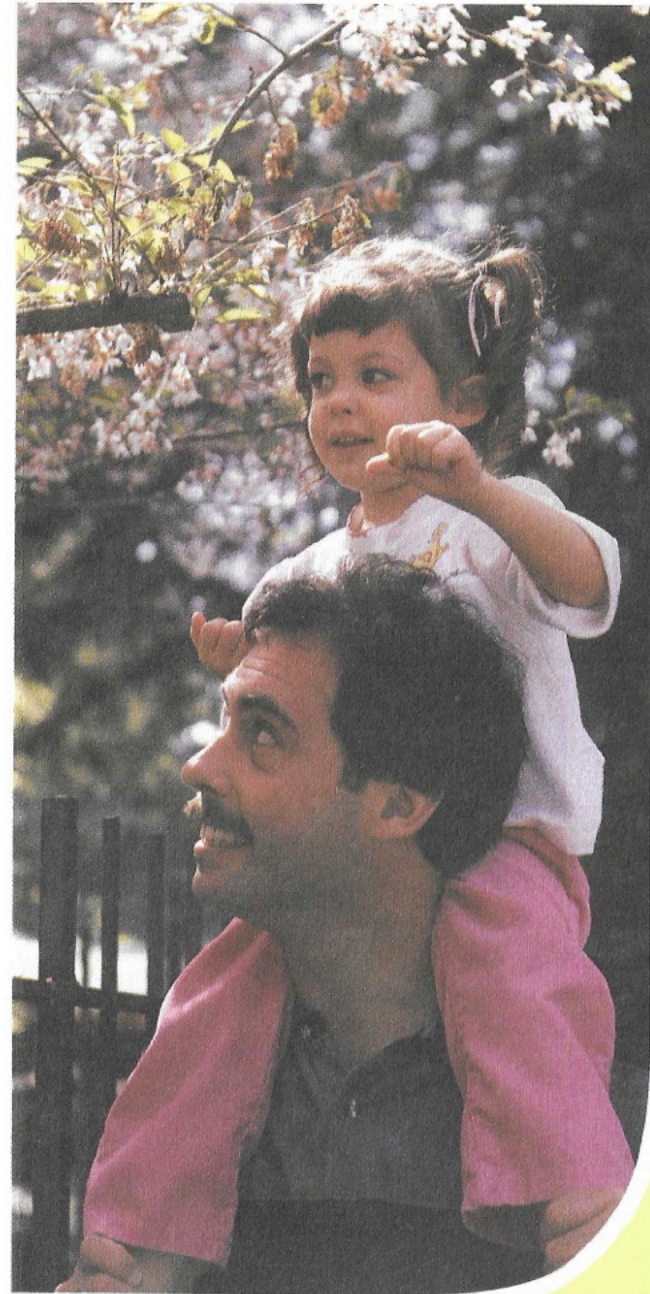
A theologian Picasso was not, but his words offer an insight that all adults need to hear on this day that we set aside to honor fathers: *We are called by God not only to teach children, but to allow children to teach us.*

I must confess that I often find it easier to talk to children than to listen to them; that I find it more satisfying to answer questions than to ask them; and that I value experience more than I do innocence.

As the father of a delightful 18-month-old, I take pride in my role as a teacher. Our son understands that a hug is an expression of affection, that a push is a symbol of hostility, and that the former is preferred in our household. He realizes that sharing his toys conveys acceptance of another, that hoarding reflects exclusion, and that the latter is not acceptable behavior.

Jonathan's mother and I have taught him some important skills, but, like Picasso, we are beginning to understand that he has taught us even more. His joy, laughter, and lack of pretense have helped us better understand why Jesus insisted that our busy lives do not keep us from relating to children. His trust, dependency, and unconditional love have reminded us of true kingdom virtues. He has taught us an old lesson that we had forgotten: In the final analysis, we are all God's children, and it is God who provides us guidance and support as we seek "the right way to live."

Ron Arena
Managing Editor
The American Baptist



**Teach them
the right way
to live.**

1 Kings 8:36b

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OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

June 19, 1988 10:00 a.m.

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Larry Faulk Lay Leader
Mary Lou Lovell Organist
Fred Grubbs Pianist
Jim Stephenson Choir Director
Erin Faulk Candlelighter

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PRELUDE & PRAYER "A Memory" Thompson
CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 90:12,14, 16 & 17

*HYMN OF PRAISE 58 "This Is My Father's World"

*INVOCATION

*RESPONSE "Only To Be What He Wants Me To Be" (1) Insert

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

SOLO "Reach Out to Jesus" Carmichael
Karen Stoner

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

"May we give according to our incomes,
lest the Lord our God make our incomes
according to our gifts." - Peter Marshall

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication
Musical Offering "Take Thou My Hand, Ritter
Dear Father"

*Offertory Song 55 "For the Beauty of the Earth"
Those attending Children's Church may come forward
at this time.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD Luke 15:11-24

MORNING MESSAGE "A Father's Legacy" Pastor Gillin

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Only To Be..." (2+3) Insert

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 588 Triple Amen

POSTLUDE "Recessional" Hughes

(*congregation stands)

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Today 10:00 Worship Hour - "A Father's Legacy"
Monday 7:00 Parish Council
Tuesday 7:30 Healing Group
Wednesday 7:30 Parents Encouraging Parents Meeting
at Asbury Methodist Church
Thursday 7:00 Visitation Ministry - Steve Stoner
Friday - Summer Concert at Wyandot Lake:
Mylon Lefevre & Broken Heart
Saturday 2:00 Delaware Adult Day Care Center
Openhouse at 93 North Franklin St.
(former Franklin House)

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating birthdays this
week: Beth Trigg 924); Angie Elfner (22); Missionaries:
June Clark, Johnson City, TN (19); Bonnie Moore,
Zaire (24); Jeanine White, Bangladesh (24); Healing :
Don Faulk; Camp Ministry: Judson Hills, Creative
Arts Week (14-18 years)

THE BEST GIFT

What shall you give to one small boy?
A glamorous game, a tinsel toy,
A Boy Scout knife, a hiking pack,
a train that runs on curving track?
A picture book, a real-life pet...
No, there's plenty of time for such things yet.
Give him a day for his very own -
Just one small boy and his dad alone.
A walk in the woods, a romp in the park,
A fishing trip from dawn to dark.
Give him the gift that only you can -
The companionship of his old man.
Games are outgrown, and toys decay -
But he'll never forget if you "give him a day."

American Baptist Homes and Hospitals

There are over 100 American Baptist-related homes and hospitals located in 26 different states, including Alaska, which minister in the name of Christ to the young; the elderly; the physically, mentally and emotionally impaired; the developmentally disabled; and the sick. People of all races, colors, creeds, and economic status.

A number of these facilities have a long and distinguished history and others are of more recent vintage. Together they serve persons of special needs, and have evolved a unique mission, structure and programming to deal with the changing needs and expectations of those whom they serve. Their creative and innovative activities and programs are designed to empower, enable and challenge people. Some of these ministries grew out of an awareness within a local congregation of a need not being met or inadequately met by other organizations in the community. Many of our churches continue to provide material and spiritual support to these American Baptist-related institutions.

It could be a houseparent providing daily spiritual and emotional support to mentally, physically or emotionally impaired children or a young nurse's aide assisting an infirm elderly patient. Many opportunities exist for interchanges between the different generations within our facilities. Programs and activities have also been developed to encourage and facilitate intergenerational interaction between residents of a particular facility and those in the larger community.

Though our American Baptist Homes and Hospitals represent a wide diversity of ministries, they all do share a common Christian commitment to serving and empowering persons of special need.

*Kenneth L. George
Executive Director
American Baptist Homes and Hospitals Association
Board of National Ministries, ABCUSA*



One generation shall praise
thy works to another.

Psalm 145:4

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June 26, 1988

10:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE AND PRAYER "Just As I Am" arr. by Grubbs "Stand By Me" arr. by Grubbs

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE 75 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*INVOCATION

*RESPONSE "Every Moment of Every Day" Insert

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

Thank you for coming to join in our worship of God today. Your presence makes us very happy. Please leave a record of your visit by completing the registration card in the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate.

SOLO "Somebody's Knockin'" Spiritual Fred Grubbs

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

At First Baptist you are never made to give... we only provide you with the opportunity to prove your love... in caring and sharing.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication Offertory "His Eye is On the Sparrow" arr. by Grubbs

*Offertory Song 391 "Climbing Jacob's Ladder" Those attending Children's Church may come forward on the last stanza of the hymn.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 665 In Response

MORNING MESSAGE "Agape Love" Pastor Gillin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 72 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

*BENEDICTION Threefold Amen

POSTLUDE "Without Him" LeFevre

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Today 10:00 Worship Hour - "Agape Love"
Monday 10:00 Red Cross Bloodmobile - William St. Methodist Church
7:00 Delaware Piecemakers
Tuesday 7:30 Healing Group at the VanBrimmers
Wednesday 7:30 Parents Encouraging Parents meeting at Asbury Methodist Church
Thursday 7:00 Visitation Ministry
Sunday 10:00 Worship Hour - "Freedom's Struggle"; Christian Communion of the Lord's Supper; Coffee and Coke Fellowship

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating special days this week: Monday - Joe & Alison Mowery; David & Jean Osborne; Missionaries: Rita Chapman, France (26); Roberta Stephens, Japan (27); Margaret Tegenfeldt, India (28); Mandy Minderhout, Thailand (28); Wanda Clark, Haiti (29); Dr. Paul Lewis, Thailand (30)
Healing: Jim VanBrimmer and Don Faulk
Judson Hills Camping Ministry: Junior (11+12) Mark Hannold Bike Hike Camp (13-18) David Good.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Bob and Virginia Houston
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Mt. Gilead, Ohio 43338
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BILL OF RIGHTS - A copy of the Bill of Rights, ratified in 1791, the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, will be posted for your examination again. These amendments protect the people against the powers of the federal government. They also guarantee individual liberties, such as freedom of speech, press, religion, and the right to a jury trial.

LIVING WORD OUTDOOR DRAMA (Ohio's Passion Play) - Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 25-September 3; 8:30 p.m. at 6639 Klass Rd., Cambridge, Ohio 43725.

COMMUNITY BLOODMOBILE will be at William St. Church this Monday at 10:00. First Baptist donors at the last Bloodmobile visit were Jeanne Ekelberry, Beth Trigg and Gene Gillin.

On the front cover of the bulletin we see a picture of a child standing on the porch with a flag. In our thoughts we can visualize a picture flowing like the white puffy clouds sailing in the blue sky. Somehow the entire cover scene shouts the words “freedom” and “independence”—in other words, I want to be myself. But how can this be? Every person wants and deserves to have freedom, but along with that freedom comes responsibility. “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom” (2 Corinthians 3:17). Here we find the liberating fruit of the Spirit.

Love generates freedom from hate. Joy stamps out gloom and doom. Peace removes conflict. Long-suffering makes a person free from impatience. Goodness takes over from evil. Meekness releases one from arrogance. Temperance gives an individual freedom from excesses.

Roger Hazelton, a retired professor from Andover Newton Theological School, seems to express what it means to be free in these words: “The free person is the one to whom the world puts questions and who responds accordingly, that is the responsible person.”

We are grateful for our liberty, for our free agency to choose our way of life. From the beginning our freedom was based on a strong faith in God that has enabled this country to achieve greatness. We hope and pray to go forward with the torch of freedom and liberty for all persons.

*Rev. Veronica Lanier
ABC of Massachusetts*



**It is for freedom that
Christ has set us free.**

Galatians 5:1a

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O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

July 3, 1988 10:00 p.m.

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PRELUDE AND "Faith of Our Fathers" Hughes
PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP Ps. 67:3+4

The call of God reaches to every heart. Here let the deep hunger for God and salvation be fed. Here let us bring to the world a Church with His claim on life now and forever, and our country's heritage...

"IN GOD WE TRUST"

*HYMN OF PRAISE 520 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

*INVOCATION

*RESPONSE 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.

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

Be prepared to stand and briefly share your concern, make announcements, reports, or introduce your guest.

SPECIAL MUSIC

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

We have been ransomed at the highest cost, that we may live no longer for ourselves, but for Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory "Song of Faith" Faure
Offertory Song 583 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD Exodus 3:7+8, 16:1-3

MORNING MESSAGE "Freedom's Struggle" Pastor Gillin

CHRISTIAN COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We urge all followers of Christ to observe Christian Communion of the Lord's Supper with us today. Be sure to prepare your heart by making certain your relation to both Christ and others is what God would approve. Come in a spirit of humility and prayerfulness.

COMMUNION OFFERING "Now Peace Abides" Hegarty

Let the scriptures now be fulfilled in our midst, as we bear one another's burdens in love.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 213 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let this be a sacred time of response. If you would like prayer, or wish to make a confession of faith, please come forward as we sing the hymn.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN 207 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

POSTLUDE "March" Handel

COFFEE AND CAKE FELLOWSHIP

Let these moments of friendliness be dedicated to strengthening and extending the ties that bind us together in Christian love.

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O U R L I F E T O G E T H E R

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Celebrating this week: Gina and Kendall Jones (3);
Missionaries: Bill Moore, Haiti (4); Esther Wiebe, Hillsboro, KS (5); Carrie Bell Brown, Dayton (7); Jim Sandholdt, Japan (7); Dr. Maurice Entwistle, Belgium (9)

Healing: Don Faulk and Jim VanBrimmer

Rededication: Mary Sealey

Green Lake: Remarriage Conference

Judson Hills: Camping: Junior High, Tom Adams, Dir.

ON A FREEDOM CELEBRATION

The flags are waving; the bands are playing; but many people have forgotten what this day is all about, Lord. They're picnicking, boating, and eating while the real meaning of the holiday is lost. Patriotism is hard to find; maybe it's because we thought of it in such limited terms - like flag-waving, gun-carrying, and speeches. Let us see all over again what it really means.

Help us recover the spirit of the patriots when people were most important and freedom was a way of life. Lift our love for country so it's not blind, ignoring the weaknesses and faults which grip us. Lead us as a nation to that level where we can see ourselves critically and still act unselfishly. Eliminate the image of the ugly American and unite us with a sense of brotherhood which achieves justice for all and peace forever.

The seashore is a beautiful place to appreciate God's creation in nature. From the majesty of the crashing surf to the wonder of the smallest tide pool creature, the loving work of the Creator is shown.

My wife Carol and I consider ourselves fortunate to have our home near the beach. Some of our favorite times are early morning walks along this edge of the ocean wilderness.

Viewing the vast expanse of sea before me, I am reminded of the timeless faithfulness of God's love and mercy. As the hymn writer has penned, "O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free; Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me."

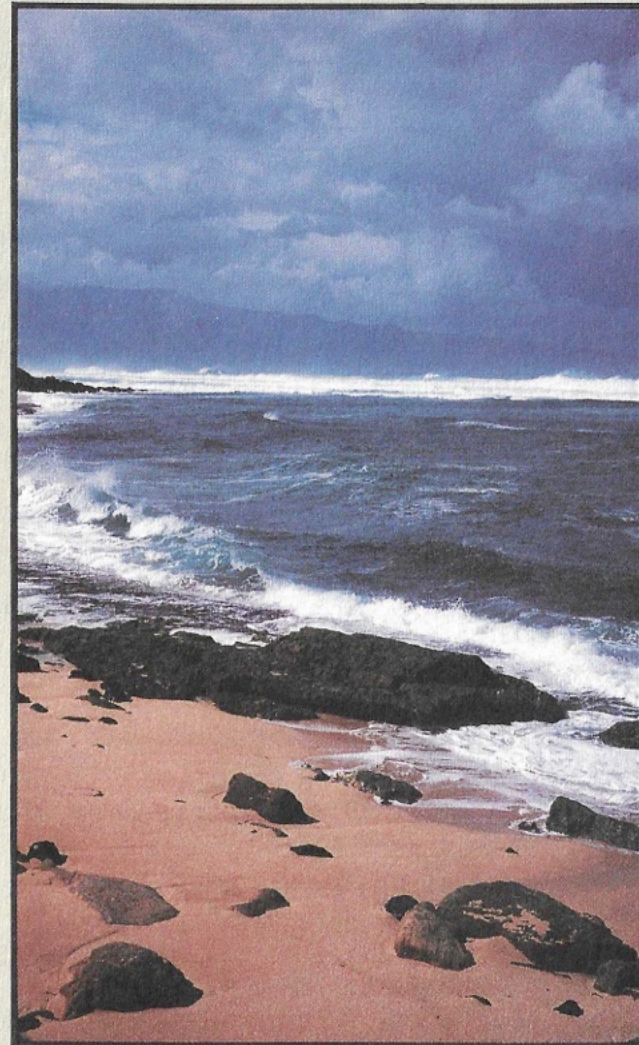
God's love and mercy are always with me. Just as the ocean will not be moved, so God's mercy is constantly with those who fear him.

God touches my life in different ways at different times, just as the ocean molds and shapes the shore—sometimes with hard crashing waves; other times by the gentle changing of the tide. God's love and mercy are with me constantly. Through the calm, easy times when everything seems to be going right, God is with me. Through the rough struggling times, God is with me.

God is molding and shaping my life much like the sea carves the shore. The purpose is that I might be a beautiful reflection of the love and mercy of God in the world around me.

Praise God today for the creativity of the Spirit that comes into your life.

*Dan Lundberg
Judson Sales Representative
in California*



*His mercy extends to
those who fear him,
from generation to generation.*

Luke 1:50

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O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

July 10, 1988

10:00 a.m.

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Gene F. Gillin
Jim Stephenson
Mary Lou Lovell

Pastor
Lay Leader
Organist

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PRELUDE "Allegro" Vivaldi
AND PRAYER "Prelude on an Irish Air" Simone

CALL TO WORSHIP Matthew 11:28+29

*HYMN OF PRAISE 393 "There's Within
My Heart A Melody"

*INVOCATION

*RESPONSE 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.

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS
Please be prepared to stand and briefly share your
concern and introduce your guest.

DUET Medley: "In His Time" Fettke
"They Must Wait"
"They That Wait Upon the Lord"
Linda White and Fred Grubbs

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP
They who take, but never give
May last for years, but never live.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Prayer of Dedication
Offertory "Musette" Handel
*Offertory Song 400 "Hiding in Thee"
(Those attending Children's Church may come forward
during the last stanza of the hymn.)

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP
Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD Matthew 8:18-27

MORNING MESSAGE "The Calm of Christ" Pastor Gillin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHP

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 407 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune" Fischer
(*congregation stands)

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O U R L I F E T O G E T H E R

Today 10:00 Worship Hour
3:00 Installation Service, Dr. David
Donnelly, F.B.C., Richwood, Ohio
Wednesday 7:30 Healing Group at VanBrimmer home
7:30 Parents Encouraging Parents at
Asbury Meth.
Thursday 7:00 Visitation Ministry
Saturday 2:30 Wedding Service, C. Collins and
C. Montgomery

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Celebrating Special Days: First Baptist Church -
Alpha Graham (Tuesday); Sue Elfner, Kendall Jones
(Wednesday); Kenneth Brown (Thursday); Donna Brown,
Donald Brown (Saturday); Missionaries: Linda Tennis,
Kowloon, Hon Kong; Jim Denny, Anadarko, Oklahoma (Thurs.);
Healing: Don Faulk, Jim VanBrimmer, Myrtle Gabriel
(Grady Hospital room 308). Camping Ministry: Judson
Hills New Adventures (3+4), Kevin Inglehart, Director
Sr. High Frontier (9-12), R. Henderson, Director.
Green Lake: Conference on the Holy Spirit

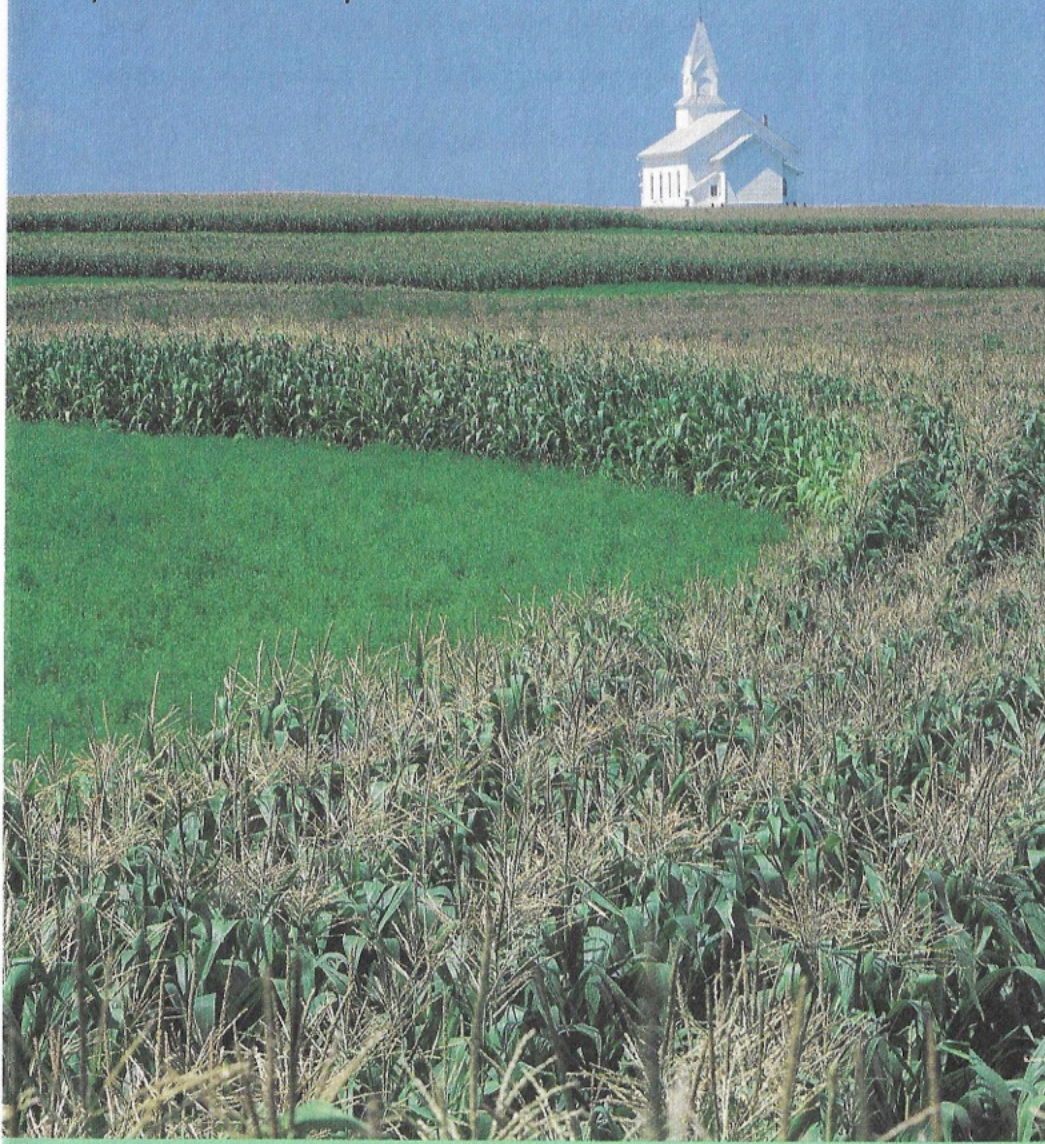
AUSTIN MANOR OPEN HOUSE

A model apartment will be available for your inspection
today from 1:00-5:00 at Austin Manor (formerly Austin Hall)
on West Central Ave. Ohio Wesleyan University is
providing this unique living and learning community for
retired and semi-retired alumni and friends.

A.B.C.-U.S.A. ELECTS NEW GENERAL SECRETARY

Dr. Daniel E. Weiss, Executive Director of Ed. Ministries
was elected to serve a 4-year term as General Secretary.

*Those that be planted in the house
of the LORD shall flourish.* Psalm 92:13



The front cover depicts two of God's great soils: a cornfield and a church. The field is for the nurture of crops; the church for the nurture of lives. The psalmist recognized the good soil of God's house when he wrote: "Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish . . ." (Psalm 92:13).

Unfortunately, there isn't much nurturing and flourishing going on in a good number of churches at this time of year. Church school is cancelled; midweek studies are recessed; worship attendance drops off, and offerings are meager. In our church, attendance and offerings are one-third lower in July and August than during the rest of the year. Instead of a fertile field, many churches bear a greater resemblance to a desert wasteland.

Christians desperately need to recover the biblical concept of *community*. We need each other, and we must assemble regularly throughout the year if faith is to mature and mission to be fulfilled. Yes, Christian faith is personal, but it is also corporate. Acts 2:42-47 describes faith being built in the context of community. In his letters Paul addresses the needs of specific Christian communities.

There is no justification for letting summer activities crowd out my responsibilities to God's people and God's mission, and when they do, I certainly can't expect much flourishing to go on in God's house.

Are you "planted" in the Lord's house in the summer months? Are you like a July corn stalk, mightily winding its way toward the skies? Or is the word "uprooted" a more fit description of your summer stewardship? "Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish." Let's flourish together!

*James F. Baer
Church on the Hill
Oak Creek, Wisconsin*



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OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

July 17, 1988

10:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE & PRAYER "Salvation Medley" arr. by Grubbs

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE 399 "Sunshine In My Soul"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*RESPONSE

In Unison

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.

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

SOLO

"I Believe in Miracles"

Peterson

Fred Grubbs

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

MY CHURCH should be a friendly Church with doors that open wide, inviting every lonely heart to fellowship inside...

MY CHURCH should be a lamp for those who somehow went astray and even now, confused and hurt, need light along the way...

MY CHURCH should be less occupied with ritual and creed, when simple Christian kindness is by far the greatest need... and yet

THIS CHURCH where God should dwell, may never make a start unless I, as a member here, shall have Christ in my heart.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "There's Just Something

About That Name"

Gaither

Offertory Hymn 480 "Rescue the Perishing"

(Those attending Children's Church may come forward during the last stanza of the hymn.)

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

MORNING MESSAGE "The Miracle Worker"

Pastor Gillin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 386 "Whiter Than Snow"

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

"I Am Bound for the Promised Land" arr. by Grubbs

(*congregation stands)

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Today 10:00 Worship Hour

Wed. 6:30 Quarterly Supper Business Meeting

Thurs. 7:00 Visitation Ministry

Sunday 10:00 "The Hell Of Hell" Luke 16:19-31

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Monday - Peter and Linda White; Tuesday - Jarrod Trigg; Thursday - Nathan Elfner, Bertha McTaggart; Saturday - John Dove, Alison Mowery

Missionaries: Becky Trask, Hong Kong (17); Tom Minderhout, Thailand (18); Charles Shawver, Mexico (18); Cheryl Dudley, Peoria, Ill. (19); John Runohr, Zaire (20); Clifford Stabell, Zaire (20); Emelie Ballard, Thailand (21); Norman Riddle, Zaire (21); Dr Marian Boehr, India (22); Barbara Elder, Thailand (23);

Healing: Myrtle Gabriel (room 312, Grady); Don Faulk

Camping Ministry: Sr. High (11+12) Larry Griffin, Dr. Green Lake; Marriage Enrichment Conference, Church Musicians Conference

Bereavement: Family of Clayton Peaslee, Judson Hills Camp Manager who died Wednesday

Congratulations: Curt Montgomery and Carolyn Collins married at First Baptist yesterday. Jeanne Ekelberry served as the service soloist and Betty Porter as the organist.

PREACHING AND WORSHIP

"Some people wrongly assume that preaching is a one-way event. Unlike classroom lecturing, preaching occurs within an intentional community for the edification of that community of faith. The intent of preaching is to provoke dialogue within the community of faith regarding its ideas, vision and values."

Dr. Stephen Jones, Wayne, Pa.

Orville and Wilbur Wright in 1903 sent this telegram from Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, to their sister in Ohio:

FIRST SUSTAINED FLIGHT TODAY. STOP. FIFTY-NINE SECONDS. STOP. HOME FOR CHRISTMAS. STOP.

She took the message to a Dayton newspaper. The next morning a brief news item appeared under the headline: "POPULAR LOCAL BICYCLE MERCHANTS WILL BE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS."

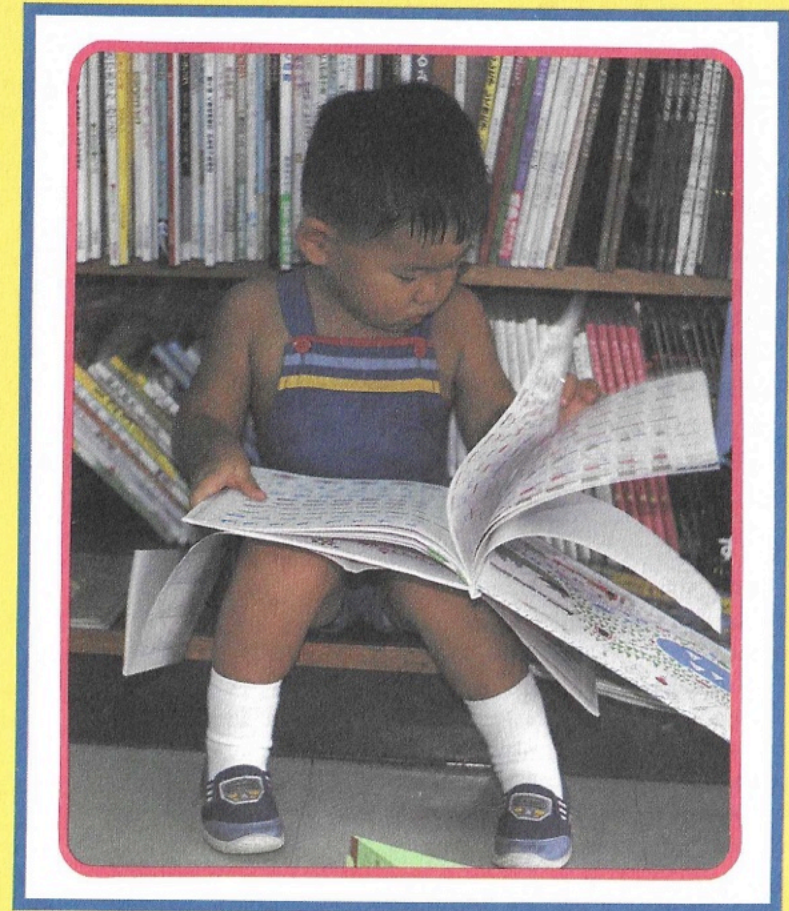
Have you ever felt that you've been on the threshold of something wonderful, something exciting, something that is history-in-the-making, only to have missed it? We all have. Children or grandchildren are suddenly grown, and we've missed too much of the experience. Our work has grown to become an idol instead of an ideal, and we find ourselves approaching retirement wondering where life has escaped. We continually look forward to *someday* when we will get all those loose ends tied together, knowing deep within us that *someday* will probably never come.

I can't help but wonder if there were lots of people in Bethlehem that completely missed Christ's Advent. I can't help but wonder if there were more people in Galilee who heard about Christ's miracles, but never got around to going down to the lake to see one happen. I can't help but wonder if, for some, the news of the empty tomb was greeted with an early morning yawn.

Life, for us, is not nearly so much YESTERDAY or TOMORROW as it is TODAY. Let's savor this moment! Let's rejoice in the now! Let's permit the significant events of the here and now not to escape with barely a passing nod.

Today is the day our Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in the Lord!

*Weldon P. deMeurers
Livermore, Maine*



For ye are all
the children of God
by faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:26

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O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

July 24, 1988

10:00 a.m.

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PRELUDES "Prelude on Psalm 8" Callender
AND PRAYER "A Summer Melody" Boalt

*HYMN OF PRAISE 548 "Safely Through Another Week" Newton

*INVOCATION

*RESPONSE Tune: Doxology

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

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

Be prepared to stand and briefly share your concern,
make announcements, and introduce your guests.

SOLO Jeanne Ekelberry

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

For a worry-free vacation: notify the post office to forward or hold your mail...notify the police that you will be away...stop all regular deliveries...hire someone to mow your lawn...plug in the light-switch timer for a lived-in look at your house...leave a key to the house with a neighbor...pay your church pledge for the Sundays you will be away...and go on your way rejoicing!

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory "Gavotte in G Minor" Bach
Debbie Lovell, violin

*Offertory Hymn 209 "Glorious Things"
Those attending Children's Church may come forward during the last stanza of the hymn.

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD Luke 16:19-23

MORNING MESSAGE "The Man in Hell" Pastor Gillin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHP

Any who wish to register a Christian decision are encouraged to do so by coming forward during the hymn. The Pastor will be at the front to welcome you.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 288 "Amazing Grace"

*THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE "March On In Victory" Paxton
Please take time during the postlude to greet someone you need to know and love in Christ today.

(*congregation stands)

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O U R L I F E T O G E T H E R

Today 10:00 Worship Hour

Wednesday 7:30 Healing Group at the VanBrimmers
Parents Encouraging Parents at Asbury
Methodist Church

Thursday 7:00 Visitation Ministry

Sunday 10:00 "A Plea for Patience" Romans 8:25

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Tuesday - John and Bertha McTaggart; Steve Palmer; Jeff Faulk; Dick Lee;

Wednesday - John and Anne Linn; Saturday - Bernice Turney; Missionaries: Monday - Ruth Mooney, El

Salvador; Jene Chadwick, Kansas; Wednesday - Gretchen Wilce, Bangladesh; Gary Foster, Zaire; Thursday - Stephen Heneise, nicaragua; Friday - Richard Mann, Thailand

Healing: Myrtle Gabriel, Delaware Nursing and Rehab. Center; William Dean, Room 412, Grady; Don Faulk

Bereavement: Family of Jim "Billy" Porter, who died in California where a memorial fund has been established to which his First Baptist friends may contribute. Family of Clay Peaslee, Manager of Judson Hills Camp.

Camping Ministry: Middle High, Steve Crane, Director;

Green Lake: ABW Conference; ABM Conference; Religious Liberty Conference

As a child, the Bible stories that told of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee held a special appeal for me. In my childish imagination I readily entered into those dramatic moments in our Savior's life that took place by its waters.

There he calmed the violent storm, mysteriously walked upon its waters, directed defeated fishermen to their greatest catch, and cooked a mean as a sign of his physical resurrection. Yes, mighty events occurred by that fabled sea.

Yet of all those grand events one other stands out as having greatest import for everyday Christian living. It has to do with a sentence Jesus spoke to two surprised fishermen; a sentence which echoes unceasingly from its shores, challenging millions of believers. He said to Peter and his brother Andrew, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). Ever since, the shores of the Sea of Galilee are hallowed as the birthplace of Christian discipleship and evangelism.

Peter and Andrew understood the words of Jesus in ways difficult for us to do. For many of us, fishing is an occasional weekend or holiday treat. For Peter and Andrew it defined their personal identity and spelled out their life vocation. Undoubtedly, it was this latter meaning Jesus had in mind when he gave their daily task a new spiritual meaning.

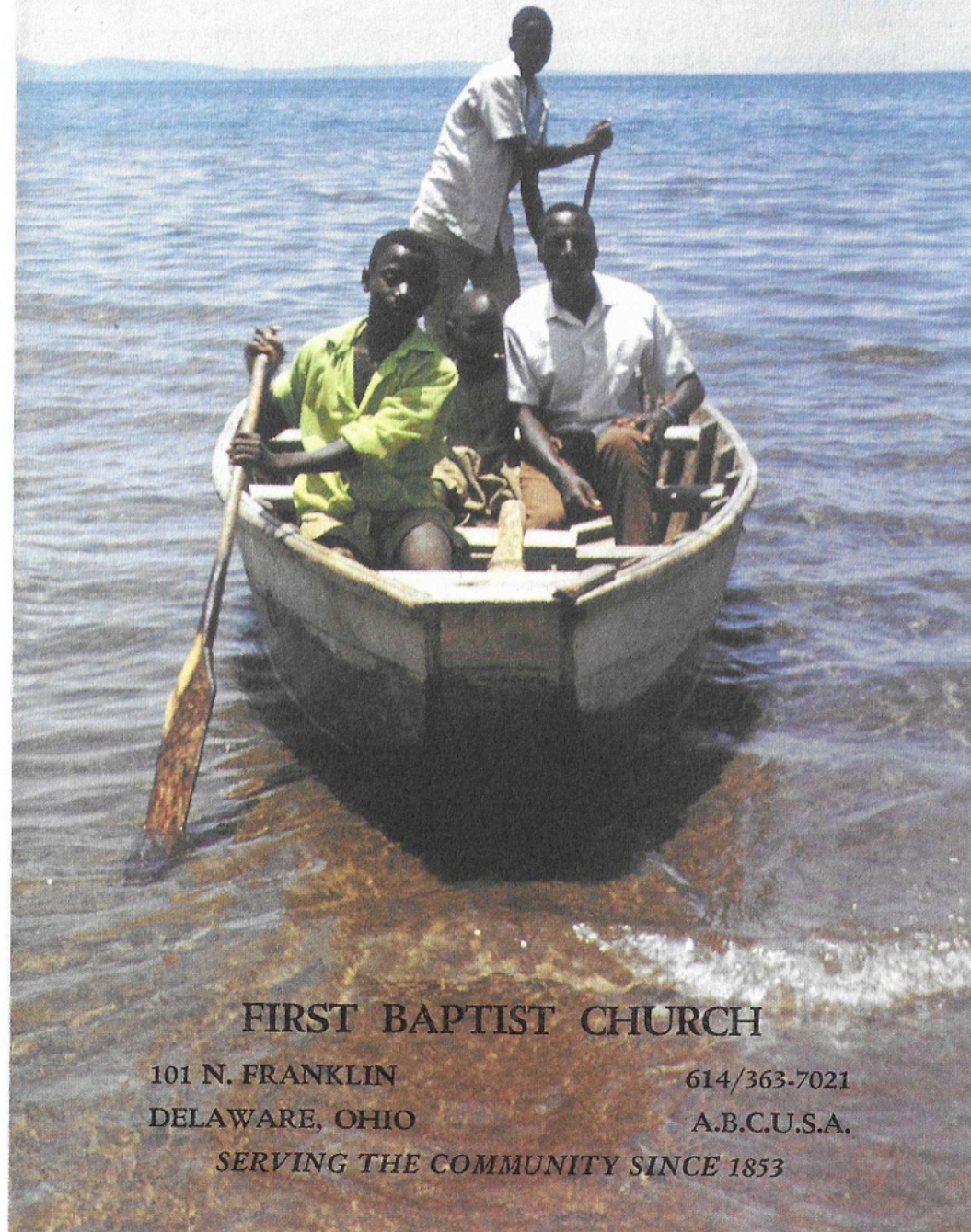
The call to Peter and Andrew have become the call to all Christ's disciples. It may not be a call to leave our present vocations to become pastors and missionaries. It is a call, however, to find ways whereby all our daily tasks can be transformed into instruments to draw people to Jesus. Have you accepted his challenge?

*George Balla
First Baptist Church
Monrovia, California*



*Follow me, and I will
make you fishers of men.*

Matthew 4:19



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O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

July 31, 1988

10:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE & PRAYER "The Hiding Place" Arr. Bock

The prelude is a pathway to the presence of the Lord.

Be reverent, silent, thoughtful, and as you pray for yourself, remember others who worship, who minister, and for the work of Christ in the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP Hab. 2:20

The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him!

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER In Unison

*RESPONSE 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.

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

Be prepared to stand and briefly share your concern, make announcements, and introduce your guests.

SOLO "It Won't Be Long" Crouch
Fred Grubbs

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

"We covenant to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations." - Church Covenant

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication Unison

...With these gifts we consecrate ourselves to your service that your Word may be heard in this place and throughout the whole world, through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, even Jesus, our Lord. Amen!

Offertory "Worthy the Lamb"

*Offertory Song 249 "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings"

(Those attending Children's Church may come forward during the last stanza of the hymn.)

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD

Romans 8:18-28

OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IN PRAYER

Thanksgiving - rendering thanks for the great benefits we have received at God's hands.

Intercession - asking those things which are required and necessary, for the Body and the Spirit.

MORNING MESSAGE "A Plea for Patience" Pastor Gillin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

"If anyone declares publicly that he belongs to me, I will do the same for him before my Father in Heaven." - Matthew 10:32

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 198

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

*SHARING OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN

Any who wish to register a Christian decision are encouraged to do so by coming forward during the singing of the hymn. The Pastor will be at the front to welcome you.

*INTO THE WORLD

In Unison

We go forth into the world in peace; to be of good courage; to hold fast to that which is good; to render to no one evil for evil; to strengthen the fainthearted; to support the weak; to help the afflicted; to give due honor to everyone; to love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*THREEFOLD AMEN

In Unison

POSTLUDE "I Will Praise Him" Thompson

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PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER: Birthdays - Charity Piatt (1); Jennifer Porter (7); Healing - Myrtle Gabriel; William Dean, Don Faulk; Bereavement- Family of Billy Porter; a memorial service is being held today in Los Angeles

Be Still and Know That I Am God

Dr. Owen Owens, in a new meditation journal for American Baptists, makes these suggestions regarding the power and impact of prayer in the life of Christians.

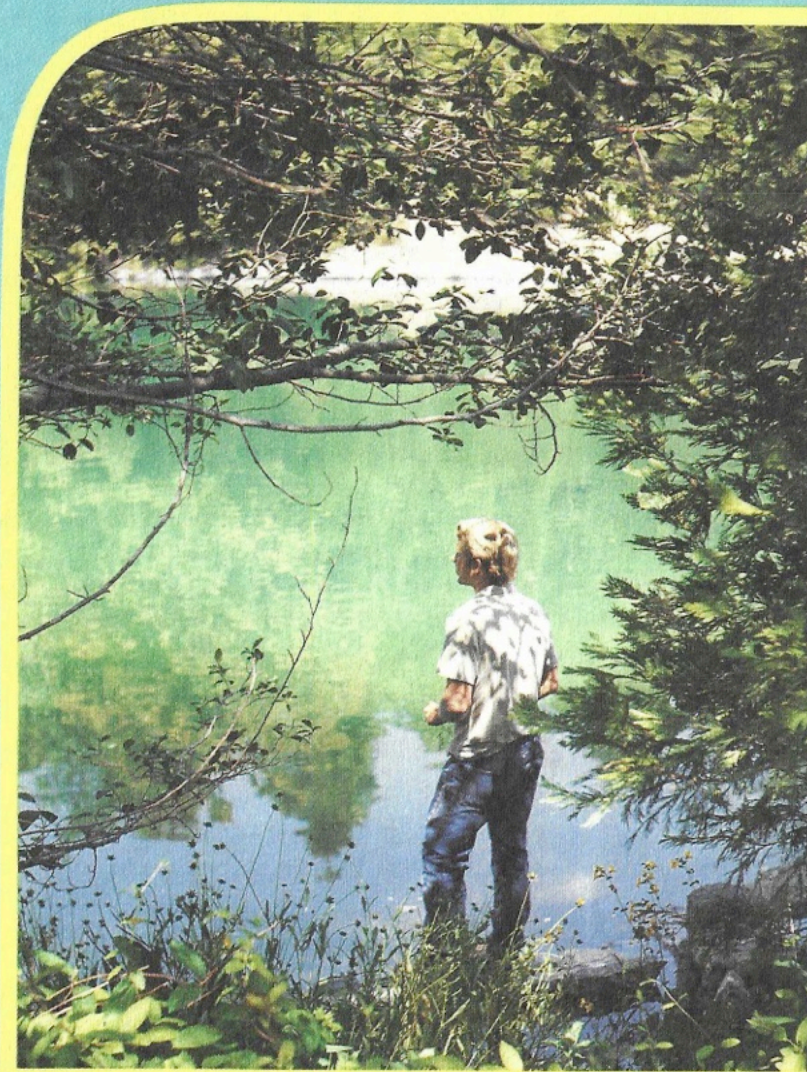
“God is in control today. Those churches which help people learn to pray will find loving energies released to their people. Prayer is response to God. It is easier than breathing, closer than a heartbeat. Why then must we learn to pray? Because we have fallen away from the real presence of God in our lives, we have to relearn that simple faith of children. Enjoy prayer. Find out in your own experience what the earliest disciples learned when they asked Jesus, “Teach us to pray.”

Although prayer is a response to God, Dr. Owens recommends active participation. He suggests that people should keep a daily prayer journal to record reflections and learnings. In addition, he urges that every prayer be accompanied by some action step that the person can take in order to strengthen one’s faith and see the power of God at work.

He writes: “Jot down your planned action steps as well as other requests you have made of God, and watch expectantly for answered prayer. Notice the effects of your action steps each day. See what the answers to prayer may be. Remember that every second God is working to bring into being that which is good, right, true and loving. This is God’s nature. Each moment, therefore, can be a time of revelation just as it was for Jesus and the disciples.”

*Keith Ignatius
Educational Ministries
Valley Forge, Pa.*

From *Teach Us to Pray*, a prayer manual with meditations by Mary Young and text by Owen Owens. Available from Judson Literature Service, Valley Forge.



Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10a

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O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

August 7, 1988

10:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE AND "The Lost Chord" Sullivan
PRAYER

Friend, there's a welcome in this Church for thee;
Come in and rest and give thanks and kneel and pray.
What we have built for God's glory see,
Give thanks, and so in peace go on thy way.

CALL TO WORSHIP In Response

Leader: Let us celebrate the hope we find in Jesus.

People: He was a man of great love.

Leader: He was a man for others.

People: He laid down His life for His friends.

Leader: We believe love is eternal.

People: We dedicate ourselves to that belief.

Leader: Let us offer our praise with joy!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 550 "When Morning Guilds the Skies"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER In Unison

WORDS OF WELCOME

Be prepared to stand and briefly share your concern,
your announcement of joy or introduction of a guest

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Karen Stoner

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

The peace and inspiration of this hour of worship can
help put our minds and souls in order. For re-
creation to recreate, it must be spiritual. Golf,
fishing, and boating are good, but not good enough
if worship is left out. If worship has its place
on the Lord's Day, then physical recreation is at its
best in re-creating our bodies, our minds and our
spirits.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING "Supplication" Beethoven

*OFFERTORY HYMN 294 "My Savior's Love"

Those attending Children's Church may come forward
during the last stanza of the hymn.

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD Psalm 8 In Unison

MORNING MESSAGE Pastor Gillin

HYMN OF PREPARATION 84 "Come, And Praise the Lord"

COMMUNION OFFERING The Fellowship Fund

Let the Scriptures now be fulfilled in our midst as
we bear one another's burdens.

MUSICAL OFFERING "But the Lord is Mendelssohn
Mindful of His Own"

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNION

The Scriptures Matthew 26:26

Thanksgiving for The Bread

Thanksgiving for The Cup

*Fellowship Hymn 207 (1st verse)

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*DISMISSAL In Response

Leader: We have gathered here for worship in praise,
celebration and communion

People: We leave now to be God's people, witnessing
in many places

Leader: Be of good courage for Christ's presence
and strength go with us into a new week

People: For this and for all of God's gifts we
rejoice and give our thanks

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: AMEN!

*POSTLUDE "Elevation" Battmann

Let these moments of friendliness be dedicated to
strengthening and extending the ties that bind us
together in Christian love.

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The extreme heat this summer creates a hardship for the
elderly and persons with health problems. Local social
services agencies have been supplying fans to those in
need, but are running out of funds. Contributions can
be sent to PIN (People In Need) at 274 North Sandusky.
If you would like to donate a new fan, you can drop it
off at the Delaware Fire Department. People needing fans
can be referred to Help Anonymous (369-3316) or PIN.

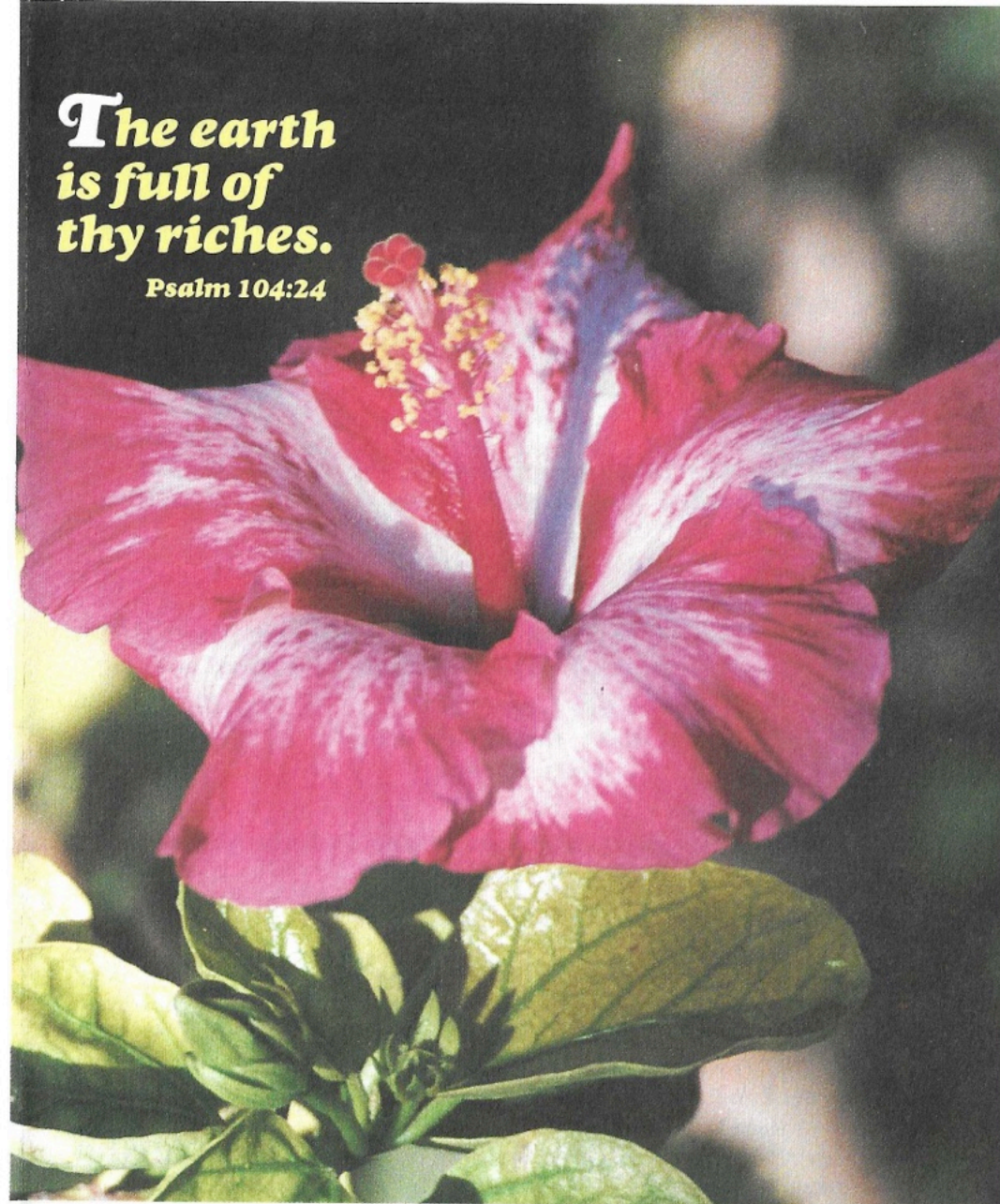
The Earth Is Full of Thy Riches

A seed is planted and when given the right kind of attention, care, and nourishment, that puny, little seed sprouts into a miracle of pure enjoyment. Our earliest ancestors had no explanation except that of “miracle”—something given from the gods.

In our urbane sophistication we know how things grow. In fact, we know how to make things grow better than the original and we breed generation after generation of new plants, striving to perfect that which had been given to us. In many ways we have been good stewards of God’s land, increasing its richness by bringing more food to the world and using its resources to better standards of living. A great deal of good has been done.

However, as much as we can change the world, we cannot create a world. We can alter genes to reshape life, but the original spark of life was a gift. New plants may be created out of old ones, but the original seed was a gift.

Do we really need to say who the Giver was? Look at the cover again. Look deep into the beauty of that flower . . . planted, nurtured, and photographed for your enjoyment. But, who gave us the original? Look deep into “miracle” and give thanks that “earth is full of God’s riches.”



**The earth
is full of
thy riches.**

Psalm 104:24

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O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

August 14, 1988

10:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE AND PLAYER "T'is So Sweet To Trust in Jesus" Rasley

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE 67 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*INVOCATION

*RESPONSE In Unison
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided -
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please be prepared to stand and briefly share your concern, announcement of joy, and introduce your guest.

SOLO "I Surrender All"
"I Need Thee Every Hour"
Karen Stoner

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

To live and give that when people get to know you, they will get to know Christ better.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication In Unison
O God, our Heavenly Father, because you have not spared your own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, receive these offerings of our love. And help us with our gifts to yield ourselves to serve you, and in your service find our deepest joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Offertory "Come Unto Me" Frick
*Offertory Hymn 20 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"
(Children attending Children's Church may come forward on the last stanza.)

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Prayer of Blessing

MORNING MESSAGE Proverbs 27:5 Pastor Gillin
"Better a frank word of rebuke than the love that will not speak."

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 504 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN In Unison

POSTLUDE "Praise Ye the Lord" Carrier

(*congregation stands)

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O U R L I F E T O G E T H E R

Today 10:00 Worship Hour
Monday 7:00 Parish Council
Wednesday 7:30 Healing Group at the VanBrimmers
7:30 Parents Encouraging Parents at Asbury Methodist Church
Sunday 10:00 Ted Stephenson, guest minister

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Today - Rick and Barbara VanBrimmer; Wednesday - Pam and Larry Faulk; Sunday - Jim Stephenson.

Healing: Edith Hall, eye surgery; Bertha VanBrimmer; Don Faulk, foot surgery; Myrtle Gabriel, Delaware N & R Center.

Bereavement: Ralph Zundel, August 6; Clayton Peaslee, July 14; Billy Porter Delaware Memorial Service to be held on August 27 (All gifts to a memorial fund will support the new Delaware Center for the Arts.)

Judson Hills Ministry: Minister's Fellowship Days (22-24), Senior Adult Conference (25-27)

Green Lake: Evangelism Conference

OBC Annual Bible & Mission Conference: Kirkwood Camp, Wilmington, Sept. 2-5

Guest Ministers: Rev. Ted Stephenson will be guest minister next Sunday, and Chaplain Jim Miller will be guest minister on the following two Sundays (28 + 4). The Gillins will be vacationing August 19 through Sept. 5 at 26 Winona Ave., Ocean Park, Maine, a Baptist seaside cottage community.

Deacon of the Month: Steve Stoner, 369-7754. While the pastor is absent, call Deacon Stoner concerning congregational matters.

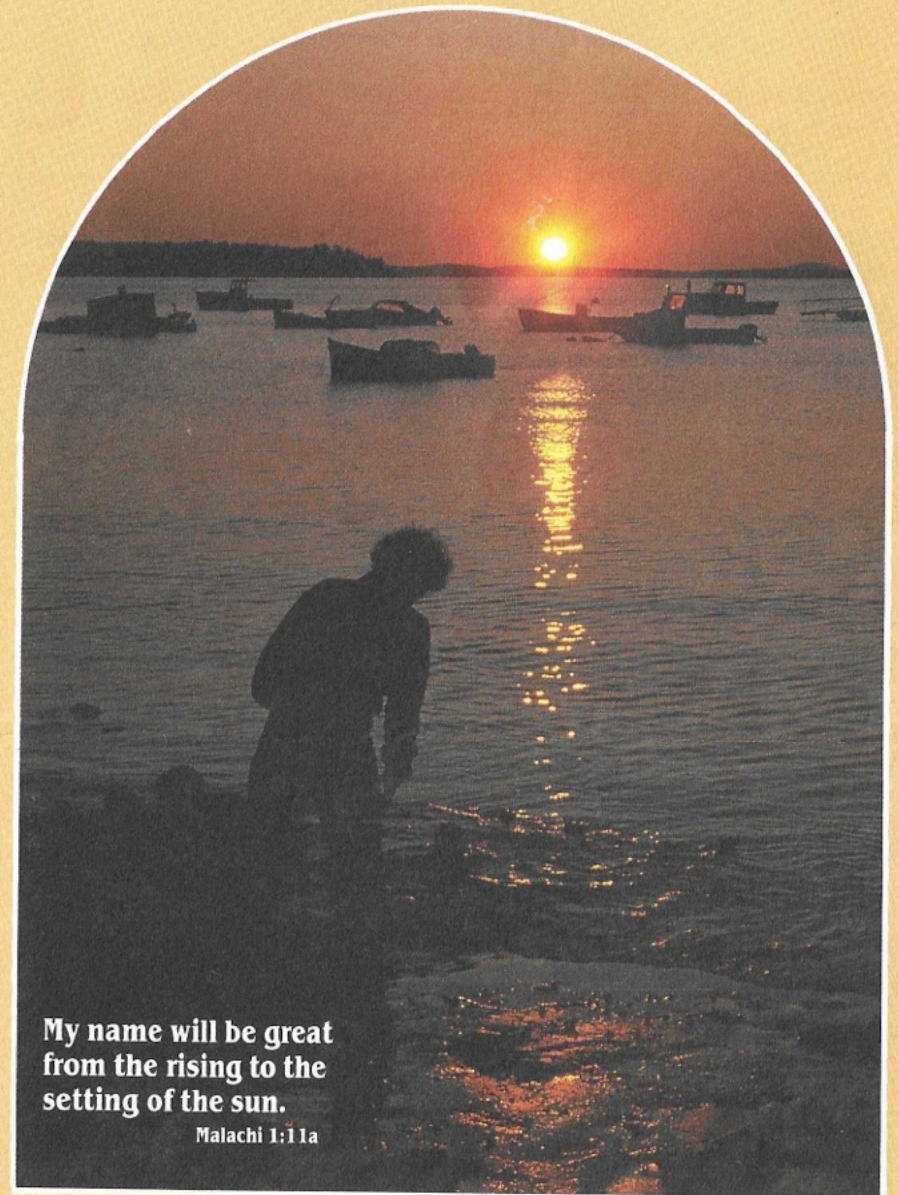
Malachi appears on the scene during the worst part of Jewish history as darkness is about to descend on them for four hundred years. Malachi's revelation is that of a coming Lord whose name is to be magnified, honored, and worshiped by all nations.

The name denotes God's nature, character, self-existence, spirituality, and the mysterious existence of the Trinity in the unity of the godhead. The name denotes the harmony of all God's attributes and the majesty of God's governing. It is a name of weight and authority; a name to be magnified. Before it every knee shall bow.

The name declares the celebration of worship. The worship will be spiritual, but it will be offered "in every place." Spiritual worship is enlightenment; it is the result of knowledge. It must be the result of faith, for faith "sees" the Great Invisible. Worship must be the kindling of the Holy Spirit. There will be living offerings. It will not be cold, irrational service, but the service of a warm heart. Every person will offer themselves to God and each will become a holy and purified oblation, kindled by the fire of God. Thus through this worship there shall be myriads of spirits everywhere, all over the world, ascending in flames of pure devotion to God.

In the words of Isaac Watts: "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun, does his successive journeys run; His kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more."

*Dr. Howard J. Jensen
First Baptist Church
Manasquan, N.J.*



**My name will be great
from the rising to the
setting of the sun.**

Malachi 1:11a

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OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

Rev. Ted D. Stephenson 10:00 a.m.
Guest Pastor August 21, 1988

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PRELUDE "Just As I Am" arr. Grubbs
AND PRAYERS "I Surrender All" arr. Grubbs

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #63 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC "Something's Missing" Parsons
"Sweet Buehlah Land" Parsons

OFFERTORY "Jesus In the Morning" arr. Grubbs

*HYMN 366 "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"
(Those attending Children's Church may come forward
on the last stanza.)

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 5:12-14

SERMON "The Fat Baby"

*HYMN 503 "Jesus Call Us"

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE "Amazing Graee" arr. Grubbs

(*congregation stands)

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Rev. Ted D. Stephenson - Guest Pastor
Steve Stoner - Lay Leader
Fred Grubbs - Organist

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Tuesday 7:30 Healing Group

Next 10:00 Morning Worship - Chaplain Jim Miller,
Sunday Guest Minister

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Today - Jim Stephenson;
Tuesday - Mildred Bowers, Dick and Evelyn Lee;
Wednesday - Florence Faulk; Saturday - Linda White

Pastor and Mrs. Gillin will be on vacation for three
weeks. Today's guest minister is Rev. Ted D. Stephenson,
pastor of the Church of the Master in Indianapolis.
On the following two Sundays our guest minister will be
Chaplain Jim Miller.

REVELATION

by Elizabeth Searle Lamb

The airplane
after takeoff
climbs quickly
through clouds
and suddenly
breaks through
into the sunshine.

So my spirit
prays through
a fog of doubts
and reaches
suddenly that
still place
where I know
the Oneness.

The sunshine
of joy
floods
my entire being.

All ladies received an invitation this morning for our first meeting of ABW. Dinner meeting at 6:30. Room reserved. Followed by installation service, "Dell Dove." Shirley Parker will introduce this ^{new} national mission study by giving a book review.

So what if you are a child of LIGHT?

Along a beach on the mighty Atlantic; by the shores of one of the Great Lakes; walking the unmatched Pacific Coast or beside one of the almost countless lakes with which God has blessed our beautiful land, we are particularly aware of light and how it enables us to see or perceive more completely! But what does Paul mean when he says "Ye [we] are all the children of light, and the children of the day" (1 Thessalonians 5:5, KJV).

As Christians, we know Jesus said he was the light, and as his twentieth-century disciples, we can say with the psalmist, "We have seen a great light." Does that make us children of light and of the day?

Paul wrote that statement to the church at Thessalonica because he had heard that they were spending too much of their time and energy arguing about and waiting for the Day of the Lord (the Second Coming). They were spending so much time and energy in the arguing that they were not growing. Paul's message to them and to us is the same: Jesus will come at a time no one knows, as a thief in the night, or as the birth pains of a pregnant woman.

As the children of light and of the day, we must live each day in the fullness of his love—not waiting for the right time; not putting off any task, but living in the light of the knowledge of what Jesus would have us do. We must live each day as the Day of the Lord because today is all we have today!

William Barclay told of the old Scotsman whose Christian friends were offering words of comfort near the end. He interrupted them saying, "Ah thatched ma hoose when the weather was warm."

May we live each day as the children of light and of the day so that the Lord will find us working, not waiting.

When we live each day with Christ, we are ever ready to enter into the "Joy of the Lord!"

Ed Phelps
The voice of "Shared Daily Devotions"
Audio Edition of The Secret Place



**Ye are all the children of light,
and the children of the day.**

1 Thessalonians 5:5a

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DEDICATION OF CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

LEADER: Today marks the beginning of a new church school year. Some of you have begun this task many times. Others of you may be wondering if you should have agreed to do it. But each of you knows that the task you are beginning is one that is shared by the whole congregation. Each person here has a role to play in the educational ministry. You, standing before the congregation, have a very special role. Therefore, I ask that you say together the promise indicating your willingness to fulfill this role.

TEACHERS: We are willing, with God's help and the help of this congregation, to prepare carefully and to come each week to teach our church school classes.

LEADER: But teachers without students cannot teach. Would all those of every age who will be students in the classes of these teachers stand. Please say together your promise before your teachers and this congregation.

STUDENTS: We promise, with God's help and the help of these teachers and this congregation, to be faithful in attendance and willing to learn.

LEADER: These teachers and students desire and deserve the support of this congregation. Will all others in the congregation stand now with the students. Please say together your vow.

CONGREGATION: We promise, with God's help to provide the necessary resources and environment so that these teachers and students can fulfill their learning tasks.

UNISON PRAYER: O God, Giver of Knowledge, we have made our promises to you and to one another. Help us to remember them and to keep them. Remind us that we are to support, not judge, one another in this task. Create in us open hearts and minds, as teachers and as leaders, so we may accept your Spirit as it comes. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

August 28, 1988

10:45 a.m.

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Rev. Gene F. Gillin Pastor
Chaplain Jim Miller Guest Minister
Fred Grubbs Organist

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN 550 "When Morning Guilds the Skies"

*INVOCATION

*RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE READING #656

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

DUET Medley "He Touched Me" Caithern
"Something Beautiful"
"The Longer I Serve Him"
Linda White and Fred Grubbs

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*HYMN 222 "Sing Them Over Again To Me"
(Those attending Children's Church may come forward
during the last stanza of the hymn.)

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE Psalm 147:1-11

MESSAGE "Sing Praise" Chaplain Miller

*HYMN 275 "Come, We That Love the Lord"

*BENEDICTION

*THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Today 8:30am Breakfast Buffet
9:15am Opening Exercises
9:30am Church School
10:45am Morning Worship - Chaplain Jim Miller
Tuesday 7:30pm Healing Group
Wednesday 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
Next 9:15am Opening Exercises
Sunday 9:30am Church School
10:45am Morning Worship - Chaplain Jim Miller

Rev. and Mrs. Gene Gillin are on vacation. We welcome
Chaplain Jim Miller as our guest minister for our
service today and next Sunday.

The flowers on the altar are in memory of Billy Porter.
A memorial service for Billy was held on Saturday. He
would have celebrated his 31st birthday on August 30th.

The September issue of the newsletter will be available
next Sunday. Please submit your articles to Jim no
later than Wednesday.

Make plans to join us on September 9, 10 and 11 for our
annual church retreat at Judson Hills. Our leader this
year will be our area minister Sandy Heizer. (There will
be no church service at our church on Sunday the 11th.)

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Tuesday - Fred and Carol
Grubbs, Archie Trigg

Choir rehearsal will resume this week after our summer
break. We invite anyone interested in joining the choir
to attend our rehearsal Wednesday night from 7 to 8pm.

The more you love, the more you'll find
That life is good and friends are kind
For only what we give away
Enriches us from day to day.

Helen Steiner Rice

SEPTEMBER 4

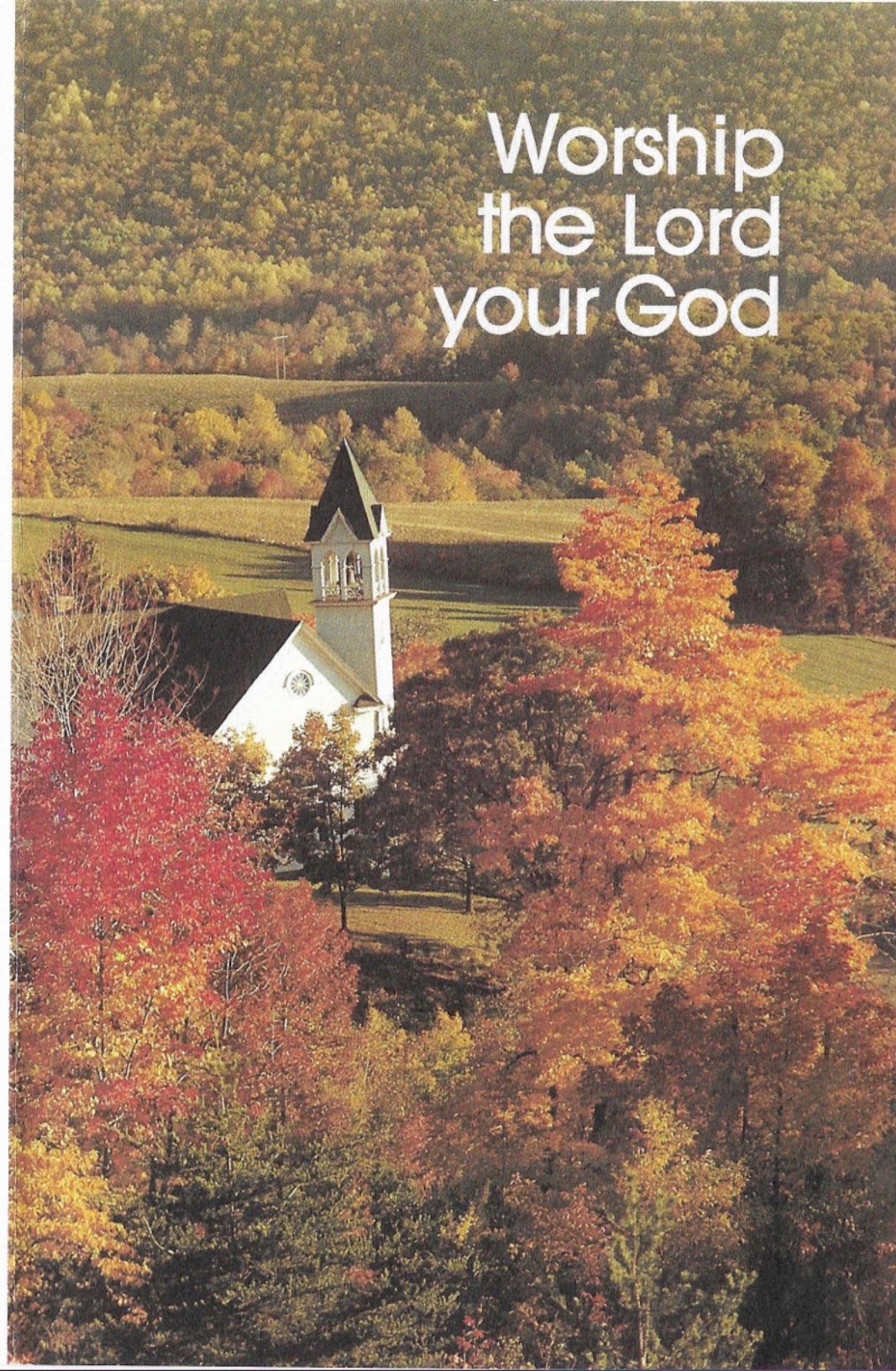
It's appropriate for this Labor Day weekend to be talking about service to our God. Such service is a "labor of love" as we reach out and touch others with the joyous message of the gospel.

Today I want to call your attention to some special servants in your church—your Sunday school teachers and leaders who have been hard at work preparing for this new fall quarter. They deserve our applause for the time and commitment they've made and will make to their students. Keep them in your prayers.

We celebrate today the first use of the new Judson Bible Series—the first distinctly American Baptist Sunday school curriculum in almost a generation. It too, is a labor of love—written for American Baptists by Sunday school teachers, pastors, and laity from all backgrounds and Christian experiences.

Pray that it will help our teachers and students come to new understandings of faith and develop deeper commitments to our Lord and Savior.

If something is missing from your life...check it out in your "nearest" Sunday school class. Enjoy the rich friendships that often take place.



Worship
the Lord
your God

OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

September 4, 1988 10:45 a.m.

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Rev. Gene F. Gillin Pastor
Chaplain Jim Miller Guest Minister
Larry Faulk Lay Leader
Mary Lou Lovell Organist
Jim Stephenson Choir Director

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PRELUDE "I've Found A Friend" Graham
AND PRAYERS "My Redeemer" Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN 378 "Lord, Speak to Me"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM "Let Us Break Bread Together" Spiritual

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Andante" Batiste

*RESPONSE "Doxology"

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 2:1-7

SERMON "The Christian's Work"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING "A Faithful Shepherd" Macklin

*HYMN 220 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN 380 "Living for Jesus"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Go Forth in Faith" Paxton

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Tuesday 7:30pm Healing Group

Wednesday 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 6:30pm Annual Church Retreat at Judson Hills
begins and continues through Sunday.

Our annual Church Retreat at Judson Hills will take
place next weekend. Our leader will be Sandy Heizer,
our area minister, and the theme will be "Transitions:
Growth and Change."

Due to the retreat, there will be no services at our
church next Sunday.

The September issue of the newsletter is available
today. Please be sure to get your copy before leaving.

Rev. and Mrs. Gillin are on vacation this week, and we
are pleased to have Chaplain Jim Miller as our guest
minister.

NOTES TO TAKE HOME:

Seek first the Kingdom of God

KNOWING THE DIRECTION

Some years ago someone shared an old adage with me. It went, "If you don't know where you are going, any road will do." Following that bit of sage advice came a heavy emphasis on setting goals and objectives. Both of these emphasize the importance of having an understanding of desired results.

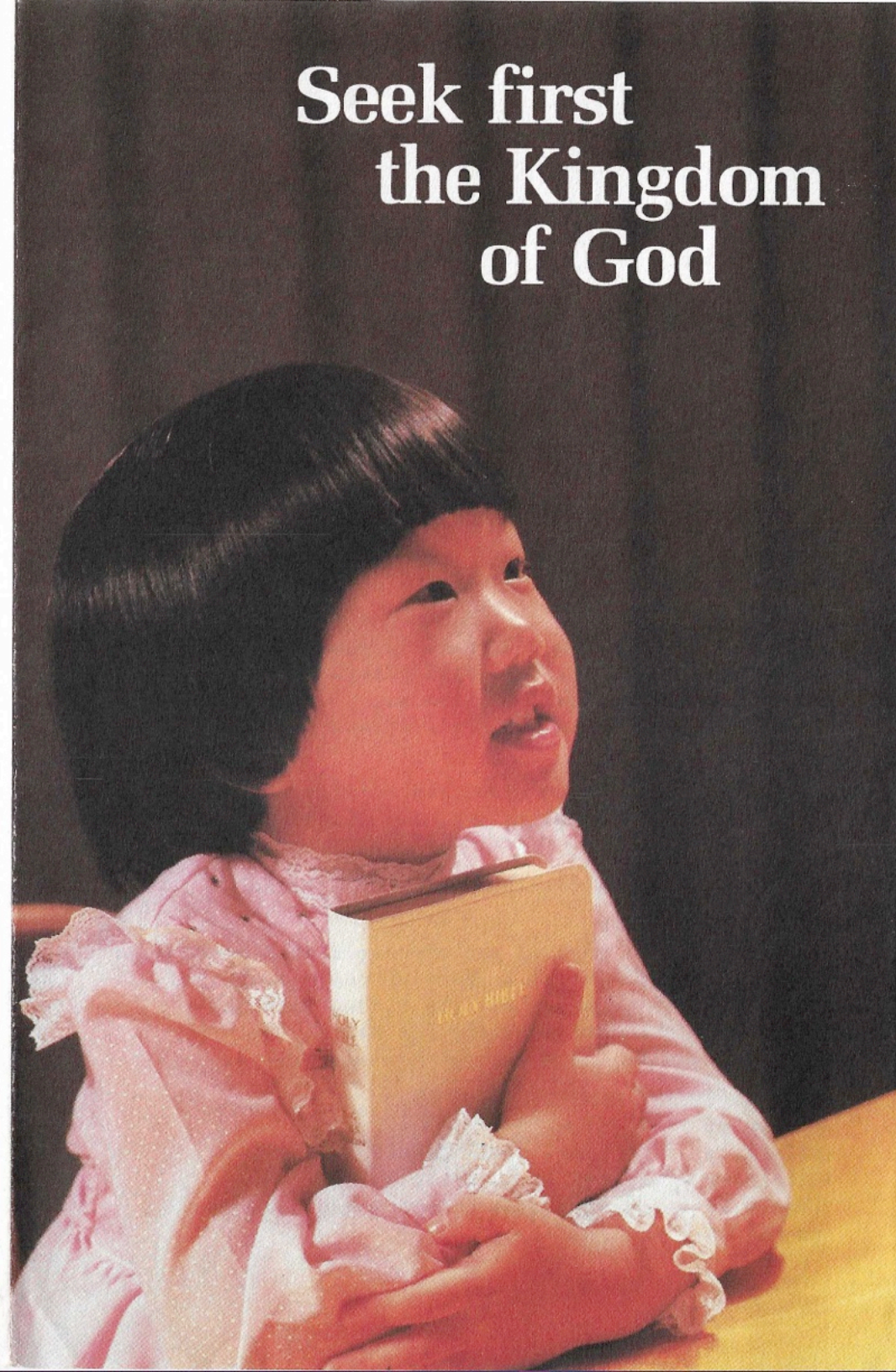
The trained ministry of the church requires a clear sense of direction. Jesus gave a clear mandate to make disciples, to baptize them and to teach them to observe all of his commandments. These teachings do set the direction: (1) to make persons learn about Jesus, (2) to help them declare their commitment, and (3) to help them incorporate his orders into personal lifestyles.

Our theme Scripture for the day indicates there is also a matter of setting life priorities. In Matthew 6:33 we read, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" (KJV). This primary focus would direct the orientation of our thoughts and lives, as well as our work of re-orienting the pace and quality of life around us.

Christian Education Week is a good time to check our direction and objectives for the church, as well as for our individual lives. Are they in tune with the teachings of Jesus, or are we settling for lesser achievements?

By Christ's own teaching we are told that in placing his concerns first our needs will be met.

*Rev. Richard G. Smith
ABC of Neb.*



OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

September 18, 1988

10:45 a.m.

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Gene F. Gillin	Pastor
Ben Turney	Lay Leader
Mary Lou Lovell	Organist
Fred Grubbs	Pianist
Jim Stephenson	Choir Director

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PRELUDE	"Intermezzo"	Brahms
& PRAYER	"The Quiet Hour"	Niedermeyer
CALL TO WORSHIP		From Psalm 29

* HYMN OF PRAISE 203 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

* INVOCATION

* LORD'S PRAYER In Unison

* RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,
 Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.
 Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
 Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please be prepared to stand and briefly share your concern, announcement of joy, and introduce your guest.

ANTHEM "As Breathes the Wind" Reese

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

The worship and work of our congregation depends upon the faithful financial support of our members and friends. Let us bring all the tithes into God's storehouse that our ministry for Him may be strengthened in these days of new beginnings.

GIVING OF TITHES And OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication
 Offertory "More About Jesus" Smith
 *Offertory Hymn 489 "Jesus Shall Reign"
 (Those attending Children's Church may come forward on the last stanza.)

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

I helped a little child to see
 That God had made a willow tree,
 And He became more real to me.
 I tried to lead a child through play
 To grow more Christ-like every day,
 And I myself became that way.
 I joined a Junior child in prayer,
 And as we bowed in worship there
 I felt anew God's loving care.
 Lord, keep us ever quick to see
 By building children, we find Thee.
 -Mildred Neidermeyer

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 624 In Response

OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IN PRAYER

Now some have come to cast their care on God,
 And some to praise from thankful hearts,
 And some, "Thy Kingdom Come" to pray. So today
 Let Him speak anew to every heart, perhaps to you.

MORNING MESSAGE "The Kingdom of God" Pastor Gillin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Those desiring to affirm faith in Jesus Christ, and those desiring to become a part of this family of God, we invite forward at this time.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 457 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN In Unison

POSTLUDE "Praises" Eliot

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PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

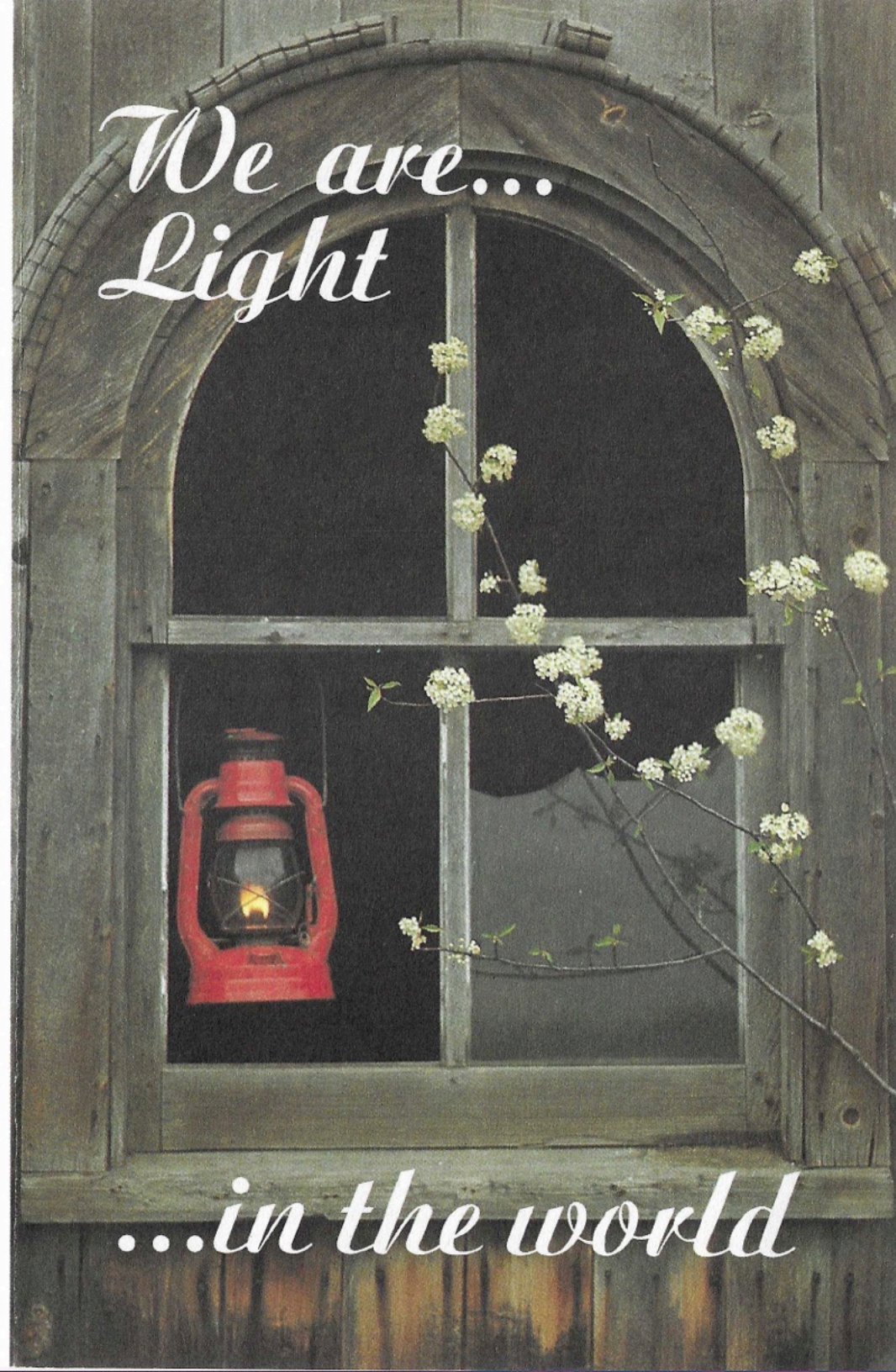
Celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week:
 Ben & Bernice Turney (today); Mary & Barney Barkeloo (Tuesday); Missionaries: Lauran D. Bethell, Thailand (today); Oscar E. Vega, Merced, CA (Tuesday); Dr. Estelle Schock, Hong Kong (Thursday); Marion Baptist Association: Fall Rally, Sept. 25, 2:50pm, Fite Memorial Baptist Church, Marion; College Student: Michael Ekelberry, 0527 Smith Hall, Ohio State University

Jesus said to us,
"You are to be shining guides to the world."
When Jesus called us the "salt of the earth,"
He called us to be pure; preserving and adding zest to life.
In likening the kingdom of heaven to leaven,
Jesus painted the picture of a change agent.
In all of these visualizations,
Jesus called us to action as light, salt, and leaven.
Lights shine and guide.
Salt purifies, preserves, and enhances.
Leaven transforms.
So must we. And we must do it where we are.
For lights are brightest close at hand.
Salt purifies on contact.
Leaven must intermingle.
So it is with Christians in today's world
Who are called to be light, salt, and leaven.

*Ingrid Dvirnak
American Baptist Woman*

*We are...
Light*

...in the world



O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

September 25, 1988

10:45 a.m.

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AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY

Gene F. Gillin	Pastor
Jeanne Ekelberry	Lay Leader
Mary Lou Lovell	Organist
Betty Porter	Pianist
Jim Stephenson	Choir Director

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PRELUDE AND PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Good morning, friends!
 People: Good morning!
 Leader: Let God's light break forth to illumine us.
 People: AND LET THE SHADOWS BE DISPELLED.
 Leader: God's Spirit is moving through our gathering.
 People: CREATING AND RE-CREATING.
 Leader: We receive God's light.
 People: WE REFLECT GOD'S LIGHT.

INVOCATION In Unison

Almighty God, creator of light, we praise you for
 your gift, Jesus Christ, the light of the world.
 Focus our vision on that light during this hour. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 617 The Beautitudes In Response

*HYMN OF PRAISE 25 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

WORDS OF WELCOME

Reach out and greet someone...and let the love of
 God and the peace of Christ flow through you to
 someone who needs it today.

ANTHEM "To God On High Be Thanks & Praise" Decius
Women's Chorus

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

As we are called to be the salt of the earth, may the
 gifts we offer be used to preserve, purify, and
 enhance the work of the kingdom.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication
 Offering in Song "I'll Walk With God" Brodzsky
Jeanne Ekelberry
 *Offertory Hymn 205 "Renew Thy Church"
 (Those attending Children's Church may come for-
 ward on the last stanza.)

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Young parents worried about any noise their child
 might make while in the sanctuary should take to
 heart these words of Robert Ingersoll: "One laugh
 of a child will make the holiest day more sacred
 still."

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD Psalm 73

MORNING MESSAGE Pastor Gillin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Those who wish to declare their faith in Christ
 and unite with the church are invited to come
 forward during the hymn.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 261 "The Light of the World"

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN In Unison

POSTLUDE

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O U R L I F E T O G E T H E R

The October issue of the newsletter will be avail-
 able next Sunday. Please submit your articles to
 Jim by Tuesday.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Celebrating special days this week: Mary Lou Lovell
 (Friday); Missionaries: Melba McDaniel, Thailand
 (25); Rupert Nelson, Thailand (29); Curtis Clark,
 Bend, OR (30);
Marriage: Smith and Dianna Runyan, FBC. yesterday
College Student: Michael Ekelberry, OSU, Columbus

Marion Assoc. Fall Rally - Today in Marion. Let's
 carpool from the church at 2:00pm.

By Faith the Challenge Continues

The central truth of the Lord's Supper has to do with the death of Christ, the shattering of a life. The elements of bread and wine that we share focus for us the event where life was broken. The brokenness of our own experience and the brokenness of our world draws us back to the crucifixion.

The Table merges sadness into joy. These broken things enable us to celebrate the pathway to healing and wholeness. The symbols point us to both death and deliverance. Jesus made these common things the story of his sorrow and of the grace of God.

These broken things proclaim the Word of God in the midst of unbelief. The words of redemption are set forth by Jesus to weak and unbelieving people. We see a world that contains bitterness, selfishness, and considerable hatred. Such a world needs to hear the Good News.

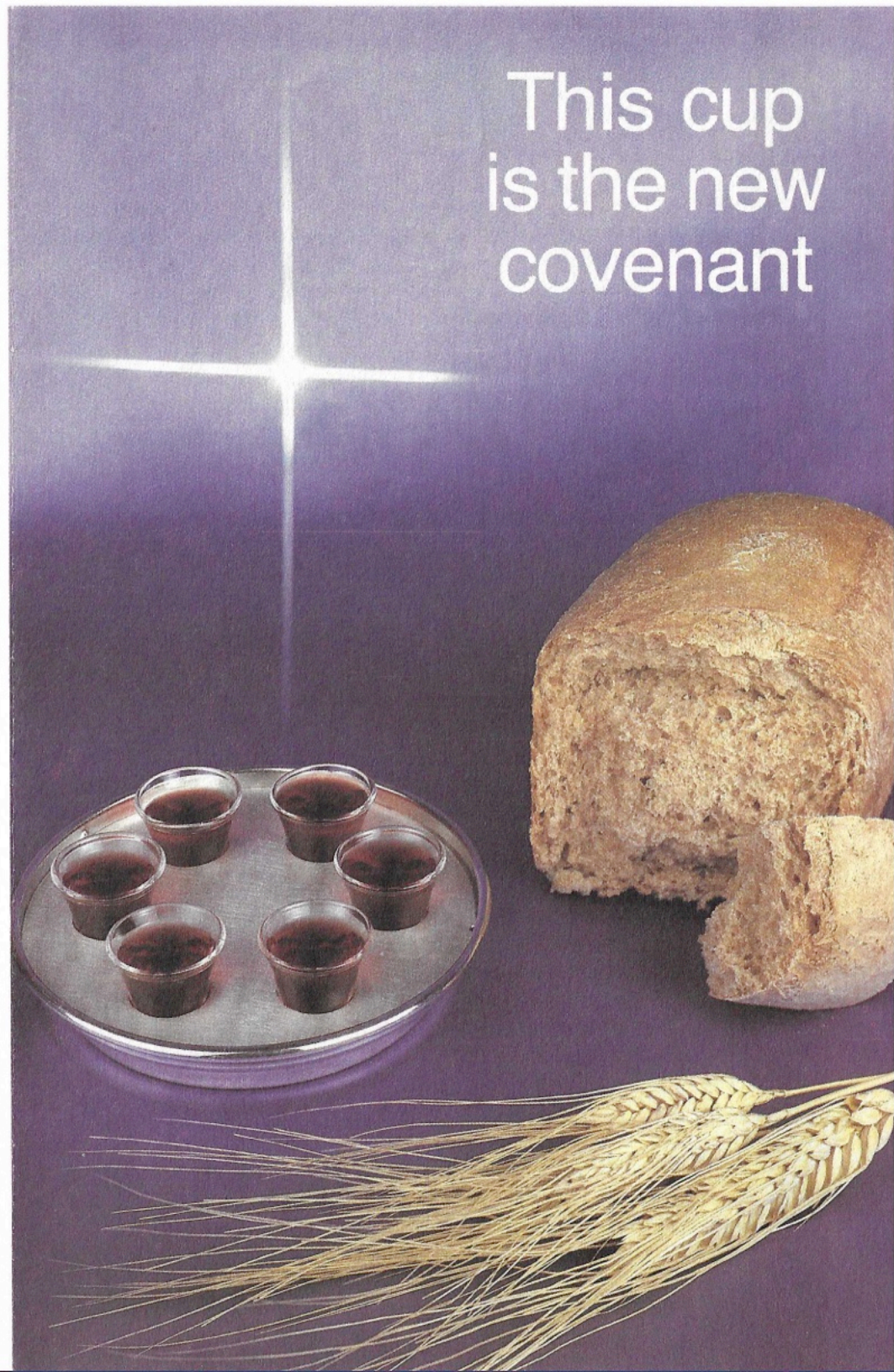
The challenge to address a broken world in Christ's name continues today as a mandate of our faith. Even as Adoniram Judson responded to God's call to take the message of God's love to "all the world," we are invited to continue the process. The World Fellowship Offering allows us to share the Good News in the midst of hatred, bitterness, and selfishness to the ends of the earth, even as we are called to share Good News across the fence and across the street in person.

Hateful, bitter, selfish people can be changed to new beings through the Word of the Cross. God uses death—the death of Christ—to accomplish life. In Christ it is possible for hatred to become love; bitterness to experience life-giving forgiveness, and selfishness to turn into joyful self-denial.

The invitation to Christ's Table implies a call to men and women of today who are ready to share Good News in "all the world." The World Fellowship Offering is a major way we as an American Baptist family can sustain and enable the witness to meet the continuing challenge.

*William A. Carlsen
Field Counselor, World Mission Support
American Baptist Churches of
New York State*

This cup
is the new
covenant



OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

October 2, 1988

10:45 a.m.

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PRELUDE "A Blessing" Ritter
AND PRAYER: "Meditation on 'Serenity'" Saxton

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ. Through its power and brilliance, may you feel the majesty and the glory of God; in its quietness, his peace.

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia! Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be the people of God; power, riches, wisdom and strength and honor, blessing and glory are his! Sing with all the people of God and join the hymn of all creation: blessing, honor, glory and might be to our God and the Lamb forever.

Amen!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 21 "O Worship the King"

*CALL TO COMMUNE

Leader: Worship is our response to the nature of God as revealed in Jesus of Nazareth.
People: HUMBLY WE COME IN AWE AND GLADNESS TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION IN EVERY CONCEIVABLE WAY.
Leader: Worship acknowledges God's initiative in loving us, each one, when we are unlovable and undeserving.
People: WITH SENSITIVE HEARTS WE COME IN REVERENCE, WONDER AND LOVE TO HONOR YOU, O GOD.
Leader: Worship is communion between us and God.
People: WE NOW ENTER INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD WHO HAS MADE US TO THINK HIS THOUGHTS, TO FEEL HIS FEELINGS, AND TO COMMUNE MIND WITH MIND, SOUL WITH SOUL.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER In Unison

ANTHEM "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Spiritual

FELLOWSHIP THROUGH GREETING AND GIVING

We are forgiven and reconciled with God through Christ our Lord, who died and rose again. By Him we

have also been reconciled with one another. If we fail to love our neighbor, how can we truly love God? Therefore, because we are one in Him, let us share in the peace of the Lord. (Let each one greet his/her neighbors.)

*HYMN OF MISSION 476 1988 W.F.O.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "We Walk By Faith" Peterson

*RESPONSE "Doxology"

*DEDICATION

Leader: The power of God is alive in the world!
People: YES, ALIVE THROUGH THE FAITHFUL, IN THE CHURCH, AND BY THE HOLY SPIRIT! PRAISE BE TO GOD, WHO IS GIVING US ALL OF HIMSELF, ASKS IN RETURN ALL OF OURSELVES. WE MAKE THAT GIFT, THROUGH SIGN AND SYMBOL, AS WE DELIVER UNTO HIM THE LIFE HE GAVE TO US. AMEN.

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Prayer of Blessing

CHRISTIAN COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Meditation Pastor Gillin
The Song of Celebration John 3:16

For God so loved the world He gave His only Son To die on Calv'ry's tree, From sin to set me free; Some day He's coming back - What glory that will be! Wonderful His love to me.

The Offering "Offertory on 'Bethany'"

The Scriptures

Thanksgiving for the Bread and Cup

*The Fellowship Hymn 207 (1)

*The Parting Prayer

In Response

Pastor: Send the power of your Holy Spirit upon us that we who share in the fellowship of Christ may be his body in the world, living according to his example, to bring peace and healing to our brothers and sisters. Unite our requests with the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest until he comes in power and great glory as victorious Lord of all.

People: AMEN! COME, LORD JESUS!

POSTLUDE "Sing Praise To God" Paxton

Adoniram and Ann Judson

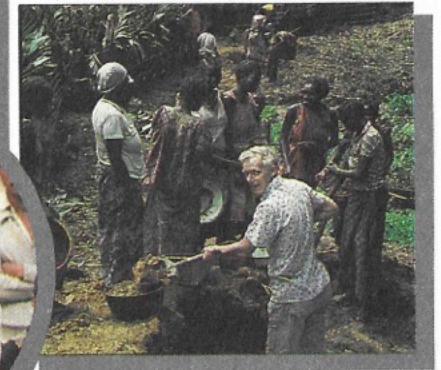
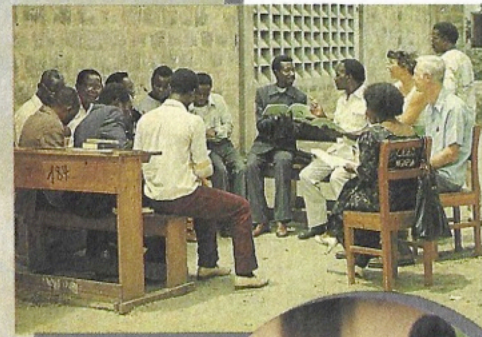
The missionary tradition of American Baptists dates back to Ann and Adoniram Judson. Despite many difficulties—natural, political, and personal—this energetic young couple carried the good news of Jesus to the small Asian land of Burma. Their efforts in teaching and translation launched a Burmese church that thrives today and their example has inspired thousands to follow God's call into missions service.



By Faith

the Challenge

CONTINUES



Who will go for us?...



1988 WORLD FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

October 9, 1988

Pastor Gene F. Gillin

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PRELUDE AND PRAYER "Blessed Quietness" Hughes

The organ prelude is a pathway to the presence of the Lord. Be reverent, silent, thoughtful, and as you pray for yourself, remember others who worship, who minister, and for the work of Christ in the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP Hebrews 12:1+2

*HYMN OF PRAISE 28 "Come, Thou Fount"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER In Unison

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please be prepared to stand and briefly share your concern, your joy, and introduce your guest.

ANTHEM "The Church's One Foundation" Paxton

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

They gave according to their means, and beyond their means, of their own free will; but first they gave themselves to the Lord.

1988 World Fellowship Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Ayre" Corelli

*Missionary Hymn 493 "Hark, The Voice"

(Those attending Children's Church may come forward on the last stanza.)

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 1 Cor. 9:24-27

MORNING MESSAGE "Spiritual Olympics" Pastor Gillin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Every worship service should result in a commitment to God. If your commitment is a confession of faith in Christ as Savior, to unite with the church, please come forward during the hymn of response.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 495 "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"

*BENEDICTION Threefold Amen

POSTLUDE "Fantasia On Clark
'Praise Him! Praise Him!'"

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O U R L I F E T O G E T H E R

American Baptist Women

Today at 2:30pm there will be a meeting of American Baptist Women at the church. The program will be "POVERTY: A Women's Issue" - Jeanne Ekelberry. Hostesses will be Carol Grubbs and Teresa Griffith.

Chili Supper and Program

Plan ahead for next Saturday night, October 15, 5:30pm for a tasty meal of corn bread and chili from an old and secret recipe with old prices - \$1.50 for the meal and 50¢ for a show by the BYF (Beth Trigg, coordinator).

Zion to Install New Pastor

Next Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm our congregation is cordially invited to attend the Service of Installation of Pastor William R. Nirote. Dr. Paul Peters and other clergy and laypersons of the U.C.C. and city churches will be part of the celebration.

Register for State Convention - October 19-21

Please use the registration cards on the literature table to make your banquet reservations at the Radison-North Hotel Wednesday: BAPTIST MEN'S DINNER MEETING; Thursday: WORLD MISSION BANQUET; Friday: ALL-CONVENTION BANQUET.

Covered-Dish Dinner - November 6

At 6:00pm on November 6th there will be a covered-dish dinner at the church. The whole church is invited for an evening of good food, great slides of Africa, and interesting stories of the trip taken by Jeanne Ekelberry's friend and co-worker Shirley Mitchell, who went to Africa with her husband and their pastor and his wife. Please plan to attend!

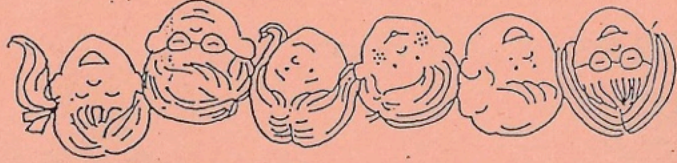
Praying for One Another

Celebrating this week: Susanna Grubbs (today).

Community Flute Choir

Intermediate and advanced-level flutists (any age) are invited - Thursdays, 4-5pm, First Presbyterian Church.

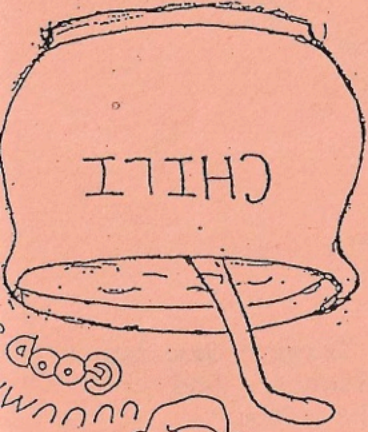
Baptist Youth Fellowship



DEBBIE
JEFF
VICTOR
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TARAD
NATALIE



Good
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COME
AND
GET IT!



BE THANKFUL
UNTO HIM, AND
BLESS HIS NAME,
FOR THE LORD
IS GOOD...
Psalm 100:4,5

Welcome to our Church



MEMBERS OF THE CAST

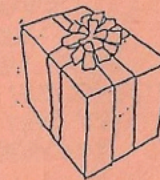
Mrs. Trigg
Mr. Stoner
Victor Fogle
Debbie Lovell
Natalie Mowery
Stefanie Stoner
Jarrod Trigg



1. Opening Song - Entire Cast

2. Skit - "The Gum Skit" - Deb
Victor
Jarrod
Stef

3. Skit - "It's A Gift" - Stef
Deb
Natalie
Mrs. Trigg



4. Piano Solo - "Theme From St. Elsewhere" - Deb

5. Skit - Biblical One Liners - Jarrod
(Written by Jarrod Trigg) Victor



6. Duet - "Till There Was You" - Stef
Deb

7. Skit - "Echos" - Deb
Jarrod
Victor

~~8. Skit - "Girl Overboard" - Stef~~

9. Skit - "Sunday A.M. In the
Average Home" - Mrs. Trigg - Grandma
Mr. Stoner - Dad
Debbie - Mom
Jarrod - David
Stefanie - Sally
Victor - Robby "Good Boy"
Natalie - Baby



10. Skit - "Youth Trivia" - Mr. Stoner
Stef
Jarrod



11. Closing Song - Entire Cast



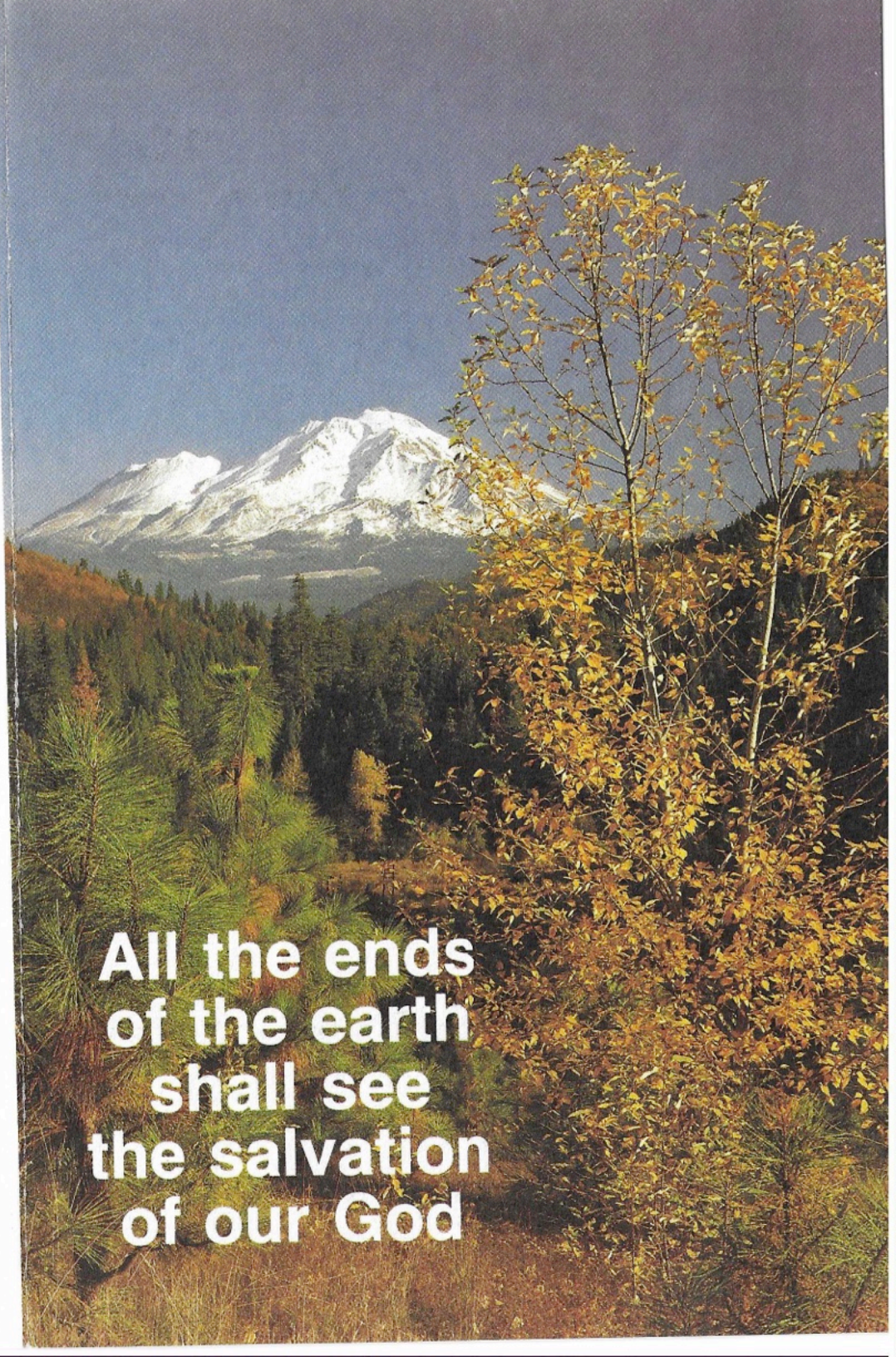
“SEE THE SALVATION OF OUR GOD”

The Gospel is alive...bringing zest and new meanings to our life through the power and presence of our Christ. It is and always has been a “living” Word of hope and comfort, joy and challenge to those who dare to believe in the promises of Jesus Christ.

In the new Judson Bible series we use “words of joy” to celebrate and call attention to the promises of God. The title of each student’s book is a statement of faith.

Joy (2s and 3s)...to express the wonder of Jesus Christ; **Rainbow** (4s and 5s)...to remind us of the sign given by God to Noah; **Praise** (Primary)...**Allelu** (Juniors)...**Rejoice** (Younger Youth)...**Jubilee** (Older Youth)...as a way of celebrating God’s love; **Promise** (Middler)...symbolizing the promise kept by God in Jesus Christ; **Foundation** (Young Adults)...pointing to the real foundations of life: Jesus Christ; and **Journey** (Adults)...to signify that a life of faith is a continuous journey of hope, love, and service.

An open Bible is the symbol of this new Sunday school curriculum. All are invited to discover its message of hope and love. “All the ends of the earth (are invited to) see the salvation of our God.”



All the ends
of the earth
shall see
the salvation
of our God

OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

The First Baptist Church Delaware, Ohio
October 16, 1988 10:45 a.m.

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PRELUDE AND PRAYER "Pastorale" Macklin

The first strains from our organ are as a protecting veil dropping softly between all our care-laden hours and this hour of worship. As the first tones come to our ears, may we quietly meditate in prayer.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE 204 "Quiet Understanding"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER In Unison

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please be prepared to stand and briefly share your concern, your joy, and introduce your guest.

ANTHEM "Come, My Soul"

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

If the Church of Jesus Christ means anything at all, we will want to show how grateful we are, and there are only two ways of doing it. The first is by the way we live. That is the most important way. The second is inseparably united with the first.

- 1988 World Fellowship Offering Lana Palmer
- Offertory "Be Thou My Vision" Broughton
- Prayer of Dedication
- Giving of Tithes and Offerings
- Offertory "I Surrender All" Ritter
- A Missionary Hymn 486 "Jesus Saves"
(Those attending Children's Church may come forward on the last stanza.)

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 2 Cor. 3:1-12

MORNING MESSAGE "A Living Church Pastor Gillin
In A Looking World"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus said, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." As we sing this hymn we invite you to come forward and make your commitment known.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 380 "Living For Jesus"

*BENEDICTION Threefold Amen

POSTLUDE "In Faith the Victory" Scott

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Gene Gillin - Pastor; Larry Faulk - Lay Leader;
Jim Stephenson - Choir Director; Mary Lou Lovell - Organist; Betty Porter - Pianist

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Celebrating the Lord's Day

- 9:15am - Opening Exercises
- 9:30am - Teaching Hour
- 10:45am - Worship Hour
- 3:00pm - Installation Service, Zion U.C.C.
- 6:00pm - Diaconate at the Church
- 6:30pm - Board of Education at the parsonage

Praying for One Another

Celebrating special days this week: John & Della Dove, Tuesday; Gene & Ruth Gillin, Tuesday; Jim Brown, Thursday; Don & Dorothy Brown, Friday.
HEALING: Nicholas Hedges (meningitis), 10 months, Grady.

Budget Committee Meeting

Administrative organizations of the Church should submit your budget requests for 1989 to the Chairman, W.C. Wickum, this week. The 1989 Church Budget will be voted on Sunday, October 30th.

THE MYSTERIES BEHIND THAT CLOSED DOOR

Jesus makes it very clear that the “door” is open to all people. What they discover on the other side, however, depends on whether they go through with him.

A lot of people knock on that door. Others may even open it but are reluctant to risk the “craziness” of becoming believers. These people cannot understand why Christians are willing to give up a Sunday morning for the sake of sitting in a pew...why Christians are willing to leave behind the comforts of a modern world and scour the countryside for new converts...why Christians are willing to throw away hard-earned money on programs and projects to help people who'll never be able to pay us back...why an ancient book like the Bible can shape and reshape our lives.

Even the answer we give sounds too simple. God is asking us to do it. What else can we do except say yes?

Take a moment now to think of a special friend who has yet to walk through the door of life. Say the name. Say it again. Ask our Lord to help. Ask what you can do. Amen.



I am the door.

If anyone
enters by me,
he will be saved.

O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

First Baptist Church
October 23, 1988

Delaware, Ohio
10:45 a.m.

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PRELUDE AND PRAYER "I Will Pour Out My Spirit" Denton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us turn our minds and spirits to God, quieting our souls in the presence of His peace and power - for they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not be faint.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 4 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER In Unison

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Whisper a prayer in the morning...at noon...in the evening. 'Twill keep your heart in tune.
Whisper a prayer in the morning...at noon...in the evening. He'll keep your heart in tune.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please be prepared to stand and briefly share your concern, your joy, and introduce your guest.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

In Silence...In Word...In Song

ANTHEM "Holy Art Thou" Handel

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Thieves philosophy: What is yours is mine if I can get it. Priests: What is mine is mine and I'm going to keep it that way if I can. Good Samaritan: What is mine is yours if you need it. Inkeeper: Trust the generous.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory "A Quiet Reflection" Lasky
*Offertory Hymn 321 "Savior, Like A Shepherd"
(Those attending Children's Church may come forward on the last stanza.)

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 2 Cor. 3:1-12

MORNING MESSAGE "A Living Church In A Looking World" Pastor Gillin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Those who wish to declare their faith in Christ and unite with the church are invited to come forward during the hymn.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 387 "Search Me, O God"

*BENEDICTION Threefold Amen

POSTLUDE "Finale" Koch

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Today 9:15am Sunday School Assembly
9:30am Teaching Hour
10:45am Worship Hour
3:30pm Marion Association Commission Meeting at Prospect Baptist Church; Fred Grubbs, Betty Porter
5:00pm Vespers Recital of Organ and Voice at First Presbyterian Church (see Bulletin Board for more information)

PEACE CAMP...There will be a planning meeting for Peace Camp on Thursday, October 27th, 7pm at our church. Anyone who wants to share ideas is welcome.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER...Celebrating this week: Eddy Linn (28), Amy Smale (28), Jean Osborne (30).

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP...Gene F. Gillin, Pastor; Larry Faulk, Lay Leader; Jim Stephenson, Choir Director; Mary Lou Lovell, Organist; Betty Porter, Pianist; Erin Faulk, Candlelighter.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING...Sunday, October 30, immediately after church. Soup and Salad Buffet Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Each family should bring a salad to share.

BUDGET COMMITTEE...Administrative organizations should submit all budget requests for 1989 to W.C. Wickum TODAY! The 1989 Budget will be voted on Sunday, Oct. 30.

LAYMEN'S SUNDAY Together in Mission

— I Corinthians 3:1-9

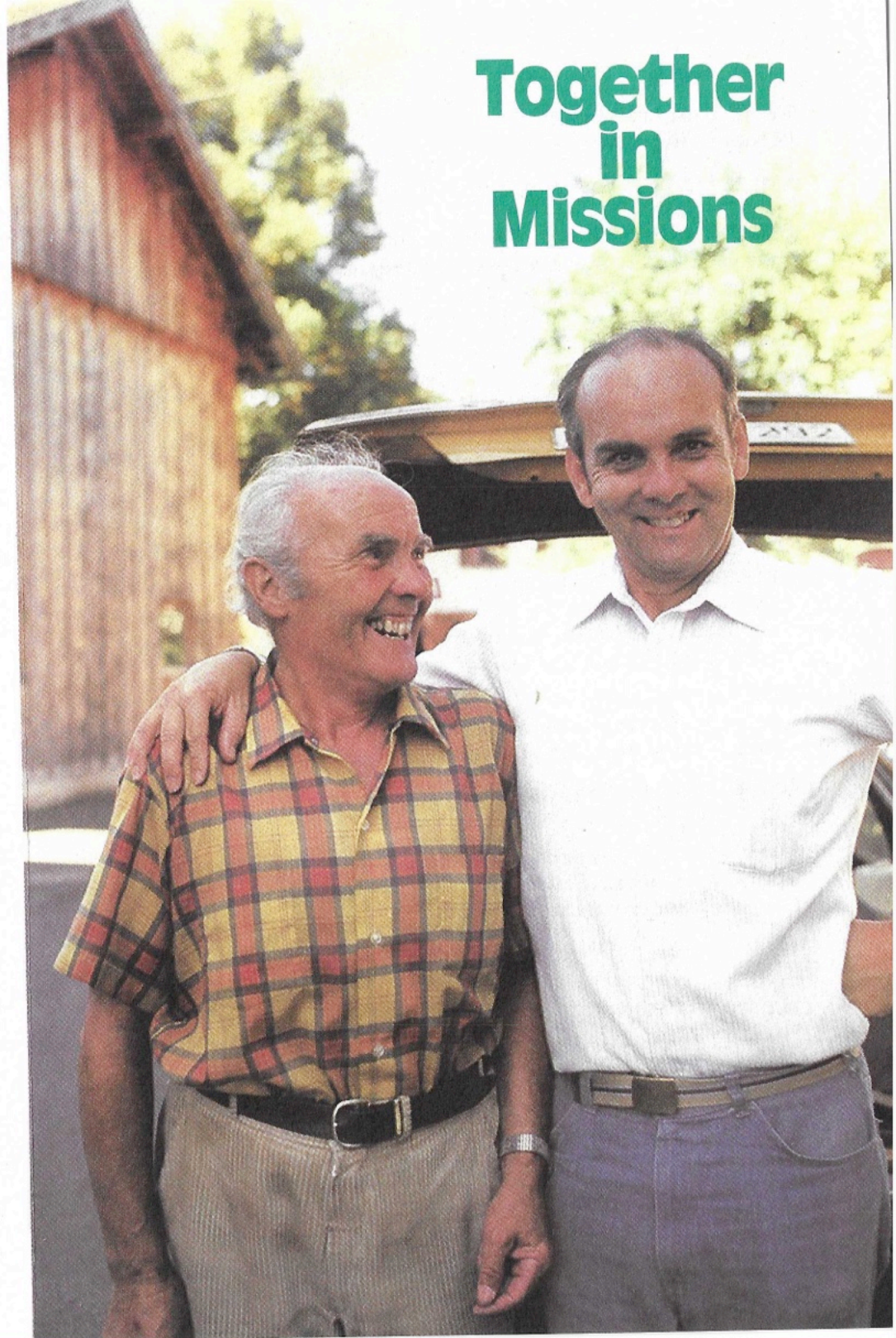
In the best do-it-yourself manner, I had pulled all the wires for a three-way electrical switch into the receptacle box. It was a tangled mess impossible to fit into the switch. My electrician neighbor took one look at what I'd done and let out a laugh. He said, "This looks like a church meeting trying to vote on something. Let's see if we can get them to work together and get the light on." He deftly clipped and combined the "spaghetti" into a simple connection. Everything easily fit into the box and the light worked. My neighbor knows his business. No fuss, no muss, no bother...just do the job you are trained to do and do it right the first time.

In 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 the apostle Paul took his Christian neighbors to task. They were so intent on arguing over who was right that they lost sight not only of their common mission in Christ but of God who made that mission possible in the first place! "A church meeting trying to vote on something."

I marvel at the vast number of books that have been and continue to be written to show Christians how to live their lives. The sheer amount of words on paper is mind-boggling. In the end it may come down to this: a person's closeness to God can be gauged by watching how that person treats other people. Can you imagine what might happen if we actually got together in God's mission? Now that really would be mind-boggling!

*Richard S. McPhee, Executive Director
American Baptist Men*

Together in Missions



10/30

Y O U

are cordially invited to dinner
on Sunday, November 6 at 5:30 p.m.

The American Baptist Women's Missionary Society will be hosting a Pot Luck Dinner and we'd especially like YOU to attend. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share.

Our Program will be especially interesting. Shirley Mitchell will be sharing with us highlights (and probably some low lights, too!!) of her trip to the Central African Republic and Cameroun. She will have slides and special moments from Africa. Shirley is a very entertaining and informative speaker. She will challenge you in a very unique way.

COME AND ENJOY THIS "SPECIAL" EVENING WITH US!!

O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

First Baptist Church
October 30, 1988

Gene Gillin
Pastor

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PRELUDE AND PRAYER "Meditation" Blake
No one entering a house ignores who dwells in it.
This is the House of God. He is here. You are
here. Speak to Him in prayer. He bids you welcome
and awaits your greeting.

CHORAL INTROIT Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE 158 "I. Serve a Risen Savior"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER In Unison

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Whisper a prayer in the morning. Whisper a prayer
at noon. Whisper a prayer in the evening. 'Twill
keep your heart in tune.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Be prepared to stand and briefly share your con-
cern, your joy, and introduce your guest.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

In Silence...In Word...In Song

God answers prayer in the morning. God answers
prayer at noon. God answers prayer in the evening.
So keep your heart in tune.

ANTHEM "Rise Up, O Men of God!" Walter
Men's Chorus

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

"He is no fool, who gives what he cannot keep, to
gain that which he cannot lose."

Jim Elliot - Missionary Martyr

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

1988 World Fellowship Offering
Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "A Time of Prayer" Paxton

*Offertory Hymn 275 "Marching To Zion"

(Those attending Children's Church may come forward
on the last stanza.)

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD

Acts 6+7

MORNING MESSAGE

Pastor Gillin

"Stephen - Full of Faith and the Holy Spirit"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Those desiring to confess their faith in Christ and
to unite with the church are invited to come
forward during the singing of the hymn.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 358 "Revive Us Again"

*BENEDICTION

Threefold Amen

POSTLUDE

"The Soldier of the Lord"

Hughes

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PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Celebrating this week: Jean Osborne (today),
Janet Lathrop (Monday), Jennifer Chafin (Monday),
Victor Fogle (Saturday); Bereavement: Family of
Helen Aleshire; Hospitalized: Wilbur Wickum, for
surgery, Nov. 1, Mt. Carmel East; Healing: Ernestine
Frost at home.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

C.W.U. celebrate World Community Day next Friday,
9:30am at Radnor Baptist. Childcare will be provided.

COVERED-DISH DINNER AND SLIDES OF AFRICA

There will be a covered-dish dinner at the church on
Sunday, November 6th (next Sunday) at 6pm. We invite
everyone to join us for an evening of good food,
great slides of Africa and interesting stories of the
trip taken by Jeanne Ekelberry's friend and co-worker
Shirley Mitchell. Shirley and her husband went to
Africa with their pastor and his wife. Please plan
to attend!

NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

Please submit your articles to Jim by Wednesday.

“I chose to attend Ottawa University. I like the personal attention afforded by smaller class sizes, and I’m impressed with the learning opportunities available. I’ve come to appreciate the University Program Series where every student is involved in at least ten events each semester: lectures, concerts, workshops, and religious programs.

Of equal importance to academics is the attention paid to spiritual development on campus. We deal with everything that is a part of life. Our Christian faith gives us support in making decisions that affect our lives.”

— Wynndee Shipp,
Class of 1988,
Business Administration
major

Ottawa University is just one of seventeen American Baptist-related colleges and universities that provide a holistic education.

— Sue Hegarty

Alderson-Broaddus College
Phillippi, WV 26416

Bacone College
Muskogee, OK 74403

Benedict College
Columbia, SC 29204

Bishop College
Dallas, TX 75241

Eastern College
St. Davids, PA 19087

Florida Memorial College
Miami, FL 33054

Franklin College
Franklin, IN 46131

Judson College
Elgin, IL 60120

Kalamazoo College
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Keuka College
Keuka Park, NY 14478

Linfield College
McMinnville, OR 97128

Ottawa University
Ottawa, KS 66067

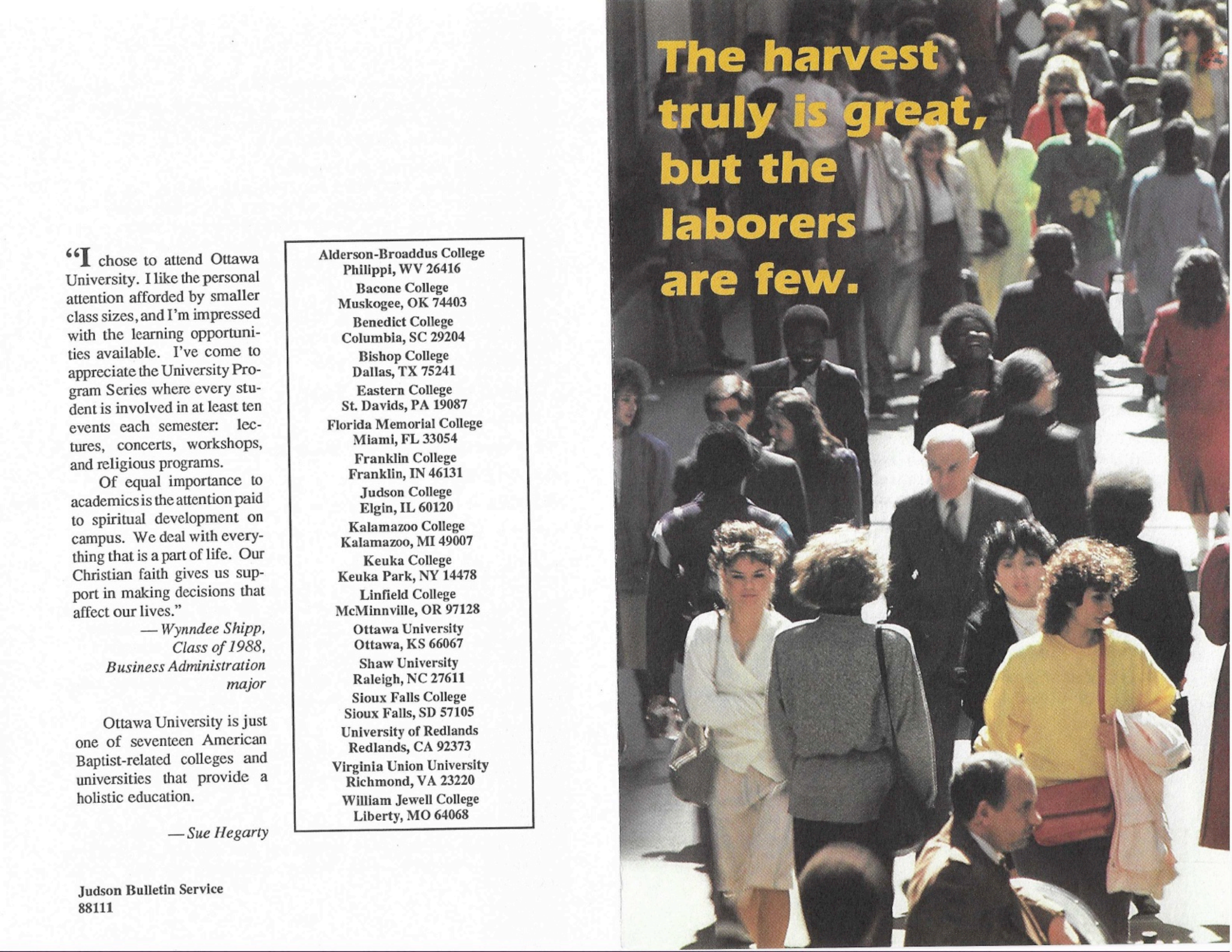
Shaw University
Raleigh, NC 27611

Sioux Falls College
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

University of Redlands
Redlands, CA 92373

Virginia Union University
Richmond, VA 23220

William Jewell College
Liberty, MO 64068



**The harvest
truly is great,
but the
laborers
are few.**

OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

November 6, 1988
10:45 a.m.

Rev. Gene Gillin
Pastor

PRELUDE "The Savior is Waiting" Carmichael
AND PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please be prepared to stand and briefly share your concern, your joy, and introduce your guest.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Holy, Holy, Holy" Choir

INVOCATION

LORD'S PRAYER In Unison

*HYMN 353 "Nearer, Still Nearer"

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

The services of worship and the work of this church are dependent upon the faithful week-by-week contributions of its members and friends. Offering envelopes are available to all upon request. Please use the registration card for this. Many thanks!

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Variation on 'Fairrest Lord Jesus'" Smith

*Offertory Hymn 385 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Those attending Children's Church may come forward at this time.

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Prayer of Blessing

Anthem "O Give Thanks"

MORNING MESSAGE Pastor Gillin

CHRISTIAN COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Hymn of Invitation 212 "According to Thy Word"

To this service of remembrance, all Christians are welcome without distinction of church or denomination.

*Communion Offering "Jesus Calls Us" Smith
This special contribution is received for the Fellowship Fund - an emergency aid fund administered by the Diaconate.

The Right Hand of Fellowship

The members of First Baptist are people of a covenant - a covenant with the Lord and with one another, and have bound themselves in the presence of God to walk together in his Holy ways...to be doers of the Word, and not hearers only; to be firm in faith, quickened in hope, and constant in charity...consecrating their time, talent, money and influence as heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ.

Communion Scriptures 663 In Response

Thanksgiving For the Bread

Thanksgiving For the Cup

*Fellowship Circle and Hymn 207(1) "Blest Be the Tie"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "To God Be the Glory" Hughes

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Celebrating special days: Stefanie Stoner (Nov. 1) Healing: Ernestine Frost, Wilbur Wickum, Mrs. Seckman, Parkersburn, W. VA.; Bereavement: family of Helen Aleshire; family of Shirley Spier, wife of Pastor Charles Spier, Logan, Ohio; family of James Brannon of Karl Road Baptist Church, and second career student at the Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

MINISTERING TODAY

Candlelighter Barbara Lovell, Organist Mary Lou Lovell, Choir Director Jim Stephenson, Lay Leader Ben Turney

TONIGHT

All-church covered-dish dinner and program sponsored by the American Baptist Women of our church, featuring a Report from Africa by recent visitors to the Camarouns.

You shall be my people

“You Shall Be My People”

Jeremiah was preaching again! “Change the way you are living and stop doing the things you are doing” (Jeremiah 7:5a, TEV). He was relating God’s message to the children of Israel. “I gave your ancestors no commands about burnt offerings or any other kinds of sacrifices when I brought them out of Egypt. But I did command them to obey me, so that I would be their God and they would be my people” (Jeremiah 7:22-23a). Sound familiar? Yes, God had found yet another prophet to proclaim the purpose of life, to call God’s people into this holy relationship.

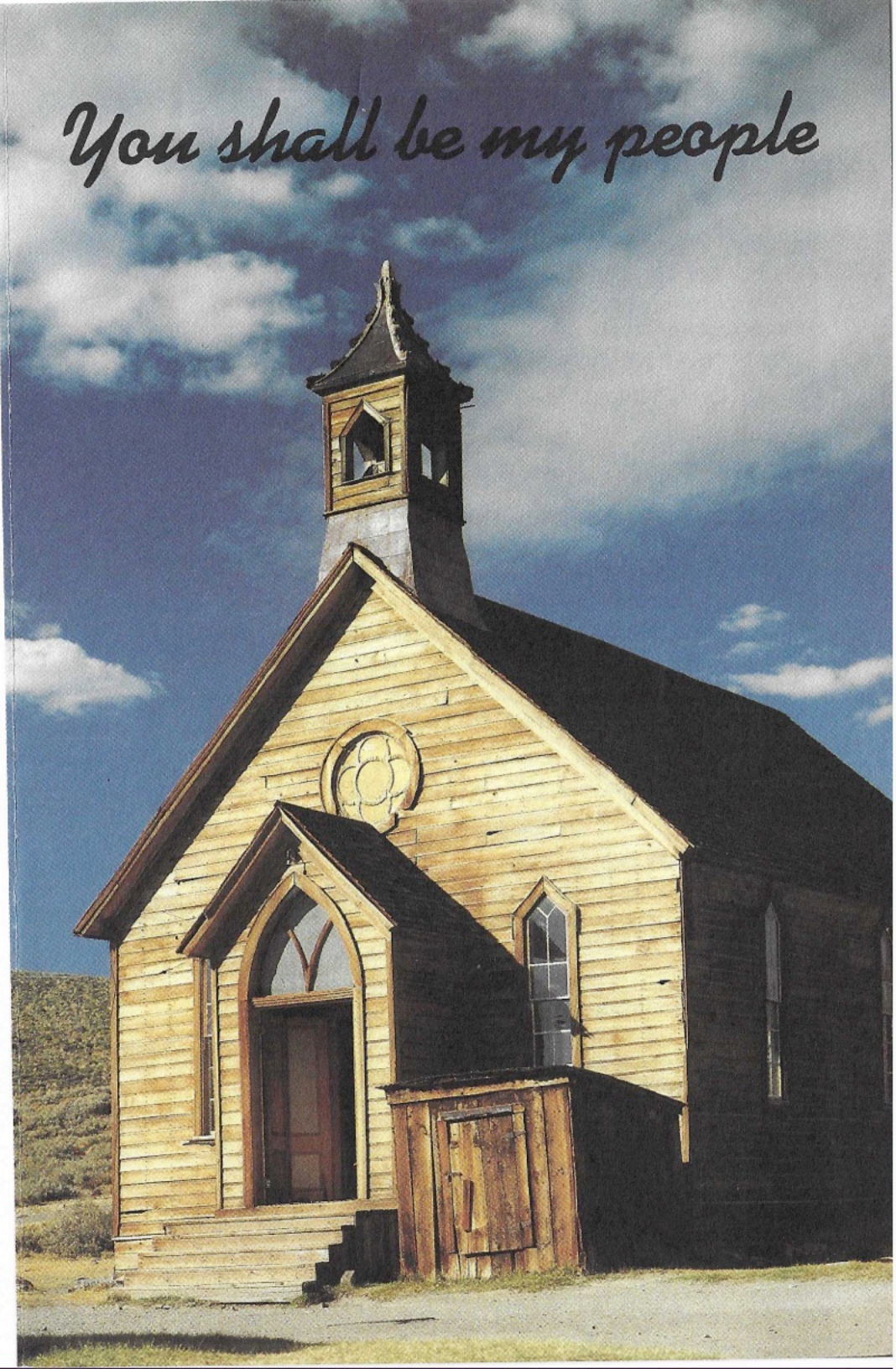
What does it mean to live as God’s people? Simply put, it means to live as Christian stewards. We were created in God’s image, and God is the Master Steward. Therefore, if we are to mirror God’s image in the world, we, too, must be good stewards.

What does it mean to be a good steward? It means to live our lives in such a way that we responsibly manage all the resources God has given us. Those resources include the gifts of time, talent, and treasure which we often think about when we think of stewardship.

But God has given us much more than those “three t’s.” We are also to manage responsibly the gift of the earth and all of its natural resources. We are to manage responsibly the gift of life itself—both our individual private lives as well as the corporate life of the church. We are even called to be stewards of the mysteries of God—the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

That’s what it means to live as God’s people! That’s what it means to be good stewards! God continues to call us to obedience in carefully and correctly mirroring the image of the Master Steward so that we will be an accurate reflection of our Creator and truly be God’s people.

*Donna Anderson
Director of Stewardship Services
World Mission Support
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania*



O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

First Baptist Church
Delaware, Ohio

10:45 a.m.
November 13, 1988

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PRELUDE "Prelude on an Early American Folk Hymn" Martin
AND PRAYER

Let us use this time in the sanctuary for our quiet meditation with God. Is there something you've been meaning to talk to God about? Why not do it now?

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Holy, Holy, Holy" Choir

*HYMN OF PRAISE 81 "Blessed Be the Name"

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*RESPONSE (Tune: Doxology) Choir + Congregation

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.

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

Please be prepared to stand and briefly share your concern, your joy, and introduce your guest.

OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IN PRAYER

In Silence...In Word...In Song (585)

ANTHEM "We Plow the Fields" Hughes

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

"May we give according to our incomes, lest the Lord our God make our incomes according to our gifts."
Peter Marshall

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory "For All the Blessings of the Year" Hegarty
*Offertory Hymn 465 (1) "Give Of Your Best"
Those attending Children's Church may come forward on the last stanza.

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD Acts 24:24 + 25

MORNING MESSAGE "Salvation, Stewardship, Service" Pastor Gillin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Let this be a sacred time of response. If you would like a prayer, or wish to make a profession of faith, please come forward as we sing the hymn.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 465 (2+3)

*A TIME OF SHARING

...Your decision to follow Jesus...Your decision to become a member of First Bpapist...Or anything else that is on your heart that will edify the Lord.

*DISMISSAL

In Unison

We go into the world in peace; to be of good courage; to hold fast to that which is good; to render to no one evil for evil; to strengthen the faint-hearted; to support the weak; to help the afflicted; to honor all men; to love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Choir + Congregation

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate New Life!
God in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

POSTLUDE

"Ye Servants of God"

Wilson

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PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week:

Frances Johnson (Tue.), Teresa Griffith (Tue.); Healing: Ernestine Frost, Wilbur Wickum, Mrs. Seckman. Pastor Relations Committee; College Student: Jennifer Gillin, Gordon College, Wenham, Mass.

MINISTERING TODAY - Pastor Gene Gillin, Lay Leader Ben Turney, Organist Mary Lou Lovell, Pianist Betty Porter, Choir Director Jim Stephenson



First there was "Star Trek." Then there was "Star Trek: The Next Generation." Now there is "Bap Trek: The Next Generation." Carol Grubbs, Larry Faulk, Beth Trigg, Jim Stephenson, and Steve and Stefanie Stoner invite you to join them next Saturday (the 19th) at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of comedy, skits, audience-participation games, food and prizes.

Next Sunday will be "Soap Sunday." Listen to the announcements for details.

SEEK THEM OUT AND CELEBRATE TODAY!

This is Thanksgiving week! It is a time when we will gather together with family and friends to celebrate the abundance and blessings that God has given to us. Too often we take our gifts from God for granted, always wishing for more and believing that when we only have "this or that" then we will be happy. Most of us soon realize that when we finally acquire "this or that," we only want something else to make us happy. We are a nation who always "wants."

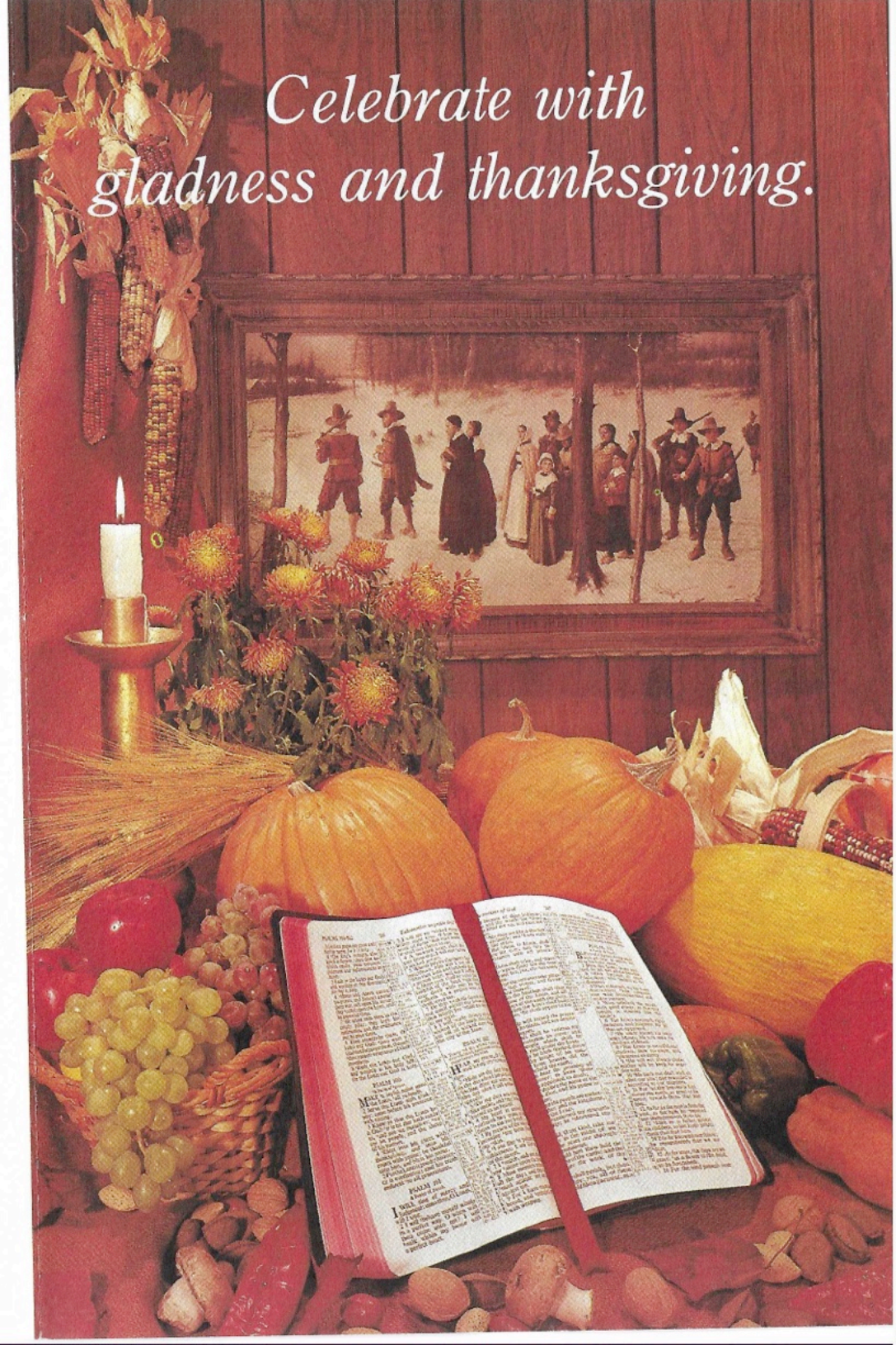
During this Thanksgiving season let us all be thankful for what we have now. We can be abundantly happy with what God has provided for us at this moment. Be still and thoughtfully reflect on what you have and give thanks.

The book of Matthew reminds us not to worry about what we should eat or wear, but to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).

This week and every week celebrate God's gifts to you. Seek out those who feel they have no reason to be thankful. There are people in your neighborhood, in your office or in your church who seem to be in need. Invite them into your life and into the life of your church family. Share with them how God is working today and let them know you care. Rejoice and grow together! Let us all stop wishing for what we don't have and thankfully celebrate and enjoy life TODAY!

*Debbie Blanchard
Judson Sales
FBC Litheton, Mass*

*Celebrate with
gladness and thanksgiving.*



OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

First Baptist Church Delaware, Ohio
November 20, 1988 10:45 a.m.

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PRELUDE "Count Your Blessings" Excell
AND PRAYER Organ and Piano Duet
Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about
everything; tell God your needs and don't forget
to thank him for his answers.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 570(1) Choir
"We Gather Together"

*HYMN OF PRAISE 565 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*RESPONSE Choir + Congregation
Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul,
Thank you, Lord, for making me whole,
Thank you, Lord, for giving to me
Thy great salvation so rich and free.

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS
Please reach out to befriend the stranger and intro-
duce our guests to the congregation.

OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IN PRAYER
In Silence...In Word...In Song (438)

My life for Thee, Lord, my life for Thee,
Souls lost in sin, Lord, give power to free.
Take Thou my heart, Lord, dwell Thou in me,
My life for Thee, Lord, my life for Thee.

ANTHEM "Blessing and Honor" Denton

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP
Christian Stewardship 600 In Response
The Finance Committee 1989 Church Budget

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES
Prayer of Dedication
Offertory "He Cares for Me" Murray
*Offertory Hymn 569 "Count Your Blessings"
Those attending Children's Church may come for-
ward during the last stanza.

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 1 Peter 2:11-17
MORNING MESSAGE Pastor Gillin
"A Church To Be Thankful For"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP
Let this be a sacred time of response. If you
would like a prayer, or wish to make a profession
of faith, please come forward as we sing.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 570 (2+3) "We Gather Together"

*A TIME FOR SHARING
Your decision to follow Jesus...Your decision to
become a member of First Baptist...Or anything
else on your heart that will edify the Lord.

*DISMISSAL

*CHORAL BENEDICTION
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate New Life!
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

POSTLUDE "A Song of Gratitude" Broughton
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MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Evan Trigg,
Pianist Betty Porter, Organist Mary Lou Lovell, Choir
Director Jim Stephenson, Lay Leader Ben Turney,
Pastor Gene Gillin

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week:
Peter White (Tuesday), Gina Evans Jones (Next Sun.);
Healing: Bernice Turney, Wilbur Wickum, Ernestine
Frost, Mrs. Seckman; New Member: Cynthia Bland, 160
North Franklin, 363-1327

ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES - will begin at 9am.
Please join us next Sunday, November 27th, and PLAN
AHEAD ... to join us in the Fellowship Hall at
NOON for a sack lunch and the program..."Celebrating
Advent 1988."

I will make a new covenant

“THE TIME IS COMING”

“The time is coming,” says the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah!” “The Time is coming,” says the Lord, “when all of Jerusalem will be rebuilt as my city...” (Jeremiah 31:38, 38 TEV)

The time is coming! In four weeks we will celebrate the arrival of God’s new covenant in the person of Jesus Christ. The Advent season is one of hope and celebration—filled with thanksgiving as we hear again and again the wondrous story of the Christmas event. It is a “living story!” No matter how many times it is told a receptive listener can discover additional meanings and insights into then new covenant that God continues to make with each of us.

During the next four weeks these passages will appear on your Sunday bulletins. Use them to “prepare your way for the coming of the Lord.”
Advent Preparation:

November 27

“...I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel...” Jeremiah 31:31

December 4

“...many will rejoice at his birth.” Luke 1:14

December 11

“My soul magnifies the Lord.” Luke 1:46

December 18

“You shall call his name Jesus.” Luke 1:31

December 25

“For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

10/27

- TODAY - 9:00 S. S. ASSEMBLY
 9:30 TEACHING HOUR - Classes For All Ages
 10:45 WORSHIP HOUR - Advent I
 12:00 SACK LUNCH - Fellowship Hall
 12:30 PROGRAM - "Celebrating Christmas '88"
 2:00 CHAPEL SERVICE - Delaware Court
- TUESDAY DIACONATE VISITATION MINISTRY
- WEDNESDAY 7:00 CHOIR REHEARSAL
 8:00 BD. OF CHRISTIAN ED.
- THURSDAY DIACONATE VISITATION MINISTRY
- FRIDAY 8:00 DELAWARE MUSIC CLUB'S ANNUAL
 MESSIAH SING-ALONG - FIRST PRESBY.
 ADM. \$1.00 - REFRESHMENTS SERVED
- SUNDAY 6:00 LIGHT UP A LIFE - Hospice Mem. Christmas
 Tree at Grady Mem. Hospital Entrance
 (See Bulletin Bd. For More INFO)

THE 1988 RETIRED MINISTERS + MISSIONARIES LOVE OFFERING

..... will be received during the month of December .
 The average THANK YOU check for our retirees like Pastor
 Stephenson is \$260.00. Let's try to give at least that!

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week:

Karen Stoner(28) Alison Grubbs(1) Erin Faulk(4)
 Convalescing: Myrtle Gabriel, Delaware N+R Cntr.,
 Ernestine Frost at home. Hospitalized: William Dean,
 Grady Rm 428. New Members: Carolyn Schneeberger, 21 S.
 Sandusky, by transfer of membership from Grace Methodist.

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Marci Sander, Pianist
 Betty Porter, Organist Mary Lou Lovell, Choir Director
 Jim Stephenson, Lay Leader Ben Turney, Pastor G. Gillin.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - Poinsettias are always an important
 part of the church decoration for the season honoring the
 birthday of our Lord. If you wish to honor someone by fur-
 nishing a plant, please call the church this week so this
 may be included in the church bulletin listing on Dec. 11.
 Info needed: Memory/Honor of _____; Given by _____;
 Relationship _____ .

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER - Please submit your news items to
 our Editor Jim Stephenson by Wednesday. Many thanks!

OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

First Baptist Church
November 27, 1988

Delaware, Ohio
10:45 p.m.

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PRELUDE "A Christmas Trilogy" Mansfield
AND PRAYER

The organ prelude is the veil dropped between everyday life and the sanctuary; the music should separate the world without from the world within. If you must whisper, let it be a prayer.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 578 Choir

THE PROPHECY OF ISAIAH Isaiah 40

*HYMN OF PRAISE 102 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*RESPONSE 99 Choir & Congregation

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Senior High Class

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

Please reach out to befriend the stranger and introduce our guests to the rest of the congregation.

ANTHEM "Sing Glory Hallelujah" Long

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. 2 Cor 8+9

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "He Shall Feed His Flock" Handel

*Offertory Hymn 130 "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

Those attending Children's Church may come forward during the last stanza.

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP Jean Wickum

Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD Lk 1:5-17; Mt. 7:1-6

SOLO "O Come O Come Emmanuel" Helmore
W. C. Wickum

OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IN PRAYER
In Silence...In Word...In Song 438(1)

MORNING MESSAGE "John's Mission" Pastor Gillin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Let this be a sacred time of response. If you would like a prayer, or wish to make a profession of faith, please come forward as we sing.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 124 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

*A TIME FOR SHARING

Your decision to follow Jesus...Your decision to become a member of First Baptist...Or anything else on your heart that will edify the Lord.

*DISMISSAL

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Choir & Congregation

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate New Life!

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

POSTLUDE "Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come" Denton

(*congregation stands)

NOTES TO TAKE HOME:

Rejoice About A Birth

“**A**nd you will have joy and gladness and many will rejoice at His birth.”
(Luke 1:14/RSV)

Fifteen months ago, my spouse and I became parents for the first time. When we went to the doctor the first time and heard him say, “you are pregnant!” we rejoiced. Soon we were able to hold our daughter for the first time.

Nearly 2,000 years ago another couple, Elizabeth and Zechariah, became parents to John the Baptist. In this text the angel greeted Zechariah in the temple and informed him of the conception of John the Baptist. Zechariah learned who his son would be and was told by the angel that “many will rejoice at His birth.”

Elizabeth and Zechariah were confused and shocked by this news. Elizabeth was beyond childbearing years and Zechariah was older. John the Baptist was not conceived in a conventional manner, but his birth and life are symbolized in the candle on this bulletin cover: as a light to many. John proclaimed that he was not the Light, but the one who was to prepare the way for the Light.

On this second Sunday of Advent, we are reminded of John the Baptist’s life. His life was simple but significant as a preparer for the Messiah. May the candle on this bulletin and the advent wreaths of the season remind us of John the Baptist, the preparer for the Light. May we “rejoice at His birth.”

*Rev. Keith A. Harrington
Emmanuel United Church
Mechanicsville, N.Y.*

Many will rejoice at His birth



O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

The First Baptist Church
December 4, 1988

Rev. Gene F. Gillin
Pastor

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PRELUDE AND "Stars Over Bethlehem" Perry
PRAYER Duet

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 103 Refrain

AN AFFIRMATION In Response

Pastor: The Love of God was made manifest among us,
that God sent His only Son into the world, so
that we might live through Him.

People: For God so loved the world that He gave His
only Son, that whoever believes in Him, shall
not perish but have eternal life.

Pastor: Praise God in His Sanctuary!

People: Let God's name be praised!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 128 "One Day"

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*RESPONSE 138 Refrain Choir & Congregation

O dearly, dearly has He loved,
And we must love Him too;
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Junior High Class

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS
Please be prepared to stand and share your concern,
your joy, and introduce your guests.

ANTHEM "Come, O Come" Hughes

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

It's not a matter of fractions whether of one-tenth or
one-half, but a philosophy underlining all of life -
the Christian way of looking at the urge to get and have.
It conceives of life, not as a goblet to be drained, but
as a chalice to share.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory "Joseph" Mehel

*Offertory Hymn 84 "Come and Praise the Lord"
Those attending Children's Church may come forward
on the last stanza.

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP Jean Wickum

Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD Lk 15:1+2; Rom 5:6-11

CHRISTIAN COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Meditation Pastor Gillin
Communion Offering Fellowship Fund
Offertory "The Holy and the Ivy" Rasley
Communion Song John 3:16

For God so loved the world He gave His only Son,
To die on Calvary's tree, from sin to set me free.
Some day He's coming back, what glory that will
be,
Wonderful His love to me.

The Scriptures
Thanksgiving for The Bread
Thanksgiving for The Cup
*The Fellowship Circle and Hymn 207(1)

POSTLUDE "Prepare Thyself Zion" Bach

GET ACQUAINTED TIME Coffee and Cake Fellowship

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O U R L I F E T O G E T H E R

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Micah Stoner,
Pianist Betty Porter, Organist Mary Lou Lovell, Choir
Director Jim Stephenson, Lay Leader John Richards,
Pastor Gene F. Gillin

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Convalescing: Myrtle Gabriel, Delaware Rehabilitation
and Nursing Center; Ernestine Frost at home.
Bereavement: Della Dean; Jeanne Ekelberry.
Diaconate: Larry Faulk, Ernestine Frost, Steve Stoner,
Jim Stephenson, Ben Turney, John Richards

The December issue of the newsletter is available today.
Please be sure to get your copy before leaving church.

My soul magnifies the *Lord*

My soul magnifies the Lord.
(Luke 1:46)

For many centuries the hymn of praise Mary sang when visiting her cousin, Elizabeth, has been sung in Christian churches in its Latin form, *Magnificat anima mea Dominum*, and is now often referred to as the Magnificat. Mary marvels at God's choice of her to bear his Son and sings his praises, not only for the blessings she has and will experience, but also for the faithfulness and power of God that have been evident in his continued guidance of Israel throughout the generations.

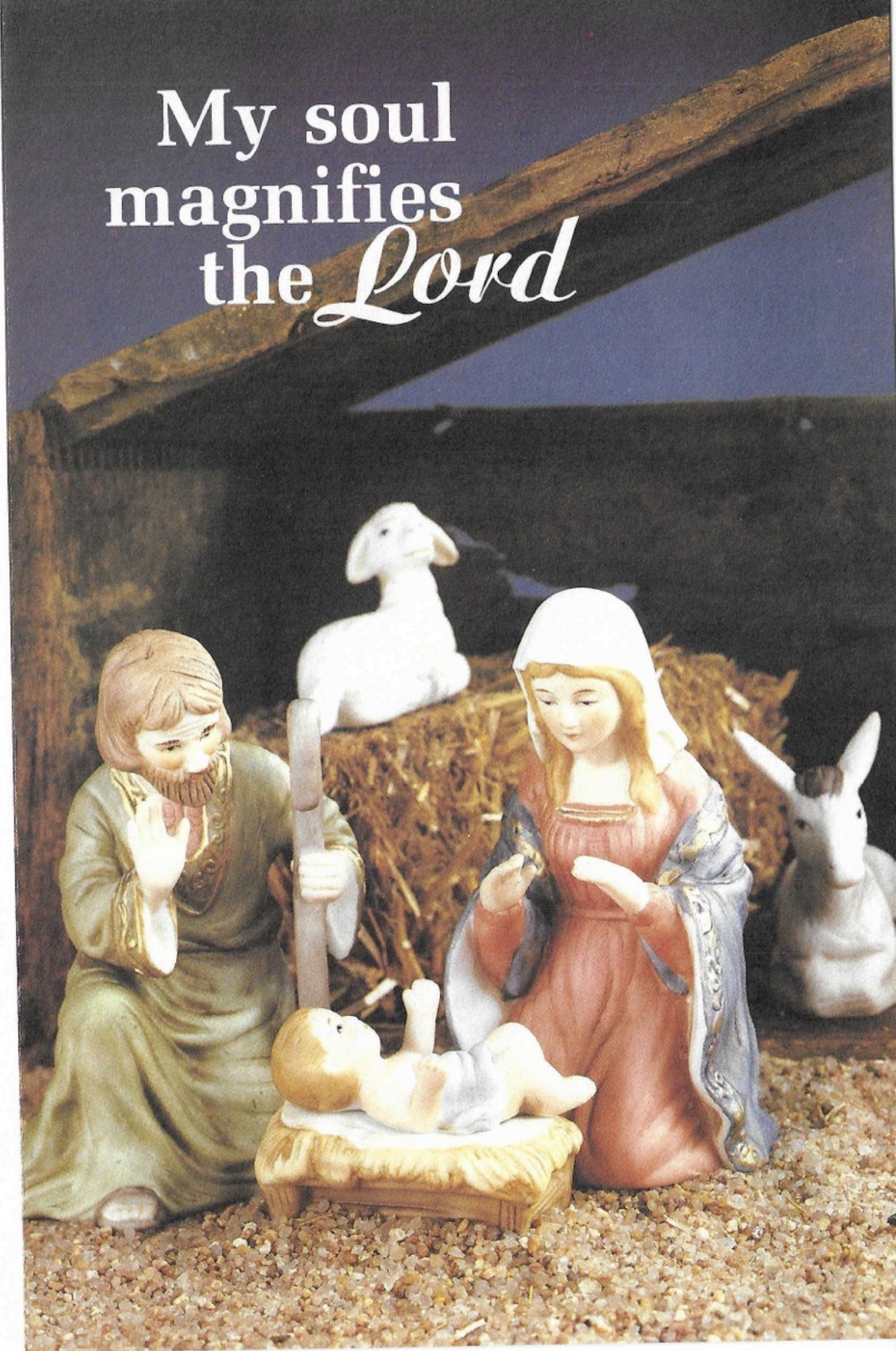
Originally, to magnify meant to extol, exalt, praise, as used by Mary. Our present-day use alters the word to mean "to increase the perceived size of."

Consider the magnifying glass. What wonders appear in the item examined! Minute structures, variations in color, many details become clear as we peer at them through the magnifying glass.

Mary praised and rejoiced in God her Savior, for her present experience and for the anticipated blessings her Child would bring to her and others. As we approach the celebration of our Savior's birth, let us find ways to magnify the Lord to enable others to see him more clearly: credit him for the blessings of everyday life; testify in actions as well as words that others might find in God their source of strength and joy; celebrate our Savior's birth to reveal the immensity, power and love of God who invaded history as a Baby to provide the salvation we could not perform ourselves!

May our souls magnify the Lord!

*Rev. Evelyn Hale
ABC of Maine*



O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

10:45 a.m. First Baptist Church
December 11, 1988 Delaware, Ohio

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PRELUDE AND "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Redner
PRAYER "Silent Night" Gruber

Organ and Piano Duet

"The Son of God became a man to enable men to become
sons of God." - C. S. Lewis

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 103 Refrain
O come, let us adore Him...Christ, the Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 103 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER In Unison

*RESPONSE 110 Refrain Choir and Congregation
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Junior Class

ANTHEM "Lord, Be Born in Our Hearts Today" Coffin

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS
A Christian WELCOME is extended to one and all.
If you are a guest, please sign the card in the pew
rack.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP
"For God loved us so much He GAVE..." John 3:16

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Prayer of Dedication
Offertory "Noel for Flutes" d'Aquin

*Offertory Hymn 112 "Away In the Manger"
Those attending Children's Church may come forward
during the last stanza.

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP Jean Wickum
Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD Luke 2:1-7

ADVENT MEDITATION "Christmas Hospitality" Pastor Gillin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Let this be a sacred time of response. If you would
like a prayer, or wish to make a profession of faith,
please come forward as we sing.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 113 "Angels We Have Heard On High"

*A TIME FOR SHARING
Your decision to follow Jesus...Your decision to be-
come a member of First Baptist...or anything else on
your heart that will edify the Lord.

*DISMISSAL

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Choir and Congregation
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate New Life!
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

POSTLUDE "Festival of Peace" Hughes

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O U R L I F E T O G E T H E R

TODAY 9:00 Sunday School Assembly
9:30 Teaching Hour - Classes for all ages
10:45 Worship Hour - Advent III
7:00 American Baptist Women's Meeting at
the White's home
MONDAY 8:00 Advent program at Gray Chapel
TUESDAY 7:00 Diaconate Visitation
7:30 Healing Prayer Group at the VanBrimmer's
8:00 METHESCO Choral Program
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY 7:00 Diaconate Visitation
SATURDAY 1:00 Christmas Program practice at Lovell's

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Natalie Mowery, Pianist
Betty Porter, Organist Mary Lou Lovell, Choir Director
Jim Stephenson, Lay Leader John Richards, Pastor Gene Gillin.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating special days: Geneva
Evans (Tue.), Cap Gabriel (Next. Sunday); Convalescing:
Myrtle Gabriel, Ernestine Frost

DISASTER RELIEF - Wednesday's devastating earthquake in the
Soviet Union has left nearly 400,000 homeless and injured
people. Contributions for humanitarian aid can be sent to
the American Red Cross, "Soviet Relief," 5 West Winter St.,
Delaware, Ohio 43015, or call 362-2021 for more information.

You Shall Call His Name Jesus. (Luke 1:31)

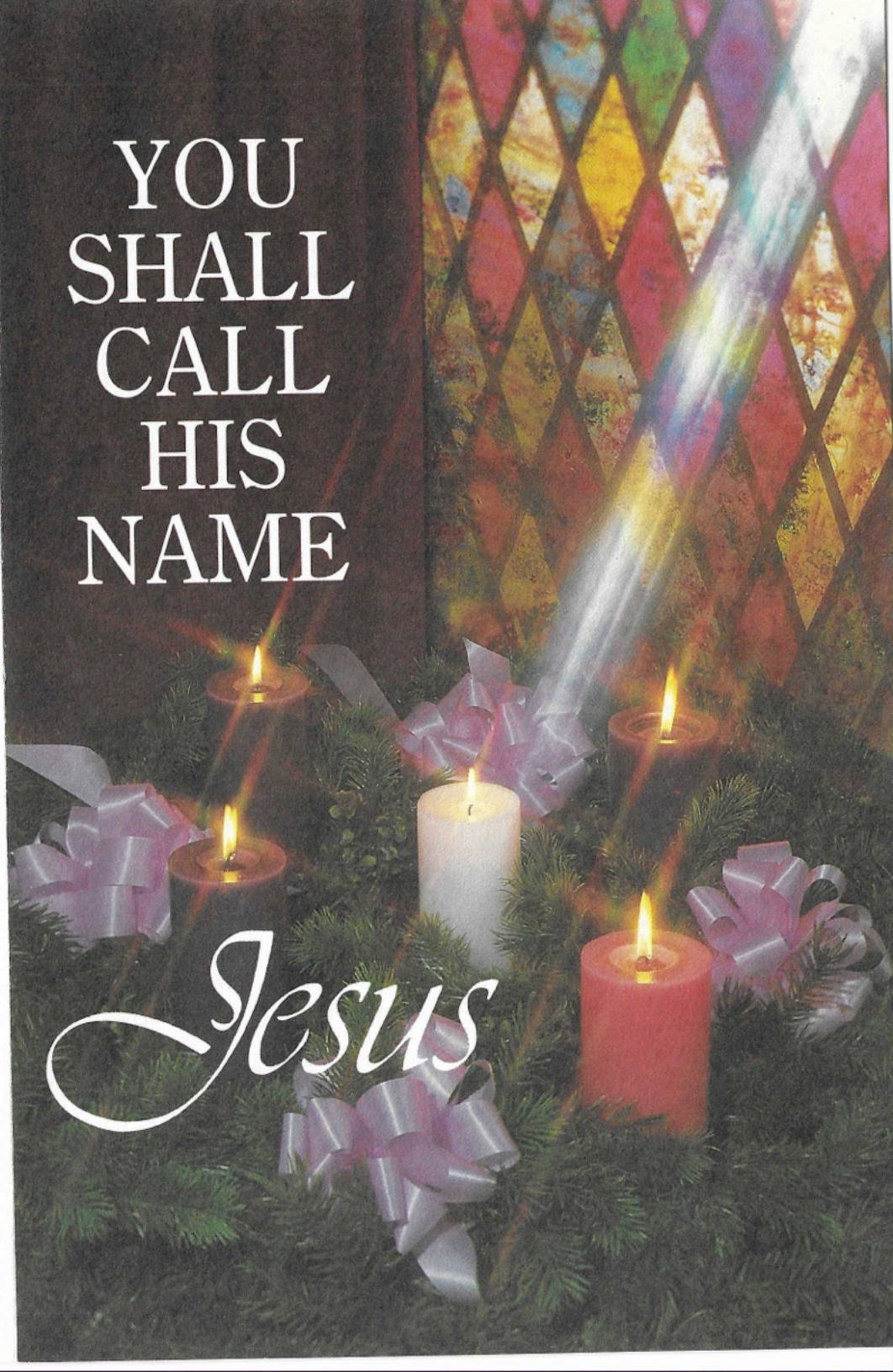
The story begins in Nazareth and ends in Bethlehem. It begins with a frightened young woman standing in awe of a heavenly visitor and concludes with a mother who knows that she has delivered into the world a very special person.

The stable may have reeked with the aroma of fresh hay and barnyard animals, but the child who lay in that manger had a name before he was born. He was to be called the "Son of the Most High"... "Prince of Peace"... "Messiah"... "Savior."

The name chosen by God, however, was "Jesus"—a simple, common, and ordinary name. There were to be no special trappings, for the young prince. He would lead his followers by virtue of his faith in almighty God and the example of his life. He would create his kingdom through the power of prayer and meditation. . .not through military action and the power that money could buy. It was the power of common, ordinary people joining arms with Jesus that created the kingdom in which we now share.

Next week we celebrate the birth of Jesus. And as we do, let us remember that God is calling the common, ordinary people of our time to expand the kingdom that was begun when Mary was told that she was to have a child and that she should call his name "Jesus."

Mark...Bob...Frank...Mary...Barbara...Shirley...it's time to get started. There's work to be done! God's calling!



YOU SHALL CALL HIS NAME

Jesus

O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

10:45 a.m.
December 18, 1988

Rev. Gene F. Gillin
Pastor

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PRELUDE AND "Prelude for Christmas" Simone
PRAYER "The First Christmas" Smith

WORDS OF WELCOME

Be prepared to stand and briefly share your concern,
your joy, and introduce your guests in worship today.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Choir

CALL TO CELEBRATION In Response

Choir: Let us approach this Christmas with gratitude,
Cong.: Glad that we are alive, grateful that we can
share with others the self-giving spirit of
Christmas.

Choir: Let us find in Christmas new hope...
Cong.: The assurance that God is with us, the con-
viction that He has a purpose for the world
and it's peoples.

Choir: Let us receive Christmas...
Cong.: Let us absorb its mystery. Let us reflect in
our lives its spirit.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 110 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

*INVOCATION In Response

Pastor: Heavenly Father, you are the Creator and
Preserver of all things. You have visited
us in the person of your son, Jesus. Thank
you, Father, for His coming.

People: Lord, we are unworthy of your marvelous gift.
We are anxious about our lives, our home,
our food, our clothing. We fail to recognize
that you provide it all.

Pastor: Create in us clean hearts, O God. Restore
unto us the joy of our salvation. Fill us
with the real presence of your Son.

People: Help us, Lord, to do justly, to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with you. Use us to share
the love you show today to all people.

Pastor: O God, draw us near to you on this holy sea-
son. Fill us with the light of your love,
that the wonder of Christ's coming may not

escape us. Keep us expectant, that we may receive
Him with great joy and serve Him with faithfulness.
Amen!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Middler Class

ANTHEM "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" Smith

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

And from his fullness have we all received, grace
upon grace. For the law was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Jn. 1:16

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

1988 M & M Love Offering Report
Prayer of Dedication In Unison
As by these tokens of our love and loyalty we mark
ourselves as your servants, Lord, may we be
faithful in the use of our life and all we have.
Amen!

Offertory "Away In A Manger" Spilman
Piano and Organ Duet

*Offertory Hymn 104 "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

ANTHEM "And the Glory of the Lord" Handel

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP Jean Wickum
Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 631 In Response

MORNING MESSAGE John 1:11+12 Pastor Gillin
"Jesus Came, Jesus Comes"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 117 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

*A TIME FOR SHARING

Your decision to follow Jesus...Your decision to
become a member of this church,..Or anything else
on your heart that will edify the Lord.

*DISMISSAL

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Choir & Cong.
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate New Life!
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

POSTLUDE "Celebrate Christmas" Hughes

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

to the

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

At The Parsonage

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 18

3 pm - 6 pm

Gene and Ruth hope YOU can
drop by for some punch and
cookies and good fellowship.

Come early come late
BUT COME!!!

THE GILLINS
632 Congress Court
Delaware, Ohio

363-7021

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

TODAY - 9:00 Sunday School Assembly
9:30 Teaching Hour - Classes For All Ages
10:45 Worship Hour - Advent IV
3:00 Parsonage Open House - 632 Congress Ct.
7:00 S. S. Christmas Program - Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY 7:30 Service Of Carols, Candles & Communion

SUNDAY 10:45 Christmas Worship

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating special days:

Cap Gabriel(18) Carol Grubbs(25) Gene Gillin(25) Steve
+ Karen Stoner(25) Missionaries: Barbara Deer, Zaire(20)
Dr. Bill Scofield, Zaire(20) Dan Chadwick, Anadarko, OK(21)
Alice Moore, Zaire(21) Joyce Pixley, Nicaragua(21)
Convalescing: Myrtle Gabriel and Ernestine Frost
Our Scholarship Student: Margaret Ann Cleary of Mt.
Vernon, Ohio studying at Eastern College, St. Davids, PA

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Matthew Lovell, Pianist
Betty Porter, Organist Mary Lou Lovell, Choir Director
Jim Stephenson, Lay Leader John Richards, Pastor G. Gillin

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 1989 - These are now available
on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. Please
pick up yours before you leave today. If there are those
who desire a set of envelopes, that you may give to the
work of the Church at home and overseas, will you please
speak to Richard Lee, our Financial Secretary.

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST - The members of First Baptist
welcome you today, praying that you find here a worship
fed atmosphere, a friendly people, and the inspiration
of vital Christian truth. If you are without a church
home and live in our area we invite you to become one
of us. If you are not a Christian, the music, the
sermon, the prayers are for you, trusting you will
receive Christ as your Savior today.

CHRISTMAS HOSPITALITY - The Rev. Jim Leslie, O.W.U.
International Student Advisor, invites Delaware church-
folk to extend Christian friendship to Ohio Wesleyan's
students from overseas. If you are interested in this
Friendship Family program please speak to the Pastor or
call Jim Leslie in Delaware 363-7071.

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Christ Is Born TODAY!

Participants

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| Natalie Griffith | Micah Stoner |
| Laura Mowery | Matthew Lovell |
| Adam Mowery | Debbie Lovell |
| Laura Newman | Jarrold Trigg |
| Emilie Trigg | Stefanie Stoner |
| Barbara Lovell | Marge Smale |
| Evan Trigg | Pam Faulk |
| Erin Faulk | Jennifer Chaffin |
| Abby Brown | Larry Faulk |
| Marci Sander | Wilbur Wickum |

Jeff Faulk - Reader

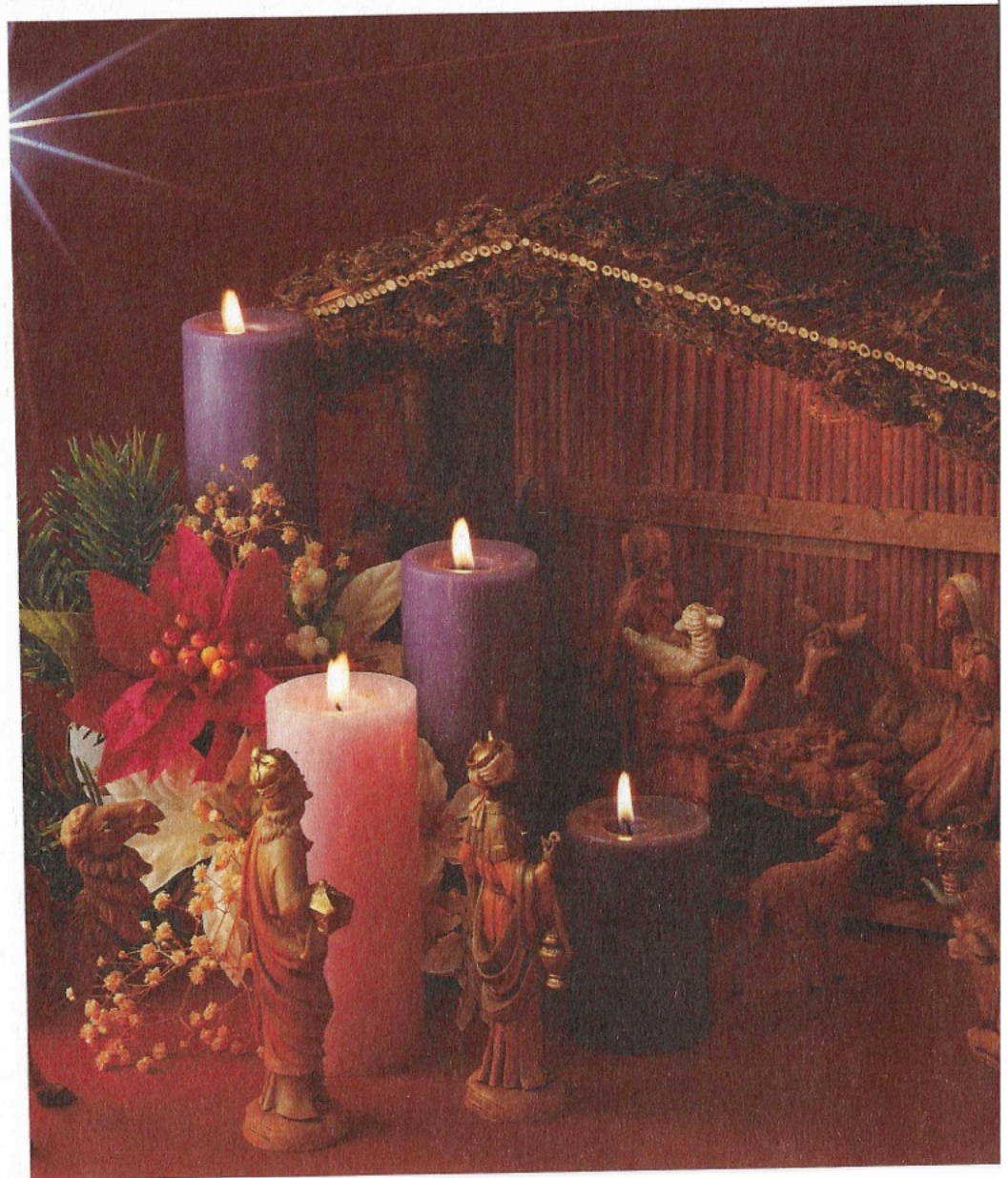
Betty Porter - Accompanist

Mary Lou Lovell - Director

Christmas is a time of giving and sharing. Thank you to all who gave of their time and talent to present Christ Is Born Today!. Thanks to the congregation for singing and sharing in this Christmas message.

Merry Christmas!

CHRIST IS BORN
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Christ Is Born TODAY!

*Processional Hymn # 116 Good Christian Men, Rejoice
To be sung by the Congregation

*Responsive Reading

Leader: Unto us a Child is born!
Congregation: Christ is born today!
Leader: Unto us a Son is given!
Congregation: Christ is born today!
Leader: For our world, our time, our needs,
Congregation: Christ is born today!
Leader: For our wants, our fears, our sins,
Congregation: Christ is born today!
Leader: For our joy, our peace, our hope,
Congregation: Christ is born today!
Leader: Glory to God in the highest,
Congregation: and peace to His people on earth!

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks - Youth Choir

Part 1

"And it came to pass in those days that there went out
a decree from Cesear Augustus.....

Hymn #103 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Verse 1-Youth Choir
Verse 2-Congregation

Part 2

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of Nazareth.....

Hymn # 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Verse 1-Congregation
Verse 2-Youth Choir
Verse 3-Congregation

Part 3

"And so it was that, while they were there, the days were
accomplished that she should be delivered.....
"There was no room for them in the inn."

Hymn # 105 What Child is This?
Verses 1,2,and 3-Congregation
Refrain- Youth Choir

Part 4

"And she brought forth her firstborn son.....

Away in a Manger -Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary and
Middler class -Verse # 1.
Verse #2 and #3 Youth Choir

Part 5

"And she wrapped him in swaddling clothes.....

Hymn #117 Silent Night

Verse 1- Youth Choir
Verse 2- Congregation

Part 6

"And there were shepherds.....

Hymn # 106 Hark! The Hearld Angels Sing
Congregation Sings all 3 verses

Part 7

"And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them.....

Hymn # 113 Angels we Have Heard on High

Verses- Youth Choir
Refrain- Congregation joins youth choir

Part 8

"And suddenly there was with the angel.....

"There's A Song In The Air(In Bulletin)
Congregation

Part 9

"And it came to pass.....

O Come, Little Children - Youth Choir

Part 10

"And when they had seen it.....

Prayer

Hymn # 120 Joy to the World (Youth Choir and Congregation)

A Greeting of Eternal Verity

Christmas is special. When Christmas Day falls on Sunday the day is supraspecial. So it is today: Christmas 1988. As we greet one another with exclamations of Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, Mele Kalikimaka, Ekuodun and other greetings, we always should recall the greeting that the shepherds received from the angel of the Lord who announced the birth of Jesus:

“For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11)

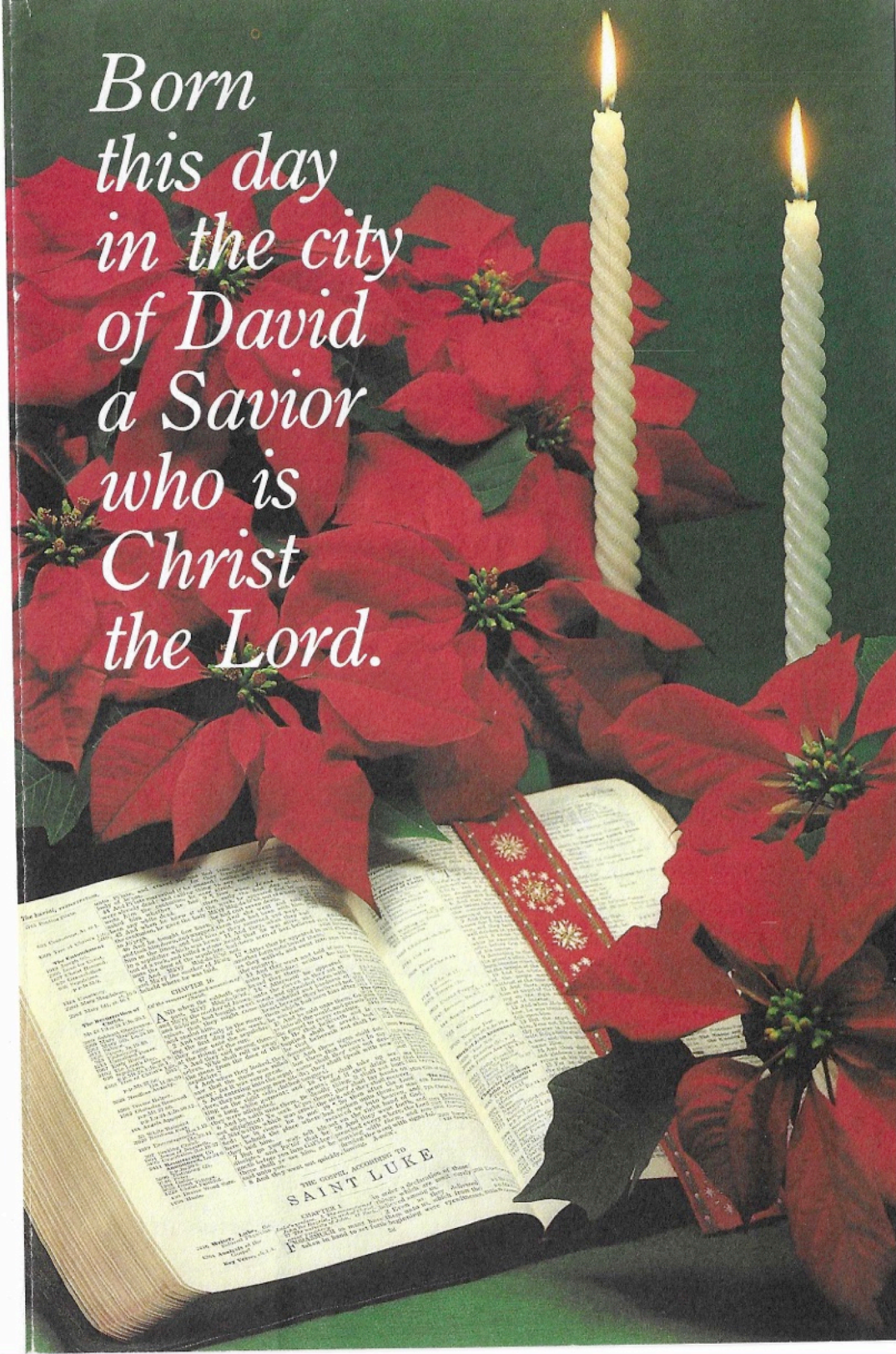
One of the fascinating elements of that message is its inclusiveness. Although directed to the shepherds who were engaged in their occupation so long ago, it also is directed to persons today. That glorious message is as current and relevant today as it was on that fateful night when first delivered.

Our Savior comes to us again and again. He comes amid our joy and sadness, strength and weakness, success and failure, and in extraordinary and ordinary times. Christmas is an event that occurs time after time and day after day. Those who have surrendered their lives to the most precious gift from God have experienced love at its best, and are challenged to share it with others by exclaiming to the world:

“The Savior has come, receive him and receive eternal life”

Peace and joy,

*Harold Davis, President
American Baptist Churches USA*



*Born
this day
in the city
of David
a Savior
who is
Christ
the Lord.*

O U R W O R S H I P T O G E T H E R

First Baptist Church December 25, 1988
Delaware, Ohio 10:45 a.m.

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PRELUDE "There's A Song In The Air" Wells
AND PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

Be prepared to stand and briefly share your concern,
your joy, and introduce your guests in worship today.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Choir

*HYMN OF PRAISE 120 "Joy to the World"

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

Please help us become better acquainted by signing the
card in the pew rack and placing it in the offering
plate as it is passed.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Kindergarten Class

SOLO "The Birthday of a King" Neidlinger
Jeanne Ekelberry

THE SAVIOR'S ADVENT 627 In Response

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "Special Gifts" Mayfield

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that,
though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor,
that you through his poverty might be rich. 2 Cor. 8:9

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory "Christ Was Born on Christmas Day" Paxton

*HYMN 106 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

ANTHEM "What Child Is This?" Smith

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Prayer of Blessing

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD

OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IN PRAYER

MORNING MESSAGE Pastor Gillin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHP

Let this be a sacred time of of response. If you
would like a prayer, or wish to make a profession of
faith, please come forward as we sing.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 115 "Go Tell It On the Mountain"

*DISMISSAL

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Choir & Congregation

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this
day.

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate New Life!

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

POSTLUDE "Glad Tidings" Chesterton

(*congregation stands)

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Pastor: Rev. Gene F. Gillin; Organist: Mary Lou
Lovell; Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

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O U R L I F E T O G E T H E R

MEMORIALS - Two of the lovely poinsettia plants in our
sanctuary were given as memorials: In memory of Jim
"Billy" Porter, by his family; and in memory of Fred
and Lucille Via, by their family.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating special days:
Carol Grubbs, Gene Gillin, Steve and Karen Stoner (all
today!); Convalescing: Myrtle Gabriel and Ernestine
Frost. First Baptist Home Department: Edith Hall,
Nellie Sheets, Mildred Bowers, Mary McKean, Lola
Jackson, Mary Dennis, Mrs. Graham.

CHURCH NEWSLETTER - The January issue of the newsletter
will be available next Sunday. Please help us by
writing a newsy report so that we may be blessed and
informed by ALL the News From The Pews! Please submit
your articles by Wednesday.

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST - We appreciate the presence
of each visitor in our worship today! If these moments
can be spent in heart-to-heart communion with our Father,
then our day will be changed for us, and we shall be
changed for the day.