



First Baptist Church
Bulletins and
Order of Worship
1989

Missing Several

He who does
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comes to
the
light.

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(John 3:21a)

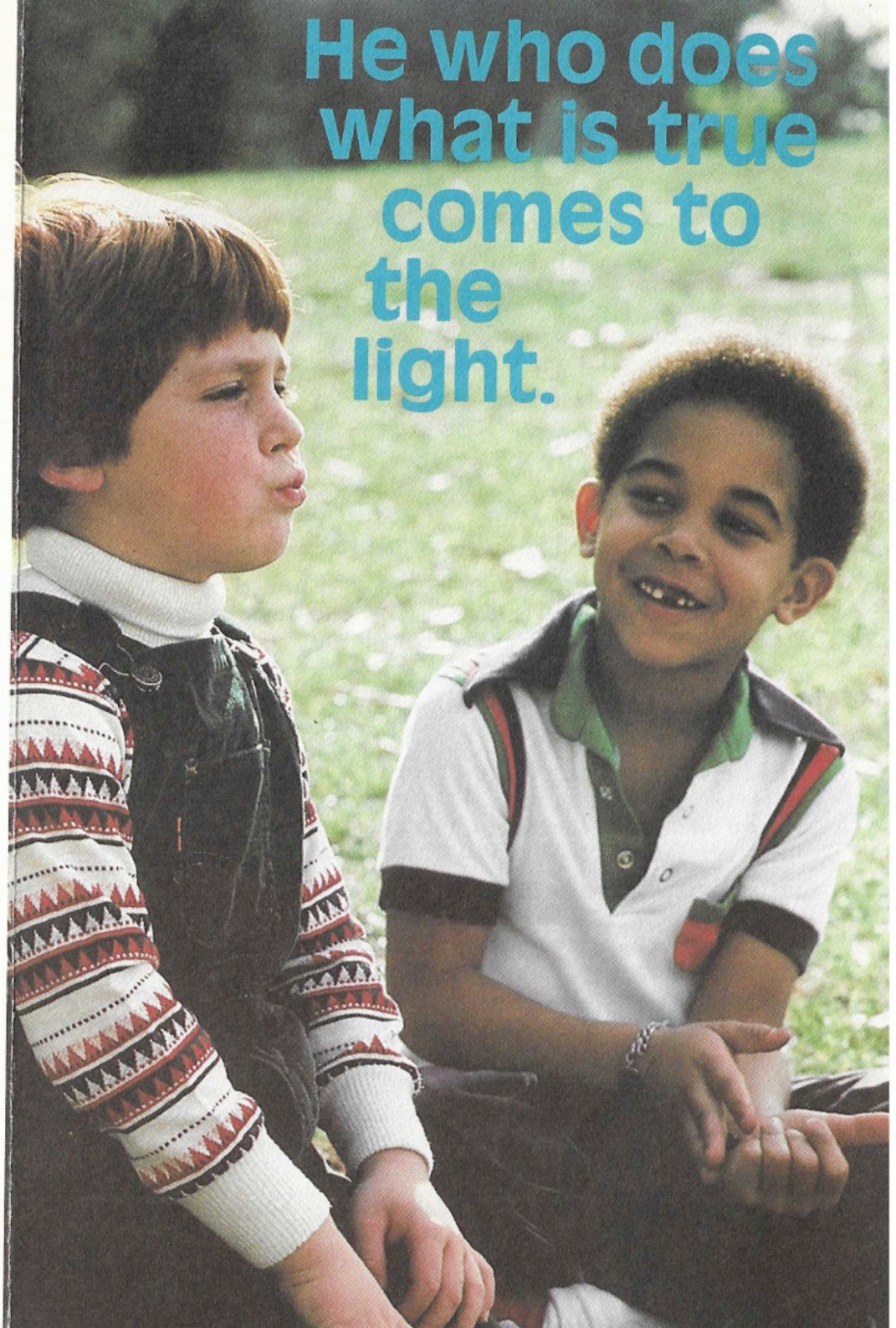
The truly great people never started out to be such. They just did the best they could given the circumstances in which they found (and find) themselves.

Mother Teresa did not chart a lifestyle in serving the poor so that she would gain world prominence. I prefer to think that she did the calling of the Lord and that the world recognized her ministry as a gift that they could not fully comprehend.

I am certain that Martin Luther King, Jr., never thought he would change the course of a nation when he preached his first sermons in the churches of Alabama.

Adoniram Judson never wanted to be more than a carrier of the gospel to people in India. Yet he helped start a course of action that has resulted in thousands of lives being changed by the power of Jesus Christ.

The world is forced to recognize those who put aside the comforts of the world in order to help those who are sick, naked, in prison, hungry, or persecuted. Due to its own uncomfortableness, the world responds unpredictably, sometimes applauding those who risk life and financial security for the unfortunate and sometimes seeking their persecution. Serving God does not guarantee worldly recognition...just the deep and intense feeling that you are being the best disciple that you can be — given the circumstances.



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

First Baptist Church
Delaware, Ohio

January 15, 1989
10:45 A. M.

PRELUDE AND PRAYER

"In Christ There Is No East Or West" Wilson

The first strains from the organ are as a protecting veil dropping softly between all our care-laden hours and this hour of worship. As the first tone comes to our ears, may we quietly meditate in prayer.

WORDS OF WELCOME, CONCERN AND REPORT Deacon Faulk

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Choir

INVOCATION

LORD'S PRAYER In Unison

HYMN OF PRAISE 448 "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

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 OF MUSIC "Sing Praise To God" Choir

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them; if service, in our serving; those who contribute, in liberality; those who give aid, with zeal; those who do acts of mercy, with joy.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer Of Dedication In 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 Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

A Musical Offering

"Let There Be Peace On Earth" Jackson

Offertory Hymn 411 "Happiness Is To Know The Savior"

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

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 667

In Response

AN OFFERING IN SONG

W. C. Wickum

"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"

OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IN PRAYER

In Silence..... In Word..... In Song

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.

MORNING MESSAGE Matthew 23:11 Pastor Gillin
"Marks Of Greatness"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus said, "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father in heaven." As we sing this hymn we invite you to come forward and make your commitment known.

HYMN OF RESPONSE 512

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

DISMISSAL

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Choir + Cong.

Joy is mine, Joy divine,
Joy my Savior has given;
Peace is mine, Peace sublime,
Peace that came 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 "Unity And Brotherhood"

Chesterton

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are provided in love and appreciation by members of the family of Cap and Myrtle Gabriel in honor of their many years of faithful service at First Baptist Church.

MINISTERING TODAY - Lay Leader L. Faulk, Choir Leader W. C. Wickum, Organist M. L. Lovell, Pianist B. Porter, Children's Church M. Martin, Pastor Gene Gillin.

Give thanks in all circumstances.

(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Mickey Mantle is a famous name in baseball. He broke into the major leagues over thirty years ago with the New York Yankees. Joe DiMaggio had been considered the greatest baseball player of the past generation and had just retired. All eyes were on the young rookie from Oklahoma who was to take DiMaggio's place.

During the spring exhibition games, Mantle was a sensation. Sports pages across the country reported on his feats. Then from Oklahoma came a telegram from Mickey's father: " You have made the headlines. Congratulations. Now see if you can make the team."

This was the same message the apostle Paul was giving to the new Christians in Thessalonica, still in spring training of their faith: "News of your faith has spread throughout Greece. Now let your discipleship prove that you are members of the Savior's team. Not until then will you know the life that is radically Christian."

Through all the seasons of your life, the good times and the bad times, remember Paul's instructions:

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances"

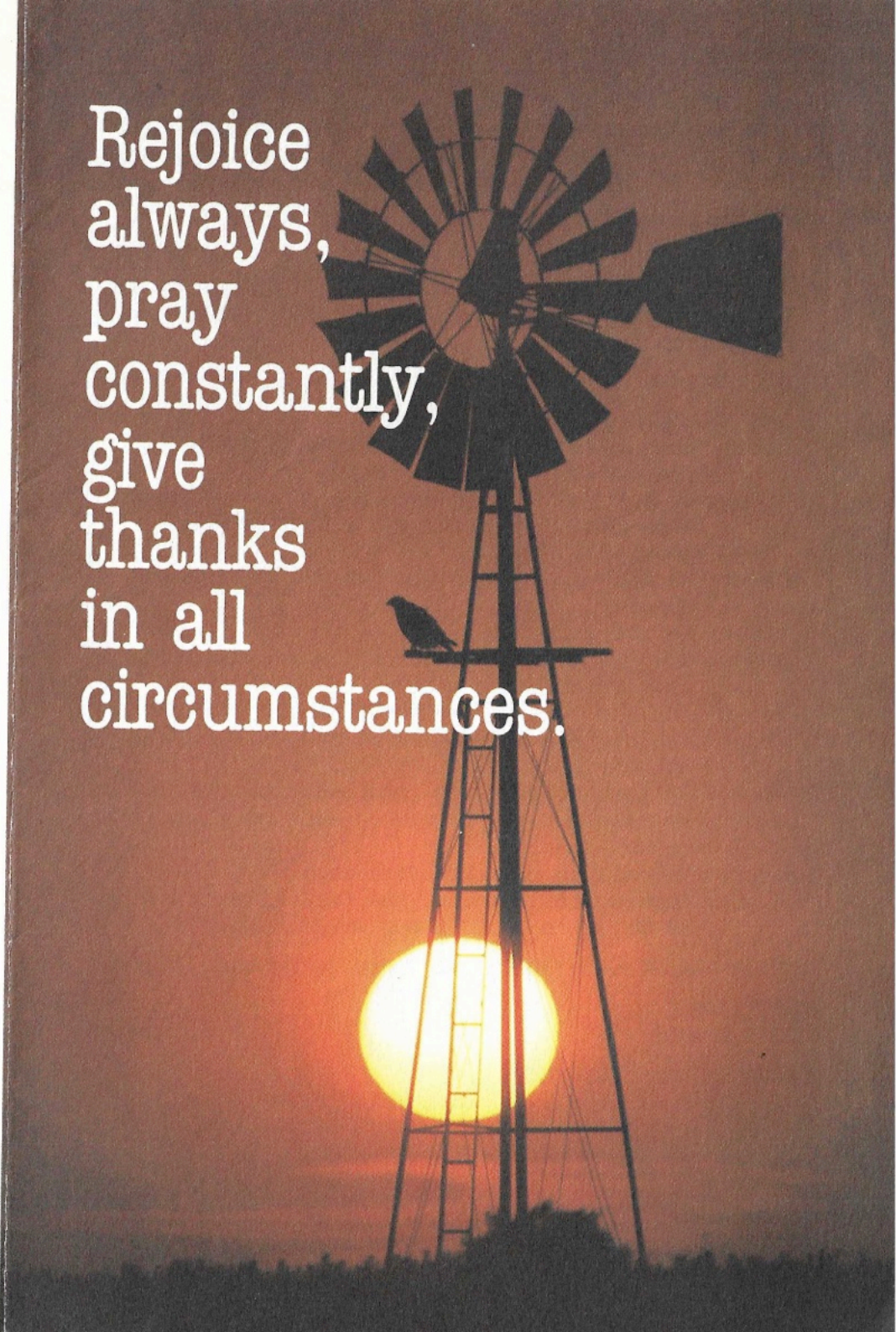
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Linda Spoulstra

Executive Director of Commission on the Ministry

Educational Ministries

American Baptist Churches USA



Rejoice
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OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

First Baptist Church
Delaware, Ohio
Pastor Gene Gillin

Feb. 12, 1989
10:45 A. M.
363-7021

PRELUDE AND PRAYER

"In A World Where Love Abides" Fimone

WORDS OF WELCOME, CONCERN + REPORT Deacon Stoner
Please be prepared to share briefly your concern,
your joy from the pulpit.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Choir

COMING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT In Response

Leader: Come and celebrate. Celebrate Christ's
presence through the Spirit!

People: We are God's children. Each of us different
from one another and yet a part of one
another.

Leader: We are separate yet united, as the sun and
the sky.

People: We are a family.

Leader: God's Spirit breathes life and strength into
each of us.

People: And the love of one world family comforts us.

Leader: Let us join our voices in chorus, praising
our one Lord.

People: We join together in commitment to the Lord.

Leader: We make our way together, each on a separate
path.

People: Yet all in the same direction.

ALL: Seeking the promise, the fulfillment, the joy
of Christ's love in our world today.

HYMN OF PRAISE 513 "In Christ There Is No East Or West"

INVOCATION

LORD'S PRAYER In Unison

CONGREGATIONAL 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.

RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF GUESTS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"O Thou To Whose All-Searching Sight" Choir
J. S. Bach

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer Of Dedication

A Musical Offering "A Lenten Prayer" Dvorak

Offertory Hymn 489 "Jesus Shall Reign"

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

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Prayer Of Blessing Pam Faulk

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 634

In Response

OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IN PRAYER

MORNING MESSAGE

Pastor Gillin

"A Rich Heritage Of Fellowship"

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In Unison

We believe in the one God, Maker and Ruler of all things,
Father of all, the Source of all goodness and beauty, all
truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest
in the flesh, our Teacher, Example, and Redeemer, the
Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God
present with us for guidance, for comfort, for strength
and healing. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in
the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every
need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old
and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith
and practice. We believe in the Church as the fellowship
for worship and for service of all who are united to the
Living Lord. We believe in the Kingdom of God as the
Divine rule in human society, and in the brotherhood of
man under the fatherhood of God. We believe in the final
triumph of righteousness, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF RESPONSE 288 "Amazing Grace"

DISMISSAL

OUR GOING FORTH

Choir + Congregation

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

"They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love" Scholtes

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

TODAY	9:00	S. S. Assembly
	9:15	Coffee Fellowship Children's Choir
	9:30	Teaching Hour - Classes For All Ages
	10:45	Worship Hour - B. W. A. Sunday
MONDAY	7:00	Delaware Piecemakers
TUESDAY	7:30	Powell/Adkins Wedding
	8:00	Visitation Ministry - J. Richards
Wednesday	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00	Healing Prayer Group - Van Brimmers
	8:00	Diaconate Mtng.
THURSDAY	7:00	A. B. Women's Mtng. at the Church
	7:00	Visitation Ministry - J. Stephenson
FRIDAY	12:00	Great Decisions Facing The Nation William St. U.M.C., Church Parlor Bring Sack Lunch - Beverages Provided
SATURDAY	8:30	A. B. Men's Breakfast Mtng.
	7:00	Home Bible Study - Chaffin Home

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week: Lana Palmer(13) Beth Linn(17) Missionaries: Bob Coats, Thailand(13) Dr. Fred Downs, India(15) Susanne Powers, India(16) Nancy James, Haiti(17) Dorothy Noyes, Japan(17) Virginia Nickerson, Zaire(18) Charles Sydnor, Nepal(18) Convalescing: Ella Lee, Ernestine Frost, Myrtle Gabriel Bereavement: Jeanne Ekelberry, Uncle's death in W. Va. Scholarship Student: Margaret Ann Cleary [3/26/67] Box 139, Eastern College, St. Davids, PA 19087. New Parents: Morris + Millie Martin, grand-daughter Jessica Linsey Lanch.

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Natalie Mowery, Pianist Betty Porter, Organist Mary Lou Lovell, Choir Leader W. C. Wickum, Lay Leader Steve Stoner, Nursery Leader Beth Trigg, Children's Church Leader Pamela Faulk.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES provide the one way that everyone at First Baptist can have a definite part in the spread of the Gospel. You are urged to use the envelopes in their proper sequence and to fill out the information on each envelope. Many thanks!

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST - Our fellowship of worship and witness, teaching and training offer you resources for spiritual help and guidance. If you would like to make this your church home, come join us with Christ and His mission in Delaware today.

Our Vision of God's Kingdom

My blind spot! There it was. As the optometrist's black wand had moved in an arc across my face, I had suddenly realized that I could no longer see it. It had completely disappeared from my vision as if it had vaporized.

The most discomfoting aspect about the experience was that my eyes were telling me I was seeing everything. Wherever I looked there was a full picture — no gaps, no holes — just a complete scene of what was before me. The optometrist's wand proved the opposite. I was not seeing everything. I had a blind spot.

There is a spiritual truth for us in this physical truth. There are blind spots in our vision of the Kingdom and God's will for us. Regardless of our sincerity, devotion, and length of Christian life, there are times when we cannot see what is right in front of us! We all have spiritual blind spots.

Is home missions such a spiritual blind spot for you? As you look at your community and our nation, what do you see? Do you see your church with its familiar and friendly faces, or sixty million Americans who profess no faith in Christ Jesus? Do you see new communities springing up and crowding your roads and lengthening the line at the supermarket counter, or do you see a mission field for a new church? Do you see abused and neglected children and think "somebody ought to do something about that," or do you urge your church to become involved?

Home missions is God's challenge to us to see the work of the Kingdom in our own backyard. Your gift to the America for Christ offering can make a significant difference for the work of God in this country. In its support for National Ministries, Educational ministries, and your region, your gift will be helping start new churches. It will be opening the doors to Christian discipleship for impressionable youth. It will be helping victims of abuse and neglect.

Help turn our blind spots into bright spots of God's redemptive love. support our American Baptist missions effort here at home so that we may "...promote the knowledge of all the good that is ours in Christ" (Philemon 1:6/RVS).

*Roy Medley
Field Counselor, World Mission Support
American Baptist Churches of New Jersey*

Sharing... your faith



OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

First Baptist Church
Delaware, Ohio
Pastor Gene Gillin

Mar. 5, 1989
10:45 A. M.
363-7021

PRELUDE AND PRAYER

"There's Room At The Cross For You" Stanphill

WORDS OF WELCOME

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.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir

COMING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

In Response

Pastor: I greet you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: And we greet you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Why have you come to this place, on this day?

People: We have come to this place, hoping that we will find our Lord.

Pastor: And how do you intend to find him?

People: We will open our hearts and seek him in prayer, in hearing the Word and the reading of scripture, in music, and in Communion.

Pastor: This is good.... let us look for Him together! Let us pray to God. Let us be still. Let us clear our minds of thoughts which would take our attention from our Lord. Let us feel God's presence. Let us know God's power. Let's pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

In Unison

HYMN OF PRAISE 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

OUR CALL TO LOVE AND DISCIPLESHIP 653

In Response

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "At Calvary"

DeCou

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP***America For Christ Love Offering***

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer Of Dedication
A Musical Offering "Melodie Sacra" Paxto.
Offertory Song Tune: Amazing Grace

What can we offer for the grace we find in ev'ry
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

Jean Wickum

Prayer Of Blessing

CHRISTIAN COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

God's Holy Word

John 13:1-9,12-17

Communion Meditation

"A Towel, A Washbasin, And The Supper"

Communion Offering

"Prayer"

Schumann

Communion Hymn 378 "Lord, Speak To Me"

We invite all Christians irrespective of denomi-
nation to share the Supper with us. We come not
because we are worthy, but because we are needy.

Communion Scripture

Thanksgiving For The Bread

Thanksgiving For The Cup

Commitment To Service

Pastor: Loving Father, take our hands which have held
holy things and labor through them.

People: Take our lips which have tasted the symbols of
the body and blood of our Lord and speak through them.

Pastor: Take our bodies which have received the bread
and cup and make them temples of your Spirit.

People: Take our minds and think through them.

ALL: Take our hearts and fill them with your love that
we may truly serve you in this community, throughout
our beloved America, and across the world. Amen!

Fellowship Hymn And Circle

Passing The Peace Of Christ

POSTLUDE

"Solemn March"

Mendelssohn

GET ACQUAINTED TIME

Coffe And Conversation

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

TODAY	9:00	S. S. Assembly - The Lenten Tree
	9:15	Coffee Fellowship Children's Choir
	9:30	Teaching Hour - Classes For All Ages
	10:45	Worship Hour - Communion Celebration
	12:00	Get Acquainted Time
	12:30	Communion Ministry In Del. N + R Cntr.
	6:00	New Member's Dinner - Parsonage
	7:30	Dessert Party - Parsonage
TUESDAY	7:00	Visitation Ministry - B. Turney
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00	Healing Prayer Group - Van Brimmers
THURSDAY	7:00	Visitation Ministry - L. Faulk
	7:00	A. B. Women's Mtng. - Palmers
FRIDAY	12:00	Great Decisions Facing The Nation William St. U.M. Church Parlor
	6:00	Marion Assn. Celebration Banquet
SATURDAY	7:00	Home Bible Study - Chaffins

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week:
 Mary Barkeloo(6) Annette Ringley(9) Missionaries:
 Duane Binkley, Thailand(7) Ramona Shawver, Mexico(10)
 Garry Oliver, Alaska(10) Catherine Holmes, India(11)
 Bereavement: Marjorie Duncan, 92 Hayes Dr., Delaware
 New Member: Zita Claypool, 220 Curtis St., Delaware
 B.Y.F. Convention, FBC, Hamilton Delegates Stephanie
 Stoner and Jeff Faulk.

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Jarrod Trigg, Lay
 Leader Jim Stephenson, Choir Leader Wilbur Wickum,
 Organist Mary Lou Lovell, Pianist Betty Porter, Nursery
 Leader Alison Mowery, Children's Church Leader Jean Wickum

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE - Arlyss Tombarge, Del. Health
 Dept., 363-6330, 369-7914 needs medical and non-medical
 volunteers to be trained Sat., Mar. 18, 9-12 AM or Mon.,
 Mar. 20, 7-9 PM to staff the Delaware HEALTH CHECK, Sat.,
 Apr. 8, 9-2 PM, OWU Arena.

GRADY MEMORIAL PRESENTS - "The Sexual Revolution -
 A Woman's Survival Guide" - INFO Covering AIDS And Other
 Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Tuesday, March 7, 7-9 PM.

CHURCH NEWSLETTER - In distribution today through Bertha
 Van Brimmer. NOTE: Please complete the survey of the
 Deacons and leave it with them today. Many thanks!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

TODAY	9:00	S. S. Assembly
	9:15	Coffee Fellowship Children's Choir
	9:30	Teaching Hour - Classes For All Ages
	10:45	Worship Hour
	12:00	Get Acquainted Time
	5:00	Outreach Committee Mtng. - Parsonage
TUESDAY	7:00	Visitation Ministry - Deacon Stoner
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00	Worship Committee Mtng.
THURSDAY	7:00	Visitation Ministry - Deacon Smale
	7:00	Home Bible Study - Van Brimmers
SATURDAY	9:00-	Health Check - O.W.U. Arena
	2:00	

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week:

Adam Mowery(2), W. C. Wickum(4), Mary Ann Ballengee(7)
Missionaries: Francisco Litardo, RI(2), Robert Wallace
KA(6) Deacon Of The Month: Ben Turney; Retirement: Naomi
Peaslee in Indiana from Judson Hills Camp, Loudenville;
Home Again: Janet Porter; New Members: Jeff Faulk and
Deborah Lovell.

ATTENTION LADIES!!! It's time to get your State Project
money in..... as quickly as possible... I must send it
to Marion before April 10..... THANK YOU! Bertha V.

FRIENDS OF RED CROSS AND P.I.N. INC..... can support
the annual benefit concert, SWING INTO SPRING, Big Band
Show, Gray Chapel, April 16, 8:00 PM. ADM. \$5.00.

MARION BAPTIST ASSN. - An Evaluation Session of our
recent Annual Celebration Banquet will be held on
Sunday, April 9, 3:30 pm at the Prospect Baptist Church.
Betty Porter and Cynthia Bland, our Assn. Trustees,
will represent us.

NORTHERN BAPTIST SEMINARY, Lombard, Illinois,
reports a need for Children's Clothing, all seasons,
all sizes, to assist Student Couples and their 65
Children on campus this year. Call the Church if you
can contribute some things for a shipment to our
seminary community. Many thanks!

GOOD NEWSLETTER - Our April issue will be distributed
today by Bertha Van Brimmer... so don't go home
without it!

*Follow
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AS YOU ARE BAPTIZED IN HIS NAME.

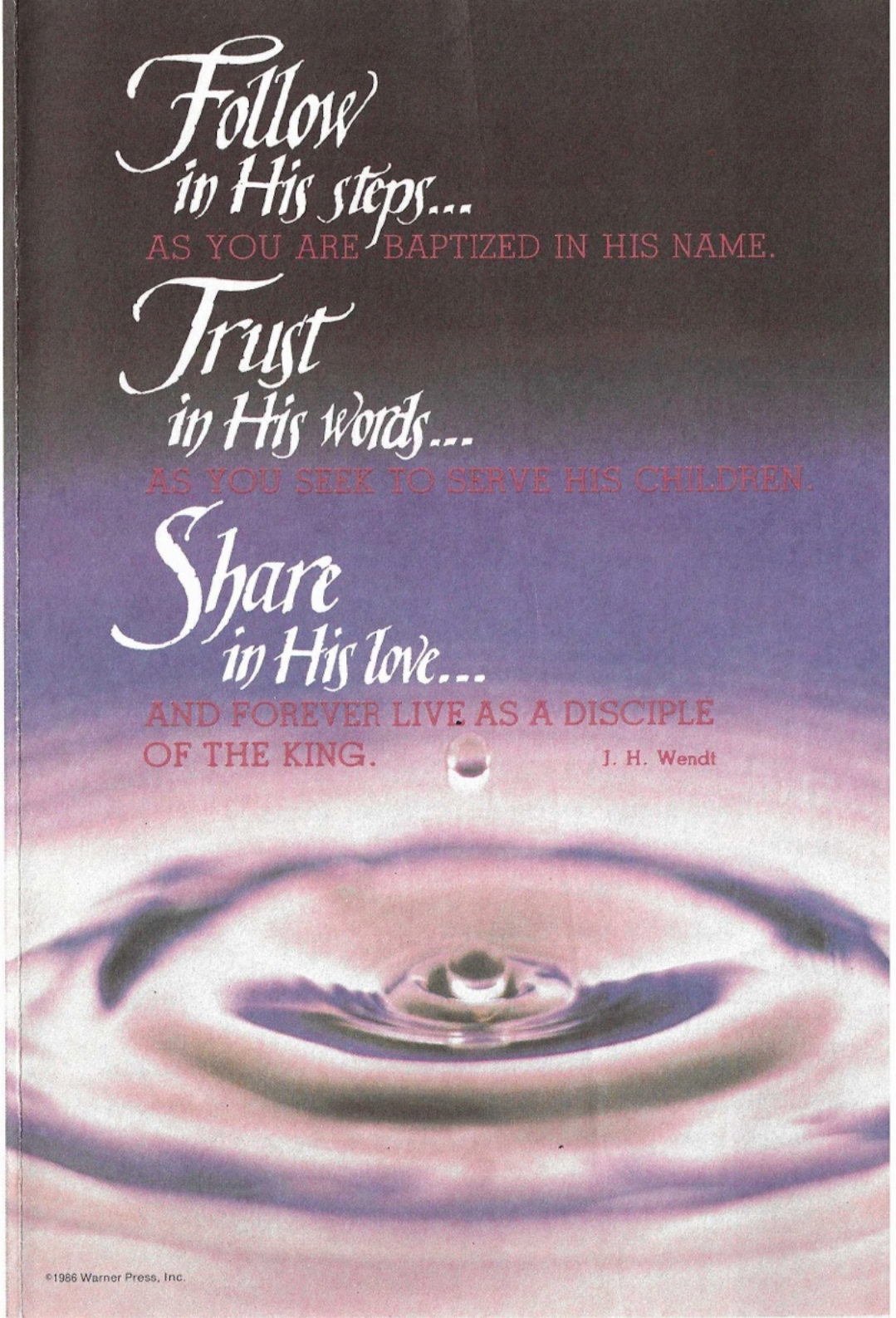
*Trust
in His words...*

AS YOU SEEK TO SERVE HIS CHILDREN.

*Share
in His love...*

AND FOREVER LIVE AS A DISCIPLE
OF THE KING.

J. H. Wendt



OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO
PASTOR GENE GILLIN

APR. 2, 1989
10:45 A. M.
363-7021

PRELUDE AND PRAYER

"Shall We Gather At The River" Livingston

COMING TOGETHER IN PRAISE Youth Choir

WORDS OF WELCOME Deacon Turney

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Choir

HYMN OF PRAISE 451 "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"

THE INVOCATION

THE SCRIPTURES 616 In Response

THE ORDINANCE OF BELIEVER'S BAPTISM

Baptism is an ordinance of the Lord Jesus, wherein a believer is immersed in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as a sign of his fellowship with the death and resurrection of Christ, of remission of sins and of his giving himself up to God, to live and walk in newness of life.

Our Brother in Christ, JEFF FAULK

Our Sister in Christ, DEBORAH LOVELL

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Choir

"Baptism" Irons

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer Of Dedication

A Musical Offering "Take My Life" Price

Offertory Song 572 "Doxology"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP Bill Chaffin

MINISTRY IN SONG Margery Duncan

"Heaven Came Down And Glory Filled My Soul" Peterson

CHRISTIAN COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Meditation The Rev. James Maynard

The Communion Offering "I Come To Thee" Ritter

The Communion Hymn 212 "According To Thy Word"

The Prayer Of Dedication To Discipleship

Jeff, Deborah And Congregation

The Lord's Prayer In Unison

The Right Hand Of Fellowship

The Communion Scripture

Thanksgiving For The Bread Pastor Maynard

Thanksgiving For The Cup Pastor Gillin

The Fellowship Circle And Hymn 207(1)

The Passing Of The Peace

POSTLUDE

GET ACQUAINTED TIME Coffee And Conversation

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Matthew Lovell, Lay Leader Ben Turney, Choir Director W. C. Wickum, Pianist Alison Grubbs, Organist Mary Lou Lovell, Soloist Margery Duncan, Guest Minister James Maynard, Laconia, N. H.

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST - You are always welcome in worship at First Baptist, Delaware. From our beginning in 1853 countless people have come here to praise the Lord, to unburden their souls, to receive inspiration and guidance, and to go forth encouraged to face up to life! May you also lose yourself in wonder, love and praise today, and be among those who live by faith in Him who is able to do more than we dare to think. If you are a visitor, be sure to fill out the pew card and place it in on the offering plate. Linger awhile after worship to allow our people to greet you.

**“Let your manner of life be worthy of
the gospel of Christ...”**
(Philippians 1:27, RSV)

For the supposed purposes of retirement we have recently moved into a condo near our grandchildren, but life seems not to retire. It keeps teaching us new lessons. Paul’s words above sum up two of them.

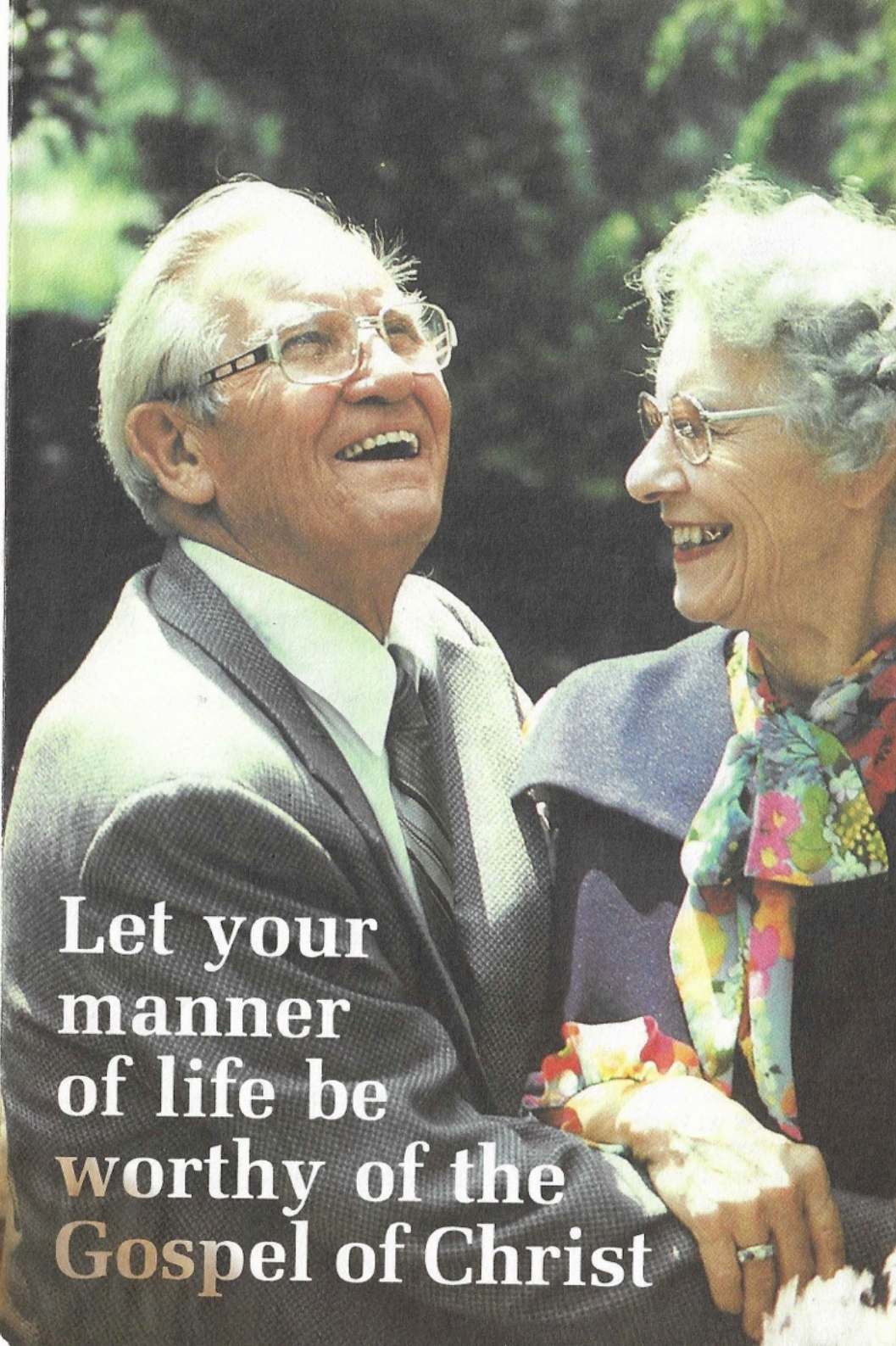
“Let your manner of life be worthy” was framed in language meaning literally “behave like citizens.” Be constantly aware of your duties to the city — or the condo association. This shatters one of our fondest visions of retirement: no grass to cut, no house to paint, with security all cared for and no community/civic responsibility.

What a surprise! The grass and outside paint are cared for, but the whole community is responsible for everything else. We are expected to watch over one another and report threatening actions anywhere. Even the choice of curtain colors must be made with sensitivity to how it affects our neighbors. Come to think of it, this is a marvelously Christian set of expectations, even though nobody ever says so. But it isn’t “carefree” in the manner we first envisioned. Paul might put it, “As long as you live your lives as inhabitants of the world community must be exemplary of the gospel.”

Still further demands in this ideal retirement site arise from the grandchildren nearby, watching everything we do. A six year old monitors Grandpa’s intake of cholesterol — no more ice cream. It works the other way, too. Little people form definitions of what is right and wrong by the meticulous scrutiny of grandparents’ every activity. When Grandma crossed the country to preach in San Francisco, a three year old announced, “I want to go to San Francisco to preach.” This often humorous process gets serious when one realizes that grandparents so closely watched become part of the database for the lifelong computers of these little folks. Living worthy of the gospel would be a burden if it did not have such awesome potential for planting that gospel.

One Sunday the six year old came to rapt attention when Grandpa stood to preach. At dinner he held forth with unbelievable recall of whole passages from the sermon. With witnesses like him around, we will never escape the responsibility to live worthily of the gospel of Christ, but we rejoice that our vision has been lifted.

*Dr. Ella P. Mitchell,
Interdenominational
Theological Center*



**Let your
manner
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Gospel of Christ**

OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 DELAWARE, OHIO
 PASTOR GENE F. GILLIN

APR. 9, 1989
 10:45 A. M.
 363-7021

PRELUDE AND PRAYER
 "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" Denton

WORDS OF WELCOME Deacon Turney

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Choir

HYMN OF PRAISE 275 "Come We That Love The Lord"

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF MUSIC
 "I've Believed It" Choir
 Fiscus

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer Of Dedication

A Musical Offering "Now Peace Abides" Hegarty

An Offering In Song Cynthia Bland + W. Wickum

"Ave Verum" Mozart

Offertory Hymn 295 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

MORNING MESSAGE "Why I Am A Christian" Pastor Gillin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Those who desire to declare their faith in Christ,
 to follow Him in discipleship and to serve Him in
 the fellowship of the Church are invited to come
 forward during the hymn.

HYMN OF RESPONSE 284 "Yesterday He Died For Me"

DISMISSAL

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 "Fanfare" Mouret

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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 9:15 Coffee Fellowship
 Children's Choir
 9:30 Teaching Hour - Classes For All Ages
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 2:30 A. B. Women's Mtng. - At The Church

TUESDAY 7:00 Visitation Ministry - Deacon Smale

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

8:00 Bd. Of C. E.

THURSDAY 7:00 Visitation Ministry - Deacon Stephenson

7:00 Home Bible Study - Van Brimmers

SATURDAY 8:30 Men's Fellowship Breakfast

8:00 Red Cross + P.I.N. Benefit Concert

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week:
 Abby Brown(12) Margery Smale(16); Missionaries: Orville
 Chapman, Zaire(10) Dr. Stephen James, Haiti(11) Herbert
 Rogers, NE(15) David Meneely, PA(15); Bereavement: The
 Gabriel Family; Church Outreach Committee; College
 Student Jennifer Gillin.

MYRTLE GABRIEL MEMORIAL FUND - Those who wish to con-
 tribute to a living memorial at First Baptist for Myrtle
 should write your check to FBC and mark M.G.M. Fund.

A. B. WOMEN'S STATE PROJECT - Please give to Bertha Van
 Brimmer TODAY your collected coins from the March SALT
 [Send A Little Transportation] Calendar.

THE PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN AND THE DEDICATION
 OF PARENTS TO THEIR CHRISTIAN NURTURE

Parents are invited to join the Parferchuks and the
 Lanches in presenting their children to the Lord in
 worship this month. Please call the Pastor about your
 interest this week.

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Marci Sander, Organist
 Betty Porter, Lay Leader Ben Turney, Choir Leader
 W. C. Wickum, Nursery Leader Bill Chaffin.

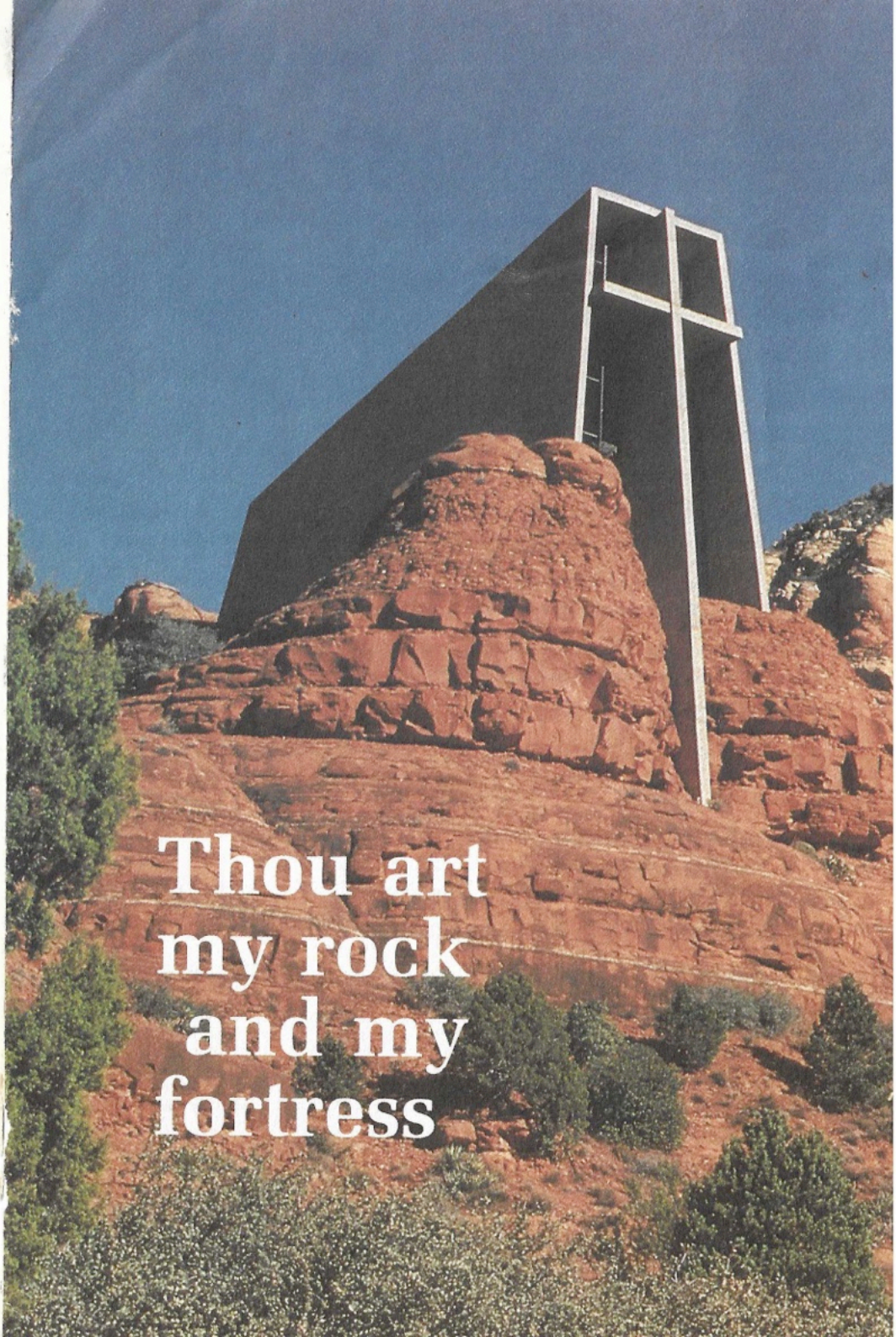
WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST - A congregation founded in
 1853, affiliated with the Marion Baptist Assn., the Ohio
 Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Churches -
 U. S. A., gives support and cooperation to the ecumenical
 ministries of the community.

Thou art my rock and my fortress.

(Psalm 71:3)

“Shifting sands...Crashing waves.
Not where I want to be, Lord.
I want to stand on solid ground.
I want to know that when I take that next step forward, when my weight shifts to my front foot, I want to know that it will carry my weight.
I want to know the lay of the land, so I can chart my course and get where I need to go.
But around me the sands are shifting and the waves are crashing.
Around me the people have changed, Lord.
They are younger...
They've got more money...
...and less God...
Plenty of time for trips, but no time for our church.
And the patterns of life have changed, too, Lord.
People don't stay and sink down roots anymore...
...careers are more important than family and place.
How and where to earn a living isn't the way it used to be.
Lifestyles — sexuality, materialism, leisure — are hardly recognizable anymore.
Yet amidst the shifting sands and crashing waves, Lord, I know one thing is certain:
You are my sure footing, my rock, my standing point.
You are my sure foundation, my fortress, my starting point.
You are my grounding.
You are the Constant in a changing world.
May I stand upright and courageously on You, my Rock, and standing, see your face in the shifting sands and your call in the crashing waves. Amen.”

*Rev. Tony Pappas
First Baptist Church
Block Island, RI
Quoted From
"The Five Stones -
A Newsletter for Small Churches"*



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and my
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OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO
PASTOR GENE F. GILLIN

APRIL 16, 1989
10:45 A. M.
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PRELUDE AND PRAYER "Spring Song" Smith

WORDS OF WELCOME Deacon Turney

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Choir

PRAISE TO GOD 572 "Doxology"

INVOCATION

CHRIST'S PRAYER Tune: Amazing Grace Choir + Cong.

Dear God in heaven, thy children pray: All hal-low-ed be thy name.
Thy do-min-ion come: Thy will be done in heaven and earth the same.

These things we ask: Give us to-day the bread we need to live.
As we for-give when we are wronged, so too our sins for-give.

And keep us safe from time of trial and a-way from e-vil's door.
For do-min-ion, power, and glory are thine, both now and e-ver-more.

RECOGNITION OF OUR GUESTS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "If With All Your Heart" Bartholdy

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer Of Dedication
A Musical Offering "Offertory" Landon
An Offering In Song "One More Day" Stefanie Stoner

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD Rev. 19:1-5

MORNING MESSAGE Pastor Gillin

Acceptance Of God's Will Hymn 317
Commitment To God's Purpose Hymn 354(1+2)
Joy In God's Fellowship Hymn 417(1+2)
Assurance Of God's Victory Hymn 457

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

DISMISSAL Our Going Forth

POSTLUDE "Rejoice, The Lord Is King" Mansfield

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

TODAY 9:00 S. S. Assembly - Pam Faulk, Coordinator
9:15 Coffee + Cocoa Fellowship
Children's Choir

9:30 Teaching Hour - Classes For All Ages
10:45 Worship Hour

MON. 7:00 Parish Council - J. Ekelberry, Moderator

TUES. 7:00 Visitation Ministry - Ben Turney

WED. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

8:00 Diaconate Mtng. - L. Faulk, Chrm.

THURS. 10:00 Marion Assn. Women's Mtng. - Prospect B. C.

7:00 Visitation Ministry - Larry Faulk

7:00 Home Bible Study - Van Brimmers

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week:

Marge Smale(16), James + Sophia Stephenson(17), Nellie Sheets(23);
Missionaries: Dr. Bina Sawyer, Thailand(16), Joanna Hodges,
Haiti(18), Leon Emmert, Zaire(20), Dr. Dan Fountain, Zaire(22);
College Student: Michael Ekelberry, OSU; Church Outreach Mission;
Sunday School Growth; Intercessory Prayer Support.

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Natalie Mowery, Lay Leader
Ben Turney, Choir Leader Jim Stephenson, Nursery Leader Bill Chaffin,
Soloist Stefanie Stoner, Pianist Betty Porter, Organist Mary Lou Lovell.

MYRTLE GABRIEL MEMORIAL FUND - Those who wish to contribute
to a living memorial at First Baptist for Myrtle, please write your
checks to FBC and mark them M. G. M. Fund. Many thanks!

CHURCH QUARTERLY BUSINESS MTNG. - Next Lord's Day, following
lunch in Fellowship Hall, we will be together in our congregational
business session to hear progress reports, church renewal recommen-
dations and the election of convention delegates to our Biennial Mtng.
in Milwaukee. Our Church Clerk will appreciate your matters of busi-
ness to be typed to facilitate her record keeping. Thanks!

DISHES TO BE PICKED UP - From the Gabriel family..... are
awaiting your attention in the Education Bldg. Thanks for your
support!

OUR GOING FORTH

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!

**“Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ...”**
(Ephesians 1:3, RSV)

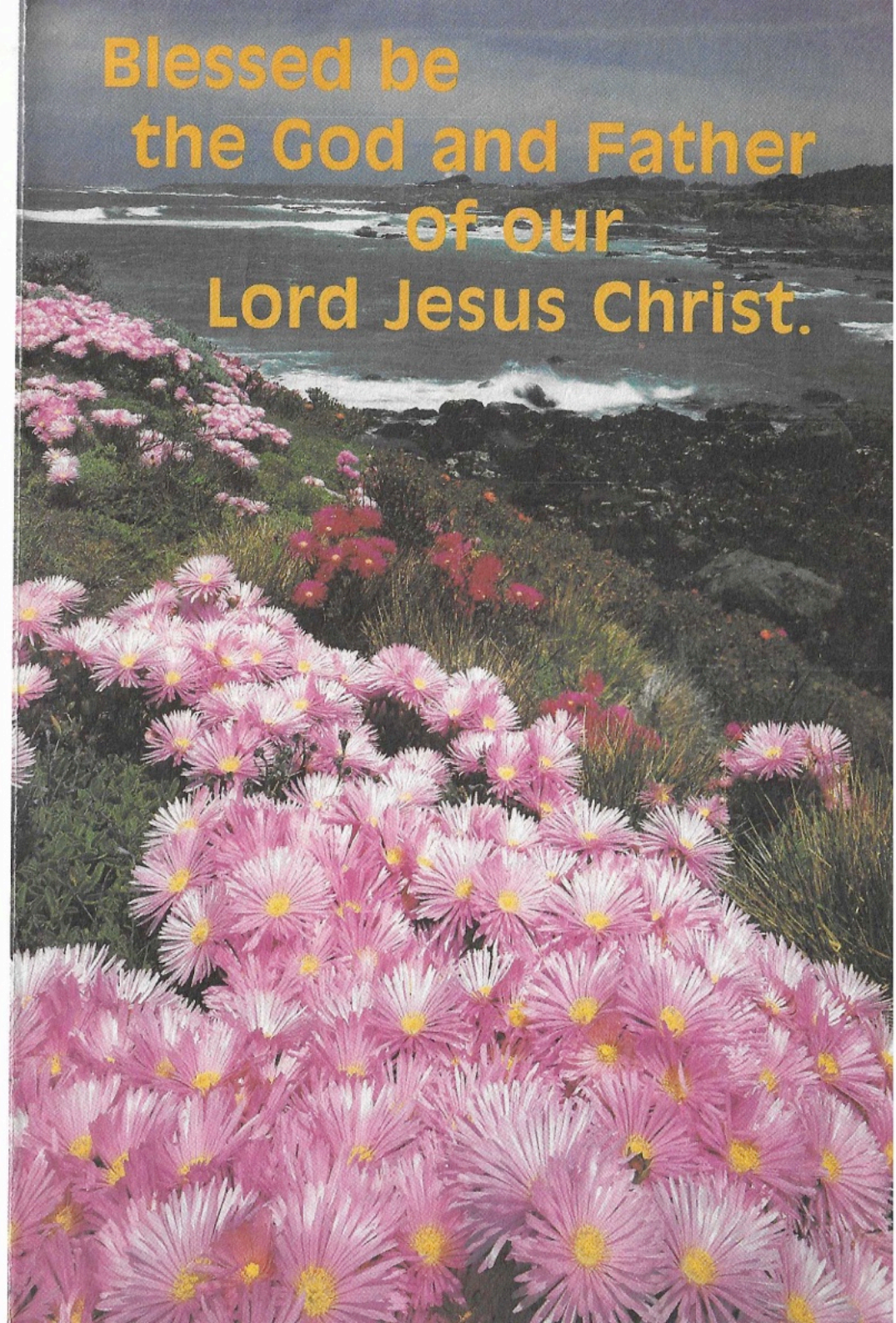
“**B**lessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...” (Ephesians 1:3, RSV) Those words didn’t become a reality for me until after my high school graduation. Oh, it’s not that I was a foreigner to the church. My parents and grandparents were very much involved in the church. I think I started attending Sunday school at the age of two. So at an early age, I began hearing all the biblical stories. But, somehow, I never took it to heart until that particular summer.

Two members of the clergy started relating to me. They accepted me for myself. They spent time with me sharing their personal faith stories. Suddenly, it all clicked and I knew in my mind and my heart that God was the Creator, wondrous, mysterious, beyond my complete understanding, and yet one who loved and cared for me. Here was this God, who cared so much that his son, Jesus Christ, was sent to earth to live among men and women, to die on a cross, and to rise from the tomb.

I’ll never forget that summer. The grass looked greener. The sky appeared to be a deeper blue. The flowers smelled sweeter. The birds sang more melodious tunes. The sun felt warmer. People seemed to smile more and there was more sparkle in their eyes. That summer, the world became a different place and has never been quite the same.

God has surprised me again and again. When I have been rushing from one activity to the next, God has come as the Quieter. When I have been in a valley of sadness, God has come as the Comforter and Delighter. When I have been without hope, God has come as Inspiration. When I have felt overwhelmed and powerless, God has come as Power. Praise be to God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

*Rev. Cheryl Donkin
Associate Exec. Min., CE
Philadelphia Baptist Association*



**Blessed be
the God and Father
of our
Lord Jesus Christ.**

4/30/89

OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

PRELUDE AND PRAYER

"Take Thou My Hand Dear Father"

Ritter

WORDS OF WELCOME

Deacon Turney

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir

* HYMN OF PRAISE 553 "Morning Has Broken"

* INVOCATION

* CHRIST'S PRAYER

Tune: Amazing Grace

CHOIR + CONG.

Dear God in heaven, thy children pray: All hallowed be thy name.
Thy dominion come: Thy will be done in heaven and earth the same.
These things we ask: Give us today the bread we need to live.
As we forgive when we are wronged, so too our sins forgive.
And keep us safe from time of trial and away from evil's door.
For dominion, power, and glory are thine, both now and evermore.

CHRIST AND CHILDREN 621

In Response

THE PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN TO THE LORD AND THE DEDICATION OF PARENTS TO THEIR CHRISTIAN NURTURE

"And they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord" Luke 2:22

CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER PARFENCHUK

By Rick + Lori Parfenchuk

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"We Sing To Thee"

Prine

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* DOXOLOGY 572

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A MUSICAL OFFERING "Children Of The Heavenly Father"

Hughes

* OFFERTORY HYMN 331 "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD

Judges 13:2-9; Luke 2:41-52

MINISTRY IN SONG

Melissa Inscho + W. C. Wickum

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Smart

MINISTRY IN WORD

"Children Of God"

Pastor Gillin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 365 "Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

* DISMISSAL

* OUR GOING FORTH

"Because He Lives"

CHOIR + CONG.

POSTLUDE

"Great Is The Lord"

Moore

* Standing In Worship

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, DELAWARE, OHIO, APRIL 30, 1989

TODAY

- 9:00 S. S. Assembly
- 9:15 Coffee + Cocoa Fellowship
- Children's Choir
- 9:30 Teaching Hour - Classes For All Ages
- 10:45 Worship Hour
- 5:00 Family Watchcare Mtng. - Parsonage

Convenor: Deacon Jim Stephenson

TUES.

7:00 Visitation Ministry - J. Richards

WED.

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

THURS.

7:00 Visitation Ministry - J. Stephenson

7:00 Home Bible Study - Parsonage

FRI.

11:45 Church Women United MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY

Grace United Methodist Church

Bring Salad To Share Lunch

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week:

Donald Faulk(2), Rick Van Brimmer(3), Michael Linn(3), Bruce Lee(5), Bertha Van Brimmer(7); Missionaries: Doris Dickerson, Thailand(30), Wendy Bernhard, Zaire(3), Lucille Carman, India(3), Clyde Chapman, CA(3), Lloyd James, Hong Kong(4), Emily Keyes, Zaire(5); Convalescing: Edith hall.

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Victor Fogle, Pianist

Betty Porter, Organist Mary Lou Lovell, Lay Leader Ben Turney, Choir Director W. C. Wickum, Nursery Leader Bill Chaffin, Pastor Gene Gillin.

FIRST BAPTIST SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP - During May and

June our Sunday Night Fellowship will meet at the Parsonage with one of our Deacons as Convenor. All who make up the First Baptist family will be invited to at least one of the 5:00 pm Supper + Support Meetings. Those who are unable to come one night may come any other night as we seek to get better acquainted and focused on our mission in Delaware. Our schedule is on the bulletin board for your convenience in planning ahead.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

	BUDGET	OFFERINGS
Local Mission -	\$8546	\$8232
World Mission -	\$ 885	\$1044
A. F. C. Goal -	\$ 300	\$ 302

J+W - June 1964
 L+W - June 1964
 JS - June 1964
 M+L - June 1964
 L+A - June 1964

Speaking the truth in love
“The people called American Baptists”

We are nearly 1.6 million Christian brothers and sisters who worship in more than 5800 congregations in the United States and Puerto Rico.

We are one of 25 Baptist groups in the United States and we are about fourth in size among these Baptist groups.

We are delightfully rich in our variety. 37% of us are black; 3% of us are Asian, Hispanic, and Native American and 60% of us are white.

We live in cities and villages. We live in apartments and on farms. We work in the fields, or in factories, or in hospitals, or in schools, or in stores, or in homes, or in any other occupation you can imagine.

We affirm that God is sovereign over all and that this sovereignty is expressed and realized through Jesus Christ. Therefore, we affirm the lordship of Christ over the world and the Church. We joyously confess that Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord. We are called in loyalty to Jesus Christ to proclaim in the power of the Holy Spirit the Good News of God's reconciling grace, and to declare the saving power of the gospel to every human being and to every human institution. We celebrate Christ's charge to "make disciples of all nations".

M+L - June 1964
 M+M - June 1964
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 J+L - June 1964
 K+S - June 1964

Excerpts from
American Baptists:
A People of Faith



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That Accompaniment Really Rocks

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

MAY 21, 1989

PRELUDE AND PRAYER String Ensemble
"First Movement, Brandenburg Concerto No. 3" J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME Deacon Richards

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Choir

HYMN OF PRAISE 67 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

INVOCATION

CHRIST'S PRAYER In Unison

GLORIA PATRI Choir + Cong.

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 605 In Response

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Harmony" Kaplan

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A Doxology

Prayer Of Dedication

A Musical Offering "God's Love Surrounds Us" Simone

Offertory Hymn 55 "For The Beauty Of The Earth"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

MESSAGE Psalm 51:11 Pastor Gillin
"Take Not Your Holy Spirit From Me"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Those who desire to declare their faith in Christ,
to follow Him in discipleship and to serve Him in
the fellowship of the Church are invited to come
forward during the hymn.

HYMN OF RESPONSE 240 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

DISMISSAL

OUR GOING FORTH Choir + Cong.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Sweetest Name I Know
Fills My Every Longing, Keeps Me Singing As I Go.

POSTLUDE "Hymn Of Praise"

Standing In Worship

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

GOD BINDS TOGETHER AS A PEOPLE THOSE WHOM HE HAS CALLED TO BE HIS
CHILDREN THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST. THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH IS
THE CHURCH, WHOSE LIFE IS SUSTAINED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
NOT BY THE POWER OF MAN.

WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Until the worship service begins, you are respectfully
requested to pray silently for the presence and blessing
of God's Spirit. This attitude of prayer and praise should
then prevail throughout the entire service.

PRELUDE INSTRUMENTAL PRAISE

We welcome today the String Ensemble whose members are:
Cello: Sarah Hubbell + Heidi Howes; Viola: Rachel Burch-
field + Jennifer England; Violin: Tina Feltham + Debbie
Lovell; Bass: Travis Hanna.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Jean Wickum(24); Missionaries: Dr. Bill MacPherson, Zaire
(22), Stanley Murray, Okinawa(23), Merle Brown, Thailand
(24), Irene Lamprecht, Europe(24), Anelise Smith, Zaire(24).
Convalescing: Lori Parfenchuk, Donald Faulk.

MINISTERING TODAY

Candlelighter Evan Trigg, Pianist Betty Porter, Organist
Mary Lou Lovell, Lay Leader John Richards, Choir Director
W. C. Wickum, Nursery Workers J. Faulk + D. Lovell.

THIS WEEK IN MINISTRY

TODAY	9:00	S. S. Assembly
	9:15	Coffee + Cocoa Fellowship
	9:30	Teaching Hour - Classes For All Ages
	10:45	Worship Hour
	2:30	Installation Service, Rev. Dale Robins Springdale B.C., Marysville
TUESDAY	7:00	Visitation Ministry - Deacon Richards
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00	Bd. Of Christian Ed. Mtng.
THURSDAY	7:00	Visitation Ministry - Deacon Stephenson
	7:00	Home Bible Study

NGABA CHOIR IN MARION, FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 7:30 PM

The choir is composed of members of the Ngaba Parish in
Zaire, Africa, products of our overseas mission
now to minister joyfully and gratefully to us!
a board for INFO.

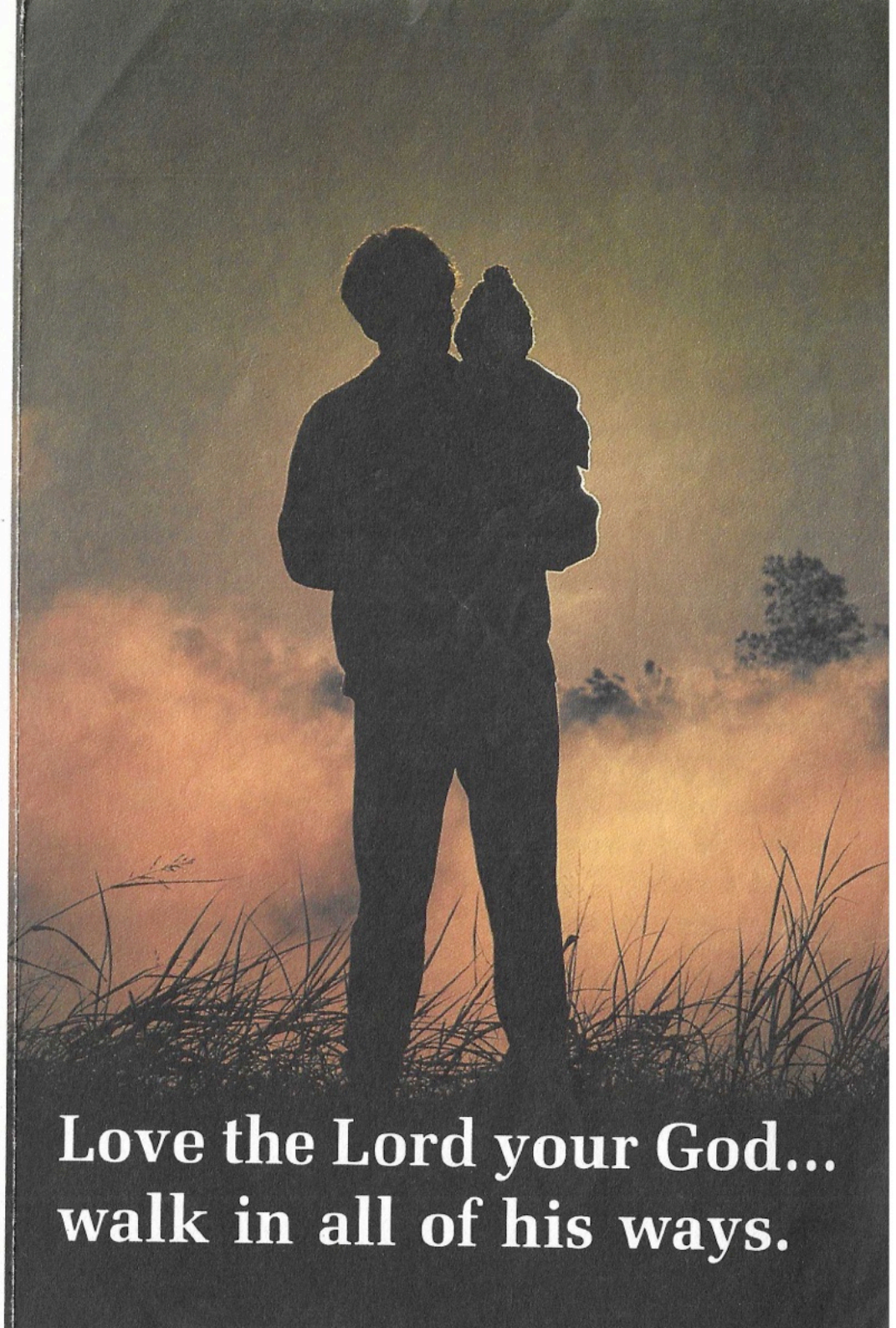
June 18, 1989

It was Father's Day, June 20, 1954, a Father's Day that I will always remember as a highlight of my life. We were serving a church in Southern California. We were already the parents of a beautiful daughter and the arrival of our son on Father's Day made the family complete. What a Father's Day present! I have often wondered why ministers' children seem to always be born on a late Saturday night or early Sunday morning. After a long night of labor, with little sleep, I made it to Sunday worship. The announcement of our Father's Day present made it a day of excitement and congratulation. The years that followed were filled with lots of love, prayers, plans for the future, tears, worry, and, yes, sometimes disappointment. As parents, it seems that we have to go through these experiences. With lots of prayer and God's help there is always hope.

In more recent years, I have become the father figure for two young men from Vietnam, who with their mother, were refugees sponsored by our church. The one young man is an Amerasian and has not been able to locate his American father. It has been a joy working with this family. Both young men have done an excellent job of mastering the English language as a second language. They have been in the United States for four years and have just graduated from high school. They anticipate going on to college and eventually becoming American citizens.

Being a father or a father figure demands lots of patience, love and caring as well as much responsibility. We always hope that our children will respond by loving the Lord our God and that they will walk in all His ways.

*Lloyd Munger
Minister of Christian Education
First Baptist Church
Lopeka, KS*



**Love the Lord your God...
walk in all of his ways.**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

JUNE 18, 1989

PRELUDE AND PRAYER

Tread softly. This is the Father's house. Enter in the spirit of reverence, and you shall receive the blessing that God has for you in this place. Converse not with one another, but with Christ in meditative prayer.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Peace Camp Singers

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

* INVOCATION

* CHRIST'S PRAYER

In Unison

READING GOD'S HOLY WORD 628

In Response

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Moments For Mission

1989 O.G.H.S.

Prayer Of Dedication

Giving Tithes And Offerings

Musical Offering

* Offertory Hymn 338 "Lord, I Want To Be A Christian"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN

MORNING MESSAGE

Luke 2:41-52

Pastor Gillin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Those desiring to confess their faith, to unite with First Baptist or to rededicate their life may come forward during the hymn of response.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 206 "Faith Of Our Fathers"

* DISMISSAL

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

Peace Camp Singers

POSTLUDE

* Standing In Worship

OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

TODAY	9:00	Teaching Hour - Bible Class, Fishp Hall
	10:00	Worship Hour
	1:00	Delegates' Departure For Biennial Mtng.
MONDAY	7:00	Parish Council Mtng.
TUESDAY	7:00	ABC/USA Biennial - Milwaukee, Wisc.
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Music Rehearsal
THURSDAY	7:00	Home Bible Study - Van Brimmers
SUNDAY	10:00	Guest Minister - Ted Stephenson

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating special days:

Anne Linn(12), Charles Ekelberry(15), Beth Trigg(24), Joe + Alison Mowery(27), Jean + David Osborne(27); Missionaries: Laura Bell Romeus RN Haiti(18), Bonnie Moore, Zaire(24) Jeanine White, Bangladesh(24); Hospital: Ben Turney, Cleveland Clinic, Surgery 6/22; Convention Delegates: Carolyn Schneeberger, Ruth + Gene Gillin; Bereavement: Family of James Spear, husband of Connie Spear, President ABW of Ohio [See bulletin board].

ANNUAL OBC BIBLE + MISSION CONFERENCE - Please note the bulletin board and hear the CALL to another Labor Day Weekend Conference, Sept. 1-3, Kirkwood Camp + Conference Center, Wilmington, Ohio. Our Fred Grubbs will again serve as conference organist.

FBC BIBLE FELLOWSHIP - This summer we hope to have a strong support for a Sunday morning Bible study in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 AM....

Let's gather faithfully, enjoy a sweet roll and beverage, and continue to explore our Biblical faith.

FBC GUEST MINISTERS

June 25 - Ted Stephenson, Indianapolis

July 9 - Everett Chambers, Galena

August 6 + 13 - Bill Nirote, Zion U. C. C., Delaware

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST

A Christian welcome is extended to all who worship with us today. We are thankful that you are here to express your faith and worship with us. If you are a guest we invite you to sign the card in the pew rack. If you are permanently located in the Delaware area and do not have a church home, we invite you to make First Baptist your church and unite with us as a member.

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Matthew Lovell, Peace Camp Singers, Organist Mary Lou Lovell, Pastor Gene Gillin.

June 25, 1989

For eight years, the spirit and enthusiasm of George Jacobs brought a renewed sense of hope to those of us who knew him.

Severely crippled by muscular dystrophy, George was a patient at Upstate Home for Children from age 14 until his death last year. He dealt with his physical limitation in a way that became a source of encouragement to the other children in the home... and to those who cared for him.

Providing love and acceptance — “as unto the Lord” — is important in the development of all children. It is of utmost importance for children with special needs. In ABC-related children’s homes and special services, families are assured that relatives will receive loving, competent Christian care. At the same time, each one is encouraged to live as independently as possible.

George and others who have physical or mental impairments, or who have been scarred emotionally, need to know that they are included in God’s love. That knowledge often comes through the care of staff in our homes and hospitals. And we who give that extra measure of care, often see God in the love that is returned.

American Baptist Homes and Hospitals Association consists of 52 retirement homes and communities, 21 nursing homes and hospitals, and 17 children’s homes and special services.

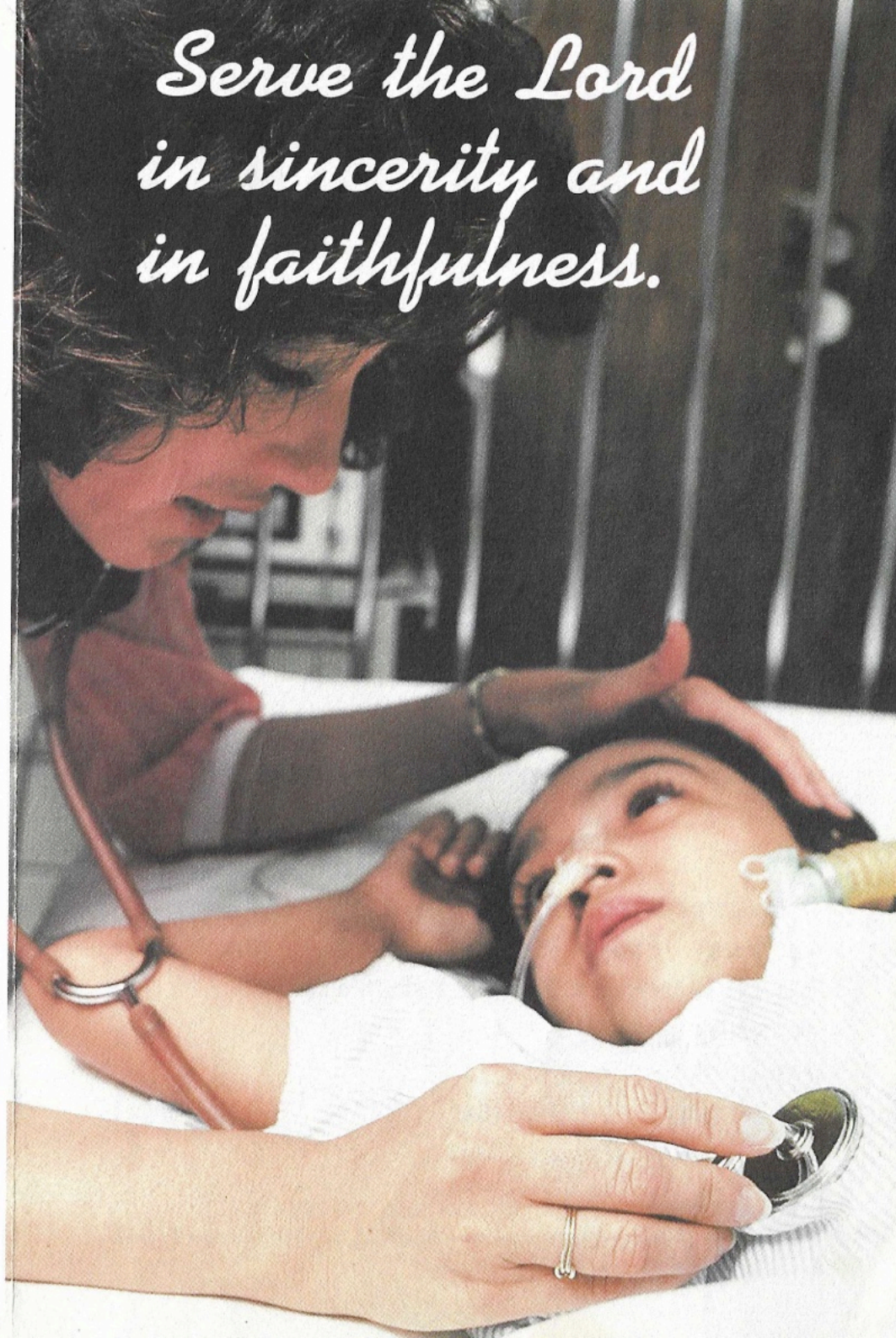
*William Nunn
Administrator
Upstate Home for Children
Oneonta, NY*

Alison

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unplugged downstairs

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*Serve the Lord
in sincerity and
in faithfulness.*



July 2, 1989

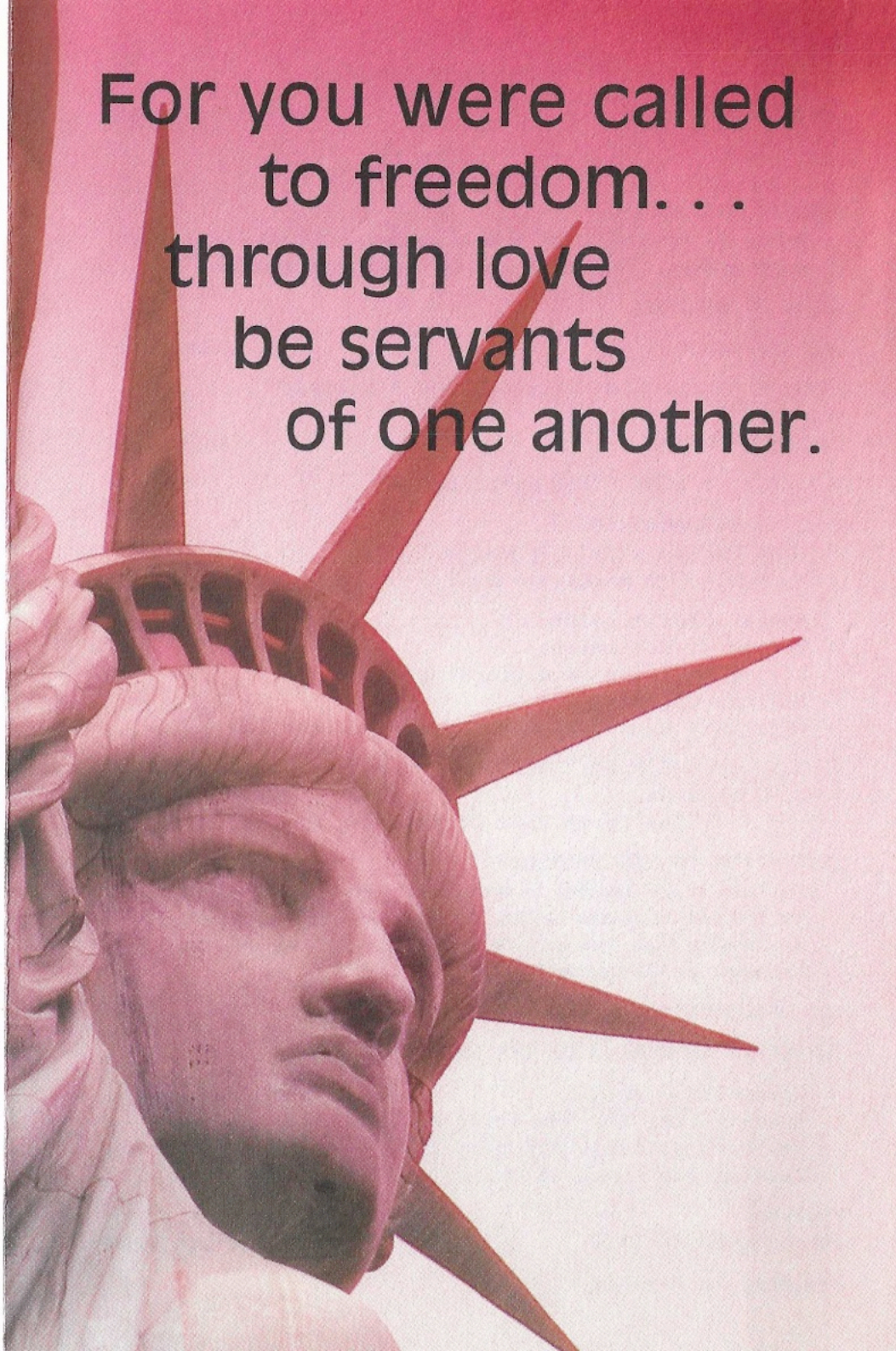
Recently while serving the Lord's Supper an overwhelming feeling of joy filled my soul. Before me and the other ministers were deacons, male and female, serving Communion together. At one point in the center aisle one smiling deacon turned and faced another to pass on the Communion plate. Each person said "God bless", as was their church tradition. The second deacon was the wife of the first one and as they exchanged plates the love in their hearts showed on their faces. Both equal as deacons, serving as servants of the congregation and each other.

The Statue of Liberty still calls many to physical and religious freedom. Our parents came from many backgrounds and traditions. We are truly blessed to be able to practice remembrance of Christ and servanthip whenever and however we choose. In Christ we are called to freedom to serve one another, not out of guilt or bondage, but out of love in our hearts — love that shows on our faces and in our actions.

As we eat this bread and drink of this cup let us focus on remembrance of Christ and all he was, is, and shall be in our lives.

*Rev. Robert F. Menefee
American Baptist Churches, USA*

For you were called
to freedom...
through love
be servants
of one another.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

JULY 2, 1989

PRELUDE AND PRAYER

Before the service, speak to God.... During the service, let God speak to you.... After the service, speak to each other.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP 602

In Response

* HYMN OF PRAISE 520 "America The Beautiful"

* INVOCATION

* CHRIST'S PRAYER

In Unison

MINISTRY IN SONG "Wonderful Peace"

Cooper

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

While you make a living by what you get....

You make a life by what you give!

Moments For Mission

Biennial Mtg.

Prayer Of Dedication

Giving Of Tithes And Offerings

Musical Offering

* Offertory Hymn 522 "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory"

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD

Luke 4:16-30

MORNING MESSAGE

Pastor Gillin

"The Truth That Is Marching On"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHP

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 RESPONSE 522 (3+4)

CHRISTIAN COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Offering

Fellowship Fund

Thanksgiving For The Bread And Cup

* Fellowship Circle And Hymn 207(1)

* Passing The Peace Of Christ

POSTLUDE

GET ACQUAINTED TIME

Coffee And Cake

* Standing In Worship

OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

TODAY 9:00 Bible Fellowship - Fellowship Hall
 10:00 Worship Hour - The Lord's Supper
 TUES 8:00 Independence Day Celebration - O.W.U.
 WED 7:00 Music Rehearsal
 THURS 7:00 Home Bible Study - Van Brimmers
 SUNDAY 10:00 Guest Minister, Everett Chambers, Galena

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating special days:
 K. Brown(14), D. Brown(16), P + L White(18), Jarrod Trigg(19), John Dove(23), Alison Mowery(23), Jeff Faulk(26), Dick Lee(26), John + Arne Linn(27), Bernice Turney(30); Missionaries: Marilyn Marye, Zaire(2) Allan Stuart, England(5) Esther Wiebe, India(5) Stanley Crews, Costa Rica(6) Carrie Bell Brown, Dayton(7) Jim Sandholdt, Japan(7) Carolyn Dupaquier, Japan(8) Maurice Entwistle, Belgium(8); Convalescing: Ben Turney, Cleveland Clinic, Will Fogle, Grady Mem. Christian Camping Ministries, Green Lake Conferences, One Great Hour Of Sharing Offering.

RADNOR BAPTIST CHURCH BLDG. FUND - Contributions to help rebuild the church sanctuary may be sent to: Vera Griffiths Hedges, 2496 Gast Drive, Prospect, Ohio 43342 PH 494-2689.

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Micah Stoner, Music Director Jim Stephenson, Lay Leader Larry Faulk, Singers Linda White and Wilbur Wickum, Organist/Pianist Alison Grubbs, Pastor Gene Gillin.

COMING EVENTS -

July 16, 6:00 pm Trinity B.C., Marion, Judson College Choral Ministry
 August 15, 7:15 pm Trinity B.C., Marion, P. R. A. Y. Mtng. [Planning, Restructuring, Action, Years] 1990s - Decade Of Adventure!
 Sept. 1-3, Annual OBC Bible + Mission Conf., Kirkwood Conf. Cntr.
 Sept. 20, 8:00-4:00 pm, Days Of Invitation - Church Outreach Training Karl Road B.C., Columbus [Please see bulletin board for more INFO].

GUEST MINISTERS -

July 9 - The Rev. Everett Chambers, Galena
 August 6+13 - The Rev. William Nirote, Zion U.C.C., Delaware

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST

A Christian welcome is extended to all who worship with us today. We are thankful that you are here to express your faith and worship with us. If you are a guest we invite you to sign the card in the pew rack. If you are permanently located in the Delaware area and do not have a church home, we invite you to make First Baptist your church and unite with us as a member.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 30, 1989

Luke 11:1

In community worship, "Lord, teach us to pray" usually becomes "...through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray...." "Taught" loses the present tense of the request.

This model prayer is not just some form of antiquity. In Jerusalem there is a place where the prayer is shown in many different languages on walls of brightly colored tiles. It is, after all, a universal daily prayer that Jesus teaches us.

Rev. Curtis A. Sandrock
St. John United Church of Christ
Riegelsville, PA

CENTRAL AMERICA

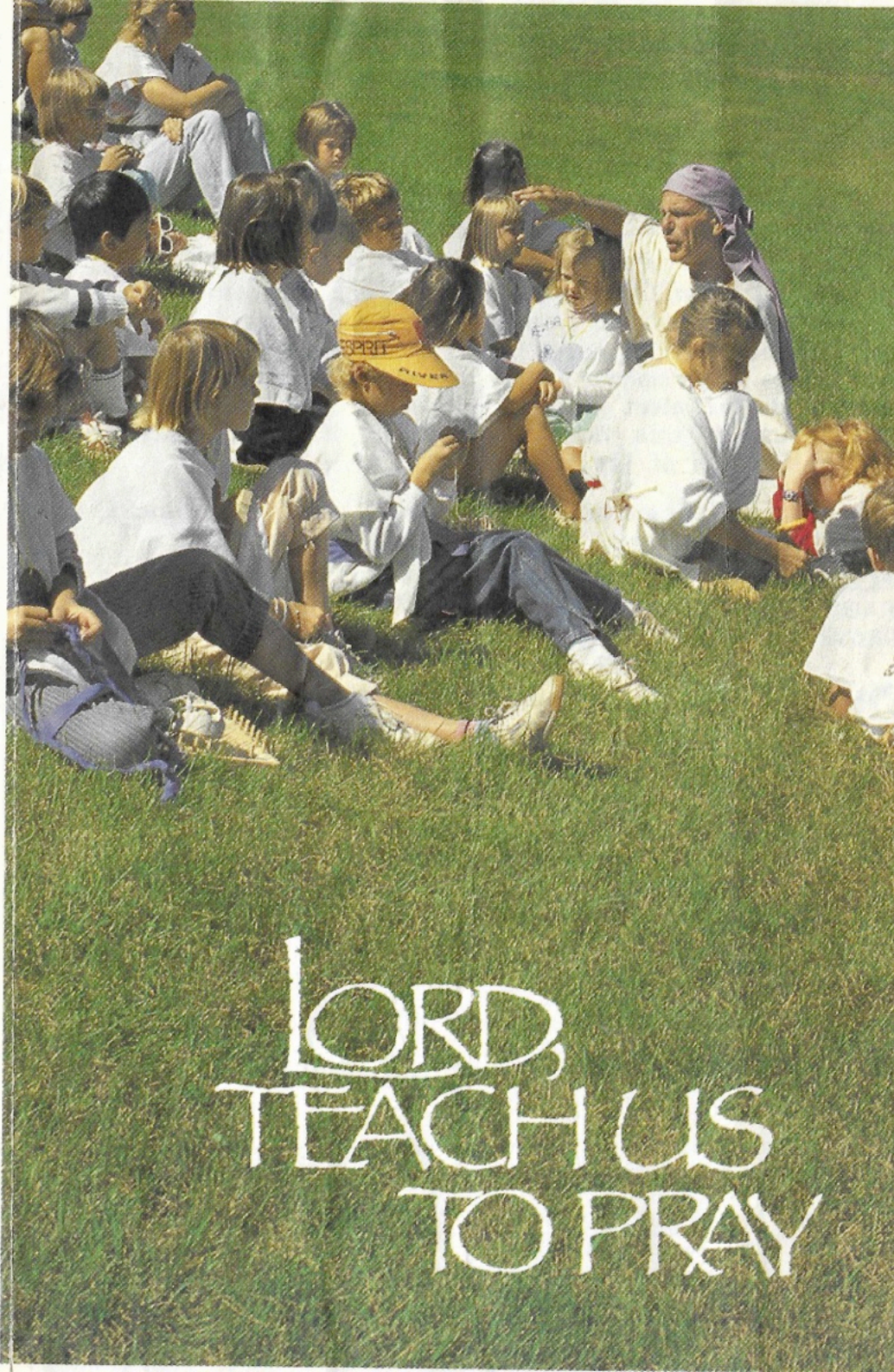
"I worked on the hacienda over there, and I would have to feed the dogs bowls of meat or bowls of milk every morning, and I could never put those on the table for my own children," the peasant told a North American missionary. "When my children were ill, they died with a nod of sympathy from the landlord. But when those dogs were ill, I took them to the veterinarian in Suchitoto.

"You will never understand violence or non-violence until you understand the violence to the spirit that happens from watching your children die of malnutrition."

The economics of all Central American countries are based on agriculture, yet malnutrition is a leading cause of death and disease. How can countries so rich in fertile land, rain, and sunshine have so many hungry people?

Over the past two centuries proprietors have taken most of the land from peasants through purchase, trickery, and brute force. By the 1970's the richest ten percent of landowners in Central America controlled eighty percent of the farmland. These big landowners—corporations and wealthy individuals—replaced food crops such as corn, beans, and rice with cash crops such as coffee, cotton, bananas, and cattle. Export crops, aimed mainly at U.S. markets, make a few rich while leaving the majority hungry.

Working alongside our partner churches in Latin America, United Church Board for World Ministries personnel minister to victims of economic exploitation. But they need our help. U.S. government and corporate policies often abet this concentration of land in the hands of a few. Thus, by gaining awareness of our own complicity in the economic injustices of the Southern hemisphere, North American Christians can seek to bring about change.



LORD,
TEACH US
TO PRAY

WELCOME TO
ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Worship Service is broadcast at 11 a.m.
on WDLR 1550 AM)

July 30, 1989

10:30 A.M.

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OUR GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

OUR SILENT MEDITATION-Teach us to pray, loving God, that the longing of our hearts might find words, and the intent of our spirits result in faithful deeds. We would not dictate the manner of your appearance among us, but would be alert and receptive to your surprises. Prepare us in this hour for the joy of your presence and the fullness of life you intend. Amen.

PRELUDE "Canzonetta" - Oesten; "Lento" - Franck;
"Adoration" - Landon; "Beside The Sea" - Moore

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

READING OF THE PSALM 21:1-7

ORGAN REFRAIN

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and doors will be opened to you.

PEOPLE: THOSE WHO ASK RECEIVE, AND ONE WHO SEEKS FINDS, AND TO THOSE WHO KNOCK IT WILL BE OPENED.

Pastor: Come to praise the responsive love of God, who meets us in our need, where we are.

PEOPLE: WE COME, REJOICING IN GOD'S PRESENCE WITH US AND TRUSTING GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE TO DIRECT US.

Pastor: Seek the Holy Spirit to guide and protect; God will give the Spirit to those who ask.

PEOPLE: WE WHO KNOW HOW TO GIVE GIFTS TO OUR CHILDREN ARE CONFIDENT OF GOD'S GIFTS TO US.

***OUR HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee"

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***OUR PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Pastor: Call to confession.

(UNISON) RULER OF ALL WORLDS, WE HAVE TRIED TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE EARTH AS IF IT WERE OURS TO DESTROY. WE HAVE DEVoured ITS RESOURCES, TRICKED

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND**

OTHERS OUT OF THEIR RIGHTFUL CLAIMS, AND DECEIVED OURSELVES INTO BELIEVING THAT OUR WAYS ARE JUST. WE HAVE FALLEN PREY TO HUMAN TRADITIONS AND PHILOSOPHIES THAT DENY THE FULLNESS OF LIFE IN CHRIST. OUR LIVES DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS CHRIST IN OUR MIDST, FOR WE CHOOSE TO CLAIM ONLY THOSE TEACHINGS WE LIKE AND TO PRACTICE ONLY A FEW THAT ARE CONVENIENT AND HARMLESS. FORGIVE US, MIGHTY GOD, AND TURN US FROM OUR DESTRUCTIVE WAYS. AMEN.

***Declaration of Pardon**

***GLORIA PATRI**

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OUR PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

SOLO

"I'll Walk With God" (Brotsky) Brian Hesselbart

Psalm 103

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***NEW TESTAMENT READING**

MESSAGE

The Rev. Gene F. Gillin

Love's Creative Power

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***OUR HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Renew Thy Church, Her Ministries" Page 183

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Debts and Debtors)

OUR SHARING OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SOLO

"Gift Of Love" (Hopson)

Brian Hesselbart

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***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***OUR HYMN OF CLOSING**

"More Love To Thee O Christ"

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Praise The Lord Of All Creation" - Sewell

WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN!

LAY READER

Karen Feltham

ORGANIST

Ernestine Peebles

CHOIR DIRECTOR

Brian Hesselbart

GREETERS

Clara Edelblute

USHERS

Kristy Dunbar & Debbie Morris

ACOLYTES

Tina Feltham & Nate Hesselbart

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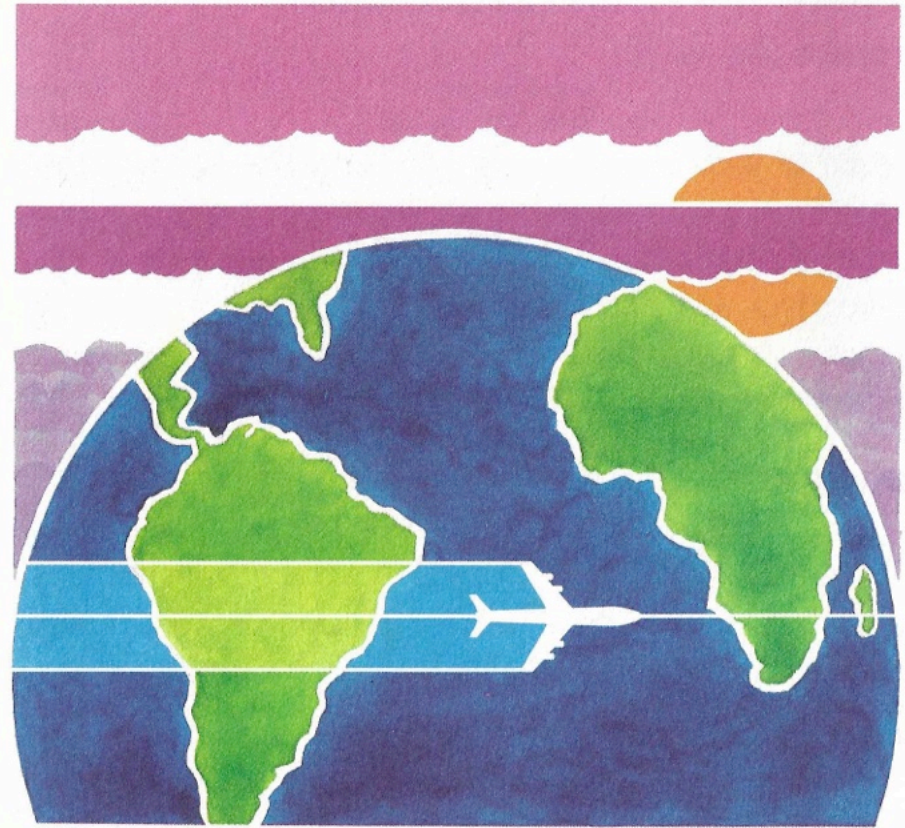
FLOWERS

Garwin

GUEST PREACHER

The Rev. Mr. Gene F. Gillin

NEW SEAS TO CROSS



NEW SHORES TO REACH

Isaiah 43:18-19a



WORLD FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

OCTOBER 15, 1989

PRELUDE AND PRAYER

"Intermezzo" Brahms
 "Be Thou My Vision" Broughton

WORDS OF WELCOME Registration Of Guests

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Jubilate" Choir

HYMN OF MISSION 483 "We've A Story To Tell"

INVOCATION AND CHRIST'S PRAYER

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD John 3:1-21 In Unison

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Choir

"Glory Song" Landon

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

1989 World Fellowship Offering Lana Palmer

Offertory Hymn 493 "Hark, The Voice Of Jesus"

Prayer Of Dedication

A Musical Offering "Offertoire" L. Mourlan

Giving Of Tithes And Offerings

Doxology

OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IN PRAYER

In Silence.... In Word.... In Song
 Hymn 426(1) "Is Your Burden Heavy?"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN Carolyn Schneeberger

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

MORNING MESSAGE John 3:8 Pastor Gillin

"Listen To The Wind"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Those who wish to take a step of faith with Christ and His Church today, are invited to come forward during the hymn of response.

HYMN OF RESPONSE 191 "Spirit Of God In The ... Water"

DISMISSAL "Alleluia" Our Going Forth

POSTLUDE "God Is Our Salvation" Nordman

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

TODAY 9:15 S.S. Assembly - Songs + Sharing
 9:30 Teaching Hour - Classes For All Ages
 10:30 Choir Rehearsal
 Coffee Fellowship
 11:00 Worship Hour
 2:00 Progressive Organ Tour
 5:00 Adult Too Class Dinner - Ponderosa
 7:00 Church Growth Task Force Mtng.

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scout Troop Mtng.
 7:00 Parish Council

TUESDAY 7:00 Visitation Ministry

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 Praise Fellowship
 "The Holy Spirit And Christ"

THURSDAY 7:00 Visitation Ministry

SATURDAY 8:30 Men's Fellowship Breakfast

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week:
 John + Della Dove(18) Gene + Ruth Gillin(18) Don + Dorothy Brown(21) Missionaries: Susan Harding, AK(16) Jeannie Volker, AK(17) Nadine Hinchman, Japan(19) Miriam Fountain, Zaire(21) Nicholas Salios, PA(21) Dr. Gam Seng Shae, Malaysia(21); Hospitalized: Arthur Battles, Grady; New Birth: Jeremy Tyler Chaffin for Bill + Jennifer Chaffin, Jerry + Lana Palmer, and Ben + Bernice Turney; Ohio Baptist Annual Mtng., Springfield, Ohio.

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Marci Sander, Pianist Betty Porter, Organist Mary Lou Lovell, Lay Leader Larry Faulk, Choir Director Jim Stephenson, Pastor Gene Gillin.

PRAISE FELLOWSHIP - Wednesday, 8:00 pm provides an opportunity for us to gather in sharing concern for one another in prayer, and a biblical examination of the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.

OHIO BAPTIST ANNUAL MEETING - October 18-20, Springfield, Ohio, Delegates: Jim + Bertha VanBrimmer, Pastor Gillin. See Bulletin Board for INFO.

NEXT LORD'S DAY - Our worship service will be led by the American Baptist Women in a witness of song and word.

THE GIDEONS - a Christian Business + Professional Men's Assn. dedicated to the distribution of scripture and the ministry of International Evangelism will be our guests in worship, Sunday, Oct. 29.

God's Wonders

When three men refused to bow before an idol he had built, King Nebuchadnezzar ordered them cast into a fiery furnace. A fourth man appeared in the fire with them and they were not touched by the flames. Witnessing their survival, the king declared, "How great are [God's] signs, and how mighty are his wonders" (Daniel 4:3).

Nebuchadnezzar's alarming message from God didn't have a lasting effect. It wasn't until he was "driven" from among men and in humility ate "grass like an ox" that he truly found "the King of heaven, for all his works are right" (Daniel 4:33-37).

The prophet Elijah (Kings 19:9-13) discovered that God does not always speak in the strong wind, the earthquake, or the fire but, most often, through the "still small voice."

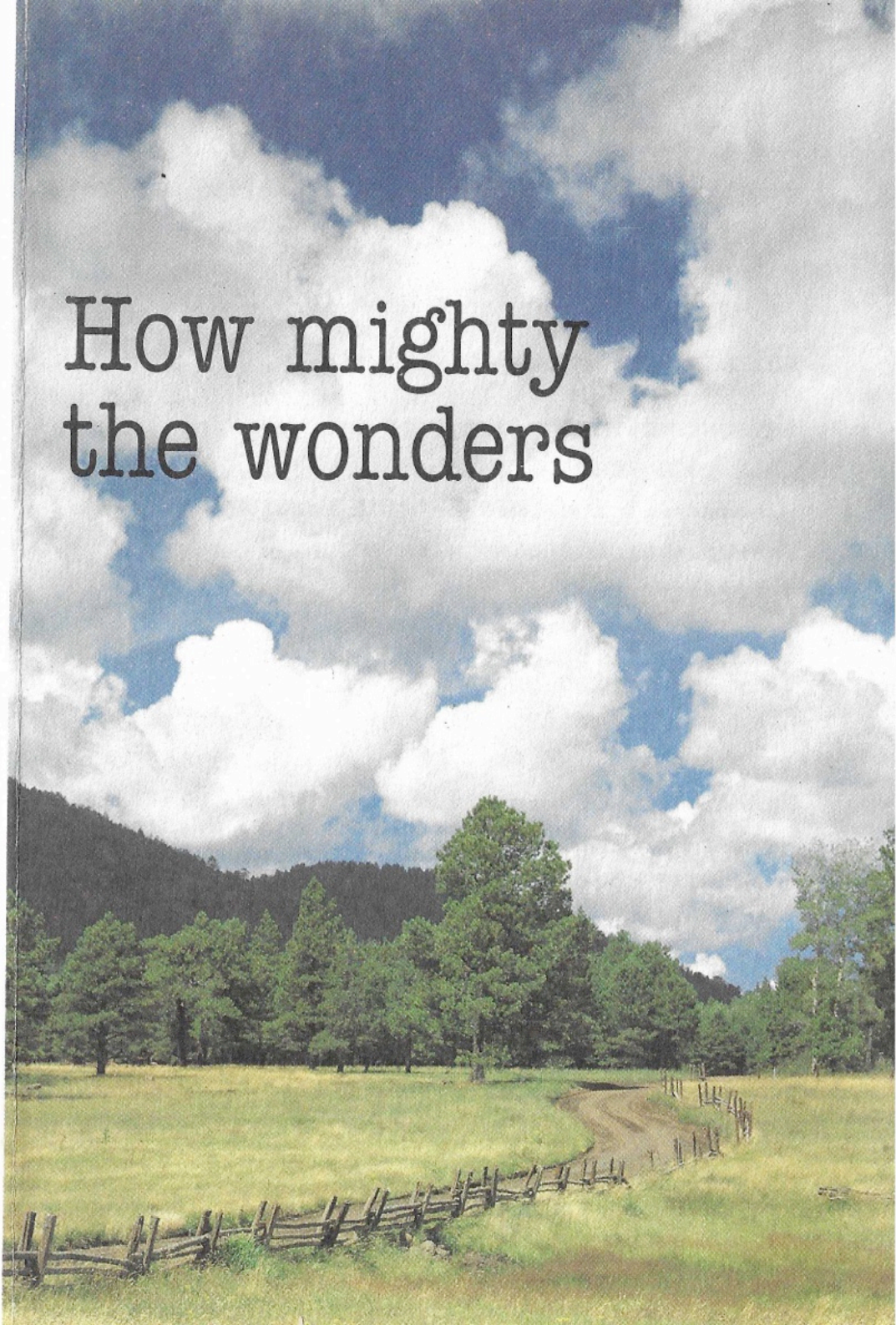
Some people, like Nebuchadnezzar and Elijah seem to need dramatic messages from God. They don't always hear or see the simple daily messages God sends to us.

Maltbie B. Babcock, the hymn writer, said, "to my listening ears, all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres." Unlike Nebuchadnezzar, Babcock heard the carol of the birds, the morning light and the lily white "declare their maker's praise"—and wrote, "in the rustling grass I hear God pass, God speaks to me everywhere."

God's wonders are all around us. They confront us everyday. Unfortunately, we often fail to see them. We keep waiting for the miraculous and dramatic intervention of God which will shake us to the core.

Look around you, see the mighty wonders of God in little things! "Consider the lilies of the field." Let God speak to you in "the rustling grass."

Ray Jennings
Office Communication ABC-USA



How mighty the wonders

PRAYER LITANY

- Leader: Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it, the spirit of grace and of supplication, deliver us, when we draw near to Thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Let us give thanks to God our Father for all His gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and seas,
- Response: We thank you, Lord.
- Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
- Response: We thank you, Lord.
- Leader: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and friends,
- Response: We thank you, Lord.
- Leader: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
- Response: We thank you, Lord.
- Leader: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
- Response: We thank you, Lord.
- Leader: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
- Response: We thank you, Lord.
- Leader: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
- Response: We thank you, Lord.
- Leader: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
- Response: We thank you, Lord.
- Leader: Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord;
- All: To Him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

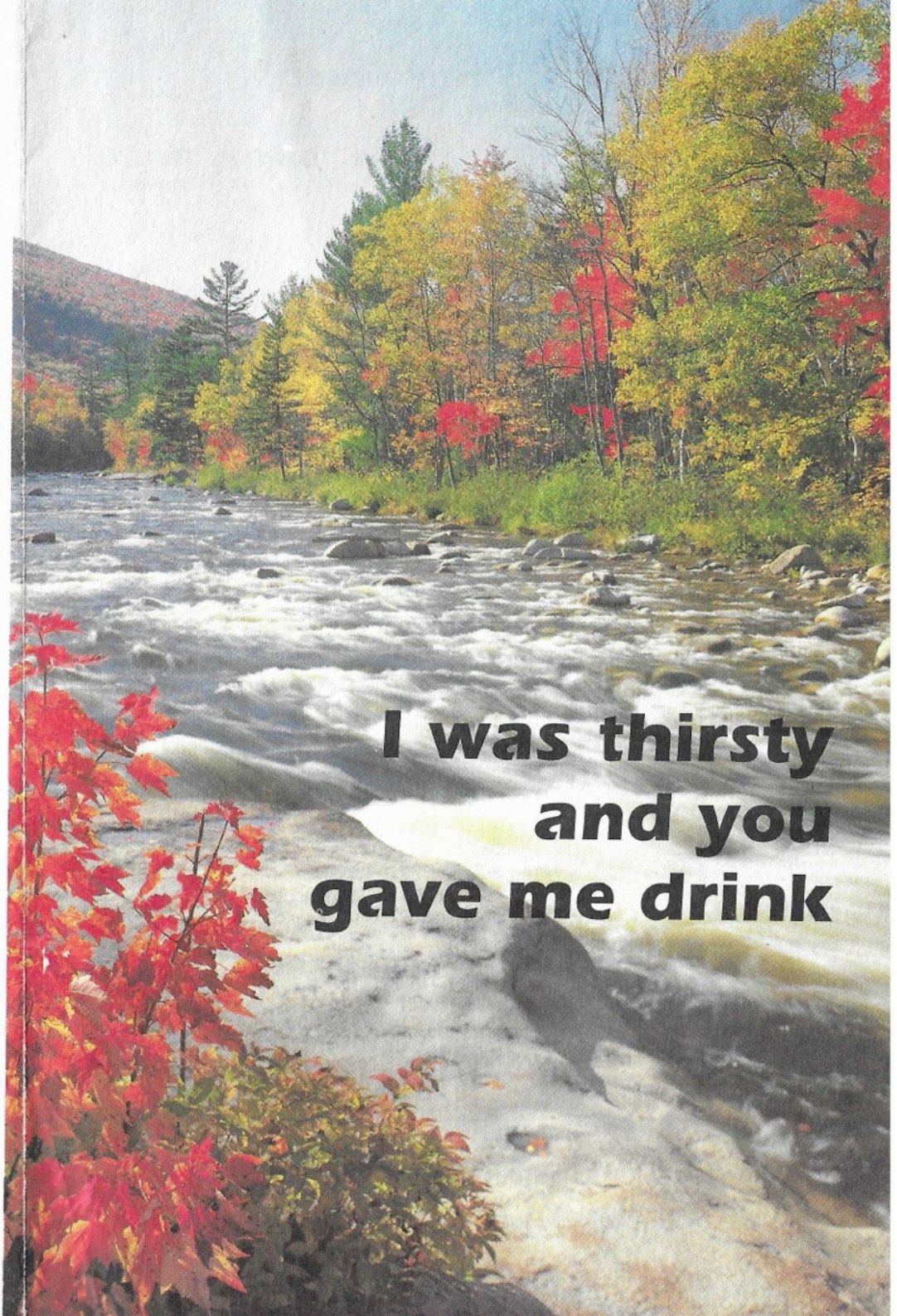
"I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..."
— Matthew 25:35 (NIV)

The church I pastor participated in a direct mission project in a small town in Mexico this year. Before our group went, we were reminded not to drink the water while there. Bottled water and soft drinks supplied our thirst, but I gained a new appreciation for the fresh, clean water that is available in most of our homes. Few of the people in the town we visited had running water, and none of the water available was purified. Our major project was to construct a water system which now delivers clean, running water to neighborhood. Our major project was to construct a water system which now delivers clean, running water to a neighborhood of two thousand people.

"I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink," Jesus said. How shocking that the Lord of the universe should express a lack of water, for we know that the streams, lakes, and oceans come from his creative power. Yet there are people both near to our homes and far away who suffer from the lack of good water and other basic needs. We can ignore them or we can respond—through personal involvement in caring for their needs, through our local church outreach ministries, through the World Fellowship Offering and our missions programs around the world.

Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Can we recognize the needy around us as brothers of Jesus? If so, what are we doing to quench Jesus' thirst?

*Rev. Rae S. Holt
First Baptist Church
Burlingame, CA 94010*



**I was thirsty
and you
gave me drink**

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio

October 29, 1989 Rev. Gene F. Gillin
Larry Faulk, Lay Leader Pastor

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Andante in E flat" Read
AND PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #337 "I Would Be True"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"

RESPONSIVE READING #651
 "The Holy Scriptures"

ANTHEM "Only Those Things Denton
 That Please Thee"

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Serenity" Rasley

*HYMN #339 "More About Jesus"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN Carolyn Schneeberger

MORNING MESSAGE Shoff Daugherty
 Gideons International

*HYMN #392 "Take Time To Be Holy"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE "Alleluia"

POSTLUDE "Triumphal March" Handel

(*congregation stands)

We would like to extend a welcome to our guest speaker this morning, Mr. Shoff O. Daugherty of Gideons International.

The Gideons International is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization that distributes bibles to over 130 countries.

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+ An offertory plate is provided at +
+ the rear of the sanctuary for +
+ your contribution to the mission +
+ of the Gideons. +
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Rev. and Mrs. Gillin are on vacation this Sunday. We look forward to their safe return next week.

MINISTERING TODAY:

Guest Speaker: Shoff O. Daugherty
Lay Leader: Larry Faulk
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Candlelighter: Richard Davis

NOTES TO TAKE HOME:

hear what the spirit says

AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGES SUNDAY

American Baptist colleges and universities across the country give invaluable service to church and society. These colleges:

- educate leaders for tomorrow
- unite growth in learning with growth in faith
- invest significantly of their own resources in financial aid to students



Alderson-Broaddus
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Philippi, WV 26416

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Muskogee, OK 74403

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College
Miami, FL 33054

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Franklin, IN 46131

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Elgin, IL 60120

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Kalamazoo, MI 49007

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Keuka Park, NY 14478

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McMinnville, OR 97128

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Ottawa, KS 66067

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Sioux Falls, SD 57105

University of Redlands
Redlands, CA 92373

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Richmond, VA 23220

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College
Liberty, MO 64068

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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

NOV. 5, 1989

PRELUDE AND PRAYER

"Come, Come Ye Saints"

Smith

WORDS OF WELCOME

Deacon Richards

COMING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT 581

Choir + Cong.

INVOCATION AND CHRIST'S PRAYER

* HYMN 512 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Choir

READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 622

In Response

* HYMN 514 "Where Cross The Crowded Ways Of Life"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A MUSICAL OFFERING "Autumn Zephyrs"

Wolte

* A DOXOLOGY

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN

Beth Trigg

CHRISTIAN COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Meditation Mt. 35:31-35, 37, 40.

Communion Offering "Jesus Leads Us"

Sweeney

Communion Song

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.

Communion Scriptures

Thanksgiving For The Bread

Thanksgiving For The Cup

* Fellowship Circle And Hymn 207(1)

POSTLUDE "Episode On Truro"

* Standing In Worship

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

TODAY 9:15 S. S. Assembly
 9:30 Teaching Hour - Classes For All Ages
 10:30 Coffee Fellowship
 Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 Worship Hour - The Lord's Supper
 5:00 Diaconate Mtng.

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scout Troop Mtng.
 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer

TUESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
 Election Day - Vote Your Convictions

WEDNESDAY 6:30 Church Supper - Fellowship Hall
 7:30 Church Quarterly Business Mtng.

THURSDAY 7:00 Visitation Ministry

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week:
 Victor Fogle(5) Bob Stephenson(6) Helen Bougher(6)
 Kristine Martin Lanch(11); Missionaries: David Trembley,
 WI(5) Paul Reeder, MT(7) Jonathan Moore, Zaire(9) Mary
 Downs, India(11); Bereavement: Lee Family, death of
 Evelyn's father, Arthur Battles; Convalescence: Gail
 Tallman, Arbors of Delaware; Church Growth Task Force;
 Quarterly Business Mtng.

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Adam Mowery, Organist
 Mary Lou Lovell, Pianist Betty Porter, Lay Leader John
 Richards, Choir Director Jim Stephenson, Nursery Leader
 Carol Grubbs, Children's Church Leader Beth Trigg,
 Pastor Gene Gillin.

THE DELAWARE BOARD OF EDUCATION has placed a 3 mill
 capital improvements levy on the Nov. 7 ballot. You are
 encouraged to vote in favor of this levy. The money
 generated by this levy will be used for capital improve-
 ments to buildings, provide students with needed edu-
 cational materials and computers, and assure that our
 children will continue to receive a quality education.

SERVICE AT FIRST BAPTIST - When you are approached and
 asked to take a place of service for 1990, think of it
 as the Lord's call, for indeed it may be. Don't consider
 yourself too busy and brush it off lightly; this may well
 be the main business of your life. Make it a matter of
 prayer, seek and find the Lord's will. The greatest thing
 you will ever do is serve Him faithfully. He wants to
 bless your life abundantly and He can in His service.

I have been sent before Him...

(John 3:28)

Most important events in government, business, and our personal lives are carefully planned to insure success. The purpose of an "advance team" is to set the stage so that a leader, executive, or honored guest will look and act at his or her best. John the Baptist found his greatest happiness in preparing the way of the Lord. A host of God's servants have been called to a ministry that points beyond themselves to someone greater. The faithful service they have given has created an environment of love and care wherein Jesus has come in the power of the Spirit as Lord of God's kingdom.

Those whose achievements are assisted by the careful planning of others usually find some way to show appreciation for a job well done. Jesus himself publicly said that no one ever born was greater than John. Whose responsibility is it in our own time to give affirmation to the ministers of the kingdom of God? Shouldn't we, who receive the joy of salvation because of the service of others, honor those who brought a "foretaste of glory Divine?"

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) gives each American Baptist the opportunity to show appreciation for the dedicated service given to strengthen the churches of our denomination. The offering is used to help meet special financial needs of retired ministers, missionaries, and their widowed spouses. The offering is also used to provide ABC Thank-You checks to eligible recipients based upon years of service to American Baptist churches.

God sent a servant before you to prepare your place in the kingdom. **GIVE THANKS** for that minister or missionary by giving to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering.

*Kenneth E. Stout
Assistant to the Executive Director
The Ministries and Missionaries Benefit Board*



*I have been sent
before him ...*

PRELUDE AND PRAYER "Pastorale" Martin

WORDS OF WELCOME Deacon Stoner

CALL TO WORSHIP "Sing Noel" Choir

* HYMN 92 "I Know Of A Name"

* INVOCATION AND CHRIST'S PRAYER

* HYMN 102 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

PRAYER OF PENITENCE 605 In Response

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Choir

"And The Glory Of The Lord" Handel

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

1989 Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering

Prayer Of Dedication

Giving Of Tithes And Offerings

A Musical Offering "In Heaven Above" Hughes

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

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN Carol Grubbs

CHRISTIAN COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Meditation Isaiah 40:1,2,5 Chpl. Miller

"Prepare The Way"

The Offering

The Hymn 84 "Come And Praise The Lord Our King"

The Right Hand of Fellowship - Randy+Jennifer Turner

The Scriptures 663 In Response

Thanksgiving For The Bread

Thanksgiving For The cup

* Fellowship Circle And Hymn 207(1)

* Passing The Peace Of Christ

POSTLUDE

GET ACQUAINTED TIME Coffee And Conversation

* Standing In Worship

TODAY 9:00 Breakfast
9:30 Advent Film "The Visitor"
10:45 Worship Hour
12:30 Home Communion
4:00 Diaconate Mtng. - Parsonage

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scout Troop Mtng.

TUESDAY 7:00 Visitation Ministry

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

8:00 Praise Fellowship

THURSDAY 7:00 Visitation Ministry

7:00 Bd. Of C. E. - Whites

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Evan Trigg, Organist
Mary Lou Lovell, Pianist Betty Porter, Lay Leader Steve
Stoner, Choir Director Jim Stephenson, Children's Church
Leader Carol Grubbs, Guest minister Jim Miller.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week:

Erin Faulk(4) Evelyn Lee(5) Lola Jackson(5)

Missionaries: Ruth Kalling, Japan(3) Richard Padrick, WI(5)

Dr. Glen Gano, Japan(6)

Convalescing: David Osbourne, Michael Grubbs, Gene Gillin,

Our Area Minister Sandra Heizer, Grant Med. Cntr.,

111 S. Grant Avenue, Columbus, Ohio

1989 R.M.M.O. Goal:\$250 - Challenge Goal:\$300

A SERVICE OF BELIEVER'S BAPTISM will be celebrated by the
Radnor Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. here in our sanctuary
to which our congregation and all others are invited. A
reception will follow the service.

POINSETTIAS - If any individual or Bible Class wishes to
give one or more poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary on
Christmas Sunday and later be taken to our shut-ins,
please call the church and let us know of your interest
and in whose memory it may be given. You will be billed
by the florist.

THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER for December will be distributed
today by Bertha Van Brimmer. Be sure to get yours and
one for someone you may share it with this week.

Joy to All People (Luke 2:10)

It gives many of us pleasure to receive Christmas cards from family and friends each year. These bring us greetings and wish us joy, echoing the angel's message to the shepherds.

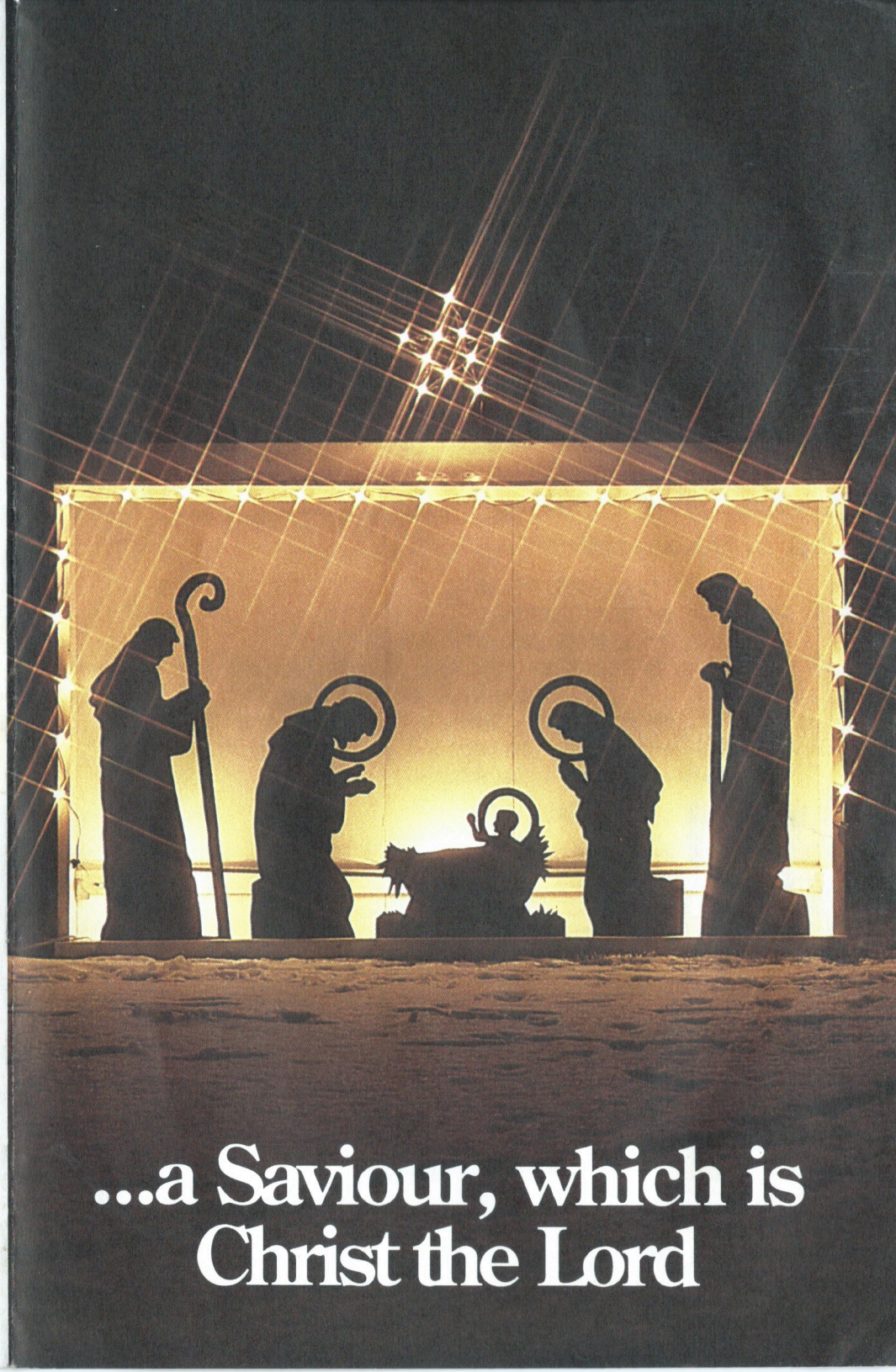
But while we probably exchange greetings with persons who are known and appreciated, the angelic greeting proclaimed joy to all people. To young people, old people, black, white, yellow, red; rich, homeless, healthy, terminally ill, brilliant, learning disabled; male, female, Republican, Democrat, Americans, Japanese, South Africans, Sandanistas, Contras. Unto you — all of you — a Savior is born.

May we remember God's all inclusive love in this joyous season.

*Jean B. Kim
Executive Director
American Baptist Churches, USA
Educational Ministries*

*I'm going to go down
to Junior Church w/you.
OK?*

*NO - you + Tam
Should hear
message -
I only have
3 kids*



...a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

DECEMBER 24, 1989

PRELUDE AND PRAYER "Stars Over Bethlehem" Curry
 WORDS OF WELCOME Deacon Stoner
 CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Choir
 HYMN OF PRAISE 110 "Angels From The Realms of Glory"
 INVOCATION AND CHRIST'S PRAYER
 PRAISE THE LORD "The Best Gift" S. Stoner + D. Lovell
 READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 627 In Response
 MINISTRY OF MUSIC "The Holly And The Ivy" Choir
 CALL TO STEWARDSHIP
 1989 RETIRED MINISTERS & MISSIONARIES OFFERING
 PRAYER OF DEDICATION
 GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
 MUSICAL OFFERINGS "Silent Night" Piano+Organ Duet
 "Gentle, Gentle Jesus" B. Lovell
 OFFERTORY HYMN 107 "Gentle Mary Laid her Child"
 [Those attending Children's Church may come
 forward on the last stanza]
 RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN Carol Grubbs
 A CHRISTMAS MEDITATION Luke 2:15 Pastor Gillin
 OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IN PRAYER
 INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP
 [Those who wish to take a step of faith with Christ
 and His Church today, please come forward during
 the hymn. The Pastor will meet you at the front.]
 HYMN OF RESPONSE 115 "Go, Tell It On The Mountain"
 DISMISSAL
 OUR GOING FORTH "Alleluia"
 POSTLUDE "Joy To The World" Ritter
 A BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR JESUS Fellowship Room
 Standing In Worship

OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

TODAY 9:00 S. S. Assembly - Songs + Sharing
 9:15 Teaching Hour - Classes For All Ages
 10:15 Coffee Fellowship
 Choir Rehearsal
 10:45 Worship Hour
 11:45 Birthday Cake For Jesus - Fellowship Rm.
 7:00 Carols, Candles & Communion

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Matthew Lovell, Lay
 Leader Steve Stoner, Pianists Alison Grubbs, Betty
 Porter, Organist Mary Lou Lovell, Instrumental Praise
 Barbara + Debbie Lovell, Stefanie Stoner, Children's
 Church Leader Carol Grubbs, Choir Director Jim
 Stephenson, Pastor Gene Gillin.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS - Poinsettias are given in loving
 memory of Myrtle Gabriel by the Fogles
 Emelia Lubelan by the Gillins

FAITH, HOPE + LOVE - Once, during a few minutes of time,
 a man lived and died. How He lived is the story of FAITH.
 How He died is the story of HOPE. Why He lived and died
 is the story of LOVE! We celebrate all of this tonight
 in a Service of Carols, Candles & Communion. As we sing
 our JOY TO THE WORLD remember to bring a favorite family
 bell to ring as we sing.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week: Steve
 and Karen Stoner, Carol Grubbs, Gene Gillin; Missionaries:
 Dr. Glenn Leach, IL(26) Dr. Robert Carman, India(27)
 Heather Cutillo, Zaire(27) Charles Moore, Zaire(28)
 Gene Gentry, Zaire(30); Hospitalized: Nellie Sheets,
 Grady Mem., Convalescent Care: Mildred Bowers, Delaware
 Court, Gail Tallman, The Arbors; Rev. Sandra Heizer.

1990 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES - The one way that every-
 one at First Baptist can have a definite part in the
 spread of the Gospel is through the use of their church
 offering envelope each week. They are ready to be picked
 up on the literature table. If you cannot find yours,
 please speak to our Financial Secretary, Dick Lee.

BLOODMOBILE ON DEC. 26 - William St. U. Meth. Church,
 10 - 4 pm. Our donation, Judy Domire says, will be the
 best and most appreciated gift of the holiday season!
 Please join the Pastor as we respond to the call of the
 Red Cross to provide 120 units on Tuesday to meet the
 holiday needs of our area.