



First Baptist Church  
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Order of Worship  
1990

All are missing except 2

## Be doers of the word...

(James 1:22)

Two friends of mine had an interesting experience recently. They were driving down a busy city street and saw cars ahead of them swerving to avoid something in the road. They assumed it was a branch or an animal, but much to their terror it was an elderly woman lying in the street! They stopped the car to assist her and found out this woman had somehow strayed from a nursing home. She had managed to remove her IV's and wander out of the home. She later collapsed in the street, where my friends found her. They stayed with the woman till the ambulance came to pick her up. If they hadn't stopped, this woman could have died.

How often do we pass a situation or a person that needs help and fail to stop? Perhaps we call on our car phone and trust that someone else will stop and help. We may be thinking only of being late for an appointment, but we as Christians must rise above this kind of thinking! We need to be willing to get dirty for God, to offer a helping hand even when it means personal inconvenience and possible risk. We must put our faith and compassion into action. I'm sure that woman was glad someone took the time to help. Will we be doers of the Word or just comfortable callers?

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# Be doers of the Word



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

AUGUST 26, 1990

PRELUDE AND PRAYER

Betty Porter

WORDS OF WELCOME

Deacon Bland

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN 43 "Praise To The Lord"

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Ldr: We will praise you, Lord, as we gather before you with varied thoughts and purposes.

Ppl: Some of us are impatient, and we seek immediate results to our prayers.

Ldr: Some of us are doubtful, and we seek further proof of your spiritual power.

Ppl: Some of us are too busy, and we fail to take time to listen for you to speak to us.

Ldr: Some of us are disobedient, and we fail to follow in the way of discipleship.

All: Together we come into your presence; unite us in our worship and into a common sense of devotion to you.

\* INVOCATION

In Unison

Almighty and Everlasting God, whom the heavens of heaven cannot contain, much less the temples which our hands have built, but are ever nigh unto the humble and contrite; let your love be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, that cleansed and enlightened by your grace, we may worthily show forth your praise, faithfully learn your word, render thanks for your mercies, and obtain a gracious answer to our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

\* GLORIA PATRI

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In Unison

How blest are those who know their need of God; The kingdom of Heaven is theirs. How blest are the sorrowful; they shall find consolation. How blest are those

of gentle spirit; they shall have the earth for their possession. How blest are those who hunger and thirst to see right prevail; they shall be satisfied. How blest are those who show mercy; mercy shall be shown to them. How blest are those whose hearts are pure; they shall see God. How blest are the peacemakers; God shall call them his children.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Jeanne Ekelberry

THE CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Song 87 "I Love Thee, I Love Thee"

Giving Of Tithes And Offerings

A Musical Offering

A Doxology

\* Prayer Of Dedication

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN

THE MESSAGE

The Rev. Sandra Heizer

A.B.C.O. Area Minister

THE 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 as we sing.

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE 83 "Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee"

\* CLOSING PRAYER

Ldr: Lord, keep our eyes open.

Ppl: That we may see the needs of others.

Ldr: Lord, make our ears sensitive.

Ppl: That we may hear your call to Christian Service.

Ldr: Lord, unlock our hearts with love.

Ppl: That we may all strive to be the persons that You intend us to be. Amen!

\* BENEDICTION

\* OUR GOING FORTH

"Alleluia"

POSTLUDE

\* Standing In Worship

Everyone who makes himself great will be humbled  
(Luke 18:14, GNB).

Jesus contrasted the prayers of a self-righteous Pharisee and repentant tax collector: “. . . for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted” (Luke 18:14, NRSV). In God’s logic the last are first, the least become the greatest, and the humble are exalted! God turns the wisdom of this world upside down and the unexpected becomes the expected.

The religious leaders of the first century expected a Messiah with might and power. But Messiah’s advent was in a lowly stable among the powerless in an obscure corner of the Mediterranean world. An unexpected Savior was born in Bethlehem.

It is because we follow a God who upends the predictable things of this world that Christians have hope. God can change the political scenarios and economic forecasts. God can intervene in the decay of the environment. God can upset the demographic apple carts of the futurists. And we are partners with God, empowered by the Holy Spirit to “turn the tables,” to make the unexpected and unpredictable happen.

One small but important way we can reverse a trend is to care for persons in the process of moving. North Americans are a mobile society with nearly 20% of the population changing residences every year. It is expected that moving persons get “lost in the shuffle,” experience the stress of uprootedness, lose the social and moral glue that nearness to family and friends provides, and often drop out of church. American Baptists can help the unexpected happen by calling ABC-Find when church members move. This free ministry assists moving persons in finding a new church home and receive a welcome from a sister Baptist church in a new community.

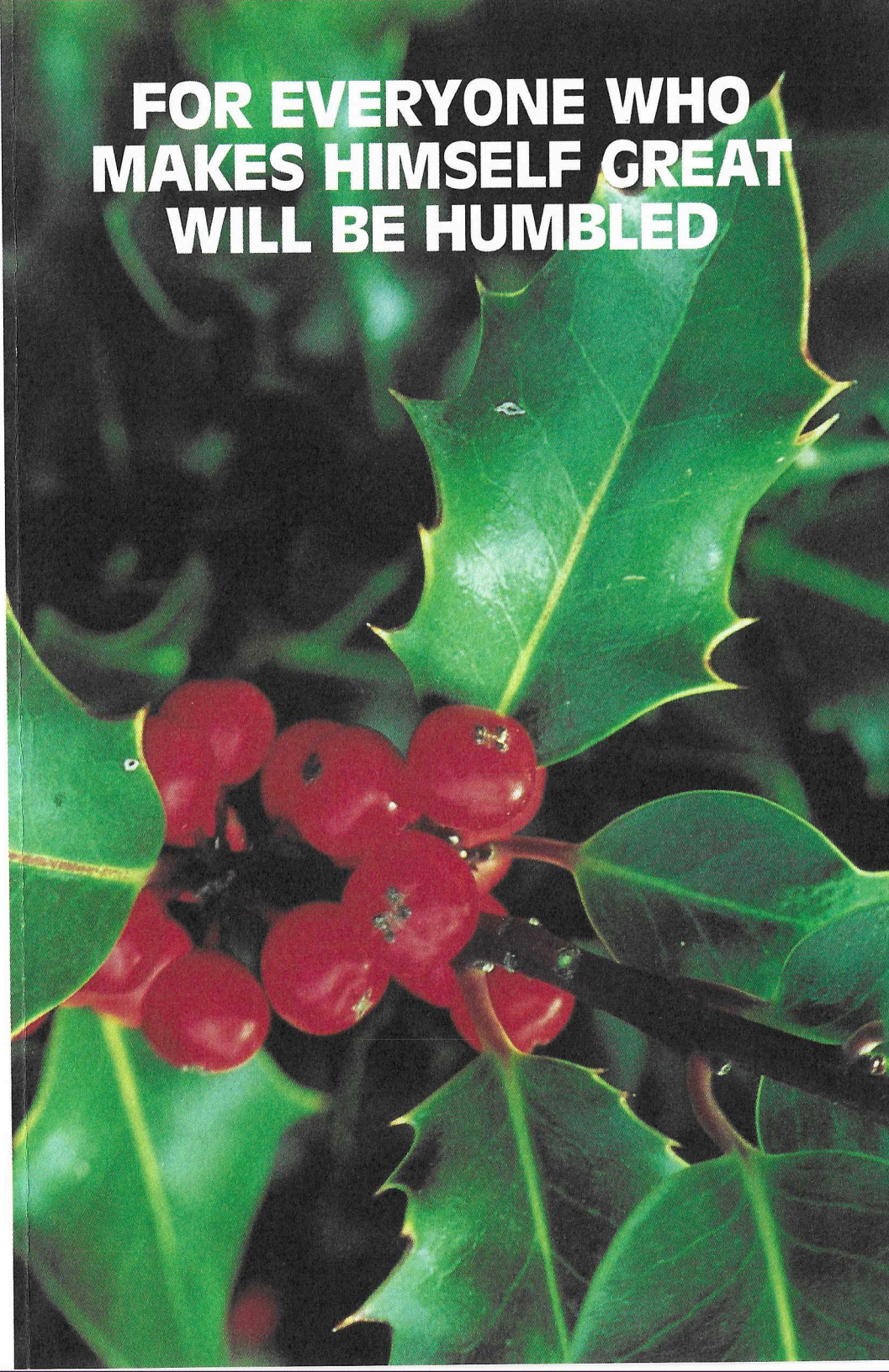
Persons who have recently moved often find the holidays in their new surroundings difficult. You can personally express pastoral concern for moving persons by calling the ABC-Find operator at 1-800-248-3308.

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**FOR EVERYONE WHO  
MAKES HIMSELF GREAT  
WILL BE HUMBLLED**



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 North Franklin Street  
Delaware, Ohio

M-M  
1500

December 2, 1990

First Sunday of Advent

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Come To Us Lord Jesus" Price

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN, #103 "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Jim VanBrimmer

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have  
seen a great light...

People: FOR A CHILD HAS BEEN BORN FOR US;  
A SON GIVEN TO US...

Leader: He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

People: HIS AUTHORITY SHALL GROW  
CONTINUALLY AND THERE SHALL  
BE ENDLESS PEACE...

ALL: O HOLY CHILD OF BETHLEHEM!  
DESCEND TO US, WE PRAY;  
CAST OUT OUR SIN AND ENTER IN;  
BE BORN IN US TODAY.  
WE HEAR THE CHRISTMAS ANGELS  
THE GREAT TIDINGS TELL;  
O COME TO US, ABIDE WITH US,  
OUR LORD EMMANUEL!

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40: 1 - 5 p.619 (in unison)

SOLO "Comfort Ye" W.C. Wickum

INTRODUCTION Larry Faulk

THE GIVING OF THE GREENS narrated by Mike Griffith

THE SYMBOLS  
THE GREENS Matthew Lovell, Micah Stoner

THE HOLLY WOMEN'S QUARTET Barbara Lovell, Marci Sander  
"The Holly and the Ivy"  
THE MISTLETOE Jeff Faulk

\*HYMN OF PEACE "Lord Be Born In Our Hearts This Day"  
(in the pew racks)

THE CHRISTMAS TREE Peter White, Larry Faulk, children  
MEN'S QUARTET "Good King Wenceslas"

TITHES & OFFERINGS - M & M OFFERING Jennifer Turner  
Prayer of Dedication  
Offertory "The Perfect Gift" Moore

THE STAR Jeff Reed  
THE BELL Richard Davis  
THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE Jim Stephenson

HYMN, # 121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (verses 1 and 2)

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST Luke 2: 1 - 7 p. 889 (in unison)

HYMN "Away in a Manger" (verse 1)

THE SHEPHERDS Luke 2: 8 - 16 p. 889 (in unison) Vinnie Ministeri  
THE ANIMALS Bertha VanBrimmer  
THE MAGI Matthew 2: 1 - 11 p. 835 (in unison) Randy Turner  
THE HOLY FAMILY Jean Wickum  
SOLO "I See Love" Jeanne Ekelberry  
THE POINSETTIA Anne Linn  
ANTHEM "Lo, How a Rose"

THE CHRIST CHILD

\*HYMN, # 102 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (verse 1)

\*BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE "Laudate Deum" Baumgardner  
(\*congregation stands)

+++++ MINISTERING TODAY

Organist: Betty Porter  
Pianist: Mary Lou Lovell  
Choir Director: Jennifer Turner  
Candle Lighter: Evan Trigg