



First Baptist Church
Bulletins and
Order of Worship
1994

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January 2, 1994

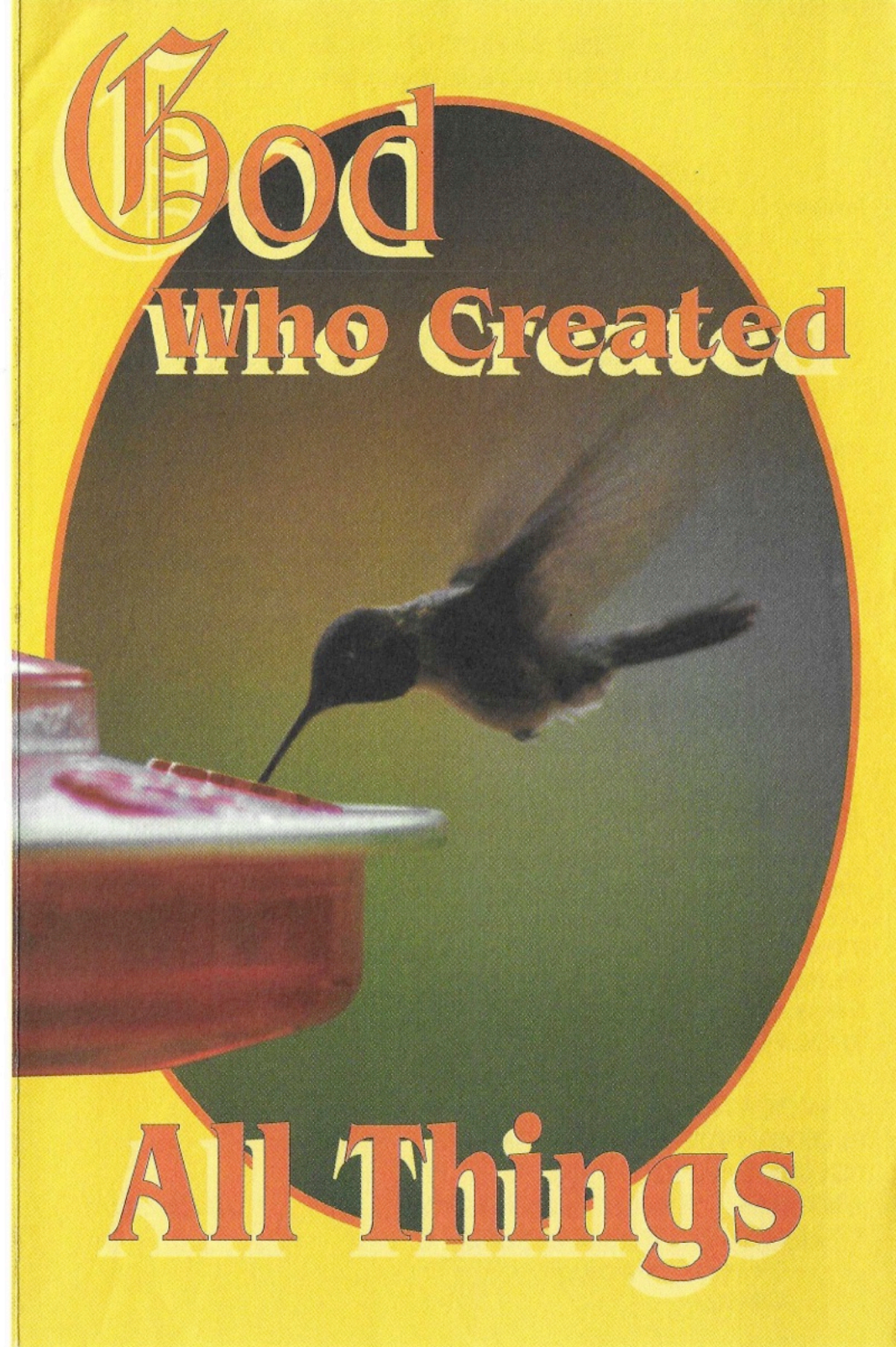
*... and to make everyone see what is the plan of the
mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things.
Ephesians 3:9*

On the first Sunday of a new year, it is good to remind ourselves that God has created all things. In his pastoral letter to the Ephesians, Paul is intent on reminding the people of Ephesus that they are loved by God equally with the Jewish people because all were created by a loving God.

It is good to remind ourselves on this first Sunday of the new year that God loves us regardless of who we are. Take a moment and look around the congregation today. There are young and old, men and women, people with different backgrounds and beliefs, and God loves them all. Think for a moment of people around the world: people related to American Baptist mission and people who have never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ, people who are rich and people who are poor, people that you know and people you have never met. God loves them all.

As you unite in worship at the beginning of this new year, make a conscious effort to extend your heart to all of the people whom God loves. Be open to their gifts of ministry to you even as you seek to minister to them.

*Mary L. Mild
Director, Women and the Church
Board of National Ministries*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio
363-7021

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

January 2,, 1994

Epiphany Sunday

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshipping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

God of all people and all places, like the magi we would journey into the presence of Jesus the Christ. There we would offer our gifts; before Christ, we would lay the realities of our lives, good and bad. We offer our joy and love and laughter, that they might be made holy; we relinquish bitterness and hatred and worry, that we might be made whole once more; through the living Spirit of Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Although the beckoning star heeded by wise travelers long ago no longer leads the way,

The manger-born Christ is still to be found and followed.

We are not brought to our knees in surprise as were those journeyers of old,

Yet our desire to worship can be as deep as theirs.

And though we do not bear gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,

We offer ourselves and what we have.

The story continues. The good news abounds. There is a living Christ to discover and worship and serve.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

HYMN OF PRAISE, #114

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

ANTHEM "Another Year Is Dawning"

Birchwood

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Doxology: O God, may we who bear your name by gentle love your grace proclaim, Christ's gift of peace on earth declare and your anointing Spirit share.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #108

"The First Noel, the Angel Did Say"

MORNING PRAYERS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 2:1-12, page 835

COMMUNION MEDITATION

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #125

"We Would See Jesus; Lo! His Star"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of perfect light, lead us as we proceed through life. Forgive us when, like Herod, selfish ambition makes us willing to hurt others. Forgive us when, unlike the magi, we refuse to follow the light you give us. Shine in our lives through the light of your Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett
Lay Leader: Deacon Randy Turner
Pianist: Jennifer Turner
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

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CALENDAR

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY 4:30 Brownies
7:00 Choir
THURSDAY 10:00 A.B.W. Ministries Sewing
SATURDAY 10:00 Youth Inquirer's Class
1:00 Mentor's Workshop

If you would like to participate as a Secret Advent Friend, please fill out a form (on the vestibule table) and stay for the drawing after worship today.

January 9, 1994

On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 19:5

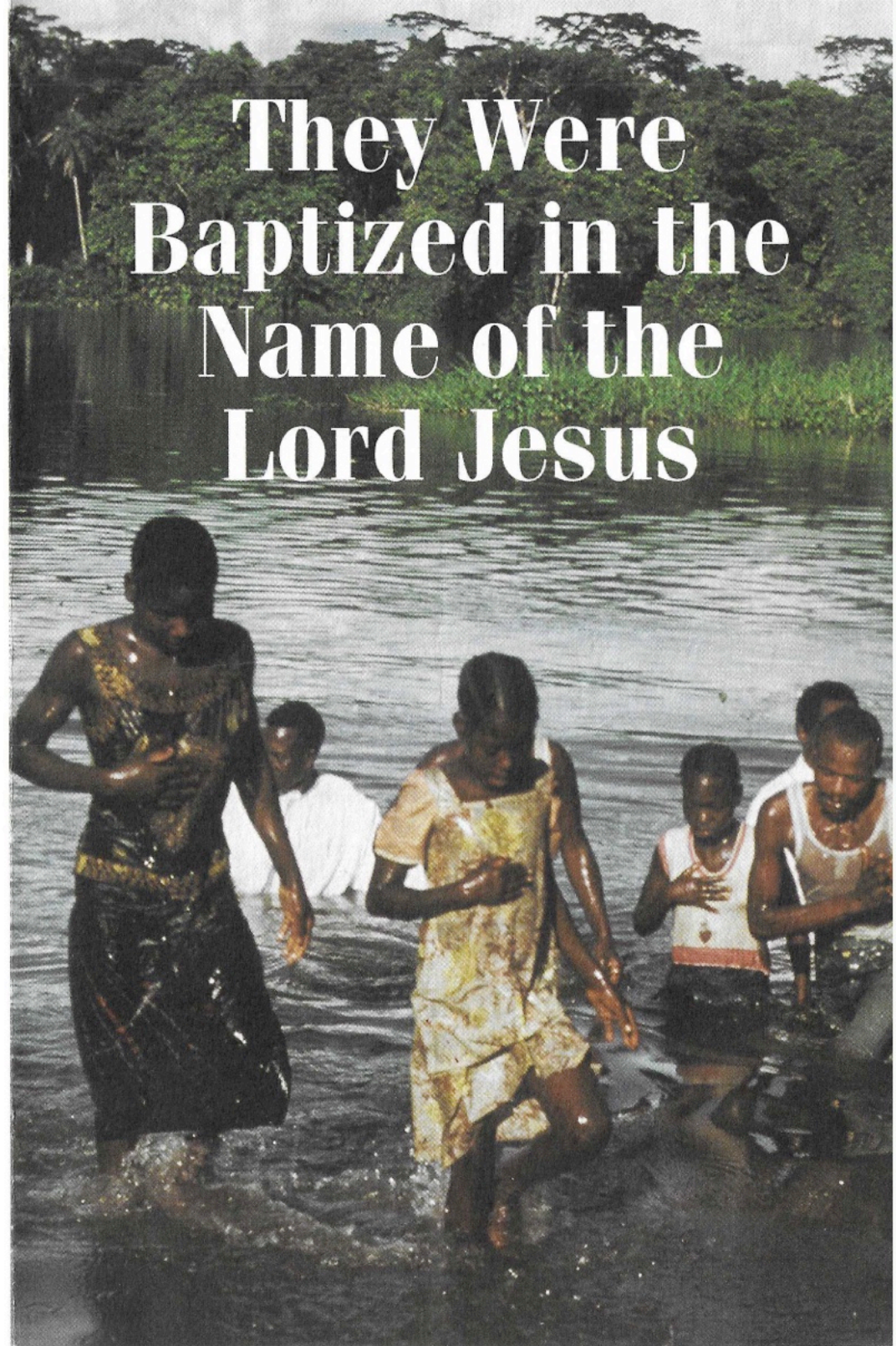
Sending Out and Gathering In

A church planter was hot and tired, going door to door during the heat of the day. Five hours had passed, and it seemed that no one wanted to hear about Jesus, let alone about starting a new church. And then he found an interested family. They were fascinated by the fact that he was actually starting a church. "Why are you starting a church?" they asked. He replied. "Because Jesus loves you, and he wants to be involved in your life." They had seen Christian television, had some Christian friends, but had never accepted Jesus personally. They had never known Jesus face to face. Not only did they accept Jesus, but they also came to the new church and were baptized at the first baptismal service.

There are many out there in your neighborhood who know a little about Jesus, but they have not encountered him face to face. The most effective means of evangelism is starting a new church. Notice that Paul not only brought people to Jesus, but he also started new churches in the process. Where does God want you to share the gospel? It might be in the beginning of a new church! On which door does the Lord want you to knock?

*Rev. Phil Thompson
Sunridge Community Church
Hesperia, California*

They Were Baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus



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January 9, 1994 1st Sunday After Epiphany

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Be Glad in the Lord" Hutson

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

God of light that shines through all creation, your word has called us back into your light. May you shine through our lives, we pray, making us your children and helping us to bear witness to the light that dwells among us; through Christ, our Way, our Truth, and our Light. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning our God created the light.

Morning broke open on the first day.

This God of ours sent the light.

Jesus Christ came to the world's people.

Morning light opens for us.

God's Light illumines our lives; and opens us to worship this day.

* HYMN OF PRAISE, #549 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skys" Metzger

O God, may we who bear your name

by gentle love your grace proclaim,

Christ's gift of peace on earth declare

and your anointing Spirit share.

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING #592

DEDICATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #392 "Take Time to be Holy"

CALL TO PRAYER "Spirit of God, Descend Upon

MORNING PRAYERS My Heart" Atkinson

RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 1:9-11, page 867

Galatians 3:26-28 page 1014

MORNING MESSAGE "Organized Enthusiasm"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #48

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE "A New Years Song" Hughes

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Jim Van Brimmer

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	12:00	A.B.Y., Business Meeting
	1:00	Peace Camp Meeting, at First Baptist
	5:30	Deacon's at Mowery's
MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scouts
TUESDAY	7:00	Cub Scouts
WEDNESDAY	12:00	Young at Heart
	7:00	Choir
THURSDAY	7:00	Parish Council (calendar planning)
SATURDAY	8:30	Men's Breakfast
	10:00	Inquirer's Class

+++++ Lenten Luncheon Study: will be held from Saturday, February 19 through Saturday, April 2. We will meet from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., so bring along a sack lunch. We will study the book, *Mark as Story: An Introduction to the Narrative of a Gospel*. The cost for the book is \$10.00. Please register with Pastor Brummett by January 30, so the books can be ordered.

Church Women United Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, January 14 at Bellpoint United Methodist Church, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Bring a covered-dish and your own table service. Child care will be provided.

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DEDICATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

A Litany

Leader: You have been called by God and by this congregation, to serve as leaders in this church. You come forward, to offer to this responsibility, your gifts, abilities, ideas and enthusiasm. As you guide, direct and lead this church, be reminded of the source of your gifts. Let us give thanks to God for all that we have received and for this opportunity to serve.

Officers: By God's grace, we, the servants of Christ, as leaders in First Baptist Church, we strive to be faithful to the call of God and to the people of this church. We promise to fulfill our responsibilities and share with the congregation in the life of this church, with a sense of privilege, opportunity and humbleness. We accept the responsibility to rely on God for our strength and to look to each other for support.

Congregation: By God's grace, we, the congregation of First Baptist Church will encourage and support our elected leaders as they commit themselves to service on behalf of our church. We promise to pray for them and to give ourselves whole-heartedly to God's work in and through the life of this church.

Prayer (in unison): O God, accept our commitment to you, to our leaders and to our vision for this church. Remind us of our need for you and of our need for one another. May it be our earnest prayer, that in this year we will experience and know the power of your presence in the life of our church, our community and our world. Amen.

January 23, 1994

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1

Surrounded by Witnesses

The 1994 conference season is the fifty-first for the American Baptist Assembly (ABA). ABA was purchased in 1943, and the first conferences were held in 1944. Last year and this year, Green Lake is celebrating its fiftieth birthday.

The golden anniversary theme is "Celebrating a Half Century of Witness! The Mission Before Us!" The Scripture text is Hebrews 12:1-2. In the great eleventh chapter of Hebrews, the author sets forth a beautiful litany of faith-full men and women of God: Enoch, the parents of Moses, Rahab, Joseph, and many others.

ABA's litany is found most concisely in the fortieth anniversary book, *The Walk Continues*, by Larry Janssen, and in the ten year update by John Barbour: Luther Wesley Smith, James L. Kraft, Richard Hoiland, John Dawson, Adele Norman Silke, Joseph Hanson, Harold Richardson, Frances Lamb, Roger Fredrikson, Pearl Rosser, Lois Blankenship, William McKee, William R. Nelson, Roger Getz, Charles Boddie, Omer E. Robbins, Mildred Thurston, Fred and Anne Pillsbury. To paraphrase the author of Hebrews, "Should I go on? There isn't space enough to write of the many other men and women, past and present, rich and poor, known and unknown, who have been faith-full servants for God's mission at Green Lake."

Some of these servants are now among the "cloud of witnesses." They have passed the ABA torch to us and are cheering us onward toward the goal. They call us to "lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely" and to "run with perseverance the race that is set before us"—and, yes, above all, to keep our eyes on Jesus.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses! This is cause for gratitude, humility, renewed vision, courage, and determination. May it be so in your life, in your church, and in our American Baptist family! May it be so at the American Baptist Assembly, the "homeplace" for the family!

*Ronald W. Newsom
Vice President of Development
Green Lake Conference Center
American Baptist Assembly*



SURROUNDED BY...

... WITNESSES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
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The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor
The Reverend Norman Snook, guest preacher

January 23, 1994 3rd Sunday After Epiphany

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Aria Semplice" Bach

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

God of the faithful in every time, today you have called us into your church to be one body in Jesus Christ. You have bestowed upon us the gifts we need for your service. Grant that we may willingly take our part; that we may support one another; and that we may seek the greatest gift, which is love. Kneel us together into one loaf with all your people throughout the world, through your Spirit of unity. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN OF PRAISE, #4

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Bourree"

Telemann

O God, may we who bear your name
by gentle love your grace proclaim,
Christ's gift of peace on earth declare
and your anointing Spirit share.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jonah 3:1-5;10, page 801

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#266

"Softly and Tenderly"

MORNING PRAYERS

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:14-20, page 867

MORNING MESSAGE "On the Move"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #499

"The Master Has Come and He Calls Us"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God,
or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church,
you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

Telemann

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: Jody Lynn Brummett
Guest Preacher: Norman "Pete" Snook
Lay Leader: Jim Van Brimmer
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Junior Church Leader: Archie Trigg
Greeters: Archie & Beth Trigg

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	12:00	A.B.Y. Meeting, at the Church
	1:00	Peace Camp
MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir
SATURDAY	10:00	Inquirer's Class
SUNDAY Jan 30	2:00	Adult/ABY Social

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Monday, January 24, through Thursday, January 27,
Pastor Brummett will be attending the Bartlet Preaching Conference in Rochester, New York. In case of an emergency or need, please contact Deacon Karen Stoner (369-7754).

Lenten Luncheon Study: will be held from Saturday, February 19 through Saturday, April 2. We will meet from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., so bring along a sack lunch. We will study the book, *Mark as Story: An Introduction to the Narrative of a Gospel*. The cost for the book is \$10.00. Scholarships are available. Please register with Pastor Brummett by January 30, so the books can be ordered.

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We would like to thank the members of Boy Scout Troup #393 for leading our worship today as we celebrate Boy Scout Sunday. The participants are: Daniel Alicie, Nick Bloom, Chris Bowe, Chris Brinkman, Daniel Dowell, Chris Estep, Tom Filbert, Tony Gilletly, Mark Jacobs, Zane Jones, Mike Krammes, Matt Lovell, Ross Lowe, Brian Lyle, Trevor Lyle, Kyaun Regan, Matt Temple, Ben Thompson, and Josh Weiser. The leaders are: Dave Lovell, John Lyle, Steve Krammes, Tom Filbert, Randy Turner, Keithia Lowe, and Allen Baldwin.

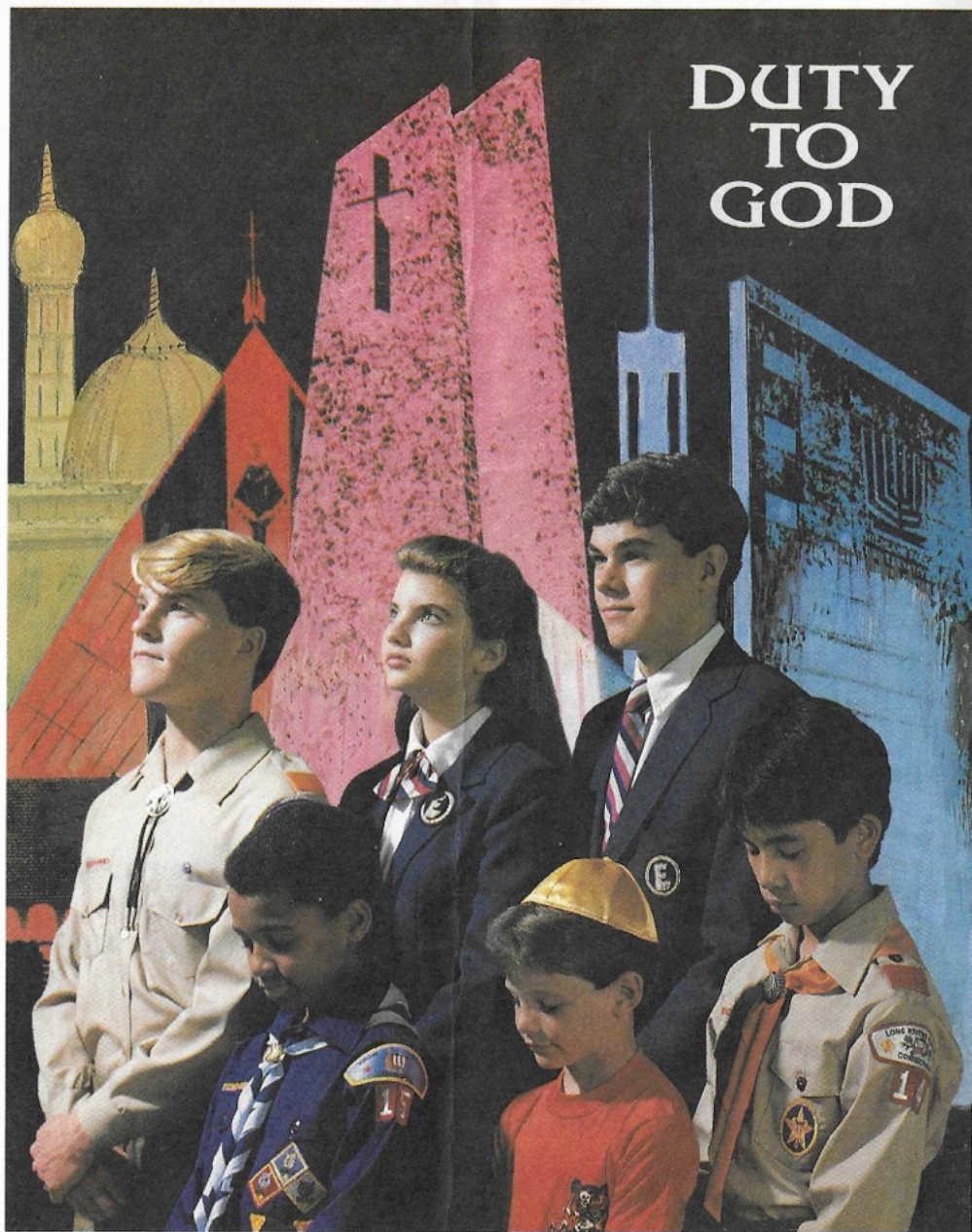
The sanctuary flowers are from the funeral of Ralph Cole. His family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, and expressions of sympathy.

Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett will undergo foot surgery, Tuesday February 8th, at 9am at Grady Memorial Hospital. In case of need or emergency between February 8 - 11, please contact Karen Stoner, 369-7754 or another Deacon.

Please join us after the service for a time of Fellowship in the Assembly Room.

The "Good News" publishes today. Make sure you get your copy and take one to a friend who could not be here today.

DUTY TO GOD



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor
Mr. Matthew Lovell, Guest Preacher

February 6, 1994 Boy Scout Sunday

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "O Day of Rest and Gladness" Smith

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshipping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God in whom we live and move and have our being, we have gathered in your presence to sing your praise. Gather up the prayer of each heart into one harmony of worship and service, that we might truly be one body in Christ. Accept the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts, for we are yours in Christ Jesus. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Nick Bloom

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Mike Krammes

God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us this past week. We have come for this hour of worship to make ourselves more aware of God and to give thanks for God's presence with us. God is here even now, ready to strengthen us and to urge us to greater faithfulness.

Fill us with your goodness, O God. Draw us into your activity in the world that we might fulfill the purpose for which you created us. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE, #37
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*INVOCATION Matt Temple

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication Brian Lyle
Offertory "Intermezzo" Groves

Doxology

O God, may we who bear your name
by gentle love your grace proclaim,
Christ's gift of peace on earth declare
and your anointing Spirit share.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Tom Filbert

1 Corinthians 12:12-25, page 999

ANTHEM "Here, O My Lord" Scott

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Trevor Lyle

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #326
"God of Our Life, Through All Our Circling"

MORNING PRAYERS

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:1-5, page 852

COMMUNION MEDITATION Matt Lovell

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING "Andante Tranquillo" Gluck

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #505
"Make Me A Blessing"

HOLY COMMUNION

*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Postlude in D" Rinck

(*congregation stands)

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Pastor: The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett
Guest Preacher: Matthew Lovell
Lay Leader: Deacon Jim Van Brimmer
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

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CALENDAR

TODAY 6:30 A.B.Y.
MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts
TUESDAY 7:00 Cub Scouts
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir
SATURDAY 9:30 Youth Inquirer's Class, parsonage
1:30 A.B.W. Ministries, meet at church,
go to Sunny Vee Nursing Home

February 13, 1994

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Acts 13:1-3

Church Vocations Sunday

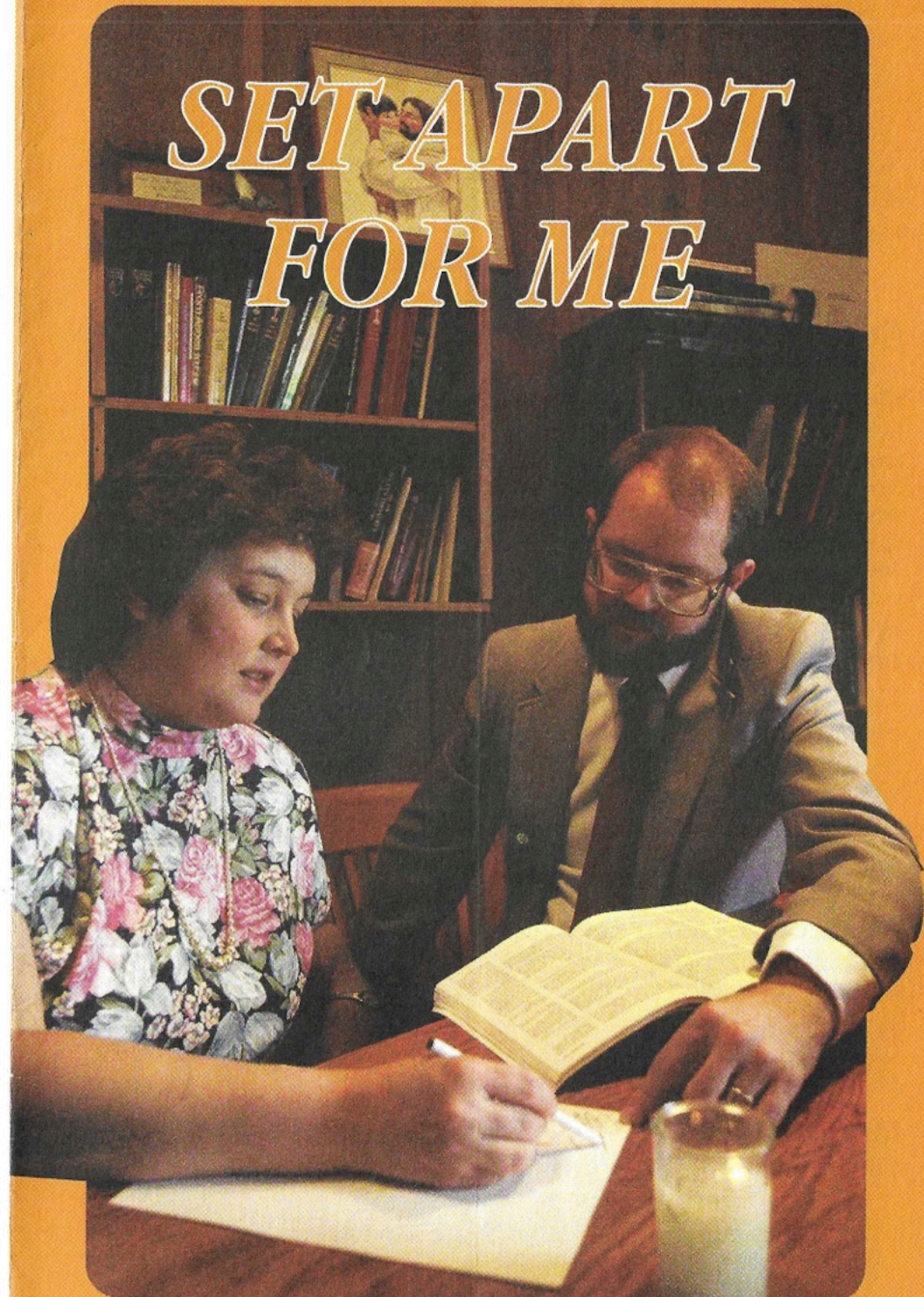
The Holy Spirit calls gifted and capable people to be set apart for special ministries of the church. God does the calling, and expects us to help. We often see or know people who are considering or who should consider a church-related vocation. Each local congregation is part of the network that is to give serious attention to the God-given task of enlisting, nurturing, and supporting people for professional church leadership.

The main emphases of Acts 13:1-3 are the work of the Holy Spirit in calling people to minister through church-related vocations and the role of the church in validating the call and sending forth people into ministry. The passage, coupled with Ephesians 4:11-12, emphasizes that the local church must look within itself for people needed in Christian service for the building up of the body of Christ.

The church at Antioch expected that God would call and people would respond. As the Spirit moved in Antioch, so the same movement flows through our churches today. While the church in Antioch was worshiping, instructions came to set apart those to do the work to which they had been called. Paul and Barnabas were released from their present task to fulfill the new task to which they had been called and were sent forth to use their gifts.

How might you and your church help nurture a climate where calls can be heard and where support is provided so that ministry can be undertaken? Expect that people will be "called and sent forth" from your church.

*Rev. Dayle Scott
Director, Guidance and Recruitment for Ministry
Board of Educational Ministries*



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Dr. Cheryl McGinniss, guest preacher

February 13, 1994 6th Sunday After Epiphany

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Larson
"My Heart Ever Faithful" J.S. Bach

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Just God, help us to create community among our friends, in our neighborhoods and schools, in our country, and in the world. With God's help, may we share the cup of kindness with our sisters and brothers today. May the people with whom we come into contact leave our company refreshed. And may God help us to serve people who need friendship and hope, as well as food, water, shelter, and clothing. And may we turn to you Lord in time of trouble; through Christ, you fill us with the joy of salvation. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

May the Lord be with us

Blessed be God, our Savior

Let us lift up our hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Blessed be those in whose sin Yahweh does not count, in whose spirit there is no guile.

Blessed be those whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered.

* HYMN OF PRAISE, #43 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI #576

MISSION MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "My Inmost Heart Now Raises" J.C. Bach

O God, may we who bear your name

by gentle love your grace proclaim,

Christ's gift of peace on earth declare
and your anointing Spirit share.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46, page 93

ANTHEM "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Hughes

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #372

"Have Thine Own Way"

MORNING PRAYERS

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:40-45, page 868

MORNING MESSAGE "The 'In and Outs' of Community Life"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #344

"Be Thou My Vision"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE "Postlude in A Minor" Blake

(*congregation stands)

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Guest Preacher: Dr. Cheryl McGinniss
Lay Leader: Alison Mowery
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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

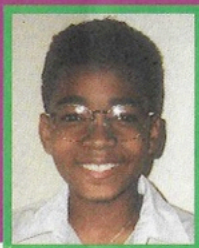
TODAY 12:00 A.B.Y. meeting
5:30 Deacon's, at the parsonage
MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts
TUESDAY 6:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
7:00 Marion Assoc. Trustees, at Springdale Baptist Church
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service
7:30 Choir
FRIDAY 6:30 A.B.Y. Lock-in, at the church
SATURDAY 8:30 Men's Breakfast
11:30 Lenten Luncheon Series

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Proclaim
Hope!



AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING



A REFUGEE STORY

BY RODMAN JOHNSON

My name is Rodman Johnson. I am 10 years old and was born in Liberia. Now I live on the west side of Buffalo, New York with my mom, two brothers, three sisters, and one cousin. This is my story.

July 2, 1990 we awoke with the sound of guns as we found our house surrounded by rebels. We were ordered to leave home, knowing not where we would go.

My dad, my mom, my brothers and sisters and ten other relatives joined a crowd of more than 20,000 people who were also searching for safety.

Our journey was rough. There was no water, food, or clothes. But we survived by God's grace.

On August 5, after my mom was threatened by rebels, we set off for the Ivory Coast in a bus.

We remained on the Ivory Coast for two years. Then we took off for the USA, arriving here on August 27, 1992.

My dad went back in search of my grandmother. We don't know if she's fine or not.

I am praying for the war to end so I can see my dad and other relatives once again. I also miss my dear homeland, Liberia, very much, even though I am glad to be in America.

Rodman won a prize for his true story in the "I am an Author" Chapter 1 reading program at the Central Library in Buffalo, New York. His family was sponsored by the Delaware Avenue Baptist Church. Pastor Ron Tryon says, "Rodman and his family are wonderful people who have suffered a lot and need our prayers."

American Baptists have resettled over 72,000 refugees since 1948. Refugee resettlement, through the American Baptist Office of Immigration and Refugee Services, is one ministry supported by the America for Christ Offering.

**WE HAVE
BEEN BORN
ANew
TO A LIVING
HOPE!**

1 Peter 1:3 RSV



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AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA

February 20, 1994

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

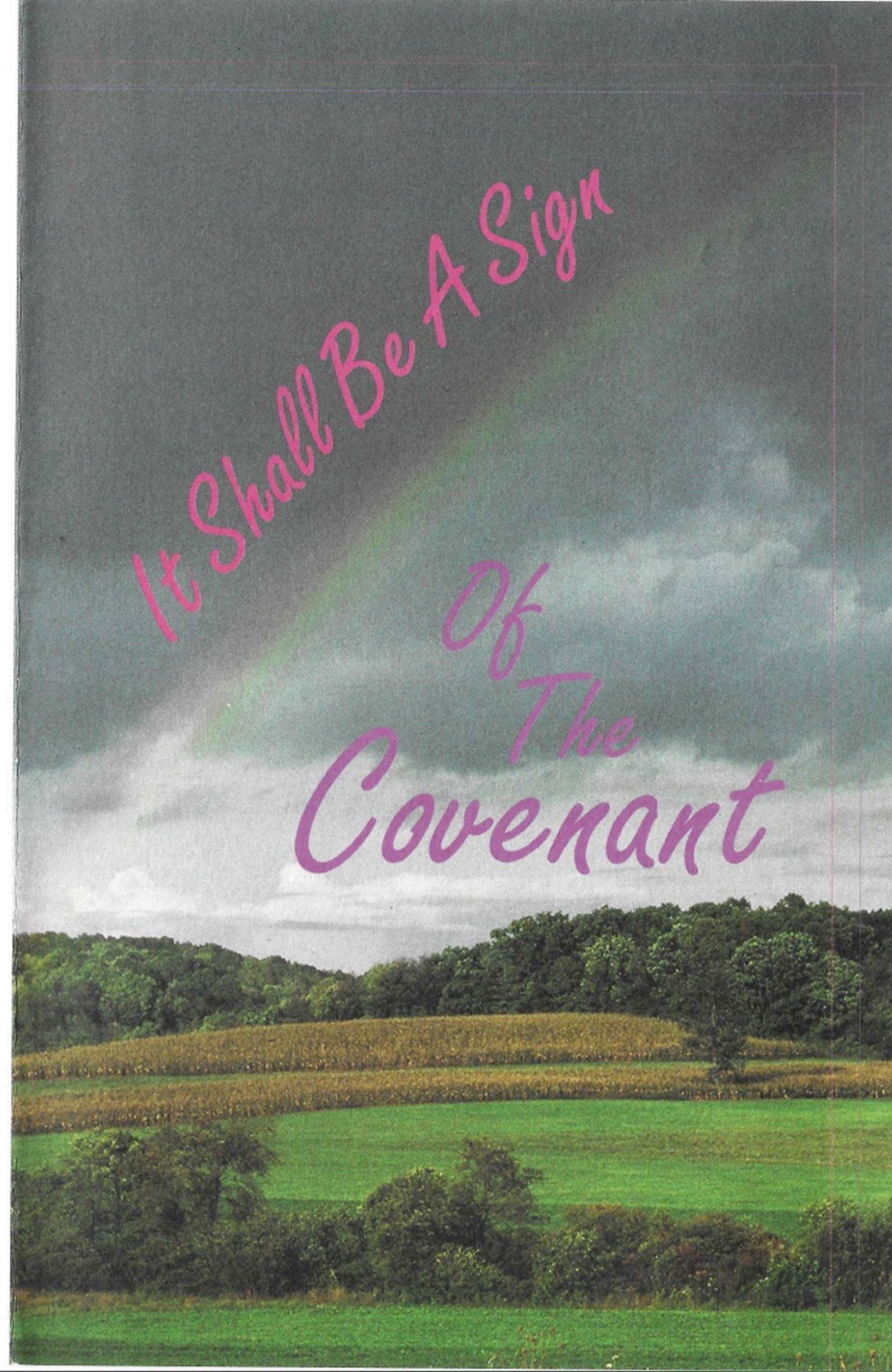
Genesis 9:12-13

Rain Clouds and Rainbows

At this first Sunday in Lent, we tend to look at the broken promises of the past year and of past relationships. Our hearts can be overwhelmed by the hurt and pain of walking through our relational graveyard. Regret can freeze us, restraining us from trying to reach out again.

One thing we can always count on is God's faithfulness. With rain clouds comes the rainbow, reminding us that God is true to his promises. Although we may stray, God is ever faithful and draws us near. With all the rain clouds over our cities, towns, and communities, we tend not to look up and see the rainbows, to see what God is doing. Planting a church is one of the rainbows God gives a community. It is tangible evidence that God is true to his Word. Maybe it is time for your community to see the rainbow of the Lord. It might be time for you to shine forth and help start a new church. Maybe the Lord wants to begin in you a fresh relationship with himself and with other people. The reality of God's promise can't be known by those who only know the clouds. It could be the Lord is counting on you to begin to shine!

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The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

February 14, 1994

1st Sunday of Lent

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

"Seek Ye the Lord"
"Aria"

Donald Moore
Tenaglia

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Spirit of truth whom the world can never grasp, touch our hearts with the shock of your coming; fill us with desire for your disturbing peace; and fire us with longing to speak your uncontainable word through Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as children of God.

To worship our Creator, to renew our faith.

The Spirit lives and moves among us.

Let us praise God with heart and voice.

* HYMN OF PRAISE, #75

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI #576

MISSION MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Chanson"

Scott

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all.

ANTHEM

"Nearer, My God to Thee"

Adams

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#352

"O for A closer Walk with God"

MORNING PRAYERS

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:9-15, page 867

MORNING MESSAGE "Upset the Fruitbowl"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #373 "All to Jesus I Surrender"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

*BENEDICTION FOR LENT

Go into the world in faith!

Trusting God to lead you, trusting people to receive you.

Go into the world with hope!

With God's presence before you and human dreams to carry you.

Go into the world with love!

Serving with those in whom Christ lives, and laboring for those for whom Jesus died.

Go in Faith, Hope and Love!

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE

"Marche Gothique"

Rex Koury

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: Jody Lynn Brummett
Lay Leader: Karen Stoner
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	1:00	Peace Camp Planning Meeting
MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir
THURSDAY	7:00	Parish Council
SATURDAY	10:00	Inquirer's Class
	11:30	Lenten Luncheon Series
	4:30	Adult Social, meet at church

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Everyone is invited to join us next Sunday, February 27 at 2:00 p.m. as we celebrate with Chris Estep, his family, and with Scout Troup #393 as Chris receives the high honor of becoming an Eagle scout.

February 27, 1994

*But Ruth said,
"Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
Where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God."*

—Ruth 1:16

Single Adult Awareness Sunday

It has been said that change is the one constant in life. To the extent that we can affirm the truth in that statement, we can also identify constants that come as a direct result of change.

In the case of Ruth and her appeal to Naomi for permission to remain by her side, we have a strong reminder of how complex choices can get. At the same time that she is committing herself to keeping their relationship the same, Ruth is opening herself to the most dramatic and severe of changes. In fact, both Ruth and Naomi were surrounded by changes: recently widowed, pulling up old roots, looking for new roots and meaning, facing many options, needing to take some definitive action in their lives, and suddenly "single." Neither elder nor younger is exempt from change.

The time of dramatic and sweeping change we now live in and attempt to cope with shapes our future, individual and collective, in ways most unpredictable. "Naomi teaches us that there is 'a time to speak and a time to keep silent,' a time to entreat and a time to refrain from entreating, a time to argue and a time to yield in the argument, a time even when parents should concede to the wishes of their children, though contrary to their own judgment" (Braden).*

Sacred Moments and Solemn Vows

*Love's holy flame forever burneth;
from heaven it came, to heaven returneth:
too oft on earth a troubled guest,
at times deceived, at times oppressed,
it here is tried and purified;
but hath in heaven its perfect rest;
it soweth here in toil and care,
but the harvest-time of love is there.*

—Southey*

Rev. Adam J. Kittrell

*As found in *The Preacher's Complete Homiletic Commentary on The Book of Ruth*, by Walter Baxendale.

Where

you go



I will go

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February 27, 1994

2nd Sunday of Lent

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "A Lenten Prayer"

Calkins

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

We gather this day to worship our God, whose words and ways challenge us. God invites us to lose our selfishness to find ourselves. God calls us to be fools in the world to show forth the wisdom of Christ. God urges us to empty ourselves to discover life's fullness. God bids us to be obedient to a divine will so we might know true freedom. We come to worship our Creator, seeking to have our faith challenged into growth. We root our faith in worship seeking to find nourishment for our spirits in this growing season of Lent. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN OF PRAISE, #141

"Lift High the Cross"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI #576

MISSION MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "A Holy Offering"

Landon

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

that were a present far too small;

love so amazing, so divine

demands my soul, my life, my all. (Isaac Watts)

ANTHEM "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

Broughton

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#374

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

MORNING PRAYERS

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:31-38, page 875

MORNING MESSAGE "Cross Your Heart"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #473

"Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me"

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Go into the world with love!

Serving with those in whom Christ lives, and laboring for those for whom Jesus died.

Go in Faith, Hope and Love!

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE

"Recessional"

Turner

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Alison Mowery

Organist: Betty Porter

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Junior Church Leader: Steve Stoner

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	2:00	Eagle Scout Court of Honor
	4:00	Pastoral Relations, at the parsonage
	6:00	Deacons, at Van Brimmer's
MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY	4:30	Brownies
	7:00	Choir
THURSDAY	10:00	Sewing Group
FRIDAY	9:30	Church Women United - World Day of Prayer - St. Peter's Episcopal
SATURDAY	11:30	Lenten Luncheon Series

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Proclaim Our Hope!

Tune: St. Theodulph 7676D All Glory, Laud and Honor

Proclaim our hope for nations
Our resurrection faith.
No modern incantations
Can bring about New Birth.
The common people yearning
for living peaceably
Are watching bombs a-burning
No future can they see.

Proclaim our Hope for churches
Where listless prayers are heard
Empower our better urges
for active service, Lord.
To hope is added justice
To work for what is fair
Much more than quiet waiting
Is needed everywhere.

Proclaim our hope for fam-'lies
And children needing care;
The message for the parents
Is: hope dispels despair.
But hope requires trusting
And loyalty to each;
'Tis costly loving driving
The Gospel that we teach.

Proclaim our hope in Jesus
For every person here
Who struggles in the real world
with outer/inner fear:
The breath of God is blowing
To clear away dis-ease;
The love of God is growing
As mustard seeds to trees.

Proclaim our hope? God, help us
To witness, work and praise
That hopeless men and women
May know Your loving ways.
God, help us frame the message
So children very young
Cannot recall the season
But what your praise was sung.
A-men.



By Dr. Virginia Sargent

Director of Black Church Education, Educational Ministries, ABC USA

Proclaim Hope!



AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING

**WE HAVE
BEEN BORN
A NEW
TO A LIVING
HOPE!**

1 Peter 1:3 RSV

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA

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March 6, 1994
A. B. W. Ministries Sunday
Girl Scout Sunday

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE Meditation on "Jacob's Ladder" Johnston

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshipping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Love Divine, whose mercies are fresh with the morning and whose grace amazes us into joy: Grant that, in our worship and in our daily living, we may be deeply aware of the strength of your mercy. Move us to share that strength in the world. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Barbara Lovell

HYMN OF PRAISE, #498

"Come All Christians, Be Committed"

*INVOCATION Anne Linn

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

A LITANY OF HOPE (Insert) Stefanie Ministeri

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS Carol Grubbs

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Day by Day" Smith

Doxology

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all. (Isaac Watts)

LOVE GIFT MOMENT Jeanne Ekelberry

ANTHEM "Sing to the Lord A New Song" Burson

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Grades K-6) Karen Stoner

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #392

"Take Time to Be Holy"

MORNING PRAYERS

Marge Smale

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 12:1-8, page 986 Carol Fogle

COMMUNION MEDITATION "Ruth" Shirley Parker

"Esther" Jean Wickum

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING "Trust in the Lord" Callender

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, (Insert)

"We Are A New Creation"

HOLY COMMUNION

*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Rejoice in the Lord Always" Callender

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: Jody Lynn Brummett
Guest Preachers: Shirley Parker and Jean Wickum
Lay Leader: Deacon Alison Mowery
Organist: Betty Porter
Pianist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Greeters: Evelyn Lee and Sophia Stephenson

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CALENDAR

TODAY 3:00 Runyon's Baby Shower
MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts
TUESDAY 7:00 Cub Scouts
WEDNESDAY 12:00 Young at Heart
4:30 Brownies
7:00 Choir
8:00 Trustees
THURSDAY 7:00 A.B.W.Ministries, at the church
SATURDAY 10:00 Youth Inquirer's Class
11:30 Lenten Luncheon Series

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Please join us for a time of Fellowship after the service in the Assembly Room.

The *Good News* newsletter publishes today. Be sure to get yours. Take one to a friend who was absent today.

A LITANY OF HOPE

(Based on 1 Peter)

- Leader: Blessed be the God of our Lord Jesus Christ!
- People: By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- Leader: You have been born anew, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;
- People: We have tasted the kindness of the Lord.
- Leader: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.
- People: We can declare the wonderful deeds of the one who called us out of darkness into God's marvelous light.
- Leader: Once you were no people, but now you are God's people.
- People: Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.
- Leader: By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope.
- People: We have each received a gift.
- Leader: Let us employ our gifts for one another.
- People: Let us be good stewards of God's varied grace.
- Leader: When we speak, let us utter oracles of God.
- People: When we serve, let us render service by the strength which God supplies.
- Leader: We serve through the ministries of our church, our region, and our American Baptist educational and national partners.
- People: We serve through the ministries of our daily lives.
- Leader: We serve through our tithes and offerings.
- People: We serve through our America for Christ Offering.
- Leader: Through our America for Christ Offering, we serve children.
- People: We serve youth.
- Leader: We serve adults.
- People: We serve through a host of ministries that have been born out of the living hope we have through Jesus Christ.
- Leader: We serve many persons in many places throughout the United States.
- All: We speak and serve so that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

We Are a New Creation

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1 We are a new cre - a - tion Of Christ, the liv - ing Word.
 2 We are a new cre - a - tion Of God for this new day.
 3 We are a new cre - a - tion For serv - ice here on earth.
 4 We are a new cre - a - tion By God's own gra - cious hand,

Our songs of ju - bi - la - tion Shall ev - ery - where be heard.
 As part - ners let us fol - low The life, the truth, the way.
 We live our faith in ac - tion To tell our Sav - ior's worth.
 Old bur - dens cast be - hind us, A dar - ing fu - ture planned.

New life blooms fresh and glo - rious For those who heed the call
 Christ bids us work to - geth - er As col - leagues, old and young,
 Let love and jus - tice blend - ing Now show for all to see
 In min - is - try and mis - sion, U - nit - ed let us live,

Of Christ, who reigns vic - to - rious O'er sin and death and all.
 As wom - en, men, and na - tions, God's folk of ev - ery tongue.
 God's grace is nev - er - end - ing. It reach - es you and me.
 In Christ a shin - ing vi - sion To God's wide world to give.

And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

—Matthew 24:14

American Baptist Seminary Sunday

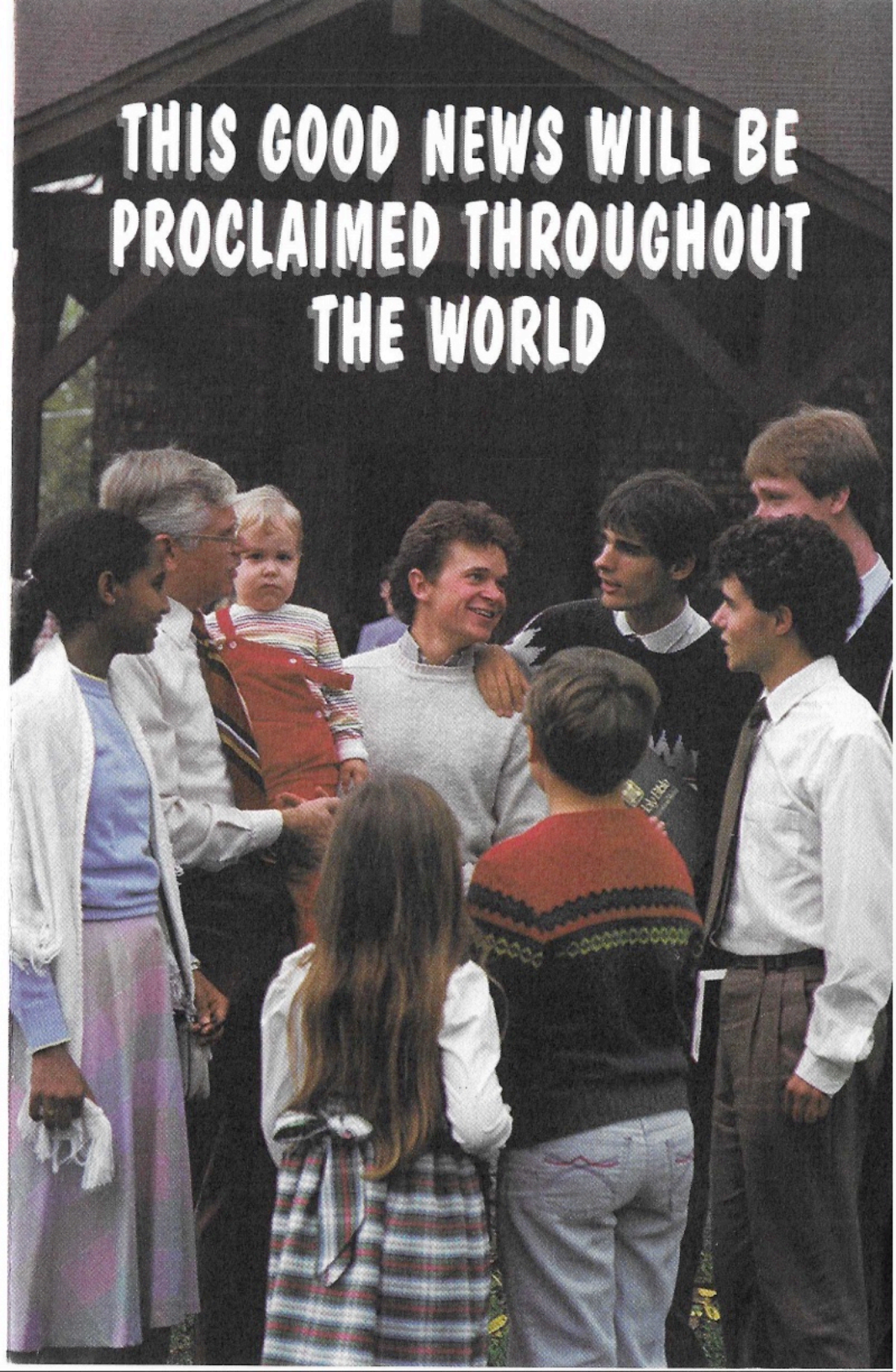
Matthew 24:14 tells us that God intends that the Good News be proclaimed throughout the whole world. Through his teaching, Jesus was preparing his disciples to be the messengers of this proclamation.

In today's rapidly changing and increasingly secular world, it is imperative that the Good News is carried by well-prepared proclaimers. American Baptist-related seminaries are dedicated to the academic and spiritual preparation of called men and women. Remember these schools and students with your prayers and financial support.

American Baptist Seminary of the West
Andover Newton Theological School
Central Baptist Theological Seminary
Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological School
Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico
Morehouse School of Religion
Northern Baptist Theological Seminary
Virginia Union University School of Theology

*Jean Kim
Executive Director
Board of Educational Ministries*

**THIS GOOD NEWS WILL BE
PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD**



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March 13, 1994

4th Sunday of Lent

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Ah, Holy Jesus" Ritter
Prelude on "Rockingham" Lani Smith

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Holy God, we come before you thankful that you love us as we are. We are creatures of your hand; we are a community formed by your Spirit. You are the potter; we are the clay. With your sure and loving hands, shape us, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gathered in the presence of God, who asks us to choose between life and death, blessing and curse.

We are gathered like the people of Israel, who were challenged to choose the way of life.

Like them, we often follow the ways of death.

Yet, like them, we have the freedom each day to begin anew by the grace of God.

By our presence here, we are saying that we want to choose life one more time.

Let us praise the God of love and life who has called us to this place.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #40 "To God Be the Glory"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory "Adagio" Henry Purcell

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all. (Isaac Watts)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Numbers 21:4-9, page 134

ANTHEM "Worthy Is The Lamb" Beery

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6*)

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#148

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

MORNING PRAYERS

GOSPEL LESSON John 3:14-21, page 924

MORNING MESSAGE "Born Again"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #233

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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*BENEDICTION FOR LENT

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Serving with those in whom Christ lives, and laboring for those for whom Jesus died.

Go in Faith, Hope and Love!

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE "Yet I Will Rejoice In the Lord" Robert Hughes
(*congregation stands)

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

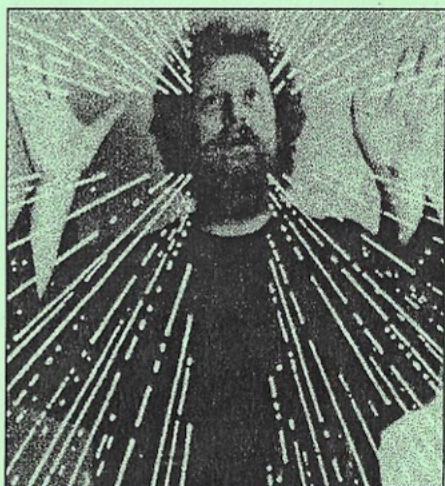
TODAY 12:00 A.B.Y. meeting
1:00 Peace Camp
5:30 Deacon's, at the Stoner's
MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts
TUESDAY 7:00 Cub Scouts
7:00 Board of Christian Education
WEDNESDAY 4:30 Brownies
7:00 Choir
6:30 Marion Assoc. Celebration Banquet
SATURDAY 8:30 Men's Breakfast
11:30 Lenten Luncheon Series
7:00 Adult Social at church. Bring games, Snack food, beverages

Imagine that you are in the home of an early believer, hearing the good news of Jesus Christ for the first time from the lips of Mark himself...

The Gospel According to St. Mark

On Sunday, April 10 at 2:00 p.m. we will be presenting "The Gospel According to St. Mark," a live two-hour solo performance by Emmy-award winning actor Wayne S. Turney. This word-for-word performance of the King James version of Mark is a unique blend of storytelling and drama.

Wayne (the son of Ben and Bernice Turney) has extensive theatrical experience and has travelled the country for over five years performing "Mark" in churches and theatres.



Tickets can be purchased for \$6.00 from Steve Stoner or Rick Van Brimmer. Invite your friends and neighbors!

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Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

*Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord!*

*Blessed is the coming kingdom
of our ancestor David!*

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

— Mark 11 :9

Palm Sunday

As Jesus was coming into Jerusalem, he let the crowds know that he was the Messiah by riding a donkey into the city. Everyone recognized the sign (see Zechariah 9:9). With this action Jesus declared himself the Messiah, the Savior of the world. How did people respond? They threw their cloaks on the road, they waved palm branches, and they shouted!

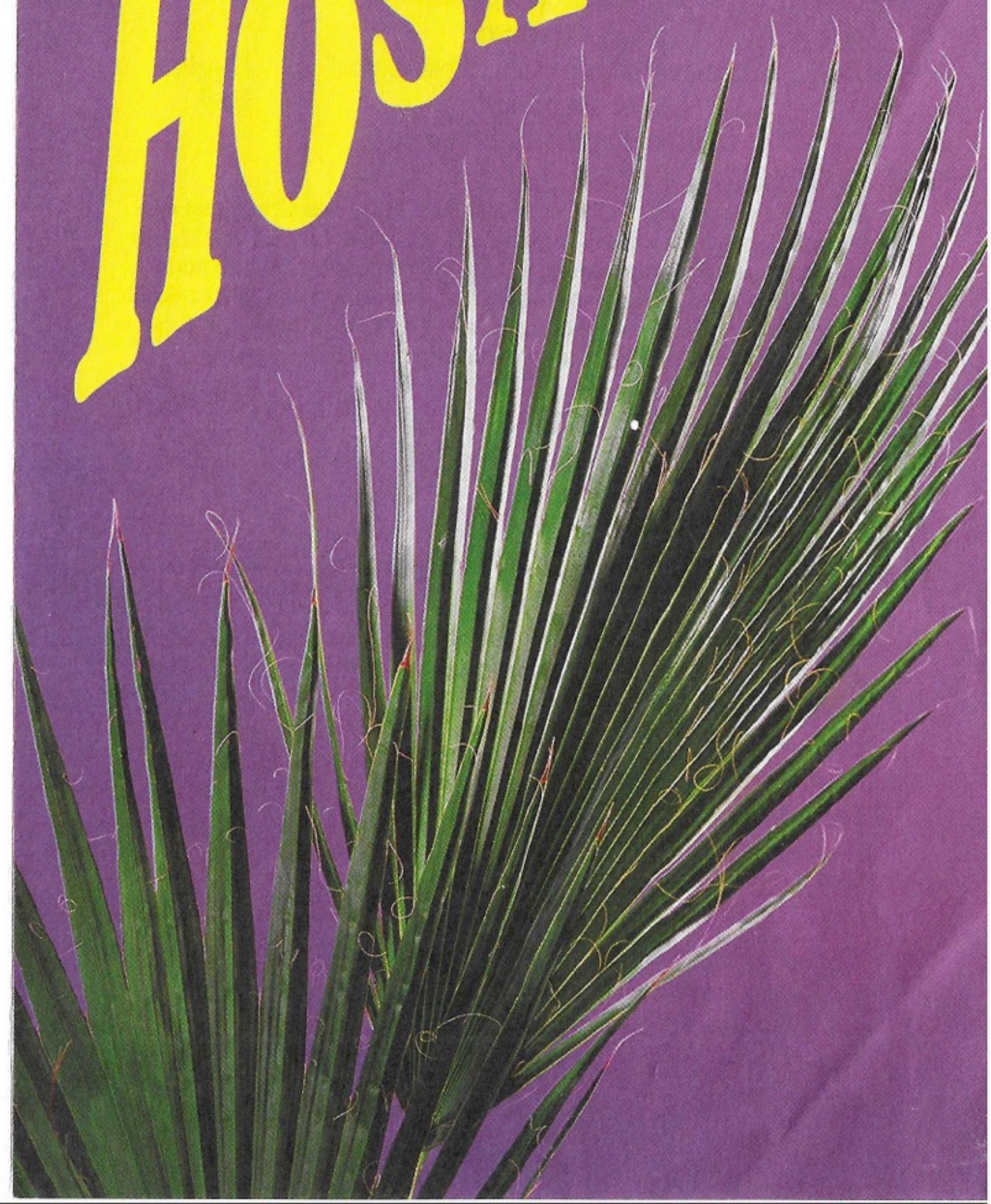
On this Palm Sunday, think about this question: What response will you give Jesus? Will you throw your cloak of commitment? Will you wave a palm branch of recognition? Or will you go before him and shout?

There is a place for those who are daring enough to go ahead of Jesus and announce his coming. There are opportunities to prepare for Jesus to come not only to Jerusalem but also into the hearts of people. That is what church planting is all about. It is to shout "Hosanna!" and to prepare the way for those who need to know Jesus as their Messiah, as their Lord and Savior. What excitement there is for those who go on ahead, for they know the Person behind them!

The Lord may be calling you to become involved in planting a church. What will your response be? Will you forge ahead with the message of his coming to your town, city, or community? As it was then, it is now the time to shout of the Lord's coming and to plant churches that testify of his great presence!

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HOSANNA!



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Palm Sunday

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Festival Prelude on St. Theodulth" *Hughes*
"O Sacred Head" *Bach*
Erin Faulk, flute

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

God of all power and glory, we thank you that Jesus Christ came to Jerusalem not with a word to challenge the power of this world, but with love, recognizing your authority in human life. Enable your church to choose your ways, winning the victory over sin and death. Establish your righteous realm on earth. Use our gifts and our lives to your glory, through Jesus, who comes in your name. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna to the Son of David.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN, #131

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Let us pray...

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

RESPONSIVE READING #625

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Lenten Psalm"

Hutson

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all. (Isaac Watts)

ANTHEM "Draw Near to Your Jerusalem" *Smith*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6)

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #140

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

MORNING PRAYERS

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 14:3-9, page 882

MORNING MESSAGE "What a Waste"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #62

"All Hail the Power"

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*AMEN

*POSTLUDE

"Lift High the Cross"

Smith

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But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him."

—Mark 16:6

Easter Sunday

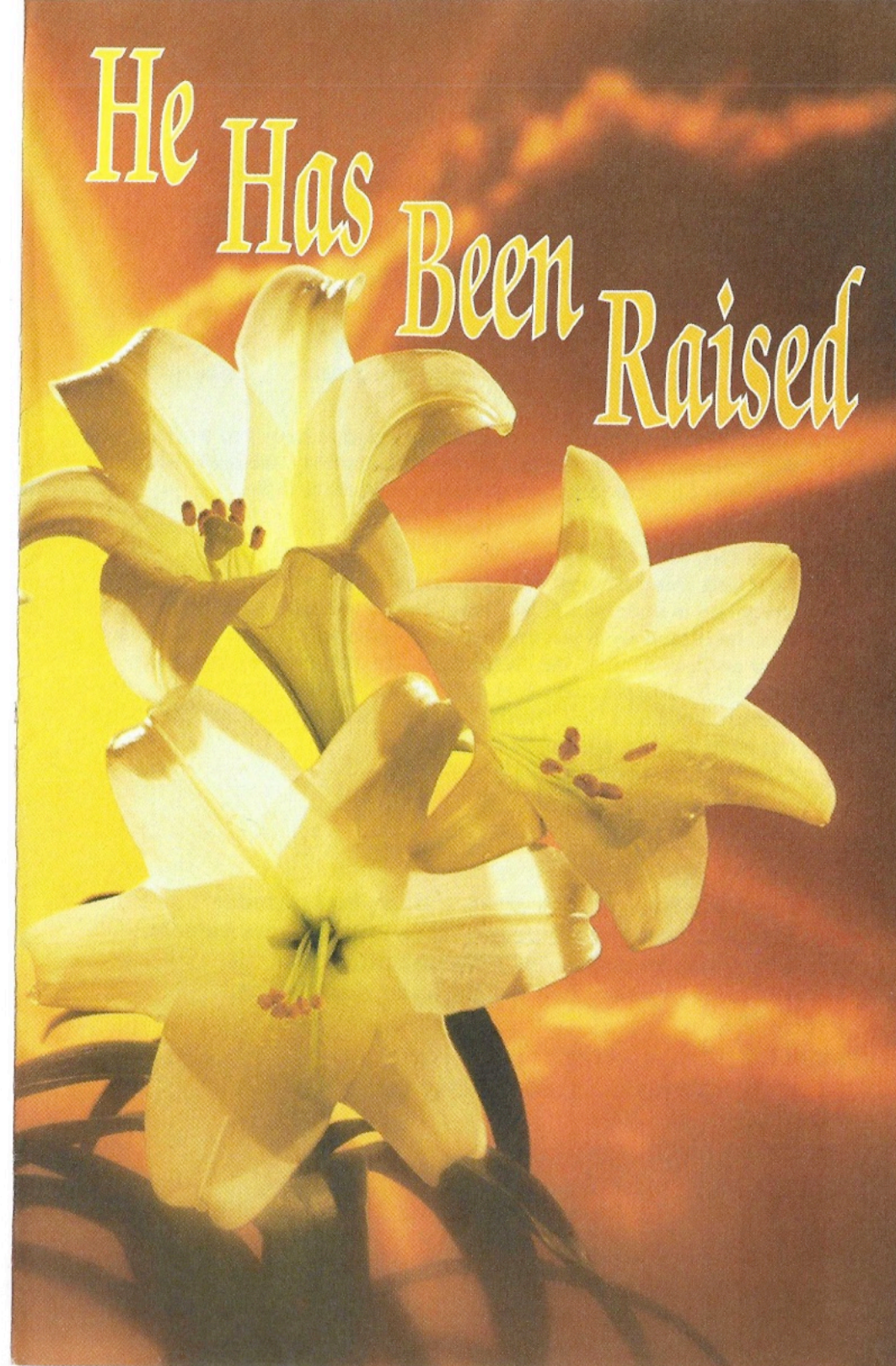
It appears that the disciples had some difficulty comprehending this astounding fact. Jesus had to show his risen body to the disciples in various ways and at various times. (see 1 Corinthians 15) before the truth and the significance of the Resurrection finally dawned on them.

I grew up in Thailand, Pakistan, and India. We saw folks who practiced their various religions with great devotion. I thought to myself, *How can we be sure that Jesus, our prophet, taught ultimate truth rather than the prophet of one of these religions?*

I struggled with this for some years. Then it came to me—God raised Jesus from the dead! The Resurrection, a historical fact, is God's stamp of approval, God's seal of authenticity, on Jesus Christ our Lord. In the Resurrection all of Jesus' teachings are validated and given credibility.

He is risen, and all the things he said about himself are gloriously true!

*Dr. Philip McDaniel
Missionary to Thailand
Board of International Ministries*



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363-7021

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

April 3, 1994

Easter

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Low in the Grave He Lay" *Lowry*
"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" *Sullivan*

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshipping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Dear God, this past week has been one of mixed emotions; of faith struggling to understand. We have greeted you with palm branches; we have sat at table with you to share a farewell meal. We have witnessed your death on a cross. yet on the third day, you come to us again in victory. By this, we know that death is not the final word. As the sun rises to meet a new day, rise in our lives this Easter morning, for you are our hope, our life, and our joy. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain, of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought His people forth, into joy from sadness.
Now rejoice, Jerusalem, And with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strains, Jesus' resurrection.

HYMN OF PRAISE, #163
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

***INVOCATION**
***LORD'S PRAYER** (*Trespases*)
***GLORIA PATRI** #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS
Prayer of Dedication
Offertory "O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing" *Hughes*

Doxology O Jesus, risen now to bless,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
that we may give you all our days
the willing tribute of our praise!
(Latin 5th Century)

ANTHEM "Alleluia, Christ Has Risen" *Loree*
CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6*)

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #515**
"Hope of the World"

MORNING PRAYERS
GOSPEL LESSON Mark 16:1-8, page 886

COMMUNION MEDITATION "What Next?"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING
***HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #168**
"The Day of Resurrection"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)
God of endless possibility, we confess that we do not always perceive the opportunities you place before us. Caught up in our own hopes, plans, dreams and fears, we are slow to see the open pathways you set before us. Open our hearts, that we may accept the new life you offer us, and through our living, proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HOLY COMMUNION

***FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207
***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Festal Piece" *Handel*
(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

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Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Pianist: Betty Porter
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	12:00	A.B.Y. meeting
	1:00	Peace Camp
	1:00	William Street U.M.C., Baptisms
	3:00	Rural Chapel U.M.C., Baptism
MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY	7:30	Choir
THURSDAY	7:00	Maundy Thursday Service
FRIDAY	12:00	Good Friday Service at St. Mary's
SATURDAY	11:30	Lenten Luncheon Series
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00	Early Easter Service
	8:30	Covered-dish breakfast
	9:15	Sunday School
	10:45	Easter Worship

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The rose on the altar this morning is in celebration of the birth of Madison Lathrup Runyan, born on Tuesday, March 22 to Chip and Dianna Runyan. The proud grandmother is Janet Lathrup.

This afternoon, we will be hosting two services of baptism. At 1:00, William Street U.M.C. will be celebrating two baptisms and at 3:00, Rural Chapel U.M.C. will be celebrating one baptism. All are welcome to attend.

The deadline for articles for the April Good Newsletter is tomorrow; Monday, March 28.

Please join us this week for our special Holy Week and Easter services and celebrations.

Now *the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.*

— Acts 4:32-35

The Facts and the Fellowship

Many wondered about the stories and rumors flying around Jerusalem. Could it be that Jesus had risen from the dead? With the gloom and doom of living in bad economic times, the pressures of a powerful government, and the lack of true religious zeal, how could such unbelievable news be true? But it was. Everyone in Jerusalem could go and check out the empty tomb for themselves! The believers spread the gospel fire that flamed in their souls.

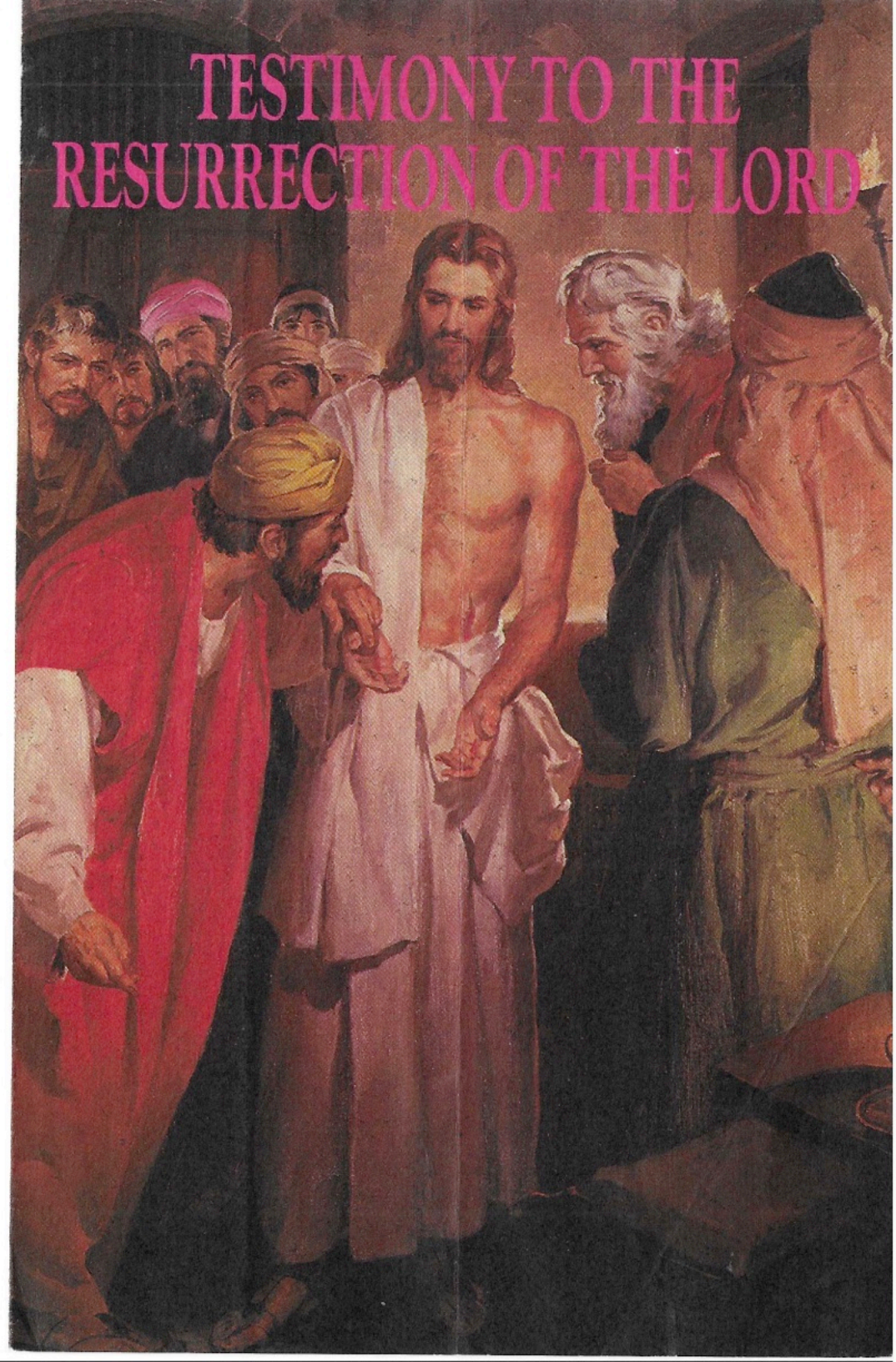
As you read this, a church will be born somewhere in the world. How? With the same three biblical principles that have propelled the church from Jerusalem to every continent:

- the facts of the gospel of Jesus Christ preached,
- the warm fellowship of believers,
- love that reaches and meets every need.

The Lord is looking for those who respond to his message to make new friendships, to share what they have, and to plant a new church. Starting a new church is not hard, it is simply continuing what the Lord started nearly two thousand years ago! Get involved in the largest explosion of fact and fellowship on the planet. Become involved in planting a new church!

*Rev. Phil Thompson
Sunridge Community Church
Hesperia, California*

TESTIMONY TO THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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April 10, 1994 2nd Sunday of Easter

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Air" Blake

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Almighty and everliving God, who, for the confirmation of the faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to be doubtful of your Son's resurrection: grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in your Son Jesus christ, that our faith in your sight may never be reprov'd. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forevermore. Amen.

-Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN OF PRAISE, #160

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1John 1:1-2:2, page 1065

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory "Spring Song" Smith

O Jesus, risen now to bless,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
that we may give you all our day
the willing tribute of our praise!

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6)
*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #190
"We Are Gathered for Thy Blessing"

MORNING PRAYERS

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31, page 945

MORNING MESSAGE "Believing is Seeing"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #481

"So Send I You"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

Livingston

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

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Lay Leader: Deacon Jean Wickum
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Junior Church Leader: Donna Reed

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 2:00 The Gospel According to St. Mark
MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts
7:00 Peace Camp, parsonage
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir
FRIDAY - SUNDAY A.B.Y. Work Camp at Judson Hills
SATURDAY 8:30 Men's Breakfast
9:00 Leadership Workshops, at Karl Rd.

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*I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O LORD, make me
lie down in safety.* — Psalm 4:8

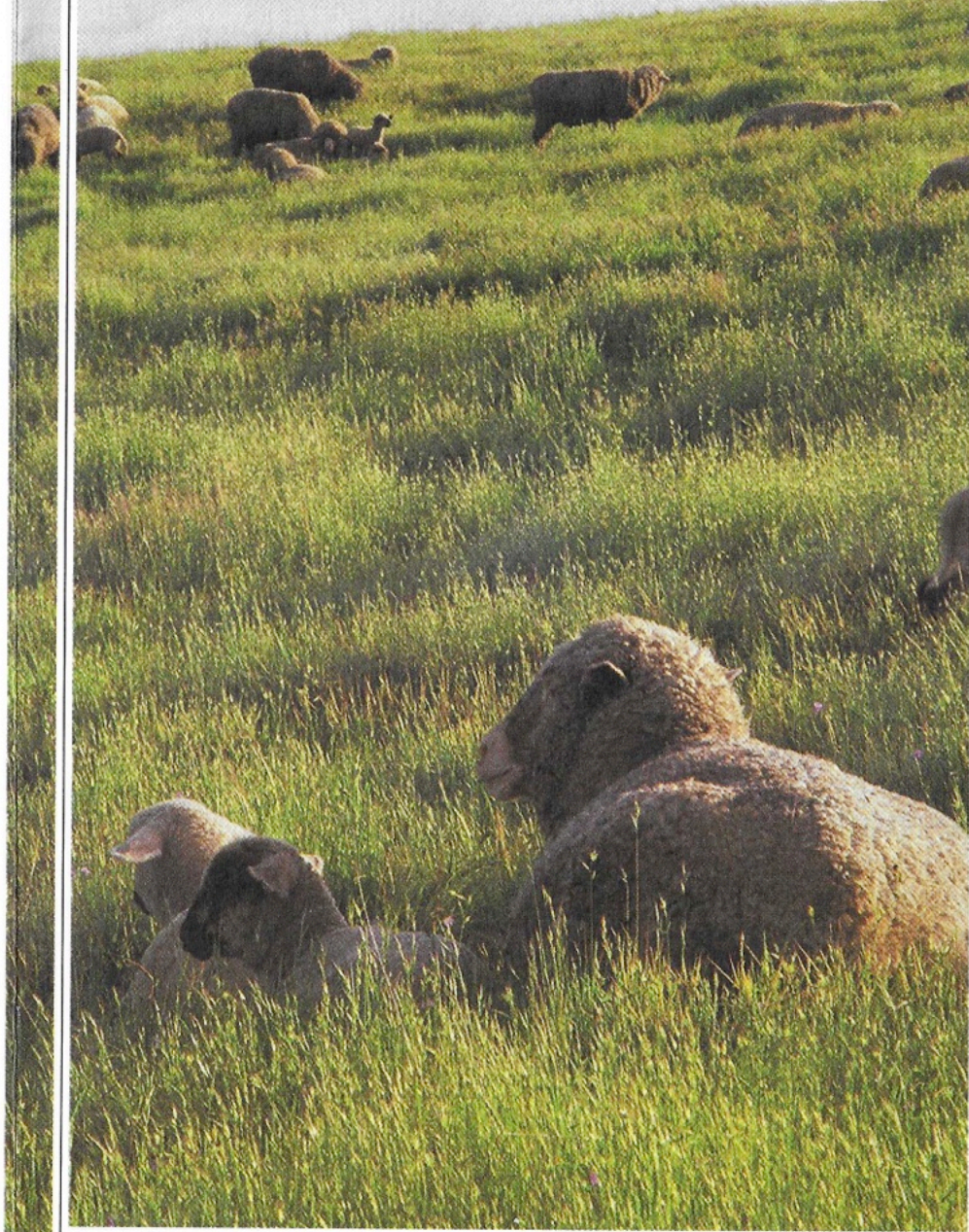
As a young bride whose husband worked the night shift in a service station, I found it hard to go to sleep alone, fearing not only for my own safety but for that of my mate. A retired missionary friend suggested that I repeat Psalm 4:8 as a way of calming myself and strengthening my trust in God's care.

Later, when we served as missionaries in Zaire and Thailand, I took great comfort in this Scripture as we experienced violent political upheavals and culture shock. One night in a Lahu tribal village in northern Thailand where I was participating in a week of weaving seminars, I fell into exhausted sleep on the floor of the pastor's house. The only other person in the room was Dee Nelson, a missionary coworker. About midnight I awoke and realized the room was packed full of slumbering, snoring strangers. The panic I felt was real—for our safety as well as from having our personal space invaded. The next morning I learned they were a gospel team from the Lahu Bible School.

Whether our fears are real or imagined, or only the result of cultural differences, God is faithful in sharing his peace with us.

*Fay Brown
Missionary to Thailand
Board of International Ministries*

FOR YOU ALONE O LORD, MAKE ME LIE DOWN IN PEACE



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April 17, 1994 3rd Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Reflections From a Stained Glass Window" *Rasley*

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

We come before you, O God, in Easter joy, seeking to be a people of the resurrection. Be known among us; grant us the assurance of your presence, your love, and your renewing power. Through your Word and Spirit, reveal to us your purpose in our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As in the days of Jesus the blind received their sight,

People: So may we see you, O Gracious Savior.

Leader: As we receive our sight, as we see you more clearly,

People: May we also see our sister and our brother; the hungry and the poor, those who are black, brown, white, yellow; those who live next door, and those who live half a world away; all of them are neighbor to us when we call you Christ.

All.: Open our eyes as we sing, open our hearts as we pray, open our lives as we worship you this day.

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

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1John 3:1-7, page 1066

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Little Offertory in D" *Broughton*

O Jesus, risen now to bless,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
that we may give you all our day
the willing tribute of our praise!

ANTHEM "Awake Thou Wintry Earth" *Blackburn*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6*)

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#350

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

MORNING PRAYERS

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:36b-48, page 920

MORNING MESSAGE "Skeptical Joy"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #344

"Be Thou My Vision"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE "Song of Salvation" *Beachwood*

(*congregation stands)

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Organist: Betty Porter

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Junior Church Leader: Donna Reed

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	5:30	Deacons, at the church
MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scouts
TUESDAY	7:00	Board of Christian Ed., at Ministeri's
	7:00	Cub Scouts
WEDNESDAY	4:30	Brownies
	7:00	Choir
THURSDAY	10:00	A.B.W. Min. Brunch at 1st Sunbury
	7:00	A.B.W. Ministries, at the church

Please note the following corrections to your April newsletter: Everyone is invited to attend our quarterly business meeting on Wednesday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a covered-dish to share and your own table service. There will be no parish council meeting on Thursday, April 28.

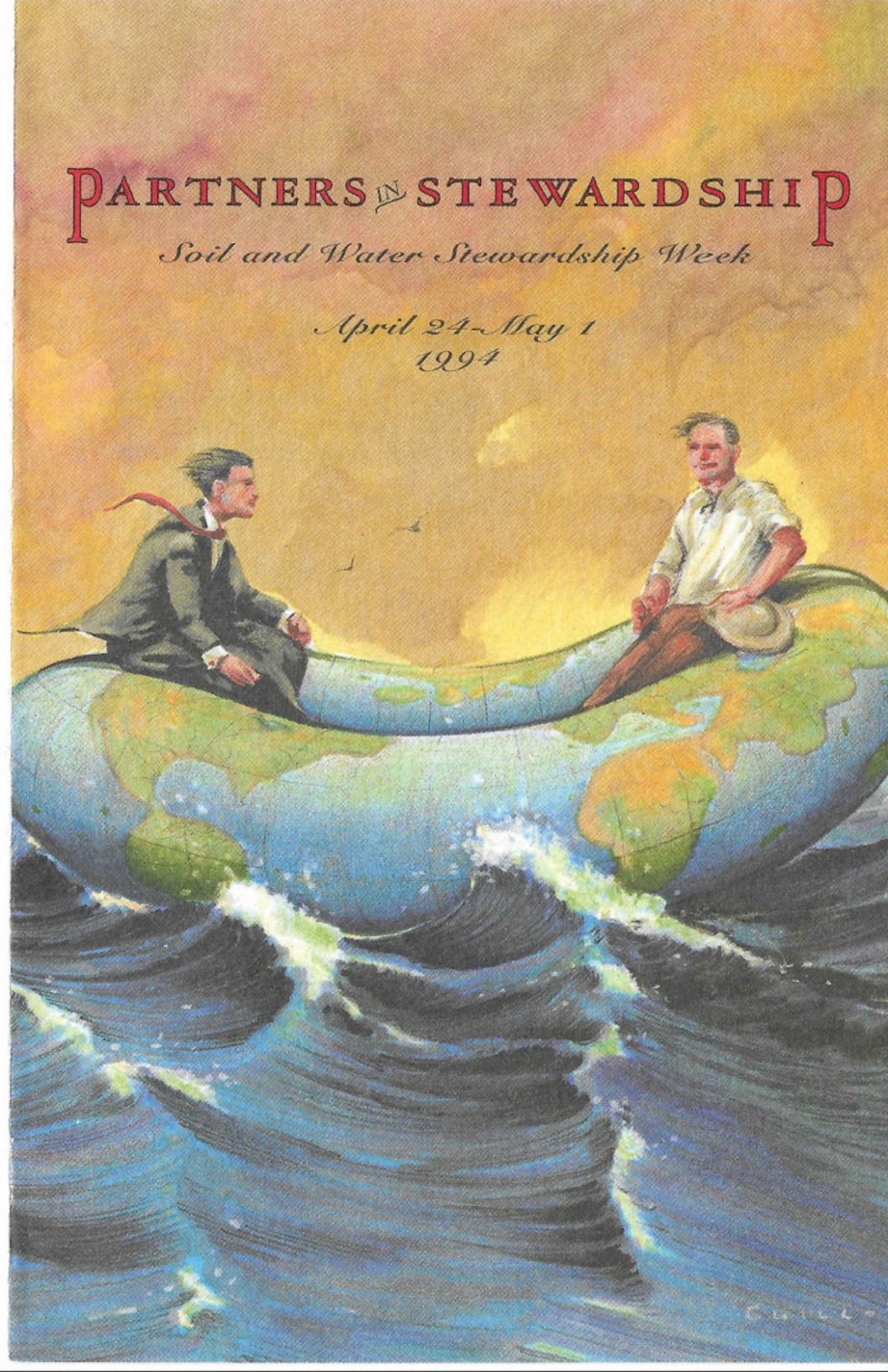
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WALK TOGETHER
EXCEPT THEY BE AGREED?

Amos 3:3

As you fulfill your stewardship responsibility, consider ways
you can partner with others to care for God's Creation.



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April 24, 1994

4th Sunday of Easter

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth" *Mendelssohn*
PRAYER OF MEDITATION

God, with great gentleness and care, you call us to be your people and to do your work. Be here with us today, for we come, asking for your support in all we do. We need your love, transforming our lives in hope. Be with us, we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive Reading #598 (top)

*** HYMN OF PRAISE, #37**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

***INVOCATION**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (*Trespases*)

***GLORIA PATRI #576**

LITANY (Insert)

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Adagio"

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O Jesus, risen now to bless,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
that we may give you all our day
the willing tribute of our praise!

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:11-18, page 933

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6*)

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#435**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 23, page 476

MORNING MESSAGE "A Good Friend"

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #321**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

***BENEDICTION**

***ALLELUIA**

***POSTLUDE**

"March On In Victory"

Paxton

(*congregation stands)

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Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Junior Church Leader: Donna Reed

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	12:00	A.B.Y.
	1:00	Peace Camp
MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY	6:30	Quarterly Business Meeting
FRIDAY	6:30	Mother-Daughter Banquet
SATURDAY	3:00	Adult/A.B.Y. Bowling Party

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Everyone is invited to attend our quarterly business meeting this coming Wednesday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a covered-dish to share and your own table service.

All women and girls of the church are invited to attend the Mother-Daughter Banquet, this Friday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. The women of Radnor Baptist Church have graciously invited us to be their guests again this year. Please bring a dish to share. Table service will be provided.

The May newsletter deadline is Monday, April 25. Please get your articles to Jim Stephenson or leave them in the newsletter box at the church.

LITANY 1994

Leader: Great God who has placed all of us on this earth.

People: Let us praise You with one voice.

Leader: For us who live today, may we be faithful of our trust for those tomorrow.

People: Let us praise You with one voice.

Leader: Help us to balance our hope between the icon of technology
and the icon of tradition.

People: Build bridges of understanding between us, O God.

Leader: Give us insight to balance the care-givers of the soil with the
aggressive drive of business.

People: Build bridges of understanding between us, O God.

Leader: Challenge us to render a faithful stewardship through our public institutions.

People: Give us your vision in our hearts, O God.

Leader: Make a new covenant with your faithful servants in commerce and industry.

People: Give us your vision in our hearts, O God.

Leader: Enlighten our path to a sustainable world with dignity for all peoples.

People: God's praises we sing in grateful devotion.

Leader: God of all wisdom, call us to a partnership with You and all the faithful.

People: God's praises we sing in grateful devotion.

Amen.



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Recycled Paper

*A gracious woman gets honor . . .
—Proverbs 11:16*

Mother's Day

As we honor mothers today, we are recognizing what it means to be gracious.

Grace and the related words *gracious* and *graceful* describe a characteristic that is often overlooked but without which the lives of ordinary people would be miserable. A gracious deed is one done out of kindness, mercy, or love. It is not something that is based on an expected payback, either in kind or cash.

The Supreme Gracious One is God, and through God's gracious acts toward humankind, we learn to be "grace-full." In the Old Testament, God is gracious toward Israel; in the New Testament that grace becomes flesh in Jesus Christ.

Since Mother's Day is the climax of Christian Family Week with the theme "Strengthening Families for Change," let us reflect on two women who strengthened their families by being gracious. In First Kings 17 we read of the Widow of Zarephath, who shared with the prophet Elijah what she thought was the last morsel she and her son had. She expected to soon starve to death. The widow and her son were blessed for her gracious spirit when the prophet enabled them to have on-going provisions. In Acts 9:36-42 there is a brief but powerful mention of Tabitha, who was beloved by her community for her generosity and gracious ways.

When we look to the future, we need to maintain our salute to mothers who are gracious and to ask ourselves, What are the other ways that the church and community can teach and honor gracious attitudes and behaviors in the coming generations?

*Virginia Sargent
Director of Black Church Education
Board of Educational Ministries*

Today

Jeana

Jenny

Janis

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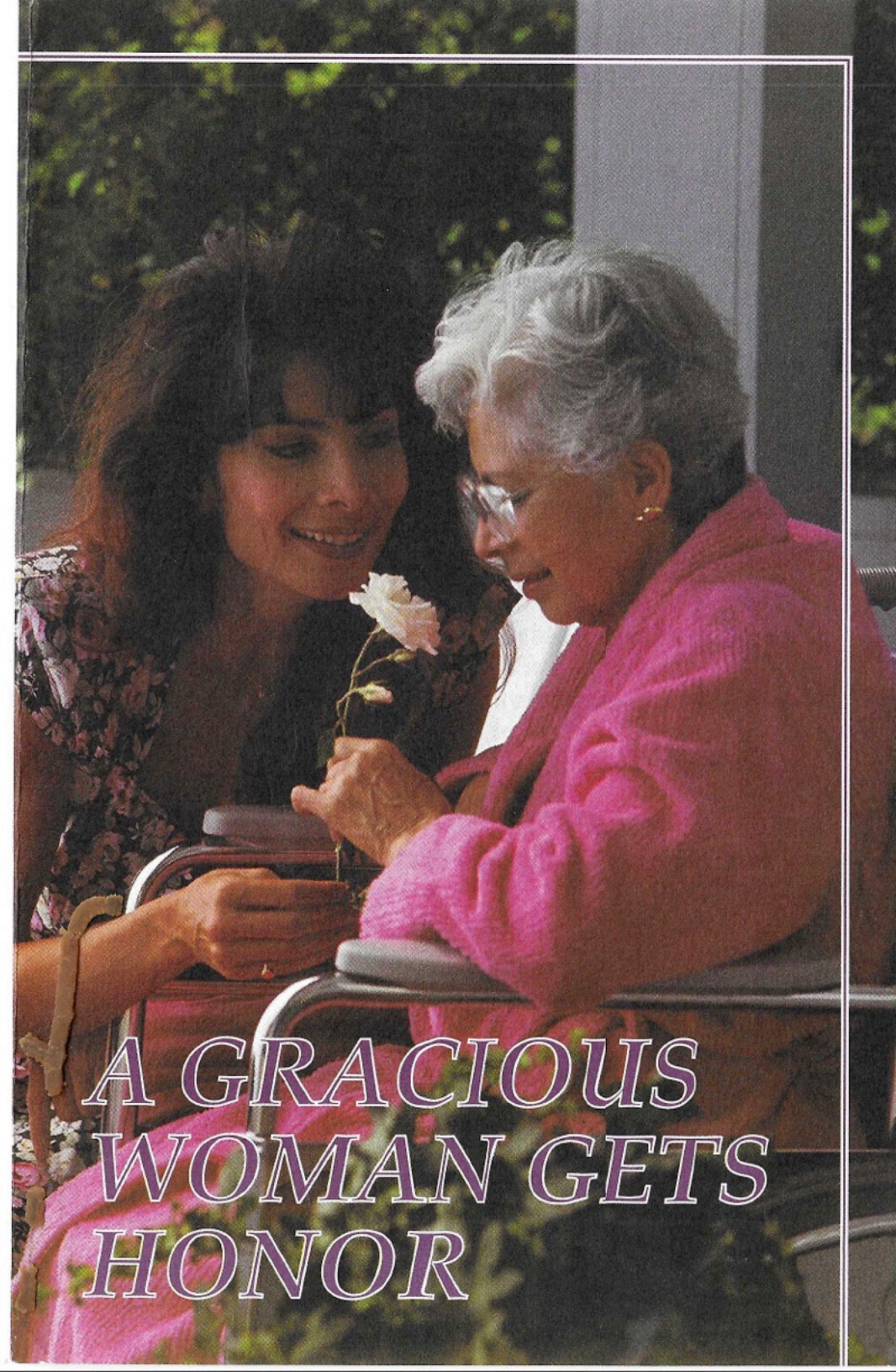
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- Chip + Wilma

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**A GRACIOUS
WOMAN GETS
HONOR**

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May 8, 1994

Mother's Day

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Love Divine, whose mercies are fresh with the morning and whose grace amazes us into joy: Grant that, in our worship and in our daily living, we may be deeply aware of the strength of your mercy. Move us to share that strength in the world. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us open our hearts to the sunshine of God's love.

Let us open our souls to the gentle wind of God's Spirit.

We have gathered to hear the good news of Jesus Christ,

A Word that renews us again and again.

Glory be to God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,

who loves, saves and renews us. Amen.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE, #55**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

***INVOCATION**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (*Trespases*)

***GLORIA PATRI #576**

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1John 4:1-11, page 1067

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

O Jesus, risen now to bless,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
that we may give you all our days
the willing tribute of our praise!

ANTHEM "Happy the Home When God Is There"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6*)

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#364**

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Thee"

MORNING PRAYERS

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 15:9-17, page 939

MORNING MESSAGE "Easier Said Than Done"

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #498**

"Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

***BENEDICTION**

***ALLELUIA**

***POSTLUDE**

(*congregation stands)

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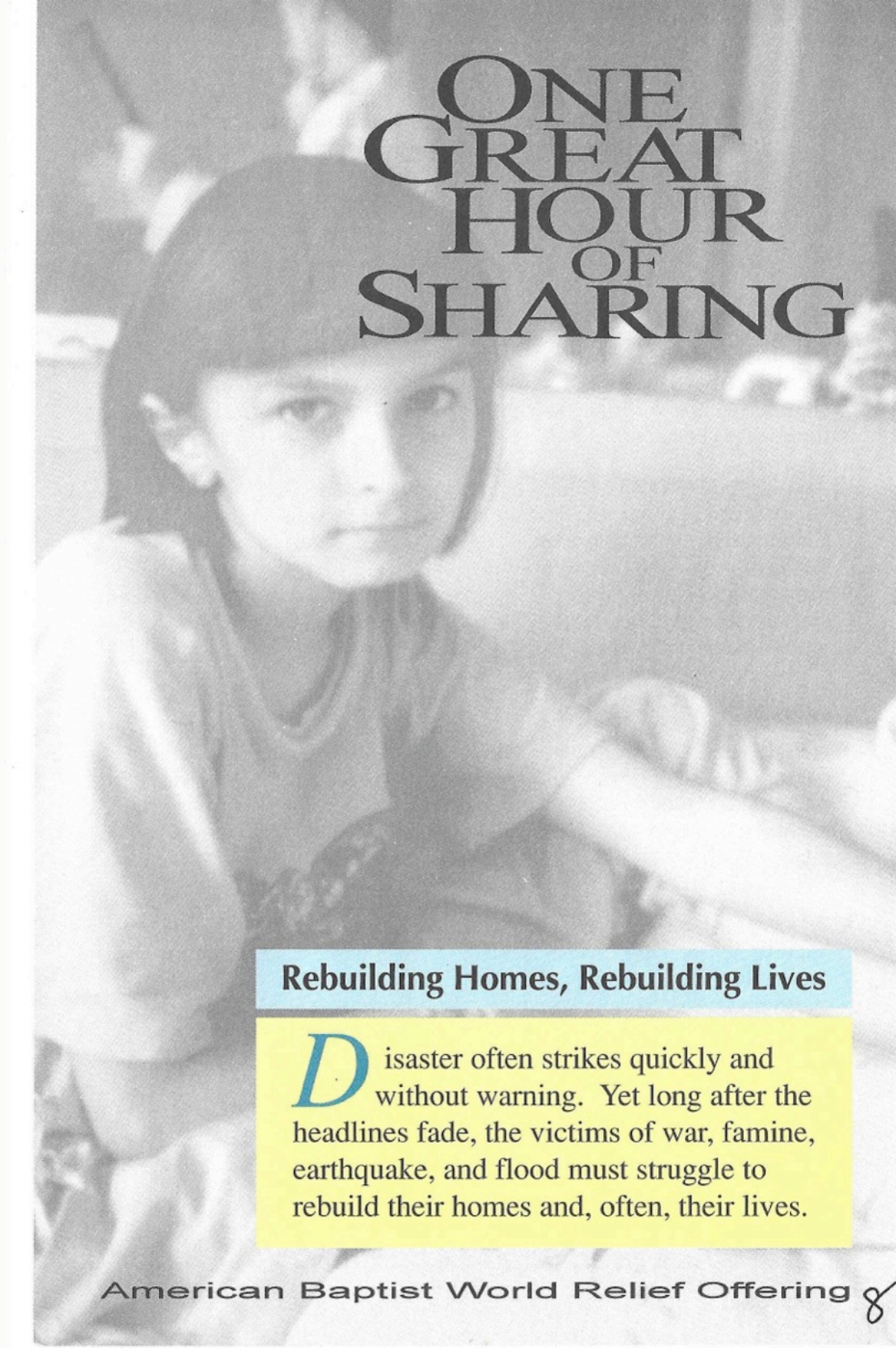
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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts
7:00 Peace Camp, at the church
TUESDAY 7:00 Cub Scouts
WEDNESDAY 12:00 Young at Heart
7:00 Choir
8:00 Trustees
FRIDAY 7:30 Teacher's Appreciation Dessert
SATURDAY 9:00 All-Church Yard & Bake Sale

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The carnations on the altar are in honor of Mother's Day. We invite all mothers and women of the church to take a flower with them as they leave.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Rebuilding Homes, Rebuilding Lives

Disaster often strikes quickly and without warning. Yet long after the headlines fade, the victims of war, famine, earthquake, and flood must struggle to rebuild their homes and, often, their lives.

GIVE HOPE

It will not be easy for the millions of war victims in the former Yugoslavia to rebuild their homes and lives. Still mourning the loss of loved ones who have died in the bitter civil war, survivors must face the losses of home, community, and employment. Many do not know where their next meal will come from—or where they will find shelter....

GIVE HELP

It will not be easy for residents of Northridge, California to rebuild their homes and lives. Following the earthquake that destroyed their homes last January, thousands of Californians continue to fear for their future. They fear they will lose their homes for good. They fear for their jobs. They fear going to bed at night....

GIVE LOVE

It is not easy for 16,000 young African boys waiting in the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya to hope for a better life. Many of the boys, ages 12 to 20, were impressed into military service and forced to clear minefields. Their missing limbs are reminders of their cruel treatment. They hope to be reunited with their families and rebuild their lives—someday....

GIVE NOW

It has not been easy for flood victims in the US Midwest to recover from the raging waters that deprived them of their possessions, their farms and businesses, churches and homes. Many are retired or elderly people on fixed incomes. Farmers, who had no harvest last year, now have no money to plant again. Rebuilding a business, a home, a life can take a very long time.

One Great Hour of Sharing gives American Baptists an opportunity to relieve some of the seemingly endless suffering in our world. We can make a difference. Grain, blankets, clothing, counseling, education, medical supplies, hammers, dry wall, seeds, technical assistance—are building blocks that enable the oppressed, the depressed, and the discouraged to begin to reconstruct their homes, their confidence, and their lives.

Jesus reached out in love and compassion to those who suffered around him. We can do the same through *One Great Hour of Sharing*. Our generous gifts to the American Baptist World Relief Offering give hope, help, love—and life.

American Baptist Churches USA



Many have undertaken to set down an orderly account.
— Luke 1:1

Baptist Heritage Day

The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles were written by a physician/historian. His precise mind made him attentive to detail, truth, and accuracy. It seemed good to him, as one who had followed the events of Jesus' ministry closely, to write an "orderly account" for Theophilus so that he might know the truth concerning the things of which he had been informed.

Luke was called by God to preserve both the story of the life of Jesus and the history of the apostolic church. God calls people of every generation to the special task of preserving the history of the church, its mission and its ministry. The entire story is never told, but some of the events are recorded to guide and inspire present and future generations.

In 1909 Mary Elizabeth Trowbridge wrote the *History of Baptists in Michigan*. It is a wonderful account of the experiences of the earliest Baptist settlers there and the missionaries and pastors who ministered to them. This wife of a Michigan pastor wrote of events she had followed closely. She understood well the role of women in the churches and produced a balanced and complete history.

Other women historians, such as Helen Barrett Montgomery, Bertha Grimmell Judd, and Marietta Hooper Safford, also responded to the call to write orderly accounts of events they had witnessed by recording the stories of women missionaries and those at home who recruited and supported them. Baptist women historians are few, but their work is vitally important because they include people and events often overlooked.

Our precious heritage—the wonderful stories of those men and women who have affected the world so profoundly—is available to us because of the efforts of Baptist historians who have faithfully followed Luke's example.

Beverly Clark Carlson
Administrator/Archivist
American Baptist Historical Society

Dinner for Faulks
Movie w/ Millie
Shopping w/ Teresa
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**Many Have Undertaken
To Set Down An
Orderly Account**

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May 15, 1994 7th Sunday of Easter

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Trio in F" *Lasky*

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Giver of all good gifts, we thank you for your presence deeply embedded in our lives, and for entering our lives fully in your human face: Jesus Christ. You know our uneasiness with the claims that faith makes upon our lives, yet you linger with us in our struggle and we know we are not alone. We are thankful that you have not abandoned us and that your Spirit continues to comfort us in our search for truth. Encourage us to live the truth we find and guide us to seek the truth yet undiscovered. We are thankful for the bond of love and faith which connects us with other seekers around us and with you, as we live in this family of faith. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN OF PRAISE, #466

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 17:6-19, page 941

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Tranquility" *Lasky*

O Jesus, risen now to bless,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
that we may give you all our days
the willing tribute of our praise!
Amen.

INQUIRER'S CLASS RECOGNITION

ANTHEM "Breathe On Me, Breath of God" *Wagner*
CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6*)

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#203

"I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, page 947

MORNING MESSAGE "Who Needs It?"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #326

"God of Our Life, through All the Circling Years"

(*If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.*)

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE "Allegro" *Handel*

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett
Lay Leader: Deacon Kirby Francis
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Junior Church Leader: Stefanie Ministeri & Natalie Mowery

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 12:30 Deacons
7:00 Gospel Concert
MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts
TUESDAY 7:00 Board of Christian Education
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir
FRIDAY 6:00 Inquirer's Class & Mentors Party
SATURDAY 8:30 Men's Breakfast
7:00 Baptrek II

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The Retreat Committee would like to thank all those who contributed to and/or worked at the Yard and Bake Sale yesterday. Your efforts are appreciated.

*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a
cheerful giver.*

—2 Corinthians 9:7

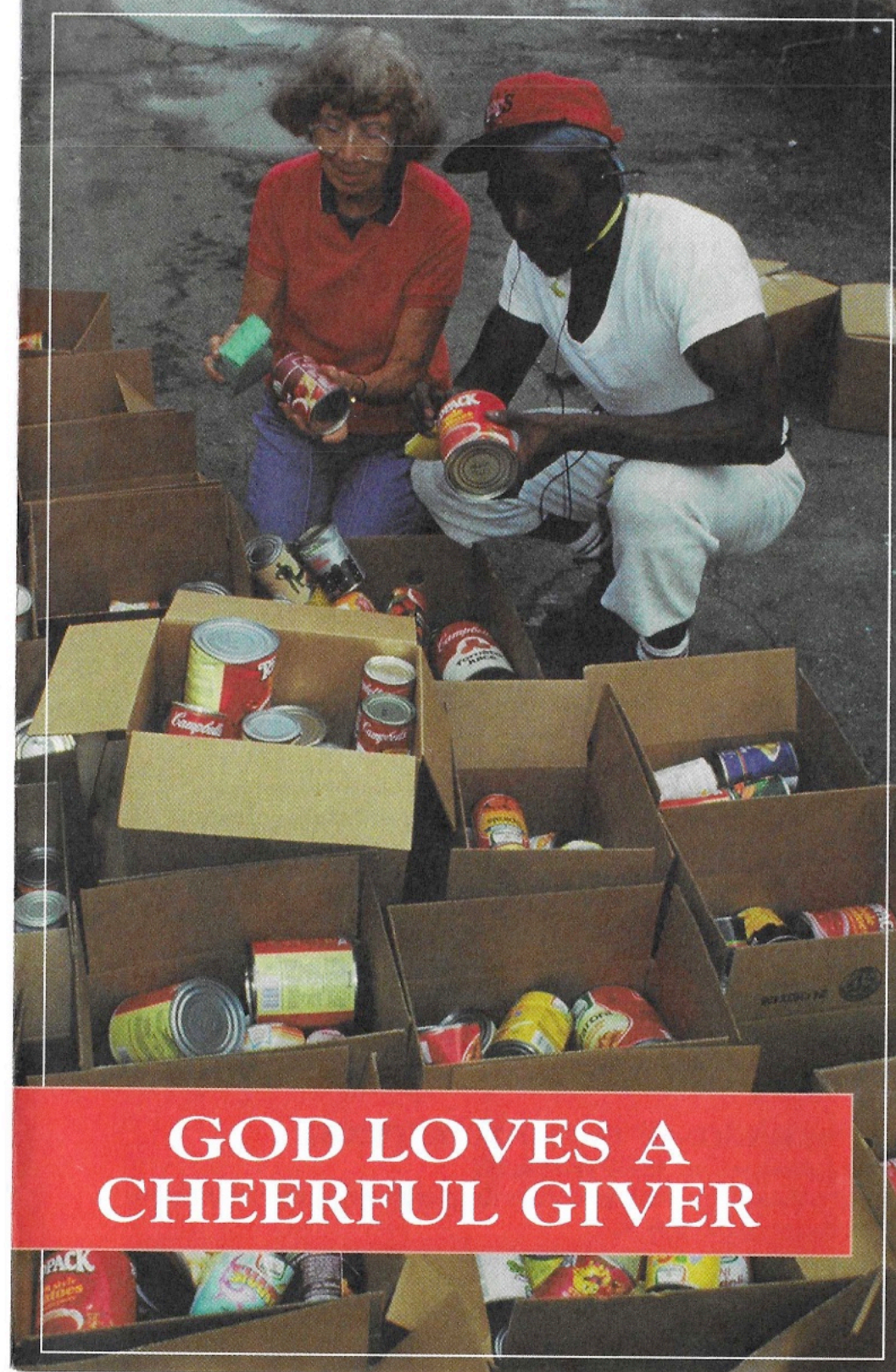
In Old Testament Scriptures many things are prescribed—when to celebrate God’s holy days, how and what to eat, how much of one’s produce must be given on the altar. God carefully offered specific guidelines for those who were struggling to be faithful.

Jesus was not always as specific. In coming to earth to show us the spirit of the law of God, he often left the details up to us—telling us to love one another is not nearly as precise as writing laws upon tablets of stone! The apostle Paul also lived his life by the spirit of the law. Since God has given us everything in abundance, we should respond with great generosity—much as Paul did by voluntarily devoting his life to the gospel.

However, devotion is hard to measure in times such as ours. Short of giving up everything, how do we know how much is enough to constitute a “cheerful giver”? When driving to a place we have never before visited, we often take a map. When paying a bill in a restaurant, we can find it helpful to have a chart to figure the appropriate tip for the server. In deciding “how much is enough” as we respond to God’s grace by giving to the church, why not start with the Old Testament standard—the tithe? Counting in tenths was a legal requirement for the Israelites. Jesus set us free by bringing the gift of grace, and asked for even more than a tenth in return. Paul encouraged us to make up our minds to give gladly as much as possible.

God loves cheerful givers. God also wants us to measure carefully and weigh deliberately our response to the blessings of God’s love. Tithing, giving 10 percent of one’s income to the work of God through the church, is a practical, biblical, and cheerful way to give.

*Rev. Nancy E. Forsstrom
Director of Leadership Gifts and Planned Giving
Andover Newton Theological Seminary*



**GOD LOVES A
CHEERFUL GIVER**

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May 22, 1994 Pentecost

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" Hegarty
"Come, Spirit of God" Denton

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing and renewing and healing us with the power of your loving Spirit, that we may live with purpose and enthusiasm and courage after the manner of Jesus, who was truly whole. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*A mighty wind has blown,
And tongues of fire have danced!
The presence of the Spirit is with us,
Just as Jesus the Christ promised.
The presence of the Spirit moves and gathers us into community.
The Spirit moves us to lives of nurturing and challenging one another, celebrating and witnessing.
Let us marvel at God's power,
God's power at work in and through us.*

* HYMN OF PRAISE, #190

"We Are Gathered for Thy Blessing"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR PENTECOST

We believe in God, the Creator Spirit,
who moved upon the face of the deep at the beginning of creation,
who created all that is,
and who spoke through the prophets of old.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
into whom God's Spirit was poured in fullness and in power,

that the whole creation might be restored and unified;
and who promised that the Spirit would come
and fill the faithful with power to witness
to the mighty love of God.

We wait on the Spirit today with longing hearts,
seeking to be empowered to witness to God's love in Christ,
with fresh words and courageous actions of love and hope.
Glory be to God—Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit—now and always.
Amen.

SOLO "Basics of Life" Dawn Whitacre
SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 2:1-21, page 948

MISSION MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory Solo - Dawn Whitacre
"More The Wonderful"
Response (Doxology)

God of our lives whose call comes clear
through Jesus Christ, your presence near,
by Spirit led, your will we heed,
your grace to show in word and deed. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6*)

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#187

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ezekiel 37:1-14, page 747

MORNING MESSAGE "Can These Bones Live?"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #196

"O Breath of Life"

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or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church,
you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

"Jubilation"

Callender

(*congregation stands)

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 Lay Leader: Deacon Kirby Francis
 Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
 Soloist: Dawn Whittacker
 Junior Church Leader: Stefanie Ministeri & Natalie Mowery

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 1:00 Peace Camp
 MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts
 WEDNESDAY 1:30 CROP Walk Meeting
 7:00 Choir
 THURSDAY 7:00 Parish Council

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We welcome Dawn Renee Whitacre and her family to our service of worship this morning. The Whitacre family are past members of First Baptist who now live in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Dawn is a senior at Reynoldsburg High School where she is very active in the music program. After graduation, Dawn plans to go to college to study music.

The Newsletter deadline is Monday, May 30. Please put your articles in the newsletter box or give them to Larry Faulk.

Unknown But to God

They say that Arlington National Cemetery is nearly out of room. Unless they go to double graves, few will be buried there in coming years.

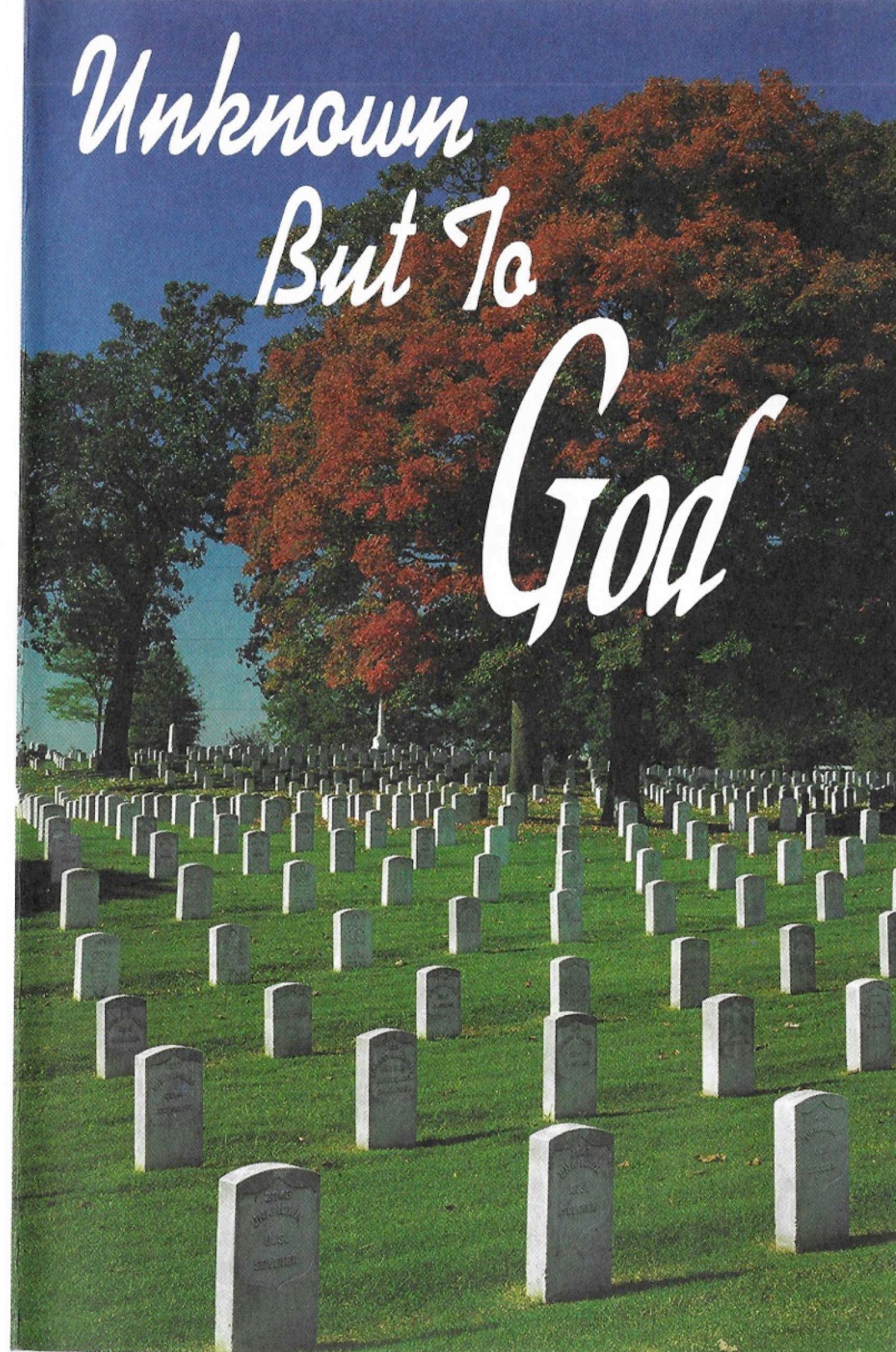
On the hillside above that beautiful spot are the graves of the “Unknowns” from World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. The bodies of many service persons killed in action were unidentifiable. Their bodies could not be returned for burial. So, bodies of unknown service persons have been buried at Arlington symbolizing all those lost but unidentified.

Daily there is a military guard on duty. Daily people come to visit the graves—some out of curiosity, most out of a sense of appreciation for what American freedom has cost. For many families whose loved one’s bodies were not identified, Arlington is the place where they focus their grief and look for healing.

Many across America have “lost” loved ones. No, they were not killed in action. They just left home, too often never to return. Contact is lost. Families do not know if the loved one is alive. Parents grieve these lost ones, but they do not have an Arlington Cemetery to focus their loss and grief.

We know, however, that these people are not lost to God. God keeps track and seeks to bring them to relationship with God and with family. Christian believers and their local congregations are one point through which God expresses this continuing love. Individuals and congregations need always to keep their eyes and hearts open to those wandering in or through their community. Each person is a son or daughter from a family, no matter how stretched that definition may become. And, each person is *known to God*. God allows us to be agents, partners in God’s love. Maybe we can be the person through whom God rescues a lost and wandering soul.

*Rev. William C. Cline
Director, New Church Planting
Board of National Ministries*



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Peace
• SUNDAY •



The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

May 29, 1994

Peace Sunday

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Faith of Our Fathers" *Mansfield*
"In Memoriam" *Martin*

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God, supreme power of the universe, we thank you that you care about us. When we think of your vast creation, we are amazed that you are mindful of us. Yet we dare to ask you to come and be known among us. Rule among us. We are your people. Fill us with your Spirit of life, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship the eternal God, the Source of Love and life, who creates us.
Let us worship Jesus Christ, the Risen One, who lives among us.
Let us worship the Spirit, the Holy Fire, who renews us.
To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ!

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

* **INVOCATION**

* **LORD'S PRAYER** (*Trespases*)

* **GLORIA PATRI #576**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 8:4-11; 16-20, page 239

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy God, we acknowledge to you, to ourselves, and to one another that we are not what you have called us to be. We have not stood by our faith, shared our hope, or reached out with love. We have done unkind and shameful deeds, and we have left undone deeds which could have made a difference in the lives of those around us. We have failed to speak and act for peace and justice in our world. Have mercy upon our repentance, forgive our sin, and change our lives, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT
GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Lyric Offertory"

Hegarty

Praise God the Source of life and birth.
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honor to God's name. Amen.

ANTHEM "There Is a Balm in Gilead" *Smith*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6*)

* **HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #177**

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

MORNING PRAYERS

MORNING MESSAGE "What's the Difference?"

* **HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #519**

"Peace in Our Time, O Lord"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* **BENEDICTION**

* **ALLELUIA**

* **POSTLUDE** "Lead On, O King Eternal" *Broughton*

(*congregation stands)

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir
THURSDAY 10:00 A.B.W. Ministries Sewing Group
SATURDAY 9:00 Pastoral Relations at Linn's

*Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not call upon the LORD?
There they shall be in great terror,
for God is with the company of the righteous
You would confound the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is their refuge.*

—Psalm 14:4-6

One Great Hour of Sharing

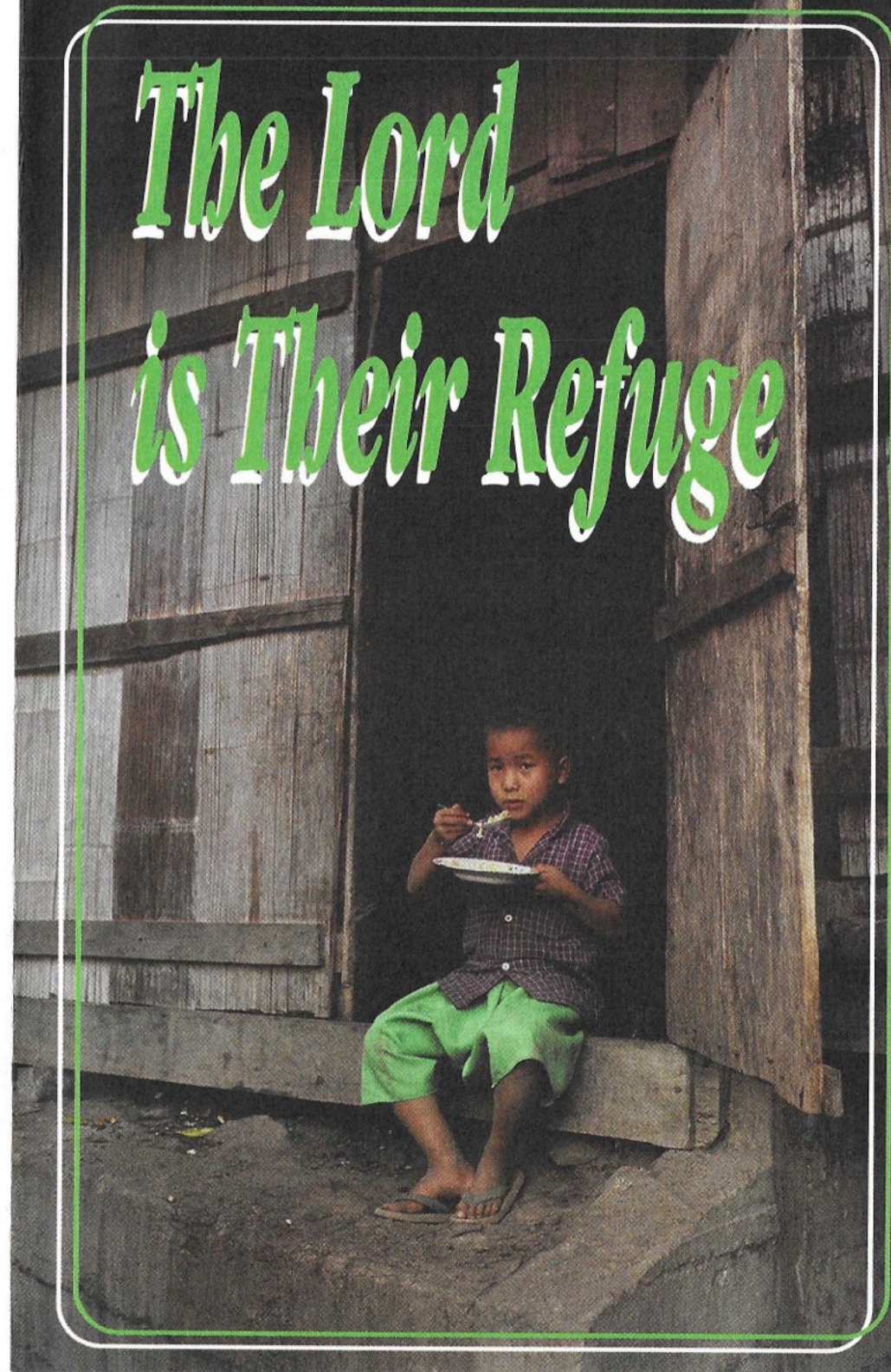
Senad Talic and his wife, Mina, and their infant son, Jasmine, lived on a chicken farm in Kozarac, Bosnia. The Talics are Muslims. Without warning at 2 A.M. on May 26, 1992, Serbs arrived at the Talic home and herded them into the street. Senad was shoved onto a bus with about 120 other men. Bodies were stacked four and five high. In detention camps, Talic's liver and kidneys were severely bruised by beatings and torture. He wondered where his wife and child were or whether he'd ever see them again. Mina and Jasmine had also been bused to a detention camp. They were not beaten, but young girls—ages fourteen and fifteen—were raped and sometimes left for dead by Serbian soldiers. The Red Cross helped Talic find his family by spreading word throughout the refugee camps. When Mina and Jasmine were located, the family was reunited on December 14. Having survived separation and ruthless treatment in their homeland, the Talics wanted a new life in a new country.

The Bosnian Muslim Talic family found refuge in the United States on June 21, 1993. Their move was sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Oregon City, Oregon. The Talics were among 11,390 refugees resettled by the American Baptist Churches in conjunction with Church World Service from January 1, 1992, to June 30, 1993. The refugees fled from twenty-nine countries, including Burma, Haiti, Vietnam, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Cuba and Zaire. Approximately one-fifth of the refugees sponsored by the denomination are Baptist. The worldwide population of refugees and asylum seekers stood at 17,556,900 as of December 31, 1992.

Providing places of refuge for refugees, in the name of our Lord, is the mandate of the Immigration and Refugee Services of our denomination. This specialized ministry is supported by the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. It is through One Great Hour of Sharing that American Baptists provide emergency relief, refugee resettlement, and development assistance to people in need around the world and here at home.

*Matthew R. Giuffrida
Director of Immigration and Refugee Services
Board of National Ministries*

The Lord is Their Refuge



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Victor Fogle, Natalie Mowery & Jarrod Trigg, preaching
June 5, 1994 Children's Day

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Children of the Heavenly Father" Hughes

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshipping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God, yesterday is memory. Tomorrow is the unknown. We have only today to open our hearts to others. May they find with us what we've found with you. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in this place
While we gather 'round the world.
We speak in many tongues.
Yet we proclaim the same faith.
We come in many colors, textures, sizes and shapes; and are drawn from diverse cultures and circumstances.
In common, we have Your love.
In common, we have Your peace.
In common, we have Your hope.
Creator God, in this One Great Hour of Sharing
We lift our hearts to Your grace,
Our hands in Your service,
Our voices to praise Your Holy name.
Now and with each new day, let us worship God!

Liz Hopkins

HYMN OF PRAISE, #14

"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

*INVOCATION
*LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)
*GLORIA PATRI #576

Erin Faulk

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "I'm God's Kid"
"Kids Under Construction"

LITANY (Insert) Stefanie Ministeri

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS Micah Stoner

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory "Jesus Loves Me" *Traditional*
Praise God the Source of life and birth.
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honor to God's name. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTIONS

YOUTH CHOIR Special Music

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Aric Mompher

*In honor of Children's day, all children are invited to remain in church for the rest of today's service.

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING (Insert)
"Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands"

MORNING PRAYERS Matthew Lovell

SCRIPTURE LESSON Marci Sander

MORNING MESSAGE

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING "Children of the Lord" Bennett

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #505
"Out in the Highways and Byways of life"

HOLY COMMUNION

*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Amen, Praise the Lord"
(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett
 Preachers: Natalie Mowery, Jarrod Trigg and Victor Fogle
 Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
 Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
 Greeter & Candlelighter: Barbara Lovell
 Ushers: Paul Hopkins, Rick Ramey, Richard Reed, Evan Trigg

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts
 WEDNESDAY 12:00 Young at Heart
 7:00 Peace Camp Meeting

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One Great Hour of Sharing

Litany

God of grace, we have neglected your gifts. You gave us the garden.

We Made Toxic dumps.

You gave us food for sustenance;

We made food distribution a political tool.

You gave us water for refreshment;

We make acid rain.

You gave us a rainbow of races;

We made Soweto.

You gave us male and female;

We made catcalls and rape.

You gave us families;

We made abuse and neglect.

You gave us language and ideas;

We made lies and empty promises.

You gave us Bethlehem;

We made Golgotha.

You gave us diverse cultures;

We made ethnic cleansing.

You gave us the innocence of children;

We made street gangs and drive-by shootings.

You gave us the gift of resurrection;

We made the betrayal of accumulating earthly goods.

All: In your great mercy, O God, forgive us.

YOUR WORK, O GOD, NEEDS MANY HANDS

Calvin W. Laufer, 1874-1938, alt.

AMAZING GRACE C.M.
American Folk Hymn
Virginia Harmony, 1831

With spirit ($J=96$), in unison

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Your work, O God, needs man - y hands To
2. Be - cause we love you and your work, Our

help you ev - 'ry - where; And some there are who
of - f'ring now we make; Be pleased to use it

can - not serve Un - less our gifts we share.
as your own, We ask for Je - sus' sake.

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How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

—1 John 3:17-18

Children's Day

Today, there are too many children who never have the opportunity to thrive “like plants full grown.” Instead, for millions of children across our nation and throughout our world, childhood is a time of poverty, deprivation, fear, hunger, abuse, and neglect.

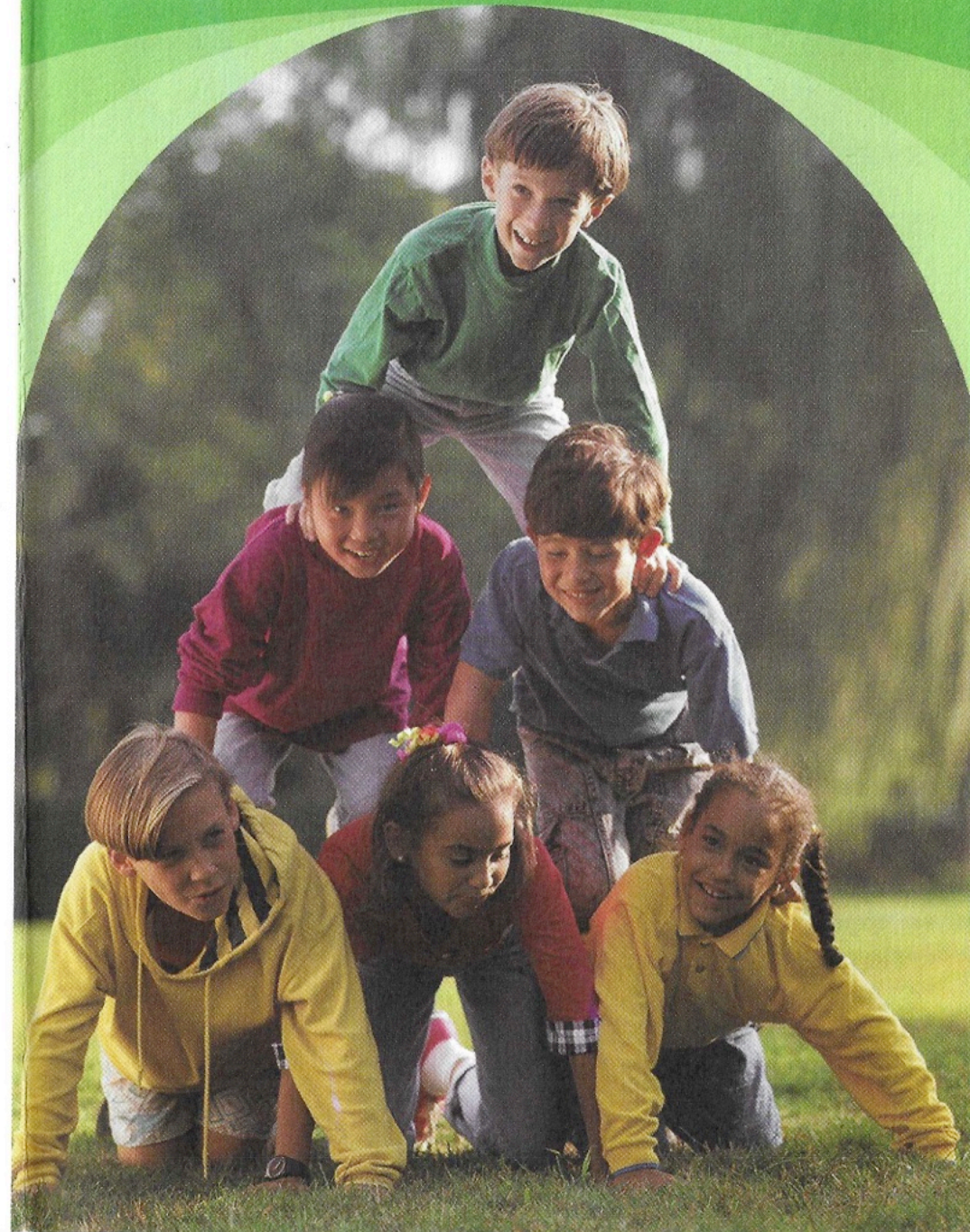
People of faith are responding through advocacy. Let the cries in the street be cries for justice, not those of distress. Make your voice heard on behalf of children—who are voiceless and powerless—in Congress and other arenas of public policy that affect their lives so profoundly.

People of faith are responding through prayer. Make a commitment to pray regularly for children in your family, church, community, nation, and world, and to pray for the guidance, strength, and persistence to respond to the needs of children.

People of faith are responding through education. Learn more about the needs of children and their families. Call a local organization that serves children. Ask about the problems facing children and what needs to be done. Then, share what you have learned with your neighbors, colleagues, and friends.

*Esther Pullis
Director of Children's Ministries
Board of Educational Ministries*

SPEAK OUT FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK



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Deacon Randy Turner, guest preacher

June 12, 1994 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "O Sing My Soul, Your Maker's Praises" *Bender*
"Pastel" *Hegarty*

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

God, your changes touch our lives with mystery and hope. We come to this place today, ready to see your power working through us. Help us to be open to your Word, and to answer your call among us. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the power to become new people.

The winds of the spirit have given us breath and the fire of the spirit has enkindled in us a love for God and each other.

Come here in faithfulness and be ready for the surprises that God's Spirit brings.

We open our lives to the presence of God and trust God's promise to us that we can live new lives of freedom and grace. May God help us to be true people of spirit, letting holy surprises fill our days.

* HYMN OF PRAISE, #70

"Join All the Glorious Names"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 4:26-34 page 870

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Carillon"

Simone

Praise God the Source of life and birth.
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honor to God's name. Amen.

SOLO "I Come to the Garden" Jeanne Ekelberry
CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6*)

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#240
"Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

MORNING PRAYERS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:6-17, page 1006

MORNING MESSAGE "The Paradigm Paradox"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #233

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE "Ye are the Light of the World" *Broughton*
(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Guest Preacher: Deacon Randy Turner
Lay Leader: Deacon Kirby Francis
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Junior Church Leader: Pam Faulk

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts
THURSDAY 6:00 A.B.W. Ministries Picnic
SATURDAY 8:30 Men's Breakfast
10:00 Retreat Committee
7:30 All-Church Social - Rudy

*The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.*

— Psalm 24:1

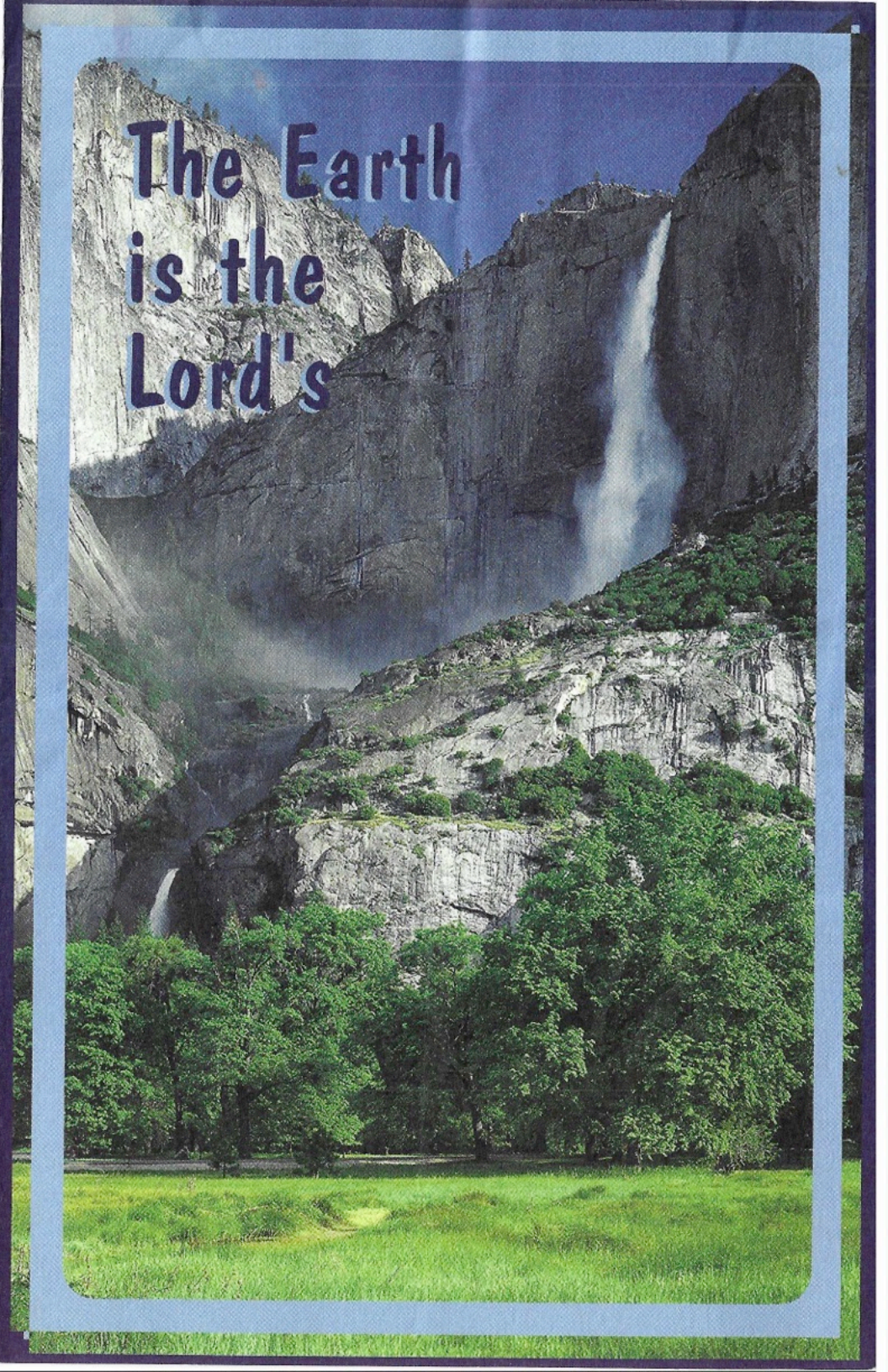
When you think of the fullness of the earth, what comes to your mind first? My guess is that most people imagine a grandiose glacier scene in Alaska or a beautiful, wooded mountain path with birds and wild flowers in abundance. But I'd like to suggest that there is another part of this earth where God's creative hand is evident. I've learned about it since we went to Okinawa as missionaries.

Okinawa is often called the Hawaii of Japan, and for good reason. The ocean waters that surround Okinawa are nearly unchanged from the time that God made them, or so it seems to me. I obtained a scuba-diving license, and every so often, for relaxation, a friend and I go diving! The world beneath the ocean surface is a soundless, majestic confirmation that there is a God whose power and creativity are undeniable.

Back on land after one of those "ocean bottom" experiences, I am always challenged to continue the work of evangelism with renewed enthusiasm, I have been in the underwater world where God is in all fullness, and my servant's spirit has been revived.

Look around you. God's fullness awaits your notice. I am confident that the effect on your spirit will be the same.

*The Reverend Stan Murray
Missionary to Okinawa, Japan
Board of International Ministries*



The Earth
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July 10, 1994

"Reconciliation"

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00am

PRELUDE Prelude on "Rockingham" Smith

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshipping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Merciful God, Just God, Faithful God, God of blessing and God of our most difficult times, we come to you for a moment of quiet in our self-made busyness. We come to you for energy in our weariness. We come to you for challenge when we are willing to settle for our own small plans and dreams. We long for the peace of your presence, even as we are afraid of the urgency of your call. Enter, Spirit of God, into each of our lives and enliven us; enter, Spirit of God, into our community and enable us to love and serve you and all your children. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have been called to walk the faithful road and to choose the way of God's justice.

We are here because we believe strongly that our God is good, and that we live in that goodness. We are here to proclaim our faith and to seek direction along this faith journey.

Come together, then, to be God's people. Follow Christ and listen for the good things that God has done. Rise up in praise and thanksgiving!

We will share with others the goodness that we have found in God. May our lives be an expression of that goodness.

* HYMN OF PRAISE, #470

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

* INVOCATION

* LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

* GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Ayre"

Telemann

The Doxology, #572

Praise God the Source of life and birth.
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honor to God's name. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6)

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #513

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 2:11-22, page 1018

MORNING MESSAGE "No Strange Place"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #213

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

CONFESSION

We give thanks, merciful God, that in Christ you seek to unite all things in heaven and in earth, and to reconcile all people to one another and to you. Yes, we confess that the new creation is not yet complete in us, and that we feel everywhere the barriers that separate humankind. Forgive us, and fill us with your Spirit of oneness. Reveal to us those places where pride and selfishness rebuild the walls once torn down in Christ; through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune" Denton

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

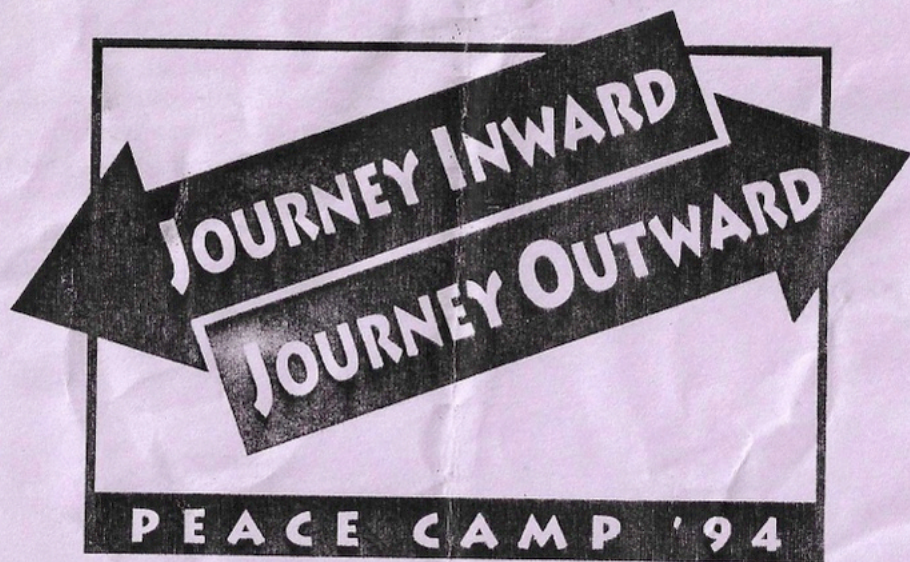
Pastor: Jody Lynn Brummett
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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 11:30 Deacons, at the church
MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY 12:00 Young at Heart
7:00 Peace Camp Meeting
SATURDAY 8:30 Men's Breakfast

Asbury United Methodist Church
First Baptist Church
First Presbyterian Church
and
Zion United Church of Christ
present



July 31 - August 4, 1994

6 - 8:30 P.M.

First Baptist Church

Each evening begins with a light supper and music.

*Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
—Psalm 150:3*

To put into words all that I learned during my summer as a volunteer missionary at the Anadarko Christian Center is a difficult and emotional effort. To say that it was a life-changing experience is almost an understatement. The most important lesson God taught me is that God cannot be limited, for God is ultimately in control of everything. God crosses all social, cultural, racial, and ethnic boundaries to accomplish the purpose of furthering the kingdom.

The more time I spent with the center kids, the more the Lord developed in me a heart that sought to minister on a deeper level. The kids themselves taught me lessons about living and loving outside my own comfort zone. It is worth every minute that you spend trying to break down a wall and give of yourself so the kids can see that you are human too. I learned what unconditional love really means, how to give it, and how to receive it. Working at the center provided me with an opportunity to see the inside structure and backbone of ministry. I saw how the power of prayer can move mountains; I learned that I cannot put God in a box and limit the ways that God can call each one of us to respond to ministry.

The writer of these words, Valerie Woodruff, a young woman from Pennsylvania, has served as a National Ministries volunteer missionary at the Anadarko Christian Center on four separate occasions. Valerie's faith, put into action, exemplifies Psalm 150 as she seeks to follow the call to discipleship given to each one of us.

Praise the Lord with trumpet sound; praise the Lord with your actions!

*Carol L. Dieciedue
Director, Volunteers in Mission
Board of National Ministries*

Praise Him with Trumpet Sound



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio
363-7021

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor
September 11, 1994 Rally Day

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Prelude in C Major" *Gilmant*
"Trusting Jesus" *Smith*

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Gracious God, you call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship. Help us to understand and accept the costs of following Christ, that we may know the joy you intend for the faithful. Make us lifelong learners in the school of faithfulness, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #141 "Lift High the Cross"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

THE EPISTLE James 3:1-12, page 1055

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

Response: We dedicate you in the name of Jesus Christ.

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Adagio" *Marcello*

Praise God the Source of life and birth.

Praise God the Word, who came to earth.

Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.

All glory, honor to God's name. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT Rick VanBrimmer - CropWalk

ANTHEM "Rise Up, Ye Saints of God!" *Livingston*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6*)

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#352

"O for a Closer Walk with God"

MORNING PRAYERS

THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:27-38, page 875

MORNING MESSAGE "Walk This Way"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #383

"Are Ye Able?"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE "Praise to God the Father" *Ritter*

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Deacon Kirby Francis

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	12:30	Deacon's Meeting
MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scouts
TUESDAY	7:30	Marion Association Trustees, at Bryn Zion
WEDNESDAY	12:00	Young at Heart
	7:00	Choir
	8:00 - 9:30	Finance Committee
THURSDAY	1:00	A.B.W. Ministries, Marion Assoc., at Trinity Baptist Church
	7:00	A.B.W. Ministries, at Jean Wickum's
SATURDAY	8:30	Men's Breakfast, at Buehler's
	4:00	Stoner & Van Brimmer Watchcare Picnic, at the Van Brimmers

Lord

we thank you for the gift
of our marriage, a gift of extraordinary worth.
We receive your gift as the design for our lives —
and give to each other to nourish its growth.
Our hearts beat with the warmth that displaced our
aloneness and gave us a place in each other's heart.
Together we hope for a future that will merge
our dreams of today into your plans for tomorrow.
May our love pretend no gifts but itself, no empty
promises, no hidden blemishes, no vain disguises.
May it always respond as our hearts do now, entwined
by affectionate trust and passionate commitment.
Our prayer is for your peace to always be the
signature of our home. _____



*Thank You
Father,*

*for the Gift of
Our Marriage*

The Marriage Celebration Uniting
Alison June Grubbs
and
Todd Neal Bradford
October 1, 1994
Ted Douglas Stephenson
and
Jody Lynn Brummett
Ministers

PRELUDE:

Lighting of Candles
Theme from Ice Castles - Hamlisch
Seating of Parents

PROCESSIONAL:

Air from Water Music Suite - Handel
Attendants Entrance
Bridal Chorus - Wagner
Bridal Entrance

WEDDING CEREMONY

INTRODUCTION OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

RECESSIONAL:

Wedding March - Mendelssohn

THE WEDDING PARTY

PARENTS

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Grubbs
Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Bradford

GRANDPARENTS

Mrs. June Detwiler
Mrs. Alma Thomas

GREAT GRANDPARENT

Mrs. Edith Hall

MAID OF HONOR

Leah Snyder

BEST MAN

Todd Yocum

USHERS

Michael Grubbs
Donnie Ludolph

FLOWER GIRLS

Natalie Griffith
Paige Crawford

RING BEARER

Drew Crawford

PROGRAMS

Fred Grubbs

RECEPTION HOSTESSES

Ann Brown
Donna Brown
Dorothy Brown
Sherry Ludolph
Jeannie Stephenson

ORGANIST

Mary Lou Lovell

Love has no other desire but to fulfil itself.
But if you love and must needs have desires,
let these be your desires:
To melt and be like a running brook that sings
its melody to the night.
To know the pain of too much tenderness.
To be wounded by your own understanding of
love;
And to bleed willingly and joyfully.
To wake at dawn with a winged heart and give
thanks for another day of loving;
To rest at the noon hour and meditate love's
ecstasy;
To return home at eventide with gratitude;
And then to sleep with a prayer for the
beloved in your heart and a song of praise upon your
lips.

- Gibran

Declare His glory among the nations . . .
— Psalm 96:3

World Mission Sunday

What next?

Apartheid is dead and buried in South Africa — according to the law. Now the job is to eliminate the remaining discrimination in the hearts and minds of many. The Church has an enormous role to play in teaching reconciliation. We plan to do our part!

Evangelism is top priority in all the churches I have visited. The request is always the same: “We no longer want to be regarded as those to be witnessed to, but as those who witness. Help us!”

While we are evangelizing, we will be building churches, developing work projects and conducting training and leadership development workshops. The work projects will be brick making, sewing, knitting, baking and poultry farming. We also have plans for a day-care center.

Why concentrate on these work projects?

They are part of a holistic ministry. They will care for needs of whole persons—mental and physical, as well as spiritual. We plan to employ as many people as possible in each community and for the projects to be vehicles for reconciliation and witnessing.

God’s perfect timing is awesome! God is in charge of history. In this time of change we hear God’s call to contribute to South Africa’s spiritual growth. What a blessing for me to be placed here and to be able to watch God’s miracles. What a privilege to “Declare God’s glory among the nations . . .”

Cassandra Addis-Carter
Missionary to South Africa
Board of International Ministries

DECLARE HIS GLORY



AMONG THE NATIONS

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October 2, 1994 World Communion Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Prelude in D Minor" *Smith*

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshiping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

As we gather at your table from all over the world, O God, we pray that all those who come to you in the name of Christ will be one in Spirit. Knead us together in one loaf. Free us from jealousy and selfish ambition; unite us in mission and service to those in need everywhere. May we sow righteousness and harvest peace, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the presence of a God whose word has called the earth and the stars into being,

We stand in awe.

In the presence of a God who embraces children,

We stand in trust.

In the presence of a God whose breath has stirred within us and caused our hearts to thirst for justice,

We stand in need.

Before you, Giver of Life, we come in faith—in search of love and justice and wholeness.

Be with us; hear us, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE, #14** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

***INVOCATION**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (*Trespases*)

***GLORIA PATRI #576**

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

DEDICATION OF WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" *Wilson*

Response

Praise God the Source of life and birth.
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honor to God's name. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6*)

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #373**

"All to Jesus, I Surrender"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 10:17-31, page 878

MORNING MESSAGE "Love in Action"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING "Communion"

Martin

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #344**

"Be Thou My Vision"

HOLY COMMUNION

DEDICATION OF CROP WALK "A Walk Litany" (Insert)

***FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Triumphant Chorus"

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(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett
Lay Leader: Deacon Kirby Francis
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 1:30 CROP Walk registration,
walk begins at 2:00.
MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir
8:00 Finance Committee
THURSDAY 10:00 Sewing Group
SATURDAY 5:00 Turner & Francis Watchcare Picnic,
at the parsonage

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A Walk Litany

- People:** O Lord, our God, You call us from all walks of life to help bring hope and healing to Your world through our CROP Walk for the Hungry.
- Walkers:** You call us to be walkers in order that we might be a visible sign of Your invisible love and a public witness to our community.
- Sponsors:** You call us to be sponsors of these, our friends, so that by their actions and our financial support we may be part of Your ongoing story of bread, justice, and incarnation in our own community.
- All:** You call us unto You, O God, for our hearts are restless and the time for action is at hand. As we center ourselves deeper in You and in this gathered community, we find a spiritual home, enduring friendship, and common action as Your disciples today.
- Walkers:** Grant us a safe CROP Walk and fill us with joy and understanding as we identify with those who daily walk everywhere just to survive. Walking is our conscious choice, an act we take to help spread Your great love.
- Sponsors:** Grant us a Generous, joyful spirit as we pledge to our friends a portion of Your great bounty to us.
- All:** Grant us all our daily bread and renew our hope in You. Through this CROP Walk, let love abound that all might see our unity of spirit and purpose. Guide our steps along the path toward healing a world wounded by unshared bread and injustice. In Your name we pray. Amen.

"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you."

— Luke 8:39

Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors Sunday

Jesus commanded the one whom he had just healed by exorcising his demons, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you"! In the powerful name of that same healing Christ, some six hundred American Baptist clergy and trainees who have been endorsed for ministry in military chaplaincy, institutional chaplaincy, and pastoral counseling perform their caring and healing ministries around the clock and around the world.

One pastoral counselor wrote, "My most serious multiple personality client's husband was killed. She was left with almost no support system, and in inappropriate ways expressed her anger and alienated all she had left, including her church. [With me] she has been allowed to express her anger toward God and God's people and to continue to receive grace in our relationship. We have begun to discuss faith issues more openly as a result. I have also worked with her former pastor to encourage him and the church to be more graceful."

This is just one of many stories in which the healing Christ calls out the demons of bitterness, guilt, and anger through the ministrations of caring chaplains and pastoral counselors. Let us all remember the gentle Christian listeners who cared for us in our times of need. Let us all remember our chaplains and pastoral counselors on their special day. Let us all return and declare!

John J. Gleason

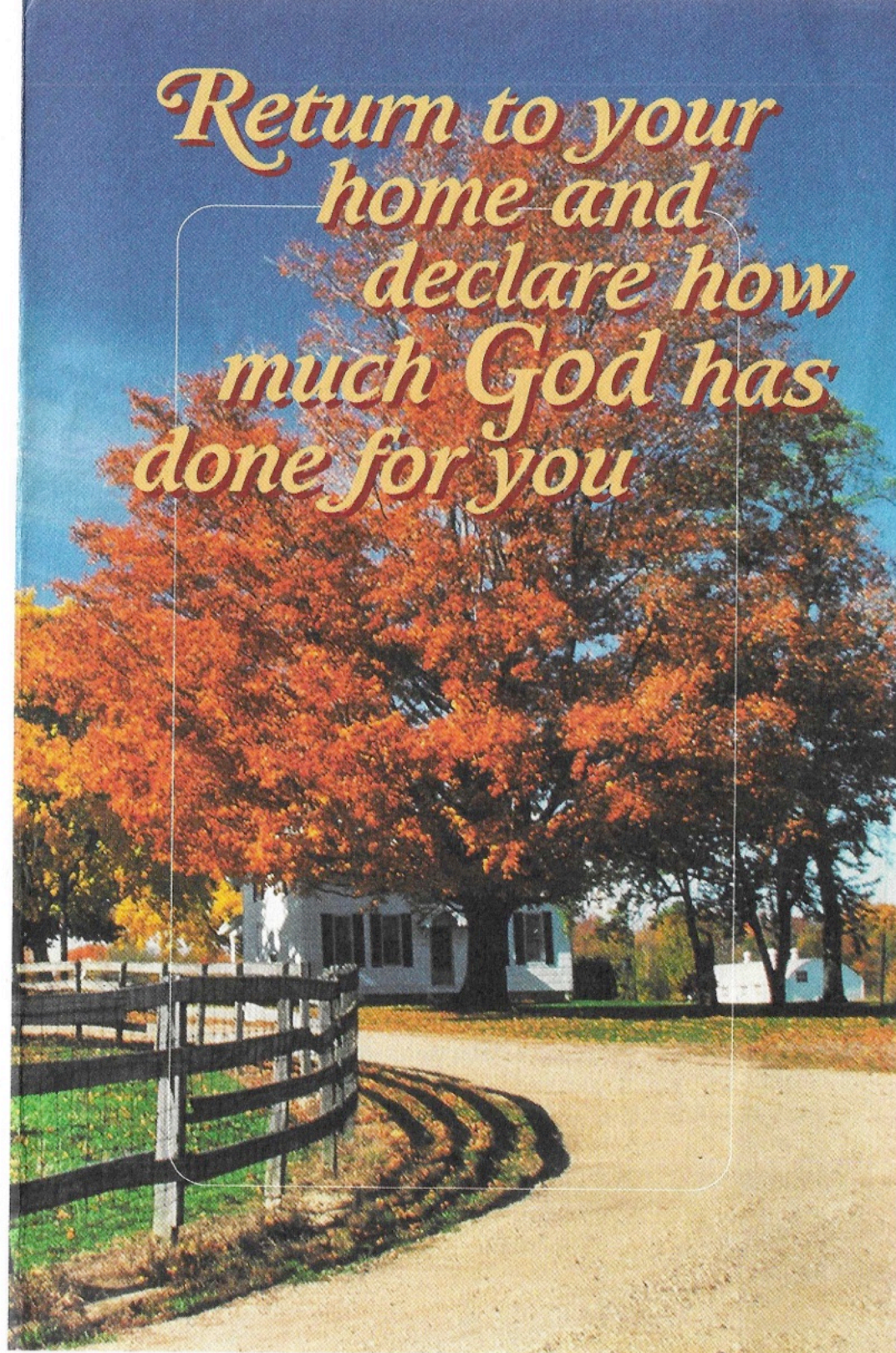
*Director of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Counseling Services
Board of National Ministries*

Before I leave - see

Beth Ligg - re: Shower

*Cookie - Red Cross office
a Mem. to Holy School*

*Return to your
home and
declare how
much God has
done for you*



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October 16, 1994

"God the Creator"

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

"Bourée in G"

Handel

MEDITATION

What do we of today, who no longer have fear or awe of the night, know of the great joy early christians felt every morning at the return of light? Can we learn again the praise and adoration due the Creator God, who preserves us and gives us each new day, who conquered death and hell, and dwells in us as God the Holy Spirit? Then we would drive away all darkness and sin, and sense something of the joy which comes when night is past and all who live in unity gather in the morning for common praise of God, to whom belongs the first thought and word of every day...

Paraphrased from Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #21

"O Worship the King"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

Glory be to the Spirit!
To Jesus Christ! To the Eternal Source!
From the time of our beginnings,
beyond death's claim upon us:
Life, Light, and love shall never end. Amen!

RESPONSIVE READING #607

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Melody"

Kihlken

Response
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God, above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

ANTHEM "Behold the Beauty of God"

English

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6*)

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #388

"God Who Touches Earth with Beauty"

MORNING PRAYERS

THE GOSPEL LESSON Job 38:1-7 (34-41), page 460

MORNING MESSAGE "Circle of Life"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT (Insert)

"God Reigns O'er All the Earth"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

"Postlude in F"

J.E. Roberts

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett.
Lay Leader: Deacon Karen Stoner
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Junior Church: Barb Reed

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 2:00 Board of Christian Education
MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY 4:30 Brownies
7:00 Choir

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From Wednesday through Thursday, Pastor Brummett will be at the A.B.C. of Ohio Annual Meeting in Piqua, if you have any pastoral emergency or need during that time, please call Deacon Jim Van Brimmer (369-2661) or your watchcare deacon.


WAS there no one in the Nursery?

5/28/97 (TG)

Friends

God Reigns O'er All the Earth!



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1 God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val-leys low, The
 2 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Through youth and ag-ing years, In
 3 God reigns o'er time and space! In his-tory's by-gone days, Christ's
 4 God reigns! Em-man-u-el! God with us ev-ery day, In



farms and towns in golds and browns God's grace and beau-ty show.
 death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, In all our hopes and fears.
 faith-ful folk in rev-erence spoke To bring God earn-est praise.
 all our past and to the last, Our com-fort and our stay.

God reigns o'er all the earth! Stone banks and spread-ing plains, In
 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Our in-spi-ra-tion still. Through
 God reigns o'er time and space! O'er gal-ax-y and sun, Through
 God reigns! Em-man-u-el! Let praise to Christ be sung! God's




rain-bow hues— Reds, yel-lows, blues— Of streams and coun-try lanes.
 all ourschemes, in all our dreams, We see God's reign-ing will.
 time-less years the cos-mos hears The heaven-ly mu-sic run.
 pres-ence here makes all things dear. Let joy-ful bells be rung!



Jane Parker Huber, 1981

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Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915
Harm. for *The Hymnbook*, 1955

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

—John 1:14

Christmas Student Recognition Sunday

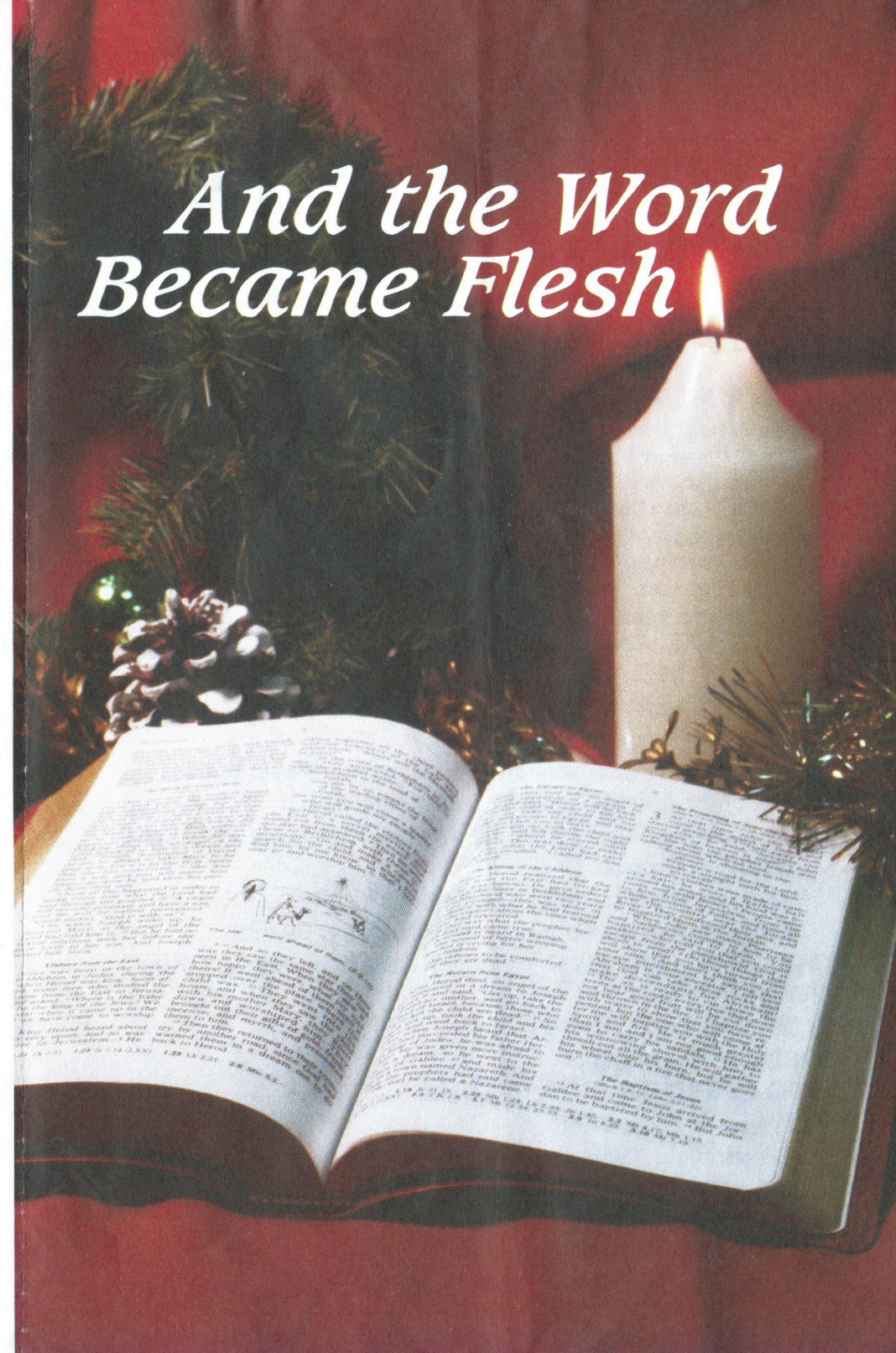
All the shopping is over. For some of us the exquisitely wrapped packages with bows and ribbons anxiously waiting under the Christmas tree for days have revealed their surprises. Today is Christmas morning, revealing the true celebration!

God's love for the world is demonstrated by God's active involvement in our everyday existence. God is constantly in action creating new life, revealing God's direction, and consistently redeeming the world for wholeness and peace. Christmas day marks the grand action of God becoming fully a part of the world through Jesus Christ. In Christ, God becomes flesh, and we know God's love in an incredibly personal way as never before.

During the holiday season many of our students are home to participate in this Christmas celebration. Pray for their continuous growth and for the presence of God's love to be revealed in their lives.

Donald Ng
Director, Department of Education for Discipleship
Board of Educational Ministries

And the Word Became Flesh



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The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

December 25, 1994 "Christmas Day"

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Once He Came Among Us" Paxton
"O Little Town of Bethlehem" Warriner

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Out of the noise and glitter and ho-ho-ho of the world's Christmas, we have come away, O God, into this hour in your presence. Help us to discover here the true meaning and joy that lie beneath the surface of the holy day. Help us to see beyond the Baby in the manger to the man Jesus became, to test our lives by teachings and example. Enable us to see beyond the human Jesus to your own incredible love reaching out to us through him, giving wisdom and power for the journeys of our lives. Then send us out to spread the word that you are born among us. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHT FULFILLED (Insert)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of the busyness of our worlds,

Out of the crankiness and boredom of life-as-usual-

Out of the darkness, we have seen a great light.

Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness: On them has light Shined.

The birth of a baby calls us to something special.

Let our worship be our new beginning. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #106 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Shepherd's Song" *Ancient Norweign Carol*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God, above ye heavenly host.

Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ANTHEM "Shepherds in the Field" Obenshain
CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6*)
*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#108
"The First Noel, the Angel Did Say"

MORNING PRAYERS

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 1:1-18, page 922

MORNING MESSAGE "Unwrapping the Present"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #115

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE "Joy to the World!" Handel
(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett
Lay Leader: Deacon Randy Turner
Organist: Betty Porter
Pianist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Junior Church Pam Faulk

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

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Pastor Brummett will be on vacation from December 26 through January 2. If there is any pastoral need or emergency, please contact Deacon Karen Stoner at 369-7754 or your watchcare deacon.

Next Sunday, January 1, we are pleased to have The Rev. Sandie Heizer lead in worship and give the morning message.