

First Baptist Church Bulletins and Order of Worship 1996

Missing Several

He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah."

-John 1:41

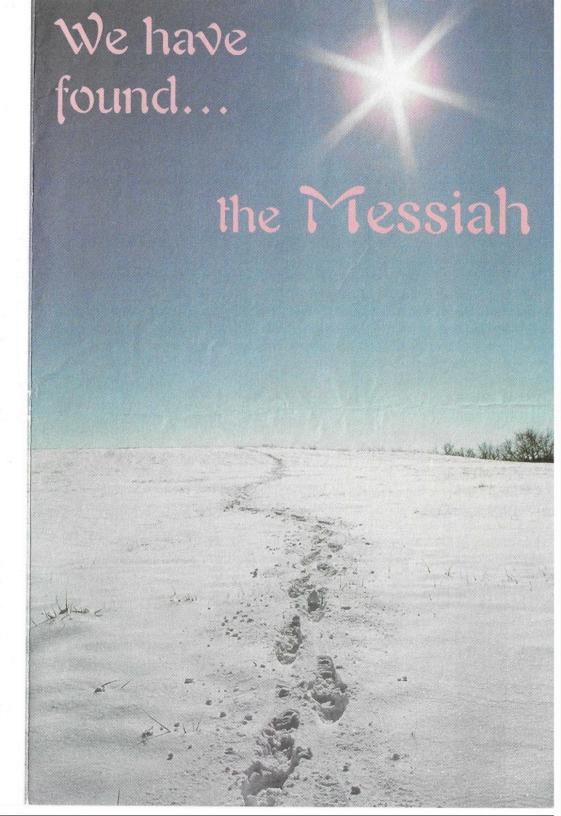
"But I'm Not Lost!"

When my son was three years old, we took a special Christmas trip into Philadelphia to see the famed fountain and light show at Wanamaker's department store. Being not only independent but also fearless, he managed to disappear without warning into the crowds. Fighting panic, I tried to think like he would—what was it he wanted to find? Instinctively I went to where his active imagination would be drawn—the great bronze eagle, the store's trademark that dominates the center court of the main floor. Sure enough, lost from me, but to himself "lost" only in his imaginative fantasy world of superheros and larger-than-life creatures, he was not really wanting to be found.

How can you find someone who isn't lost? When Andrew and Simon Peter found the Messiah, they had not been actively looking for him; they weren't looking for someone who had disappeared. They made a discovery, which really was a gift of revelation. With a hint of irony, the writer says they found the Messiah. Was it not also that the Messiah had found them? Like my son, they were not wanting or expecting to be found, but if they had refused the gift, they would have been lost—lost to the new life that the Messiah was offering, lost to the opportunity to walk with Jesus for a few short years and to participate fully in the kingdom of God.

We can seek and find the Messiah as we are open to God's Spirit moving in our lives. We must also remember that, as so many of the parables tell us, we are the beloved ones whom Christ seeks and finds.

Mary Mugridge Nicol Editorial Manager, Judson Press Educational Ministries



The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor The Rev. Dr. Norman "Pete" Snook, guest preacher

January 21, 1996 "Third Sunday After Epiphany"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "A Song on Sunday"

Michael Shea

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

We thank you, O God for calling us into your church to be your people. We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call. You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ, you have touched us with your Spirit; and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved. We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is God's worlk! To us is given a vision of nations and races, lands and people, joined together in love.

Praise be to God, the Creator, in whose image we are created.

We come to celebrate and renew that vision, opening ourselves to the One who is its source and its living fire.

We affirm in Christ that we can be, and are, one world and one family, working together to manifest God's rule in the lives of all people!

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #466

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication Offertory "We Thank Thee"

Peterson

Response

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust O Lord from Thee.

SOLO Karen Stoner

"My God and I"

Wihtol

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#367

"Fill All My Vision, Savior, I Pray"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:12-23, page 837 MESSAGE "How's the Fishing?"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #503

"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"

(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

*RESPONSE (Tune: Blest Be the Tie That Binds)

Until we meet again, walk gently in the way.

Dwell in the hollow of God's hand;

rejoice, and serve, and pray!

*POSTLUDE "Sing to Great Jehovah's Praise"

Smith

(*congregation stands)

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 12:30 A.B.W. Ministries Luncheon, bring a

sandwich, soup provided

2:00 Peace Camp Meeting, Asbury U.M.C.

MONDAY 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study

7:00 Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

Green Lake Sunday

One of the most familiar yet least observed verses in the Bible is Psalm 46:10. Green Lake offers you a place away from home where you can be still. It is our prayer that all who "come away" to our grounds will leave refreshed and renewed for their journey of life and service.

Some of you who come may need physical rest and renewal.

Here at Green Lake you can find this.

Some of you may need emotional healing and renewal.

As you experience acceptance here, you will find this.

Some of you come desiring to have your talents and skills updated and renewed.

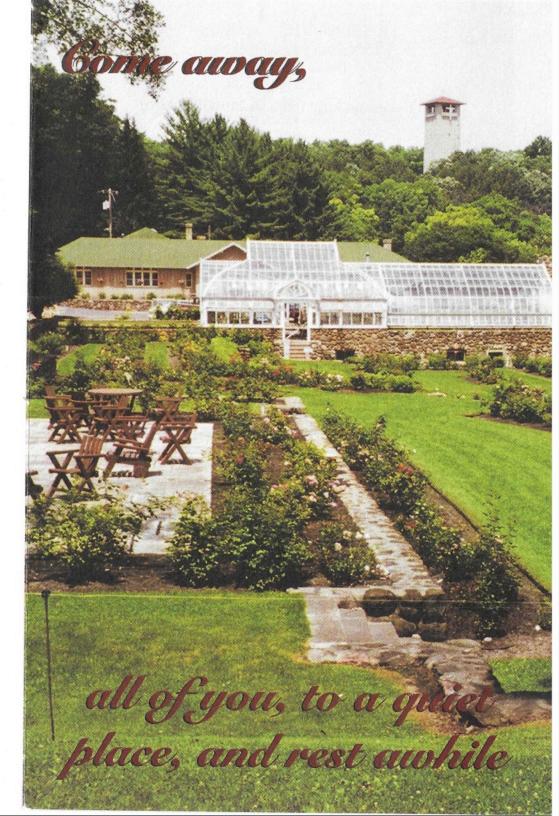
Here at Green Lake this can happen as you attend conferences.

All of us need spiritual renewal.

Here on these hallowed grounds you can find a quiet place to rest awhile in the presence of our Lord.

Green Lake has many quiet places where people pause for worship. Sometimes it is in the gardens, sometimes on Memory Lane, at Hopevale, or by the lake. Recently a man came with his wife to enjoy the grounds while she attended a conference. Before he came, he was told that if you go into the woods and are still the deer will come to you. So one afternoon he walked into the woods and sat on a large stone to wait. After about twenty minutes a mother deer and two baby fawns approached and stood looking at him. He held his breath lest he scare them away. Then one fawn, who had not yet learned to be afraid, walked up and rubbed against him much the way that a kitten would and then slowly walked away. This was a wonderful thing for this man to experience, but even more wonderful was the fact that it was not until he was still that a blessing came to him. So we invite you to "come away, all of you, to this quiet place and rest awhile."

Jan DeWitt Vice President of Program American Baptist Assembly



The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

PRELUDE "Footsteps of Jesus"

Smith

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

As we end another busy week in our lives, we come before you, O God, knowing that you are always ready to receive us, shortcomings and all. We take time out to consider how our lives can better reflect your broad view of life, your forgiving spirit, your wisdom, your creativity, your patience. Today we consider what it means to live abundantly, like Jesus Christ, the shining light we follow. You call us to inspiring, difficult, and sometimes frightening missions to bring your Kingdom into our midst. You challenge us to have courage in the face of possible ridicule and failure. We seek to be like Jesus Christ in refusing to be dead in the midst of life, and in refusing to ignore glaring needs and insistent cries for help. Bring us to new life that the spirit of the resurrection will be magnified in each of us. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #275

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication Offertory "Offertory"

Response

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust O Lord from Thee.

ANTHEM "Holy, Holy, Holy" CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Livingston

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#365

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 49:1-7

MESSAGE

"Born Ready...or Not"

DEDICATON OF OFFICERS *HYMN OF COMMITMENT #499

"The Master Has Come and He Calls Us"

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*RESPONSE (Tune: Blest Be the Tie That Binds)

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rejoice, and serve, and pray!

*POSTLUDE

"Sound the Trumpets"

(*congregation stands)

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MONDAY 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study

7:00 Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY 6:30 Covered Dish Dinner

7:00 Annual Business Meeting

THURSDAY 10:00 Sewing Group

Eyewitnesses of His Majesty

How grateful we are to Peter for his eyewitness account of that glorious blessing, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased" (2 Peter 1:17).

Peter assures us that he and others were with Jesus on the holy mountain that day when they heard the heavenly voice of God. Peter adds, "And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things" (2 Peter 1:15).

Today we celebrate Christian Heritage Sunday in American Baptist Churches. Are we doing all we can to follow Peter's example? Have we made provisions so that future generations will know and remember Christ's words and call to service after we are gone? It's our heritage. It's our responsibility.

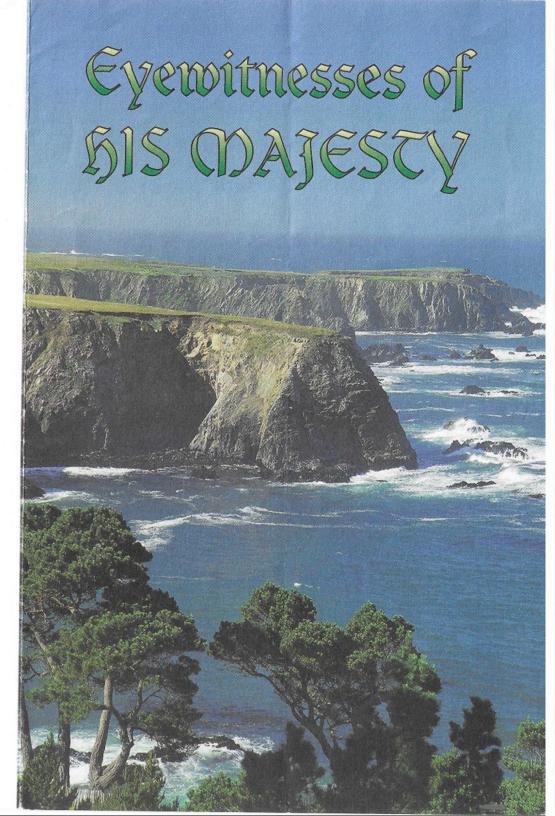
The Bible mentions heritage and inheritance nearly three hundred times. The privilege of passing on one's heritage was

considered life's greatest blessing.

We thank God for all the faithful in Christ who have handed down the Word through almost twenty centuries. Imagine how different our lives would be without it—without the teaching of Jesus, the Bible, the church.

As a part of our celebration of the past gifts that have informed and inspired our Christian experience, may we share with Peter a passion to make every effort so that after our departure others will be able to recall these things. You and I are eyewitnesses to Christ's majesty in our world today.

Grace E. Herstine Director of Communication American Baptist Foundation



The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

February 18, 1996	"The Transfiguration"
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	R OF WORSHIP
	10:45am

PRELUDE

Peter White

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

We give thanks, O God of sacred stories, for the witness of holy scripture. Through it, you nurture our imaginations, touch our feelings, increase our awareness, and challenge our assumptions. Bless we pray, our hearing of your word this day. Speak to each of us; speak to all of us; and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we may be hearers and doers of your word. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INTROIT CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #223

Jennifer Turner

"God Hath Spoken by His Prophets"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 17:1-9, page 851

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Response

Peter White

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone,

a trust O Lord from Thee.

ANTHEM "Lord Triumphant"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#220 **Jennifer Turner** "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE 2 Peter 1:16-21, page 1062

MESSAGE

"Stepping In"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #225

Jennifer Turner

"Standing on the Promises"

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*POSTLUDE

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Lay Leader:

Deacon Alison Mowery

Pianists:

Peter White

Jennifer Turner

Choir Director:

Jim Stephenson

Junior Church:

Teresa Griffith and Suzanne Grubbs

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 7:00 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 A.B.Y. Lock-In

MONDAY 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study

7:00 **Boy Scouts**

TUESDAY Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:30

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service

Choir 7:30

THURSDAY Parish Council 7:00

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 wholeheartedly 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.

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7:00 Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir THURSDAY 7:00 Deacons

Please Note: Pastor Brummett will be having minor outpatient surgery at Grady Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, April 9. She will be at home recuperating on Wednesday and Thursday, and will receive phone calls. Please refrain from calling on

Tuesday. If you have any pastoral needs, please call the chair of the deacons Alison Mowery (369-3314).

The Easter Lillies have been supplied by:

*The Faulk family

* Jean Wickum, in memory of W. C. Wickum

* Beth Trigg, in memory of Myrtle Smith

* Rick and Barb Van Brimmer, in memory of Mary and Elmer Van Brimmer (Rick's grandparents)

* Evelyn Lee, in memory of Dick Lee

* Cynthia Bland, in memory of Rena Cheek Bland (her mother), and W. Julian Cheek and Pauline Boyd Cheek (her maternal grandparents)

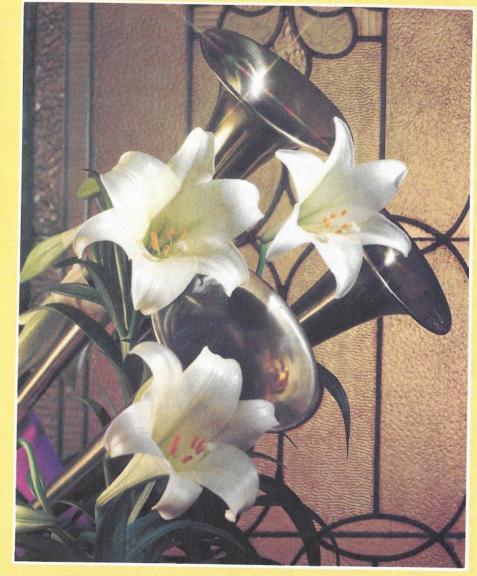
* Ray Bigger, in memory of Robert and Grace Bigger (his parents)

* Stephenson family, in memory of Rev. James B. Stephenson

* Janet Lathrop, in memory of Myrtle Gabriel, Willard Fogle, and Jean Lathrop

* Shirley Parker, in memory of her parents

If this list contains any errors or omissions, please inform the pastor so they can be corrected in the morning announcements.



Christ the Lord is risen today!

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

April 7, 1996 "Easter" ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

"Morning Has Broken"

Smith

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

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

Mighty God, the earth is shaken and nothing is the same. Defeat is turned to victory; death is overcome by life; the stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Meet us here, O God, amid events beyond our understanding. You appear to us from afar, yet touch us where we are. Your love spans time and space, yet wraps itself around us here and now. Faithful God, we come seeking the things that are above. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and see; come and rejoice. God calls us together for a celebration.

We have come seeking Jesus of Nazareth.

We want to know the One who comforts and heals.

Enter into this time of worship with thanksgiving; receive once more the good news of peace.

God is our strength and our song;

God has acted in Christ for our salvation.

The gates of righteousness have opened to you; Jesus promises to meet you along life's way.

Christ is risen; what a joyous moment! Christ is risen; we want to tell the world!

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #168

"The Day of Resurrection"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Easter Offertory"

Mansfield

Response

Praise God the Source of life and birth. Praise God, all creatures here below; God's praise, ye hosts on high, proclaim, who doth creat, redeem, sustain.

ANTHEM

"Jubilate Deo"

Spevacek

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#171

"Thine Is the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:1-10, page 865

MESSAGE

"Deja Vu"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Wienhorst

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #158

"We Serve A Risen Savior"

HOLY COMMUNION

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

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "On Our Way"

Smith

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MINISTERING TODAY

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Lay Leader: Larry Faulk
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 11:00 Luncheon to honor High School Seniors

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts

Our Scripture reference today is: Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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June 2, 1996	"Children's Day"
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10:45am

PRELUDE Medley of Children's Songs

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PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God, for the sun and the stars, the mountains and the valleys, we your children come to you offering our thanks and seeking your presence. Be among us, opening our hearts to the sway of your power and your peace. We dedicate this service to you. We trust that you will work through our songs and our sayings so that we will leave this place knowing your hand has touched us. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Evan Trigg

We are gathered to give witness to the enduring realities of life.

We have come to affirm that life is a gift, that the gift is good, and that it comes from God.

We are gathered to renew our hope in Jesus Christ, as we travel life's long journey.

We find God in the paths of our present and our past, but we also trust in God's love in our future.

All: Let us praise God with our whole hearts, and entrust our lives to God's hands. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Insert)

"Heavenly Sunshine"

*INVOCATION

Liz Hopkins

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

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.

RECOGNITION OF CLASSES & TEACHERS **PROMOTIONS BIBLE PRESENTATION GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

JUNIOR CHOIR

"Behold What Manner of Love"

MISSION MOMENT

"The Turmoil Equation"

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Paul Hopkins

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Jesus Loves Me"

Paxton

Doxology #572

RECOGNITION OF DISCIPLE CLASS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"Peter, James and John"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Erin Faulk

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING (Insert)

"Do Lord"

MORNING PRAYERS

Aric Mompher

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:12-26, page 999 Micah Stoner

MESSAGE

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Hughes

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #213

"Let Us Break Break Together"

HOLY COMMUNION

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

*BENEDICTION

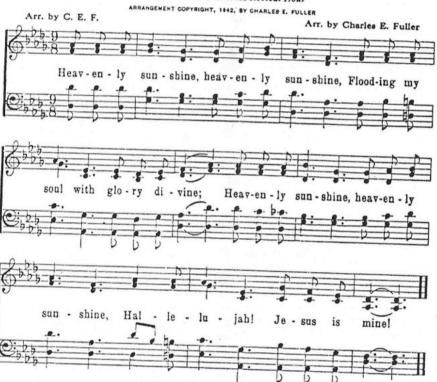
*POSTLUDE

Medley of Children's Songs

(*congregation stands)

HEAVENLY SUNSHINE

Dedicated to Old Fashioned Revival Hour



DO LORD



PRAYER CONCERNS:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday, June 16, we will be celebrating in the baptism of Betty Davis, Micah Stoner and Evan Trigg. Please pray for them and for our congregation as we celebrate their commitment to God. Let us remember that as God calls them, God also calls us to renew our commitments and to reaffirm our own baptisms. Following the worship service next week, the families of Betty, Micah and Evan invite you to a reception.

Pastor Brummett will be on vacation from Sat., June 7 through Sat., June 15. If there is any pastoral need or emergency, please call Allison Mowery (369-3314) or your Watchcare deacon.

Our Scripture reference today is: Hosea 6:1-5 (NIV)

"Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." "What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears. Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my mouth; my judgments flashed like lightning upon you.

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

June 9, 1996 The Rev. Dr. Bob Rhymer, guest preacher ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Eternal giver, as we thank you for the wondrous gift of life, we are aware of how time slips through our fingers. Caught up in yesterday's dreams and tomorrow's hopes, we pass by the opportunities of today. Grant us courage to meet the challenges of today motivated by the vision of your kingdom, which is coming into being every moment. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life"

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Happy are those who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, into the light of your countenance.

In God's light, we see light.

O send out your light and your truth; let them lead us.

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. You are the light of the world...Let your light so shine that all will see your good works and give glory to God.

All: In truth and light, let us worship God in this one great hour!

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

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 4:3-8, page 3

MISSION MOMENT

"Tools of Hope"

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Doxology #572

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#197

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 4:20-32, page 1019

MESSAGE

"When You Become Angry"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #420

"If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee"

(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)

MINISTERING TODAY

Guest Preacher:

The Rev. Dr. Bob Rhymer

Lay Leader:

Deacon Jean Wickum

Organist:

Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY

7:00 p.m.

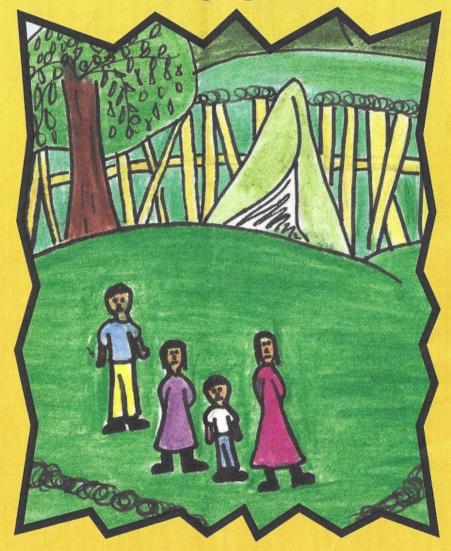
Boy Scouts

THURSDAY

12:00 p.m.

Young at Heart

Refugee Assistance Thailand



One Great Hour of Sharing

Look carefully at Wallace Yay's family.

Can you see reflected in their eyes the flames of their village being burned to the ground?

Can you hear the gunfire?

Can you see imprinted on their hearts the faces of friends and family

members who have been imprisoned, tortured, killed?

Can you see carved into their souls the years they spent in cramped refugee camps?

Wallace's family is typical of the 73,000 Karen people who are caught in the ethnic power struggle in Burma, also known as Myanmar. In the 1950s, Wallace's father joined the struggle of the Karens for their rights; he gave up his career and committed his life to the cause. As violence flared, family members fled to the border. When the border itself became unsafe, Wallace's family crossed into Thailand and found



Photo by Jack Dunford, CWS

what they thought were temporary quarters in a refugee camp. A decade later, they are still there.

Today, Wallace is Secretary for the Karen Relief Committee. He works tirelessly and without pay to assist other refugees,

coordinating efforts among relief agencies and the Thai government.

By giving to One Great Hour of Sharing, you join with Christians across the United States and Canada in providing refugee assistance, emergency relief and development aid to individuals, families and whole communities in the U.S. and in more than 100 countries around the world. Your gifts help change lives through individuals like Wallace Yay as they work to empower their people and create a hope-filled future for their children.

Give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.



"... those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty."

-John 4:14

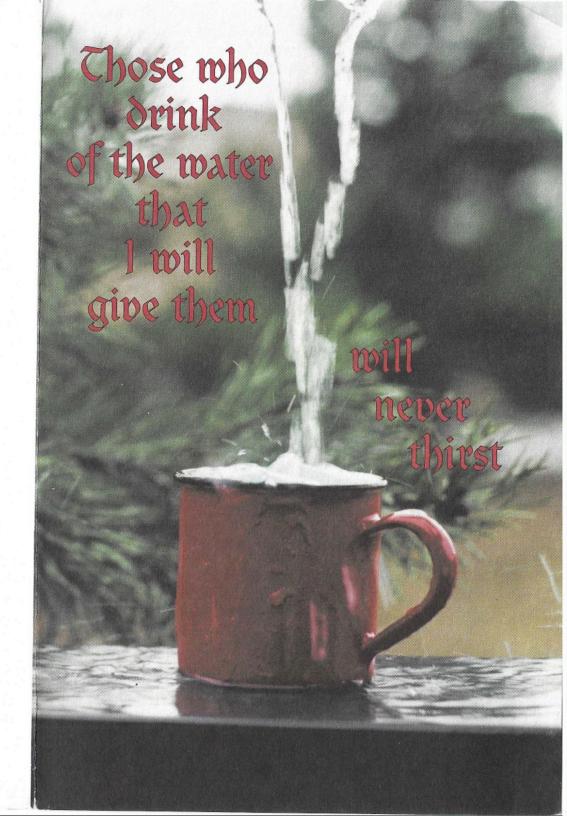
When Jesus approached the Samaritan woman, he realized that the water they both needed could serve as the point of departure for a deep spiritual encounter. Jesus moved from the woman's need for water to her need for the free-flowing grace of God.

Even today, many people find it just as difficult to obtain water as did the Samaritan woman. Millions of people carry their jars to the wells and rivers of the less-developed world, spending hours every day in the struggle to provide their families with water. Witnesses to Jesus in such situations can still follow their Savior's example very closely. Working with people to help them solve their water problems can be a strategic way to approach their need for the water of eternal life.

In the hills of northern Thailand, American Baptist missionary Michael Mann has worked with a team of Lahu Baptists and used resources from Swedish Baptists to bring water in the name of Christ to remote villages. In a model of effective and cooperative development, the genius of the Lahu Irrigation Project has been to fully incorporate the villagers themselves in the accomplishment of the task.

When clean running water begins to flow into the village, there is a spontaneous outburst of joy. This provides a natural opportunity for Mike and his Lahu colleagues to share the joy that has flowed into their own hearts along with the living water of Jesus Christ. Thank God for Mike, and for all those worldwide who share that water with a thirsty world.

Stan Slade Associate Director of Overseas Division International Ministries



The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

June 23, 1996 ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00am

PRELUDE "Minuet in C"

Haydn

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Wilson

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God, you receive us when we turn to you; you heal us through the power of forgiveness. Through your Spirit, enable us to show our gratitude by forgiving others. Deliver us from secret jealousy and desire for revenge, so that we may live in peace with you and with our human brothers and sisters. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CALL TO WORSHIP

We give praise and ts to our God.

Who delivers us from futility and from darkened understanding. Who is our hope in hard times-

Our mighty and everlasting hope,

Who is our joy to please,

And our salvation every day.

Come, let us worship our God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #13

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

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GRADUATE RECOGNITION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 10:24-39, page 843

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Offertory"

Smith

Doxology #572

SOLO "I Love to Tell the Story"

Jeanne Ekelberry

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#324

"Be Still, My Soul"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 21:8-21, page 16

MESSAGE

"Learning From Our Mistakes"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #37

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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SERVICE OF MEMBERSHIP

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE "Jubilation"

Callender

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor:

The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Organist:

Deacon Randy Turner

Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY **MONDAY** 11:00 a.m. Reception

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 8:30 p.m. Men's Softball

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Parish Council

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PIN Needs a Face Lift: Volunteer painters are needed to paint the outside trim on the People In Need house. If interested please contact PIN at 274 N. Sandusky or phone 363-6384.

Radnor Baptist Church will host a Farewell Open House today from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., at the church, for Alvin and Bev Cox who have been called to serve the Kanawha City Baptist Church in Charleston, West Virginia.

"Come to me, all you that are weary, . . . and I will give you rest."

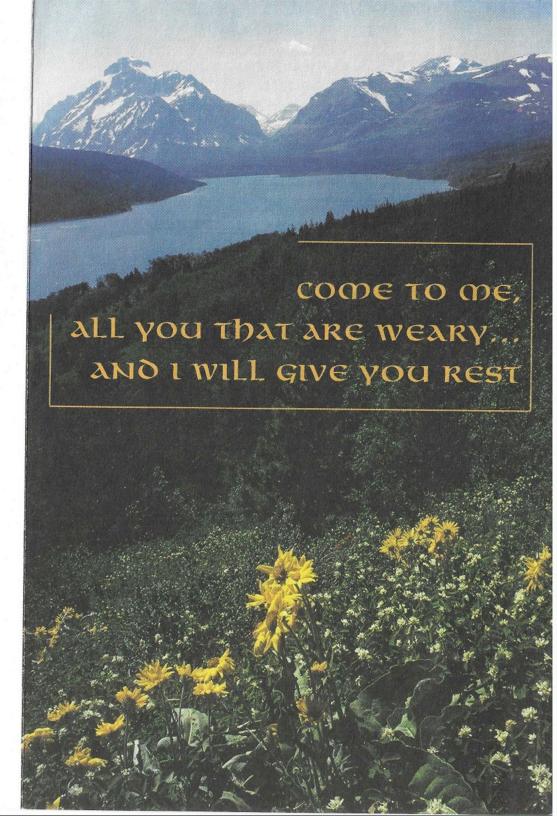
- Matthew 11:28

People all over the world and throughout history have found themselves weary. The time and energy we spend on our work and relationships, along with all of our everyday cares and concerns, often leave us just plain tired, in need of rest. When that happens, we can find assurance in the words of Jesus, "Come to me, all you that are weary, . . . and I will give you rest." Our Lord knows that life can be difficult and promises that when we take time to seek his presence we will find strength for living.

Summertime provides us with many special opportunities to experience Christ's presence in refreshing and meaningful ways. Its warmth and beauty seem to invite us to step out and seek our Lord in the wonders of the natural world. Whether we roam the majestic snow-capped Rocky Mountains or simply sit in the quiet of a small garden, we can feel the love of our Savior in life-given ways. This new life, which is ours in Christ, will not just help us to deal with the exhausting details of living. It will lift us up, give us new visions for ministry and service, and lead us to the dream God had in our creation.

Are you weary today? Why not take time to enjoy God's world and experience the rest that Jesus has promised? Strength, joy, and comfort await you in the presence of our Lord.

Siegrid Nagy Director of Economic Justice National Ministries



The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

July 14, 1996

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00am

PRELUDE "Melodie" PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Livingstone

Eternal Giver, as we thank you for the wondrous, precious gift of life, we are aware of how time slips through our fingers. Caught up in yesterday's dreams and tomorrow's hopes, we pass by the opportunities of today. Grant us courage to meet the challenges of today motivated by the vision of your Kingdom, which is coming into being every moment. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to worship God. Let us come with humility.

We offer all that we are, knowing that we need God's Spirit to be what we ought to be.

We have come to worship God. Let us come with expectation. In the Divine Presence there is light for our darkness and purpose in our striving. Praise be to God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #36

"The God of Abraham Praise"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

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GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Yet I Will Rejoice in the Lord"

Hughes

Doxology #572

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#249

"There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 18:10-15, page 13 MESSAGE "Is This A Laughing Matter?"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #374

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear 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 "Praises"

Eliot

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor:

The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Visiting Preacher:

Dwight Davidson

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
THURSDAY 9:30 p.m. Men's Softball
FRIDAY 8:30 & 9:30 CoEd Softball
SATURDAY 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

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By awe some deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

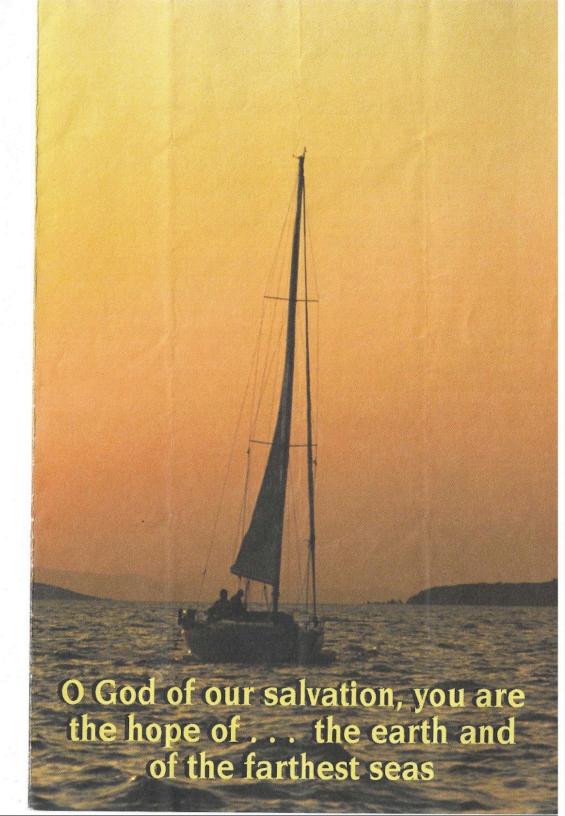
-Psalm 65:5

Our God is a God of hope and calls us to participate as partners in God's awesome deeds. We are called to be messengers of hope to "all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas." From coast to coast and from Hawaii to Puerto Rico, American Baptists bring a message of hope to broken communities by the vital ministries of our churches.

Many of these ministries have been made possible because of facilities purchased, built, or renovated by funds from the American Baptist Extension Corporation (ABEC). Those funds are available because faithful American Baptist individuals and churches have invested in ABEC, knowing that their money would help other American Baptist churches make real their vision of ministry in their communities.

In faithful response to the God of our salvation, we can be partners in creating spaces where a message of hope and deliverance can be proclaimed to the ends of the earth.

Margaret Ann Cowden President, American Baptist Extension Corporation National Ministries



The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

July 21, 1996	
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	ORDER OF WORSHIP
	10:00am

Meditation on "Beach Spring" PRELUDE

Denton

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Eternal God, who created all things from nothing, teach us to know the power of silence and of prayer. Fill our emptiness with your peace and your love, and fill our darkness with your light. Fulfill in us the potentials for which we were born and were called into your church, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who sought your presence even in the rush of life. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's steadfast love extends beyond the farthest star, yet that love is also present among us.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

God's saving acts were experienced by our ancestors, and God continues to act in our own day.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and do not forget all God's benefits.

God's concern is for all creation, for all worlds, yet that care draws us close in these moments.

The whole creation is filled with eager longing;

bless the Lord, all who live in hope.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #37

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

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GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Hymn of Adoration"

Schubert

Doxology #572

SOLO "He That Keepeth Israel"

Schlosser

Matthew Lovel

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#391

"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 28:10-19, page 23

MESSAGE

"A Two Way Street"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #379

"Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord"

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*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE "Celebration!"

Paxton

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor:

The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader:

Deacon Kirby Francis

Organist:

Betty Porter

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY

6:30 p.m. Installation Service at

First Baptist, Richwood

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY

9:30 p.m. Men's Softball

WEDNESDAY 6:30 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting

THURSDAY

7:30p.m. Co-Ed Softball

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Those in COLLEGE or AWAY AT COLLEGE include: MICAH STONER, DeVry Institute

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

-Matthew 28:19

At first I felt like a stranger at the 1988 Indian American Baptist Biennial at Lodge Grass, Montana. Several hundred Native Americans had gathered from across the U.S. for fellowship, to worship, and to share the ministries of their churches. One of only a handful of non-Indians, I had been invited to gather stories and report on the event.

Although people welcomed me warmly, I couldn't shake my uneasiness about the role of observer. However, all that changed one evening as we gathered outdoor under floodlights for a celebration of Indian culture.

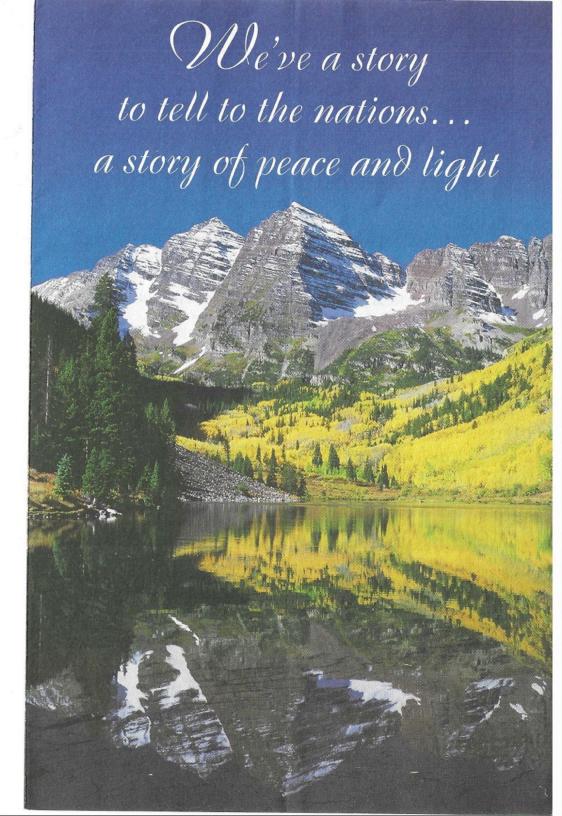
Songs, the beat of drums, and dances provided a glimpse of the rich heritage owned by North America's first inhabitants. Many women wore the traditional dress of their tribes—long, brightly colored shawls trimmed with deep fringe that swayed gently during slow, graceful dances.

With a sense of awe, I looked on from the outside edges of the crowd. Then one of the women came over to me and asked, "Would you like to join us in the dance?" When I hesitated, she took off her shawl and gently placed it around my shoulders, drawing me into the group.

I have never experienced a more inclusive gesture.

How often do people feel like onlookers, at the outside edges of our groups? The Great Commission urges us to share the story of Jesus with all people. We do that best when we move toward others and draw them into our circles.

> Fran Homer Associate Director, Home Mission Communication Center National Ministries



The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Heavenly Parent, Brother of sinners, Spirit in the church, help us to agree in our prayers and in our life together that your purposes will be accomplished, your will obeyed, and your children reconciled to each other and gathered to Christ in the church. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be assured that the Lord is here. For Jesus said, "where two or three have met together in my name, I am there among them." *HYMN OF PRAISE, #90

"O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

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GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication Offertory Doxology #572

DUET Linda White and Suzanne Grubbs

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#249

"There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 18:15-20, page 852

MESSAGE

"What You See Isn't Always What You Get"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #367

"Fill All My Vision, Savior, I Pray"

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*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

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MONDAY

6:30 p.m.

DISCIPLE 2 - Orientation

7:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m.

Marion Association Trustees

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.

Choir

7.00

12:00 p.m.

Young at Heart

7:00 p.m.

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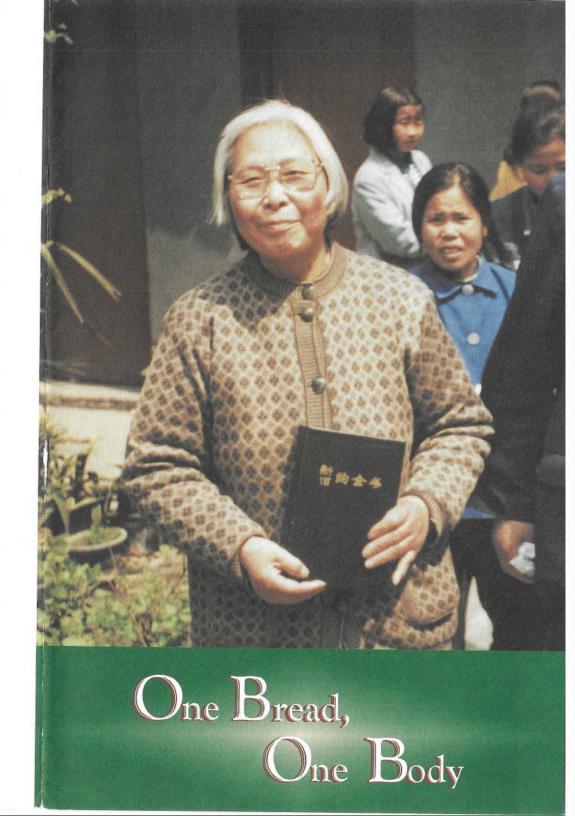
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The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

10:45am

PRELUDE "Let There Be Joy"

Miller

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

Creator of all things, in whose realm we are called to faithful service, help us to recognize one another as sisters and brothers. Take from us the jealousy and possessiveness that erect barriers among us. Keep us from destroying one another, and turn us away from the cruel acts that led to Jesus' crucifixion. We want to be fruitful laborers in your vineyard. May our work attract others to your realm. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Insert)

"Hear the Songs of Thanks We Raise"

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*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

Glory be to the Spirit!

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From the time of our beginnings,
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND DEDICATION (Insert)

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Adagio" Doxology #572

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ANTHEM CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #187

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:33-46

MESSAGE "A Fearsome Epitaph"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

"Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #448

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

HOLY COMMUNION

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

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Smith

(*congregation stands)

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Deacon Kirby Francis

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
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TODAY 1:30 CropWalk Registration

MONDAY 6:30 DISCIPLE 2

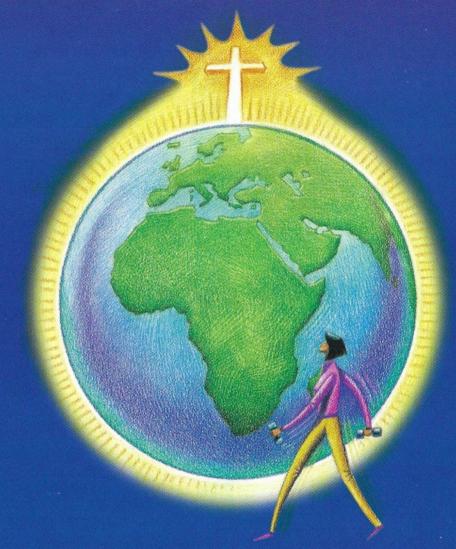
7:00 Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

THURSDAY 12:00 Young at Heart

FRIDAY 6:00 2nd Friday's Dinner,

at Andrew's House



Jesus was a body-builder. Are you?

Go Into All the World...

Nautilus machines. Stairmasters. Stomach crunches. Stationary bicycles. The push is on to build up our bodies, to stay trim and fit and healthy year-round. And that's good.

But Scripture speaks of another kind of body-building. One that's concerned with people and churches, not biceps

and triceps. One that doesn't weaken but grows stronger as the years pass by.

Jesus himself gave us the mandate to build the body worldwide and make disciples of all nations. "Go into all the world," he commanded, "and proclaim the good news to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15b).

When you support the World Mission Offering, you too become a body-builder. Your gifts make it possible

for American Baptists to work together with other Baptists in more than 70 countries worldwide in areas such as evangelism, education, medical work, leadership development and community outreach.

So give generously and help us build strong, healthy, vital churches around the globe. Just like after a good workout, you'll feel better for the effort.

"From him the whole body, joined and knit together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

(Ephesians 4:16, NIV)



Build the body of Christ worldwide. Give to the World Mission Offering.

> International Ministries American Baptist Churches, USA

CROPWALK PRAYER OF CONFESSION & DEDICATION

Unison: The earth is yours, O God. You created its riches—the water, the land, the mineral—sufficient resources for all your children's needs. We confess that we are not good stewards of all you have placed in our care. Too often we think of ourselves first and only.

Leader: Creator God, forgive us.

Men: We are short-sighted and selfish with your gifts, squandering today what needs saving for tomorrow.

Women: Hoarding "ours" instead of sharing what is yours; refusing to use some gifts at all.

Unison: Gracious God, forgive us.

Leader: We seek comfort and security for ourselves at the expense of bare essentials for others.

Unison: Show us your way, Lord, to bring Good News to the poor.

Women: We refuse to be swept into the whirlwind of your Spirit that will challenge and change us.

Men We object, complaining that we have challenge and change enough that disrupts our lives.

Leader: We look for reasons to reject new ways to respond to your Word.

Unison: O Breath of God, breathe fire into us again!

Men: We expect our government to protect us and our basic human rights.

Women: But we do not insist on fulfillment for others of those basic human needs.

Unison: Forgive our lack of vigilance. In a country where we have both a voice in government and a responsibility to use it, we have not been good stewards of your gift of citizenship

Leader: Fill us with the transforming power of your love.
Unison: Show us new ways to respond to your Gospel.

Challenge and equip us to turn our compassion into action for all of your children who suffer. Amen.

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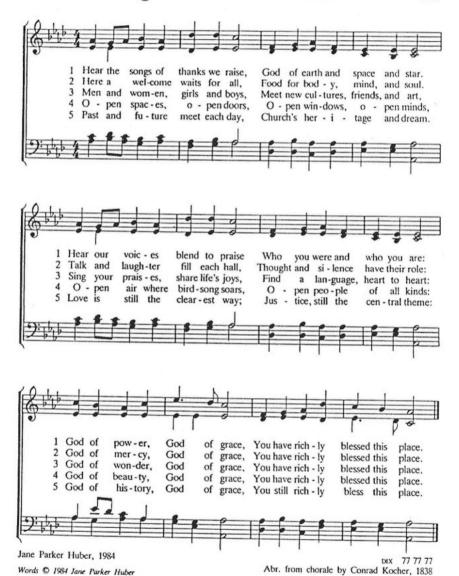
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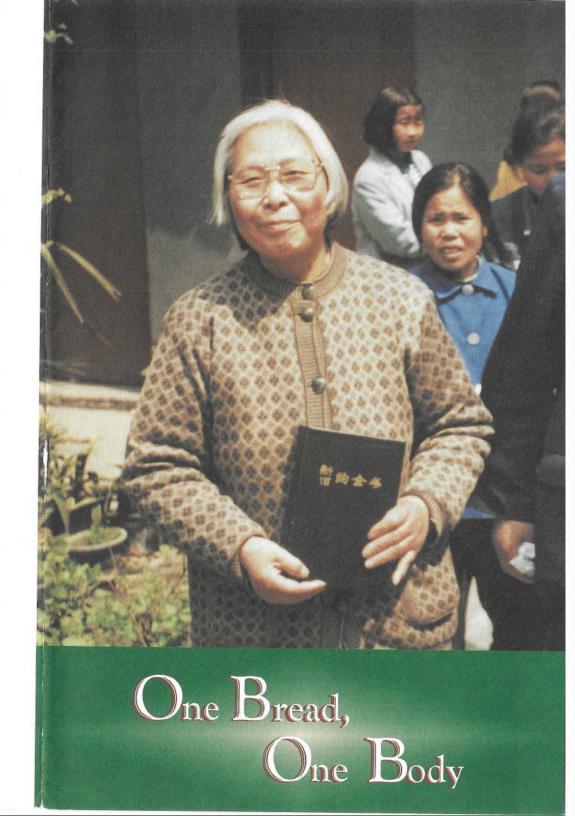
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "My Faith is an Oaken Staff"

Hegarty

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Gracious God, who gives and gives and gives to us again, hear our plea for one more gift: a generous spirit, that we may find and use and return to you all that you have given of ordinary and extraordinary, for you are the source and gift of life itself. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows and runs upon it.

Thanks be to God.

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Thanks be to God.

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving and praise.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #13

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

MISSION MOMENT GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Tender Shepherd" Doxology #572

Eliot

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING#351

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 22:15-20, page 857

MESSAGE "Paying Our Dues To God"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #385

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

(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 G Minor"

F. Ritter

(*congregation stands)

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TODAY

12:00

ABW Ministries Meeting,
bring a sack lunch

MONDAY

6:30

DISCIPLE 2

7:00

Boy Scouts

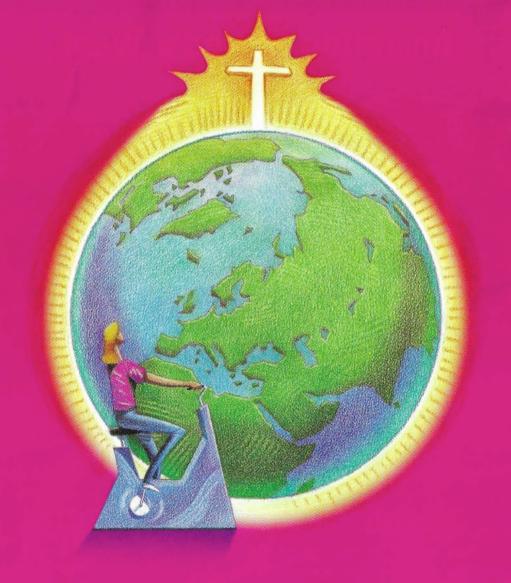
TUESDAY

7:00

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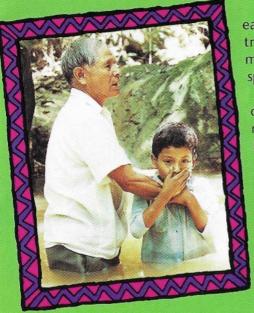
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

THURSDAY 7:00 Finance Committee SATURDAY 7:00 Halloween Party



No pain, no gain.

Investing in God's Work



Americans spend billions of dollars each year keeping our bodies fit and trim. We join health clubs, buy exercise machines and purchase the latest sportswear fashions.

That's not a bad thing. But God calls us to invest in something of more lasting value—the worldwide body of Christ. God asks that we give *sacrificially* of our time, our energy, even our money.

So we boldly ask: Will you support God's work around the globe through prayer and involvement? Will you give generously to the World Mission Offering?

Consider how far our mission dollars go:

- A pair of basic sweatpants costs about \$15. ... \$15 in Russia buys seven illustrated children's Bibles.
- A pair of name brand athletic shoes costs about \$50.
 ... \$50 in Zaire buys 10 pairs of shoes for those who have no shoes.
- A health club membership costs \$300 or more per year.
 ... \$300 in Haiti provides an entire town with safe drinking water.

Don't stop exercising. Keep your body healthy and vital. But remember, we have a higher calling and a more worthy investment. As they say at the gym, *Just Do It!...* not for yourself, but for the sake of Christ's church.

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First Baptist Church Financial Review 10/20/1996

Church Operating Expenses

While the overall financial status of the First Baptist Church is stable, we are approaching a "cash flow crisis" in our general operating expenses. Receipts are continuing to lag substantially below budget (-\$5872). Below is a list comparing this years receipts and budget with the previous two years:

	<u>1994</u>	1995	<u>1996</u>
Receipts			
Jan - Mar	\$10,976	\$10,862	\$10,761
Apr - June	\$11,455	\$11,068	\$9,717
July-Sept	\$10,385	\$10,246	\$10,352
Oct - Dec	\$11,273	\$12,217	\$12,000*Est
Total	\$44,089	\$44,393	\$42,830
Budget	\$45,679	\$47,166	\$48,702
+/- Budget	-\$1,590	-\$2,773	-\$5,872
Cash Balance Dec. 31	\$6,011	\$7,624	\$2,500*Est

We are current in paying all of our essential bills, but we continue to expend more than we are receiving. Our cash balance has declined nearly \$5000 during this calender year. We will continue to control expenses as much as possible, but the only effective long-term solution is increased revenue. The two ways to increase income are for givers to give more or establish more givers. WE NEED TO DO BOTH. Please prayerfully consider your responsibility and committment.

During the next several weeks, I will continue to update the congregation on our progress and review the other areas of our financial picture. Keep, then, this entire commandment that I am commanding you today, so that you may have strength to go in and occupy the land that you are crossing over to occupy.

-Deuteronomy 11:8

Student Recognition Sunday — God's Blessing Awaits Us

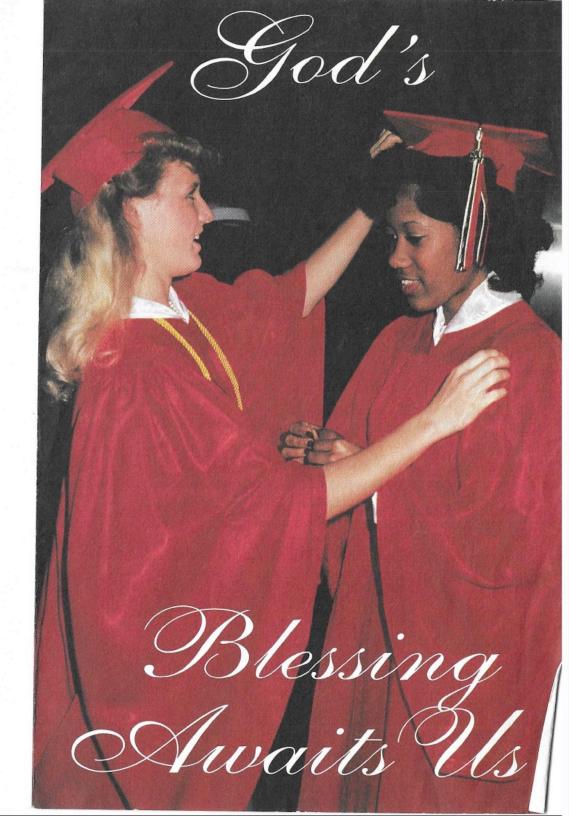
Many families are enjoying the togetherness that the Christmas holiday brings. College and university students return home for the holidays and reconnect with families, friends, and their congregations. The recess from strenuous work and study is a welcome respite on their journeys of learning.

Their paths of learning will lead them to choices of careers and ministries. Along the journey their knowledge will continue to grow. They will learn from experiences, and their wisdom will increase. The seeds of faith planted along the way by faithful teachers, pastors, and mentors will bear fruit. The journeys of our students are not unlike the Israelites' journey to the Promised Land.

As the Hebrew people followed Moses through the wilderness, they were reminded of the blessings awaiting them in the Promised Land. They journeyed toward a land flowing with milk and honey, a land of hills and valleys, watered by rain from the sky. Their Promised Land was a land that the Lord looked after. "The eyes of the Lord your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year" (Deuteronomy 11:12b). The strength the Hebrews needed to cross over and occupy the land came from their observance of God's commandments and teachings.

Surely our students will need similar strength as they cross over into uncharted places in their lives. Pray for the students in your congregation, that they will hold fast to the Lord's teachings, that they might enter a future blessed by God.

Virginia R. Holmstrom Director of Communications Educational Ministries



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The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor David Lovell, preaching

December 29, 1996

"1st Sunday of Christmas"

10:45am

PRELUDE

"Noel in G"

Daquin

"Angel Carols"

Smith

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God, You have called us to spread Your Gospel in the world today. In Christ, You showed us through a single life the love You meant for us to share. Help us share it, Lord. In christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us gather together and give praise for God's Word has come.

The Word of the Lord was sent that we might all know of God's love.

Yet the world would not hear and it turned away from the Word.

But we have heard the word and its truth has touched our hearts.

Then let our hearts proclaim the Word for all the world to hear!

ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #103

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Still, Still, Still"

Manz

Doxology #572

To God, all glorious hev'nly Light, to Christ revealed in earthly night,

to God the Spirit now we raise our joyful songs of thankful praise.

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING (Insert)
"There's A Song In the Air"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:1-16, page 837

MESSAGE "When All Else Fails, Read the Directions"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #219

"O Word of God Incarnate"

(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 "Celebrate Christmas"

Hughes

(*congregation stands)

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David Lovell

Lay Leader:

Deacon Randy Turner

Organist:

Mary Lou Lovell

Choir Director:

Jim Stephenson

Deacon Alison Mowery at 369-3314 or your watchcare deacon. The Reitred Ministers and Misionaries Offering totals

\$309. Thanks for helping us reach our goal.

There's a Song in the Air!

CHRISTMAS SONG, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 12, 12, KARL P. HARRINGTON, 1861-1953 JOSIAH G. HOLLAND, 1819-1881 Joyfully There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky! There's a moth-er's deep 2. There's a tu-mult of joy O'er the won-der-ful birth, For the Vir-gin'ssweet the light of that star Lie the a . ges impearled; And that song from a -3. In re-joice in the light, And we ech - o the song That comes down thro' the fire while the ba - by's low cry! And the star rains prayer And a fire while the the earth. Ay! the star rains its the Lord of boy Has swept o - ver the world. Ev - ery hearth is a - flame, and far the love - ly From the heav - en - ly throng. Ay! we shout to beau-ti-ful sing, For the man-ger of Beth-le-hemora-dles a King! beau-ti-ful sing, For the man-ger of Beth-le-hemora-dles a King! beau-ti-ful sing In the homes of the na-tions that Je-sus is King! van - gel they bring, And we greet in His cra-dle our Sav-iour and King!

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