

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A reception was held June 21st at the City Women's Club in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Via's golden anniversary. It was sponsored by their daughter, Mrs. Frank Summers, of Staunton, Va., and their son, Dr. William Via, of Hartford, Conn.

WOMEN ATTEND CONFERENCE IN GRANVILLE

A number of our ladies attended a part of the annual Women's Conference in Granville. They are Mrs. Helen Aleshire, Mrs. John Richards, Mrs. William Dean, Mrs. Myrtle Smith, Mrs. James Stephenson, and Mrs. Carolyn White.

ALL CHURCH PIANOS RECENTLY TUNED

All the pianos of the church were recently tuned by curtesy of Peter White. This has been a project of Peter's for a number of years and the church is deeply appreciative of his concern.

CHURCH LAWN AND SHRUBBERY TRIMMED

Have you taken a good look at the church's surroundings lately? Mr. Cap Gabriel has done a magnificent job of putting our property in an attractive and beautiful state. We are all grateful to him.

CHOIR COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Choir rehearsals have been discontinued for the summer after one of the finest years in the history of our choir. Under the direction of Fred B. Grubbs the group presented an inspiring Christmas Cantata as well as maintaining a high standard throughout the year. We thank the director, the organist Mrs. Charles Brown, and all the members. Rehearsals begin in Sept.

MEN'S CONFERENCE SCHEDULED SOON

The American Baptist Men of Ohio will hold their anual conference at Judson Hills Camp, Loudonville, Sept. 5,6,7. Among the featured speakers will be Charles Cornett, central area vice-president of the American Baptist Men, and Raymond Classen, executive director of the American Baptist Men. Total cost

for the entire conference is only \$12. Our own James VanBrimmer is president of the Baptist Men of Ohio and we all are proud of him! Many of our men should plan to attend.

YOUNG PEOPLE ACTIVE IN CHURCH

Our young people are taking an increasingly active place in the life of the church. The majority of our choir members are from the youth and even many down to the primary level are assisting in the offertory service. At their own suggestion, the older youth will assist in our worship services beginning in the fall.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD

Our church participated with a number of other churches in a community vacation Bible school. Classes were held at William Street Church.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?

How many recall the names and faces of some of our student pastors of years ago? Do you remember Alan Geyer? Al served as student pastor 1951-52 and sang in the choir before that. He is now editor of THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY, which is thought by many to be the outstanding magazine dealing with the theme of current Christianity.

AND THERE IS ALWAYS THE NEED FOR . . . money! Our offerings for current expenses have averaged \$160 per week for the past month. This is \$44 per week under what is required for operating. Is your pledge paid to date?

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO NAME THE NEWSLETTER AND WIN A PRIZE! Put your suggestion in the box in the vestibule.

NAME FOR THE NEWSLETTER -

MY NAME IS -

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Here we are again! And this time with a new name! Do you like it? It was chosen from among 17 entries by a panel of anonymous judges. Suggesting the winning name was Susan VanBrimmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James VanBrimmer. Congratulations Susan, and we hope you enjoy spending your prize money of \$2.00. We think it is a great name, aptly expressing the purpose of our newsletter as stated in the first number: "Our hope for it extends beyond it being a conveyor of announcements and information - we want it to be a direct means of instruction and inspiration." In other words, news and views!

Gathered for you in this number is a fascinating collection of a variety of items: news notes, inside information, announcements of interest, and some practical suggestions on how you can find the secret of a newer, fuller life for yourself . . . your reactions and comments will be appreciated . . . we welcome items for future numbers . . . and we want more names for our mailing list. GOOD READING, GOOD LIVING! ! !

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STANDING ROOM ONLY AS CHURCH SCHOOL RESUMES WITH NEW COURSES

Latecomers had to stand Sunday as the Church School resumed after a month's vacation. Meeting in the Assembly Room, adults and children were told of the exciting new curriculum which is being introduced this fall by the American Baptist Convention. The children and youth received their promotion certificates and classes began. All new material is being used from Nursery thru Adult. Initial comments heard by your reporter indicate that both pupils and teachers are delighted with their new courses and resource materials.

in the School as pianist, assisting in the worship services of the various departments and teaching as needed.

FRED B. GRUBBS RESIGNS POSITION

Fred B. Grubbs has resigned after serving as Choir Director for two years. He has accepted the position of Choir Director-Organist at the Zion United Church of Christ. Altho we regret to see him leave, we are all happy for Fred's promotion and our prayers go with him. He has not only served faithfully as Choir Director, but has also taught the Middlers and directed the Senior High Youth Fellowship. His successor as Choir Director will be shortly announced by the Parish Council

CHANGES IN TEACHING STAFF ANNOUNCED

W. C. Wickum, Chairman of the Board of Christian Education, has announced four changes in the teaching staff of the Church School. Miss Mary Mead is teaching Nursery, Mrs. Garold Gregory is teaching Middlers, Dr. Garold Gregory is temporarily the Junior High Teacher, and Mrs. Smale is the Senior Hi teacher. Miss Mead replaces Mrs. Charles Pettit who is temporarily retiring from the staff, Mrs. Gregory takes the place of Fred Grubbs (see story below), Dr. Gregory will teach for 6 weeks during W. C. Wickum's sick leave (story below), and Mrs. Smale takes Mrs. Harold Byerly's class. Mrs. Byerly will continue to work

W. C. WICKUM TAKES SICK LEAVE

W. C. Wickum will enter St. Anthony's Hospital, Columbus, Sept. 10 for surgery. During the time of his hospitalization and convalescence his class of Junior Highs will be taught by Dr. Garold Gregory. He will be in the hospital for two weeks.

SCIENTIST DESCRIBES PRAYER AS A FORM OF ENERGY

Ambrose Worrall, researcher in the field of aircraft production, recently wrote, "I believe there exists a field of energy, akin to life itself, around us...we draw our daily supply of energy from this...source.

(cont.) When we insulate ourselves by wrong thinking or wrong living from this source of supply, we become sick...the spiritual healer is a person who is a conductor between the source of supply and the patient. Every thought is a prayer."

If Mr. Worrall is right, what does this mean for our church? Should we be conductors of spiritual energy causing life changing power to work in the lives of all in our fellowship?

CHOIR RESUMES WEEKLY PRACTICE

Regular choir rehearsals begin Saturday at 4:00 P.M. under the direction of organist Mrs. Charles N. Brown. She urges all members to be present and invites others to consider joining this year's choir.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY BEGINS NEW YEAR

The first meeting of the Society is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 25, at 7:30 P.M. at the church. The new theme is "Put Love into Deeds and Make It Real." All women are invited to attend, bring their Love Gift, and their friends.

Since interest in the Circles had been dwindling, the women voted in a called meeting in July to make a number of changes for a trial year. Monthly meetings will be held at the church at 7:30 each third Thursday. Rather than have Circle and Society meetings, a women's day will be held on which there will be varied activities. (See enclosed letter). The success of such a day will be according to the interest and participation.

President Bertha McTaggart states, "You, every woman of the congregation, are a member of our Women's Society. Many of you have expressed a need for more fellowship, new concern for one another, Bible study and prayer time, and inspiration. We feel that our Women's Days can help fulfill these needs. We depend upon you and covet your loyalty to our work. Please tell us what interests you and join with us on these days."

TWO DEATHS IN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Two of our members passed away in

the past month. Mrs. Daniel Brintlinger passed away at the Sarah Moore Home August 10. Mrs. Lula Mace died in California.

DR. GLENN CLARK'S SECRET

Dr. Glenn Clark, a professor and coach at Macalester College, revealed his secret of successful prayer in his book, "I Will Lift up My Eyes." He wrote, "You take your own or your brother's need deep in your heart, and identify yourself with it. Then, forgetting your brother and yourself, as best you can, and above all, forgetting your trouble, turn completely in thought to God and rise into that high consciousness of oneness with the Father, thru the consciousness of your oneness with Christ, and having risen to that high place, you pray until the Peace of God comes upon you. Then your prayer is answered."

COUPLE MARRIED AT CHURCH

Thursday, August 28, Norma McElhinny and Bruce Strawser were in marriage in an open church ceremony in our sanctuary. Mrs. Strawser is the granddaughter of the late Mrs. O. B. McElhinny.

MEN'S CONFERENCE HELD AT CAMP

The annual Ohio Baptist Men's Conference has just concluded after meeting at Camp Judson Hills. Attending from our church was James VanBrimmer. Jim is state president.

THE CLASS THAT WOULD NOT QUIT!!!

When the Church School was dismissed for August, the Whatever Class decided that they enjoyed their lessons too much to stop meeting. So they planned weekly meetings at the Church School hour at the homes of members. They met with Mrs. Dick, Mrs. Gabriel, Miss Nash, Mrs. Crane, and Mrs. Ball. Congratulations to the ladies and their teacher, Mrs. Helen Aleshire. If all our classes had their devotion and enthusiasm we would have a revived church and church school!!!

THERE IS AN INWARD POWER THAT MOVES FOR GOOD WITHIN US -

WE'RE GETTING A NEW MOVIE SCREEN

The ladies of the church are collecting Betty Crocker coupons and Total Cereal box bottoms. 14,000 points enable us to get free a large movie screen. The Total bottoms are worth 25 points with Sept 30 the deadline. Put them in the box on the table in the vestibule.

NEW BABY ARRIVES!

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Luce (the former Edith Hall) are the parents of a baby girl, Cassandra Suzann, born August 29. Congratulations to the happy parents.

ADULTS COME BACK TO SCHOOL

Two classes for adults are offered in our Church School. The Whatever Class, taught by Mrs. Helen Aleshire, is offering "The Story of God and His People," which is a part of the Uniform Lesson series. This is an Old Testament course.

The other adult class is taught by the pastor and its theme is "God Reveals Himself." It is an attempt to discover the reality of God in our personal experience.

YOUNG PEOPLE PREPARE FOR COLLEGE

A number of our youth are ready to return to college or are about to begin. Donna Brown enters Ohio Wesleyan Un. Annette Linn and Donald Brown, are entering the Marion Branch of Ohio State University; Cindy Smale and Douglas Syler return to Ohio State; Sue Chaffin returns to Morehead State University in Kentucky; Rick Lee enters Wooster College; Charles Pettit begins at the Ohio Technical Institute; and Ted Stephenson begins his senior year at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

AMONG THE SHUT-INS . . .

These are our friends and fellow Christians who do not find it possible to worship with us. Remember them in your prayers, by cards and letters, and by your personal visits. . . . John McKean, 95 Eaton St.; Mrs. Wealthy Pinney, 47 E. William St.; Mrs. Grace Finch,

Rt. #2, County Home; Mrs. Joe Ball, 97 Orchard Hts.; Elmer VanBrimmer, 3316 Chatham Place, Media, Pa. 19063.

CUSTOM BUILT COURSES FOR CURIOUS CHRISTIANS!

Would you like to be part of a class (size uncertain) where you might explore some interesting subject with like minded people? In addition to the Church School class your pastor would really enjoy offering any number of courses which would meet the curiosity of any who want to learn. Classes could meet day or night - time set by the convenience of those involved. The atmosphere would be informal, the object would be fun as well as information. Here are some sample subjects: 1) Spiritual healing; 2) Meditation; 3) Methods of Prayer; 4) Spiritual psychology; 5) Survey of Theology for beginners (who isn't?); 6) Psychic research (ESP, dreams, spiritualism, etc.); 7) Major Spiritual Religions of the World. Any of these strike your fancy or tickle your curiosity? If so, call the parsonage or speak to your pastor personally about it - or write a note - any way, just so you communicate! And if a subject interests you, recruit some friends who might also want to attend. (They don't have to be Baptists, we won't try to steal them from their own church!) And if you have a favorite subject that isn't listed, why then suggest it. Let's learn together, thinking can be great fun and excitement.

HERE ARE A COUPLE OF MEDITATION STARTERS

Your pastor recently found the two following jewels in an unexpected place. One is a prayer of confession, but a confession cast in a positive and hopeful mood; the other is an affirmation of faith in God who is All Love. They can be helpful as meditation-starters. Try them in your quiet time and let us know your reactions to them. You do have a quiet time of prayer and meditation, don't you? If you don't, these might help you start.

(continued)

O Lord, thou hast created man to be immortal and made him to be an image of thine own eternity; yet often we forget the glory of our heritage and wander from the path which leads to righteousness. But thou, O Lord, hast made us for thyself and our hearts are ever restless till they find their rest in thee. Look with the eyes of thy love upon our manifold imperfections and pardon all our shortcomings, that we may be filled with the brightness of the everlasting light and become the unspotted mirror of thy power and the image of thy goodness; thru Christ our Lord, Amen.

An Affirmation:

We believe that God is love and power and truth and light; that perfect justice rules the world; that all his sons shall one day reach his feet, however far they stray. We hold the Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man; we know that we do serve him best when best we serve our brother man. So shall his blessing rest on us and peace for evermore. Amen.

A WEDDING IS ANNOUNCED

We have learned that Bob Haddix, one of our non-residents who is a student at Judson College, Elgin, Ill., will marry Kristy Sue Murphy at the Covenant Baptist Church in Detroit on Sept. 26.

MONEY IS AN UNAVOIDABLE SUBJECT (unless you skip this newsitem)

Statistics released by our faithful treasurer reveal the following fact...our offerings since the last Newsletter (July 17) have averaged \$176.63 per week (this is for local expenses). Needed to meet our budget is an average of \$204 per week. This means that we are running \$27.37 short of our very basic budget. Does this suggest anything to you? Our tradition at First Baptist has been that our people always respond when the need is made known. This is our faith and expectancy.

A GLIMPSE AHEAD and A PREVIEW

New plans for Wednesday evening are soon to be announced . . . A prominent missionary will be with us October 23, Dr. John Carman . . . The annual World Fellowship Offering will be received the 1st Sunday in November this year . . . Something new and different is planned for World-Wide Communion Sunday.

REMEMBER . . . Most of the people of Asia will go to bed hungry tonight. The average factory wage in the U.S.A. is about \$2.60 per hour. In Korea it is 8¢ an hour. Most of the people of Asia are sick. A Korean dies of tuberculosis every ten minutes. It is my mission to do everything I can to transform these conditions.

WORDS OF DEEP WISDOM FOR OUR CHURCH (AND EVERY CHURCH)

Dr. Donald Bloesch, theologian and writer, summed up his convictions recently in this statement: "In my spiritual development there has been a growing concern for a renewal of personal devotion to Jesus Christ...we must recover the Biblical truth that the world as created is good. What is needed today is a renewal of devotion to the living Savior, Jesus Christ. It will take the form of a deepening concern for prayer and meditation."

FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND PLACE IN THE BOX IN THE VESTIBULE - (Put your name on back, please) Suggestions for improving NEWS AND VIEWS _____

I am interested in the following courses (see page 3, CUSTOM BUILT COURSES)

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We all know what NEWS means. And this month we have a lot of it! NEWS means the latest; the activities, the events which concern you and your church. What about VIEWS? VIEWS are ideas. Ideas from many sources; from different points of view; ideas you may agree with or not, but which stimulate you to THINK. So here are some ideas (VIEWS) and some NEWS. The NEWS to inform you; the VIEWS to challenge you. Happy reading; good living!

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PROMINENT SURGEON TO VISIT CHURCH

Dr. John Carman, former head of the world famous Vellore Christian Medical College and Hospital in South India will speak in our sanctuary Thursday, October 23, at 7:30 P.M. The medical complex is supported by 70 church groups and includes a medical college, nurses school, hospital and outpatient clinic. Under Dr. Carman's leadership the hospital and college grew to its present capacity of 1,027 beds and an outpatient load of over 1800. Almost a thousand students are enrolled in its various training programs.

nature. Older people who denied aging were brighter, healthier, more sociable. There may be more than we realize in the saying: "We are as old as we think we are."

BUSINESS MEETINGS ANNOUNCED

The regular quarterly business meeting will be held October 12 at the close of morning worship. This is the first meeting since the constitution was amended changing the meetings from Wednesday to Sunday.

A special called business meeting will be held after church Nov. 2, for the purpose of deciding if we will accept the Salary Support offer of the M & M Board. This is your official notice of the called meeting. A representative of the M & M will be present and good attendance is required.

We are planning a covered dish dinner in Dr. Carman's honor at 6:15. Persons desiring to attend can sign up at church on the next 2 Sundays or call the parsonage.

A WEDDING ANNOUNCED

On Saturday, Oct. 4, Mel Treese and Annette Linn were married in the church at 2:30 P.M. Congratulations and best wishes to them from us all!

A DEATH IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mr. Elmer VanBrimmer, father of James VanBrimmer, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Media, Pa. Services were held at the church Friday.

SERVICE MEN VISIT ON LEAVE

William Faulk and John Mead were recent visitors on leave from military service. Bill is in training with the Marines and John has just returned from a tour of duty with the army in Vietnam. Watch the bulletin board for their new addresses.

WOMEN PLAN THREE MEETINGS

The Women's Society of the Marion Assoc. will meet at the Radnor Baptist Church Thursday, Oct. 21, at 7:30 P.M. (Registration 7:00). The theme is "Drug Abuse." Fellowship follows and a nursery is available.

The annual Baptist Women's Day of Prayer will be held at Radnor Monday, Nov. 3, at 7:30 P.M.

HOW TO AVOID AGING!!

Investigations by Dr. Frances M. Carp, reported in GERIATRICS, indicate that certain factors in the process of aging are of a mental

World Community Day will be observed Friday, Nov. 7, from 9:30 until 11:00 A.M. at our church. The service is sponsored by Church Women United.

THE CHURCH AND THE GENERATION GAP

The September issue of the CHRISTIAN HERALD carried the two following comments on the church and youth. We suggest you show them to the nearest teenager and listen to the reaction.

"I firmly believe that if the church knew how to interpret Jesus Christ it might have a chance of recapturing a generation which is lost to the Christian faith...no pietistic Christ - frowning at mini-skirts, long hair, and "bad" words - will do...The Christ who challenged and resisted the political and religious power structures of his day...who disdained for himself money and the things money would buy...who pressed for a more just social order...who struggled for the helpless and exploited - if the church would interpret this Christ to our generation, it might get a response." (Wesley Shrader)

"The youth culture is an open, generous one...its ethics are not those of the adult culture..It is a culture built around the need to overcome powerlessness...its is extraordinarily free of arrogance and pugnacity...It wants what Christ - lans say they have always wanted: peace, humane relationships, freedom from tyranny, full development of the human potential inherent in all people." (John Leo)

COMMUNITY MEETING HERE SUNDAY, 12th

The Interchurch Council is sponsoring a series of Protestant-Catholic Discussions. These are under the very capable leadership of Dr. James Leslie, Chaplain at OWU and Father Arthur Lenti, professor at the Pontifical College Josephinum. The discussion Sunday, Oct. 12, will be in our Fellowship Hall at 7:30PM. Refreshments will be served by our ladies. Please accept your part as hosts and hostesses tonight.

PEOPLE WHO HAVE TRAVELED

Several of our fellowship have returned recently from long trips . . . Mrs. Veley Main has been visiting in Florida and Memphis ..Mrs. Ernestine Frost has returned

from Anderson, Calif.and Mrs. Paul Cunningham has taken an extensive tour of the west.

A NEW BABY HAS ARRIVED!!

Mr. and Mrs. John Haney Jr. are the happy parents of a son, Spencer Eric, who was born Sept. 19, weighing 8 lb. 6 Oz. Charles and Marjorie Smale are the grandparents.

ANY NEWS FROM YOU, PLEASE!?

While enjoying reading the NEWS and VIEWS, you may have thought of items of interest which could have been printed in this issue. How about becoming a reporter and phoning stories into the page for the next number, due out Nov. 10?

MISSIONARY RALLY IN MARION SOON

The Marion Baptist Association will hold a missionary rally Sunday Oct. 19 at 2:30 and 7:30 P.M. It will be at the Fite Memorial Church at David & Darius Street. There will be addresses by missionaries Ioleta McElhaney and Robert Johnson, and evangelist Herbert Hoover. Hear special music by The Eighteens and an all-association choir. Dinner is by reservation only at \$1.50 adults and 75¢ children (12 & under). Get tickets in advance from pastor no later than Oct. 15.

NEWS OF NON-RESIDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Faulk are living in Worthington at 5055 Godown Road. Both are teaching in Hebron; Larry teaches 8th grade math and Pam 7th grade English. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Stephenson are beginning their 3rd year at Northern. Jeannie is continuing in the business office of the Maywood Baptist Retirement Home and Ted, in addition to his studies, drives an airport limousine for the Oak Brook-O'Hare Limousine Service and serves the Maywood Home as part time Chaplain.

HOW ABOUT SOME COMMUNITY FUN?

The city will be voting in November on a bond issue that will provide fine new recreational facilities at Mingo Park. This will give the community a swimming pool (all (cont)

weather) and a multipurpose facility usable for many activities such as meetings, crafts, youth, senior citizens, sports, etc. You will find some material on our table in the vestibule. Our own Jack Smith is city recreation director.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LADIES SOCIETY

The Women's Mission Society got off to a good start at their first meeting Thursday, Sept. 25 with 18 present. Hostesses for the evening were Myrtle Smith, Frances Belt, Della Dean and Bertha McTaggart. Our new program books are ready and most of them have been distributed. Thanks to all who helped to make possible a job well done. Our next meeting will be Oct. 16, 7:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Jean Wickum will have charge of the program. The title is "Areas of Concern in our Community." Try to attend, won't you? (Della Dean, Program Chairman)

REMEMBER OUR MISSIONARIES

Our special interest missionaries are:

Miss Dorothy Lincoln, a registered nurse, serves on the American Baptist medical mission staff at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Limbe, Haiti. She has been a missionary for 22 years.

Rev. & Mrs. Charles R. Moore, have served in the Congo for 7 years. He teaches math and she English in a new high school in Kinshasa. They have 4 children.

Miss Elizabeth Chambers, librarian, organized the library and set up an efficient administration at Central Philippine University at Iloilo City 15 years ago. She helps to train librarians throughout the islands.

Our missionaries need our loving concern and support. The added blessings of cards, personal letters and gifts can bridge the miles to bring warmth of friendship and Christian Concern. You will find their addresses in the Program Book. (Sophie Stephenson)

WORLD FELLOWSHIP OFFERING NOV. 2

The World Fellowship Offering receipts are a part of the Basic Mission Program of the American Baptist Convention. The goal this year is \$750,000. Reach All the World Now is the offering theme for 1969. The offering is usually taken the first Sunday in October but has been changed this year to the first Sunday of November (Sunday, Nov. 2). The children in Sunday Church School will receive their offering boxes on Sunday October 26 to take home and place their offering in them. Parents are urged to explain to them and allow them to earn the money to put into the boxes. Envelopes for the offering will be in the bulletins on Sunday October 26.

(Mary Richards)

REMEMBER THOSE WHO CANNOT ATTEND OUR SERVICES

These are our friends and fellow Christians who are often with us in mind but cannot attend our worship. Remember them with cards, letters, and best of all, with visits. Mrs. Joe Ball, 97 Orchard Hts.; Mrs. Arthur Birdsell, 97 Rheem St.; Mrs. Grace Finch, Rt. #2, County Home; John McKean, 95 Eaton St.; Mrs. Wealthy Pinney, 47 E. William St.

SAVE COUPONS, ETC. FOR THE CHURCH

Our ladies are saving Betty Crocker Coupons, Total box bottoms, and Wandra Flour bottoms. Also still saving IGA tapes, trading stamps, and cancelled postage stamps.

RECEPTION FOR FORMER CHOIR DIRECTOR

We are planning to meet after service Sunday October 19 to say thank you to Fred Grubbs, our former choir director. Contributions for a gift may be given to Donna Brown or Jean Ekelberry. The reception is sponsored by the choir.

CHOIR PRACTICES EACH SATURDAY

Choir rehearsals are held each Saturday at 4:00 P.M. under the direction of Mrs. Charles Brown, assistant director. We need members!!!! How about YOU?

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FINANCE CHAIRMAN

Circle the date of November 9. This will be the Pledge Dedication Sunday. The day you each present your 1970 Financial Pledge for dedication at our regular morning worship service.

Prior to that date you will receive, by mail, the proposed church budget, your pledge sheet, and a letter bringing you up to date on our financial responsibilities. But don't wait for that mailing to give serious thought to what part of your income you will commit to God next year. Let the Scripture passage "...every man shall give as he is able..." guide your thinking and be anxious to join with your church to present your pledge November 9.

As the wife of your Financial Secretary, I am constantly reminded of the dedication and faithfulness of many of you. You have come a long way in recognizing ALL of the church programs and are willing to support them. Many of you do remember that our church expenses are continuous and that your pledge is needed regularly. Even if some can't attend the weekly services, the mail or a knock at our door brings the pledges of these faithful members. Vacation time found many aware that services would continue at 101 N. Franklin Street while they were gone and so their pledges were kept current. Among those I most admire are those members and church friends who are physically unable to ever attend a service. Even this does not stop them from giving regularly to help provide a church home for you. Several within our fellowship have known sickness and unexpected changes in their lives this year, but these too have continued their pledges to their church and will attend again when able.

Where do you fit in the financial support of our church? Is it fair that less than 50 giving units in our church continue to provide you with a place to worship and support

the entire program?

Have you ever really considered what even a small gift regularly given could mean to you? to your church? Think about it. Talk it over with your family and God between now and November 9. Then joyfully and thankfully bring your pledge and join with all of us at this special service.

(Mrs. Richard Lee)

NEWS FROM THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Youth Fellowship met at Wickums' Oct. 5 in a special planning session and completed plans for a bake sale Oct. 18 in front of McClellins.

The Junior High members of the Fellowship will attend the Junior Hi Jamboree in Columbus Oct. 25.

The Senior High members have the opportunity to attend the annual state convention of the BYF in Columbus during the Thanksgiving holiday. (W. C. Wickum)

NEW CLASS TO BEGIN SOON

In the last NEWS AND VIEWS a list of seven courses was published and volunteers were invited. Fourteen persons indicated their choice of courses and this is the order of preference: 1) Psychic Research, 2) Meditation, and 3) Spiritual Healing. Since these three areas are closely related a combined course will be offered. The course will of course also involve some discussion of methods of prayer and spiritual psychology, and so the interests of all should be met. The title is FRONTIERS OF THE SPIRIT. All who have indicated interest will be consulted as to a good time for the first meeting. Two sections may be scheduled. Anyone not previously registering may still attend. First meeting time will be announced Sunday, October 12th.

Thanks to all who have helped with this NEWS AND VIEWS.

responsibility of the committee is sponsorship of the annual School of Christian Studies.

ALL INVITED TO 50th ANNIVERSARY

We extend a cordial invitation to all to attend the 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception for Dick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lee of Mt. Gilead. The reception will be held Nov. 30 from 2-4 P.M. in the Mt. Gilead First Baptist Church. They would be pleased to see any of you as they feel this is their second church home, having attended here so frequently with us. We hope you and your children can share this special event with us.

(signed, Dick and Evelyn Lee)

THANKSGIVING OFFERING PLANNED

Please note that you have a special Thanksgiving Offering Envelope. These will be received Sunday, Nov. 23. The Finance Com. has suggested this offering be used to meet our obligation to the Religious Education Program. If you wish to designate your offering for another fund, please feel free to note this on your Thanksgiving envelope.

WICKUMS SPEAK AT CONFERENCE

A conference on the "Ministry of the Small Church" was recently held at Judson Hills, Oct. 30-31. In response to a request by the American Baptist Home Mission Soc. Jim VanBrimmer arranged for a panel discussion of the subject "The Effective Laity" to be given Oct. 30. Jim served as moderator and Wick and Jean Wickum from our own church served as panel members. They both made outstanding presentations and offered inspiring contributions during the discussion period. The conference was attended chiefly by pastors of small Ohio churches. Jim has since received a letter of thanks from one of the Ohio Area Ministers. In the letter he states "that those who shared in the discussion were unanimous in pointing out that it was the best experience of this

kind they had ever shared." No small part of the credit goes to the Wickums for the powerful witness to the reality of Jesus in their lives that they presented.

(by James VanBrimmer)

WOMEN'S LOVE GIFT PROGRAM

The Women's Love Gift began in 1932 during the depression, when Baptist women gave small coins to make up a \$150,000 deficit in the denomination's budget. It is a continuing and vital part of our missionary endeavor, now totaling over a half million dollars yearly. The Love Gift dollar is divided to help in areas such as home and foreign mission fields, city missions, educational help for student ministers and missionaries, and support for the M&M retirement program. The Love Gift is not to be a part of the tithe or regular church giving, being "over and above." It is just what its name implies - a gift of love. Because we love God and are blessed in many things we give so that others, less fortunate, may know His love. It is as simple as that. The Love Gift is made up of pennies, nickels and dimes which are dropped daily into the Love Gift boxes with a silent prayer of thankfulness. The small coins may be likened to little drops of rain that fall and eventually join together to become the mighty ocean. Our small gifts of love joined with those of Baptist women everywhere are a mighty force in telling the gospel of Jesus. The 1969 Love Gift total for our society to date is \$69,70. We have accepted no goal, but it is hoped that this may be increased substantially by the year's end. The Thanksgiving and Christmas season is a meaningful time to participate fully in Love Gift offering. The giver as well as the the receiver of the gift will know a special kind of blessing.

(by Mrs. Charles Elliot)

Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking Him with a thankful heart. Phil. 4:6 (TEV)

VANBRIMMER ATTENDS CONFERENCE

James VanBrimmer, state president of the American Baptist Men of Ohio, recently attended the Central States Area Training Conference of American Baptist Men. The conference was held October 24-27 in Omaha, Nebraska. The broad objectives of the conference were to confront men with problems facing the American Baptist Convention in accomplishing its mission and to find ways lay persons can work constructively with those problems in their congregations, and to discover effective means of witnessing to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the process of daily living. The theme of the conference was "Church Men in Personal Witness." Jim is in his 2nd term as state president.

REPORT FROM THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The Women's Society met Thursday Oct. 12 in the Church with 12 present. Frances Belt led the meeting in the absence of Bertha McTaggart. Helen Aleshire had the devotions assisted by Claudia Elliot, Harriet Pittman, Lucille Via, Frances Johnson, Ernestine Frost and Della Dean. Jean Wickum presented the program on Areas of Concern in our Community. Hostesses were Frances Johnson, Ruth Brown and Elvira Smith. All the women of the church are urged to become a part of the Society.

MCTAGGARTS VISIT THE BIBLE LANDS

John and Bertha McTaggart returned late Wednesday, Nov. 5, from a 3 week tour of Bible Lands. They were members of a group of 240 persons taking a Gotaas Tour-Cruise with such outstanding lecture leaders as Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, a world famous Bible scholar; Dr. Cyrus N. Nelson, president of Gospel Literature in National Tongues; Miss Harriet-Louise Patterson, author and America's foremost interpreter of the Middle East; and others. They were requested to author a guest column in this issue to acquaint us with their travel experiences.

GUEST COLUMNISTS (the McTaggarts)

After a few hours in Rome we continued to Athens where the group boarded the Royal Athenian Cruise Liner "Orpheus" for 2 weeks. This ship made stops at many ports in the Aegean and Mediterranean area where the group debarked for further travel by buses to places of Bible history in Greece, Turkey, Lebanon, Egypt and several islands before returning to Athens.

The climax of the trip was flying to Israel from Athens for the final four days in the Holy Land.

It was truly a "flying" trip as so much was packed into each day. You could call it an "endurance trip" as the itinerary covered 16,000 miles by air, 3,000 miles by boat, and about 1500 miles by bus (not counting the mileage up and down, Oh, were some of those roads rough!) We also must have walked a hundred miles, but surely it was at least 50.

We had excellent flying weather with one exception, beautiful sailing seas with three exceptions (an especially rough one the last night after the Captain's Dinner) and only two rainy days, one the last aboard ship and the other one the last Sunday as we visited in Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

The trip was not without anxious moments. Our ship was delayed departure four hours in the port of Alexandria, Egypt, because one man was arrested for taking pictures and detained about six hours before being released. Then the last afternoon as we were up on a hill overlooking Jericho we were caught in the cross fire of one of the daily skirmishes between the Jordanians and the Israelites.

But the true significance of the trip to us will continue to unfold throughout our lives. Our knowledge of Bible lands has been broadened, our reading of the Scriptures has been illuminated and our understanding of our Bible has been deepened and will continue to grow and open up to us in many ways.

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We pray that we may share with you the joy, the excitement, the thrill of what we have seen, and felt, and heard. May our lives give evidence that we have truly "Walked Today where Jesus Walked."

(Editor's note: I am happy to report that Bertha and John have agreed to speak to our congregation Sunday, Dec. 14, sharing with us some of the highlights of their Bible Lands Tour)

SPECIAL SERVICES AT SPRINDALE

Special evangelistic services are being conducted Nov. 9-14 at the Springdale Baptist Church. The song leader is our own choir director, W. C. Wickum. The speaker is Rev. George Reed, former pastor of the Springdale church. You are invited to attend. It is 2 miles north of route 36 on county road 107. 107 is a few miles east of Marysville.

DID YOU BRING IN YOUR PLEDGE?

There are still a number of pledges which have not come in. If you are one who has not mailed or brought your pledge sheet, will you mail it to Richard Lee, 259 S. Section Line Rd.? Thank you!

ADVANCE GIFTS FOR NEW ROOF NEEDED

Have you indicated your desire to make a special gift toward a new roof for the educational building? Gifts are due Dec. 31, 1969, just in time to be deducted from your income tax!

NIGHT CHANGED FOR CHOIR REHEARSAL

The Choir rehearses Tuesday nights at 7:30 P.M. New members are welcome. Recent additions to the choir are Mary Focke and Linda Seckman. Miss Focke is Director of the Speech and Hearing Center and Miss Seckman teaches Math at Willis Intermediate School.

GIFTS NEEDED FOR STATE HOSPITAL!!!

Christmas gifts are urgently needed for the State Hospital in Columbus. Deadline is Nov. 14. Call

Jean Wickum at 369-1561 for gift suggestions; if no answer call the parsonage, 363-7021.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS . . . Mr. J. C. McKean, 95 Eaton; Mrs. Joe Ball, 97 Orchard Hts.; Mrs. Arthur Birdsell, 97 Rheem; Mrs. Grace Finch, Rt. #2, County Home; Mrs. Wealthy Pinney, 47 E. William St.

ARE YOU A COUPON & BOXTOP SAVER?

Our ladies are still collecting Betty Crocker coupons, Total and Wandra Flour box bottoms, Trading Stamps, IGA tapes, cancelled stamps. They hope to obtain a new screen for the church.

WHAT ARE YOU READING THAT'S GOOD?

There are fine articles in the current issues of MISSION and CRUSADER. The Oct. 31 issue of LIFE has an informative article on Marijuana. The current LOOK (Nov. 18) has a couple of top articles. One is "The Mood of America" by Fletcher Knebel, and another is "Vietnam: Get Out Now" by J. Robert Moskin, LOOK foreign editor.

AND WHAT'S GOOD TO READ?

Here are some excellent and helpful magazines you should be reading and which would make great Christmas gifts. GUIDE POSTS, monthly, \$2 per year, order from GUIDEPOSTS ASSOCIATES, Inc., Carmel, N.Y. 10512; FAITH AT WORK, bimonthly, \$5.00 per year, order from FAITH AT WORK MAGAZINE, P.O. Box 1790, Waco, Texas 76703.

A WORD FROM YOUR EDITOR . . . It is more fun than work to get out your monthly NEWS AND VIEWS (well, most of the time, that is!) The duplicating machine is 20 years old and is sometimes a problem, but we don't let that stand in the way of communication. We plan to feature a guest columnist each month and we want more and more personal notes on the adventures of YOU and YOUR family. So it is a tremendous help if you will put modesty aside and let us know the latest. And suggestions are always wanted. O.K.? See you in print next month!

the church Saturday, Nov. 29th. in a double ring ceremony. Linda is the granddaughter of Mrs. Ernestine Frost.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lee was observed Sunday, Nov. 30, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. About 130 guests attended including from our church the McTaggarts, the Gregorys, the Faulks, and the Vias. Many greetings were received from friends in Delaware. Mr. and Mrs. Lee are the parents of Dick Lee.

WILL YOU GIVE BREAD TO THE HUNGRY?

Offering envelopes for CROP are in the pew racks at church. CROP is the overseas relief agency for the churches. You may place them in any offering and your gift will go to people who are in desperate need for food.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HELD HERE

The annual community Thanksgiving Worship was held in our church Nov. 26. We heard a fine sermon by Dr. James Leslie, chaplain at OWU. Others sharing in the service were W. C. Wickum, Mrs. Charles Brown, Father Paul O'Dea, and your pastor. As ecumenical note - this is the first time a priest of the Roman Catholic Church has shared in conducting worship in our church.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN VIETNAM

A community service for peace in Vietnam will be held Friday, Dec. 12, in the William St. Methodist Church. It will consist of prayers, litanies, etc. Time is 7:30.

NEED A NEW DISH CLOTH, LADIES?

Dish cloths are available at 25¢ from Mrs. Helen Aleshire. The money will be used to defray the cost of mailing boxes to Burma. Total cost was \$25.00.

SEVERAL ATTEND BYF CONVENTION

Karen VanBrimmer and James VanBrimmer attended the annual BYF Convention which was held the

Thanksgiving weekend at the First Baptist Church in Columbus. Both report having a great time. More details will be published in the January NEWS AND VIEWS.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT SLATED FOR 19th

The newly organized Chorus will hold its first concert Friday, Dec. 19, at 8:15 P.M. in St. Peter's Church. The chorus is sponsored by the Interchurch Council.

PASTOR CONDUCTS RETREAT IN AKRON

Your pastor was in Akron for a retreat Nov. 21 and 22nd. The activities began with a discussion group the evening of Nov. 21st and continued the next day at the Bath United Church of Christ. Theme was "Questions and Explorations."

RESULTS TO DATE OF PLEDGING

Mrs. Richard Lee, Finance Comm. Chairman, announces the results to date of our every member canvas:

Local expenses -	\$5,675
Building -	2,535
Missions -	1,849
Repair -	863
As needed -	<u>2,248</u>
Total	\$13,171

Advance pledges on new roof - \$464.

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Ft. Devens, Mass.

The address for Mr. and Mrs. William Faulk is not available at press time. Mail for him may be sent to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Faulk, R.D. 1, Avery Rd., Dublin, Ohio.

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT OF THE WMC

It hardly seems possible that less than a month is left in the 60's. Just a few more days and we'll be celebrating the birthday of Jesus. As president and in behalf of the Women's Mission Society, may I extend to you our best wishes for a blessed and meaningful Christmas. Our prayers are that the New Year may find us each growing in our Christian life. May our faith in Christ be stronger and more life-changing; our dedication to God's mission for us be deeper and more life-consuming; may our Christian witness to others be meaningful and more effective. It is with this prayer that we look forward to 1970. What will that decade hold in store for us? Whatever the future holds it is in God's hands. If we look to Him for our guidance each step of the way; if we spend time with Him thru Bible reading and prayer seeking His will for our lives; if we remember to give thanks to Him at all times; then, whether in sickness or health, disappointment or fulfillment, sadness or happiness, we shall find God's presence real to us and His blessings of Joy-beyond understanding, and Peace (not as the world gives) will be ours in abundance.

May I commend to you the publication "The Secret Place" for use in your devotions. It is a bond that binds me to my sisters in Phoenix as they too use it to begin their day. I wish each young person in the church would find the spiritual help this booklet can add to their devotional life. The new issue will be available on the table in the vestibule.

At the Thanksgiving Dinner we voted to give \$200 to the church for roof repairs. This is from the fund accumulated by saving IGA receipts. Keep collecting them.

Also save Betty Crocker coupons for the projection screen. We need hundreds, so get your friends to help save them.

Excuse me but I want to share with you one of my frustrations as your president. We are in a trial year during which the Circles are not meeting. Several of you have felt a loss with this decision as have I. This action puts us in a terrible financial bind as most of our support came from the Circles. We have the same responsibilities as before, but we have fewer times of getting together when we take up offerings for our work. Now, if each woman would consider the share she can take in our work financially, and bring her gift marked for "WMS" to any church service, we can continue to fulfill our obligations to our Mission and our missionaries here and overseas. Thank you each one for remembering and sharing.

At our Family Christmas Vesper program the 14th we will be bringing our last Love Gift offering for the year. Would you each one bring yours in an envelope and have it ready for presentation at a special time? Bring you family and friends to this special occasion. A refreshment time will follow.

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