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e are studying India on alternate Sunday nights. The greatest sage of India was Gotama the Buddha. Like the Christ, he often taught by parables. Sometimes the parables were like puzzles and were intended to stretch the imagination of the hearers. The following comes from Japanese Buddhism, and certainly was not from the lips of the Buddha himself. Read it, ponder it, and let it speak to you.

Provided he makes and wins an argument about Buddhism with those who live there, any wandering monk can remain in a temple. If he is defeated, he has to move on. In a temple in Japan two brother monks were dwelling together. The elder one was learned, but the younger one was stupid and had but one eye. A wandering monk came and asked for lodging, properly challenging them to a debate. The elder monk, tired that day from much studying, told the younger one to take his place. "Go and request the argument be in silence," he cautioned. So the young monk and the stranger went to the shrine and sat down.

Shortly afterward the traveler arose and went in to the older monk and said, "Your young brother is a wonderful fellow. He defeated me." "Tell me about it," the older monk replied. "Well," said the traveler, "first I held up one finger, representing Buddha, the enlightened one. So he held up two fingers, signifying Buddha and his teaching. I held up three fingers, representing Buddha, his teaching, and his followers, living the harmonious life. Then he shook his clenched fist in my face, indicating that all three come from one experience. Thus he won and I have no right to remain here." So he left.

The older monk sought out his younger brother and asked him how he had won the debate. "Won nothing," the younger monk replied. "I'm going to beat him up!" "What happened?" the older monk asked.

The younger replied, "Why, the minute he saw me he held up one finger, insulting me by insinuating that I have only one eye. Since he was a stranger I thought I would be polite to him, so I held up two fingers, congratulating him that he has two eyes. Then the impolite wretch held up three fingers, suggesting that between us we only have three eyes. So I got mad and shook my fist in his face, but he ran out and ended it!" (JBS)

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WEDDING HELD AT CHURCH UNITES HEDGES-BROWER

Dianna Brower and Dale Hedges were married in our sanctuary Saturday, January 20. Dianna was given in marriage by her father, Joe Brower. Her sister Darleen was her maid of honor. Dale's best man was Steve Glesenkamp. Melodie Brower was the flower girl and David Clements was ring-bearer. Ushers were Danny and Dwight Hedges and Steve Brower. Ruth Brown was organist and Vicki Brower soloist.

The reception was held in the Fellowship Hall with all arrangements made by Evelyn Lee. Melissa Inscho was the receptionist and hostesses were Vicki Brower, Sharon Franklin, and Susan VanBrimmer. Serving were Annette Clements, Jean Wickum, Donna Brown, and Linda White. Also assisting were Mark Brower and Douglas Lee.

All of us join in offering Mr. and Mrs. Hedges our congratulations and best wishes!

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CHRISTMAS GIFT PRESENTED TO CHURCH

John and Sis Mansfield presented the church a much needed Christmas gift. A new microphone which may either be mounted or hand-held was purchased and installed. We are all appreciative to the Mansfields for their thoughtfulness. They were received into membership Sunday, Jan. 14, coming by letter from the First United Presbyterian Church of Calcutta, Ohio. They have two sons, Paul and Steven.

JUNIOR CHOIR PROGRESSES

The new Junior Choir has divided into Junior and Children's divisions. The children's is for grades Kindergarten thru 3rd grade, and the the Junior for grades 4 thru 8. The Juniors practice every Tuesday at 4, and the Children the first two Tuesdays each month at the same hour. Jean Wickum is the choir mother, Melissa Inscho is the

accompanist, and Polly Focke the director. They will sing during the Morning Worship the second Sunday in March.

Robes are needed for them. Material is available but sewers are not. Care to volunteer? Call Polly, Jean, Melissa or the parsonage.

**INFORMATION FROM THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY**

The Women's Mission Society met Thursday, Jan. 11, in the Fellowship Hall with 13 present. Mrs. Bertha McFaggart presented a very fine program, "The Church - What It Is Called to Be and Do Today." Refreshments were served by Mrs. Claudia Eliot and Mrs. Ruth Brown. The next meeting will be Feb. 8 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm in the Assembly Room. Bring sewing equipment and a sack lunch. Mrs. Ernestine Frost will be hostess.

- Della Dean  
Pro. Chr.

**HAVE YOU BEEN "INSIDE INDIA?"**

Our Inside India sessions have been a rich experience for those who have attended. Two sessions have been completed, and there are two more to go; Feb. 4 and 18. We begin at 5:00 and have a covered dish dinner at 6:00. We are through at about 7 or 7:30. There are classes for school age children, and a nursery is available. The dinner on the 14th will feature native Indian dishes.

**BOOKS ON INDIA AVAILABLE AT LOCAL LIBRARY**

Those attending the Sunday night adventure to India are discovering the country's many facets. They found it a very interesting place of which there is much we want to know.

The Delaware library offers avenues of further knowledge if you want to continue your adventure.

- 915.4M49 "Walking the India Streets," by Kavalam M. Panckkar. 1960-61
- 915.4BM49 "India," by Joe David Brown. 1961
- 915.4 "Face to Face," by Vid Parkash Mehla. 1957
- 915 "Portrait of India," by Ved Parkash Mehla. 1970
- 709.54 "The Charm of India Art," by W. E. Gladstone Solomon.

- 915.4 "India Civilization," by John Peter Jones. 1908
- 954N39 "The Discovery of India," by Jawaharlee Nehru. 1946
- 915.4723 "Richer by India," by Edmond Taylor.
- 915D73 "Strange Lands, Friendly People." by William Douglas. 1951
- 915.4R16 "Home to India," by Samtha Rama Rau. 1945
- 915.4G65 "Fordor's Guide to India. 1968
- 915.4H68 "India, India," by Lisa Hobbs.
- 954R14 "The Story of Vedic India," by Ragozen.
- 954S74 "India's Modern History," by G. P. Spear. 1961
- 266T44 "The Christian Conquest of India," by Bishop Thoburn. 1906
- 915.4B28 "My Heart Has 17 Rooms," by Carol Bartholomew. 1957
- 915.4S64 "Portrait of India," by Bradford Smith. 1962

for children:

- 954Z78 "India," by Tara Zinkem. 1966
- J915.4L88 "Rain in the Winds," by Claire Louden. Illustrated. 1953
- J915.4S55 "India's Children," by Bane Shorter. 1960
- J "The Road to Agra," by Aimee Sommerfelt. 1961

- submitted by Della Nofsinger

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One must first learn to live with himself before he can live with others.

- submitted by Gladys Volk

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**ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The annual congregational meeting was held Jan. 10. Copies of the budget and the financial reports are available on the table in the vestibule. The following are our officers:

- Moderator - Larry Faulk
- Asst. Moderator - Jack Smith
- Clerk - Elvira Smith
- Treasurer - Ruth Brown
- Asst. Treasurer - John McTaggart
- Financial Secretary - Richard Lee
- Finance Chairman - B. T. Leidyke
- Church School Clerk - Donna Brown
- Board of Deacons & Deaconesses - Harold Bougher, Ernestine Frost, Joe Brower, W. C. Wickum, John McTaggart,

Mary Richards.

Board of Trustees -

David Clements, Peter White, Donald Faulk, Willard Fogle, John Mansfield.

Board of Christian Education -

Donald Brown, Annette Clements, Sis Mansfield, James VanBrimmer, Evelyn Lee.

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Jesus taught us that, if we ask anything in His name, and if we truly believe that we will receive, then our prayer will be answered. He did not say that He hoped it would be answered, or that it might be answered; He said it would be answered. Thus, He took the fruits of prayer out of the realm of possibility and made them a certainty.

Children know that  $2 + 2 = 4$ . Einstein discovered that  $E = mc^2$ . Newton informed us about the law of gravitation. And Jesus taught us the law of prayer. Ask, and you shall receive. This is "divine science," not speculation. It works. The only precondition is that we offer our prayer in faith, believing that what we have prayed for has already taken place.

When you pray in this way, your prayer will be answered. Sometimes it will be answered just as you expect it; at other times it will be answered in other ways. But be assured that it will be answered!

Rev. Ted D. Stephenson; from the Baptist Corner, Ambridge, Pa.

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THE COMINGS . . . GOINGS . . . AND DOINGS . . . OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW . . .

Recently in the hospital were Nellie Dick and Grace Ball . . . Nellie is now at her home and Grace is at the Sunny Vee Nursing Home . . . Two Extension Home Economics Programs are scheduled for our church . . . Spring Vegetable and Flower Gardening Feb. 8 from 1 until 3 pm . . . and a Laundry School March 15 from 9 am until 3 pm . . . Evelyn Lee was recently chosen by EDLR as the homemaker of the week . . . the clergy and wives of the Marion Assoc. are meeting at our church Monday, Jan. 28, for a dinner and program . . . your minister recently attended the Ohio Pastors Convocation at Columbus which is sponsored by the Ohio Council of Churches . . . the Vias

visited their daughter and family in Staunton, Va. for the holidays . . . word has reached us of the coming marriage of Bob Cawley to La Verne Shambo in Covina, Calif., Feb 17. . . the church's announcement is on the bulletin board . . . Mrs. Arthur Birdsell has been ill at her home . . . have you checked the literature rack recently? . . . new material, all free, has been added.

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INTEREST FINDER -

(please tear off and place in the box on the table in the vestibule)

I would like to hear the following hymns in our morning worship \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to hear a lesson (sermon) on the following question, or questions \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to hear a lesson (sermon) on the following scripture \_\_\_\_\_

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 LENT begins Wednesday, March 7. The name for the day is Ash Wednesday. According to the old tradition, ashes which have been made from palm leaves used on Palm Sunday the year before are blessed and placed on the foreheads of the faithful. Thus begins the period of preparation for the celebration of Easter. In our church fellowship we see Lent as a time for a serious look at ourselves. Not a look intended to depress us with our sins and faults, but a look at ourselves as spiritual beings, created in the image and likeness of God, creators with Him of a new heaven and a new earth. We should sing of one another, "How Great You Are!" Great not in ourselves and our egocentricity, but great as we "let the mind that is in Christ Jesus" operate in us. So Lent (the name is from an old Anglo-Saxon term for spring) is rebirth, renewal, an awakening to our powers and possibilities. Your church, along with the Interchurch Council, is making many opportunities for growth available to you. So come alive, Spring forth, and good living to all of us!  
 (JBS)  
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LENT WILL BE GREAT IF . . .

Below are listed some of the offerings available for you if you really intend to use Lent for spiritual growth. Most are explained in greater detail in other stories in this issue. If you need further information call the parsonage, 363-7021.

School of Christian Studies, begins March 11 at St. Mary School at 7:30 P.M. Continues for 5 Sunday nights.

Christian Study Groups, every Tuesday, 9:30 A.M. at Browers, 32 Coventry, and every Friday, 8:00 P.M. at Wickums, 90 Richards.

World Day of Prayer Service, at St. Mary School, March 2, 9:15-11:15.

Easter Cantata, Palm Sunday, April 15, 10:30 A.M., by Choir and soloists.

Discipleship Classes, taught by the minister for those interested in church membership or baptism, separate classes for adults and children.

"Flight to Bermuda", theme of the minister's Lessons (sermons) during Lent. Adventuring "farther out" in the Way of the Spirit.

Holy Week Services include the Maundy Thursday Communion, community Good Friday service, Community Chorus, Easter Celebration and (tentative at this time) Sunrise Service.

LETTERS TO THE CHURCH . . .

Dear friends,

I want to thank all of you for your cards, visits, and other expressions of concern while I was in the hospital.

Mrs. Nellie Dick

Dear friends,

I would like to say thank you to those members of this church who have been here as the Church to help me to grow and worship through the Sunday services of this congregation. This could not happen for me as a person alone for we draw power and faith from others. I can not help but feel, though, as I sit here in an echoing sanctuary, that there are those whose eyes will be reading this who are members of this congregation who are denying myself and others the power which we could gain from you. Please grant me this blessing which God can give only through you and only if you are present.

Della Nofsinger

Attention to all Youth:

If you are interested in reorganizing the BYF and undertaking some worthwhile projects, then please get in contact with Don Brown and show your interest. I for one would like to see a BYF group in our church. It's no fun when you go to a meeting of two members and four advisors. A meeting could be set for everyone's convenience. It's hard to tell you how

much fun and fellowship I personally have received from BYF and related camps and conferences. The only thing I can say is come and try it out. Please let us know if you're interested so we can get a BYF group rolling again.

Rick VanBrimmer

Dear friends,

On behalf of the Delaware County Speech and Hearing Center I would like to thank all in our church who contributed to the Thrift Shop sale. Your many articles of clothing and the household items made up a large part of the sale. This together with the many hours spent in preparing for the sale, working at the sale, and packing up afterwards were all a concrete expression of concern for the agency and your willingness to help. There was about \$450 realized from the Thrift Shop sale.

The remaining items will be offered for sale Feb. 23 and again many of you are contributing your energies. If there are items left after the 23rd, they will be contributed to the clothing drive for Church World Service which will be held in March.

Evelyn Lee

DEATH IN CHURCH FAMILY

Mrs. J. C. (Grace) Miller, sister of Mrs. William Volk, passed away recently in Arlington, Va. Our sympathy is extended to the entire family. The address is Mr. J. C. Miller, 2507 N. 9th St., Arlington, Va. 22201.

INSIDE INDIA STUDY CLOSES

The Inside India study program ended after four sessions in January and February. The sponsoring committee, of which Mrs. Helen Aleshire was chairman, extends their thanks to all who shared in the project.

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No one could tell him it can't be done, so he went right ahead and found out for himself.

contributed by Gladys Volk

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GUEST SPEAKER HERE MARCH 4

The Rev. Gordon Danielson, Ohio Area Director for Judson College will visit our church and school Sunday, March 4. He will speak to the Adult Class during the church school hour and then will be our speaker for Morning Worship. The session with the class will include slides of the college.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SET FOR MARCH 2

The Delaware Unit of Church Women United will celebrate World Day of Prayer March 2, 9:15-11:15 at the St. Mary School. The meeting will be in the cafeteria section. A nursery will be available.

Women from the First Baptist, Grace United Methodist, St. Mary Catholic, William St. Methodist and Zion United Church of Christ have planned and will participate in the service. The vice-president for the World Day of Prayer, Bertha McTaggart, is chairman of the committee and will moderate the program. Others taking part will be Lois Cross, Evelyn Dunham, Margaret Keller, Olive Morris, Virginia Wetmore, and Myrtle Wynn.

Women in 168 countries will be praying around the theme, ALERT IN OUR TIME. We will be considering what this theme means for us in Delaware. All Christian women in the Delaware area are invited to attend.

- Bertha McTaggart

ANOTHER FRED TAYLOR IN THE MAKING?

Rick VanBrimmer spends his Saturday mornings coaching fifth grade basketball. He is in charge of the St. Mary Warriors who are 1 - 1 on the season. They put together a 41-12 shellacing of the Conger Bucks and were outlasted 18-14 by the Boardman Cards. The Warriors have four games remaining. Jack Smith is the director of the program.

THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY COLUMN

The Women's Mission Society met Feb. 8 at the church from 10:00-2:00. The day was spent making cancer pads. There were 8 present. Our next meeting will be March 8 at the church. Della Nofsinger will have the program. Hostesses for the evening are Helen Aleshire and Myrtle Gabriel.

(Flight to . . .)

Let's come out and see what Della has in store for us.

Della Dean,  
Program Chr.

### SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES ANNOUNCED

The annual School of Christian Studies, sponsored by the Interchurch Council, begins Sunday, March 11, at 7:30 P.M. at St. Mary School. It continues for five Sunday nights, ending April 8. Registration is \$1.00. Each person registering will take one course. Each class session will last for 90 minutes with a short break for refreshment and fellowship. A brochure is available in the vestibule. Courses are as follows:

1. Perspectives of the Feminist Movement in Relation to Theology and Religious Tradition. Teacher: Ms. Mary K. Hummel.
2. The Bible: Sourcebook for the Abundant Life.  
Everyone seeks self-fulfillment and the realization of his potential as a human being. In this quest he asks, "Who Am I?" "How can I make my life count for something?" "Can I experience God directly and personally?" "Do I survive death?" These questions, and others, will be explored in the light of the Bible. Teacher: James B. Stephenson.
3. Discovery Group - An experiment of Growth through Group Dynamics. Leaders are lay persons from the Liberty Presbyterian Church.
4. The Occult Movement.
  - a. The Shadow behind the Glass - The American Journey into the Occult. Two sessions. Teacher: Leslie G. Desmangles.
  - b. Black African Religions. Two sessions. Teacher: Harold Pinkston.
  - c. The Exorcist. One session. Teacher: Lawrence Fick.
5. Biblical Prayer. At each session the lectionary for the following Sunday will be read and insights will be shared in the light of the Christian faith. Teachers: Paul O'Day, John Statmiller, Mike Cantlan.

### DEACONS AND DEACONESSES REPORT

The Deacons and Deaconesses held their first meeting of 1973. They voted unanimously to support the Christian Study groups and to participate in them. They discussed the possibility of having an inspirational song service on Sunday evenings once each month. They tentatively set the date for the first one as March 4, but it may be postponed to allow more time to prepare for it. None will be held during Lent so that all will be free to take a course in the School of Christian Studies.

W. C. Wickum, chr.

### NEWS FROM THE CHOIR

The Choir is open to new members. Come to rehearsal Wednesday nights, 7:00-8:30. Would you be willing to take a turn in baby-sitting during choir practice? This will make participation easier for a number of members. Check with Wick or any choir member.

Several weeks ago the Choir gave a pound party for Dianna and Dale Hedges after Morning Worship.

### REPORT FROM THE TRUSTEES

Among the projects completed by the Trustees are: new speakers purchased and installed in the Sanctuary; furnace put back in working condition and new motors purchased; lights replaced in bulletin board; church school bells repaired; filing cabinet purchased; plans made to tear down parsonage garage and old church restroom.

Peter White, chr.

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our January organizational meeting was spent reflecting and thinking ahead to some new areas we might explore during the coming months. Board members are forming their committees. If you are asked to work on one, please answer Yes! with as much enthusiasm as these board members have done. With your cooperation some exciting new programs can become a reality this year.

Why not start your Sunday morning

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with a smile and a favorite hymn? Join us at 9:15 for ten minutes of singing and fellowship before going to your adult classes. Wick is leading us at present but many of you may have a turn as the year progresses. Volunteers are always welcome.

Teachers will change quarterly among the adults. Jim VanBrimmer will be teaching next quarter. Annette Clements conducted a vote in the class last week and has several suggestions for teachers as the quarters change. If you could not attend and have a suggestion for a teacher or wish to volunteer, Annette will be glad to hear from you.

Other adult action finds two Christian Study Groups underway. One meets weekly at 9:30 Tuesday morning at Jean Brower's home. This group is starting with a study of Romans. The second group meets weekly Friday at 8:00 P.M. with Jean and Wick. Their study is starting with the Beatitudes. If neither of these times are convenient for you, please talk to Annette Clements, our adult chairman, as she would be happy to start another group. This is not strictly Bible study, but rather Christian study, fellowship, prayer, and sharing.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, the adults will have held a dessert smorgasboard and an evening of fun with the Clements on Sat, Feb. 24. At that time they will decide if they want to make it a monthly affair. All adults - from young to not so young - are welcome.

Marjorie Smale is back as Senior Hi teacher. What a great class we'd have if each of you joined them Sunday morning. The room is taking on a new look as some of the Senior HIs take on an unfinished task. Money and labor are both needed. Donald Brown is our Youth Chairman with concern for this area of our church.

Information concerning Junior Hi Camp-2-Rama can be found on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Check soon - March 30. April 1 isn't far away.

A "learn by doing workshop" for all children's workers will be held at Karl Rd. Baptist Church March 30 & 31. Can you plan to attend? Sis Mansfield, Children's Chairman will have the details and will welcome your inquiries.

Missions will have some additional interest areas this year. Jim VanBrimmer will welcome you on one of his "task forces" to explore local, national, and

international areas in which the church should be knowledgeable.

And so we take up where the last board stopped, hopeful to meet your needs and appreciative of all the hard work last year's board put forth.

What needs do you see that the Board should be meeting? What can we do to get each of you concerned about and involved in Christian education in our church family?

Evelyn Lee, chr.

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HOSPITAL NOTES . . .

Hospitalized at press time are Elsie Byerly and Fred Leaper, both in Grady Memorial. Nellie Dick is in Knepper's Nursing Home, and Grace Ball is in Sunny Vee.

UGANDAN COUPLE IN DELAWARE

A large number of people of Indian descent have recently been forced to leave their homes in Uganda, Africa. About one thousand were permitted to enter the United States. The Methodist Theological School agreed to sponsor a refugee couple. On Dec. 29, Mr. and Mrs. Akberali (Eddie) Dhamani arrived in Delaware, and they are now living at the school. Mr. Dhamani is an electrician who has ten years experience in maintenance work in mining and refinery companies in East Africa. He speaks English well, although his wife does not. Hopefully, he will soon be able to find a job and become self-supporting. In the meantime, money is being collected at the School in order to provide food and other necessary items. More is needed in order to help them get settled this country. Also needed are ideas which might lead to a job opening for Mr. Dhamani. If you can help, contact Edward Hunter, or your minister

REMODELING IN FULL SWING

The Senior Hi youth and advisor have begun remodeling the youth room of the church. The plans include painting the ceiling, floor, and furniture. The biggest job is yet to start which is paneling the remainder of the room. Several money making projects are being considered and all contributions are very helpful. We would like to thank all the people who

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have already contributed to the project. You are welcome to stop in and check on the progress. Your help and contributions are needed and greatly appreciated.

### The Youth

#### CHURCH WORLD SERVICE PICKUP SCHEDULED

The spring collection of clothing and blankets will be March 19 at Asbury. Good clean used clothing with at least 6 months wear and clean used blankets should be packed in sturdy boxes, sealed, and securely tied or taped and labeled as to contents and from what church. Have them at Asbury early.

Most needed are layettes, children's clothing, and blankets. A contribution of 10¢ per pound will be helpful for handling. Items with metal, plastic, or elastic should not be sent.

Blankets are needed. Don't buy new, rather give \$3.00 with which new specially made ones can be purchased. Include 25¢ per blanket for handling.

#### DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES AVAILABLE

Pre-Easter classes in discipleship are offered by the minister. These are for adults interested in baptism and/or membership, or who are already members, and young people who are considering baptism. Thus far one adult and three youth have indicated interest. Separate classes are planned for adults and youth. Contact minister if you are interested.

#### LET YOUR LOVE GROW!!!

One of the joys of Christian fellowship is that within this circle of love there is generated a spirit of selflessness, and the desire to be helpful to those who stand in need outside. Indeed, it is when such a fellowship turns from serving its own needs to offer a hand to distant strangers that it becomes truly the Body of Christ in the world. It is at this point that members of the fellowship experience something of the power for good which is available to them through the grace of God and of the happiness in helping to change the direction of human lives from despair to hope.

The America for Christ offering will be received Sunday, March 11, as a part

of our service of Holy Communion. The theme for this year is "Let your love grow," which is truly a beautiful expression, suggestive of the abundant life shared in fellowship. Could it really be, after all, that it's not necessary to work for this growth, to consciously cultivate it, to keep account of it or try to shape it, but rather to simply let it grow, nurtured by a parent love?

One measure of love's growth is the capacity for love to give of itself. As the Christian fellowship grows in love, it is able to respond with less reservations to the needs brought before it, and is less conscious of its own comfort and security. Individual members are led to accept their responsibility to Christ and contribute selflessly to the larger work of the fellowship.

The annual America for Christ offering is used to support the work of the American Baptist Churches national ministries and the educational ministries. Space does not permit a description of these ministries here. It is enough to say that no committed person could deny the overall objectives, which are to spread the good news of Jesus Christ across America in such a way as to offer hope and help to persons and families who are trying to discover meaning and purpose in their lives.

How wonderful, if the Christian fellowship that exists in our church, could let its love grow by responding to this appeal in a spirit of happy extravagance that affirms the boundless love of Jesus! How joyful it would be to belong to such a group.

Won't you help to let this happen by making your gift one that goes beyond the normal sense of duty?

Jim Van Brimmer

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE QUESTION-ANSWER SERVICE

Approximately 20 questions remain that your minister did not have time to deal with in our recent question-answer session. If yours was unanswered and you are eager to hear it, why not call the parsonage for a personal answer. During the coming weeks, on most Sundays time will be taken to deal with one or two questions, either in the lesson, or separately.

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WELCOME HOME AGAIN! . . . A cordial welcome home is extended to Mrs. Ernestine Frost, who is with us again after 8 weeks in Calif.

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2 Friday 8:00 pm Christian Study Group at Wickums.  
4 Sunday 9:15 am Church School. Adult breakfast;  
Rev. Gordon Danielson will speak.  
10:30 am Morning Worship. Speaker, Rev.  
Gordon Danielson, "Who Touched Me?"  
7:00 pm Song Service or Board of Deacons &  
Deaconesses.  
6 Tuesday 9:30 am Christian Study Group with Browers.  
4:00 pm Junior Choir.  
7 Wednesday 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal. (Ash Wednesday)  
8 Thursday 7:30 pm Women's Mission Society. Program by  
Della Nofsinger.  
9 Friday 8:00 pm Christian Study Group with Wickums.  
11 Sunday 9:15 am Church School.  
10:30 am Morning Worship & Holy Communion.  
America for Christ Offering. 1st Sun-  
day in Lent.  
7:30 pm School of Christian Studies at St.  
Mary School. Register from 7 - 7:30.  
13 Tuesday 9:30 am Christian Study Group with Browers.  
4:00 pm Junior Choir.  
14 Wednesday 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal.  
15 Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Laundry School.  
9:00 am Morning Circle with Linns.  
7:30 pm Shepard Circle with Eliots.  
16 Friday 8:00 pm Christian Study Group with Wickums.  
18 Sunday 9:15 am Church School.  
10:30 am Morning Worship. "Flight to Bermuda"  
6:00 pm Board of Christian Education.  
7:30 pm School of Christian Studies at St.  
Mary School.  
20 Tuesday 9:30 am Christian Study Group with Browers.  
4:00 pm Junior Choir.  
21 Wednesday 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal.  
23 Friday 8:00 pm Christian Study Group with Wickums.  
25 Sunday 9:15 am Church School.  
10:30 am Morning Worship. "Flying....."  
11:45 am Board of Trustees.  
6:00 pm Parish Council.  
7:30 pm School of Christian Studies at St.  
Mary School.  
27 Tuesday 9:30 am Christian Study Group with Browers.  
4:00 pm Junior Choir.  
7:30 pm Interchurch Council.  
28 Wednesday 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal.  
30 Friday 8:00 pm Christian Study Group with Wickums.

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Easter is almost here! This issue of our newsletter carries many announcements of special activities. You may already have your new outfit. The children are thinking of the bright colored eggs and the chocolate goodies they will find Easter morning. Because you are a walker on the Path of the Spirit, you will want to go much deeper into the meaning of the festival we celebrate. I'm sure you will read the accounts of the resurrection of Jesus as they are given in the New Testament. Let me suggest something else - meditate on your own resurrection. I don't mean some experience that comes to you after death, but an experience that should be a part of your life. The power that raised Jesus is the same power by which Jesus healed and it is the same power that is available to us if we learn to use it! It is the Divine Potency that is inherent in every atom and which is most perfectly available and at work in our consciousness. Paul called it the Mind of Christ. It is also referred to as the Holy Spirit. Sometimes it is called the Word, or Divine Wisdom. But no matter how we name it, it is here, it is in you, and it can change your life and circumstances. This is the meaning of the "resurrecting power of God."  
(JBS)

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**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER IN CHURCH & COMMUNITY**

The following opportunities are open to you during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. These are our special seasonal experiences which should deepen your understanding of the Way of Jesus. Other activities of the week are included in the monthly calendar on the last page.

Palm Sunday. Easter Cantata by the Choir, "Darkness and Dawn," by Fred Pearce. Presented during Morning Worship, 10:30.

Maundy Thursday. Upper Room Communion by candlelight in the Fellowship Hall. Service begins at 8:00 pm. Come and depart in silence.

Good Friday. Community service at St. Peter's Church, 1 - 2 pm.

Easter Sunday:

- Early Service, 7:30 am. Led by the youth.
- Breakfast, following service.
- Church School. 9:15 am.
- Easter Worship, 10:30 am.
- (A service of baptism may be held at 7:00 pm. Watch bulletin for details)

**FALL RETREAT SCHEDULED FOR ENTIRE CHURCH**

What is hoped to be the first annual retreat is scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 7-9 at Camp Kirkwood, near Wilmington. It is intended for our spiritual enrichment and is open to all ages. The

cost for the entire weekend will be \$9.50, which includes overnight lodging Friday and Saturday, three meals on Saturday, and two Sunday. Children 6-12 are at half price and there is no charge for those under 6. More details will be in the next issue of NEWS AND VIEWS. Registrations are being received now and may be given to Evelyn Lee, along with the registration fee of \$1 per person. Space is limited, so register now when plenty of space is available.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Sir:  
I wish to thank all those who sent flowers and cards and food to me in my recent illness. Many thanks.  
Myrtle Gabriel

Dear Sir:  
I am enclosing a check for the church in memory of Arthur Birdsell whose birthday was March 22. He would have been 86 had he lived until now.  
Sincerely,  
Janet Dickey

**A NOTE FROM THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY**

The Women's Society met Thursday, March 8, in the Fellowship Hall with 11 present. Della Nofsinger showed slides of her world tour with C.R.O.P. and told of the work of Church World Service. She showed pictures of India, Greece, Hong Kong, and the Phillipines. Hostesses were Myrtle Gabriel and Helen Aleshire. The next meeting will be a day meeting

April 12, from 10:00 until 2:00. The hostess will be Jean Brower. Bring sewing equipment.

Della Dean  
Program Chairman

**THE FIRST FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SOCIAL**

On April 29, at 6:00 pm, the "First First Baptist Church Social Hour or So" will be held in the Fellowship Hall. It will be sponsored by the Groan-ups, and is an evening of songs, refreshments, and entertainment. We will be doing some recent songs led by a new face to our group, W. C. Wickum. Also some older songs will be provided by Peter White (if his work schedule permits). He will play them by ear, and that alone makes it worth coming. Then the Groan-ups are going to attack television with 4 TV shows the way we would like to see them done..... just once. They are Cannon, Dragnet, Medical Center, and Gunsmoke. Don't miss them. They're worth their weight in pop bottle caps. See you there.

The Groan-ups

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Those who complain about the way the ball bounces are often the ones who dropped it!

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**FATHER-SON TIME AGAIN!**

The annual father-son banquet of the Marion Association is set for 7:00 pm April 17 at the Trinity Baptist Church, Marion. Luke Witte is the featured speaker. Reservations must be in at least one week before. Contact minister if you plan to attend.

**SUMMER CAMPS AVAILABLE FOR ALL**

Check the bulletin boards for info about summer camps. There is something for everyone!

**SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES DOWN**

Attendance at the annual School of Christian Studies took a drop this year, both in total registrations and in participation by our own church. Only 3 from First Baptist are registered. Total registration is 79. Class registration

is as follows: Biblical Prayer, 22; The Occult, 21; The Bible, 16; Discovery Group, 13; Feminest Theology, 7.

**FROM THE ADULT DEPARTMENT**

Have you ever felt completely alone in a group of strangers? Have you ever felt drawn to someone because the love of Christ flowed out of them in a genuine welcome? Do you want to pass this love along? Bertha VanBrimmer needs you. She is in charge of the new Greeters Committee. She needs volunteers to welcome visitors before and after the Sunday Worship Service. There is a particular need for this before Easter when we will be having more visitors than usual. Please call Bertha at 362-2661 if you would like to help one Sunday.

I would like to thank the Browsers and the Wickums for making their homes available for the Christian Study Groups. The groups are still open to anyone who would like to participate.

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am at Jean Browsers, 32 Coventry Rd.

Friday evenings at 8:00 pm at the Wickums, 90 Richards Dr.

If anyone is interested in another time for a group call me at 369-5944.

Due to the large amount of activities planned during the month of April, the Adult Social for that month will be moved up to May 5. Circle that date on your calendar. We will be giving more information in the coming weeks.

At the last Adult Social we elected our officers: John McTaggart, pres.  
Joe Brower, social chr.  
Bertha VanBrimmer, greeters chr.

All these will work with the adult education chairman.

Annette Clements,  
Adult chr.

**CENTER RECEIVES GIFT OF DUPLICATOR**

The Delaware Speech and Hearing Center, of which Polly Focke is Director, was presented a mimeograph machine by the Delaware

Sertoma Club. Club members from our church are B. T. Leidtke, Jack Smith, and James Stephenson.

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(What do you do all day, Ray, what do you do all day?)  
I wake at 6 and take my wife her breakfast on a tray,  
I walk the kids to school, then I can catch the bus,  
I work all day on an adding machine, adding the boss's dough,  
At 6 o'clock I am back on the bus, back to my home I go.  
My supper I sup, I feel so beat up, I'm soon asleep in bed.  
(When you grow old and die, Ray, how will you know you're dead?)  
If you grow like a horse 'til the day you're dead,  
You're part of a horse, and it ain't the head!

- from Rodgers & Hammerstein's PIPE DREAM, 1955 (contributed by Jim VanBrimmer)

So how about a trip to Bermuda?

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NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR CHOIR

The Junior Choir will sing as a part of our Easter Worship. They hope to sing in their new robes, but this will depend on your generosity! \$100 is needed for the material, and half has been contributed at press time. Give your gift to director Polly Focke, accompanist Melissa Insko, or choir mother Jean Wickum.

DEATHS IN CHURCH FAMILY

Grace Cunningham passed away at her home March 1. Services were held March 4 with burial following in New Concord. Our sympathy goes out to her family and many friends.

Jean Wickum has received word of the death of her cousin, Miss Mildred Mead, in Niagara Falls, N. Y. She was 86 years old. She was the first woman employed by the Carborundum Co. of Niagara Falls, a charter member of the Business and Professional Women of that city, and was presented at the Court of St. James in the 1930's.

Miss Mead served as the first woman

moderator of an American Baptist church in New York State, serving the First Baptist Church of Niagara Falls in that capacity in her 79th year. Mrs. Marjorie Adams and her family are members of that church.

She was a direct descendant of John Mead, who came in 1787 to western Pennsylvania to found the town of Meadville, with his brother General David Mead, who was the leader of the settlers, and for whom the town is named. Jean and her sisters Marcia, Karen, Mary Ann, and brother John are also descendants of John Mead.

LETTER FROM JUDSON ATTACHED

Included with your newsletter is a letter from the Ohio Area Director for Judson College, the Rev. Gordon W. Danielson. Gordon was a recent speaker in our church and church school. Along with the letter is a pledge card and envelope. This deserves your close attention and serious consideration. Judson is truly called a "miracle school." If you have any questions, call your minister.

TENNIS SEASON BEGINS

The Delaware Hayes Tennis team begins its schedule this week. A total of 20 matches will be played in addition to the O.C.C. tournament. Bob Stephenson is a member of the team.

LAYMEN'S BREAKFASTS WEEKLY

The annual laymen's Lenten Breakfasts have resumed each Friday at Bun's. Time is 7:30 am. A layman will speak each week.

HOSPITAL NOTES . . .

Recent patients at Grady Memorial Hospital were Elsie Byerly, Ernestine Frost, and Fred Leaper. All are now at home.

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It has been said that the safety of a nation depends on the number of its contemplatives. By contemplatives is meant those who have found God and stand in the Divine Light, Radiance, and Glory. Given a sufficient number of these, a nation would become immune from all attacks upon its integrity, both from without and from within.

Henry Thomas Hamblin

APRIL

- 1 Sunday 9:15 am Church School.  
10:30 am Morning Worship and Holy Communion.  
Lesson: "The Meaning of the Way."  
6:00 pm Board of Deacons & Deaconesses.  
7:30 pm School of Christian Studies at St.  
Mary School.
- 3 Tuesday 9:30 am Christian Study Group at Browers.  
4:00 pm Junior Choir.
- 4 Wednesday 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal.
- 6 Friday 7:30 am Laymen's Breakfast at Bun's.  
8:00 pm Christian Study Group at Wickums.
- 7 Saturday 4:00 pm Discipleship Class.
- 8 Sunday 9:15 am Church School.  
10:30 am Morning Worship. Lesson: "The Secret  
of Abundance."  
11:30 am Quarterly Business meeting.  
2:30 - 4:30 pm Teachers meeting.  
7:30 pm School of Christian Studies at St.  
Mary School.
- 10 Tuesday 9:30 am Christian Study Group at Browers.  
4:00 pm Junior Choir,
- 11 Wednesday 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal.
- 12 Thursday 10:00 - 2:00 pm Women's Society.
- 13 Friday 7:30 am Laymen's Breakfast at Bun's.  
8:00 pm Christian Study Group at Wickums.
- 14 Saturday 4:00 pm Discipleship Class.
- 15 Sunday 9:15 am Church School.  
10:30 am Palm Sunday. Cantata, "Darkness and  
Dawn."  
7:30 pm Board of Christian Education.
- 17 Tuesday 9:30 am Christian Study Group at Browers  
4:00 pm Junior Choir.  
7:00 pm Father-son Banquet at Marion Trinity.
- 18 Wednesday 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal.
- 19 Thursday 9:00 am Morning Circle at Grubbs.  
10:00 am Marion Women at Radnor.  
8:00 pm Upper Room Communion in Fellowship  
Hall.
- 20 Friday 7:30 am Laymen's Breakfast at Bun's.  
1:00 pm Good Friday Service at St. Peter's.  
(one hour service)  
8:00 pm Christian Study Group at Wickums.
- 21 Saturday 4:00 pm Discipleship Class.
- 22 Sunday 7:30 am Early Service.  
8:15 am Breakfast.  
9:15 am Church School.  
10:30 am Easter Worship. Lesson: "The Spirit  
of Power."  
7:00 pm Service of Baptism. (tentative)
- 23 Monday 7:30 pm Parish Council at Lees.
- 24 Tuesday 9:30 am Christian Study Group at Browers.  
4:00 pm Junior Choir.  
7:15 pm Interchurch Council at 1st Presbyterian.
- 25 Wednesday 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal.
- 26 Thursday 7:30 pm Shepard Circle at Belts.
- 27 Friday 8:00 pm Christian Study Group at Wickums.
- 29 Sunday 9:15 am Church School.  
10:30 am American Baptist Women's Sunday. Speaker:  
Annette Clements.  
6:00 pm First First Baptist Social Hour at So.

A LETTER FROM JUDSON COLLEGE

Dear members and friends,

Last year, 32 private colleges were forced to close and 100 more are expected to close this year unless support can be found. Christian colleges are also among those in trouble.

More than a century ago, a man boasted that at his university "all branches of learning were being taught." Upon hearing this, the philosopher Thoreau commented, "Yes, indeed, all of the branches, but none of the roots."

Judson College, Elgin, Illinois, is one that teaches both roots and branches and is unapologetically Christian. This is truly one of the schools that can be called God's miracle. It deserves our solid support.

Judson College is grateful for the regular support which you have given in the past years for the on-going needs of the school. Now a special opportunity and challenge has been presented in the "Second Mile Scholarship Fund." The fulfillment of the four million dollar goal is essential to full accreditation and financial stability of our Baptist school.

Ohioans can be grateful for the Lindner family challenge gift of \$250,000 provided we raise 2.3 million by June 30th of this year. Already \$1,900,000 has been raised and this has been through many dedicated gifts of our Baptist people throughout the midwest.

It is our hope that many of you will prayerfully consider what God would have you do over the next 3-5 years in sharing with others in this extra gift for our Baptist college.

Then fill in as completely as possible the manner in which you would like to have your gift subscribed. For example:

After you have put your name, address, date, and signature.....

Record the Total Amount you would like to give: \$300.00

Note the date of initial payment: April 1, 73  
(If now, also include the amount paid now)

Note the length of your committment 5 years

How you would like to make payments - quarterly = \$15.00

A reminder will be sent from the college as you have indicated. Then each year the total amount of gifts given from our church people will be credited to the church as specific giving to Christian Higher Education.

Thank you for considering what God would have you do to help Judson.

Sincerely in Christ,

James B. Stephenson

Gordon Danielson,  
Area Director - Ohio

A FINAL WORD FROM THE EDITOR .....

Remember we will need your contribution of flowers for our Easter worship..... it will help if they are at the church the night before.....Remember to keep your calendar of church activities in a conspicuous place.....note the SPECIAL SERVICE April 29 on American Baptist Women's Sunday....our guest speaker will be Annette Clements..... the theme is REJOICE IN HOPE....note also the lack of personal items in this issue.....and what could have been here if you had remembered to phone the minister.....

FAITH  
IS TRUSTING  
IN GOD,  
INSTEAD  
OF JUDGING  
BY  
APPEARANCES

(H.T.H.)

Thy will be done  
Thy name be honored  
Thy words be heard  
Thy love be shared  
Thy truth be lived  
Thy joy be known  
Thy glory be seen  
Thy peace be kept  
Everywhere

(M.K.)

- 7 Sunday 9:15 am Church School.  
10:30 am Palm Sunday Worship. Cantata, "He that Liveth."  
6:00 pm Junior High Fellowship.  
7:30 pm Class: "The Power of Thought."  
10 Wednesday 7:15 am Laymen's Breakfast at Buns.  
9:30 am Prayer Group at VanBrimmers.  
7:00 pm Class: "The Power of Thought."  
8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal.  
11 Thursday 4:00 pm Children's and Junior Choirs.  
8:00 pm Candlelight Communion in Fellowship Hall.  
12 Friday 12:00 pm William St. Church open for meditation. (organ background)  
1:00 pm Community Good Friday Service at William St.  
14 Sunday 7:30 am Early Service by the Youth.  
8:15 am Breakfast.  
9:15 am Church School.  
10:30 am Easter Worship.

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George Bernard Shaw once said that "Christ perishes in every age for those who have no imagination." I thought of this during our special business meeting last Monday, and I was glad to see that so many of us do have that magic gift. Imagination is the faculty that sees what can be done. It looks beyond the limited, negative, doubtful, fearful point of view into the world of Spirit, and sees the Divine Pattern and Plan that God has for us if we are faithful to accept it. Dedicated imagination can open the door to health, to real happiness, to harmony, and to better housing. Imagination brought forth our educational building. I believe it works. Do you? (JBS)

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CHURCH DISCUSSES PASTORAL HOUSING

The church moved closer to final action on new or improved pastoral housing at a special business meeting held Monday, May 7, at the church.

The members present discussed nine housing options, seven presented by the Board of Trustees and two additional ones added during the meeting. These were:

1. Give minister a housing allowance and tear down the parsonage. Also restore south side of church.
2. Give minister a housing allowance and rent parsonage after minor repairs.
3. Give minister a housing allowance and sell parsonage.
4. Restore the parsonage to first class condition at cost of about \$20,000.
5. Purchase new parsonage and tear down old one.
6. Purchase new parsonage and rent old one after minor repairs.
7. Purchase new parsonage and sell old one.
8. Same as No. 1 above without provision to repair south wall.
9. Reject all the above options.

After lengthy discussion, a preference vote on the nine options was taken by ballot. The results follow:

1. 16 votes.

2. 8 votes.

3. 1 vote.

4. 17 votes.

5. 1 vote.

6. 3 votes.

7. no votes.

8. 2 votes.

9. 7 votes.

The four options receiving the highest number of votes were then voted on with No. 1 receiving 21 votes; No. 2, 6 votes; No. 4, 19 votes; and No. 9, 8 votes.

The trustees were then instructed to form a housing task force, consisting of the Board plus additional members chosen by the Board from the congregation. The task force will continue research into the various options and will present its findings to the church within 60 days.

Congratulations are offered to the Board for its fine job of research and presentation, and to moderator Larry Faulk for his excellent handling of the meeting!

THE FIRST FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR OR SO

The first First Baptist Church Social Hour or So was held April 29 in the church Fellowship Hall before an unbelievably enthusiastic crowd. About 50 people including the Groan Ups were in attendance. Pam Faulk and Donna Brown welcomed everyone. This was followed by a game called "Haven't I Heard that Name Somewhere Before?" Next we all joined in singing two



songs and attempting a third, Song Sung Blue, with only limited success. Peter White then brought back memories with his piano playing. His songs included "Hello Dolly," "Overthere," and "Daisy, Daisy." Then the four TV spoofs were presented and the response was very gratifying to those who had practiced all afternoon. The acting was done by the Franklin Street Amateur Actors Association (FSAAA) and copies of the plays may be obtained by asking Felix Dwarin. Refreshments were then enjoyed by all. The Groan Ups would like to thank all of those who came out and a special thanks to David Clements who led the laughter.

- Donald Brown

#### HONKING YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN (OR SOMEPLACE)

"Honk if you love Jesus." So help me, that's what I read on the bumper sticker on the car ahead...What I would most value on the highway from one who loves Jesus is not a honk either of rebuke or of testimony, but a Christian style of driving. But I suppose no one would buy a bumper sticker that reads, "Drive courteously if you love Jesus." It's easier to honk. That's the story of my life as a Christian I'm afraid, and possibly of yours. It's easier to make noise than progress. It's easier to talk about being loving than it is to be loving (or even to be lovable). Honking, for the average church member, is what it's all about.

submitted by Nella Nof-singer

#### REPORT FROM BOARD OF DEACONS & ESSES

In addition to their routine duties, the Deacons and Deaconesses have been busy making plans for a recognition service to be held in the very near future. There will also be a song service on a Sunday evening, date to be announced. See bulletins for details as plans develop.

- W. C. Wickum

#### REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The major emphasis of the Board has been research into pastoral housing plans and possibilities. The parsonage garage was torn down and hauled away. The antique clock in the Assembly Room has been

repaired and is now functional. An examination proved that repairs will have to be made to the roof over the old building and plans are underway.

- Peter White

#### IMAGINE A WORLD WITHOUT BELIEF!

It wouldn't be the world that you know or a world that you would want to live in.

Without belief in God, it would be a bleak cold planet devoid of spiritual guidance and comfort. No Christmas, no resurrection, no everlasting life.

Without belief in people, our whole economic structure would fall of its own weight. No credit, no business, no fertile farms, no productive factories, no transportation, no commerce.

Our beautiful cities and towns would cease to exist. No incentive for progress and growth. Neighbors would vie with each other for vanishing supplies.

Without belief the world we know would wither and die and fade away.

Fortunately, we can only imagine this lost world of disbelief. Our world is filled with belief. Everything we have today and hope for tomorrow is based on belief. Belief in God, in America, belief in people, belief in personal integrity and dignity.

You can dispel disbelief and strengthen your own belief at the fount of faith where you worship this week.

Anon. - submitted by  
Fred Via

#### LOOKING AHEAD INTO JUNE

Our annual Children's Day activities are scheduled for June 3. There will be a program by the children during the Church School hour and older children will assist in the morning worship. During the worship presentations will be made to our seniors. A family picnic has been tentatively planned. Check the weekly bulletin for details. Arrangements are being made for the day by Sis Mansfield, the Children's Chairman of the Board of Education.

### MOVIE RATING SYSTEM ADAPTED FOR SERMONS

Wilbur Rees, minister of the First Baptist Church of Pocatello, Idaho, has been given credit for adapting the movie rating system to sermons as a kind of early warning to help the parishioner decide if he will get out of bed on Sunday morning.

G - Generally acceptable to everyone. Full of inoffensive, puerile platitudes such as "Go ye into all the world and smile" and "What the world needs is peace and motherhood." This sermon is usually described as "wonderful" or "marvelous."

GP - For mature audiences. At times this sermon even makes the gospel relevant to today's issues, in subtle ways, of course. It may even contain mild suggestions for change. This sermon is usually described as "challenging," or "though-provoking," even though no one intends to take any action or change any attitudes.

R - Definitely restricted to those who are not upset by truth. This sermon tells it as it is. It is very threatening to the comfortable. It is most often described as "disturbing" or "controversial" and usually indicates that the minister has an outside source of income.

X - Positively limited to those who can handle explosive ideas. This sermon really "socks it to 'em." It is the kind of sermon that landed Jeremiah in the well, got Amos run out of town, and set things up for the stoning of Stephen. It is always described as "shocking," or "in poor taste," and the minister who preaches this sermon had better have his suitcase packed and the life insurance paid.

from Asbury Messenger

### ASSISTANTS NEEDED FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

The custom of having someone assist the minister in our worship services has been resumed. All are welcome, but no one will be asked. This is all volunteer!

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Jesus is the liberator - get free right now!

### FAMILY RETREAT NEXT FALL - ALL INVITED

The first annual family retreat for our church is scheduled for Sept. 7 - 9 at Camp Kirkwood, Wilmington. Cost is \$1.00 per person registration (all ages), and \$8.75 for lodging and meals. Cost is 1/2 for 6 - 12 and free for those under 6. There is no deadline until Sept. 4, but space is limited, so register early. The Rev. Ralph Lamb, resource minister for the Ohio Baptist Convention, will be retreat leader. There will be a program for all ages.

### LOCAL SCOUT HONORED

Douglas Lee, Life Scout, was recently honored by his fellow scouts by being inducted into the Order of the Arrow. This is one of the highest honors in scouting, and is awarded not simply for meeting high standards, but the recipient must be voted into it by his fellow scouts, and is achieved by but few boys. We all join in expressing our congratulations to Doug and his family!

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I asked a man in prison once how he happened to be there, and he said that he had stolen a pair of shoes. I told him if he had stolen a railroad he would be a United States senator.

Mother Jones

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### YOUTH IN SPORTS

Many of our young people are involved in the athletic programs of their schools. JEFF RICHARDS and RICK VANBRIMMER are on the Hayes golf team; RICK LEE is on the track team at the College of Wooster; BOB STEPHENSON is on the Hayes tennis team; BRUCE LEE is on the Carlisle track team, and his brother DOUGLAS LEE is on the 7th grade track team at Willis; and CHRIS WESTBROOK is on the track team at Ashley.

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Many news items, many announcements, which could have been in this issue, could not be printed because they were not submitted, and your editor could not reach the persons involved by press time. The deadline is always the same - Wednesday before distribution Sunday. WE NEED WHAT YOU KNOW!

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Did you know that certain poetry can be a channel for healing? And a channel for spiritual awakening? This is a fact proven in the experience of many persons. A poem that comes out of the deep mind of a healed and awakened individual can speak directly to your own depths. The following poem is of that nature. It was written by a lady known as "Mac." She was healed of near blindness by Brother Mandus in 1952. Her healing was instantaneous. For many years afterwards she served him as his personal secretary. The poem can be a spiritual treatment for you if you read it in the spirit of receptivity and faith. (JBS)

God makes me heir to all His loveliness,  
My spirit soars upon the eagle's wings.  
E'en when the skies are heavy with distress,  
Deep in my breast I bear a soul that sings.

Though I be clad in evening's weeping mist  
That breaks in tears upon some lonely vale,  
Still shall the storm-clouds part in am-  
ethyst,  
Rent by the rapture of the nightingale.

When faith grows dim and Heaven seems afar,  
His glory yet my utmost being thrills.  
My heart is steadfast as the evening star,  
My weary feet dance with the daffodils.

Of all things beautiful God makes me one,  
I was not formed for solitude nor sin.  
I am a part of His Beloved Son,  
And mine the splendor of the Christ Within.  
"Mac"

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RECOGNITION SERVICE HELD JUNE 10

A service of recognition was held Sunday, June 10, under the sponsorship of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses. Seventeen persons were honored for their service over the years to Christ and His church. The service was conducted by John McTaggart and the minister. It included the use of favorite hymns and scripture selections. Those honored were Helen Ale-shire, Elsie Byerly, Helen Crane, Rufus Crane, Nellie Dick, Charles Eliot, Claudia Eliot, Ernestine Frost, Cap Gabriel, Myrtle Gabriel, Mary Hilhoan, Pauline Nash, Myrtle Smith, Fred Via, Lucille Via, Carolyn White, and Helen Young. Another service of recognition is planned for September.

DEATH IN CHURCH FAMILY

Archie Eagon, brother of Myrtle Smith, passed away May 28. Services were held May 31. He and Myrtle had just returned from Florida. Myrtle has asked your editor to convey her thanks to the congregation for the many expressions of concern.

BIRTH IN CHURCH FAMILY

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellison (Karen Mead) on May 25. Named Stephen Wayne, he weighed 8 lb., 4 oz. Both mother and son are doing fine.

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WHAT IS FATHER?

Father is:

- F aithful
- A dult
- T rusting
- H elpful
- E ncouraging
- R espectful of others

Thanks Pop,  
Your sons

(submitted by the Jr. Hi sons)

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When you return from your vacation, bring with you a Sunday bulletin from each church you visit. We'll put them with others and make a colorful display.  
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.....ON A CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

Apathy is our most important problem today.  
But who cares?

HOSPITAL NOTES.....

At press time Mamie Watson and Alpha Graham are in Grady Memorial . . . recent patients in Grady were Mary McKean and Mabel Birdsall . . . Claudia Eliot has been released from Mt. Carmel.

**DID YOU MISS THESE EVENTS?**

Flowers were presented to all the ladies at our Mothers Day Service and a special presentation was made to Ruth Brown and Sophia Stephenson. The flowers were the gift of a church family that wishes to remain anonymous.

Our Children's Day began with a program during the Church School hour by the members in classes thru Junior Hi. The Morning Worship continued the theme with the Senior Hi's sharing in the leadership. The Junior Choir sang and the Junior Hi's served as ushers. Our graduates were honored during the service. Plants were given to all the children thru Junior Hi. The picnic that was scheduled to be held at Blue Limestone at noon was moved inside to the Fellowship Hall due to rain.

The Choir picnic was held at the home of Melissa Inscho Saturday, June 9. Seventeen well fed songsters were present.

**JUNIOR CHOIR CLOSES SUCCESSFUL SEASON**

The Junior Choir rehearsals will resume at the end of the vacation season. This new group was one of the highlights of the church year and congratulations are in order for director Polly Focke, accompanist Melissa Inscho, and choir mother Jean Wickum, and most especially to the members. We all enjoyed the fine music! And thanks to the ladies who made the bright blue choir robes!

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED**

The Richard Lees were in Chesterland June 10 where Evelyn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Battles celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception for their family and friends. The Lees feel indeed fortunate to be able to observe 50th anniversaries with both sets of parents - the Lees in 1969 and now the Battles.

**FROM THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY**

The Women's Society met May 10 in the sanctuary. Officers for the coming year were installed by Jean Wickum assisted by Cindy Lathrop and Connie Breece using our new theme - "Rejoice in Hope." Ernestine Frost gave the love gift dedication. Refreshments were served in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses were Helen Aleshire, Bertha McTaggart, and Della Dean.

Thanks to all those who helped in our programs last year. We had some very fine programs and I feel much was accomplished. Soon after the Women's Conference in Westerville we will be meeting to plan our programs for the coming year and I will be asking for your help again.

Della Dean,  
Program Chr.

Rejoice in hope - encourage each other - what a marvelous theme to practice during the summer. Just a word, maybe a smile, you will never know how much good you do, but believe me, it will make you feel better - try it. This is our theme for the next two years.

Conference dates - June 27, 28, 29. Carolyn, Bertha McTaggart, and I will be going full time and I hope at least a car load will come for a day. Registration is \$3.00 without lunch.

Be thinking of program materials for next year - special work projects - an over and above project for our women. (Don't forget our "sock" project for this year). Listed below is a project you can all share in during the summer . . .

**COLLECT LABELS FOR UNICEF.** The following companies will pay UNICEF for collected and returned labels: Clark Gum Co., Regular and sugarless gum, 1¢ per pack wrapper; General Foods, Kool-Aid, 1/2¢ per empty envelope; Welch Food, Jams and Jellies, 5¢ per jar label; Quaker Foods, Cap'n Crunch Cereals, 2¢ per special T&L coupon; Swift & Co., Premium Franks, 2¢ per front panel; Standard Brands, Royal Puddings & Gelatin, 1¢ per front panel.

Maybe some don't know what UNICEF is, if not, ask someone - have a good summer -  
Helen Aleshire,  
Pres.

**MEN'S CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST**

The annual conference of Ohio Baptist Men is set for Otterbein College, Westerville, August 10-12. Conference leaders will be Dr. David T. Shannon of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and William Jarvis of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Joe Brower is state treasurer and Jim VanBrimmer is an area representative. W. C. Wickum is song leader. Total cost is \$18.00

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COMMANDMENT XI - Thou shalt not bug thy neighbor.

QUOTABLE COMMENTS -

I started working in a parking lot and I made \$800 the first day - I sold a Buick!

My father had great plans for me, but I managed to cut my way out of the sack!

CHURCH GRADUATES HONORED IN SERVICE

The church gave recognition to its youth who graduated from high school and college during the morning worship June 3. The high school graduates received copies of the LIVING BIBLE, and the college graduates were given letters of congratulation.

The college graduates are Donna Brown, Ohio Wesleyan University, and Rick Lee, College of Wooster.

The high school graduates are Donna Faulk, Dublin, Britt Askins, Steve Bougher, Dianna Hedges, Carla Parmer, and Jeff Richards, Hayes.

Steve Bougher was valedictorian and a member of the National Honor Society.

LEE WORKS WITH 4-H YOUTH FOR SUMMER

This summer Rick Lee is program coordinator and assistant camp manager at the 4-H State Camp near Utica. At the present time he is working part time meeting with extension agents in the eight counties surrounding the camp to set up their camping programs. Delaware County is included in this area. Following graduation from the College of Wooster on June 18, he will work full time living at the camp for the summer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR . . .

Dear Sir:

Topics such as politics and religion are very serious ones. Why then is there so much humor done on these two topics? Basically because if we didn't joke about them we probably couldn't live with them. In Ireland today, the Protestants and the Catholics are engaged in war. The religious issue is not anything to be laughed at.

In 1960, John Kennedy, a Catholic, was running for president and found religion was not a topic of laughter with some of the people in the U.S. However, at this time on this touchy subject, Mr. Kennedy began to make light of this issue in this way. Former president Truman had

said in 1960 that he knew exactly where anyone who voted for Nixon could go. Nixon showed his dissatisfaction by saying profanity should not be used by politicians. This is where Kennedy came in. He said although he could sympathize with Truman, that he felt it was important for his side to keep away from raising the religious issue. This one statement relaxed the tense atmosphere greatly and also provided some humor into this serious business of presidential elections.

At one time a comedian such as Henny Youngman might have used the joke, I call my wife congress because she brings the bills into the house," now he would probably say, "I call my wife watergate because she keeps bugging me."

All in all humor must be allowed to live. If it dies, so will an essential part of man. So as we look at the world with its problems and troubles, let us remember to smile awhile. Remember it only hurts when I don't laugh.

Be happy,  
Donald Brown

STEPHENSON BAND MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Jim Stephenson was chosen band member of the year by the members of Kappa Kappa Psi, national men's band honorary at Ohio Wesleyan University. The citation reads, "James M. Stephenson, having demonstrated outstanding qualities of dedication and musicianship in the O.W.U. Symphonic Band, is hereby named Band Member of the Year."

HELP FOR CAMPERS AVAILABLE FROM CHURCH

Youth of the church desiring to share in a camping experience, but who need some financial assistance, can receive assistance from the church. Check with your church school teacher.

SPECIAL DINNER FOR FORMER MEMBER

Sixteen members of the Women's Society met Monday, June 11, for a covered dish dinner in honor of Mrs. Louis Somerlot of Phoenix, Arizona. Mrs. Somerlot was in Delaware and Marion visiting her family.

SONG SERVICE SCHEDULED FOR CHURCH

A song service has been scheduled for Sunday, June 24, at 7:00. This is intended as the first of a number of such activities.

## ACADEMIC AWARDS PRESENTED AT HAYES HI

The annual Academic Awards Banquet was held at Hayes High School May 17. Among those honored were STEVE BOUGHER, who received a gold medal for maintaining a cumulative point average of at least 3.3 for 14 terms while completing the basic course of studies prescribed by the State Board of Education; and BOB STEPHENSON, who received a bronze medal for completing six terms with a cumulative point average of at least 3.3.

## CHANCE TO HELP THE HANDICAPPED

The handicapped clients of Goodwill Industries request your aid and support. The current means of employment and training is achieved through the renovating and repair of usable discards. If you have clothing, furniture or other usable items to donate, call Mrs. James Bowman of 99 Campbell St., phone 363-3103.

## ABOUT YOUR VACATIONS - ALL YEAR ROUND

Vacations should not be confined to two or three weeks each year. Somehow we must learn the art of taking brief vacations every single day.

A famous psychiatrist invented a phrase I like... "creative pausing." We must slow down our pace, find a way to relax, even in the rush of our daily activities.

It is often better to walk away from a problem and let your subconscious mind take over, than to keep trying to beat your brains out to find the answer. In a survey of leading scientists, 75 percent of them said that their best ideas came to them while they were away from their laboratories.

Daily vacations do not subtract from our creative achievements, they add to them. A friend of mine who is a consultant to industry tells me that he has doubled his capacity to serve his clients through "creative pausing." You can sharpen up your creative power by lifting your nose off the grindstone now and then.

So take a little time each day for something . . . reading a good book, listening to music, working in the garden, playing with children, taking a walk . . . nothing competitive or frustrating. Perhaps best of all is a personal retreat in a quiet room where you can just sit and

meditate and fall asleep for a few moments.

Wilfred A. Peterson, from  
THE ART OF LIVING DAY BY DAY

## LOCAL ATHLETES HONORED BY HAYES

The Spring Sports Banquet was held at Hayes High School May 22. Awards were presented in Track, Tennis, Baseball, and Golf. Church youth honored were: JEFF RICHARDS, varsity letter in Golf; RICK VAN-BRIMMER, reserve letter in Golf; and BOB STEPHENSON, varsity letter in Tennis.

## LOOKING AHEAD . . .

Remember the special SONG SERVICE, June 24; BREAKFAST AT CHURCH, 8:30 am, June 24; QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING, July 8, after a picnic in the Church Yard; TEACHERS MEETING, July 8, 7:00 pm; and especially, our RETREAT, the second weekend in September - Sept. 7,8,9.

## HOW ABOUT TAB???????

Do you keep in touch with your fellow American Baptists? As a member of the church you should be receiving a monthly copy of TAB, the American Baptist news magazine. It is steadily improving its coverage of not just Baptist doings, but the work of the entire church throughout the world. The current issue has several noteworthy articles. You'll enjoy reading WILL THE THIRD GREAT AWAKENING MISS THE CHURCHES? on page 8, and THE BIBLE ALIVE on page 44.

## WEDDING IN THE SANCTUARY

Timothy Inscho and Paula Mowery were married in our church Saturday, June 16, at 2:00 pm. Tim's mother, Janet Inscho, is our flower chairman who is responsible for some of the lovely flower arrangements we see in the Sanctuary on Sundays. Our best wishes go with the happy couple.

## A BLESSING FOR YOU -

The light of God surrounds you;  
The love of God enfolds you;  
The power of God protects you;  
The presence of God watches over you.  
Wherever you are, God is!

GOOD LIVING FOR YOU ALL!

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THE ABUNDANT LIFE is what it says above. Jesus said it first and we repeat it after him. It is what the Christian life is all about. Jesus teaches us how to think creatively, how to find and use our hidden resources, how to pray effectively, how we can open ourselves to the power of the Spirit. All of this is in the four gospels (the Good News). Along with other American Baptists we are using the 100 days between Sept. 16 and Christmas to read and study these four brief little books and we are busy with the gospel of Mark right now. Two Bible study groups are meeting; one on Sundays at 8:00 pm at the church and the other on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm at the VanBrimmers, 327 Penn. Ave. You are invited to attend either one or both. If another day or hour sounds better, we'll try to organize more. Also, the Sunday morning Lessons (sermons) are from Mark. We'll be looking for you! (JBS)

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MEMORIES - CHALLENGES - OUR FIRST RETREAT

September 7 was the beginning of an exciting weekend for many of our church as cars began arriving at Camp Kirkwood near Wilmington. After a bit of moving some cots, getting some settled in the lodge and the remainder in tents and covered wagons, we knew our dream was now a reality. We officially met Rev. Ralph Lamb and learned our schedule for the next two days. We analyzed our families as you can see by the boxes in the church school assembly room. We made plans for Saturday, sang together, celebrated a birthday, joined in a circle of fellowship for some serious moments and then off to bed. It seems that there are others who kept carrying beds around between the lodge and tent!

Saturday dawned bright and beautiful. Some watched the sunrise while some were lucky to make breakfast at 8. Morning watch, Bible study, home made rolls, relaxation, ball games, swimming, more good meals, hikes, boating, group singing, games around the dinner tables, skits you'd have to see to believe, campfire with songs, marshmallows, and evening devotions filled our day to overflowing and sleep came quickly.

Sunday dawned but not so bright and neither were the campers! A few were ready for breakfast by 8. There are rumors of an alarm going off at 7:30 in the women's dorm without much success. Most men were no where to be seen even at 8. Eventually the tables filled and we were ready to continue our visiting and study. We thought together of how God discloses himself thru persons. Our morning worship found us wishing all of you could have joined in our circle, hear Ralph, share communion, and sense the joy of knowing our church family better.

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Promises to keep - does yours still make your change purse or pocket bulge or have you already attained the goal you set for yourself and thus grown in your Christian life?

We are grateful to Ralph Lamb from the Ohio Baptist Convention for guiding us thru our retreat. Retreat = a step forward in spiritual growth for the participants.

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The Board of Christian Education would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our church family retreat. It took each of you who agreed to lead a game, present a skit, sweep the floor, say grace, lead singing, set the table, bring games and sports equipment, present evening devotions to make the retreat a great experience and to ease the work of the Board. We appreciate the tremendous cooperation of all 48 of us.

- Evelyn Lee

GOD IS LIKE . . .

- God is like coke...he's the real thing.
- God is like Pepsi...he's got a lot to give.
- God is like Pan Am...he makes the going great.
- God is like Ford...he has a better idea.
- God is like Dodge...you can depend on him.
- God is like Dial Soap...he gives you round the clock protection.
- God is like Hallmark Cards...he cares enough to send the very best.
- God is like VO Hair Spray...he holds thru all kinds of weather.
- God is like Frosted Flakes...he's grrreat!
- God is like Bayer Asprin...he works wonders.
- God is like Alka Seltzer...do yourself a favor, try him, you'll like him.

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**NEW BABY IN CHURCH FAMILY**

Amy Diane was born July 26, weighing 7 lb. 12 oz. Her parents are Rev. and Mrs. Ted D. Stephenson of Ambridge, Pa. The proud grandparents are James and Sophia Stephenson and Ruth Brown. Amy was dedicated in our Sanctuary Sunday, Sept. 16.

**INTERCHURCH COUNCIL SPONSORS PLAY**

The Interchurch Council is sponsoring a play as a part of its Key 73 observance "The Gift," by Donald Mauck, will be performed at St. Peter's Church at 8:00 pm, Oct. 7.

**OCTOBER MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The Marion Men's Brotherhood will hold a dinner Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Green Camp Church at 7:00 pm. Cost will be \$1.50 per person. Speaker for the evening will be Rev. George Calhoun.

The Women of the association are meeting Oct. 16 at 7:30 pm at Trinity Church in Marion. Dr. and Mrs. Harry Parrott will speak and show slides of Asia.

**DO YOU NEED A LAWYER??????**

If you think you have a legal problem but do not have an attorney call this toll-free number: 800-282-4738. You will be placed in contact with the Ohio Lawyer Referral Service and, after stating your problem, you will be referred to a lawyer in Delaware. The fee for your first conference will be \$10 for a half hour consultation.

**HENRY MEAD DIES IN TRUCK ACCIDENT**

Details are lacking, but at press time we have learned of the death of Henry Mead, Meadville, Pa., in a truck crash at Monroeville, Pa. Henry at one time attended our church and is known by many folks in Delaware. He is the brother of Jean Wickum.

**NEW YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETING SUNDAYS**

A new junior high fellowship has been organized and is meeting each Sunday at 6:00 pm at the church. Donald and Dorothy Brown are directing it until reg-

ular advisors are appointed.

**DEATHS IN CHURCH FAMILY**

Since the last NEWS AND VIEWS there have been five deaths within families of our church fellowship.

These include Mrs. Mabel Birdsell, Mrs. Grace Ball, Raymond Pettit, James H. Stephenson, and Mrs. Etta Bechtel.

Raymond Pettit was the father of Charles Pettit, Mr. Stephenson was the father of Steve, and Mrs. Bechtel was the aunt of Jim VanBrimmer.

**WEDDING AT THE CHURCH**

Donna Faulk and Steve Mann were united in marriage in our Sanctuary Sunday, August 19. Donna is the daughter of Don and Florence Faulk.

**A NOTE FROM THE SOCIETY**

A covered dish dinner and a very interesting program began the year for the Womens' Society when they met in the Fellowship Hall September 14th at 6:00. We began with a covered dish dinner, followed by a very fine program, "Lamps are For Lighting," by Carolyn White.

Ernestine Frost gave the Love Gift dedication.

Our next meeting will be a work day, October 11th, at the church, from 10:00 to 2:00. Sophia Stephenson is hostess.

We welcome all women of the church. We need you.

Bring serving equipment.

Della Dean  
Program Chairman

**NOTICE: GHOSTS, WITCHES, BUMS, & FRIENDS**

The annual Halloween Party for all from 1 month to 100 years will be held at the church Saturday evening, October 27, from 7:30 till 9:00 P.M. Come in costume or as you are and share in the fun of Halloween. Everyone should bring a baby picture of themselves. The Adult Social Group is in charge of the party. See you there?

**CHURCH SCHOOL BREAKFAST**

Thanks to the Trustees for preparing and serving our quarterly breakfast Sept. 30 at 8:30-in the morning. The tables



were full and friendliness reigned as we sang, visited, and breakfasted together before our regular classes at 9:15. Our next breakfast will be December 30.

**MISS NOFSINGER TO TEACH TEACHERS**

Teachers of our Church School will be the students as Miss Della June Nofsinger leads them in a course on Effective and Creative Teaching in the Church.

The classes will be held on Sunday nights, October 14, 21, and 28 from 6:30-8:00 P.M.

All teachers, substitute teachers, board members and anyone interested in the church school are urged to attend. Classes will be held in the Senior High room.

**TEACHERS TO MEET**

There will be a Teachers meeting on Sun., Oct. 7th at 7:00 in the Sr. High room. We will be going over plans for the church school fall quarter and placing orders for the next quarter.

**SEE THOSE BANNERS WAVE**

The banners that brighten our church are gifts of love from the Primary and Junior departments. The young people spent many hours to create these for your enjoyment. Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. Wickum will be glad to tell you which children you may especially wish to thank for their thoughtfulness.

(The above 5 stories were submitted by Evelyn Lee.)

**LETTER FOR THE LADIES**

Dear Fellow Worker,

If you are not a worker I invite you to be one. If you belong to the First Baptist Church you are automatically a member of the Women's Mission Society and we desperately need your help. We need it physically, spiritually and financially. We know that you want to be an effective part of the church's mission program and that you are working with the Society or one of the two circles. If you do not come to the circle meetings, we most cordially welcome you to do so. The morning circle meets at 9 A.M. the third Thursday of each

month, and the evening circle meets at 7:30 P.M. on the third Thursday of every month, the Society meeting is the second Thursday of the month, alternating daytime and evening. We have a large White Cross quota this year, lots of sewing to do and lots of things to buy, we make things for local use also, mainly for the cancer society. We sew on work days at the church and also at Circle meetings. Please come and help us.

We are planning on having a General Store sale on Friday, Dec. 7th, beginning about noon and running through until about 8 P.M. We will need all of your help for this affair with supplying things to sell and also to help in our sales room. Our general chairman for this event is Myrtle Gabriel. She is also in charge of the needlework division. Sophia Stephenson is in charge of candies and bake goods division, Jean Brower has charge of thrift Shop, Ernestine Frost has the Flea Market, Ruth Brown has the canned goods division. We will use the proceeds to supplement our budgetary items for a special project in the church which needs to be finished. We trust you will all help with your contributions, please contact our general chairman.

Helen Aleshire, Pres.  
Women's Society

**NOTES FROM DELLA NOFSINGER**

The American Baptist Women cooperate to carry out the mission of the church. Here is what we do-

Help four special interest missionaries:

Rev John A Siden  
United Christian Centers  
Sacramento, Calif

Dr and Mrs Noah Brannon  
Tokyo, Japan

Miss Isabella Garris  
Valley Christian Center  
Phoenix, Arizona

Miss Anne J Hansen  
Kazali-Nellore District  
S. India

Help meet world wide needs through the National Baptist Women's White Cross Program.

Raise an allotted amount of money for national and international needs. Last year the money went to Dayton Christian Center. This year it goes to El Salvador.

Donate individual leadership and time for educational and worship activities of the society or for special fund raising activities.

Donate time, talent and interest on work-day, where we roll bandages, make cancer pads and other desperately needed items for American Baptist Hospitals.

This is our opportunity for directly contributing to many events related to the mission of our church. We need your help.

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Let me introduce a new friend to the church; Paula Goodman of Canton, Ohio. She is our Women's Society scholarship student at Judson College where she majors in human relations. She hopes to work in an inner city mission. Last summer she was a counselor at a Salvation Army Camp in Wisconsin.

Her address is Miss Paula Goodman, Judson College, 1151 N. State St., Elgin, Illinois 60120.

Any of you who have been in college or have had children in college know how a package of cookies, fruit, candy, or a small gift is appreciated.

#### STATE CONVENTION SLATED FOR OCTOBER

The annual sessions of the Ohio Baptist Convention are to be held at the 9th St. Baptist Church in Cincinnati, Oct. 25, 26, 27. See minister for details.

#### SPECIAL DAYS CELEBRATED IN CHURCH SCHOOL

September 2 and 16 were special days in the church school.

September 2 marked the beginning of a new year. Promoted were Suzanne Grubbs, Nursery to Kindergarten; Charles Ekelberry and Tim Fogle, Kindergarten to Primary; Carey Beth Fogle, Primary to Junior; Connie Breece and Cindy Lathrop, Junior to Junior High. Carey Beth received a new Bible, the traditional gift to new Juniors. The Junior High class presented two Bible skits and Jean Wickum led everyone in a modern

presentation of the parable of the Good Samaritan. Here are our teachers:

Class	Teacher	Substitute
Nursery	- Jean Ekelberry,	Dorothy Brown
Kindergarten	- Carol Grubbs,	Sis Mansfield
Primary 1&2	- Sophia Stephenson,	Sis "
Primary 3	- Janet Inscho,	Marge Smale
Junior	- Jean Wickum,	Richard Lee
Jr. Hi	- Donald Brown,	Pam & Larry Faulk
Sr. Hi	- Jean & Joe Brower,	" "
Adults	- Helen Aleshire & John McI'aggart	
Traveling Librarian	- Sis Mansfield	
Traveling Musician	- W. C. Wickum	

On Sept. 16 the School gathered in the Sanctuary for its Rally Day Program. Wick led us in songs and the Primary and Junior Departments presented their gift of banners. These were accepted by the minister.

John Mansfield's sister, Merry, presented a flannel graph talk and introduced us to the "Pin Family." Miss Mansfield is a native of East Liverpool where she serves as education director for the Boyce Methodist Church. She is a recent graduate of St. Paul Bible School and spent last summer in Africa with the College Student Missionary Program. We appreciate the Mansfields efforts in making Merry available to us and the message she brought.

#### GUEST SPEAKER AT CHURCH SEPT. 23

Rev. Ted D. Stephenson was guest speaker at the Morning Worship Sept. 23. Ted, Jeannie, and Amy were visiting the Browns and Stephensons.

#### BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULED

The quarterly business meeting of the church will be conducted Wednesday, Oct. 10, beginning with a covered dish dinner at 6:30 pm.

#### TRUSTEES COLUMN

The trustees have held two meetings the past two weeks. The major topic has been how to spend the money voted by the church for the parsonage. It looks like the major improvements will be in the bathroom, kitchen, and bedrooms. We will keep you up to date as these projects move along.

A decision has been reached to relocate the minister's study-office in the church.

The first room on the right in the classroom area (Northside) will be divided, the first door leading to the office and the second to a classroom. The study at the parsonage will become a bedroom. The estimated cost of a permanent study in the parsonage is \$700, but only about \$200 to \$250 to make the same room a bedroom. It was felt this was the wisest move as we would not always want the minister's office in the parsonage. This means some of the money will be spent at the church instead of the house, but will have the benefit of making a nicer house.

We would be happy for donations from anyone who would like to help equip this office. More money would then be available for the parsonage.

The work is not going as fast as we would like as it takes much time to get things organized and completed. Workmen are far behind in their schedules. Also the work we would like to do ourselves to stretch the dollar farther faces our own very full schedules.

Several minor improvements have already been started such as bannister repair, formica repair in bathroom, and putty replacement and painting of the windows.

The Trustees, namely David Clements, had the breakfast last Sunday morning. With the help of Ruth Brown's piano playing and Wick's leading the singing a good song fest was had by all.

A program has been initiated to keep our comfortable wooden chairs in shape. Two chairs with broken rungs were repaired by Herb Westbrook, a wood craftsman, who repaired them. Our own Mr. Crane is recaning all the ones with bad seats.

Two dump truck loads of topsoil have been placed around the new building so as to slant the ground away from the walls. It is hoped that this will help get the water away from the building. The water has been a real problem spoiling freshly painted walls last year. In the ten years since construction the ground next to the wall has settled a foot or more.

The Trustees expect to keep enough money on hand to repair the church roof in the corner at the youth room entrance, and also for redecorating the Junior Hi room.

Will Fogle has taken a leave of absence due to personal circumstances. A new member will be elected the 10th.

Our janitor has quit and we plan to use volunteer labor for awhile. If the dust or spirit moves you please sign up. We hope the janitor can come back when her work load isn't so heavy.

Our trashmen have asked that we fill one barrel first before starting another. It will also be helpful if we keep the wood lids on to keep the trash dry. It is an easy way to help someone else, don't you agree? Trash pickup day at the church is Wednesday morning. This makes Tuesday a good time to empty all the trash containers in the church into the barrels out back. Accumulated trash can be a fire hazard. All volunteers cleaning at the church please try to remember to get trash into the barrels out back by Wednesday morning and not just downstairs. This will help keep a tidy church.

- Peter White, Chr.

RETREAT EVALUATION (give to any member of the Board of Christian Education)

Features you most enjoyed:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Activities you would like to have added to a future retreat:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Suggestions, criticisms, and comments:

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The season of holidays is upon us! Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year celebration. In all probability your stomach will be full, your mind will be confused, and your pockets will be empty. You will be able to say with the Psalmist, "My charge account runneth over." Your church has prepared special activities to help you preserve, or find, the inner meaning of the holidays. Every one of the holidays has its outward significance and its deeper reality. So does every day, every event, every life. We can skim over the surface of things or we can penetrate to the depths. The shallow life leads to frustration and despair; the "life lived in depth" leads to love, joy, and peace. The intent of our modern civilization is to keep you on the surface; the intent of Christ is to lead you to the inner depth. To live out from the Center is difficult because it runs counter to the pressures placed on us by our economic-social system. We are led to ignore or trade away our birthright as Divine Sons and Daughters of God. I CHALLENGE -- LIVE TO THE DEPTHS AND THE HEIGHTS OF YOUR HUMANITY! The Man said, "I have come that you might have abundant life! The Kingdom of God (Abundance) is within you!" (JBS)

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SPECIAL DAYS TO BE OBSERVED BY CHURCH

Three special events are scheduled by your church which should be of real significance to all of us. A Dedication Service for a new piano for the Sanctuary is set for Sunday, Nov. 11, during the Morning Worship. It will be presented in memory of the late Edgar Ebenhack, who was our organist for many years.

An all church dinner will be sponsored by the Women's Society Sunday, Nov. 18, at 5:00 pm. in celebration of Thanksgiving.

An Advent Celebration on Sunday, Dec. 2, from 2 until 6, will begin what we hope will become a meaningful tradition.

See additional stories in this newsletter for details.

A LETTER TO THE CHURCH

Dear friends: You folks at First Baptist in Delaware are very kind! It was very thoughtful of all of you to provide the gift certificate, and I want you to know how much I appreciate your expression of gratitude.

Again, I want you to know how much I enjoyed our retreat weekend together, and I hope we can have another experience some time in the future.

I am grateful, too, for the extra check toward my travel expenses for that weekend. Many thanks!

Rev. Ralph Lamb

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Why do people get so upset about revolutionaries? After all, Christians started out as revolutionaries and look how harmless we've become!

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LIP READING CLASSES OFFERED AT CENTER

A series of 10 talks, "Helpful Hints for the Hard of Hearing" is being offered by the Delaware Speech and Hearing Center the first and third Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to 8:30 pm beginning November 6 and running thru March 19.

These talks are designed to aid adults with slight to moderately severe hearing losses by showing them how to make the most of their residual hearing.

A fee of \$18.00 which may be paid in advance or in three equal installments will be charged for the series of lectures. Registration for this series will be held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 6 at 7:30 at the main office of the Center, 27 W. Central Avenue.

The Delaware Speech and Hearing Center is a United Way organization designed to provide services in the speech and hearing fields to all residents of Delaware County. Polly Focke is the Director.

PIZZA PARTY FOR THE SENIOR HI'S

A Pizza Party for the Senior Hi's of our church and their guests will be held Sunday, Nov. 11, at 8 pm at the home of their teachers, Joe and Jean Brower, 32 Coventry.

DINNERS AND PLEDGES AND DEDICATION!!!!

All members of our fellowship are being contacted concerning neighborhood dinners for fellowship and information. Those attending will hear from a member of the Finance Committee and receive a copy of the 1974 proposed budget. Pledges will be dedicated at the Morning Worship November 18.

The dinners have been planned by a committee chaired by Donna Brown. Finance Committee chairman is Dr. B. T. Leidtke.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY FRIGHTENS EVERYONE**

A fine Halloween Party was held Sat., Oct. 27 in the Fellowship Hall. It was sponsored by the Adult Committee, Annette Clements, chr. Decorations were done by Donna Brown and Carol Grubbs. Those attending enjoyed a seance, were terrorized by ghosts, goblins, and a real live Count Dracula.

**PIANO TO BE DEDICATED NOV. 11**

A baby grand piano will be dedicated Sunday, Nov. 11, during the Morning Worship Service. It was purchased and re-conditioned from the contributions in the Ebenhack Fund which had been established for a memorial to the late Edgar Ebenhack, who served many years as organist. It will be presented to the church by his sister, Mrs. Hazen Young, and received by Choir Director W. C. Wickum.

The Ebenhack family has contributed richly to the musical life of our church. Edgar Ebenhack sang in the choir before becoming organist. His mother was also a choir member and Mrs. Young served as Choir Director. Margaret Young is a member of the choir.

**ADVENT FAMILY ACTIVITY PLANNED**

Do you want a special way to prepare for Christmas? Plan now to spend Sunday afternoon, Dec. 2, from 2 - 6 pm at the church as we join together as a church family to prepare for the joyous Christmas season.

Together we will decorate our church, make gifts to share and Advent rings for each family. We'll share a simple meal together and then we'll join our thoughts in the sanctuary in a service to light our first Advent candles.

Traditions start with a first time. Let's make this a memorable first Advent Service at Delaware's First Baptist Church and begin a tradition that will have significant meaning to the whole family.

Evelyn Lee, Chr.  
Bd. of Christian Ed.

KEEP PEOPLE WONDERING, BE YOURSELF!!!

**SPEAKING OF MONEY, AND WHO DOESN'T?**

The expenses of your church are always higher in the fall and winter seasons, so now is a good time to check the status of your pledge. We have a good record of giving in our congregation so keep up the high standard! If you have any questions concerning your pledge, contact Richard Lee, Finance Secretary, 362-9107.

Do you know how the nations react to the Gospel? The English talk about it; the Welsh sing about it; the Scots rejoice that it is free; the Irish fight about it; and the Americans organize it.

- Joshua Thompson,  
General Secretary,  
Baptist Union of Ireland

**NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY**

The Women's Mission Society met Oct. 11 at the church. The day was spent making cancer pads. 16 were present. Sophia Stephenson was hostess.

The next meeting will be a covered dish DINNER AND FAMILY NIGHT, Sunday, Nov. 18, beginning at 5:00 pm. The program will immediately follow the dinner.

The program theme is "WHICH WAY AMERICA? YOUTH IS HOPE." John McTaggart will serve as moderator and the panel will be Joe Brower, David Clements, Larry Faulk, Pam Faulk, Jean Wickum, Donald Brown, Linda White, John Mansfield, and Bertha McTaggart.

Bring your own table service. The committee is: Jean Brower, Ernestine Frost, and Della Dean. Ernestine Frost will have the Love Gift Dedication.

A dedication service is planned for the church for Sunday, Dec. 9, the hour to be announced later, to dedicate the money in the "Sock Project." We urge all women to attend.

Della Dean,  
Program Chr., WMS

To avoid criticism -

say nothing,  
do nothing,  
be nothing.

### STATE CONVENTION HELD IN CINCINNATI

The Ohio Baptist Convention was held at the Ninth Street Baptist Church in Cincinnati Oct. 25-27. Attending full time from our church were Rev. and Mrs. James Stephenson and Bertha McTaggart. Attending part time were John McTaggart and Jim VanBrimmer. Joe and Mark Brower attended the Men's Luncheon. Registering were 518 delegates and 589 visitors. Next year's convention will be in Canton, Oct. 24-26.

### WANTED WANTED WANTED

Do you have back issues of the Adult Class Quarterly? Needed is the April-June number, 1969. If you have a copy and are willing to share it, contact Jean Wickum, 369-1561.

### BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES ON SUNDAY NIGHT

The study of the Gospels continues on Sunday nights at 8 at the Church, but the Wednesday group has been cancelled. This is a part of our participation in the 100 Day Devotion to Christ which was suggested by ABC president, Dr. Gene Bartlett. The Sunday group is now studying the Sermon on the Mount, Matt. 5-7 and you are welcome.

### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual community Thanksgiving Service will be held at 8:00 pm, Wednesday, Nov. 21, at St. Mary Catholic Church. It is sponsored by the Inter-Church Council.

### YOUTH SHARE IN UNICEF COLLECTION

The youth of the community shared in the annual UNICEF drive Sunday, Oct. 28. Five of our Junior High Fellowship, accompanied by Donna Brown and Jean Brower, collected \$53.

### LETTER TO THE CHURCHES OF DELAWARE

Dear friends:

Thanksgiving Day, for most of us, has always been a day of joyous reunion with family and friends, a celebration of our good fortune, a holiday climaxed by feasting in the spirit of thankfulness.

It is good that we celebrate in this way, thru happy sharing of the good things of life with loved ones. What a blessing

we experience!

It is good that the spirit of thanksgiving has been sustained, and that this special time has been preserved which calls attention to our resources.

It is good also that we are reminded of the responsibility in Christian discipleship to share what we possess with others less fortunate. In the Christian sense, a feast of Thanksgiving must be one in which everyone shares and it is within this context that Thanksgiving Day has its real meaning. The feast in which we pray God's blessing upon us can only be that one to which all persons everywhere are invited and in which all share the happy blessing of communion.

One of the most effective ways of ministering to others is thru the CROP Thanksgiving offering. We all know of the desperate needs that exist in many parts of the world for life saving food and medical services. Foremost is the drought stricken areas of Africa, in which literally millions face starvation and death unless those of us who can join in aid programs such as CROP. By supporting CROP we help to provide not only food, shelter and medical supplies, but rehabilitation services as well.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we simply must ask that you give serious consideration to sacrificially supporting this selfless service to others.

May God bless you in your thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Jim VanBrimmer, Joan Krohn, CROP coordinators for ICC

### PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS . . .

SUSAN VANBRIMMER has recently returned from a vacation in Hawaii where she visited her sister, brother-in-law and new niece, STEVE and KAREN STONER and STEFANIE KAYE. . . .

NELLIE DICK will make her home with her daughter RUTH DUNLAP (see address on the bulletin board) and has presented the church her piano, which will be used in the Youth Room. . . . JOHN SWICHELMEIER was a patient at Grady Memorial Hospital but is now at home. . . . CHARLES ELIOT is recuperating at home following illness. . . .

MR. & MRS. BEAVERLY MARSHALL have moved to Delaware from Coshocton and are house parents at the Children's Home. . . .

ANNETTE CLEMENTS was a patient in Grady Memorial but is now at home . . . and what happened to you that should have been in PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS?

LOOKING INTO DECEMBER . . .

The Christmas month is busy. Here are some of your church's plans. Hope they all prove helpful for you and your family!

SUNDAY, Dec. 2, 2-6 pm. ADVENT SERVICE FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH FAMILY.

FRIDAY, Dec. 7, 12-8 pm in Fellowship Hall. GENERAL STORE.

SUNDAY, Dec. 16, 4-6:30 pm. CHURCH CAROLING.

SATURDAY, Dec. 22, 2-4 pm. CLASS PARTIES AT THE CHURCH.

SUNDAY, Dec. 23, 10:30 am. CANTATA BY THE CHOIR. 7-8:30 pm. FAMILY NIGHT WITH CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM.

MONDAY, Dec. 24, 7:30 pm. CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION.

SUNDAY, Dec. 30. BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY THE DEACONS & DEACONESSSES.

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RECIPE CORNER

Snickerdoodles

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 3/4 cups flour
- 2 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. soda
- 2 tbsp. sugar
- 2 tsp. cinnamon

Heat oven to 400. Mix thoroughly butter, shortening, 1 1/2 cups sugar and the eggs. Blend in flour, cream of tartar, soda, and salt. Shape the dough by rounded teaspoonfuls into balls. (Try to make them the size of small walnuts.)

Mix 2 tablespoons sugar and the cinnamon. Roll the balls in the sugar-cinnamon mixture and place them about 2 inches apart on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake 8 to

10 minutes or until set. (The cookies puff up first, then flatten out.) Immediately remove the cookies from the baking sheet. About 6 dozen cookies.

from the BAPTIST CORNER,  
Ambridge, Pa.

JUNIOR CHOIR EXPANDS

The Junior Choir has now expanded into two choirs - Children's and Junior. The Children's Choir is for those of school age thru the third grade. The Junior Choir is for those in grades 4 thru 8. Both rehearse Thursday at 4:00 pm.

The Choirs will sing at the Morning Worship Service November 25.

Jean Ekelberry directs the Children's Choir; Polly Focke the Juniors.

UNITED WAY SEEKS YOUR SUPPORT

The United Way is collecting pledges for 1974. 12 agencies deserve and need your support. THANKS TO YOU IT'S WORKING!

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The kingdom of heaven is at hand,  
Not in some distant point in space,  
Not far out among the unborn years,  
Nor in some mysterious spot,  
Nor beyond some lock-bound gate  
Or forbidding barrier,  
Nor in one place or another,  
But here, at our fingertips.

The kingdom of heaven is a possibility,  
Ready to be made into an actuality.  
We shall have it  
When we reach out and take it.  
When enough of us do so,  
The world will have it, too.

- Clarence Edwin Flynn

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We need news for our newsletter; news of your group or organization; personal news of you and your family. Interest finders we have circulated reveal that personal news is most appreciated. We also like to publish your letters, original poems, etc.

We need persons to assist in the Morning Worship Service. The policy is not to ask persons to do this, but to wait for volunteers. This can be a real spiritual experience for you. Check with the minister.

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This issue of your newsletter is about Christmas. Here you have a collection of Christmas ideas, poetry, meditations, and a listing of opportunities your church is making available to you for your Christmas season. To get off to a positive, constructive start, I want to share a beautiful meditation with you. It was written by Ernest Holmes, a great teacher and mystic who was the founder of the United Church of Religious Science. I think it will be helpful.

"Recognizing the Divine Presence within myself and within everyone I meet, I bring my gifts of love and adoration and lay them on the altar of my faith in the indwelling and the overdwelling Presence, in the God in whom we all live and move and have our being. Gratefully I remember the Babe of Bethlehem. Gratefully I recognize the birth of the Christ child in myself, and deeply I feel its presence in those around me. Today I pray that this Divine child within me shall grow and expand, and, placing my hand in his - knowing that his hand is placed in the hand of the eternal Presence - I follow the star of Life, knowing that no harm can come to me, on ocean or on shore. May that faith which sustained Jesus be my faith. May that Love which was the motivating power of his life flow through me to the world, even as it did through him. As the final triumph of the Spirit ended in the burst of eternal glory in his experience, so may the Light of heaven come to all, that there shall again be peace on earth and goodwill among men."

And may all of you find the Love of Christ during this Christmas season. (JBS)

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OUR DECEMBER SCHEDULE . . .

Sunday, Dec. 2

- 9:15 Church School classes.
- 10:30 Morning Worship. Holy Communion. Lesson: "Mystery of the Second Birth."
- 2:00-6:00 All Church Advent Celebration. Crafts, decorating church, sack supper, worship.

- 10:30 Morning Worship. Lesson: "The Power of Christmas."
- 4:00-6:30 All church caroling. Meet at the Church.

Friday, Dec. 7

- 12:00-8:00 General Store in Fellowship Hall.

Thursday, Dec. 20

- 9:00 Morning Circle with Carol Grubbs.

Sunday, Dec. 9

- 9:15 Church School classes.
- 10:30 Morning Worship. Lesson: "Come." Joe Brower, speaker. Dedication of Christmas stockings by W.M.S.
- 6:00 Youth Fellowship.

Saturday, Dec. 22

- 2:00-4:00 Christmas parties for the Church School classes.

Sunday, Dec. 23

- 9:15 Church School classes.
- 10:30 Morning Worship. Cantata, "Carols of Christmas," by the choir.
- 7:00-8:30 Family Night. "The Little Shepherd," presented by Church School. Refreshments. Birthday cake for the baby Jesus.

Tuesday, Dec. 11

- 8:00 Community Chorus Christmas Program at St. Mary's. Tickets are \$2.00 adults; \$1.00 students.

Monday, Dec. 24

- 7:30 Christmas Eve Service of Candles. Holy Communion.

Thursday, Dec. 13

- 8:00 Shephard Circle with Ruth Brown. Cookie exchange; bring 3-4 doz. and recipe.

Sunday, Dec. 30

- 8:30 Breakfast sponsored by the Bd. of Deacons & Deaconesses.
- 9:15 Church School classes.
- 10:30 Morning Worship. Lesson: "Plenty of Time but Hurry!"
- 6:00 Youth Fellowship.

Sunday, Dec. 16

- 9:15 Church School classes.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPECIAL PROGRAM SLATED FOR JAN. 12

Dear Steve:

We wish to express our gratitude for the wonderful Sunday on which the church presented John with a License to Preach. The surprise reception and the gift of the lovely floral arrangement were indeed an expression of love from a grand group of folks. All of you will be missed while we go on our sabbatical leave. May the good Lord watch over us all while we are absent one from another.

John & Bertha McTaggart

Dear friends:

The youth program at our church has over the past few years had its ups and downs. Let's think now of the ups. Interest in all phases of the youth program were down, from Sunday School to BYF. Sunday School attendance is up and a new BYF group has started. Let's not let these young people down. We are in need of advisors for the BYF. Perhaps a program of advisors could be worked out so that some time off for the regular advisors could be made possible.

Also, one of our young members took on the project of redoing the Junior Hi room. The room is part of the old building and demanded extensive work. If you have not seen the room, go look at it. If you have, thank Doug Lee for taking the time to think about it, plan it, and work at it.

This is my last month as youth chairman. I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve, but more I have learned much from the experience. Thank you for the opportunity, and I hope that I have helped the development of the church's youth program in some small way. If I haven't, at least I enjoyed the children, and that makes it worthwhile. If I have, then the feeling is double.

Donald Brown

LICENSE TO PREACH GRANTED BY CHURCH

John B. McTaggart was presented a License to Preach during the morning Worship service Nov. 18. Presentation was made by W. C. Wickum, chairman of the Bd. of Deacons and Deaconesses. John is Director of Library Services at the Methodist Theological School. A reception in honor of John and Bertha followed the service. Before coming to Delaware, John was librarian at Union Theological Seminary and at Berkeley Baptist Divinity School.

On Jan. 12, 1974 the Delaware Acting & Part Time Plumbers Academy of Arts & Appliances will present a program called "Hooray for Hollywood", because if we had to depend on these ten guys, we'd be in deep trouble. The show stars ten men, two from other churches. It is a variety program which is fantastic. The time is 7:30, Saturday, Jan. 12. Don't miss it.

- Donald Brown

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Here is Nellie Dick's new address:

Mrs. Nellie Dick  
786 1/2 Cozaddale Rd.  
Morrow, Ohio 45152

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NEWS FROM THE CHOIR

Our choir is busy rehearsing two evenings a week in preparation for a joyous musical worship service on Sunday, Dec. 23, in celebration of the birth of Christ.

Besides preparing for this service, anthems for Sunday worship services, special solos, a vocal-instrumental duet, and a two part women's choral selection are being rehearsed for the Christmas season.

I am pleased to work with such a fine group of dedicated, talented people who try through their talents to make each of our worship services more meaningful.

If something we sing really turns you on, why not let us know it?

Have you noticed our new microphone? It was a gift from the Mansfields. Every Sunday the service is taped. If you would like a tape you may have it for the cost of a good tape. Check with me or with John Mansfield.

The whole musical ministry of our church would be impossible without the generously shared talents of our organist, Ruth Brown.

- W. C. Wickum

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WHICH DISTURBS YOU THE MOST?????????????

1. Missing a worship service or missing a day's pay?
2. A sermon five minutes too long or an "overtime" ball game?
3. Your Bible unopened or your newspaper unread?

from THE BAPTIST VISION  
Mt. Gilead, Ohio

## PIANO DEDICATED TO EDGAR EBENHACK

A baby grand piano was dedicated to the memory of Edgar Ebenhack at the morning service Nov. 11. It was purchased from the Ebenhack Fund which was set up after his passing Nov. 15, 1963. Presentation was made by his sister, Mrs. Hazzen Young, who served as our choir director for many years, and it was received for the church by choir director W. C. Wickum. Mrs. Young's comments follow:

In the words of the old poem that probably none of you remember, We were seven. My brother, Edgar, was the sixth born in our family. Mother was an outstanding piano student and teacher. We were all taught to play. One of my earliest remembrances is that on Sunday afternoon, after the dishes were washed, we would go to the parlor. Mother took her seat at the piano and we all made a joyful noise led by Dad, who had a fine bass voice, and loved singing as much as all the rest of us.

Edgar had been dipped in talent more than once. When he was a very little boy he lay on the floor with paper and pencil or crayons making pictures. We thought they were good and that he would perhaps be an artist, but when his hands grew large enough to play chords and span an octave, he forsook his pictures and occupied himself with music. He studied piano and took up the study of the organ at Ohio Wesleyan. He always said that lessons and practice were pure pleasure to him.

In 1948 Miss Clair Shipman, organist at our church, was married and moved to Columbus. Edgar had served as organist at Grace Church, St. Paul's Church, and for a period of years was civilian organist at Fort Hayes in Columbus. Edgar, who had been singing in our choir, was offered the organ and accepted. Music was never work to him. Hours at the keyboard were unalloyed happiness.

He played his last church service on Nov. 10, 1963, came to choir practice on Tuesday and was called to his eternal home on Friday, Nov. 15. The choir called me asking if they should send flowers or save the money for a memorial. It was decided to do the latter, and the Ebenhack Fund was set up, and added to during the years. A short time ago Peter White proposed the purchase of this piano in

memory of Edgar. I am presenting it to you, Wick, for the church as a memorial to my brother, Edgar Ebenhack. May it make beautiful music for the glory of God for many years.

## LOVE GIFT BOXES TO BE RETURNED

Please turn in your love gift boxes at your circle meeting or society. Thanks for the very nice offering Sunday night, Nov. 18. It will help so much on our yearly report. Thank you.

- Ernestine Frost  
Love Gift Chr.

## HOW TO HELP OTHERS at CHRISTMAS - & OTHER TIMES

We always have our world mission which we support through the Mission Pocket of our offering envelopes.

There is the United Way which greatly needs your fullest support - do you know that two agencies are headed by members of this congregation (Speech & Hearing and Mental Health)? And Jim VanBrimmer is the chairman of the Budget Committee.

The Christmas Clearing House is now preparing to make Christmas happy for those who would otherwise not have Christmas. The need is for non-perishable foods and CASH. There will be a box in the vestibule for your articles of food and cash can be given to Steve. Everything must be in by the 16th.

We have an opportunity to share used items with others in Burma and Haiti. Used eye glasses and cases are needed in Haiti. Burma and Assam love to sing but need music. If you have choral music for duets, etc. in good condition bring them. They could also use beginner's piano lessons in good condition. Bring these things to church by Dec. 9 and they will be delivered personally.

Cancelled postage stamps should be saved for missions. Have at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of envelope around each one, for they must be whole.

Also help the School for Retarded by saving our labels and packages from all cans, bottles, paper products, cereals, etc. Anything with Kroger name is especially valuable for this group. Be sure to empty cartons, cut bottoms so they will flatten out and keep in a big brown paper bag until it is full. Since different parts of package are needed save the whole package or wrapper. Check bulletin board for kinds of

things needed. NOTE - Kroger's are the store brand labels we save besides nationally advertised products.

Take your full bags to the Little Shop to be given to Mrs. Emily Barger who works on Friday evening.

GENERAL STORE TO BE HELD BY W. M. S.

A General Store at the First Baptist Church, Friday, Dec. 7, from 12:00 noon until 8:00 P.M., will be available in the Fellowship Hall.

Handmade gifts for sale will include knitted and crocheted items as well as other needlework. There will be home-made baked goods, candy, jelly, jams, and other home canned foods, good used clothing. There will also be a fleamarket!

Donations of articles are needed. If you have items and are unable to bring them to the church please call any of the following: Needlework - Myrtle Gabriel; flea market - Ernestine Frost; Thrift shop - Jean Brower; Baked Goods - Sophia Stephenson; Canned Goods - Ruth Brown.

Everyone welcome!

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SANTA CLAUS PERSONALITY

The mythical personality of Santa Claus expresses many of the qualities of the Spirit which we apply in getting along with others.

He is a joyous individual. People are attracted to a joyous individual as steel filings are attracted to a magnet.

He is interested in spreading happiness. He has a big time painting smiles on the faces of children.

He loves his work. He hums a merry tune as he builds toys for boys and girls. He gets fun out of his job.

He is childlike. Though he can visit every home in the world in a single night, he is humble about it. He is simple, genuine, and sincere.

He is eternally youthful. His hair and beard are white but his heart is young. His arteries are flexible. He keeps up with the times.

Finally, he radiates love. He is a giver.

His philosophy is to give himself away in service. He is a friend to everyone. He lives an overflow life.

Perhaps we could all find greater happiness if we emulated Santa Claus a little more!

- Wilferd A. Peterson

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CHRISTMAS POEMS -

The following Christmas poetry was submitted by Bertha McTaggart. We invite original poems, etc. for NEWS AND VIEWS.

Again it is Christmas  
The time when hearts should be  
Filled with laughter and merriment  
And each day bring new anticipation  
To all - old and young - alike.

But it is with a different spirit  
Christmas comes this year to a saddened  
and sick world.  
Light heartedness and carefree attitudes  
Of the past - are giving way  
To the true and lasting meaning of  
Christmas.

Christmas - full of Thanksgiving  
That we are free and able to  
Observe the season with all its  
Beauty and reverence and blessings -  
For those who find its true significance.

May this Christmas renew our faith in God,  
In His goodness and care for those  
Who share His love and blessings  
And may we surely find and believe its  
true meaning  
"Peace on earth to men of good-will."

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The joy, peace and happiness of Christmas  
God's blessings to his children  
Are ours in abundance this year -  
Because your lives have touched and blessed  
ours  
In so many different ways.

It has been a joy to know you.  
To have the friendship of those whose lives  
Seek to be in tune with God and his will;  
Your lives are a challenge and an inspiration  
to us;

You have given us lasting joy.

(cont)

A new peace has been ours since knowing  
you,-  
For your lives have been tempered and  
softened  
And God has soothed and comforted you  
With his peace which surpasseth all our  
understanding;  
With that peace you bless all whom you  
meet.

But the happiness you have given us  
Words can never tell in either prose or  
poetry;  
Life is sweeter and has greater meaning  
Joys are bigger and sorrows seem smaller  
Since you have shown us true happiness.

May God bless you with the wonderful feel-  
ing  
Of his joy and peace and happiness  
Like unto that which you have made so real  
to us;  
May the spirit of Christmas be with you  
And fill your hearts and souls with  
all its wonder.

#### CLASS FOR TEACHERS PRESENTED

Della Nofsinger has completed teaching  
a class for our church school teachers. It  
consisted of six sessions dealing with sub-  
jects such as choral readings, arts and  
crafts, writing, dramatics, music, games,  
audio-visuals, discussions, etc. The Bd.  
of Education takes this means of expres-  
sing its appreciation to Della.

#### NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

A covered dish dinner and family night,  
sponsored by the Society Nov. 18 in the  
Fellowship Hall was a great success.

Thanks to Jean Ekelberry and the Child-  
ren's Choir, Polly Focke and the Junior  
Choir, and to Wick and Jean for their lead-  
ing the singing, which made an enjoyable  
evening.

Bertha McTaggart gave a beautiful Love  
Gift dedication.

The program consisted of a panel dis-  
cussion of "Which Way America? Youth Is  
Hope." John McTaggart served as the mod-  
erator. Panel members were Linda White,  
Pam Faulk, Larry Faulk, John Mansfield,  
Bob Stephenson, David Clements.

It was a time of food, fun, and fel-  
lowship. Thanks to all for their cooper-  
ation.

I forgot to mention in the last NEWS

AND VIEWS that we have our program books  
and most of them have been distributed.  
Thanks to Steve for a fine job which is  
greatly appreciated.

- Della Dean,  
Program Chr.

#### NOTE OF SYMPATHY

The church expresses its sympathy to  
Diane Carpenter in the recent death of her  
grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Carpenter.

#### ABOUT THE STOCKING DEDICATION DEC. 9

All year long the ladies of our Mission  
Society have been putting nickles in a  
stocking according to a little poem I en-  
closed in the toe of each one.

#### A Poetic Stocking

Though Christmas is far off, we know  
It wouldn't be so shocking,  
To put a nickle in the toe  
Of your Society's Christmas stocking.

Since February's the second month  
You'll put in two, you see;  
While March, the 3rd month of the year,  
Will call for nickles three.

With April surely you can spare  
Four more nickles for this fad.  
Next comes the pleasant month of May  
Then five more you can add.

Six in June, seven in July,  
See how your gift is growing?  
In August there'll be 8 more coins  
Into the stocking going.

September nine, October ten,  
Eleven in November;  
December calls for nickles twelve  
You surely will remember!

Your Christmas nickles now are ready  
Count seventy-eight in all ---  
Or should you put in a few more,  
We shouldn't mind at all.

Now bring your Christmas stocking  
(Be sure you don't forget!)  
To the 1973 Christmas meeting,  
And make it the best one yet!

The monies from this project is to be used  
for Mission work and is to go to either

National Ministries or to International Ministries, whichever the ladies choose. We will dedicate these offerings Dec. 9 during our morning worship service.

I hope all the ladies will be present to participate in the dedication and to receive God's blessing for their contribution. If anyone would like to suggest the name or names of a recipient please include that along with your offering. A vote will be taken later to decide just where the monies will go.

The stockings for the project were made by Ernestine Frost and Carol Fogle.

- Helen Aleshire, Pres.

If God may be found in a stable stall,  
I may not be too mean or small  
To give Him birth. I may in me  
Discover a divinity.  
To find God in the least of things -  
This is the hope that Christmas brings.  
Christ from His manger cries to the lowly  
The truth that every one is holy.

- James Dillet Freeman

AND MAY ALL OF YOU find joy in seeking for  
Christ, satisfaction in finding Christ, and  
NEW LIFE in living for Christ.