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THIS YEAR Lent begins February 27. Between the rush of Christmas and the concentration of Lent is a kind of a lull in the church's program. Maybe we need it. Or think we need it. I suspect that we just think we need it; if we think about it at all! This is a good time to remember the Purpose of our church as it is defined in the constitution . . . "the study and practice of the Way of Jesus Christ." Maybe we can use some of this "lull" to work on these two words - "study and practice." The practice is what happens at home, school, job, etc. The study is what happens in our adult church school classes, youth classes, etc. Study is the basic purpose of our school from the play-study of the little people to the book learning of the bigger people. The thing usually called sermon in most churches we call Lesson in our fellowship. This is to remind each other that it is intended to be a learning experience in contrast to just a listening experience. Now here is my suggestion/proposal. Would you enjoy another learning experience? I'd like to get the Wednesday night study group going again or any other night or nights you find open and agreeable. We can call it a Discipleship Group, Bible study group, or any name that suits you! And we can cover any area which has an appeal for you. The last page has an interest finder on it. Will you fill in the needed information and give your copy to me; there will be a container for them on the table in the vestibule, or put it in the mail. Let the lull be a lift! (JBS)

CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST (from Bd. of Ed)

The Board of Education thanks everyone who helped to make the Christmas season a joyous one. It took hours of work for many people to present the Advent celebration, the church caroling party, the children's class parties, and the Christmas program. We appreciate the efforts of each of you and know the joy you received from your efforts made it all worthwhile.

The buzz of activity on Advent Sunday, the joy we shared as we sang to our shut-ins, the fun of a party with teachers, the practicing and practicing with the angels and shepherds, and the light in little eyes around Jesus' birthday cake all make for happy memories and will guide our thinking toward plans for another year.

- Evelyn Lee (Chr.)

AND AFTER CHRISTMAS . . . (from Bd. of Ed.)

The Board of Education thanks the Deacons & Deaconesses for the enjoyable breakfast and fellowship Jan. 6 before Church School classes. It was a good way to ring out the old and ring in the new.

- Evelyn Lee (Chr.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir:

Our thanks to all the church for the wreath and the many expressions of love shown us during the brief illness and death

of Dick's father. You truly are a special part of our family.

- The Richard Lees

Sir:

We wish to thank the Stephensons for the cookies, the carolers for the lovely songs, the cookies, santa, and tree.

- Mr. and Mrs. McKean

Sir:

I wish to thank all that gave of their time and donations to the Country Store. The money (we made \$180) will be used for the benefit of the church.

- Myrtle Gabriel

HELP WANTED . . . HELP WANTED . . . !!!

About six weeks ago the "stork" visited the Clements residence and deposited nine puppies. There are four girls and five boys, some with spots and some with freckles. They are half Dalmation and half all American dog. The most exciting thing about the cute little pups is that they are free to good homes. Call 369-5944 - better hurry they won't last long at this price!

MAGAZINES ON A MISSION

Carolyn White has sent copies of her mother's (Mrs. J. Fred Gleich) old Missions magazines dating back to 1920 to the libraries of the United Theological College in Hyderabad, India.

TIPPING AND TITHING

Now it came to pass on a Day at Noon that the Editor was a Guest of a certain rich man. And the lunch was enjoyed at a popular Restaurant. And the Waiters were very efficient and the Food was good.

Now when the End of the Meal was at hand, the Waiter brought the Host the check. And the Host examined it, frowned a bit, but made no Comment. But as we arose to depart, I observed that he laid some Coins under the Edge of his Plate. Howbeit, I know not what Denomination the Coins were.

But the Waiter who stood near by smiled happily, which, being interpreted, means that the Tip was satisfactory.

Now with such Customs we are all familiar. And this Parable entereth not into the Merits or Demerits of Tipping.

But as I meditated on the Coins that became Tips throughout our Nation, I began to think of Tips and Tithes. For the proverbial Tip should be at least a Tithe, lest the Waiter or Waitress turn against you.

And as I continued to think on these Things, it came to me that few People who go to Church treat their God as well as they honor their Waiter. For they give unto the Waiter a Tithe, but unto God they give whatsoever they think will get them by.

Verily, doth Man fear the Waiter more than he feareth God? And doth he love God less than he loveth the Waiter?

Truly, truly, a Man and his Money passeth Understanding.

(from the Bulletin of St. Peter's, Perth Amboy, N. J. by way of St. Peter's, Delaware.)

BIRTHS . . .

Therisa Denise Faulk was born Dec. 5 at 3:30 am to Mark and Margaret Faulk.

Christopher James Mann was born at 10:04 pm, Jan. 9, to Steve and Donna Mann.

Congratulations to the happy parents and to Grandpa and Grandma - Donald and Florence!

. . . DEATHS

John Dean, brother of William Dean, died Thursday, Dec. 27.

Earl Lee, father of Richard Lee, died

Dec. 30.

We extend our Christian sympathy to the families.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

The women of the Marion Baptist Association will meet Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Green Camp Baptist Church. Time will be 9:30 - 2:30. State officers will be present and a nursery will be available.

The Associational trustees will meet Thursday, Jan. 24 at the Green Camp Church. The divisional meeting is set for Thursday, Jan. 31, here in Delaware.

The Rev. Cecil H. Norman is president of the association.

WEEK DAY TEACHERS MEETING SCHEDULED

The Executive Committee of the Ohio Week Day Teachers Association will meet Saturday, Jan. 12, at the office of the Ohio Council of Churches in Columbus. Our own Carolyn White serves the organization as interim president. Also attending from our congregation will be Della Nofsinger.

If only I may grow firmer, quieter, simple warmer.

Dag Hammarskjold

TRUSTEES COLUMN

The latest developments at the parsonage are as follows. An agreement has been reached with the plumber for a new kitchen sink with cupboards around it and a counter top for about \$325. It is to be a type that can be removed easily in case of a major decision on the parsonage in the future. Remodeling in the bathroom is to include a new fiber glass shower and tub unit, new pipe work, and a linen closet built in for \$1015. This work will be done in February.

The plans then are to put a closet in the old study making it into a bedroom, and following will be the redecoration of all the other rooms in whatever manner is found most suitable.

This work will just about finish the \$3000 set aside for this work as voted by the church. As we go into the new year I would like to remind us all to keep an open mind as the building is paid off and a major decision is made on the parsonage as per the church's vote last summer. (Peter White, Chr.)

HOW YOU GAVE IN 1973 -

The following is a report of the giving for the 82 boxes of envelopes passed out, also includes those people not using envelopes. All dollar figures are the total given for all of 1973.

<u>Dollars</u>	=	<u>Giving units</u>
\$ 0	=	25
1 to 5	=	7
5 to 25	=	9
25 to 52	=	13
52 to 100	=	3
100 to 150	=	7
150 to 200	=	1
200 to 225	=	5
225 to 250	=	3
250 to 325	=	0
325 to 350	=	4
520 to 650	=	4
800 to 850	=	1
950 to 1050	=	3
1400 to 1425	=	1
1750 to 1775	=	1
2150 to 2175	=	1

- Richard E. Lee,
Financial Secretary

This is the church of my dreams;
 The church of the warm heart,
 Of the open mind,
 Of the adventurous spirit;
 The church that cares,
 That heals hurt lives,
 That comforts old people,
 That challenges youth;
 That knows no divisions of culture or class,
 No frontiers, geographical or social;
 The church that inquires as well as avers,
 That looks forward as well as backward;
 The church of the Master,
 The church of the people,
 High as the ideals of Jesus,
 Low as the humblest human;
 A working church,
 A worshipping church,
 A winsome church,
 A church that interprets the truth in
 terms of truth,
 That inspires courage for this life and
 hope for the life to come;
 A church of courage,
 A church of all good men,
 A church of the living God.

(John Milton Moore from IDEALS)

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, 16

The annual congregational meeting of our church will be held Wednesday, Jan. 16, beginning with a covered dish dinner at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own table service; coffee and tea will be provided.

After the dinner we will hear the annual reports, elect our officers, and adopt a budget for this year.

EXTENSION SERVICE PLANS PROGRAM HERE

The Cooperative Extension Service of Delaware County will sponsor a program in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Jan. 17, from 1 - 3 pm. The program's theme is "Sewing Sweater Kits." It is open to everyone.

HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD GREAT SUCCESS

"Hooray for Hollywood," written and directed by Donald Brown and featuring The Delaware Acting and Part Time Plumbers Academy of Arts and Appliances, was presented Saturday, Jan. 12, in our Fellowship Hall and was acclaimed a roaring success by the enormous crowd that filled every chair and shouted for more. (More numbers, not more chairs). Now for the bigtime!

CHARLES ELIOT HONORED BY ENGINEERS

Charles Eliot was the recipient of a high honor when he was recently presented a lifetime membership in the County Engineers Association of Ohio. The membership was presented at his home by County Engineer Fred Stults and Commissioners Dean Miller, Don Fisher, and Kenneth Reed.

Mr. Eliot is recuperating from surgery. He has served our church in many capacities including Trustee and Deacon, and was the chairman of the Building Committee which was responsible for the construction of our Educational Building.

MEMBERS PAINTING EXHIBITED AT BANK

A Nativity painted by James Brown was featured in the Christmas decorations at the Delaware County Bank. Jim did the cover for the bulletin for your minister's anniversary service and his head of Christ hangs at the west end of the Educational Building.

To love is to approach each other center to center.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Your minister and family take this means of conveying their thanks to the church for the thoughtful and generous Christmas gift. Thanks also to the persons who expressed their love through gifts, poems, cards, and kind words.

Two cards came from sunny Hawaii - from Steve and Karen Stoner and Bob and LaVerne Cawley.

THE JAMES MOVE TO NEW HOME

Mike and Linda James have moved to a new home at 387 Pennsylvania Ave. Linda was a recent patient at Riverside Hospital.

TO ONE WHO SEEKS GOD AND CANNOT FIND HIM . . .

Nothing is demanded of you - no idea of God, and no goodness in yourselves, not your being religious, not your being Christian, not your being wise, and not your being moral. But what is demanded is only your being open and willing to accept what is given to you You are accepted, accepted by that which is greater than you, and the name of which you do not know. Do not ask for the name now; perhaps you will find it later. Do not try to do anything now; perhaps later you will do much. Do not seek for anything; do not perform anything; do not intend anything. Simply accept the fact that you are accepted!

Paul Tillich

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TO RETURN TO SCHOOLS

The Council of Religious Education held a reorganization meeting Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the First Presbyterian Church. It is the expectation of the Council that a week-day, released time educational program for grades 4 and 5 will begin next fall in our Delaware Schools. Mrs. Bette Myer will again be the teacher. Dr. Robert Caulkins was elected president. Your minister will serve as vice-president.

In terms of energy and biology, the human race is still very young and very fresh.... Life is directing itself toward the establishment of a new heaven and a new earth.
- Chardin

MINISTER ATTENDS SEMINAR IN COLUMBUS

Your minister, along with 21 other Baptist clergymen, attended a continuing education seminar at the University Baptist Church in Columbus Dec. 3-9. It was conducted by Dr. Carlyle Marney, founder of the Interpreter's House, a retreat center for ministers in North Carolina. Also attending was Rev. Ted D. Stephenson. In your ministers absence the morning service was conducted by Joe and Jean Brower.

Christ, with the Cross in his clairvoyant gaze,
Cried "Joy" in nights as black as these we know;
Cried "Joy" to the lepers, bidding them to go
Healed into life...and gave the blind new days.
I dare to speak of joy because I know
That One who knew the Cross knew joy despite Gethsemane, and agony in the night,
And dread of the long harsh road which He must go.
His word was a promise given. I accept.
And when the mind betrays me with its fright
I will turn blinded eyes...and find the Light,
And cry with joy to find that Promise kept.
- Don Blanding

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE HELD ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Not that numbers are important (then why not quit noticing them?) but our annual Christmas Eve Communion was one of the best attended in recent years. The choir and soloists inspired us and Rev. Ted Stephenson brought the Lesson. Everyone lighted a candle and that is why this is the last news note in this month's newsletter . . . is your Christmas Light still shining in your heart? You are the Light of the world. Only you can put out your own Light - nothing else can - no one and no circumstance. SO SHINE!

Dear Father-God,

I have stood as a tree in winter bare, cold, lonely, keeping all life within. Today I shall be outgoing as a tree in spring, growing. (E. Forshey)

THIS IS AN INTEREST FINDER BASED ON THE EDITORIAL ON PAGE ONE....READ THOSE COMMENTS FIRST!
FILL IN THE DATA BELOW - PLACE IN THE BOX IN THE VESTIBULE - OR HAND TO THE MINISTER - OR
MAIL TO James B. Stephenson, 93 N. Franklin St., Delaware, Ohio 43015.

Your minister is prepared to offer leadership in the areas suggested below. Groups can be quite small, or large, size is not at all a factor. The length of time the groups meet will be determined by the groups themselves; some could last for only a few sessions, others may want to continue for months. You may attend as a vocal participant in the discussions, or you may be a silent listener! Your right as a person will be respected at all times! Try to get your completed sheet back to the minister within two weeks. OK?

Below are a list of course subjects . . .check those which interest you in order of preference; that is, 1, 2, 3, etc.

- The Bible _____
 - Teachings-Life of Jesus _____
 - Psychic-Occult _____
 - Power of Thought (Healing, ESP, dreams, etc.) _____
 - New Religions in America _____
 - How to Meditate _____
 - Knowing Right from Wrong _____
 - Nature and Practice of Prayer _____
 - Life after Death (Heaven-hell?, reincarnation, spiritualism, etc.) _____
- List any courses you want which are not listed above _____
- _____
- _____

What are the ideal times for you to meet? Below are days and times. Indicate order of preference. The luncheon meetings would be the sack lunch type with coffee available. Except for noon, we could meet either in homes or the church; this would be decided by the groups.

WHICH DAY?

WHAT TIME?

Sunday _____

Morning _____

Monday _____

Lunch _____

Tuesday _____

Afternoon _____

Wednesday _____

Night _____

Thursday _____

YOUR NAME _____

Friday _____

ADDRESS _____

Saturday _____

PHONE _____

Final note: This form is being distributed thru our regular mailing list with the addition of a few names of persons who have expressed an interest in one of the areas above. The teaching will be non-denominational so feel free to invite anyone you think may care to attend. For additional information or suggestions phone 363-7021. Happy learning/better living!!!!

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A MESSAGE FOR EVERYONE!!

We have a tradition in our church which has never failed. Whenever there is a need of any kind, once it has been explained, we rise up to meet it. Therefore we want to call your attention to a financial need your church is experiencing.

Last year was a good year for church finances. However, rising costs of living cut into our treasury, and, at the same time, revenues began to slack off near the end of the year.

At the present time there is a list of bills due, and our treasurer reports she has a balance in the general fund of but \$75. Bills payable by the end of February are as follows:

M & M Pension & Insurance	\$403
Church School supplies	162
Duplicating supplies	36
Workmen's compensation	35
Flowers	11
Salaries (minister, choir director, organist, part overdue)	561
Phone & supplemental heat (house)	45
	<u>\$1253</u>

In addition, \$173 is needed for the building fund by the end of this month.

A little arithmetic reveals that we must average \$392 per Sunday the remainder of this month for the general fund, and \$58 for the building fund.

What then, in the face of these facts, is our responsibility?

First of all, we need to remember that the rise in living costs effects your church as well as yourself.

Second, we must remember that the income of the church is strictly on a voluntary basis. It is a matter between ourselves and our conscience, ourselves and God.

Third, we must keep faithful with our own individual plan of giving. If we permit rising costs to cut our level of giving, the church will be faced with an impossible situation in meeting its own responsibilities.

Fourth, we must ask ourselves, "Can I give a bit more this year?" If everyone will increase his gift just a little per

week, the effect can be powerful. For example, last year 25 persons gave nothing of record to the church. If these members had given only a dollar per week, we would have received an additional \$1300 and our present critical situation would not have risen.

Fifth, we must ask if we really believe in the Christian Faith. We need to examine our level of commitment. We are all hit by rising living costs, but surely a dollar additional per week is not above our dedication. This is about the price of a pound of ground beef! Ask, "What can I give over and above my regular gift?"

We do not believe in high pressure financial drives. We know that if you are aware of our needs, you will respond.

Thanks for helping!

ADULT NEWS . . .

All adults are invited to come to the church Saturday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 pm to enjoy a chili supper. Chili will be cooked by Sis Mansfield, Pam Faulk, and Carol Fogle. Entertainment will be provided by John Mansfield and Larry Faulk. Please note the time change. Bring your appetites!

The chili supper is the first of our adult socials this year. We would like to continue this each month on the last Saturday. Our purpose is just to get together and have fun. No elaborate plans are necessary. If you would like to host one of these are help host one, please contact Pam Faulk.

Our adult Church School class has been growing and has been quite interesting. Please join us and find out for yourself. We are always looking for adult teachers for this class since we trade off. If you would like to teach the class for one Sunday, one month, or one quarter, please see Pam Faulk.
- Pam Faulk (Adult Chairman)

FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

The Women's Mission Society will meet Thursday, Feb. 14, at the church. The program, "Rejoice in Hope," will be given by Annette Clements.

Hostesses are: Ruth Brown and Bertha VanBrimmer. We urge all women to attend.
- Della Dean

ANNUAL PULPIT EXCHANGE SCHEDULED FOR 17th

The annual pulpit exchange, sponsored by the Interchurch Council, will be held Feb. 17.

Guest speaker at our church will be the Rev. Robert Campbell, minister of the Stratford St. Paul's Methodist Church. Our minister will speak at William Street.

HEART SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED

The annual Heart Sunday will be Feb. 24. A volunteer will call at your home that day for your contribution. In the year 1972, 57.3% of all deaths in Delaware County were from cardiovascular diseases.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED

The yearly Home Mission Offering for the ministries of the American Baptist Churches will be received the first Sunday in Lent, March 3rd. Plans are being made by the Missions committee of the Board of Education, James VanBrimmer, chairman.

STUDY CLASSES PROPOSED (IF YOU WANT THEM)

Last month's NEWS AND VIEWS carried an interest finder concerning the interest in a variety of subjects as the basis for several classes. A disappointing return of only 10 interest finders raises many questions. Those who indicated an interest will be contacted and anyone else who did not fill in one may get a copy from the table in the vestibule. Best bets for the time will be Sunday nights at 7:30 and Wednesday night at 7:00.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES ORGANIZE

The Board of Deacons and Deaconess have chosen Joe Brower as their chairman. They have not yet chosen a meeting time.

The Board of Trustees selected John Mansfield as their new chairman. The Board will meet each month on the second Thursday.

The Board of Christian Education will meet the first Monday.

The Parish Council elected Larry Faulk as its chairman and will meet the third Monday each month.

Beginning with the next issue, your news letter will print a monthly calendar. Get your dates & news in by Feb. 27.

CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator
Assistant moderator
Church Clerk
Treasurer
Assistant treasurer
Financial secretary
Finance chairman
Church School clerk
Board of Deacons & Deaconesses

Larry Faulk
Donald Brow
Rick VanBrimmer
Ruth Brown
John McTaggart
Richard Lee
Bertha McTaggart
Bertha VanBrimmer

Joe Brower
W. C. Wickum
John McTaggart
Jean Wickum
Donna Brown
Jack Smith

Board of Trustees

Donald Faulk
Willard Fogle
John Mansfield
David Clements
Peter White

Board of Christian Education

Adult work
Children's work
Mission
Chairman
Youth work

Pam Faulk
Sis Mansfield
James VanBrimmer
Evelyn Lee
Annette Clement

RECIPE CORNER

Pie Cake

- 2 cups sifted flour.
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup salad oil
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 can fruit pie filling (pineapple recommended, but others are fine)

Mix all the ingredients by hand and bake in 13X9 inch greased pan at 350 for 45 to 50 minutes.

from BAPTIST CORNER, Ambridge, Pa.

MISSIONARY SPEAKER SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 20

Robert Coffey, a Comanche Indian, will be with us for a dinner and meeting Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Coffey is the lay pastor of the First Comanche Baptist Church of Lawton, Oklahoma. He is a retired civil service employee.

We shall have a covered dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 followed by his talk.

TRUSTEES COLUMN

The Trustees held a meeting after church Feb. 3. John Mansfield was elected chairman. Many items were discussed, mostly centering around how our financial status will effect the many things we had hoped to do. It was agreed that the energy crisis and sharply rising prices are directly tied to our current state of affairs. With industry and home owners both cutting back the church must follow suit to remain within our means. Already you may have noticed it being a little cooler. The gas bill has been a heavy burden and several plans have been formulated. With agreement reached at Board of Education, the adult Sunday School class will move into the Assembly Room. This will save heating the Fellowship Hall at all on the weekend. The general idea is to limit the use of this room to large groups, gatherings, dinners, etc.. The senior highs, we hope, don't mind having to share their room with small groups to save heat. Of course when summer comes we can spread out again but in the meantime let's all try to cooperate to save a little.

As you all must know we are without a janitor again. We are going to stay on the volunteer plan for awhile to conserve funds. SOOOO, if you see some dirt - YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!

The piano given to the church by Nellie Dick has been overhauled and is ready for use in the senior hi room.

The front door has been tightened up and works much better.

The trustees will hold meetings the 2nd Thursday of each month providing most members can attend. It was suggested we come in our work clothes!

It has been a busy year but I look back and wish we could have done more.

Sincerely,

Peter White - past chairman

JANITORS NEEDED - SIGN UP IN VESTIBULE

As mentioned in the article above, we are now without the services of a janitor. For the time being we are depending on volunteer assistance. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule on the bulletin board. If everyone is willing to take a turn we will not only have a clean church but will save needed cash!

PERSONALS

Recent patients in Grady Memorial Hospital were DAVID CLEMENTS, ERNESTINE FROST, DAVID BYERLY, and BARNEY BARKELOO . . . NELLIE DICK was a recent visitor in Delaware. While here she attended services and the meeting of the Women's Society . . . The NORTH-WESTERN AREA WEEKDAY TEACHERS will hold a meeting in our church March 30 from 9:30 - 3:00 . . . KAREN STONER was elected president of the American Baptist Women of the First Baptist Church, Honolulu, Hawaii . . . she also sang in the choir's Christmas Cantata.

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Mornings, when the Sun is right
 I see a misty rain of light;
 And contemplating what I see,
 Creation loses mystery.
 I see eternal answers there -
 Law fulfilling
 Everywhere
 The imagery set up in Mind!
 And, looking deeper, I find
 That I am one with everything,
 And life is just eternal spring,
 Expanding
 And forever new.
 God is "I" and "I" am "you,"
 And with dividing lines erased,
 Peace indwells and
 I am graced
 With all abundance; all is right
 In that glance at morning light.

- Ann B. Martin

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LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27. Let us think of Lent as a time of letting go of thoughts and feelings, actions and reactions that have limited and bound us. If we have carried along any feeling of unforgiveness, let us release it during the Lenten season. If we have heavy hearts, let them be lifted now.

Lent is a time of thinking about things that are true, of lifting up our thoughts, a time of resurrecting the Self of us that is eternal.

- from Daily Word

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LENT began February 27. 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 failures, but a look at ourselves as spiritual beings, created in the image and likeness of God. So Lent (the name is from an old Anglo-Saxon term for spring) is a time for rebirth, renewal, an awakening of our powers and possibilities. Your church is making many opportunities for growth available to you. So come alive, Spring forth, and good living to us all! (JBS)

SPECIAL PLANS FOR LENT AND EASTER

Lent and Easter at First Baptist will include a cantata by the choir, a class on the power of thought, a recognition service and dinner, a sunrise service followed by breakfast, and our annual Upper Room Communion by candlelight. We shall also share in the community Good Friday worship. See additional stories in this issue of NEWS AND VIEWS for specifics.

JUNIOR HIGH PLANS ANNOUNCED

We have renewed meetings on Sunday nights from 6 until 7 pm. Please come and bring a friend. The new advisors are Dave and Annette Clements and Margaret Young.

Mark March 16 on your calendars. There will be a get acquainted party at the home of the Clements (161 N. Liberty) from 7:00 pm until 9.

This is your BYF. Come and help plan what you want to do.

- Annette Clements,
Youth chairman

RECOGNITION SUNDAY EVENING SCHEDULED

A recognition dinner will be held on Sunday, March 24, beginning at 6:00 pm. Special invitations will be sent to those who are to be recognized that evening. The dinner and program will conclude by 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend, but reservations are requested as the church will furnish the meat and we need to know how many to expect. This is particularly important due to the high cost of meat. A blank form will be in the bulletin for your use, or see Wick or Jean Wickum, Donna Brown, Jack Smith, or Joe Brower. Plan now to attend and help make this a great occasion for First Baptist Church. More will be announced in future bulletins.

Joe Brower,
Chairman, Bd. of Deacons

DEATH IN CHURCH FAMILY

Mrs. Marcia Doyle, sister of Mrs. Charles Eliot, passed away at her home in Sandusky Feb. 8. She was organist for her church and served the city as librarian. Our prayers and sympathy are with Charles and Claudia.

WORKSHOP FOR CHURCH SCHOOLS IN PREPARATION

A workshop sponsored by the Division of Christian Education of the Ohio Baptist Convention is scheduled for March 23 from 9 am until 3:30 pm at the Karl Road Baptist Church in Columbus.

Students may choose from among 12 courses dealing with all aspects of Christian Education. Total cost including lunch will be \$4.00. See bulletin board for details.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED

Our annual America for Christ offering will be received Sunday, March 17. This year's theme is "Somebody Needs You!"

Caring for others is a relative thing. Some of us care a little bit. And others care intensely. Take John Woolman, for instance. Woolman was an 18th century Quaker who is remembered today primarily because he cared so much for others who needed him. He dedicated himself to the goal of following Luke's description of Jesus: "He went about doing good."

We can all learn from John Woolman's striking witness. He cared so much that he was able to turn thousands from support of slavery as he witnessed for Jesus' Way. We, too, have an opportunity to show collectively how much we care for those who need us through the America for Christ offering on March 17.

There are people who need God's Word throughout the continent. Somebody needs you! Show that you care.

Jesus said: "Love one another as I have loved you."

BROWERS' SON-IN-LAW TO STUDY FOR MINISTRY

Steve Franklin, son-in-law of Joe and Jean Brower, is recuperating from back surgery. A loose bone sliver was removed which would lodge in a nerve and produce severe pain. Steve and Sharon, who live in Indianapolis, are planning to move to Kansas City where Steve will study for a ministry to the deaf. The college is for those without hearing and is the only one of its kind in the United States.

THE SECRET OF DYNAMIC LIVING

Dynamic life comes to people who forget themselves. This is our big battle, all our life, to forget ourselves. We suffer that miserable condition called self-pity. And even though we hate it, we enjoy it in an unhappy sort of way. Get out of yourself, forget yourself, give yourself to other people. Get interested in other things. Get vitally interested in the life around you. As you give zest and interest to life, zest and interest will flow back to you and you will be so alive that life will seem new and fresh.

- Norman Vincent Peale

SENIOR HIGHS START PROJECT

The Senior Highs are starting a project of collecting newspapers, magazines, and pop bottles to raise money for the Senior High Room, and for special projects. If you have these items cluttering up your basement or garage let us know! We will pick them up the last Saturday of every month. It's convenient and a great way to get rid of your monthly build up of paper. Just tell any senior high or advisor and we'll pick it up. We would greatly appreciate your help.

- Senior High Class

NEW FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

The Women's Society met Thursday, Feb. 14 at the church with 11 present.

The program, "Rejoice in Hope," was given by Annette Clements. Thanks Annette for a job well done. Hostesses were: Ruth Brown and Bertha VanBrimmer.

Our next meeting will be a work day March 14 from 10:00 - 2:00. Bring sewing equipment that will be needed for rolling bandages for White Cross. Frances Johnson

will be hostess.

- Della Dean
Program Chairman

NEW PRAYER GROUP ORGANIZED

A prayer group is meeting each Wednesday at 9:30 am at the VanBrimmers. All who are interested are cordially invited to attend.

LAYMEN'S LENTEN BREAKFASTS AT BUNS

The laymen of Delaware are sponsoring weekly breakfasts at Buns each Wednesday at 7:15 am. W. C. Wickum is the program chairman. Jim VanBrimmer was a recent speaker.

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

The Senior High class has been collecting names which can be applied to Jesus. If anyone wishes to add to the list please let the class know what they are.

The Messiah, The Christ, Father, Son, King, Lord, Savior, Master, Rabbi, the Good Shepherd, Rabboni, Lamb of God, Blessed Redeemer, Immanuel, Prophet, Priest, Son of Man, Son of God, King of the Jews, King of Kings, Superstar, Jesus of Nazareth, Carpenter, Son of David, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Lord of Lords, Friend, Brother, The Good Fishermen, The Word, Man of Glory, Man of Heaven, Man of Sorrows, Bridegroom, the True Vine.

HOSPITAL NEWS . . . Recent patients in area hospitals were FOREST EVANS in Doctors Hospital and JOEN SWICKHEIMER in Grady Memorial.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP MEETS REGULARLY

The adult fellowship meets the last Saturday of each month and is open to all - post high to 125. Those over 125 may make special application. Last meeting was a chili supper. Next will be March 30, 7:30, in the Fellowship Hall. The Wickums are hosts.

CHURCH SCHOOL BREAKFAST MARCH 31

The quarterly breakfast of the church school is planned for Sunday, March 31, at 8:30 am. The Senior Highs are hosts.

TRUSTEES NOTE . . . The trustees wish to express their appreciation to all for observing their request that groups of under 20 not use the Fellowship Hall.

THE TED STEPHENSONS ACCEPT NEW CHURCH

Rev. and Mrs. Ted D. Stephenson and Amy will be moving to Indianapolis, Indiana at the end of April. Ted has accepted the pastorate of the American Baptist Church of the Master. They have lived in Ambridge, Pa. since November, 1970.

ROBERT COFFEY SPEAKS TO THE CONGREGATION

Robert Coffey, a Commanche Indian and lay minister of the Deyo Baptist Church near Lawton, Oklahoma, was with our church Wednesday, Feb. 20 and spoke after a covered dish dinner. Mr. Coffey's address is: Robert Coffey, 1407 Lindy, Lawton, Oklahoma, 73501. Approximately 50 attended the meeting.

SPECIAL LENTEN CLASS AVAILABLE

A class on "The Power of Thought" is offered twice weekly by the minister. The sessions are identical and meet Wednesday, 7:00 pm, and Sunday, 7:30 pm. The subject was selected thru the interest finder which was circulated in the last newsletter. The Wednesday session which was scheduled for March 13 will not meet and those who would have attended are asked to meet with the Sunday group March 17.

The class is considering the nature of the mind, the nature of meditation and prayer, spiritual healing, dreams, etc.

It is not too late to join. Come either time or both.

4 H WEEK OBSERVED IN DELAWARE

March 3 - 10 has been designated 4 H week. 4 H can now offer more than 170 projects from agriculture to cooking, sewing, gardening, electrical, self-awareness, and a variety of conservation project areas. It is for both rural and city young people. Interested persons can contact 362-1751 for information. Some material is available in the pamphlet rack in the vestibule.

DON BROWN MAKES TELEVISION DEBUT

Donald Brown was featured as cohost on the TV 4 All Night Theater, Saturday, March 2. Host Jerry Beck interviewed Don and we thank him for the nice plug for the First Baptist Church. Today the All Night Theater, tomorrow the Carson show!

The event was preserved for history by Jim Stephenson who attended and photographed the show, and by Bob Stephenson who taped it.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT FIRST BAPTIST

Palm Sunday, April 7

- 9:15 Church School classes.
- 10:30 Easter Cantata. "He that Liveth," by Ira B. Wilson.
- 6:00 Youth Fellowship.
- 7:30 Class: "The Power of Thought."

Wednesday, April 10

- 7:15 Laymen's Breakfast at Buns.
- 7:00 Class: "The Power of Thought."
- 8:00 Choir Rehearsal.

Thursday, April 11

- 4:00 Children's and Junior Choir Rehearsal.
- 8:00 Upper Room Candlelight Communion.

Friday, April 12

- 12:00 - 1:00 William Street Church open for meditation.
- 1:00 - 2:00 Community Good Friday Service. William St. Church.

Sunday, April 14

- 7:30 Early Service led by the youth.
- 8:15 Breakfast.
- 9:15 Church School classes.
- 10:30 Easter Worship.

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FLOWERS NEEDED FOR EASTER

We invite you to send flowers for our Easter worship. If you do not wish to purchase a plant or flowers, you are given an opportunity to join with others in sharing in a contribution. Give the following and your contribution to the minister by Palm Sunday:

Name of donor _____

Amount given _____

In memory of _____

MARCH 10 - APRIL 14

March:

- 10 Sunday 9:15 am Church School.
10:30 am Morning Worship.
6:00 pm Junior High Fellowship.
7:30 pm Class: "The Power of Thought."
- 11 Monday 7:30 pm Parish Council at Lees.
- 13 Wednesday 7:15 am Laymen's breakfast at Buns.
9:30 am Prayer Group at VanBrimmers.
8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal. (note Class does not meet)
- 14 Thursday 10:00 am Women's Society Workday at Church.
4:00 pm Children's and Junior Choirs.
7:30 pm Board of Trustees at the Church.
- 16 Saturday 7:00 pm Junior High fellowship party at the Clements.
- 17 Sunday 9:15 am Church School.
10:30 am Morning Worship and America for Christ Offering,
6:00 pm Junior High Fellowship.
6:30 pm Board of Deacons and Deaconesses.
7:30 pm Class: "The Power of Thought."
- 20 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.
- 21 Thursday 9:00 am Morning Circle at Grubbs.
4:00 pm Children's and Junior Choirs.
7:30 pm Shephard Circle with Barkeloos.
7:30 pm Interchurch Council at Zion United Church of Christ.
- 23 Saturday 9:00 am Learn by Doing Workshop at Karl Rd. Baptist Church,
Columbus. (concludes at 3:30).
- 24 Sunday 9:15 am Church School.
10:30 am Morning Worship.
5:00 pm Junior High Fellowship.
6:00 pm Recognition Dinner.
7:30 pm Class: "The Power of Thought."
- 27 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.
- 28 Thursday 4:00 pm Children's and Junior Choirs.
8:00 pm Church School Teachers at the Church.
- 30 Saturday 9:30 am Northwestern Area Weekday Teachers at the Church.
7:30 pm Adult Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.
- 31 Sunday 8:30 am Breakfast. Senior Highs are hosts.
9:15 am Church School.
10:30 am Morning Worship.
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Fellowship.
7:30 pm Class: "The Power of Thought."

April

- 1 Monday 7:30 pm Board of Education.
- 3 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.
- 4 Thursday 4:00 pm Children's and Junior Choirs.

- 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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Last Easter's newsletter carried a suggestion . . . that you meditate on your own resurrection as well as that of Jesus. There were no comments on my suggestion. I don't know if you tried it and liked it, didn't like it, were offended by it, planned to try it but forgot it in the rush of eggs, rabbits, and new clothes, or what have you! Anyway, I liked it and I'm tossing it out again. In other words, here is a partial rerun of last year's editorial message.

"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 from the dead 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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EASTER EVENTS IN CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

PALM SUNDAY:
Easter Cantata during Morning Worship.

WEDNESDAY:
7:00 Class: "The Power of Thought."

THURSDAY:
8:00 Maundy Thursday Candlelight Communion in Fellowship Hall.

FRIDAY:
12:00-1:00 Silent Meditation; 1:00-2:00 Good Friday Worship at William St. Church. Father Staatmiller speaks.

SUNDAY:
7:30 Early service by our youth.
8:30 Breakfast.
9:15 Church School.
10:30 Easter Worship.

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on the last Friday of each month, and only on Saturday morning if necessary. The first pickup was a real success, making \$47.70. Thanks to all.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir:
We wish to thank the deacons and deaconesses for the lovely dinner and evening. Many thanks.

Myrtle & Cap Gabriel

CLEAN UP DAY SLATED FOR CHURCH

Wednesday, April 10, 9:30 am will be clean-up time for the church. Everyone is invited to help. Bring some supplies, buckets, rags, etc. Bring sack lunch.

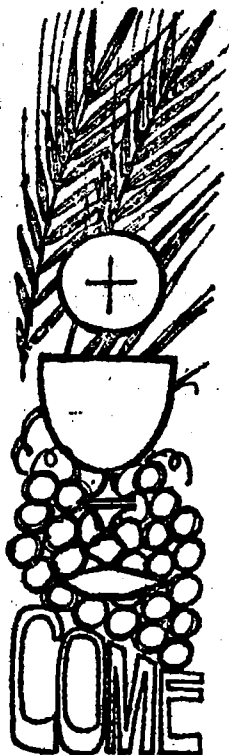
A NOTE FROM THE NURSERY

Have you visited our nursery lately? We have a nice group of children. They like to eat cookies, draw, color and paste, very typical three and four year olds.

But they have been disappointed lately. Cookies, paste, scissors, and construction paper have a way of disappearing. It's difficult to explain to them why they can't use materials they put away the week before. So, if you must borrow our supplies, please return or replace them by Sunday morning.

Thanks.

Jean Ekelberry,
Nursery teacher



NOTICE FROM THE SENIOR HIGHS

We will continue to pick up anyone's newspapers and magazines but just let us know where to get them. We will get them.

A GOODBYE . . .

As many of you know, we are moving to San Francisco, California, at the end of April. We would like to say thank you for being our friends and our family. We will miss all of you, but you will always be in our prayers and our hearts. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Goodbye.

Dave, Annette, David and
Teddy

NURSERY DURING CHURCH

We maintain a nursery during church services. Two things are needed. First, more adults to serve as supervisors, and second, observance of the age requirements by all. The nursery is for those from crib thru 4 years. Older children cannot be in nursery. O.K.?

We plan to soon resume children's church which will be for those ages 5 - 8. Watch bulletin for announcement.

EASTER OFFERING FOR YOUTH OF CHURCH

Your envelope box contains a special Easter envelope for an "over and above" gift to your church. This year it will be put into a special fund for youth work.

Remember our second annual family retreat. Sept. 6-7-8 from Friday night to Sunday pm. And it's for all ages.

FROM THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The Women's Mission Society met Thursday March 14 at the church, 11 were present. The day was spent rolling bandages for white cross and making cancer pads.

We met again Thursday, April 4, at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The program, "God Is Here" was led by Della Nofsinger, with others assisting. Hostesses were Frances Belt and Sophia Stephenson.

Our next meeting is May 8 at 7:30 pm. (Note, this is Wednesday) Evelyn Lee will install officers for the coming year. The hostesses will be Mary Barkeloo and Helen Aleshire.

Della Dean
Program chairman

WOMEN OF THE ASSOCIATION TO MEET

Women of the Association will meet Thursday, April 18, at the Prospect Baptist Church. Mrs. James Carter of Talmadge will be the speaker and install the officers. Bring layettes and small children's clothes for white cross display. Lunch will be served and a nursery is available.

NEW POLICY FOR NEWS AND VIEWS

Publication date - first Sunday each month except summer.

Deadline - the thursday noon before pub. date.

Reporters - each board, committee, organization, circle, society, etc. is to select a reporter (it may be chairman if that's easier) is to designate name to minister, and that individual is responsible to communicate all news in advance of pub. date. May be in writing or by phone. Editor will act as rewrite man if necessary.

You all (!) - call in personal, family, news items, submit original poems, pass along jokes, and then read the darn thing once you get it or else we are all wasting our time and money in getting it out.

RECOGNITION DINNER HELD

The Board of Deacons and Deaconesses sponsored a fine recognition dinner Sunday, March 24, in the Fellowship Hall. Receiving recognition certificates were Mildred Bowers, Della Dean, Kizzie Main, Mary McKean, and Frances Johnson. Those who had received certificate at an earlier time were also present as guests.

NEW BABY IN CHURCH FAMILY

Kristina Marie was born March 15 to Mr. and Mrs. James Brown at the Grady Memorial Hospital. Organist Ruth Brown is a very happy grandmother. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Fred Grubbs, Sr.

I let God's love flow thru me every moment of every day!

APRIL 7 - APRIL 30

- 7 Sunday 9:15 am Church School.
10:30 am Palm Sunday Worship. Cantata, "He that Liveth."
6:00 pm Junior High Fellowship.
- 10 Wednesday 7:30 pm Class: "The Power of Thought."
7:15 am Laymen's Prayer 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 8:00 pm Candlelight Communion in Fellowship Hall.
9:00 pm Board of Trustees.
- 12 Friday 12:00 pm William St. Church open for meditation.
1:00 pm Community Good Friday Service at above.
- 14 Sunday 7:30 am Early Service by the youth.
8:30 am Breakfast.
9:15 am Church School.
- 17 Wednesday 10:30 am Easter Worship.
9:30 am Prayer Group at VanBrimmers.
7:00 pm Bible study.
- 18 Thursday 8:00 pm Choir
9:45 am Marion Women at Prospect.
9:00 am Morning Circle with Grubbs.
4:00 pm Children & Junior Choirs.
7:30 pm Shepherd Circle with Belts.
- 21 Sunday 9:15 am Church School.
10:30 am Morning Worship.
6:00 pm Junior High Fellowship.
7:30 pm Deacons and Deaconesses.
- 22 Monday 7:30 pm Parish Council at Lees.
- 24 Wednesday 9:30 am Prayer Group at VanBrimmers.
7:00 pm Bible study.
8:00 pm Choir.
- 25 Thursday 4:00 pm Children and Junior Choirs.
7:30 pm Teachers.
- 26 Friday 7:00 pm Senior High paper drive.
- 27 Saturday 7:30 pm Adult Fellowship at the Church.
- 28 Sunday 9:15 am Church School.
10:30 am Morning Worship.
6:00 pm Junior High Fellowship.

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I'm sitting in our new study typing words on a stencil. Later they will be reproduced on the canary yellow of NEWS AND VIEWS, page 1. On my left is a statue of Jesus which I placed in an open area on the bookshelves. It stands about 1½ feet high and was made in Holland by a man named Jan Verdomk. I gave it to my mother a long time ago. It is turned so that the eyes of Jesus are on me as I type.

Outside the study at the end of the hall is a portrait in oils of Jesus. Jim Brown painted it and presented it to the church. At the other end of the hall is the entrance to the Sanctuary. The light in the baptistry is burning so that anyone in the room can see the full figure of Jesus in Sallman's "The Presence" which hangs on the baptistry's rear wall. An altar stands in the center of the chancel and on it is a cross and two candlesticks. The cross represents Jesus' sacrifice of Himself for us and the candles remind us that He is the light of the world. The window on the south wall pictures Jesus knocking at the heart's door and in the east window Jesus sits talking with a Samaritan woman.

Our church could be called the House of Jesus.

Someone asked me if it bothers me to work alone in the church at night. It is an open church and I am a night person and I work late. No, it doesn't bother me at all. There is a presence here. The statue, the paintings, the windows, the altar all symbolize the reality of the presence. And in that presence there can be no fear, just love and power.

The church exists to tell everyone that He is here . . . that this is the House of Jesus.
(J.B.S.)

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DEDICATION SERVICE SCHEDULED FOR 19th

The recently completed minister's office will be dedicated as a part of our morning worship Sunday, May 19. John Mansfield, chairman of the Board of Trustees, will make the presentation and moderator Larry Faulk will receive it for the congregation. The office-study is a memorial to Mrs. Margaret Cummins whose bequest made it possible.

CAMPING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

Check the bulletin for data concerning summer camps. Also check the bulletin board in the vestibule where you will find registration forms.

Scholarships from our church up to 50% of cost are available for those who need assistance. See minister for details.

DEATH IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Mrs. Eliza Dean of Wayne, W. Va., passed away April 22. She is the mother of William Dean. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

With great regret we announce the loss of one of our congregations most valuable families. Mr. & Mrs. Someone Else have moved away and the vacancy they have left will be hard to fill. The Elses have been with us for many Years, and for every one of those years they have done far more than their share of work around the church.

GRADUATES TO BE RECOGNIZED BY CHURCH

June 2 will be recognition Sunday for our graduates. Graduating from Hayes High School: Sharon Bougher, Darlene Brower, Pam Lathrop, and Beth Linn. Graduating from Ohio University: Dee Ann Henson.

Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, their name was on everyone's lips, "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever evangelism was mentioned this wonderful family was looked to for inspiration as well as results. "Someone Else will bring people to the worship services." And when there was money to be pledged, Mr. & Mrs. Someone Else are

IN CHRIST, EVERY PROBLEM BECOMES AN OPPORTUNITY.

thought to be the biggest pledgers: "Let Someone Else make up the difference." The Someone Elses are wonderful people, but they were only human, they could only spread themselves so far and so thin. Many a night I have sat up and talked with Someone and heard him wish for more help. He and his wife did the best they could, but people expected too much from them. We have to face the facts that there are just not enough Someone Elses to go around. And now the Someones elses are gone, and we wonder what we are going to do. What is going to do the things that Someone Else did? How about you?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR . . .

Sir:

On Monday, June 3, Douglas Lee's Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held at Asbury Methodist Church.

We want to invite all of you to attend the Court of Honor and the reception that follows it. Time is 7:00-8:30 pm.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lee

Sir:

The children of Mr. & Mrs. Lester F. Gabriel request the honor of your presence at the Fiftieth Anniversary of their marriage on June 2, 1974, at 2 o'clock until 5:00 o'clock in the church's Fellowship Hall.

Carol, Janet, & Nevin

ADULT FELLOWSHIP TO MEET

The May Adult social will be held Sat., May 25, at 8:00 pm at the Fred Via's. Hope to see you there.

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

The Women's Mission Society met Wed., May 8, at 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall with 9 present.

Helen Aleshire opened the meeting with prayer, Devotions were given by Myrtle Smith. Ernestine Frost gave the Love Gift Dedication. Officers for the coming year were installed by Evelyn Lee. Thanks Evelyn for a fine installation service. Hostesses were Myrtle Smith and Mary Barkeloo.

This is our last meeting for the year but we will be meeting soon after the Women's Conference which is June 26-28.

There will be two workshops on Thursday. The Conference is held at Otterbein College in Westerville.

Della Dean,
Program Chr.

from the Board of Education . . .

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULED

A cooperative Vacation Bible School will be held June 10 - 14. Children between of 3 years thru the 6th grade will have the opportunity to attend these sessions. Classes will be held daily from 9:30 to 11:45 each morning at the First Presbyterian Church. Volunteers are needed to help the Lead Teachers in all age groups. We are also needed to provide our share of the snacks. Registration forms will be available May 19. Call Evelyn Lee for information and your offer to help. The Board of Education appreciates the efforts of Asbury Methodist, First Presbyterian, and St. Peter's Episcopal churches to make this Vacation Bible School a reality.

RALPH LAMB TO MEET WITH TEACHERS

Rev. Ralph Lamb, Ohio Baptist Conventio will meet with Church School teachers, Board of Education members, and any interested persons to explore the various curriclums possible to our Church School on Tuesday, May 21, at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Copies of the curriculums are being circulated among teachers and may be viewed by contacting Bertha VanBrimmer. A decision must be made soon as to what course of study we will follow this fall. The teachers and board would appreciate your suggestions and opinions.

CHURCH FAMILY RETREAT IN SEPTEMBER

Our second annual Family Retreat will be held Sept. 6, 7, 8 at Camp Ohio near Utica. Please note the change of location as there was a conflict with Camp Kirkwood. The retreat will begin Friday evening at 7 and close mid-afternoon Sunday. The responses to our survey showed you would enjoy a retreat following the format of last year. We are at present searching for adequate leadership and are open to suggestions of qualified persons. Cost of the weekend will be announced later. The price will be more than last year and will be the same for all attending regardless of age. The

feels the retreat must be self supporting and the cost will simply cover the expenses for 2 nights, 5 meals, leadership, and camp facilities for a weekend. Plan now to include it in your schedule.

Evelyn Lee, Chr.
Board of Education

TRUSTEES' COLUMN . . .

The Trustees wish to thank the adult class as well as all members for helping to conserve heat during the winter months. The adult class met in the Sunday School Room during the colder months and we did not heat the Fellowship Hall, saving many dollars on the gas bill. We would like all members to give us ideas about saving gas and electricity during the summer as well as winter.

The need for volunteer janitors is with us for the foreseeable future. Any day of the week is fine so long as the pews are dusted on Saturday. If the whole church seems too big a project a good suggestion would be to go together with another family, one doing the new building and one the old.

Any one who would like to take a turn mowing the grass contact Peter White or do it if you feel it needs it. The church mower is in the shop but will be out shortly.

The trustees feel that these two areas will be kept on a volunteer basis for a long time due to our financial condition. We are still behind on organist and choir director salaries.

A major project was complete in the parsonage recently. It included a new sink with new cupboards and counter tops around it. The storage space was greatly increased with larger drawers. A new outlet was installed and the sink is equiped with a rinse spray. All new plumbing was necessary back to the water source and the hot water heater. It makes for a much more attractive kitchen including the new walltex paper of about two years ago. Plans to remodel the bathroom and do repair work to the eves have been shelved pending the parsonage decision this summer. The cost of the new sink is about 75% recoverable as the entire unit is just bolted to the wall. However, the other two projects would be permanent. Hence the decision to see which direction the church takes.

The new study-office was ready for use April 15. The trustees wish to thank the volunteers who worked so hard putting up the new wall that divides the former class room. The office was an outgrowth of projects contemplated at the parsonage. When we had estimates for redoing the old study in the parsonage and the fact that no major decision on the parsonage had been made, it was an easy and wise decision to move it to the church. Three walls are painted yellow and the fourth wall is paneled. All shelving, cabinets and furniture are now in natural wood. Only a few items are left to do such as drapes and another item or two of furniture. It is a very pleasant room and a nice addition to our church.

WHITES PRESENT GIFT TO THE CHURCH

A gift from Peter and Linda White this spring was the restoration of the rear walls of the church, these being the west walls, the rear of the sanctuary and the rear of the junior high and choir rooms. The work included sandblasting, pointing of all bricks, and last a heavy silicone waterproofing was applied. Many broken and disintegrating bricks were replaced beneath the baptistry window where water had come through and peeled the paint below. The work is complete except painting the wood trim. A good view of it can be had from the alley and in the yard on the south side of the educational building. Imperial Maintenance of Delaware did the work. They have done many projects around town including St. Mary's, Troy Chapel, and the Christian Science church.

(both articles above are by
John Mansfield, Chr., Trustees)

CHILDREN'S DAY JUNE 9

Annual Children's Day is set for June 9. The children will present a program during the Church School hour and a picnic will be held at Blue Limestone after morning worship.

AMONG THE SICK

Dismissed from Grady Memorial. Mary McKean and Florance Faulk; at Grady Memorial at press time is Earlene Arnold. Ann Linn is recovering from a fall at home. Bruce Lee was also in the hospital. Mrs. Crane suf-

ferred a broken arm in a fall May 5.

TED STEPHENSON GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Ted D. Stephenson was guest speaker during our worship Sunday, May 5. Ted, Jeannie, and Amy are now living in Indianapolis where he is minister of the Church of the Master. Their address is:

1323 N. Furman Ave.
Indianapolis, Ind. 46224

LITERATURE AVAILABLE FREE

Have you looked at the literature rack in the vestibule recently. It has been restocked with material relating to family life. Everything is free except SECRET PLACE.

A LAST WORD - Please sign up as a volunteer janitor...use the signup sheet in vestibule or call John Mansfield or the parsonage.

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This issue reaches you in the midst of the vacation season. You will note that it is a combined issue, covering two months. Next publication date will fall near the middle of August. We will enjoy hearing about your vacation experiences and space will be devoted to vacations in both the August and September issues. This can be an opportunity to share the adventures of our church family. And when you travel, visit churches and bring back bulletins and other material that can be shared. And don't always visit Baptist churches. Find out how other persons worship God. Have a good summer! (JBS)

NEW BABY IN CHURCH FAMILY

Donald and Melissa Inscho are the parents of a new baby girl, Erin Lee, who was born at 8:52am, June 14, at Riverside Hospital. Erin weighed 7 pounds.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR & CHURCH

We would like to thank all our friends for the thoughtfulness given us on our 50th anniversary. The food, cards, gifts, and flowers from the church were most appreciated.

Cap & Myrtle Gabriel

WEDDING HELD IN CHURCH SANCTUARY

Colleen Askins and Larry Griffin were married here June 16. A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall. Larry is a student at the Methodist Theological Seminary.

BROTHERHOOD MEETING SCHEDULED

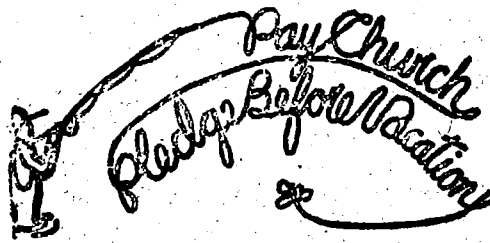
The Marion Men's Brotherhood meeting is set for the Green Camp Baptist Church Tuesday, July 9, at 7:30pm. The program will consist of slides of a vacation in Israel. Light refreshments will be served; reservations will not be necessary.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Recent patients in Grady Memorial Hospital were Ernestine Frost and Jack Smith.

PAPER DRIVES TO CONCLUDE NEXT WEEK

The Senior Class will conduct one more paper/magazine pickup for the summer on Friday, July 5. Call the parsonage, VanBrimmers, or Browers if you want them to pick up your papers & magazines.



DIAL-A-TEEN PROGRAM

Delaware is again funding the operation of the Dial-A-Teen Program. This is a way by which young people may find employment and those seeking help may discover young people available to help them. See the notice on the bulletin board in the vestibule for details.

GABRIELS CELEBRATE 50th ANNIVERSARY

The children of the Gabriel family held a 50th wedding anniversary celebration for their parents, Cap and Myrtle, June 2 in the Fellowship Hall. Sponsors were Mr. & Mrs. Gene Lathrop, Mr. & Mrs. Willard Fogle, and Mr. & Mrs. Nevin Gabriel of Phoenix. The Gabriels have 7 grandchildren.

CHRISTIAN ED. NEWS . . .

An all church breakfast was held June 30 sponsored by the Junior Hi Class . . . The teachers and board members met with Ralph Lamb of the staff of the Ohio Baptist Convention to discuss materials . . . For the summer the Nursery and Kindergarten classes are combined with Jean Ekelberry & Donna Brown teaching . . . also combined are the Senior and Junior Hi's with Larry & Pam Faulk, Don Brown, Joe & Jean Brower sharing the teaching . . . a fine Children's Day program was held directed by Sis Mans-

field . . . 14 of our children shared in the Daily Vacation Bible School which was held at the 1st Presbyterian Church and was sponsored by Asbury, St. Peter's, 1st Presbyterian, and ourselves. Helping from our church were Jean Brower, Jean Ekelberry, and Carol Grubbs . . . the annual retreat is set for Sept. 6, 7, and 8 at Camp Ohio, with the cost just \$12.50 per person . . . details in the next news letter.

Evelyn Lee

BOB STEPHENSON ELECTED CAPTAIN

Bob Stephenson was elected captain of the Hayes Tennis Team for 1975, it was announced at the annual spring sports banquet May 28. Hayes came in 2nd in the OCC losing only to 1st place Worthington. Bob won all but one of his matches.

THE COMINGS AND GOINGS AND DOING OF VARIOUS MEMBERS

Your minister attended the Fellowship Days for ministers at Otterbein . . . Helen Aleshire, Bertha VanBrimmer and Myrtle Smith participated in the Ohio Women's Conference at Otterbein . . . Carolyn White will spend July at Lakeside as a companion to Mrs. Floyd Smothers, former 1st grade teacher at Carlisle . . . Paul Mansfield participated in a program at Stratford-St. Paul's Church in which he played the organ . . . the Stephensons and the Donald Browns have been recent visitors with Ted, Jeannie, and Amy in Indianapolis where Ted is minister of the Church of the Master . . . Have you checked the literature recently? . . . It contains new pamphlets, all free. . . John and Bertha McTaggart are back with us from Berkley, Cal. where John did a library research project.



REMEMBER TO ATTEND CHURCH WHILE ON VACATION

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! That's right! I'll say it again, HAPPY NEW YEAR! My desk calendar tells me today is August 24, 1974, but I'll still say (for the 3rd time) HAPPY NEW YEAR! All you veterans in church work know what I mean, don't you? Sure you do! It's a fact of life that church activity dies back in summer and then bursts forth as fall comes. Tomorrow the Church School observes Promotion and Rally Sunday after a School breakfast. The new Junior Class will receive Bibles during Morning Worship. This issue is loaded with promises of increased activities and subsequent issues will offer more. We are all looking forward in anticipation and excitement to our second annual Retreat coming in two weeks. Your Church will make a real effort to support you in your discipleship quest. Let's see how far we can go with Jesus in the time ahead. There is no limit to what can happen to and through us if we give ourselves and our Church into the hands of the Master. Good living to all! (JBS)

SECOND ANNUAL RETREAT SET FOR CAMP OHIO

Camp Ohio will be the site of our all Church Retreat September 6, 7, and 8. Our leader will be Dr. William Montgomery who is minister of the First Baptist Church, Columbus. A copy of the program was sent to everyone on our mailing list and copies, along with registration blanks, are available on the table in the vestibule.

Cost of the entire weekend is only \$12.50 per person and children under four may attend without cost. It is also possible to attend part time.

At time of publication 22 have registered and the deadline is Aug. 29. Contact Evelyn Lee, 362-9107, 259 S. Section Line Rd. for registration or questions.

CHOIR REHEARSAL AND MEETING SCHEDULED

W. C. Wickum, director, asks all members and prospective members of the Choir to meet at the Church Thursday, August 29.

A LETTER TO THE CHURCH

Dear Friends in Delaware First Baptist,
Our sincere thanks to all who made the Open House for Marcia and Rick on August 18 a joyous and memorable occasion.

Special thanks to Ruth and Donna Brown, the Grubbs family and the Donald Brown family for their many efforts to plan and give the Open House.

We appreciate all your best wishes and expressions of love for our family.

Dick and Evelyn Lee

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there also will my servant be; if any man serve me, him will my Father honor. (John 12:26)

MINISTER'S PRAYER (author unknown)

Use me Lord, for Anna and for Richard,
Diana, Lu, Louise;
For these.

If I can't love enough
That's tough.
Then break me if You have to
(I won't like it - You know -
But if you have to - so.)

And when I close the gate
Please wait - or force it,
As You will.
I still
Offer myself, my life, my vain,
reluctant all.
(How can You use such stuff?
Is it enough? And yet You do.)
Don't let them fall
Because of me; You see,
I mean well,
Even when
I turn away again
From You.

Use me, Lord,
For Anna and for Richard
Baby John -
I could go on and on -
Diana, Lu, Louise;
For these.

If I can't love enough
Come through again;
Your love, through me, to men,
I offer still
This vessel to Your will.
(I pour, You fill.)

Jesus said, "You are my friends."

DEACONS & DEACONESSES MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH

The Deacons & Deaconesses have been meeting regularly the third Sunday of each month. They have been well attended and many areas of concern have been discussed and acted upon. Some events in the past have helped to achieve some success in the areas of fellowship and advance planning. The Recognition dinner and ice cream social were both well attended. There are plans underway for the church to have a Sunday evening service once a month. The first will be Sept. 22 and begins at 7:15pm. We would appreciate both your attendance and recommendations. Laymen's Sunday will be observed Oct. 13 with the men of the Church conducting the morning service.

We are deeply concerned with the spiritual level of the Church and feel that something must be done to not only cultivate a deeper commitment, but to recognize the need for an active outreach. The Church cannot be content with mediocrity. There will be evangelistic or renewal services planned as soon as leaders are available. A visitation program will be put in practice at the Sept. deacons and deaconesses meeting. Anyone wanting to take part in this will be asked to attend a training class and calling will be done by two people in each team. Contact me or one of the deacons and deaconesses for additional information.

Last we are seeking your help in determining the future direction for the goals of the Church family. A questionnaire will be prepared and given to the members of the church for your study and action. Membership carries also the responsibility of being an active part of the body. We want and expect 100% participation since this is your church and your future.

God expects great things from His people because He is our strength and guide. We can accomplish great things if we will put our trust in God and our minds and bodies in motion. God bless each one of you real good.

Joe Brower,
Chairman

Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.

I Cor. 10:24

SEPTEMBER . . . from GUIDEPOSTS

ANOTHER summer has floated by on that voiceless stream of years

I kissed the wet lips of April held close the violets of May was fanned by feathery June breezes and slept warm in July arms all day

but September signals a parting ripe seeds break from their stalks green leaves learn they are mortal languid days shorten their walks

another summer has floated by on that voiceless stream of years and, dear God, it was wonderful

- Fred Bauer

BIRTH IN CHURCH FAMILY

Larry and Pam Faulk are the proud parents of a baby son. Jeffrey Alan was born July 26, 1974, at 8:28pm in Riverside Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. and was 20 1/2 inches tall.

A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks;

a heart through which Christ loves;
a voice through which Christ speaks;
a hand through which Christ helps.

- George Mueller

CAMPS, CONFERENCES, RETREATS, etc. . . .

Bruce Lee and Kenneth Bougher will attend band camp at Camp Wooster, Perrysville . . . the Browsers were at Green Lake for the Men's Conference . . . the Ohio Men's Conference was attended by Joe Brower, W. C. Wickum, John McTaggart, Jim and Rick VanBrimmer . . . at Ohio CFO were the Wickums, Connie and Caren Breece and Crystal Arthur . . . Connie and Crystal also attend camp at Judson Hills . . . and who did we miss?

RICK VANBRIMMER ATTENDS YOUTH CONFERENCE

American Baptist Churches young people joined other youth from more than 40 nations at the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference in Portland, Oregon, July 31 to August 4. An estimated 8000 delegates between the ages

of 16 and 25 years were in attendance.

Participating from our church was Rick VanBrimmer.

The youth lived in communities. The morning sessions met in satellite groups, discussing evangelism, world issues, the arts, leadership, and world community building.

REPORT FROM TREASURER FOR JULY 1974

To fulfill our budget (Benevolence) need is \$235 monthly
Sent to ABC for July \$137.00

To fulfill our budget (local expenses) need is \$273 a week
need is \$1,092 a month
Received: July 7 \$138.79
July 14 260.45
July 21 87.47
July 28 363.07
Total \$849.78

Need \$1,092.00
Received 849.78

Deficit for \$ 242.22
July

Ruth Brown,
Treasurer

SUMMER SPORTS

Three of our youth participated in the summer sports available in Delaware. Janet Porter swam in the Junior Olympics (8 and under division) and won 6 gold medals and 6 ribbons.

Rick VanBrimmer and Bob Stephenson were in the Rotary Tennis Tournament and Bob took 2nd place in 18 and under doubles (partner, Tom Bahrlick).

NEED FOR JANITOR SERVICE CONTINUES

The volunteer janitor plan for our church is not working. For the months of June, July and August only six families indicated a willingness to help. You will note the fact that according to our Treasurer's report we cannot afford to hire help. It is up to all of us to take a turn. See the bulletin board in the vestibule for the new signup sheet.

Wash you, make you clean!

Isaiah 1:16a

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS NEWS

As announced last Sunday, Aug. 18, the senior high school class has discontinued the pickup of papers due to the drastic decline in prices. At \$10 a truck load with a cost of \$7 or \$8 for gasoline to pick up and take to Columbus it just wasn't worth the time. The remodeling plans have not been dropped, however, and plans are now to do the work in the fall. There is a balance of \$140 in the treasury which is only about a third of what is needed. To get an amount more nearly needed two projects were mentioned. One a pop bottle drive, the other a collection of clean rags for the world wide games. Both will be conducted in Sept. with the exact dates to be announced. Pop bottles pay five and ten cents apiece and clean rags are fifteen cents a pound. A good collection of both would aid immensely.

This room (Youth Room) is used in various ways by the Church and will be even more benefit after remodeling. Plan to aid in this effort and contact VANBRIMMERS, STEPHENSONS, OR BROWERS FOR PICKUP.

Thanks,
Senior High School Class

DOING ANY GOOD READING LATELY????

Check the literature rack in the vestibule for new material from time to time. All in the rack are free.

Are you a SECRET PLACE reader? This is a fine collection of devotions for daily worship. They are on the table in the vestibule and cost only 25¢. It is one of the finest magazines of its kind and you should not be missing its rich contents.

IN THE HOSPITAL . . .

Tim Fogle was a recent surgical patient in Grady Hospital. He is now at home and doing fine!

WOMEN'S MEETINGS RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

Both circles and the society begin their fine programs this month. Society meets Thursday Sept. 12 at the Church. The morning Circle meets with Carol Grubbs Sept. 19 at 9:00am and the Shephard Circle meets at 7:30pm the same day with Myrtle Smith. Plan now to attend!

JIM STEPHENSON MOVES TO INDIANAPOLIS

Jim Stephenson has moved to Indianapolis, Indiana where he is employed by Lazarus. His address is 230 Welcome Way Blvd., West Drive, Indianapolis, Ind. 46224.

DEATHS IN CHURCH FAMILY

John Ekelberry, July 2 . . . Helen Young, July 19 . . . William Sparks, July 25 . . . Lottie Chaney, Aug. 19.

John Ekelberry is the father-in-law of Jean Ekelberry.

Helen Young served this church as the Choir Director for many years and with her family was and is a source of real inspiration to us all.

William Sparks is the father of Bertha VanBrimmer.

Lottie Chaney, age 99, is the aunt of Helen Aleshire.

Our Christian compassion goes out to these of our fellowship.

BIBLE STUDY TO BE RESUMED

The midweek Bible study will resume Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 7:30pm. You are all urged to use this means of becoming better equipped as a follower of Christ Jesus.

PERSONALS

Susan Williams, grand-daughter of the Charles Eliots, was married to Robert Bauer July 20 at the Mountview Baptist Church . . . the Charles Yates family of Huntington WVA were visitors in Delaware and attended the ice cream social, as did Key. & Mrs. Bill McKee, who were guests of the John McTaggart . . . Marjorie and Amy Smale vacationed in Maine . . . the Mansfields visited Denver . . . the Vias were in Staunton, Va . . . the Grubbs, Ruth & Donna Brown and the Jim & Sophie Stephensons all visited Ted, Jeannie, and Amy in Indianapolis (not at the same time) . . . the Stephensons also visited Jim in Indianapolis and also saw Gettysburg, Sky Line Drive, and Charlottesville . . . and how about telling us where you went this summer?

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit. (John 15:16a

STONERS COME BACK TO DELAWARE

Karen Stoner and daughter Stefanie have come to Delaware from Honolulu and are with her parents, Jim and Bertha VanBrimmer. Stefanie was born in Hawaii. Steve will return October 18.

In the clear morning
I have climbed the hill.

Smoke from the factories
Rolls west to east
Across the huge red sun.

A train puffs past
Through tiny, far-off fields.

Bright buds are everywhere.
God of the hills,
The smoke,
The sun,
The growing grain,
I cannot word my prayer.

God . . . green things . . .
Green things . . . God . . .
Lord of each little leaf
On every tree;

Lord of the clouds that drift
Far out to sea,
I thank thee
That thou hast shown
Jesus to me.

God,
I pray
That thou wilt take
Evil away. Amen.

- Kagawa

the last word . . .

God has not made it difficult; he has given us Jesus, the clear and open Word; the Way is an abundant way of joy to the end . . . the Lord will give us all power when we can be trusted to use it for Jesus, not ourselves . . .

Your minister's office hours (until further notice) are 9-12am daily except except Tuesday . . . and one evening each week, varying from week to week . . . this week it will be Wednesday from 7-10pm. Drop in for a chat . . . call first if possible . . .

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Did you ever hear of a wakeup? A wakeup is anything (or anybody) who wakes you out of your ordinary attitudes and ideas and kicks your mind's door open to let in new light and understanding. A wakeup can be fun. A wakeup can be mean. It can jolt you awake or it can tease you awake. A good lesson (sermon) can be a wakeup. So can a sunset, or a storm, or a poem, or TV, or friends, or enemies, or a joke, or the family dog, or anything else. It can be what somebody says, or what somebody does. It can be the way something or somebody looks. The best wakeups come as surprises. Some come in dreams. A minister can be a wakeup person; so can a teacher, a librarian, a mechanic, a doctor, a garbage collector, a parent, or anyone else. There are a number of good wakeups in this issue. Look for them - here and everywhere else! (JBS)

SECOND ANNUAL RETREAT A GREAT SUCCESS!

Forty-two of our church family spent the weekend of Sept. 6, 7, & 8 at Camp Ohio under the able leadership of Dr. William Montgomery and his study of the Holy Spirit. The table fellowship, times of singing, hiking in the hills, chatting over late night cups of coffee, a star studded skit night, roaring fire for popcorn and marshmallows, games, volley ball, and waking to Reville all combine to make a memorable weekend for those who could attend and a longing that all could have joined us to share in the joy we feel for our church family.

Plan now to attend next year!
(Evelyn Lee)

MARION ASSOCIATION MEETS

Annual meeting of the Marion Baptist Association is set for Sept. 29 at 2:30pm in the Radnor Baptist Church. The theme of the afternoon session is Today's Needs Today (TNT). It will be composed of four workshops on 1) Youth, 2) Post-Hi's, 3) Community, 4) Mature citizens. Joe Brower and Jim VanBrimmer will share in two of the workshops.

Evening session begins at 7:00pm following a dinner, and main speaker will be Tom Barrington of the Campus Crusade for Christ. Paul Warford, area minister, will represent the Ohio Baptist Convention.

a wakeup

In the progress toward religious understanding one does not go from answer to answer but from question to question.

Thomas Merton

from Board of Christian Education . . .

PROMOTION AND RALLY DAY

The Sunday School teachers prepared and served breakfast at 8:30am to about 50 of us August 25. After the time of breakfast and fellowship at the tables, we joined others for the program in the assembly room. Together we shared a period of singing and viewed a film on family worship.

The teachers presented gifts to the children being promoted. Those making the presentations were:

- Jean Ekelberry - Kindergarten
 - Sophia Stephenson - Primary 1 & 2
 - Janet Inscho - Primary 3
 - Jean Wickum - Junior
 - Jean & Joe Brower - Junior & Senior Hi
- Our thanks to these teachers for their year of service to our youth.

YOUTH RECEIVE BIBLES

Janet Inscho presented the revised version on behalf of the church to her class during our worship service August 25. We traditionally present Bibles to our youth going from the third to the fourth grade. Recognized were the following and their parents: Melodie Brower, Pam Donley, Michael Grubbs, Dianna Lathrop, Amy Leidtke, and Janet Porter. Our best wishes go with these youth and their families as they continue their spiritual growth.

A NEW YEAR IN CHURCH SCHOOL

Sept. 1 marked the beginning of a new year in our Sunday School. We are using a new curriculum entitled "Bible and Life Series." New teachers welcomed to our staff include Marjorie Smale in Kindergarten, Linda White in Junior Hi, and John McTaggart

in adult. We are still in need of a nursery teacher and someone willing to help Marjorie Smale in the Kindergarten.

The potentials on our roll are listed below:

- Nursery - 3
- Kindergarten - 7
- Primary - 3
- Junior 4th grade - 6
- Junior 5th & 6th grade - 5
- Junior High - 6
- High School - 11

Our weekly attendance falls far short of our potential. How gratifying it would be for our teachers if the new year would mean extra effort on the part of each of us to be present each Sunday, on time and lesson studied.

A new you for Christ this year?

Topics for questioning - You haven't eaten peanut butter until you do it with Jean Wickum! Ask Pam and Larry Faulk how long it takes to get to Camp Ohio on a foggy night!

(Evelyn Lee)

a wakeup

I went to see her in the nursing home. She came down to meet me in the hall and she was feeling much better. Her room was full of flowers, my own among them, and the nurse brought in tea, and stayed to chat. We were sorry when she went, because the conversation dragged.

When I stood up to go she suddenly broke down and said she could not go on. She felt totally alone.

I knew what she was asking of me at that moment - to take her in my arms and be her mother. But I was afraid of making a fool of myself (she had always had an acid tongue). And I was in a hurry - I wanted to get away before the rush hour traffic got too bad, and there were old resentments between us which had never quite healed. So I said something non-committal and went away. A few days later we chatted briefly on the telephone.

A few weeks later she killed herself. I had not stabbed or shot her, nor administered the tablets which poisoned her. But I had let her starve before my eyes.

Monica Furlong

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE CHURCH

To fulfill budget (local expenses only)

Need weekly	\$275.00
Need monthly	\$1183.00

Receipts:

August 5	\$398.28
August 11	158.80
August 18	167.09
August 25	388.67
TOTAL	\$1112.84

Additional receipts:

- \$104.20 - Salary support from American Baptist Convention
- 10.00 - designated for Religious Education - Delaware Schools

Benevolences received and paid out:

August 1974	
Undesignated	\$144.71
Judson College	35.00
Ohio Bapt. Forward Fund	20.00
Vellore Medical Center	2.00
TOTAL	\$201.71

The \$201.71 is the amount we shared with the American Baptist Mission Budget (Ruth Brown)

MEN & WOMEN OF ASSOCIATION TO MEET

The Marion Men's Brotherhood will meet Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Bryn Zion Baptist Church. Time is 7:30pm. There will no dinner but refreshments are planned. The speaker will be Vern Ulery, owner of the Marion Bible Book Store. He will show slides of a recent trip to Israel.

The Women of the Association will meet Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 7:30pm at our church. Watch bulletin board for program details.

OHIO BAPTISTS MEET IN CANTON

The 149th annual meeting of the Ohio Baptist Convention is scheduled for Oct. 23, 24, 25 at the First Baptist Church, Canton, Ohio. The convention's theme is "Here I Am, Lord, Use Me." Attending from our church will be James & Sophia Stephenson and Bertha McTaggart. Bertha is a member of the Board of Trustees of the OBC and chairman of the special Committee on Aging.

a wakeup

Oh God! I can hear the birds!!!
What was that, a frog?
No, surely it's just the buzzing in my ears, ears so unaccustomed to stillness.
I probably have forgotten how to discern the birds from the frogs!
...Must be just a faint recollection of my far distant past...
And yet---
I really think that is a frog!!
My God! A real, genuine, dirty, bumpy, beautiful, industrious, God-made FROG!!!
Praise God for the frog!
Praise God for my ears!!
Praise God even for the fly who just landed on my knee!!!
(Karen Stoner)
- written at Camp Ohio, Sept. 7, 1974 during morning watch

FROM THE TRUSTEES

The signup sheet for the weeklong cleanup program has several open spots and we know you don't want to be left out - signup today. A new weekly sheet will appear in the vestibule Oct. 13 for continued winter weekly cleaning.
Please bear with us and the mess at the outdoor bulletin board, the cleaning and repairs will be completed in a few days.
The Trustees are again asking everyone to conserve energy this winter and in particular heating of the Fellowship Hall. We again ask that groups of less than 20 use the Senior Hi room in preference to the Fellowship Hall.
Your continued cooperation and help is greatly appreciated by the Trustees.
(John Mansfield, Chr.)

a wakeup

I picked up a pamphlet at the reception desk at the Gospel Conference Center. It was about Hell.
It said millions were going there where the fire is not quenched.
It said God did not like Hell but He had to create it because He is Holy.

There is a lake at the Conference Center. Waves roll onto a little beach and a path wanders through a grove where cottonwoods grow.
I hear the wind in the trees and the ducks quack all night.

Somebody created all this.
I don't think it was the same God who made Hell.

BAZAAR SCHEDULED BY WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The women of the Society and all others who wish to have a share in the fun are preparing a bazaar for Nov. 15 & 16. Details will be carried in the next newsletter. In the meantime, needed articles are handmade items, knitted, crocheted, hand crafts, aprons, etc. Also flea market items and good used clothing.

THE DEACONS SAY -

October is going to be a very busy month for everyone, but many things need to be done. There are two major thrusts that the Deacons & Deaconesses feel are very vital if our church is to meet the challenges of the coming years. First of all, we need to concentrate more on spiritual growth. Renewal programs are planned but due to the heavy schedule of prospective leaders these are at least seven months to a year away. Local efforts will be made to begin Oct. 12 at 5:00pm. This will be a light dinner meeting with a song service and a small group sharing time. Larry Cawley of Marion will be with us to help in the sharing. Sunday evening services are being planned, one a month to begin with, that are very informal and enjoyable. I'm sure that these will be happy and inspirational times for everyone. Laymen's Sunday, Oct. 13, is being presented by the men of the church. The theme this year is "Live Christianity." Plan to attend and help make this a fruitful service.

A visitation program is being started with a one hour training session Sunday, Oct. 6, at 7:00pm. Everyone who has an interest in the growth of the church and would want to join with the Deacons in this venture is invited to come. We will start promptly and end at 8:00 since there will

be a meeting at 8:00 involving some who will want to be a part of the visitation program.

The church needs to move forward spiritually and numerically. This is the responsibility of each member of the family. Check where you stand and see what you can do to bring this growth about.

(Joe Brower, Chr.)

a wakeup

I absolutely adore any chance
to commune with You
in Your natural Creation
like this camp.
So please forgive, Father,
my overwhelming enjoyment
with this luxury
of hot running water in our bathroom!

(Karen Stoner)

Camp Ohio, Sept. 8, 1974

HOSPITAL NOTES . . .

Since our last newsletter Pauline Nash and Maimie Watson were patients in Grady Memorial Hospital.

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The Women's Mission Society met Thursday, Sept. 12, at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

A very fine program, "A Biblical Basis for Encouragement," was presented by Della Nofsinger. Thanks Della. The Love Gift was given by Bertha VanBrimmer. Lucille Via and Della Dean were hostesses. We are off to a good start. Watch the dates in the program book and news letter and let's try to have a better attendance.

Our next meeting will be a work day meeting Sept. 26, then Oct. 10, at the church.

Our program books are all ready and most of them have been distributed. Thanks to Steve who printed them for us again this year.

(Della Dean, Pro.Chr.)

SONG SERVICES CONTINUE

After a successful beginning Sept. 22, the Sunday evening song services will continue on a one per month basis. The next

scheduled is Oct. 20. Wick asks that you indicate your requests on the form provided.

a wakeup

(written at Gethsemani Abbey, a Trappist monastery, by Thomas Merton)

FOR MY BROTHER, REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION,
1943

Sweet brother, if I do not sleep
My eyes are flowers for your tomb;
And if I cannot eat my bread,
My fasts shall live like willows where you
died.
If in the heat I find no water for my thirst
My thirst shall turn to springs for you,
poor traveller.

When all the men of war are shot
And flags have fallen into dust,
Your cross and mine shall tell men still
Christ died on each, for both of us.

For in the wreckage of your April Christ
lies slain,
And Christ weeps in the ruins of my spring
The money of Whose tears shall fall
Into your weak and friendless hand,
And buy you back to your own land.

The silence of Whose tears shall fall
Like bells upon your alien tomb.
Hear them and come: they call you home.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The time is upon us when the budget for the coming year needs to be prepared and the support for the budget received. Each department, group and board is being asked to submit a request for funds that will make up the budget. This budget will appear in the next news letter for you to study before making your commitment for the coming year. A final budget will be prepared and voted upon if possible before the first of the year. Any suggestions for specific needs that should be included please let us know in the next two weeks.

I know that each of you is faced with many financial problems. God's promises are not changed by these and he will still supply all your needs if we but trust him.

Now is a good time to expand your faith and take God at his word. Give unto God that which is his and you will be blessed. Consider the Biblical gift.
(Joe Brower, Chr.)

a wakeup

Bless this day to which I rise,
Bless my lips, and ears, and eyes;
Bless my hands and bless my feet,
Clothes I wear, and food I eat.
Every task I find to do,
Father, give thy blessing to.
Everyone I meet today,
Every word my lips may say
Let me bless, that I may be
Consciously at one with thee.
(R. H. Grenville)

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION AND OFFERING

The annual world wide communion service will be celebrated in our church Oct. 6. This is a day when we consciously affirm our unity with the whole Christ of every land, time, and church.

This is also the Sunday when we receive our world Fellowship Offering. The funds received will spread abroad, by word and work, the Good News of the Kingdom of Brotherhood and Peace. The goal chosen for our denominational fellowship is \$950,000.

MORTGAGE BURNING CEREMONY PLANNED

The faithfulness of our fellowship has been established! Not one payment has been missed or postponed, and at last we have concluded the long path to full ownership of our Educational Building.

A special service is being prepared for October 20. Details later!

OUR STUDENTS AWAY FROM HOME

Among our students are SHARON BOUGHER, a first year student at Miami, and her brother STEVE BOUGHER, in his second year at Northwestern where he is majoring in Astrophysics; in her first year at the Stratford Women's College at Tampa, Florida is DARLENE BROWER; DECKY AND TOM HANEY are both in Capital's Law School, DECKY graduated Aug. 30 from Ohio State magna

cum laude; GREG HENSON is a senior at Ohio University; PAM LATHROP is a freshman at Bowling Green; RICK AND MARCIA LEE are in graduate school at the University of Minnesota; ALLISON LINN is a premedical student at Ohio State; BOB SMITH is a freshman at the Marion Branch, Ohio State; and SUSAN VANBRIMMER will enter the Career Academy in Columbus to train to be a dental assistant.

Miss anybody? Best wishes to all!!!!

WELCOME TO OHIO WESLEYAN STUDENTS

A warm welcome to students of Ohio Wesleyan who are with us in our worship services. Those signing the guest book will be on the mailing list for NEWS AND VIEWS.

OFFICE HOURS . . .

Your minister's office hours are 9-12 daily except Monday and by appointment. Enter thru the vestibule.

I would like to hear the following hymns sung at our evening song service:

We use the Sunday School hymnal and the CFO song book.

Tear out and give to W. C. Wickum or leave on the table in the vestibule.

I want to share in the visitors training on October 6, 7:00pm.

Give to Joe Brower or the minister or place on the table in the vestibule.

WEDDINGS IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

a wakeup

A Buddhist blessing:

May all beings be happy. May they be joy-
ous and live in safety. All living beings,
whether weak or strong, small or great,
visible or invisible, near or far, born,
or to be born, may all beings be happy.
(from the Metta Sutta)

another wakeup

They that wait on the Lord shall renew
their strength, they shall mount on wings,
like eagles, they shall run and not be
weary, they shall walk and not faint.
(Isaiah)

Gary Evans and Barbara Whitney were mar-
ried August 31 in a beautiful outdoor cere-
mony at 176 N. Liberty . . . Rick Lee and
Marcia Rooker were married at Camp Ohio
September 1 . . . and Greg Henson and Becky
Hampton were married in our sanctuary
September 14. The church wishes happiness
and joy to the three couples.

one more wakeup

You talk when you cease to be at peace with
your thoughts.
And in much of your talking, thinking is
half murdered.
For thought is a bird of space, that in a
cage of words may indeed unfold its
wings but cannot fly!
(Kahlil Gibran)

CHURCH CALENDAR OCTOBER, 1974

- 2 Wednesday 9:00 - 11:00am All teachers at the church.
7:30pm Meeting at First, Newark, with Dr. William McKee, Exec. Director of Educational Ministries, ABC.
8:00pm Choir Rehearsal.
- 6 Sunday 9:15am Church School.
10:30am Worship. Lesson: "Food for Billions." World-wide Communion and World Fellowship Offering.
7:00pm Training for visitors.
8:00pm Board of Christian Education.
- 7 Monday Cleanup week opens. See sign-up sheet on vestibule bulletin board.
5:30pm Alcoholism Council.
- 8 Tuesday 8:00pm Council of Religious Education at Zion United Church of Christ.
- 9 Wednesday 6:30pm Covered dish dinner and quarterly business meeting.
- 10 Thursday 10:00 - 2:00pm Women's Society workday at the church.
7:30pm Trustees.
- 11 Friday 12:15pm Baptist clergy conference, Columbus East.
- 12 Saturday 5:00pm Song service; light supper; small groups with Larry Cawley for spiritual renewal.
- 13 Sunday 9:15am Church School.
10:30am Worship. Laymen's Sunday.
- 14 Monday 10:00 - 2:00pm Women's Society workday at the church.
- 15 Tuesday 7:30pm Women of the Marion Association at our church.
- 16 Wednesday 9:00am Morning Circle with Carol Grubbs.
7:00pm Bible Study.
8:00pm Choir Rehearsal.
- 17 Thursday 7:30pm Shephard Circle with Myrtle Gabriel.
- 19 Saturday 1:30pm Terri Evert-Harry Koltovich open church wedding. Reception follows in the Fellowship Hall.
- 20 Sunday 9:15am Church School.
10:30am Worship. Burning of mortgage.
6:00pm Deacons and Deaconesses.
7:15pm Song Service.
- 23 Wednesday 7:00pm Bible Study.
7:30pm Ohio Baptist Convention opens in Canton.
8:00pm Choir Rehearsal.
- 24 Thursday 9:00am - 9:00pm Ohio Baptist Convention.
- 25 Friday 9:00am Final day, Ohio Baptist Convention, concludes with banquet (5:00pm)
- 27 Sunday 9:15am Church School.
10:30am Morning Worship. Lesson: "Church - Adventure vs. Boredom."
- 28 Monday 7:30pm Parish Council at Lees.
- 30 Wednesday 7:00pm Bible Study.
8:00pm Choir Rehearsal.

(All church Halloween party will be held either Saturday, October 26, or Saturday, November 2: watch bulletin for day and details)

November 1 9:30am World Community Day at our church. Theme: "Discovering the Aspiring Minorities."

(This calendar is distributed with NEWS AND VIEWS. Additional copies are available at the church)

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The season of holidays is upon us! Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year celebrations. In all probability your stomach will be full 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 them has its outward significance and its deeper reality. So does every day, every event, every life. We can skim over the surface 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. To live out from the depths, 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. The Man said, "I have come that you might have abundant life. The Kingdom of God is within you!"

This issue, like the last one, is loaded with wakeups. Know what a wakeup is? It's anything or anybody who wakes you out of your ordinary attitudes and lets in new light and understanding. Look for them - here and everywhere else! (JBS)

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CHURCH PLANS THANKSGIVING DINNER

The ladies of the church will sponsor an all-church Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 5:00pm. Our menu will include turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, scalloped potatoes, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, relish trays, rolls, and pumpkin pie. The meat will be furnished and a sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board so that you can indicate what you will bring and the number of your family attending. Sis Mansfield will have charge of the program.

a wakeup

PRAYER OF THE LITTLE DUCKS

Dear God,
give us a flood of water.
Let it rain tomorrow and always.
Give us plenty of little slugs
And other luscious things to eat.
Protect all folk who quack
And everyone who knows how to swim.
- Carmen Bernos de Gasztold

A LETTER (portion of a letter to Evelyn Lee)

I am grateful for the opportunity of meeting so many wonderful people from the Delaware church. It appears to me that you have a warm and friendly fellowship. The weekend was a learning experience

for me and I appreciate the insight gained from being with the group. I hope our paths will cross again.
Peace and all blessings.
Wm. J. Montgomery

(Dr. Montgomery, minister of the First Baptist Church, Columbus, led our retreat last September.)

Practiss makes perfict.

NOTES FROM A VACATION

A jumbo jet (747) flew me across the Atlantic and back. If you haven't been on one you just can't imagine their size. This plane seated 456 passengers with a crew of 22. Smooth takeoffs and landings. Not so when we crossed the English Channel or the North Sea. The Channel was crossed by ferry at Dover where I saw the white cliffs. It was too rough for the hovercraft we anticipated taking. Crossing the North Sea from the Hook of Holland to Harwich, England took an extra 2½ hours because it was so rough.

We were on the continent about 4 days but it rained all the time so it wasn't very pleasant. I attended Sunday Services at the Dublin Baptist Church in Edirburgh and at Westminster Abbey in London. Some

might be interested to know that I visited with Bro. Mandus of the World Healing Crusade in the Sanctuary at Blackpool and remained for the services conducted by Bro. Kenneth.

More later.

(Helen Aleshire)

a wakeup

What do I have to be thankful for?
I asked myself today.
So I decided to count my joys
As I wandered along my way.
The warmth of a home, the love of a friend,
The beautiful sound of the rain;
The still of the night, the touch of a child,
A day that is free from pain;
The light of the sun, the cool of a breeze,
The sound of a waterfall;
But the love of God and the peace it brings
Is the greatest blessing of all!

- Mary Strohschein

ADVENT SERVICE PLANNED FOR DECEMBER 1

Circle Sunday afternoon, Dec. 1. At 2:30pm we will again meet to decorate the church, create holiday crafts, and celebrate the beginning of Advent as a church family. Carol Fogle & Jean Ekelberry are preparing craft plans and we will be counting on others to help with other activities to complete the program.

NEW FORMAT FOR CHURCH SCHOOL ON TRIAL

Beginning Oct. 27 the entire Church School gathered in the Assembly Room at 9:15am for a period of songs, devotions, and announcements. We will continue this for the month of November.

It is the hope of the Board of Christian Education that meeting as a group will help to generate enthusiasm, help us to become better acquainted within our fellowship and to get all classes started by 9:30.

Anyone interested in sharing a devotion during this time please contact Evelyn Lee at 362-9107. The Board would also appreciate

your comments as to whether you wish to continue this shared time or if you prefer going directly to your class at 9:15. Board members are Pam Faulk, Sis Mansfield, Jim and Bertha VanBrimmer, and Evelyn Lee.

You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you can make a fool of yourself anytime.

THE DEACONS SAY

Some exciting things have happened this month. There was the Saturday evening time of sharing Oct. 12, then Laymen's Sunday Oct. 13. Plans are nearly completed for the permanent visitation program. We still need people to call and also members of the prayer group. If you are vitally interested in this ministry but feel that you are unable to take part in the actual visitation you can be a part of the prayer group. Please contact Joe Brower of the minister to enlist.

God will bless us and the people we call on, however we must first make the effort. Now is the time for action. Join the work and let's see what God can do thru us.

- Joe Brower, Chr.

PLEDGE SUNDAY PLANS COMPLETED

The annual dedication of pledges will take place Sunday, Nov. 24, during the morning worship service. Your copy of the proposed budget is printed with this newsletter, and you will receive your pledge card and additional information by mail.

2 wakeups

Lord give me patience but I want it right now!

Lord help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that you and I together can't handle.

and

The early bird catches the early worm.

ASSOCIATION WOMEN MEET IN DELAWARE

On Tuesday, Oct. 15, our ladies were hosts to the women of the Marion Association along with their husbands and guests. After a very interesting program coffee, tea and cookies were served in the Fellowship Hall. 140 attended.

CHURCH BAZAAR SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER

Don't forget to mark Nov. 15 & 16 on your calendar for the church bazaar. We would like donations of baked goods, garden products, flowers (potted or dried), articles for our flea market, needlework (knitted, crocheted or other handmade articles), articles for our Christmas table, good used clothing for our thrift shop. The hours are from 9:00am to 8:00pm on Friday and from 9:00am to noon on Saturday. Your help will be appreciated.

BETTY CROCKER COUPONS

After Dec. 31 the club project for Betty Crocker coupons will not be available. I need about 125 to order a tablecloth. If you have some please get them to me at once so the order can be sent in. The other plan will still be available. (the above three articles were submitted by Helen Aleshire)

a wakeup

PRAYER OF THE LITTLE PIG

Lord,
their politeness makes me laugh!
Yes, I grunt!
Grunt and snuffle!
I grunt because I grunt
an snuffle
because I cannot do anything else!
All the same, I am not going to thank them
for fattening me up to make bacon.
Why did You make me so tender?
What a fate!
Lord,
teach me how to say
Amen

- Carmen Bernos deGasztold

There is no rest for the wary.

BAPTIST DAY OF PRAYER HERE NOV. 3

The annual Baptist Women's Day of Prayer meets at First Baptist Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2:30pm. Four Baptist churches will share in the activities.

OHIO BAPTIST MEET AT CANTON

The annual Ohio Baptist Convention was held at the First Baptist Church in Canton Oct. 23-25. Attending from our church were the Stephemsons, Bertha McTaggart, and Carolyn White. President for 1975 is Rev. Richard Bowser, Karl Rd. Church, Columbus.

a wakeup

People are strange. They want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the middle of the road.

and

He who puts his nose to the grindstone is a bloody fool.

NEW ADDRESSES IN THE CHURCH FAMILY . . .

Jean Ekelberry, 48 Chestnut (same phone);
Kizzie Main, 21 S. Sandusky (369-6062);
Steve & Karen Stoner, 490 McKinley, (369-4543);
Mr. & Mrs. Beverly Marshall, 1208 Fairy Falls Dr., Coshocton, Ohio 43812.

a wakeup

A simplistic and illusory notion all too common to the more developed world is that population growth in the less developed countries is the greatest threat to the global environment. The fact is that the main risks of environmental damage on a global scale and the greatest pressures on natural resources come from the population growth and economic activities of the rich countries and the exploding appetites of their inhabitants.

Maurice Strong, UN Environment Program Director

A man's house is his hassle.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees would like to thank everyone for helping with our fall cleanup campaign. The favorable comments from our visitors should make everyone proud and more diligent in an effort to keep the House of God clean and orderly.

The Women's Association and the Evert-Koltovich wedding were each a successful event in our church. The condition of our church was noted by many persons.

In case you have not noticed, mats have been installed at the main sanctuary entrance and the north entrance to the Educational Building. These are chemically treated to keep the dust to a minimum as well as absorb moisture in the winter months.

The trustees are asking everyone to help us find someone who can repair or make a new globe for the light in the Assembly Room. The original globe is broken (we have the pieces). Please notify any trustee if you have any information for us.

Don't forget the weekly cleanup sheet in the vestibule (we do not have a janitor.)
John Mansfield, Chr.

VISITATION PROGRAM BEGINS

A visitation program is beginning in our church Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 7:00pm. This will continue each week on Tuesday and Thursday at the same time. An appointment will be made if possible, one week in advance. Two teams will be making four calls each week. There are two areas in which everyone can help if you cannot call.

One is the seeking out and giving the names of people who are interested or have a Baptist background to the minister. We need prospects that may become members of the church.

The second is in joining the prayer group which will be supporting the visitation effort. At the present time this has not been worked out entirely, but again by contacting the minister you will be notified when the program is finalized. This program is vital to the life of the church and we want you to be a part of it.

Joe Brower, Chr. Deacons & Deaconesses

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a wakeup

Life's heaviest burden is to have nothing to carry.

FROM THE TREASURER

September, 1974

August balance, \$229.49

Receipts

9/1	\$403.11	(includes \$25 from retreat; \$11 religious ed.)
9/8	669.50	(includes \$469.50 retreat fees pd. by individuals)
9/15	615.25	(includes \$104.20 salary support & \$5 relig. ed.)
9/22	377.90	
9/29	317.18	

Total	\$2382.94
Aug. bal.	229.49
	<u>2612.43</u>
Disbursements	1865.87
Balance	\$ 746.56

Missions

Undesignated	\$149.50
Love gifts	3.35
Northern Baptist	75.00
Theol. Seminary	
Ohio Forward Fund	25.00
Vellore Med. Center	<u>34.00</u>
	\$286.85

- Ruth Brown

VITAL SIGNS

Jeffrey Alan Faulk was dedicated to God during our morning worship Oct. 27. He is the son of Pam and Larry Faulk Terri Evert and Harry Koltovich were married in our sanctuary Saturday, Oct. 19 . . . Mildred Bowers was a surgical patient at Grady Memorial recently and is at home making a fine recovery.

a wakeup

Some say, "We don't need the church to be good Christians." Elton Trueblood labeled this assumption the "angelic fallacy." If we were angels, theoretically, we might not need the church, but the truth of the matter is, we are not angels.

from Mt. Gilead BAPTIST VISION

YOUR CHANCE TO BE CHRISTIAN

Has there ever been a time when more people have been hungry? The TV pictures of starving children in Africa and India should make our Thanksgiving turkey stick in our throat.

Your parish council has decided to use the proceeds from our Thanksgiving envelopes for CROP - the world relief agency of the churches. You will find the envelope in your box.

It would seem logical to give an offering at least equal to what you spend on your own Thanksgiving dinner, and probably a lot more. This is true - if you don't give there will be kids who will die because of your neglect.

And speaking of giving - have you made your fair share contribution or pledge to United Way? We have made materials available in the bulletins and signs have been posted in various places in the church. The directors of two United Way agencies are members of our congregation - Polly Focke in Speech and Hearing and Jean Wickum in Mental Health.

a wakeup

- If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.
- If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.
- If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.
- If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.
- If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.
- If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.
- If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.
- If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.
- If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.
- If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.
- If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.

- Dorothy LawMolte

Things could be worse - you could have my job!

A REQUESTED RECIPE

Many of you recall with warm affection a dear friend, Vesta Drey. Ernestine Frost has responded to a number of requests by offering the following recipe for Vesta's Skillet Cookies:

- 2 tablesp. butter or margerine
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup gramulated sugar
- 1 - 1/4 teasp. salt
- 1 teasp. vanilla
- 1 1/2 or 2 cups dates, chopped
- 1 - 2 cups nuts, chopped
- 3 cups Rice Krispies (more may be used)

Melt butter in skillet over low fire. Stir in eggs, sugar, salt, vanilla, dates, and cook slowly, stirring constantly, until mixture becomes thick, about 8 minutes. Add Rice Krispies and chopped nuts. Stir and cool until mixture can be handled. Turn out on waxed paper sprinkled with confectioner's suger and angel flak coconut (latter is optional). Divide into two rolls. Chill in refrigerator and slice as desired. Do not bake.

THE COMINGS AND GOINGS AND DOINGS OF SOME DELAWARE BAPTISTS

Jim VanBrimmer & Steve attended a session in Newark with Dr. Bill McKee, head of our ABC Educational Ministries . . . Jean Wickum and Carolyn White attended an Altrusa Convention at the Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur, WVA . . . Peter and Linda White were in southern WVA for a ride on a mountain railroad . . . the Stephensons were in Indianapolis as were Ruth and Donna Brown . . . and Jim Stephenson visited his parents (he lives in Indianapolis) . . . the VanBrimmers visited Jim's sisters in Philadelphia . . . Jean and Wilbur Wickum flew to Boston, visited John Mead, and then brought back a stolen car. . . for his company, that is! . . . and Steve Stoner returned to the States from Hawaii and was met in San Francisco by Karen . . . Steve is now manager of Colonial Kitchen.

Belong to God and become a wonder to yourself!

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has completed the proposed budget for the coming year. There are undoubtedly some questions that will arise concerning different funds and expenditures, but these will be answered on the day to be set for approval of a final budget by the church.

We ask that you look over the proposed budget, see what the needs are for the coming year, and note any ideas that you have that would improve our church. More details later.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP OFFERING RECEIVED

Our annual world fellowship offering was received on World Wide Communion Sunday. Total offering: \$88.37.

LAYMEN'S SUNDAY & WEEKEND

This year the Laymen sponsored both the Sunday service and a chili supper the night before. After enjoying Ruth Brown's secret chili recipe, we heard a fine talk by Larry Cawley of Marion. Then the crowd was divided into two groups for discussion.

The service of worship was led by Joe Brower and featured talks by Joe, Harry Koltovich, John McTaggart, and Larry Faulk. High point of the morning was an anthem by the Men's Chorus!

a wakeup

I am stronger than my fears,
I am wiser than my years,
I am gladder than my tears;
For I am His image.

I am better than my deeds,
I am holier than my creeds,
I am wealthier than my needs;
For I am His image.

He whose image thus I bear,
And whose likeness I shall share,
All His glory will declare
Through the "I": His image

- Hannah M. Kohaus

KEEP ME GOING LORD!

and a last wakeup until next month

Once we have truly come to know God
as love,
we do not vainly call out,
"God! God!":
and agonize for an answer.
We recognize him everywhere.
We see God looking at us
from the eyes of mothers and sweethearts,
wives and children,
neighbors and friends.
We see him in the eyes of strangers, too.
For they are love
as much as we are.

Love casts out fear.
Love sets us free from self-concern.
Love soothes away pain.
Love is wholeness.

- James Dillet Freeman

Some credits:

The animal prayers are from a beautiful book, PRAYERS FROM THE ARK, which is available in paperback for \$1.25. Some of the brief quotes are from materials sold by the Abbey Press. The humorous quotes (we hope you found them humorous!) were from a little paperback called "The Power of Positive Pessimism" by Howard Kandel; a Price Stern Sloan publication available for \$1.00. The poems are both from Unity publications.

I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR A LESSON ON THE
FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

(tear off and give to the minister or
mail to the church.)

CHURCH CALENDAR NOVEMBER, 1974

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| 1 | Friday | 9:30 - 11:30am | World Community Day. |
| 2 | Saturday | 7:30pm | Halloween Party. |
| 3 | Sunday | 9:15am | Church School. |
| | | 10:30am | Morning Worship & Communion. |
| | | 2:30pm | Baptist Women's Day of Prayer. |
| | | 8:00pm | Board of Christian Education. |
| 4 | Monday | 5:30pm | Alcoholism Council. |
| | | 7:30pm | Evangelistic Life Style Conference at Marion Trinity. |
| 5 | Tuesday | 7:00pm | Visitation. |
| 6 | Wednesday | 9:00 - 11:00am | Teachers meeting. |
| | | 7:00pm | Bible study. |
| | | 8:00pm | Choir Rehearsal. |
| 7 | Thursday | 7:00pm | Visitation. |
| 10 | Sunday | 9:15am | Church School. |
| | | 10:30am | Morning Worship. |
| | | 2:00pm | LH Achievement Day. |
| 12 | Tuesday | 7:00pm | Visitation. |
| 13 | Wednesday | 7:00pm | Bible study. |
| | | 8:00pm | Choir Rehearsal. |
| 14 | Thursday | 10:00am - 2:00pm | WMS Workday. |
| | | 7:00pm | Visitation. |
| | | 7:30pm | Trustees. |
| 15 | Friday | 9:00am - 8:00pm | Bazaar. |
| 16 | Saturday | 9:00am - 12:00noon | Bazaar. |
| 17 | Sunday | 9:15am | Church School. |
| | | 10:30am | Morning Worship. |
| | | 6:00pm | Deacons. |
| | | 7:15pm | Song Service. |
| 19 | Tuesday | 7:00pm | Visitation. |
| 20 | Wednesday | 9:00am | Morning Circle at Grubbs. |
| | | 7:00pm | Bible study. |
| | | 8:00pm | Choir Rehearsal. |
| 21 | Thursday | 7:00pm | Visitation. |
| | | 7:30pm | Shephard Circle at Vias. |
| 24 | Sunday | 9:15am | Church School. |
| | | 10:30am | Morning Worship. |
| | | 5:00pm | Thanksgiving Dinner for all. |
| 25 | Monday | 7:30pm | Parish Council. |
| 26 | Tuesday | 7:30pm | InterChurch Council at Zion AME. |
| 27 | Wednesday | 7:00pm | Bible study. |
| | | 8:00pm | Choir Rehearsal. |
| 28 | Thursday | | THANKSGIVING. |

AND INTO DECEMBER . . .

dates of special all-church activities

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| 1 | Sunday | 2:30pm | Advent Service. |
| 15 | Sunday | 7:15pm | Song Service. |
| 22 | Sunday | 7:15pm | Christmas Program by Church School & WMS. |
| 24 | Tuesday | 8:00pm | Christmas Eve Communion. |

tentative - Dec. 8 10:30am Celebration of payment of mortgage

PROPOSED 1975 BUDGET

PASTORAL MINISTRY

SUMMARY

* Salary	\$6400.00
Car allowance	1560.00
Utilities	1000.00
State convention	100.00
Continuing education	100.00
M & M Premium & insurance	1746.00
	<u>10906.00</u>

Pastoral Ministry	\$10906.00
Church expense	5600.00
Church maintenance	4300.00
Christian Education	1050.00
Missions	<u>3000.00</u>
	\$24856.00

CHURCH EXPENSES

Salaries-Organist	416.00
Choir Director	416.00
Janitor	832.00
Workmen's Compensation	80.00
Utilities	2000.00
Insurance	600.00
Supplies & newsletter	300.00
Taxes	175.00
Music	175.00
Flowers & gifts	100.00
City withholding tax	15.00
Association dues	29.00
Evangelistic outreach	250.00
Missionary education	50.00
Chaplaincy at Grady Mem.	162.00
	<u>5600.00</u>

- * does not include \$500.00 salary support from M & M
- # repair of beams, windows, and tapering of ledges in the educational building
- @ Removal of old restroom by professionals; restoration of above wall to include sandblasting and painting of overhang from restroom to corner of the main church to match existing work

Future Needs: -

Sandblasting and painting of remainder of south wall:\$3000.00

Restoration of building from new structure (north side) to the tower: \$2000.00

Restoration of tower and eaves: \$5000.00 to \$8000.00

Restoration of front of church: \$5000.00 to \$6000.00

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Organ repair	125.00
Fire extinguisher service	40.00
Repair fund - general	1500.00
# Beam & window repair	1000.00
@ Renovation	1500.00
Janitorial supplies	135.00
	<u>4300.00</u>

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Teaching material	600.00
Vacation Bible School	50.00
Misc. teaching supplies	35.00
Cards, gifts, special Sundays	65.00
Camp Fund	50.00
Weekday Relig. Ed.	250.00
	<u>1050.00</u>

MISSIONS

Judson College	450.00
Northern Baptist Theological Seminary	450.00
Ohio Forward Fund	150.00
Undesignated	1950.00
	<u>3000.00</u>

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This is the Christmas issue of our church's newsletter. Its purpose is to help you prepare for a holiday with a plus in it. The plus represents that which is over and above the usual cultic observances of the season. The plus does not mean that you eliminate, but that you add. Let the joy be more exuberant, let the mystery be more mysterious, let the lights shine brighter, let Spirit within you free. Life in Christ is meant to be all pluses. The minuses are your own doing! Here is a real plus for you: a powerful meditation by Ernest Holmes. The prescription is - take morning and night and other times as needed!

"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 over-dwelling 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 I deeply feel His presence in those around me. Today I pray that this Divine child within me 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 the Love of Christ and the Power of His Spirit fill all of you this season! (JBS)
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ADVENT CELEBRATION SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 1

Welcome Advent! Dec. 1 will find our church family together in celebration of this occasion for the second year. Activities begin at 2:30pm. At that time the classes will decorate their rooms with the help of their teachers. Carol Grubbs will direct the adults in decorating the remainder of the church.

Jean Ekelberry and Carol Fogle will lead crafts in the Fellowship Hall from 3:00-4:30. During that period we will enjoy popcorn prepared by the VanBrimmers and, as families, decorate our Advent rings. Together we will share simple sack lunches and then join our thoughts in a service to light our first Advent candle. The service will conclude by 6:00.

There will be a 50¢ registration fee for each person to help with expenses of the afternoon. You may register with Jean Ekelberry, Carol Fogle, or Evelyn Lee anytime on Nov. 24.

A list of needed craft supplies is on the vestibule door. Please look them over carefully. Remember to bring your Advent rings from last year. If you did not make one last year, please indicate this when you register so that we may secure wood for these.

Anyone having evergreens is encouraged to bring them for use in decorating. This

is a good time to trim your evergreens and all types are useable.

Come join your church family on Dec. 1 at 2:30. You will all find deeper meaning to this joyous season by beginning it at this celebration.

- Evelyn Lee

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Steve,

Two Sundays ago we sang "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" during morning worship. I suppose for some people hymns are those little items sandwiched between other events on the program. Others enjoy hymns but don't really become involved. I personally rejoice in each and every hymn! Some are prayers, some tributes, and others pure joyful praise to Almighty God!! This hymn I named above is this last kind. For me every happy word rings with praise and must be sung with spirit, because I mean every word! I am grateful for the Lord's faithfulness. I need His guidance - I know He's giving it to me all the time - and I rejoice that He never lets me down!! I almost cry when I sing, I'm so involved in the song. As I look at the others in the room, I see very few who could feel this way. Maybe I'm missing someone, or

maybe he or she is not letting these feelings show. But I must smile and sing loudly and happily to God, and to all my fellow Christians nearby. I hope more people will begin to really read the words they sing and realize the wonderful meaning there - and soon rejoice as they sing the marvelous hymns which too often go unnoticed or are taken for granted.

Name withheld by request

WHO ORDERED A RUBBER STAMP!???

We recently received a rubber stamp in the mail reading "First Baptist Church" but no one has indicated that they placed an order. Is it yours?

Not in man's outer guise,
But in his essence lies
His true identity.
His cloak is all we see -
His shadow on the ground.
A man is never found
By any mortal sight.
We only glimpse the light
Of Being through a chink;
We only catch a wink
Of something that is sealed;
And no man stands revealed
By any outward part,
Yet in our inner heart
And in our secret soul,
We see him sound and whole.
- Elizabeth Landeweer

ADULT DINNER FOR DEC. 7

The adult social group is combining its November & December meetings and will hold a Christmas Dinner Dec. 7 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Donald & Florence Faulk, Gene & Janet Lathrop, Richard & Evelyn Lee are planning the event. All adults are invited and will be contacted soon concerning their attendance and contribution to the planned menu.

If we're not ACTIVELY for Christ and the growth of His church,
Then we are actively against it.

By not being a proper example of what an

active Christian should be, we become an example of a poor one!

- Karen Stoner

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SET FOR DEC. 22

On Sunday, Dec. 22, at 7:15pm, the Church School and the Women's Mission Society are combining to present a Christmas program for the entire church. The theme is "Mothers of the World" and presentation will be made in the Sanctuary. Following the program, our traditional birthday party for Jesus will be held in the Fellowship Hall. It will be an evening of song, worship, and fellowship and will be a happy addition to your family's Christmas celebration.

DEACONS SAY

The happiest season of the year is just around the corner. This is truly the season for Thanksgiving. First of all for the many blessings that we have received. Too many times we fail to realize how fortunate we are. The greatest gift of all, the coming of Jesus, is the highlight of this Thanksgiving season. Another happy event is the beginning of a new year. A symbol of a new start; something that happens in our life many times. How thankful we should be for all our blessings, the gift of Jesus, and the chance to begin anew.

Many attempts were made to begin more activities in the church that would help to cultivate Christian fellowship and growth. Our Sunday evening song service the third Sunday of each month is growing, but we need you there. Our visitation program has begun and we feel this is going to be a real boost to the church. We are very thankful for the church and for you. May you have a very happy Thanksgiving.

- Joe Brower, Chairman, Board of Deacons & Deaconesses

If you must kick -
kick toward the goal.

(submitted by Della Nofsinger)

TRUSTEES REPORT TO THE FELLOWSHIP

Have you noticed? The wall over the baptistry has been repainted where the paint had peeled. The roof over the assembly room has been repaired and new gutters and drain pipe installed. The bricks over the stained glass window have been removed and replaced. (Over outside entrance way into the youth room.) The parsonage, shed, and choir room and Junior High roofs have all been painted.

Trustees request!

Please do not turn the thermostats up or down. This is very costly in this time of energy shortages.

Please do not put disposable diapers in the toilets! We had to have a plumber clean the sanitary sewer (it had backed up into the basement) and he found disposable diapers.

We are still seeking help in finding someone to fix the light globe for the Assembly Room.

Happy news!

The draperies for the office have arrived and we hope to install them before Christmas.

P.S. Don't forget the signup sheet for janitor work. It is on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Thank you.

- John Mansfield, Chr. Board of Trustees

May there always be room in your heart for divinity to find a birthing-place. May you be holy as the angels were, faithful as the shepherds were, humble as the cattle were, wise as the Wise Men were. May you have the compassion Mary had, and the understanding Joseph had, and may the blessing of the Christ child be yours, not because of His birth-night long ago, but because His love is born in you today!

- James Dillet Freeman

BAZAAR SPONSORED BY WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The annual bazaar was held Nov. 15-16 and a total of approximately \$150 was

received. Thanks go to all who contributed articles and to the many who worked so long and hard.

- Helen Aleshire was general chairman.
- Area responsibility was as follows:
- Hand made items - Myrtle Gabriel
- Baked goods - Sophia Stephenson
- Flea market - Ernestine Frost
- Serv booth (native crafts) - Della Nofsinger
- Used clothing - Jean Brower

Oh, God, we go through life so lonely, needing what other people can give us, yet ashamed to show that need.

And other people go through life so lonely, hungering for what it would be such a joy for us to give.

Dear God, please bring us together, the people who need each other, who can help each other, and would so enjoy each other.

- Marjorie Holmes

FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

"Favorable" is the comment being reported to Board of Education members concerning our change to the 9:15 am Church School group worship. To date Evelyn Lee, Jim VanBrimmer, John McTaggart, and Bertha McTaggart have led the worship service. A feeling of unity and fellowship prevails as we begin our morning with song, worship, birthday celebration and announcements. We will continue the plan another month to determine a better reaction. Volunteers are needed to lead the service. Which Sunday would you like to share your devotions? Please indicate your preference of date and any comments about the service to Evelyn Lee, 362-9107.

Pam Faulk and Donna Brown are the new Middler teachers. The former teacher, Janet Inscho, is spending the winter in California. The Steve Stoners are taking turns as Nursery teachers. Larry Faulk will be adult teacher the coming quarter; John McTaggart has taught adults the present quarter. We welcome the services of the new teachers and appreciate all the efforts of all our teachers.

- Evelyn Lee, Chr.
Board of Christian Education

THE LORD'S TREASURY

Received

Oct. 6	\$357.13
Oct. 13	398.35
Oct. 20	262.58
Oct. 27	<u>289.11</u>

Total Oct. \$1307.17

additional received	104.20	salary support
	10.00	relig. ed.

<u>Missions</u>	\$104.00	undesignated
	18.43	Love Gift
	88.37	World Fellowship Off.
	<u>75.00</u>	Judson College
	\$285.80	

Needed per week - \$273.00
 " per month - \$1092.00

Morning comes and morning goes, and every day of life is filled with simple, wondrous joys that nullify the strife:

the clouds, the dawn, the climbing snail, the grapes upon the vine;
 the migratory geese in flight, the rain soaked scent of pine;
 the trampled path that snakes a trail through marshes to the sound;
 the open sea that holds my breath, the empty shell I found.

Each one in beauty writes a tale within an endless book, and fills each page with metaphors for all who choose to look. . . .

few, if any, take the time; how sad the way of kings! With all the riches in their realm, they seek far different things.

- Anon. (contributed by Della Nofsinger)

VITAL SIGNS

Harold Bougher and Helen Bigler were married in our Sanctuary Wednesday, Nov. 20 . . . congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple . . . Barbara Parmer was a patient in Grady hospital but is now at home . . . Edna Darling was received

into membership Sunday, Nov. 10 . . . she is a senior at the Methodist Theological School and is preparing for a career as a chaplain . . . Our Bd. of Deacons & Deaconesses have requested the Marion Association to consider her for ordination and the committee on ordinations voted their consent . . . the new phone number of the Donald Browns is 363-6229 . . . and here are some new addresses for your records:

Susan VanBrimmer
1039 1/2 Hunter Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43201

Dale & Dianna Hedges
298 S. Henry St.
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Edna Darling
1851 Columbus Pike
Methesco
Delaware, Ohio 43015

What you are is God's gift to you, and what you make of yourself is your gift to God.

Life is what happens to you while you are making other plans.

(both of the above are from The Master's Voice, the newsletter of the Church of the Master, Indianapolis, Ind.)

Quote of the month -

"A messy desk is a sign of true genius."
- J. B. Stephenson

All receiving today's NEWS AND VIEWS are reminded of our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, Nov. 24/

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A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

God bless your Christmas! God bless you, And bless your deepest needs, The human hungers of your heart That only God's love feeds!

- James Dillet Freeman

CHURCH CALENDAR, DECEMBER, 1974

PLEDGE SUNDAY HELD NOV. 24

Dedication of pledges was scheduled for the Sunday before Thanksgiving as an appropriate time to bring the tithes and offerings (anticipated) into God's Kingdom. If you did not remember to bring in your pledge it can be brought to the church any Sunday or mailed to Richard Lee, 259 S. Section Line Rd., Delaware.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

The annual Christmas Eve Communion is scheduled for 7:30pm, Dec. 24. This service has a significant place in the life of our fellowship and we look forward to sharing the evening with you and your family.

CELEBRATION FOR MORTGAGE PAYMNET

The special service to celebrate our final payment of the mortgage has experienced scheduling difficulties. The tentative date of Dec. 8, 10:30am, is listed in our monthly calendar but keep watch in your bulletins for a possible change.

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Your monthly calendar is in a somewhat different format - everything listed in one column which can be torn out and used for a Bible bookmark. Of course, if you don't read your Bible daily you may miss something!! But who can imagine a Delaware Baptist who does not maintain a daily reading schedule? Your reactions appreciated.

ARE YOU BUSY WEDNESDAY NIGHT?????????

A small group of us are having a good time reading the book of James and discussing it Wednesdays at 7:00-8:00pm. Everyone is invited to participate.

- 1 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship.
2:30 Advent Celebration.
8:00 Bd. of Christian Ed.
- 2 Monday 5:30 Alcoholism Council.
- 4 Wednesday 9:00-11:00am Teachers Meeting.
7:00 Bible study.
8:00 Choir rehearsal.
- 7 Saturday 6:30 Adult Christmas Dinner.
Fellowship Hall.
- 8 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship (Mortgage Payment Service).
- 11 Wednesday 7:00 Bible study.
8:00 Choir rehearsal.
- 12 Thursday 10:00am-2:00 WMS workday at church.
7:30 Trustees.
- 15 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship.
6:00 Deacons & Deaconesses.
7:15 Song Service and Caroling.
- 16 Monday 7:30 Parish Council.
- 18 Wednesday 9:00 Morning Circle with Carol Grubbs.
7:00 Bible study.
8:00 Choir rehearsal.
- 19 Thursday 7:30 Shephard Circle with Bertha McTaggart.
- 22 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship.
7:15 Christmas Program (WMS & Church School sponsors)
Birthday Party for Jesus.
- 24 Tuesday 7:30 Christmas Eve Communion.
- 25 Wednesday MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!!
- 29 Sunday 8:30 Breakfast sponsored by the adult social group.
9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship.

NOTES AND ADDITIONAL DATES: