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by the First Baptist Church, Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, pastor

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A NEW YEAR POSSESSES A FASCINATION for most of us. That nice, unmarked, clean appointment book. The white pages of a diary stretching ahead of us like smooth, unwalked on snow, leading us into new adventures and fresh opportunities. The past, along with the old calendar, is cast aside and a new year promises a new life. This is good Christianity as well as sound psychology. God does not hold the past against us but welcomes us to greener pastures and bluer skies. You can achieve what you dream if that dream is alive and vivid in your imagination and reinforced by your dedicated and active will. There is no secret to it . . . it is all there in the four little books we call gospels. Jesus is the bringer of the good news of wholeness and fulfillment. He is the Master teacher who shows you how to take the circumstances of your daily life and transform them into Heaven on earth. Walk unafraid into the new year. It can be the best year of our lives! !

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

The excitement of the coming of Christ was made vivid to us through the efforts of many persons. Beginning with our annual Advent Celebration Nov. 30 and concluding with our candlelight communion Christmas Eve we were lifted into the Spirit of the season. There was an adult dinner, parties for the church school children, a fine program by the Church School, and throughout the month beautiful music by the Choir. To name but a few, we thank Evelyn Lee, chairperson of the Board of Christian Education, Sis Mansfield, director of the Church School program, W. C. Wickum, our Choir director, and Ruth Brown, our organist. And the teachers, and the children, and you, and you, and you!

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND DINNER

The Church's annual business meeting is set for Wednesday, Jan. 14. We shall begin with a covered dish dinner (beverage provided) at 6:30pm, and the business session will follow. Included will be the reports, action on the budget, and election of officers. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Our youth sponsored an experience in good will by providing caroling for shut-ins and others. Stops included Grady Memorial Hospital. They were joined by members of the choir.

Other activities included a bowling party. Election of officers is scheduled for Jan. 4.

The youth are conducting a PAPER DRIVE Friday night, Jan. 16, and Saturday, Jan. 17.

Paper should be tied in bundles. If you have paper to contribute you may phone the Koltovichs, 363-1842, or Stoners, 369-4543.

LETTER TO THE CHURCH -

Dear family,

We want to thank all of you for the very generous gift we were presented during the Christmas Eve service. Also a thank you for the cards, the additional gifts, and all the kind and gracious words.

This is a good time to thank all the members of our church family for their fine cooperation during 1975.

How exciting and satisfying it is to be a part of such a loving and dedicated fellowship!

Love,

Bob, Sophia, Steve

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED INTO CHURCH

Paul and Sandra Cagwin were given the Hand of Fellowship during the morning worship, Sunday, Dec. 7. They come to us by letter from the St. Paul United Church of Christ, Wapakoneta, Ohio. We welcome them and their family into our fellowship.

HUNGER DINNER SCHEDULED.

Our second dinner to raise money for famine relief will be held Sunday, Jan. 4, immediately after the special business meeting. A meager meal will be served and those participating will give the amount usually spent on Sunday dinner as an offering to feed the hungry. Jean Brower and Marge Smale are directing the project for the Women's Soc.

FINANCE CAMPAIGN NEWS

To date we have received 47 pledges coming to a total of \$21,559. The proposed budget for 1976 requires \$27,202.

Last year at this time we had received pledges totaling \$15,562 toward a budget of \$24,856.

A breakdown of the pledges follows:

No. of pledges	Amount
10	under \$100
7	100-200
8	200-300
3	300-400
2	400-500
3	500-600
3	600-700
3	700-800
3	1000-1100
3	1300-1400
1	1500-1600
1	2100-2200

Perhaps you feel the need to increase your pledge. If you didn't pledge and would like to, we need it before the Jan. 14 business meeting. Some who do not give at the present time need very much to examine their circumstances, the need of the church, and their commitment to the teachings of Jesus about our responsibility toward Him.

Joe Brower,
Finance Chr.

DEATH IN CHURCH FAMILY

Ruby Thompson, brother-in-law of Della Dean, passed away Dec. 18. We extend our sympathy to the Dean family.

DEACONS AND DEACONESSES

The Board of Deacons and Deaconesses has invited Dr. Bryan F. Archibald of the Ohio Baptist Convention staff to be a part of the church family during the weekend of April 9, 10, and 11. Details for the weekend will be arranged by the Board members in the weeks ahead. Suggestions from church members are welcome for this spiritual experience.

A thank you is extended to all who had a part in making the Christmas season a blessed one through the various programs presented. It was a delight to have Will, Carol, and Victor portray the holy couple and child in the Christmas pageant that was

presented on Sunday evening, Dec. 21.

John B. McTaggart, Chr.

Dear Father-God, I thank thee gratefully For this New Year, filled full with precious days

Wherein I may serve thee with heart and hand And speak thy word of love in helpful ways.

Throughout each day of this New Year, dear Lord,

I pray that thou wilt be my unseen guest, Thy love my guide, my strength, my joy, my peace:

Then I will be uplifted, healed, and blessed.

Gordon Frantz

HOSPITAL NEWS -

Recent patients were MARY MCKEAN, at Mt. Carmel, Columbus; ELSIE BYERLY, Grady Memorial; DIANNA HEDGES, Grady Memorial, and JOHN MANSFIELD, City Hospital, East Liverpool.

FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Joe Brower is teacher of the Adult Class for this quarter. They are studying the gospel of Matthew.

Now that you've turned to you 1976 calendar, have you scheduled the Church Family Retreat '76? The dates are Sept. 10, 11, & 12. Dollars put aside for it now will make your attendnace a reality. A great investment for your spiritual renewal.

Evelyn Lee, Chr.

CHRISTMAS CARDS TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

This year we suggested that members send one Christmas card to the entire church family and give the amount saved to a fund for the family of the late Rev. David Francis. Thus far \$9.00 has been received. If you have not made your contribution it may be given to Dick Lee.

And check the cards on the bulletin board in the vestibule. They will be there for one more Sunday.

If all men thought, "If I don't understand it I just oppose it," we would still be living in caves.



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CENTENNIAL

the series, you are invited to become part of an Advisory Panel to assist the pastor in preparation of the lessons. The panel will raise questions and offer suggestions as to content, presentation, and application of the lessons. It will also propose ways in which the insights gained may be put into action in the program and ministry of the church. In other words, the function of the Advisory Panel will be to assist the pastor both in the Biblical study and the program and outreach of the church. If you are interested, call Steve at 363-7021.

The first message in the series will be "What Jesus Saw," and the Scripture to read is Luke 19:28-46.

PEOPLE MAKING NEWS

JEAN WICKUM and HELEN ALESHIRE were appointed to the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council by the County Commissioners. JEAN is a delegate and HELEN an alternate ARCHIE and BETH TRIGG are now living at 340 N. Franklin MYRTLE SMITH, KIZZIE MAIN, and HELEN ALESHIRE recently visited NELLIE DICK at Mason, Ohio some of our folks who went visiting during the holidays are the KOLTOVICHS were in New Jersey with HARRY'S mother the MCTAGGARTS were in Dayton with JOHN'S family the MANSFIELDS visited their parents in East Liverpool the VIAS flew to Staunton to be with daughter NANCY and her family and saw grandson LEE play varsity basketball RICK and MARCIA LEE visited the local LEES and have now returned to the University of Minnesota where RICK is working on a PhD DONNA and RUTH BROWN visited TED, JEANNIE and AMY in Indianapolis after being visited by the Indianapolis STEPHENSONS who were in Delaware for Christmas visiting with both families while here TED preached the Christmas Eve Lesson. DELLA NOFSINGER spent Christmas in Kansas with her mother DALE AND DIANNA HEDGES were in Delaware visiting DIANNA'S and DALE'S families DALE is stationed in Yuma, Arizona POLLY FOCKE was in Cincinnati with her brother and his family MARGARET HOPKINS spent Christmas with her sister in Greencamp KIZZIE MAIN was with her grandson's family in Akron, and CAROLYN WHITE visited PETER and LINDA. and if we missed you, let us know before the next issue comes out!

Two special celebrations of 1976 will be our nation's Bicentennial and our Ohio Baptist Convention's Sesquicentennial. We will plan several events for our church family. This is the year to look beneath the surface into the true meaning of our nations's and denomination's heritages.

FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

The women of the Marion Association will meet at the Radnor Church Thursday, Jan. 15, from 9:30am until 2:30pm. The love gift for December was \$25.07. Total for the year is \$169.86.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS TO BE PLANNED

Preparations will soon be under way for the pastor's discipleship class. It will be intended for those who are considering church membership and baptism. This vital step in following Christ requires serious thought and careful study. If interested, call Steve at 363-7021.

LESSONS TO EXPLORE BIBLE

The Sunday morning Lessons (sermons) will span the Bible and give listeners an opportunity to know the Book that lives. Beginning Sunday, Jan. 11, the pastor will begin a series that will reach from Genesis to Revelation, exploring the main ideas and events which form the basis of our Christian religion. Readings for each week will be published in the bulletin and mimeographed materials will be available each Sunday. Although each message will be a unit in itself, those who hear them all and who read the materials will have completed a basic course in Biblical knowledge. The Bible is a practical book, a handbook for the promised Abundant Life, and those taking the teachings seriously should anticipate a positive change in their lives. In order to increase the relevance of



- 4 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship.
11:30 Business Meeting.
12:00 Hunger Dinner.
6:00 Youth.
8:00 Bd. of Education.
- 5 Monday 7:30 Teachers.
- 6 Tuesday 7:30 Healing Group.
- 7 Wednesday 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
- 8 Thursday 10:00 - 2:00 Women's Work-
day at the church.
- 11 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship.
- 13 Tuesday 7:30 Healing Group.
- 14 Wednesday 6:30 Annual Business Meeting
and Dinner.
- 15 Thursday 9:30 Marion Women at Radnor.
- 16 Friday YOUTH PAPER DRIVE
- 17 Saturday YOUTH PAPER DRIVE
- 18 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship.
6:00 Deacons & Deaconesses.
7:30 Song Service.
- 19 Monday 7:30 Parish Council.
- 20 Tuesday 7:30 Healing Group.
- 21 Wednesday 9:00 Morning Circle all day
meeting at McTaggarts.
7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
- 22 Thursday 7:30 Shephard Circle at the
parsonage.
- 25 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship.
- 27 Tuesday 7:30 Healing Group.
- 28 Wednesday 7:30 Choir Reherasal.

AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL

As the New Year begins, take time to examine your own relationship with Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are, it is vital to your whole life to look into your heart and see if you are really committed to Him as your Lord and Savior.

Take time to renew your dedication to Him. Perhaps you will want to make a public act of commitment at one of our services.

Make this your year to really KNOW HIM.

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On January 11 we began an adventure together. This was the first Lesson in a series that will continue for many months and will span the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. This is both a challenge and an excitement to us all and can revolutionize the life of our church fellowship. It demands greater effort and preparation from each of us. But this increased effort will be lost if we do not recall one basic spiritual fact: God speaks to us in His creation which can be called His natural Word; He speaks to us through the Bible which is His written Word; and He speaks and acts through His Son, Jesus Christ, who is His Living Word. You can understand every scientific fact about His natural Word, you can know His written Word from cover to cover, but if you do not know Jesus, His Living Word, you are still wandering in darkness and illusion. In fact the purpose of God's entire creative action in both world and Word is to bring you to Sonship in Jesus. Thus the deeper purpose of our series on the Bible is the sharing of the Good News of the New Life in Him. (JBS)

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual meeting of our fellowship was held Wednesday, Jan. 14, beginning with a covered dish dinner. Reports were given by officers, boards and committees. Copies of the financial reports are available in the vestibule and are summarized later in this issue. Officers elected are as follows: Moderator, Larry Faulk; Assistant Moderator, Donna Brown; Church Clerk, Carol Grubbs; Treasurer, Ruth Brown; Assistant Treasurer, John McTaggart; Financial Secretary, Richard Lee; Church School Superintendent, W. C. Wickum; Church School Clerk, Bertha VanBrimmer; Deaconesses, Helen Aleshire and Polly Focke; Trustees, Paul Cagwin and Steve Stoner; Bd. of Christian Education, Sis Mansfield (Chairperson), Marjorie Smale (Missions), Sophia Stephenson (Adult Work), Jean Brower (Children), Joe Brower (Youth), and Evelyn Lee (Leadership).

Persons continuing in office are Joe Brower (Finance Chr.); James VanBrimmer, Larry Faulk, Jack Smith, Donna Brown (Deacons & Deaconesses); Donald Faulk, Peter White, Donald Brown (Trustees).

Installation services are set for Jan. 25 during the morning worship.

It is a fine thing to go through life with a smile . . . but your big job is to say something or do something that will lift the other fellow's load a trifle so he too may smile.

from Joe Brower

CHRISTIAN MOVIES AVAILABLE

Free Christian movies will be shown at the Christian Armory, 2250 Morse Rd., Columbus, beginning Jan. 24 at 7:00pm. These showings were intended to be screenings for church workers but as long as space is available anyone can attend. High quality films will be shown Jan. 24 and the last Saturday each month following. Sure beats a \$3.50 seat somewhere else.

from Karen Stoner

DEATH IN CHURCH FAMILY

Fred B. Grubbs, Sr., passed away Jan. 11 at Grady Memorial Hospital. Services were conducted Jan. 14 with the Rev. William Bowser assisting Steve.

SESQUICENTENNIAL

At a called business meeting after worship Jan. 4 our congregation voted to share in the Ohio Baptist Convention's \$1,066,000 Sesquicentennial campaign. A goal of \$3,600 was accepted for our church.

HUNGER DINNER PLANS ARE CHANGED

A hunger dinner will not be held Feb. 1 as originally announced. In its place a special offering will be received during the morning worship Feb. 8. It is suggested that each family contribute the cost of Sunday dinner. Everything contributed will go to famine relief. The project is sponsored by the Women's Mission Society. Announcements concerning future plans will appear in the newsletter and the Sunday bulletin.

The trouble today is that there are too many Democratic and Republican senators and not enough United States senators.

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SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AVAILABLE

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about the Senior Citizens Supportive Services here in Delaware County. We are located in the Senior Citizens Center, 8 E. Winter St.

Our services are many and available to persons 55 years and older. We deal in transportation, escort, filling out forms including Medicare, counseling and outreach.

We have four outreach workers, one in Ashley, Ostrander, Powell, and Sunbury. They service these areas.

This service comes to us through a grant from the Ohio Commission on Aging through Title III of the Older Americans Act. It is proving to be a success here in Delaware County.

If we can help you in any way, stop in at the center or call me at 369-8113. I'll be glad to assist you.

from Margaret Young

"THANK GODNESS"

How few would ever come to know The EXCELLENCE of our God's great riches, If peace, love and salvation through His Word Came only with "coupon and \$10 purchase."

If I had more definitude About the great Beatitudes, Than I would have more fortitude To give the world more solitude.

If you always store your Bible neatly closed and out of sight,

Then how can you expect to see an inkling of God's light?!

And can you live abundantly without His Light to guide?

How dare you build a prison where His blessed Word you hide?

How beautiful, a worn and ragged copy of His Book! -

Lovingly frayed by the hands of those who eagerly come to look.

Forgive those, Lord, whose Books have pages missing here and there;

They simply wore them out from constant use and fervent prayer. from Karen Stoner

JANITORIAL HELP NEEDED

Have you placed your signature on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule? As we do not employ a janitor we must depend on you to do your share of the weekly cleanup!

FROM THE JUNIORS

The following letters are written by some of the Juniors, who have been studying Paul in the Bible, and his letters encouraging his Christian friends. The Juniors were encouraged to write letters of love to anyone they wished to. These chose to write to Jesus and the others wrote to their friends or family and then gave them to them personally. These Juniors wished to share their love letters to Jesus with you.

Dear Jesus,

I love you a lot, and I can show how much I love you, because I love my mom too. I feel good writing to you, and I wish I could see you, but know you are in my heart. I pray each night to you, and I go to church every Sunday, or I try to go every Sunday.

I love you,

Dear Jesus,

I haven't been saying my prayers, but I will try harder each night and day. Our class the Juniors are trying very hard to stay with you and follow your ten commandments. I love you with all my heart, and pray when I do something bad. You are so good to forgive us.

I try hard not to be bad.
Truly yours,

Dear Jesus,

I love you very much, and can show my love for you by trying to follow you in all ways, as much as I can. I do lose my temper though a lot it seems, but you are good to forgive me. I love you very much and I will follow you always. Lead me Lord Jesus.

Goodbye and I'll pray to you,

Sign near a school: Approach school the way you did as a child - slowly.

C-J

FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY .

There is a great need for children's garments, baby clothing, men and women's clothing, and blankets. These needs are met through our contributions to Church World Service. Cash may be given for blankets - \$3.00 per blanket. Also needed are rolled bandages, 3 inches by 96 inches. This need is desperate, as is the need for hospital gowns and soap.

There will be a box in the Church School Assembly room if anyone wishes to give to this. There are extra copies of the list of needs if you would like to have one.

The next pickup date for Delaware is March 15, but items may be mailed anytime.

CARE AND SHARE - these are the items our women make and give over and above our White Cross quota.

This year our Care and Share will be divided between:

Trumbull Neighborhood Ministries,
Dayton, Ohio

Weirton Christian Center, Weirton,
W. Va.

Baptist Home of Upper Miami, Piqua,
Ohio

New items needed are infants, children, and adult clothing of all kinds, games for all ages, balls, paints, lap robes, paper goods, towels, wash cloths, sheets, the need is endless. There will be a

box in the Church School Assembly Room with a list of items for anyone who would like to give to this project. The items will be taken to the state women's conference in June, and the state White Cross Chairperson will see that they get to where they are needed.

HELP MAKE OUR special missionaries special. If you keep a prayer list, please add the name Rev. Barry Shongo, Billings, Montana. He is on kidney dialysis three times weekly but still preaches on Sundays. We have a new man working in Philadelphia, Rev. Kenneth Smith and his wife. Keep them in your prayers as they begin their new adventure.

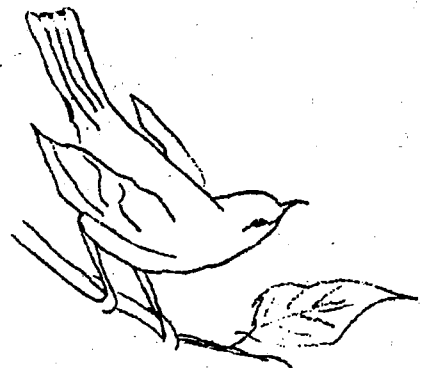
DEACONS & DEACONESSES ORGANIZE FOR YEAR

The Board of Deacons and Deaconesses met after church Jan. 18 and elected Donna Brown and Jack Smith as cochairpersons for the year. One of their major projects for 1976 is the renewal weekend under the leadership of Dr. Bryan Archibald, former president of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. It is set for April 9-11.

REMEMBER THE BIRDS!!!!!!

Our Sunday Lessons on Genesis reveal our unity with all living beings on our planet including the so-called animal creation. They are all described as living souls.

The birds desperately need your help in this weather and a good Christian will remember to feed them.



RELIGION ON THE AIR - YES OR NO?

Madalyn Murray O'Hair has been granted a federal hearing in Washington D. C. on the subject of religion and the airwaves, by the Federal Communication Commission which has petition No. RM2493 which could ultimately pave the way to do away with the proclamation of the gospel via the airwaves of America.

She took her petitions bearing 27,000 signatures to back up her stand. This covers all Sunday worship services that are broadcast over the radio and television. Many elderly people and the shut-ins depend on the radio and television for their worship needs.

WHAT CAN WE DO???? SEND A LETTER OF POSTCARD TO

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
1919 "M" Street Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20036

The Petition number is RM2493. THIS NUMBER MUST BE ON YOU LETTER OR CARD.
from Paul Cagwin

(A sample letter is on the bulletin board in the vestibule)

A five year old girl had just received two gifts for her birthday and couldn't stop telling about them. Finally her mother couldn't stand to hear about them anymore and said, "Now listen, we're having company for dinner, and it isn't nice to boast about your belongings in front of other people. Please don't mention your new watch or cologne at the table."

The little girl sat squirming, but quiet, during the meal. But when her mother stepped out to the kitchen, the child said, "If anybody hears or smells anything, it's me."

from the Executive Minister's
Insiders Newsletter

FROM THE YOUTH . . .

I would personally like to thank those concerned persons who donated papers for the drive last week. The BYF wants to do this on a monthly basis. So please keep right on saving those papers! The benefits will be realized very soon. Now I

wish to say a big thank you to the kids who have been faithfully coming to outings and meetings of the group, because I am now going to leave my place on the BYF committee to work on the pastor's advisory group. I have enjoyed working and fellowshiping with all the young people. To all of them I wish the very best, and ask them to pull together to have a wonderful year ahead! Thank you for a chance to serve.

from Karen Stoner

ADULT SOCIAL SET FOR SATURDAY, JAN. 31

The monthly adult social will be held Saturday, Jan. 31, at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Nils Muladore will be our guest and will show slides of his recent trip to the Soviet Union during the Christmas holiday. The Stephensons are the hosts.

The Russian slides include the Kremlin, Red Square, churches, museums, etc. They were taken in Leningrad and Moscow.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU LISTENED TO YOUR STOMACH?

When was the last time you woke up in the middle of the night and your stomach commanded, "Feed me the rest of the pecan pie that is in the frig," and you immediately jump out of bed, put on your warm, plush slippers and slip on your thermal lined housecoat, and go downstairs and on the way to the kitchen you grab a handful of peanuts that are sitting on the end table. Once in the refrigerator you not only get the pie, you grab the vitamin fortified milk and drink two or three glasses with your pie. While putting the milk away you notice the leftovers that have been leftover too long and will have to be disposed of. Do this: everytime you get hungry other than meal time, make yourself deposit 25¢ in a can or jar, and everytime you throw out a leftover deposit 25¢ in the can for each item you throw out! At the end of the month send the donations to CROP or CARE or give it to the church and designate it for the needy.

by Nev R. Hungry
(Steve Stoner)

P.S. Idle Stomach to Indian Starvee: "Oh please just feed me that berry that the bill just dropped out of the sky . . . I ought to be able to make that last for a day or two, and please, chase it down with a little warm water . . . Thanks."

FINANCIAL SUMMARY . . .

Receipts, 1975	\$21,913.89
Bal. end of 1974	48.96
	<u>21,962.85</u>
Disbursements, 1975	20,846.25
Balance, end of 1975	\$ 1,116.60
Total Benevolences	\$ 4,283.36

Ruth Brown, treasurer

PEOPLE MAKING NEWS

JEAN EKELBERRY escaped serious injury in a car accident . . . skidded on ice and suffered minor but painful injuries but her car was demolished.

LARRY and PAM FAULK were in Williamsburg, Va. during their Christmas vacation.

MARY RICHARDS is a patient in Grady Hospital . . . ELSIE BYERLY is anticipating returning to work Feb. 2 . . . MARY MCKEAN is recuperating at home after surgery at Mt. Carmel.

WICK and JEAN WICKUM have returned from Boston and a visit with JOHN MEAD and family.

PAM LATHROP has entered Eastern Kentucky University at Richmond, Kentucky, where she is studying horticulture. . . RICK VANBRIMMER has transferred to Ohio Wesleyan.

The STONERS, the MCTAGGARTS, the BROWERS and the VANBRIMMERS attended the dinner meeting of the Marion Association's Men's Brotherhood where JOE installed the new officers.

MYRTLE GABRIEL, BERTHA VANBRIMMER, BERTHA MCTAGGART, HELEN ALESHIRE, and SOPHIA STEPHENSON attended the meeting of the Marion Assoc. Women at Radnor.

THE AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED MARCH 7. Watch bulletin for details.

We must carry our share of the misery which lies about the world.

Albert Schweitzer



CHURCH
CALENDAR

1	Sunday	9:15 Church School. 10:30 Morning Worship. 8:00 Bd. of Ch. Ed.
2	Monday	7:30 Teachers.
3	Tuesday	7:30 Healing Group.
4	Wednesday	7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
7	Saturday	9:30 Junior Choir.
8	Sunday	9:15 Church School. 10:30 Morning Worship. 2:30 4H Achievement Day.
10	Tuesday	7:30 Healing Group.
11	Wednesday	7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
12	Thursday	7:30 Women's Society.
14	Saturday	9:30 Junior Choir.
15	Sunday	9:15 Church School. 10:30 Morning Worship. 11:30 Deacons & Deaconesses. 7:30 Song Service.
16	Monday	7:30 Parish Council.
17	Tuesday	7:30 Healing Group.
18	Wednesday	9:00 Morning Circle at Linns. 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
19	Thursday	Blood Bank at Wm. St. Ch. 7:30 Shephard Circle at Deans.
20	Friday	Blood Bank at Wm. St. Ch.
21	Saturday	9:30 Junior Choir.
22	Sunday	9:15 Church School. 10:30 Morning Worship.
24	Tuesday	7:30 Healing Group.
25	Wednesday	7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
28	Saturday	9:30 Junior Choir. 1:00 Trustees. 7:30 Adult Social.
29	Sunday	9:15 Church School. 10:30 Morning Worship.

It is so much easier to tell a person what to do with his problem than to stand with him in his pain.

David Augsburgur

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LENT ARRIVED EARLY HERE at First Baptist. The calendar tells us that this season of renewal begins Wednesday, March 3, and continues until Easter, April 18. But on January 11 we began our series of studies on the entire Bible. After hearing the Lesson (sermon) on Sunday, everyone has the opportunity to come to the church on Tuesday night to discuss it in depth. Scripture readings for each Sunday are assigned the week before and many people are bringing their Bibles to worship. Increased attendance on Sundays, fine participation on Tuesdays, both suggest that the series is meeting a need. Outlines of the areas covered are available each Sunday. Additional Lenten activities are indicated in the article below and we all wait with eager anticipation the visit of Dr. Archibald for the Palm Sunday weekend of renewal and dedication. May all our Lenten activities bring you closer to the Lord of all life! (JBS)

1. Sunday Morning Lessons based on assigned Script.
2. Tuesday night in-depth study of Sunday's theme.
3. Laymen's breakfasts at 7:30 am at Buns beginning March 3 and each Wed. following.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST
OFFERING MARCH 7

The annual America for Christ offering will be taken March 7 during our worship service. Last year American Baptists exceeded the goal of \$850,000. This year the goal is set at \$950,000. The offering is for the work of the Board of National Ministries and the Board of Educational Ministries. National Ministries serves people of special needs - minorities, refugees, the lonely, the poor and the aged. National Ministries is striving to relieve some of the pain and sorrow that surrounds us and dwells in us. Writing, editing, and printing educational materials, conducting regional training events, and resourcing campus ministries in universities are some ways in which Educational Ministries spreads the saving knowledge of God's love.



The offering this year has the theme: "The Caring Way" based on Matthew 25:35-40. "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of these . . . you have done it unto me."

The money collected will train clergy and laity, help build new churches, spread the gospel, fight for civil rights and human dignity, support colleges and seminaries, produce Christian literature, and rebuild community.

Won't you show you love and care by giving?



Lenten Schedule

4. Palm Sunday weekend of renewal with Dr. Bryan Archibald. Activities begin Friday, April 9 and conclude with dinner Sunday.

5. Maundy Thursday Communion, April 15.
6. Good Friday community service.
7. Easter Sunday: 7 am, Sunrise Service sponsored by Youth; 8:30am, Breakfast; 10:30am, Easter Cantata by the Choir.

At the rear of a platform during a certain meeting a brilliant illuminated cross had been placed. During the program a message was passed up to the platform from someone in the audience. It read: "Dim the cross. The light hurts our eyes."
from INPUT

HEALING GROUP MEETS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE EACH TUESDAY AT 7:00pm. You are invited to join the Group or submit requests.

Marjorie Smale
Misson Chr.,
Ed. of Ch. Ed.

YOUTH NEWS

The youth fellowship would like to thank everyone who saved papers for us. We made \$9.85. Keep saving, we will be back March 19. Please tie the papers if possible.

Jean Brower, Marlene Breece, and Rick VanBrimmer had a good time chaperoning us Sunday, Feb. 22, while we ice skated at the Ice Chalet in Westerville. We thank them so much. Next month it is bowling at Penn Lanes.

Teresa Grubbs, Sec.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN ED.

The annual church retreat will be held the 10th, 11th, and 12th of September. The cost is \$15 for each person. Have you made plans to attend? Dick Lee has a special account set up if you would like to start saving now towards a funfilled weekend.

If you enjoy Bible study, meditation, fun, games, hikes, fellowship, and good food plan now to join your church family retreat in September. Everyone is welcome.

HELP! We need teachers and helpers for Vacation Bible School. If you are interested contact Sis Mansfield. No actual date has been set thus far other than sometime in June.

Sis Mansfield, Chr. Bd. of Ch. Ed.

Jesus said unto them, "Who do you say that I am?"

And they replied, "You are the eschatological manifestation of the ground of our being, the kerygma in which we find the ultimate meaning of our inter-personal relationship."

And Jesus said, "What?"

(a graffiti at a college)

FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

The Women's Society met Thursday evening, Feb. 11, at the church, with seven-

teen present. Rosalie Kunkel gave a very informative talk on her organization, "Home-maker, Home, Health Aid Service," and answered many questions from our group. Our hostesses, Sophia Stephenson and Frances Belt, gave us a Valentine treat. Napkins and plates carried Valentine motifs, a red potted azelia for the table, Valentine cakes and candies. We had a nice social hour. We were quite happy to have Claudia with us.

The Eva Shephard Circle met Thursday, Feb. 18, with Della Dean. Devotions were by Ernestine Frost. The evening was spent cutting quilt blocks and layette items. Refreshments were patriotically oriented with a cherry cake topped with whipped cream as central attraction.

Helen Aleshire, Pres.
W. M. S.

GIVE LIFE AND HOPE

Open your heart and lend a helping hand. Sense the joy of sharing with a friend - a friend in need.

Church World Service is appealing to you for help. The need is great. Due to so many disasters in 1974 & 75, not to mention the latest, and with inflation everywhere, their stockpile has become almost depleted. Requests are coming in from all over the world. Overseas workers have requested 3,000,000 pounds of clothing and 314,400 blankets.

Children and men's clothing is especially needed (good used clothing is fine). Layettes, health kits, sewing kits, and school kits are also in demand. Blankets are needed immediately when tornados, hurricanes, or floods strike. \$3.00 plus handling charge of 50¢ will buy a blanket.

If you would like to donate money to defray the expenses, 10¢ a pound is needed. Won't you help? If you want to make up a kit, see Karen Stoner, Bertha VanBrimmer, or Helen Aleshire.

Items have to be at the church by March 11, when we will pack them for shipping. Pickup is on March 15 at Asbury.

Helen Aleshire

GOD IS LOVE . . . THEREFORE, LOVE IS GOD.

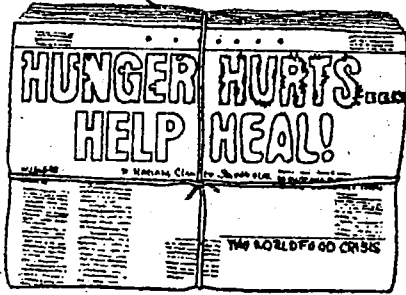
THE LORD'S TREASURY

December 1975 balance		\$1116.60
Received,		
Jan. 4	\$664.11	
Jan. 11	356.16	
Jan. 18	290.63	
Jan. 25	<u>215.44</u>	
		1526.34
		<u>2642.94</u>
Disbursements		1707.45
January balance		\$ 935.49

Benevolences -	
Undesignated	\$ 90.50
Love gifts	9.16
Famine Relief	<u>33.78</u>
	\$133.44

Laotian family \$ 65.00

Ruth Brown,
Treasurer



AN URGENT REMINDER . . .

This is a reminder that our monthly World Hunger Dinner will be March 14 after worship. This will be a meager meal with the intention that you will contribute the cost of what you would spend on a full meal for your family. All money goes to world famine relief. Won't you plan on joining us knowing that in going without one meal you are helping STARVING people in the world?

There is nothing that God and I together cannot accomplish!

This realization struck me so hard and suddenly Sunday afternoon. I had had such a fantastic answer to prayer...and been to such a wonderful, moving church service..

I was already feeling on top of things, but this was an entirely new glow surrounding me! A chance to bring a new attitude to all of my life! I suddenly and powerfully knew there is nothing God and I cannot do, and there is nothing that can separate me from His love! So anything I really pray for can be received. Wow!

My fantastic, personal, ever-present Lord has given me so much already! I am standing in His sunshine and it is almost blinding. There is beauty and purpose in every delapidated building and every single blade of grass beneath my feet. How perfect the sky looks, how amazingly sweet the air is! I feel so in tune with all of God's world! I will now walk closer to my God and be happier in doing it.

Karen Stoner

FROM THE TRUSTEES

- 1) The drapes have been rehung in the pastor's office.
 - 2) A used, upright sweeper has been purchased.
 - 3) Met with the BYF advisors and approved their recommendation for lowering the ceiling in the youth room including new lights.
 - 4) Work is being done on the organ. This is a major project which includes putting slide tuners on the pipes eliminating the ancient method of tuning by bending down the edges of the pipes. After the slides are applied the organ will be tuned and completely gone over prior to Easter.
 - 5) Thanks are expressed to John Mansfield and John McTaggart for oiling the furnaces and changing the filters.
- Peter White, Chr.
Bd. of Trustees

Not many men may be willing to die for love these days. But you can't escape the fact that millions are dying daily for lack of it.

John E. Large

Suppose a man in hiding and he stirs, he shows his whereabouts thereby. No one could ever have found God; he gave himself away.

Meister Eckhart

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Even though my typewriter is an old model, it works quite well except for the keys. I have wished many times that it worked perfectly. It is true that 46 keys work perfectly, but one not working makes the difference.

Sometimes it seems to me that some of us are like my typewriter. It won't make or break the organization, certainly not the whole church. But it does make a difference. A church is more effective and really needs the entire membership to be whole or complete. So the next time you think your participation, ideas, or simply your presence is not important, remember your contribution may make the difference for all of us. Remember my typewriter and say to yourself, "I am a key person in this church and I am really needed."

- Janet Incho

We sing SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER, and content ourselves with ten or fifteen minutes a day.

We sing ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS, and wait to be drafted into his service.

We sing O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES, and don't use the one we have.

We sing BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS, and let the least little offense sever it.

We sing SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS, and gripe about all we have to do.

We sing WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION, but fail to march to church or Bible study.

We sing I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY, but fail to mention it all the year.

We sing CAST THY BURDEN ON THE LORD, and worry ourselves into nervous breakdowns.

We sing THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD FOR JESUS, and never invite our next door neighbor to church.

We sing THROW OUT THE LIFELINE, and content ourselves with throwing out a fishing line. (from Jean Wickum)

FROM THE DEACONS AND DEACONESES

The Board will be responsible for greeters at our services. Persons interested in taking a turn can call Donna Brown, Jack Smith, or sign up on a sheet in the vestibule.

The Board urges the church to attend the Sesquicentennial Service which will be held in Zanesville on May 22.

Persons unable to attend service on any communion Sunday may receive it in their homes by contacting any member of the Board or the pastor.

\$100 was taken from the Fellowship Fund for relief in Guatemala.

Donna Brown, Co-Chr.
Deacons & Deaconesses

OFFERING RECEIVED FOR GUATEMALA VICTIMS

A special offering was received Sunday, Feb. 22, for the victims of the recent earthquakes in Guatemala. Total contributed from our church is \$255.86, including \$100 from the Fellowship Fund.

Additional contributions may be given to Dick Lee at any time. The need is great, BE GENEROUS.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS TO MEET

A discipleship class is being organized by the pastor. It is intended for those interested in joining the church fellowship and will be intended for youth. A class for adults will be formed if there is any expression of interest.

All interested should contact Steve. Watch bulletin for further data.

MONTHLY SONG SERVICE CONTINUES

The Board of Deacons and Deaconesses sponsor a monthly song service the third Sunday of each month. Beginning at 7:30pm the service is directed by Choir Director W. C. Wickum.

LAOTIAN FAMILY ARRIVES IN DELAWARE

The Delaware Inter-Church Council has made it possible for a refugee family from Laos to settle in Delaware. They are living at Londontown. Our church is sharing in the project.

A MESSAGE FROM THE OLYMPICS

Air Force Lt. Cliff Cushman was second in the 400 meter hurdles at the 1960 Olympics. But in the final trials for the 1964 Olympics he fell over a hurdle and thus failed to make the team for the games in Japan. Since the trials were on TV a great wave of public sentiment welled up over his deep disappointment. Some young people from his home town of Grand Forks, N.D. sent him a sympathetic letter. Here is his reply:

"Don't feel sorry for me. I feel sorry for some of you! You may have seen the U.S. Olympic Trials of TV. If so, you watched me hit the 5th hurdle, fall and lie on the track in an inglorious heap of skinned elbows, bruised hips, torn knees, and injured pride.

"In a split second all the many years of training, pain, sweat, blisters, and agony of running were wiped out. But I tried! I would much rather fail knowing I had put forth an honest effort than never to have tried at all.

"This is not to say that everyone is capable of trying to make the Olympic team. However, each of you is capable of trying to make your own personal 'Olympic team' whether it be the high school football team, the glee club, the honor roll, or whatever your goal may be.

"Unless your reach exceeds your grasp, how can you be sure what you can attain? Over 15 years ago I saw a star - first place in the Olympic games. I literally started to run after it. In 1960 I came within three yards of grabbing it; this year I stumbled, fell and watched it recede four more years away.

Certainly I was very disappointed in falling flat on my face. However, there is nothing I can do about it now but get up, pick the cinders from my wounds, and take one more step followed by one more and one more, until the steps turn into miles and the miles into success.

I may never make it. The odds are against me but I have something in my favor - desire and faith.

Romans 5:3-5 has always had an inspirational meaning to me . . . we rejoice in your sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint.

"At least I am going to try. How about

you? Would a little extra effort on your part bring up your grade average?

"Let me tell you something about yourself. You are taller and heavier than any past generation. You are spending more money, enjoying more freedom than ever before, yet many of you are unhappy. Some of you have never known the satisfaction of doing your best in sports, the joy of excelling in class, the wonderful feeling of completing a job, knowing you have done your best.

I dare you to clean up your language. I dare you to honor your parents. I dare you to go to church without having to be compelled. I dare you to help someone less fortunate than yourself and enjoy the wonderful feeling that goes with it. I dare you to become physically fit...to read a book that is not required...to look up at the stars, not down at the mud, and set your sights on one of them, that, up to now, you thought was unattainable. There is plenty of room at the top but no room for anyone to sit down.

"Who knows. You may be surprised at what you can achieve with sincere effort. So get up, pick the cinders out of your wounds and take one more step. I dare you!"

(After 10 years missing in action, Capt. Clifford E. Cushman was officially pronounced dead.)

The above column is from the Columbus Dispatch and was contributed by W. C. Wickum

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS . . .

SUE PANEK was received into membership Feb. 1. SUE is a student at Ohio Wesleyan from Rahway, NJ. After the service she was welcomed along with the CAGWINS, in a new members' reception in the Assembly Room. PAUL and SANDRA CAGWIN had been received into membership in December.

VICTOR FOGLE was dedicated during the worship service Feb. 22. He is the son of WILL and CAROL FOGLE.

MRS. MARY HIGGINS, Marion, sister of MYRTLE GABRIEL, passed away Feb. 24. Our sympathy goes to MYRTLE and her family.

Among the ill,

MICHAEL GRUBBS and HELEN PATRICK were patients in Grady Hoepital. JACK SMITH was a surgical patient at Riverside, and MARY RICHARDS is recovering at Dowd Hall, University Hospital, Columbus. MAMIE WATSON has been ill at home.

HARRIETT PITT-MAN was honored recently by Boardman School. She was in the first class to attend the then new school in 1905 and received eight years of her education there.

GENE LATHROP was recently awarded a Professional Engineer's License by the State of Ohio.

MARY MILHOAN'S new address is Box 22, N. Dayton Sta. Dayton, Ohio 45404.

JEAN BROWER, BERTHA MCTAGGART, SOPHIA STEPHENSON, and BERTHA VANERIMMER were featured on the Bob Braun Show Feb. 17.

NILS MJLADORE showed slides of his recent trip to the Soviet Union at the January meeting of the Adult Social.

LAYMEN'S BREAKFASTS SET FOR BUNS

The annual laymen's Lenten breakfasts are scheduled for Buns Restaurant each Wednesday during Lent at 7:30am. An offering will be received for the cost of the meal. Breakfast and program will be over by 8:30am and you are invited to come in your work clothes.

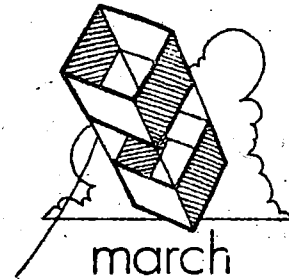
NEXT NEWS AND VIEWS SET FOR MARCH 28

The Easter edition of NEWS AND VIEWS will be distributed March 28 and the deadline for contributions is March 23 - no exceptions, please.

Feature stories will be the CANTATA to be presented Easter Sunday by the choir; and the weekend with Dr. Bryan Archibald. April 9 - 11.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.

John 15:16a



- 1 Monday 7:30 Teachers.
- 2 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
7:45 Bible Study.
- 3 Wednesday 7:30 Men's Breakfast at Buns.
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
- 5 Friday World Day of Prayer
- 6 Saturday 9:30 Junior Choir.
- 7 Sunday 8:15 Breakfast.
9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship and Communion.
5:30 Youth.
8:00 Bd. of Ch. Ed.
- 9 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
7:45 Bible Study.
- 10 Wednesday 7:30 Men's Breakfast at Buns.
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
- 11 Thursday 10:00 W.M.S. Workday.
- 13 Saturday 9:30 Junior Choir.
- 14 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship.
12:00 Hunger Dinner.
5:30 Youth.
- 15 Monday 7:30 Parish Council.
- 16 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
7:45 Bible Study.
- 17 Wednesday 7:30 Men's Breakfast at Buns.
9:00 Morning Circle.
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
- 18 Thursday 7:30 Shephard Circle with Frances Johnson.
- 19 Friday Youth paper pickup.
- 20 Saturday 9:30 Junior Choir.
- 21 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship.
11:30 Deacons & Deaconesses.
5:30 Youth.
7:30 Hymn Sing.
- 23 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
7:45 Bible Study.
- 24 Wednesday 7:30 Men's Breakfast at Buns.
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

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27 Saturday 9:30 Junior Choir.
1:00 Trustees.
7:30 Adult Social.
28 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship.
5:30 Youth.
30 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
7:45 Bible Study.
31 Wednesday 7:30 Men's Breakfast at Buns.
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

LOOKING AHEAD:

April 9-11 Renewal and evangelistic
weekend with Dr. Bryan
Archibald, Minister of
Christian Higher Education
for the OBC and former presi-
dent of Northern Seminary.
April 15 Maundy Thursday Communion.
April 16 Community Good Friday Worship.
April 18 EASTER
Sunrise Service
Breakfast.
Cantata by Choir

PERSONAL REMINDERS:

It is time to seek the Lord, that he may
come and rain salvation upon you.
Hosea 10:12b

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James B. Stephenson, minister

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I'm sure that part of your Easter celebration will be reading the resurrection story in the four gospels. Let me suggest something else. Meditate on your own resurrection! I do not mean some experience that comes to you after death, but an experience that should be part of your life right here, right now. 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 the 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." Read Romans 8:11. And have a live and colorful Easter! (JBS)

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HOLY WEEK begins with our celebration of the entry of Jesus and his disciples into Jerusalem. The day is called Palm Sunday. This will be the final portion of our weekend of Renewal with Dr. Bryan Archibald. During the Church School hour he will be with our youth, and he will speak to the entire church during morning worship. Everyone is invited to remain after worship for a dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

The community Good Friday Service is at 1:00pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Some of our choir will share in the music presented by a choir from the cooperating churches.



The Healing Group meets Tuesday at 7:00 and will be praying for the Power of the Resurrection to be manifested in our bodies and our circumstances. They will be happy to pray for any requests you may wish to submit to the church office. Bible study follows at 7:45. The theme will be the Resurrection.



Maundy Thursday Communion will be at tables in the Fellowship Hall and begins at 8:00. Try to be on time. The custom of silence will be observed both before and after the service. The service by candlelight carries a special meaning for many of us as a time of experiencing the Living Christ.

Our Easter celebration begins at 7:00 with an early service presented by our Youth and their advisors. Following the service we will enjoy breakfast together in the Fellowship hall. Church School is at 9:15 and is for all ages.

Our Easter worship at 10:30 features a Cantata by the Choir. They will sing "The Glory of Easter" by John W. Peterson.

MAY THE CHRIST-LIGHT SHINE IN YOU!!!



WEEKEND OF RENEWAL SCHEDULED

The Board of Deacons and Deaconesses have scheduled April 9-11 as a weekend of renewal. Leading us will be Dr. Bryan F. Archibald, minister of Christian Higher Education for the Ohio Baptist Convention and former president of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Tentative Schedule:

Friday - meeting with the church officers and leaders at 7:30pm.

Saturday - men's breakfast, time - 8:30am

Adult Social and conversation with Dr. Archibald, 7:30pm.

Sunday - meeting with youth during Church School and service of dedication at 10:30, followed by dinner.

Watch the bulletins for details.

HUNGER DINNER SET FOR APRIL 4

There will be a world hunger dinner after worship April 4. Won't you join with us in sharing a scanty meal in order to donate the money you would spend on a larger Sunday dinner. American Baptist Churches of Ohio are placing a big emphasis on world hunger this year. It is a big problem but do something by being with us April 4.

- Marjorie Smale

Wanted: a good home for two handsome gold fish (same sex). Free! Call or see the Stoners.

from Special Interest Missionary Chr.

I received today a marvelous letter from the Downs, missionaries in Bangalore, India. They are teachers, he of seminary students, she of nursery school. Mary wrote a personal letter in which she offers to send me vegetarian and whole-grain recipes. She would greatly appreciate all letters. Write to:

Dr. and Mrs. F. S. Downs
United Theological College
17 Miller's Rd.
Bangalore 560046 India

- Karen Stoner

from Chr. of Hospitality Committee:

Several people in our fellowship have shown an interest in having their names on a "friendship list." This would be a list of people who want to be called in case of an emergency or sudden need in the church family. Only those persons who volunteer with a desire to help will be on the list - perhaps the church family has helped you in the past and you would like to do this for others. Maybe you just want to help others in this way. We would call on you when someone needs food or babysitting or just someone to talk to, or whatever need might arise. I'm sure there are lots of people who would love to help in this effort. If you would, please call Karen Stoner at 362-0527 or Evelyn Lee at 362-9107 or the Stephensons at 363-7021...Or place your name on the signup sheet in the vestibule ...or tell me at church. Thank you very much.

- Karen Stoner

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS . . .

MRS. MARJORIE W. LATHROP, mother of GENE LATHROP, passed away March 2. Our sympathy goes to Gene and Janet and their family.

REV. CECIL NORMAN, former minister of the Sunbury Baptist Church died Mar 13.

STEVE AND KAREN STONER are living in their new mobile home and loving it. New address: 2121 Panhandle Road, Lot 72; phone: 362-0527.

MARY MILHOAN was a recent visitor at church.

REV. HARRY ZECH of the Lewis Center United Methodist Church spoke to our congregation on pulpit exchange Sunday, March 21. Steve was at Lewis Center.

KAREN STONER and SOPHIA STEPHENSON participated in the community World Day of Prayer Service at the Grace Church, March 5.

WICK and JEAN WICKUM visited Wick's parents in Florida.

BERTHA VANBRIMMER was a recent patient in Grady Hospital.

Often our severest tensions arise because we demand our loved ones to be perfect. (Elizabeth Pistole)

America's future will be determined by the home and the school. The child becomes largely what it is taught, so we must watch what we teach it and how we live before it. (Jane Addams)

When we worry we are playing God; When we have concern we are used by God. (Roy Burkhart)

(submitted by Karen Stoner)

from the Choir Director -

Soon we will have reached that joyous time of Easter, when all our hearts rejoice in the Resurrection. For that occasion the choir is preparing a cantata, "The Glory of Easter." It is different in several respects. It is narrated and background music goes with the narration. It is filled with direct quotes from Scripture. It has been said that "He who sings scripture is twice blessed," and we in the choir believe it. We look forward to joining our blessings to yours on Easter day in praise to God. - W. C. Wickum

from the YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

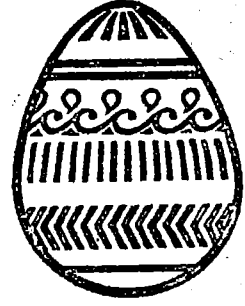
- Activities of the BYF: April 2 & 3 - Pop bottle pickup. April 11 - Rollerskating. May 8 - Bake sale. May 22 - Parade in Zanesville.

Dates for paper pickup: April 23; May 28; June 25 - If possible please tie the papers.

If you would like to donate to the bake-sale, give me your name and what you would like to bring. If cookies or cupcakes, please write down how many you are bringing. - Teresa Grubbs, Sec. BYF

RALPH LAMB TO MEET WITH YOUTH

The Rev. Ralph K. Lamb, head of the Div. of Christian Ed. of The Ohio Baptist Convention, will visit our youth and their leaders Sunday, April 4. Session begins at 4:30 and ends at 7. Bring a sack lunch.



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Table with financial data: January Balance \$ 935.49, February Receipts 1544.58, February Disbursements 2081.35, February Balance \$ 398.72

Table with financial data: Benevolences: Valley Forge (Missions) Undesignated \$ 109.50, Love gifts 25.59, Famine Fund 37.07, Judson College 150.00, Laotian Family 135.00, Guatemala (OBC) 255.36, Total \$ 712.52

EASTER ENVELOPES FOR YOUTH

The Easter envelope in your box of offering envelopes has been designated by the Parish Council for youth camping. Give generously!

Spring bursts today, For Christ is risen and all the earth's at play.

Bud, fig and vine, Bud, olive, fat with fruit and oil, and wine.

Sing, creatures, sing, Angels and men and birds, and everything. - Christine G. Rossetti

APRIL CALENDAR

- 2 Friday Youth Pop bottle pickup.
- 3 Saturday 9:30 Junior Choir
Youth Pop bottle pickup.
- 4 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship &
Holy Communion.
11:45 Hunger Dinner.
4:30 Ralph Lamb with youth.
8:00 Bd. of Ch. Ed.
- 5 Monday 7:30 Teachers.
- 6 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
7:45 Bible Study.
8:00 Relig. Ed. at Caulkins.
- 7 Wednesday 7:30 Men's breakfast at Buns.
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
- 8 Thursday 7:30 Women's Mission Society.
- 9 Friday 7:30 Church leaders with
Dr. Archibald.
- 10 Saturday 8:30 Men's Breakfast with
Dr. Archibald.
7:30 Adult Fellowship with
Dr. Archibald.
- 11 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship. Service
of Dedication. Dr. Archi-
bald will speak.
11:45 Dinner.
- 13 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
7:45 Bible Study.
- 14 Wednesday 7:30 Men's breakfast at Buns.
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
- 15 Thursday 9:30 Marion Assoc. Women at
Marion Trinity.
8:00 Maunday Thurs. Communion
in Fellowship Hall.
- 16 Friday 1:00 Good Friday Service at
St. Mary Catholic Church.
- 17 Saturday 9:30 Junior Choir.
- 18 Sunday 7:00 Sunrise Service followed
by breakfast.
9:15 Church School.
10:30 Easter Cantata.
5:30 Youth.
- 20 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
7:45 Bible Study.
- 21 Wednesday 9:00 Morning Circle.
7:30 Choir.
- 22 Thursday 7:30 Shephard Circle at Barkeloos.
- 23 Friday Youth paper pickup.
- 24 Saturday 9:30 Junior Choir.
1:00 Trustees.
- 25 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Women's Sunday.
5:30 Youth.
- 27 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
7:45 Bible Study.
- 28 Wednesday 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.

TO BE ANNOUNCED - Business Mt. & Parish Council.

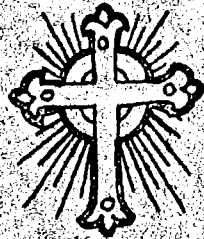
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The Abundant Life, in the cause of which NEWS & VIEWS is published, often seems to be just beyond our grasp. Which may be part of the problem, since spiritual/material good is not grasped but is received in tranquillity and rest. Jesus tied all his promises to our obedience, the nature of which we have misunderstood for almost 2000 years. We usually say that to obey is to repent, but metanoia, the Greek word we mistranslate "repentance," literally means to change our minds. This is not accomplished by gritting our teeth and buckling down to a hard job. It is in quietness, reflection, responsiveness, love, and patience that we find the Kingdom of God which is within us. The Sunday lessons in our Bible series are on the Old Way of Sinai and the New Way of the Christ which he reveals to us in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Jesus gives the Inner Law of Thought and Action, and in the following of it we experience the reality of the Kingdom of Abundance. Come and learn with us!

LIFE OVER DEATH

The victory of the forces of life over the forces of suffering and destruction was celebrated Easter Sunday in a variety of ceremonies.



We began the day at our early service by meeting in the youth room for Holy Communion. We moved from the sad darkness of the last supper to the out of doors where we stood in wonder by the empty cross. The climactic moment came at the entrance of the now empty tomb where we remembered that the POWER that raised Christ from the dead is now at work raising us - in THIS life!

We are grateful to the youth and all their advisors for planning and presenting this unique and moving experience.

After breakfast (sponsored by the Bd. of Christian Ed.) Church School classes met and the children took Easter baskets to the homes of various members.

Our Easter worship in the Sanctuary featured a moving cantata, "The Glory of Easter," by the choir. Through music and narration we followed the story of the last days of Jesus and his triumph over the power of negativity and sin.

All of us are grateful to all those who discovered their Easter joy through guiding the worship experience of the church fellowship.

OHIO BAPTISTS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

The 150th birthday of the Ohio Baptist Convention will be celebrated in Zanesville Saturday, May 22. Up to 3000 are expected and we are all invited to join the party! Plans are as follows:

- Meet at 10:00am at the Municipal Auditorium.....
- March at 10:30 to the First Baptist Church which is just 6 short blocks away.....
- Hold a service of rededication at 11:15 outside the church. Speaker will be Dr. Gene Bartlett, former president of the ABC, former president of Colgate/Rochester Seminary, and now pastor of the First Baptist Church of Newton Centre, MA.....
- Back to the auditorium for a picnic. You can bring your own or buy it for \$1.39 - but a reservation is required if you expect to purchase yours.....
- A Rally at the auditorium begins at 2:00 with Bill Glass, former star of the Cleveland Browns, as our speaker.....
- And we leave for home by 4:00!

Plan now to attend and watch the church bulletin for further details.

A Church School teacher asked her class where God lives. A little girl said he lives in our heart. But a boy protested. "Oh no, he lives in the bathroom!" The teacher asked for more details. The boy replied, "Every morning my father stands outside the bathroom door and yells, 'God, are you still in there?'"

DR. ARCHIBALD CONDUCTS RENEWAL WEEKEND

Dr. Bryan Archibald, minister of Christian Higher Education for the OBC was with us Palm Sunday weekend for a time of self-examination and renewal. He met with the officers and leaders of the fellowship Friday night, had breakfast with the men Saturday morning, spoke at the adult fellowship Saturday night, was with the youth during Sunday Church School, and spoke to us during morning worship. After service dinner was served in the Fellowship Hall. We all are appreciative of the work of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses in planning the weekend.

FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

There will be a "Learn by Doing Workshop" at the Karl Road Baptist Church in Columbus May 15, 9am to 3pm. Registration forms are available from Sis Mansfield. Deadline for registration is May 5, cost is \$4.00 per person. This is a great opportunity for teachers and officers to take part in a great training program - 9 classes to choose from.

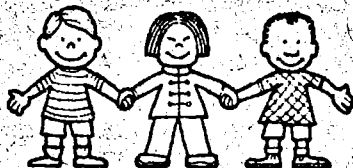
The Bd. of Ch. Ed. is planning a recognition dinner for teachers and workers of the church May 16 at 5:30pm.

Promotion Sunday and Children's Day will be combined again this year - the date is June 13. Regular Sunday School classes will continue until after promotion Sunday and then we will start our summer combined classes.

Bible School will be held again this year at the 1st Presbyterian Church the week of June 7. It will close June 11 with a Friday evening session. The age groups are Kindergarten through 6th grade. Time will be 9:30am-11:45am each day.

Mark your calendar now to join our church retreat - Sept. 10,11,12 at Camp Ohio. You can start paying now. Dick Lee has a special account set up for those wishing to start paying now.

Sis Mansfield
Chr., Bd. of Ch. Ed.



LAOTIAN FAMILY ARRIVES IN DELAWARE

The Laotian refugee family sponsored by nine churches and Church Women United, has arrived in Delaware. The Vang family fled Laos when that country became Communist controlled. The father was a radio operator for the American forces. The family, consisting of father, mother, and two children, are living in London Town.

FROM THE DEACONS AND DEACONESSES

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Renewal Weekend with Dr. Archibald. We had some enlightening discussions which I hope opened a few areas of new thought for our church. As a first attempt at this type of experience for many years, we probably missed some opportunities. For this reason, I am requesting a response from the members of the church concerning what they liked about the weekend and what improvements could be made for the future. If you have comments, please make a note of it and relay them to the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses. Thank you.

Donna Brown
CoChr. Bd. of Deacons & Deaconesses

Do not remove a fly from your friend's head with a hatchet.
(Chinese proverb)

NOTES FROM THE TRUSTEES

- 1) Employed janitor for large, 4 day cleanup of church before Easter - \$100.
- 2) Employed janitor to work part time 2 full days a month at a rate of \$40 per month.
- 3) Organ repair and tuning completed before Easter - \$400.
- 4) Furnace repair - \$88.00
- 5) Church mower rebuilt - \$45.00
- 6) Rewired light fixtures and replaced flood lights over stained glass windows.
- 7) Cleaned out drain under sink in men's room.
- 8) Fixed faucets on sink in kitchen.
- 9) Sump pump in basement temporarily fixed

but will have to be replaced in the future.
0) Sanctuary piano tuned.
Items 6,7,8,9,10, donated by trustees at no cost to the church.

Peter White, Chr.
Trustees



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

There will be a special offering taken Sunday, May 9, for the One Great Hour of Sharing. The goal this year is \$500,000 and the theme is HUNGER HURTS - HELP HEAL. This offering will be sent to the World Relief Committee of American Baptist Churches.

While you read this sentence, four people will have died of starvation, most of them children. Every six seconds, starvation claims another victim. Help heal such hunger, which hurts even until death. Because you care and share through One Great Hour of Sharing, you have helped to make possible the shipment of more than 4 billion pounds of food, medicine, tools, and seeds. These shipments have served over 100 million people in 40 countries.

Marjorie Smale
Missions Chr.

ARE YOU ON THE FRIENDSHIP LIST?

Our Hospitality Chr., Karen Stoner, has placed a signup sheet in the vestibule for those who want to be on our Friendship List. This is a list of people who want to be called in case of an emergency or sudden need in the church family. Thanks to those who have already

signed, and how about others? Wouldn't you like to indicate your desire to be a friend ready to respond to need?

FROM THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Attention!

Bake sale coming, Saturday, May 8. We would appreciate contributions. Please call 362-7471 and tell what you want to bring and how much.

Teresa Grubbs

Members of Northend Lutheran Church in Portland have received in the mail a list "of the many things that will be done for them" at church on "no-excuse-for-staying-home Sunday."

Cots will be placed in the vestibule for those who say Sunday is their only day to sleep in.

Murine will be supplied for those with tired eyes from watching late Saturday night TV shows.

Steel helmets for those who say the roof would cave in if they ever went to church.
.....blankets for those who think the church is too cold.....fans for those who say it is too hot.....score cards for those wishing to list hypocrites present..
...TV dinners for those who can't go to church and cook dinner also.....and finally, Christmas poinsettias and Easter Lilies for those who have never seen the church without them.

cont. by Ruth Brown

WEEKDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There have been two meetings of the Council of Week Day Religious Education in the past two months. At the first meeting Mrs. Betty Myer, the teacher, explained that teaching conditions were intolerable and she could not continue in these circumstances. She was teaching in basements, lunch rooms, with constant interruptions, distractions, and could not use audio-visual

aids which she feels are very important. So the executive committee met with the principals of the schools and the superintendent, and it was decided they would offer released time religious education at Willis at the 6th grade level, and with the option of the school or the Presbyterian Church for classrooms.

Did you know that 75% of the pupils that Mrs. Myer teaches are totally unchurched and have never heard of Jesus except as an expletive? This is a good time to practice our mission, urging parents of 6th graders (neighbors, friends) to have their child in this vital religious education program. We have an excellent teacher so let's do all we can to support this effort!

Marjorie Smale

OUR LORD'S TREASURY

March, 1976

February Balance	\$ 398.72
March Receipts	1588.80
	<u>1987.52</u>
March Disbursements	1550.28
March Balance	\$ 437.24
Benevolences:	
Valley Forge (missions)	
Undesignated	\$ 51.50
Love Gift	7.37
America for Christ Offering	94.56
Ohio Forward Program	50.00
Famine Fund	29.00
	<u>232.43</u>
Laotian Family	24.00
Guatemala (OBC)	10.00
	<u>\$266.43</u>

While planning for vacations don't forget the church has a continuing need for your support.

Ruth J. Brown,
Treasurer

A PASTORAL LETTER TO THE CHURCH FAMILY -

Near the close of our Weekend of Renewal, Dr. Bryan Archibald commented to me on the high caliber of our congregation. Ralph Lamb, Dr. William Montgomery, and Norman Armstrong, leaders of our annual retreats, all had similar reactions after their experience with us. We

are a fellowship of talented, experienced, creative, and cooperative individuals. We have fewer theological hangups than most congregations, and we enjoy each other in an atmosphere of freedom and understanding. Many of our members play a significant role in the community and denomination. One sign of vitality is our increased giving to world missions. We now rank 66 in total giving among the more than 360 American Baptist Churches in Ohio. Our giving for the first quarter of 1976 is twice that of the same period last year.

Our first reaction to these facts should be gratefulness. Future blessings will not come if we are not thankful and appreciative of present good. But if we enjoy our life together, and if we believe in ourselves and our contribution to community and denomination, then we will want to share what we have with others through the growth of our church.

Dr. Archibald had many things to say about church growth. He warned us of the fallacy of being entranced by statistics, and he pointed out that growth in quality is more to be desired than growth in numbers alone. But if we are convinced, as I am, that our church represents a life worth sharing, then we will want more people to share it with us! A larger congregation represents more power to make our influence known in both community and denomination, and I believe this influence is desperately needed!

Do you share my convictions? If your answer is yes, then consider the following proposal:

I would like to gather a task force committed to church outreach. We certainly do not want another committee or organization, but we do need an informal group of persons to share their thinking and come up with some workable ideas for outreach into our community. We will consider Dr. Archibald's comments, and we will take a good look at ourselves and our talents and possibilities. The group will set some goals and propose some steps toward an effective and thoroughly Christian outreach program.

If you are interested let me know as quickly as possible. I believe God has plans for us.

Cordially,

James B. Stephenson

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULED

A called business meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall Wednesday, May 12, at 7:00pm. It will be a continuation of action on the Trustees' resolution concerning sale of the Nash property. This is your official notification.

PEOPLE in the NEWS

BESSIE DUNHAM was a recent patient in Grady Hospital.

JOHN HANEY, Jr. passed his Ohio Bar examinations. His wife is the former BECKY SMALE.

MARY MILLHOAN's new address: c/o Nellie Dempsey Reat Home, 9580 Adams Rd., Fairfield, Ohio 45424.

THE MORNING CIRCLE recently hosted a Spring Luncheon at MCTAGGARTS for the "retired ladies" of the church.

The BROWERS new address and phone number: 13 McKinley, 363-5644.

JANET DICKEY recently presented a gift to the church in honor of her father, ARTHUR BIRDSELL on his birthday.

WILBUR WICKUM served as director of the Community Choir which sang Good Friday at St. Mary Catholic Church.

CAROLYN WHITE was speaker at our morning worship on American Baptist Women's Day, April 25.

TED and JAMES STEPHENSON attended the New Wineskins seminar on Dreams and Dream Therapy at the First Community Church, Columbus, April 19-22.

JEANNIE and AMY STEPHENSON visited with the BROWNS and STEPHENSONS while Dad and Grandpa attended New Wineskins.

MARIE SOMERLOT of Phoenix, Arizona, is visiting the MCTAGGARTS. - BERTHA is her sister.

PETER and LINDA WHITE visited LINDA's sisters in New York and Washington the week before Easter.



- 1 Saturday 9:30 Junior Choir.
- 10:45 Discipleship Class.
- 2 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
- 10:30 Morning Worship/Communion.
- 5:30 Youth.
- 8:00 Bd. of Christian Ed.
- 3 Monday 7:30 Teachers.
- 4 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
- 7:45 Bible Study.
- 5 Wednesday 7:30 Choir.
- 7 Friday 10:00 May Fellowship at Wm. St.
- 8 Saturday 8:00 Bake Sale (Youth).
- 9:30 Junior Choir.
- 10:45 Discipleship Class.
- 9 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
- 10:30 Morning Worship. (Mothers' Day)
- 6:00 Youth.
- 11 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
- 7:45 Bible Study.
- 12 Wednesday 7:00 Business Meeting.
- 13 Thursday 7:30 Women's Mission Society.
- Installation.
- 15 Saturday 9:00 Workshop at Karl Rd.
- 9:30 Junior Choir.
- 10:45 Discipleship Class.
- 16 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
- 10:30 Morning Worship.
- 11:30 Deacons & Deaconesses.
- 5:30 Recognition Dinner.
- 17 Monday 7:30 Parish Council.
- 18 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
- 7:45 Bible Study.
- 19 Wednesday 9:00 Morning Circle at Lees.
- 7:30 Choir.
- 20 Thursday 7:30 Shephard Circle at Belts.
- 22 Saturday 10:00 OBC Birthday at Zanesville
- 23 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
- 10:30 Morning Worship.
- 5:30 Youth.
- 25 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
- 7:45 Bible Study.
- 26 Wednesday 7:30 Choir.
- 28 Friday Paper pickup.
- 29 Saturday 9:30 Junior Choir.
- 10:45 Discipleship Class.
- 1:00 Trustees.
- 30 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
- 10:30 Morning Worship.
- 5:30 Youth.

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James B. Stephenson, minister

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The warm air of spring and summer carries the promise of freedom. School is closed until September, vacations are anticipated, tight schedules are relaxed, and something new stirs within our consciousness. It's the call of freedom - freedom to follow our intuition, to explore new lifestyles, to throw away schedules imposed from without so we can follow non-schedules which unfold from within. To be ourselves for a change! It's a good time to reflect on the often ignored fact that Jesus never intended to put us under a yoke of slavery but came to set us free to live without fear or compulsion. He said, "If the son makes you free, you will be free indeed." Spiritual explorer May Rowland wrote, "Let us emerge from the limited self and from old patterns we have established in ourselves, such as frustration, criticism, faultfinding, and unloving ways. Let us affirm: 'I joyously respond to the divine urge to emerge out of the old patterns of thinking into a new and joyous life.'" Try on a new you for summer! (JBS)
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NASH PROPERTY TO BE SOLD BY CHURCH

A called business meeting was held May 12 at which the church decided to sell the Nash property at 209 N. Liberty. The money will be invested and eventually used for pastoral housing as a memorial to Lois Nash, Pauline's mother.

decision as to my employment. I will be working for DeSoto Chemicals out of Chicago, Ill. for a couple of months and then return to Delaware and work from our house. My new job is Sales-Service Engineer serving Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. Again, thanks to all of you wonderful people and may God richly bless each one of you.
John & Sis Mansfield

OHIO BAPTISTS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

The 150th anniversary of the founding of the Ohio Baptist Convention at the First Baptist Church, Zanesville, was celebrated in that city May 22. Festivities included a parade, an outdoor service with Dr. Gene Bartlett as chief speaker, a picnic dinner, and a service in the Municipal Auditorium featuring evangelist Bill Glass. Eighteen persons from our church attended. Our church's banner, carried by Connie Breece and Mark Brower and painted by Jim Brown, can be seen in the Church School Assembly Room. Joe Brower had a part in the outdoor service.

I would like to personally thank all the people who placed their names on the Friendship list. I'm disappointed that the names are all women, but I'm very grateful for each name! It's never too late to give us your name! Thanks again.
Karen Stoner

DEATH IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Mary Milhoan passed away Saturday, May 1, at Fairborn. For many years she was an active and loved member of our fellowship. Her family has begun a memorial fund in her honor and contribution to it may be given to Dick Lec.

FEEL LIKE LAUGHING?????

A child reported that her conscience is something that makes her tell her mother before her sister does!

There was the family is town who stopped looking for a new home after reading the ad the agent had written about their old house. It was just the place they were looking for.

LETTERS TO THE CHURCH . . .

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped through prayer and personal encouragement during the past months while the Lord was making a

A sweater is something you put on when your mother gets cold.

Did you know about the man that lived to be 104? He said, "if I knew I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself."

Love is like peanut butter, you have to spread it around.
- from Jean Brower

FROM THE YOUTH -

Thanks to each and everyone who contributed to our bako sale May 8. A special note of thanks to Bertha McTaggart who baked 5 mothers' day cakes, which went over just great. They were all just beautiful. Our total receipts were \$33.50.

We have had our last paper drive for the present and will let you know when we begin again.

A ping pong table has been given to the church by the Browers and is a great addition to our newly redecorated youth room.

HUNGER MEAL SCHEDULED - JUNE 13

Please come and help support this monthly get together where we have a simple meal, and give what we normally would spend on a Sunday dinner for our families. Remember that Jesus told us, "When you do it to the least of these, my brothers, you do it also unto me."

Marge and Jean

FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The choir is in charge of our quarterly breakfast, June 6 at 8:30am.

Vacation Bible School is the week of June 7-11. It will be for 3 year olds through 6th grade. We only have seven children for our advance enrollment. If you have not received an enrollment blank and would like one see Sis Mansfield.

We also need one lady each day for kitchen help and we need cookies for each day.

Carol Grubbs and Sandy Cagwin are the teachers from our church.

Children's Day and Promotion Sunday are scheduled for Church School, Sunday, June 13.

Sis Mansfield

A NOTE FOR THE JUNIORS

Last Sunday I was pleasantly surprised with a knock at my door, and upon opening it discovered some lovely Junior girls had baked me a beautiful going away and we were happy to have you as our teacher cake. They did it all themselves, and even cleaned up the mess, I'm told. Thanks so much for your thoughtfulness, and also to

the nice lady that furnished the kitchen to do it in. I love you all.

Jean Brower

LISTEN A CHILD SPEAKS

Dear parents, brothers, sisters, grandmas, grandpas, aunts and uncles, and all other interested parties. Sunday, June 13, we the children of this church in the nursery through the junior departments, are going to do "our thing." This is our one big day of the year. We will sing, march, speak, read from the Bible and pray. Please come and help us celebrate our Big Day. It is also Promotion Sunday. We can hardly wait. We will also receive lovely flowers to take home and plant in our yard or garden. Please come.

Nursery - Junior Dept.

P.S. Please don't let me forget to come to practice on Saturday, June 12, at 9:15am. Thanks.

TREASURER

March balance	\$ 437.24
Receipts for April	2039.92
	<u>2477.16</u>
Disbursements	2342.42
Balance, May 1	<u>\$ 134.74</u>

Benevolences
Valley Forge

Undesignated	\$ 76.00
Love gift	12.42
Northern Seminary	100.00
Ohio Forward Program	50.00
Famine	157.27
University Church	25.00
	<u>420.67</u>

Laotian family	24.00
Amer. Bapt. Men	10.00
	<u>\$ 454.67</u>

Ruth Brown

A rose, a child, a star -
Those are my loves;
Better them ye who can.
- Anon.

A garden grows as deep as love
As high as thoughts are high.
- Willis Eberman
(from Karen Stoner)

FROM THE MORNING CIRCLE

The Morning Circle would like to share the hot chicken salad recipe many of you enjoyed at our April luncheon.

HOT CHICKEN SALAD

3½ cups cooked chicken

1 cup diced celery

1 small onion diced

3 hard boiled eggs

Blend together:

1 can cream of chicken soup

¾ cup mayonnaise

2 teaspoons lemon juice

½ teaspoons salt

Small jar pimentos if desired

½ cup slivered almonds

Parboil celery and onions. Drain

Mix all ingredients. Pour into shallow baking pan. Sprinkle with grated cheese.

Top with 2 cups crushed potato chips.

Sprinkle with paprika.

Bake at 350 for 45 min. Serves 10-12

Mrs. Marie Somerlot told of some of her experiences in working with Indians through the Arizona Convention during the past 20 years at the Morning Circle's May meeting. She gave us an insight into some of their daily problems as well as long standing adjustments.

Officers for next year are: Pres. - Sandy Cagwin; Program Committee - Anne Linn, Marge Smale, Evelyn Lee; Sec. - Carol Grubbs; Treas. - Bertha VanBrimmer, Evelyn Lee

THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

Installation of officers for the Society (1976-77) was held in the Sanctuary on our regular meeting night, May 13. The installation service was written by Della Nofsinger and installation was done by Jean Wickum. Following officers were installed:

Pres. - Helen Aleshire
Program, Communication, Interpretation
Chr. - Della Nofsinger
Chr. Missions, Special Interest Missionaries - Karen Stoner
Chr. White Cross - Myrtle Gabriel
Chr. Love Gift - Della Dean
Chr. Christian Soc. Rcl. - Marge Smale

Chr. Christian Soc. Service - Sandra Cagwin
Chr. Spiritual Growth - Bertha McTaggart
Chr. Leadership Develop. - Evelyn Lee
Chr. Literature - Helen Aleshire

After the installation service we moved downstairs to the Fellowship Hall. A short business meeting followed and at that time it was decided to reinstate the "Sock or Boat" program for next year. So girls, look up your old boat and put it out so you can see it. Also to hold a rummage sale the weekend of Oct. 1 & 2 in order to replenish our working capital - so would you please check to see what you might find in your closets for us.

Our program consisted of a memorial service for our deceased members. This church has had many dedicated women who served faithfully in many capacities. It is not surprising that they are well remembered in the church and community. We have a rich heritage indeed in these women, and as we remember and look back let us thank God for such women. I myself think this church has been richly blessed as I listened to the tributes paid to our past members. May our Women's Society today strive to be as dedicated in our church and community as our forerunners were. May God richly bless you.

Helen Aleshire

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR -

Last month's newsletter carried my request for volunteers for a task force on church outreach. Seven have indicated their desire to share in this experience. We shall soon have our first meeting and there is still time for YOU to become a part of our group. Check with me after any service or call the church office - 363-7021.

I want to add a word of appreciation to Joe Brower, Jim VanBrimmer, the youth, and all others who helped in restoring the youth room. If you have not seen it, take time after any service to drop in for a visit.

Steve

PEOPLE making NEWS . . .

JUNE

JEAN WICKUM and DONALD BROWN were recently honored by organizations of which they are a vital part...JEAN by the Delaware County Mental Health Assoc. of which she is the Director, and DONALD by the JayCeas.

WILLIAM FAULK and his family were in church recently. They are visiting Bill's parents, DON and FLORENCE FAULK.

JIM VANBRIMMER was in Mexico on a business trip April 27-May 1.

MYRTLE SMITH was a recent patient in Grady hospital after falling. She is now with her son at 311 Troy Rd.

RICK and MARCIA LEE are both receiving Masters Degrees this spring from the Un. of Minnesota. MARCIA will now enter the College of Veterinary Medicine and RICK will teach at St. Olaf's College and continue working on his doctorate.

My native country is my mind,
For all the lovely things of earth
And all my traits of humankind
Were not fixed in me by my birth,

But come with thought; I see, hear, taste,
Smell, touch, and think! - and things
appear
And find a form and stand enspaced
As far and foreign or close and dear.

I think, and therefore I can be;
For even you and even I
Here only find identity
And names to call each other by.

Mind is the world I have been given
To take possession of and shape,
To build for all a hell or heaven,
A world for angel or for ape.

- James Dillet Freeman

SUNDAYS: 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship.
5:30 Youth.

SONG SERVICE: Sunday, June 20, 7:15pm.

HEALING GROUP: Every Tuesday, 7:00pm.

BIBLE STUDY: Every Tuesday, 7:45pm.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Every Wednesday, 7:30pm.

BOARD MEETINGS: Deacons, June 20, 11:30am.
Trustees, June 26, 1:00pm.
Education, June 6, 8:00pm.

PARISH COUNCIL: June 21, 7:30pm.

TEACHERS: June 7, 7:30pm.

ADULT SOCIAL: Picnic at Hi-Banks, June 26,
6:30pm.

BREAKFAST: June 6, 8:30am. Sponsored by
Choir.

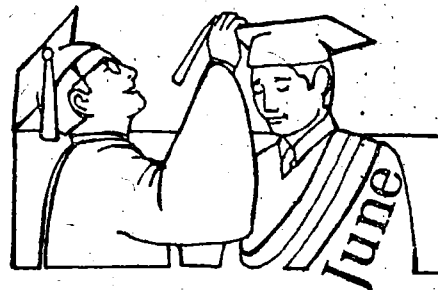
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Capital University,
Columbus, June 8-10

HUNGER DINNER: June 13, 11:45am.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 7-11, 9:30-
11:45am., 1st Presbyterian
Church.

CHILDREN' DAY & PROMOTION SUNDAY: June 13,
9:15am. Bibles given during
church service.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RECOGNITION - June
6, 10:30am.



A MESSAGE TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Because of the increased costs of all our materials, we no longer feel that we can order quarterlies, workbooks, magazines, craft materials, and papers based solely on the hope that you and the members of your family will attend church school and use them. So we are asking for your help in making up the fall order for materials now by promptly filling out the registration form set forth below and returning it to me no later than June 13, 1976.

W. C. Wickum, supt.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please give us your name and the names of members of your family; along with birth dates and the year your children will be in public school as of this September. (Ladies' year of birth is not necessary if you are past 21!)

1. ADULTS:

_____/Date of birth/_____
First name M. Last name

_____/Date of birth/_____
First name M. Last name

2. CHILDREN - YOUTH

_____/Date of birth/_____/Yr. in school/_____
First name M.

_____/Date of birth/_____/Yr. in school/_____
First name M.

_____/Date of birth/_____/Yr. in school/_____
First name M.

_____/Date of birth/_____/Yr. in school/_____
First name M.

3. I/WE _____ do plan to regularly attend. Please order materials for us.
No.

3. Have you been receiving the CHRISTIAN HOME magazine? Yes _____ No _____
- (A) Do you read it? Yes _____ No _____
 - (B) Do you find its content meaningful? Yes _____ No _____
 - (C) Do you wish to continue receiving it? Yes _____ No _____
 - (D) If you have never received this magazine would you like to receive it on a trial basis? Yes _____ No _____

Your prompt cooperation will be of great assistance to us.

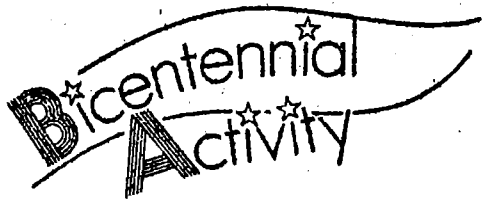
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Many of you will receive this issue of your newsletter on Sunday, July 4, the 200th birth-day of our nation. The United States appeared as a bonus to the old world . . . not the new nation alone, but the very earth on which it stood. Until the voyages of discovery in the 15th century the old world did not know anything at all about the two American continents. They appeared as quite literally a new world. In this tired and angry time of disillusion, are there any new worlds for us to find? According to Jesus and to other voyagers of the Inner Life, there is a True Self within us all, a spiritual body and mind which seeks to manifest through this outer life of time and space. Through prayer and meditation, through selfless service, through study, through listening to our dreams (both day and night dreams!), through listening to the "voice of the silence," we sail inward to the uncharted world of spirit and outward to the manifestation of the Kingdom of God on earth. Whitman put it best, "Sail forth - steer for the deep waters only, Reckless O soul, exploring, I with thee, and thou with me, For we are bound where mariner has not yet dared to go, And we will risk the ship, ourselves and all." (JBS)

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In addition to the community celebration July 5, a special religious observance has just been set for Sunday, July 4, at 5:00pm in OWU's Chappellear Drama Center on University Ave. The service will be nondenominational and nonsectarian and will consist of prayers, hymns, and Scripture. It should last about 45 minutes.

LETTERS TO THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP:

A special thanks to those of you who were so helpful in our time of sorrow.

The family of Elsie Byerly

The Board of Directors and I wish to thank you for use of the Fellowship Hall for our annual meeting. We greatly appreciate the privilege of having our annual meetings at the church these past 2 years. Your continued interest in us is something of which we are proud. Again we thank you.

Mary Frances Focke, Dir.
Delaware Speech & Hearing Center

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS . . .

JOHN SWICKHEIMER was a recent patient in Grady Memorial Hospital.

MRS. EARL LEE was a patient in Grant Hospital. Columbus.

LORRIE LATHROP graduated from Hayes High School and was presented a gift from the church June 6.

A baby shower for BETH TRIGG was held in the Fellowship Hall June 24.

24 persons attended our monthly song service June 20. . . about 60 attended the picnic June 26 at Hi-Banks. Enjoyed good food, games and fellowship, including baseball, hiking, 3-legged race, egg toss, etc. CAROL GRUBBS directed the games.

PETER and LINDA WHITE have been vacationing in Seattle and FRED and LUCILLE VIA have returned from visiting daughter NANCY in Virginia and son BILL in North Carolina.

The MENDENHALL family rented the church June 26 for the wedding of their daughter LISA.

STEVE and SOPHIA STEPHENSON were in Indianapolis visiting TED, JEANNIE, and AMY STEPHENSON.

LISA HOWARD of Philadelphia was in Delaware visiting the VANBRIMMERS. LISA is the daughter of the former ELIZABETH VANBRIMMER.

SUSAN VANBRIMMER's new address is 1323 W. Town Lane . . . phone 369-7157.

JOE and JEAN BROWER visited JEAN's folks in Kentucky and STEVE and VICKI BROWER were here from Zanesville.

TED, JEANNIE, and AMY STEPHENSON of Indianapolis were in Delaware visiting the BROWNS and STEPHENSONS. They also visited Gettysburg, Pa. and the Pennsylvania Dutch area.

JOHN and BERTHA MCTAGGART attended the 40th class reunions of their High School graduations in Dayton and Marion, Ohio, respectively.

At the June Women's Conference at Capital University, BERTHA MCTAGGART was elected to the office of State Literature Chr. She is also Chr. of the Nominating Com. for the American Baptist Women of the Marion Association.

DEATH IN CHURCH FAMILY

Elsie J. Byerly passed away unexpectedly at her home June 10. A native of Pickaway County, she was an active member of our church fellowship and worked as a secretary for 13 years at Grady Memorial Hospital. She had served our church in many capacities including Church School pianist and teacher. Services were held in our Sanctuary June 12.

MARION MEN TO MEET

The Marion Assoc. Men's Brotherhood will meet Tuesday, July 13, 7:30pm, at the Fairpark Church, 1049 Fairwood Ave., Marion. The motion picture FIRE UPON THE EARTH will be shown. No meal will be served, but refreshments will be available following the meeting.

GOD IS LIKE . . .

- Bayer aspirin, He works wonders.
- Dial soap, he gives round the clock protection.
- Ford, He's got a better idea.
- Pan Am, He makes the going great.
- Coke, He's the real thing.
- Alka Seltzer, try Him, you'll like Him.
- Tide, He gets the stains that others leave behind.

- G.E. Bulbs, He lights our paths.
- Scope, He makes you feel fresh.
- Ohio Bell, there's more to Him than meets the ear.
- Pepsi, He's got a lot to give.
- VO5 Hair Spray, He holds through all kinds of weather.
- Mattel Toys, you can tell He's swell.
- Frosted Flakes, He's grrrrrrreat.
- Hallmark, He cared enough to send the very best - JESUS CHRIST!

Wouldn't you like to receive the very best?

contributed by Jean Brower

WOMEN OF MARION TO MRET

The women of the Marion Association will meet Thursday, July 15, 9:30am, at the Grand Prairie Baptist Church. The theme is Bicentennial: Our Heritage. Mrs. Paul Crosier will speak during the afternoon session. She is past president of the O.B.C. and past president of the A.B.W. of Ohio. A nursery is provided. Bring sack lunch for children.



FROM
THE
BOARD
OF
CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION

We want to thank Jean Brower and her Committee for the fine Children's Day service. There was a presentation by the children and Wick spoke at the Worship service. Bibles were presented to Charles Ekelberry and Tim Fogle. Each child received a potted flower.

Another family picnic is set for 6:30, July 31, at Hi-Banks.

Sis Mansfield, Chr. Bd. of Ed.

More than the seas of earth
That bound its boundless girth,
In me a sea I sense,
Unmapped, unplumbed, immense.
How can I have inside
Small me a deep so wide?
Always a more, yet more,
Always a farther shore!
The sea calls and I must
Sail on in fear or trust -
The sea, the sea is there!
There I, seafarer, fare.

James Dillet Freeman

NEED SOME HELP???? Yard work, cleaning,
etc.? CALL DIAL-A-TEEN, 369-6405. See
letter on church bulletin board or call
church office for more data.

THE LORD'S TREASURY . . . Ruth Brown, Treas.

**PAY PLEDGE
BEFORE VACATION**



		May 1976
April balance	\$ 134.74	
May receipts	1750.93	
	<u>1885.67</u>	
May disbursements	1514.22	
Balance	<u>\$ 371.45</u>	
Benevolences		
Undesignated	\$ 51.00	
Love gifts	23.92	
One hour of Sharing	195.74	
Ohio Forward Program	50.00	
	<u>320.66</u>	
Laotian family	<u>24.00</u>	\$344.66

JULY BOOK OF THE MONTH - JAMES (from
American Baptist Woman)

James is the first of the five "General" or "Catholic" epistles - written, that is, to Christians in general. Its purpose was to recall Christians from error and worldliness to the moral demands of their faith. It is less mystical and philosophical than practical; it bears a strong resemblance to the Sermon on the Mount. Since it implies that Christian action is more important than faith, Luther called it "that epistle of straw." But actually it was aimed at correcting a current misconception of Paul's antithesis between faith and works.

Let us pray for the Burmese Mission, started in 1813 by Adoniram Judson. Foreign missionaries were banned from Burma in 1966, but the work is now being carried on by 2500 national workers.

Bertha McTaggart,
Spiritual Life Chr.
Women's Mission Society

AND REMEMBER . . .

There will be no youth meetings until further notice.

The Bd. of Ed. & Teachers will not meet in July.

Parish Council - July 19.

Song Service - 7:15pm, July 18.

No hunger dinner in July.

Other boards and committees should check with their chairpersons concerning July meeting.

No choir rehearsals in July.

Healing Group and Bible study continues throughout summer.

The time is now: the place is where we are, and it is done unto us as we believe.

Ernest Holmes

REMEMBER THE FAMILY PICNIC, 6:30pm, JULY 31, HI - BANKS!

Published in the cause of the Abundant Life
by the First Baptist Church, Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister

I remember him vividly. He was not a member of this church. So far as I know, he did not attend any church. He was past 80 but his intellectual vigor was fantastic. We met occasionally on street corners or at the library. Sometimes he phoned me or wrote a brief note on a postcard. His comments spanned the spectrum of human knowledge and were beautifully radical. He would take on anyone in mental combat! Once he told me how his family had constantly pressured him to attend church and Sunday School. He could tolerate church if he had to, but Sunday School was intolerable! "They never let you graduate," he told me. "I've attended all kinds of schools and colleges and I graduated from every one of them. But not Sunday School. They never let you graduate. You have to keep going!"

Autumn approaches, Rally Day is at hand, new classes begin. Do you share my friend's feeling? Do you long to be set free from being a perpetual student of Christianity? Believe me, I understand your attitude and appreciate your problem.

We have treated our religion as a body of facts to be learned and remembered; as a system of religious doctrines to be believed. How foreign this is to Jesus! He never gave a theological definition of God but he revealed how God could be experienced as the presence and energy of healing Love. He did not give us a set of commandments but shared with us the Principles of Abundant Living. He opened the secret knowledge of the subconscious mind and how to use it for the fulfillment of our divine destiny.

The Sunday School is a training center, not a college. Its purpose is not to fill you with knowledge from the outside but to release your power from the inside. This is a process of unfolding which has neither beginning nor end but which, like you, goes on forever. (JBS)

NEW BIRTH IN CHURCH FAMILY

A son, Jarrod Benjamin, was born to Archie and Beth Trigg on Monday, July 19. Congratulations to the happy parents!



ANNUAL CHURCH RETREAT APPROACHING

Our fourth annual retreat is set for Sept. 10-12 at Camp Ohio. Leader will be John Eldred, area minister for southwest Ohio and resource minister for the urban dept. of the Ohio Baptist Convention. John's theme will be "Dimensions of Christian Discipleship." Cost of the retreat will be \$15 per person, regardless of age. The first session begins at 8:30pm, Friday, Sept. 10 and we close with lunch on Sunday. If you have not registered, contact Sis Mansfield, 363-1843.

FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education would like to thank all who took a turn in the teaching of our young people this summer. Many thanks to Wick for his recruiting.

Rally Day will be Sunday, Sept. 5. There will be a breakfast at 8:15am. Following breakfast we will start our regular classes at the usual time. We would like to see full class rooms!

Many thanks to Della Nofsinger and Larry Faulk for the teacher training sessions this summer. All the teachers are full of new ideas and ready for a busy year.

If you haven't signed up for the retreat you still have time.

Sis Mansfield, Chr. Bd. of Ch. Ed.

When you worry, you are anxious about that which has not happened but that which may happen. Change your present mode of thought and you will change your future.

Joseph Murphy

BROWER FAMILY MOVES TO FLORIDA

The Browers have moved to Rotonda West, Florida. Joe was Youth and Finance Chairman and Jean was head of the Children's Work and taught the Junior Class. They, along with Melody and Mark, were active in all phases of our church life and we all miss them. A picnic was held in their honor and a gift from the church was presented to them.

LETTERS . . .

Dear Church Family,

Archie and I would like to thank everyone who helped welcome our son Jarrod into the world. The baby shower was just fantastic, and thanks go to Karen Stoner and everyone who attended for making it such a success. The cards, visits, gifts, and the rose in his honor were all deeply appreciated. So, once again, thanks and much love to all -

Beth & Archie Trigg

A request,

Anyone using Scottie brand tissues please save me the boxes. I'm getting a Christmas surprise for Stef and need the quality seals from the box bottoms. Thanks so much.

Karen Stoner

Aloha, but not goodbye,

Joe and I and the children want to thank you sincerely for the lovely silver bread plate you presented to us at the picnic on the 31st of July. My what a huge turnout, and in our honor. We feel really pleased and blessed for having so many wonderful friends whom we have grown to love in our almost six years here in Delaware. Each and everyone of you have personally enriched our lives so many times and in so many ways. You all have a very special place in our hearts, and we will never forget you.

I am reading a wonderful book by Catherine Marshall entitled "Something More," and in it she states that it took her 27 years to realize that God is in everything. Joe and I too believe this to be true, and know that our moving away to another state, is God's way of telling

us that we are truly his children, and where he leads, we will follow and trust and obey. We are certainly looking forward in great anticipation, to what God has in store for us.

Our address will be: 15 Golfview Rd., Rotonda West, Florida 33947

Now if you care to come see us, you are always welcome. Here is how to get there. Take 41 south out of Tampa, continue on til you pass Venice a little way, then watch for the turn to 775, continue on through Englewood, and then watch for signs to Rotonda West. It is only about 6 miles from Englewood. When you get into Rotonda, just follow the road around until you see some houses, and just ask anyone how to get to Golfview Rd.

God bless you all til we meet again. We love you.

The Browers - Jean, Joe, Mark, and Mel

To the Morning Circle,

A lovely luncheon was held in my honor on July 28, 1976, at Bertha McTaggart's house, by the morning circle ladies. Thank you so very much. Everything was just delicious. Thanks too for the two books presented me. They are: "Something More," by Catherine Marchall, and "I've Got to Talk to Somebody, God," by Marjorie Holmes. I'm enjoying them so very much. I love you all.

Jean Brower

The boy came home from Sunday School and told his mother that if he missed 3 Sundays in a row, his teacher was going to throw him into the furnace.

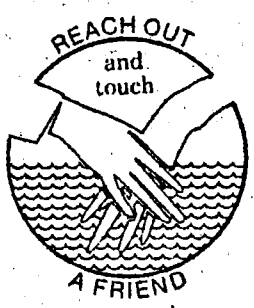
Horrified, the mother phoned the teacher.

"What I said," the teacher explained calmly, "was that if any child missed 3 Sundays in a row, he would be dropped from the register."

HELPERS NEEDED

Meals on wheels needs volunteers for packers and drivers, Monday thru Friday. If you can give an hour each week for

either would you please call 369-4024 or 363-1067



FROM THE DEACONS & DEACONESSES

Spring, 1977. It seems a long way off, doesn't it? But, as many of you know, when planning for major events in the church year, one of the basics is to begin early. The Deacons and Deaconesses hope that we can sponsor another renewal weekend in the spring, and we need to start planning now. It's necessary to decide on more than just who will lead us. In almost every planning session that I have attended, the leader asks what "direction" the congregation wants to take. Consequently, we would like to know what subjects you feel are important for us to emphasize. For instance, do you feel we should concentrate on missions, or communications within the church, or membership? Or perhaps you think we should discuss something else. We are open to suggestions. Please give this some serious thought and if you have some ideas, let us know. It will be greatly appreciated.

Donna Brown, CoChr. Board of Deacons & Deaconesses

Hold and mold; Say a prayer and let go.

from SPIRITUAL LIFE CHR., WMS

The September Bible book of the month is Amos. "It is a small book, but the oldest in the canon and of enormous influence. The convictions Amos expresses were

unique in his time, rejecting the whole society, as Luther did later. In fact, Amos' religion is in large measure still far ahead of the usual ideas, embodying a passionate love of justice and a hatred of sham piety and useless luxury. Righteousness to Amos meant loyalty to God and moral obligation to people. The book stands largely as it was created."

Our September Prayer Call is to PRAY for the new Office for Women's Concerns, which will explore ways of understanding and developing the roles of both men and women in church and society."

Bertha McTaggart

OUR TREASURER'S REPORT

Table with financial data: June, 1976 balance \$ 543.17, July receipts 1,539.70, July disbursements 1,623.56, July balance 459.31, Benevolences: Valley Forge (missions) 46.00, Undesignated 100.00, Northern Seminary 146.00, Laotian family 24.00, Total \$ 170.00

Ruth Brown, treasurer

FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

Being God's church as a person involves more than having one's name on the role of the church or filling our own spiritual needs on Sunday morning. Being God's church is taking an active part in God's work which includes loving concern for other human beings, physical as well as spiritual.

This is what the women's work, Circles and Society, is all about. The total work of the church cannot be done by sitting in a pew. The women's society wasn't organized as a social club. It came into being to fit a need. It is here that the work of the church which women are called upon to do gets done:

- Cancer pads for Cancer Society to ease problems of advanced cancer cases. - Collecting and sorting items used by various service agencies in our community. -Raising needed monies. -Education for world needs in missions. -Discovering how our church group can

aid with the welfare and health aid services of our community.

-Discovering how our church group can work with other Christians of our community as the Church in action.

The program committee of the American Baptist Women's Society of our local church has a winter of informative encounters planned for those women of the church interested in making their Christian life one of mission on the local front as well as in the world.

The Sept. meeting will be led by Myrtle Gabriel on the theme "Water without Walking." It is Sept. 9, 7:30pm, at the church. Don't just "go to church," rather "be the church! Join us Sept. 9.

Della J. Nofsinger
Program. Chr.

COLLECTORS' COLUMN

We are still saving canceled stamps, all U.S. and foreign. You can help provide copies of free Scriptures for distribution to some who have never heard of God's message of salvation.

Please leave 1/2" of paper margin around the stamps. Soaking or tearing them off the envelope destroys their value. Each stamp must be perfect - whole.

I just sent in a stuffed shoebox of stamps and got a most grateful thank you for them. Get your friends and neighbors to save them for us and ask your correspondents to use commemorative stamps on your letters. Try to place stamp on envelope away from corner so the 1/2" is available when it is cut from the envelope.

Some of you are sharing labels for our School for the Retarded and Sheltered Workshop. We'd like to have many more of you exercise this stewardship of throw-aways. A word of caution - we want the whole labels from all national brand products, food, household items, paper products, etc. Please - no labels from Scot Lad, Monarch, Kroger are of value at this time.

It would help greatly if you would be sure all boxes and bags are clean - no residue of food or soap left in them. Cut 3 sides of bottoms of boxes so box can fold flat. Thus you can fill a large brown bag fuller.

Also save cents-off coupons and trading stamps for us (that you don't use), Betty

Crocker labels, and Buehlers tapes. We are saving the latter and Buehler products' labels in the anticipation of the next WDLR Club promotion.

Thank you for your help. We trust you are also being good ecologists and are saving your newspapers, brown paper bags, cardboard, tin and aluminum cans and foil, and clear and green glass for Waste Watchers each month.

Bertha McTaggart

Can you afford one comb, one ruler, one spool of thread? Small items like these can make such a huge difference! If enough of you care, and bring an item each, look what we can do together! "Care & Share" is your responsibility and mine. But week after week our table does not receive donations.

This opportunity to give is part of our great witness to the world. It doesn't matter what the gift's size may be, but that it was given. We have what we really need and more besides. We can surely do this kindness then.

I am bringing these items to the table: 2 bars soap, 2 small tubes toothpaste, 1 toothbrush. They will help make up health kits. Needed will be washcloths, combs, and toothbrushes. If we work together, 2 or more health kits can be completed, to be so heartily welcomed, perhaps by an earthquake victim.

If you are interested in helping in other ways, there are plenty of other much appreciated items. They are all tokens of faithful Christian love and service.

Check the table. Lists are available so you can shop around. It's fun and rewarding. Thanks for your attention.

Karen Stoner

STATE AND ASSOCIATION EVENTS . . .

Fall assoc. Trustees - Sept. 14, time and place to be announced

Assoc. meeting - Sept. 26, Springdale
3:00-5:00pm
5:00-6:00 dinner
7:00-9:00pm

State Senior Citizen's Camp -
Sept. 14-16 at
Kirkwood.
Check with office
for details.

You are like a chick inside an egg-shell. The chick has its own rendezvous with life. He awakens to the fact that he is cramped in the shell and in need of food. So, it is perfectly natural for him to peck his way out. Suddenly, he is in a wonderful new world of freedom and light and food.

We live much of our lives as if we were in a shell. We are forever within an inch - like the chick and his shell - of true life and living.

Within you is the possibility of limitless growth, of great potential, and yours is the privilege of giving birth to it, of breaking out of your shell. You have a rendezvous with life and with the fullness of all that life can be for you - abiding health, satisfying love, and an all-sufficiency of all things.

You have a rendezvous with life!

BREAK THAT SHELL!!!

DECLARATION OF INTERDEPENDENCE

A Declaration of Interdependence was signed by 48 of our fellowship after the morning worship July 4 and 11. It was written by Ted Stephenson for use in the Church of the Master, Indianapolis, Ind. You can see it in the assembly room and you may sign it if you are in agreement with its concepts. After a couple of weeks copies with names of the signers will be mimeographed and made available.

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

(Jean Brower left us a number of good quotes from Ms. Holmes book, "I've Got to Talk with Somebody, God." We'll be using more next month.)



Bring a Friend to Church

PEOPLE MAKING NEWS

MAIMIE WATSON was a patient in Grady Hospital . . . JOHN MCKEAN had surgery and is doing fine at Grady . . . RICHARD and LOUA MAXIM will have a reception in honor of their 50th anniversary, Sunday, Aug. 29, 3-5pm, at Trinity Baptist, Marion. No gifts, please . . . SUSAN VANBRIMMER is moving to Mifflentown, Pa., for a new job as dental assistant on a mobile unit. The unit is a 3 year experiment, based at the Un. of Pennsylvania. The route will include 9 county schools with children in grades 1-6. This unit is the first in the country. Her address is 117 N. Main St., Mifflentown, Pa. 17059 . . . the BROWERS and CACWINS attended a conference at Green Lake . . . CAROLYN WHITE was in Lakeside for a month . . . FRANCES BELT and her father visited Canada . . . JEAN EKELBERRY and sons CHARLES and MICHAEL were in Huntington for a family reunion . . . DELLA NOFSINGER visited her mother in Kansas . . . DICK, EVELYN, BRUCE, DOUG LEE along with Dick's mother, flew to Wapato, Wash, to visit Dick's uncle . . . SIS MANSFIELD along with STEVE, PAUL, Sis's father, and aunt, journeyed 4000 miles seeing Minot, N. Dakota, Wounded Knee, the Bad Lands, & other points . . . ANNE LINN and son EDDIE were in Virginia seeing Anne's sister PENNY LINDSTROM and family . . . the DON BROWNS were at Lake Erie . . . PEGGY GABRIEL was here from Phoenix visiting all her relatives . . . NANCY SUMMERS and daughter visited FRED and LUCILLE, her home is Staunton, Va. . . . CINDY LATHROP and TERESA GRUBBS attended a Band Camp at Wooster . . . WICK and JEAN WICKUM enjoyed being in Meadville where Jean attended her High School Class 40th anniversary . . . The GRUBBS visited the Indianapolis STEPHENSONS where TERESA had enjoyed a week's visit . . . TED, JEANNIE, and AMY STEPHEN-

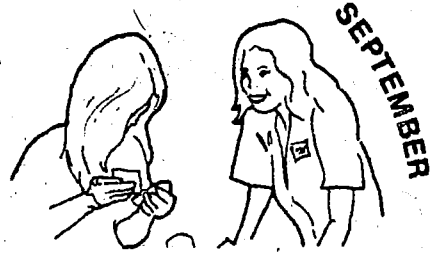
SON of Indianapolis visited their families in Delaware, and Ted preached for his Dad July 26. While in Delaware they went to Greenfield Village in Detroit with RUTH & DONNA, and visited SEAWORLD in Aurora with STEVE, SOPHIA, and JIM . . . the BEVERLY MARSHALLS and LESLIE CANTWELLS visited the McTaggarts and the ROLLIN LAWRENCEs (Dad & daughters) visited the Stephensons . . . FRED GRUBBS and family, including MYRTLE GRUBBS and ELIZABETH HALL, were in Beckley, W. Va. where Fred sang at his cousin's wedding . . . JIM STEPHENSON has moved to Delaware from Indianapolis . . . JIM VANBRIMMER and LARRY FAULK preached for STEVE Aug. 22 & 29 . . . STEVE and SOPHIA STEPHENSON were in Cincinnati for a weekend attending a seminar on YOUR KEY TO PEACE, POWER, and PLENTY conducted by DR. JOSEPH MURPHY of Los Angeles. . . FRED GRUBBS, minister of music at Karl Rd. Church, sang for us Aug. 22.

(Did we miss your own personal item????? Your friends would enjoy hearing about your activities . . . let the editor know for the next edition of your news letter.)

Free yourself forever from the thought that God wants you to be poor and needy, or sick and sad . . . (RCB)

What a man has and what he is, is the result of his thought . . . (EH)

Life was meant to enjoy enjoy enjoy ENJOY!



- 5 Sun. 8:15 Breakfast.
9:15 Church School - Rally Day.
10:30 Worship and Communion.
- 6 Mon. 7:00 Bd. of Christian Ed.
7:45 Teachers.
- 7 Tues. 7:00 Healing Group.
7:45 Bible study.
- 9 Thurs. 7:30 Women's Mission Society.
- 10 Fri. 8:30 Retreat at Camp Ohio.
- 11 Sat. Retreat.
- 12 Sun. No service at church.
Retreat ends at noon.
- 14 Tues. 7:00 Healing Group.
7:45 Bible study.
- 15 Wed. 9:00 Mornin Circle/Grubbs.
- 16 Thurs. 7:30 Shephard Circle/Gabriel.
- 19 Sun. 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Worship. John McTaggart.
11:30 Deacons & Deaconesses.
7:15 Song Service.
- 20 Mon. 7:30 Parish Council.
- 21 Tues. 7:00 Healing Group.
7:45 Bible study.
- 22 Wed. 7:30 Choir.
- 26 Sun. 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Worship.

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James B. Stephenson, minister

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Several weeks ago a friend taught me how to make Indonesian coffee. It has its own rich flavor and it's strong enough to toss the spoon out of the cup! It's great to wake you up in the morning and soothe you to sleep at night. Which raises a fascinating point - how can it do both? Some coffee drinkers insist it keeps them awake while others find it a preparation for bed. And I say that my Indonesian brew does both! Isn't it all a mind game? We get what we anticipate. Life gives back what we read into it - all the way from the effects of a pot of coffee to the reactions of our friends and associates. Jesus said it is done unto us according to our faith. You can have negative faith or positive faith and life will respond negatively or positively to you. Sickness or health, plenty or poverty, success or failure, the divine law works for all. Think about this and enjoy a good cup of coffee!

(JBS)

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FOURTH ANNUAL RETREAT HELD AT CAMP OHIO

Forty persons attended our fourth annual retreat held at Camp Ohio near Utica. The leader was John Eldred, area minister for the Ohio Baptist Convention. Next year's retreat will be Sept. 9-11 at Judson Hills. Carl Brown, minister of the University Baptist Church, Columbus, is to be the leader.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP OFFERING AND COMMUNION

The World Fellowship Offering will be received on World Wide Communion Sunday, Oct. 3. Once a year our American Baptist Churches promote this offering. The theme is "Christ for India." Your dollars can help bring Christ to India through health, education, evangelism, and food. \$5.00 provides rice for 50 meals. So let us all show our brotherly love by sharing what we have.

- Marge Smale

If a man has enough to live on, and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how can he claim that he has love for God in his heart? (1 John 3:17)

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION SET FOR COLUMBUS

The 151st annual meeting of the Ohio Baptist Convention will be held at the First Baptist Church, 583 East Broad St., Columbus, Oct. 20-22. Among the speakers will be Dr. Harm Weber, Dr. Bryan Archibald, Dr. Robert Campbell, Brooks Hays, Dr. Wm. Jones, and James Peters.

Visitor registration will be \$2.00 for the entire convention. See the bulletin board in the vestibule for details and meals schedule.

This is the closest state convention possible and you should not miss this opportunity to see your state convention at work.

BUSINESS MEETING TO DISCUSS TIME CHANGE

The quarterly business meeting of our church fellowship will be held after morning worship Oct. 17. One major item of business will be to act on the request of the Board of Christian Education that we change the hour of morning worship to 10:45, thus allowing Church School to continue until 10:30. There will be reports from the various boards and committees.



YOU Can Bring Health to India



YOU Can Bring Education to India



YOU Can Bring Food to India



YOU Can Bring Evangelism to India

COUNTRY STORE PLANNED BY W.M.S.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The ladies of the Women's Mission Society will sponsor a Country Store in the Fellowship Hall. The store will be open Friday, Oct. 1, from 10am until 8pm, and Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10am until 4pm.

Available will be used clothing, baked goods, and craft items. There will also be a Flea Market. Anyone having items to contribute may bring them to the church or call 362-2661 or 363-7021 for pickup. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Bertha VanBrimmer is general chairperson.

A recent repair job at the church was the repair of the eaves and overhang at the rear of the Sunday School room. This included new slate around the edge of the roof and replacing rotted wood.

The plaster in the stairway at the parsonage has been repaired

The trustees decided to list the Nash property with Smithcrest Realtors after first checking with all persons that had shown an interest in the house.

- Peter White, Chr.

Horse-sense is what keeps horses from betting on men.

I am a child of all life, and all living beings are my brothers and sisters, my children and grandchildren. And there is a child within me waiting to be brought to birth, the baby of a new and wiser self.

Gary Snyder

FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I would like to take this time to present our new teachers, their assistants, and their departments.

Crib room - Sis Mansfield; asst. Bertha VanBrimmer

Nursery - Carol Fogle; asst. Sophia Stephenson

Kindergarten - Marge Smale; asst. Jean Ekelberry

Primary - Margaret Young & Donna Brown (co-teachers)

Middler - Janet Inscho; asst. Carol Grubbs

Junior - Jean Wickum; asst. Mary Lou Lovell

Jr. High - Linda White; asst. Pam Faulk

Sr. High - Larry Faulk

Adult - James Stephenson

Whatever - Helen Aleshire

We need to give these dedicated people our full support by attending regularly and letting them know what a fine job they are doing.

If you have not had a turn in the nursery lately we always have room for new names on the list.

Many thanks to Evelyn Lee for all the time and preparation to make this year's retreat another big success.

Also many thanks to everyone who helped make it a very rewarding weekend.

- Sis Mansfield, Chr.

He who sings prays twice. (anon.)



GET READY
FOR OUR
ANNUAL
HALLOWEEN
PARTY
OCT. 30th
7:00 PM

FROM THE CHR. OF SPIRITUAL LIFE FOR WMS

The Bible Book of the Month for Oct. is JOSHUA. As you read it remember that it was written not by, but about, the man Joshua. It is the story of the occupation of Canaan in fulfillment of the Pentateuch's promises given by God. The narrative is a combination of several documents and is more picturesque than accurate as history. It's main purpose was to teach God's will for Israel through the account of the occupation of the country promised to God's people while they were "strangers and pilgrims on the earth." Find some verses of special meaning to you to share with us at our next WMS meeting.

Let us pray for the AMERICAN LEPROSY MISSION and give thanks that at last there has

been developed, at the Mission's Atelier .
at the University of Hawaii, the means of
growing the leprosy bacillus in a test
tube. Thus experiments can be done toward
prevention of the disease and the curing
of the patients.

- Bertha McTaggart

Oh Lord, I have so many problems I hardly
know where to start praying. Each of
them seems important. Many of them seem
urgent. But if I even begin praying about
them one by one it will take all morning,
and I've so much work to do. I must also
get busy and work for many of the people
whose problems I need to pray about. So
will you please forgive me and hear me if
I package them all up at once and offer
them to you? Please take this large,
heavy, complex package and let your love
shine through it. Thank you.

- Marjorie Holmes (submitted
by Jean Brower)

TREASURY -

July balance	\$ 459.31
August receipts	2086.21
	<u>2545.52</u>
August disbursements	1897.81
August balance	\$ 647.71
Benevolences	
Valley Forge (missions)	
Undesignated	\$ 61.00
Judson College	75.00
Ohio Program	50.00
	<u>186.00</u>
Sesqui '76 Fund	82.00
(Granville)	<u>268.00</u>
Laotian family	<u>24.00</u>
	\$ 292.00

Ruth Brown, Treasurer

Prayer is more a ladder than a crutch;
more a priority than a last resort.

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The earth provides enough for everyman's
need, not for everyman's greed.

SESQUICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN HERE

Do you remember the business meeting at
which our church voted to accept a goal
of \$3600 for our share in the Ohio Baptist
Convention's million dollar campaign?

The time is at hand to face the task of
enlisting your pledges toward this sum,
and in a couple of weeks you will be re-
ceiving a letter outlining our project.
There will be three years time to pay and
if all help in the effort it should not
prove to be a hardship.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS . . .

New address and phone for LARRY and PAM
FAULK, 8047 Brock Rd., Plain City, 43064,
phone 873-4856.

JOHN MCTAGGART preached Sept. 19 while
STEVE was preaching in Indianapolis at
The Church of the Master.

JANET INSCHO is a patient at Riverside
Hospital; BARNEY BARKELOO was a patient
at Grady as was JOHN MCKEAN.

ERNESTINE FROST has returned from visiting
daughter MARY and family in California.

STEVE, KAREN, and STEFANIE STONER have re-
turned after a week in Kentucky.

POLLY FOCKE was in Myrtle Beach, S. C.
with her family.

FRANCES JOHNSON visited daughter PENNY and
family in Virginia.

ALLISON LINN is staying with her parents
JOHN and ANNE LINN while recuperating
from illness.

A number of our youth have returned to
college . . . LORRI LATHROP, Ohio Univer-
sity . . . PAM LATHROP, Eastern Kentucky
University . . . RICK LEE, University of
Minnesota . . . BOB SMITH, Ohio State Un-
iversity . . . BOB STEPHENSON, Ohio State
University . . . and RICK VANBRIMMER, Ohio
State University.

I AM ONE WITH GOD. WHEREVER I AM, GOD IS!

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 1 Friday, 10:00-8:00. Country Store.
- 2 Saturday 10:00-4:00 Country Store.
- 3 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship.
World-wide Communion &
Offering for India.
- 4 Monday 7:00 Bd. of Christian Ed.
7:45 Teachers.
- 5 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
7:45 Bible study.
- 6 Wednesday 7:30 Choir rehearsal.
- 10 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship.
11:30 Bd. of Deacons & Deacon-
esses.
- 12 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
7:45 Bible study.
- 13 Wednesday 7:30 Choir rehearsal.
- 14 Thursday 7:30 Women's Mission Society.
- 17 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship.
11:30 Business meeting.
7:15 Song Service.
- 18 Monday 7:30 Parish Council.
- 19 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
7:45 Bible study.
- 20 Wednesday O.B.C. in Columbus.
9:00 Morning Circle at Van-
Brimmers.
7:30 Choir rehearsal.
- 21 Thursday O.B.C. at Columbus.
7:30 Shephard Circle at M.
Smiths.
- 22 Friday O.B.C. at Columbus.
- 24 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship.
- 26 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
7:45 Bible study.
- 27 Wednesday 7:30 Choir rehearsal.
- 30 Saturday 1:00 Bd. of Trustees.
7:00 Halloween party.
- 31 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:30 Morning Worship

 Butterflies are flowers that dared to fly.
 Like rainbows, they say God to me;
 what made them must be something
 that makes things just to make them beautiful.
 Would you believe in them
 if all you knew was caterpillars?
 When I see butterflies they lift me
 on their tissue-paper wings!
 I too may be more than my crawl discloses.

- James Dillet Freeman

Jewels in the Grass

Mom found them first.
 There covering the hillside was a ransom
 in jewels!
 More numerous, more precious than the
 greatest treasure collected by humans.
 Ironically, this wealth cannot be
 possessed...
 the moment you try to capture the jewels,
 you destroy them!
 Please look, but do not touch!!
 Absorb all the beauty you can, for when
 the sun is high, they will be no more.
 Turn your head slowly side to side and see--
 red, green, orange, gold, blue -
 every angle reveals a unique shade!
 The most exquisite jewelry in the world,
 and it cannot be worn--
 Except of course by the morning grass...
 where I was lucky enough to pass.

Karen Stoner

FROM THE DEACONS & DEACONESSES

Dr. Joseph Chapman recently announced
 his retirement as Executive Minister of
 the Ohio Baptist Convention. A letter of
 congratulations and appreciation for his
 services was composed and sent to the OBC
 to be bound with letters from other
 churches and individuals. They were pre-
 sented to Dr. Chapman at the recent state
 convention: which was held in Columbus.

The Board is now planning for a second
 renewal weekend to be held in the spring.
 We are still exploring the possibilities
 for a leader in this experience.

We are considering composing a follow-
 up letter to be sent to visitors to our
 church. These letters could be sent out
 with other pertinent information such as
 NEWS AND VIEWS or special mailings.

Donna Brown,
CoChr.

FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It is getting to be that time of year
 for parties, shopping, dinners, and dec-
 orating, but before the big rush starts
 here are some important dates to remember:

- Dec. 4 Adult dinner
- " 5 Advent - after church (sack
lunch)
- " 12 Caroling
- " 18 Children's Class parties
- " 19 Christmas Program

Make it a point to share these times with
 us and making this Christmas season a joy-
 ful one.

Sis Mansfield, Chr.

TREASURER'S REPORT

August balance	\$ 647.71
Sept. receipts	<u>2413.54</u>
	\$3061.25
Sept. disbursements	<u>2327.84</u>
Sept. balance	\$ 733.41

Benevolences:

Undesignated	\$ 59.17
Love gifts	21.16
Northern Seminary	100.00
Judson College	25.00
University Bapt.	<u>25.00</u>
(campus min.)	

to Valley Forge	\$ 230.33
Sesqui 76 fund	<u>18.00</u>
	\$ 248.33

Ruth Brown, Treas.

WHITE CROSS REPORT

Sent to Dayton Christian Center:

- 5 Construction paper
- 4 pairs sox
- 6 wash cloths

\$5.00 sent to Burma

To be sent to Zaire:

- 5 doz. V pads
- 50 rolled bandages
- 5 baby shirts
- 5 baby blankets

Myrtle Gabriel, Chr.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

November 21 has been selected as our
 dedication Sunday when our pledges will
 be brought to the church. A budget is in
 preparation and will be mailed to you with
 your pledge card.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

The annual world community day is set for
 Friday, Nov. 5, At St. Mary's Church. Meet
 in the all-purpose room at the school at
 9:00am.

AN ADDRESS FOR YOUR MISSION BOOKLET

Sue Panek, Box 5, Styvesant Hall
 Phone: 369-4331, ext. 233

BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER HERE

The annual Baptist Women's day of prayer is scheduled for our church Sunday, Oct. 31, at 3:00pm. Women from other Baptist churches in the area are to be our guests. Helen Aleshire will share from her experiences at the Baptist World Alliance at Stockholm in July, 1975. Punch and cookies will be served in the Assembly Room following the service.

WEEKDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FINISHED

The Weekday Religious education program in the public schools was discontinued by vote of the Council on Weekday Religious Education at their recent and final meeting. Lack of pupil interest was the major reason for the decision.

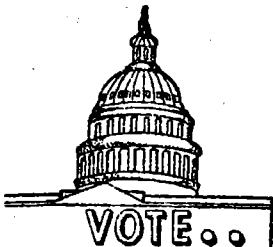
LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEW YEAR

Someone has suggested that we might consider holding a service Dec. 31. It would begin with a party and conclude with a worship service marking the end of one year and the beginning of a new one. There will be a place in one of the future bulletins for you to express your interest in the idea.

ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES TO MEET

The quarterly business meeting of the Marion Assoc. trustees will be held Thursday, Nov. 4 at 8:00pm at the Richwood Baptist Church. The calendar and budget for the coming year will be established. Our church is represented by Jim and Bertha VanBrimmer.

ALL CHRISTIANS should become familiar with the issues, check them by the Light of the teachings of Jesus, and then VOTE. One issue that deserves your YES vote is the 1.5 mill levy



for our schools. It will assure that our youth continue to receive a quality education. The mind is too valuable to waste!!!!

MY STUPID RAGE

you walk out the door so calmly
seemingly not knowing
or caring
that i am bursting inside.
when i need you most
to calm-to listen-to forgive-to hold
you leave! to avoid another scene i guess
but this has to be settled now!!
i scream
i empty the tissue box
i question my sanity
come back here come back here comebackhere
then in my cooling rage i begin to realize
this is all different in your eyes
maybe you would care if you knew
or are you bursting too?
when you come back we can maybe understand...

- Karen Stoner

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS . . .

HELEN ALESHIRE has returned from a three weeks vacation that included Hot Springs, Ark.

BETH TRIGG was a recent patient in Grady Hospital and JANET INSCHO is recuperating at home after surgery at Riverside.

LENDA & PETER WHILE weekendened in Pittsburgh.

SUSAN VANBRIMMER, working now in Mifflentown, Pa., visited her family.

JEAN & WILBUR WICKUM have returned from a weekend in Detroit.

The LATHROPS and GABRIELS visited PAM at Eastern Kentucky University.

JEAN, JOE, MELODY, & MARK BROWER have joined the Community Church of Rotonda West, Florida.

JEAN WICKUM, HELEN ALESHIRE, & JACK SMITH are all members of the Delaware County Council on Aging.

SOPHIA & STEVE STEPHENSON, JOHN & BERTHA MCTAGGART, JIM & BERTHA VANBRIMMER, FRED GRUBBS, & W. C. WICKUM shared in the sessions of the Ohio Baptist Convention recently held in Columbus. FRED & WICK provided the music at the men's dinner.

MARY LOU LOVELL served as organist and choir director on recent Sundays.

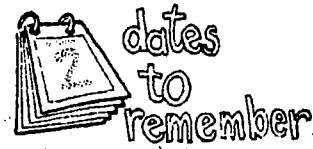
BERTHA MCTAGGART is new Chairperson of Mission Support for the Marion Assoc. and was reassigned to her last year's responsibilities on the Board of Trustees of the OBC along with the additional job of being chairperson of the Steering Committee for the Piqua Baptist Home of Upper Miami. This committee will be responsible for the closing of the home and transfer of the residents.

BERTHA VANBRIMMER & SANDRA CAGWIN are part of the Kris Kringle Krafts, a bazaar sponsored by the Sons & Daughters Mothers' Club, to be held at St. Mary's Dec. 4 from 10-6. Booth rent goes to Grady for the Pediatrics wing.

EPITAPH FOR A CHURCH
...but we've always done it this way...

You think, and your thoughts materialize as your experience...you are actually weaving the pattern of your own destiny, here and now, by the way you allow yourself to think...your fate is largely in your own hands. Nobody but yourself can keep you down.

What you think upon grows. Whatever you allow to occupy your mind you magnify in your own life. No matter what you have to face today, there is a solution, because you have nothing to deal with but your own thoughts. (Emmet Fox)



NOVEMBER

- 1 Monday 7:00 Bd. of Education.
8:00 Teachers.
- 2 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
7:30 Bible Study.
- 3 Wednesday 7:30 Choir.
8:45 Finance Committee.
- 4 Thursday 8:00 Assoc. Trustees at Richwood.
- 5 Friday 9:00 World Community Day at St. Mary's Church.
- 7 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:45 Worship & Holy Communion.
- 9 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
7:30 Bible Study.
- 10 Wednesday 7:30 Choir.
- 14 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:45 Worship.
- 16 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
7:30 Bible Study.
- 17 Wednesday 9:00 Morning Circle at McTaggarts.
7:30 Choir.
- 18 Thursday 7:30 Shephard Circle at McTaggarts.
- 21 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:45 Worship. Dedication of pledges,
11:45 Deacons & Deaconesses.
5:00 Thanksgiving Dinner.
- 22 Monday 7:30 Parish Council.
- 23 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
7:30 Bible Study.
- 24 Wednesday 7:30 Choir.
- 27 Saturday 10:00 Trustees.
- 28 Sunday 9:15 Church School.
10:45 Worship. 1st Advent.
- 30 Tuesday 7:00 Healing Group.
7:30 Bible Study.

NOTES:

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James B. Stephenson, minister

THERE ARE MANY EXCUSES FOR NOT ATTENDING CHURCH. I'll not enumerate them as I don't want to suggest any you might not have thought of! I'd prefer to review some of the good reasons for attending.

FIRST OF ALL, you need it. The songs, the scriptures, the special music, the prayers and meditations, the fellowship, the Lesson, are all designed to assist you in living the more Abundant Life. They are meant to help you meet your needs and overcome your problems. More important is the promise of Jesus that he will be present where two or three meet in His name. If you attend expectantly you will be aware of the Divine Presence and you will feel the Power of the Spirit. You will experience a difference in your life and circumstances.

SECOND, WE NEED YOU. Your presence is a witness to your faith and your absence can be a denial of it. Your love and a positive attitude adds power to our worship. As minister, I know that your attendance strengthens me and makes it easier to preach the Good News. Visitors to our church can be turned off by meager attendance. Your friendly presence is part of your mission in sharing Jesus with the community. You witness powerfully in just being here.

THIRD, CHURCH ATTENDANCE IS YOUR OBLIGATION as a professed follower of our Lord. It is easier to talk about privileges than obligations, but this is the plain truth and I think we should face it. Jesus attended the synagogue regularly and the entire New Testament assumes that your discipleship includes support of your church by attendance, giving, and serving.

WE ARE AT THE BEGINNING of the most exciting part of the church year. Thanksgiving is quickly followed by Christmas and then comes Lent and Easter. Will you resolve to give Christ first place? You will be surprised at the difference it will make! (JBS)

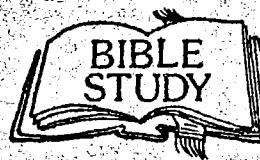
NEW TIME FOR MORNING WORSHIP ! ! ! ! !

Our morning worship will start at 10:45 beginning Sunday, Nov. 7. This is an experiment and will be continued until a final decision is made at our annual meeting Jan. 12. The decision was made at our business meeting Oct. 17 and will give our Church School an additional 15 minutes. Our new schedule:
Church School 9:15-10:30
Morning Worship 10:45-11:45

THANKSGIVING DINNER SCHEDULED

The all-church Thanksgiving Dinner will again be sponsored by the Women's Society under the direction of Carol Grubbs. It is set for Sunday, Nov. 21, at 5:00pm. It will be covered dish style with turkey and beverage provided. Please bring your own table service. A program will follow the dinner.

For additional information you may phone Carol at 362-7471.



THE BIBLE IS THE BASIC HANDBOOK FOR Abundant Life but it can be useless or even dangerous if not understood or if it is interpreted in a literal

and not a spiritual manner. Paul said, "The written code kills, but the Spirit gives life." (2 Cor. 3:6b RSV) We meet each Tuesday at 7:30 for an hour of study based on the Scripture from the previous Sunday's Lesson. You are invited to meet with us and share in the Good News of life in the present and abundant Kingdom.

It is when we all play safe that we create a world of utmost insecurity.

Dag Hammarskjold

God has given us two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak

Epictetus

LETTERS TO THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP -

Dear friends,

I send to you my heartfelt thanks for your concern, prayers and cards during my stay at Riverside. Now at home and mending daily. Hoping to be able to attend church soon.

Love,
Janet Inscho

Dear friends,

On behalf of the Women's Mission Society I thank you for your contributions and your support during the recent Country Store project.

Bertha VanBrimmer

(Excerpts from a letter from John Eldred to Evelyn Lee)

Please express to Pastor and Mrs. Stephenson, to all the members of the retreat committee, to all who attended the retreat, my sincere gratitude for the generous contribution to my travel account and for the personal remembrance.

The \$60 has already been applied to my travel budget and the \$40 Rike's certificate will be used shortly to purchase something for the family. That decision has not yet been made.

It sounds like you had a most fitting climax to the retreat on Sunday and I am so glad! I have a label designed by my wife but unpublished, which says, "Keep it going!" That is my prayer for your church, especially those attending the retreat.

Cordially in Christ,
O. John Eldred

FROM THE TRUSTEES

We are pleased to announce that we have a buyer for the Nash house. There is a delay in closing while the church proceeds with incorporation. As the folks moving in had sold their house, we have let them occupy the house with rent. More details will be furnished at the next business meeting.

A recent large project completed was the painting of the wood trim on the church building. This included around the windows, eaves and gutters. With the exception of the front window this is the first time since about 1960 when Mr. Crane did the painting. Remaining to be done is the

steeple and between the church and the parsonage. These areas will need wood repair first.

Another project completed this month was the rehangng of the drapes on the north side of the Fellowship Hall. This was an all day project requiring taking down the furnace pipes, drilling holes in cement, attaching wood blocks to the cement, and hanging drapes to them. They should not come down again.

The church has resumed use of the rented entrance mats from New Method. This helps prevent the tracking in of dirt, leaves, and snow. The trustees urge members to refrain from excessive use of salt except when necessary this winter. It deteriorates the cement and discolors the wood.

Peter White, Chr.

FROM CHR. OF SPIRITUAL LIFE FOR W.M.S.

Bible book of the month - I, II, III John. The 1st epistle names neither its author, nor the persons to whom it is addressed, though it is very personal, as appears from the frequent use of "I" and "You." From the beginning it has been recognized as a circular letter of the apostle John to churches around Ephesus. It emphasizes the essentials of the gospel and warns against incipient heresies which later produced a corrupt and pagan form of Christianity. Its message finds much the same condition today with prevailing philosophies and systems of thought in which God as incarnated in Jesus and salvation by faith in Him, His life, death and resurrection is not accepted. II and III John were written as personal notes to friends John expected to visit soon. The predominate note is the three letters is LOVE.

PRAYER CALLS - let us remember our missionaries in areas where hunger is severe such as Haiti, India, Zaire. As we plan our Thanksgiving meals may we prayerfully share with those who have so little. Also pray for Dr. Joseph Chapman as he leaves Ohio to go to other work and ask God to lead the right person to come to succeed him. Let us pray for our work here in Ohio for it is our mission outreach to those nearest us.

Bertha McTaggart
Chr.

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DO YOU KNOW WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS? If you don't, ask a child. You will learn that it means the birthday of the baby Jesus and receiving presents. The presents may be mentioned first! Is this a bad or a good answer? Or half and half? I think it is just about the best theological description of the holiday. "For God so loved the world He gave . . ." and He keeps on giving. Jesus said, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." And he is not talking about a future Kingdom but one realized "in this present time." The divine gifts of life, love, guidance, health, abundance, and all else needed and necessary, are already wrapped and decorated with bright ribbons and are under your Christmas tree waiting for you to claim them and use them. May you learn how to receive as well as give! (JBS)

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HOLIDAY

activities . . .

ADVENT ACTIVITY - Sunday, December 5

12 noon - Sack lunch followed by crafts, decorating of the church, lighting of Advent candles.

ADULT CHRISTMAS DINNER - Saturday, Dec. 11

6:30pm - In the Fellowship Hall for all adults in the church family. See story in this newsletter.

CAROLING - Sunday, December 12

4 - 6pm. For all the church. Each family bring one dozen cookies. Meet at the church at 4 for hot chocolate and cookies, then we will divide and visit our shutins and carol for them.

CHILDREN'S CLASS PARTIES, December 18

2 - 4pm. Some classes will observe another time. Check with teacher for details.

CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM - Sunday, Dec. 19

7:00pm. Our annual program presented by the church school, directed by Carol Grubbs. Birthday party for the Baby Jesus.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION - December 24

7:30pm. Annual candlelight communion in the Sanctuary.

First came the shepherds.
The childlike always come to Him
More quickly, regardless of their age.
Wise men deliberate, weigh costs,
And plan. They buy elaborate gifts,
Then wait, till stars and signs are right.
But shepherds, trusting,
Travel light.
Only themselves they bring.

- Anita Wheatcroft

ALL ADULTS ARE INVITED TO CHRISTMAS DINNER

The annual adult Christmas dinner is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 11, 6:30pm. It will be covered dish style - bring anything you like! Place settings and beverage will be provided. There will be a "white elephant" gift exchange. Bring something good as new that you don't need, and please gift wrap it. Entertainment is planned including singing of carols. We will be expecting you. Call the church office, 363-7021, if you need a ride.

Sophia Stephenson, Adult Chr.

We are all enslaved by all we have not forgiven, by that which we resent, by our fears and our frustrations.

What is our freedom worth? Is it worth the trouble, the time, of prayer and meditation?

THANKSGIVING DINNER HELD BY CHURCH

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner was held in the Fellowship Hall Nov. 21 with 110 persons attending, including 20 special guests from the Sunny Vee Nursing Home. A musical program was presented by Sue Pansk, Fred Grubbs, and Wilbur Wickum. Carolyn White discussed Thanksgiving customs in other nations. Thanks to Carol Grubbs, Janet Lathrop, Sandra Carwin, and Carol Fogle for planning the dinner. Also many thanks to those who remained after dinner to clean up and wash dishes!

Many people

expect perfection

in other persons ---

hard to believe

they expect so little

of their God!

- Karen Stoner

COME AND JOIN THE JUNIOR CHOIR!

Junior Choir began 2 weeks ago and I have been very disappointed at the response. We need YOU, boys and girls, to make a choir for Christmas. Anyone in Sunday School who would like to sing is welcome.

Let's get together on TUESDAY at 3:30 at the church. For further information, questions, or transportation call Mary Lou Lovell, 369-6041, or Sanday Cagwin, 369-8266.

Mary Lou Lovell

FROM WOMEN'S SOCIETY SPIRITUAL LIFE CHR.

The Bible book of the month is Job. This book is a superb poem and cry of the human heart, challenging the doctrine that the righteous and the wicked receive their just desserts on earth. It is in revolt against the dogma that sin is the only cause of suffering. Using the familiar folk story as a basis, it is a dramatic questioning of God's justice in dealing with human beings and a study of the

universal problem of suffering. Its author is unknown; its date somewhere between 700 and 200 B.C.

Let us pray for the new Asian-American Program, designed to maintain existing ministries of mission and to develop new ones among Asian-Americans.

Let us also pray that the Christmas season will bring new understanding of the plan of God for each of our lives as we experience with growing awareness His great love for the world and us individually as His children.

Bertha McTaggart, Chr.

DEDICATION OF A BABY

Jarrod Benjamin Trigg, son of Archie and Beth Trigg, was dedicated to God during the worship service Nov. 14. John and Anne Linn are his grandparents and Frances Johnson is his great grandmother.

FOOD FOR THE STARVING

There are no hunger dinners scheduled for December. There will be a "hunger kettle" set out in the sanctuary for your contributions. Over \$16 was contributed last week.

Sandra Cagwin

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel, that is, God with us.

Isaiah 7:14

TO THE CHURCH FAMILY,

John and I want to thank you all for the notes, calls, and other tokens of love which came to us from you at the time of my sister's death.

Sincerely,

Bertha McTaggart

TO THOSE WHO NEED PRAYER HELP

Our healing group meets each Tuesday at 7pm in the pastor's office. If you have a need and wish the therapy of prayer, you may come to the meeting or phone your request to the church office. All requests are treated as confidential. Do not hesitate to call any hour of the day or night if you have an emergency. PRAYER WORKS!!!!

FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Can you believe that Thanksgiving is over and there is just a few more days left in our "1976" Bicentennial Year?

Now that December is here let's make this a most joyful season by working and sharing our Christian Love with one another on the following dates our Christian Ed. Board has planned.

Dec. 5. Advent Sunday - 12:00pm. Sack lunch, time for crafts, decorating church, snacks, fellowship concluding with an Advent Service.

Dec. 11. Adult Dinner, 6:30pm at the church.

Dec. 12. Caroling 4pm-6pm.

Dec. 18. Children's parties, 2-4pm.

Dec. 19. Church School program at 7pm.

Dec. 25. May we spread our Christian Joy and wish each of you a very Merry Christmas!

Sis Mansfield, Chr.

And she gave birth to their first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:7

FAST ACTION NEEDED

Madelyn Murray O'Hair, whose efforts successfully eliminated the use of the Bible in readings and prayers in all public schools, has been granted a federal hearing in Washington on the subject of religion and airwaves by the Federal Communications Commission. The petition, No. 2493, would ultimately pave the way to eliminate the proclamation of the Gospel via airways in America. She took her petition bearing 27,000 signatures to back her stand. If her attempt is successful, all Sunday worship services currently being broadcast either by radio or television would cease. Many elderly people and shut-ins depend on the radio and television to fulfill their worship needs every week as well as those recuperating from an illness or hospital stay. (Is this what we want?)

You can help stop her this time! We need one million signed letters urging the FCC to allow religious programming to continue. This would defeat the petition. Please act and pray! Send your letters to

Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St. N.W.
Washington D.C. 20036

- Sandra Cagwin

CHRISTMAS CLEARING HOUSE OPENS!!!

The Christmas Clearing House will again provide the means of bringing a merry and warm Christmas to those who need a helping hand in our area.

Needed are food staples, soap products, cleaning products, paper items, new toys, and cash to be used for clothing certificates for teenagers and younger children. Contributions may be brought to our church and placed on the table provided at the rear of the sanctuary, or they may be taken to "Santa Land" at the corner of Sandusky and Winter, or to the Council Office at 38 S. Franklin. Last day for your contributions will be Dec. 18. Hours are 9-5 daily.

TO JOSEPH -

With the joy of a leaping heart,
reach for a son not your own.
Enclose him to yourself,
not only form but soul,
for your presence in his life
shall make great difference.

What will you tell others
when they ask about his birth?
You who can never rightly say,
"He has my nose, my chin,
he looks like me."
And yet there is resemblance.
This boy is given as your son,
and his brothers in the truth will be
your sons
to live upon the earth for generations.

You are the one to teach
the ways of manliness to the Messiah.
You are the one to acquaint
the Infinite with the provincial.
You will guide this boy on the path
that winds between opposing roads,
and help to mold a concept of success
for this peaceful child, cradled in
your arms
and smiling at the strong and gentle face
of one who is his dad.

- Carole S. Streeter

DEATHS IN TWO CHURCH FAMILIES

Louise Somerlot, former member of our congregation and sister of Bertha McTaggart, passed away Nov. 16 in Phoenix, Arizona. Memorial services for her were held in Phoenix Nov. 18, and in our church Dec. 4.

Geneva Chandler, sister of Bertha VanBrimmer, died Nov. 19 in Jenkins, Kentucky.

We extend our sympathy and concern to the two families.

...the star which they had seen in the east went before them till it came to rest over the place where the child was... and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him.

Matthew 2:9b;11a

The children of men reach up for the sun, The moon and the milky way. They want them to keep; they want them for fun, Such pretty, bright baubles for play!

But Bethlehem's Child reaches down for the world, He covets its every scar; Then he holds out his hand, baby fingers uncurled; And gives us the Christmas star.

- Elam J. Anderson

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

POLLY FOCKE was a surgical patient at Grant Hospital and is now with her niece in Columbus. Polly is doing just fine and her address is 3608 Walmar Dr., Columbus 43224. Phone 263-4633.

MARLENE BREECE was a patient in Marion General Hospital.

MAIMIE WATSON is in Grady Memorial and expects to be home in a few days.

JANET INSCHO is back at church after recuperating from surgery at Riverside.

KIZZIE MAIN is recovering from hip surgery and may be reached by writing to Ralph Main, 8581 Camelot Ave. N.W., Canal Fulton, OH 44614

JIM, BERTHA, RICK, and SUSAN VANBRIMMER were in Philadelphia for Thanksgiving and SUSAN was in Delaware with her family for a few days. She is a dental assistant in Mifflentown, Pa.

WILBUR and JEAN WICKUM were in Florida for Thanksgiving visiting WICK'S parents.

TED, JEANNIE, and AMY STEPHENSON of Indianapolis spent Thanksgiving with their families in Delaware.

FRED and LUCILLE VIA were visited recently by daughter NANCY and family of Staunton, Va., who were here for Thanksgiving, and earlier in November by son DR. BILL from Chapel Hill, N.C.

***** And the WORD became flesh and dwelt among us. *****

THE LORD'S TREASURY

September balance	\$733.41	
October receipts	1901.04	
	<u>2634.45</u>	
October disbursements	<u>2484.59</u>	
October balance		\$149.86

Benevolences

Undesignated	\$ 50.00	
Love gifts	16.99	
World Fellowship Offering	128.99	
Ohio Forward Fund	100.00	
University Baptist Church, Columbus	<u>50.00</u>	
to Valley Forge		\$345.98
Sesqui '76		22.00
		<u>\$367.98</u>

Ruth Brown, Treas.

The lips of the Christ-Child are like to twin leaves; The let roses fall when he smiles tenderly. The tears of the Christ-Child are pearls when he grieves; The eyes of the Christ-Child are deep as the sea. Like pomegranate grains are the dimples he hath; And clustering lilies spring up in his path. (St. Gregory)

THE SECRET OF LIVING
A LONG LIFE



Dr. Marcus Bach recently compiled a list of characteristics that persons who live long lives have in common. Do they carry something of the Sermon on the Mount about

them? Here they are!:

1. They all walk more than they ride. In other words, they exercise by walking, working, and remaining active.
2. They all have a low caloric intake. The average daily intake for the long living people is between 1500-1700. In the United States our count is between 2400-2600 per day.
3. They eat slowly. They chew their food. They maintain a happy, healthy attitude when eating.
4. They affirm a long life. None of this "three-score years and ten." They are mentally geared to become centenarians and older.
5. Their attitude toward life is wholesome, open-minded, and targeted to a joy of living.
6. They have pure air to breathe, pure water to drink, and organic gardens to provide their food.
7. They are psychologically tuned to an unlimited life span rather than to a limited life expectancy. None of this talk about retirement, social security, welfare, generation gaps, senior citizenry, and the inevitability of aging.
8. They deviate little from their accepted way of life, rarely become uprooted, and change little in habits and life-style.
9. They have a hopeful philosophy of life, admiration for slender waistlines, appreciation of the wisdom that comes with maturity.
10. They have been wise in choosing their ancestors!

- Marcus Bach

(editor's note - please observe that all but two of these characteristics are under your control!!!)

His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6b)

CHRISTIAN TELEVISION AVAILABLE IN DELAWARE

Christian television is available 12 hours daily in Delaware on cable channel 4. A group of local persons headed by Bob Shackelford, manager of the Christian Bookstore, obtained use of the channel and it is now in operation from noon until midnight. Local programming is scheduled for 7:30pm each Saturday.

If you are not connected to the cable, you may obtain a free hookup by stating that you are requesting it at the suggestion of the channel 4 sponsors.

Now has come the time
to walk the streets of the season
knowing within a special peace,
a special joy, and a special love;
now has come the time
to watch for a star of peace,
to listen for a carol of joy,
and oh, most expectantly,
to await a glimpse of the Child
whose meaning is love.
Now has come that time -
may we understand more clearly,
may we celebrate more joyfully,
may we know a deeper peace
at this Christmas season
...and forever afterward.

- Elizabeth Lamb

PLEDGE IN YET????????

Our church received and dedicated the pledges of our members and friends on Sunday, Nov. 21. If you were not able to offer your pledge at that time, you may mail it to our financial secretary, Richard Lee, 259 S. Section Line Rd., Delaware, Ohio, 43015.

YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS TO OUR CHURCH FAMILIES

Instead of sending individual cards to families in our church fellowship, we are suggesting that you address one card to the church, place it on the bulletin board in the vestibule, and give the money saved to your church for world hunger relief. Be sure and mark your contribution "World Hunger" when you give it. Either place it in any regular offering or give it to Dick Lee.

The Holy Spirit will come upon you. Lk. 1:35

A CHRISTMAS INVITATION TO EVERYONE . . .



In Jesus Christ this is what God is saying to you:

"I love you. I love you as you are. I love you unconditionally. I have already given myself to you totally, and now all I ask is that you begin to respond to my love . . . I am going to begin to change you to make you a lover of people, of me, and of yourself. I will continue relentlessly until you have been totally transformed. But even after a thousand years of this process of change, I will not love you one bit more than I love you now. My love for you is total and unconditional. I am not trying to change you so that I can love you. I love you, and because I do, I want to change you."

- Keith Miller

DECEMBER - 1976

- 1 Wednesday 7:30 Choir rehearsal
- 5 Sunday 9:15 Church School
- 10:45 Morning Worship
- 12:00 Advent activities
- 6 Monday 7:00 Bd. of Christian Ed.
- 8:00 Teachers
- 7 Tuesday 3:30 Junior Choir
- 7:00 Healing Group
- 7:45 Bible study
- 8 Wednesday 7:30 Choir rehearsal
- 9 Thursday 7:30 Women's Mission Society
- visits shut-ins
- 11 Saturday 6:30 Adult Christmas dinner
- 12 Sunday 9:15 Church School
- 10:45 Morning Worship
- 4:00-6:00 Caroling for
- all - meet at church
- 14 Tuesday 3:30 Junior Choir
- 7:00 Healing Group
- 7:45 Bible study
- 15 Wednesday 9:00 Morning Circle at Cagwins
- 7:30 Choir rehearsal
- 16 Thursday 7:30 Shephard Circle at
- Aleshires
- 18 Saturday 10:00 Trustees
- 19 Sunday 9:15 Church School
- 10:45 Morning Worship
- 11:45 Deacons & Deaconesses
- 7:00 Christmas Program
- 20 Monday 7:30 Parish Council
- 21 Tuesday 3:30 Junior Choir
- 7:00 Healing Group
- 7:45 Bible study
- 22 Wednesday 7:30 Choir rehearsal
- 24 Friday 7:30 Candlelight Communion
- 25 Christmas MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!!!!!!
- 26 Sunday 9:15 Church School
- 10:45 Morning Worship
- 28 Tuesday 3:30 Junior Choir
- 7:00 Healing Group
- 7:45 Bible study
- 30 Wednesday 7:30 Choir rehearsal



MAY CHRISTMAS DAY BRING LOVE IN
FULLNESS INTO YOUR HOME AND INTO
YOUR LIVES . . .

MAY CHRIST JESUS DWELL IN YOU
AND MAY HIS LOVING POWER GIVE
ALL OF YOU THE GLORY OF TOTAL
HEALTH, TOTAL JOY, TOTAL UNITY
WITH HIM AND WITH ALL THE WORLD!

the Stephensons

Sophia, Steve, Jim, Bob

