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by the First Baptist Church, Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, minister

A NEW YEAR POSSESSES A FASCINATION FOR MOST OF US. That new, unmarked 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 the new year promises new life. This is the Good News (Gospel) of Jesus Christ. God does not hold the past against us but welcomes us to greener pastures and bluer skies. Jesus is the Lord of the future as well as of the past and he takes the circumstances of daily life and transforms them into the Kingdom of Heaven on earth! Walk unafraid into the new year. It can be the best year of your life! (JBS)



The annual meeting of the church fellowship is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 12. We bring a covered dish for a shared meal at 6:30 and remain for the business meeting and election of officers for the new year.

LETTERS TO THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP -

Dear friends,

Your prayers and the many cheerful cards which you sent me during my recent illness helped greatly. Your expression of thoughtful concern is something I will treasure. Thank you all so much.

Although sickness is not a good thing in itself sometimes it forces us to stop and think. My recent experience gave me considerable time to read, study, and pray. One of the things that came out of this was the realization of what our church fellowship has meant to me.

Again thank you all for your many kind messages.

Gratefully,
Polly Focke

Hello,

I appreciate all of your prayers and cards during my recent hospital stay.

I am currently at a therapy center in Akron and am getting exercise and using a

walker daily. I hope to be leaving soon as I am progressing very well.

I will be living with my grandson and his family for a time before coming to my apartment in Delaware.

My mailing address is:

Mrs. Kizzie Main
c/o Mr. Ron Main
8581 Camelot Ave., N.W.
Canal Fulton, Ohio 44614

Again, thanks and God bless.

Love,
Kizzie

Dear friends,

We wish to thank the choir for the gift of a basket of fruit. It was most welcome and very good...sweeter of course, because of the thoughtful donors.

Love,
Wick and Jean

Dear church family,

We most lovingly thank all of you for the generous Christmas gift we were given during the Christmas Eve service. Also thank you for the cards, the additional gifts, and all the kind words.

Cordially,
Steve, Sophia, Bob & Jim

ANNUAL PULPIT EXCHANGE SET FOR JAN. 16

The cooperating churches of Delaware County will again hold their annual pulpit exchange Sunday, Jan. 16. The Rev. Raymond Hartman, minister of the Zion United Church of Christ will be our guest speaker and Steve will speak at the Grace United Methodist Church.

PLANS FOR THE JUNIOR CLASS

Sunday, Jan. 9, the Junior class will have lunch at the Wickums, play some games, and make some class plans.

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LENT began February 23. In our church fellowship we see Lent as a time for a serious look at ourselves. Not a look intended to depress us with our sins and failures, but a look at ourselves as spiritual beings, created in the image and likeness of God. So Lent (the name is from an old Anglo-Saxon term for spring) is a time for rebirth, renewal, an awakening of our powers and possibilities. Your church is making a number of opportunities for personal enrichment available to you, and the chief of these is our three days of renewal with Dr. William Bowser. So come alive, Spring forth, and a good living to us all! (JBS)

SPECIAL MEETINGS SET FOR MARCH 30-APRIL 1 . . .

Dr. William Bowser, minister of the Karl Road Baptist Church in Columbus, will lead us in three days of renewal and evangelism March 30, 31, and April 1. All services will be in the Sanctuary and will begin at 7:30pm. Care for babies and small children will be available each night. Each service will feature special music. More details will be available for you in several weeks. For right now, you can do two things: 1) reserve all three nights for your attendance; and 2) make a list of friends and neighbors who would benefit from these meetings and plan to bring them with you. And it should be obvious to you that this effort should be at the center of your meditation and prayers.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PLANS ANNOUNCED . . .

The World Day of Prayer Service is to be at St. Peter's Church Friday, March 4, at 9:30am. For more details see the poster in the vestibule and read the article in the Friday, Feb. 25, Gazette. Won't you come join in this important and meaningful service for all Christian women. It is world wide and sponsored by Church Women United.

FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION . . .

The quarterly breakfast will be held on March 6 at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Members of the choir will serve as hosts.

Members of our Junior and Senior High youth groups are now participating in the Ecumenical Youth Program. This group is made up of youth from Asbury United Methodist, St. Peter's, Presbyterian, and First Baptist churches. All youth are invited and those currently attending from our fellowship are Paul Mansfield and Bruce Lee at the Junior High level and Teresa Grubbs at the Senior High level.

Carol Grubbs, Chr.

FROM THE TREASURER . . .

December balance	\$ 828.11	Missions:	
January receipts	1621.13	Undesignated	\$ 30.00
	<u>2449.24</u>	Love gift	1.39
January expenses	2245.66	Northern Seminary	100.00
Balance	\$ 203.58		<u>\$131.39</u>

Ruth Brown, Treasurer

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED . . .

We shall join our fellow American Baptists March 6 in receiving our annual America for Christ offering. The national goal is \$1,000,000. The theme is "Our faith...like a mustard seed." We are highlighting three areas of mission and showing how the Board of Educational Ministries, the Board of National Ministries and each region, state, and city unit contribute of mission outreach thru youth and lay ministries and evangelism. Materials are being distributed this Sunday and your generous response will be appreciated. (Marge Smale)

The following moving poem was submitted to NEWS AND VIEWS by Jean Wickum . . .

"God, my hands are old.
I've never said that out loud before,
but they are.
I was so proud of them once.
They were soft like the velvet smoothness
of a firm ripe peach.
Now the softness is like
worn out sheets or withered leaves.
When did these slender, graceful hands
become gnarled, shrunken?
When, God?
They lie here in my lap;
naked reminders of the rest of this old body
that has served me too well.

How long has it been
since someone touched me?
Twenty years?
Twenty years I've been a widow.
Respected. Smiled at.
But never touched.
Never held close to another body.
Never held so close and warm
that loneliness was blotted out.

I remember how my mother used to hold me, God.
When I was hurt in spirit or flesh
she would gather me close,
stroke my silky hair and caress
my back with her warm hands.

Oh, God, I'm so lonely!

MONEY NEED FOR SESQUICENTENNIAL GOAL . . .

Only a very small part of our \$3600 goal for the Ohio Baptist Sesquicentennial fund has been contributed. An organized drive to raise the entire amount will begin with details to be made available in our next newsletter.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE PICKUP . . .

Good used clothing is needed and will be picked up the week of March 13. Bring what you have to either our church or the pickup up center at Asbury. Our blanket offering was \$68.35. Additional contributions are being received and may be put into any offering (use the envelope or clearly designate your offering) or given to Dick Lee.

PLANNING RETREAT SET FOR MAY . . .

A planning retreat for all church leaders is scheduled for all day May 14. More details later. The TRUSTEES invite you to offer suggestions for work needed and projects to be started. Make your suggestion to any trustee or the minister. Your suggestion may be in writing or verbal.

I remember Hank and the babies.
How can I remember them but together
And as they grew, so did our love.
And, God, Hank didn't seem to care if my
body thickened and faded a little.
He still loved it, and touched it.
And we didn't mind if we were no longer
"beautiful."
And the children hugged me a lot.
Oh, God, I'm so lonely!

Why didn't we raise the kids
to be silly and affectionate
as well as dignified and proper?
You see, they do their duty.
They drive up in their fine cars.
They come to my room to pay their respects.
They chatter brightly and reminisce.
But they don't touch me.
They call me "Mom" or "Mother"
or "Grandma."
Never Minnie.
My mother called me Minnie.
And my friends.
Hank called me Minnie, too.
But they're gone.
And so is Minnie.
Only Grandma is here.
And, God! she's lonely!"
- Donna Swanson

All things are possible to him who believes. (Mark 9:23)

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS TO BEGIN . . .

Your minister is organizing a discipleship class (classes if needed) which serves as a preparation for baptism and/or church membership. If interested, speak to Steve or call the church office - 363-7021. Classes can be set up for different age groupings and can be for preparation or review. Baptism is tentatively set for Pentecost, May 29.

SUNDAY LESSONS (SERMONS) FROM LUKE . . .

The Sunday morning lessons (sermons) are to be taken from the good news as written by Luke. It would be helpful to read the gospel as quickly as possible and check bulletins for specific assignments. As you read jot down questions and give them to Steve.

FROM THE WMS SPIRITUAL LIFE CHAIRPERSON . . .

These Bible books of the month are suggested from the American Bible Society whereby we join together with other Christians in reading the Bible. It is hoped that these short explanations of the books help in understanding your reading.

THE BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH IS EZRA. He was a Jewish priest who returned to Jerusalem during the Exile, and reformed the Jewish church and state. He led over a thousand Jews back to Jerusalem, and during the governorship of Nehemiah led a revival of obedience to the Book of the Law, restored the sacred vessels to the Temple, but excluded outsiders, forcing Jews to divorce foreign wives and causing much unhappiness and the schism with Samaria. But his restoration of Jewish ritual and observances was full of contagious joy.

Let us pray for the new missionaries as they continue to be appointed and go forth to the ends of the earth under increasingly difficult circumstances. Let us pray that we will be faithful in our support of them with our giving, our work, and our interest.

Since our WMS has not met recently I would like to share a few thoughts from what would have been our meditation this month for I hope we can take the time between now and Easter to be and do something positive. I base these suggestions on our World Day of Prayer theme LOVE IN ACTION. Lent so often is thought of in terms of what we give up. May we make this year's observance a time of doing something positive. Dividing the time into 6 weeks let us put our love into action by -

1st week - The Hand of Love - write a letter a day to persons whom you have been meaning to but have neglected to do it. Share your love, and tell your friends what they mean to you.

2nd week - The voice of love - call persons whom you think about but somehow never get around to calling. Share with them the love of God.

3rd week - The Deed of Love - take some little gift you have made and visit persons who are shut-in or are in need of a friendly visit.

4th week - The Heart of Love. Make a list of persons here or far away and their special needs - and pray for them daily.

5th week - The Mind of Love - This week think especially of your own life, your need for inward house cleaning and spiritual growth and seek through Bible study, meditation and prayer to understand and receive the cleansing power and strength of Jesus Christ through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

6th week - The Victory of Love. Affirm your faith in Jesus Christ and the reality of His presence in your life and celebrate the JOY He gives to us as we truly give ourselves to Him.

CONTINUE DOING THESE THINGS AND YOU WILL SURELY BE BLESSED AND USED AS GOD'S CHANNEL FOR HIS LOVE IN ACTION IN THE LIVES OF HIS CHILDREN.

The above is based on an article from a Catholic Courier

- Bertha McTaggart

FORMER NASH PROPERTY SOLD BY TRUSTEES . . .

The house and lot at 209 N. Liberty which was willed by Pauline Nash to the church for pastoral housing has now been sold by the trustees to Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Barker. Balance received after deduction of legal fees, commission, etc., is \$25,119.09. According to the terms of Pauline's will the entire sum is to be used for pastoral housing in whatever manner the church determines.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS . . .

KIZZIE MAIN has returned to her apartment at 21 S. Sandusky St.

W. C. WICKUM has returned from a week's business trip to South Carolina.

BERTHA VANBRIMMER was in Washington D.C. visiting relatives and in Pennsylvania visiting daughter SUSAN.

CHARLES PARMER died Feb. 23. Our sympathy goes to his wife, BARBARA, and his children and grandchildren.

MARY SWICKHEIMER is a patient in Grady Memorial.

MARLENE BREECE was a patient in Grant Hospital and is now back to work.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR MARCH:

REGULAR -

Sundays Church School - 9:15
Morning Worship - 10:45
Junior Hi's at Presbyterian - 6:00
Senior Hi's at St. Peter's - 7:00

Tuesdays Healing Group - 7:00
Bible study - 7:45

Wednesdays Choir rehearsal - 7:30

Women's Society Thursday, March 10 - 7:30

Morning Circle Wednesday, March 16 with Evelyn Lee - 9:00

Eva Shephard Circle Thursday, March 17 with Ernestine Frost - 7:30

Deacons & Deaconesses Sunday, March 21 - 11:45

Trustees - to be announced

Bd. of Christian Ed. Monday, March 7 - 7:30

Parish Council Monday, March 21 - 7:30

SPECIAL -

Renewal & Evangelism with Dr. Wm. Bowser
Wednesday, March 30 - 7:30
Thursday, March 31 - 7:30
Friday, April 1 - 7:30

Maundy Thursday Communion
Thursday, April 7 - 8:00
Good Friday - to be announced

AN AFTERWORD . . .

The stencils for this issue were ready for duplicating last week, but problems with our duplicator forced a week's delay. Repairs have been made and the machine is working almost as good as new! But as a result of the delay some of the items are dated and the events announced are now past.

AND SOME NEW WORDS . . .

A special work session for Church World Service is being sponsored by the Morning Circle for all the women of the church fellowship. It will be held at Sandy Cagwin's Wednesday, March 9, beginning at 9:00am. Bring a sack lunch.

DEADLINE FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE . . .

All contributions for Church World Service are due at Asbury by March 14. Bring them to our church and we'll see they get there on time! BE GENEROUS IN THE NAME OF JESUS!!!!

EDUCATIONAL BUILDING IN USE AGAIN . . .

The Church School moved into the older building due to the gas shortage but now classes are back in their regular meeting places. Thanks to the teachers and students who so willingly put up with cramped space and the confusion!

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Cast all your worries upon God; for He cares about you. (I Peter 5:7)
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LENT IS ADDITION, NOT SUBTRACTION . . .

The significance is not what you give up; but what you add. Why not add regular attendance at Church Worship and School? Why not add kindness to your speech, and tolerance to your thoughts of others? YOUR PRESENCE IN YOUR CHURCH IS A WITNESS TO YOUR FAITH IN JESUS: YOUR ABSENCE IS A WITNESS TO YOUR INDIFFERENCE.

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Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)
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If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.

Henry David Thoreau

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I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener . . . remain in union with me, and I will remain in union with you. Unless you remain in me you cannot bear fruit, just as a branch cannot bear fruit unless it remains in the vine...If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it . . . You did not choose me; I chose you, and appointed you to go and bear much fruit. (from John 15)
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warm-weather worship

July 17, 1977

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On this warm summer Sunday we have taken our worship from the formality of the Sanctuary into the relaxed coolness of the Fellowship Hall. In this friendly setting we reach out in love to the great Friend who is the Creative Spirit within us . . .

And if you would know God be not a solver of riddles. Rather look about you and you shall see Him playing with your children. And look into space; you shall see Him walking in the cloud, outstretching His arms in the lightning and descending in rain. You shall see Him smiling in flowers, then rising and waving His hands in trees. (Kahlil Gibran)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

MONDAY Peter & Linda White
THURSDAY Bertha McTaggart
SATURDAY Alison Linn

SOME IDEAS TO TAKE HOME WITH YOU . . .

Love is my God.
Life is my religion.
Humanity is my church.
Loving my neighbor as myself is my daily worship.
My purpose is to enter a dynamic new way of life based on these four courses of action. (Sig Paulson)

A BLESSING FOR YOU . . .

I bless you with a mind that's pure; No adverse thought can harm you. I bless you with a vision clear, To see the good about you. I bless you with the light of truth; The dark cannot surround you. I bless you with the peace of God, And harmony enfolds you. I bless you with a heart of love; No hate nor fear can reach you. I bless you with high heaven's joy; No sadness can depress you. I bless you with long life and health; Disease can never touch you. I bless you with all blessings good, And want can never claim you. (Frank B. Whitney)

AND A BENEDICTION TO GO WITH YOU . . .

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

See you next Sunday!!!!!!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP (subject to change by the Spirit)

- PRELUDE Betty Porter
HYMN, #82, "Breath of God"
A TIME OF SEARCHING . . .
HYMN, #36, "Open My Eyes"
SCRIPTURE, Mark 4:26-34
OFFERTORY
*RESPONSE, The Doxology
LESSON "Spire and Aspire"
A TIME OF PRAYER
*HYMN, #169, "O It Is Jesus"
*BENEDICTION Alleluia
POSTLUDE Betty Porter
*congregation stands

We welcome all visitors to our warship. Please sign our guest book on the table in the rear of the Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. William Porter is our guest pianist today. Mrs. Brown is on vacation.

NEWS AND VIEWS will be available next Sunday. Today is the deadline for submission of material.

The HEALING GROUP meets Tuesday at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

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I have been sitting at my desk in this 90 degree heat: pondering on the message I must write for this space in your newsletter. I call it the monthly editorial. And then the mail came, and with it my favorite magazine, and in that magazine a lovely summer poem by one of my favorite poets. It says what I wanted to say on this beautiful, hot, and exciting mid-summer day.
(JBS)

Dear God, on this day
help me to be open
to every experience.
I would feel the warmth
of sun, the chill of rain;
I would hear birdsong
and that other sound
which is an inner sound
by which I connect,
at times, with You.
I would see anew

the uncurling leaf
and the smile of a child
and the color of grape.
I would be aware of every
fragrance - sweet, pungent.
Oh dear God, I would be
centered firmly within
and so enabled to perceive
the patterns of Your world,
the world that holds me
for this time and space.
- Elizabeth Searle Lamb

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NEW MEMBER RECEIVED INTO CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Ronald D. Whitacre was received into the church Sunday, July 10, during the morning worship service. He came by transfer of membership from the Broad Street Methodist Church, Columbus.

Ron lives at 54 Campbell, phone 369-6605, and teaches math and Science at the Willis Intermediate School. During the summer he serves as a lifeguard at the state park.

WEDDING AT THE CHURCH

Sue Chaffin and Thomas Wells were married in our Sanctuary Saturday, July 9. Ruth Brown was organist and W. C. Wickum soloist.

CHURCH TO BUILD NEW PARSONAGE

The congregation, accepting the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, has voted to begin building a new parsonage. It is to be a memorial to Lois Nash with one half of its cost coming from our bequest from Pauline Nash. Cost of house and lot is \$14,000. It will be on Congress Court, Hayes Colony, and will be completed by late fall or early winter.

ARISE, SHINE, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

RETREAT

- WHO -- The Whole First Baptist family.
- WHAT - Our annual weekend church retreat.
- WHEN -- In only 7 weeks; Sept. 9, 10, 11.
- WHERE - Judson Hills, a beautiful setting
- for good experiences.
- WHY - To learn, to laugh, to love, to experience a growth in Christian living and knowledge and understanding.
- HOW MUCH? - \$15. for adults, \$10 for children 6-11, and \$5 for children under 6 years.

Please let Carol Grubbs know about your family plans or phone the church office at 363-7021.

Marjorie Smale

IF YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE THE KIND OF A CHURCH
Like the kind of a church you'd like,
You don't have to look in another place
Or go on a long, long hike.
Just do your part in the church where you
are and pay your share of the bills,
And you'll find it's the kind of a church
you like
And has somehow been cured of its ills!
submitted by Helen Aleshire

MY BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD,
AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLS THE TEMPLE!

NOTICE! THE FOLLOWING IS MEANT FOR ALL READERS OVER 30!

"How old are you?" A certain minister was asked.

Without a moment's hesitation, she replied, "I am eternally young."

It was obvious that this minister was living the truth of the Biblical teaching on the aging process.

Charles Fillmore once wrote, "The marks of old age can be erased from the body by one's mentally seeing the body as youthful. If you want to be healthy, do not imagine so vain a thing as decrepitude. Make your body perfect by seeing perfection in it. Transient patching up with lotions and external applications is foolish; the work must be an inner transformation. 'Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.'"

Thomas Witherspoon

THE LORD'S TREASURY . . .

MAY, 1977

April balance	\$ 435.73
May receipts	1940.07
Reimbursement from Nash Fund for expenses paid out of local receipts	<u>655.44</u>
	\$3031.24
May disbursements	<u>2462.34</u>
Balance carried forward	\$ 568.90

MAY, 1977 BENEVOLENCES

Undesignated	\$ 45.00
Love gifts	17.66
1 Great Hour of Sharing	148.93
Hunger Fund	27.00
Judson College	60.00
Northern Seminary	<u>175.00</u>
Total for others	\$ 473.59

- Ruth J. Brown
Treasurer

HUNGER KETTLE STILL IN SANCTUARY

The Hunger Kettle continues to rattle a little bit, and no one has tripped over it yet, so we will continue to leave it in the aisle.

Would anyone be interested in starting a weight-watchers group with the dues going to help hunger? Mutual support and sharing in prayer and Bible study (?) and

a lot of humor can do wonders. (I promise that I have had this idea on my mind before I knew Steve was on a diet!) We could make a chart and keep track of weight lost or we could really embarrass ourselves and weigh in each time. Whatever the group would decide. We could pay regular dues and/or a penalty for gaining or not losing.

Hunger offerings for 1977 so far:

Jan. & Feb.	00.00
March	.88
April	29.56
May	27.00

- Sandra Cagwin

CHURCH SCHOOL RESUMES SCHEDULE IN SEPT.

Our church school will resume its regular schedule for the year on Sept. 4. The first day's activities will begin with a breakfast for the whole fellowship at 8:15. A major summer activity was Children's Day on June 12. The program was under the direction of Mary Lou Lovell and Sis Mansfield.

CHURCH IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Morning Worship on July 17 was held in the Fellowship Hall. Temperature in the Hall was 72 compared to 85 in the Sanctuary. If high temperatures continue we will again head for the cool!

MEMBERS RECEIVED SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Betty Porter, Dianna Lathrop, Bruce Lee, and Paul Mansfield, were all received into the church fellowship on Sunday, June 5. Betty comes from Asbury Methodist Church and serves the people of Delaware County as Clerk of Courts. The others were all members of this year's discipleship class and received New Testament Baptism May 29.

WANT TO HELP?????????????

Meals on Wheels depends on 40 volunteers per week (8 per day) to pack and deliver meals to its clients. Packers work from 10am until 11 and drivers work from 11am until noon. If you would like to participate in this valuable service by being a regular volunteer or by adding your name to the substitute list, please call Suzy Stege at 362-3131. If you want information about the program itself for someone who might need the service, call the same number.

THE LITTLE WISE ONES

The wise ones
dream a million things,
Like yellow suns
that walk on springs and
light the world.

The wise ones
know important things,
Like where to look for
tinted wings and watch
them fly.

The wise ones
hear with burning minds
The music
that we've left behind
and lost somehow.

The wise ones
listen while we teach,
Yet higher
than a man can reach
they touch and grasp.
- Carleen S. Hamilton



PICNICS PAST AND PICNICS TO COME

An allchurch picnic was held Saturday, June 24, at Highbanks. The well-fed group enjoyed baseball, frisbee, swings, hikes, and conversation.

So, another has been planned for Sat., July 30, at the same place, starting at 6:30pm. Sponsorship is by the Adult Committee again, and it will be picnic food, served covered dish style. SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC!

I NO LONGER CONDEMN, CRITICIZE, CENSURE,
OR FIND FAULT WITH MY ASSOCIATES.

SALE COMING UP IN OCTOBER!!!!!!

Finished cleaning out your closets yet? If you're like me you never get that all done. Anyway, when you do, don't throw anything away. If the Women's Mission Society can't find someone to use it or someplace to send it, we will sell it next October at our "Garage-Rummage-Whatever Sale. The dates are October 13, 14, and 15. Remember that what is trash to one person is treasure to another.

Sandra Cagwin

HOSPITAL NEWS . . .

JOHN MCTAGGART was a surgical patient in Grady Hospital . . . MYRTLE GABRIEL was a medical patient at Grady.

DEATH IN CHURCH FAMILY . . .

DELLA SWOPE, sister of MARGARET DANLSON, passed away Monday, July 18. She and her husband had operated Swopes Restaurant for many years. Our sympathy to the family.

PEOPLE in the NEWS . . .

JEFF CAGWIN received the Arrow of Light Award from Cub Scout Pack 493 at an Indian Ceremony at Camp Lazarus on June 6.

NELLIE DICK is staying for a brief time at the Sara More Home, and will enjoy seeing her friends. She will be here from July 16-Aug. 2. She lives with her daughter Ruth and family in Morrow, Ohio.

MARJORIE ADAMS and son DAVID have moved to Delaware from Niagra Falls, N.Y. and will live with Marjorie's parents, PROF. and MRS. RUFUS CRANE.

DR. & MRS. ALAN GEYER were recent visitors with Steve and Sophia. Alan was student assistant at the church in 1951-52 and has since served as professor at several universities and will be serving in Washington D.C. as a specialist in theology and government. He was formerly editor of the CHRISTIAN CENTURY.

JOHN MCTAGGART was in Vancouver recently attending a library conference.

DELLA NOFSINGER's mother was a guest for two weeks. Her home is in Kansas.

MARJORIE SMALE, BERTHA MCTAGGART, SOPHIA STEPHENSON, and HELEN ALESHIRE attended the Women's Conference in Westerville June 8-10. Marjorie and Bertha worked in the bookstore.

HELEN ALESHIRE's home and farm were in the path of a severe windstorm June 30 and damage was done to chicken coop, trees, barn roof, and fence.

BERTHA MCTAGGART attended the Triennial Ecumenical Assembly sponsored by Church Women United that was held at Purdue Un., West Lafayette, Ind., July 7-9. More than 2400 women and a few men ages 6-90 from 50 states and 53 countries on six continents shared in the interfaith experience.

PAUL and SANDRA CAGWIN, with the help of JEFF and JENNY, painted their house as a family project.

RUTH BROWN's parents, MR. & MRS. SHERMAN D. PRIEST, have moved to Columbus from Phoenix, Ariz. and were recent visitors with Ruth and Donna.

POLLY FOCKE's dear friend, SARAH HARRIS, of Newark, recently passed on.

VACATION NEWS

PAM, LARRY, & JEFF FAULK have returned from a week's camping at Higgin's Lake, Michigan. Larry is currently attending summer session at Ohio State University.

MARY & BILL HEFFNER of Anderson, Cal., visited ERNESTINE FROST for about 2 weeks. GENEVA EVANS is returning to Calif. with them for a two weeks vacation. She will fly home.

CARDLYN WHITE will attend the convention of Altrusa International at Brighton, England, July 24-28, and the following 2 weeks will visit friends she knew in India in 1943. This will take her to London, Bournemouth, Liverpool, and Glasgow.

HELEN ALESHIRE visited her sister in Mansfield, and toured Roscoe Village in Co-shocton.

The CAGWINS recently visited PAUL's parents in Marietta.

NANCY SUMMERS of Staunton, Va., spent a week with her parents, FRED & IUCILLE VIA.

DAVID, MARY LOU, & DEBBY LOVELL vacationed in New York state.

DONALD, DOROTHY, & KENNY BROWN were in Indianapolis visiting the STEPHENSONS.

JEAN EKELBERRY and sons CHARLES & MICHAEL took a camping trip with Jean's family that included a visit to Philadelphia.

STEVE & SOPHIA STEPHENSON were in Indianapolis visiting TED, JEANNIE, AMY, & JENNIFER STEPHENSON. This included a tour of the new Children's Museum which is a must for anyone visiting the area. Sights there include a life-sized model of a dinosaur, an Egyptian mummy, a cave you can walk thru, fire trucks, trains, a real live snake you can touch, an enormous display of toy trains in action, and a beautiful carousal you can ride for only a quarter. These are just a few on the wonders that will delight kids from 2-200.

The WICKUMS and SUSAN MUSSARD have returned from a camping trip west. They visited the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Silver Dollar City, and the Shepherd of the Hills pageant in Branson, Missouri, and from there went to visit the Wickums niece and her husband, the MCNAMARAS, in Tulsa.

The following day they went to Durand, Ok., where they visited BILL & MARILYN FAULK, & PHILLIP & new baby MELANIE. They left their camper with the Faulks and went on to Dallas. SUSAN flew from there to San Antonio to spend a week with an old school chum, then flew home. WICK & JEAN stayed for the Kiwanis International convention, to which he was a delegate.

On their way home they stopped in Indianapolis to see TED, JEANNIE, AMY & new baby JENNIFER STEPHENSON. They attended church, and Wick sang, and they had a delicious lunch at the Stephenson's home.

To visit these three young couples whose growing up years meant so much to the Wickums was one of the most deeply satisfying parts of the vacation, according to Wick & Jean.

Sunday, July 17, the Wickums picniced at

Jackson Park in Lithopolis with Marnia Mead Chapman, her family, Karen Mead Ellison, her family, and Mary Ann Mead and friend.

(You are invited to submit information about your vacation for NEWS AND VIEWS.)

Immersed in infinite energy and love, I'm part of the eternal flow of things. No matter when or where or how I move, whether on earth with wheels or in air with wings, I am a part of everything that is, all that has been or will ever be. Designed by the dreams of all divinities, all beauty and all truth are mixed in me. Knowing this, I shed my shell of doubt, till free in the freedom of the Mystic Mind and linked to laws of love, I go about fulfilling that for which I was designed, which is to sing myself and try to share the loveliness of which I am aware. - John D. Engle, Jr.

OHIO BAPTIST MEN'S CONFERENCE

The annual conference of Ohio Baptist Men will be held at Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, Aug. 12,13,14. The Bible study will be conducted by Rev. Willis E. Lucas of Indianapolis. The conference leader is John F. Mandt, president of American Baptist Men. See Jim VanBrimmer or Steve for details. The theme is "Equipping to Serve," and the Scripture is Ephesians 4:11-13.

A NOTE FROM STEVE . . .

Our fellowship is having a good summer. Low church attendance suggests that most of you are getting away on weekends for much needed rest and recreation. Offerings are holding up well for this time of year. But we do miss you.

I never yell at people about church-attendance. I accept you all as intelligent adults who take your commitment seriously. When you are absent I assume you have a very good reason. So I'm not writing this as criticism. Take it as a suggestion and/or request.

When you are in town on Sunday, plan to

join us at church. We really need you and you need us. Spiritual fellowship, in the long run, is as basic to the whole person's health as food and travel.

As I have often pointed out, one of the easiest ways to witness for the Truth and your church is simply to be present on Sunday morning.

And please bring your Bible!

. . . the Sanctuary

In this room grows the tree of life and from it come the fruits of health and wholeness.

In this room is the spring of living water which drowns the cry of death and drains its power.

In this room echoes the heartbeat of love and from it resound acts of kindness. words of understanding.

In this room lies the hidden manna which falls from heaven and gives spiritual nourishment.

In this room dawns the morning star which guides all who enter here to a new heaven, a new earth.

In this room hangs the mirror of the soul in which we see what we truly are... sons of the most high.

In this room is the throne of God and from it come power and dominion to those present.

In this room hangs the yoke of Christ and with it comes the strength to bear all burdens.

In this room dwells God, the Father of us all.

- Jim Rosemergy

The newsletter is the voice of the First Baptist Church. We welcome your original poems, comments, contributions of interesting material, etc. We also welcome your constructive comments as to its format, etc.

GOD LOVES ME AS I AM. I NOW ACCEPT MYSELF!

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1978
 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 DELAWARE, OHIO

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Salary	\$7959.
Car allowance	1600.
State Convention	100.
Continuing Education	100.
M & M Premium & Ins.	2763.
	<u>12522.</u>

CHURCH EXPENSES

Salaries:	
Organist	450.
Choir Director	450.
Janitor	600.
Utilities (Church & parsonage)	
Gas	2149.
Electric	1378.
City	360.
Telephone	330.
Workmen's Compensation	150.
Insurance	654.
Supplies & newsletter	300.
Taxes (property & city)	250.
Music	150.
Flowers & gifts	50.
Assoc. dues	15.
Evangelistic outreach	250.
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CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Organ repair	200.
Fire ext. service	25.
Entrance mats (rental)	100.
Repair fund	1500.
Mercury light	14.
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Teaching materials	\$800.
Vacation Bible School	50.
Misc. teaching supplies	35.
Cards, gifts, special Sundays	65.
Camp Fund	50.
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MISSIONS

University Church (3%)	120.
Judson College (11%)	440.
Northern Seminary (11%)	440.
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(In the interest of economy your December newsletter, a letter from your finance committee, a copy of the proposed 1978 budget, and a pledge sheet for your use all come as one "package." On this page is your letter, the budget is printed on the reverse side, next page is your pledge sheet, and after that THE GOOD NEWS LETTER. Doing it this way saves your church approximately \$15.00 Additional pledge sheets are available in the vestibule)

December 4, '77

Dear friends,

Your Finance Committee has carefully estimated our expenses and income for 1978, and has prepared the enclosed budget for your consideration.

This budget reflects a modest increase of only \$1786 over the 1977 proposed budget for all of the usual expenses. Payments for the parsonage now under construction will be a new item of expense for 1978, however.

The Finance Committee estimates there will be nine monthly payments of \$238 each for the new parsonage in 1978. Partially offsetting these is an estimated monthly income of \$150 for eight months from old parsonage rental, which results in a net expense of \$942. It is expected that this new parsonage cost will be offset by over and above pledges for this specific purpose.

Each year, as we go through this procedure, the amount of money needed seems somewhat frightening. Yet each year our needs are met. Our past experiences should be to us a lesson in faith; faith in God, and faith in each other that our fellowship has a real purpose in being and that necessary resources will be provided.

Please consider the extent of your support prayerfully, and make your personal commitment on the enclosed pledge sheet. Pledges will be received at a special commitment service during Morning Worship on Sunday, December 11.

In the name of our Lord Jesus, thank you for your past support, and for the hope this holds for our future together.

In His service,

Finance Committee
James VanBrimmer, Donald Brown, Richard
Lee, Ruth Brown, Jeanne Ekelberry, Carol
Grubbs, Larry Faulk, Chr.

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THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

JAMES B. STEPHENSON: MINISTER

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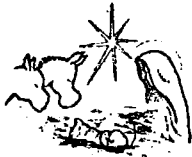
Christmas is the ultimate GOOD NEWS. God visits our planet as a little baby who grows up as the "visible likeness of the invisible God." (Colossians 1:15) He is Perfect Everything, giving Perfect Everything to all who believe in him. Every gift given and received is a symbol of the amazing gift God has given us. Every Christmas light is a symbol of the Light who came into the world to bring our smoldering lights to brightness. We can quit searching, for the one we have searched for has found us. Our moment of destiny comes when we find the Christ, and in receiving him, receive the whole creation! Poet E. J. Anderson expresses it so beautifully in the following words:

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.

May Jesus bless your Christmas!

(JBS)

Christmas



Services

OUR CHURCH WANTS you to have the best Christmas ever!! And to have the best Christmas you must accept the best gift ever offered to the human race - NEW LIFE in God's Son!

In addition to our regular Sunday program of Church School at 9:15 and Morning Worship at 10:45, we have scheduled:

SUNDAY, DEC. 4, 8:15am. Quarterly breakfast in the Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Deacons and Trustees.

SUNDAY, DEC. 11, 12 noon. Hanging of the Greens. We will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall - you bring sandwich and fruit, we will provide chili and drinks. Then we will decorate the Sunday School rooms and Sanctuary. This will be followed by crafts. After this we will go caroling to some of our shut-ins.

SATURDAY, DEC. 17, 2:00pm. Class parties at the church, Nursery thru Jr. Hi.

SUNDAY, DEC. 18, 7:00pm. Christmas Program featuring a film, "The Coming of Christ," carol singing, and a birthday Party for Jesus.

SATURDAY, DEC. 24, 7:30pm. Annual Candle-light Communion Service.

SUNDAY, DEC. 25, CHRISTMAS DAY with Church School and Worship at the regular times.

The Women's Society and the Circles will observe Christmas at their usual meeting times: SOCIETY, Dec. 8 with Bertha McTaggart (visits to shut-ins, bring fruit, candy, or cookies); MORNING CIRCLE, Dec. 14 with Sandra Cagwin; and SHEPARD CIRCLE, Dec. 15 with Lucille Via.

CHURCH CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving's over - and if you didn't get to share Sunday Dinner with us the 20th then plan to come next year.

We enjoyed lots of good food, group singing and fellowship with our friends and our guests from Sunny Vee Nursing Home.

Thanks to all who helped by bringing food, baking the turkeys and all those who pitched in to clean up the dishes and carry chairs. And special thanks to

Sophia Stephenson, Mary Lou Lovell, Carol Grubbs, and Dorothy Brown.
- Jeanne Ekelberry

FORMER MEMBER HONORED BY HER CHURCH

Billie Hayes, former member of our church and daughter of Gladys Volk, was recently honored by her church, the Church of the Cross in Hoffman Estates, Ill. The following is from the church's newsletter:

"Billie Hayes, our Deacon of the Month, is a former Baptist who hails originally from Ohio. . . Billie's specific duties on Deacons involves working with the Good Shepherd - providing meals, sending cards, helping with the blood bank, etc. All of her interests, whether within the church or at home, center around helping people, in general the kinds of ideas that show what Christianity is all about. We could use more people like Billie Hayes."

Since you have accepted Christ Jesus as Lord, live in union with him. Keep your roots in him, build your lives on him, and become stronger in your faith, as you were taught. And be filled with thanksgiving. (Colossians 2:6,7 TEV)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT WILLIS

The Delaware Hayes Band along with the Willis Band will present a Christmas Concert Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 7:30pm in Willis Auditorium. No admission charge.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED HOLD MEDITATIONS

The Church Women United will offer an opportunity for community meditation during the Advent season. The place is William Street Church and the time is each Wednesday from 12 noon until 1pm. The public is invited to take a few minutes from shopping or work to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Free inspirational material will be available.

A REMINDER . . .

Please remember to give your favorite recipe and any special remembrances for Susan VanBrimmer Leonard's absentee show-er to either Carol Grubbs or Evelyn Lee as soon as possible.

NO COP-OUT SUNDAY

To make it possible for everybody to attend church next Sunday:

Cots will be placed in the back for those who say Sunday is the only day they can sleep.

Blankets will be provided for those who say the church is too cold.

Fans will be provided for those who say the church is too hot.

We will have hearing aids for those who say the minister talks too soft...and cotton for those who say he talks too loud, and alarm clocks for those who say he talks too long.

Calculators will be available for those who enjoy counting the hypocrites present.

Finally, the sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen a church without them.

- from THE MASTER'S VOICE, Church of the Master, Indianapolis

MY TRIP TO ITALY

We left New York at approximately 11pm Saturday, Oct. 8, and arrived in Venice, Italy, at 11am Sunday. Flying time about 7 hours. It was raining when we left home and was raining when we arrived in Venice. It had been raining for sometime in Italy and there was considerable flooding in the northern and western sections. Our busses were waiting for us and we left immediately for Milano some 165 miles west of Venice. Our driver's name was Luigi, he was with us throughout the trip and he was one good driver - you had to be good to drive in Italy. Our guide's name was Nadia. We stopped enroute for lunch, a standup restaurant, the food was displayed in cases, you went around, picked out what you wanted, paid the cashier, got a slip and went back and picked up your food. I was there introduced to the favorite Italian beverage, "Cappucino," a combination of coffee, cocoa and milk.

After checking in at the hotel, Leonardo de Vinci, we left for a short tour of the city, then came back to the hotel, cleaned up, and went to dinner, retired early.

Next morning, Monday, I went on a special tour to Lugano, Switzerland. It rained on us all day but nevertheless it was a delightful trip, scenery was beautiful, rugged and mountainous. Lugano is hemmed in by Lake

Lugano and Lake Maggerio. It is a Swiss village with Italian undertones, you could speak Swiss, Italian, English, and sometime, somewhere you would be understood, and you could spend either the lire, franc or dollar. Silver coins were at a premium all over Italy so you didn't get many, most always they would disregard a fraction of a lire, dollar, etc.. They had planned to bring us back via ferry across Lake Maggerio but the lake was out of bounds, about a block in the city, so we had to come back by bus.

Thursday morning we did a tour of Milano. We visited the cathedral Duomo, elaborately ornamented with thousands of statues set in niches, almost like a fairy land picture, one of the largest and most famous cathedrals in Europe, the interior was large, dark, and cold. We visited the Santa Maria delle Grazie church and the adjoining refectory where De Vinci painted the Last Supper. The painting covers the end wall and it was in this room that the friars ate their meals when the church was a monastery. This building was bombed in 1843 during an air raid on Milan and in 1947 the picture was restored by scientific experts and today it probably looks more like the original than it had for a long time. The dampness in the building had caused it to deteriorate badly. De Vinci took 2 years in painting the picture.

Unfortunately, all we could do when we went to La Scala was to look. The opera season runs from December to June, it seats about 3,000 and sells on an average of 500,000 tickets per season. Tradition demands that productions include at least one work from Rossini, Bellini, Donizette, Verdi, and Puccini. The carpets were well worn, evidence of the usage. The museum was quite interesting with pictures, personal belongings, etc., of the stars who had performed there over the years. It was opened in 1778. The building was a total wreck at the end of the last war but has now been perfectly restored.

Milan is the second largest city in Italy with 1½ million population. It is an industrial city but also has lots of the arts, cathedrals, and castles as does all of Italy.

After lunch, another standup, we left for Rome, some 300 miles south, and it rained all the way. We went through lots of countryside, grape vineyards, corn fields, orchards of all kinds. It was flat along the road but a mountain range ran

parallel to it and we saw a monastery perched on top of the mountains. We went through Naples, passed Mt. Vesuvius which has erupted several times, an early eruption destroyed Pompeii, and the last one was in 1946.

It was well after dark when we reached Rome and arrived at our destination, the Midas Hotel.

See you in Rome.

- Helen Aleshire



CHRISTMAS CLEARING HOUSE

The Christmas Clearing House again offers us a chance to remember others at Christmas. You will find a box in the vestibule where you may place your contributions. Needed are new toys, canned and staple foods, including this year soap, clean blankets, sheets and towels, and money for non-transferable clothing certificates for 12 through high school.

Deadline is December 16. We will get your contributions to the clearing house if you get them to the church.

BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH

JOHN

This gospel reflects the realization that Christianity reveals a new world, a realm of light, love, truth, knowledge and freedom. It was Jesus who revealed and embodied it, and he lighted up the future as a time of even greater deeds and fuller truth. God loves the world.

PRAY for success in the windup of the Fund of Renewal campaign, and grant that the benefits already accomplished will increase and flourish.

- Bertha Mc Taggart
Spiritual Life Chr.
Women's Mission
Society

The little birds praise you,
The wren and the sparrow,
The rabbits and squirrels
That run in the snow.
This house may be small
And this cradle be narrow.
You learned to be humble
A long time ago.

O little Lord Jesus,
Your moment is breaking.
The angels in heaven
Have polished your star.
Alone on their hill-sides
The shepherds are waking
The wise shall grow simple
And find where you are.
- Eleanor Slater

A LETTER TO THE CHURCH FAMILY -

Friends,
The children of the church are in need of some new toys. The ones they have now are completely worn out. Any fun toy, such as cars, trucks, puzzles, dolls and clothing, and nice books, will be fine. The age group is from babies through six years. You may bring your gift to the church, wrapped, and put it under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. If you wish, you can give money to buy toys. A Christmas tree poster is in the Assembly Room with cut outs of toys on it. Take one off if you are buying that particular toy. This is not meant to limit your choice but just to offer some suggestions.

Thank you for sharing with these children.
Carol Fogle

SUMMERS FAMILY TO MOVE TO KENTUCKY

Everett and Jannie Summers and their children are moving to Kentucky. Jannie had to remain in Delaware due to the illness of baby Jimmy who was in the hospital with pneumonia, while Everett went on ahead to get the house ready and get started on his new job.

We are collecting contributions for a farewell gift. You may give your gift to Jim VanBrimmer, Carol Grubbs, or Steve.

The Summers have meant so much to our fellowship and we hate to see them leave. Their address will be available soon in the bulletin.

A MESSAGE FROM L. F. GABRIEL

L. F. Cap Gabriel has asked your editor to express his thanks to the Healing Group and all the church fellowship for their prayers for his vision. He is visiting a specialist in Cleveland and at this point things look very favorable for him. Prayer really works!

NOTES FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. A new sump pump has been installed in the basement of the church. The old one wore out after 14 years use.
2. The new church parsonage is taking form with both floors framed.
3. Gutters and downspouts cleaned on church and parsonage.
4. The Trustees ask everyone to conserve energy again this winter. Small groups please meet in the senior high room or junior high room instead of Fellowship Hall.
5. The old parsonage has been insulated to save heat and to make it easier to rent when the pastor moves to the new house.
6. The following letter about a gift has been received.

"Another note of thanks to you for your continuing generosity. Once again in the clutch you have provided us with much needed equipment. We assure you your gift of the refrigerator is being put to good use.

Carole Waterman
Recording Secretary
Speech and Hearing
Center"

(We gave the Center our old refrigerator after receiving a newer one from the VanBrimmers)

- Don Brown, Chr.

TREASURER'S REPORT Received as follows

Oct. 2	\$467.65	We need \$410 weekly to meet our budget.
9	297.07	
16	200.47	
23	181.36	
30	699.85	
Nov. 6	516.34	
13	172.50	
20	344.15	
27	504.52	

Ruth J. Brown
Treasurer

This is the second installment of a trip to Great Britain taken by Beth Trigg, Alison Linn, and their mother Anne Linn. This article was written by Anne.)

We took the train to Canterbury where we stayed in an ancient inn where the pilgrims in Chaucer's time were lodged. The area in which we stayed had huge old paving stones and quaint old shops. Flowers were everywhere as they were all over England.

This massive, beautiful cathedral was just behind our inn. It was truly a miracle that it and other famous cathedrals were not ruined by bombing during the war.

After night and day here, we again set out by train to Glastonbury where the legends of King Arthur give the area a definite air of magic and mystery. We stayed at a large old brick home at the foot of the "Tar," a 550 ft. hill which we climbed. At the summit was the remains of an old tower where people had worshipped thousands of years ago. Staying at this house was a history professor from Oxford and his wife. He told us many interesting legends of the area and of so many hauntings that we had a few chills listening. We visited the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey - what a thrill to actually see all this after hearing and reading of it for so many years.

This was an interesting town, center of a sheepskin industry and a tannery. It was set amid rolling hills and the green, green fields separated by the hedgerows.

After a too brief stop here, we started on a 6 hour train ride to York. We met many friendly people on the trains who pointed out points of interest along the way. Some saw that we got off at the right stations and even took us across the track platforms to see us on another train when we had to change trains.

We finally came into York which still has much of its medieval wall around the city. Another beautiful cathedral is here - York Minster. The evening we arrived here it was gloomy and drizzling rain. I guess I was so disoriented from all the traveling in such a short time, that I had a strange sensation that I was no longer in England and that I was in Canada where I've never visited! In this city we had reservations in a very pleasant old home. When we'd settled in and eaten, I finally adjusted to the fact that I was still in England. Next day we visited the Minster. We heard the beautiful organ and the choir practicing for a concert that night. We just sat for a time and listened and looked.

I must mention the laugh we had our first evening there when we stopped in a Chinese restaurant for supper. On our budget, the meals were very uninspiring. "Chips" (our fr. fries) and peas were served with everything. So we thought we'd try something different. Alison had ordered Egg Fu Yung, and as the young Chinese boy served it, he asked her, "Would you care for chips with this?" We laughed and Alison said how disgusted she was that chips were even served with Chinese food.

However, the butter and dairy products were delicious and the coffee was excellent as was the tea.

Again, as in other bed and breakfast homes, we had wonderful, huge breakfasts, so we'd just buy fruit for lunch and eat one more meal in the evening.

We left in another day or two to visit the little village of Wall near the Scottish border. It was located in the large county of Northumberland where the Roman wall is still winding through the moors as it has for centuries.

This was my favorite place in England. The population of the village was 250 - all living in old stone houses. We stayed with a wonderful lady there in her home which was built in 1631.

We started out that afternoon in a drizzle to see parts of the Roman ruins; old bridge abutments and the remains of some Roman baths. After walking for several miles, we arrived back at our house and found our hostess had prepared a wonderful tea for us. That evening, although we were completely exhausted, we sat for hours talking with a woman and her daughter from Hull, England, who were also visiting at guest houses.

Next day they drove us through the beautiful countryside and we saw the moors and another old village with monk's quarters and an abbey. We were in the area of the country where the Brontë sisters had lived in Yorkshire.

Again - we were cutting our visit short in order to keep our itinerary.

Next stop - Scotland!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY DECEMBER 11

How can we express our love for the Christ? By supporting the church which is his body. With this newsletter comes a copy of the 1978 budget, a letter from your finance committee, and your pledge sheet. Pledges will be received and blessed next Sunday, Dec. 11, during our morning worship.

A CHRISTMAS CARD FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

We invite you to send one Christmas card to your church friends by placing it on the bulletin board in the vestibule and then give the money saved (postage & cards) to the church. Perhaps you may designate it for hunger relief.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS . . .

ERNESTINE FROST, EDITH HALL, and DICK LEE were all patients in Grady Hosiptal. All are now at home but DICK returns Tuesday for minor surgery.

CARY BETH FOGLE suffered a broken arm Nov. 19.

DAVID OSBORNE received a painful facial injury in an accident with a chain-saw. 200 stitches were required for the wound and he was hospitalized at Riverside.

JIM & BERTHA VANBRIMMER spent Thanksgiving with daughter and son-in-law JEFF and SUSAN LEONARD.

REV. TED, JEANNIE, AMY, and JENNIFER visited their families in Delaware for Thanksgiving.

COLLEEN GRIFFIN and RON WHITACRE were married in our sanctuary Thursday, Dec. 1

SUE PANEK will spend one academic term studying in Spain.

IOLA EBENHACK passed away in Worthington Friday, Dec. 2.

Christmas is God's best gift to the waiting world. Jesus comes in the Father's name to offer new life, new power, new hope. Have you received him as your own personal Savior?
