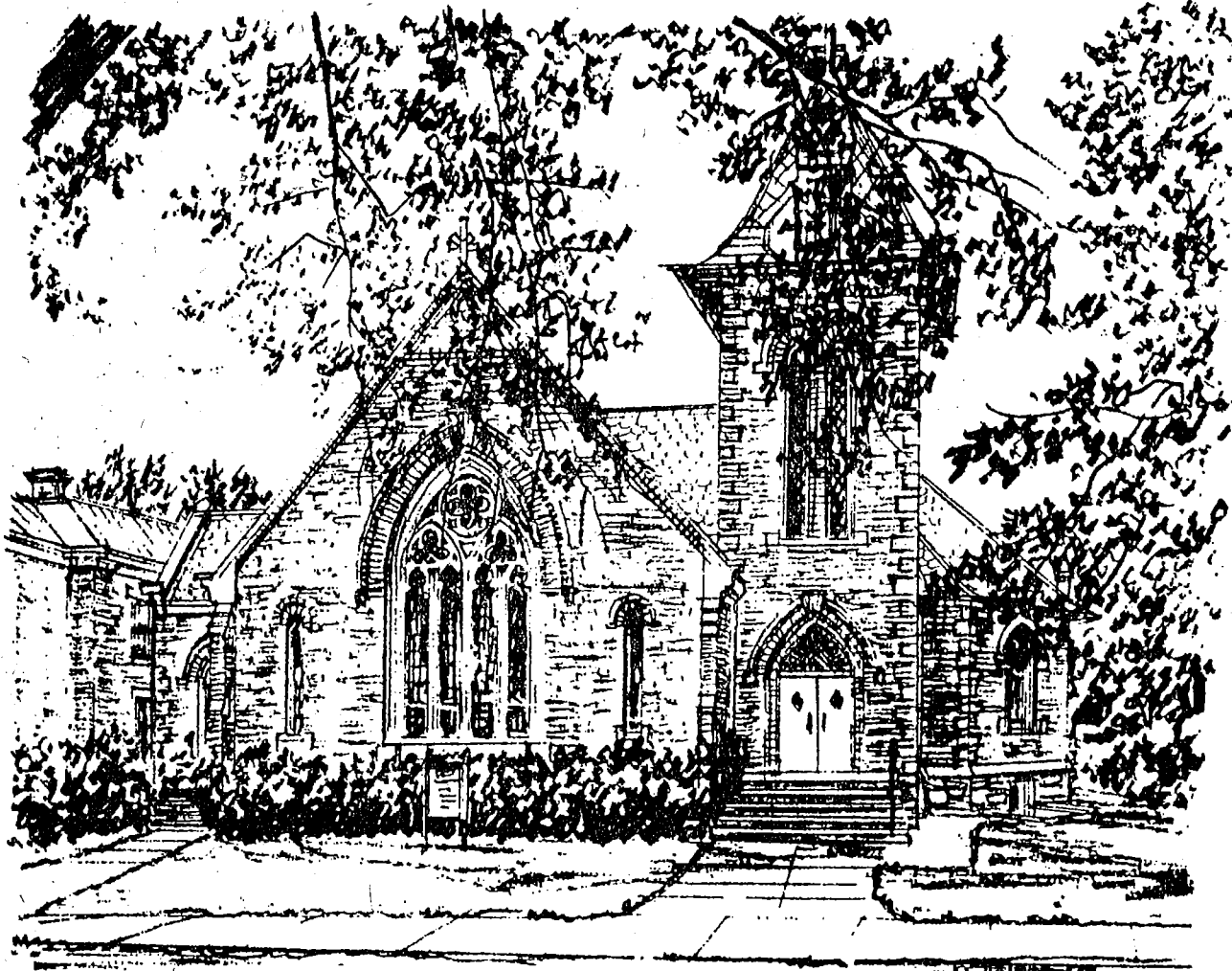

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Pastor



"THE CHURCH WHERE ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE"

COMMENT

This month's GOOD NEWS LETTER has a new format. It was designed by Jim Stephenson, who is a Junior at Ohio State University majoring in Visual Communication Design. We appreciate all the hours Jim put into it and anticipate that it will effectively convey the message of our church fellowship, which is GOOD NEWS FOR ALL.

As followers of Jesus our life style is meant to embody LOVE, JOY, and PEACE, and if we are not reflecting these qualities, it is time for us to change our old format for a new one! Let the GOOD NEWS come to life in you and you will find your church is the CHURCH WHERE ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. (JBS)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR JANUARY 17

The annual meeting of our church fellowship has been set for Wednesday, January 17. We will begin at 6:30pm with a covered dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and tea will be provided and we are to bring our own table service. The meeting will follow and includes annual reports, action on the budget, and election of officers. Presiding will be Moderator Jeanne Ekelberry.

PROJECT DAY

All the women of the church are invited to Project Day at Sue Elfner's, 24 Darlington, on Tuesday, Jan. 16, from 9-11am. Come and work with your hands for the Lord. Just give Sue or me a call.

Sandra Cagwin

FIRST HEALING AND MEDITATION SERVICE

The first public Healing and Meditation Service in the history of our church was held in the Sanctuary Tuesday, Dec. 5. It was sponsored by our Healing Group and attended by 21 persons. The service consisted of hymns, Scripture, a message by the pastor, healing meditation, and the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. The next service will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 7:30pm.

MAINLAND CHINA WORKSHOP AT WILLIAM STREET CHURCH

A mainland China workshop will be held at the William Street Methodist Church Monday, January 15, beginning at 3pm. Dr. M. E. Gilliom of Ohio State University will be the leader. A light rice supper will be served at 5:45 and the evening session begins at 7. The workshop is sponsored by Church Women United. Cost to you is only \$1.

HOW TO USE OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS

We discovered a good idea in Daily Guideposts 1979 on Jan. 5. The writer tells of a way to keep Christmas alive into the new year. They keep the Christmas cards they received near their table and each day pull a couple of them out and remember and pray for the senders. We have been trying this and find we are enjoying it and even needing to tell each other who some of the senders are! If you haven't disposed of your cards yet, why not give it a try.

Sandra Cagwin

THE LORD'S TREASURY - REPORT OF GIVING

Received in December:

December 3	\$477.72
10	291.15
17	380.20
24	278.26
31	<u>292.05</u>
	\$1719.38

Missions:

Valley Forge	\$303.21
CROP	10.00
Sesqui '76	<u>102.50</u>
	\$415.71

Ruth J. Brown

GOOD NEWS BIBLES AVAILABLE LOCALLY

The Good News Bible (published by the American Bible Society) may be purchased locally from the Herbert Fishers, 296 N. Franklin St., phone 369-5736. The price is \$2.50 for hardcover and \$1.90 for softcover.

LETTERS

Dear friends,
On Saturday afternoon, Myrtle Smith, a long time friend and neighbor, brings to me a box of fruit, snacks, and confections prepared by the fine ladies of the First Baptist Church of Delaware, Ohio.

I am indeed grateful for this gift as it shows that while I have been set aside, as it were, that I am not forgotten nor forsaken.

I wish for you all a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Dec. 18
Crestmont Nursing Center

Sincerely,
John Swickheimer

Mr. & Mrs. Stephenson,
We both want to thank you for the candy, cookies and fruit. Also the carolers for their songs and visit.

Jan. 2, 1979

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. J. C. McKean

Dear church family,
We want to express our deep appreciation for the generous and thoughtful Christmas gift. Also a warm thank you to all who worked so hard to make Christmas a time to remember at First Baptist!

The Stephensons

INSPIRATION

RECIPe FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Take 12 whole months. Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy. Make them just as fresh and clean as possible. Now cut each month into 28, 30, or 31 different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once. Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients. Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of courage, and one part of work. Add to each day one part of hope, patience, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness. Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed. Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humor. Pour

all of this into a vessel of love. Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness. You are bound to have a Happy New Year!

from Zion Herald

GIVING

The more you give, the more you get,
The more you laugh, the less you fret,
The more you do unselfishly,
The more you live abundantly,
The more of everything you share,
The more you'll always have to spare.
The more you love, the more you'll find
That life is good and friends are kind,
For only what we give away,
Enriches us from day to day.

Helen Steiner Rice

PRESCRIPTION FOR WHOLENESS

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything give thanks . . .
By prayer let your requests be made known to God . . .
Rejoice always for we know that in everything God works for good . . .
Take delight in the Lord, for eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered the mind of man, what good things God has prepared for those who love him.

TRAVEL

THE AEGEAN SEA (from Helen Aleshire)

This summer I took a 7 day cruise on the Aegean Sea. The sea was bluish green, lovely weather, smooth sailing, nice table companions, good entertainment, fair food, mostly Grecian, people friendly, crew accommodating. We visited some of the islands, going first to Crete, the largest, whose culture dominated the eastern Mediterrean from 2600-110 B.C. Called the Minoan era, this was the time of the myths of King Minos, the Minatour, and the Labryinth. I went to Knossos, the capital 5000 years ago. Here was the palace of Minos and where Theseus slew the Minatour. This all came to light when British archeologist Sir Arthus Evans started digging. About 5 acres have been excavated and the palace partially restored.

We stopped next at Rhodes, a medieval city surrounded by rock walls from 6 to 40 feet thick. We entered through one of the gates to visit the old city. We sat, early in the morning before the city was astir, at one of the tables of an outdoor cafe, just looking and wondering how old? The Knights of Rhodes, in medieval times cared about the sick, the helpless, the injured. How many battles were waged, how many nations controlled the island, what were the people like? Today they seem like everyone else, just as greedy as others. In the afternoon we went back again, the streets were alive this time with people. We walked the streets of the bazaar, looking at the wares displayed. (to be continued)

PEOPLE

KIZZIE MAIN is a patient at Grady. . . MAIMIE WATSON and NELLIE DICK were recently hospitalized but are now at home.

JIM, BERTHA, and RICK VANBRIMMER are now living in their new home at 471 Senate Avenue. Their phone remains the same.

ARCHIE, BETH, and JARROD TRIGG are now living at 59 E. Fountain. Their phone is 369-7083.

Visiting relatives and friends in Delaware during the holiday season were JEFF and SUSAN LEONARD, CAROLYN WHITE, TED, JEANNIE, AMY, and JENNIFER STEPHENSON, RICK and MARCIA LEE.

Traveling during the season were DAVID and JEAN OSBORNE, visiting son GARY and wife AMY in Los Angeles . . . FRED and LUCILLE VIA, visiting daughter NANCY in Staunton, Va. . . . MARJORIE ADAMS and son DAVID visited daughter PEGGY in Indiana.

DR. JOHN CARMAN, former medical missionary in India and head of the Vellore Christian Medical Center, died Dec. 10 in Minnesota. Dr. Carmen spoke to our congregation a number of years ago.

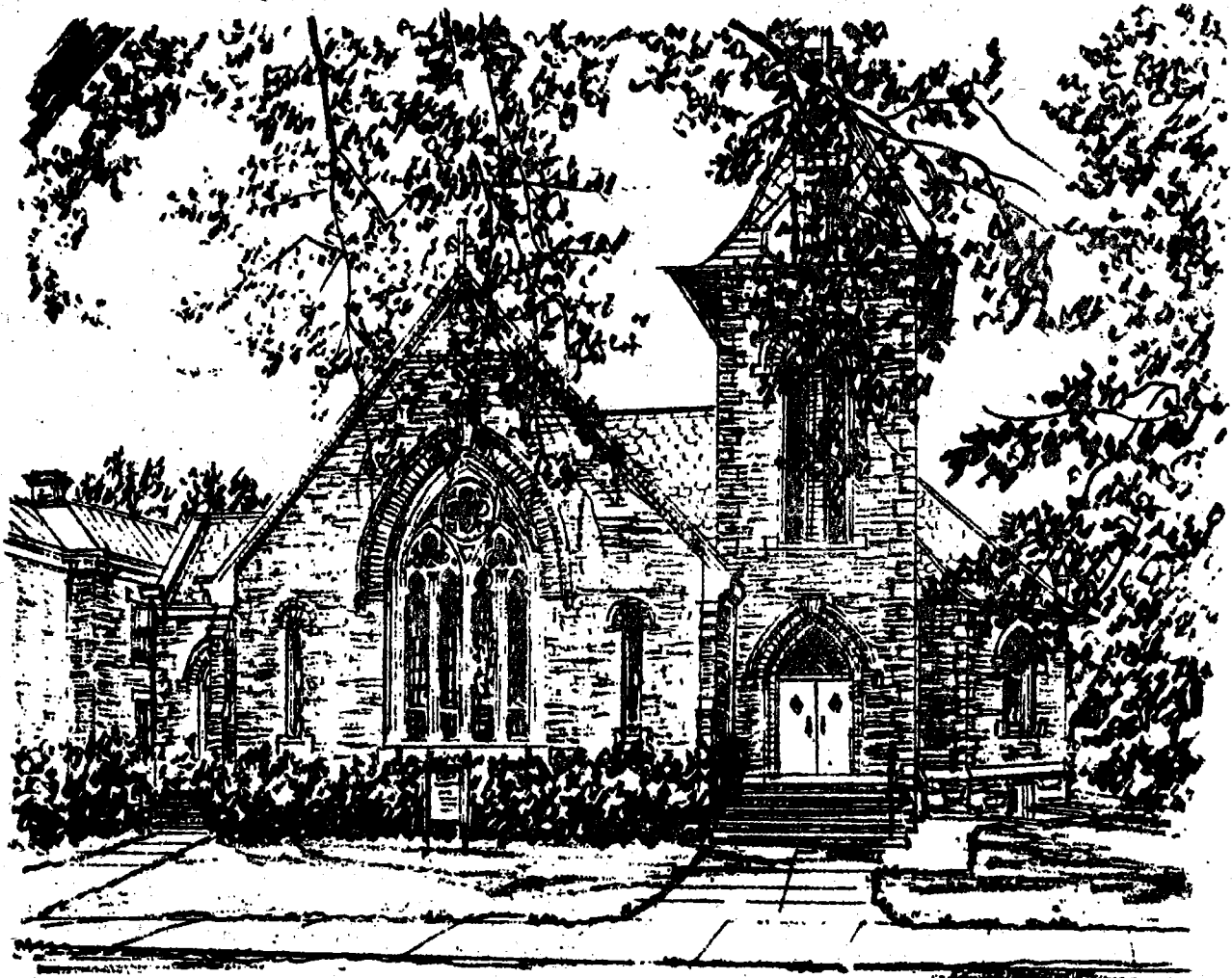
MERRY MANSFIELD visited brother JOHN and his family. She is a missionary in Ecuador.

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COMMENT

It would be incorrect to say that our Weekend of Renewal is now history. Several of you have shared with me concerning the spiritual and physical good you have received and which continues to manifest in your experience. The Spirit is working within us to perfect the work that He began. Expect great things!

We went "farther out" than ever before in our witness to our community and ourselves that Jesus is alive and healing in His Body. And that Body we are!

Thanks to all of you for the support you gave your church. Thanks to Rev. Bob Ward for his messages, his self-giving spirit, and his healing hands.

Don't you think Easter is going to be something special at First Baptist this year? (JBS)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER MORNING PLANS

The Junior and Senior High Sunday School Classes will join together with others to present an Easter drama entitled "I Was There." The service, to be held in the Sanctuary, will begin at 7:30am. A church breakfast, prepared by the women's Project Group, is scheduled for 8:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School will begin at 9:15, followed by the Easter Worship at 10:45. Please join with us in all of these activities to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.

Donna Brown

EASTER BREAKFAST

Hot cakes	Milk
Scrambled eggs	Coffee
maybe ham	Tea
Juice	

Between early service and Sunday School, prepared by the Morning Project Group. An offering will be taken to cover costs.

Sandra Cagwin

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Communion will be celebrated in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00pm. We will be seated at tables in the form of a cross and the entire service will be by candlelight. Silence will be observed before and after the service. There will be no nursery.

The community Good Friday Service will be at St. Mary Catholic church at 1:00pm. Dr. Bogard Dunn will be the speaker.

FLOWERS NEEDED

You are invited to contribute flowers for our Easter services. They may be brought to the church on Saturday or Easter morning.

BLANKET SUNDAY SET FOR MAY 6

Sun,
Hot, bright,
Keeps you warm.
Tells you it is time to put those
blankets away for the summer.
Stop!

Why not keep one of those blankets out to share with someone who doesn't have any? Some places in the world are going into winter now. Church World Service Blanket Sunday will be May. 6. Bring a blanket or \$4.00 to purchase one.

Sandra Cagwin
VP Christian Service WMS

PROJECT GROUP MEETS

The Project Group will meet April 17 at Anne Linn's from 10 - 2. Bring a salad for lunch. All women are invited.

REPORT FROM OUR TREASURER FOR MARCH (Mrs. Ruth J. Brown)

We need \$2560 per month or \$591 per week to meet our budget.

Received March	4	\$772.46	Bills outstanding
	11	462.06	Gas
	18	160.93	Electric
	25	501.03	Ed. supp.
		<u>\$1896.48</u>	Misc.
			91.90

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULED

The quarterly business meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, April 22; following morning worship. The business will be preceded by a covered dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

LETTER

Dear friends,

We would like to thank all of you for your concern and prayers and kind deeds for Rufus Crane during his present illness and past hospital stay.

Helen M. Crane, Marjorie Adams, David Adams

PEOPLE

RICHARD LEE received recognition for 25 years of service by the American Association of State Highway Transportation Organizations. He was honored at a luncheon at the Fawcett Center for Tomorrow at the Ohio State University and was given a pin, billfold, and a certificate.

Among those who are ill are MARY DENNIS and MAIMIE WATSON at Grady, RUFUS CRANE at home (he was hospitalized), and JEANNIE STEPHENSON at Methodist Hospt. in Indianapolis.

SOPHIA STEPHENSON is in Indianapolis with JEANNIE'S family, TED, AMY, and JENNIFER, while JEANNIE recuperates from surgery.

DONNA BROWN was a recent visitor in Indianapolis to lend a hand with sister JEANNIE'S family.

INSPIRATION

Statement seen on a church bulletin board:

A ministry to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.

Dear God: Please let me remember that there is nothing going to happen to me today that you and I can't handle together.

Mary Motes

THE PERFECT CHURCH

If you should find the perfect church
Without one fault or smear,
For goodness sake! Don't join that
church, you'll spoil the atmosphere.

If you should find the perfect church
Where all anxieties cease,
Then pass it by, lest joining it
You mar the masterpiece.

If you should find the perfect church
Then don't you ever dare
To tread upon such holy ground
You'd be a misfit there.

But since no perfect church exists
Made of imperfect men,
Then let's cease looking for that
Church and love the church we're in.

Of course, it's not a perfect church,
That's simple to discern,
But you and I and all of us
Could cause the tide to turn.

What fools we are to flee our past
In that unfruitful search
To find at last where problems loom
God proudly builds his church.

So let's keep working in our church,
Until the Resurrection,
And then we each will join that church
Without an imperfection.

from Valley View Baptist Church

ARISE!

Arise!
No more thought of dark and gloom,
No more thought of death and tomb -
To the heavens and the lights!
Let thy soul ascend the heights!
Out of discord and of strife
To the consciousness of life.
Take thy place, O radiant Son,
By thy Father, heavenly one!

Frank B. Whitney

A PHRASE MAZE

What should our attitude be toward the Bible? (Clue: 2 Timothy 3:16 RSV)

Instructions: Begin at the arrow to try and find the words that make up this Scripture passage. You may go up, down, to the left or to the right in a continuous pattern. Letters are consecutive and used only once.

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O C R T I D R R H O N S
P R O F O N T N T E E S
E O O F N A R I   C S A ←
R R O T I   A G N R L L
N G F A F   I N I I P T
I H C B O Y B D E N I U
T E A L R G O D R S S R
R O F E P D N A I P I E

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Created by Steve Mansfield

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*           DEATH IN CHURCH FAMILY           *
*                                                                 *
*   John Chester McKean, 95 Eaton St., died *
*   March 13, 1979, in Grady Hospital. We ex- *
*   tend our Christian sympathy to his wife *
*   Mary, his daughters, and his son.         *
*                                                                 *
*   The following note addressed to the church *
*   was received:                             *
*                                                                 *
*   Thanks for the lovely vase of flowers *
*   and the thoughts that you had of our hus- *
*   band and father.                          *
*           Mrs. J. C. McKean                 *
*           and family                         *
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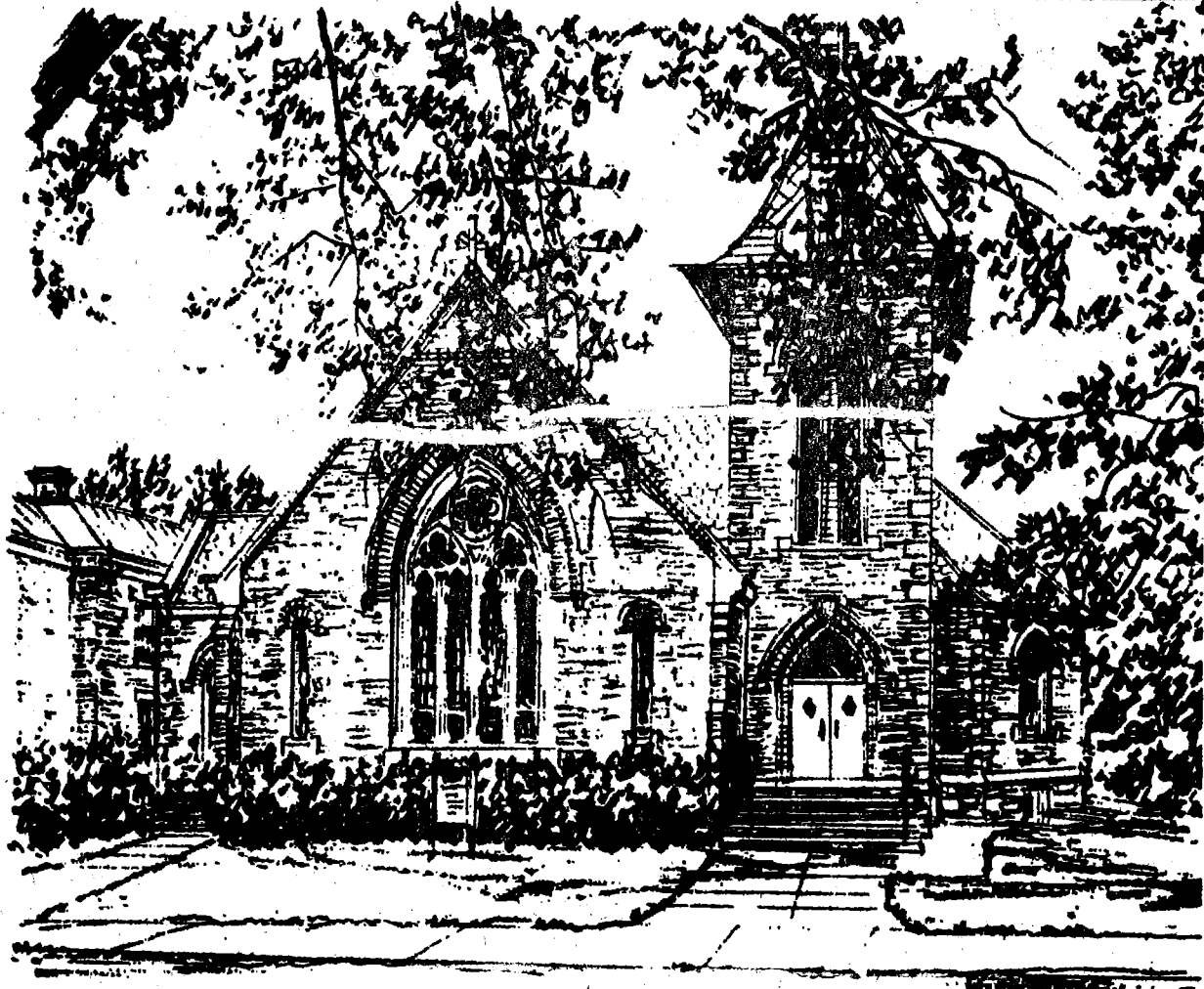
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COMMENT

Spring is magic. Summer is magic. So is fall. All life is magic if we see it with the eyes of a child. Or with the eyes of Jesus. Anything good can happen! You can be what you choose to be and have what you choose to have. This poem says it best:

Help me to be open
to every experience.

I would feel the warmth
of sun, the cold of rain;

I would hear birdsong
and that other 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.

O dear God, I would be
centered firmly within

and so enabled to perceive
the patterns of Your world.

-Elizabeth Searle Lamb

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S DAY

Sunday, June 10, is Children's Day. During worship service there will be singing, inspirational puppet shows, and a surprise special guest. This will be Sunday School promotion and recognition of graduates. Following the service there will be an all church picnic at Blue Limestone Park.

Sandra Cagwin

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST

If you haven't filled out the little yellow card yet it isn't too late!!! We have exciting plans for a combined school with Zion United Church of Christ. The dates are Aug. 6 - 10. It will meet in the evening with classes for everyone age 2 to adult. We foresee a combined enrollment of around 80 young students plus who knows how many adults! Please turn in your families cards soon so we can get a tentative final count. There is an adult student book which we may make available for a small charge, depending on enrollment. There is still a need for a couple of teachers and some refreshment persons. Registration cards are available on the table in the vestibule, from Steve, or from

Sandra Cagwin
Children's Chairperson

NEW SERVICE TIME FOR SUMMER

Beginning June 17 our Morning Worship will start at 10:00am. There will be Junior Church for children from Kindergarten through Grade 5 at the same time. As usual there will be a crib room and nursery. We go back to the regular schedule September 16.

OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Have you ever stopped to consider how much it costs to go to a movie? Or take your family out to dinner? Why not make it a family affair and all join in and attend and contribute to our own old fashioned ice cream social? It will be held on the lawn of the Court House as part of the Arts Festival June 9, beginning at 11am. We need baked goods (and lots of them). We need old fashioned crank ice cream freezers and ingredients, and we need workers to volunteer an hour or two to help sell. This is your chance to help wipe out the church debt. Sure, it takes a lot of work, but we can help one another as we help our church. Try to attend our last planning meeting Monday, June 4, at 59 E. Fountain at 7:00pm. Let's keep our promises, if you signed up to bake something, please do. Maybe this is something that can become a church tradition. Please help!

Beth Trigg

NOTICE! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

Two meetings have been set up that you will want to attend. June 27, 8:00pm at Zion, and July 18, 8:00pm, at First Baptist.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF CHURCH GIVING

May 6	\$528.14	
" 13	767.50	
" 20	286.95	
" 27	424.17	
	<u>\$20006.76</u>	
	393.34	transferred from Retreat Fund
	<u>\$2400.10</u>	

Ruth J. Brown, Treasurer

RETREAT! RETREAT! RETREAT!

Where? - Judson Hills Baptist Camp. When? - Sept. 7 - 8. Why? - To assist you to experience the Presence of God in your life and the life of your church.

Yes, once again we are nearing that time of year when we look forward to spending a weekend together in the lovely setting at Judson Hills near Loudenville. This year our leader will be the very capable Father John Stattmiller, former pastor at St. Mary's Catholic Church here in Delaware. We are very fortunate to obtain the help of Father John....He is widely known and loved as a man of deep faith and commitment to Christ. Please plan your activities as to be able to join your church family in this weekend of fellowship, learning, rest, and enrichment. More data to follow.

Carol Grubbs

SIGNUP FOR JUNIOR CHURCH!!!

Would you like to signup? Well, your opportunities are unlimited these days. You can participate in many activities at First Baptist (see below) all of which are very important. The one I am pushing is Junior Church. This is your opportunity to share some of your Christian experience with some of our younger people. Grades Kindergarten - to fifth will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall during the church service this summer. They need your leadership.

Carol Grubbs

AND MORE SIGNUPS!!!

In addition to the above, we need persons signing up to help with janitor work, greeters, and assisting the pastor in Morning Worship. The signup sheets are in the vestibule. We want YOU!

WHAT IS CARE AND SHARE?????

There are many things we can share because we do care. It's our opportunity to help people here in Ohio. Items are sent to Dayton Christian Center, the Weirton Christian Center, migrant workers, etc. These are things we use in our homes and they are needed year round. They go to the Women's Conference in June and are distributed by the Ohio Baptist Women. Some of the needs are: paper goods, junk jewelry,

school supplies, baby clothes, kids' clothes, towels, curtains, blankets, new tennis shoes, lap robes, slippers, robes, baby supplies, small toys, story books. Let's pile the table high in the next few weeks and keep it full (so it can be emptied) all year. Some of the same items are used twice a year when the Church World Service truck comes in.

Anon.

VIA'S LEAVE FOR STAUNTON, VA.

Fred and Lucille Via left Delaware for their new home in Staunton, Va., Sunday, May 20. They were given a scrapbook of letters and pictures from the church before leaving. Additional snapshots and letters will be welcomed and mailed to them. Also, Wick and Jean will visit them soon and can deliver your material.

EGG CARTONS NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

Egg cartons can be used by the man who furnishes eggs to Meals on Wheels. Anyone wishing to donate their empty cartons can bring them to our church and I will take them the first of each month to Asbury.

Evelyn Lee

PEOPLE

KIZZIE MAIN is a patient at Grady Hospital. MICAH STONER was a recent patient.

LANCE DOUGLAS WHITACRE was born to RON and COLLEEN WHITACRE May 18.

POLLY FOCKE received painful injuries in a car accident May 21.

MERLE ASKINS passed away at Grady Hospital May 23.

PEGGY GABRIEL of Phoenix spent ten days with CAP and MYRTLE GABRIEL.

DOUG LEE spent May 26 - 30 with RICK and MARCIA LEE in St. Paul, Minn.

ANNE LINN and sisters PENNY and CAROLINE have returned from a visit to Great Britain.

Among our graduates are: from Hayes, CONNIE BREECE and CINDY LATHROP; from Buckeye Valley, KELLY WESTBROOK; from Ohio State, DONNA BROWN (MA in Home Ec); BOB STEPHENSON (AB in Hearing Science); from University of Minnesota, RICK LEE (PhD in Ecology and Behavioral Biology).

The LEES along with MRS. CHARLES LEE of Mt. Gilead and MR. & MRS. ARTHUR BATTLES of Chesterland will leave June 7 to attend RICK'S graduation. RICK will spend the summer at Lake Itasca in northern Minn. finishing a research project with ground squirrels. In Sept. he begins a 2 year post doctoral program at the University of Houston where he will teach Entomology classes and continue research on the effect of cold temperatures on insects and plants. On May 15 he was taken into full membership of Sigma Xi, the scientific research Society of North America. At that time he also received the Olson-Wallace Award in Zoology.

The STEPHENSONS of Indianapolis will be in Delaware to attend the graduation of DONNA BROWN and BOB STEPHENSON.

Received into church membership Sunday, June 3, were ELIZABETH BROWN and JANET PORTER by Baptism, and JANET INSCHO and MARY MOTES by Christian experience.

INSPIRATION

What it is that forms the eye of a marble
I do not know.
As an admiring layman
I can only speculate on the formula
The eye is at once the stormy waves of ocean
and the cool side of a rainbow
How in the world someone managed to get it so neatly
inside that perfect glass bubble is quite beyond me
But isn't it fun to shoot one across the grass
and watch it sparkle

Karen VanBrimmer Stoner
(Published in the CORNFIELD REVIEW)

Never pull each other to pieces, my brothers. How
can you be so silly as to imagine that you are your
neighbor's judge?

James 4:11a,12b, Phillips

A PHRASE MAZE

Where does faith come from? Clue: Romans 10:17

Instructions: Begin at the arrow to try and find the words that make up this Scripture passage. You may go up, down, to the left or to the right in a continuous pattern. Letters are consecutive and used only once.

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      H G O M O C D R A E
      C A   E H A T I S H
    → S E R S W R A E H S
      O E P B D D H A T I
      F H T Y N A W M O R
      A I T H C O M E S F
  
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Created by Janet Porter

INVITATION TO ADVENTURE

I feel like a man who lands on a vast continent and makes his home near the shore, but realizes that behind his frail and homely dwelling are impenetrable forests and unscalable mountains, of which he can as yet know nothing. Scholars may make a few inroads and saints climb a few foothills. But what lies in the depths of the silent forest, and what could those unstained heights reveal?

Leslie Weatherhead

THANK YOU GOD!

Life can hold such lovely things!
 Apple-blossom-scented springs;
 Purple mist of haze and heather;
 Books to read in stormy weather.
 Common as a cookie jar,
 Things I hold the dearest are:
 A friendly home, a small brown dog;
 Sunlight breaking through a fog;
 And as sweet as summer rain,
 Understanding after pain.
 Life holds all these lovely things.
 Thank you, God, for all it brings.

Nina Stiles

THE LIGHT OF GOD SURROUNDS ME; THE LOVE OF GOD ENFOLDS ME; THE POWER OF GOD PROTECTS ME; THE PRESENCE OF GOD WATCHES OVER ME; WHEREVER I AM, GOD IS!

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James B. Stephenson, pastor

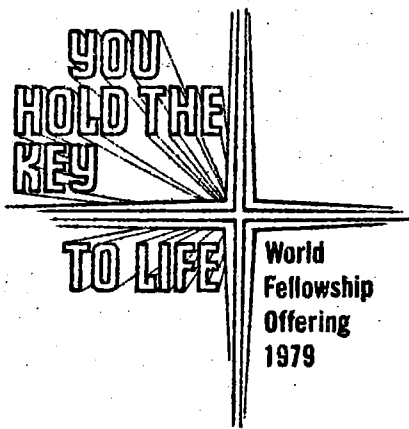
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George Bernard Shaw, British playwright and philosopher, once wrote that "Christ perishes in every age for those who have no imagination." Imagination is the magic gift possessed by every child and lost by 98% of adults. It is the faculty that sees what can be done and which is not satisfied with that which is. It sees that there can be health where there is sickness, wealth where there is poverty, and peace where there is conflict. Imagination looks beyond the limited and negative into the world of mind and spirit where all things are still possible. Jesus had an enormous imagination and because of it He performed His mighty works which He promised we would do also. He taught us that when we ask for anything in prayer we should imagine (believe) that we have already received it and we will. Let your imagination transform your world! (JBS)

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PLEDGES, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & BUSINESS!

Sunday, Oct. 21, will be an exciting and victorious day in the life of our fellowship. Your pledges for the 1980 church year will be presented and dedicated and then we will enjoy a covered dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall. After that we will hold our quarterly business meeting. You will be called on prior to the 21st by two of your friends who will deliver your pledge card and a copy of the 1980 budget. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have. The morning messages on the 14th and 21st will be "The Secret of Receiving Gifts from God."



NEW BIBLE COURSE AVAILABLE IN CHURCH SCHOOL

At the request of the Board of Education and the Adult Class, your pastor will begin a new six weeks Bible course during the Church School hour. It begins the 7th of October and conclude Nov. 11. Theme is - **THE BIBLE - HANDBOOK FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING.** It will provide an overview of the entire Bible. All are invited to share the experience.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH!!!!!!

There are 84 DAYS LEFT this year to SERVE GOD! Women's Society is meeting Oct. 11, from 7-9pm. How can we help make these remaining days exciting and more worthwhile for our younger females of the church family? Betty McComas and Shirley Derry from the Green Camp church tell us about one way! We'll need you so you can help us to do it!!! These two ladies have the most successful FELLOWSHIP GUILD in the state!

Della Nofsinger,
Program Chr.

The annual World Fellowship Offering will be received during Morning Worship, Sunday, Oct. 28. Every cent contributed will be invested in fuller life for millions by our Board of International Ministries. You will receive more data prior to the 28th.

MARION WOMEN TO MEET

The Marion Association of American Baptist Women meets Tuesday, Oct. 23, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church at 7:30pm. Arvilla Swartz will speak on the needs of children. Stephanie Riego, age 5, will play the concert violin.

WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER SCHEDULED

Annually on the first Monday in Nov. around the world women gather to observe the BWA Women's Dept. Day of Prayer. This year our observance is on Monday, Nov. 5. Today we know that our world is in need of prayer, so won't you plan on joining our "Women's World Day of Prayer?"

Time and place for the event will be announced later. Watch the bulletin for details.

Marjorie Smale,
Spiritual Growth Chr.

A PRAYER FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Father, as I grow older, keep me from assuming that it is my duty to express myself on every subject. Don't let me feel I must straighten out every one else's affairs, be they neighbors, friends, or my own kin. Nudge me when I feel inclined to recite my aches and pains and/or my operations. Assure me that sometimes I may be wrong, even though I don't see how that can be. Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of knowledge, gained from experience, I'll admit it seems a pity not to use it, but you know, Lord, that I want to keep my friends until the end. Amen.

(Borrowed from the Presbyterian newsletter to which it was submitted by Bob Eichhorn, one of that church's most youthful members)

HAYRIDE FOR HUNGER!

Plans are in the making for a "Hayride for Hunger." It will be held at Millers' farm on Rt. #37 west. The cost for adults will be \$2 and children under 12 75¢. The date will be Saturday, Nov. 3, so prepare to bundle up! Anyone who would be willing to donate cider or donuts please contact Beth Trigg or sign up on the poster in the vestibule. We need 35-40 people to make some money for world hunger. This is something different where we can have some family fun while making money too. So, plan on Nov. 3 (time to be announced) it will cost less than taking the family to a movie, and I guarantee it will be a lot more fulfilling!

Beth Trigg

BIG HALLOWEEN PARTY SCHEDULED!!!

An all church Halloween party is set for Saturday, Oct. 27, 6:30-8:30pm. in the Fellowship Hall. It is planned for all ages from the youngest to the oldest. There will be a spook house, games, prizes, refreshments. You are welcomed, with or without costumes. Sponsored by the Board of Christian Education.

Sophia Stephenson
Adult Chr.

GROWTH SEMINAR TO RESUME

Last spring a group of interested members met to discuss ways of church growth. The same group plus any other interested persons are invited to begin meeting again using new material that the pastor has obtained. Contact Steve soon!

I SAW A BIT OF GOD TODAY

As I went about my chores today, I knew that God was present . . .

When the man at the wallpaper store said, "Take the whole roll home and see if it matches."

God is helpfulness.

When my niece suggested, "If I fold the clothes, you won't have that job to do."

God is thoughtfulness.

When a shopper motioned, "Go ahead of me, you have just a few items."

God is consideration.

When I saw a boy cradling a hurt kitten in his arms.

God is compassion.

When my husband said, "Don't hurry, I'll wait for you.

God is patience.

Yes, I saw a bit of God in all these people today...and now I'm wondering...did anyone see a bit of God in me?

Evelyn Lein

DEATHS IN CHURCH FAMILY

Two persons have made their transition since our last newsletter.

Elsie Midden passed away Sept. 23 at the Park Care Center.

Helen Crane expired Sept. 17 at Grady Hospital.

Our sympathy goes to the families and friends of these two fine persons.

Our next issue of the GOOD NEWS LETTER will carry a number of tributes to Helen Crane and a review of her work in the church and community. More details will be announced later.

THE LORD'S TREASURY . . .

August balance	\$20.11
Receipts	
Sept. 2	595.63
" 9	652.71
" 16	611.22
" 23	173.46
" 30	540.61
	<u>2593.94*</u>

*includes retreat transfer \$102.78
house " 13.50

Total disbursements 2247.71
Bal. end of Sept. \$ 346.53

Outstanding obligations ABC \$350.
Insurance 1070. *

Oct. 2 balance \$72.51

* on church & Franklin House and due Oct. 28

Missions:

Valley Forge \$448.87
Sesqui '76 38.50
\$487.37

Ruth J. Brown
Treasurer

LETTERS TO THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP . . .

To everyone for everything!

Thanks to all the students in the Youth Group. You really kept me going all summer. I'll miss you very much.

Thanks to the church for giving me the chance to be a working part of your body. You've all been so friendly and it makes leaving very difficult. I really felt at home here. The Lord has sent me to Dayton (Kettering) however, so down I go. I'll be teaching P. E. grades 1-8 at St. Charles School and coaching gymnastics at Archbishop Alter High School this winter. Thanks so much again and I'll be back to visit again. Love,

K. J. Keltner

(We all are grateful to K. J. for giving our youth such a fine summer. We all hope she can work with our youth again.)

Dear friends,

We wish mother could have seen the beautiful flowers. You know how much she loved everything beautiful. We appreciate the loving concern and friendships which the flowers represented. Thank you.

Rufus Crane, Dorothy Crane, Marjorie Adams

Dear Christian friends,

Thru us, Jesus reaches out to everyone everywhere, "That they might have life." This is the purpose of the World Fellowship Offering we will receive Oct. 28. You can offer new life to millions of people in the 30 geographical areas where American Baptists are engaged in world mission. Your gift is the key to evangelism, education, health, and development for them.

Please plan to join with our church family in worship and giving on Sunday, Oct. 28. YOU HOLD THE KEY.

Steve

God did not create woman from man's head that he should command her, nor from his feet that she should be his slave, but, rather, from his side that she should be near his heart.

from Mrs. Mary McKean

FROM THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Continuing the theme, "You Cannot Be Christian Alone," we can say "We Are not Baptists Alone." As Baptists we have many rights and privileges and relationships growing out of our rich heritage.

The first beyond a local church is the association. Churches of an area band together for fellowship, training, information and business to enrich the local church and its members. Our Marion Assoc. just had a meeting at Green Camp. Over 300 attended the afternoon sessions for adults and youth. The adults highlighted mission. In the evening over 300 from the 18 churches packed the church to hear a musical program by the youth.

Local churches of a state, area or a region make up a convention. We are in the Ohio Baptist Convention which meets in annual session in Marietta Oct. 17-19.

The program of the convention appeared in the Ohio Section of the American Baptist Magazine.

This magazine (called TAB) keeps us abreast of our American Baptist news and mission work. It tells of our work with other Baptist thru the Baptist World Alliance. If you are not receiving it ask the pastor to be put on the mailing list of this interesting and award winning publication.

The Baptist Youth Fellowship, the American Baptist Men, American Baptist Women, and pastors all are organized on each of the above mentioned levels and their activities are written about in the American Baptist magazine.

So you see, we are not Baptist alone. We have a rich heritage and have an excellent source of fellowship, information, challenge and inspiration if we will only take part in the opportunities available to us thru these relationships.

Bertha McTaggart

HELP ANONYMOUS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS. YOU WILL BE PROVIDED TRAINING! PHONE THE OFFICE (369-3316) OR DROP IN AT 11 E. CENTRAL.

PEOPLE PEOPLE PEOPLE PEOPLE

PAM and JEFF FAULK recently visited the Holiday on Ice Show where JEFF got to be in the part of the show with the Sesame Street characters along with several other children.

DONNA BROWN has accepted the position of County Agent responsible for Home Economics in Hocking County. Her address is P.O. Box 70, Logan, OH, 43138. Her phone is (614) 385-4947.

On Sept. 29 MARY MOTES and STEVE SEALEY were married in our Sanctuary. On Sept. 30 CAREN BREECE and RICK HOWARD were married in the sanctuary. Congratulations to the two couples!

POLLY FOCKE is employed as librarian at the Delaware County District Library.

The DONALD BROWN FAMILY has moved to 703 Bellevue. The phone number remains the same.

JANET PORTER attended Baptist Camp at Judson Hills.

JEFF GABRIEL, stationed in Germany, spent a week with grandparents CAP and MYRTLE GABRIEL before flying on to Phoenix to visit his parents, NEVIN and PEGGY GABRIEL.

KIZZIE MAIN is now back at her apartment after being a patient in Grady Hospital and Park Care Nursing Center. JANET INSCHO and LUEVA HUDNALL were recent patients at Grady.

JIM VANBRIMMER, the WICKUMS, and the MCTAGGARTS led worship and gave the sermons while Steve was on vacation.

CAROL FOGLE and BERTHA VANBRIMMER won blue ribbons at the county fair; CAROL for her Swedish weaving and BERTHA for her crab apple jelly. STEFANIE STONER won a red ribbon for her prize pumpkin.

Among our students are DOUG LEE at the Muskingum Area Technical College, Zanesville; DAVID ADAMS, PAM LATHROP, BOB & JIM STEPHENSON, RICK VANBRIMMER at Ohio State.

REV. EDNA DARLING is resident chaplain at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton. Her address is 950 Stoz, Dayton, OH, 45408. Phone is (513) 268-9125.

FRANCES JOHNSON visited daughter PENNY in Blacksburg, Va. . . . JIM & BERTHA VANBRIMMER vacationed in Tennessee . . . the 4 STONERS visited Niagra Falls . . . the OSBORNES were in Canada and New England . . . ERNESTINE FROST was visited by daughter MARY and her husband BILL from California . . . JEFF and SUSAN LEONARD visited her parents and family and son CASEY WILLIAM was dedicated at Morning Worship. . . the STEPHENSONS were in Indianapolis where STEVE preached at the Church of the Master for son TED. . . MARY LOU LOVELL is serving as Choir Director while WICK is on leave of absence until the end of the year. . . about 40 persons attended our church retreat at Judson Hills which was lead by FATHER JOHN STATTMILLER.

CHURCH SCHOOL GOING STRONG

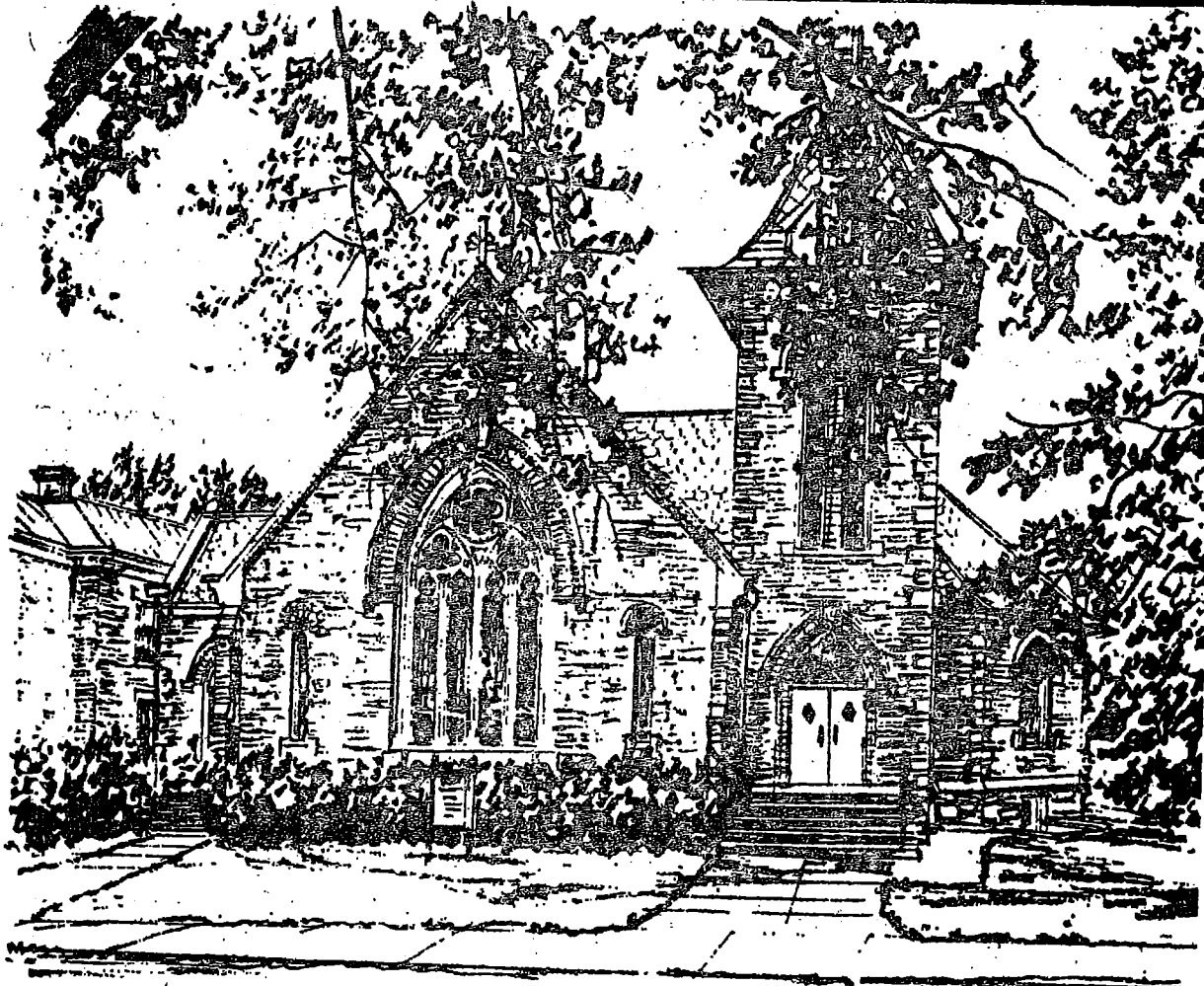
Our church school is back in action after a summer recess. We have a full schedule of fine classes with excellent teachers. You owe it to your family to ATTEND.

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 N. Franklin St.
Delaware, Ohio 43015

JAMES B. STEPHENSON
Pastor



"THE CHURCH WHERE ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE"

COMMENT

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) Every gift given or 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, receiving him, we receive the whole creation! (JBS)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST

CHRISTMAS CANTATA - On Sunday, Dec. 16, the choir is giving you a Christmas gift. We will be singing the cantata "The Story of Love," by James Townsend and Robert Hughes, during the Morning Worship Service at 10:45am. Our soloists will be Jeanne Ekelberry, Linda White, and Wilbur Wickum. We hope you will plan to spend this special part of Christmas with us and that you will plan to bring a friend.

-Mary Lou Lovell



Our Christmas Events

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - The annual Christmas Program by the children of our congregation is scheduled for 5:00pm, Sunday, Dec. 16. We will have congregational singing, a children's nativity, and a birthday celebration for the Baby Jesus. Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited!

Sandra Cagwin

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION - This annual celebration has become the heart of our Christmas season at First Baptist. Beginning at 7:30pm on Christmas Eve we will welcome the birth of Christ with music, Scripture, Communion, and candlelight. There will be a nursery. We hope you will invite your friends to come with you.



A LIVING NATIVITY - The youth of the church of Junior, Junior High, and Senior High age are planning a special Christmas activity this year to share with the community. They are planning an outdoor, live nativity scene on the front lawn of the church from 7 until 8pm Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 19, 20, and 21. Plan to come and see our youth in this activity.

Linda White
Youth Chr.

CAROLING - All of the church fellowship are invited to go caroling Friday, Dec. 21, at 8pm. Meet at the church.

Mary Lou Lovell

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Our new Children's Choir will sing during the worship service December 23.

DELAWARE COUNTY CLEARING HOUSE SET TO OPEN

The annual Clearing House will again make Christmas brighter for families having special needs. Needed: Non-perishable food, no home canned; new toys; money for clothing certificates (non-transferable, intended for 13 year olds through high school seniors). Bring to church or take to the National Guard Armory at William and Washington. Get gifts in by Wed., Dec. 19. If you want to adopt a family call 369-9618.

NOON ADVENT WORSHIP

The Church Women United invite all persons to noon time Advent worship from 12 to 1pm, Dec. 14 and 21, at the William Street Church. Coffee in the lounge.

MESSAGE FROM THE MCTAGGARTS

This last Christmas of the decade of the 70's will find the McTaggarts in Phoenix, Ariz. celebrating the season with Bertha's sister, Marie Somerlot and family for a few days. On Jan. 3 we will fly back to Tulsa, Oklahoma and go to our friends' the Herman Bryants. We left our car loaded with the things we will need for our Sabbatical with them. We are excited about using our last Sabbatical in volunteer service in our American Baptist Mission work. From January to mid-April we will be at our Bacone College for Indians at Muskogee. John will be assisting at the library and hopes to help the administration in library planning to fulfill the school's hope of be-

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coming a four year college. Bertha will work wherever she can fit it. It is the Centennial anniversary of Bacone and many events of celebration will be held during the months of our residence. We hope to participate in as much of campus life as we can. We are especially delighted that our long time friends from back at Berkley Baptist Divinity School, the E. P. Y. Simpsons, will also be in residence there working in administration. For our American Baptist Women of Ohio Bertha hopes to get pictures and experiences at the Murrow Children's Home for Indians which adjoins Bacone College. It is part of the special Mission Project for which Ohio Bapysisy Women will raise over \$5000 by May, 980. We pray that this will be a Blessed Christmas for you and your loved ones. May 1980 bring to more people in our troubles world the reality of the angel's message of hope, love, and peace which only Christ can give.

HEALING SERVICE PLANNED

Our Healing Group will sponsor a public service of meditation and healing Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 7:30pm. It will be held in the Sanctuary. You are invited to attend and bring your friends.

PLANS FOR THE ADULT CLASS

Jim VanBrimmer will teach the adult class this month and Carolyn White will teach January and February. You are asked to bring Bibles and notebooks.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received:

Nov. 4	\$886.70*	
11	184.48	
18	490.83	
25	941.47**	\$2503.48

*includes \$120 from repair fund

**includes \$770 from new house fund

Oct. balance	631.46
	<u>3134.94</u>
Disbursements	2769.13
Balance	<u>365.81</u>

Benevolences:

Undesignated	\$122.50
Love gifts	12.83
M & M fund	59.48
Hour of Sharing (Cambodia)	212.70

Northern Seminary	\$110.00
Hunger	41.83
Fund of Renewal	25.00
To Valley Forge	<u>584.34</u>
Sesqui '76	25.00
	<u>\$609.34</u>

Ruth J. Brown
Treasurer

WASN'T IT FUN?

We all had such a good time at the annual Thanksgiving Reach Out Dinner on Nov. 30. About 100 were served including the staff and residents of Sunny Vee Nursing Home. Thanks to all but special thanks are due Chr. Jeanne Ekelberry and her committee, Mary Lou Lovell, Carol Grubbs, Betty Porter and Bertha VanBrimmer. Also thanks to all who helped in any way, including donations of food and money. Also to Linda White and her "players!"

Also thanks to Ruth Brown, Wilbur Wickum, and Jim Williams for the music.

Jean Wickum, Pres., WMS

INSPIRATION

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by any din of drums,
Nor the vantage of his airs,
Nor by anything he wears,
Neither by his crown, nor his gown,
For his presence known shall be
By the Holy Harmony
That his coming makes in thee.

anon. 15th century
(submitted by Carolyn White)



There's just a trace of oldtime Christmas cheer
in plazas with their plastic Santa's deer -
reminders of the seasons long ago
When Yuletide had its quaint and special glow.

Unique the churches' music then. No more -
as carols fill the aisles of every store;

while briskly busy registers compete
with pleading bells and kettles on the street.

So moves the pace of this insistent world
as planet Earth is swiftly onward hurled
through space and time to destinies unknown.
O poverty of hearts with vacant throne!

Yet Christmas still remains the manger's day
for humble souls who walk the crowded way.
They have a treasure that will never end:
enduring tidings that we have a Friend!

Rev. Louis Campbell (from 1st
Presbyterian newsletter)

PEOPLE

MAIMIE WATSON and CHARLES ELIOT were recent patients
at Grady and Grant hospitals . . . MARILYN FAULK'S
mother, MRS. JEFF BOX, died in Durant, Okla. . . .
EVA SHEPARD, after whom one of our circles was named,
broke her leg in a fall; she has moved to an apartment
in Buffalo and is not working. She will visit her
sister in Granville at Christmas . . . CLAUDIA ELIOT
and KATHIE SIUSS received painful injuries in falls .
. . . DIANNA LATHROP and CHARLES EKELBERRY were injured
during gym classes . . . POLLY FOCKE has moved to 60
Tanglewood, Apt. 7, phone 369-0939 . . . MRS. EVELYN
DUKE was received into church membership Dec. 2.