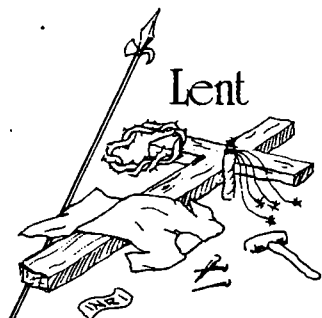


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Lent is the period of 40 week-days and 6 Sundays preceding Easter. The name is from an old Anglo-Saxon word meaning spring. It is the season of awakening, budding, and flowering. Its climactic moment is the return of Jesus Christ from the dead. Lent means resurrection - - life coming out of apparent death. The brown earth turns green, the dry bulb blooms, and frustration is transformed into joy. Lent is the promise that right here and right now new life can bloom for you and your dreams can be realized. The Gospel is the Good News of your own resurrection into new life. Let us begin our discipline which will lead us to Oneness with the living Jesus!  
(JBS)

SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION

Our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and program is set for Tuesday, March 6, at 6:30pm. in the Fellowship Hall. Carol Grubbs is in charge of the evening. An offering will be received for the cost of the supper.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Lent begins this year with our Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00pm. in the Sanctuary, March 7. The service will be about 45 minutes in length and is intended to help you formulate your own program of discipline and renewal for Lent. There will be child care during the service.

Choir rehearsal will follow at 7:45pm.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS TO BEGIN

A pastor's class for those considering baptism and church membership will begin soon during the church school hour. All interested should contact Steve. For all ages.

TRUSTEES

The sump pump's motor was replaced by David Lovell at \$64. A sign for the exterior of the church is being prepared.

Peter White, Chr.

EVENTS . . .

MARY LOU LOVELL was appointed Organist by the Parish Council. BETTY PORTER was designated assistant. A father-son banquet was held Feb. 12 with LARRY FAULK providing entertainment. The Pulpit Bible, newly rebound, was rededicated Feb. 5. with JERRY PALMER, PETER WHITE, and CAROLYN SCHNEEBERGER participating. MARY ANN BALLENLEE had ear surgery at Grady Hospital. WILLIAM and DELLA DEAN celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 18. EMILEE ANNE TRIGG, daughter of BETH and ARCHIE TRIGG, was born 7:30pm., February 24. JANET INSCHO has returned from a vacation in Florida.

TREASURER'S REPORT	Bal. Jan. 31	\$828.47
	Receipts &	
	Transfers	3469.58
	Disbursements	2364.56
	Bal. Mar. 31	1705.02

(Bills-\$1148.32) (Betty Porter)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

March	2 James Ringley	25 Carey Fogle
	6 Mary Barkeloo	April
	9 Annette Ringley	2 Adam Mowery
	12 Evan Trigg	4 W.C. Wickum
	14 Chris Treese	7 Dick Payne
	15 Kristina Brown	Mary Balengee
	18 David Lovell	12 Abby Brown
	20 Micah Stoner	16 Marge Smale
	Natalie Mowery	
	24 Helen Aleshire	

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

A special business meeting will be held Sunday, March 18th at 7:30 p.m. to give the congregation an opportunity to learn more of the Ohio Baptist Convention's major funding campaign. This program is for funding our camps and new church development. "Funding Our Future" is an opportunity to make real our growing commitment to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Ohio Camps will receive \$590,000.00 to continue preparing us for our future. These camps have a proud history of motivating and preparing Ohio Baptists for service to God's kingdom. Major additions and improvements will be made to Judson Hills, Kirkwood and Koinonia.

New Churches and communities of faith will receive \$285,000.00 to help their growth. The future of a family is assured when new members are born into the family and begin to grow and develop. American Baptists in Ohio are committed to giving birth and nurturing new churches and communities of faith.

Our congregation is being asked to support this campaign with a financial commitment over a three year period. The Parish Council has suggested a figure of \$4,500.00. This figure, while high, if broken down over a three year period is not as scary as it seems.

- 1 person \$125.00 per month
- 10 persons 12.50 per month
- 50 persons 2.50 per month

Please come out to our special business meeting. There will be a slide presentation and a question and answer period. Review the needs and goals of Funding Our Future. Help your elected officers determine the sharing which is possible.

After the questions and answer session you will be asked to vote on our participation in this campaign. A YES vote means just the start of your real participation.

LENTEN SEASON

Plans for the celebration of Lent at First Baptist Church are currently being finalized by the Board of Christian Education. The opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth will be great!

March 6th, Shrove Tuesday, at 6:30, we can enjoy a pancake and sausage dinner.

Entertainment will be provided by BYF members.

March 7th, Ash Wednesday, at 7 p.m., there will be a worship service in the church sanctuary. Traditionally this has been a time for self examination, a time to re-evaluate our own personal commitment or response to Chris't sacrifice.

A unique "Walk Through Holy Week" will provide an opportunity to personally experience Holy Week. Each of the various Sunday School rooms will depict the changing scenes and moods of Holy Week-- the Last Supper, the mock "trial", the agony of the cross.

In addition, Jean Wickum is coordinating the project to create a "Resurrection Tree." This tree will, hold beautifully decorated giant Easter eggs. Each will hold a symbol of Easter and will also signify a "fruit of the spirit" as explained in Galatians 5:22-23. Not only will this be a beautiful addition to our church, it will also be used in conjunction with our Easter Sunrise Service.

Special Bible Studies will once more be conducted and are being scheduled for the latter part of March. Steve will be teaching these classes which will be held at the church.

April 19th, will be our Maundy Thursday Communion Service, which will be followed by the annual Good Friday Community Service on April 20th. Easter Sunday, April 22nd, we will celebrate the miracle of our Risen Lord in a lovely Sunrise service in addition to our usual 10:45 a.m. worship service. May we all look forward to Lent with a sense of expectation and with much praise and thanksgiving.

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NEW LOOK IN SENIOR-HI ROOM

Members of our Youth Fellowship and their advisors have been hard at work in the Senior High room. First the paneling was cleaned to a sparkling shine. Next the floor was carefully swept, mopped and PAINTED. It now looks fresh and shining. Woodwork and trim now remain to be completed with funds already available for this room.

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Dare to be happy--don't shy away. Reach out and capture the joy of Today.

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God always gives something extra! He isn't satisfied just to make things work, he makes them beautiful as well. Look at the summer flowers and the blue sky. An anonymous Hebrew said, "He makes everything beautiful in its season." If God wills to make the earth beautiful, how much more does He desire to give beauty to your life. You are His creation, the peak of the Creative Process. The seasons of your life should shine with the light of health, and joy, and accomplishment! Trust the great artist and relax in His love. Let His power flow in and through you. You can be as bright and beautiful as the Holy earth! (JBS)

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The quiet lake on which I see  
The ducks all swimming silently,  
The gentle breezes that always blow  
The trees and flowers to and fro.  
The hills to climb, so much to do,  
A hide-away place for me and you.

Although I am not a poet, the above words do describe some of my feelings about Judson Hills. It is a special place for me, and I know for many of you. If you have never been there, now is your opportunity. Our annual Church Retreat is fast approaching. It is, as it has been for many years, the 2nd weekend in Sept. We begin on Friday evening and end at noon Sunday. We are very fortunate this year in having the Rev. Carver Williams as our retreat leader. He serves as chaplain at Marion General Hospital. In a letter to Steve he conveyed his eagerness to be with us. Many things are being planned for your enjoyment, so please plan to join us! More information regarding cost, what to bring, etc. will be mailed to you in the next few days.

Carol Grubbs  
Retreat Chr.

NEWS OF AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

Almost every Wednesday a handful of dedicated women come out to sew. We have completed many beautiful quilts and items of clothing. For the Church World Service Appeal coming in September, we have gathered boxes of clothing and new items for School Kits, Health Kits, and Sewing Kits. For the next few Sundays there will be a display at the rear of the Sanctuary. Stop by and admire, but also consider helping to get the materials needed to complete more kits, or donate money toward shipping poundage costs. We also can use good, used clothing. Bring to church! Call 369-7754 or 363-7021 for more information. And thank you all for your dedication.

Karen Stoner, Chairwoman

Beg or bribe or borrow,  
I can't turn time away;  
When I get to tomorrow,  
It always is today.  
However much I hurry,  
The future runs as fast;  
In spite of wish or worry,  
The past remains the past.  
Forever and forever,  
It does not matter how  
I look at time, I never  
Have any time but now.

- James Dillet Freeman

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## AN INVITATION

You are cordially invited to attend a baby shower for Mary Ann Sealey. It will be from 2 - 4 pm at Sue Elfner's home at 29 Darlington Rd. If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. to either Sue or Beth Trigg. Hope to see you there.

## A THANK YOU NOTE

Lester Jackson sends his thanks and appreciation to the Church and the prayer group. He says he is not acquainted with the people at First Baptist, but God knows each one - and he prays a blessing on each one that many souls will be added.

Thanks to Rev. Stephenson. He has known Steve from away back when he used to deliver milk from Deerlick Dairy.

Lester was a Baptist minister for 33 years until his health failed him.

Written for Lester by his sister, Della Dean.

## TRIBUTE TO MISS MYRTLE

Boy, do I wish I could be one half as kind as that lady was her entire life. She never had a mean word to say about anyone, ever. Truly a beautiful example of the Christian way to "love thy neighbor." She was my "birthday buddy". I was lucky to share the same date of birth with her. Every year as far back as I can remember (to when I was just a kid on N. Franklin), she would come bearing a huge birthday bouquet especially for me. What did I do for her? Never enough...but I loved her deeply.

Remember how she always spoke to everyone on Sunday mornings? She made a point of it. She talked too loud and raucous, and I was irritated with her and impatient. Now she's gone. The next time someone greets you (perhaps too loudly), savor the moment and appreciate the thought and love intended. I know she is already planning next year's garden to brighten God's yard, and Miss Myrtle, plant something special for me. Greatly missed and loved by...Cary Beth Linn Trigg

Dare to be happy - don't shy away,  
Reach out and capture the joy of Today!  
Dare to be happy, don't be afraid -  
This is the day which the Lord hath made!

## ANNOUNCING...

Carolyn Marie Kruesi, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Paul R. Kruesi of Golden, Colorado, became the bride of Jeffrey Jacob Richards, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Richards, on Saturday, June 9th in the Amphitheater of Flagstaff Mountain, Boulder, Colorado. Carolyn & Jeffrey are graduates of the University of Colorado at Boulder. The new Mrs. Richards plans to serve as an instructor in German at Ohio State University while continuing to work toward her Masters Degree. Jeffrey is a second year law student at OSU.

## TRUSTEES REPORT

Extensive repair work has been completed at the Franklin house this summer. Improvements included the following: 1. repair of eaves and roof 2. painting of the house trim 3. application of tar to the Franklin House roof and shed (and to the metal roof sections of the church as well.)

Total cost for the above was \$2,250.00.

Peter White, Chairman

## A NEW PROJECT

A new project - the theme of which is "The Nurturing Church" - is being developed by our Board of Christian Education. The goal for this endeavor is to determine the many areas of need within our church family and to establish a framework through which these needs might be better met. A task force, whose members include Linda White, Polly Focke, Pam Faulk, Jim & Bertha VanBrimmer, Ernestine Frost, and our Pastor, Steve, held an organizational meeting in July. The work of compiling statistical data regarding our church family was begun. In addition, plans were made to conduct a survey to provide information about our fellowship's interests, talents, areas of need, and recommendations for actions. With this information, it is hoped that we might be better able to utilize our individual talents and time. The findings of the study will ultimately be reported - along with recommendations for implementation - to the appropriate Church Boards.

We have all enjoyed our Advent Secret Friends this year! Just a reminder to keep up the good work...have you sent a "warm fuzzy" to your Advent friend lately?

FIRST BAPTIST: QUARTERLY REPORT

Balance on hand 4-1-84.....\$ 386.71  
 Receipts..... 7430.73  
 Transfers..... 257.00  
 Total..... 8074.44

Total Disbursements \$7899.33  
 Balance as of 6-30-84..... \$ 175.11

Missions Report:  
 April  
 Undesignated..... \$ 141.00  
 Love Gift 10.54  
 May  
 Undesignated 176.00  
 Love Gift 7.66  
 June  
 One Great Hour of Sharing..246.15  
 Undesignated.....126.00  
 Funding our Future.....363.48

Total Mission Giving.....707.35  
 Funding our Future.....363.48  
 Betty J. Porter, Treasurer

FUN AT CAMP

The fun and excitement of summer camp was experienced by six of our young people this summer. Those participating in the fine programs at Judson Hills were Jeff Faulk, Krissy Martin, Cameron Piatt, Charity Piatt, Stephany Stoner, and Jerrod Trigg.

WELCOME HOME

After serving two years with the 22nd Field Artillery, United States Army in Zirndorf, Germany, Specialist 4th Class Steve Palmer is being honorably discharged and will be home Friday, August 17th. Welcome Home, Steve!

LOOK UP AND LIVE

This business of living was meant to be  
 More than plodding along each day  
 With head bowed down and eyes on the ground  
 While Time ticks the hours away.

God made this world a deilightful place  
 With beauty everywhere -  
 The grass, the flowers, the trees, the sky,  
 The tang of clean, fresh air -

A world to be lived in, laughed in, loved.  
 To be met with joy and zest,  
 A world with a challenge for each of us  
 to give it our very best.

his business of living was never meant  
 as a treadmill sort of thing;  
 There are rivers to cross, and mountains  
 to climb  
 And glorious songs to sing.

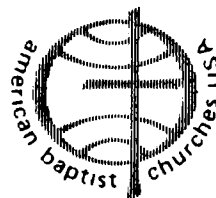
STRESS WORKSHOP

The theme of "The Nurturing Church" will be in evidence as First Baptist sponsors a three part "mini-series" to be held on Sunday evenings Sept. 30th, October 7th, and October 14 on the subject of "Mastering Fear, Stress, and Anxiety.. from a Christian point of view." Lana Palmer will be acting as Group Leader for the series which will examine such topics as (to name but a few) the relaxation response, types of prayer and meditation, scriptural promises, and the healing of our past hurts and "hang-ups." The series will conclude with a Service of Healing and Redidication. Further information will be provided in forthcoming newsletters and bulletins. All are welcome... do plan to attend.

NO FARTHER AWAY

No Farther away  
 Than Here and Today  
 Is the loveliest place I know-  
 A small secret spot  
 In a walled garden plot  
 Where all the nice memories grow.  
 It's bordered with kindness  
 And sprinkled with smiles  
 And shaded by friendly trees -  
 This small quiet place  
 In that walled garden space  
 With its bright little memories.  
 And think about this -  
 How, if I were to miss  
 One day with my rake and my hoe  
 In planting the seeds  
 of a few kindly deeds,  
 It would mean fewer emories  
 to grow.  
 So I try every hour  
 To plant a new flower,  
 And strike dow a weed in the way  
 Where the nice memories grow  
 In that spot that I know  
 No farther than Here and Today.

Helen Lowrie Marshall



DEATHS IN CHURCH FAMILY

MYRTLE L. SMITH, 87, died June 20, at Grady Memorial Hospital. She had a brief illness and was in church just a few Sundays before her passing. She spent most of her life in Delaware and was a member of our fellowship from the time of her baptism in 1909.

Myrtle was loved by all and we carry happy memories of her. She taught the children for many years, and some still speak of her as "Miss Myrtle."

Myrtle never complained. She is a testimony to the power of a positive attitude. Her spiritual life was deep, and at the time of her departure she was still growing.

When we think of her we think of flowers, great armloads of flowers, grown in her garden, and brought to the church to share with her friends. Her life was like the flowers; beautiful, growing, fragrant, and given for others.

She was our teacher. She was our inspiration. No one can take her place in our hearts. When we arrive at heaven, we will find it brighter for her presence.

Myrtle is survived by a son, a grandson, two great grandchildren, and a sister. Our sympathy goes out to them, and to all who were touched by her life.

DR. SELIM J. BLAZEWICZ, brother of Sophia Stephenson, died July 20 in Pomeroy, Ohio.

He was a graduate of Ohio State University and the Ohio State University College of Medicine. During the Second World War he was with Patton's army as a medical officer.

After the war he began the practice of medicine in his home town, Pomeroy, and continued until a few days before his death.

He was a man of deep compassion, who chose to serve in one of the most impoverished areas of the state.

Despite his own serious health problems,

he was faithful to his patients of all ages and in all circumstances, ministering at every level of human need.

He is survived by his wife and four sisters. He was preceded in death by two daughters.

Our prayers are with the family.

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Could we but see the pattern of our days,  
We should discern how devious were the ways  
By which we came to this, the present  
time,  
This place in life; and we should see the  
climb our soul has made up thru the  
years.  
We should forget the hurts, the wanderings,  
the fears.  
From turn to turn the road of life winds  
on until we come to know the truth  
That life is endless and that we forever  
Are inhabitants of all eternity.  
- Martha Smock (adapted)

WEDDING BELLS!!!

Teresa Grubbs and Michael Griffth were united in marriage in our Sanctuary on June 9. A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall. Their pastor shared the ceremony with Teresa's uncle, Rev. Ted D. Stephenson of Indianapolis.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS . . . PEOPLE MAKING NEWS

FRANCES BELT has returned from a visit with daughter MARY and family in Indianapolis.

HELEN ALESHIRE is in Nova Scotia. Her house has been sold and she will be living at 21 South Sandusky.

JIM STEPHENSON has returned from a trip to Indianapolis, Michigan, and Canada.

FRANCES JOHNSON visited daughter PENNY and family in Blacksburg Va. PENNY'S husband RICHARD is Prof. of Horticulture at Virginia Tech.

JEANNE EKELBERRY & sons CHARLES & MIKE vacationed with relatives in West Virginia.

The ELFNERS toured in northern Ohio.

GENEVA EVANS visited with sister MARY in California.

DAVID & JEAN OSBORNE are visiting family in Maine. Her father is seriously ill.

TED, JEANNIE, AMY, and JENNIFER STEPHENSON visited in Delaware on their way to Washington, D.C. and on their return. Also in the trip were DONALD, DOROTHY, KENNY, ABBY, BROWN, and DONNA BROWN. JONATHAN spent the week with his grandparents.

LARRY, PAM, JEFF, AND ERIN FAULK were in Disney World. Later they camped in Michigan.

JOHN & MARY HELEN RICHARDS flew to Boulder, Col. for the wedding of son JEFF to CAROLYN MARIE KRUESI.

MARY SEELEY vacationed in Alabama with relatives.

MARJORIE SMALE attended a library conference in Holland, Michigan, and visited Pleasant Hill, the Shaker community in Kentucky.

The VANBRIMMERS visited son RICK in Mississippi and his family, and BERTHA'S family in Kentucky where they attended the funeral of an aunt.

The LOVELLS vacationed in New York and Canada.

CECILY JUDD was in Canada.

SOPHIA STEPHENSON'S sister LILI of Los Alamos visited with them after the death of their brother.

CAROL GRUBBS and daughters SUZANNE and ALISON toured Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum at Dearborn.

The STONER family spent 6 days in Florida exploring Disney World and the Kennedy Space Center.

JOHN and BERTHA MCTAGGART of Dayton, took a two week tour of Switzerland, Austria, and other countries and will attend the Passion Play.

The Trigg family enjoyed a 3 day excursion to Dearborn, MI. They toured the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. The boys loved riding the train, steam riverboat, and antique carousel.

From her perch in the front of the pack, EMILIE received quite a sunburn!

Our Women's Society celebrated Women's Sunday May 13 by conducting our Morning Worship. CARRIE BELL BROWN was our speaker.

The ice cream social was a great success, showing a profit of \$570.

EMILIE ANNE TRIGG was dedicated May 27. The daughter of ARCHIE & BETH, she is the granddaughter of JOHN & ANNE LINN, and great granddaughter of FRANCES JOHNSON.

MICHAEL GRUBBS graduated from Hayes High School.

CAP & MYRTLE GABRIEL celebrated their 69th anniversary on June 4.

MARY RUTH MOSSBARGER completed her 2nd year at Ohio Wesleyan in nurses training.

MICHAEL EKELBERRY, STEFANIE STONER, and ALISON GRUBBS were baptised June 17th and were subsequently received into membership.

The sermon on June 24th was delivered by REV. TED D. STEPHENSON, minister of the Church of the Master in Indianapolis.

JARROD TRIGG and VICTOR FOGLE are playing on the "red team" through parks and recreation T-ball.

STEFANIE STONER was a member of the championship girls' B-2 City Soft-Pitch Team sponsored by American Savings. Her batting average was over 400, too!

JOE and ALISON MOWERY and family are now Delaware residents. Their new address is 75 West Central. Welcome and good luck in your new home!

GENE LATHROP continues as a patient at Riverside Hospital. DONALD FAULK was a patient at Mt. Carmel. MYRTLE GABRIEL was a patient at Grady Memorial.

W.C. WICKUM was chosen as tenor from Delaware County in the All-Ohio Senior Chorus.

REV. EDNA DARLING, chaplain at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Dayton received painful injuries in a automobile accident.

## BIRTHDAYS &amp; ANNIVERSARIES

August 1 Charity Piatt  
 3 Mary Ruth Mossbarger  
 7 Jennifer Porter  
 8 Jim VanBrimmer  
 9 Steve Stoner  
 11 Frances Belt  
 14 Rick & Barbara VanBrimmer  
 18 Pam & Larry Faulk  
 21 Jim Stephenson  
 23 Mildred Bowers  
 Dick & Evelyn Lee  
 24 Florence Faulk  
 Lynn & Sue Elfner  
 27 Linda White  
 29 Lynn Elfner  
 30 Fred & Carol Grubbs  
 Archie Trigg

Sept. 5 Don & Florence Faulk  
 7 Doug Lee  
 8 Lorrie Lathrop  
 10 Michell Payne  
 11 David Osborne  
 12 Dorothy Brown  
 13 Jerry Palmer  
 14 John & Mary Ann Ballengee  
 9 Robert & Virginia Houston  
 (out of sequence)

## "Faith - Yours or Theirs"

Someone is praying somewhere,  
 It could be here or there,  
 Faith is with someone somewhere,  
 It could be here or there,  
 A healing is happening, somewhere,  
 It could be here or there,  
 Jesus is with us, somewhere,  
 It could be here or there,  
 God is present somewhere,  
 It could be in earth or the air,  
 So when you think it's unfair,  
 Remember one is praying somewhere.

- Steve Stoner



James B. Stephenson, Jerry Palmer  
Lana Palmer, Editors

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Christ announced that the one and only purpose of His ministry is the bringing in of the Kingdom of God; by the quiet action of a flawless love giving back to our lost tormented planet its place in the orchestra of heaven. God enters human life not only to help, teach and complete it, but to overrule, transform, rescue and control circumstances - a saving energy intervening by love. He comes to rescue those caught in the toils of circumstance and we receive a new revelation of His power. (Evelyn Underhill, adapted)

OPPORTUNITY IN FINANCE

The best laid plans of mice and men go oft astray. That poetic reference to the way things really work in our world tells us of the problem we find ourselves in with regard to the church operating budget. Through most of the year, our income has met, or slightly exceeded the budgeted amount. Only in the past few weeks has the income dipped below the planned figure, and this is probably a temporary condition due to the family retreat week-end and summer end vacations.

The big problem has been unplanned and unavoidable expenses that exceed by far the budgeted amounts, with the heating bill last winter being the most important. That unplanned cold weather really put the chill on our operations!

The result of all this will be a shortfall of about \$2500 by year's end, unless corrective measures are undertaken.

Now, \$2500 is a lot of money, to us at least, but we have 13 weeks in which to do something about it. So let's divide \$2500 by 13 - that's \$192 a week that we have to make up - still a sizable figure. But there are a number of us to work on it. Say as a round number there are 50 giving units in the church, individuals or family groups. \$192 spread over 50 givers comes to \$3.84 per giver. Isn't it reasonable that we might be able to handle that kind of an extra burden? Of course, some might not be able to increase their giving, but others could probably do more - the point

is, that based on our past experience, there is every reason to believe that together we will be able to meet this extra need.

We must be conscious also of the need to bolster our mission support. Through Sept. 23, we were \$1086 under our promise - this is only a 58% effort. While we are being thankful for blessings we receive, we must be more mindful of the needs of those who work in our place and look to us for support.

May the Lord add His blessing to our efforts.

Jim VanBrimmer  
Finance Chr.

WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION

The churches of the world unite today in celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion. In it we recall the death of our Lord and His resurrection. Let it be a time of renewal and rebirth for us all.

SCRAP-BOOK OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Ernestine Frost is collecting a photo album of pictures of our church family. If you have any to share contact her at church or by phoning 369-1273. News articles are also wanted and will be collected along with the pictures.

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OASIS CONCERT

The Ohio Wesleyan Christian Fellowship invites us to share in a free concert by the nationally known recording group, OASIS, on Friday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Gray Chapel.

OASIS is a Columbus - based, non-denominational contemporary Christian music group with a special cause - it is the musical arm of The Friends of Jesus Ministries, Inc., and is solely responsible for the maintenance and growth of the Friends of Jesus Ministries, India. This corporation was founded in response to the needs of destitute children in the state of Andhra Pradesh, South India. It sponsors a Hostel (orphanage), an English Medium School, and an Evangelism Support Group. All of the money received from Oasis' concerts beyond expenses goes directly to support the Indian project.

The men who make up OASIS are ordinary men with full-time jobs and families - but they possess an extraordinary devotion to Christ and to their mission. They perform over 120 concerts yearly, travelling on weekends. They are living proof of their belief that the ordinary person CAN make a difference in today's world.

The OWU Christian Fellowship urges us to join them in this time of worship and praise. It will be an inspiring evening for people of all ages.

Please mark October 19th on your calendar and plan to attend. A free will offering will be taken.

AN OPEN LETTER

To My Friends,

In the last two and a half years things haven't gone to well for us. Because of your generosity I have been able to sleep much better.

The fear I have or had was almost to the point I couldn't function. Our faith says God will take care of you - just have faith. I must tell you my fear a lot of times overtook my faith. But God has taken care of us.

He is getting better at Dayton V.A. Hospital. The improvement is very, very slow, but so much better than before.

He has great faith and determination, which at times wavered.

We will make it with people like you to pray for us. Your assistance is so very much appreciated. I feel there are so many others more deserving than we are; at the same time, we are so grateful.

Thank you. There are such little words to express my feelings, but thank you. God bless all of you.

Janet Lathrop

HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down life's Highway  
a long time ago,  
One day I saw a sign which read  
Heaven's Grocery Store  
As I got a little closer the door  
came open wide,  
And when I came to myself I was  
standing inside.  
I saw a host of angels, they were  
standing everywhere,  
One handed me a basket and said my child  
shop with care,  
Everything a Christian needed was  
in the grocery store,  
And all you could not carry, you could  
come back next day for more.  
First I got some patience, love was  
in the same row,  
Further down was understanding, you need  
that everywhere you go,  
I got a box or two of wisdom, a bag or  
two of faith:  
I just couldn't miss the Holy Gost, for He  
was all over the place.  
I stopped to get some strength and courage  
for it was all over  
The place. I didn't forget salvation, for  
salvation that was free.  
So I tried to get enough of that to save  
both you and me.  
Then I started up the counter to pay my  
grocery bill,  
For I thought I had everything to do my  
Master's will.  
As I went up the aisle I saw prayer and I  
knew I needed that to  
put in, For I knew when I stepped outside  
I would run right into sin.  
Peace and joy were plentiful and were on  
the last shelf.

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Song and praises were hanging near  
so I just helped myself.  
Then, I said to the angel, "How much do  
I owe?"  
... just smiled and said, "Take them  
everywhere you go."  
Again I smiled and said, "How much  
do I owe?"  
He smiled again and said, "My Child,  
Jesus paid your bill a  
long time ago."

Copied from the Delaware Park Care  
Center News Letter.

By Della Dean

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First Baptist Church - Quarterly Report  
(July 1 - September 30, 1984)

Balance on hand: July, 1984.....\$175.11

Receipts

July.....\$2,441.29  
August..... 2,237.06  
September..... 2,411.17

Transfers

Franklin House repair..... 2,350.00  
Taxes and Insurance..... 898.52  
Transfer from House Fund  
(Loan to General Fund)... 1,100.00  
Retreat Receipts..... 507.50  
Total.....12,120.65

Disbursements

Total disbursements.....11,231.21  
Balance on Hand: Sept. 30th.... 889.44  
Unpaid Bills..... 1,180.96  
Loan..... 1,100.00

Mission Report

July..... 304.08  
August..... 171.79  
September..... 326.30  
Total..... 802.17

Betty J. Porter, Treasurer

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MY DAILY PRAYER

GOD, be MY RESTING PLACE and MY  
PROTECTION

In hours of trouble, defeat, and dejection..  
May I never give way to self-pity and sorrow,  
May I always be sure of a better tomorrow,  
May I stand undaunted come what may  
Secure in the knowledge I have only to pray  
I ask MY CREATOR and FATHER ABOVE  
Keep me serene in HIS GRACE and HIS LOVE!

Helen Steiner Rice

Together as partners and as a People of  
Faith, we are called to make a difference  
for God, to be a light to His people in His  
world.

Jesus Christ was recognized by Simeon  
as the light to the Gentiles (Luke 2:32)  
The Apostle Paul picked up on the declara-  
tion of Jesus to His followers, "You  
are like light for the whole world" (Matt.  
5:14 GNB).

Light is vital for life. The light of  
the Gospel is as necessary for eternal  
life as sunlight is for earthly life.  
As sunflowers follow the sun across  
the sky each day, people worldwide are  
turning to Christ as our missionaries  
and their National Christian colleagues  
lift up the message of the Gospel.

Truly we are a people of light. It is nat-  
ural that we think LIGHT as we reach out  
to make a difference through Evangelism,  
Education, Christian Service and a variety  
of programs to meet human need. Lighting  
the world with the Gospel calls for  
proclamation by word and deed!

The 1984 WFO Offering Goal is \$3,100,000.  
About 40 % of our total mission funding  
comes from the WFO...let us join in the  
excitement of playing a leadership role  
in the lighting of the world for Christ!  
The dedicated giving - even in small  
amounts - by the people in local churches  
is the backbone of our worldwide mission  
outreach. If our ministries are to be  
sustained and our goal met, it is vital  
that each and everyone of us be given  
the opportunity to support the WFO -  
and to be challenged to make the best  
gift possible. Thank you!

Lana Palmer,  
Board of Christian Ed.

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STRESS WORKSHOP - SESSION II

The second session of the Workshop, "Master-  
ing Fear, Stress, and Anxiety - From a  
Christian Point of View", which is being  
sponsored by the First Baptist Church Board  
of Christian Education will be held this  
Sunday, Oct. 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
The session is free...all are invited  
and encouraged to attend. Subjects to be  
presented include: Problem solving  
techniques...Employing the Relaxation Re-  
sponse...and Recognizing "who's in charge -  
the child; the parent; or ME, THE ADULT!"

FROM THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY

It has been decided by the Women's Society to discontinue collecting Betty Crocker coupons for the kitchen silverware. This project turned out to be more expensive than thought. Karen Stoner will continue to save the coupons for Rainbow Acres Ranch, Camp Verde, Arizona, a Baptist enterprise for mentally impaired adults.

Carol Fogle

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

The Women's Society supported the ministry of Church World Service by collecting, boxing, and delivering 220 pounds of goods including blankets, quilts, clothing, health kits, sewing kits, and school kits.

DEATHS IN CHURCH FAMILY

Rev. Lester Jackson, brother of Della Dean, died Sept. 6.

Eleon Schuman, father of Jean Osborne, died in Maine, Sept. 27.

Our sympathy goes out to these families.

WICKUMS HONORED

A reception for Jean and Wick Wickum was held September 2 in recognition of their 35th anniversary as members of the choir.

JUDSON HILLS

About 140 persons enjoyed the annual all church retreat at Judson Hills. The leader was the Rev. Carver Williams, chaplain at the Marion Hospital's. A nature hike was directed by Lynn Elfner.

CHURCH SCHOOL RESUMES

Church Classes resumed September 16 after the summer recess. A breakfast, sponsored by the Board of Education, was held in the Fellowship Hall. The teachers were installed during the opening worship. There are fine classes for all ages. Come and learn!

MARRIAGE CELEBRATED

John Wood, son of Mary Sealey, and Tracey Holland were married in the Sanctuary Sept. 22. A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall. Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple and their families.

FAMILY NIGHT ENJOYED

The Women's Society sponsored a Family Night Sept. 27. After a covered dish dinner a panel made a presentation on "Touch God's Earth," which was followed by discussion. Panel members included Evelyn Lee, Marjorie Smale, W. C. Wickum, and a representative from P.I.N.

HOSPITAL . . .

Archie Trigg was a patient at Grady Memorial Hospital. . . Mary McKean suffered a broken hip in a fall at home, and is a patient in Grady, room 426. . . Myrtle Gabriel and Jeanne Ekelberry were outpatients. . . Dick Ekelberry, Jr. is a surgical patient at Riverside. . . Gene Lathrop is at Veterans Administration, Patrick Hospital, Dayton, Ohio. He will enjoy hearing from his friends.

NEW BABY IN CHURCH FAMILY!!

Stephanie Johanna Sealey was born August 30 at 7:47 a.m. at Riverside Hospital. She weighed six pounds, 2 ounces, and was 19½ inches long. She is the daughter of Steve and Mary Sealey. We offer our congratulations and best wishes to the happy family! And blessings to Stephanie!

NEW ADDRESSES

Frances Belt  
RR2 Box 291  
Camby, Indiana 46113  
c/o Will Hamilton

Polly Focke  
502 Heritage  
Delaware, OH 43015

Ms. Janet L. Porter  
Room 220 - Prout Hall  
Bowling Green State University  
Bowling Green, Ohio 43403

Rex Evans of Maine visited his grandmother Ernestine Frost and mother Geneva Evans.

	30	Jean Osborne
	31	Cecily Judd
November	1	Stefanie Stoner
	5	Victor Fogle
	6	Robert Stephenson
		Helen Bougher
	9	Gene Lathrop

Richards and family of Colorado visited parents Mary Helen and John Richards.

STUDENTS

Manna Lathrop is at Ohio State . . . Steve Palmer is attending Ohio State, Marion Branch...Janet Porter and Bruce Lee are at Bowling Green State University...Richard Payne is at Miami State University...Michelle Payne is at Wooster...Gregg Osborne is in the Medical College of University of Toledo.

NAMES OMITTED

Names omitted from camp list last month were Jennifer Porter and Chris Treese, who attended the Junior High Camp.

IN COMPETITION

Jennifer Porter is a member of the Willis Girls' Gymnastics Team. She will be competing on bars and the floor exercise.

PORTER IN VIDEO

Bill Porter, son of Betty Porter, has completed a 90 minute video with actress Raquel Welch in the Caribbean. It will complement Ms. Welch's book, "Raquel-Total Beauty."

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October	3	Janet Lathrop
		Jennifer Palmer
	5	Carol & Will Fogle
	7	Anna Louise Brown
		James B. Stephenson
		Beth & Michael Linn
		Jack Smith
	9	Suzanna Grubbs
	18	Gene & Janet Lathrop
		John & Della Dove
	20	Jim Brown
	21	Don & Dorothy Brown
	23	Doug & Linda Lee
	27	Robert Houston
	28	Eddy Linn
		Amy Smale