

Good News Letter

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The First Baptist Church, Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson
minister

A NEW YOU FOR THE NEW YEAR

The Pastor is presenting a series of sermons titled "A New You for the New Year." Remaining titles are:

- Feb. 3 "How to Love Life and Walk With God Daily"
- Feb. 10 "How to Forget Your Age and Live Your Life"
- Feb. 17 "How to Think Health and See Yourself as Healthy"

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting of the congregation was held after worship on Sunday, January 27. Reports were submitted by the boards and officers and officers were elected for the current year.

Copies of the financial report are available in the vestibule.

If you will thoughtfully check the financial reports for last year, you will note that we really are in need of increased giving. Will you take time to think of your responsibility as a member of our Christian family.

LETTERS

To the congregation,
A long overdue "thank you" is in order

for your cards, calls and prayers during my hospitalization in November. The meals were much appreciated, especially by my husband! Bless you all.

Alison Mowery and Family

Dear Sophie,

I am asking you to convey our thanks to the Womens' Society since Steve delivered the lovely box of fruit and preserves to us. What a lovely and thoughtful gift. It couldn't have come at a better time. John and I had just gotten home from the hospital.

With kindest regards,
John and Mary Helen Richards

Dear Rev. Stephenson,

My father's Christmas gift to your church is a little late but I know you can always use it.

I hope your congregation has a happy 1985.

Sincerely,
Alva Birdsell Dickey
(also known as Janet Dickey)

Dear friends,

Please accept this check for poinsettias in memory of my parents, Fred and Lucille Via.

Tim will be married to Jennifer Lucille on December 22. Mother and Dad would have been so proud. Tim was baptised in the First Baptist Church in Enterprise, Alabama. Jenny played "Amazing Grace" on



piano with her sister playing the flute.
How I longed for mother and dad.

Blessings,
Nancy and Frank Summers

Dear Steve and Sophie,

...Dorothy retired July first and has been busy with flowers, garden and volunteer work at St. Elizabeth Hospital...

My painting has kept me busier than I want to be, but I enjoy the travelling and seeing new places and all the friends I have in the miniature trade.

Love,
Marge Adams
Dorothy Crane

Dear friends,

It is a new year and I want to start it by thanking everyone again for all the help you all have given Gene and I this past year.

I don't know who everyone is because every once in a while I have been given a gift. "Thank you" is all I can say, but it doesn't express my feelings.

I have been using the oil burner every day and I am warm now.

I hope everyone has a very happy New Year.

Health, Love and Happiness to All,

Janet Lathrop

(Several other letters and cards were received from out-of-town friends and were posted in the vestibule during the holiday season.)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 2 Fred Grubbs
Elwood Barkeloo
Elizabeth Brown
Millie Martin
8 Della Dean
9 Janet Inscho
10 Amy Elfner

Feb. 13 Lana Palmer
16 Barbara Payne
17 Beth Linn
18 William and Della Dean
21 Mary Ann Seeley
22 Charles Brown
23 Willard Fogle
Mar. 2 James Ringley
6 Mary Barkeloo
9 Annette Ringley

(If you are not on our birthdays and anniversaries list, please contact the Pastor.)

Winter Morning

Veve Lewis

The whole wide world is silver,
With diamonds here and there;
On a snow-filled winter morning
There's beauty everywhere.

The air is crisp and bracing,
The treetops dressed in lace;
You walk in breathless silence,
And wonder lights your face.

The sparrow tracks are myriad,
A red squirrel scampers by,
And from the cedar woodlot
You hear a bluejay cry.

There's magic all around you
At any time of year;
You only need awareness
To see, and feel, and hear.

PERSONAL

JOHN RICHARDS was a patient in Riverside Hospital, where he underwent triple-bypass heart surgery. He is now recuperating at home.

HELEN ALESHIRE received a hairline hip fracture in a fall at home. She is able to get around with a cane.

MARIE PRIEST fell and broke her hip at Crestmont Nursing Home.

MARY MCKEAN had gall bladder surgery at Grady Hospital. She is in room 412.

ERNESTINE FROST was hospitalized for a cold. X-rays revealed an ulcer.

BOB SMITH was a patient at Grady Hospital with pneumonia.

RICK, BARBARA and TANYA VANBRIMMER were in Delaware for Christmas. They live in Oxford, Mississippi.

LARRY, PAM, JEFF and ERIN FAULK were in Williamsburg, Virginia.

FRANCES JOHNSON flew to Florida to vacation with daughter Caroline and family.

TED STEPHENSON preached at morning worship service on December 30.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED had a luncheon meeting at Zion United Church. A film on "Turning Point", a home for abused women, was shown, and discussion followed.

CLAUDIA ELIOT'S children, DON ELIOT and SALLY WILLIAMS, surprised her with a birthday party in her honor at the Holiday Inn. Relatives from far away as Cincinnati and Cleveland areas made the trip to be there.

MICHELLE PAYNE is on the Dean's List at the College of Wooster.

OTTO McDONALD, father of MARY ANN BALLENGEE, passed away January 13. We unite in expressing our sympathy to John and Mary Ann.

There are two new babies born to church families. PAM and DAVID MILLER are the parents of AMY CHRISTINE, who was born in St. Albans, West Virginia, on December 20. Grandparents are GENE and JANET LATHROP. CAP and MYRTLE GABRIEL and great-grandparents.

RECK and MARSHA LEE are the parents of DAVID EARL LEE, who was born in Oxford, Ohio on January 9. DICK and EVELYN LEE are grandparents. MRS. EARL LEE, Mt. Gilead, is the great-grandmother.

We rejoice in the happiness experienced by these two families.

SEVERE WEATHER CAUSES CANCELLATION

On Sunday, January 20, the temperature was 20 below zero with a wind-chill factor of 50 below zero. Due to these severe conditions, services for that Sunday were cancelled.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

We all experienced many exciting activities during the Christmas season.

A workshop titled "Perspectives of Peacemaking" was held on December 9.

A special luncheon was held after church for everyone who had participated in the "Secret Advent Friend" project.

The Women's Society had their Christmas Meeting.

The children of our Sunday School classes presented an "Unpageant."

The choir and others visited shut-ins and other church friends for our annual Christmas caroling.

The children had a birthday party for baby Jesus.

Members of the church donated generously to the Delaware County Christmas Clearing House.

The adult choir, childrens' choir, and soloists provided beautiful Christmas music.

The highlight of our Christmas activities was our Christmas eve service and communion. It concluded with the singing of "Silent Night" as everyone held a lighted candle.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our Christmas activities this year.

JIM VANBRIMMER PREACHES

Jim VanBrimmer delivered the sermon on December 23 and assisted Ted Stephenson on December 30. The Pastor, who was ill on those two Sundays, extends his thanks to Jim.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Lenten activities will begin at First Baptist on Ash Wednesday, February 20. There will be a special worship service at 7:30.



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EASTER AT FIRST BAPTIST

Easter services at the church are intended to make the resurrection of Jesus real to us. Plan to come and share in all the activities.

We will begin with a service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary at 8:00a.m.

After the Communion we will go to the Fellowship Hall for "breakfast together." After eating there will be fellowship and song, and we will go to our classes at 9:30.

Morning Worship will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and begins at 10:45. There will be special music and the pastor's sermon will be on "New Life Now."

CHILDREN TO SING

The children will brighten our service Easter with both the Children's and Junior Choirs singing. They are under the direction of Organist Mary Lou Lovell.

YOUTH ATTEND RETREAT

Suzi and Alison Grubbs, Charity Piatt, April Cleland, Stefanie Stoner and Kathy Shears, are joining other Marion Association youth this weekend at Judson Hills for a work retreat. The youth will spend all day Saturday cleaning the camp and doing repair work in preparation for the summer retreats.

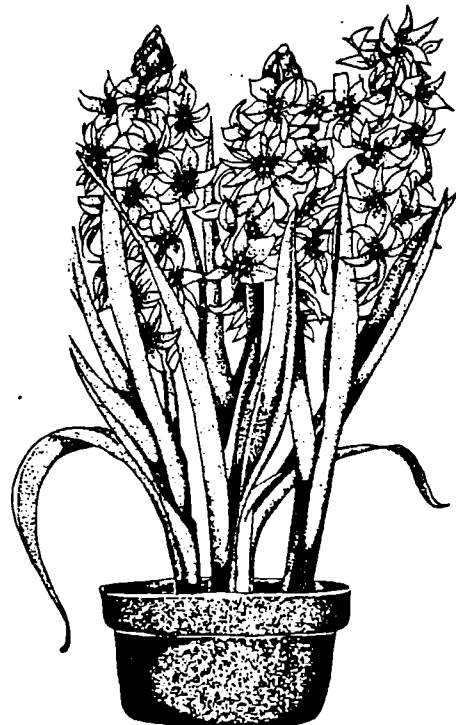
- Carol Grubbs

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

Our annual Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion is scheduled for April 4. We will meet at 7:30p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at tables arranged in the form of a cross and by candlelight. Please observe silence both before and after the service. There will be no child care.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

Our annual community Good Friday worship will be at St. Mary Catholic Church April 5, at 1:00p.m. It is sponsored by the Delaware clergy.



FOR MICAH . . .

In celebration of Micah Stoner's birthday, Matthew Lovell composed a poem for him. Your editor is happy to share it with the church.

Space is stary,
Space is a safari,
Space is nothing
You've ever seen,
So go ride in my
New machine.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

New gas line run to the hot water heater with black pipe to replace copper and a shut off valve installed to meet the gas company's code.

New thermostat installed in Assembly Room.

Piano in senior high room tuned.

Light repaired in sweeper.

Old duplicating machine returned to Gestetner in Columbus.

Our P. A. speakers were repaired and the system rewired. Work was done by David Lovell and Jim VanBrimmer.

Jim Stephenson replaced the sod at the side entrance of the church.

- Peter White, Chr.

CELEBRATION BANQUET

The annual Celebration Banquet of the Marion Baptist Association was held Friday, March 29, at 6:30p.m. in the Tri-Rivers Joint Vocational School near Marion. The banquet honors all those who have been received into the churches since last year. Honored from our fellowship are Alison Grubbs, Stefanie Stoner, and Michael Ekelberry, who were guests of the church. Speaker for the service was Dr. Manfred Braugh, Vice President, Dean, and Professor of New Testament at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

A THANK YOU

We would like to say a GIANT thank you to all the moms and dads, nursery, and junior church volunteers who have made it possible for Deborah, Matthew, and Barbara to sit with you during the beginning of the church service, and have a wonderful learning experience in the nursery and Junior Church. It gives Mary Lou the opportunity to play the organ and Dave chance to sing knowing the children are happy and feeling so much a part of the church.

- David & Mary Lou

PROGRESSIVE ORGAN RECITAL

Delaware's "A to Z" progressive organ recital will take place April 28. Six churches and organists will take part in this year's walking tour. The schedule will be as follows:

2:00 Asbury United Methodist Church,
Sally Casto organist

2:25 1st Baptist Church,
Mary Lou Lovell, organist

2:50 Zion United Church of Christ,
Tom Allen, organist

3:20 1st Presbyterian Church,
Ernestine Peebles, organist

3:40 St. Peters Episcopal Church,
Carol Hallenbeck, organist

4:05 William Street United Methodist Church, guest organist

Come enjoy a spring walk and hear the organs of Delaware. You may want to park near Zion as it is midpoint of the six churches.

A POEM FROM THE MIDLERS

(This lovely poem was on the door of the Middlers' Class Room, and your editor thought it deserved sharing with all the church)

I cannot see God when I look
But still I know He's there.
I feel His sunshine on my cheek,
His wind blows in my hair.

I cannot see God when I look,
But still I know He's there.
In goodness, beauty, and in love,
I find Him everywhere.

PAYNES CONDUCT READING CLASSES

Dick and Barbara Payne are teaching reading in classes held at the Liberty Community Center. They are intended for English speaking teens and adults who cannot read. Also teaching in the program is Madge Stewart. They have studied at the Laubach Literacy Action Center in Columbus, and are qualified to train tutors in Delaware. The Laubach method was worked out over 50 years ago by Dr. Frank C. Laubach, a missionary who used it to teach the Phillipine people to read. The slogan is, "Each one teach one." See the full article on the bulletin board is the vestibule.

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1st through March 18, 1985

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1985 \$ 109.51

Receipts

January	\$2043.26
February	2560.52
March	1713.19

Transfers

Church Insurance	107.00
Property Taxes	579.20
Babysitters	17.00

Total Receipts	<u>7020.17</u>
	7129.68

Disbursements	6051.11
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Balance on hand March 18, 1985	1078.57
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Outstanding bills as of March 31, 1985 (this does not include telephone bill for March and bill from pastor for mileage in January and Feb.)	2746.62
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Mission Report

January

Undesignated	\$ 212.75
Hunger	14.25
Funding Our Future	<u>107.00</u>
	334.00

February

Undesignated	239.00
Hunger	67.00
Funding Our Future	<u>34.00</u>
	340.00

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP FORMED

Under the guidance of Bob Houston, the men of the church are organizing a fellowship. Their first project will be the annual ice cream social. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 at the Gathering Inn at 8am. This will be a breakfast meeting open to all.

WINTER IN FLORIDA!

We left early January. Enjoyed Savannah and St. Augustine on the way down. We stayed in the Ocala Nat. Forest until Feb. 15, and in a private lot till March 13. This area has had 4 hard freezes in 5 years and we passed across miles of ruined groves. More groves each day are going up for sale. When we arrived we did not see any land for sale for less than \$5000 an acre, and by the time we left a few groves were advertised at \$2000 an acre!

-Janet Inscho

NEW BABIES

Douglas Griffith Linn, new son of Beth and Mike Linn, was born Feb. 19, 7:55am at St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville. Douglas weighed 7 pounds, one-half ounce, and is 21 inches long. Congratulations to the happy family and special blessings to baby! John and Anne Linn are maternal grandparents and Frances Johnson is the great-grandmother.

Laura Beth Mowery was dedicated to God on March 10. She is the daughter of Joe and Alison Mowery and the sister of Natalie and Adam. She was born October 5, 1984. John and Anne Linn are maternal grandparents, and Frances Johnson is the great-grandmother. Godparents are Beth and Archie Trigg. We offer our congratulations to the family and pray for God's richest blessings to be with Laura Beth.

Stefanie Geneva Evans, new daughter of Gary and Malene Evans, of San Jose, California, was born at 7am on February 23. Grandparents are Geneva and Forest Evans, and Ernestie Frost is Great-Grandmother. Congratulations to the family and blessings on the new baby!

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

JOHN McTAGGART is a surgical patient at the Miami Valley Hospital, 1 Wyoming St., Dayton, Ohio 45409.

DICK EKELBERRY, Sr., is a patient in Riverside Hospital, Columbus.

GENE LATHROP continues to be a patient in Dayton in the Veterans hospital. He anticipates being home for Easter.

MARY McKEAN has been dismissed from Grady and is now at Park Care Center.

BRUCE LEE was a recent patient at Grady.

ALISON GRUBBS was taken to Grady for emergency room treatment of torn ligaments in her ankle.

JOHN and DELLA DOVE vacationed in Florida.

Mr. & Mrs. JACK SMITH were in Phoenix for a week.

The ladies of our church were hostesses to the community for the World Day of Prayer. It was sponsored by Church Women United.

Our Shrove Tuesday event included a sausage and pancake supper followed by a fine Talent Show.

Ash Wednesday worship Feb. 20 was held in the Assembly Room with about 40 present and sharing in the lively discussion.

The Women's Society met at the church, March 14. JEAN WICKUM presented a fine program on "Abuse: drug, child, and alcohol."

ANGIE ELFNER won an "excellent" rating at the March 23rd district science fair.

The Board of Education sponsored a fine program called Focus on Lent, presented March 10. There was a delicious supper followed by small discussion groups. Group leaders included POLLY FOCKE, JIM VANBRIMMER, LANA PALMER, BETH TRIGG, STEVE STEPHENSON, and STEVE STONER. The groups were lively and stimulating.

JENNIFER PORTER swam this winter with the Marion Dolphins team. They were undefeated in dual meets and won the small team division title. JENNY placed 2nd in the butterfly and 4th in the backstroke. She also placed in the 50 freestyle. She placed 3rd in the butterfly and 6th in the backstroke at the Ohio "B" United States Swimming Championships held in Columbus.



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We are looking forward to the coming Retreat at Judson Hills. Sophie and I are happy that you chose Ted for the vital role of Director.

A retreat is a time apart when you deepen your fellowship with God. If you cannot attend the Retreat, take some time apart right where you are to center your mind and spirit on God.

In the silence you can commune with Him. You need the Judson Hills experience, but the next best thing is a retreat at home.

God is everywhere!

JBS

ANNUAL CHURCH FAMILY RETREAT

It is time for our Annual Church Family Retreat. This year our Retreat will be held the weekend of September 6, 7 and 8 at Judson Hills. Arrival time will be between 5 and 7pm on Friday the 6th, and departure time will be anytime after the noon meal on Sunday the 8th. As in the past, funds are available to any church member needing financial assistance.

This year's Retreat will be a very special one to many of our church family, as Ted Stephenson, Pastor of Church of the Master in Indianapolis, has agreed to be our leader. Ted is originally from our church and is the son of Seve and Sophia, our pastor and his wife.

The theme this year will be "Family Ties." We will have a brief session of Friday evening and Ted will introduce us to our theme. We will also play a few games, sing some songs, and, as always, participate in that old Baptist custom of "partaking of the food."

Each family attending will be asked to provide something for Friday evening's informal meal.

We will have three sessions on Saturday and a Sunday morning service. There will be special sessions for the children under school age, and those children who choose not to participate in the adult sessions.

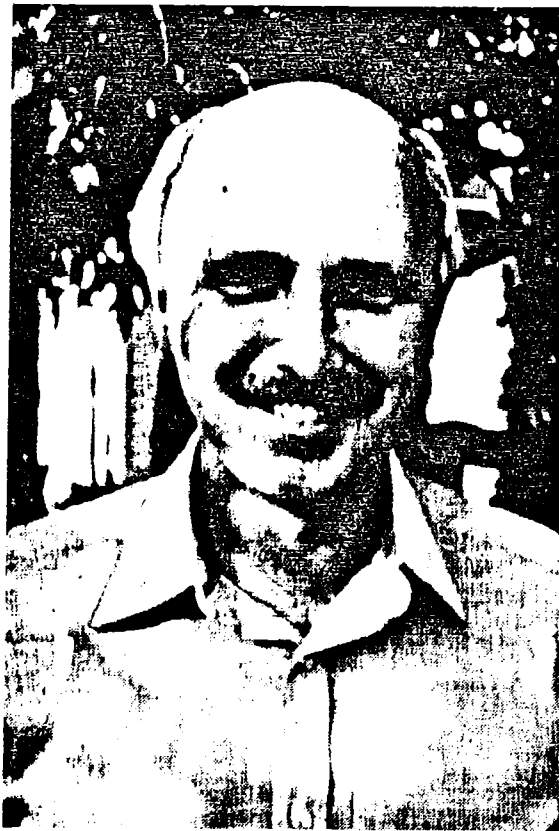
There will be lots of free time to participate in crafts, boating, singing, or just sitting around enjoying the quiet.

Don't forget Family Skit Night. On Saturday night, each family will be asked to plan a skit, sing a song, read a poem, or do whatever you feel best exemplifies your best talents.

Plan now to be with us and enjoy the weekend in a setting where the love of Jesus Christ surrounds your every move and his presence is seen and felt in all you do.

Carol Grubbs
Retreat Chairperson

P.S. For more information, call me at 369-6785 or call Steve at the church office at 363-7021.



Rev. Ted D. Stephenson will lead this year's Annual Church Family Retreat at Judson Hills

NEW MEMBERS

Two new members were received into the church fellowship on August 4th. They are Mrs. Lola Jackson, 100 Georgetown Drive, 363-7665, and Mrs. Millie Martin, 157 Griswold, 363-5211.

We are delighted to receive them into membership.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Repairs completed on steeple:

- *broken slate replaced
 - *rotten wood sheeting replaced
 - *mortar joints tuck-pointed
 - *brickwork waterproofed around cupola window
 - *ridge caps painted
 - *overhanging eaves scraped, primed and painted
 - *cupola window frame painted
- Bradner Construction
Fostoria, Ohio \$ 3,575.00

New typewriter purchased for church
Stockdales 275.00

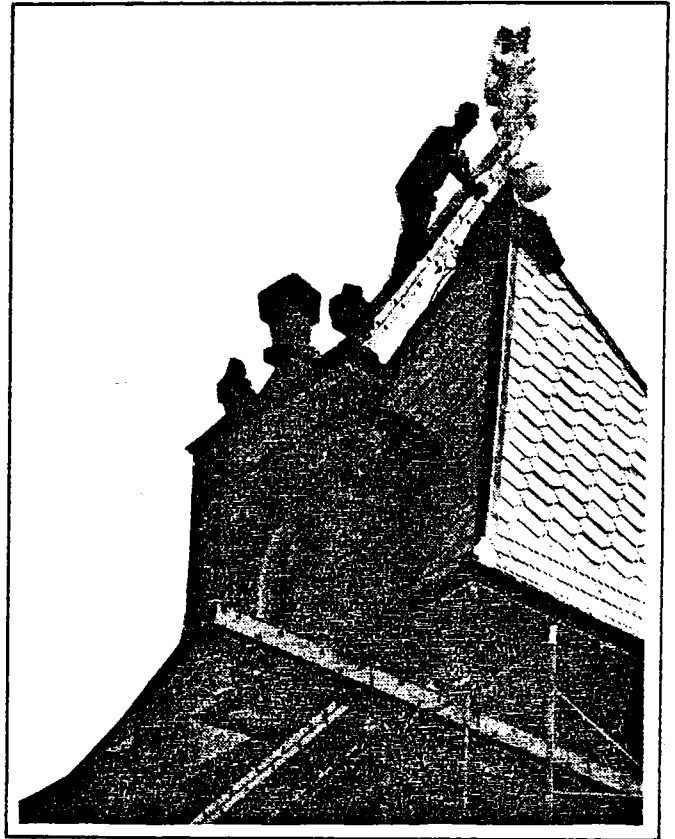
Fire extinguishers recharged and serviced
B&G Service, Marion 56.00

Repairs to heating, airconditioning at parsonage, including new motor and recharging with freon
Gary's Air Conditioning 118.00

Repairs to alley behind church. The city agreed to work on alley only if adjacent land owners share cost. Alley improved for 1/2 block north of Central Ave. Total cost \$150. Split 3 ways with Sagesers, Woltemades, and church, \$50 each. These two neighbors help us pay for the alley light.

City of Delaware 50.00

Church lawnmower rebuilt. A lawnmower donated by Myrtle Smith had a good motor and blades but the frame was rusted out. Dave Lovell donated a new frame which was combined with the motor and blades to create a new mower. Blades were shortened and sharpened and the oil changed.
Buckeye Tractor, Phil Rickert . . . 37.18



This photo, which appeared in the Delaware Gazette, shows a steeplejack working on our steeple. He was part of a crew that was in Delaware to work on Saint Mary Catholic Church. We were able to take advantage of their presence in Delaware to obtain much-needed repairs to the steeple at a price considerably lower than previous estimates from other firms. The crew was led by a steeplejack from Baton Rouge, La., who specializes in this type of very dangerous work.

Hoover upright vacuum sweeper repaired, cleaned, and serviced
Hall's, North Sandusky. 30.00

Exterior trim painted where needed on window frames, sash and sills on older part of church building. Left-over paint from last paint job was used. 0.00

All furnaces and pilot lights were shut off for the summer. The hot-water heater was shut off the 1st of August until the next dinner activity in the Fellowship Hall. (continued on next page)

Results: our last gas bill. . . \$ 9.00
 Doorknob repaired on nursery door
 Earl Quillen. 0.00

Repairs to lock at parsonage
 Earl Quillin 15.00

Peter White
 Chairperson

The first room to have the cold walls insulated and covered with a textured wall board has been completed. Much thanks to Dave Lovell for engineering this project and Jim Stephenson for helping.

materials (includes one-time cost of obtaining special tool needed for this job) 450.00

All money allocated for this project has been spent. Slightly more than 1/4 of the outside wall surface in the classrooms has been covered, so it would take approximately \$1500 to finish this project.

Dave and Jim install insulation and panelling in the northwest classroom. This project will reduce heating bills and make the classrooms more comfortable in the winter.

TOY LADIES PARTY .

Your are invited to attend a Toy Ladies party at the church on August 25th at 7pm. This is to benefit our own nursery and replenish some of the old out-dated toys.

Of course, you may purchase items for your own personal use. We receive a percentage of free merchandise from our total sales. We can purchase more items for our nursery, or donate new toys to the Christmas Clearing House.

Also, the hostess, Ginny Wells, will be giving a demonstration and giving away some free gifts.

Please mark you calendars and plan on attending. Refreshments will be served. Contact me if you have any questions.

Beth Trigg

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Church World Service pick-up is coming up Thursday, September 5 at Asbury Church (55 West Lincoln) from 10am to 3pm.

Please help! For a detailed list of what is still needed, check the bulletin board. And remember, we always need cash for postage costs and last-minute purchases. Thank you.

Karen Stoner

REPORT ON FINANCES

As of August 18, we have completed 33 weeks of the budget year, with 19 weeks remaining. At this point, support for the church operating budget is \$2069 short. The weekly offering must average \$620 throughout the year to meet the budget, but have actually averaged \$557. In the past 9 weeks since my last report, the average has declined \$2.

If this trend continues without an offsetting reduction in expenses, we would end the year \$3251 in debt.

In order to meet the budget without reducing expenses (there are no easy or



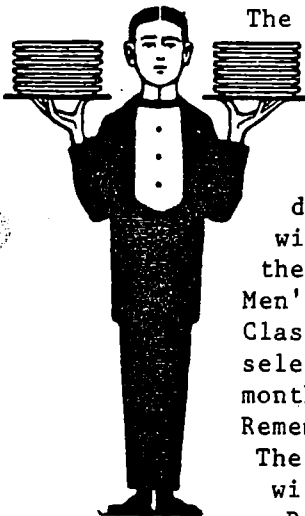
painless reductions possible), offerings must average \$728 per week for the remainder of the year. This means an average increase of about \$3.50 for each giving unit.

The circumstances call for concern, but we are certainly not without hope.

On the mission support side, we are doing much better than last year, although giving is still under the promised level. The weekly average is \$56 (up \$2 from my last report) against a planned average of \$68. In order to reach our promised support goal, offerings must average \$89, which is an increase of about 70¢ for each giving unit.

Jim VanBrimmer

ATTENTION ALL MEN



The next meeting of the First Baptist Church Men's Fellowship will be held at Bun's Restaurant a 8am on Sat., September 15. After a delicious breakfast, we will set up the time for the FIRST, but not the last, Men's Fellowship Bible Study Class! So, come prepared to select a day and time for our monthly religious study. Remember - YOU asked for it! The subject for the series will be: What is Our Responsibility to God as

Laymen? The first meeting will deal with: The Responsibility for Study and Teaching of the Word of God and we will use the Old Testament, Second Samuel: 5-24. Come join in the fun! Remember; you don't have to be a member of the Men's Fellowship to come to the men's meetings.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIME AGAIN

When September nears, it is time once again to begin thinking of our Sunday church school program. Teachers are being recruited and curriculum materials are being ordered in anticipation of the opening date on September 15 with classes for Crib Room through adult.

We will begin with a breakfast buffet in

the Fellowship Hall at 8:30. Each family will be asked to bring along a favorite breakfast food to share with the group. Beverages and table service will be provided. After breakfast there will be a time for introducing new teachers, singing, and other activities to get reacquainted before going to classes by 9:30. So, mark your calendars now and plan to come for this time of fun and fellowship.

Teachers' Meeting

A teachers' meeting for all Sunday School teachers and alternate teachers is scheduled for Saturday morning, Sept. 14 at 9:30. This meeting is being held to discuss curriculum, teacher responsibilities, teaching supplies and other activities for this Church school year.

Following the meeting, there will be time for teachers to work in their rooms to get them ready for the returning classes.

If you will not be able to attend this important meeting, please let me know so that other arrangements can be made.

Linda White
Church School Coordinator

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand 8/21/85	\$	292.27	
Outstanding Bills:			
Valley Forge	\$	100.94	
M & M		<u>1329.68</u>	
			1430.62

DEATH IN CHURCH FAMILY

Claudia Eliot passed away July 12. She held many offices in the church, and is remembered for her fine Christmas programs. She is survived by a daughter and a son, both of whom live in Columbus.

PERSONALS

JANET PORTER has enjoyed her summer working in the Cincinnati area and is returning to college this weekend. Her address is:

Janet L. Porter
Room 417-Offenhauer Tower West
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, Ohio 43403

Among those vacationing this summer are:

JEAN and DAVE OSBORNE, to Maine for August, HELEN ALESHIRE to Ireland, WICKUMS to South Carolina, LOVELLS to New York state and Lakeside, Ohio, KRIS MARTIN took a 19-day tour of the west, BALLENGEES to Florida, LINDA WHITE had 2 weeks in New York for her nephews graduation, DON and DOROTHY BROWN to Washington, SUSAN GRUBBS to Florida, SUSAN and JEFF LEONARD and family visited the VANBRIMMERS; LINDA and PETER WHITE were visited by her parents, DELLA and JOHN DOVE went fishing in Wisconsin, GENEVA EVANS spent 2 weeks in California visiting sister Mary and son Gary and family, POLLY FOCKE and brother Art took a trip to study geneology, the FAULK family took a camping trip to South Dakota, Yellowstone, and Oklahoma, BERNICE TURNEY spent a week in Cincinnati visiting her daughter Mary,

BETH TRIGG attended a real estate school

LANA PALMER is working as a RN with the Health Department

MICHELLE PAYNE studied in Mexico

GENE LATHROP spent a week at home

ERNESTINE FROST displayed a quilt at the library quilt show

BILL PORTER has written and was the main model of a ten-page story on yoga in the August issue of Slimmer Magazine

ERNESTINE FROST was in the hospital for inhalation therapy

DAVID SMALE has gone to Alaska to work until November for a cable company

STEVE STONER had surgery at Grady

WICK honored June brides with several wedding songs at the Women's City Club. MARY LOU LOVELL accompanied him.

JACK SMITH has moved to Dublin. We all miss him.

ALISON GRUBBS served as church organist on June 30.

JIM VANBRIMMER is teaching a class on Thomas Merton's book "Opening the Bible"

TERESA and MIKE GRIFFITH'S new address is 23 North Washington, Apt. 2

RICK and MARSHA LEE and family from Hamilton paid a surprise visit on DICK on his birthday

JIM VANBRIMMER is the new president of the Alpha Industries board of directors

DAVE LOVELL was elected to a second three-year term at Alpha Industries

STEFANIE STONER sang in the musical "Music Man"

RICK VANBRIMMER, wife BARBARA and daughter TANYA have moved to Columbus from Mississippi. Rick is assistant sports information director at OSU. Barbara is reference librian and instructor at Help Sciences Library at OSU.

On June 15 ERIN FAULK and MARCI SANDER participated in a dance recital in Dublin. Erin and Marci did a jazz dance of the Charleston and a ballet to the Sugar Plum Fairy. Erin also danced in two tap numbers.

On August 27 at 7:30pm, JEFF FAULK will be receiving the award of the Arrow of Light at the Indian Run Methodist Church in Dublin. Jeff has been an active Cub Scout for three years and is looking forward to going on to Boy Scouts this year.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sept.5	Don & Florence Faulk
7	Doug Lee
8	Lorrie Lathrop
9	Robert & Virginia Houston
10	Micelle Payne
11	David Osborne
12	Dorothy Brown
13	Jerry Palmer
14	John & Mary Ann Ballengie
15	Jim & Bertha VanBrimmer
	Wick & Jean Wickum
	Janet Porter
18	Ben & Bernice Turney
	Linda Lee
20	Mary & Barney Barkeloo
30	Mary Lou Lovell

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FINANCE COMMITTEE CONCOCTS CANNY CAMPAIGN

It's budgeting time again, and in thinking about our annual appeal for financial support, the committee decided that a change of pace is in order, and that a major every-member visitation effort should be made.

To that end, in cooperation with the Parish Council and the Board of Deacons, a visitation program has been planned. We want an opportunity to discuss with every member of our fellowship not only the budget, but the total church

program. While financial support is very important to our survival as a church, so is the support and participation in programs that commitment makes possible. We want to know how you feel about existing programs - Sunday worship services, Sunday church school, Mission, Women, Youth, and Mens' activities, and so forth. If greater interest and participation is dependent upon changes being made, then we need to know that also.

On November 3rd, persons doing the visitation will meet for a sack lunch and a

training session under the leadership of the visitation coordinator, Bob Houston. Larry Faulk will talk for the Deacons, Helen Aleshire will speak on behalf of mission support, Dick Lee will explain the general

financial structure and giving patterns, and Jim VanBrimmer will explain the 1986 budget. Each visitor will be prepared to make his or her pledge of support before visiting others.

Important dates to remember:
October 23 - pot luck dinner and quarterly business meeting for budget presentation and

approval. November 3 - visitation training.
November 10 to 17 - every member visited.
November 24 - Pledge Sunday - presentation of pledges at morning worship.

Jim VanBrimmer

ANNUAL CHURCH RETREAT

Thirty persons enjoyed the annual weekend retreat at Judson Hills Baptist Camp September 5 to 7. Our leader was Rev. Ted Stephenson, pastor of the Church of the Master in Indian-



Sunday Morning Worship in the Chapel in the Pines during our annual retreat at Judson Hills.

apolis, and the theme was "Family Ties."
Special thanks to Carol Grubbs, who was
treat chairperson.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

A special invitation is being extended to all women of the church to attend a salad supper on Sunday, October 20, at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Each person is being asked to bring a salad to share and your own table service. Drinks will be provided. Contact Bertha VanBrimmer if a babysitter is needed. The purpose of the evening is to have some time together to share a meal, have some fun and share some thoughts. Make plans now to come and bring a friend. See you there!

Linda White
Leadership Chairman
Bd. of Christian Ed.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEES

The project to insulate the outside walls on the classrooms continues. The kindergarten room is almost finished and the office has been started. This will finish the north wall and exhaust available funds and gifts given so far. Thanks again to Dave Lovell and Jim Stephenson for all the work in this project.

Dorothy Traylor has returned as janitor starting the 1st of October.

We will get to the leaky faucet in the kitchen as soon as the plumber is available.

The last gas bill showed usage as \$7 while the budget is \$300. So far, October has been warm!

Peter White
Chairman

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INSULATION ARE WELCOMED

As mentioned in the article above, the insulation project has been proceeding rapidly. The insulation will reduce heating bills and make the classrooms much warmer this winter. Unfortunately, all the funds and gifts for

this project have been depleted.

Individuals in the church donated the funds to insulate the kindergarten room and the office, and a special fund has been set up for this purpose.

If you would like to make a contribution, please speak to Dick Lee. Or, for more information, speak to Peter White, Dave Lovell, or Jim Stephenson.

WEDDING

Barbara Nettrour and Bruce Lee were married in Pittsburgh on Saturday, Oct. 12. Following that, they will be living in Columbus, Ohio. We are hosting an Open House for them on Sunday, October 27 from 2:00 to 4:30pm at the Holiday Inn, 351 South Sandusky Street. We welcome any of their friends to join us at that time to extend best wishes.

Dick and Evelyn Lee

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

World Community Day will be held Nov. 1st at St. Mary Catholic Church from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mrs. Ruth Melvin will lead the Worship Service.

Child care will be provided at the William Street Methodist Church.

There will not be a coffee hour. Worship begins at 9:30. The service is open to all and is sponsored by Church Women United.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

The World Fellowship Offering will be received Sunday, Oct. 20, during the morning worship. Be generous - the need is great!

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council will meet October 21 at 7pm.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

The quarterly business meeting is scheduled

for Wednesday, Oct. 23, beginning with a covered-dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30. Officers for 1986 will be elected and the budget adopted.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

The Marion Association of American Baptist Women will meet October 17 at Fite Memorial Church in Marion. Lunch will be \$2. Baby sitters will be provided. Please bring a sack lunch for kids.

TO MY SECRET ADVENT FRIEND

Just a note to say thank-you for the beautiful vase of pink rosebuds that I received on my birthday. What a lovely surprise to have delivered at school. Thanks for being so thoughtful.

Linda White

P.S. I am enjoying the counted cross-stitch kit, too.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

We want to thank each and everyone for their time and effort in making contributions to our "memory" book. It is something we will always cherish. It made our 50th wedding anniversary a very joyous occasion. We had asked that it be celebrated as a "family" affair but it was extra special to be able to include our friends in this way.

Ben and Bernice Turney

PERSONALS

JEFF and CAROLYN RICHARDS spent the summer in Switzerland with the School of International Living. Jeff is in his third years of law at OSU. Carolyn is teaching beginning German at OSU.

JOHN and MARY HELEN RICHARDS spent Labor Day weekend in Chatanooga attending the 40th reunion of his army unit of WWII.

FRANCES JOHNSON spent several weeks visiting her daughter, Penny, and family in Virginia

DICK EKELBERRY, JR. died August 27. Our church's sympathy goes out to the family.

JANET LATHROP was a recent patient at Grady Hospital.

MARGE ADAMS and DOROTHY CRANE of Washington Court House, Ohio, recently visited the Stephensons and other friends in Delaware. Dorothy is retired but is very busy with gardening and volunteer work at the hospital. Marge continues to sell her art miniatures in exhibits around the country.

BETH TRIGG has completed her real estate training and is now employed by Century 21.

HELEN ALESHIRE's new address:
76 Georgetown Drive, Apt. 6
362-2211

JERRY PALMER preached on October 6 and LARRY FAULK preached on October 13. We are fortunate to have such dedicated and strong leadership in our congregation.

Thanks to STEVE STONER for managing the publicity in our congregation for the new Billy Graham film, "Cry from the Mountain."

Please remember GENE LATHROP with prayers and cards. His address is:
Veterans Admin. Brown Hospital
Room 406
Dayton, Ohio 45428

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES*

- Oct. 5 Carol and Willard Fogle*
7 Anna Louise Brown
James B. Stephenson
Jack Smith
Beth and Michael Linn*
9 Suzanna Grubbs
18 Gene and Janet Lathrop*
John and Della Dove*
20 James Brown
21 Donald and Dorothy Brown*
23 Doug and Linda Lee*
27 Robert Houston
28 Eddy Linn
Amy Smale
30 Jean Osborne
31 Janet Lathrop; Jennifer Palmer;
Cecily Judd
Nov. 1 Stefanie Stoner

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VISITATION WEEK SCHEDULED

This week, November 10 through the 17th, our church will celebrate the coming Thanksgiving season with a time of fellowship renewal in which each family, member, or friend of the church will be called upon by one of the visitation teams.

The purpose of the visiting is twofold. First, we want to review the various programs and services now provided, with the hope and expectation that greater enthusiasm and participation will result.

Secondly, the 1986 budget will be explained, with the hope and expectation that essential programs and services will be secured financially through adequate pledges and offerings. We need to increase offerings by about 5% over the present level in order to do this, which is surely a modest and attainable amount.

The visits are to be a time of fellowship, a time for sharing the hopes and dreams for our church. Each family or person will be encouraged to deepen their commitment by pledging support to both church programs and financial needs. A convenient means of making these commitments will be left with you, to consider in privacy, and in the council of your own conscience.

Pledges (or better, the happy promises!) will be received by the church during a special portion of Sunday worship on November 24. Please plan to attend, and join with all the others in this celebration of commitment and renewal.

And, lest we forget, all we do or hope to do is done in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom we seek to serve, and through Him, each other and our neighbors around the world. May the Spirit of the living Christ bless this special time in the life of our church.

The Parish Council
The Board of Deacons
The Finance Committee

WHITE CROSS REPORT

At the October Association meeting of American Baptist Women, our church donated many new and used items to Trumbull Baptist Neighborhood Ministries, including our Christmas quota. To fulfill our quotas for other centers for Christmas, we still need: two disposable tablecloths, two pairs of childrens' socks sizes seven to nine, six sheets of Christmas wrap 24"x36", and two packages of gift tags. Can you provide something?

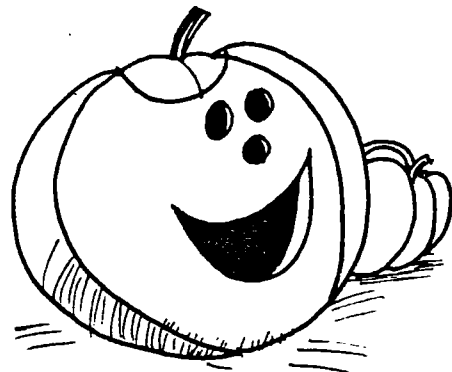
Continue to save all Campbell Company food labels, for the Montana Crow Indian Baptist Church. I have just sent 100 more! These labels from all across America have provided sports equipment, books and audio-visual aids.

Sewing days will resume Wednesday, November 13 at 9:30. Please join us! There are hundreds of items to cut, sew or roll! Thank you.

Karen Stoner

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Last Saturday evening a large group of monsters, ghosts, witches, and other assorted scary-looking creatures assembled in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Halloween party. Thanks to Mary Seeley and all of her helpers for all the



decorations, food, games and fun!

BLANKET SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 17, we will join Church World Service for our annual Blanket Sunday. You are invited to bring used blankets that are in good condition or cash to purchase new ones (cost per blanket - \$5.00).

Provide warmth for someone as winter approaches!

M&M OFFERING

Our annual Ministers and Missionaries special offering will be received Sunday, December 8, during morning worship. Many will receive help through your thoughtfulness.

CLOTHING NEEDED

Helen Aleshire has received a letter from a minister friend in the Chine Hills of Burma, in which he asks if we could send him a box of warm clothing. The clothing should be used, to avoid high entry duties, but, of course, in good condition.

We are asking for your help in filling the box. Everyone has had a chance to look over their collection of winter clothing, and I'm sure you've seen the same shirt, skirt, blouse or pair of pants as often as you care to, and would be happy to part with it for A GOOD CAUSE.

Bring your items to church with you in the next two Sundays, please!

Jean Wickum
Board of Christian Education
Missions Division

SPRIITUAL RETREAT

The Marion Association Womens' Mission Organization will hold a spiritual retreat at Prospect Baptist Church on Thursday, November 14 from 10am until 2pm. Evon Laubenstein will be the leader and the theme will be "God's People Learning to Care Through Prayer."

PERSONALS

Three of our fellowship were recently hospitalized. They are ALPHA GRAHAM, JEANNE EKELBERRY, and NELLIE SHEETS.

EMMA JONES, daughter of GINA and KENDAL JONES, was stillborn October 24. A graveside service was held at Kilbourne cemetery. The church family extends our deepest sympathy.

POLLY FOCKE visited DOROTHY CRANE and MARJORIE ADAMS in Washington Court House.

CECILY JUDD suffered a sprained foot in her karate class.

LARRY, PAM, JEFF, and ERIN FAULK were in Boston for a teachers' convention.

MORRIS MARTIN was a spectator at the launching of the space shuttle at Cape Canaveral.

MARJORIE SMALE is taking a class at the Methodist Theological School. She is studying the Gospel of Mark under Doctor Bogard Dunn.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Nov.	1	Stefanie Stoner
	5	Victor Fogle
	6	Bob Stephenson Helen Bougher
	9	Gene Lathrop
	11	Kristine Martin
	13	Polly Focke
	15	Frances Johnson Teresa Grubbs Griffith Barbara VanBrimmer
	20	Harold and Helen Bougher
	22	Peter White
	27	Gina Evans Jones
	28	Karen Stoner
Dec.	1	Alison Grubbs Richard Payne
	4	Erin Faulk
	9	Virginia Houston

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Christmas began Sunday at First Baptist. The decorations, the music, the sermon all call us to recollect that this is the season of the Lord's birth.

Actually, there are three Christmases. Most of us share in each to some extent, and Advent is intended as a time of sorting out the meaning of the three.

First, we have the secular Christmas. It is a time of gift giving and family activities. You can share in this Christmas whether you are a Christian or have no religion at all.

The second Christmas is a celebration of Jesus' birth. We read the stories of the angel visitors, the bright star, the shepherds of Bethlehem, and the newborn child. It is a religious Christmas, but it is inferior in depth the third one.

The third Christmas is the birth of Christ in our hearts. Our whole self becomes a Bethlehem in which the child is born. We enter into a fruit-bearing union with Him and all life becomes radiant with the Light of the world. This is the inner, secret and true Christmas which points towards the transformation of the entire world, beginning with us as the Christ-self, which everyone possesses but few know.

May your Christmas bring you light and love.

Steve

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Special Christmas activities are being planned for opening exercises of Sunday School during Advent. Because of this, we will be starting at 9:00am each Sunday in December. On December 15, a very special activity involving everyone in the Sunday School is being planned. Please make a special effort to join us during this Advent Season.

Mark Sunday, December 8 on your calendar! This will be a very special evening. We will be meeting in the sanctuary at 5:30 for a special Christmas program for "The Child in All of Us." This will be followed by supper in the fellowship hall. We will be exchanging Christmas gifts with our secret Advent friends and finally revealing our names. The evening will close with the traditional birthday cake for Jesus.

Our church will have a Twelfth-Night Celebration on Sunday, January 5, at 7pm. Come and have some cake and join in the

fun. Special activities are being planned.

Sunday school classes will have Christmas parties during the Sunday school hour on December 22.

Once again this year the letter box will be available for anyone who wishes to write a "thank you" letter to his secret Advent friend. Look for it in the vestibule.

Board of Education

COMMUNITY ADVENT SERVICE

There will be a Community Advent Vesper Service at 5pm Sunday, December 1, at Gray Chapel. It is organized by the Delaware Ministerial Association, and will be a worship service of scripture lessons, choir anthems and congregational hymns. The Hayes Singers will present the choir music with Kim DeTamore, director. The organist will be Joseph Musser.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United, representing the women of a number of Delaware churches, will hold its ninth annual series of Ecumenical Advent musicals to be held again this year at William Street United Methodist Church from noon to 12:30 on December 6, 13 and 20.

Those attending the services are encouraged to bring sack lunches and stay for fellowship afterward in the church parlor. Coffee and tea will be provided and a nursery will be available for small children.

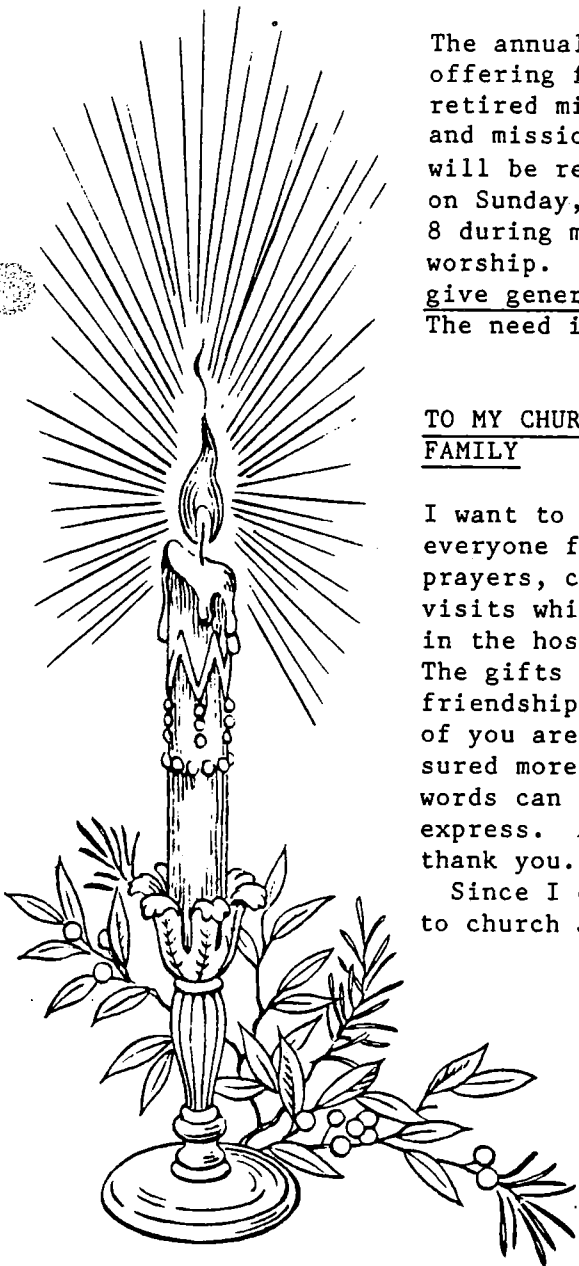
RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING

The annual offering for the retired ministers and missionaries will be received on Sunday, Dec. 8 during morning worship. Please give generously. The need is great.

TO MY CHURCH FAMILY

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and visits while I was in the hospital. The gifts and friendship of all of you are treasured more than words can ever express. Again, thank you.

Since I can't get to church as much



as I want, I don't get a chance to talk to many people. I want to tell you the latest condition of Gene. He isn't doing too well at the present time, but we hope he will be home for Thanksgiving. He is having circulation problems in his feet. His faith is strong and he will be home for a visit soon.

Thanks to everyone,

Janet

(Since this letter was received, Gene was home for Thanksgiving and hopes to return for Christmas. Our prayers are with him and his family. JBS)

MEN'S BREAKFAST

On Saturday, December 14 at 8:30, the Men's Fellowship will have breakfast and Bible study at Buns. Wives are invited. Buns will provide a private dining room.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, 12/1/85	\$ 498.35
Outstanding bills for December will be	3200.00
We will need this amount to meet our remaining 1985 obligations.	2700.00

Betty J. Porter
Treasurer

TRUSTEES REPORT

Phil Rickert installed a new faucet in the kitchen.

The Electrolux tank sweeper was cleaned and serviced by Halls on North Sandusky.

The insulation project on the exterior walls continues. The kindergarten has been finished. The office is nearing completion and the nursery is underway. Thanks to Dave and Jim.

Phil Rickert serviced seven gas furnaces in preparation for winter (motors oiled, new filters, three new belts).

Five pianos were tuned by Clifford Rector.

Myers Glass Service repaired three broken windows (front bulletin board, nursery, and large plate glass in fellowship hall).

A police report was made on a walnut thrown through a fellowship hall window.

Bill and Larry Lathrop leveled up and adjusted the angle of the gutter on the Franklin House porch roof.

A report was made to the Way House that the church is willing to rent space in the educational building for expanded Franklin House operations. We are only one of several options being studied by the Way House.

A complaint and request was made to the steeple jacks to return and raise a low section of the gutter over the front steps that is full of water. Still working on this one.

Earl Quillin repaired lock and doorknob to Franklin House.

Gutters were cleaned out at the church and the Franklin House.

Still on the wish list of things to do: get oven fixed and new gravel behind church.

Peter White
Chairman

PERSONALS

BEN and BERNICE TURNEY celebrated their golden anniversary. As a gift from their children, they spent five days at Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia.

NELLIE SHEETS was a patient in Marion General Hospital. She is scheduled for surgery at Grady on December 4th.

JEANNE EKELBERRY is recuperating at home from surgery.

REX EVANS and wife, of Derry, New Hampshire visited his mother, GENEVA, and ERNESTING FROST, his grandmother.

The LOVELLS were in New York State visiting her parents for Thanksgiving.

JIM and BERTHA VANBRIMMER visiting his sisters in Philadelphia.

LINDA WHITE visited her parents in Parkersburgh West Virginia, where her mother was a surgical

patient.

POLLY FOCKE has returned from Cincinnati where she visited her brother, Art, who underwent major surgery.

TED and JEANNIE STEPHENSON and family of Indianapolis visited their relatives in Delaware.

MRS. EDITH HALL and FRED GRUBBS were called to Beckley, West Virginia by the death of her son.

Remember to bring canned goods and other non-perishable foods for PIN (People In Need).

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Dec.	1	Alison Grubbs Richard Payne
	4	Erin Faulk
	9	Virginia Houston
	13	Geneva Evans
	18	Cap Gabriel
	25	Carol Grubbs Steve and Karen Stoner
	26	Dick and Barbara Payne
Jan.	5	Evelyn Lee Lola Jackson

DECEMBER 1985

FOOT BAPTIST CHURCH
SPECIAL ADVENT EVENTS AND SERVICES

(Does not include committee meetings, choir, healing group, etc. These events will be in bulletins.)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 First Sunday in Advent 9:00 Church School 10:45 Morning Worship 5:00 Community Advent Service	2	3	4	5	6 12:00 Church Women United	7
8 Second Sunday in Advent 9:00 Church School 10:45 Morning Worship* 5:30 "The Child in All of Us" program, followed by supper & gift exchange	9	10	11	12	13 12:00 Church Women United	14 8:30 Mens' Fellowship at Buns
15 Third Sunday in Advent 9:00 Church School 10:45 Morning Worship	16	17	18	19	20 12:00 Church Women United	21
22 Fourth Sunday in Advent 9:00 Church School 10:45 Morning Worship classes will have Christmas parties during Church School	23	24 7:30 Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29 9:15 Church School 10:45 Morning Worship	30	31				

*December 8 - special offering for retired Ministers and Missionaries