

# Good News Letter

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minister

## THANK YOU

Our church family has been very generous to our family in many ways this Christmas season and throughout the year - in prayers, greetings and gifts. We are very privileged to be among you and to know you as friends. Thank you!

The Stephensons

## SECRET ADVENT FRIENDS PROGRAM FOR '86

For the past several years, many members of our church family have participated in the Secret Advent Friend Program and have seemed to greatly enjoy the giving and receiving of cards or other remembrances given anonymously throughout the year. It is a great way of continuing the Christmas spirit of giving all year long.

This year I would like to expand this concept by emphasizing the giving aspect of the program and to encourage everyone to participate in an effort to reach many more people in and around our church fellowship. Here are the necessary requirements:

1. Pray for your Secret Advent Friend daily.
2. Send cards frequently to let them know you are thinking of them.
3. You might give them a special gift on their birthday to let them know you care.

Each year that we have undertaken this project, I have enjoyed selecting the persons for my own secret friends, so this year I thought that I might let you select who you would like as a secret friend for 1986 (1st come, 1st served!). There will be a large poster listing names in our church fellowship displayed in the Sunday School assembly room. As names are selected, I will check them off on the list. Included on the list will be names of our shut-ins and others who may not make it to church very often but still might like to be remembered. Hopefully, some of you will select two or three names or couples to pray for and send cards to during the year.

This can be a very rewarding endeavor for everyone who participates whether you are on the giving or the receiving end (or both!).

Sign-up sheets are printed in this newsletter that you may either hand to me, mail to me (23 Woodland Ave.), or phone to me (362-1091 after 5:00pm). I can also provide you with additional sheets if you need more.

Even if you have never participated in this activity before, I strongly urge you to consider doing so this year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me to discuss them. Let's make this new year, 1986,

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a year for remembering others.

Linda White  
Board

LEE "CITIZEN OF THE MONTH"

Evelyn Lee was recently selected as "Citizen of the Month" by the Delaware Kiwanis Club. Evelyn, who has served as a volunteer advisor to the Homestead Guys & Gals 4-H Club for the past 19 years, was honored for her many hours of service to the citizens of Delaware County. Her many volunteer activities also include being a member of the Delaware City Board of Education for the past six years (and has served as president and vice president of the board), chairing the Delaware County Red Cross chapter's child care program for the past 18 years, has served as an officer of the Delaware Music Boosters, and has been active in many other organizations (not to mention her many jobs at our church!). Congratulations!

TWO DEATHS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Bessie Dunham passed away on December 31 at the Sunny Vee Nursing Home after a long illness. Bessie was a cheerful and happy person and all who knew her loved her.

Charles (Hoak) Smale, husband of Marjorie, passed away January 3. His death was unexpected and came as a shock to their many friends. Hoak was caretaker at Perkins Observatory for 40 years.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Bessie and Hoak.

BLANKET SUNDAY

Thank you all for the tremendous response to the Blanket Sunday appeal for Church World Service. Our congregation was awarded a merit certificate for this effort! The total amount given was \$85.50. Nice going!

Karen Stoner

MENS' FELLOWSHIP

Mens' Fellowship will meet for break- and bible study at Buns on Saturday, January 18.

PERSONALS

GENE LATHROP was home for Christmas.

THE LEES were in Chesterland, visiting Evelyn's mother, who underwent cataract surgery.

THE LOVELLS spent the holidays in Florida.

DAVID and JEAN OSBORNE spent a week in Colorado with son Gary and family.

BEN and BERNICE TURNEY visited their children in Cincinnati and Cleveland.

NATALIE MOWERY was presented a bible during a recent church service in recognition of her reaching the third grade.

THE McTAGGARTS visited friends in Delaware during the Christmas holidays.

REV. TED STEPHENSON and family visited their families in Delaware and Ted preached at our church on December 29.

JOHN and DELLA DOVE spent a week with Della's mother in Kansas.

JEANNE, CHARLES and MICHAEL EKELBERRY spent the holidays in Wayne, West Virginia.

RAY FAULK visited his parents DON and FLORENCE for Christmas.

LARRY and PAM FAULK and children, along with Pam's parents, visited Williamsburg, Virginia.

POLLY FOCKE was in Cincinnati visiting her brother, Art, who is recovering from surgery.

STEFANIE STONER had 2 featured parts at the Willis Christmas Choral Concert, with her voice and violin. Earlier this autumn she had a leading part in a one-set play, "Beauty of the Broomstick."

MICHA STONER recited a line and sang in the chorus at a Carlisle School special PTO program about the effects of chemicals

on the body and the expression of feelings. Micah received a special salesmanship award at his last Tiger Cub meeting.

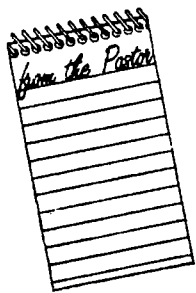
SUSIE, JEFF, CASEY and RYAN LEONARD visited with the VanBrimmers for the holidays, and the VanBrimmers, Stoners and Leonards had a family party December 27 at RICK and BARBARA VANBRIMMER's home in Columbus.

MILLIE MARTIN, who is the nurse at the local Leibert Corp. plant, was recently named the 1985-86 "Nurse of Hope" by the Delaware County unit of the American Cancer Society!

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## Lent Began This Month

The time of preparation for Easter is called Lent, a word rooted in the ancient Anglo-Saxon language and meaning "Spring". It began on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 12, and is a special season of reflection and spiritual growth...a time

to rediscover the presence of Christ in our lives.

Our church has made careful plans to assist you in your efforts towards spiritual renewal. May Easter bring forth a new you!



## Sunday, March 9

- 9:15 Church School
- 10:45 Morning Worship. Sermon: "Francis - Universal Saint"

## Sunday, March 16

- 9:15 Church School
- 10:45 Morning Worship. Sermon: "Christianity as Celebration"
- 7:00 Special Easter Studies: "The Secret of Answered Prayer"

## Palm Sunday, March 23

- 9:15 Church School

- 10:45 Morning Worship. Sermon: "The Power of the Cross"
- 7:00 Special Easter Studies: "Healing Faith", followed by service of healing

## Thursday, March 27

- 7:30 Maundy Thursday Communion

## Friday, March 28

- 1:00 Community Good Friday Service at St. Mary's

## Easter Sunday, March 30

- 7:30 Early Service
- 8:15 Breakfast
- 9:15 Church School
- 10:45 Easter Worship. Sermon: "New World Coming!"

## Special Easter Studies

Two "Special Easter Studies" are scheduled for Sunday evenings, March 16 and 23. We will meet in the assembly room at 7pm.

The subject on the 16th will be "The Secret of Answered Prayer". On the 23rd, it will be "Healing Faith" and will conclude with a healing service led by the pastor assisted by the Healing Group.

Everyone is invited. Please attend and bring a friend!

## Your Flowers are Welcome

You are invited to share your flowers on Palm Sunday and Easter. You can bring them on Saturday afternoon (the church will be open) or Sunday morning.

Babysitting Provided at all Services

Don't let the lack of a babysitter keep you from attending church. Your young child will be under the loving, watchful care of a church member during our services.

Easter Morning

Easter will begin with an early service at 7:30 in the sanctuary which will include special music. At 8:15 you will be treated to breakfast in the fellowship hall. Sunday school classes for all ages will begin at 9:15. Easter worship will begin at 10:45 with special music by both the children's and adult choirs. Please join us in our joyful celebration of our Lord's resurrection - and bring a friend!

Maundy Thursday Candlelight Communion

We will commemorate Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples on Maundy Thursday, March 27, with an upper room communion service in the fellowship hall. The service will begin at 7:30pm. Please enter and depart in silence.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Fellowship will meet at Bun's on Saturday, March 22nd, at 8:30am for breakfast and bible study.

Lenten Activities in Sunday School

Many of the Sunday school classes have been involved with special Lenten activities. The Youth group did a fine job of organizing the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper with extra help from some special ladies. We were treated to many entertaining performances. Several classes will be presenting Lenten readings during opening exercises of Sunday school. The adult Sunday school class will be presenting an early morning worship service on Easter at 7:30am. This will be followed by breakfast in the fellowship hall at 8:15 and regular Sunday school classes.

Pam Faulk

Lenten Breakfasts

Community-wide Lenten Breakfasts, sponsored by the Delaware Kiwanis Clubs, will be held at 7:30am on each Wednesday morning in March in the Van Bogart Dunn Dining Room at the Methodist Theological School. All Delaware residents are cordially invited.

Her Sonnet

(to Janean Becker)

Friends come to her like flocks of birds  
do fly,  
Quickly showing their love for her bright  
face;  
As some of them, singing, they pass her by:  
Her love for them comes out around her place.

She walks slowly around inside one's heart,  
Always ending where she does start the race,  
I've always wanted to become a part  
Of the lovely look upon her face.

Some people say she does not know of all,  
But displays all of that which she does  
know,  
Her mind spinning like a rubber ball  
Dancing about, at home, within the snow.

If ever she should hap'n to float away,  
She'd leave all of their souls right  
there to stay.

Stefanie Stoner

Men's Conference

The American Baptist Men of Ohio will sponsor "The Christian Man in Today's World." This conference will be held on Saturday, March 15 at the First Baptist Church in Kenton, Ohio. Registration will be \$6. For more information please see the pastor.



Peace  
I leave with you

John 14:27

### Women's Fellowship

Please join our new women's fellowship for our first planned adventure, a breakfast and get-together on Saturday, March 15 at 9am at the Gathering Inn Restaurant, 259 South Sandusky Street. We will chat over a delicious meal and get better acquainted. Ladies only please!

In April, our growing group will enjoy an afternoon program at the home of Jeanne Ekelberry (Sunday, April 13 at 2:00). Details later.

Plans are being made for a Mother-Daughter treat in merry May. If you have an idea to make such an occasion different and special, please contact Jeanne E. or Karen Stoner. Pam Faulk and Karen would like to suggest that we each bring some small item to every outing, to be given to "Care and Share". This is a vital giving ministry to Baptist Centers, Camps and Retirement Homes. For a list of needs, check the big table in the Assembly Room or see Karen Stoner. Some inexpensive suggestions are: toiletries, gum for bingo prizes, pens and pencils, scissors, tape, stamps and stationery. All paper products are also appreciated.

Come join in, to support each other and those beyond our fellowship! See you March 15th!

Karen Stoner

**THANK  
YOU**

I want to thank everyone for everything they did for me during the last few months. Gene and I are blessed for being members of a wonderful

church.. Thanks to everyone for the cards, food and other gifts of love.

Gratefully,

Janet Lathrop

A note to thank my secret Advent friend for the nice cookies, candy and birthday card. Also, thanks for the anniversary card for

our 52nd anniversary. God bless whoever you are.

Della Dean

### Trustee's Report

The parking area in the rear of the church was restoned and extended to the north property line to allow room for four cars to park. The stump was also removed. The stone was purchased from Glen Skinner of the Penry Stone Co.

The insulation project continues. Dave Lovell has finished the nursery and Jim Stephenson has finished the office.

Clifford Rector tuned 3 church pianos.

Sophie Stephenson fixed the oven.

The sewing group purchased two large tables. Archie Trigg, Mike Grubbs and Jim Stephenson placed them in the storage room off of the fellowship hall where they will be used to store sewing materials and clothing. Thanks to the gals in this group for their work in sorting and reorganizing items in that room.

Excess flower vases that have accumulated from weddings, etc. were returned to a florist for a refund. Thank you Gibson's! The money will be used by the Wednesday Circle for postage.

Repairs at the Franklin House: toilet repaired, boiler inspected, water pump on boiler oiled, air bled off on upstairs radiators and then filled. This work was done by Phil Rickert.

Has anyone seen the heavy black electrical extension cord that was in the back hallway by the sweeper? I've looked high and low.

Peter White  
Chairman

### Mission Notes: A Parade of Missions

On Sunday, Feb. 9th, the young people of the church presented a Parade of Missions during worship service.

Eighteen of the young people of the church carried placards, each repre-

senting a different country where American Baptists have missionaries. Each placard also carried the number of missionaries in each country. European countries were not included, but those in Central America, East Asia, Southeast Asia, Southern Asia and Africa were.

It was a delightful learning experience for all of us, and we thank the young people for their participation, especially Suzy Grubbs, who was the leader of the parade. And thanks to the choir and to Betty Porter for the mission hymns.

Thanks also to Karen Stoner for reporting to us that the Sewing Group has just completed cutting out 2500 post-card size quilt blocks to send to the Philippines to the missionaries there. Quilt blocks are sent instead of yard goods which could be cut there because yard goods would be stolen before reaching their destination.

In March we will turn our attention to the annual America for Christ offering, which we will receive on March 16th. Please pick up the little bright colored leaflets which tell of the places and the ways in which that special offering is used. They are on the table in the vestibule.

Jean Wickum  
Missionary Chair  
Board of Christian Ed.

#### Salad Supper

A Sunday Night Salad Supper was held for the women of the church who had expressed a willingness to help with planning some reorganization of the American Baptist Women's group in our fellowship. Eleven ladies met and shared the salads they brought. After the meal, we planned for the future of the group. Some very interesting things are in the hopper, so read the article by Karen Stoner announcing what is the first event.

Jean Wickum

#### America for Christ

The America for Christ offering will be received on March 16. It helps support the important work of home missions. Every penny of your gift will be used to do God's work in Ohio and throughout the United States.

Your gift will fund: nationwide evangelism programs; church leader training; programs for senior citizens; new church development; military and institutional chaplaincy; neighborhood programs for children; ethnic ministries; housing alternatives for the aging; and much, much more.

#### World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer, sponsored by Church Women United, was held on Friday, March 7th, at the Church of God. The theme was "Choose Life". Bertha VanBrimmer and Mary Lou Lovell participated in the program.

#### Marion Baptist Association Celebration Banquet

The 1986 Celebration Banquet will be held on Friday, March 14th at 6:30pm in Marion. Reservations must be made by Sunday, March 9th. Cost will be \$7 per person. The speaker will be Rev. Douglas Willey, senior pastor of the First Church at Hamilton, Ohio.

The banquet is to honor all persons who joined a Baptist church in the past year.

#### Convenient Parking Available

The trustees recently removed the stump behind the church and spread several truckloads of stone, extending the parking area to the north property line. This has doubled the parking area available!

#### What Sunday School Means to Me

When I think of Sunday School, three people come to mind: Mrs. Stevens, a dear little old lady who was my teacher when I was 4 or 5; Mrs. Brannon, a young woman with black curly hair who was my teacher when I was 12, and Mrs. James, a tiny but dynamic woman who knew so much about the Bible and taught me when as a teenager in high school.

I can't put my finger on the exact reasons why these people are so vivid in

my memories about Sunday School, but I have come to realize that it was because of their loving and caring attitudes about others that makes them very special.

As His servants, God's light truly shone through these people and for their loving card, I am grateful.

Linda White

CAP and MYRTLE GABRIEL's son, NEVIN, of Phoenix, was a recent hospital patient. Nevin's wife, Peggy, was also a hospital patient with a broken hip and arm, caused by a fall from a horse.

JANET LATHROP's new address is 16 Marion Court, phone # 369-2862.

### Personals

A sonnet written by STEFANIE STONER (which appears on page 2) was chosen to be shared with the man visiting Delaware as William Shakespeare.

FRED GRUBBS will serve as musical director for the Delaware Theatre Association's summer musical, Oklahoma! KAREN STONER has a chorus part in the play.

STACEY LYNN CHANEY, daughter of CAREY and DON CHANEY, was born Feb. 20 at Riverside Hospital. Great-grandparents: MYRTLE and CAP GABRIEL; she is grand-daughter of WILL and CAROL FOGLE. Congratulations!

We send our sympathy to two families: JOHN and DELLA DOVE drove to Kansas for the funeral of Della's brother. JEANNE EKELBERRY, MICHAEL and CHARLES were called to Wayne, West Virginia by the death of Jeanne's aunt.

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and the shadows will all fall behind you."

anon.

MARY ANN SEALEY recently spent several days in Pittsburgh.

JOHN and MARY HELEN RICHARDS have returned from a 3-month stay in Colorado with son JON and family.

MARY LOU LOVELL was a surgical outpatient at Grady.

FRANCIS JOHNSON has returned from Florida after a three-week visit with her daughter, Caroline, and family.

STACEY CHANEY is a patient in Grady Hospital.

CAROL and SUZIE GRUBBS and DONNA BROWN recently visited TED and JEANNIE STEPHENSON and family in Indianapolis.





# MARCH 1986

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 North Franklin Street  
Delaware, Ohio

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2 <u>Third Sunday in Lent</u> 9:15 Church School 10:45 Morning Worship</p>	3	4 7:30 Healing Group	5 7:30 Lenten Breakfast at Methesco 9:30 Sewing 7:00 Choir	6	7 World Day of Prayer	8
<p>9 <u>Fourth Sunday in Lent</u> 9:15 Church School 10:45 Morning Worship Sermon: "Francis - Universal Saint"</p>	10	11 7:30 Healing Group	12 7:30 Lenten Breakfast at Methesco 9:30 Sewing 7:00 Choir	13	14 6:30 Celebration Banquet in Marion	15 Am. Baptist Men's Conference 9:00 Women's Fellowship Breakfast
<p>16 <u>Fifth Sunday in Lent</u> 9:15 Church School 10:45 Morning Worship Sermon: "Christianity as Celebration" 7:00 Special Easter Studies*</p>	17 7:00 Parish Council	18 7:30 Healing Group	19 7:30 Lenten Breakfast at Methesco 9:30 Sewing 7:00 Choir	20	21	22 8:30 Men's Fellowship at Bun's
<p>23 <u>PALM SUNDAY</u> 9:15 Church School 10:45 Morning Worship Sermon: "The Power of the Cross" 7:00 Special Easter Studies**</p>	24	25 7:30 Healing Group	26 7:30 Lenten Breakfast at Methesco 9:30 Sewing 7:00 Choir.	27 7:30 Maunday Thursday Communion	28 1:00 Community Good Friday Service at St. Mary's	29 Church open in afternoon for flower drop-off
<p>30 <u>EASTER</u> 7:30 Early Service 8:15 Breakfast 9:15 Church School 10:45 Easter Worship. Sermon: "New World Coming!"</p>						

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\*\*Subject: "Healing Faith", followed by healing service

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This year Pentecost comes on May 18th. It celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit and the infilling of the church with power - Easter promises power, resurrection power, but only Pentecost delivers it!

In the meantime, let's read Acts 2:1-21 and I Cor. 12:4-11.

Steve

## THANKS FOR LENTEN PARTICIPATION

I want to thank the Sunday School classes for their participation in our Lenten activities. A special thanks to the Adult Class for the excellent early service Easter morning and to those who helped with the breakfast. Please take time to notice the new banner in the sanctuary. It was a Lenten project of the Junior class.

Pam Faulk

## MEN'S ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST

The Men's Association will hold its monthly breakfast meeting on Saturday morning, April 26 at 8:30am. The location of the breakfast has been changed to The Gathering Inn Restaurant. After breakfast, there will be a short business meeting dealing with the men's participation in the coming Ice Cream Social, which will be worked jointly with the Women's Association. After this, the last in the Men's Bible Series will be held. The subject will be "Our Responsibility to Shape Society to Conform to the Will of God."

All men of the church are invited to attend.

Bob Houston

## ATTENTION WOMEN

Ladies of all ages in our church are invited to the home of Jeanne Ekelberry, 433 North Liberty Street, on April 20th at 2pm.

Linda White has an interesting program planned and we will all have a great time. Please remember to bring a small Care and Share item for Judson Village, such as gum, a handkerchief, jewelry, stamps, lotion, powder or soap.

Come and learn what a "love gift" is!

Karen Stoner

## AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

The American Baptist Women of the Marion Baptist Association will meet April 17th, 10am in Richwood. Lunch will be available for \$2.00. Nursery will be provided. Special music, officers' installation, dedication of gifts and a program "Challenge of the Cross" by Sybol Roper will be featured. Karen Stoner will be driving and has room for four persons to come along.

## STATE CONFERENCE

June 11, 12, and 13 are the dates for the American Baptist Women's State Conference in Granville. Costs remain the same this year!

All of our Care and Share gifts are delivered, counted, dedicated and received by the camps and centers during this conference. Information will be posted in the vestibule.

This is not all meetings and information - conference is much more. Those who attend

feel the Spirit moving among them, especially during the missionary banquet and the Thursday night candlelight communion.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH

Balance on hand March 1, 1986	\$ 531.51
March receipts	<u>3,096.35</u>
	3,627.86
Disbursements	<u>3,620.92</u>
Balance on hand March 31	6.94
Outstanding bills	314.09
MARCH MISSIONS	
America for Christ	218.58
Funding Our Future	47.00
Undesignated	<u>246.50</u>
	512.08

Betty Porter

#### EASTER AT FIRST BAPTIST

Easter Sunday was the climax of our Lenten season. Many people and committees put in long hours of preparation. Special thanks goes to the choirs, their leaders, W.C. Wickum, Jim Stephenson, and Mary Lou Lovell.

#### PASTOR'S OFFICE REDECORATED

On Easter Sunday, the congregation was invited to view the pastor's office, which had been undergoing improvements over the past few months.

The improvements included the installation of insulation and wood panelling on the north wall, the installation of a carpet (which the trustees had obtained for free), and the rearrangement of furnishings to create a comfortable area for counselling and small groups.

Thanks to the trustees, especially Dave and Jim, for all their work.

#### BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULED

The quarterly business meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, April 27 immediately after morning worship.

#### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

April	2	Adam Mowery
	4	W.C. Wickum
	7	Dick Payne
		Mary Ann Ballengee
	12	Abby Brown
	16	Marge Smale
	17	James and Sophia Stephenson
	23	Nellie Sheets
	24	Michael Grubbs
	25	Mary McKean
		Deborah Lovell
	30	Tonya Claire
May	2	Donald Faulk
		Myrtle Gabriel
	3	Rick VanBrimmer
		Michael Linn
	5	Bruce Lee
	7	Bertha VanBrimmer

#### PEOPLE

DEBORAH LOVELL received a unanimous superior rating at the Ohio Federated Music Club's district music festival. Only three other Suzuki violin students from the Delaware City Schools enrichment program received a unanimous superior rating. Congratulations!

CAP GABRIEL and ALPHA GRAHAM were patients in Grady Hospital.

It is good to see NELLIE SHEETS able to attend church again since her recent surgery.

SHIRLEY PARKER was a spectator in Florida when the space shuttle exploded.

PETER and LINDA WHITE made a trip to Washington, D.C. and Florida.

A women's breakfast was held March 15th at the Gathering Inn. Twelve were present.

The STEPHENSON family from Indianapolis recently visited their relatives in Delaware.

Two Special Easter Studies were held Sunday nights during Lent. A total of 39 people attended.

# APRIL 1986

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 North Franklin Street



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 7pm choir rehearsal	3	4	5 7:30pm adult social
6 A B Women's Sunday 9:15 Church School 10:45 Morning Worship with communion	7	8 7:30pm healing group	9 7pm choir rehearsal	10	11	12
13 9:15 Church School 10:45 Morning Worship 7:00 Board of Deacons at Triggs	14	15 7:30pm healing group	16 7pm choir rehearsal	17 10am Am. Bap. Women of Marion Assoc. meet in Richwood	18	19
20 9:15 Church School 10:45 Morning Worship 2:00 Women's meeting at Ekelberrys	21 7pm parish council	22 7:30pm healing group	23 7pm choir rehearsal	24 First Day of Passover	25	26 8:30am men's breakfast at Gathering Inn
27 A B Camps and Conferences Sunday 9:15 Church School 10:45 Morning Worship 11:45 Quarterly Business Meeting	28	29 7:30pm healing group	30 7pm choir rehearsal			

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Spring is the season of change, and summer is spring brought to its fullness. What is begun in spring unfolds and becomes the summer fruitfulness and joy.

The earth in winter is brown and barren - a visitor from another planet might say "What a dull place, how empty."

But an invisible process is taking place beyond human reason. This process is transforming barren earth to the brightness of a new world.

And the same process, at this very moment, is transforming your body, mind and spirit.

Steve

## MOTHER/DAUGHTER FUN TIME

All ladies of the church are invited to a Mother/Daughter Fun Time on June 1, 1986 at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. (A little past Mother's Day but please plan to attend!)

If your mother or daughter lives too far away to attend (or you don't have one), then plan to "adopt" a friend or neighbor for the afternoon.

For more information, call Jeanne Ekelberry at 363-1432, Carol Grubbs at 369-6785, or Pam Faulk at 1-873-4856.

## SPEAKER PLANNED FOR MEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Men's Association will hold its monthly breakfast at the Gathering Inn Restaurant on Saturday morning, May 24 at 8:30am. After the breakfast, the First Baptist Men will adjourn to the church adult Sunday school room for an address by Larry Faulk on "The Computer in our Society Today." The results of the

Ice Cream Social will also be discussed.

With the closing of the Men's Bible Series, a group of guest speakers will be scheduled for the remainder of the Spring and Summer. Subjects of major import will be discussed in this series.

All men of the church, and their friends, are invited to attend.

Bob Houston

## CHURCH PICNIC

A church picnic to celebrate Christian Family Week was held May 4th in the Fellowship Hall. Discussion groups consisting of Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter birthday persons chatted about certain milestones in our lives: our most memorable birthday, first day of school, first date, and other firsts.

Games followed outside. The egg-spoon race was won by the team of Larry Faulk and Jim Stephenson. The egg toss was won by the same team! The three-legged race was won by the father/daughter team of Steve and Stefanie Stoner. All enjoyed participating in Red Rover, Red Rover. The weather was great and many pictures were snapped to record the occasion.

## FATHER/SON GET-AWAY

On May 30 and 31 at Judson Hills Camp there is going to be the first-ever Ohio Baptist Convention Father/Son Get-Away sponsored by the American Baptist Men of Ohio.

The theme is "We Are Sons of the Father." Registration is from 7pm to

7:30pm Friday night at the camp. The cost is \$16 for adults and \$8 per child under 12. This price includes snacks and dining Friday night and three meals on Saturday.

We will have a good time! Come even if you don't have any one to bring. All men are welcome. See Steve Stoner for more information. Registration deadline is May 26.

Steve Stoner  
B.M.O. Keyman

### THANK YOU

Dear Old Friends at the Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for sending the beautiful white mums to the funeral home for Gene. And the choir for the breakfast rolls and orange juice. God bless you. As ever,

Carolyn

### FAMILY WEEK

celebrate Family week this year, our church family had a picnic in the Fellowship Hall (see previous story), followed by discussion activities and games in the yard.

If you missed the picnic, plan to attend the next one which is planned for June 8 following the Children's Day activities. We plan to meet after church at a local park and enjoy some time together. Mark your calendar and make plans now to attend.

### POEM

#### IN JESUS NAME

Satan behind me in Jesus name  
Leave me alone - you will refrain!

You jump on my back,  
when patience I lack!

But with Jesus beside me,  
You will get behind me!

My dealings with me,  
will be completely set free!

Because the ain't no room with Jesus  
and me!

Leave me alone - you will refrain!  
Satan behind me in Jesus name!

Steve Stoner

### LOVE GIFT BOXES

Love is a gift...yours to Him, His to you.

On April 20th, in the morning service, the young people again helped the missionary education program by distributing love gift boxes to everyone. Our thanks to them, and to Rev. Ralph Lamb at OBC, who sent the boxes.

For many years the American Baptist Women have participated in the love gift effort, and have enjoyed doing it. A love gift offering is an above-and-beyond offering which goes for a special project. In the past it has gone to American Indian Schools, the Race Track Ministry, the "Walking for Water" project which dug wells in villages in Africa and India. Each year, at the Women's Conference in June, the project for the following year is announced.

Karen Stoner gave us some instances in which one might put a coin into the box. Perhaps your child has made a good grade in school; or your spouse has returned from a difficult journey; you have heard good news about a friend; you feel well and full of energy. Or perhaps your coin goes in ahead of time, because you are praying for success in an important event in your life.

Some beautiful samples of homemade love gift boxes were on exhibit. We thank Lana Palmer, Erin Faulk, Linda White, and that unknown male who made them. If you do not have your very own box, please ask for it soon.

Jean Wickum  
Missionary Education Chair

### DINNER TO HONOR TEACHERS

All Sunday School teachers and subs are invited to attend a dinner in their honor. It will be held on Saturday, May 31st at 6:30pm in the fellowship

hall. Please RSVP to Pam or Linda by May 25th.

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Our church will be sponsoring our annual Ice Cream Social on Saturday, May 17th during the Delaware Arts Festival. This is always a lot of fun and helps raise funds for church programs. Please see the sign-up sheet in the vestibule for more details.

### CHILDRENS' MESSAGES

The following messages to the church were written by the children in Children's Church.

I went to a course on Saturday May 3 1986 for violin. I had 4 different teachers.

Debbie Lovell

Natalie got 2 A's on a math test in April. We had a yard sale we got a lot of money. We're going on a trip with the money.

Natalie Mowery

Dear Mr. Stephenson: I got straight A's on my report card. I am proud.

Matthew Lovell

In a couple of months I'm going to have a ballet and tap recital.

Erin Faulk

Dear Mr. Stephenson: I got a A+ on my spelling test last 5 weeks ago.

Micah Stoner

This summer I'm going to Florida to see my Dad and Grandma. I got an A+ in every grade.

Marci Sander

Barbara (Lovell) went to Florida over Spring break. She enjoyed getting an ice cream cone at Disney World. She also went on a real submarine.

I made honor role.

Jeff Faulk

Errod Trigg has been on a Olympics of the mind and won 1st place in the Smith School P.T.O. Field Day and got all

A+ and A's on his report card. He is on a soccer team with a record of 1-1-3.

Evan Trigg won 1st place in the 25-yard dash at Smith School Field Day. He also participated in the Frisbee throw. He also went to the Dairy Queen for a pack of bubble gum.

### PERSONALS

BEN TURNEY was a patient a Grady for some tests. We were glad to hear that the tests indicated no serious problems.

ANGIE ELFER has been on crutches due to a stress fracture of her foot. Tough break!

DONNA BROWN recently left to job in Logan to accept a new position at Ohio State in Columbus. Congratulations on your promotion!

DON and FLORENCE FAULK, JEAN and WICK WICKUM went to Winston-Salem for the wedding of BOB SMITH to ANN WILSON of Walkertwon, NC.C. Wick sang three songs at the wedding in addition to the traditional Lord's Prayer during the ceremony. MRS. GRAHAM also went, and ELAINE HASTY, her 2 daughters and their 3 small sons, 3 of Bob's close friends and 2 of their wives, so that quite a group of Ohioans enjoyed the southern hospitality, and a lovely wedding. (submitted by Jean Wickum)

STEFANIE STONER was honored by the Delaware City Teachers' Association with a certificate of outstanding achievement in language arts and choral music.

BETH TRIGG successfully completed a continuing education course in Effective Finance. The course was held at the Century 21 regional office on 161 in Columbus.

The ELFNERS recently travelled to Kentucky and enjoyed historic sites such as Shaker Town.

LARRY FAULK was our guest speaker during morning worship on Sunday, April 20 and amused the congregation with a "taxing" sermon. FRED GRUBBS played the organ. Thanks to both of them for their fine efforts.

JENNIFER PALMER will be graduating from Hayes High School in a few weeks.

Did we fail to mention a news item about

you or your family? Please don't hesitate to submit "personal" news items to Steve for inclusion in the newsletter.

and she and Wick raised her three sisters and two brothers.

During the service each mother will be recognized and given a gift from the church.

#### BIRTHDAY'S AND ANNIVERSARIES

May 2 Donald Faulk  
Myrtle Gabriel

3 Rick VanBrimmer  
Michael Linn

5 Bruce Lee

6 Bertha VanBrimmer

8 Michael Ekelberry

9 John McTaggart  
Cameron Piatt

10 Archie and Beth Trigg

12 Jeanne Ekelberry

15 Barbara Lovell  
Betty Porter

16 Dick and Jeanne Ekelberry

24 Jean Wickum

30 Jim and Annett Ringley

June 1 Della Dove

2 Jerry and Lana Palmer

4 Cap and Myrtle Gabriel

7 Dick Ekelberry

8 Carol Fogle  
Pam Faulk

#### DEATHS IN CHURCH FAMILY

Gene Schneeberger, husband of Carolyn White Schneeberger and step-father of Peter White, died April 28 after a short illness.

Nada Spurlock, mother of Helen Bougher, died April 10 after a long illness.

We extend our sincere sympathy to both families.

#### MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

Jean Wickum will be the pastor's assistant and guest speaker on Mother's Day, May 11. Jean served as head of the Delaware County Mental Health Association for many years,



# Good News Letter

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## EDITORIAL

To retreat is not to run away. It is to place yourself in the center of things, where the spirit of God is touching our lives and the lives of others.

In a retreat, we reach out for newness of life. We shift our routine and provide great openings for the action of the spirit of God.

As your pastor, I make you a promise. A weekend at Judson Hills - open to the Spirit - will start you on a new, growing life. I guarantee it!

JBS

## ANNUAL RETREAT AT JUDSON HILLS

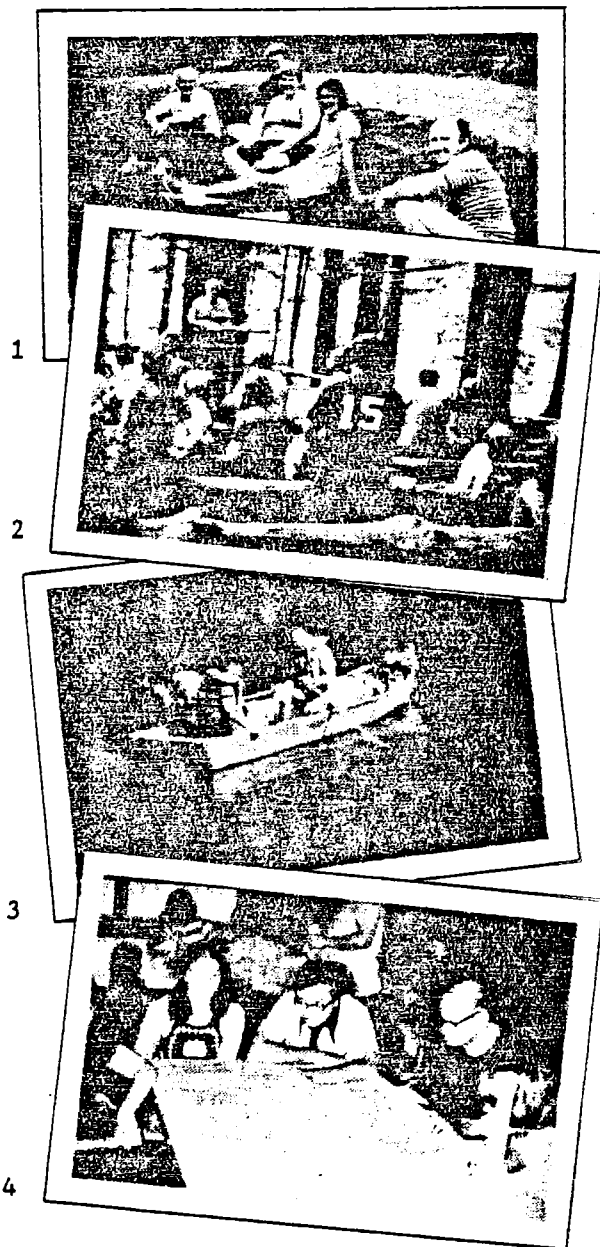
Our Annual Church Family Retreat is coming up on September 5, 6 and 7 at Judson Hills.

After talking to many possible leaders, we have decided to go with some very well-known Ohio Baptist Leaders. They are probably best known for their support of local church issues, their leadership qualities, their musical talents and their speaking abilities.

We have asked them to prepare their individual sessions (sessions being 2 hours each) on the theme, "Giving, Caring and Growing." Wilbur and Jean Wickum of the First Baptist Church in Delaware have agreed to be our leaders for the first session, and Larry and Pamela Faulk of the same church, and residing in Plain City have agreed to be our leaders for the second session. We are all very pleased and honored that these individuals have agreed to take this responsibility as they had been planning on spending this weekend as participants in their church retreat.

The cost for the weekend is \$25 per

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Photos of previous retreats: 1) relaxing outside the Lodge; 2) Sunday worship service in the Chapel In The Pines; 3) boating on the lake; 4) a Saturday session in the Lodge

adult and \$18 per child. If cost is a problem, please contact one of the Retreat Committee members and we will do all we can do to help out. There is a breakdown of costs listed below.

Also, if you find that you are unable to attend for the entire weekend, please plan to join us whenever you can, and remember to check around and see if there is anyone else who would like to ride up with you. There might be someone who does not drive or who does not want to go alone.

Remember, if walking and steps are a concern of yours, fear not, you can drive right up to the door of the Lodge and you will not encounter one step.

Our day begins at 8am with breakfast and ends whenever we choose. The last meal of the day is at 5pm.

ADULTS		CHILDREN	
Overnight		Overnight	
Cost	\$ 3.00*	Cost	\$ 3.00*
Breakfast	3.00*	Breakfast	2.00*
Lunch	4.00	Lunch	2.00
Dinner	4.50*	Dinner	3.00*
	<u>25.00</u>		<u>18.00</u>

(\* two times)

See you on September 5th at Judson Hills!

Carol Grubbs  
Retreat Chairperson

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The following proposed amendment to the constitution has been submitted by the Church Growth Committee and will be voted on at the next regular business meeting.

Proposed Amendment

To

The Constitution

Of

The First Baptist Church  
Delaware, Ohio

to add Article 6.14

Development and Outreach Committee

The purpose of the Development and Outreach Committee is to develop and promote membership and participation in the activities of

the First Baptist Church of Delaware, Ohio. The committee shall consist of a Chairman and shall include any interested person attending meetings which will be called on a regular basis by the chairman. Annual growth and development goals will be set by the committee and reported to the congregation for approval at the Annual Business Meeting in January. The committee shall also report on the results of efforts to meet the goals of the previous year. Progress reports shall be made by the chairman at the quarterly business meetings of the congregation.

#### JUST A REMINDER...

It has been 6 months since we began our Secret Advent Friend program for 1986, so I thought I'd put a reminder in this newsletter to ask you to remember your Secret Advent Friend's summer birthday or anniversary.

Summer is a great time for traveling and vacationing. Don't forget to ask God's blessings and constant watchcare over your Secret Advent Friend daily.

Linda White

#### MEN IN ACTION AGAIN!

All men of the church are invited to attend the next meeting of the Men's Fellowship Association on Saturday, September 20 at the Holiday Inn for breakfast at 8:30am.

After breakfast, the group will adjourn to the Church Fellowship Hall for a Business Meeting and to hear an address by Jim VanBrimmer. His topic will be "Process Control: The New Industrial Revolution."

Come and bring a friend for an interesting morning of food, fellowship and information.

Robert Houston  
Men's Association  
Chairman

TRUSTEES

Report of activities from May 1st through August 31st.

In May, steeple jack Don Bradner returned to repair some storm damage. A metal ridge cone that blew off was replaced along with some broken shingles. A gutter that was too low and holding water was pulled up. Insurance covered \$400 of the \$500 cost.

The fire extinguishers were inspected and serviced by B&G of Marion, Ohio.

All pilot lights and the hot water heater were turned off on June 1st and will remain off until as late as possible in September in order to bring us under our gas budget.

The piano in the sanctuary was tuned by Clifford Rector.

The following work was done in the old back hallway (in front of the choir room and Jr. High room):

Jim Stephenson organized items stored in the hallway. Christmas storage and costume clothing boxes were moved to new shelves in the storage room off of the fellowship hall, and furniture was rearranged.

Dave Lovell laid a new subfloor.

Carpet was laid by Hutchinson Brothers, 58 North Franklin. Remnants of the carpet installed in the church office last spring were used.

The carpet installers also mended 3 places in the sanctuary.

Dave Lovell cleaned out the kitchen drain.

Jim VanBrimmer installed a new microphone for the soloist stand in the sanctuary.

At the Franklin House, Phil Rickert did the following: new faucet on kitchen sink; faucets repaired in downstairs bathroom; drain repaired under kitchen sink.

Peter White  
Chairman

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Please give generously of your change to help defray shipping charges on our do-

nations to Church World Service! The insert in today's bulletin explains this vital contribution.

We've collected a great quantity of clothing, kits and quilts and we are responsible for their handling costs!

Get your donation right away to Bertha VanBrimmer, treasurer, or Karen Stoner, C.W.S. Chairwoman. God will greatly bless and multiply our efforts! Thank you all.

Karen Stoner  
C.W.S. Chairwoman

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TO RESUME

Sunday School classes will begin on Sept. 14. We will have a breakfast buffet at 8:30am. Please bring at least one breakfast item with you.

Opening exercises will be at 9:15 with Sunday School classes starting at 9:30.

Please make a commitment this year and bring a friend.

Pam Faulk  
Chairwoman  
Board of Christian Ed.

TEACHERS' MEETING

There will be a teachers' meeting for all Sunday School teachers and substitutes on Saturday, September 13 at 9:30am at the church.

PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED

The Board of Education is looking for a "church photographer" to be present at various activities of the church to take pictures. Any interested should see Linda White or Pam Faulk.

PALMER-CHAFFIN WEDDING

Jennifer Lynn Palmer and William Edward Chaffin were united in marriage August 9 at the church.

The couple was married by Rev. Stephenson. Mary Lou Lovell played the organ and Wilbur Wickum sang. During the ceremony, Jerry Palmer read scriptures selected by the

couple. The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Lana Palmer, and the groom is the son of Dick and Shirley Chaffin.

A reception in the Fellowship Hall followed the ceremony.

Our congratulations and best wishes to the couple and their families!

#### PERSONALS

The LOVELL'S have moved to 351 South Section Line Road, Delaware. The phone number remains 369-6041. Please stop by and say "hello."

MARY LOU, MATTHEW AND DEBBIE LOVELL wish to thank their Secret Advent Friends for their thoughtful gifts, including the paper airplanes, house-warming treats, and school supplies.

The FAULKS and the LOVELLS spent a week at Lakeside on Lake Erie and went to Cedar Point with the WHITES.

DON FAULK was a surgical patient at Grady in June.

FRANCES JOHNSON spent 5 weeks with her daughter, Penny, and family in Virginia.

JEAN and WICK WICKUM returned to Mead, Pennsylvania for Jean's 50th high school reunion.

HELEN ALESHIRE took a vacation to Canada.

DONNA BROWN is now working at Ohio State University.

JOHN and DELLA DOVE made a trip to the Wisconsin Dells.

SHIRLEY PARKER visited with her children in Philadelphia, Louisville, and Houston. Her son, Andrew, passed his bar exam in Philadelphia.

MILLIE MARTIN and family were in North Carolina.

MARGE SMALE's daughter, Cindy Warner, was married to Ron Bartlett on Saturday, July 26 in Grove City.

ERNESTINE FROST's daughter, Mary Heffner, visited for several weeks from California.

BETTY PORTER drove to Florida to bring her mother to Delaware, where she is a patient in Sunny Vee nursing home.

STEVE and KAREN STONER AND FAMILY made a trip to Canada.

PETER and LINDA WHITE spent the summer on the lake near Sandusky.

JEFF RICHARDS, son of JOHN and MARY HELEN, passed the bar exam in Colorado.

CHARITY PIATT and EDWARD LINN were baptized earlier this summer.

JIM and BERTHA VANBRIMMER had a 2-week vacation in Colorado, South Dakota, and several other western states.

POLLY FOCKE had a 2-week vacation in New England, and later spent several weeks vacationing with her brother Art on an island in Canada.

EVELYN and DICK LEE gave a talk and demonstration to the Radnor Grange on the use of herbs, fruit, vegetables, and the use of plants for dyeing.

DAVID and JEAN OSBORNE spent 4 weeks in Maine with their family.

In June, ERIN FAULK and MARCI SANDER participated in a dance recital. Both girls danced a ballet, a jazzy number, and 2 tap numbers. They also marched in Dublin's 4th of July parade.

The FAULK family vacationed for a week camping in Michigan.

STEVE and SOPHIA STEPHENSON spent several days visiting TED & JEANNIE and FAMILY in Indianapolis several weeks ago.

If you have vacation or other news that was not in this month's "Personals", please submit it to Steve and we will include it in the October newsletter.

#### FAMILY SOCIAL NIGHT

On Sunday, September 14 at 5pm the children's choir from the Reynoldsburg Baptist Church will present the musical "God's Flower Patch" at our church. Nineteen children and 8 adults will sing. A covered-dish dinner and freewill offering will follow.

SUMMER SOCIAL

A summer social was held in the Fellowship Hall on August 23rd. A large turnout enjoyed skits, slides of past church retreats, board games, and refreshments.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

During the summer the women of the church met twice for breakfast at the Holiday Inn. More recently, 13 women had a fine dinner at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City. Shirley Parker led a program to which everyone responded by revealing their ancestral roots.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The following birthdays and anniversaries occurred during the summer, when no newsletters were printed:

June	Della Dove Jerry and Lana Palmer Cap and Myrtle Gabriel Dick Ekelberry Angie Elfner
	Beth Trigg Joe and Alison Mowery David and Jean Osborne
July	Gina and Kendall Jones Alpha Graham Sue Elfner Kendall Jones Kenneth Brown Donna Brown Donald Brown Peter and Linda White Jarrod Trigg Nathan Elfner Bertha McTaggart
	John Dove Alison Mowery John and Bertha McTaggart Steve Palmer Jeffery Faulk Dick Lee John and Anne Linn Bernice Turney

August	Charity Piatt Mary Ruth Mossburger Jennifer Porter Jim VanBrimmer Steve Stoner Frances Belt Rick and Barbara VanBrimmer Pam and Larry Faulk Jim Stephenson Mildred Bowers Dick and Evelyn Lee Florence Faulk Lynn and Sue Elfner Linda White Lynn Elfner Fred and Carol Grubbs Archie Trigg
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Belated congratulations!

September	5 Don and Florence Faulk 8 Lorrie Lathrop 9 Robert and Virginia Houston 11 David Osborne 12 Dorothy Brown 13 Jerry Palmer 14 John and Mary Ann Ballengee 15 Jim and Bertha VanBrimmer Wick and Jean Wickum Janet Porter 18 Ben and Bernice Turney 20 Mary and Barney Barkeloo 30 Mary Lou Lovell
October	5 Carol and Willard Fogle 7 Anna Louise Brown James B. Stephenson Beth and Michael Linn Jack Smith 9 Suzanna Grubbs

NO CHURCH SERVICE RETREAT WEEKEND

There will be no church service held on the weekend of our Annual Church Retreat (Sunday, September 7).

# SEPTEMBER 1986

The First Baptist Church  
101 North Franklin Street  
Delaware, Ohio



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Labor Day	<b>2</b> 7:30pm Healing Group	<b>3</b> 9:30am Sewing Group 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Annual Church Family Retreat at Judson Hills begins tonight	<b>6</b> Retreat continues
<b>7</b> Retreat concludes No church services due to retreat	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:30pm Healing Group	<b>10</b> 9:30am Sewing Group 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30am Teachers Meeting
<b>14</b> Hispanic Heritage Week (14-20) 8:30am Buffet Breakfast 9:15am Opening Exercises 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship 5:00pm Family Social Night	<b>15</b> 7:00pm Parish Council at the church	<b>16</b> 7:30pm Healing Group	<b>17</b> 9:30am Sewing Group 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
<b>21</b> 9:15am Opening Exercises 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship	<b>22</b> American Indian Day	<b>23</b> 7:30pm Healing Group	<b>24</b> 9:30am Sewing Group 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Christian Education Sunday (Week) 9:15am Opening Exercises 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:30pm Healing Group				

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## EDITORIAL

We are all excited with the signs and sounds of organ repair. Thanks to Frank and Nancy Via Summers of Staunton, Virginia, the instrument will be overhauled and placed in first-class condition. The work is being done in memory of Nancy's parents, Fred and Lucille Via.

We have many memories of the people who served as organists, and who lifted our spirits to God. Those serving within the memories of present members are Claire Shipman, Edgar Ebenhack, Ruth Brown, Fred Grubbs, Betty Porter, and Mary Lou Lovell.

Our organ was purchased for the church by Morgan Savage in 1898, and is a Barckhoff tracker action. We are proud of the fine instrument and grateful to the faithful hands that have played it for our inspiration and the glory of God.

JBS

## DENOMINATION EXECUTIVES TO VISIT CHURCH

Dr. Robert Fisher, Executive Minister of the Ohio Baptist Convention, and Rev. Dennis Hatfield, Area Minister, will visit our church on Thursday, October 16th at 7:00pm.

In response to Rev. Stephenson's announcement of his retirement plans, Dr. Fisher and Rev. Hatfield will present information on ways that the denomination can assist in the search for Steve's successor.

## ANNUAL CHURCH RETREAT HELD AT JUDSON HILLS

Approximately 40 people enjoyed our annual retreat at Judson Hills last month. The retreat was led by Wick and Jean and by Larry and Pam. Steve conducted Sunday morning worship and communion. Carol Grubbs did a fine job as retreat director.

## MEN'S ASSOCIATION SHOWS ITS OUTREACH

The next meeting of the First Baptist Men's Association will be held on Saturday, October 11 at the Holiday Inn. Breakfast will be held at the Inn at 8:30am.

At the completion of breakfast, the First Baptist Men will adjourn to the Fellowship Hall of the Church to join in a meeting with the new Outreach Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to offer the services of the First Baptist Men to the work of the committee. We ask that all First Baptist Men attend this meeting, as it is vital to the future of our church.

Robert Houston

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

A halloween party for all ages will be held on Saturday the 25th at 7:00pm.

## CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

We topped last year's total poundage figure for donations - this year's total weight, for clothing and self-help kits, was 213 pounds! We assembled 7 health, 11 school

and 2 sewing kits. Thank you to all who gave, constructed or packed, and to Peter White for helping me deliver everything to Asbury Church. Nice going, everyone!

Karen Stoner  
White Cross Chairperson

#### ORGAN UNDERGOING REPAIRS

The pipe organ is undergoing major repairs and will be out of service for the next few weeks. The repairs include new bellows, reworking the tracker action, some work on the pipes, pedals and tuning.

The work is being done by Larry Williams. He has done our maintenance for about 12 years. This year he re-stored the organ at Seventh Day Adventist. Last year he overhauled the organ at Zion UCC.

The work is being done in memory of Fred and Lucille Via. A special service of dedication will be held upon completion of the repairs.

#### QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

A quarterly business meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22. It will be preceded by a covered-dish dinner, which will begin at 6:00.

#### DEVELOPMENT & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Development and Outreach Committee on Saturday, Oct. 11th, after the Men's Fellowship meeting. The exact time will be announced later.

Sue Elfner

#### OCTOBER OPPORTUNITY

I have arranged with the Rev. David Stone, Director of Trumbull Baptist Neighborhood Ministries (near Youngstown), for our women to visit his centers on Saturday, October 11, at 11:30am.

This beautiful drive and interesting day will begin at 8:00am from our church.

Mr. Stone is very enthusiastic about our trip; he says he will gladly accept all our donations: quilts, school supplies, children's clothing, and children's books (reading and reference). If you have any linens to dispose of, please bring them - he says sheets "are like gold around here." We will take along our White Cross Quota items as well, which are: 2 new children's books, 2 pairs queen-size pantyhose, 1 new family game and a quilt. These items are for the Center to give as Christmas gifts! Help us buy them!!

If you would like to join us October 11, meet at the church at 8:00am; bring a sack lunch or some "fast food" money. If time permits, we will stop on our way home to enjoy Mill Creek Park, a giant city park with waterfalls, animal sanctuary and shady lanes right within Youngstown. Come with us!

Karen Stoner  
369-7754

#### LETTERS OF THANKS

Dear Advent Friend,

Someone out there knows how to choose very special, generous gifts. I wish I knew who you were now so I could thank you personally, but I guess I'll have to wait.

Sue Elfner

I want to personally thank everyone who prayed for and cared about me this past year while I was seeking fulfilling employment. As last, I do have a great job and it's going very well - the atmosphere at the Methodist Theological School is so loving. Rejoice with me! Thanks again.

Karen Stoner

#### PERSONALS

BOB STEPHENSON graduated from The Ohio State University, receiving a M.A. degree in psychology and counseling.

MRS. MARY McKEAN fell from a chair as she was hanging curtains and injured her back. She was in the hospital for 2 weeks and is now temporarily at Delaware Court Nursing Home.



VIRIANIA HOUSTON's father, of Ashley, had surgery and is now doing well.

DONALD FAULK suffered an illness and spent 4 days at Riverside Hospital.

THE TRIGG FAMILY had a vacation in Gettysburg, Penn.

ANNE LINN, BETH TRIGG, and CAROL GRUBBS left for a 3 week trip to England.

STEVE, SOPHIA, and JIM STEPHENSON spent 2 days in Dearborn Michigan visiting the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS HELD

A church school breakfast was held at 8:30am on September 14th. The teachers presented a skit. This was the first day that Sunday School classes resumed after the summer break.

At 5pm that same day, the children's choir from Reynoldsburg Baptist Church presented a musical program. A covered-dish dinner followed. Seventy-five persons attended.

#### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October	5	Carol and Willard Fogle
	7	Ann Brown Beth and Michael Linn Jack Smith James B. Stephenson
	9	Suzanna Grubbs
	18	John and Della Dove
	20	James Brown
	21	Donald and Dorothy Brown
	27	Robert Houston
	28	Eddy Linn Any Smale
	30	Jean Osborne
	31	Jennifer Palmer Chaffin Janet Lathrop Cecily Judd
November	1	Stefanie Stoner
	5	Victor Fogle



*"I can't tell you the meaning of life, son, but I can tell you how to get India ink out of cotton chambray madras."*

# OCTOBER 1986

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7:00pm Choir rehearsal	2	3	4 Rosh Hashanah
5 World Communion Sunday World Fellowship Offering  9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship  7:00pm Board of Christian Education	6	7	8 7:00pm Choir rehearsal	9	10	11 8:00am Women depart for Trumbell centers  8:30am Men's Breakfast  ? am Outreach Committee
12 American Baptist Laymen's Sunday Columbus Day  9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship	13 Columbus Day Observed Yom Kippur	14 7:30pm Healing Group	15 7:00pm Choir rehearsal	16 World Food Day  7:00pm Meeting with Dr. Fisher & Rev. Hatfield	17	18
19  9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship	20	21 7:30pm Healing Group	22 6:00pm Dinner & Quarterly Business Meeting	23	24 United Nations Day	25 7:00pm Halloween Party
26 Reformation Sunday  9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship	27	28 7:30pm Healing Group	29 7:00pm Choir rehearsal	30	31 Reformation Day	

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## EDITORIAL

The season of Thanksgiving is but a few weeks away. We examine our blessings and reach out to obtain the principles of shared lives.

I find the Thanksgiving meditation in Daily Word (printed below) very helpful and I believe it will be powerful for you.

JBS

IN PRAISE, THANKSGIVING, AND GLADNESS,  
I ACKNOWLEDGE MY BLESSING FROM GOD.

Although every day is special, Thanksgiving is the day that people from all over the United States join together in a spirit of thanksgiving and praise to God. Let us express our appreciation and gratitude to God for the abundant supply of good we have received.

In praise, thanksgiving, and gladness, we acknowledge our blessings: "Dear God, I thank You for Your perfect life within me, which is seeking expression in wonderful and uplifting ways. I am filled with gladness for all my blessings. Loved ones, friends, freedom, and the ability to unfold and grow in greater expression of my true spiritual nature are just a few of the blessings that fill my life with joy and meaning. I give thanks to You, God, for You have created me to live a life filled with abundant good."

## CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER SCHEDULED

Our annual church Thanksgiving dinner has been scheduled for Sunday, November 23rd in the Fellowship Hall. More details will be announced later.

## AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

The American Baptist Women's group will meet on November 13, at 7:30pm, at the church. The program will be the installation of officers. We will finalize plans for the Harvest Dinner, and set a time and program for our December meeting. Come fellowship together!

Jean Wickum  
Temporary President

No matter what, those of us interested in going to Trumbull Centers in Youngstown and Campbell, Ohio are going, on Saturday, November 8!

So, meet at the church at 9:00 and we'll do and see whatever we can until it's time to head home, maybe in time for dinner back at home!

We need to deliver our large collection of donations, so the trip will take place, and we'd love to have you along!

Karen Stoner  
Missions Person

## ATTENTION: GROWTH AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE (ALL INTERESTED PEOPLE)

Dennis Hatfield, area minister, will be with us to talk about the two different possible programs which we chose to review at our October meeting. Hopefully, we will be able to pass around booklets outlining the programs before the meeting. Also, come prepared with goals (in writing) which you would like to see im-



plemented for the new year - 1987.  
meeting date: Monday, November 10  
time: 7:00pm  
place: the church

Thanks,

Sue Elfner

#### LOST ENCYCLOPEDIA

I have a Grolier Encyclopedia book, volume 16, that belongs to someone at the church. Please tell me who so I can return it.

Ernie Frost

#### WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Dr. Lauren Wilson of Ohio Wesleyan University will be speaking on "Acid Rain" at Church Women United's World Community Day Observation being held at 9:30am Friday, November 7 at the First Presbyterian Church.

The service, entitled "Look to the Mountains," was written by women of CWU in New Hampshire. They used the Great Stone Face in the White Mountains as their inspiration for the program. The formation is being threatened by pollution and acid rain, and the theme of the program is the desecration of the earth's environment.

CWU is a national ecumenical women's movement which brings together women of different Christian traditions.

#### PERSONALS

DONALD and DOROTHY BROWN and family moved to 545 Rutherford Drive in Hayes Colony. On October 21, they renewed their wedding vows at the church. A reception followed in the Assembly Room. This was their 16th wedding anniversary.

JEAN OSBORNE vacationed in Maine with relatives.

ERNESTINE FROST was a patient in Grady Hospital.

BETH TRIGG, ANNE LINN, and CAROL GRUBBS have returned from their 3-week trip to England, Wales, and Scotland.

BOB and VIRGINIA HOUSTON enjoyed a trip to Indianapolis to visit friends.

JIM and BERTHA VANBRIMMER traveled to Pennsylvania to visit daughter SUSY and family.

PETER and LINDA WHITE and STEVE and KAREN STONER and family enjoyed a day's outing on a scenic railroad trip in West Virginia.

GINA and KENDAL JONES enjoyed deep sea fishing off the coast of North Carolina.

THE STEPHENSONS visited TED, JEANNIE, and family in Indianapolis.



#### QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING HELD

On October 22 the church held a covered-dish dinner and quarterly business meeting. The 1987 budget was adopted and officers elected. The church voted to cooperate with the Ohio Baptist Convention in the choosing of a new minister when Steve retires.

#### HALLOWEEN PARTY

Our Fellowship Hall was filled with spooks and goblins when we held our annual Halloween party recently. Prizes were given for the best costumes (Larry Faulk, disguised as a trash bag, took 1st place), followed by games and refreshments.

# NOVEMBER 1986

The First Baptist Church  
Delaware, Ohio



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> All Saints Day
<b>2</b> American Baptist College Sunday All Souls Day  9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship with Communion	<b>3</b> Baptist Women's Day of Prayer	<b>4</b> Election Day  7:30pm Healing Group	<b>5</b>  7:00pm Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> World Community Day  9:30am World Community Day at First Presyb.	<b>8</b>  8:30am Men's Fellowship at Holiday Inn  9:00am A.W.B. trip to Trumbull
<b>9</b> The American Baptist Sunday Stewardship Sunday  9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship	<b>10</b>  7:00pm Outreach Committee at the church	<b>11</b>  7:30pm Healing Group	<b>12</b>  7:00pm Choir	<b>13</b>  7:30pm A.B.W. meet at the church	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Bible Sunday  9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship	<b>17</b>  7:00pm Parish Council at the church	<b>18</b>  7:30pm Healing Group	<b>19</b>  7:00pm Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Thanksgiving Sunday Asian American Baptist Sunday  9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship ? Thanksgiving Dinner	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  7:30pm Healing Group	<b>26</b>  7:00pm Choir	<b>27</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> First Sunday in Advent  9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship						

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# Good News Letter

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## EDITORIAL

The season of Thanksgiving is immediately followed by the season of gifts. Both remind us that life is good, and that God is a God of love.

Jesus came bringing gifts. They were incredible and opened a new quality of life for multitudes of sufferers. Blind, crippled, possessed, lost, filled with hopelessness, they came, and reaching out touched his garment's edge and became whole.

We are to continue the thankful, healing gifts he brought, and then our church will be a center of the master's ministry. We are to do more than just preach, or teach, or socialize, for we are to incarnate His powers, the powers that came down at Christmas.

The little baby grew into the Father's image, and we can grow as the child grew. Let Christmas renew us and make us growing children again.

May you find the Christ of Christmas and follow Him to Bethlehem. God bless you all!

JBS

## ADVENT ACTIVITIES

During Advent, Sunday school is starting at 9:00am. We have lots of special activities planned. Please try to join us.

On Sunday, November 30, we made a Peace Chain which is hanging in the Sunday school room. Feel free to add your link with your name on it. During the next year feel free to put a link on the map on a country that you have studied or sent things to or have written to someone. Remember to pray for peace, pray for our

missionaries, pray for other countries.

On Sunday, December 7, the Sunday school classes will decorate the Christmas tree with a program of "living ornaments."

On Sunday, December 14, we will begin with a breakfast buffet at 8:15am. Please join us and bring food to share.

On Sunday, December 21, at 9:00am, we will view the film "The Littlest Angel" during opening exercises.

On the evening of Sunday, December 21, we will celebrate A Church Family Gathering. It will begin at 5:00pm in the sanctuary with a musical, "The Miracle." Afterwards, we will have supper in the fellowship hall and exchange gifts with our Secret Advent Friends. The evening will end with a birthday cake for Jesus. We hope everyone will come.

A special thanks to all who have helped with Advent activities.

Pam Faulk



### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Our annual candlelight communion service will be held December 24 at 7:30pm. It will include special music by the choir. Child care will be provided.

### ORGAN REDEDICATED

On Sunday, November 23, a special service of rededication of the organ was held. This service celebrated the major renovations of the organ. Special music was provided by the choir, soloist W.C. Wickum, and organists Fred Grubbs, Mary Lou Lovell, and Betty Porter. The renovation was made possible by Mrs. Frank Summers, Jr. (Nancy Via Summers) and Dr. William F. Via, Jr., and was done in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Frederick Via.

### THANKSGIVING DINNER HELD

Ninety-two persons enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner in the fellowship hall on the evening of November 23rd. Our guests were residents of the Sunny Vee Nursing Home. After a delicious meal the children's choir sang several numbers. Peter White entertained us with some piano selections. Wick led us in singing old time and traditional songs accompanied by Fred Grubbs. Thanks to Jeanne Ekelberry and Carol Grubbs for planning a memorable event.

### CHURCH DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS

Thanks to the ladies who decorated the sanctuary for Advent. Also, thanks to Peter White and Archie Trigg who put up the christmas tree, which was donated by the Lees from their yard.

### NEW BABY IN CHURCH FAMILY

Natalie Nichole Griffith, daughter of Teresa and Michael Griffith, was born at Riverside Hospital on November 10th. She is the granddaughter of Carol and Fred Grubbs. Congratulations!

### WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS MEETING

The Women's Christmas meeting will be held Thursday, December 11, 7:30pm at the parsonage. They will pack cookies for shut-ins. Bring cookies or fruit. All women are invited to come.

### MEN'S ASSOCIATION

The men's association will meet for breakfast Saturday, December 13, 8:30am at the Holiday Inn. Wives are invited to attend.

### LETTER OF THANKS

We would like to thank our Advent friends for the thoughtful gifts and messages sent to us. They have made all of our special times brighter and happier.

John and Della Dove

### PERSONALS

CAROL SUE FOGLE was a patient at Grady Hospital.

JOHN and DELLA DOVE enjoyed a two-week trip to Kansas to visit Della's family.

MILDRED BOWERS injured her back in a fall at her home.

POLLY FOCKE spent a couple of days in Cincinnati visiting her brother, Dr. Arthur Focke, a metallurgical engineer. He formerly taught at the University of Cincinnati, and now maintains a consulting service.

JANET INSCHO and husband spent a month in Florida.

HELEN ALESHIRE was a patient at Grady Hospital for a back injury.

BEN TURNEY underwent some tests at Grady.

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

December 1    Alison Grubbs  
                  Richard Payne

Dec. 4 Erin Faulk  
9 Virginia Houston  
13 Geneva Evans  
18 Cap Gabriel  
25 Carol Grubbs  
Steve & Karen Stoner  
26 Dick and Barbara Payne

WOMEN INSTALL OFFICERS

On November 13, the American Baptist Women met and had installation of officers. Evelyn Lee presided.

THAT NIGHT'S GLORY

by Mina Morris Scott

Softly sibilant, through the night  
Was heard the sound of angels' flight.  
Earthward they came on shining wings  
Telling the shepherds of wondrous things;  
And all was light  
On Christmas night.

There in that cold and barren field  
With golden voices they revealed  
God's marvelous plan: the Messiah's birth  
Bringing redemption to all the earth:  
And all was light  
On Christmas night.

Between the earth and heaven that night  
Was set a star to mark the site  
Where in a manger God sent down  
A heavenly King without a crown  
Who brought the light  
On Christmas night.

The angels are silent; the star is gone,  
Yet that night's glory lingers on  
Within the hearts of all who love  
The Savior sent us from above;  
And all is light  
Each Christmas night.





# DECEMBER 1986

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 North Franklin Street



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 7:30pm Healing Group	3 7:00pm Choir	4	5	6
<b>7</b> Second Sunday in Advent Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering 9:00am Sunday School; tree decoration 10:45am Morning Worship; sermon: "Tiny Seed"	8	9 7:30pm Healing Group	10 7:00pm Choir	11 7:30pm Women's meeting	12 5:00pm Children's Choir	13
<b>14</b> Third Sunday in Advent 8:15am Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship; sermon: "Second Advent"	15	16 7:30pm Healing Group	17 7:00 Choir	18 7:00pm Parish Council	19	20
<b>21</b> Fourth Sunday in Advent 9:00am Sunday School; film 10:45am Morning Worship; Sermon: "John 3:16" 5:00pm Musical	22	23 7:30pm Healing Group	24 Christmas Eve 7:30pm Candle-light Service	25 Christmas	26	27 Hanukkah
<b>28</b> Student Recognition Sunday 9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship	29	30 7:30pm Healing Group	31 New Year's Eve (Watchnight)			