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Good News Letter

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James B. Stephenson
minister

CHILDREN PERFORM MUSICAL

One of the high points of the Christmas season for me was enjoying the performance of the children's musical "Getting ready for the Miracle."

The kids were fantastic! Thanks to Barbara (Mary), Evan (Joseph), Stefanie (Katie), Micah (Wiseman), Matthew (Michael), Jarrod (Aaron), Cameron (Innkeeper and Benjamin), Jeff (Greg with good sneezes and Wiseman), Debbie (Jamie and Wiseman), Erin (Sara), Amy (Terri and narrator), Suzie (choir director), and Marci (who was to be Mary). A great big thanks to Alison Grubbs as an excellent accompanist. Thanks to all parents who were so willing to get their kids to the rehearsals.

Thanks to Pam Faulk for helping me at rehearsals. Thanks to Larry Faulk and Jim VanBrimmer for taping this marvelous production. Thanks to Steve for taking down the creche set as needed for rehearsal and performance.

Thanks to all who came to enjoy.

These kids have a lot of talent and I'm looking forward to working on another musical.

Mary Lou Lovell

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and visits after my recent surgery at Grady.

Ben Turney

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand 1/1/87	\$ 95.95
Receipts - January	
Offerings . . . \$ 2,971.80	
Transfer	47.88
Disbursements - January	3,014.21
Transfer disbursed	47.88
Balance on hand 1/31/87	53.54

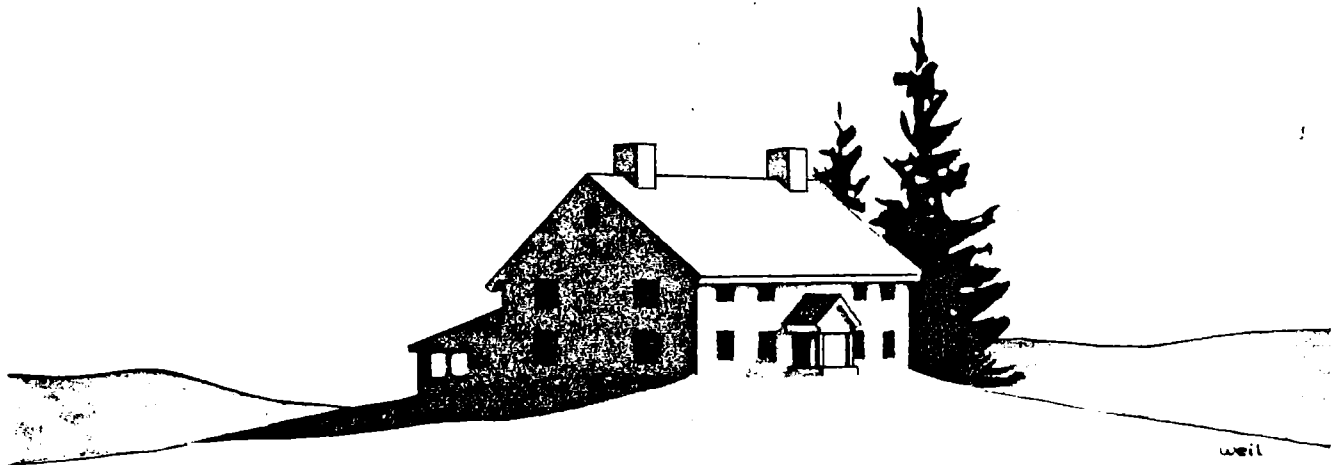
January Missions

Love Gift	4.68
Funding Our Future	98.00
American Baptist Missions	251.00

Betty Porter

BABY DEDICATED

Natalie Nichole, daughter of Teresa and Michael Griffith, granddaughter of Carol and Fred Grubbs and Florence and Bill Griffith, was dedicated during morning



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worship on Sunday, January 11.

PERSONALS

STEFANIE STONER has a lead part in her upcoming school production of "Melodrama."

MICAH STONER participates in Saturday morning basketball instruction, and on Saturday, January 31, he performed with his group during halftime at the Hayes High School basketball game.

EVELYN LEE has been unanimously elected to be president of the City Schools Board of Education. Evelyn served as president in 1982, and has also been vice-president twice.

HELEN ALESHIRE was the winner of a 13-foot sailboat in a Revco sweepstakes drawing. She plans to give it to her younger brother, Robert Chaney, as a birthday present.

EARL H. WHITE, brother of ALPHA GRAHAM and uncle of FLORENCE FAULK, DOROTHY COOK, MILLIE HASTY and ELVIRA SMITH, died Jan. 14th in Florida. He had 2 other sisters and a daughter.

ROLAND NEISWENDER, cousin of DONALD FAULK, suffered a heart attack on January 16th in Kansas. He is improving but may have to undergo bypass surgery soon.

BEN TURNEY was a patient at Grady where he underwent surgery for removal of his gall bladder.

JANET PORTER started her student teaching in physical education and health (grades 7-9) at Lake High School near Perrysburg, Ohio, this school term. She hopes to have completed all requirements for graduation from Bowling Green State University in May.

BETTY and JENNY PORTER spent 2 weeks during the holidays visiting with JIM "BILLY" PORTER and his friends in Los Angeles. They also visited with Sarah Heald Mats and family, former residents of Delaware. While there Billy had the grand opening party for his "Billy Porter Urban Yoga Workout Studio" that he opened in June. He is instructing many clients in the Los Angeles and Hollywood area, and has appeared in many exercise magazines. In March he will appear in "ogue" and "Self" magazines. Other places visited by Betty and Jenny were: Universal Studios, Tour of Hollywood Stars' Homes, the Hard Rock Cafe, Mann's Chinese Theater,

the Walk of Stars, Santa Monica, Long Beach, San Diego Zoo, and Mexico.

HELEN ALESHIRE has moved to Ashley, Her new address is 214 West High Street, Ashley, Ohio 43003. We'll look forward to seeing her in church again in the spring.

SHIRLEY PARKER spent 3 weeks with her daughter in Houston, Texas.

STEVE and MARY SEALEY were in Alabama visiting relatives.

ANNE SMITH visited her sister and her son in Arizona.

DAVID and JEAN OSBORNE spent Christmas in Colorado with son GARY and family.

JOHN and MARY HELEN RICHARDS spent Christmas in Colorado with son JON, and his family.

LARRY and PAM FAULK and family spent several days in Dearborn, Michigan.

DAVE and MARY LOU LOVELL and family visited relatives in New York.

POLLY FOCKE visited her brother in Cincinnati.

JEAN EKELBERRY and family visited relatives in West Virginia.

HELEN ALESHIRE took a 2-week cruise through the Panama Canal to Acapulco.

CAROL SUE FOGLE is recovering well from recent surgery.

ERNESTINE FROST was honored on her 80th birthday with an open house at Monique Fabrics on January 22nd.

BLESSED EVENT

Melody Catherine, daughter of Cindy and Lou Alatorre of Durham, North Carolina, was born on January 21st. Mrs. Janet Lathrop is maternal grandmother, and Cap and Myrtle are great-grandparents. Congratulations and best wishes!

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

January	5	Evelyn Lee
		Lola Jackson
	12	Larry Faulk

January 13 John Linn
 18 Matthew Lovell
 21 Tim Fogle
 22 Ernestine Frost
 24 Ben Turney
 26 Sophia Stephenson
 Feb. 2 Fred Grubbs
 Barney Barkeloo
 Elizabeth Brown
 Millie Martin
 8 Della Dean
 9 Janet Inscho
 10 Amy Elfner
 13 Lana Palmer
 16 Barbara Payne
 17 Beth Linn
 18 William and Della Dean
 21 Mary Ann Sealey
 22 Charles Brown
 23 Willard Fogle
 March 2 James Ringley
 6 Mary Barkeloo



AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

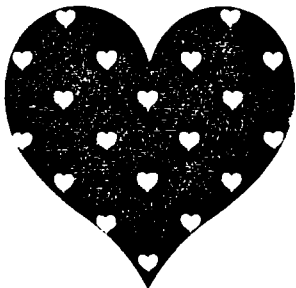
There will be a meeting of American Baptist Women on Sunday, Feb. 22, 7:00pm at the home of Linda White, 23 Woodland Avenue. A very important speaker is planned.

Karen Stoner

Remember your feathered friends during the winter - feed them regularly.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Don't forget your Secret Advent Friend on Valentine's Day (February 14)!



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RETIREMENT DATE ANNOUNCED

Last September I announced that I'd be retiring in approximately six months, the exact date depending on my locating new housing.

After several months of searching, with the diligent help of real estate agent Beth Trigg, I'm pleased to announce that we've located a new home.

If all goes well, we expect to be moving in late April. Therefore, I'm announcing that Easter Sunday (April 19) will be my retirement Sunday.

I am grateful for the opportunity that I've had to serve as your pastor. May God bless us all in these days of change.

Steve

REPORT FROM THE TRUSTEES

The following is a report of Trustees' activities from late fall through March 1.

1. Phil Richert serviced our 8 gas furnaces. Work included new filters, oiling, testing of high-limit switches, and 3 new belts. One boiler was checked, water pump oiled, radiators bled off and 2 hot-water heaters checked.
2. The insulation project on the outside walls of the classrooms has been completed, with the Middler's Room being the final one finished in February. Many thanks to Dave Lovell for engineering this large project and to Jim Stephenson for his assistance, and thanks to the family that donated towards this.
3. The lawnmower was serviced for spring. A broken wheel was replaced, a new plug and fuel filter added, and the blade sharpened.

Note - the motor on this lawnmower was donated by Myrtle Smith. Repair work was done by Phil Richert at Buckeye Tractor.

4. The front doors were repaired with extra work on the hinges to remove the sag. The vertical lockrod was repaired and the doors now have clearance without binding. A bad spot in the floor at the Franklin House was repaired. This work was done by John Keefer, carpenter.
5. The spotlights over the stained glass window were replaced by Dave Lovell.
6. Delaware Glass Service replaced two broken windows in the new building.
7. The loose and peeling paint in the vestibule was scraped off and touched up by Peter White.
8. The fire department inspected our facilities during Christmas and said that we can no longer use live greens. An artificial tree has been donated, but we still need artificial greens for wreaths

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and hanging.

9. Three pianos were tuned (Sanctuary, Sunday School Room, and Senior High Room). The action and keys were removed from the pianos in the Sunday School Room and Senior High Room and cleaned, tightened and adjusted. This work was done by Clifford Rector.

10. Pipe organ technicians Larry Williams and Gary Mason have returned three times since the big project last fall to make adjustments, minor repairs, and touch up tuning. However, the dryness of the winter season with the heat on has developed some cracks in the wood inside the organ. These cracks run between the holes that the pipes fit into in the chest, allowing the air to run to an incorrect pipe, creating a false sound. Only 3 are bad and it is hardly noticeable. It will, of course, close up again in the summer humidity, and can be repaired that next time that major work is done. Last fall the bellows and tracker action were repaired.

Many projects face us as we move towards Steve's retirement. Trustee Fred Grubbs has volunteered to turn the heat on Saturday nights, open up Sunday mornings and lock up and turn off everything after Sunday services. Bulletins for Sundays and the newsletter will need a volunteer coordinator and typist. These large jobs will have to be done during the Interim Pastor's time of service, until we see what the new pastor's duties will be. The bulletin board must be changed and the hymn board in the Sanctuary changed.

I feel we need to create a new elected office - that of church secretary. Duties would include coming to church twice a week to get the mail and distribute it to the appropriate people, coordinate bulletin and newsletter production, and answer mail.

Peter White
Chairman
Board of Trustees

(A history of church pianos, compiled by Peter White, appears later in this newsletter.)

AMERICAN WOMEN MEET

Sunday, March 1 (at 3pm) The American

Baptist Women's Group is sponsoring a program to which the entire adult church family and their friends are invited. Speakers will be representatives from Delaware's new "Crisis Pregnancy Center" which has been established to provide women with alternatives to abortion. The program is staffed by volunteers who are trained to provide Christian counseling to women in crisis pregnancy situations. Other multiple needs are also provided, including:

1. The establishment of physical and emotional support systems will be undertaken.
2. Homes may be provided/made available if the girl has been denied her own home.
3. Infant clothes and other equipment will be made available.
4. Referrals and networking with physicians and other agencies will be an important priority.
5. Young women will have an opportunity for the development of personal growth, self esteem, and Christian education.

Please come...you may find God calling you to assist in some special way in this unique mission outreach program. Again, the program will be on Sunday, March 1 at 3pm at our church. Bring a friend!

Jean Wickum

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Alice Kearns, a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, will lead the World Day of Prayer service to be held at 9:30am Friday, March 6, at Stratford St. Paul's United Methodist Church to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer.

Christian women from all over the world met together 100 years ago to pray for peace and justice. On Friday, Delaware County women from 50 denominations will join in a similar worship service and fellowship to celebrate the anniversary.

The event is sponsored by Church Women United, an ecumenical movement organized in 1941 to bring women together in mutual prayer and Christian unity. The movement recognizes the power and com-

mitment of women to create a society based on love and justice.

Following the worship service will be birthday celebration and fellowship. All women are invited. Child care will be provided.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

The monthly breakfast meeting of the First Baptist Men's Association, for March, will be held at the Holiday Inn on Saturday, March 21, at 8:30am. All men of First Baptist, members of the Men's Association, or not, are invited. A short business meeting will be held before breakfast.

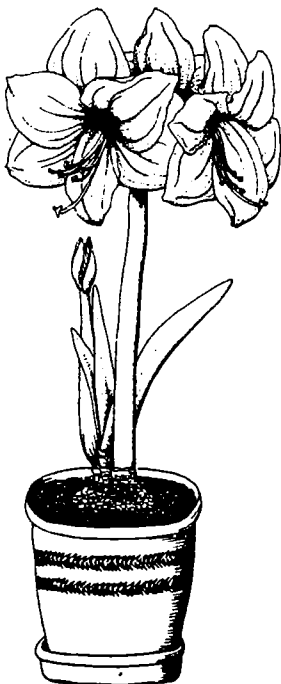
Robert Houston

QUESTIONS FOR STEVE

A box labeled "Questions for Steve" has been placed in the vestibule. If you have any questions pertaining to your religious faith that you would like to hear discussed, please write them down and place them in the box. Anything goes!

FLOWERS WELCOMED

Just a reminder that flowers for the Sanctuary are always appreciated.



SHROVE TUESDAY

We will hold our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 3rd. It will be sponsored by Carol, Beth, Suzie, Alison, and April. Entertainment will be provided.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Our Ash Wednesday service is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4 at 7pm in the Sunday School Room. This service will be a time a preparation for Lent.

ADVANCED NOTICE

April 12 - Palm Sunday
April 16 - Maundy Thursday
April 19 - Easter

A HISTORY OF THE CHURCH'S PIANOS

All of our pianos have come to our church as gifts or donations, and I thought it might be interesting to put down as many details as could be remembered.

LOCATION - Sunday School Assembly Room
MAKE - Colby; Erie, Pennsylvania
YEAR BUILT - 1914

This piano is one of the two that have always been in the church and is perhaps the best one of all. Donor unknown.

LOCATION - Sanctuary
MAKE - Lyon & Healy; Chicago, Ill.
YEAR BUILT - late 20's or early 30's

This piano was purchased by Helen Young in memory of Edgar Ebenhack, who was church organist from 1948-1963. It was formerly in the home of Ethel Wagner on Montrose Avenue. Previously it was owned by Alden Fox, a local barber.

LOCATION - Senior High Room
MAKE - Richmond; Richmond, Ind.
YEAR BUILT - 1903

This piano was donated by Nellie Dick shortly before she left her home on West William Street. When it was placed in the Senior High Room, an older piano, a Kroeger, built about 1898, was taken apart and disposed of since it was in such bad condition. And yes, Fred Grubbs, it was

the old Kroeger that had 4 pedals!

LOCATION - Fellowship Hall
 MAKE - A.B. Chase
 YEAR BUILT - 1902

This piano was purchased by Janet Dickey, teacher at Conger School and member of Grace Methodist Church, in memory of her father, Art Birdsell, who attended our church many years. He was a plumber and one of Delaware's colorful individuals. The piano was obtained from Mr. Rector, the piano tuner, specifically for the Fellowship Hall when the building was new.

The A.B. Chase was one of the best of the old piano builders. The one in the Fellowship Hall has a sostenuto pedal (the ability to sustain any certain selected notes while others are being played but not sustained, a feature usually found only on grand pianos).

LOCATION - Classroom on the right side of the hallway (north side)
 MAKE - Langdon; Cleveland, Ohio
 YEAR BUILT - about 1895

This piano is one of the 2 originals. Donor unknown. It was located in the Junior High Room before the new building was built.

LOCATION - Second classroom on the left (south) side of the hallway
 MAKE - Wellington
 YEAR BUILT - about 1895

This piano was donated to help furnish a classroom when the new building was finished.

We have not been able to remember who gave this piano to the church. Can anyone help us remember? A committee of 3 went to see it at the time - Wick, Ruth Brown, and Steve.

Information was obtained from the Pierce Piano Atlas using the piano's serial numbers.

Peter White

PERSONALS

STEFANIE STONER, DEBBIE LOVELL, CHARITY 'IATT and AMY ELFNER performed Wednesday, February 25 in the Willis Orchestra and Strings Concert.

STEF STONER will be in the presentation of "Olde Tyme Melodrama" on Tuesday, March 3, 8:00 at Willis.

JEAN OSBORNE spent 3 weeks in Colorado with son Gary and family (which includes a new baby boy). Congratulations!

The following people have been patients at Grady Memorial Hospital recently: CAP GABRIEL for surgery; DOUGLAS LINN (son of BETH and MIKE LINN) to recover from a virus.

BETH TRIGG was on crutches after a fall at home that sprained her ankle.

RAY JACKSON, brother of DELLA DEAN, died Feb. 21 after a long illness. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

JUNE DETWILER, mother of FRED GRUBBS, of Florida, is visiting with her mother, MRS. EDITH HALL, and relatives.

KRISTIN MARTIN and CHRISTOPHER LANCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

March	2	James Ringley
	6	Mary Barkeloo
	9	Annette Ringley
	12	Evan Trigg
	14	Chris Treeese
	15	Kristina Brown
	18	Dave Lovell
	20	Micah Stoner
		Natalie Mowery
	24	Helen Aleshire
	25	Carey Beth Fogle

GIFT ITEMS AVAILABLE

Karen Stoner has a few items still to sell for the Good Samaritan Hospital in Haiti, and an extensive new list of great gift ideas available, like embroidered maps of Haiti, covered baskets with handels, and purses.

YOU'RE INVITED

You're invited to attend a reception luncheon in honor of newly-weds Kristin Martin and Christopher Lanch, who were married on February 12th. The luncheon will be held at the church on Sunday, March 8th, from noon until 2:30.

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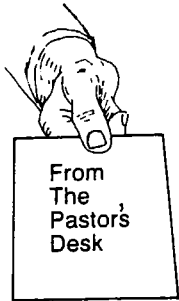
THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 America for Christ Offering</p> <p>Program sponsored by The American Baptist Women, 3pm at the church</p>	2	3	4 Ash Wednesday	5	6 World Day of Prayer	7
		Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Dinner - 6:30pm	Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00pm		World Day of Prayer - 9:30am at Stratford St. Paul's	
<p>8 First Sunday in Lent American Baptist Seminary Sunday</p> <p>Reception luncheon for newly-weds Kristin Martin and Christopher Lanch, at noon at the church</p>	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Healing Group at 7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal at 7:00pm			
<p>15 Second Sunday in Lent</p>	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21
	Parish Council at 7:00pm	Healing Group at 7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal at 7:00pm			Men's Association at Holiday Inn, 8:30am
<p>22 Third Sunday in Lent Central America Week (22-29)</p> <p>Pulpit Committee at 6:00pm</p>	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Healing Group at 7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal at 7:00pm			
<p>29 Fourth Sunday in Lent</p>	30	31	<p>April 12 - Palm Sunday 16 - Maundy Thursday 19 - Easter</p>			
		Healing Group at 7:30pm				

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The season of Easter is unfolding in the midst of us. We see the beautiful flowers and feel the warmth of the sun. Life is awakening in us all, and we feel the presence of the bright spirit of life. Give yourself to the great good things that God gives us.

He who gives us the Christ will give us all good things. Life is like an egg that is preparing to break open and reveal its mysteries and treasures. Give yourself to the new life. God will enrich you beginning this very moment!

JBS

LENTEN SERVICES

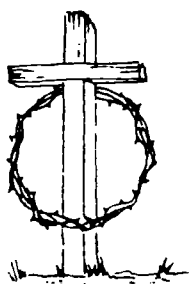


PALM SUNDAY
Sunday, April 12

9:15am Church School
10:45am Morning Worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Thursday, April 16

7:30pm Communion Service



GOOD FRIDAY
Friday, April 17

1:00pm Service at St. Mary



EASTER
Sunday, April 19

8:00am Early Service
8:30am Breakfast
9:15am Sunday School
10:45am Easter Morning
Worship

Please see the calendar on the last page of the newsletter for a complete listing of April activities.

EARLY SERVICE AND BREAKFAST ON EASTER SUNDAY

The Deacons will sponsor an Easter morning early service at 8:00am. They will be performing a play written by Dave Lovell's brother-in-law.

There will be a breakfast at 8:30am after the early service. Please join us.

Pam Faulk

EASTER SUNDAY TO BE REV. STEPHENSON'S LAST SUNDAY HERE AS PASTOR

Easter Sunday will be Steve's last Sunday as our pastor prior to his retirement. His sermon will deal with both Easter and the subject of retirement. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this very special service.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION PLANNED

Plans are underway for the retirement celebration for Reverend Stephenson. It will be held on Sunday, May 3rd from 2:00-5:00pm. Your assistance is requested in

this process. You may volunteer to serve on one of the committees by contacting the coordinators:

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Wick and Jean Wickum,
Jim and Bertha VanBrimmer

VISUALS and PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Jim
Stephenson

FOOD and DECORATIONS COMMITTEE: Jeanne
Ekelberry, Carol Grubbs

GIFT COMMITTEE: Betty Porter, Jerry and
Lana Palmer

MUSIC COMMITTEE: Mary Lou Lovell

FLOWER COMMITTEE: Evelyn Lee

Larry Faulk

PULPIT COMMITTEE MEETS

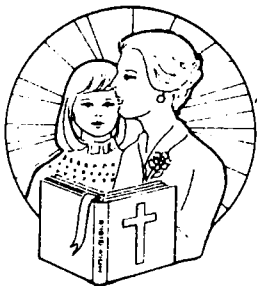
The Pulpit Committee recently had its third meeting with Reverend Hatfield. The surveys have been compiled with a resulting first computer search of prospective candidates. Initial screening of the results are being done as we await a second computer search and advertisement of the pulpit availability.

If there are names which you feel should be considered, this is the appropriate time to make them known to the committee.

The committee has secured the services of Rev. Jim Miller to serve as interim pastor. Rev. Miller is the retired Chaplain of Grady Memorial Hospital.

Larry Faulk
Chairman
Pulpit Committee

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN



American Baptist
Women's
Sunday

Sunday, April 26 will be Women's Sunday at First Baptist. The women of the church will conduct morning worship. We have an interesting message to bring, so we hope everyone will attend worship that morning.

April 16 is the date of the Marion Association's spring meeting. It will

begin at 10:00am at Allen Center Baptist Church, and the meeting will be over by mid-afternoon. We would like to have a nice-sized delegation from Delaware First, so if you can join us, call either Bertha VanBrimmer or Jean Wickum for a ride.

If you plan to drive, we will have to give you written directions, because of major road repairs in that area.

Ladies of the church, save April 10th for a special event. It's LADIES NIGHT OUT WITH SOPHIA. Watch for your letter with details.

Jean Wickum
President
American Baptist Women

MEN'S ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST

The Men's Association will hold its monthly breakfast meeting on Saturday, April 25th at 8:30am. As usual, we will meet at the Holiday Inn. After breakfast, there will be a short business meeting concerning our Special Men's Breakfast in May, held at the church, with Steve Stoner and John Richards preparing the meal.

All men of the church are invited to attend both breakfast meetings held this spring.

Bob Houston

PERSONALS

JARROD TRIGG recently played Poker Pete in the 5th grade musical at Smith School. He sang a solo entitled "Ramblin' Man." His character was similar to Rhett Butler in that he played the part of a swash-buckling gambler.

BEN TURNEY hasn't smoked since January 14th. Continued prayers and success to Ben!

ED LINN has a new joy at Land Techniques. He will be doing landscaping and learning more about Horticulture, which is a special interest of his.

DON BROWN has been promoted to be Assistant Manager of the new branch of Delaware County Bank located at Buehlers.

ERIN FAULK was the top cookie salesperson for her Brownie troop.

JEFF FAULK swam 50 laps for diabetes on March 8 and could have done more. Thanks to all who helped the Faulk kids in their endeavors.

The STEPHENSONs had closing on their new home (203 Troy Road) last week, and will be moving when the previous owners vacate in early May.

The following people have been hospital patients recently: JOHN LINN was hospitalized for coronary observation; MILDRED BOWERS for x-rays; FOREST EVANS for surgery; AMY MILLER (granddaughter of Janet Lathrop) for surgery; TERESA GRIFFITH for foot surgery.

The following people have taken trips recently: KAREN AND STEFANIE STONER to Pennsylvania; JOHN and DELLA DOVE to Florida; DAVID and JEAN OSBORNE to Florida; JANET INSCHO and husband spent winter in Florida; ANNE LINN to Florida; JEANNE EKELBERRY, MICHAEL and CHARLES to Wayne, West Virginia for a wedding; the LOVELL FAMILY to Philadelphia; PETER and LINDA WHITE and CAROLYN SCHNEEBERGER to California; SHIRLEY PARKER to Texas to visit her daughter; MARYANN SEALEY and STEFANIE to Alabama to visit Mary's hospitalized father; TED and JEANNIE STEPHENSON AND FAMILY visited the Stephenson and other relatives in Delaware.

BILL FAULK and FAMILY of Oklahoma visited parents DON AND FLORENCE FAULK and other relatives recently. DICK and EVELYN LEE have made several trips to Chesterland, Ohio to visit her father who is recovering from surgery.

IN SYMPATHY

The church extends its sympathy to Bernice Turney on the death of her sister in Beaumont, Texas.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

April	2	Adam Mowery
	4	W.C. Wickum
	7	Dick Payne
		Mary Ann Ballengee
	12	Abby Brown

April	16	Marge Smale
	17	James and Sophia Stephenson
	23	Nellie Sheets
	24	Michael Grubbs
	25	Mary McKean
		Deborah Lovell
May	2	Donald Faulk
		Myrtle Gabriel
	3	Rick VanBrimmer
		Michael Linn
	5	Bruce Lee
	7	Bertha VanBrimmer

JUNIOR CHURCH

The children in junior church have been studying Easter from the animal's point of view.

Due to the importance of the Easter morning service, there will be no junior church on Easter Sunday.

Pam Faulk

FLOWERS WELCOMED

You are invited to bring Easter Lillies and other spring flowers to the church for our Easter services.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education will have two meetings in April: Thursday, April 9, 7:00pm at Wickums, and Sunday, April 26, 7:00pm at Triggs.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Our quarterly business meeting will be held after church on Sunday, April 26.



Peace
I leave with you

John 14:27

APRIL

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO



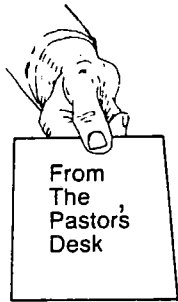
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TO THE FOLKS OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Jane and I would like to take this means of expressing our thanks to you for your gracious welcome accorded last Sunday. You gave us your hands, your names, and

your assurance during the entire service; and after the service - even more. Thank you.

Somehow God seemed to be in our midst; and we hopefully and prayerfully ask that He will continue to bless our association.

Faithfully,

Chaplain Jim Miller

WELCOME CHAPLAIN MILLER

Last Sunday Chaplain Jim Miller began serving as our interim pastor.

Chaplain Miller was born and raised in Lima, Ohio. He attended Ohio Northern University and graduated from Wittenberg College and Hamma Divinity School in Springfield (where he met his wife, Jane).

After graduation, he served as pastor for two years at the Lutheran church in Marysville. Then, from 1945-47 he served as an army chaplain.

In 1947 he left the army and became pastor of the Lutheran Church in Covington, Ohio, and then served as the associate pastor in a large church in Cleveland.

Chaplain Miller returned to the army in 1949, where he stayed for 3 years.

In 1951 he became pastor of a Lutheran Church in Cincinnati. Shortly thereafter he changed to the Methodist denomination, and served as an army chaplain from 1951-72.

While in the army he had 5 overseas assignments (3 in the orient and 2 in Europe).

After leaving the army in 1972 he served as pastor in a Methodist church in Columbus for 2 years.

In 1974 he and his wife moved to Indianapolis, where he studied to become a chaplain in the Clinical Pastoral Education Program.

In 1975 he became chaplain at Grady Hospital in Delaware, where he worked until his retirement in August, 1986.

All of us at First Baptist extend our heartfelt welcome to Chaplain Miller, and look forward to his guidance and friendship during the upcoming months.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION HELD FOR REV. STEPHENSON



A service of recognition and appreciation for Rev. Stephenson's years at the First Baptist Church was held on Sunday, May 3rd at 2:00pm at the church. The service began with a program of music and speakers

in the sanctuary. The speakers were: Dr. Floyd E. Brown, speaking for the Ohio Baptist Convention; Rev. Ted D. Stephenson; Rev. Lincoln Stelk; Jean Wickum, speaking for the community; and Jim VanBrimmer, speaking for the congregation. Larry Faulk gave the welcome and invocation.

Organ music was provided by Betty Porter and Mary Lou Lovell, and Amy and Jennifer Stephenson played a piano duet. Both the adult choir and the children's choir sang anthems, and Wilbur Wickum and Fred Grubbs sang a duet.

Jim VanBrimmer presented Steve and Sophia with three gifts from the congregation: an album of cards and letters; a handmade quilt that contains sections made by many different members of the church; and a 8-day trip from Cincinnati to St. Louis on the Delta Queen.

After the program, the guests greeted the Stephenson family in a receiving line in the assembly room, and a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall.

A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone involved with our retirement celebration. We know that a tremendous amount of work is needed to prepare a program like that, and we are very appreciative.

We rejoice in the three lovely gifts. We'll spend many happy hours reading and re-reading the cards and letters in the book of remembrance.

The beautiful quilt will be a source of joy and remembrances daily.

One of the biggest surprises of our lives was contained in the box that Jim VanBrimmer handed us - the trip on the Delta Queen Steamboat. Sophia and I grew up along the Ohio River, and always dreamed of the opportunity of a river cruise. For those of you who may not be familiar with the Delta Queen, it is a beautiful, authentic paddle-wheel steamboat that travels on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Our gift is an 8-day cruise from Cincinnati to St. Louis this fall.

A dear friend of ours, the late Pauline Nash, used to take cruises on the Delta Queen and often expressed the hope that we would be able to do so someday. For many years we have dreamed about taking a cruise, but the cost always seemed prohibitive.

We will be eagerly awaiting the trip, and will be sure to tell you all about it when we return.

We especially want to thank everyone for their expressions of love and friendship during the past few weeks.

Right now we are very busy moving into our new home, so please forgive us if it takes a few weeks before we can thank each of you personally for your cards and gifts.

Many of you have asked us if we will continue attending First Baptist. All of us will be undergoing a period of adjustment during the next few months, and it's important that the interim pastor, new pastor, and congregation be free to make this adjustment in their own way. But we will always consider First Baptist to be our church home, and plan on seeing all of you again soon.

Our new address will be 203 Troy Road, and the phone number will be 369-0068. We plan on being moved in in about a week, and want to thank everyone for their kind offers of assistance.

And remember, that although I'm no longer your pastor, I'll always be your friend. God bless you all.

Steve and Sophia

TRUSTEES REPORT

The sink in the nursery rest room which had come loose from the wall was re-secured and strengthened with new legs to the floor. The work was done by Phil Richert.

The globe on the light fixture in the Assembly Room was repaired and rehung by Pete and Dave. The globe has been absent for many years.

Two broken tiles in the Fellowship Hall were replaced by Dave.

The new building was given an extra-good cleaning, floors waxed, and basement windows cleaned before the retirement celebration by Dorothy Traylor.

The telephone company ran a new line between the church and the pole on the ally after the phones went dead in early March.

Three large projects will be undertaken this summer if contractors follow through

as promised.

New shingles will be installed on the roof over the new building.

A new (old fashioned) light will be hung from the ceiling over the adult class Sunday-school tables.

Major repairs or replacement of the furnace beside the men's rest room, which heats the upstairs of the new building.

The roofer and electrician have promised to start in the next 3 weeks.

Anyone that would like to volunteer to paint, mow grass, or do repairs at the parsonage this summer, please let us know.

Peter White
Chairman
Board of Trustees

CALLING CHAIN DEVELOPED

Linda White has developed an easy method for the women in the church to pass along prayer requests, emergency information, and other messages in such a way that everyone will be informed in a timely manner.

She has prepared a "calling chain" - a list of women in the church with instructions regarding who is to call whom. Using this system, each person who receives a message will then pass it on to the next person(s) on the list.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

May 20 Donald Faulk
Myrtle Gabriel
3 Rick VanBrimmer
Michael Linn
5 Bruce Lee
7 Bertha VanBrimmer
8 Michael Ekelberry
9 John McTaggart
Cameron Piatt
10 Archie & Beth Trigg
11 Jeanne Ekelberry
15 Barbara Lovell
Betty Porter
16 Dick & Jeanne Ekelberry
24 Jean Wickum

May 30 Jim & Annett Ringley
June 1 Della Dove
2 Jerry & Lana Palmer
4 Cap & Myrtle Gabriel
7 Dick Ekelberry
8 Carol Fogle
Pam Faulk

PERSONALS

WILBUR WICKUM'S mother passed away in South Carolina. We extend our sympathy to the family.

JOHN LINN is recovering from a heart attack.

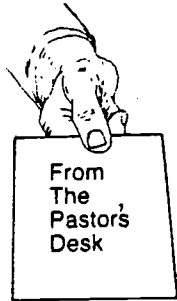
BOB HOUSTON was hospitalized at Grady for a serious case of meningitis. He is now recovering at home.

BERNICE TURNEY was recently a patient at Grady.

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Interim Pastor



A sincere "thank you" for the way you have welcomed me as your interim pastor. It has been and continues to be a fine experience. Sharing in study, in worship, in fellowship in your homes has been a privilege I

have cherished. I join with you in praying that God will guide the search for the new pastor.

DAYS AWAY - We plan to leave on June 15th for a trip into Canada, and will return on the 27th of June.

Summer is a precious gift of God to His children. May yours be a wonderful time of sharing and enjoying.

Chaplain James Miller

PULPIT COMMITTEE

The Pulpit Committee is progressing in its search for a pastor. The "paper screening" has been completed, church profile packets have been sent out, and interviews are being scheduled with four prospective candidates.

Larry Faulk
Chairman
Pulpit Committee

FIRST BAPTIST AND ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST TO HOLD 4 JOINT SERVICES

Our church has accepted Zion UCC's offer to hold 4 services together this summer. Present plans are for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays in July and the 1st Sunday in August. We will worship with Zion

twice and they with us twice. Older members may remember the Vacation Bible School we held 2 weeks each summer with Zion years ago. Mrs. Crane was a strong leader in that.

We look forward to the coming fellowship! More details later.

Peter White

1987 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

AND THE LEAVES OF THE TREE SHALL BE FOR THE HEALING OF THE PEOPLES.....This is the theme for the 1987 One Great Hour of Sharing, our annual giving to others that their lives may be more worthwhile.

This day, June 7th, will be the day we receive the most of our congregation's part in this effort. But if you missed giving today, or want to give more, please do. We won't make our final tally right away.

There is a saying, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." Our offering this year will do just that... buy tree seedlings, tools, seeds, water buffaloes and build shelters. Please remember that we obey Jesus' command when we do this.

Jean Wickum
Missionary Education Chair

CARE AND SHARE

Last chance to give me your Campbell Company labels and any other Care and Share items. The items in the Assembly Room will be taken to Granville later this week. I would sure like to see more people participating in

this effort. Thank you to those who did.

Karen Stoner
White Cross Chairwoman
American Baptist Women

SUMMER HOURS

Our special summer hours will begin on June 14. There will be no regular Sunday School classes until fall, and church will begin at 10:00am.

There will be junior church and nursery available during church. Volunteers are needed.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Sunday, June 14, will be Children's Day. We will be recognizing our Sunday School classes and graduates and handing out promotion certificates during church. A family potluck picnic will follow the church service. The picnic will be held at Blue Limestone Park. Bring food to share.

SUMMER CAMP

It is not too late for children to sign up for summer camp. If you need information about camp, please contact Pam Faulk.

the preceeding 3 stories
submitted by Pam Faulk

TRUSTEES REPORT

One of the largest jobs in sometime was finished last week when the new roof was completed on the "new" part of the church building at a cost of \$ 3,046.00. The trustees saved up for this by not doing any large jobs last year.

When the new building was built it had a flat roof that leaked badly. After 6 years of efforts to stop the leaks to no avail, John Richards, who was then chairman, organized the building of the peaked roof with overhanging eaves in 1970 as the final solution. It was these 1970 shingles that needed renewing this year.

The job included new ventilators in the

attic on the rear brick wall, new valleys, white trim paint where necessary, vents and stacks painted, and new flashing. John Mansville shingles, which have a 25-year life and have the latest development in sticky seal-down tabs, were used. The same black color was used because it doesn't show the stains from the walnuts and various vents and stacks which tend to rust and streak down the roof.

Roof repairs were completed at the parsonage. Four damaged shingles were replaced on the 2nd floor that caused a leak in an upstairs closet. Flashing that had rusted around the chimney and where the roof meets the 2nd floor was painted and the gutters were releveled. This work was done by Larry Lathrop and crew. Larry took over his father Bill's business about 2 years ago.

Pipe organ technicians Larry Williams and Gary Mason came in May and tuned and serviced the organ as per the contract we signed last fall for annual maintenance.

The fire extinguishers were serviced and inspected. The gas company dug up and repaired the valve out front along the sidewalk. A new cord was purchased for the small coffee pot. Two jammed curtain rods were repaired. The light was changed over the choir. Jeanne Ekelberry's Republican Women's Club met in the Fellowship Hall and made a \$25 donation. Mary Lou Lovell's piano students gave a recital in the sanctuary with a turn-out of about 100 parents and friends.

Arch Trigg is in charge of the yard at the parsonage until such time as a new pastor moves in. Anyone willing to take a turn mowing, please call Arch.

Much thanks to Jim Stephenson for continuing to do the bulletins and newsletter as it is a large voluntary responsibility.

The pilot lights were turned off for the summer on all the furnaces.

The hot water heater will also be shut off unless something is to take place in the Fellowship Hall. The pilot lights cost \$7.00 a month to operate and we have 7 of them. The hot water heater costs about \$25.00 a month to keep warm. We came out under our gas budget and can make a big savings this summer.

Dave, Jerry and Ben will be in charge of painting at the parsonage while it is empty. Any "volunteers" please call these fellows.

The trustees, after a lengthy discussion at their last meeting, concluded that the pastor is entitled to a private study. We are looking into the possibility of creating a "working office" elsewhere that might include Pam's desk, the copying machine, file cabinets, office supplies, and other things now scattered about. This may take some time and await input from the new pastor.

Peter White
Chairman
Board of Trustees

THANK YOU

To:

Linda White and Jean Wickum
The Board of Christian Education
All my First Baptist Friends

To have been recognized in such a loving way as I was on Church Vocations Sunday has made me feel very humble. It was such a kind and thoughtful thing for you to do.

I may study again, now that I have more time for myself. I may not continue to study under the same program of the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention that I was, but perhaps will follow other avenues.

Thank you for the lovely gift, which is now hanging on the wall where I can see it each morning at breakfast, and for the certificate which I will put among my treasures.

Gratefully,
Polly Focke

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

The American Baptist Women will meet Thursday, June 11 at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will be a movie on "The Story of Ruth." We will also have election of officers for the coming year.

A RED, WHITE AND BLUE CHALLENGE!

The American Baptist Women and the Board of Education challenge you to begin now to put something in your LOVE GIFT BOX every time

you think about your rights and privileges as an American. And on the FIFTH OF JULY we will again receive Love Gift boxes as part of our thankfulness on that special holiday.

If you have lost your box, or want another one, or don't have one, we will put some on the table in the vestibule on June 7th.

Jean Wickum

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

June	1	Della Dove
	2	Jerry and Lana Palmer
	4	Cap and Myrtle Gabriel
	7	Dick Ekelberry.
	8	Carol Fogle Pam Faulk
	9	John Ballengee
	10	Mary Lou and Dave Lovell Elvira Smith
	12	Anne Linn
	15	Charles Ekelberry
	22	Angie Elfner
	24	Beth (Linn) Trigg
	27	Joe and Alison Mowery David and Jean Osborne
July	3	Gina and Kendall Jones

PERSONALS

STEFANIE STONER and CHARITY PIATT received various awards of distinction during the Willis 8th Grade Awards Night, June 2.

STEVE STONER coaches a Mustang League baseball team.

ERIN FAULK and MARCI SANDER will take part in a special ceremony on June 7 when they will fly up from Brownies to Girl Scouts. Both girls will also receive badges that they earned this year.

JEFF FAULK has been selected by his Boy Scout Troop to be a member of the Order of the Arrow.

CHAPLAIN JAMES MILLER was recently inducted into the Central Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

DOCTORS GREG and TERRY OSBORN are the proud parents of a baby boy. Gransparents are David and Jean Osborne. Congratulations!

JANET PORTER has graduated from The Bowling Green State University.

SUZANNE GRUBS has graduated from Hayes High School.

JIM VANBRIMMER is recovering from gall bladder surgery.

JOHN LINN is recovering from a recent illness.

(Is your "personal" news missing? Please be sure to jot down your news items and submit them to Jim Stephenson to be sure that they are included in the newsletter.)

The following items were submitted by Karen Stoner:

A TRAGIC CHOICE

On the table side by side;
The Holy Bible & the TV Guide.
One is well worn but cherished with pride
(Not the Bible, but the TV Guide).
One is used daily to help folks decide.
No! It isn't the Bible, it's the TV Guide.
As pages are turned, what shall they see?
Oh, it doesn't matter, turn on the TV.
They open the book in which they con-
side
(No, not the Bible, it's the TV Guide).
The word of God is seldom read,
Maybe a verse e'er they fall into bed.
Exhausted & sleepy & tired as can be,
Not from reading the Bible, but watch-
ing TV.
So, then back to the table, side by
side,
Is the Holy Bible & the TV Guide.
No time for prayer, no time for the
word;
The plan of salvation is seldom heard.
Forgiveness of sin so full & free
Is found in the Bible, not on TV!

-Anonymous

Two boys picked hundreds of hickory nuts in the woods and stopped at a cemetery outside town to divide them. As one of the boys was counting, "one for you and one for me," two nuts rolled out underneath the fence. At the same time a young man walking by heard the boys talking and raced back to town, terrified. "What's the matter?" asked an old man he met in the street. "The Lord and the devil are dividing the souls in the cemetery!", the young fellow shouted breathlessly. "I don't believe it," said the oldster. "Come and listen." Stealthily approaching the graveyard, the two men heard a voice saying, "One for you and one for me." "There," piped up the other voice. "Now were finished except for those two nuts outside the fence. Let's divide those and we'll be even." The old man beat the young one back to town!!

(The "story" above was taken from Reader's Digest, MAY 1987, p. 105.)

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Interim Pastor

From the Pastor's Desk

We enjoyed our trip to New York State, Quebec, and Vermont. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you.

Chaplain James Miller

AN OLD CUSTOM REVIVED!

We are going to hold joint worship services with the Zion Church of Christ the last three Sundays in July and the first Sunday in August.

Zion will host the services on July 12th and on the 19th.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THEIR SERVICES BEGIN AT 10:30.

We will host the services on July 26th and August 2nd at our regular summer hour of 10:00.

Many of you will remember that we have shared summertime services in the past with our neighbor and even shared Bible School Activities.

We hope to see your bright and shining faces at all of these services.

W.C. Wickum

TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees signed an agreement with the Mental Health Assoc. extending the lease on the Franklin House for one more year. Construction is expected to start at the Way House this Fall, and they hope to move their outlying agencies to the Way House next summer.

Ben Turney has been making repairs and doing painting at the parsonage. Anyone who can stop by and help paint would be appreciated.

The Sanctuary piano has been tuned.

Steve Stoner donated a used mower to the Church to replace our old mower which was beyond repair.

Peter White

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS HONORED

A special dinner was held at the church on June 14th to honor last year's Sunday School teachers. Many thanks to the dedicated adults who served as teachers and substitute teachers this past year. I hope to see you back in the Fall.

Pam Faulk

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULED

The Quarterly Business Meeting and covered dish dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, July 15. Dinner - 6:00pm, Meeting - 7:00pm.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL?

Did you miss the Ice Cream Social this year? Well, get your scoopers out!

We are going to have a Church Fellowship Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 22th at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring homemade ice cream to share or your favorite topping. We'll fix sundaes and have some fun activities.

Bring a friend or neighbor!

Join in the fun!

PULPIT COMMITTEE

The Pulpit Committee has conducted two interviews with another scheduled this week. After these first face-to-face interviews, we will hear some candidates speak from natural pulpits in August.

We are hopeful of having our new pastor in place by this Fall. Please remember us in your prayers.

Larry Faulk

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

July	3	Gina and Kendall Jones
	12	Alpha Graham
	13	Sue Elfner Kendall Jones
	14	Kenneth Brown
	16	Donna Brown Donald Brown
	18	Peter and Linda White
	19	Jarrold Trigg
	21	Nathan Elfner Bertha McTaggart
	23	John Dove Alison Mowery
	26	John and Bertha McTaggart Jeff Faulk Dick Lee Steve Palmer
	27	John and Anne Linn
	30	Bernice Turney
Aug	1	Charity Piatt
	7	Jennifer Porter
	8	Jim VanBrimmer

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OK! You've had your rest. Now it's time to get involved again. Start right now by marking September 11, 12, and 13 on your calendar. These are the dates of our Annual Church Retreat at Judson Hills. More details will follow. There is still room on the planning committee, contact Pam Faulk.

Again, mark those dates!
We hope to see everyone there!

PERSONALS

ERIN FAULK danced to 5 numbers in the Dublin Dance Workshop Recital on June 13. DEBBIE LOVELL was a great help with costume changes.

KEVIN JONES, son of GINA and KENDALL JONES was born on June 17th, and weighed 6 pounds 13 oz. Kevin's grandparents are GENEVA and FOREST EVANS, and his great-grandmother is ERNESTINE FROST.

MILLIE MARTIN has been named Volunteer of the Year for the American Cancer Society's Delaware County Unit. Millie has been the unit's "Nurse of Hope" for two years, and has headed the Daffodil Days fundraiser, as well as working with the "FreshStart" stop-smoking program.

JOHN and DELLA DOVE recently returned from a trip to Kansas.

HELEN ALSESHIRE, who was recently hospitalized, is recuperating at home in Ashley.

BOB HOUSTON is also recuperating at home. Please remember them in your prayers, cards, and visits.

DON and FLORENCE FAULK are returning from a trip West where they helped BILL FAULK's family move to Idaho Falls, Idaho.

MIKE EKELBERRY stayed with friends in Williamsburg, Va. and Washington D.C.

JEFF FAULK was the only Boy Scout at Scout Camp this past week to receive the "mile swim" award.

DEBBIE, MATTHEW, and BARBARA LOVELL visited their grandparents in New York this past week. DAVID and MARY LOU are driving to meet them this weekend.

JEAN and DAVID OSBORNE made a trip to Texas to visit son, GARY and family.

ARCHIE and BETH TRIGG and family leave tomorrow for a week in Cook Forest in North West Penn.

(IS YOUR "PERSONAL" NEWS MISSING?
Please be sure to jot down your news items and submit the to Jim Stephenson to be sure that they are included in the newsletter.)

ADULT CLASS OUTREACH

The Adult Sunday School Class is organizing an outreach project to minister to the needs of our Church Family and Friends. To begin, we need to do a "needs assessment." We are looking for names of those who may need such assistance as:

1. Visitations (for those living alone and lonely)
2. Transportation to doctor's appointments or to church, etc.
3. Respite time out for care givers of bedfast or homebound family members.
4. Intermittent meal provisions.
5. a "listening ear"
6. Emergency child care.
7. Other

If you know of someone in need (and who's needs are not currently being met by a social service agency) please let Jim and Bertha VanBrimmer(471 Senate Ave - 369-2661) or Jerry and Lana Palmer (654 Governor St. - 369-6098) know.

The following information would be needed:

Name _____ Age _____
Phone _____

Address _____

Nature of need

In addition, if you are interested in being a part of this ministry, we also need the following:

Your name _____
Phone _____

Address _____

I would like to minister to the needs of others by: _____

(please give to VanBrimmer's or Palmers)

THANK YOU!

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What do you think of the worship services we had with the congregation of the Zion U.C.C. Church?

The experience we shared made it worthwhile and desirable, it seems to me.

The increased number of worshipers made the services more meaningful, in my opinion.

The renewal of old friendships and acquaintances was positive, I believe.

A plus for me was the attendance of the folks of 1st Baptist. It felt good!

Hopefully these experiences will give each congregation some real benefits.

Will it be worth repeating next year?!?!

Pass your comments on to your church officers. Thanks.

Chaplain James Miller
Interim Pastor

TRUSTEES REPORT

Ben Turney has almost finished painting the entire inside of the parsonage. He has made plaster repairs at the corners of the windows and done ceiling repairs. He was assisted by Steve Stoner who did a bedroom, closet and basement stairway. Joe Mowery did a bedroom and closet. Dave Lovell replaced the sump pump and installed new shower doors. Dave is also working on floor and fireplace repairs. Jerry Palmer has donated most of the paint and Arch Trigg has done most of the mowing,

with Jerry Palmer and Joe Mowery taking a turn. If I have forgotten anyone, please let me know.

Still badly needed at the parsonage is a new garage door. The original one is all rotted out. This is beyond our budget at the present time. The windows across the back of the parsonage have lost their "seal" and are all fogged up. This would require total replacement. The last item to be done will be to clean and stretch the carpets.

The trustees have just enough money left to do two projects promised this year. A light over the adult class tables and furnace repairs to the furnace beside the mens' room.

Two other requests for very worthwhile projects have been put on the "wish list" until funds build back up: lighting the sidewalk that leads back to the blue doors and a pew equipped with earphones for those who are hard-of-hearing. Whether our present amplifier could handle this could greatly affect the cost.

Your chairman has been doing the hedge trimming, grass mowing, and usual clean-up around the church, plus a little at the parsonage. Ben Turney and a carpenter friend have been making repairs to the overhead rolling door between the Sunday School Room and Sanctuary.

Peter White
Chairman
Board of Trustees

SEWING GROUP

No sewing expertise is necessary to roll

bandages for the mission hospital in Haiti. If you can tear strips from sheets; press; sew together; measure strips into 5-yard lengths; or roll into bandages we could use you help.

The sewing group meets most Wednesdays from 9-2 at the church. Bring a sack lunch. Since we don't meet every week, please call me the day before to confirm (369-2661).

Bertha VanBrimmer

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Don't forget our church family ice cream social on August 22 at 7:30pm. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring home-made ice cream or your favorite topping to share.

TIME SCHEDULE TO CHANGE

We will be back to our regular time schedule on Sunday, August 30. We will begin with breakfast at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Opening exercises will begin at 9:15, followed by Sunday School at 9:30. Church will be at 10:45am.

ANNUAL CHURCH RETREAT

This has been an important year for our church family. No matter who our new minister will be, it is important to remember our relationship as a church family.

This is a good year to come to the annual church retreat at Judson Hills on September 11, 12, 13. Chaplain Miller will be our leader with the theme of "The Tie That Binds". Please join us.

TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

How well do you really know our young people? There is a perfect opportunity to become acquainted with our future church leaders. Become a Sunday School teacher or substitute. Take a moment to speak to Pam Faulk about volunteering to teach.

Many age levels are still open.

previous 4 articles
submitted by
Pam Faulk

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

We have already rolled over 100 bandages for the Good Samaritan Hospital in Haiti. They can use all we can provide. As you know, we also sell some of their locally-made crafts. Please see the table in the Assembly Room at church for the latest selection. I will be getting more items from time to time.

To fulfill our White Cross Quota this year will take some combined efforts. We are to provide some new clothing and Christmas gifts for neighborhood ministries in Campbell, Ohio; cash for mission work in Latin America and Africa; used clothing and household items in any quantity for Neighborhood Ministries; fabric remnants for the Philippines and 1000 muslin squares for the hospital in Haiti. Please help!

The next planned meeting of our American Baptist Women will be September 19, a breakfast gathering for a program on literacy being planned by Shirley Parker. Plan now to attend. Place to be announced soon. It will be an exciting time!

Karen Stoner

Note: A letter to Karen from Haiti is reprinted in its entirety on the last page of the newsletter - Editor

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

August	1	Charity Piatt
	7	Jennifer Porter
	8	Jim VanBrimmer
	9	Steve Stoner
	11	Frances Belt
	14	Rick and Barbara VanBrimmer
	18	Pam and Larry Faulk
	21	Jim M. Stephenson

August 23 Mildred Bowers
 Dick and Evelyn Lee
 24 Florence Faulk
 Lynn and Sue Elfner
 27 Linda White
 29 Lynn Elfner
 30 Fred and Carol Grubbs
 Archie Trigg
 Sept. 5 Don and Florence Faulk

PERSONALS

The LOVELL and FAULK families spent a week vacationing at Lakeside, Ohio.

FRED GRUBBS attended seminars at Nashville and Atlanta.

NATALIE GRIFFITH has her first tooth at 8 months, reports Grandma Carol Grubbs.

The TRIGG family vacationed in Michigan.

The STEPHENSON family vacationed in Indianapolis.

DICK and BARBARA PAYNE have moved to New Jersey.

MARGE SMALE vacationed in the Bahamas.

NEVIN and PEG GABRIEL, from Phoenix, Arizona, visited to CAP and MYRTLE and the FOGLES and LATHROPS.

STEVE and MARY SEALEY's new address is 3483 South State Route 257, Ostrander, Ohio 43061.

LARRY and JEFF FAULK survived a 50-mile hike on the Applachian Trail in July.

DON and FLO FAULK traveled in July to help son Bill move his family from Oklahoma to Idaho Falls, Idaho and then did some sightseeing.

Editor's Note -

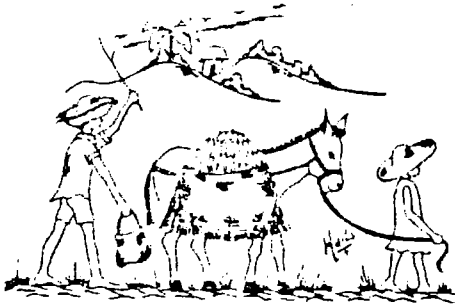
I can barely remember what I did last month, so please don't count on me to remember what you did unless you submit it to me, in writing, before I type the newsletter. Thanks.

Also, thanks to Larry Faulk for editing and typing last month's newsletter while I was on vacation.

Jim

HOPITAL LE BON & MARITAIN
AGAPE - JET CENTER
7001 U.S. HWY - 301 H
SARASOTA, FL 34243

JULY, 1987



Dear *Karen*

This month Haiti has hit the headlines with news of strikes, road blocks and violence in the streets. For us there has been a few anxious moments as it made it difficult for our patients to arrive, but they soon found

other modes of travel, coming by foot paths or even wading the river to bring their sick ones into us. Needed medical supplies arrived just in the nick of time when we were almost out of I.V. fluids as our driver talked them into letting him through. So we were able to keep our doors open, and with the help of our loyal staff have continued to care for all the sick who arrive at our doors. We have had a busy time, with other clinics closed. We have even patched up a few bashed-in heads, and set some broken bones due to some of the fracas here. We are also seeing an increase in both typhoid and malaria.

Early morning devotions by the staff have been faithfully attended. One worker claimed that the "Lord put starch into her trembling knees" Our summer volunteers have cheered us by doing their best to lift the load. We are still short staffed in the clinic with no replacement for Dr. Steve but they often return early and everyone pitches in to help consult so that each evening we praise the Lord for safely finishing another day.

I would like to call your attention to a couple of new projects which we have added to our list of how we use your specific gifts. This month over 20 children were cared for at \$25.00/month in Foster Care Homes. This has been a boon for special care for the orphan or retarded child as they get more individual special care and are no longer exposed to the disease prevalent at the hospital. Also we have been able to buy up needed provisions for feeding the children and those in-patients needing extra provisions. Over \$1,000 was paid out for 50 and 100 lb sacks of cornmeal, rice, bulgar oatmeal and powdered skim milk, flour and beans for the hospital use. We were glad to have these provisions when the road and markets were closed. We hope that this will tide us over for several months.

This month your most recent
to *keep needs* -

gift of *rolled bandage* will be used

We are most grateful for your help this month, your interest and concern. We pray that our daily deeds will help to weld another link in the chain of love that God will use to bind his children to him through the healing ministry.

Gratefully,

Joanna & Bill
Joanna and Bill Hodges

THIS LETTER SUBMITTED BY KAREN STONER

Good News Letter

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The First Baptist Church, Delaware, Ohio

Chaplain James Miller
Interim Pastor



Serving as your interim pastor has been a singular privilege for me. Jane and I value the friendships we have gained, the fine times we have shared.

We pray that God will bring the right person to be the new pastor; that his guidance will prevail; that

what will take place at the First Baptist Church in the days ahead will be a blessing to all.

Thank you sincerely,
Chaplain Jim Miller
Interim Pastor

CHURCH RETREAT AT JUDSON HILLS

Our annual church retreat at Judson Hills will take place on Friday, September 11th through Sunday, September 13th.

Please bring a covered dish on Friday night, as the staff does not serve a dinner that night. Please check with Pam Faulk, as she is coordinating this meal.

Church services will not be held in our church that Sunday, as we will be having our Morning Worship at Judson Hills at 10am.

Financial assistance is available if cost is a problem. See Pam.

A copy of "retreat news" is attached to this newsletter. Please read it for more information.

BREAKFAST GATHERING

On Saturday, September 19th, the women of

the church are invited to have a breakfast together at the Holiday Inn Dining Room, at 8:30am. After a great meal, we will hear a fascinating presentation on adult literacy programs in Delaware, given by Cheryl Haggerty of the Joint Vocational School. Come share the fellowship!

Karen Stoner for
Shirley Parker
Communications Chairwoman
ABW

A NEW CLASS FROM THE ADULT ELECTIVES SERIES

Would you like to participate in a different experience this fall during the Sunday School hour?

Plans are underway to form a study group to read, discuss and share ideas presented by Alan McGinnis in his book entitled "The Friendship Factor."

Dr. McGinnis, who is a pastor and counselor, writes that at the heart of all relationships is the friendship factor - the essential ingredient of warmth and caring. His book gives practical suggestions on learning how to be a warmer, more lovable person, how to communicate better, and how to resolve tension in your relationships whether it be friend to friend, husband to wife, or parent to child.

Plans are to provide for a thirteen-session study group. The book is in paperback form (192 pages) and copies have been ordered from the Judson Book Store.

Journaling will also be encouraged as part of this experience.

I have found this book to be very interesting and am looking forward to

sharing it with some of you. If you have questions concerning this study group, give me a call at 362-1091.

The class will begin later this fall (probably in October) but I would like to know soon who might be interested in joining the class in case we need to order additional copies of the book.

Linda White

TRUSTEES REPORT

The carpets at the parsonage have been steam cleaned.

A great thank you to Ben Turney for all the painting.

Peter White
Chairman
Board of Trustees

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

PERSONALS

The STONERS spent the last days of June and the first few days of July in New Orleans and visiting relatives in Mississippi. They had wonderful weather and a time to match.

BOB STEPHENSON has moved to Athens to attend Ohio University's College of Osteopathic Medicine.

JANET PORTER spent the summer working with retarded children in Columbus.

POLLY FOCKE vacationed with relatives on an island in Lake Ontario.

JEAN and DAVID OSBORNE visited son Gary in Texas, and visited with family and relatives in Maine.

DONNA BROWN attended a convention in Indianapolis. While there, she visited Ted and Jeannie Stephenson and family.

GENEVA EVANS visited with son Gary in Concord, California, and daughter Mary in Anderson, California.

STEVEN PALMER and MARGI PIERCE were married on August 1. We extend congratulations to the newlyweds.

Hospital Notes:

MILDRED BOWERS is a patient at Delaware Court Nursing Home; JOHN LINN underwent quadruple bypass surgery in Columbus; PAM FAULK'S FATHER also underwent bypass surgery recently;

THANK YOU

I want to thank my Advent Friend for a tray of fresh fruit and the cute card, and for thinking of me.

Ernestine Frost

A LETTER FROM DON AND FLO FAULK

Don and Flo Faulk have had a busy summer.

On May 15th we went to Pennsylvania. Hastings picked up my sister. Dot Cook went to Morris Plains, N.J. and the Coldwells saw relatives from there and who were up from Florida. Had a wonderful week.

Also visited friends and a service buddy of Don's. Visited three states. After taking Dot home we saw home for one week and left for Oklahoma where Bill Faulk was getting ready to move. We arrived in time to help. This was a move to Idaho Falls, Idaho. It is beautiful there. It's 100 miles from Yellowstone. Yes, we all went there for Father's Day. Then we started home. The Rockies are beautiful, we were there at a good time. Everything was green

and very fresh looking. Making many lovely views with the color in the Rockies. Everyone should see them.

Saw Yellowstone again, Mt. Rushmore, camping, etc.

Arriving at Don's sister's for 5 days over the 4th of July. Arriving home one month and one day from when we left. It was a good trip covering 15 states. We later visited 3 more.

Then in August we went to Ontario, Canada, saw lots of it in 2½ weeks. Went off Maine highways making it interesting. Took the 30,000 Island cruise at Perry Sound.

Spent one week with daughter Donna and family on Wispping Pines Island up in Beaver Stone Bay. It was cold but nice and we caught some fish.

Went to Niagara Falls in return trip to USA. The air is good and clean it also was a good trip. Add one more state.

We had a lovely summer arriving home on August 29th at 10pm. Maybe we will be home for a while now.

But without camping all of this would not be possible in one year. We have many pictures and lots of good times. Come down and see them.

We had cool weather on all three trips, rain at night until we reached the falls. Then it fell in a mist, then came rain.

There was one thing I noticed and felt strongly about - the beauty of the good earth is prettier than man-made things.

You feel this strongly when walking at camp grounds. The wonder of God's world is so lifting of spiritual life and feelings compared to the things man has done.

A total of 18 states visited this summer.

Don and Flo Faulk

RETREAT NEWS

It's time to make your commitment to the annual First Baptist Church Retreat at Judson Hills, September 11 - 13. The committee has organized an excellent weekend of fun, fellowship, relaxation, and reflection. Chaplain Miller will lead us with the theme: "The Ties That Bind". Below are some details about the weekend. Please plan to join us; it promises to be a rewarding experience.

Rates:	<u>Full Weekend</u>	<u>One Night</u>	<u>Individual Meals</u>
	\$28 per person	\$22 per person	Breakfast \$3.00
	\$14 per child under 10	\$11 per child under 10	Lunch \$3.50
			Dinner \$4.50

Checks payable to: First Baptist Church Note: Retreat Fund
 Contact Pam Faulk if the cost is a concern. Please do not allow the cost to keep you away.

What to Bring:

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| Sleeping bag or bedroll and pillow | Bible |
| towel, washcloth, toiletries | tablet or notebook with pencil |
| rain gear(so that it won't rain) | flashlight |
| comfortable and "extra" shoes | camera |
| clothes for 2 days - | sweater or jacket |
| songs or skit for Saturday night | |
| food to share for Friday snack/supper(see Pam) | |
| board games and outdoor games (some provided) | |
| Desire to have a good time | |

Schedule:

Friday Night:

- 6:30 arrival - snack supper
- 8:30 planned activities
- 9:30 free time for games/eating/rest

Saturday:

- 7:00 rise and shine
- 7:30 morning watch
- 8:00 breakfast
- 8:45 songs
- 9:30 First Session - Adults & Children
- 11:00 free time
- 12:00 lunch
- 1:00 Second Session - Children optional
- 2:30 free time - crafts available
- 5:30 dinner
- 7:30 skit night and fellowship

Sunday:

- 7:00 rise and shine
- 7:30 morning watch
- 8:00 breakfast
- 10:00 Church Service
- 12:00 lunch
- 1:00 free to go home or stay and enjoy Judson Hills

Directions to Judson Hills Camp:

Rt 36 to Sunbury. Turn left on Rt 3. Thru Centerburg, Mount Vernon, Amity and Jelloway to the intersection of Rt 3 and Rt 97(at Mohican State Park). Turn right on Township Rd 629 past the Canoe Livery to the camp(2mi)
 or
 Rt 36 to I-71 north to Exit 165, Rt 97 right thru Bellville and Butler. At the intersection of Rt 97 and Rt 3, go straight thru light on Twsp Rd 629 to the camp.

If you need a ride or to "caravan", please call Pam or Carol.

***** TEAR OFF *****

Please fill out and return to or call:

Pam or Larry Faulk	or	Carol Grubbs
8047 Brock Rd		188 Griswold St.
Plain City, Oh 43064		Delaware, Oh 43015
1-873-4856		369-6785

We plan to go to the retreat _____ #Going _____ Arriving: Fri _____ Sat _____
 We do not plan to go to the retreat _____
 Undecided _____ Name _____ Phone _____

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Rev. Gene Gillin
Pastor

REV. GILLIN CHOSEN TO BE OUR NEW PASTOR

On Sunday, October 4, the congregation voted to offer the position of minister to Rev. Gene F. Gillin.



The search for a new pastor began last Easter when Steve retired after serving as our pastor for 39 years. The pulpit committee, led by Chairman Larry Faulk, spent the spring and summer conducting an extensive search. With the assistance of denomination officials, numerous potential candidates were considered. After careful consideration, the pulpit committee decided that Rev. Gillin was the most suitable candidate, and he was presented to the church for their consideration.

On Friday the 2nd an open house was held at the Lovell's to give everyone chance to meet him on an informal basis. On Saturday, Rev. Gillin met with various boards and committees.

Then, on Sunday, Rev. Gillin was the guest speaker for our morning worship service.

Following the service, a called business meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall. At this meeting Rev. Gillin received an overwhelming positive vote.

Rev. Gillin and his wife, Ruth, currently live in Reynoldsburg, and will be moving into the parsonage later this month.

A biography of Rev. Gillin is available from Larry Faulk.

We all wish to extend a warm welcome to Rev. and Mrs. Gillin, and look forward to a rich and fruitful ministry.

THANKS TO CHAPLAIN MILLER

Over the past few months, Chaplain Jim Miller has been serving as our interim pastor. He brought to our church a lifetime of varied experiences in the service of Christ, and his warm friendship touched the hearts of our whole fellowship.

STEVE AND SOPHIA LEAVE ON CRUISE

Steve and Sophia Stephenson left on Friday, October 9th, for their cruise on the Delta Queen Steamboat. The cruise, which was a retirement gift from the congregation, will take them from Cincinnati to St. Louis, and will last about a week. An account of their trip will appear in next month's newsletter.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

American Baptist Women will meet on Thur., Oct. 15th at 7pm at the church. Our program

will be "Discovering Our Potential." We have chosen this program to go along with our new start with a new minister and new growth in the church. Please plan to attend.

Jeanne Ekelberry

HALLOWEEN PARTY PLANNED

Our annual Halloween party will be held on Saturday, October 24th at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for food, fun, fellowship and games. Come in costume in you like.

TRUSTEES REPORT

1. A new water heater was installed at the Franklin House after the old one was found to be leaking and beyond repair. This work was done by Phil Richert.
2. Delaware Glass replaced 3 broken windows in the basement of the church.
3. A new light was installed in the Sunday School Room over the adult class tables. It is in memory of Charles and Claudia Elliott, long-time members at First Baptist. It is a reproduction of an old "school house" light designed to go with the high ceilings and architecture. At the same time the three fixtures which hold the spot-lights on the stained-glass windows were replaced. This work was done by electrician Mike Clark.
4. The gas furnace that heats the upstairs classrooms was tested using a carbon-monoxide device from the fire department and found to be ok. The Sunday last spring when the fumes were bad must have been unusual weather conditions or a down-draft that caused the problem. All furnaces were turned on for the first time and ran ok.
5. Two chimneys were cleaned out at the Franklin House. Last Tuesday evening Imperial Maintenance worked overtime until 6:30pm after it was discovered that the center chimney that handles the boiler had an inner row of bricks that had collapsed down into it, blocking the draft. This was resolved by cutting a hole in the side of the chimney in the attic and removing the bricks. The hole was cemented shut and the

chimney was cleaned out at the basement level. This chimney will have to be rebuilt sometime. The back chimney that handles the hot water heater had not been drawing well and was also cleaned out.

6. At press time Imperial Maintenance had also agreed to work on the "pigeon problem." A pigeon repellent will be applied to all ledges and stones on the steeple. This will cost at least \$300.00.

We have not received any of the bills for all the above-mentioned repairs but the trustees have used up about all funds available.

7. Dorothy Traylor has resigned as janitor because she is moving to Columbus. We will miss her many years of good service. She was always doing something extra beyond her contract with us. The trustees will start a search. Volunteers accepted. Dusting pews, floor under the pews and restrooms are most important on Friday or Saturday.

8. Larry Lathrop made repairs to the edge of the roof and gutter across the back of the parsonage to stop the dripping.

Peter White
Chairman, Trustees

REMEMBER TO SAVE LABELS AND PACKAGES

Karen Stoner would like to remind everyone that the American Baptist Women are collecting the following: Sanka labels, lids, and foil bags (proceeds will be used to purchase folding chairs); and Campbell packages - this includes not only Campbell soup but also Swanson products, frozen and canned, V-8, Mrs. Paul's, Prego, Juice Works, and Franco-American (proceeds will be used for mission work). Karen suggests that you bring in the entire package rather than just the labels, so that she can send in the proper portion of each package.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all of you for your cards, prayers, encouragement and concern during this very difficult summer of life-threatening illness.

We could not have made it without God's help and yours. Bob and Virginia Houston

FUNERAL HELD

Alpha E. Graham was taken to Caldwell, New Jersey by daughters Florence Faulk, Dot Cook, & Vera Smith for the funeral service of her sister Evelyn Humphreys, age 86. Mother made the trip very well. Please, when your friends say you are not looking well, go see a doctor. As my cousin said, you can't say "I love you" too much. It is such a small thing but it means so much. We left on September 29th and returned on October 4th.

Florence Faulk

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Sewing - Wednesdays at 9:30am

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesdays at 7:00pm

ABW - October 15, 7:00pm at the church

Youth Fellowship - October 18, 6pm at the Triggs

Parish Council - October 19, 7pm at the church

Board of Christian Ed. - 7pm at the Whites', 25th

Quarterly Business Meeting - Oct. 28, 6pm

Halloween Party - Saturday the 24th at 7:30pm

Please mark these events on your calendars. Starting next month, we will resume including a monthly calendar of events in the newsletter.

THOMPSON-GRUBBS WEDDING

Tamera K. Thompson and Michael E. Grubbs were married at 2pm, September 26, at the church. The grooms uncle, Rev. Ted Stephenson, officiated. The grooms father, Fred Grubbs, was the organist, and other musicians were Suzanne Grubbs, Alison Grubbs, Connie Conkey and Melissa Inscho. Teresa Griffith was one of the bridesmaids. Charles Brown was best man, and Kenneth Brown and Jeff Serviss were groomsmen.

Congratulations to the happy couple.

RTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 5 Carol and Willard Fogle

Oct. 7 Anna Louise Brown
James B. Stephenson
Beth and Michael Linn
Jack Smith

9 Suzanne Grubbs

10 John and Della Dove

20 James Brown

21 Donald and Dorothy Brown

27 Robert Houston

28 Eddy Linn
Amy Smale

30 Jean Osborne

31 Janet Lathrop
Jennifer Palmer Chaffin
Cecily Judd

PERSONALS

DONALD AND DOROTHY BROWN and family recently vacationed in Nashville, Tenn. and Cedar Point.

ALPHA GRAHAM is a great-great grandmother, as of August 11th when baby Joe was born in Texas.

MILDRED BOWERS has been hospitalized recently.

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PASTORGRAPHS

"Getting to know you,
Getting to know all about you!
Getting to like you,
Hoping that you like me, too!"

I find myself humming and whistling this happy tune as I work around the church office in these first weeks with you.

The Gillins are pleased to be with you and a part of your American Baptist witness here in the heart of the city. We are settling into the parsonage day by day thankful for all the painting and repairs by the Trustees that have prepared the way. We hope to give the home some of that loving care provided by the Stephensons during their years.

Our quarterly business meeting, after a mighty enjoyable supper, necessarily included on its agenda the programming and funding of our ministries for the coming year, 1988. I was encouraged to hear expressed concern for a Guild Girls program sponsored by the W.M.S., for a renewed ministry of hospitality with our homes opening up for youth fellowship for a Junior Baptist Youth group organized for training in churchmanship and discipleship! I was thankful for the new and challenging goals for our annual Missionary Love Offerings, for a full slate of officers to

serve Christ and His Church another year, and for a carefully-prepared church budget that stretches our dollars in as many ways as possible.

Let us hold and cherish this fine spirit together as we now plan the work and then work the plan to the honor and glory of our Christ.

Pastor Gene Gillin

INSTALLATION SERVICE SCHEDULED

The installation service for our new pastor has been scheduled for Sunday, November 15 at 3pm. A representative from Granville, association ministers and area ministers will be invited. This will serve as your official notice of this special date. Those not receiving their newsletters on Sunday will receive them in the mail. Please be sure to attend this very important event!

TRUSTEES REPORT

1. Imperial Maintenance completed "pigeon proofing" the steeple. One of the small stone crosses was found to be loose and was recemented.
2. The church purchased a new refrigerator for the parsonage. John Ballengee and Dave Lovell made arrangements and Arch Trigg provided transportation.
3. Larry Faulk and Dave Lovell installed a new garage-door opener at the parsonage.
4. Imperial Maintenance repaired the chimney at the parsonage after it was found that a drip from the roof and rain had deteriorated the mortar and caps.
5. Dave Lovell installed a new garbage disposal under the sink at the parsonage.
6. Five pianos were tuned by C. Rector.



7. On Tuesday, October 27, our new pastor moved into the parsonage. Mathis Moving of Delaware, associated with Allied Van Lines, handled the move from Reynoldsburg to Delaware.

8. The Way House has informed us that the Franklin House will be moving out by December 1st to larger quarters at 701 Sunbury Road. Does anyone know of a small agency or lawyers looking for space?

Peter White
Chairman
Board of Trustees

FLASH - "FIRST BAPTIST MEN ARE REALLY COOKING"

Attention all men of First Baptist. On November 7th at 8:30am there will be a breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will be cooked with T.L.C. (To Love in Christ) by two well-experienced chefs, Monsieur Richards and Monsieur Stoner.

The men-u will be breakfast food. The cost will be a doughnation!

Please contact Steve Stoner if you plan to come (369-7754) so we can buy supplies.
Merçi Beaucoup!!!

Steve Stoner

ADVENT SUNDAY

November 29th is Advent Sunday. Plan now to participate in a fun-filled afternoon after church that day. We will be having soup along with our sack lunches and then an afternoon of fun. There will be traditional hanging of the greens and putting up the tree as well as other activities for the whole family. Each person should bring a good-sized sock. Any Christmas "scraps" such as yarn, lace, ribbon, felt, etc. would be appreciated.

Pam Faulk
Chairman
Board of Education

SPECIAL TIMES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning November 29th and continuing through Advent, Sunday School will begin at 9:00 instead of 9:15.

"THANK YOU"



Steve and Sophia on the Delta Queen with Commodore Harold De Marrero

Sophia and I would like to thank all of our friends at First Baptist for the Delta Queen cruise that we received as our retirement gift.

A cruise on the Delta Queen was something that we had dreamed about for many years, and we were not disappointed! We had beautiful fall scenery, fabulous food, met interesting people, and had a totally wonderful and unique experience.

Standing at the bow of the boat one evening, we reminisced about the many good friends and good times that we have had at our church, and we look forward to many more.

May our church and its new pastor continue to sail into the waters of freedom of faith. God bless you all!

Steve and Sophia

Note: additional photographs of the trip are on the bulletin board in the vestibule

CHOIR NOTES

Were you surprised when the choir appeared without their robes last Sunday? No more surprised than the choir was confused. You see, we have undertaken a renovation program. The first ten robes, those we use most often, were at the cleaners. Since they are also the most frayed, they will

go to an expert seamstress, a few at a time, until they are all repaired. Then the other ten will visit the cleaners, too. We hope someday we will need all twenty again.

Sunday morning it seemed that all the robes there were either too long or too short, so the choir gave up trying to find a fit and appeared in "mufti."

This whole project, cleaning and repairs, will cost between eighty and one hundred dollars, about the cost of one new robe. Donations are gratefully received, of course. See Jeanne E. or Jean W.

MINISTERS & MISSIONARIES OFFERING

December 6th will be the last big offering of the year, when we receive the Retired Ministers and Missionaries offering. The theme this year is "Follow Your Heart."

Please begin now to remember all the debt of gratitude we owe these people who served God all around the world, often for very small salaries. As with most people, they have unexpected emergencies and needs that pensions do not cover. This offering helps them meet those needs and provides a gift from us, their Christian family to them at Christmas time.

Jean Wickum
Missionary Education

LOVE GIFT

Are you really thankful for your blessings? Are you excited about the Thanksgiving family feast? While you think about it, drop an offering into your Love Gift Box and bring it to the church's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 22nd. Say thanks to God in prayer and gifts at this season.

Florence Faulk
Love Gift Chair

PARADE OF MISSIONS

I want to say a sincere thanks to all the little, middle and teen folks who presented the Parade of Missions for us. Thanks to Adam and Laura Mowery, Laura Newman, Debbie, Matthew and Barbara Lovell, Marci Sanders, Micah, and Steffi Stoner, Jerrod, Evan and Emily Trigg, and especially Beth Trigg. It

was a great Parade, and we learned, both viewers and marchers, more about where our missionaries are and how many there are.

Jean Wickum
Missionary Education

A LETTER FROM CHAPLAIN MILLER

The following is a note which Betty Porter received from Chaplain Miller.

Dear Betty,

In the midst of six days collected magazines, bills, catalogues, I discovered the envelope that contained a check. I had not expected this, so am doubly thankful.

I will always treasure my memories of the wonderful time I had with the folks at the First Baptist Church and if I can ever help you all in any way, please ask.

My prayers and very best wishes for the future of the church are with you. Give my best to the folks. God bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely yours in Faith,
Jim Miller
Chaplain (retired 3 times)

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY - NOV. 8

Our giving, the amount of it and the spirit of it, is the test of our Church membership. We may say that we are a part of this Church and that we believe in what it stands for and is seeking to do, but if we have no giving record with the Church, our profession is out of line with our



*Let's
all
give thanks*

practice and has little substance to it.

Our giving is the test of our consecration. The work of the Kingdom of God is dependent to an extra-ordinary degree on the amount and spirit of our giving. Money means ability to provide Christian service, whether it be the preaching of the Gospel, the religious education of the community, the care of the needy, or the propagation of the Good News of Christ in lands beyond our own.

Your decision to grow some in your stewardship in 1988 - in your personal devotions, your church + community service, and your financial stewardship may be registered on the commitment response form available in church this month. Please pray for a harvest of good growth as we plan for 1988!

Pastor Gene Gillin

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP FORMED

The following is an excerpt from a letter received at the church

This letter is to inform you that a parent support group is now available in our community. Some concerned parents have gotten together and are meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30pm at the Asbury United Methodist Church (55 W. Lincoln).

Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) provides a forum for parents to vent their frustrations in child-rearing, gain and give support, and to exchange ideas.

Please call Help Anonymous at 369-3316 for further information.

Nancy Nicolosi
Diversion Counselor
Delaware Co. Juvenile Court

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

November 5 Victor Fogle
6 Bob Stephenson
11 Kristine Martin
13 Polly Focke
15 Frances Johnson
Teresa Grubbs Griffith
22 Peter White
27 Gina Evans Jones
28 Karen Stoner

December 1 Alison Grubbs
Richard Payne
4 Erin Faulk
9 Virginia Houston

PERSONALS

BARBARA & DICK PAYNE have sold their home and will be moving to Lincoln, Rhode Island in November. Dick is already working at Rhode Island College, and Barbara will be looking for a job as a surgical nurse. We wish them the best and God's blessings in their new home.

JANET PORTER is back in the northwest area of the state doing graduate work towards a master's degree in Adapted Physical Education at the University of Toledo. She was awarded a teaching associateship at the University.

JIM "BILLY" PORTER has returned to his home in Los Angeles after a two and one-half week stay in Century City Hospital with histoplasmosis. The Porter family would appreciate your prayers for his continued recovery.

MILDRED BOWERS is a patient at Grady.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>9:15am Church School</p> <p>10:45am Morning Worship - Communion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00pm Trustees meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30pm Healing Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30am Sewing Group</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30am Church Women United at Asbury; coffee hour</p> <p>10:00am Program</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast</p>
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Good News Letter

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Rev. Gene F. Gillin
Pastor

PASTORGRAPHS

The Gillins are very pleased to be in Delaware this Advent season and living in a very comfortable parsonage at 632 Congress Court. When we say, "Come by and see us," we really mean it! Our Christmas open house will be on Sunday, December 20, 3 - 6pm.

We are grateful for the privilege of joining hearts and hands with you in the work at First Baptist. It is a great work because it is the Lord's work. Therefore, more than anything else in 1988, I hope we can look to Him for guidance and help in our ministry together.

Some people look back and dream of a past that is truly glorious. Others look forward and hopefully anticipate a future that is bright with many promises. But I believe that Christians should be more concerned about looking up - looking up in faith and prayer to God. In so doing, the present can be lived in His will. Then every day past will be a memory to cherish and every tomorrow an opportunity to grasp.

Always remember that one of the very best things that you can do for your church and your pastor in 1988 is to pray for them.

May the Light and Joy of that first Christmas be with you and all your loved ones during Advent 1987...and may God grant to your home and family a blessed and prosperous new year!

Thanks be to God for His very best Gift - EMMANUEL - God with us!

Shalom!

Gene and Ruth Gillin

UP AND COMING ADVENT ACTIVITIES

December 20, 9:00am - A film, "The Christmas Bus" will be shown during opening Sunday

School activities in the youth room. This is a film for the entire family so come and join us for this Christmas tale.

December 20, 7:00pm - Our Advent Christmas program entitled "Journey to Bethlehem." This will be an experience of drama, music, and a progressive journey combined to tell the Christmas story in a unique and different way. The program will be followed by our birthday party for the baby Jesus in the Fellowship Hall and our revelation of Secret Advent Friends for 1987. Come and join us for a memorable evening.

Linda White
Program Chairman



EXTRA! EXTRA!
FIRST BAPTIST MEN BRING TREASURES
TO ADVENT BREAKFAST!

On December 12th, 1987 the First Baptist Men's Fellowship will be having a "Treasures From Heaven" breakfast at 9am at Bun's Restaurant. First Baptist men will be bringing their most precious earthly treasure - their wives!

Single men are invited to come and bring a specially treasured lady friend

or come join us as a single and enjoy our friendship of the Fellowship of Brothers and Sisters of First Baptist. So join Frank, Ensign and Murray, Saturday, December 15th, 9am for a breakfast you may treasure - at least until lunch.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Steve Stoner
P.R. Chairman
AMB, EBD

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* YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED *
* TO *
* DROP BY THE PARSONAGE *
* AT *
* 632 CONGRESS COURT *
* ON *
* SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 *
* FROM *
* 3 PM TO 6 PM *
* FOR A *
* CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE *
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tired Ministers and Missionaries.

Every penny given goes to the ministers and missionaries who are now retired. The other costs are born by the interest from the M&M Endowment Fund.

In some instances, the money will be assistance to help a retiree over a big hump, like extensive medical bills. In other instances a modest check will be sent to say that we remember them and care.

Please help as you would like to be helped yourself, if you were one of them. Your small offering goes a long way to make someone happy.

This is the end of my term as Missionary Education Chair on the Board of Education. I have enjoyed being the ME person very much. I have been excited by all I've learned about the mission field, and gratified that you, too, are interested and have supported the special offering generously. Thank you all for your help.

"Go ye therefore into all the world, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

Jean Wickum
Missionary Education
Chair

"A CHURCH ALL WRAPPED UP IN ITSELF IS A SMALL PACKAGE."

RETIRED MINISTERS & MISSIONARIES OFFERING

Sunday, December 6th will begin the time of receiving the offering for the Re-

CHRISTMAS CLEARING HOUSE

Each Christmas the Christmas Clearing House provides food, toys, and clothing to needy families.

Donations of new toys, food (no home-canned goods accepted), new clothes (in children's sizes), or money (for clothing certificates) may be brought to the church, People In Need (PIN), 274 N. Sandusky, or the Clearing House at the National Guard Armory on December 7th & 13th, 9am to 6pm.

For more information see the notice on the bulletin board in the vestibule, or call People In Need during business hours at 363-6284.

BOARD OF ED. PLANS ACTIVITIES

1. We are having some very special activities during their Advent season. Many



of these take place during the opening exercises of Sunday School. We invite you to join us at 9am each Sunday.

2. On Sunday Dec. 20th at 7pm, there will be an evening program in the Sanctuary. This will be followed by the birthday cake for Jesus and the revealing of Secret Advent Friends.

3. We invite all people of the church family to sing our Christmas card on the peace map.

KEEPING A SPIRITUAL JOURNAL

The Advent season is one of the most meaningful and cherished times of the year. However, there are frequently so many activities going on that sometimes you may feel caught up in "Christmas busyness."

This year we would like to invite you to take some time to deepen and enrich this Advent season by keeping a spiritual journal to preserve insights and reflections and record your innermost thoughts.

Pick up an Advent journal from the back table in the sanctuary along with a copy of a reprint of an article from a recent "Baptist Leader" entitled "Keeping a Spiritual Journal."

Keeping an Advent journal is an opportunity to prepare in a new way for Christmas this year.

We hope you will find this a rich and rewarding experience.

Linda White
Board of Christian Ed.

TRUSTEES REPORT

1. The overgrown shrubs which had blocked the view of the bulletin board out front were removed by Will and Dave.

2. A new steel garage door was installed at the parsonage to replace the original wooden one which was rotted out.

3. The new office at the rear of the classroom area is coming along. Dave and Will built the wall. Joe and Allison painted the room. Carol Grubb's class moved to the choir room. The original office will be referred to hereafter as the pastor's study.

4. All eight gas furnaces were serviced for the winter. New filters & 2 new belts were installed, motors oiled and high-limit shutoffs tested. This was done by Phil Richert.

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

6. Lucille Coleman was employed as custodian.

7. The church typewriter underwent repairs and a general overhaul after one of its circuit boards burned out.

Peter White
Chairman
Board of Trustees

PEACE TREE

The lighting of the second annual Peace Tree will be Monday, December 7th at 7pm at the Delaware County Courthouse. The 7th has been chosen to recognize the beginning of the summit. This lighting is symbolic of the yearning of people throughout the world for peace.

Bring a candle and join in the lighting of the Peace Tree.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

The A.B.W. will meet on December 17th at 7pm at Ekelberry's (433 N. Liberty). Della Dove will have the devotions. Bring cookies, fruit, candy, and an empty box - we will be packing boxes for shut-ins in our church.

If you need a ride call me at 363-1432 and I'll have someone pick you up. (no parking on my side of the street)

Jeanne Ekelberry



WOW!

The church's B.Y.F. would like to thank all those persons who stayed after the lovely Thanksgiving dinner to participate in the White Elephant Auction.

Before the night came to an close we had collected over \$80.00 for People In Need as well as two well-earned sore throats!

Again, thanks,

Stefanie Stoner
B.Y.F. Treasurer

THANKSGIVING DINNER A SUCCESS!

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Thanksgiving Dinner a success. Our newly-formed Youth Fellowship helped serve dinners, wash dishes, and generally did everything we asked them to do. They were really appreciated.

Thanks to all who carried chairs and tables, brought food, and those who donated turkeys and gave me money to buy other supplies.

Our guests seemed to have a good time and enjoyed the sing-along and we especially liked hearing the children's choir.

If you have suggestions for a better time next year, let us know, and for those of you who signed up but couldn't make it, maybe next year!

Jeanne Ekelberry

A.B.W. JANUARY PROGRAM

On Saturday, January 9th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall, the A.B.W. will sponsor an all-church program entitled "Peace-making: The Search for Wholeness."

The program will be presented by Carolyn Schneeberger who completed training sessions earlier this year on Russia, its history and people.

The program should be very informative and will include a film entitled "The Fellowship of Baptists in the USSR."

Make plans now to join us for the evening's activities. We hope to provide special activities for the children, too, so make plans to bring the whole family.

Linda White
Program Chairman

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

December	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
January	5	Evelyn Lee Lola Jackson
	12	Larry Faulk

PERSONALS

WILBUR WICKUM was praised by the mayor and members of city council for his 9½ years of service on the council. Wick decided not to seek re-election, and the comments were made at his final council meeting a few weeks ago.

DON FAULK has been a patient at Riverside Hospital. He is recovering from a badly-broken leg, which occurred when he fell from a ladder.

RAY FAULK suffered minor injuries after his car collided with a train.

ERIN FAULK will be performing two dances at New Market Mall during the evening of December 13.

MARY SEALEY's son JAMIE WOODS married DIANA CURRY on October 22nd at Soul's Haven Church. The couple is living in Delaware.

December 1987



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6 Second Sunday in Advent Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering 9:00am Church School 10:45am Morning Worship 7:00pm Board of Education at Wickums	7 7:00pm Peace Tree	8 7:30pm Healing Group	9 7:00pm Choir	10	11	12 9:00am Men's Breakfast at Buns
13 Third Sunday in Advent 9:00am Church School 10:45am Morning Worship - Children's Musical	14	15 7:30pm Healing Group	16 Hanukkah 7:00pm Choir	17 7:00pm ABW at Ekelberrys	18 Marion Assoc. BYF Christmas Party	19
20 Fourth Sunday in Advent 9:00am Church School 10:45am Morning Worship 3:00pm Parsonage Open House until 6pm 7:00pm Evening program	21 7:00pm Parish Council	22 7:30pm Healing Group	23 7:00pm Choir	24 Christmas Eve Christmas Eve Service (time to be announced)	25 Christmas	26
27 Student Recognition Sunday 9:15am Church School 10:45am Morning Worship	28	29 7:30pm Healing Group	30 7:00pm Choir	31 New Year's Eve (Watchnight)		