

Good News Letter

Published in the cause of the abundant life by
The First Baptist Church, Delaware, Ohio

Rev. Gene F. Gillin
Pastor

PASTORGRAPHS

Win Arn identifies seven strengths of the smaller church (under 140 members) which are related to progressive achievements. They are:

- * The heterogeneous mix. The size is conducive to all different age groupings to find fulfillment with one another.
- * The sense of "family" The belonging, concern, and security of relationships is enjoyed by members as well as non-members.
- * A common concern The small church focuses on one church-wide event at a time.
- * The ease of involvement The smaller church is attractive to those who want to be involved.
- * The sense of being needed and valued. Persons who become involved make friends and become active participants.
- * A non-formal church environment. The smaller church is more informal and flexible in activities and worship.
- * The love and caring. The smaller church can focus more genuine loving and caring among members and the unchurched.

The Pastor and Deacons are involved in a weekly visitation ministry to the church and unchurched, along with carrying the Church Communion Fellowship to homes of shut-ins each month. Keep all of this in your prayers that we may grow in loving and caring ways in 1989.

PULPIT EXCHANGE

The Delaware County Ministerial Association is sponsoring a Pulpit Exchange Sunday on January 29 in observance of the Week of Prayer For Christian Unity. Ten churches of our country are participating this year. Our pulpit guest will be the Rev. Linda Meredith of the Radnot United Church of Christ. Pastor Gillin will be the preacher at the First Presbyterian Church of Delaware.

HOME BIBLE STUDY

Home Bible Study at the home of Bill and Jennifer Chaffin, 1317 Sussex Lane, Stratford Towne Apartments, each Saturday at seven p.m. begins this month. Bring your Bible, pen and notebook and join this time of sharing and study in an informal setting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEW TIME

In order for the children to be more active in our worship service, Sunday School opening exercises will now begin at 9 a.m. as of Sunday, January 22. This will allow opening exercises from 9:00 to 9:15, followed by 15 minutes for the children to sing, adults to enjoy coffee fellowship and take care of business and teachers to prepare. Sunday School classes will begin at 9:30 as usual.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Sanctuary Flowers have been provided by Chip and Dianan Runyan, who were married at the Church last September, in honor of their grandparents, Cap and Myrtle Gabriel, many years of faithful service at First Baptist.

ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Plan to participate in our covered dish supper meeting on Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m. when we celebrate our past year of worship and work together and share our vision for First Baptist in 1989. Please notify our Moderator, Jeanne Ekelberry, if you have a matter of business to bring to the agenda that night.

TRIMMING THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE

Some folks asked that I write down what the things were which the children and I put on our tree this Christmas, and what each thing meant. So here it is -- I hope it will help you find new meaning in the decorations on your tree.

First the lights -- because Jesus is the light of the world and because the heavens were filled with a great light when the angels came to the shepherds. The long strings of beads or tinsel which winds around the tree represent the long, lonely journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem from Galilee.

We put on a blue ball, because He came to our world, and our astronauts now show us that from outer space, our world is a beautiful blue. Because He is Lord of the Universe and was there when all the worlds were created, we add more colored balls, sometimes oddly shaped ornaments, for the worlds we have yet to explore.

Next came the angels -- for angels told the shepherds of His birth, as the shepherds watched their sheep. We added little fuzzy sheep, and candy canes to be the shepherd's crooks.

Then we added some birds --- to remind us that there were little birds who witnessed the birth. And we especially added the white dove, symbol of the Prince of Peace, and of the Holy Spirit. Now some fruit, to remind us that He cares for us, and takes care of all our needs. Add bells, to show our joy!

Now comes the symbols of the Magi, the Wisemen or Kings. We put stars on the tree, for the Star they followed, and we also put three gold crowns, symbols of the wisemen. They were difficult to find, and I keep them in a special place for the Church Christmas tree. At home, we have three tiny wisemen, each bearing a gift. The gifts under the tree are there because the Wisemen's gift to the Baby Jesus began our custom of giving gifts. Have you ever thought that the slippers you gave Aunt Minnie were in a way, given in honor of the Christ Child?

Pastor Gillin added an ornament which reminded us of the anniversary of our Baptist Missions. At home we have little angels on the tree that came from our mission in Haiti. Putting a symbol of our missions is the first of the ornaments that recalls for us that He wants a response to Him and His love. We put in place a handmade red velvet heart....imperfect like ours, but still something He wants very much for us to give to Him. We added reflectors to some of the lights, for He wants us to reflect His love and His teachings in our lives. Then the iciclesthey represent the coldness of our hearts....let's give that to Him, too. One more object, to tell of His gift to us----the greatest gift of all.

Put a Cross on the tree.

MERRY CHRISTMAS 1989May all of your Christmas trees from here forward bring you great joy !!!

JEAN WICKUM

CHRISTMAS SHARED

This year, because my family is scattered (and all adults), we decided we would not exchange gifts but express our love in service to others. As a part of this, Amy and I volunteered to help at The First Congregational Church in Columbus at their Christmas dinner for the hungry.

This was much more than a dinner. As people were greeted they were given a name tag so that they were a person not just a face, gifts for the children -- and items to take with them (fruit, cookies, bread, etc.). The church also had a room set aside where people could get clothing and a telephone room where they could place a free call to relatives or friends. We really worked for four hours serving the dinner and talking to the guests. I heard later that about 1200 people were fed. This was a heart-rending - eye-opening, hands-on, experience for us. Later, at home, while I was eating my own Christmas dinner of a peanut butter sandwich, I realized this was one of the best Christmases for me in recent years. I truly felt this is the Christmas Spirit!!

MARGE SMALE

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

1. All 8 gas furnaces were serviced, tested and had the filters changed by Phil Rickert.
2. A leak in the old parsonage in the hot water line was repaired by Fiant's Plumbing after a drip was noticed in the living room ceiling. The floor in the upstairs bathroom had to be taken up to get at it.
3. A THANK YOU goes to Larry and Pam Faulk for taking care of the paper supplies for the restrooms since Sophie "retired" from the job.
4. Ben Turney painted the gray trim around the classroom doors. This was the finishing touch on last summer's paint job in the educational building. This was one of the largest jobs completed last year, along with the hearing devices. Thank you to everyone.
5. The ceiling fan in the assembly room which had quit running, was taken down and a dead bat was found, which had jammed the motor. A screen was put over the top and the fan was re-hung. Thanks to Dave Lovell for the ladder climbing.
6. The Trustees have set some goals for the new year. Three of these are electrical projects. 1st is outside lights along the walk to the side door. Also needed, the kitchen should be rewired and a wall heat pump is needed in the Pastor's study so it can be heated separately from the rest of the church. A new gas heater is needed for the baptistry. Completion of these tasks will depend on funds. Contractors will be called for estimates. Anyone wishing to contribute to these projects, please call Dick Lee or myself.

PETER WHITE
CHAIRMAN-TRUSTEES

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

February 2	Fred Grubbs
	Barney Barkeloo
	Elizabeth Brown
	Millie Martin
8	Della Dean
9	Janet Inscho
13	Lana Palmer
17	Beth Linn
22	Charles Brown
23	Will Fogle

NEWS FROM THE PEWS.....

The LARRY FAULK FAMILY recently visited Washington, D.C. They had a wonderful time and saw many sights.....

DELLA DEAN writes ---"I want to thank each and every one who were responsible for all the goodies Karen brought me at Christmas. I really enjoyed them and there are things I shall enjoy for a long time. Thanks for calls, visits and so many kind words. I do not have words to express my appreciation. God bless you and keep each of you...Love,

MARY LOU LOVELL expresses for all of us.... A special Thank you to those youth who performed for the Christmas Eve service -- DEBBIE, MATT and BARBARA (violin trio), JEFF FAULK (Trombone solo), DEBBIE LOVELL and STEPHANIE STONER (violin duet), STEPHANIE STONER (vocal solo and the YOUTH CHOIR. I appreciate you sharing your talents with us. It made Christmas Eve service a very beautiful one for me. (And the rest of us who experienced this add our THANKS! also).

THE GILLINS wish to convey their thanks and appreciation to the First Baptist family for all the expressions of love and good wishes during the holiday season. Many thanks to those who helped our celebration of the season at the Parsonage Open House.

JANET INSCHO and FRANCES JOHNSON are spending winter days in Florida. We wish them a happy, healthy and restful season in the south.

CYNTHIA BLAND of 160 N. Franklin Street (363-1327), has recently joined our congregation from the Second Baptist Church in South Hadley, MA. Cynthia, from Chapel Hill and Wake Forest, N.C., has joined the English Department staff at O.W.U.

We welcome her joyfully and prayerfully as she studies with us in the Adult TOO Class and sings with us in our Sanctuary Choir.

NEW PARENTS - RICK and LORI PARFENCHUK welcome the arrival of a son, Christopher Alexander, born January 11, at Grady Memorial, a grandson to Janet Lathrop and a great grandson to Cap and Myrtle Gabriel.

CHRIST IS BORN TODAY!!

On Sunday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. the children, youth and adults of the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church presented the Christmas program entitled, CHRIST IS BORN TODAY! by Arden Mead.

A display of modern day symbols - a flashlight, newspaper, telephone, Bible and a teacher was assembled during the reading of the Christmas story (read by Jeff Faulk). The children, youth and Sunday School teachers had a dialogue about the meaning of biblical story and what symbols we would think of today to represent Christ's birth.

The children and youth sang Christmas carols, with the congregation joining in on the singing of some of the carols. Jarrod Trigg completed the program by playing JOY TO THE WORLD on his trumpet.

Those who participated in the program were:

Laura Newman	Adam Mowery
Laura Mowery	Emilie Trigg
Evan Trigg	Barbara Lovell
Marci Sander	Erin Faulk
Matthew Lovell	Micah Stoner
Abby Brown	Jarrold Trigg
Debbie Lovell	Stefanie Stoner
Jeff Faulk	Jennifer Chaffin
Marge Smale	Pam Faulk
Larry Faulk	Betty Porter
	-Accompanist

Thanks to everyone who took time to learn parts, come to practice and give us special memories at Christmas.

Thanks to the congregation who were a part of the Christmas Celebration!!

IT WAS SUPER!!!

MARY LOU LOVELL

OHIO BAPTIST YOUNG ADULTS

Ohio Baptist Young Adults (18-40) will gather for a weekend of fellowship for singles and marrieds at the beautiful Sheraton Inn-North in Columbus, February 3 thru 5. Registration and program brochures, in the literature racks, provide additional information.

ADVENT FRIENDS REVEALED

After a year of wondering who that special friend who has been praying for you and remembering you all year in thoughtful ways was, on December 18, we found out!!

Were you as surprised as I? A few guesses were ventured but it seems everyone really kept their friend hidden until that special night of revealing. We shared memories of remembrances throughout the year as well as cookies and punch. Are you ready to surprise someone next year?

MARY LOU LOVELL

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

Linda White will present a program entitled, "Ann Judson Was Leaven -- I am Leaven" to the Women of our church as they meet for the February ABW meeting. This meeting will be held on February 16 at 7 p.m. at the Church. Our hostesses will be Della Dove and Beth Trigg.

All women of First Baptist and their friends are invited to attend. Our meetings are always very informative and inspirational. If you have not formed the habit of attending them, why not try the February meeting - you'll like it, we're sure!!!!

AMERICAN BAPTIST MEN

American Baptist Men meet for a Breakfast Fellowship the third Saturday of each month at a Delaware restaurant. They plan to focus their ministry on completing the renovation of the Fellowship Room on the lower level and to develop a recycling program among the families of First Baptist through interpretive literature, monthly pickups of glass, paper, metal and plastic materials from home depositories.

JUNIOR HIGH BYF

A Junior High Extravaganza, for grades 6 thru 9, will be held on Saturday, February 25 at Mt. Olivet Church in Columbus. All Jr. Highers are urged to attend. It will be a fun day for all. See Larry Faulk or Gene Gillin for more details.

THINKING AHEAD....

As we think ahead to warmer days and plan vacations, think for a moment about your youth. Did you have a religious camp experience? For some, maybe the answer is no. For others of you, it may have been one of the most memorable times of your life. Maybe one of the times you felt closest to God. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could give each child in our congregation a chance to have this close feeling with God and nature? A chance awaits them at Judson Hills this summer! You can help! Some of you have been giving to the Camp Fund. It currently stands at \$43.31, still not enough to send one child to camp. Camp fees are about \$95.00 per child for one week. There are 19 weeks before June. If 20 people gave \$1.00 for each week from now until June, we would have \$380.00 to send youth to camp. What should our goal be? How many children would you like to send to camp?

MARY LOU LOVELL

PANCAKE SUPPER

The men of the church will again be cooking and serving the pancakes for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This will be held on Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring your talents to share for a fun evening.

CHARTER NIGHT SET FOR
O.W.U. CHAPTER
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Chaplain Jon Powers will be convening a special organizational meeting of Charter Members of Delaware's first H.F.H. affiliate. Churches and individuals are invited to support this local chapter, dedicated to the ministry of homes for the homeless. Please call Chaplain Powers before Wednesday, January 25 and let him know of your interest and support or attend the meeting at Smith Hall, 2nd. floor on Wednesday evening.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN will be having a Sewing Nite at the Church on Tuesday, January 31 - 7 p.m. COME ONE COME ALL!!!!

OHIO PEACE FELLOWSHIP

Ohio Baptist Peace Fellowship will gather at FBC, Columbus, (583 E. Broad Street) on February 11 at 10:30 a.m. to learn about our Ohio SANE/FREEZE and its efforts to reduce the arms race. Interim Director, Lance Shreffler, will speak on the topic: "Another View Of The Middle East".

Erin Faulk and Marci Sanders are once again selling Girl Scout cookies during January. They appreciate any orders from the congregation. Thank you for supporting their troops.



February

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Gene F. Gillin, Pastor

PASTORGRAPHS

During a Daily Vacation Bible School a class of five-year-olds was interrupted by the arrival of a new person. This little boy had one arm missing. The teacher had no opportunity to learn anything about him; he simply arrived and was there. As an adult, the teacher was nervous, worried that one of the children would comment on this boy's handicap and possibly embarrass him. There was no way to caution the class members so she proceeded as carefully as possible.

Soon closing time came. Nothing had gone amiss and the teacher began to relax. She asked the children to join in their usual closing activity. "Let's build our churches," she said, "Here's the church and here's the steeple, open it up and here's..." Suddenly, the awful truth of these actions struck her. The very thing she feared the children would do, she had done. The boy with one arm was excluded from a procedure requiring the use of two hands. As the teacher stood speechless, a little girl sitting next to the boy reached over with her left hand and placed it up against his right hand. "Here, Davey," she said, "Let's build the church together."

Two things are very important for Christians to do in inviting people to Christ: care enough to notice a person's needs and be a friend. Have you noticed anyone in need lately? What did you do about it? How many new friends did you make in January? These questions are directed to all of us at First Baptist. How far have we come toward becoming an inviting people? Think about it. At the end of this year, if each of us can say even one person came to Christ as a result of our testimony, our family of God will have doubled! Hallelujah! Let's get started during the season of Lent.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

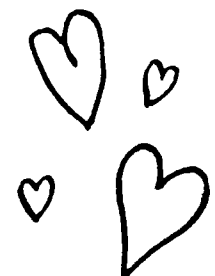
Do you have a white elephant? Don't forget the Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The men are cooking! In addition to your talent, please bring items and money for a white elephant auction. Proceeds will go to the young people's camp fund.

During Lent please take time to notice our special Lenten-Easter tree in the Sunday School Assembly Room. Join us for opening exercises at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday to help decorate it.

Each Friday noon during Lent, there are great discussions going on around the theme "Great Decisions - 1989," at William St. United Methodist Church in the Parlor. Bring a sack lunch; beverages provided.

Easter Morning Activities Plans: (March 26)

- 8:00 Sunrise Service, "Wake Up! It's Easter!" led by the youth
- 8:30 Breakfast Buffet. Bring food to share.
- 9:00 Opening Exercises.
- 9:15-10:25 Second Annual Easter Bash in Fellowship Hall.



NURSERY AND JUNIOR CHURCH HELPERS FEBRUARY AND MARCH:

Nursery: February - Beth Trigg; March - Alison Mowery
Junior Church Leader: February - Pam Faulk; March - Jean Wickun

CANDLELIGHTERS FOR FEBRUARY

2/5 Matthew Lovell
2/12 Natalie Mowery
2/19 Micah Stoner
2/26 Victor Fogle
3/5 Jarrod Trigg



LOVE

WHEN GOD SAYS "NO"

I asked God to take away my pride and God said, "No." He said it was not for Him to take away, but for me to give up. I asked God to grant me patience and God said, "No." He said that patience is a by-product of tribulation. It isn't granted, it's earned. I asked God to give me happiness and God said, "No." He said He gives blessings. Happiness is up to me. I asked God to spare me pain and God said, "No." He said, "Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me." I asked God to make my spirit grow and God said, "No." He said I must grow on my own, but He will prune me to make me fruitful. I asked God if He loved me and God said, "Yes." He gave me His only Son who died for me and I will be in heaven someday because I believe. I asked God to help me love others, as much as He loves me, and God said, "Ah, finally, you have the idea." -contributed by Gene Gillin

CONGRATULATIONS...to Alison Mowery, who successfully completed in December her doctorate degree program at OSU. The Mowerys now live at 454 W. William St., Delaware.

CONCERNS...Jean Wickum is at home after minor surgery at Riverside Hospital recently. Pray for her healing and renewal in these days.

As you become aware of a particular need for prayer, please call BERTHA VANBRIMMER, 369-2661, that she may begin the prayer chain in our church family.

NEW DEACON ELECTED

Marjorie Smale will serve this year with the Diaconate replacing Ernestine Frost who resigned recently after years of faithful service.

B.Y.F. REPORT

The group met in the home of Beth Trigg on Sunday January 29 to hear an excellent program. Dolores Smith, counselor at Help Anonymous for five years, presented a movie and discussion on the tragedy of teenage suicide. All in attendance learned a great deal; just ask any one of them!

Support our BYF by bringing "white elephants" to the Shrove Tuesday supper, talent show and auction, February 7, 6:30 p.m. Auction proceeds go to the Camp Fund.

RURAL OUTREACH CENTER OPENS

P.I.N., Help Anonymous, and The Delaware Speech and Hearing Center have joined together to form the Rural Outreach Center. Representatives of the agencies are available weekly to provide needed services at a convenient rural location: P.I.N. and H.A. weekly, and Speech and Hearing once a month. This center is located in Kilbourne United Methodist Church and is open 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays, no appointment necessary. Free hearing tests are among the services available. What a marvelous outreach!

NOTES FROM THE TRUSTEES

A thank-you goes to Will Fogle who repaired and strengthened the floor in the sanctuary by the register on the south wall. Also a thank-you to Gene and Ruth Gillin for doing the bulletins and last month's newsletter, and to Karen Stoner for this month's. Volunteers are still being accepted since Jim Stephenson "retired" from the job. -Peter White, Chairman of Trustees

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

Next program is February 16, 1989, 7:00 p.m. at the church. The program, led by Linda White (get well soon!) will be, "Ann Judson was Leaven:I am Leaven." Hostesses are Beth Trigg and Della Dove. **DON'T FORGET YOUR LOVE GIFT!!**

On January 31, five women met for two hours of "non-work." Our next session will be February 28, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Come share your talents--we need time together to sew, cut, press and roll bandages; cut out postage stamps; have fellowship! Our time is spent to help others and our gifts go in many directions. Come share your time, talents and love in the fellowship of God. -Jeanne Ekelberry

CALLS FOR HELP

Two Delaware Community needs you may be able to provide are the following: a baby playpen for Children's Services (please contact Bev Cox, Delaware Co. Children's Services) and a vacuum cleaner (please contact Deacon Stoner or Pastor Gillin). Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Ohio Wesleyan University Chaplain, Jon Powers, has shared with us some information on Faith Mission, a Columbus shelter for homeless persons. As the shelters are not open during the day, persons must wander the streets, often causing terrible damage to their feet. Open wounds, blisters and disease are common. Honors Program nurses at OWU are volunteering their skills to address this problem. Needed in great supply to assist in this effort are the following:

- men's white socks
- men's white underwear
- sterile bandages
- bottles of hydrogen peroxide

If you get any of these items to a member of ABW, we will see that they get to the Wesleyan nurses for their work.

LAST CALL FOR 1989 DIRECTORY!

A draft of the 1989 Fellowship Directory has been posted in the church for the past month. Many corrections were made, but several names and vital statistics are missing or incorrect. Your last chance to be included correctly in this year's is now! Please return the form below to me or Gene Gillin by February 19. Thank you. -Larry Faulk

Name _____ Date _____
 Address _____ Phone _____

<u>Family Members</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>	<u>"X" if Member</u>
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CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: WORKSHOP OFFERED

A workshop designed to provide motivation, means and method for including children in worship is offered at Asbury United Methodist Church, 55 W. Lincoln Ave., February 6, 1989, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Resources will be available for review and/or purchase. The discussion will emphasize ways to apply the material to specific church contexts. **CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME!!!!** This workshop was already held once at METHESCO's Library, and is presented by the METHESCO Christian Education Department. Many fine faculty members, students and pastors will lead the session.

THE GOLDEN RULES FOR CHURCH LIVING

1. If you open it, close it.
2. If you turn it on, turn it off.
3. If you unlock it, lock it.
4. If you break it, admit it.
5. If you can't fix it, call in someone who can.
6. If you borrow it, return it.
7. If you value it, take care of it.
8. If you make a mess, clean it up.
9. If you move it, put it back.
10. If it belongs to someone else, get permission to use it.
11. If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone!
12. If you plan to use it, schedule in advance.

FROM THE SUNDAY BULLETIN of LaGrace Avenue Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids: "Someone has taken the paper cutter from the church office. We are in dire need of its immediate return. Please bear in mind that without our paper cutter, the sermons will get longer." [By the way, has anyone seen First Baptist's paper cutter? Just kidding!]

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Two Baptist seminary students decided they would spend their summer doing evangelistic work in a rural area of Alabama. One hot day they stopped their car in front of a farmhouse and proceeded up the path through a gauntlet of screaming children and barking dog. When they knocked on the screen door, the woman of the house stopped her scrubbing over a tub and washboard, brushed hair and perspiration from her brow and asked them what they wanted. "We would like to tell you how to obtain eternal life," they answered. The tired homemaker hesitated for a moment and then replied, "Thank you, but I don't believe I could stand it!"

PLEASE

Please continue to recycle glass, newspaper, cans and aluminum at Delaware Recycling Center on Cherry Street. Mention that all profits should be given to the Men's Fellowship of First Baptist Church. This money builds up, and is used for charity work and outreach!



The Green Lake Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that Karen and Steve Stoner will be attending Conference on the Holy Spirit (includes children) and the National Bible Conference. The Stoners are very happy to represent First Baptist and promise an illustrated report upon their return. The planned dates are June 23-July 1. Send your prayers with them.

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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, DELAWARE, OHIO

Rev. Gene F. Gillin
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March, 1989

Dear Friends:

As was mentioned in church last Sunday, our congregation will be giving to the America for Christ Offering throughout the month of March. Our gifts to this offering support the work of American Baptist across the United States and Puerto Rico. This year we hope to raise \$300.00. This goal is a real challenge but one we feel we can achieve!

Our gifts to the America for Christ Offering are used in three ways: one-third goes to National Ministries, one-third goes to Educational Ministries, and one-third stays right here in our Region.

National Ministries supports missionaries, starts new churches, operates Christian Centers, and helps people with special needs all across our country. Educational Ministries supplies churches with Sunday church school materials (for instance, the new Judson Bible Series) and works with American Baptist colleges and seminaries. Our Region provides conferences, camps, evangelistic programs, and staff support for churches like ours.

Acts 1:8 says, "You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." As the first Christians discovered, our witness for Christ includes ministry close to home. That is why the America for Christ Offering is so important; when we respond, we truly are "Witnessing in Our Own JerUSAlem."

Won't you give generously to the America for Christ Offering this year? An envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Simply bring your gift to church next Sunday. Do your part to help us lift up the name of Christ in our own JerUSAlem!!

Sincerely in Christ,

Lana Palmer
Missions Chairman



SANCTUARY FLOWERS - SYMBOLS OF HOPE

DAFFODILS - Sunday, March 19, as we put the GOLDEN GLOW OF HOPE in our sanctuary as part of the Daffodil Days Festival sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

LILIES - Sunday, March 26, as we bring the stately beauty of Easter lilies to our sanctuary. Please speak to Deacon Jim Stephenson if you desire to provide a lily as a tribute or memorial to loved ones.

MARION ASSN. CELEBRATION BANQUET

The 18 churches of our American Baptist family in the Marion Assn. will likely fill to overflowing the 400 capacity banquet hall at the Tri-Rivers School in Marion this Friday, March 10, at 6:00 p.m. as we honor the new members of our congregations. Tickets may still be available from Betty Porter or Cynthia Bland. Don't delay! TODAY!

PASTORGRAPHS

While much of our ministry is directed to the weak and unfaithful, I want to change that order today. This is not addressed to those who only give to the church their excuses and grumble the most while doing the least. This letter is to the faithful.

My vocabulary is not adequate enough to express how much I appreciate you all. It matters not what the meetings are, I know you will be present. Neither the weather, nor any amount of company is ever able to cause you to treat lightly your responsibility. You have no more time than the unfaithful members, but you are determined that the Lord will have His proper share of it.

Whenever there is a new or challenging emphasis before the church no one needs to wonder what your response will be or if you can be counted on to see it through. When you accept a responsibility, it is a forgone conclusion that you will give it your best. You do not give the Lord what is left over.

I appreciate you more because you do not make unnecessary demands or insist on special attention or praise for your services. You do not consider that being faithful and regular to God is a grievous burden or a great feat of valor. You are a good example to all, especially to our youth.

Thank you for permitting me to be your pastor. Thank you for serving so faithfully with me. Thank you for making the work of this pastor much lighter. Thank you for being the kind of Christian you are!

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM

The celebration of our church ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper will be part of our morning worship service on April 2. The Rev. Jim Maynard of our American Baptist Church in Laconia, N.H., (brother-in-law to the Lovells) will be our guest minister in worship.

Debra Lovell and Jeff Faulk will confess their faith in baptism. Others who may wish to take this step of faith also, should speak to the Pastor ASAP.

NEWS OF OUR YOUTH

HOW MANY KIDS WILL FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SEND TO CAMP??????

The answer is up to you!!!

Thanks to our fantastic auctioneer, Steve Stoner, and your generosity. The auction on Shrove Tuesday raised \$96.00 to send one youth to camp. \$96.00 is the amount needed to send one child to camp. The total in the camp fund currently is \$142.67. It would be wonderful to see this amount double or triple! The Camp Envelopes are provided in the pew if you would like to see many of our youth have a meaningful and enjoyable experience at camp, like you might have had! March has arrived, that leaves 4 months (13 Sundays until June) to help this fund GROW!!

BAPTIST YOUTH CONVENTION

Stephanie Stoner and Jeff Faulk are attending the Baptist Youth Convention this weekend in Hamilton, Ohio. They are staying in homes of Baptist families in the Hamilton area. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to meet other Baptists their own age and share the love of Christ.

We want to support them. The cost of the weekend is \$48.00 each. The red basket in the back of the Sanctuary awaits your donation to help reimburse Stephanie and Jeff's parents for enabling them to be a representative from our church.

- Mary Lou Lovell

EASTER MAGAZINE

The youth of Junior Church have been working on a very special publication. They are publishing an Easter magazine. The children have put a lot of creative work into this. The magazine should be on sale on Palm Sunday. Proceeds will go to the Camp Fund. Please be sure to get your copy.

- Pam Faulk

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

The Women of First Baptist will meet on Thursday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at the home of Lana Palmer, 654 Governor. Lana will lead us in a program entitled "Coping with Life's Reverses." Hostesses will be Jeanne Ekelberry and Florence Faulk.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY - 10:45 a.m.

Our Sanctuary Choir will again bless us in our worship through anthems, solos and instrumental praise, led by our Director W.C. Wickum.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7:30 p.m.

It's always a special time of worship around the table in Fellowship Hall as we gather in our own Upper Room to celebrate by candlelight communion, Jesus' giving of the "maunde" or commandment to "love one another, as I have loved you." Join Pastor, Deacons and Choir, who lead us as we renew our vows to this Agape love.

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE - 12 Noon

The Delaware County Ministerial Association is again sponsoring the noontime worship service at St. Mary's Church. Meaningful preaching and meditative music of Choir and Soloist will bless your soul.

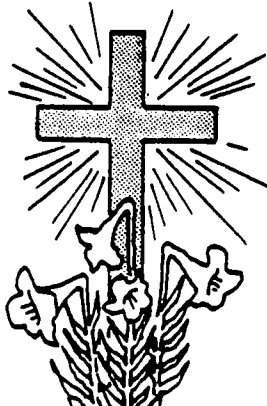
EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM - EARLY WORSHIP in the Sanctuary, led by our B.Y.F. Beth Trigg, Advisor. Through music and a dramatic skit, we shall celebrate the joy of the empty tomb.

8:30 AM - A BUFFET BREAKFAST will be served in Fellowship Hall

9:00 AM - A CHURCH FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION will provide an intergenerational experience for all through scriptures, music, poetry and art in Fellowship Hall.

10:45 AM - THE WORSHIP HOUR will provide a joyful celebration of our resurrection faith through sermon and the special praise of our Sanctuary and Youth Choirs, Quartette and Solos.



TO THE CARETAKERS OF THIS EARTH ! ! ! !

Starting in March, there will be a regularly scheduled pickup day for your recyclable items, such as aluminum cans, glass jars, plastic milk, detergent and unclear shampoo bottles (no plastic pop bottles), tin cans, and newspapers. Pickup day will be the 3rd Saturday of each month, between 10 a.m. and 12 Noon. If you have things you want picked up, please sign up on the Recycling Sheet in the vestibule of the Church or call Steve Stoner - 369-7754 - or Pastor Gillin - 369-7021 - to make arrangements.

All items should be kept separate in bags or boxes. Please rinse out all food and beverage containers. If you are not going to be home, please leave your items in an easy accessible place - perhaps on your porch or stoop, or just leave them at the curb, weather permitting.

ANY QUESTIONS --- PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ME AT ANY TIME!!!

Steve Stoner - 369-7754
Chairman
1st Baptist Mens'
Fellowship



AMERICAN BAPTIST MEN OF OHIO

Once again its time for our men to get together to renew old friendships and make new friends. MARCH 11 is the date for our annual SPRING CONFERENCE at GRAND PRAIRIE. Men from the North Central area of Ohio will be gathering for Christian fellowship, great music, interesting messages, lunch, sharing and helping Baptist men of Ohio become a force for God in our community.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts. Cost for the meeting and lunch is \$5.00. Transportation can be provided if needed. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church. Hope YOU can come with us!!

- Steve Stoner

STEPS IN UNITING WITH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The following steps are helpful in uniting with our congregation:

1. Tell the pastor that you have received Christ and want to live for him, that you desire to be baptized and unite with the church.
2. When the pastor, at the close of the worship service, extends the invitation to discipleship, be prepared and proud to step forward in a public expression of your faith in the Lord.
3. You will participate in a discipleship/membership class as you regularly attend the church school and the worship services.
4. You may be asked to meet with the Deacons to relate in simple words your Christian faith. You will be considered as a candidate for baptism and church membership.
5. The pastor will arrange with you for the baptismal service and tell you what preparations are necessary.
6. You will be baptized during a regular worship service of the church.
7. You will receive the hand of fellowship as a welcome and formal reception into the church. You will receive a baptismal/membership certificate and a New Members Kit.

ARE YOU AVAILABLE?

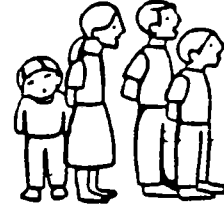
Please contact NAOMI PEASLEE[419/994-4657] or the Rev. LARRY CRANE[419/447-5035] if you are a post high school youth or adult and are available for training and summer service as a Camp Counselor at our JUDSON HILLS CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER... Loudenville, Ohio.

SUMMER CAMPING SCHEDULE

AT JUDSON HILLS

June 25-July 1	New Adventures #1 (grades 3-4)
June 27-July 1	Bike Camp (grades 8-12)
July 2-8	Creative Arts (grades 8-12)
July 9-15	Junior High #1 (grades 7-8)
July 16-22	Senior High (grades 11-12)
July 18-22	Junior High Frontier (grades 7-9)
July 23-29	Junior #1 (grades 5-6)
July 25-29	Senior High Frontier (gr. 9-12)
July 30-Aug. 5	Middle High (grades 9-10)
August 6-12	Junior High #2 (grades 7-8)
August 13-19	New Adventures #2 (grades 3-4)
August 15-19	Canoe Camp (grades 9-12)
August 20-26	Junior #2 (grades 5-6)

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES



The following children's answers to Church School questions - from the Epistle, of St. Paul's Parish, Seattle.

- * The fifth commandment is: Honor thy father and mother.
- * Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night!
- * Christians can have only one wife. This is called monogamy.
- * Today, wild beasts are confined to Theological Gardens
- * The patron saint of travellers is St. Francis of Assisi.
- * A republican is a sinner mentioned in the Bible
- * The natives of Macedonia did not believe, so St. Paul got stoned
- * It is sometimes difficult to hear what is being said in church because the agnostics are so terrible!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH

2	-	Jim Ringley
6	-	Mary Barkeloo
9	-	Annette Ringley
12	-	Evan Trigg
14	-	Chris Treese
15	-	Kristina Brown
18	-	David Lovell
20	-	Micah Stoner
		Natalie Mowery
25	-	Carey Beth Fogle

APRIL

2	-	Adam Mowery
4	-	"Wick" Wickum
7	-	Mary Ann Ballangee

DEACONS SEEK SURVEY RESPONSE

Interest has been expressed in having "MIDWEEK SERVICES". We would like your response as to the extent of that interest, the format and content of such services, and/or what other services we should offer. Please take a few moments to complete the survey below and return it to a deacon or Pastor Gillin.

I am interested in midweek services _____ strongly _____ mildly _____ neutral _____ not at all.

I would attend such services. _____ weekly _____ occasionally _____ not often _____ never.

They should be held: Tue _____ 6:30pm _____ 7:00pm _____ 7:30pm _____ 8:00pm
(List preference, Wed _____ 6:30pm _____ 7:00pm _____ 7:30pm _____ 8:00pm
1,2,3) Thu _____ 6:30pm _____ 7:00pm _____ 7:30pm _____ 8:00pm
Sun _____ 6:30pm _____ 7:00pm _____ 7:30pm _____ 8:00pm

They should last _____ 45 min _____ 1 hour _____ longer.

They should contain: _____ Scripture Reading _____ Testamony _____ Fellowship
_____ Bible Study _____ Prayer _____ Anthems/Solos
_____ Discussion _____ Hymns _____ Meditation
_____ Sermon/Lesson _____ Sing-a-longs
_____ Other Comments:

The Order of Service or Format should be: _____ Traditional _____ Spontaneous
_____ Varied

Comments:

They should be led by: _____ the pastor _____ lay leader _____ rotating Leaders
_____ no leader

General Comments/Suggestions about midweek services:

I believe First Baptist Church should also be offering:

Name (optional) _____

Good News Letter

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PASTORGRAPHS

One of our Biblical commentators has suggested that the finest picture ever painted of what happened on that first Easter is not a picture of the empty tomb or of the risen Christ. It is the picture of two men, Peter and John, running and in their faces is the light of the amazing news of what happened to Christ.

Indeed, it is this GOOD NEWS which is at the heart of the Christian faith. The message those first Christians carried into the world was the GOOD NEWS about Christ. The Gospel that went out to the hard Roman world was not a bird on a card; it was not a pretty motto, Peace On Earth. It was the affirmation of a Christ who lived, was crucified, and rose from the dead.

Let it be known that the history of the Church is the story of men and women, who like Peter and John, have been running with their faces aglow with the good news, men and women running with it from Asia to Europe, to Greece, to Rome, to America, to England, to Africa and back to Asia. Yes, "From Greenland's icy mountains, from India's coral strand, where Africa's sunny fountains roll down their golden sands."

Do you know any GOOD NEWS for our needy world?.....

.....Will you come running with it.....

..... for Delaware?

SPRING FLING!!

Remember last year's Thanksgiving Day Dinner and our guests from the Nursing Home????

Well, I'm glad you said NO because we didn't have one!!!

We will have an all Church dinner, with our special guests from the Nursing Home, hereafter called SPRING FLING, on Saturday, April 15 at 5:30.

We will be contacting you to volunteer with food, help in the kitchen, music and picking up our guests at the Nursing Home. But most of all we need YOU to sit with them - talk to them and share your love!!

- Jean Ekelberry

PERSPECTIVE

To love me
as you hope I'll be
is fantasy.

To love me
as I used to be
is memory.

To love me
as I am
is love.

And God
does!

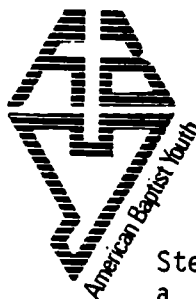
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 --Adam Mowery
- 4 - W. C. Wickum
- 7 - Mary Ann Ballengee
- 12 - Abby Brown
- 16 - Margery Smale
- 17 - Jim + Sophia Stephenson
- 23 - Nellie Sheets
- 24 - Michael Grubbs
- 25 - Mary McKean
Deborah Lovell

NEWS FROM THE PEWS.....

- * Jeff Faulk spent his spring break at Disneyworld with the Dublin High School band. They marched in the evening parade.
- * Erin Faulk spent spring break at Myrtle Beach with her grandparents, the Coles.

MANY THANKS.....MANY THANKS.....MANY THANKS.....MANY THANKS.....THANKS!



* I want to thank all the youth of our church who contributed to our Easter Magazine. They did a super job. If you have not yet received a copy or wish for another copy, please see me. We are asking for donations of at least \$1.00, all of which goes to the Camp Fund.

- Pam Faulk

* The Board of Christian Education would like to offer appreciation to:

- * The kids who helped decorate our Lenten Tree
- * Steve and Micah Stoner for "Day Old Bread" on Palm Sunday
- * Marge Smale, Jim Stephenson and Steve Stoner for leading discussion groups on Easter Sunday
- * Beth Trigg and the BYF for "waking us up" with the Easter early service
- * All those people who brought food for Easter breakfast.

NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH!

Stefanie Stoner and Jeff Faulk spent a weekend at the B.Y.F. State Convention in Hamilton, Ohio. They were entertained all weekend by the Hitch Family Singers and by SERVANT, a Christian Rock Group. They participated in discussion groups dealing with celebration vs. partying. They also enjoyed a mini-seminar on Christian music. All weekend, they were enlightened by the presence and speaking of Tom Shumate.

BROKEN/UNBROKEN

They call our home "broken."
I don't like that.
We're not perfect, but we love each other.
We struggle to be a family to one another.
We laugh and fight and pout and make up just like other households.
A wise man once told me,
from the perspective of twenty years of marriage to the same woman.
"You can be from a broken home with everyone still living under the same roof."
So don't just assume that our home is a broken one.
By God's grace, wholeness come in a variety of packages.

DELEGATES TO BAPTIST BIENNIAL

Our FBC delegates to the convention sessions in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 20-23, will join 5,000 expected Baptists in ... "A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE AND POWER: YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW."

The Delegates Fund promoted by the Parish Council, hopes to raise support for our three delegates whose Room, Meals, and Convention fees average \$250.00.

... Your check in support of this fund should be written to First Baptist Church, and marked ... Biennial Delegates Fund. Many thanks for your continued support!!!

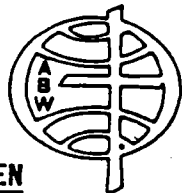
THE INDIAN VERSION
OF THE
23rd PSALM

The Great Father above a Shepherd Chief is. I am His, and with Him I want not. He throws to me a rope, and the name of the rope is love. He draws and draws me to where the grass is green and the water is dangerous not. I eat and lie down...and am satisfied. Sometimes my heart is very weak...and falls down, but He lifts me up again...and draws me into a good road...His name is Wonderful!

Sometime, it may be very soon, it may be many, many moons...He will draw me into a valley. It is dark there...but I'll be afraid not, for it is between those mountains that the Shepherd Chief will meet me, and the hunger I have in my heart all through this life will be satisfied.

Sometimes He makes the love rope into a whip, but afterward He gives me a staff to lean upon. He spreads a table before me with all kinds of foods...He puts His hand upon my head and all the "tired" is gone...My cup He fills till it runs over. What I tell is true, I lie not. Those roads that are "away ahead" will stay with me through this life, and afterwards I will go to live in the Big Teepee and sit down with the Shepherd Chief forever.

BACONE COLLEGE
(Submitted by - Ann Linn)



AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

The next meeting of the ABW will be on Sunday, April 9 at 2:30 p.m. at the Church. The program will be entitled: "WITNESS AND REFLECT GOD'S LIGHT" Program leader will be Ruth Gillin. Hostesses will be Ann Wickum and Betty Porter. All the women of First Baptist are cordially invited to attend!

FIRST BAPTIST HUGS

Psychologists say that everyone needs 13 hugs a day to feel loved, so here's an offer that you can't afford to pass up. Whether you are a non-parent, parent or grandparent, you have a great chance every Sunday morning at Children's Church and in the Nursery..... to receive "hugs" from some great children. Some beautiful, loveable children of our First Baptist family are ready to supply happy hugs for you. In return they would love for you to read a story, listen and learn a song, or play a game. If you want your daily prescription of hugs any Sunday, call Mary Lou Lovell 369-6041.

DEACON'S WATCHCARE MINISTRY

Each new member of FBC is added to a Watchcare Group of one of our six deacons. Our church members are divided by neighborhoods as follows: Deacon Faulk(Southeast), Deacon Richards(Northeast), Deacon Smale(N. Central), Deacon Turney(S. Central), Deacon Stoner (Southwest), Deacon Stephenson(Northwest). These FBC Watchcare Groups will fellowship with their deacon and the pastor at the parsonage on successive Sundays, 5 - 7 pm, beginning April 16. Please come and enjoy some supper and support.

GOODNEWS LETTERS NEEDED

Our monthly church newsletter file needs back issues of January + February, 1987. Please call the church if you can help us complete our records.

NEEDED: MORE POCKET-WATCH CHRISTIANS

Many Christians are like wheelbarrows; not good unless pushed. Others are like canoes; they need to be paddled. Some are like kites; if you don't keep a string on them, they fly away. Others are like balloons; full of wind and just waiting for a chance to explode. Still others are like footballs; you can't tell which way they will bounce. But PRAISE THE LORD, many Christians are like good pocket watches ... with open faces and busy hands; they are well-regulated and full of good works. They are cared for and loved by the finest WATCHMAKER. They are the backbone of the church.

 Pontius' Puddle



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TO:

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PASTORGRAPHS

After completing a study of the Revelation of John with the Chaffins, our Home Bible Study each Thursday evening has been exploring the Acts of the Apostles, the mission and history of the Early Church.... a vibrant, zealous and enthusiastic fellowship of believers. They couldn't wait to do that which God wanted. Now how can this be duplicated? What is it that keeps such a faith up to date.... eager and optimistic?

The first Christians were REGULAR Christians REGULAR in their Church Worship Services.

"All that believed were together" Acts 2:42.

.... REGULAR in their Church Giving.

"And they sold their possessions and goods and parted them" Acts 2:45.

.... REGULAR in the Church's Mission.

"They continued daily with one accord ... praising God, and ... the Lord added to the Church those who were being saved" Acts 2:46.

This sounds like a great formula.... a workable program.... and a determined purpose. This surely is God's way of accomplishing His will through His people.

We ask, then, "How should we proceed today in Delaware so that First Baptist Church will progress? The answer is no secret. This brief outline of God's way and plan has many of the details filled in elsewhere in the New Testament..... So join these Seekers in the Scriptures on Thursdays at Seven..... that we more and more shall know and do God's will in Delaware as it is in heaven.

BEST BAPTIST CHOIR IN ZAIRE COMING TO OHIO

Recently, the Baptist Churches in Zaire held a country-wide competition to select the best choir for a singing tour through America. Now they are here ministering in concerts of spiritual and cultural enrichment from Disneyland to the White House in Washington. Our Marion Baptist Assn. Churches are sponsoring their visit to the Trinity Baptist Church, Marion, Friday, June 9, 7:30 pm. For the blessing this unique experience will bring to children, youth and adults, let's make it a First Baptist Family Event worthy of our prayers and support.

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES.....

1. One of our major goals for the year was achieved with the completion of the re-wiring of the kitchen. The 2 original circuits were removed and 5 new ones were installed. This will allow us to use all necessary appliances such as Roasters, Microwaves, etc., without a problem. Two additional, extra circuits were installed for future heaters for the baptistry and the Pastor's study.
2. A THANK YOU goes to Dave Lovell for repairing the sump pump in the basement.
3. A THANK YOU goes to Will Fogel for filling the baptistry and tending the heaters for our recent baptism.
4. A THANK YOU to Fred Grubbs for turning the heat up on Saturday nights, all winter long.
5. A plumbing leak was repaired at the parsonage by Fiant's Plumbing Co.
6. Three pianos were tuned and the piano bench in the old basement was repaired by Clifford Rector.

- Peter White
Chairman,
Board of Trustees

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TIME

Have you been attending opening exercises at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays? Each month, a different class is in charge. During the month of April, the Junior Class did an excellent job of leading us. The ADULT I Class will be leading for May. We will continue our 9:00 a.m. starting time until summer.

- Pam Faulk

NURSERY AND JR. CHURCH

Thanks to all those who have spent a few Sundays with our young people!!

BUT --- WE NEED HELP FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST!!

The young people of our church want to spend a few minutes with **YOU** on Sunday morning! Do you realize there are adults that they don't get to say hello to on Sunday?? Please think about giving them a bit of **YOU** and your thoughts on Sunday morning. They would love it!! I can almost guarantee you'll get at least one hug!! (By the way, helpful materials are available for your use).

Nursery leaders for May are Debbie Lovell and Jeff Faulk.
Children's Church leader is Steve Stoner.

MARY LOU LOVELL

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATIONS

Summer camp forms are in! Judson Hills is waiting for you! Everyone of our young people who have gone in past years have had a good experience. Don't miss this year's camp!

Our **CAMP FUND** now stands at **\$202.98**. Let's make it grow to give our youth a church camp experience that they will always remember.

THANK YOU!!!THANK YOU!!!THANK YOU!!!

AFTER MANY MONTHS OF COURTSHIP.....

.....a girl dismissed her suitor with the statement that she could not think of marrying him until he had a few thousand dollars.

A few months later she met him and asked how much he had saved up.

"Thirty-five dollars," was the reply.

"Well," she said with a blush, I guess that's close enough!"

PERSONALS

JEFF FAULK WAS NAMED TO THE Dublin High School Honor Roll for the 3rd nine-week period. Congratulations, Jeff!!! Way to go!!!

PAM FAULK was one of two Girl Scout Leaders in the Dublin Service Unit who were named as OUTSTANDING LEADERS this year. Congratulations, Pam!!!

JENNIFER GILLIN will be graduated with a BA Degree in Pyschology, with a minor in Sociology, from Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts on Saturday, May 13. Congratulations, Jennifer!!!

CONGRATULATIONS

to **WILBUR & JEANNE WICKUM**

Who were honored with a Distinguished Service Award by fellow Republicans at the Annual Lincoln Day Dinner in Delaware.

THANKFUL FOR GOD'S HEALING WAYS

Surgical patients at Grady during recent days have been Steve and Sophia Stephenson, Geneva Evans and Edith Hall. Pray for their continued renewal of strength.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE is conveyed to the families of Myrtle Gabriel and Forest Evans in their bereavement. Both of these families would like to sincerely thank the ladies of First Baptist for the food and loving care of this special ministry in their sorrow and loss.

CHURCH FAMILY ANNUAL RETREAT

Our Annual Church Family Retreat will be held at Judson Hills, September 8 - 10. Those interested in serving on the Planning Committee should speak to Pam Faulk ASAP!

SIGN SEEN IN AN INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

OFFICE:

"IN GOD WE TRUST. EVERYONE ELSE
WE AUDIT !!!!

THE PEACEMAKERS

There is a high calling among believers that few seem to desire: peacemaking. A peacemaker cuts through the negative information that often floats around among Christians, dividing people who ought to love one another.

It is not easy to be a peacemaker because it goes against our nature. Peacemaking is contrary to carnal desire.

Yet Jesus said: "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matt. 5:9)

What does a peacemaker do?

He forgets the gossip that he hears about others.

When the faults of his friends become the topic of discussion, he maneuvers the conversation to another subject.

When he hears something negative about another, he doesn't feel it is his duty to report what was said.

When he is approached by one of two who are at odds, he refuses to allow his ear to become a dumping ground for criticism.

When he hears a complimentary comment concerning someone, he is eager to pass the good word along.

He is willing to mediate between those who are in disagreement.

He understands about the weaknesses of all people but doesn't major on them.

He has learned to bridle his tongue (James 1:26)

He is swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath (James 1:19)

Peacemakers are positive people and are valuable because they turn the minds of those they meet from unproductive to productive thoughts. They help break down barriers and bind up wounds. They look for the best in people. No wonder our Lord said they would be called the children of God!! (Matt 5:9)

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN OF FBC, DELAWARE, OHIO

MOTHERS!!!! DAUGHTERS!!!!

Mothers, invite your daughters....
Daughters, invite your mother...

To the Mother-Daughter ABW Salad Supper, Thursday, May 11 at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall!!!

If you don't have a mom -- borrow one!! If you don't have a daughter-- borrow one or two or three!!

Please bring a salad to share!
Beverage and rolls will be provided.

Jean Ekelberry, Pres.

REGISTER NOW!!!

Don't miss signing up for PEACE CAMP 1989 !! It's coming soon -- only 6 more weeks!!!

This year, as last, we are joining the 1st Presbyterian and Asbury United Methodist Churches for a week of fun, fellowship and sharing of God's word. The theme is PEACE THROUGH MISSIONS. The youth will learn about customs, traditions and mission work of missionaries from Haiti, India, Africa and Korea. Friday of the week will be a celebration of all the countries, with a sharing time and an International Potluck Luncheon. The date is...JUNE 12 thru 16
...The time is...9:30 to 11:30 am
.....The place is ASBURY CHURCH.

Blue registration forms are in the vestibule.

We still are looking for teachers and those who want to help, any day or for the whole week!! The meeting for teachers will be 2:00 - 4:30 Sunday afternoon, May 7 at Ashbury. Please let Pam or Mary Lou know and come join our young people in a wonderful experience!!!

MARY LOU LOVELL

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MAY 2 Donald Faulk
 3 Rick Van Brimmer
 Michael Linn
 5 Bruce Lee
 7 Bertha Van Brimmer
 8 Michael Ekelberry
 10 Archie & Beth Trigg
 12 Jeanne Ekelberry
 15 Barbara Lovell
 Betty Porter
 16 Dick & Jeanne Ekelberry
 24 Jeanne Wickum
 30 Jim & Annett Ringley
 31 Ruth Gillin
 JUNE 1 Della Dove
 2 Jerry & Lana Palmer

GOD IS

God is the one last try
against never was and can't be.

God is the sunrise
the morning after
the day the dream died
and laughter was forgotten.

God is the tomorrow
in the today of dead love
and dying will.

Why is it
we never realize
until our world is full
of nothing
that God is all there is
and God is enough?

SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

May 7 - Deacon Ben Turney, Convenor
 21 - Deacon Steve Stoner, Convenor
 28 - Deacon John Richards, Convenor
 June 4 - Deacon Larry Faulk, Convenor
 11 - Deacon Margery Smale, Convenor

Supper, Support And Sharing At The
Parsonage, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Please Come!

SCHEDULE FOR CANDLELIGHTERS FOR MAY

May 7 - Jarrod Trigg
 14 - Erin Faulk
 21 - Evan Trigg
 28 - Barbara Lovell
 June 4 - Marci Sander

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REMINDER:

SUNDAY SERVICES JULY 9, 1989

Guest Speaker-Everett Chambers, Galena. Please plan to attend.
August 6 and 13- Joint services at Zion. Bill Niroté, speaker.

PERSONAL NOTES:

Jeff Faulk finished the school year with the record of four grading terms on the Honor Roll. (Way to go Jeff!)

Erin Faulk has been performing in The Dublin Dance Workshop. She performed four dances in the Recital on June 16 and received two trophies. Erin also finished the school year with straight A's and was top student in her class.

Marci Sander has been vacationing in Florida.

The Lovells and the Faulks vacationed at Lakeside for a week.

Wickums vacation took them to Fitchburg, Mass. for Grand daughter Shannon Meads graduation; Johnstown, New York for geneology research, Rochester, New York to visit cousins, Canadaigne, New York for the wedding of Wicks uncle John Boyer to Genevieve Robinson, Alfred Station to visit jeans friend Betty Jo Davis, Jamestown, New York to visit a neice and then home. (Sounds good to me!)

Michael Ekelberry made the Deans List for the Spring Quarter at O.S.U. Requirements include taking at least 15 credit hours and having a grade point of 3.5 or more. Michael is home for the summer and working full time at Del-Co Pizza.

Charles Ekelberry is working full time as a staff member at The Delaware County District Library and taking two classes per Quarter at the Marion O.S.U. Campus. He received B-'s for the Spring Quarter.

The Ted Stephen Family were in Delaware for Services June 25. Ted was our leader in worship.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:

Carrie Beth Fogle
Williard Fogle
Ben Turney

MISSING*****

Yellow and White tablecloths; If you borrowed or took them home to wash please remember to return them.

MISSING*****

Communion Cloths.

REMINDER: IF YOU USE THE CHURCH KITCHEN OR ANY PART OF THE CHURCH PLEASE CLEAN BEFORE YOU LEAVE. IT IS NOT FAIR FOR THE NEXT GROUP TO HAVE TO CLEAN TWICE.

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CHILDRENS DAY

Childrens Day was celebrated June 11 with eleven clowns of all shapes and sizes. Jeff Stoll and Connie Tournear led a clown workshop Friday June 9 and Saturday June 10th. for those who were interested in transforming themselves into a clown for Christ. We enjoyed moments of silliness as well as meaningful moments about Christ's message of love, death and eternal life. There were tears and a lot of laughter as well. From this workshop came the messages presented by the clowns for the Childrens Day Celebration.

I'm very glad we had the opportunity to begin to tell Christ's message in a new way.

Thank you for your gifts in the freewill offering of \$40.58 to cover part of the cost of the Clown Workshop.

Apology to Jarrod Trigg whose name was not listed on the clown list in the bulletin due to an oversight. (We love you Jarrod.)

Rev Gene Gillin presented Barbara Lovell with a Bible

Following Childrens Day Services everone was invited to the Fellowship Hall to "make your own ice cream sundaes and a great time was had by all.

DON'T FORGET to write to all of our Baptist kids a camp this summer.

Volunteers are needed for Junior Church this summer. There is material available on the table in the secretary's office.

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Thanks to three brass players fo playing on Fathers Day. Jarrod Trigg, coronet; Matthew Lovell, cornet and Jeff Faulk, trombone and thanks to the Peace Camp Singers who shared their songs from camp with the congregation on Fathers Day.

Thanks to the G.O.P Women for having their Spring Dinner and Style Show at the First Baptist. It gave the youth an opportunity to wait on tables and make money for the Youth Fellowship and Camp Fund. \$20.00 was given to Youth Fellowship and \$40.00 to Camp. Thanks to all who helped and enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner and Fashion show.

I would like to once again thank all the Sunday School teachers and substitutes for teaching this year. I hope to see you all back in the fall.

Pam Faulk

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Mark your calendars now for this years retreat on September 8,9,10 at Judson Hills. Our leader will be Jeff Stoll, who joined us in worship in our Childrens Day Service. Mor information will come to you in August.. (It's not to late to volunteer to help Pam's committee!)

Better to 'give than to receive????????????????????????????????????

My bet is that if you spend 1 hour in the nursery on Sunday a.m. or 30 min. in Junior Church you will receive more than you give, I'll bet you get a hug and maybe a kiss too, a smile, a compliment. Our children want to spend time with everyone in church, not just their mons and dads.

Plan to trade some time on Sunday Morning for a warm, loved feeling inside. Sign up in the vestibule. Materials are in the office for Junion Church. Thanks to all who have taken a turn to let your love shine on our children.

Mary Lou Lovell

The following young people are planning to attend summer Camp at Judson Hills:

Natalie Mowery Debbie Lovell Matthew Lovell
Jeff Faulk Erin Faulk Barbara Lovell Evan Trigg
Micah Stoner will go to Green Lake, E

Evan Trigg will be sponsored by Jean and Wick Wickum in lieu of money for keeping their yard in shape while they were gone.

Please let us know if you intend to go to camp at Greel lake, Judson or Kirkwood and your name is not on the list. Camp fund now stands at \$275.00. This amount will be divided among those attending camp and distributed when Lovells return from vacation. Call Mary Lou at 360-6041.

CONTINUING EDUCATION+++++

ABW Conference attended by Anne Linn, Bertha Van Brimmer, Ruth Gillin and Carolyn Schneeberger.

ABC/USA BIennial Convention in Milwaukee attended by Pastor Gillin, Ruth Gillin and Carolyn Schneeberger.

Association Meeting at Mt. View Baptist Church attended by Lana Palmer and Linda White. We hope to hear more of these conferences later.

DON'T FORGET*****DON'T FORGET*****DON'T FORGET*****

Quartly business will be atter church on July 30, 1989. We will be attending Church services at Zion and reture to our church for business meeting. (I promise to keep it moving. Jeanne Ekelberry)

This newsletter has been prepared by a complete amateur. Any notice of typos that you forget will be appreciated.

Jeanne Ekelberry

PEACE CAMP.....

Vacation Bible School with First Baptist, First Presbyterian and Asbury Church is but a memory; a wonderful memory of Christians from 3 Churches putting together a program-"Peace Through Missions." When we began meeting last fall, it was the hope of Kris Jones that the committee could develop a curriculum in which children would learn about other people of the world-their similarities, their differences in Christ's love. It came together June 12-16 at Asbury Church and I think I can say that those who participated had a wonderful week; sharing ideas, singing together, praying together, laughing, making new friends, learning how to be a missionary, right here, right now; creating things and playing with a parachute! Yes, we did all of that and more to!

Rev. Paul Randall organized a presentation of a Bible verse each day; Day #1-Becoming a disciple-including many boys and girls. Day#2-Wedding feast a Capa (with a Wedding). Day #3-Pentecost-I won't forget that one with 3 different people reading about the birth of Christ in 3 different languages, as well as the wind and fire. Day #4-The Great Communion-each of us received the sign of the Cross on our face as a symbol to be a disciple of Christ!

The Minister from Asbury Church led the Internal Celebration Service we had on Friday. Each group shared something about the country they had studied-Preschoolers-Africa; K-1 India; Grades 2-3, Haiti; 4-5-6-7-8, Korea.

An international pot luck followed with everyone joining for a lovely meal and fellowship.

Monetary Collection at Peace Camp went to Church World Service projects to provide necessities such as blankets, immunizations, etc.

Thanks to Carolyn Schneeberger for sharing her adventures in India, beautiful saris and other Indian treasures with the children. The children even got to have their own saris or dottis. Thanks to Pam Faulk for coming to all the planning sessions and sharing her week with the K-1 class.

Thanks to Deb Lovell, Julie Lemond, Natalie Mowery and Jeff Faulk who provided laps, hugs, extra hands and lots of love to the preschoolers who went on safari to Africa. Katie Carter, who was a missionary to Kenya last year and provided lots of treasures from Africa; masks, jewelry instruments, a video of African dancing and songs to bring the African people to the preschoolers as real people.

Thanks to Beth Trigg for bring Corn Bread for us to share.

We had 9 children attend classes and 3 Junior high school helpers, (much needed and appreciated) plus 3 adults as teachers from Baptist Church.

I hope as you read this you get an idea of the terrific week we had; and if you didn't get to join us- I hope you do feel you missed something special-because you did.!

I hope you will catch the Spirit from those who did attend and will plan to join us for next years Peace Camp.

Marly Lou Lovell

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 7 PETER AND LINDA WHITE

14 Kenny Brown
16 Don Brown
19 JARROD TRIGG
21 Mary Helen Richards
23 Joe Mowery
23 Alison Mowery
23 John Dove
26 Jeff Faulk
26 Dick Lee
27 Anne And John Linn
27 Laura Newman

August 3 Carolyn Schneeberger.
7 Jennifer Porter
8 Jim Van Brimmer
9 Steve Stoner
18 Larry And Pam Faulk
21 Jim Stephenson
23 Dick and Evelyn Lee
24 Florence Faulk
27 Linda White
30 Fred and Carol grubbs
30 Archie Trigg

Signs of a healthy Church

Free and lively discussion
Smiling faces--young and old
Busy schedules and good attendance
Saying yes when asked to serve and following through
Peace Camp

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ABW

ABM

Summer Camp

Retreat

Individually a lot of fun--as a whole- Church Growth. Add your own thoughts and share with us.

If your article or vacation did not appear this time it was because I did not find it in the folder for Church Newsletter. Start writing now for next months GOOD NEWS.

Good News Letter

Published in the cause of the abundant life by
THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, DELAWARE, OHIO

Rev. Gene F. Gillin
Pastor

PASTORGRAPHS

A little leaguer and his dad went to the backyard to play ball. The little boy threw the ball up in the air and swung with all his might. "Strike One," he said as he missed the ball completely. "Strike Two," he said as he missed it again. A third time he threw the ball up. "Strike three," he shouted as he hit nothing but air. Then looking at his dad with much determination, he said, "Boy, am I a great pitcher!"

This boy had learned one important lesson in life. He knew how to maintain a positive attitude in spite of his imperfections. Attitude cannot, of course, be a substitute for capability. But far more than anything else, it is our positive attitude that determines whether we will keep on trying to improve our skills in ministry. And no matter what area we are working in, that is the major requirement for advancing from being a great pitcher to being a great hitter.

Dr. Douglas Hargis of Kenton, Ohio, will be meeting with us on Sunday evening, August 13 at 7:00 p.m. to bring a proposal for church outreach and growth this fall and winter at First Baptist.

All members and friends of First Baptist are urged to be present to share in the excitement of this presentation by our Church Growth Consultant.

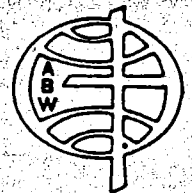
SUMMER UNION SERVICES - July 23 - August 13 with Zion U.C.C. conclude with Pastor Bill Nirote of Zion preaching at FBC from the text Matt. 5:13-16, on the sermon themes "Let Your Light Shine" and "On the Outside...Looking In" from Heb. 12:1-2, 12-19.

CHURCH RETREAT

Come and join us for a weekend of fun and exploration. Meet the new camp managers. This year's retreat on September 8, 9, 10 promises to be an interesting adventure. Please make plans now to be part of our Church family for this important weekend in our Church family experience with our leader, Jeff Stoll.

The Retreat Committee will be meeting Monday, August 7 at 2:30 p.m. at the church.

- Pam Faulk
Retreat Committee
Chairperson



AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

The ABW Nominating Committee will be meeting very soon. Please give serious thought to saying "YES" if they approach you, asking you to take a position for this coming year.

The new slate of officers will be presented at our next meeting, which will be held on Thursday, August 24 at 6 p.m. at the home of president Jeanne Ekelberry, 433 N. Liberty. Please bring a covered dish to share. Table service, drinks and hot dogs on the grill, will be provided.

- Jeanne Ekelberry

NOTES FROM THE TRUSTEES

1. The new outside lights along the North walk have been installed. They are on 2-way switch which is located on the north east corner of the tower and can be controlled from the outside. This means the last person to leave a meeting can come out in the light and then turn off the lights from the outside. This was the second major goal the trustees wanted to accomplish this year. The lights and the kitchen rewiring was done by Mike Clark.
2. The blacktop driveway at the old parsonage was sealed, thus protecting our investment of \$1,000.00 of 6 years ago.
3. The Fire Extinguishers were serviced and inspected by B&J of Marion.
4. We were cited by the Fire Inspector as concerning the ceiling fans. We found that the wires to these fans must be in conduit! -- Another project!!
5. The sanctuary piano was tuned by Clifford Rector.
6. The Boy Scout troop which Dick Lee works with, which formerly met at Asbury, has been displaced from that location. At our last church business meeting, we voted to have this troop meet at First Baptist. They will meet on Monday nights, in the old basement.

My sincere thanks to Will Fogel and Arch Trigg for mowing the church lawn while I have been away this summer.

- Peter White
Chairperson - Trustees



DON'T FORGET TO WRITE LETTERS TO OUR KIDS AT CAMP!!!

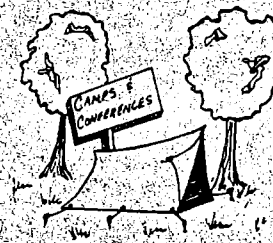
In late June, STEVE AND MICAH STONER and JIM VAN BRIMMER attended two conferences at Green Lake American Baptist Assembly in Wisconsin. KAREN and STEF STONER AND BERTHA VAN BRIMMER had a queenly vacation trip to Louisville, KY and southern Indiana. Who among them wanted to come back??

1991 BAPTIST BIENNIAL IN CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Over 3,000 delegates to our American Baptist Biennial meeting in Milwaukee June, were extended a warm West Virginia welcome to the 1991 Biennial meeting to be held in Charleston, a city that has recently completed a new Civic Center and a Town Center complex of hotels and shopping facilities.

Our delegates, Carolyn Schneeberger, Gene and Ruth Gillin, attended the pre-convention conference on the small church at Marquette University. The rest of the week, Tuesday thru Friday - was a wonderful smorgasborg of Baptist delicacies, tastefully presented to cover a great menu of church programming and activities.

Pastor Gillin brings greetings to the congregation from a former member, O.W.U. student Susan Panek Polizzi of Waukesha, Wisconsin. Susan is serving on the Board of Directors of the Roger William Fellowship of American Baptists.



SOME CAMP NEWS

Matthew Lovell and Erin Faulk attended Judson Hills Camp in July. They had a wonderful week!! Their favorite activity was swimming. They also participated in Bible Study, tie-dying shirts, Backwards Day (they had creamed turkey for breakfast and pancakes for dinner), campfires, singing, and boating. Many more of our young people will be attending in August. Sounds like they have a lot of fun to look forward to! They will each receive \$34.00 from the Camp Fund, thanks to all your contributions! They all say a big THANK YOU!!!

- Submitted by Mary Lou Lovell



SUNDAY SCHOOL ENLARGEMENT

RALLY DAY - Sunday School classes will begin again on Sunday, August 27. We will begin with a breakfast buffet at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and meet your Sunday School class and teachers. Bring a breakfast item to share. Beverages provided.

HELP!! There are those in our church family who need your help! We have children who would really like to get to know you better. Please make a decision to spend time this year with some of your church family's children. Sunday School teachers and substitute teachers are needed at all grade levels. The curriculum is easy to work with, as are our kids. You don't even have to have teaching experience. Teachers are also needed at the Adult level. See Pam Faulk to get the class of your choice!!

There will be a meeting of all Sunday School teachers and substitutes on Sunday evening, August 20 at 7 p.m. in the Senior High Room. Please plan to attend.

CLOWNS - Anyone who participated in the Clown Workshop or is interested in Clowning -- Hunt up your outfit and makeup. Let's see if we can put something together for SKIT NIGHT at the retreat.

- Submitted by Pam Faulk

SUMMER MUSIC

I would appreciate it if any one who is planning to sing a solo for a Sunday service, would contact me and get the accompaniment music to me no later than the Wednesday before the Sunday service. This would ensure that the title of the piece you are intending to sing is printed in the Bulletin and that I can have a little more time to prepare. Thanks for your cooperation!

- Mary Lou Lovell

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING, Sunday Noon, July 30, heard financial reports and recommendations from the Board of Christian Education to support a fall program of stewardship education for the whole church, "Adventures In Sharing"; voted to establish a special support fund for Radnor Baptist Church, and pledged support to Cynthia Bland and a student fellowship committee for a fall program with OSU students; voted to sponsor Scout Troop 393, transferring from Asbury Methodist to First Baptist Church.

IT WILL BE A GREAT DAY
WHEN OUR SCHOOLS GET ALL THE MONEY
THEY NEED
AND THE AIR FORCE
HAS TO HOLD A BAKE SALE
TO BUY A BOMBER !!!!!

BAPTISTS AND THE MEDIA - What do Charles Colson and Willard Scott have in common? Both are included in the second annual volume of Best Sermons(Harper & Row). NBC's "Today" show weatherman, who also plays Mr. Poole on the "Hogan Family", is an active member of FBC, Alexandria, Va. His "down-home" testimony, delivered during the church's 185th anniversary, is included in the book as an example of effective preaching. The irrepressibly happy Scott believes he has been on "Today" for almost a decade because "the good Lord placed me there." He says about his battle against alcohol that he has not had a drink for a year and "will never drink again. In his message Scott declared "the truth is God needs us...Basically, that's what it's all about, the fact that we are so important to the scheme and plan of what Jesus Christ had in mind for the world. We are the keys, the instruments of salvation." Acknowledging his faith is dogmatic, Scott believes that Christ's love and sacrifice and compassion make Christianity the only way.

HEAR THE CALL with all of our Ohio Baptist Family this Labor Day Wknd..... to attend the annual BIBLE & MISSIONS CONF. at Kirkwood Camp & Conference Cntr., near Wilmington. For more INFO check the bulletin board or literature table or call Steve Fitzwilliam at Kirkwood AC513/382-3535.

RESPOND TO NEEDS Paul and Jean Pinder are members of the FBC, Sunbury. Paul has recently visited the Micronesian Islands where he had worked 20 yrs. ago for the U. S. Dept. Of The Interior. While visiting the island of Pohnpei, he met with a minister in great need named Lemuel Ohry. He needs used religious teaching books in English, K-12. Hymnals and song books are also needed regardless of condition. For more INFO speak to the Pastor or call FBC, Sunbury AC614/965-3816. Thanks!!!

DECADE OF ADVENTURE: Planning, Restructuring, Action Years(P.R.A.Y.) calls us to an important meeting in Marion at Trinity B.C. on Tuesday, August 15, 7:15-9:15 pm. We trust a good number of our congregation will join the pastor in this meeting as we search for the vision God would give us for our in-state mission in the next decade.

OHIO BAPTIST PEACE FELLOWSHIP ... invites all of us to celebrate a new day for freedom - elections in Poland, a parliament convened in the Soviet Union, the U.S. Adm. and Congress reaching a concensus on peace initiatives in Central America - by joining peaceloving hearts and hands in a new day for Baptist peacemaking here in Ohio. For membership and support in OBPF please speak to the paastor or call our Executive Director, Rev. Steve Hammond, AC216/774-3031 at 44 E. Lorain St., Oberlin, Ohio 44074.



OHIO STATE FAIR -- Be sure to visit the International Peace Pavilion if you go to the Ohio State Fair, August 3-20. Many great activities at the pavilion include: music, hands-on art experiences, dance, videos, international visitors, informed persons to answer your questions. The pavilion is located between Kiddieland and the commerical buildings at the southern end of the fairgrounds. Come support efforts at a more peaceful world.

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....SOPHIA STEPHENSON....
winner of a Red Baron Pizza contest and awarded her grand prize -- a flight in the friendly skies in a Red Baron replica plane ---- her first flight experience.

.....VICTOR FOGLE..... named Delaware Gazette Carrier for July by Gazette management.

GOOD NEWS!!!!!! GOOD NEWS!!!! GOOD NEWS!! GOOD

We were told at Parish Council that our alley was is on the HIGH PRIORITY list to be repaired. No more lost cars!!!!

ST. MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY - An affordable retirement center at 35 Lexington Blvd., off W. Central Avenue, is sponsored in Delaware by both the Zion U.C.C. and St. Mary's C.C. Wilbur Wickum of FBC will represent us on a local Community Advisory Council in support of St. Michael's.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT (Jan-June)

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>REC'D</u>
Local Mission	\$17,091	\$15,836
World Mission	1,770	2,096
O.G.H.S.	Love Offr	163

REJOICE!
 in the service of love



One
 Great
 Hour
 of
 Sharing

American Baptist Churches USA

The Bible tells us to love our neighbors and also to love our enemies; probably because they are often the same people!!

NEWS FROM THE PEWS!!!

BARBARA LOVELL finished second grade with all A's!!! Congratulations, Barbara, way to go!!!!

DEBBIE LOVELL was a participant in the Princess Contest for 4-H for the Delaware County Junior Fair at Delaware J.V.S. in July.

THE FAULK FAMILY, PAM, LARRY, ERIN AND JEFF, returned from a 2-week vacation in Canada, followed by a week in Virginia where Larry and Jeff hiked another 50 miles on the Appalachian Trail with the Boy Scouts. Erin hiked 8 miles with them also.

MICAH STONER graduated from two sets of tennis instruction. Earlier this summer he attended the Pacers Basketball Camp and in the last-day contests he placed third in speed dribble, fourth in freethrowing and fourth in hotspot shooting out of 50 young men in his age group.

AN EVENING OF GOSPEL MUSIC SUNDAY, JULY 23

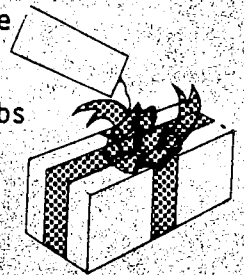
Nine members and friends of the Adult, TOO, Bible Class enjoyed food at Flakey Jake's in Columbus and then enjoyed a great concert by the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and the Columbus Gospel Choir, featuring some of the city's most talented soloists. Steve and Micah Stoner, Judy Frost, Cynthia Bland, Arch and Beth Trigg, Anne Linn, Gene and Ruth Gillin were part of a large and enthusiastic audience at the Palace Theatre.

PICNIC WITH THE POPS SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1989

First Baptist music lovers -- Carolyn Schneeberger, Linda White, Cynthia Bland, Anne Linn, Gene & Ruth Gillin, members of the ADULT, TOO, Class, were a part of a record attendance at the C.S.O. July 4th weekend concert in Columbus.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Jennifer Porter
- 8 Jim Van Brimmer
- 9 Steve Stoner
- 14 Rick & Barbara Van Brimmer
- 18 Larry and Pam Faulk
- 21 Jim Stephenson
- 23 Mildred Bower
Richard & Evelyn Lee
- 24 Florence Faulk
- 27 Linda White
- 30 Fred and Carol Grubbs
Archie Trigg



IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest expressions of Christian sympathy and love are expressed to those who have recently lost loved ones through death.

In remembrance of Mary Emma McKean who died July 20 at Grady Memorial Hospital after a life of loyalty to her Lord and her Church.

HOSPITALIZED - JUNE AND JULY

- Will Fogle - Grady Memorial
- Carrie Beth Fogle - Grady Memorial
- Betty Porter - Grady Memorial
- Mrs. Lee - Grady Memorial
- Ben Turney - Cleveland Clinic

Please take time to enjoy the MEMORIES Poster hanging in the Assembly Room, presented by a church photographer.

FEMINIST VS WOMANIST

In an address to the Consultation for UM Black Clergywomen, Presbyterian Clergywoman Katie Cannon distinguished between "feminist," often considered a White belief system, and "Womanist," a term coined by author Alice Walker to describe a women's support community. A womanist loves men even when confronting them with their sexism.

- NEWSCOPE, Dec. 2, 1988

- Submitted by Karen Stoner



AUGUST						
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 N. FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO 43015

(Address correction requested)



TO:

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER, September 1989

First Baptist Church, 101 N. Franklin St., Delaware OH 43015

614-363-7021 The Rev. Gene Gillin, Pastor

CHURCH GROWTH AND OUTREACH TASK FORCE REPORT

To date the task force has held two meetings, under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Doug Hargis of Kenton, who has been specially trained in the church growth field.

We are working our way through a 205-page growth planning manual, an effort which will require 11 meetings over a seven-month period, concluding in March 1990. These training sessions will consume about 27 hours of intensive study. In addition there will be required homework for both the task force members and the whole congregation.

So far we have learned that "church growth" means different things to different people. The kind of growth we will be planning for has been defined as "the comprehensive and natural expansion that can and should be expected from the life and mission of the church as the people of God, the body of Christ, and the fellowship of the Spirit." This concept goes far beyond any desire or effort to simply increase the size of our congregation. It means that our planning and action programs will encourage the growth of spiritual awareness, commitment and obedience to the calling of our Lord in individuals as well as the congregation, and should result in more significant ministries which will involve a growing number of persons.

We believe that honest, sustained growth will not happen by planning alone, no matter how well done. Planning does, however, allow for the proper preparation for effective ministry of God's plan for us through which real growth can take place in the life of our fellowship, and this is what we are about.

This effort by the task force on behalf of the whole congregation will need much prayerful support. We have the faith that with such support something good is going to happen!

Jim VanBrimmer

TREAT NEXT WEEKEND!!

The Retreat dates of September 8-10 are only days away! Please don't miss this chance to have fellowship with your church family. If you can't make the entire weekend, come up for any part of it. Since no church services will be held at our home church next Sunday, why not join us at Judson Hills for church? Contact Pam Faulk.

"I hear, I forget; I see and I remember; I do, and I understand."

- - Suzanne Toton

"We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny."

- - Martin Luther King Jr.

ALSO FROM BETH TRIGG

Mom and I continue our discipleship at Liberty Community Center. Could you spare a couple of dollars? Occasionally we treat the group to a pizza or home-cooked meal. This is a parent study group for low-income families. We would appreciate your prayers.

JUDSON HILLS EXPERIENCE

Jeff Faulk and Debbie Lovell attended Canoe Camp at Judson Hills. They had a great time. They went on a night canoe trip during the lunar eclipse, on the Mohican River. They also canoed 14 miles down the river. They heard many different vespers and devotions provided by various speakers. In addition, they cooked all their meals. They hope to enjoy the fun again next year.

TIME CHANGES

At the request of the Board of Education, the Board of Deacons has established the following schedule for Sunday services:

9:15 - 9:30 Church School Opening Exercises
 9:30 -10:30 Church School Classes
 10:30 -10:50 Coffee Hour/Fellowship
 11:00 -12:00 Worship Hour

The extended time period between Church School and the Worship Hour provides a time of fellowship and greetings. It permits the choir ample time to "tune up" and allows the service to begin promptly at 11:00 in a spirit of worship. The deacons will monitor and review the schedule with regard to the total church program.

Larry Faulk, Chairman, Board
 of Deacons

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Shirley Parker spent the first two weeks of August in New England where her youngest son, Joseph was married on Aug. fifth to Laurie Penfield in the First Congregational Church of Lyme, NH. Joseph and Laurie are both teachers at the Putney School, Purney, VT. Laurie teaches English, Joe, Art. Following the wedding, the couple flew to Paris where after a week they were to join Laurie's parents on their canal barge for a tour of Europe. They will resume their teaching positions at the end of Aug.

A few days after returning home Shirley accompanied her brother and his wife from Louisville to Stratford, Ont. for a few days of theater-going at the Shakespeare Players Festival.

RECYCLE/MEN!!!

All those who have things for pick-up please call Steve Stoner at 369-7754. If you don't call by Fri. Sept. 15, we will assume you don't have anything to be picked up. IF YOU DON'T CALL, WE WON'T STOP!!!

Prior to the recycle pick-up, the Men's Fellowship will have breakfast at 8a.m. on Sat. Sept. 16 at the Delaware Hotel. Cost is 3.95+15% for Buffet.

---Steve Stoner, Pres.

ALL I EVER REALLY NEEDED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN

By: Robert Fulghum

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but here in the sandbox at nursery school.

These are the things I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup--they all die. So do we.

And then remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word you learned, the biggest word of all: LOVE. Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation, ecology and politics and sane living.

Think of what a better world it would be if we all--the whole world--had cookies and milk about 3 o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations to always put things back where we found them and clean up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

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Good News Letter

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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, DELAWARE, OHIO

Rev. Gene F. Gillin
Pastor

PASTORGRAPHS

NEW SEAS TO CROSS..... NEW SHORES TO REACH!!!

DID YOU KNOW... Our American Baptist Board of International Ministries has 50 applicants for overseas ministries awaiting funding and support.

DID YOU KNOW... We have received 45 requests this year for missionary personnel from mission stations around the world.

DID YOU KNOW... Over 60,000 persons around the world accepted Christ as Savior and Lord last year because of your faithfulness.

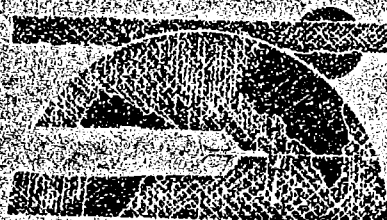
DID YOU KNOW... 23 new missionaries were appointed last year and 5 others have been appointed this year.

DID YOU KNOW... The World Fellowship Offering, given annually in October, provides about one-third of their support and of the rest of the operating budget of our International Ministries.

DID YOU KNOW... The national W.F. Offering goal is \$3,100,000...and our congregational share of that goal is \$300.00.

DID YOU KNOW... Sunday, October 15, is the World Fellowship Offering Victory Celebration at First Baptist Church, Delaware, when we trust we shall reach our 1989 offering goal through the dynamic leadership of our Missionary Education Chairman, Lana Palmer. If you cannot be present that day, please mail your offering to the church or place it in the offering any Sunday during October. Our missionaries thank you and we thank you!!

NEW SEAS TO CROSS



NEW SHORES TO REACH

World Fellowship Offering

AMERICAN BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

<u>AREA</u>	<u>YEAR WORK BEGAN</u>
Burma	1814
China	1836
India	1836
Europe	1837
Mexico	1870
Japan	1873
Zaire	1884
Cuba	1899
Philippines	1900
El Salvador	1911
Nicaragua	1917
Haiti	1923
Thailand	1952
Hong Kong	1954
Malaysia-Singapore	1967
Bangladesh	1977
Nepal	1978
Costa Rica	1981
Dominican Republic	1982
Barbados	1985
Rwanda	1987
Bolivia	1987

REPORT FROM THE TRUSTEES

Those of you who do not normally use the back hallway behind the baptistry, should make it a point to look back there. It's been repainted and certainly you will notice a big improvement in this area. Our big THANKS to Jim Stephenson for doing this paint job!

Our thanks, also, to Dave Lovell who climbed the ladder and changed the 3 spotlights over the stained glass windows.

Have you noticed the rubber plants have been down-sized and planted in new pots? And do you every wonder who keeps the flowers in front of the bulletin board and the old basement window well?

THANK YOU JIM STEPHENSON!!

A new janitor, Pamela Wells, is doing our cleaning now. She will work 1 1/2 hours each Friday or Saturday. Thanks to Dave Lovell for making the contact.

The Electric Company felt compelled to put a new pole almost in front of the Church. Objections were in vain.



- Peter White
Chairman, Trustees

PIPE ORGAN TOUR

Come... join us for an enjoyable Sunday afternoon, October 15, touring some of our local churches and hearing their magnificent organs!!

Delaware's Pipe Organ and Church Walking Tour will start at our church at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 15. The organist at each of the churches will play for about 15 minutes, and then we will proceed to the next church. The second church on the tour is the 7th Day Adventist church on Sandusky. After leaving this church, we will walk over to the William Street Church, then back up Franklin to Winter Street and to the 1st Presbyterian Church and also to St. Peters. The tour ends at Zion UCC, on Franklin.

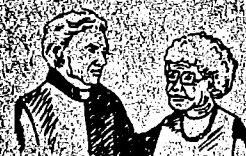
Please support Mary Lou and all the other organists by being at our church at 2 p.m. for the start of this tour.

-Peter White

HOSPICE OF DELAWARE

Hospice of Delaware County is a program designed to provide physical, emotional, and spiritual care for the terminal ill and their families. We are looking for individuals willing to make home visits to relieve the caregiving, provide assistance with transportation and/or meal preparation and light housekeeping. We also need volunteers to provide professional services such as legal and financial counseling. Volunteers may also be interested in becoming involved with families during the bereavement period following the death of a loved one.

Our fall training class begins Saturday, October 14. The training classes will consist of 3 Saturday sessions: October 14, and 21 from 8:30 - 4:30 and on October 28 from 8:30 to 12:30. Persons interested in participating should contact Grady Memorial Hospital at 369-8711 or 548-4114 and ask for Hospice. Connie and Barb are available to answer your questions and assist with enrollment for volunteer training between 8:00 and 4:30 Monday thru Friday.



MINISTRY TO
THE ELDERLY

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Each October, millions of Americans join in the observation of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This observation remembers victims who have lost their lives to domestic violence, celebrates the success of survivors, and encourages those working to end domestic violence.

If someone you know needs assistance or wants more information on Turning Point and domestic violence, call Turning Point at 382-8988 or 1-800-232-6505. The crisis line is staffed 24-hours a day, seven-days a week.

Turning Point asks that you remember their work in your prayers, especially during this month-long observance.

REPORT FROM THE GROWTH TASK FORCE

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO LANA PALMER WHO JOINED THE GROUP ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1989!

Your Task Force has been hard at work, struggling through the early phases of planning for the growth of the ministry of our Church. Last Sunday, Sept. 24, we had the third training session with Dr. Doug Hargis.

In attempting to make our planning as comprehensive as possible, emphasis has been upon defining persons and groups that influence church growth. As a vision for the future, we are attempting to understand the contribution of each that is necessary for healthy growth.

Of primary importance is the role of the Holy Spirit. Believing that the Spirit is the only source of truly new life, and within the fellowship of believers is the source of power we look to Him for guidance. May we be perceptive at this point!

Other roles that are ingredients of a growing church are those of the pastor, various lay leaders, the congregation itself, the growth task force, and a specific prayer support group.

These are the laborers, and our task is to find the way that will bring our vision to reality.

Over the next two months, the task force will be conducting a number of surveys in order to use the information in subsequent planning meetings. One of these is a survey of every member of the congregation at morning worship October 1. (This is a questionnaire dealing with how members perceive the ministry of the church). Others have to do with observations by the task force of our congregation and the community, and our church history.

This is indeed an ambitious undertaking. And it begins to look as though we'll leave no stone (or member!) unturned in our effort to serve this fellowship. Wish us well, and pray that this endeavor will be fruitful!

GROWTH TASK FORCE

Jean Wickum	Ann Linn
Wilbur Wickum	Larry Faulk
Steve Stoner	Ruth Gillin
Marge Smale	Lana Palmer
Beth Trigg	Gene Gillin
Jim Van Brimmer	

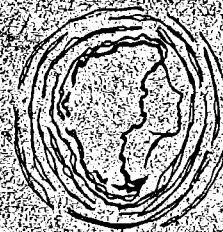


1990 CHURCH BUDGET BUILDING

The Finance Committee will be meeting at the church, Sunday, Oct. 8, 5-7:00 pm to consider a unified and working budget which will include our vital needs and concerns. Please have your program requests ready for them to work with as they begin the budget process.

ST. MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY DEDICATION CEREMONY

Sunday, Oct. 8, 1:30 pm, 35 Lexington Blvd. Refreshments and public tours will follow the ceremony of ribbon cutting + dedication.



Churches in Solidarity with Women



AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

The Annual Women's Day Worship Service will be Sunday, Oct. 22 at 11:00 am with the women of First Baptist leading in the ministry of a ladies chorus, testimonies, ushers and greeters and all the rest that God provides that day.

A.B.W. OCTOBER MING. is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 7:30 pm at the church.

ANNUAL FIRST BAPTIST HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, Oct. 28, 8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Costume optional... Come and enjoy great fun, food and prizes!!!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES WITH CHILDREN

NURSERY

Sept. Donna Reed
Oct.
Nov. Carol Grubbs
Dec.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Ruth Gillin
Carolyn Schneeberger
Beth Trigg
Carol Grubbs

Many thanks to all who served during the summer Sundays!

PICKING PRIORITIES

In August our congregation was represented by Jim + Bertha Van Brimmer, Wilbur Wickum, Ruth + Gene Gillin at a regional meeting of our churches in Marion to consider priorities for ministry in Ohio during the next decade. Out of this and eleven other meetings around the state we produced 29 areas of concern. This month in our worship service we shall be surveying our congregation in order to narrow this list to just seven and to rank the seven in importance. Please acquaint yourself with the following list and be prepared to respond when the survey is taken at church.

Biblical Stewardship
Biblical Theological Basics
Camping
Christian Centers
Church Growth
Church Renewal/revitalization
Communications Effectiveness
Concern For Social Issues
Discipling People
Ecumenical Cooperation
Effective Strategies For Winning Youth
Encourage People Into Professional Ministry
Evangelism
Expanded Mission Support
Family Relationships
Fellowship Opportunities
Leadership Training
New Churches/Church Planting
Promotion Of Baptist Heritage And Identity
Strategies For Older Adult Ministry
Strategies For Small Churches
Strengthening OBC Services, Programs, Etc.
Sunday Church School Renewal
Unity Among OBC Churches
Urban Work
Values Clarification
Young Adult Ministry
Youth Ministry
World Mission Support



IN SYMPATHY

We remember with Christian love and prayers those in the First Baptist family who have recently lost loved ones through death.

Ruth + Gene Gillin, Ruth's mother

EMILIA LUBELAN

Dick + Evelyn Lee, Dick's mother

ELLA LEE

Elvira Smith and family

Florence + Donald Faulk and family.

Larry + Pam Faulk and family

mother + grandmother

ALPHA GRAHAM

COLLEGE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Dr. Cynthia Bland of the O.W.U. faculty, along with Anne Linn, Shirley Parker, Pam Faulk and the Gillins have been reaching out to O.W.U. students with Christian hospitality. Recent students in worship -

Mike Temple, Box 1371

Victoria Smith, Box 1914

Jill Abbamonte, Box 1727

Our September program has included Worship, Brunch and Bible Study. Keep praying and inviting our college students to F.B.C.

BAPTIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Jarrod Trigg, Stefanie + Micah Stoner, and Debbie + Matthew Lovell attended the Marion Assn. Youth Rally on Sunday, Oct. 24, in Prospect. They enjoyed volleyball, a pizza party, a singspiration, and the inspirational message of Alex Reese on the subject of SELF-WORTH . . . terrific!!!

A B.Y.F. FUN NIGHT is set for Saturday, Oct. 7 at 5:00 pm at the Lovell home on Section Line Rd. Dress casual and come ready for a Super Supper and great party games.



Thank
You!

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for allowing Radnor B. C. to use your lovely facilities on July 23rd for our Sunday School and Church Services. We appreciate your kindness and help in our time of need. We will also appreciate your prayers. Vera Hedges, Radnor B. C.

Gene and I want to thank each of you for your kind remembrances at the time of my mother's homegoing. The flowering plant sent to the funeral was very beautiful and all of your cards and messages were very much appreciated. Ruth Gillin

Thank you for the lovely yellow mum plant at mother Lee's service and for your many expressions of love and caring these past weeks. She did feel a part of you as she has worshipped with us many times over the last forty years. Dick, Evelyn and family

We would like to thank our church family for their care and concern at the death of our mother and grandmother, Alpha Graham.

Flo + Don, Larry + Pam



**MARION ASSN.
FALL RALLY**

First Baptist, Delaware, was represented by seven adults - Linda White, Cynthia Bland, Carolyn Schneeberger, Fred Grubbs, Mary Lou Lovell, Ruth + Gene Gillin... and five of our young people - Jarrod Trigg, Debbie + Matthew Lovell, Stefanie + Micah Stoner. Inspirational music and messages, a Biblical Drama by Chrl. Carver Williams, Missionary Reports from the Assn. Churches along with a Report from our mission in the Barbados by Selma Mabra... all contributed to a great Fall Rally.

JIM LESLIE, O.W.U. FOREIGN Student Advisor, can be reached through the Chaplain's office at O.W.U. or at home (363-7071) if you would like to sponsor an overseas student this school year. There are nearly three times more enrolled this year than last. He would especially like to have Delaware church folk join him in this ministry of hospitality to students from nations where we, for many years, have had missionaries serving.

GOD'S PEOPLE - SELECTED, STRENGTHENED, SENT

164th Annual Meeting Of The Ohio Baptists Hosted By The Springfield Area American Baptist Churches, Springfield, Ohio October 18-20. Program - See Bulletin Board Registration - Check Literature Table Pastor Gillin will be among those who receive service certificates and pins in the Friday afternoon session. He will be recognized for 15 years of service in Ohio.

FBC OF SUNBURY

First Baptist Church of Sunbury will be celebrating their 150th anniversary with various events on October 4, 5, 7 and 8. You are invited to participate in as many of these events as possible.

- Oct. 4 - 7:30 HISTORY NIGHT
- Oct. 5 - 7:30 COMMUNITY NIGHT
- Oct. 7 - 6:30 BANQUET AND CONCERT
- 8:30 THE HITCHES IN CONCERT
- Oct. 8 - 11:00 HOMECOMING SUNDAY

(See the Bulletin Board for more details)

BOOK OF THE MONTH

OUT OF THE BLUE by Orel Hershiser



For those who don't follow baseball, Orel Hershiser is the ace pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers and a committed Christian. He was the Most Valuable Player of the 1988 World Series and the Cy Young Award winner, so his Christian witness has had a positive impact in the secular world this past year... significant, considering the negative press reports some sports and other "heroes" have provided for the media.

In the book, Hershiser talks about those things most important to him, his Christian faith and his family along with his philosophy of pitching, his daily regimen, and his "game face"... his strategy of intense focus on each pitch.

Orel made the point, "I have decided that when my baseball career is over, I will have been successful only if I still love the Lord am still married to Jamie, and still have two sons who really know and love their daddy. Athletes who sacrifice their character and their homes for their sport usually live to regret it."

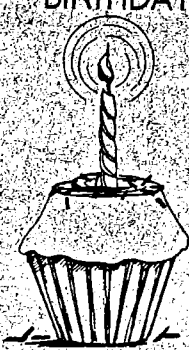
We recommend this book as a great gift for sons, fathers, and other men of the family, especially those who like the sport of baseball.

CANDLELIGHTERS IN WORSHIP

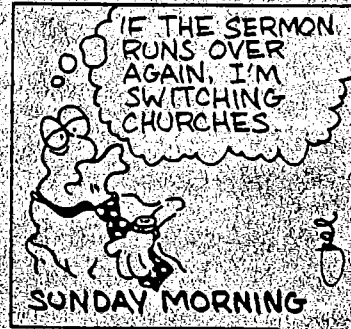
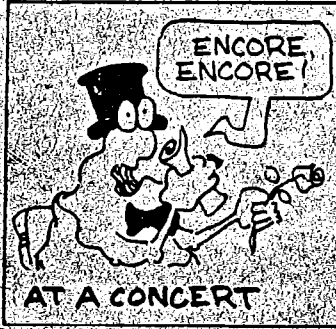
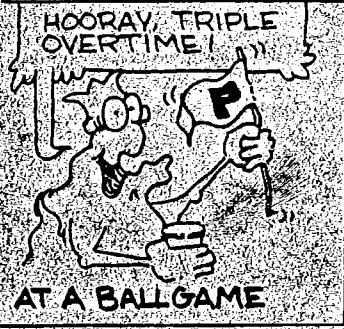
- October 1 - Micah Stoner
- 8 - Erin Faulk
- 15 - Marci Sander
- 22 - Elizabeth Davis
- 29 - Richard Davis

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
- OCT. 5 - Will & Carol Fogle
 - 7 - J.B. Stephenson
 - Jack Smith
 - Michael & Beth Linn
 - 9 - Suzanne Grubbs
 - 18 - John & Della Dove
 - 18 - Gene & Ruth Gillin
 - 21 - Donald & Dorothy Brown
 - 28 - Eddy Linn
 - Amy Smale
 - 30 - Jean Osborne
 - 31 - Janet Lathrop
 - Jennifer Chaffin
 - NOV. 1 - Stefanie Stoner
 - 5 - Victor Fogle

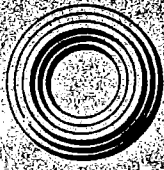


Pontius Puddle



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October

Newsletter

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TO:



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PASTORGRAPHS

I spent the early part of my life in "deer country." The founding fathers had named the community Hartland in recognition of the rich bounty of game they found there each fall.

Every year, before hunting season, they would take their guns out to see if they were sighted in. Some would fire a box of shells at a target to see if the shot was going where it was aimed. They were careful to check the sights to make sure the gun was on target.

Occasionally it is good for us to check our aim here at First Baptist. There are several things that we would like to do. Most of them we would like to do right now. Patience can come a forgotten word.

Right now we need to check our aim. We cannot do everything at once. There cannot be a lot of talk about the need for renewal without any definite action. What do you really feel is the most important thing we should be doing at this time in our churchlife? Our church leadership thinks the most important responsibility is in church growth. We are coming to a new acceptance of our responsibility of presenting the message of Christ. There can be a deadening within the Church when we turn inward to all our needs. The aim has to be on evangelism. The goal is Church Growth. That is the target not just adding names to a church roll, but a compassion to share Jesus and an expectancy that people need what we have in our relationship in Christ. First Baptist leaders are responding to the challenge to grow again.

John Donne said, "No man is an island." Yet, don't you know someone who is desperately trying to prove that he needs only himself? Perhaps he or she is a close relative or friend. Maybe you've wanted to invite that person to taste the fuller life Christ offers. As you do you contribute to the excitement of First Baptist Church as the family of God, the body of Christ and the fellowship of the Spirit.

REPORT FROM DEACONS

The Deacons authorized a schedule change for the Worship Hour this Fall with Sunday School beginning at 9:15 a.m. and Worship at 11 a.m. This provided a half-hour between Sunday School and Church for the following purposes:

- 1) Provide adequate time for choir tune-up
- 2) Provide fellowship time and get acquainted time with guests
- 3) Begin worship in a prompt, expectant and relaxed manner
- 4) Publish an "on-the-hour" beginning to the public as an encouragement to guests and OWU students

The change did not go unnoticed. While the half-hour between Sunday School and Church has proven beneficial to many of the purposes, considerable comments, concerns and constructive advice have been shared freely and consensus has not been apparent.

As of this writing, the Board of Deacons has not met to review the schedule (we will meet today), but I anticipate that we will be seeking the guidance of the congregation at the Quarterly Business meeting on November 8. Your prayers and thoughtful review will be appreciated.

-Larry Faulk- CHRM-BD of Deacons

Pot Luck
Supper



* QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING *

Wednesday, November 8

Covered Dish Dinner	- 6:30 pm
Business Meeting	- 7:30 pm



SPOTLIGHT ON SENIOR HIGH CLASS

The Sr. High Class has been studying the "Visions of God's Rule" this quarter in their class. During September and October, we used passages from Ezekiel, Daniel and Thessalonians to understand "God's Care for Judah", working through "Oppressions to Victory", and anticipating "the Coming of the Lord" respectively. Throughout November we will analyze the "Message of Hope" as expressed in Revelations. Take time to share your visions of Christ with our Sr. High Youth and inquire about their Vision!

-Larry Faulk-Teacher

Sunday, December 3, is the first Sunday of Advent. The Board of Christian Education has planned a special intergenerational activity for the Sunday School time. Please join us for breakfast at 9:00 a.m., to be followed by a viewing of the film, "THE VISITOR" followed by group discussions. Please bring an easy breakfast item to share. Beverage will be provided.

The Junior Class has done an excellent job of leading opening exercises for the month of October. Thank you Juniors!! Join us this month under the leadership of the Primary Class.

- Pam Faulk

NEW ADDRESS

Michael Ekelberry is attending OSU and will love to receive cards and letters, or cookies at the following address:

Michael Ekelberry
38 East Twelfth Street
Columbus, Ohio 43201

ABW SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT

I would like to share some information with you about the 1989-90 ABW Scholarship student.

His name is MARK EDWARD CLICK. He is the pastor of FBS, Greenfield, Ohio. Prior to entering school this fall, Mark was employed by a social service agency for the mentally retarded. He is now a full-time student at United Theological Seminary, Dayton, enrolled in the 3-year Masters of Divinity program. Mark's goal is to continue as full-time student while serving his present church as pastor.

Mark attended Eastern College, St. Davids, PA from 80 to 84, earning his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology/Theology. He was a member of the Evangelical Association for Promotion of Education (missions) and the Psychology Club. He worked 30 to 40 hours weekly to put himself through school. Mark is well motivated and committed to preparing himself for the ministry. He is to be commended for putting himself through school. His father is deceased and his mother is disabled.

Mark travels from his home in Greenfield to Dayton daily for classes. Please remember Mark and others who must travel daily to and from classes. Mark's birthday is November 10. Letters and cards may be sent to him at:

Mr. Mark Click
443 East North Street
Greenfield, OH 45123-1362

- Betty Porter, ABW Scholarship
Chrm

NEWS FROM THE PEWS.....

The church held its annual Halloween party on Saturday, October 28. We witnessed the most creative set of costumes yet and had a great time. A special thanks to Beth Trigg and the B.Y.F. for helping with this event....
.....Matt Lovell was among the advanced science students who recently travelled to Cincinnati to demonstrate exemplary science enrichment programs to education professions attending a convention there. Matt went as scientist Chuck Yeager. - Good show, Matt!!!!
.....Thanks to those who participated in the recent Crop Walk. Those from FBC who walked the 6.2 miles were Debby Lovell, Linda White and Ruth and Gene Gillin. "Pass the bandaids, please!!!!".....Ruth and Gene enjoyed a week of vacation visiting with their daughter Sarah and husband Jeff in Texas and roaming through the hill country of Texas and the Alamo

IN SYMPATHY

Remember with Christian love and prayers those in the First Baptist family who have recently lost loved ones through death.

Dick and Evelyn Lee, Evelyn's father.....
ARTHUR BATTLES

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Stefanie Stoner
- 5 - Victor Fogle
- 6 - Bob Stephenson
Helen Bougher
- 17 Kristine Martin Lanch
- 1 - Frances Johnson
Teresa Grubbs Griffith
- 22 - Peter White
- 27 - Gina Evans Jones
- 28 - Karen Stoner
- 1 - Alison grubbs
Jennifer Gillin
- 4 - Erin Faulk
- 5 - Evelyn Lee
Lola Jackson



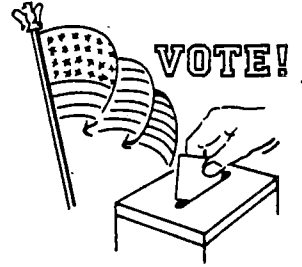
CANDLELIGHTERS FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov. 5 - Adam Mowery
- Nov. 12 - Evan Trigg
- Nov. 19 - Matthew Lovell
- Nov. 26 - Barbara Lovell

BAPTIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The BYF is alive and going. They recently elected the following officers:

- President - Stefanie Stoner
- Secretary - Debbie Lovell
- Treasurer - Jarrod Trigg



NOVEMBER

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DON'T FORGET

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED YOUR SECRET ADVENT
FRIEND LATELY?????????



**BIBLE STUDY
PRAISE + PRAYER**

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IN THE COMPANY OF SAINTS

Today I made a visit to the home of a couple, both in their eighties, who live in a remote area of the state. Their rented ancient farm house is literally falling down around them. The stone chimney fell down this summer and the fireplace has been filled in with plywood to keep the cold air from blowing into the living room. The upper floor is closed off and they live in a first floor area which consists of a kitchen, small hallway, and small bedroom. The only heat in the house is from a wood-burning kitchen stove and an oil heater. They do not have the money to put oil in their storage tank for the winter.

This couple suffered several personal tragedies in their lives, and have lived in modest surroundings with little evidence of material blessing. In spite of that, they radiate warmth and kindness, and give evidence of deep and genuine Christian faith.

Their total monthly income is slightly over \$400. Yet, each week, when they bake bread, they share some with a widow nearby who has no income.

As I left the hospitality of their kitchen table and walked down the broken steps through the falling front gate, I felt that I had been in the company of saints. They will leave few material goods behind them, but they are two of the richest persons I have met in years.

An M & M Visitor filed this report in requesting financial assistance in order to provide winter fuel for two worthy recipients of the
RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING.

In the month of December we shall once again have the opportunity to say "thank you" to those like our Pastor Stephenson who have served so faithfully among us. Together, let us try to make this year's Offering at First Baptist the largest ever. It will gladden our hearts to be able to say "thank you" to so many friends who have blessed our lives and the lives of countless others in our American Baptist family.

Rich blessings to each of you as you give,

Lana Palmer
Missionary Education Chrm.



MERRY
CHRISTMAS



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

On November 16, VICTOR FOGLE was honored at a reception given by the Optimist Club International. The Youth Appreciation Award is given annually to one boy and one girl from each of the county high schools, middle schools, St. Mary's School, Delaware J.V.S., Delaware Christian School and Willis Intermediate School. Vic was chosen because of his fine qualities, his positive attitude, and because he is just a very nice youngman. The evening was a delightful experience and, needless to say, Mom and Dad are extremely proud. CONGRATULATIONS VIC!!!

JEFF and ERIN FAULK both made the Honor Roll for the first 9 weeks of school. Jeff was recently chosen to be a member of the Dublin High School Symphonic Band. Erin will be dancing at New Market Mall on Wednesday evening, December 20.

SPECIAL THANKS

I would like to thank the congregation for their support in my recent campaign for City Councilman at Large. My special thanks to those of you who contributed financially, or walked the block distributing literature, or typed for me. While I am disappointed that I did not win, those who did win share my philosophy on city government. Not being on Council gives me more time for Choir, and other Church activities, so I am content. Once again - Thank You! - Wilbur Wickum

I would like to thank the Church for helping to make it possible for me to go to summer camp at Judson hills this summer. I really enjoyed the experience.

- Jeff Faulk

Thankyou, First Baptist family, for all your prayerful concern and encouragement to me on the occasion of my lithotripsy surgery at the Riverside Hosp. Stone Cntr.

- Gene Gillin

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

The response to our 1990 Financial Campaign has slowed down. We want to remind you to turn in your pledges as soon as you can.

We would like to know before the first of the year the amount of money we will have to work with in the mission of the church in 1990.

At this time pledges represent 58% of the Operating Budget and 96% of the Mission Budget.

Wilbur Wickum, Chrm.
FBC Finance Committee

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

ON SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 17TH, WE SHALL CELEBRATE ADVENT WITH A CHRISTMAS CANTATA - A GIFT FROM THE CHOIR TO THE CONGREGATION.

Let's each pack-a-pew with our family and friends in support of our super choir on that Sunday.

ADULT I SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Our class has just finished an interesting study of Revelations under the able leadership of Jim Van Brimmer.

On Dec. 3, we shall begin a study of the Gospel of John. This Gospel is treasured by Christians for its literary beauty, and its theological insights. It seeks to show the church that Jesus is neither a passing figure residing in memory, nor a spiritual ideal removed from history. Instead, John affirms that Jesus Christ, who once walked on earth, is still present in the events of human experience as the living Lord.

If you are not now attending Sunday Church School, COME JOIN US! We have an informal class format, and enjoy our study of the Bible and its application to today, and we enjoy our fellowship together.

- Jean Wickum

Winter Quarter Teacher

SHOW US A SIGN, LORD!

We beg God, "Show us a sign that we may believe in you." Then we carelessly brush off the six point stars of the snow.

We trample underfoot

The miracle of the seed.

We poison the streams and birds.

What if God would demand of us,

"Show me a sign

That I may believe in men?"

- Dorothy P. Albaugh

(Submitted by Jean Wickum)

CHURCH GROWTH TASK FORCE RECOMMENDS STATEMENT OF CHURCH PURPOSE

The hard working Church Growth Committee under the leadership of Dr. Douglas Hargis of FBC, Kenton, Ohio, will present to the congregation in our Annual Business Mtng. the following statement of purpose for the church's approval:

"OF ALL THAT YOU WANT THE CHURCH TO BE, O GOD, WE WILL BE A SPIRITUAL PRISM THAT RADIATES THE LIGHT OF CHRIST'S LOVE TO ALL."

GREEN LAKE OPPORTUNITIES

- Jim Van Brimmer

Did you know that it is possible for members of our church to have a wonderful vacation and a significant religious experience, and have all or a good portion of the cost paid for by the church? It's true!! Special funds are available through a donation to help underwrite the expense of attending conferences at the American Baptist Assembly and Conference Center at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

This creates a wonderful opportunity for our church leadership and other members with special interests to share in the Green Lake experience. Ideally, persons in leadership positions on the various boards and committees or in special interest groups would be able to attend conferences in their areas of interest on an annually rotating basis.

Conferences are staffed by top people in their fields and are designed so that attendees share in a learning experience that is inspirational as well as instructive.

But all is not work at Green Lake! Schedules are usually arranged so that afternoons are free with optional events in the evenings. Recreational possibilities abound. Green Lake itself is a large, natural deep water lake, famous for boating, fishing and water sports. There is an indoor olympic-sized swimming pool, well equipped craft facilities, as well as numerous lakeside loafing stations. Perhaps most important of all, there are friends to be made with whom experiences are shared -- no one remains a stranger long at Green Lake!

For the hardy types who like to camp out in tent or trailers, there are very nice shaded spots available at very reasonable cost.

Conventional housing is available, ranging from private rooms with bath to dormitory living. For those who take their meals in the dining hall, let us just say it's impossible to go hungry there. The food is good to excellent, and in unlimited quantities.

There is an excellent day care center for small children, and supervised activities for teenagers -- parents can really be free, with peace of mind, to follow their own interests for long periods of time.

What more can we say? You have to go there in order to understand what a good experience it can be. Our church will be enriched, and will benefit in many ways as our people share in the Green Lake experience over the years.

An application form is attached to this newsletter. Interested persons should complete the form and return it to one of the committee members as soon as possible. Please note there is a 1990 Conference Schedule posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS - Jim Van Brimmer
Betty Porter
Wilbur Wickum

greenlake
Conference Center
American Baptist Assembly
Green Lake, WI 54941-9599
Phone (414) 294-3323
Business 800-538-8898

1990 Application

NAME (S) _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

____ Individual ____ Couple ____ Family-Number in Party ____

HOUSING: ____ Houses ____ Cabin ____ Cottage ____ Camping

CONFERENCE DATE _____

CONFERENCE SUBJECT _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF A CHURCH BOARD? ____ YES ____ NO (if yes
which Board) _____

WHAT ARE YOUR REASONS FOR MAKING APPLICATION? _____

Signature _____ / /
Date _____

I understand that the First Baptist Church cannot underwrite
the total cost of the conference.

Signature(s) _____

Date _____

NOTICE: This application must be turned in to one of the follow-
ing committee members immediately upon completion.
(1) Betty Porter. (2) Jim VanBrimmer. (3) Wilbur Wickum.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS HAPPENING.....

At First Baptist each Sunday at 9:00 A.M.....
And all during Advent our Opening Assembly will focus on the theme, WHERE GOD IS, LOVE IS.

Dec. 3, the topic is READINESS. We will celebrate this by sharing breakfast along with an Advent film, THE VISITOR.

On Dec. 10, the topic will be REPENTANCE..... and will be portrayed in a special little play.

On Dec. 17, the topic will be HOPE which will be expressed through a special craftwork.

On Dec. 24, we will celebrate PROMISE with a special Advent Reading.

A BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR JESUS

will be baked and decorated by our First Baptist ladies and then enjoyed by all of us as we celebrate the Birthday of the King at the conclusion of the morning service on December 24.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

scheduled for Sunday evening, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m., is entitled.....

THE ABSOLUTELY, WITHOUT A DOUBT,
MOST FANTASTICALLY PERFECT CHRISTMAS
EVER!!!

Families are requested to provide one dozen cookies for the Social hour to follow....
... when all Secret Advent Friends
will be revealed.

MISSIONARIES ARE REAL PEOPLE LIKE YOU AND I

They have a job to do some at home in the U.S.A. ...some in far away places.

In the work of the American Baptist Women we have special interest missionaries assigned to us.

Our foreign missionary is BONNIE WHITE, a medical technologist instructor at the Medical Technical Institute at Kimpese, Zaire, Africa.

Unfortunately, she became ill and is now on medical leave. She has had open heart surgery in Michigan and her cardiac condition will be reevaluated Dec. 5, so let us remember her in our prayers.

Our home missionary is the Rev. Micholas SALIOS who is in the Race Track Ministry in Norristown, Pa. God bless them and all of us.

- Carolyn Schneeberger

THE LORD PROVIDED AND THE CHURCH ADDED

RANDY & JENNIFER TURNER
125 Hills Miller Rd.
Delaware, Ohio
363-2169

transferring their church membership from

The First Baptist Church
Morgantown, W. Va.

WELCOME!

FASTEST GROWING FAMILIES: SINGLES!

According to U.S. census figures, single adult households constitute 37% of the current population. It is projected that single adult households may make up 50% of the population by the year 2,000, according to "Single Adult Ministries Journal", Jan. 1989.

Single adults are a diverse group. They are single for a variety of reasons: because of choice or chance, a spouse's death or because of death.

Single adults span the entire years of adulthood, from 18 to 80 and beyond!

What do these statistics say to the First Baptist Church of Delaware?

FIRST BAPTIST COMMUNITY MISSION

Delivered in November.....

2 trunkloads of material to the Cancer Society for cancer pads.....

3 loads of clothing to the Community Action Organization.....

Several baskets and boxes of food and other items to People In Need.

Praise The Lord And Pass On The Provisions!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1. Alison Grubbs, Jennifer Gillin
4. Erin Faulk
5. Evelyn Lee, Lola Jackson
13. Geneva Evans
18. Cap Gabriel
25. Carol Grubbs, Gene Gillin
Steve & Karen Stoner

CANDLELIGHTERS IN DECEMBER

3. Evan Trigg
10. Marci Sander
17. Micah Stoner
24. Matthew Lovell
24. Erin Faulk
31. Richard Davis

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, Dec. 17, 10:45 A.M.

First Baptist Church Choir

Narrator: Larry Faulk

Let's Pack-a-pew With Our
Family And Friends In
Support Of Our Choir.

Candlelight
Service



DECEMBER

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Christmas

Cantata

CAROLS, CANDLES AND COMMUNION

Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m.

- * Special solos + Duets
- * Choral + Instrumental Praise
- * Joyous Singing Of The Beloved Carols
- * A Service For The Whole Family

"Thanks be
unto God for
His Unspeakable
Gift"

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DELAWARE, OHIO 43015

(Address correction requested)



TO:

 December
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