

Good News Letter

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

"The Pastor's Punch Line"

"The Welcome Mat is out" at First Baptist! That's the way I feel about our church. Everyone has been so gracious and thoughtful. Where else could a pastor go, be on the field for one month, and receive a Christmas gift? I want to thank everyone for that gift and for all the love and friendship I have experienced in so short a time.

Whether my ministry with you is brief or extended, I am looking forward to a great experience together with you. God is giving us, pastor and people, an opportunity to grow together, to work together, to pray together and to live together in order that we might accomplish His purpose in and through His Church. Come along and let's do the works of righteousness together in this fresh new year!

Pastor Owen Stewart

Deaths in the Church Family

WILBUR C. WICKUM

Wilbur "Wick" Wickum, 69, died on Christmas morning, December 25, 1990. Wick had been a member of our church for many years and had held many church offices, including Chairman of the Finance Committee, Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, BYF Leader, and member of the Building Committee. But when we remember Wick, we will always think of his great gifts as a musician. Wick had a beautiful tenor voice, and he served for many years as a choir member, choir director, and frequent soloist.

Wick made many contributions to our community. He served on city council from 1978 to 1979, and was praised by Mayor Shade as "a tireless worker." He was president of the Community Action Organization, past president of the board of the Delaware Speech and Hearing Center, and was active in the Delaware County Mental Health Association. He was a past president of the Evening Kiwanis Club, and led singing at the Advent and Lenten breakfasts which they sponsored.

Wick had been a Vice President at Republic Franklin Insurance Co. prior to his retirement.

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Funeral services were held at First Baptist on December 28, followed by a service of committal at the Oak Grove Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in care of Evelyn Lee, 259 South Section Line Road, Delaware.

All of us at First Baptist offer our deepest condolences to Jean and the entire Wickum family.

LAWRENCE W. DIXON SR.

Lawrence Dixon Sr., 88, died on December 1 in Delaware Court Nursing Home. He had attended our church for several years until he couldn't attend due to health problems. He was a retired professor emeritus of the business administration department at Kent State University, and was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church. Services were held at Robinson Funeral Home on December 4, and burial was in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. We extend our sympathy to his family.

MARY BATTLES (mother of Evelyn Lee)

Mary Battles, age 89, passed away on December 4 at Delaware Court Health Care Center. She had lived with Evelyn and Dick for 2½ years. She and her husband Arthur had been married for 66 years. She is survived by her daughter Evelyn, son Tom (of Chesterland, Ohio), daughter Arvilla Lee (of Vincennes, Indiana), 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Services were held at Chesterland Baptist Church. We offer our condolences to Evelyn and the entire Lee family.

Thank You

Dear friends at First Baptist,

How can I ever, every say "thank you" enough for the outpouring of love you showed Wick and I this past week?

I am overwhelmed by your help - the food, the flowers, the visits,

the calls. Larry and Pam, Mary Lou and Dave, Carol and Alison, Jeanne Ekelberry, Evelyn Lee, and many more of you made me feel cherished, and you took a tremendous load off my shoulders.

I know I speak for Marty, John, Karen, Mary Ann and all our families for your help and hospitality.

There are times when I am dissolved in tears and I have to remind myself that Wick is in God's presence, learning new things, meeting loved ones, and as some have said, busy singing in the heavenly choir.

The other evening when I wept, my dear neighbor Sue Wilson said, "Jean! God said to Rejoice!" So with your help I'll rejoice in his dear memory, the things he did we all benefit from, and most of all, that it is only a temporary parting.

Thank you, dear friends - you are indeed a truly loving family of God.

Jean Wickum

Annual Business Meeting

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS!

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 6:30pm, beginning with a pot-luck supper.

I am asking all of you to please provide me or Betty Porter with a copy of your annual reports by Sunday, Jan. 20. We will make copies for the congregation and distribute them in advance of the meeting. We want all members to read these reports so that only the serious or important matters are discussed at the meeting. Hopefully, this will shorten our meeting. If you have any questions, please call me or Betty

Carol Fogle, Clerk

Epiphany Party

Come and join us for an evening of fun at our Epiphany Party on Sunday, January 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the

Fellowship Hall. See who will be crowned as kings for the evening! We will also be revealing Secret Advent Friends.

Pam Faulk

Candlelighters

Jan. 6 - Elizabeth Davis
 13 - Barbara Lovell
 20 - Marci Sander
 27 - Richard Davis
 Feb. 3 - Erin Faulk



Remembrance-Homecoming Sunday

Dear Church Family,

The response to our first-ever Remembrance-Homecoming Sunday (Nov. 25) was phenomenal! Many said they would like for this to become a yearly traditional event.

Aren't the youth sensational? Their speaking, singing and playing were a true inspiration to us all. Bravo to the BYF!

Special thanks to those who encouraged, the two Carols, Steve, Mom, Karen & Alison. To everyone who attended and brought food; to Will Fogle for the time capsule, and Archie for digging the hole. Bless you!

Hope everyone is putting into play the suggestions Ted Stephenson made. Our church is not ours, but God's: we can only strengthen it by what He would have us do.

I apologize to anyone who was left out, or not sent an invitation. This was our first shot at this theme and we did our best. We would welcome any suggestions for next year. Would anyone like to volunteer to be on that committee? Phone calls, organization of meetings, fun ideas and a whole lot of Christian compatibility are all that is required.

The time capsule will be buried with instructions left for it to be opened in 50 years. I hope to win the prize for the oldest attendee!

Send off a note of thanks to Ted if you think of it - or call him at 1-317-248-8281 to thank him for his uplifting message.

Perhaps a word to John & Bertha McTaggart for sharing their precious slides. They were great - I had a lump in my throat seeing Mrs. Dick and Miss Myrtle Smith. Dear gals.

I've rambled on - you know I love to talk - you're such a super audience and very near and dear to my heart.

We all appreciate your kind support, the flowers, hugs and squeezes. I've enclosed a copy of "In Angels Footsteps" for you to re-read.

Again, keep those positive prayers flowing. You never know where next God may lead us.

God Bless,

Beth Trigg

IN ANGELS FOOTSTEPS
 (a call to worship)

by Beth Trigg

Enter this spirit house
 to praise God and murmur
 thanks for the triumphant history
 herein!

Rainbow rays filter a gentle warmth
 where on watchful saints do glide.
 God beckons infant friends,
 to assemble together jubilant
 families,

that as one form strong links of
 fulfillment.
 Shadows of past glories must never
 fade!

Fresh Christians are nurtured
 by roots that burrow and encompass
 ancient memories.

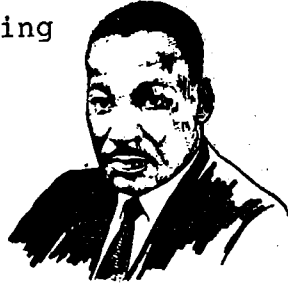
They grow not stale, or rotten, but
 flourish
 and feed upon God's garden of good
 works and
 past events of sacred saints.

AMEN!

Martin Luther King Celebration & Pulpit Exchange

Two events of interest that are on the January calendar are the Sixth Annual Martin Luther King Celebration and the Annual Pulpit Exchange of the Delaware ministers.

The Martin Luther King Celebration will be held Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 7:30pm at the Zion A.M.E. Church at 140 South Washington Street. The Rev. Dr. Fred L. Shuttleworth



is the speaker. His topic will be "Trailblazers for Justice." Several choirs will participate in the service.

The Pulpit Exchange will take place on Sunday, February 3 at the morning services. Chaplain Jon Powers of Ohio Wesleyan will speak at First Baptist. I will be speaking at the Grace United Methodist Church. Chaplain Powers is an excellent speaker, and we are privileged to have him fill the pulpit of First Baptist.

Pastor Owen Stewart

Trustees Year-End Report

Several long-standing needs were met this year, along with many small jobs.

1) The most expensive project completed was the installation of a modern heating and cooling unit for the pastor's study. This permits the pastor to be independent of the rest of the heating system, which can be kept turned down. The cost was about \$3,000, but it's the latest state-of-the-art unit with a heat pump which will be cheap to operate, and which solves a long-standing problem.

2) Forty new padded folding chairs for the Fellowship Hall were purchased in memory of Myrtle Gabriel.

These chairs, along with the 25 folding chairs we already had, should eliminate carrying the cane-bottom chairs, plus the wear and tear (except for very large groups). It costs about \$40 a seat now to recane a Delaware chair, and we have about 10 bad ones. Any donors?!

3) The carpet in the Assembly Room was stretched by a carpet installer. This took a lot of organization and a big "thank you" goes to Will and Carol Sue for moving everything out and back.

4) The roof of the old parsonage was patched by Mikes Roofing. This metal roof will need more work in the summer.

5) A "thank you" goes to Jeremy Domire who painted the primary class room as an Eagle Scout project.

6) A "thank you" to Jeff Faulk who painted the mens, womens and kids restrooms as an Eagle Scout project.

7) Extensive servicing was done on all 8 gas furnaces, especially the one by the mens restroom which had a cold air return built to the wall. This work was done by Don Patrick, who also did the office heating unit. Don has taken over all our heating and plumbing needs since Phil Richert resigned after serving us for some 25 years. Mike Clark has been doing our electrical work. Call them first in an emergency and then try Fiants for heating and plumbing or Andersons for electrical problems.

8) The electric company installed a new, brighter light on the pole by the alley out back. We pay a service charge for this light and a neighbor pays 1/3 share.

9) Six pianos were tuned and the piano bench in the Sanctuary was rebuilt by Clifford Rector.

10) The pipe organ was tuned and serviced by Gary Mason, who will be back in January or February for some further work.

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Many other smaller projects were done throughout the year. We have quite a few lost and found items including umbrellas, coats, hats, etc. Please pick them up, or they will go to the needy.

Peter White, for the Trustees
Archie Trigg, Chairman

Help the Homeless

"Feed my sheep..." Jesus issued this simple command. We at First Baptist continue to obey Christ's plea by providing a hot cooked meal to the homeless once a month. We need helping hands! Due to colder temperatures in the winter, we may have to feed up to 170 people. We need crockpots of sloppy joe mix, buns, brownies or Rice Krispie treats.

Please see me or Anne Linn for more information. You may make the difference!

Beth Trigg



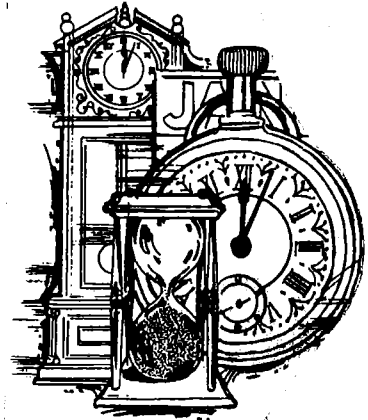
Thanks

I would like to thank the Board of Deacons and the Pastoral Search Committee for their gift of "The Epistles of Paul" to me. It has been my pleasure to assist in coordinating the worship services this Fall. The willingness of everyone to participate and share their talents has been most appreciated. Our fellowship has been enriched by everyone's involvement.

Larry Faulk

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Did you make a New Year's Resolution to join us every Sunday at 9:00 for Sunday School?



Pam Faulk

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Personals

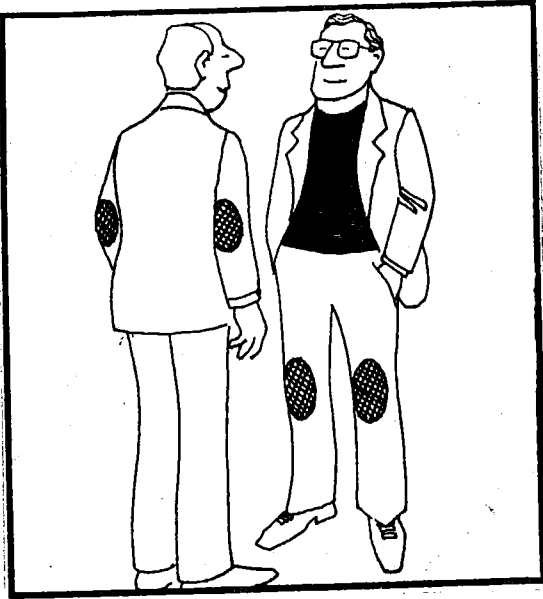
ERIN FAULK has been named in the 1990 edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students." Erin also danced a ballet and a solo at New Market Mall on December 21. Both JEFF FAULK and Erin were on the Honor Roll for the first nine weeks of school.

Congratulations to JARROD TRIGG who made the freshman basketball team at Hayes!

AMY STEPHENSON marched in the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena, California. She is a drum major in the Ben Davis High School Band in Indianapolis.

Many church members never submit contributions to the "Personals" column. Starting this month, a form will be placed next to the red newsletter envelope (on the table across from the rest rooms). Please use the "Personals Contributions" form to jot down brief notes about what you and your family have been up to each month. We'd like to know!

Editor



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Jan. 5 Evelyn Lee
Lola Jackson
- 12 Larry Faulk
- 13 John Linn
- 18 Matthew Lovell
- 21 Tim Fogle
- 22 Ernestine Frost
- 24 Ben Turney
- 26 Sophia Stephenson
- Feb. 2 Fred Grubbs
Barney Barkeloo
Millie Martin
- 8 Della Dean

Note: the Deacons are in the process of updating this list. If you know of a name that has been omitted, please contact Larry Faulk.

Coming Soon...

On the first page of this newsletter, under the date, you may have noticed the words "Volume 21, Number 1." This means that this is the first issue of our 21st year of publication. Starting next month (if all goes well), we will begin a new column which will print some brief highlights from newsletters of previous years. We think it will be interesting to remember some of the people and events that were "in the news" in years gone by.



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The "Search" Goes On

Dear Friends,

Your Pastor Search Committee is continuing to work, diligently and prayerfully, in an effort to find that one individual who is anxious to serve with us and for us.

We appreciated very much the response we received from you by attending the Pastoral Search/Watchcare joint discussion groups. We received 32 responses to the questionnaire, with considerable dialogue. This enabled us to reduce the 31 "Activities of Ministry" to eight "this is what we need and want" areas. These are the criteria that will be used in the computer file search among available American Baptist Pastors:

1. SPIRITUAL LIFE DEVELOPMENT

The Pastor must be concerned with Leadership in the areas of deepening personal commitment, and closer relationship with our Lord in performing the various ministries of the church. Activities would include Bible Study, Prayer Ministries, and Healing Ministries.

2. NURTURING FELLOWSHIP

The Pastor must foster closer and

more tolerant relations between members of the congregation, and lend leadership in our efforts to grow in the spiritual life.

3. COUNSELING

The Pastor must be able to relate comfortably with persons in regard to religious and personal matters.



4. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Pastor must be able to encourage and motivate members of the congregation, and new persons, to accept positions of leadership and to assist in their training.

5. PASTORAL CARD

The Pastor must be sensitive to individual feelings and problems, and possess the ability to assist persons in their religious and

personal life when necessary.

6. INTERPRET THE FAITH

The Pastor must present a Bible-based ministry and the preaching must reflect the teachings of the Bible. We want and need a teaching ministry for our church.

7. CHURCH GROWTH

The Pastor must be involved with the congregation in programs and encourage others to join us in our efforts. Our concern is to develop more effective ministries.

8. WORSHIP PREPARATION

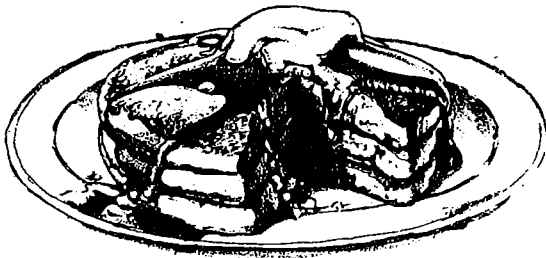
The Pastor must conduct a service that is orderly, and, with the assistance of other participants, see that all segments add to and compliment the sermon. The Preaching Ministry is of primary importance.

As we continue our search, we once again ask for your Prayers, your Love and your Patience.

Remember, our new pastor is out there waiting on our call. We just need to find his phone number.

The Pastor Search Committee

Pancake Supper



The Mens' Fellowship is sponsoring a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 12 at 6:30. It will feature pancakes, sausage, and "full stomach entertainment." Please bring your appetite and a talent to share.

The Mens' Fellowship

Trustees Report

A big "thank you" goes to Will Fogle for installing a beautiful church mail sorter. There are slots to place the mail for every group and leadership position. Please check your slot everytime you're in the church. There's no reason for anyone to miss their messages now!

Gary Mason returned to work on our front row of organ pipes and made many adjustments. He also repaired two broken pieces of tracker action and left a piece of tracker wood so we could make some repairs ourselves.

Board of Trustees

America for Christ Offering



Dear Neighbor,

Jesus' parable of the good Samaritan encourages us to think carefully about what it means to be a neighbor to others as well as what our Christian mission is. If we follow where Christ leads in this parable, we see that our neighbors include those far beyond our own neighborhood. Just as certainly we also learn that our Christian mission is one of offering aid and support to those in need, binding up the wounds of the afflicted, and providing necessary care.

This year's America for Christ Offering challenges us to think

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Twenty Years Ago This Month

This month we are starting a new feature in the newsletter. When space permits, we will be including newsletter highlights from

years gone by. To inaugurate this feature we are printing a full page of excerpts from the February, 1971 issue, which was printed 20 years ago this month.

NEWS AND VIEWS

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WILLIAM STREET CHURCH BUILDING BURNS!

Historic William Street United Methodist Church was destroyed by fire of unknown origin Saturday, Jan. 30. The new educational building survived with only minor damage. The congregation is now meeting for worship in St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Your minister offered the use of our own building as did a number of other churches.

CAROLYN WHITE REPORTS TO THE CHURCH

For the first time in the church's history we had official delegates at the Baptist World Alliance Meeting in Tokyo, Japan. Mrs. Helen Aleshire and Mrs. Carolyn White attended as a part of their world tour and on Sunday, Feb. 7, Carolyn brought an interesting report to the church during the morning worship. Helen assisted in the service.

WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY NEWS

The Women's Mission Society met Thursday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 P.M. in the Assembly Room with 15 present, which was very good considering the bad weather. An interesting program on Thailand was presented by Mary Richards assisted by Helen Aleshire showing slides. The Love Gift dedication was given by Claudia Eliot.

Our next meeting will be a daytime meeting March 11, 10:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. at the church.

Hostesses will be Kizzie Main, Mary Milhoan, and Pauline Nash.

Della Dean,
Program Chairman

OFFICERS DEDICATED THIS SUNDAY

Moderator - W. C. Wickum
Asst. Moderator - Claudia Eliot
Clerk - Elvira Smith
Treasurer - Helen Aleshire
Asst. Treasurer - John McTaggart
Finance Chairman - B. T. Leidtke, 1973
Finance Secretary - Richard Lee
Church School Clerk - Janet Lathrop
Deaconesses & Deacons

James VanBrimmer, 1971

Charles Eliot, 1971

L. F. Gabriel, 1972

Myrtle Gabriel, 1972

Ernestine Frost, 1973

Mary Milhoan, 1973

Trustees

Willard Fogle, 1971

Harold Bougher, 1972

Jack Smith, 1972

John McTaggart, 1973

Peter White, 1973

Board of Christian Education

Carol Fogle, 1971

Marjorie Smale, 1971

Helen Aleshire, 1972

Bertha McTaggart, 1972

Jean Wickum, 1973

KAREN STONER GRADUATES: JOINS HUSBAND

Karen VanBrimmer Stoner graduated last Tuesday from the Personnel Specialist Course at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi. She was designated Outstanding Honor Graduate with a grade of 96%. Karen is now an Airman First Class. She has now joined her husband Steve at the Sheppard Air Force Base at Wichita Falls, Texas where she will begin working Monday as a Personnel Specialist.

about the important and varied mission we as American Baptists have to our neighbors throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. That mission takes place through our Regional Ministries, Educational Ministries, and National Ministries. Together they provide caring programs that reach out to neighbors of all places and races. Through them our mission includes new church development, youth ministry, evangelism, hospital and military chaplaincy, campus ministry, refugee resettlement, camping ministries, and community development. These efforts also touch the life of our own church, bringing people to Christ and making God's caring love a reality in a world that for many is a lonely and loveless place.

Our church's goal for the America for Christ Offering this year is \$300. Achieving this goal will be our way of saying, "Yes, we know who our neighbors are! Yes, we know what our mission is!" We invite you to join us in generously supporting the America for Christ Offering this year.

Please use the special envelopes to make your contribution to the offering. Then, on Sunday, March 3, we will all join in our victory not only for our church but also for all our neighbors.

In Christ's love,

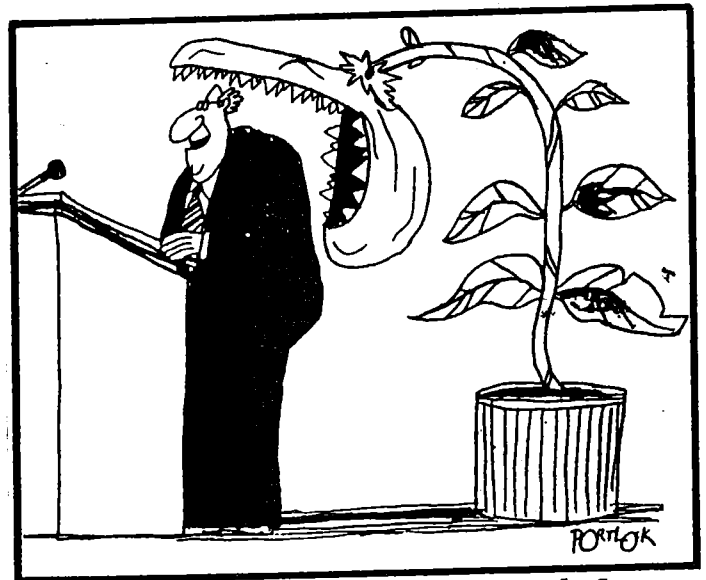
Board of Christian Education

Open Shelter

February's date for us to help the Open Shelter will be Wednesday the 27th. We would love to see your smiling face in attendance! Please meet at the church by 5:00pm. We need donations of ingredients for Johnny Marzetti (spaghetti sauce, elbow macaroni, and ground beef), peanut butter and grapes. Radnor Baptist continues to supply either salad or dessert.

Keep this endeavor in your prayers, as we continue to "feed God's sheep."

Beth Trigg



"I'd like to thank the board for this lovely plant after our disagreement this week."

Sunday School Profile

The Young Adult Class is a new Sunday School Class which was started this past September. Led by Kirby Francis, this group says they are too young to be adults and too old to be kids. They are the in-betweeners.

Presently the book of Matthew is being studied. Lively discussions frequently occur in this very informal class.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in this class, be sure to invite them to Sunday School this week.

Board of Christian Education

1. The Board of Christian Education would like to give Will Fogle many, many thanks for the new mail sorter. This was one of our goals for the year. Hopefully, this will help us

all to better share information with each other in a more effective manner.

2. One of our goals for this year is to reinstate the adult socials. We are hoping to have one a month. If you have any ideas for things to do or if you would like to host one or take charge of one, please speak to Pam Faulk.

If you missed the social on Jan. 25, you missed a fun evening. Our next social will be on Friday, Feb. 15 at the VanBrimmers' home. (see next article - editor)

Board of Christian Education

February Adult Social

The February Adult Social will take place at the VanBrimmers' on February 15 at 6:30pm. We'll pool our money and order pizza, play games, and have fellowship around their player piano.

Candlelighters

February	3	-	Erin Faulk
	10	-	Evan Trigg
	17	-	Micah Stoner
	24	-	Matthew Lovell
March	3	-	Adam Mowery

Baptist Youth State Convention

Ohio's senior high youth will meet for their annual convention on March 1-3 at the Radisson Hotel Columbus North. They will take part in a program that will include speakers, small group Bible sessions, a variety of music groups, all held together with lots of fun with old and new friends.

For registration information, or to donate funds, please see Beth Trigg.

Sewing Day

Sewing Work Day will be on February 7 at Evelyn Lees', 259 South Section Line Road, 362-9107, from 8:30am until ?

Bring a sack lunch and stay as long as you wish. We will be rolling bandages and cutting quilt blocks. Please bring scissors.

Everyone is welcome.

Thanks

Thanks to all the children, youth and adults of our congregation who added beautiful music to our Christmas season.

An Open Letter To Our Church Family

Since I was unable to attend the Annual Meeting on January 30, I could not participate in making the decision about whether we should display the American flag in our sanctuary. I was deeply saddened when I heard the news that the flag will be displayed. I feel so strongly about the issue that unless I speak out, I will be unable to enter the sanctuary when the flag is there.

I believe that national flags should not be displayed in sanctuaries. God, whom we worship in our sanctuary, transcends national boundaries, and loves all peoples and all nations, not just ours. "There are no distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)

I think that displaying the flag goes against a basic American Baptist principle, the separation of church and state! The flag represents the power of the state, and I honor the flag in a much different way than I honor the symbols of my religious

faith, such as the cross. I do not wish to connect my respect for America with my worship of God in such a direct and limited way. I've been told that the flag was removed from the sanctuary 25 years ago because of these same objections. Why bring it back now?

I hope it's not to show support for America's actions in the Gulf. If so, I must register my disagreement. While I pray every day for our troops, I also pray for a speedy and lasting peace. I believe that war is repugnant to God, and I wish that our country were not involved in war now.

I realize that some people in our congregation are veterans, and many have family members or friends in the armed forces. I know that many of you feel differently than I do about displaying the flag, and I don't expect to change your minds. However, I would like you to consider what it means to display a national flag in a sanctuary. I hope that it does not mean that God is America's God and not Iraq's, or that we are endorsing the war, or that to be a member of our church one must honor the flag in a religious way - because I can't.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

In Christ's love,
Cynthia Bland

Poet's Corner

INTROSPECTION

by Beth Trigg

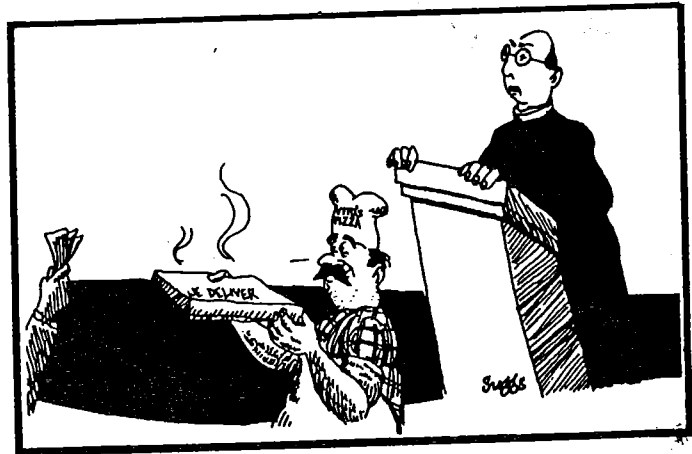
Today's final conclusion
of endless days and shadows,
fall to form the ultimate point.
Pages past culminate silly tales
of everyday people, who,
walked sometimes silently,
but every mindful of other's cares,
to vanish, yes, evaporate into
another scene.

Leave lamentations to tomorrow,
dour faces please erase.
Tarry long on fresh flowers that
open in the Spring.
The likeness of cirrus clouds
to her spontaneous locks,
wispy, a filament of angel's hair
certainly brings a smile.

Lost pillars, dependable men,
of sturdy, robust character,
who when we turned around to glance,
had, as a mist, begun to dissolve
from this earth,
to journey on to jubilation.
Sterling recollections made of this,
and made of that,
appear in secret to that unseen
cavern
of our self, like a mystic spell cast.

Reruns are played at random,
made to fill and overflow
when we are sad and desolate.
They come as a miracle
to enable simple, somber cored
people to endure.

note: 1991 brought the passing of 3
of my dear friends - Sherry, Dick
and Wick. Thank God for precious
memories.



"I'm coming to a stopping point
in the sermon, if we can all
be just a bit more patient."

Send Some "TLC"

TLC is a program of creative caring for the children of our international missionaries as well as national students from other countries receiving aid from International Ministries to study in the

United States. TLC is not meant to be a financial support program. Instead, we suggest creative encouragement and support from American Baptist Women. Begin with prayer and a letter (students love mail!) and add holiday and birthday cards and maybe a small package. Students are assigned to all regional and state ABW groups. Show your loving concern today to our student, whose parents serve in Zaire: Daniel C. Smith
1521 Eastgate Rd.
Springfield, OH 45503

Daniel is a college Junior, and his birthday is January 8, 1968.

We got the info too late for his birthday, but please send a letter

and maybe some stamps, today!

Karen Stoner
Missions Chairwoman

Students Plan for Peace

Recently the Junior High class was asked to pretend that they were members of a special World Council for Peace. They were to come up with a master list of survival measures that the world must adopt to secure peace. Here is their list, given in order of importance:

1. Love and care for all people.
2. Treat other people the way you want to be treated.

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Marge Smale Profiled in Magazine

The article reprinted below appeared in "The Story," which

is a quarterly magazine published at the Methodist Theological School.

Students Call Marge "Mother Confessor"

Employee Profile

Some people confide in their psychiatrists, others tell their problems to hairstylists. However, for the past 13 years, many students at the Methodist Theological School depend on the sympathetic ear of Marge Smale, circulation assistant.

"I've been told that I'm a good listener, and that I don't gossip," Marge said. "I think students talk to me because I'm older, like a mother figure." But, times change. Recently, a student told Marge, "you're just like my grandmother."

In the John W. Dickhaut Library, Marge helps students with reference questions, maintains the periodical area, manages the reserve shelf and coordinates a message center.

But she still finds time to listen to the concerns of students. They talk about their school assignments, work, their families, even their ingrown toenails. "Sometimes they just need someone to lay their troubles on," she said.

Marge hands out crackers to the hungry, tissues to the troubled and friendship to all. Much too wise to give advice. . . Marge just listens.

"Even small children who live on campus with their parents know that my desk means crackers," she laughed.

"Marge has the ability to be everybody's mother," said Ed Poston, Master of Divinity student. "She always listens, but never passes judgment on anything you say so you feel you can say what you need to. . . and she'll still care about you."

Emily Badertscher, cataloging assistant, said, "People have referred to Marge as 'the soul of the library' because of her warmth and understanding."

Marge joined the School's library staff in January 1977 upon the request of John McTaggart, former director of the library, who knew Marge had experience with the Delaware County Library. Since she lives close enough to walk to work, Marge feels her job is "ideal."

Marge has been on the receiving end of book learning, as well as the distribution. During World War II, Marge took a six-month course in aeronautical engineering at Purdue University and then worked as a draftsman (person) for an airline. She has also taken courses at Ohio Wesleyan University. Now and then, Marge audits classes at the Methodist Theological School. "My mind has expanded so much since I've come here," she said.

Maybe her open-mindedness is one reason many students enjoy talking to Marge.

3. Each country would have a representative on the World Council.
4. Eliminate all nuclear weapons.
5. Natural resources will be shared according to a nation's population.
6. Individual governments would set prices of resources within their own countries.
7. Boundaries of countries are set and cannot be changed.
8. All countries must recycle everything that can be.
9. Limit the amount of land available for landfills.

Board of Christian Education

Calvin Jones
Turner, son
of Randy and
Jennifer
Turner, was
born on

Wednesday, January 30 at 7:38pm.
Calvin weighed 8 pounds, 13.6
ounces, and both he and his
mother are doing fine. We offer
our congratulations to the
Turner family!

**new
ARRIVALS**



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Feb. 2	Fred Grubbs Barney Barkeloo Millie Martin
8	Della Dean
9	Janet Inscho
13	Lana Palmer
23	Will Fogle

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Personals

SHIRLEY PARKER celebrated her 70th birthday with her children and grandchildren in Houston, Texas on January 4th.

MICAH STONER has made the 7th grade basketball team. Congratulations!

CAROLYN SCHNEEBERGER enjoyed a weeks's cruise to a number of islands in the Caribbean.

DEBBIE LOVELL made all A's and BARABARA LOVELL made all A's and B's this term at school!

Early One Morning

by R. H. Grenville

I went out at dawn.
Light met me and said:
"Walk with me. See through my eyes
How love makes all things Holy."
I saw, and my heart was filled
With a trembling joy.

I crossed a meadow and the wind
Caught my hand and playfully tugged
my hair, saying:
"Come dance with me, for
Life is a celebration.
Dance! Come dance!
And we danced with the
Leaves and flowers.

I came to a quiet wood by a gentle
stream,
Out of breath from the dance,
And thought, "I forgot to pray.
I must make my prayer."

There was laughter in the foliage
all around,
A chuckle from the stream and from
some bird
Unseen, but near a reassuring trill -
"To walk with light,
To dance for joy,
To love - Oh, most of all to love! -
Is the heart of prayer."

submitted by Bertha VanBrimmer

Feed the Birds

Birds bring color and music to our gardens, and eat huge quantities of insect pests. Help them survive the winter by putting out bird seed, suet (beef fat) and bread crumbs.

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Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday (March 24)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

Maundy Thursday (March 28)

7:30 p.m. Candlelight Communion
in the Fellowship Hall

Easter (March 31)

8:00 a.m. "Sunrise" Service
8:30 a.m. Buffet Breakfast,
followed by inter-
generational
activities

10:45 a.m. Morning
Worship

Please bring a food item for the buffet breakfast. Beverages will be provided. Following breakfast, we will have an intergenerational activity in the Senior High Room. There will be no regular Sunday School Classes on Easter.

Please join us for these inspirational services.



gation has been divided in six groups and each of the Deacons has been assigned to a group in order to establish with its members a loving WatchCare relationship. We will attempt to contact you by phone to say hello, to get to know you better, and to express our availability to pray with you and to stand with you in case of crisis or time of need.

If you so desire, we will arrange to come and visit you, perhaps with our interim pastor, the Reverend Owen Stewart, or perhaps with another church member you already know.

As we prayerfully rededicate ourselves to the mission of the church in our community, we want you to know that there is always someone you can turn to at any time for whatever reason, who with the help of God can serve you if the need arises and can rejoice with you in times of celebration.

Efforts have been made to include in our WatchCare group list all who have indicated a wish to participate. If you have not been assigned to a group, please contact me or Pastor Stewart.

In Christian Love,
Larry Faulk

WatchCare Week

The first week in March (3-10) have been designated WatchCare Week by the Board of Deacons. The congre-

Green Lake Conference Opportunities

There is still time to sign up for the conference of your choice at the American Baptist Assembly
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Conference Center in Green Lake, Wisconsin.

A scholarship fund is available from which money can be drawn to pay the total conference costs of those attending. Any member of our congregation is eligible to apply.

This assistance should not be viewed as a gift or reward. It is an investment by the church in its future leadership. The Green Lake experience is designed to undergird the local church in the various aspects of ministry both at home and abroad.

Please contact Pastor Stewart, Jim or Bertha VanBrimmer for further information.

Daffodil Sunday

Palm Sunday is "Daffodil Sunday," sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The daffodil is chosen for this event because it symbolizes hope and empathy for those fighting cancer. The Cancer Society is asking churches to invite their members to order daffodils from the Society for this special day. For more information, please see the letter posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.



A.B.W. to "Visit" Central America!

Women and their BYF-age daughters will have a chance to enjoy a mini-tour of El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and other Latin American cultures on Sunday, March 17, without leaving the church building!

We will share a light food buffet, do a craft, learn about the people of Central America and our Baptist work there, and view a short movie.

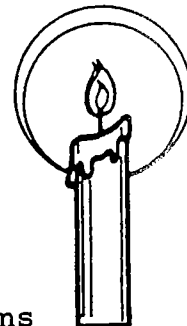
There will be only a brief business meeting and the rest of the time will be a fun experience as

we learn about this Mission Study area which is common to both American Baptists and United Methodists. Please join us at 3 p.m. in the Youth Room at the church.

Karen Stoner
Missions Chair

Candlelighters

March 3 - Adam Mowery
10 - Barbara Lovell
17 - Elizabeth Davis
24 - Rick Ramey
31 - Erin Faulk
April 7 - Elizabeth Hopkins



Marion Association New Members Celebration

A dinner and program to recognize new church members of all Marion Baptist Association churches will be held Friday, March 15, 7 p.m., at the Tri-Rivers Career Center in Marion.

All persons who have become members of our church since this program was held last year are urged to attend, compliments of the church. Others may attend in honor of the new members at a cost of \$7 for adults and \$3 for young persons 12 and under.

These are traditionally happy celebrations in gaily decorated surroundings with a fine dinner and an interesting program.

We are asked to submit the names of new members attending by Sunday, March 10, so please make your reservations early. Also, there is usually a shortage of tickets because accommodations are limited, so all unused tickets should be returned as soon as possible.

Tri-Rivers Career Center is located on the north side of route 95, just east of route 23.

Please contact Pastor Stewart or me if you want to go.

Jim VanBrimmer

Annual Retreat Being Planned

Please see Karen or Steve Stoner to indicate your intention to attend part or all of the annual retreat at Judson Hills (Sept. 6-8, 1991).

Since we have to sign a contract with an advance deposit based on expected attendance, we must ask you for your tentative plans.

Instead of a sheet which you have to return to us, we will keep a master sheet with us and get 'round to everyone (we hope). Let us know, too, your suggestions for activities, speaker, and theme. We will be very flexible with the schedule.

Everyone is urged to attend the event. Don't stay away because of finances. Y'all come!

Karen Stoner



Sunday School Highlights

This month's Sunday School class to be highlighted is the Kindergarten class. This special group of girls is energetic and outgoing. They listen quietly to the Bible story told by Carol Grubbs or Donna Reed, and they learn songs to sing. They are willing to make projects, especially if they are for someone else, and each will contribute to prayer.

This class is willing to listen and learn and we appreciate their enthusiasm.

Fellowship Time Hosts Needed

We need volunteers to "host" the fellowship time after Communion

services the first Sunday of each month. Please see Larry Faulk to sign up.

Host duties include arranging for snacks (cookies, cheese, or crackers, etc.), punch or juice, making coffee, and setting up the fellowship table.

Please volunteer your talents.

Easter Magazine

Once again the youth are publishing the "Easter Magazine." We hope to have them ready for Palm Sunday. Please plan to purchase your copy for a \$2 donation to the Camp Fund.

Adult Social

The March Adult Social will be on Friday, March 15. Details will be announced later.

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If your efforts are sometimes greeted with indifference, don't lose heart. The sun puts on a wonderful show at day-break, yet most of the people in the audience go on sleeping.

-Edu Francisco Teixeira

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Community Chorus Plans Concert

The Delaware Community Chorus will be presenting their winter concert on Sunday, March 10 at 3:30 p.m. in Jemison Auditorium on the O.W.U. campus. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for seniors and children.

For more information, please see the letter posted on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room.

Opportunity to Help Needy Family

The kitchen staff at Methodist Theological School makes great cookies, and now has offered to bake some to

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help the Fausnaugh family. Earl and Carol Fausnaugh have experienced multiple medical problems and accidents, and have incurred terrible medical expenses.

For only \$3 per dozen, you can order delicious cookies in five varieties, and the proceeds will help the Fausnaughs.

Please see me to order, and delivery will be within two weeks. Thanks for your help! (Earl is a maintenance worker, and Carol is a kitchen assistant, at the seminary.)

Karen Stoner

Sewing Schedule for March

Tuesday, March 5

Thursday, March 14

Thursday, March 21

On each day the hours will be 8:30am to 3:00pm, and 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

We will be meeting at my home (259 South Section Line Road) to roll bandages and cut quilt blocks. Please bring scissors and a sack lunch.

Evelyn Lee



"And until next Sunday, remember...God loves you, I love you, and Brother Al is working on it."

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Twenty Years Ago This Month

(Articles have been shortened for space reasons.)

A special thank you to Mrs. Crane who often carries a vase or pot of flowers to church (you know she walks) that they might give beauty to our worship service.
Bertha McTaggart

EASTER CANTATA TO BE PRESENTED
"Darkness and Dawn," by Fred Peace, will be presented Palm Sunday. The Cantata has solos by Melissa Inscho, Joe Brower, and your director. Two quartets will sing. One is composed of Colleen Askins, Margaret Young, Rex Evans and Jim Stephenson, the other Donna Brown, Sue Leidtke, Rex Evans and Jim Stephenson. It has been sung twice in the past 20 years, and I have sung some of its lovely solos on other Easter time occasions. Mrs. Hazen Young directed both of the times, and Edgar Ebenhack played for us.
W. C. (Wick) Wickum

YOU KNOW YOU'RE REALLY GETTING OLD WHEN . . .
your self-winding watch keeps stopping,
you burn your draft card and nobody cares,
you find yourself reading the obituary columns before turning to the sports section,
you watch the "Miss America Pageant" to hear Bert Parks sing.
(from MAD MAGAZINE)

Archie L. Trigg

Archie L. Trigg, father of Archie J. Trigg, passed away Sunday, February 24, at the age of 77. He was a farmer and was retired from the Ohio Department of Transportation.

All of us offer our deepest sympathy to Archie and his family.

Personals

STEF STONER was voted by her classmates in the H-Teens club to be a member of the Court for the winter H-Teens formal (Saturday, March 2). As of press time, she doesn't know if she was even chosen Queen! Also, Stef received a patch and a plaque as All Events Champion in the recent Youth American Bowlers Association tournament in Delaware. Way to go!

Although his team never won a game this season, MICAH STONER has been constantly improving as a 7th grade basketball player for Willis and his family is proud. Look out next year!

THE STONERS will spend several days at Easter time with Karen's sister Susie in Port Royal, Pennsylvania.

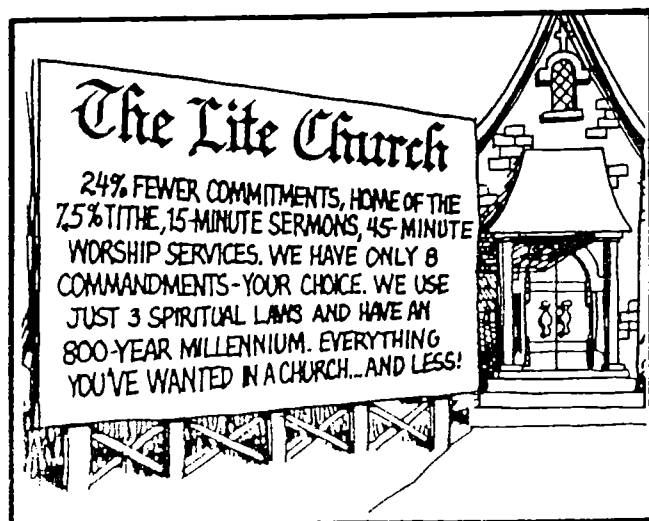
Hospital patients:

DON FAULK with a broken arm;
BETH TRIGG with the flu; and
JANET LATHROP for foot surgery.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March	6	Mary Barkeloo
	12	Evan Trigg
	18	Dave Lovell
	20	Micah Stoner Natalie Mowery
	25	Carey Beth Fogle
April	2	Adam Mowery

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"It is clear to even the most shallow thinker that there are some things necessary for the church of God which we cannot get otherwise than by prayer."</i> —Charles Haddon Spurgeon, 19th century British preacher</p>		<p>Liturgical Colors for the Season Lenten Sundays....Violet Palm Sunday....Violet (Red) Maundy Thursday....Violet (Red) Good Friday....Black (Red) Easter and following Sundays of season....White</p>			<p>1 World Day of Prayer</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3 Third Sunday in Lent 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 7:30 Board of Education</p>	<p>4 Watch Care Week</p>	<p>5 Sewing 8:30-3:00; 7:00-9:00</p>	<p>6 7:00 Choir 8:15 Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 International Women's Day</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 Fourth Sunday in Lent American Baptist Seminary Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 3:30 Comm. Chorus Concert</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 7:00 Choir 8:15 Bible Study</p>	<p>14 Sewing 8:30-3:00; 7:00-9:00</p>	<p>15 Adult Social (time to be announced) 7:00 Marion Assoc. Dinner</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 Fifth Sunday in Lent St. Patrick's Day 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 A.B.W.</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 7:00 Choir 8:15 Bible Study</p>	<p>21 Sewing 8:30-3:00; 7:00-9:00</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 Palm Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Worship</p>	<p>25 8:00 "Sunrise" Service 8:30 Breakfast, followed by activities 10:45 Easter Worship Easier 31</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 7:00 Choir 8:15 Bible Study</p>	<p>28 Maundy Thursday 7:30 Communion</p>	<p>29 Good Friday</p>	<p>30 First Day of Passover</p>

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Membership Matters

Are you a member of First Baptist? Does it matter to you? These are questions that the Deacons are hoping to answer. We are reviewing the membership rolls this Spring.

We will be asking you to consider carefully your relationship with First Baptist. Should you formalize your relationship? Perhaps you are asking, "How do I join? What are the benefits of membership? Do I have to be baptised?"

Our constitution has some answers to your questions:

"This church strives to be a living organism rather than a formal organization. Those who accept its statement of purpose will be received into membership upon recommendation of the pastor and the

Board of Deacons. Persons seeking membership will be given instruction in a pastor's class. Those who have not been members of another church will receive New Testament baptism.

"Any who accept the statement of purpose and who share in the church's life and work, but who do not wish to meet the formal standards of membership, may, upon their own request and the approval of the pastor and Board of Deacons, be entitled to vote and hold office."

For more answers to your membership questions, please talk with Pastor Stewart or one of the Deacons. Yes, membership matters, but more importantly, you matter.

Larry Faulk

Missing Hymnals

Our new hymnals were purchased about 7 years ago in memory of Rufus and Helen Crane. Since then, at least 10 of them have "taken a hike!"

Certainly the minister, choir director, organist and pianist should be expected to keep copies at their homes. As for the others, please think if you really need that copy at home and consider returning it.

We would like to have them back for Radnor Baptist's 175th anniversary celebration (May 5). They expect a crowd that will fill the sanctuary and overflow into the Assembly Room, so we'll need to provide them with as many hymnals as possible.

Peter White and Jean Wickum



Important Dates

Please leave these dates open on our church calendar "for others."

- April 16 - Republican Women in Fellowship Hall
- April 21 - Dinner in Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm for Sunny Vee and friends
- May 5 - Radnor Baptist 175th anniversary celebration. They'll use our entire building from 3:00 - 9:00pm. Let's welcome them and keep our respective areas cleaned up!
- May 11 - Coleman-Penry wedding in sanctuary at 1:00pm. Rev. Cox will officiate.

Peter White

Trustees Report

1. A major improvement was made in the old parsonage where the plaster was coming down in two of the upstairs bedrooms. The ceilings were drywalled and the rooms painted for a cost of \$1,000. The work was done by Rick Nivin and crew.
2. Mikes Roofing repaired 2 leaks in the sanctuary and 2 in the assembly room for about \$250. The goal at this time is to make the roof over the old part of the church last until the new parsonage is paid off. Then the trustees will have more funds to work with.
3. Don Patrick has made plumbing repairs at the church and in the old parsonage.
4. We are looking over our insurance needs. Our present company has scheduled a large increase in rates and a competing company has made a much better offer.

Board of Trustees

Recipe

Several people have asked Shirley Parker for the recipe for the Apple Squares served at the February fellowship time following communion, so we are reprinting it here.

FRESH APPLE SQUARES

2 cups chopped, peeled apples (approx. 3 apples)	½ tsp. salt
1 cup sugar	½ cup nut meats
1½ cups flour	1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. soda	½ tsp. nutmeg
	½ tsp. allspice
	½ cup oil
	1 egg

Put sugar over apples. Beat egg, and add oil, then add to apple mix. Sift dry ingredients and add to apple mix. Add nuts. Bake at 350 degrees for approx. 45 minutes in a greased 9" x 11" pan.

Business Meeting

The quarterly business meeting will be held Sunday, April 14, immediately after church. Please plan to attend.

Jean Wickum

Adult Social

The next adult social will be held Friday, April 12, 7:30pm at Country Folks Restaurant in Marysville (it used to be Shiloh Station). The food there is good and reasonably priced. Please contact Pam Faulk by April 10 because we need to know approximately how many will attend. Those who wish to can meet at the church at 7:00pm and car pool.

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Sunny Vee Residents to be
Our Guests

On Sunday, April 21 at 5:00pm, the women's group will entertain about 18 Sunny Vee residents in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be a sign-up poster in the vestibule for volunteers. You may volunteer for food, wheelchair assistance and possibly transportation.

We need all of you to circulate and welcome them.

Thank you for your much-needed help.

Anne Linn for ABW

Leadership Workshops

Church Leadership Education Workshops are being offered on Saturday, April 20 at the Karl Road Baptist Church. Please see Pam Faulk for details.

Peace Camp

Peace Camp will be held the week of June 17 at Zion U.C.C. We need to contribute our fair share of teachers and helpers. So far only one person has volunteered. We need more! Please see Pam Faulk. Helpers are needed in many areas.

Board of Education

The next Board of Education meeting will be Sunday, April 14, 7:00pm at Carol Grubb's home.

Easter Magazine a Success

Many, many thanks to all the youth for your contributions in the Easter Magazine. They were wonderful! If you have not yet purchased your copy, it is a \$2.00 donation, which goes to the camp fund. Currently, the proceeds from the magazine are \$55!

America For Christ Offering

Thanks for all of you for meeting your commitment to the America for Christ Offering - we went over our goal of \$300!

Candlelighters

April 7 - Elizabeth Hopkins
14 - Chrissy Hopkins
21 - Marci Sander
28 - Richard Davis
May 5 - Paul Hopkins

Thank You

On April 4th, which would have been Wick's 70th birthday, 10 members of the ABW took me to lunch at the Delaware Hotel, to help me get through a day which was to have been a big celebration. Wick would have loved to have been there, the only rooster in a flock of hens, as he would say.

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"Reverend, this is the I.R.S. Can you confirm that Mr. Jones gave \$4,000 to your church last year?"



"If he hasn't yet, I can guarantee he will now!"

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart, and especially Bertha VanBrimmer, who organized this nice occasion.

One of the best things God did for Wick and I was to lead us to the First Baptist Church in Delaware, and to the family we found there.

Jean Wickum

Twenty Years Ago This Month

SECKMAN-WHITE ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seckman, Vienna, W. Va., are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Linda Louise, to Peter Alexander White, son of Mrs. Carolyn White. A July wedding is being planned by the couple.

Items Needed by P.I.N.

People In Need has announced a collection drive for the month of April. The items listed below are the most-needed items.

FOOD

Canned Meats/Fish; Cereal; Noodles; Pancake Mix; Syrup; Peanut Butter; Jelly; Canned Fruit Juices; Canned Fruit; Soups; Sal-tine Crackers; Graham Crackers; Crisco Cooking Oil; Boxed Potatoes; Cheese Products; Cake Mixes; Sugar; Cake Frosting Mix; Spaghetti Sauce; Instant Coffee; Tea Bags; Hot Chocolate; Dry Milk; Canned Pasta; Boxed Dinners

NON-FOOD ITEMS

Kleenex; Toothpaste; Laundry Detergent; Hand Soap; Deodorant; Dish Soap; Shaving Cream; Toothbrushes; Toilet Paper; Diapers (medium/large, cloth or disposable); paper towels

For more information, call P.I.N. at 363-6284.

Narrow Footways

By Beth Trigg

Path of death souls
form a human tunnel
for the calm father.
A rose stricken,
the white paper body pales.
Shadows jeer at His rude rouge crown.
The Holy bondman lurches,
bound with an onerous burden.
A crude cross, like Christ,
appears in a raw state.
Unready, unripe sacrifice to be
plucked by the dense throng.
Collects a crowd
to swell and crush like a boil
on our Lord's brow.
Assemble near;
to distant view the death watch vigil.
A gradual dissolution of the
miracle son
portrayed against a cloud cover
backdrop.

Then, witness watch!
Recall for centuries what many
presumed
utter defeat...
Curtain call!
Arise from a tri-day reprieve,
a clear-cut performance
for lifetimes to come.

Show and Tell

Shirley Parker will host a "Show and Tell" of antique letters and Civil War memorabilia on Wednesday evening, April 17, in her home at 181 North Franklin Street. Anyone interested is welcome. Please let Shirley know if you plan to attend.

Bible Book of the Month

The Bible Book of the Month for April is Zechariah. The first 8 chapters are prophecies and tell of 8 visions Zechariah had. Verrrry interesting! The last 6 chapters are prophecies about the coming of the Greeks, the restoration of scattered Israel (coming true in our time?), a parable

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of shepherds and the future of Israel.

Please do read it. In my Bible it is a little more than 8 pages long.

Jean Wickum
Spiritual Life Chair
ABW

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 2 Adam Mowery
12 Abby Brown
16 Marge Smale
23 Nellie Sheets
24 Michael Grubbs
25 Deborah Lovell
May 2 Donald Faulk
3 Michael Linn
7 Bertha VanBrimmer

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Quilters

The Quilters will meet at the church at 7:00pm on the first Monday of every month.

Personals

DON FAULK was recently in the hospital.

ERIN FAULK would like to thank everyone who purchased Girl Scout cookies from her. Her troupe is saving up for a trip West next year, and she appreciates every penny!

JEFF FAULK was inducted into the National Honor Society at Dublin High School on March 21. Congratulations!



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Children's Day Will Mark Start of Summer Schedule

Our summer schedule will begin on June 9, which will be Children's Day and Promotion Sunday.

Please join us at 10:00 a.m. for this special service. Following church will be a picnic at Blue Limestone.

Sunday school classes will not be held during the summer, starting June 9.

Peace Camp / Peace Workshop

Pam Faulk now has registration forms for Peace Camp, which will begin the week of June 17 at Zion. If you want to order a t-shirt, you must turn in your registration form to Pam by June 2.

Teachers and helpers are still needed for this very special week.

On Sunday, May 19, at 4:00 p.m., there will be a special workshop at Zion on Peace. This workshop will be open to anyone interested in peace and will be especially important to anyone who will be helping with Peace Camp. Curriculum, programs, agendas, etc. will be distributed that afternoon. A dinner will be served. The event should be over at 7:00. Our church needs to provide at least two adult babysitters. The other churches are providing the meal.

This is a good opportunity to help with Peace Camp if you can't be there in June.

Cook-out and Auction

The BYF cordially invites you to attend a Spring cook-out and white

elephant auction. This annual event will take place on Friday, May 17, beginning at 5:30. A donation offering will be taken to offset the cost of the meal.

Bring your spending money for all kinds of exciting treasures. All money will go into the youth's treasury for special projects. Please bring your own table service.

Hope to see you on the 17th!



Annual Church Retreat

When is the retreat? September 6-8 (Friday evening through lunch on Sunday). Where is this thing? Judson Hills Camp, near Loudonville, one of God's loveliest spots. What does it cost? \$42.50 per person. Is it any good? Absolutely!! Can I pay some down now, and the rest later? Sure! In fact, we ask that by May 31 you pay a \$20 deposit per person, and your committee will keep track of who pays how much and when. Make checks payable to First Baptist Church, with "Retreat" on the memo line.

If we make the minimum required number of persons attending, we will offer reservations for partial attendance, such as Saturday only, at a reduced rate.

Our contract with Judson Hills is for 40 persons for full time and our cabin deposit came from General Funds and must be replaced. We believe that paying ahead will help relieve the burden in September.



Enough financial talk - just get your reservations in now.

WILL I ENJOY MYSELF AT THE RETREAT? We guarantee it! More to come...

Your Really-Hardworking
Retreat Committee

Trustees Notes

1. Jeff Reed installed a new shelf under the kitchen sink to replace

the old one which was broken.

2. Mansfield Typewriter installed a new drum in the copier at a cost of \$265.

3. The gas company installed a new meter on the south side of the church.

4. D & D Janitor service was employed to clean and wax all the floors in the church except for carpet areas. A great improvement can be noted under the pews and on the tile floors in the new building. The cost was \$475.

5. A big "thank you" goes to the VanBrimmers for cleaning all the windows in the new building and for cleaning the kitchen.

6. This past winter, Peter White spent four weeks scraping and picking loose paint off the walls in the sanctuary and assembly room and touching up the great paint job that Ben Turney gave the church about six years ago. This should postpone the need for repainting for another six years or so.

Completed so far are the front and side walls of the sanctuary, the north and south vestibules, and the north wall of the assembly room where water leaks had done so much damage.

7. This reporter has been mowing the church grass. Will Fogle has been doing the grass at the parsonage.

8. The church has changed insurance companies. Church Mutual had a huge rate increase, but Insurance Mart of Ohio, associated with Preferred Risk Group Insurance, was able to make a much better offer with increased coverage. Wick had checked them out for the trustees. A big "thank you" to Arch Trigg for all the legwork, research, phone calls, etc.

We welcome Radnor Baptist to our building this Sunday (May 5) for their 175th anniversary.

Our own Mary Lou will be organist for the event!

Peter White
For the Trustees



"We're sure glad to hear you don't know where you'll get the money you need. For a minute there we were afraid you wanted to get it from us!"

One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on June 2. This year's theme is "Fill the World With Love."

If you notice the poster in the Sunday school room, the image reminds us of the close association between water and love. God's love is poured upon us in many ways, including baptism and communion. Our gifts for relief and development assistance are our expressions of God's love for all humanity.

I urge you to give prayerful consideration to your support for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Jennifer Turner

**One Great Hour
Of Sharing**



**Fill the World
With Love**

Summer Camp Emergency Fund

We recently received a letter asking for emergency donations for Judson Hills and Kirkwood Camps.

Our church voted at the business meeting (April 14) to send \$250 from the interest on our invested funds. But because the camps mean so much to our church, and so many of us have used them, we wanted to let you know all about it, and invite your personal contributions to add to the church's money.

On May 12th we will have a special offering to go to the emergency fund for Judson Hills and Kirkwood.

Jean Wickum, Moderator

(NOTE: The letter has been reproduced on page 4 of the newsletter)

Twenty Years Ago This Month

NEW MEMBER RECEIVED INTO CHURCH

Steve Stoner was given the Hand of Fellowship during the morning worship service May 9. He is a member of the Air Force and was baptized after entering service.

Dinner for Sunday School Teachers

All Sunday school teachers, substitutes and their spouses are invited to a "thank you" dinner on Saturday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Please let Donna Reed or Pam Faulk know if you are planning to attend.

Welsh Heritage Days

Please see the bulletin board for information concerning Welsh Heritage Days, which will be held on June 1 and 2 at Bob Evans farm in Rio Grande, Ohio.

Shirley Parker



AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF OHIO

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March 4, 1991

Dear Moderator:

Last week I sent an important letter to your pastor. In it, I indicated that camping was an important ministry of American Baptists in Ohio. This was confirmed by the P.R.A.Y. meetings held across the state in 1989 and 1990. Ohio Baptists believe that camping must continue as a strong vibrant emphasis.

People make important lifetime decisions at camp. At a recent association meeting, I was amazed at the number of persons who raised their hands when asked if they had ever attended our camps. Some were older persons, some were middle aged, and others were younger. Camping is a MUST for Ohio Baptists.

We have never charged full costs to campers. In fact, this year our costs are estimated at \$149 a week for each camper. We will charge only \$122. We want as many people as possible to take advantage of our camping program. Ohio Baptists see camping as an important ministry.

The most difficult problem we have faced across the years is maintenance and upkeep. The last few years have been especially difficult. Camping deficits have been high, and these have been covered by the region's Operating Budget. Because of this, ABC/OHIO has not had the monies to fund adequately other important ministries.

We face a difficult challenge this spring. Major maintenance and upkeep tasks must be taken care of before the summer camping programs begin.

KIRKWOOD: The swimming pool is 26 years old. Major repairs have occurred only once in all those years. It will be impossible to use the pool unless a large amount is spent on its renovation. The estimate is \$35,000. The pool must be ready in time for summer camp.

Safety compelled us to shut down the two furnaces heating the lodge at Kirkwood. At this time, the lodge cannot be heated. Two new furnaces will cost \$5,000.

JUDSON HILLS: The septic system has been so overused it is throwing refuse liquids into the stream. The inspector from the Environmental Protection Agency has told us that if anyone downstream complains, the

agency will close the camp immediately. The present system is no longer operable and must be replaced. The estimate for replacing the entire sewage disposal system at Judson Hills will run \$75,000. As God's people who support a clean environment, we must not be polluters ourselves.

The vans at both camps are completely worn out. We cannot transport campers in unsafe vehicles. The canoeing program at Judson Hills will be discontinued if we cannot get a safe vehicle to use. The cost allotted for two vans, one for each camp, is \$35,000.

Recently, the Board of Regional Ministries authorized an emergency effort to raise \$150,000 to cover these major expenses and permit the summer camping program to continue.

I know your congregation will want to give generously to the Summer Camp Emergency Fund. The amount can be reached if every church does its part. Statistics for 1989 indicate there were 62,621 resident members in ABC/OHIO churches. Two dollars forty cents per person would put us over the goal. We have 294 churches in our region; \$511 per church would provide the funds we need. To reach these average figures, some individuals and churches must give considerably more in order for us to reach the goal.

I do not want you to reallocate your current giving, but to give over and above what you are giving now. I asked your pastor to allow the members of your congregation the opportunity to give to the camping program of Ohio Baptists. Christians always want the privilege of supporting key ministries.

In letter to your pastor, I mentioned that the church treasurer should remit funds on "Line 11 - Other" on the regular remittal fund which we provide to all church treasurers. It should be clearly marked Summer Camp Emergency Fund. We need these funds immediately. Emphasize to your congregation the importance of an immediate and generous response.

THE CHALLENGE IS OURS!

I ask your personal support for this effort to immediately raise \$150,000 for the ABC/OHIO camping program. Your pastor needs your encouragement. If you require more information, contact me. From time to time, we will provide the church with additional data and progress reports.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Fisher
Robert A. Fisher
Executive Minister

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(See "Summer Camp Emergency Fund" on page 3)

Jean Wickum Profiled in Gazette

The article below was on the church page of the Delaware Gazette on April 12th.



Jean Wickum

Jean Wickum has been active in First Baptist Church and involved in local community service almost 42 years.

She and her late husband Wilbur, "Wick," a locally well-known vocalist, started singing in the church choir in 1949. They served as Sunday school teachers and held several offices in the church. She still teaches adult classes part of the year. They were leaders with Baptist Youth Fellowship for 15 years and convened Families in Touch, a support group for families dealing with mental health problems.

Jean became director of the Mental Health Association in 1960 and was instrumental in starting several community agencies. Former Ohio Governor James Rhodes appointed her to an advisory council dealing with alcoholism abuse and recovery. She is involved with an alcohol education program related to court sentencing. She also presents stress workshops.

According to Jean, she learned as she went, beginning in the Army during World War II, when she was trained in information education.

She and her husband helped each other. "Whatever I did, he was interested in, and vice versa," she said. He was very active in community affairs, and was a second ward city councilman for nine years.

They raised four foster children. She said, "Wherever we lived, we had an open-door policy for neighborhood kids."

And with the exception of four years, they lived in Delaware, giving the community their considerable talents. She quoted her husband, who said, "If you really love the Lord, you do what He said, help the little ones, the ones who can't help themselves."

Board of Education

The Board of Education will meet at the church on May 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Trip to Amish Country Planned

All the women of the church are invited to travel with us on Saturday, May 11th to Warther's Carvings and the Amish/Mennonite country (Dover, Ohio and Holmes County).



Ernest (Mooney) Warther 1885-1973

Carol Grubbs and Karen Stoner are planning this exciting day, so we will announce the exact starting time soon. Participants should bring money for lunch and dinner, entrance fee,

and souvenirs. Last time at Warther's, the family members were available to sign souvenir pliers (about \$1.50) and chat with visitors. Don't miss this great trip! We brake for fun!

Karen Stoner

Candlelighters

May	5	- Paul Hopkins
	12	- Matt Lovell
	19	- Evan Trigg
	26	- Micah Stoner
June	2	- Adam Mowery

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May	2	- Don Faulk
	3	- Michael Linn
	5	- Mike Griffith
	7	- Bertha VanBrimmer Donna Reed
	8	- Michael Ekelberry
	10	- Archie & Beth Trigg
	12	- Jeanne Ekelberry
	15	- Barbara Lovell Betty Porter
	24	- Jean Wickum
June	1	- Della Dove
	2	- Jerry & Lana Palmer

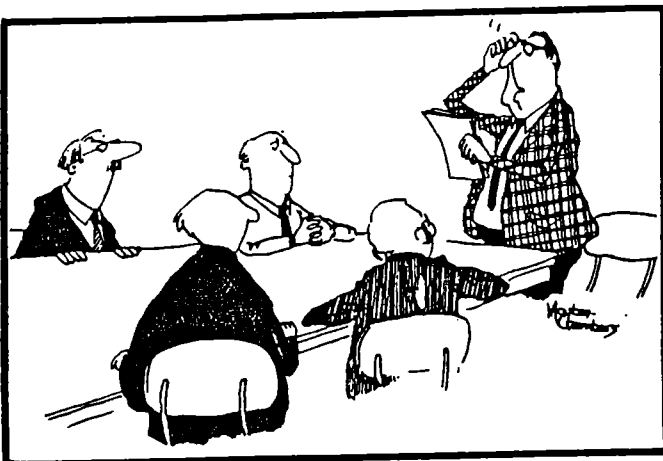
Care and Share

Let's fill the "Care and Share" table this month! The table is located in the assembly room. Items placed here will be donated to Judson Hills Camp, racetrack ministries, Neighborhood Ministries in Youngstown, Judson Village retirement center near Cincinnati, Dayton Christian Center, and so on.

Needed are paper products, plastic dinnerware (clean used ones are fine), cake mixes, gelatins, frosting, small gifts (\$2.00 or less), personal care products, small games, card games, craft items, school supplies, hose, stamps, stationery, pens and pencils, greeting cards, used men's work clothes and shoes and boots, other good used clothing, bath linens, used sheets/blankets/quilts, new quilts and baby items, sweetened soft drink mixes, birthday candles/napkins/tablecloths/cups/plates, eye glasses (actually for Haiti), and other items you get which I'll find a place for!

Thank you. All items get taken to Granville at the time of the American Baptist Women State Convention early in June, and the representatives of the centers will load them up and take them home.

Karen Stoner



"Our bylaws specifically state that the will of God cannot be overturned without a two-thirds majority vote."

Personals

DEB, MATTHEW, and BARBARA LOVELL made the Merit Roll this quarter.

Congratulations to RICHARD and BETTY DAVIS. Richard received 1st place out of his class of 45 students and was awarded a blue ribbon for an Indian story he wrote. Richard also had all A's except for one B on his last report card. Betty had all A's on her last report card. Their family is very proud of both of them!

STEF STONER received a silver medal for academic status at Hayes; she was part of the Symphonic Choir which received a perfect "1" rating at the state contest in Newark; she won several bowling awards including the all-around best award and high game with handicap award in the City Youth Tournament.

VINNIE MINISTERI thrilled the bowling crowd with an 800 series in the Men's City League. He has competed in two local independent tournaments which require an average over 200.

STEVE STONER'S father JOHN retired from Ranco Inc. on April 30 and the Stoners celebrated with him at Steve and Karen's home on May 5.

STEVE and KAREN STONER invite the church family to stop by their home around 6:30 on June 9th to celebrate STEF's graduation from high school. Please dress informally.

DAVID OSBORN is recuperating at home after undergoing heart bypass surgery.

DON FAULK is recovering from a back injury.

Garden Surprise

For weeks I haven't known its name
Yet fed and hoed it just the same;
It's now a handsome plant indeed,
A glossy, gorgeous, two-foot weed.

- E. K. Rose

submitted by Jean Wickum

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Peace Camp

Don't forget Peace Camp the week of June 17 at Zion. Our church needs to furnish bread items like muffins for the Monday snack. This is one more way that you could help with Peace Camp if you can't teach that week. Please see Pam Faulk for more information or to volunteer to help.

Promotions

Congratulations to the following young people who will be promoted on Sunday, June 9th:

- To Kindergarten - Melissa Gilette
- To Primary - Laura Mowery
Courtney Aleshire
- To Middler - Betty Davis
Adam Mowery
- To Junior - Paul Hopkins
Richard Davis
Barbara Lovell
- To Junior High - Elizabeth Hopkins

Adult Social

The adult social for June will be at the first softball game of the season.

Please bring snacks, cold drinks and lawn chairs. You can cheer for our team from the sidelines or join them for the game. Kids invited too! (Date to be announced.)

Biennial Meeting of American Baptist Churches

It may even now be a bit late to plan to attend the 1991 Biennial Meeting of American Baptist Churches to be held June 18-21 in Charleston, West Virginia. Reservations for the Women's Day Luncheon on the 18th are already closed out. However, this may be the closest to us that this important meeting will take place for some time, so those who are able should plan to attend.

There will be many special features of this convention which will give those attending an opportunity to interact with other American Baptists from all over the country in a spiritual and personal way.

In addition to the debate and action on Statements of Concern, there will be election of officers, preaching by popular preachers such as Dr. Leighton Ford
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and Dr. Charles Adams, Baptist seminary reunions and many other features on the Convention theme of "New Life in Christ." The daily "pavilions" that became popular during the 1989 Biennial in Milwaukee will return. They will cover preaching, missions, prayer and spiritual development, music, evangelism, local church community ministries, and statements of concern.

The statements of concern will deal with "Respect for Different Views on Abortion," "Ministering to the Unemployed," "The Resurgence of Racial Violence in the U.S.," and "A Wholistic Perspective on Human Sexuality."

For a fuller account of the program check your April copy of "The American Baptist."

-Shirley Parker

Memorial Service for Dick Lee

The Richard Lee family held the final Memorial Service for Dick on May 18. Rev. Stewart tenderly and thoughtfully ministered to us in our sanctuary and then at Dick's final resting place in the Valley View section of Oak Grove Cemetery.

Even though Rev. Stewart had never known Dick, none of us could have asked for more compassion and understanding of our feelings than he shared with us that Saturday morning. As Rev. Stewart said in closing, "We have gone as far on Earth as we can go with Dick." The faith in Christ's promise will be even more intermingled with our memories.

Our eleven family members placed a red carnation in love and remembrance at the site and Rev. Stewart placed one representing all others who shared and cared about Dick.

There are copies of Dick's August memorial service available in the vestibule for those who wish one.

Some had forgotten that Dick had donated his body to Ohio State University for study and thus the time delay for our final service.

-Evelyn Lee

Softball Team

A very big "thank you" to all who have contributed to our softball team. We are still about \$30 short. If you haven't yet made a contribution and would like to, please see Kirby Francis or Archie Trigg. The season will be starting the 2nd week of June, and we hope to see you there.



Directions to field:

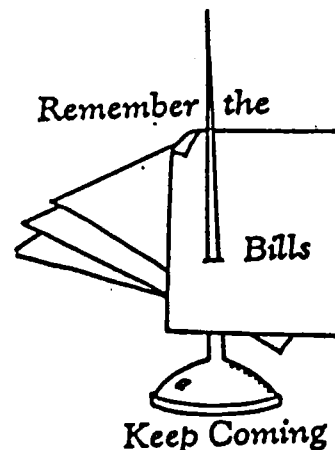
Take route 36 to Ostrander Road and turn left. Drive through Ostrander. The field is 3 or 4 miles beyond Ostrander on the left side of the road.

or

Take route 42 south towards Plain City. Turn right on Watkins Road. Turn right again onto the first road on your right. The field is about 300 yards after that intersection on your right.

-Kirby Francis

Parish Council Concerned Over Church Finances



Concern was expressed during our May Parish Council meeting about the financial status of the church. Through the first four months of this year, we are down 12% on our regular offerings

and 4% on our missions offerings. These figures are based on the yearly budget, broken down into 12 monthly amounts and averaged out. Parish Council felt the congregation should be informed as to the situation.

Please prayerfully consider your support in the spirit of love and concern for the life of the church.

"Each one of us should give, then, as he has decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly."
(2 Corinthians 8:7)

Thank you for support on behalf of the church.

-The Financial Committee

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* Funny how big a dollar looks *
* when you take it to church, *
* and how small it looks when *
* you take it to the store. *
* from Cross and Keys *
* * * * *

Death in Church Family

Della Dean, 83, died Sunday, May 19th, at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus. Della was born in Wayne, West Virginia and spent most of her life in Delaware County. She was a member of First Baptist and was active in the Women's Society. Della is survived by her son, William E. Dean Jr., three grandchildren, four brothers and a sister. She was preceded in death by her husband, William E. Dean Sr., in 1988. All of us at First Baptist extend our condolences to her family.

Graduation

The church has received an announcement of Stefanie Stoner's graduation from high school. The



Stoners are inviting interested church members to their home for an open house reception on June 9th starting at 6:30pm. The announcement has been posted on the bulletin board. Congratulations to Stefanie!

Candlelighters

June 2 - Adam Mowery; June 9 - Micah Stoner; June 16 - Barbara Lovell; June 23 - Elizabeth Davis; June 30 - Rick Ramey; July 7 - Elizabeth Hopkins

Upcoming Meetings

There will be a National Christian Education Gathering at Green Lake the week of August 10 and a Leadership Development Conference at Franklin College in Indiana the week of Sept. 13-15. Please see Pam for details.

Women Visit Amish Country

A carload of church women enjoyed an outing to Amish country in Holmes County recently. One of the highlights of the trip was a tour through Warthers Museum, which exhibited a master's wood carvings of trains and other objects.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 1 Della Dove
2 Jerry & Lana Palmer
8 Carol Fogle
Pam Faulk
10 Dave & Mary Lou Lovell
12 Anne Linn
15 Charles Ekelberry
24 Beth Trigg
27 Joe & Alison Mowery
David & Jean Osborne

Personals

DON FAULK is still at Marion Manor.

The LOVELLS, FAULKS, and Stefanie Clair spent Memorial weekend at Lakeside.

AMY STEPHENSON graduated from high school in Indianapolis.

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Pastor Search Report

At the present time the Pastor Search Committee is in the process of interviewing and evaluating two leading candidates from the original list of prospects we received through our area minister. Both of these persons are women, so there is a good possibility the committee may recommend a lady as our pastor - which would be a first for our church.

One of these candidates has been blind since birth. We realize that blindness would cause significant inconvenience in the pastor-congregation relationship. However, in light of what this person has been able to accomplish so far and the references we have received, she certainly deserves serious consideration.

We have requested profiles of additional prospects from our Area

Minister so that we can continue our search without interruption, in case the committee feels it cannot recommend either of these candidates after we've completed our evaluation.

Please continue to support our efforts with your prayers.

The Pastor Search Committee

Seven Make A Commitment; One Is Dedicated

June has been a month of commitment, dedication and rededication. On June 2, Mike Griffith and Jennifer Porter were baptised by Reverend Owen Stewart, expressing their commitment to follow Christ and join in the church. Dave and Mary Lou Lovell were baptised as an expression of rededication and recommitment.

On June 16, Calvin Turner, son of Jennifer and Randy Turner was dedicated to Christ. Rev. Stewart baptised Erin Faulk and Natalie Mowery. Matthew Lovell was baptised by his uncle, Rev. James Maynard.

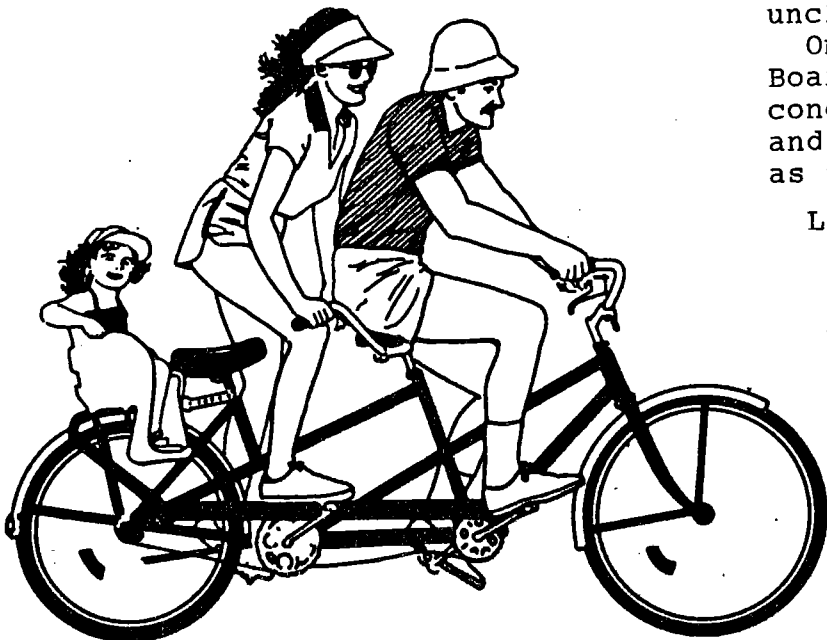
On behalf of the congregation and Board of Deacons, I would like to congratulate those who were dedicated and baptised. I pledge our support as they journey with us in faith.

Larry Faulk

Peace Camp

Peace Camp 1991 "Peacing It Together" was another success! We had a great time! We had almost 100 children each day from our church, Zion,

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Asbury, and First Presbyterian. Eleven of our children participated as students. We also contributed one adult teacher, one adult helper, and two student teachers.

A special thank you to Theresa, Natalie, and Jeff for helping. Thanks also to those who contributed muffins.

If we want to continue our participation in Peace Camp, we need to contribute more teachers next year. Please consider this.

Pam Faulk

Adult Social

The July Adult Social will be on Friday, July 26 at the softball game. This will be for the whole family. Come and root the team on or join them. Bring your favorite munchies and drinks.

One Great Hour of Sharing

A total of \$240.74 has been donated for One Great Hour of Sharing as of the end of June.

Wanted: Sunday School Teachers

It's not too early to be thinking of teaching Sunday School this fall. Teachers are needed. If you feel you should do more for your church, or that working with children is your field, please contact Donna Reed to sign up.

There will be a teacher's workshop in August to help those who have never taught. Plus it will encourage those veteran teachers. More on the workshop in August's newsletter.

Thank You

A big "thank you" to everyone who came to visit and sent cards when I was in the hospital with pneu-

monia. Also, the food that was brought to the house was delicious (of course we all know that Baptist women are great cooks!). Thanks for remembering me in your prayers.

My father is still recovering at home from 2 strokes and a broken hip. He's still confined to bed and a wheelchair. We have been told not to expect a good recovery but rather a gradual breakdown of other illnesses.

Jeanne Ekelberry



"I think the pastor needs a vacation."

Joint Services

First Baptist and Zion will have two joint services this summer. On Sunday, July 28 we will meet at Zion with Rev. Owen Stewart as speaker. The following Sunday, August 4, we will meet at First Baptist with Rev. Nirote as speaker. Please plan on attending both services.

Softball Team

The softball team has won one game and lost 2 with 4 games left to play (there is plenty of time). We need volunteers to handle the concessions

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and will also need 2 umpires for the 16th.

SCHEDULE OF GAMES (all games begin at 7:30pm)

Fri., July 5 vs Warrensburg
 Mon., July 8 vs Jerome
 Fri., July 19 vs Souls Haven
 Fri., July 26 vs New California

Thank you for all your support.

Kirby Francis

More Thank You's...

The Board of Christian Education would like to thank Carol Grubbs, Nona Miller, Mary Lou Lovell, and all the kids for a wonderful Children's Day service and picnic. You were all great!

Erin Faulk, Matthew Lovell, and Natalie Mowery would like to thank all those who shared in their baptism service and luncheon. It was a very special day for these new members.

Board of Ed.

The Board of Christian Education will meet on Monday, July 29 at 7:00pm at the church.

Candlelighters, Crib Room Helpers, and Junior Church Helpers

July 7	Elizabeth Hopkins (Can.) Elizabeth Hopkins (Crib) Stef Stoner (Jun.)
July 14	Marci Sander (Can.) Debbie Lovell (Crib) Natalie Mowery (Jun.)
July 21	Richard Davis (Can.) Jeff Faulk (Crib) Erin Faulk (Jun.)
July 28	Erin Faulk (Can.) Victor Fogle (Crib) Marci Sander (Jun.)

August 4 Paul Hopkins (Can.)
 Jarrod Trigg (Crib)
 Elizabeth Hopkins (Jun.)

Faulks Featured on Church Page

Pam and Larry Faulk were profiled on the Church Page of the Delaware Gazette recently, and we are re-producing that article below.



Pam and Larry Faulk

The Faulks of Jerome, members of First Baptist Church, 101 N. Franklin St., are busy people. They are in the educational field, and are involved with church activities.

Pam teaches English at Jonathan Alder Junior High and today finishes work with Peace Camp, for which she was superintendent last year. She is a choir member and chairman of the board of Christian Education at the church.

Larry is coordinator for Dublin Schools' computer education program. At the church, he is chairman of the board of deacons, and has served in many lay capacities. A Delaware native, he married Pam, of Worthington, in 1968, and soon after, she became active in the church too.

Larry said he felt the church has remained "very stable" over the years, and that members are interested in each other. They both felt the membership underwent some stress when two couples in the congregation, the Wickums and Lees, were effected by death. They commented that the church also underwent some adjustment when its pastor of 40 years, the Rev. James Stevenson, retired.

There has been an interim pastor since last fall. Pam said this leads to an air of "hopeful anticipation" at the church, though she praised the current pastor, saying he is "spoiling" the congregation.

The Faulks both teach Sunday school. Larry usually has the high school class. And they are both involved in Scouting activities. Pam is leader of a Cadette Girl Scout troop, and was formerly a Cub Scout leader. Larry goes on camp-outs and hikes with the scouts. They are also band parents, involved with Dublin Band Boosters.

Their son, Jeff, will be a senior at Dublin High School this fall. Their daughter, Erin, will be an eighth-grader.

Personals

Congratulations to VICTOR FOGLE, who has been nominated to be included in the "Who's Who Among American High School Students." This award and honor is given to only 5% of the nation's high school students each year. Vic has played golf and tennis for the high school team. He helps Joe Mowery coach the 6, 7, and 8 year old "coach pitch" team and will be very active in golf tournaments throughout central Ohio the next few weeks.

On June 14 ERIN FAULK performed in a recital for the Dublin Dance Workshop. She danced two jazzy dances, one ballet, and one tap with her class, and one ballet solo. Erin also attended Judson Hills Junior High Camp in June while JEFF FAULK was a counselor at Temple Hills Camp the same week.

CHARLES EKELBERRY has a new position at the Delaware County Library. He now works with the Bookmobile and loves the opportunity to see new people and places every day. He plans to return to OSU Marion this fall if the right courses are offered.

MICHAEL EKELBERRY is attending Summer Quarter at OSU Main Branch. He also works part-time at the OSU Library - only 3 quarters until graduation!

JENNIFER PORTER has been named to the Dean's List at Columbus State Community College for the spring quarter with a 4.0 point average. This is the second time this school year that she earned a place on the Dean's List. Jenny ended the school year with a 3.5 GPA - Honor's Status. In pursuing her associate degree in Hospitality Management, Travel and Tourism, she will be attending part-time this summer.

Please note this new address for FRANCES BELT: 3964 Honey Creek Blvd., Greenwood, Indiana 46143. Her phone number is (317) 535-8738.

JACK SMITH recently underwent hip replacement surgery at Riverside Hospital. Cards can be sent to him at 9312 Muirkirk Drive, Dublin, Ohio 43017.

Bob Stephenson is now DR. BOB STEPHENSON. He was awarded a D.O. degree from Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine during commencement exercises on June 7. He is currently a first-year resident at Doctors Hospital in Columbus.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- July 14 Ken Brown
- 16 Donald Brown
- Donna Brown
- 18 Peter & Linda White
- 19 Jarrod Trigg
- 21 Mary Helen Richards
- 23 Alison Mowery
- 26 Steve Palmer
- Jeff Faulk
- 27 John & Anne Linn
- Laura Newman
- 30 Bernice Turney
- Aug. 3 Carolyn Schneeberger
- 7 Jennifer Porter

Note: the Deacons are in the process of updating this list. Additions and corrections should be given to Larry Faulk.

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* THE CHANGING FACE OF *

* THE AMERICAN FAMILY... *

* Over 50% of all children will *

* spend part of their childhood *

* is a single-parent home. *

* More than 50% of new moms re- *

* turn to work outside the home *

* before their child's first *

* birthday. *

* More than 25% of employed men *

* and women work weekends. *

* submitted by Shirley Parker *

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Time to Re-examine and Recommit

At this time, as many of us in our fellowship have attended discipleship classes, examined our relationship with Christ, and expressed commitment or recommitment through baptism, each of us should examine our relationship with Christ and this church.

Please examine your relationship and return this form to Larry Faulk, Chair of the Board of Deacons.

PLEASE PRINT

1 Name _____ Birthday _____
Address _____ Anniversary _____
Telephone () _____

2 Please check the appropriate boxes below:

Please count me as an
Active Member.

I may be interested in becoming a member. Please give me more information.

Please count me as an
Inactive Member.

I would like the pastor to visit me.

Please remove my name from the membership list.

I would like to receive the newsletter.

I am not a member.

Comments: _____

I am attending or am a member of another church. The church is _____.

Signed _____

Date _____

3 Other Family Members:

Please list other family members below. (If you prefer, you can make copies of the form above or obtain more forms in the vestibule.)

Name (also list address and phone, if different than yours)

Birth. Anniv.

Membership Status (active, inactive, non-member, etc.)

Name (also list address and phone, if different than yours)	Birth.	Anniv.	Membership Status (active, inactive, non-member, etc.)
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4 Please return form(s) to: Larry Faulk, First Baptist Church,
101 N. Franklin St., Delaware, Ohio 43015

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Search Committee Recommends Candidate

The Pastoral Search Committee has announced that they are recommending a candidate for pastor. She is the Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, 26, who is an ordained American Baptist minister currently serving as a ministry assistant.

Arrangements are being made for Rev. Brummett to come to Delaware for a visit of three or four days, during which there will be opportunities for church officers and members to get acquainted with her. Rev. Brummett will lead and preach at a Sunday morning service, after which the membership will vote whether to extend a call to her to be our pastor.

More information is contained in a letter sent by the committee to all church members (see following article). Specific dates and times will be announced as soon as they are scheduled.

Pastor Search Alert

Information concerning the Pastor Search Committee's recommendation of the Rev. Jody Brummett was mailed to all friends and members of the church on Tuesday, July 30.

My mailing system is not infallible. Anyone who should have received a letter but did not, please see me, or call 369-2661 and I will get the information to you promptly.

Further information relative to plans for Rev. Brummett to visit us in the near future, and to the time for a called business meeting to consider her candidacy will be mailed to you as soon as possible.

-Jim VanBrimmer
Chair, Pastor Search Committee

Classes Resume on Rally Day

Sunday, August 25th will be Rally Day! There will be a breakfast buffet starting at 8:30 a.m. Please bring a dish as well as table service. Beverages will be provided.

Sunday School will resume on Rally Day (at 9:15 a.m.).

Please plan to attend.

Retreat Leader Chosen

Great news from the retreat committee! We will be led in our retreat this year by the Rev. Carver V. Williams of Marion. Carver is a chaplain at both Marion General Hospital and MedCenter Hospital. He has developed



and conducted numerous workshops. Some of you may remember that Carver assisted in Rick VanBrimmer's wedding.

Carver and his wife Sarah have two daughters, Elizabeth (23) and Angela (21). He holds a B.A. degree in psychology from The Ohio State University and a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, with additional clinical pastoral education at Riverside Hospitals and Central Ohio Psychiatric Hospital.

Our retreat is tentatively titled, "Made in God's Image," and promises to be up-beat from the opening campfire and games time to the meaningful session and worship on Sunday.

Sign up now!!! See Karen and Steve Stoner or Mike and Teresa Griffith, and don't let money be a problem for you (inquiries confidential). Be sure to bring your sense of humor to the retreat; the committee and Carver will!

It will be wonderful; drop everything else and come!

-Karen Stoner

August Adult Social

Steve and Karen Stoner invite you to their home on Friday, August 16th, for outdoor games from 7:00 until dark, followed by games inside. Bring a bit of finger food to share and join us!

(Date subject to change if it conflicts with the visit of Rev. Brummett.)

Helpers Needed

Look around you and what do you see? More and more children. We at First Baptist are blessed with a growing number of children. With this increase in population comes the need for more adult leadership.

Your help is greatly needed as a leader in Junior Church and/or a keeper of the "wee ones" in the nursery.

We are presently requesting individuals to sign up a month at a time. However, if you feel you want to participate but not for an

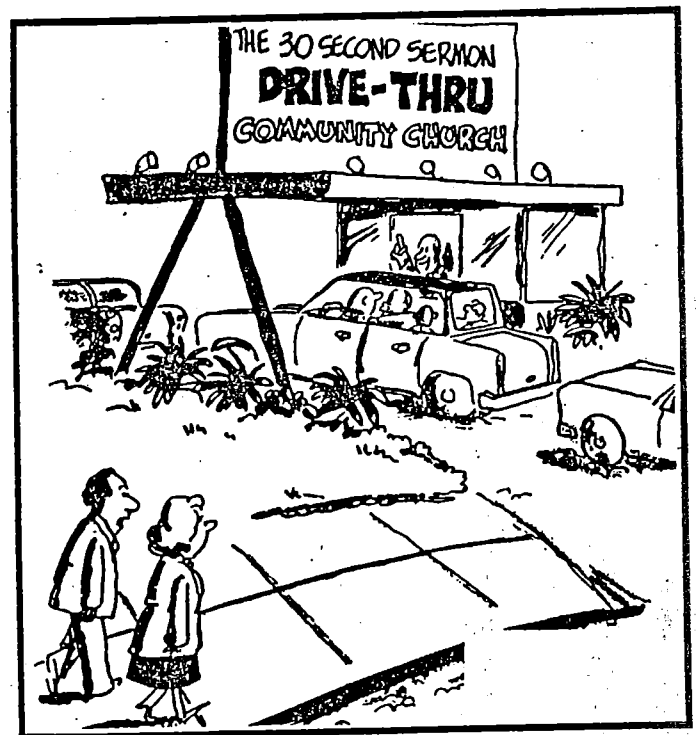
entire month, stress not, we are flexible. We accept monthly, bi-weekly and weekly participation.

Also, if you feel you don't want to undertake this alone, find a friend. This is a wonderful "co-op" venture.

Whatever your choice may be, don't miss this opportunity to meet and greet these wonderful, bright-eyed, challenged individuals.

To volunteer, just call Carol Grubbs at 369-6785 (home) or 369-7823 (work). Hurry, time is running out. We only have September, October, November, January, February, March, April, May and June left to fill!

-Carol Grubbs



"If he goes over 30 seconds you get a free oil change."

Teachers' Workshop

Attention Sunday School teachers, potential teachers, and interested persons:

There will be an informative workshop at the church on Saturday, August 24th from 10:00 - 12:00 noon. Dr. Ralph Lamb will speak

to our group on "Teaching Basics" and "Discipleship in the Class".

Please bring a sack lunch. Beverages will be provided.

After lunch, teachers will meet to get their classrooms ready. Materials will be distributed prior to the meeting.

For more information please contact Donna Reed.

Wanted...

Sunday School teachers are need for several classes. Please consider teaching for a quarter or two. Contact Donna Reed for more information.

Board of Education

The Board of Christian Education will meet at the church on Thursday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Thank You...

Dear Rev. Stewart,

Please thank everyone who had me in their prayers and sent cards during my recent hospitalization and confinement.

Sincerely,

Jack Smith

Personals

Jeff Faulk has been nominated for *Who's Who in American High Schools* for the second year in a row.

The Faulks have returned from their travels. They spent a week with the Boy Scouts hiking another 50 miles on the Appalachian Trail. This time they were down by the Tennessee-North Carolina border. Pam and Erin went along as the support teams. This was followed by a week of camping in Michigan and then several days in Indiana and Illinois to look at some colleges.

Cap Gabriel vacationed for one month with his son Nevin in Colorado Springs, Colorado. While there they took several sight-seeing trips, including one up Pike's Peak in a cog railroad car.

Bruce and Barbara Lee of Pittsburgh are proud parents of a baby girl, Jocelyn, born on July 7th. Grandparents are Evelyn and the late Dick Lee. Congratulations!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Aug. 3 Carolyn Schneeberger
- 7 Jennifer Porter
- 8 Jim VanBrimmer
- 9 Steve Stoner
- 18 Pam & Larry Faulk
- 21 Jim Stephenson
- 23 Mildred Bowers
- 24 Florence Faulk
- 27 Linda White
- Christina Hopkins
- 30 Fred & Carol Grubbs
- Archie Trigg
- Sept. 5 Don & Florence Faulk

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	Candlelighters	Crib Room	Junior Church
August 4	Paul Hopkins	Micah Stoner	Matt Lovell
11	Evan Trigg	Jarrood Trigg	Liz Hopkins
18	Chrissy Hopkins	Stef Stoner	Debbie Lovell
25	Matt Lovell	Erin Faulk	Jeff Faulk
Sept. 1	Erin Faulk	Natalie Mowery	Vic Fogle

Good News Letter

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Our New Pastor, Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett



On Sunday, August 25, 1991, our church voted to call Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett of Northville, Michigan, as our next pastor. She accepted the position immediately, and will begin working with us in late September.

Many of us have had the chance to meet and talk with Jody. The Pastor Search Committee interviewed her and heard her preach during the weekend of July 15. She returned to Delaware on August 22 for a visit of several days. She met with church officers and members, and on August 25 she led our Sunday morning service. Although most of us have met Jody, it seems worthwhile to introduce her more fully here.

Born in 1965, Jody Brummett grew up near Detroit, Michigan. Her father is in business for

himself, and her mother, a homemaker, is active in church work. She has one older brother and two high-school aged sisters.

In her ordination paper, Jody describes her family as "a Christian family that was and is actively involved in the church community. Through their involvement in and dedication to the life of the church and to Christian values, my parents have always modelled to me a strong commitment to the Church and its mission."

Since the age of four Jody has belonged to Cherry Hill Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, Michigan. When she was twelve years old she was baptized there. She has held many positions of responsibility in this church. During the summers of 1984 and 1985, when she was in college, she co-ordinated their Vacation Bible School. Since October, 1990, she has held a professional position there as Ministry Assistant. In this capacity she has preached, given Children's sermons, worked with the Board of Spiritual Life, taught Sunday School, led a youth retreat and lock-in, created a visitation folder, and co-ordinated the Christmas Festival.

Jody is committed to the ABC as a denomination, she says, "because I believe in diversity, freedom of religious expression, and in the autonomy of the local church. I have experienced our church structure as one which encourages individuality within the community. I am also thankful for my ability to be ordained within the ABC/USA because of their acceptance of and support for the ordination of women."

In her Ordination Paper, Jody also speaks of her strong relationship with the people at Cherry Hill Baptist, whom she thanks for their emotional and financial support.

"I feel that the people of Cherry Hill have been supportive in both obvious and subtle ways. When I think of these people, I remember not only the gifts of financial support that I have received, but mostly I remember the gifts of themselves and of their friendship

that they have offered throughout the years.

"I also remember that these people have believed in me and continue to affirm my gifts and abilities to me."

From childhood on, Jody has known that she wanted "to help people." She sees this idea as "the foundation of...my call in life," a call which she experiences as "a pulling, burning, relentless urging" and which has culminated in her call to preach. Her call has been affirmed to her "by family and friends who have acknowledged my ability to relate to and understand people." As a minister, Jody desires "to use the gifts that I have, to be the person I was created to be and to empower other people to reach their potential."

Jody's education is one of the many gifts she brings to us. In May, 1990, she received her Master of Divinity Degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School., Rochester, New York. This seminary includes several theological schools that have joined forces in the last fifty years or so; one of these is Bexley Hall, where Rev. James Stephenson studied when it was in Ohio. Rochester is noted for its academic excellence, its ecumenism, and its support of women in ministry.

From September 1989 - May 1990 Jody co-chaired (with a faculty member) the seminary's Worship Committee, which "consisted of representation from over ten denominations and was formed in order to better organize and carry out a diverse worship schedule which included all the denominations."

According to Jody, "the most important part of the position involved facilitating communication between musicians,...worship leaders, and denominational representatives. In her interview with the Pastor Search Committee Jody discussed the challenge of bringing diverse people and backgrounds together in the seminary's joint worship services.

Jody graduated from Eastern College (ABC), St. David's, Pennsylvania, in 1987 with a B.A. degree in sociology and youth ministry. She transferred there in 1985 from Northern Michigan University (Marquette, Michigan).

Although our church will be Jody's first full-time pastorate, she brings with her a great deal of experience, especially in youth ministry. She served as Youth Minister at Aloma United Methodist Church, Winter Park, Florida, during the summer of 1986, and at First Baptist Church,

Dearborn, Michigan, during the summer of 1987.

She was Assistant Minister at First Baptist Church, Fairport, New York, during the academic Year 1987-88. In her seminary field experience (1988-89) she was a Pastoral Intern with the Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry, Rochester, New York. By serving as a student chaplain during the summer of 1989 at the Catherine McCauley Health Center, Upsilanti, Michigan, she fulfilled one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education.

Jody Brummett brings to our church the qualifications we have been looking for: leadership in the facilitating mode, good communications skills, training and ability in counselling and interpersonal relations, the desire and ability to work with children and youth, and concern for the needs of society.

We welcome Jody with open arms, and look forward to working with her.

-Cynthia Bland

The Pastor Search Committee

New Pastor to Attend Retreat

Our newly-called pastor, the Rev. Jody Brummett, will attend the family retreat at Judson Hills as a guest.

This will be an excellent opportunity to meet and get acquainted with Jody in casual and informal settings.

See you there!

-Jim VanBrimmer

Retreat Beat

Well, it's that time of year again - September. You all know what that means - school, football, band, cool weather (?) and the annual church retreat which is being held on September 6, 7 and 8 at Judson Hill's camp.

We hope you're going to join in the festivities and learn all that Carver Williams has to bring us. Carver is excited and is looking forward to being with us. He has a lot of talents and is going to share a few of them with us. He says that if the spirit moves him he'll even do one of his Bible characters that he loves to do.

We'll have lots of free time to just relax, be ourselves and prepare for the "BIG EVENT NIGHT." Those of us who attended previous Big Event Nights can say "I WAS THERE" when...

...Nabisco practically sponsored the whole evening.

...the chubbie bunny contest got a little out of hand.

...the whistling blow holes danced and whistled without using their mouths.

Well, that's enough reminiscing. I hope to see you there. Call if you need directions or a ride. This could be the experience of your lifetime. Hope you are coming... God is!

-Steve Stoner
Phone 369-7754

Trustees Report

A new hot water heater had to be installed at the parsonage. The old one was leaking and was beyond repair. The work was done by Don Patrick at a cost of \$388. Plastic plumbing was changed to copper to meet the code and the heater was placed on blocks to slow the rusting process. Electric heaters cost more than gas, and the parsonage is all electric, so that factor plus the required improvements resulted in the final cost.

-Peter White, Editor for the Trustees
Archie Trigg, Chairman

Candlelighters

Sept. 1	Erin Faulk
Sept. 15	Adam Mowery
Sept. 22	Barbara Lovell
Sept. 29	Micah Stoner
Oct. 6	Elizabeth Davis

Board of Education

The Board of Education will meet at Carol Grubb's home on Sunday, September 15 at 7:30.



RETREAT

"Created In His Image" - Our 1991 Church Retreat

FRIDAY

6:30pm At Shelter House: registration, fire ring, hot dog/marshmallow roast, and settle in

8:45pm At Lodge: Introduction by Rev. Carver Williams

9:00pm-? Games and such

11:00pm Quiet pleassssssse!!!

SATURDAY

7:00am Wake Up!

7:30am Morning Watch

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am At Lodge: Morning Session - "Created In His Image"

10:00am Free time

Noon Foood! (lunch)

1:00pm At Lodge: Afternoon Session - "Created In His Image"

2:30pm God's Green Earth:
Free time, softball, basketball, volleyball, tetherball, hiking, reading, sleeping, fishing, boating, talking, ping pong, shuffleboard, laughing, praying, amen.

5:30pm Dinner

7:00pm-? At Lodge: Skits and such; games and dialog until lights out

11:00pm Quiet please

SUNDAY

7:00am Wake-up!

7:30am Morning Watch

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am Final Session:
"Created In His Image"

10:30am Sunday Morning Worship
(location to be announced)

Noon Lunch

Homeward Bound, taking with you what you have to offer others, in God's sight! Sharing the images of the love that God has passed on, through the vessels of life that you have come in contact with, during this glorious weekend...
Imagine That!

-Steve & Karen Stoner, Mike & Teresa Griffith
Retreat Committee

Share Your Talents

The following offices for 1992 will be voted on this fall: Assistant Moderator, Treasurer,

Financial Secretary, Finance Committee
Chairman, three Deacons, three Trustees, Board
of Education - mission education, and Board of
Education - children's work.

If you are interested in filling one of these
positions, please speak to me. If you currently
hold one of these positions, please indicate your
interest to me.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting
at 5:30 on Sunday, September 22 at the church.

-Pam Faulk
Chair, Nominating Committee

Men's Fall Conference

The Men's Annual Fall Conference, sponsored
by American Baptist Men of Ohio, will be held
September 13-14 at the Second Baptist Church in
Columbus. Please see the bulletin board for more
information.

Volunteers Needed

We have had a request from the Mental Health
Center to provide some volunteers to receive
training in grief counseling and work with
recently-bereaved persons over the age of 60.

If you would like to volunteer, please call
Mitchell Pace, Program Manager, at 369-4482, 369-
4483 or 548-5860.

Housing for Students

Ohio State University Marion Branch is looking
for housing near Marion for their students. If
you have a room or apartment to rent, please call
either Susan or Becky at (614) 389-OSUM.

166th Annual Meeting of American Baptists of Ohio

The Annual Meeting will take place on October
16-18 at Seagate Convention Center, Toledo. Rev.
George Freeland, chairman of the sponsorship
committee, is requesting funds for the event. If
you would like to make a contribution, please
ask Jean Wickum for more information.

Marion Association Fall Rally

The Fall Rally will be on Sunday, September 22,
from 2:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Trinity Baptist
Church in Marion. Keynote speakers will be Mr.
and Mrs. Shawver from Mexico.

More information is posted in the vestibule.

We Almost Made It

This summer, we made a gift of \$250 to the fund
to refurbish our camps and we had a challenge
offering. So far that challenge has been met with
\$200. Can we make it to \$250? If you want to help,
give your contribution to Evelyn Lee or put in
the offering in an envelope marked "camp
refurbishing."

-previous five articles submitted by
Jean Wickum

Engagement Announced

Steve and Karen Stoner announce the
engagement of their daughter, Stefanie Kaye
Stoner, to Vincent James Ministeri. A wedding at
our church is planned for June 20, 1992.

Personals

Marie Priest, mother of the late Ruth Brown,
passed away on August 7, 1991.

Her grandchildren include Carol Grubbs,
Jeannie Stephenson, Donald and Donna Brown,
and Jim Brown.

Ted Stephenson conducted the funeral service.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sept. 5	Don & Florence Faulk
11	David Osborne
12	Dorothy Brown
13	Jerry Palmer
14	Marci Sander
15	Jim & Bertha VanBrimmer Janet Porter
18	Ben & Bernice Turney
20	Mary & Barney Barkeloo
30	Mary Lou Lovell
Oct. 5	Carol & Willard Fogle

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Greetings to you all! It is my pleasure to be able to extend a hearty thank you to all of you for your gracious welcome. I have been warmed by the generosity you have shown by inviting me into your homes, and the pride that you have in this beautiful community. It is good to be here.

My first two weeks have been busy and full of many adventurous meetings and gatherings. In addition to getting to know and becoming better known by all of you, I have enjoyed meeting colleagues from the Marion Baptist Association and the Delaware community.

I look forward to the following weeks when we will all take part in my service of installation. Please pray with me as we make this commitment as a church and as we celebrate our ministry with and in the community. It is my sincere hope that we may reflect on our past ministry and look with anticipation toward the possibilities that our future ministry holds.

Many Blessings,
Pastor Brummett

Installation of Our New Pastor

A service of installation for the Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett will take place on October 13 at 10:45 a.m. The sermon, "Traveling Minus the Mountain" will be given by the Rev. Kenneth Fey, pastor of Cherry Hill Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, Michigan. Special guests will include the Rev. Saundra G. Heizer and The Cherry Hill Baptist Quartet. We will also be having some

guests from Cherry Hill Baptist Church, which is Pastor Brummett's home church.

Everyone is invited to be our guest at a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall after the service. Please contact Evelyn Lee if you can provide food and/or assistance.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
A SERVICE OF INSTALLATION
Sunday, October 13, 10:45 a.m.
AND
A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
Sunday, October 13, 5:00 p.m.

Service of Celebration

On Sunday, October 13, at 5:00 p.m., there will be a service of celebration which will be open to the community of Delaware and the Marion Baptist Association Churches.

The sermon will be given by Dr. Joseph Kutter from Royal Oak, Michigan. Dr. Kutter is a past pastor and current friend of Pastor Brummett. The Rev. Saundra G. Heizer and the Cherry Hill Baptist Quartet will also be with us for this service.

A reception in the Assembly Room will follow the service. Once again, please contact Evelyn Lee if you can help.

Quilt Show

If you love old quilts, new quilts, wall hangings, etc., plan to attend the Delaware Piecemakers Quilt

Show at J.V.S. School on Sunday, October 27 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Admission will be \$2.00.

Every year the proceeds are given to charity. This year they will help provide baby quilts to hospitalized children with AIDS, leukemia and other life-threatening diseases.

The Piecemakers meet at our church each month and three of our members belong to the group.

-Jeanne Ekelberry
363-1432

Adult Social

The October Adult Social will be a welcome party for Jody. It will be held at the parsonage on Saturday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite snack food and beverage. Feel free to also bring table games.

A Note of Thanks

On behalf of our entire fellowship I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of the Pastor Search Committee for their attention to duty, and for their patience during our long search for pastoral leadership.

To Jeff Faulk, Carol Grubbs, Anne Linn, Willard Fogle and Cynthia Bland - thank you for a task well done and for the good spirit in which it was carried out.

A major undertaking in the search process was the preparation of a Church Profile, a comprehensive information package about our church and community that was sent to the most likely candidates. Each committee member made significant contributions to the development of this document.

Special thanks to Larry Faulk for setting up and printing the final form of the narrative and statistical sections, and to Jim Stephenson for



"Tough interview?"

arranging and assembling the material into a very attractive booklet for which we have received many compliments from candidates and others who have seen it.

Special thanks also to . . .

Linda and Peter White for having our leading candidate as a guest on her visit here, and for introducing her to the town (and surrounding countryside)!

Carol Sue and Willard Fogle for hosting the dinner meeting with the candidate and trustees.

Our Interim Pastor Owen Stewart for his words of wisdom and advice when we sought his council.

Our Area Minister Sandra Heizer, without whose help we would have had a much more difficult task. Sandy very patiently helped to clarify our vision and sense of direction.

And, finally, let me add a personal note of appreciation to members of the committee and to the others who helped us along the way. You were great people to work with!

May the Lord bless us all as we continue to work together with our new pastor in His service.

-Jim VanBrimmer
Chairman, Pastor Search Committee

New Phone Number at the Parsonage



The church and the parsonage now have separate phone numbers. Pastor Brummett can be reached by calling 363-4785. Please mark down this number for future reference.

The phone number for the church will remain 363-7021.

Trustees Notes

Many people helped prepare the parsonage for our new pastor.

A painting session was held at the parsonage and the downstairs rooms were all completed. Brush and roller wielders were Arch Trigg, Jeff Faulk, Dave Lovell and Will Fogle.

A "thank you" to Carol Sue Fogle, Carol Grubbs, and Jim and Bertha VanBrimmer who spent several days cleaning the parsonage. Jim also installed a new plug in the bathroom.

The trustees helped unload the truck and move Jody's things into the parsonage. (Jody's dad drove the truck down from Michigan.)

Jeff Reed repaired the cabinet under the sink and fixed the mail box. Jim Stephenson helped prune the trees and shrubs.

At press time a new carpet is about to be installed in the family room. Also, the kitchen stove will be

replaced because the controls on the old one are shot. (A new one will be a better investment.)

In other news, Sally Casto's bi-monthly organ class was held at our church recently. Gary Mason, the technician, came and gave a talk on the workings of the older-style organs, and Jim VanBrimmer had some comments on the history and various repairs we've had done over the years. The class was attended by 30 people and was well-received.

*-Peter White
Editor for the Trustees
Arch Trigg, Chairman*

New Time & Day for Bible Study

The Bible study group is now meeting at the church on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Currently, we are studying Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Pastor Brummett is leading the study.

Please join us for a time of learning, reflection, prayer and community.

Annual Halloween Party

Our annual Halloween party will be held on Saturday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the church. This is for all church members, regardless of age.



Come in costume and enjoy fun, games, refreshments, and the Haunted House! If you don't wish to dress in costume, please come anyway.

Sunday School Profile

The Junior High Sunday School Class taught by Jeff Reed is studying the Judson Bible Series Lessons for Younger Youth.

In these lessons they are learning about the life and times of Paul the Apostle from the book of Acts.

For a craft last week the youth made God's eyes out of dowel rods and yarn.

Attending the Junior High Class are Erin Faulk, Marci Sander, Elizabeth Hopkins, Matt Lovell, Micah Stoner, and occasional visitors.

ABW Comes to Aid of Bacone Chapel

Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma, was founded by American Baptists and is the oldest school for native Indian Americans in the country.

Their beautiful Memorial Chapel was destroyed by fire last year. Baptist women of Ohio are working to raise \$15,000 to help replace the stained glass windows and Indian art that was lost. Please contact Bertha VanBrimmer for more information.

Evelyn Lee Profiled in Gazette

The following article appeared recently on the church page of the Delaware Gazette.



Evelyn Lee

Evelyn Lee helps young people and has seen that help and care returned. A member of First Baptist Church, she has been active in the Delaware community as well as the church.

She has served on the board of education for Delaware City Schools from 1979-1987. She and her late husband Richard worked with youth in the Homestead Guys and Gals 4-H Club for many years. She has also served for many years on the board of Delwood, the Children's Home of Delaware.

Her husband was involved in Boy Scouting, and she helped with Cub Scouts. Their three sons, Richard Lee Jr., Douglas, and Bruce, all achieved Eagle Scout rank, and are parents of her five grandchildren.

Of working with young people, she commented, "They perk you up when you're down ... we help and enjoy each other."

Lee is program coordinator for Delaware County Home Economists. She has also been on the Home Economics Extension Board. She worked as a home economics teacher for Aida Schools, and briefly at Willis High School, before deciding she would stay at home with her family.

For 30 years, she has coordinated child care for donors and health care workers when the Red Cross bloodmobile is stationed at William Street UMC.

She is carrying on her husband's work as financial secretary at the church and is helping plan a fall campaign. She is getting back into missionary work and is helping revise the church constitution. She and Richard were Sunday school teachers and were involved in the building of the church addition. She has served often on the church's board of education and has represented the church with Church Women United.

Lee said the people at First Baptist are very caring, about people locally and worldwide. "Everyone stands by you," she said. "Caring is what I think church is all about."

Thank You

The following note was submitted several months ago but was misplaced. We apologize for the delay in publishing it.

-Editor

Dear Church Friends,

We would like to thank you for your expressions of love and concern during David's recent illness. Your cards, calls and prayers were helpful and appreciated. We especially want to thank Pastor Stewart for his visits.

You have been faithful to the command in Galatians 6:2 "to bear one another's burdens," and we are grateful.

In Christian love,

David and Jean Osborne

World Mission Offering

The World Mission Offering will be collected on Sunday, October 6. Envelopes will be accepted throughout the month from those who are unable to attend on the 6th. Please consider the command Jesus gives us: "Make disciples of all nations." Pray about your role in fulfilling that command.

Our support as a congregation will continue the ministry to which Jesus calls us. Thank you.

Language Facts

- There are 11,500 distinct people/language/ethnic groups in the world, and 15,000 family language groups
- The whole Bible has been translated into 375 languages. The New Testament or portions of it have been translated into 500 other languages.
- Most people speak more than one language.

-Jennifer Turner



ABW Scholarship Student

Each year ABW provides scholarships for seminary students, and each participating church is assigned a scholarship student for them to take a special interest in.

Our scholarship student this year is Mark Edward Click. Mark, 29, is a full-time student at the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, where he is enrolled in the Masters of Divinity program. He is also the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Greenfield, Ohio.

Mark's father is deceased and his mother is disabled, and he has worked to put himself through school.

For more information, please see the biography posted in the Assembly Room.

- submitted by Bertha VanBrimmer

Spring Forward, Fall Back!

Don't forget! On Sunday morning, October 28 at 2:00 a.m., Daylight Savings Time will end and we'll turn our clocks back one hour. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

Association Rally

The Marion Association Meeting was held at Trinity Baptist Church in Marion on Sunday, September 22. Our church was represented by 6 adults and 10 youth.

Business Meeting

Our next quarterly business meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

6676 Schreiner West
Worthington, OH 43085

Dear friends,

Joan and I want to thank you all for the reception, the cards from children and adults, the wonderful meal and fellowship at Buri's, the very generous gift of money, and for all the love and kindness that we have experienced over the months with you.

We shall always remember you with joy and we shall pray for you because you have a special place in our hearts.

With love and admiration,

Owen and Joan Stewart

Watchcare Volunteers Needed

The Board of Deacons will be planning a series of "coffees" to give you and Pastor Brummett an opportunity to get to know each other better in some informal settings. This will also give us a chance to review our watchcare needs and to make plans for future watchcare activities. If you would like to host one the "coffees," please contact your Watchcare Deacon or Larry Faulk.

Shower

Don't forget the shower for Tami Grubbs, given by Karen Stoner and Teresa Griffith. It will be held on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Remembering the Retreat

Wasn't this year's retreat *wonderful*? From the opening weiner roast to the last lunch, we learned to feel positive about ourselves. We learned that Jody Brummett knows magic tricks, and Erin Faulk knows a lot about blondes. We played games, listened and talked, and enjoyed one of the best weekends of weather ever! Carver Williams was a fine leader.

If you did not go, try us next year. We'll get more details right, too!

-Stoners and Griffiths

Letter of Appreciation

To the members of the First Baptist Church,

You all meant a great deal to Mom. You were a very important part of her life. Our family is very grateful for your kindness and *sincere* sympathy at this time.

Thank you again,

Bill and Allison Dean and family

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Oct. 5 Carol & Willard Fogle
- Laura Beth Mowery
- 7 Jack Smith
- Beth & Michael Linn
- 9 Suzanne Grubbs
- 19 Paul Hopkins
- 28 Ed Linn
- Amy Smale
- 30 Jean Osborne
- 31 Janet Lathrop
- Jennifer Palmer Chaffin
- Nov. 1 Stef Stoner
- 5 Victor Fogle

F.Y.I.

Over the past few weeks many people have asked me if Pastor Brummett prefers to be called "Jody" or "Jody Lynn". Well, actually nobody has asked me, but I'll tell you anyway. In the past she has generally preferred to be called "Jody Lynn," but either one is ok.

Of course, if you just can't decide, you can't go wrong with "Pastor Brummett."

-Editor

Personals

Congratulations to Teresa & Michael Griffith on the birth of their daughter, Katherine Marie Griffith. Katherine was born on September 10 and weighed 8 pounds 15 ounces.

Vic Fogle will represent Delaware at a State Bowling Tournament in Zanesville on October 11. This invitation came because of his 602 series in the Junior League at Colony Lanes. Vic was also voted male Sophomore for the Month of October at Hayes High School. Congratulations!

Invite Your Pastor to Lunch or Dinner



Are you lonely at meal time? Looking for someone to have lunch with? Would you like a dinner guest? If your answer is "yes" to any of these questions, or if you just think it's a good idea, call Jody (363-4785) and invite her to share a meal with you. This would be a great way to get better acquainted!

-Larry Faulk

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Nov. 3	Liz Hopkins	Micah Stoner	Erin Faulk

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I received a gift last month. It wasn't outrageously expensive. It wasn't wrapped in shiny, colorful paper and bows. It wasn't in a box. It was just given to me - no strings attached. I received the gift of old friends and new friends and family. They came to my new home and church, showing their excitement and pride. I received songs and blessings and prayers and laughter. I received the gift of your support and your promise to go forward in the ministry of this church. It was a real celebration.

I am reminded of these gifts as we enter into November, which is for us a time of renewal and growth, as we prepare to make our faith commitment. We consider what Stewardship means for us. We begin to ask ourselves: just what will we give? I must believe that giving our money is only one piece of our faith commitment. We have so much more to give. Here are some of the gifts that I see us giving each other: the ability to organize; energy and enthusiasm; artistic creativity; prayer; leadership skills; and musical talent.



In this time of transition and new beginnings, I have been challenged by the gifts I have received - challenged to search for and discover what it is I have to offer. It is my hope that you will be challenged by the gifts you have received, to search within your heart for the gifts that you can give.

Many blessings,

Jody Lynn

Remembrance Sunday

Sometime next Spring we will once again celebrate Remembrance Sunday. This is a celebration of past members - those deceased, as well as those who have attended our church in the past.

The B.Y.F. needs your help in tracking these old friends. In the coming months, please write down addresses or phone numbers of persons you would like to invite and give them to Debbie Lovell or Beth Trigg.

Prayerfully consider God's divine plan for this event. Thank you.

-The B.Y.F.

Senior High Profile

The senior high class of Jeff Faulk, Vic Fogle, Debbie Lovell, Natalie Mowery, and Jarrod Trigg are pleased to welcome new member Heather McCrary. Their teacher is Larry Faulk. This quarter we have been studying Paul's missionary journeys. We have reviewed many of the issues and situations which Paul encountered and have drawn some comparisons with issues of today.

The lessons have highlighted many American Baptist beliefs and traditions. We have heard reports of American Baptist missions and missionary efforts as well as historical events.

I would like to thank the class for their continued assistance in folding and stuffing bulletins and in preparing fellowship refreshments.

-Larry Faulk

Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering

Have you ever received a check when you really needed it? To cover a large bill or purchase something necessary, maybe? Please pay special attention as members of our congregation and a special guest share their stories about receiving the M & M offering during our "Moments for Missions" throughout the month of November.

Many of our retired ministers and missionaries have moved away from former churches

where they served, and appreciation and recognition for a job well done may not come as frequently as in former years.

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering is a way for us to show our gratitude for their years of service, commitment and dedication.

I know that we as a congregation will do our very best to meet our goal of \$300 and show our love to our retired ministers and missionaries. The offering will be collected on December 22. Thank you.

*-Jennifer Turner
Missions Chair*

Sayings from the Biennial

"In the Good Book it says that God created the heavens and the earth, but nowhere does God say, 'Once you screw all this up, I'm going to give you some more.'"

*-Cora Tucker
Citizens for a Better America*

"If you wonder if you have a mission in life, simple ask yourself, 'Am I still alive?'"

-Dr. Leighton Ford

Judson Hills Needs Your Help!

Here's a partial list of materials needed at Judson Hills. (Complete lists have been given to the ABW, the ABM, the Board of Education, the BYF, and the Board of Deacons.) For more information, please call (419) 994-4657.

Maintenance Items:

drill bit set
10 leaf rakes
10 shovels
1 spade
table saw
log splitter
portable water pump
wet-dry vac

Program Items:

footballs
volleyball nets
2-5 person tents
ping pong equip.
kitchen table cloths
tether balls
archery backdrop
fishing poles/tackle

In addition to these needs, please continue to pray for the camp and its ministry.

Haiku

Rustling the bronze leaves,
Hustling my feet down the street,
Loving Autumn's snap.

-Karen Stoner



*"We're trying a new way
to single out non-tithers."*

Trustees Notes

- * All 8 gas furnaces were serviced by Don Patrick.
- * The fire extinguishers were recharged and serviced by B & J of Marion.
- * The broken tiles between the new and old building were replaced by Arch Trigg.
- * An answering machine was purchased and installed in the pastor's study. When the pastor is out, the machine will answer if the phone hasn't been picked up by the fourth ring.
- * A new stove was installed in the parsonage, and a new carpet (and pad) were installed in the family room by Westfalls.

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* The mailbox at the parsonage was damaged by some unknown person, and was repaired by Arch Trigg.

-Peter White, reporter for the Trustees
Arch Trigg, Chairman

Deck the Halls!

This month's Adult Social will be at the church on Saturday, November 30 at 6 p.m. Come and help prepare the church for the Advent season. We will order pizzas for supper. Please bring your own beverages.

Breakfast Buffet

The Board of Education is sponsoring a breakfast buffet for the first Sunday of Advent (December 1) at 8:30 a.m. Please bring a food item to share. Beverages and table service will be provided.

Opening exercises will begin at 9 a.m. as usual.

Poinsettias for Christmas

We are selling poinsettias which will be used to decorate the church during Advent and Christmas. You may take your plant home after the service on December 29th. The cost will be \$4.00 for red poinsettias in a 5 -1/2" pot.

Please give your order to Shirley Parker by Sunday, November 17th.



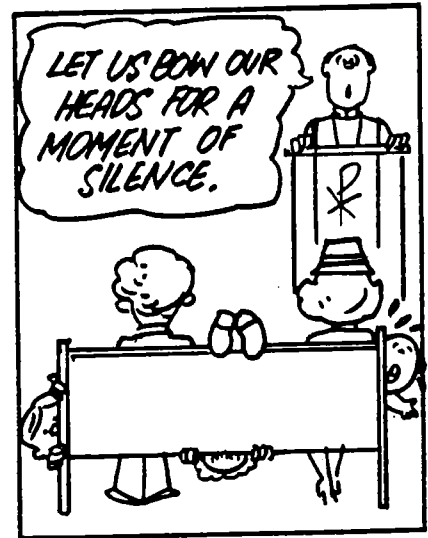
Christian Comedian to Perform

Mike Warnke, a contemporary Christian comedian, will be performing in Columbus on Friday, November 8. Admission is free (a love offering will be taken).

Please see or call Pastor Brummett if you are interested in going.

Childcare Available at Bible Study

Childcare is now available during our weekly Bible Study (which takes place at the church on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.). The group is currently studying 1 Corinthians.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Nov. 1	Stefanie Stoner
5	Victor Fogle
11	Kristine Martin
15	Francis Johnson
	Teresa Griffith
22	Peter White
26	Elizabeth Hopkins
28	Karen Stoner
Dec. 1	Alison Grubbs
3	Vinnie Ministeri
4	Erin Faulk

The Deacons are updating this list. Please give corrections to Larry Faulk.

Pastor's Phone Number and Office Hours

Please clip and save this information for future reference.



Pastor Jody Lynn Brummett

363-4785 (parsonage); 363-7021 (church)

Office Hours: Tuesday 10-2
(blue doors Thursday 10-2
will be left Saturday 10-1
open) (other times by appointment)

Please respect Monday as her day off.

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The

Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett
Pastor

Good News Letter

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Ready or not, December has arrived. And with it has come, perhaps uninvited, the busyness of the holiday season. We find ourselves swept away in the need to do much more than we possibly have time to do: bake cookies, buy presents, attend bazaars, send Christmas cards, go to special events and concerts and Christmas pageants, entertain guests and family, have Christmas parties, wrap presents, and go to church and be involved in all the special activities there. It makes us tired just to think about it.

Last week I had the pleasure of going with the American Baptist Women's group to Perkin's Observatory for one of the "Nature Lover's Lectures" and a tour of the telescope. It was a real learning event. As we were leaving, I took a few moments to look around and appreciate the beautiful surroundings of the observatory; a thick ring of tall, graceful evergreens. It was such a peaceful and secluded place to be, I could have stayed forever.

While we were climbing in the mini-van for the drive home, I commented about how it seemed odd to be in a place that is so out-of-the-way and solitary, when the city is only a few miles away. Karen Stoner, our bus driver, informed me that the trees were planted around the observatory on purpose in order to create a shield from any

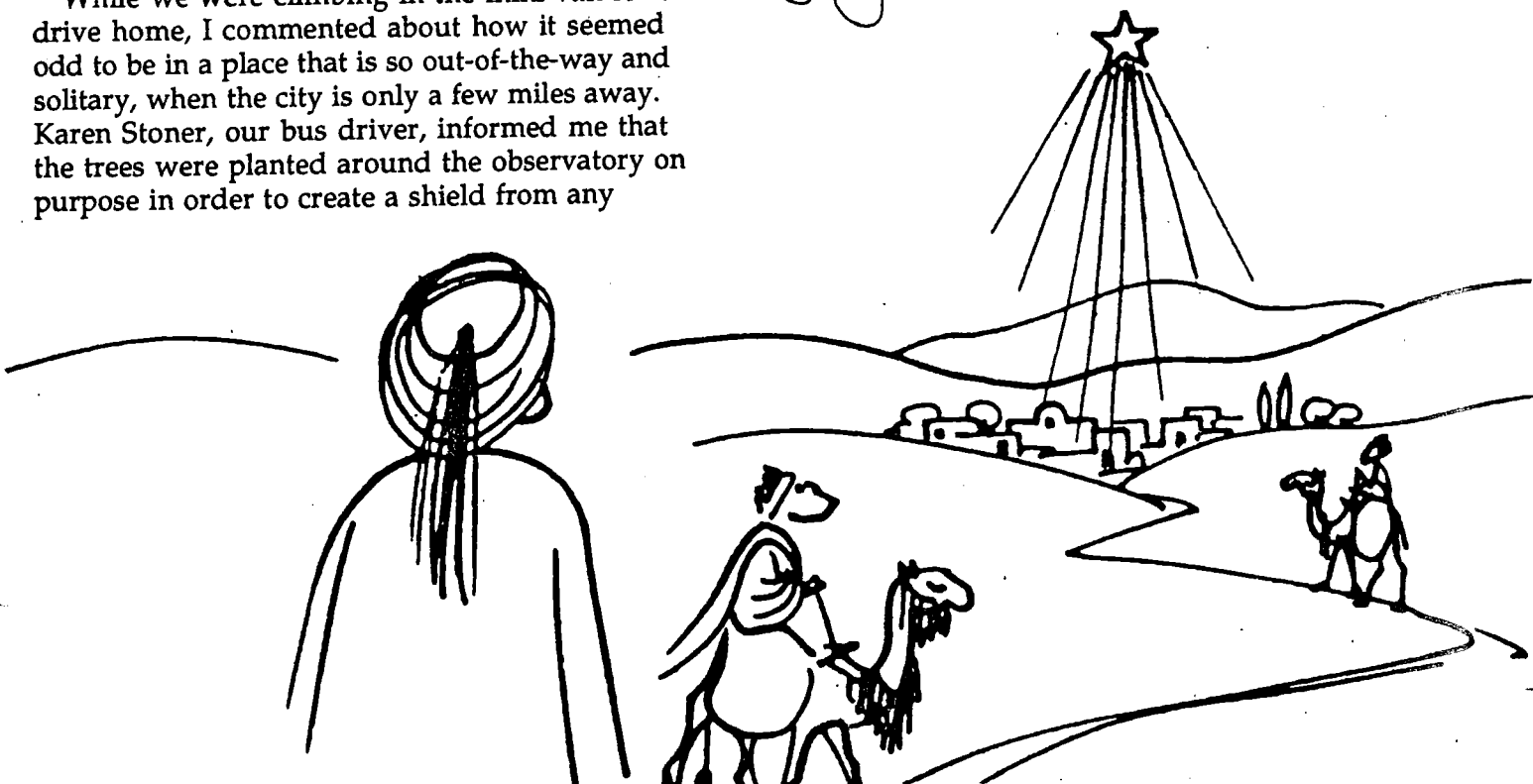
outside light. Fascinating. If the trees were not there, the outside light would make it impossible to use the telescope to search and find stars.

As we enter the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we are looking for a star: for the star which will lead us to Bethlehem, where we will find the Christ child in a manger. But sometimes it is difficult, because there are so many other lights that distract us from the light we are seeking. We are challenged by the secluded darkness of the observatory to look beyond the bright lights of shopping centers and Christmas trees to see the light of Christ which shines in our lives.

Let us find, O God, a place within ourselves, a place of solitude where we can find the star of Bethlehem.

Many blessings,

Jody Lynn Brummett



Secret Advent Friends - Reveal Yourself!

There will be a very special party for all Secret Advent Friends on Saturday, December 21st after the Christmas Pageant. We will be partying in the Fellowship Hall, and are asking each family to bring one dozen Christmas cookies. Beverages will be provided.

This would be an appropriate time to present your special friend with a Christmas message or gift, and also to write a thank you note to the person who had *your* name.

Baby Food Drive

During the month of December, the B.Y.F. will be having a Baby Food Drive for the Christmas Clearinghouse. We are asking that each person bring one item a week. We will have a Christmas tree in the back of the church for collecting the items. Please give freely this holiday season. Thank you.

- the B.Y.F.

Film to be Shown

Please join us at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 15th for an intergenerational film. We will be having opening exercises in the Senior High room, and there will not be regular Sunday School classes that morning.

Birthday Party for Jesus

On Sunday, December 22nd we will be having a birthday party for Jesus immediately after church in the Assembly Room. This is a very special tradition in our church that you won't want to miss.

Lost & Found

Do you have a dish missing? On the table in the back hallway are two casserole bowls looking for a home. Please check and see if they belong to you.

Offering for Retired Ministers & Missionaries

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well done may not come as frequently as in former years.

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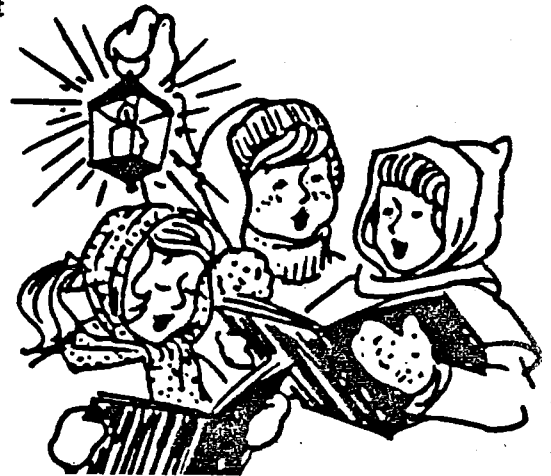
Please give generously when this offering is collected on Sunday, December 15th.

Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to join the choir on Friday, December 13th for Christmas caroling.

We'll be singing familiar Christmas carols that everyone knows. We especially invite our older church members to join us, so that the shut-ins we visit will see some familiar faces.

We'll meet at the church at 6:30 p.m., and will return to the church afterwards for refreshments. Please dress warmly and bring a flashlight.



American Baptist Women

The A.B.W. will meet at the parsonage on Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. The program will be given by Rev. Brummett and we will be packing boxes for shut-ins. Please bring boxes, paper to decorate them, and cookies, candy, jelly, fruit, etc. to fill them.

Come prepared for a festive celebration!

Open House for Cap Gabriel

In celebration of his 90th birthday, L. F. "Cap" Gabriel will be honored with an open house on Sunday, December 15th in the Fellowship Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. You are all invited to share this special occasion.

Please, no gifts, just good wishes. The party is being hosted by Cap's children - Janet Lathrop, Carol Fogle and Nevin Gabriel.

Pastor Plans Holiday Vacation

Jody Lynn Brummett plans to visit her family in Michigan from Wednesday, December 25th through Monday, December 30th. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, December 31st.

Please contact a Deacon for pastoral needs and concerns during these dates. Jody Lynn will monitor the parsonage answering machine (363-4785) for emergencies.

The Revered Harold VonBrockhoven will be our guest minister on Sunday, December 29th.

Get Started On Your Annual Reports

The end of the year is fast approaching and that means annual reports. I am asking each board and committee to give me a copy of their reports before Sunday, January 19th.

At the January 29th business meeting each board will be responsible for reading their own brief reports. There will be copies available, but not for the entire congregation as last year.

I hope to remind everyone again, but I would appreciate it if you would put this request on your calendar.

- Carol Fogle, clerk

Sunday School Profile

One of our youngest classes is also one with the most growth. Carol Grubb's Kindergarten class went from 2 children to 4 children in a few weeks. The children are Natalie Griffith, Melissa Gillette, and Jamie & Katie Reidmiller.

They enjoy drawing, coloring, pasting and singing most of all. They will be taught next quarter by Anne Linn.

American Baptist Mission Support

Contributions for our United Mission (UM) provide the largest portion of support for our American Baptist Mission.

1. United Mission Basics. Gifts to United Mission Basics (UMB) support all parts of our mission effort as American Baptists. These gifts are vital and basic to all of our American Baptist family.

2. United Mission Love Gifts. American Baptist Women make over and above contributions known as Love Gifts. Ten percent of these contributions are used to support the work of the American Baptist Women, while the balance is divided in the same way as gifts to United Mission Basics.

3. United Mission Designations. United Mission Designations are contributions toward budgeted financial support of a particular missionary, or budgeted financial support in a particular area of mission. Such gifts do not provide additional money for the participants, but are part of their approved budgets. If you are not sure if a program or missionary is in the approved budget, please correspond with the appropriate board before sending in the gift.

- submitted by Jean Wickum

Christmas Gifts for Central Ohio Psychiatric Hospital

Don't forget to bring a Christmas stocking filled with gifts for patients at Central Ohio Psychiatric Hospital. Put them under the tree in the sanctuary on Wednesday, December 4th or Sunday, December 8th.

PICKLES by Brian Crane



Some items for ladies that you might choose are knee or sport socks, pantie briefs, jewelry, wallets, curlers, cologne, shampoo, talc, deodorant, body or hand lotion, cosmetics or soap.

For men, you might give belts, jockey shorts, wallets, socks, gloves, jewelry, cologne, aftershave, shave cream, disposable razors, talc, deodorant, hand or body lotion, shampoo or soap.

Also needed are Afro sheen hair dressing, playing cards, and boxes of chocolate candy.

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Christmas Pageant

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Merry Christmas!

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Ardis Whitman:

Hope for the moment. There are times when it is hard to believe in the future, when we are temporarily just not brave enough. When this happens, concentrate on the present. Cultivate *le petit bonheur* (the little happiness) until courage returns. Look forward to the beauty of the next moment, the next hour, the promise of a good meal, sleep, a book, a movie, the likelihood that tonight the stars will shine and tomorrow the sun will shine. Sink roots into the present until the strength grows to think about tomorrow.

- Contributed by Beth Trigg

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dec. 1	Alison Grubbs
3	Vinnie Ministeri
4	Erin Faulk
12	John Richards
13	Geneva Evans
18	Cap Gabriel
25	Carol Grubbs
	Steve & Karen Stoner
Jan. 4	Shirley Parker
	Cynthia Bland
5	Evelyn Lee
	Lola Jackson

Personals

Jarrold Trigg received all A's on his grade card first semester as a sophomore at Hayes.

Evan Trigg's touch football team has advanced to the semi-finals.

Evan attends an enrichment class after school on Mondays to study robotics.

Elizabeth Davis is one of the 54 children in the Delaware Children's Choir. They will be performing at the open house at the

Cultural Arts Center (better known as "The Castle") on Friday, December 6, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Elizabeth received all A's this quarter.

Debbie Lovell received the "most improved player" award from her soccer team at Hayes High School.

Pam & Larry Faulk had a garage fire which destroyed one of their cars.

Jean Osborne's brother in California passed away.

Bible Quiz

In these remarks are the names of some 15 books of the Bible. "It's a lulu." Kept me looking so hard for the facts I missed the revelation. I was in a jam, especially because the names were not capitalized. The truth will come to numbers of our readers.

To others it will be a real job. For all it will be a most fascinating search. Yes, there will be some easy to spot: others hard to judge. So we admit it usually results in loud lamentations when we can't find them. One lady said she brews coffee while she puzzles over it. One book is bold face to help you begin. Can you find the other fourteen?

(The solution is posted on the assembly room bulletin board.)

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Dec. 1	Chrissy Hopkins	Debbie Lovell	Natalie Mowery
Dec. 8	Adam Mowery	Erin Faulk	Micah Stoner
Dec. 15	Erin Faulk	Vic Fogle	Jeff Faulk
Dec. 22	Elizabeth Davis	Marci Sander	Matt Lovell
Dec. 24	Elizabeth Hopkins	-	-
Dec. 29	Matt Lovell	Liz Hopkins	Jarrold Trigg
Jan. 5	Nick Ramey	-	-

December 1991

First Baptist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Sunday in Advent 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	2 Hanukkah	3 7:30 Bible Study	4 7:00 Choir	5	6	7 10:00 Pageant Rehearsal
8 Second Sunday in Advent 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship (Don't forget gifts for Psychiatric Hospital)	9	10 Human Rights Day 7:30 Bible Study	11 7:00 Choir	12	13 6:30 Christmas Caroling	14 5:00 Pageant Dress Rehearsal
15 Third Sunday in Advent 9:00 Intergenerational Film 10:45 Morning Worship 2:00 Open House for C. Gabriel 5:30 Deacons	16 7:00 Parish Council	17 7:30 Bible Study	18 7:00 Choir	19 7:00 ABW at parsonage	20	21 10:00 Pageant Dress Reh. 7:00 Pageant, followed by SAF party
22 Fourth Sunday in Advent 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 11:45 Birthday party for Jesus	23	24 Christmas Eve 7:00 Candlelight Communion Service	25 Christmas Merry Christmas!	26	27	28
29 Student Recognition Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Rev. VonBrockhoven	30	31 New Year's Eve (Watchnight)	Liturgical Colors for the Season Sundays in Advent...Violet (Blue) Christmas....White (Gold) Sundays after Christmas....White			