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Good News Letter

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*Happy
New
Year!*

Welcome to 1992! Every year at this time, I enjoy reflecting on my favorite part of the Christmas Story; the part about the wise men, the Magi, who came to visit the baby Jesus. "...they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road."

What is so amazing about this story is that these Magi chose to go back to their own country by another road. At first glance this may seem like the most insignificant part of the story, but it is really quite astonishing.

As we will recall, the Magi had been sent by Herod to find the baby, then report back to him. And, as far as we know, they were getting ready to do just that, when they had a dream which warned them not to go back to Herod. This is the most amazing thing: that they listened to the dream. It would have been so easy for them to do what was expected of them, to go back home along the same road that they had traveled on before.

It must have been the baby. When they saw the baby, they believed, and they worshiped him. They knew that this was indeed, Emmanuel, God with us. They could have gone back by the old familiar road, but decided that they would not. Now, after all that had happened, it was impossible for them to go back; their lives had been changed too much, they understood too much and their lives were filled with such great joy; they could not return to Herod.

We find ourselves at the beginning of a new year. Like the Magi, we too have a choice to make. We can go home by the old familiar road; the one that we know so well. Or, we can open ourselves up to the possibility of taking a new road, taking different directions, and being open to the challenges that this new year may bring.

Our hope each Christmas is that the experience of the birth of the Christ child into our lives will change us. That through the grace of the baby Jesus, we can see our lives in a new light.

This is my prayer, that the power of this season may become real in life of our church and give us the strength to love and serve the Lord.

Many blessings,

Pageant Successful

A special "thank you" is in order to Lana Palmer for creating and directing the Christmas Pageant. Participants shared their talents along with the message of reaching out to share with others in need.

Wall Hanging "Grows" On You

Each week during the Advent season, we awaited the additions to the Nativity Wall Hanging which Jeanne Ekelberry created. Thank you for sharing this lovely, creative, changing scene with us.

A "thank you" to all who contributed so much his Advent season by singing, donating flowers, canned goods and kind words to one another.

Annual Business Meeting

Our annual business meeting will be held immediately after a covered dish dinner on Wednesday, January 29, at 6:00 p.m.

The revised Constitution (which was presented at the October business meeting) will be voted on. It contains provisions for a Pastoral Relations Committee as well as an updating of titles and language to better reflect our current structure and operation. Copies of the proposed revised Constitution are available in the vestibule.

Pastoral Relations Committee To Be Selected

Are you interested in serving?

"The Pastoral Relations Committee will be composed of five people elected at large from the congregation.

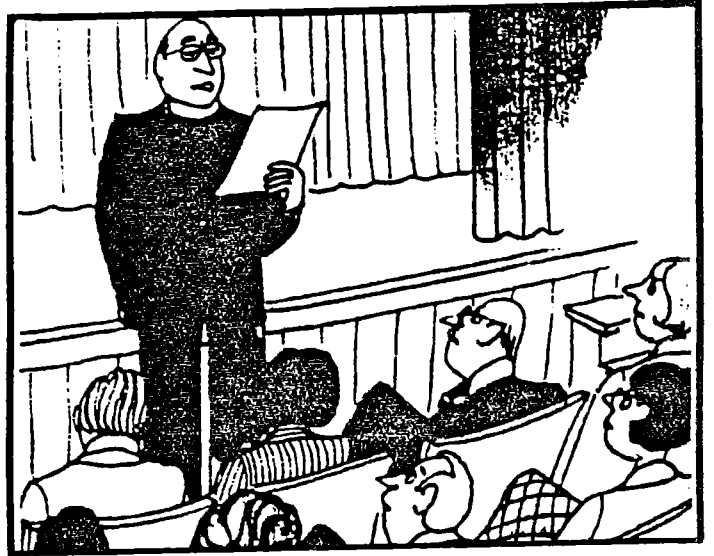
"The committee will be responsible for providing a communication link between the Pastor and the congregation. They will serve as an advisory group to the Pastor, bringing concerns of the congregation to the Pastor; and as an advocacy group for the Pastor's leadership in the congregation.

"They will make recommendations on compensation and benefits, continuing education, and working conditions. They will facilitate an annual evaluation process. They will assist the Pastor and church in the employment transition process."

Should you be a member of this committee? Do you see yourself serving on a committee with the above obligations? Can you deal confidentially with both sensitive and tough issues? Do you have good listening and communicating skills?

A more detailed Job Description is available in the vestibule. Please express your interest in serving to the Pastor or to one of the Deacons. The committee will be elected at the annual meeting.

-Larry Faulk
Chairman, Board of Deacons



This proposal is recommended by the personnel committee, the finance committee, and the board of deacons. The church staff has approved it unanimously. We also feel it is the will of God.

Is there any discussion?

PRIDE Parent-to-Parent Workshops

"Positive parenting in the 90's" will be the theme of parent training workshops sponsored by Delaware City Schools and Worthington Industries.

The parent training is a nationally recognized prevention program that provides "state of the art" information and skills of "what really works."

Participants will learn new alternatives and specific strategies to take more effective control in dealing with today's youth. The training will focus on developing three major character traits during adolescence: accountability, dependability and responsibility.

Where:

Worthington Industries Training Department, 1205 Dearborn Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43085. Phone (614) 438-3093.

When:

Friday, January 17, 6:00-10:00 p.m. (pizza served at 5:30 p.m.) and Saturday, January 18, 8:00-12:00 noon

or

Friday, February 7, 6:00-10:00 p.m. (pizza served at 5:30 p.m.) and Saturday, February 8, 8:00-12:00 noon

Each workshop will be limited to 21 participants. To pre-register, call Kim DiLuzio at 363-1188.

Parish Council

Parish Council will have a planning meeting on Saturday, January 18 from 9:00-12:00 noon.

Pulpit Exchange

The annual pulpit exchange will take place on Sunday, January 26.

Pastor Brummett will be giving the message at William Street United Methodist Church and The Rev. Linda Meridith, pastor of Radnor United Church of Christ, will be bring the message to us.

Green Lake Conference Schedule

This is a list of scheduled conferences from January through April. The schedule for the remainder of the year is posted in the assembly room.

Jan. 6-10	Clergy R&R Week
20-24	Christian Writers Week
Feb. 3-7	Christian Writers Week
10-14	Clergy R&R Week
March 16-20	Christian Writers Week
April 3-5	Weekend to Remember for Women
5-10	Senior Adult Bed & Breakfast Days
20-24	Clergy R&R Week
24-26	Arbor Weekend for Youth
26-May 1	Elderhostel

Edward Sparks

Edward Sparks, brother of Bertha Van Brimmer, died December 18th. Mr. Sparks was retired and lived in Sunbury. All of us at First Baptist extend our sympathy to Bertha and the entire family.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone in our church family for their kind expressions of love and sympathy upon the death of my brother Ed Sparks.

God bless you all.

-Bertha Van Brimmer

Choir Notes

Thanks to all of our choir members for their hard work this fall and through Advent. Almost all of

our music was new, and some of it was quite challenging!

In addition, we're all pleased that Jody Lynn is singing with us.

Special thanks to Mary Lou for the many hours she puts in each week on the piano and organ.

-Jim Stephenson
Choir Director

Thanks for Christmas Poinsettias

We want to thank those who joined in contributing so many flowers for the church in the month of December.

It was a wonderful, warm feeling to see God's beauty "in flower" in memory of so many loved ones. It brought them closer to all of us in the loving church family for a little while.

May we do it again and again!

-Florence and Don Faulk

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

The 7th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 7:30 p.m. at Zion A.M.E. Church (140 South Washington Street).



The keynote speaker will be The Rev. Neriah G. Edwards, a United Methodist educator, author, lecturer, administrator and preacher. Her topic will be "The Strength to Love: The Tie That Binds"

Pastor Brummett will be giving the benediction.

Personals

Micah Stoner was chosen as one of the eighth grade basketball players at Willis Intermediate School.

Stefanie Stoner finished the fall quarter at OSU with a 3.21 grade point average, qualifying her for the Dean's List with a 3.21 grade point average. Her major is Psychology.

Jeff Faulk marched with the Dublin High School band at Disney World in Florida.

Pastor Brummett visited her family in Michigan.

Alison Grubbs, a Junior at Oklahoma Christian University, has a 3.67 grade point average. Her major is Music Education.

Ted and Jeannie Stephenson and family visited with relatives in Delaware and Columbus.

The **Lovells** drove to New York State to visit Mary Lou's family.

David Osborne had a second cataract operation, and now has excellent vision in both eyes.

Message of the Robin

I have one preacher that I love better than any other on Earth. It is my little tame robin which preaches to me daily.

I put his crumbs on the window sill. He hops on the sill and takes as much as he needs. From there he always flies to a little tree close by, lifts up his voice to God, sings his song of praise and gratitude, tucks his head under his wing and goes to sleep leaving tomorrow to look after itself.

He is the best preacher I have on Earth.

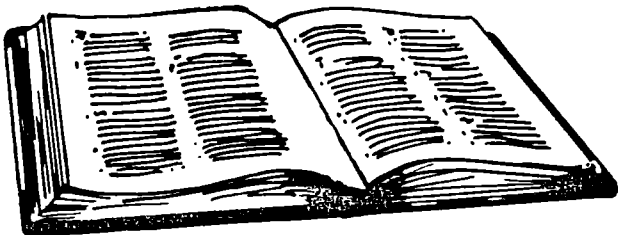
-Martin Luther

Book 'em!

You are invited to join a new book club, to be led by Pastor Brummett.

The book club, which will be open to the whole community, will meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month to read and discuss contemporary novels. Discussions will focus on the spiritual, theological, sociological and personal dimensions of the various books.

The first meeting (an organizational meeting) will be from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 13 in room 311 of the new Hamilton-Williams Campus Center at Ohio Wesleyan.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

January	4	Shirley Parker Cynthia Bland
	5	Evelyn Lee Lola Jackson
	12	Larry Faulk
	13	John Linn
	18	Matthew Lovell
	21	Tim Fogle
	22	Ernestine Frost
	23	Jeff & Donna Reed
	24	Ben Turney Randall Gillette
	26	Sophia Stephenson
February	2	Fred Grubbs Millie Martin

The Deacons are updating this list. Please report any errors or omissions to Larry Faulk.

American Red Cross Classes in Standard First Aid and Community CPR

The American Red Cross is now scheduling classes for 1992. Each class will be 8 hours long, or both can be completed in 12 hours.

You can participate as an individual, or encourage a group you belong to sign up together.

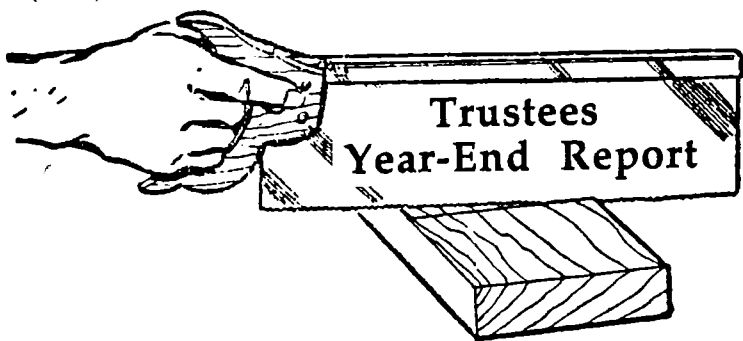
For more information call 548-7300 or 362-2021

How Cold Was It?

When temperatures plunged to 26 degrees below zero Fahrenheit, the Rockford, Ill. Register Star asked its readers to finish the sentence, "It was so cold that . . ." Here are some of the responses.

It was so cold that . . .

- . . . you could freeze an egg on the sidewalk.
- . . . I had to go up and break the smoke off my chimney.
- . . . we opened the refrigerator to heat the house.
- . . . when police saw a bank-robbery suspect and said, "Freeze!" he did.
- . . . when I called home to Arizona, the message caused the cactus to frost over.
- . . . I saw a 32nd-degree Mason, and he was down to 15.
- . . . I let my dog out, and I had to break him loose from the tree.



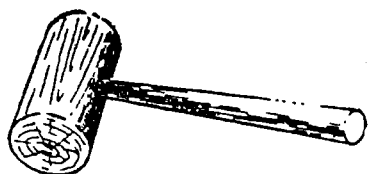
Our most expensive projects this year

1. The rebuilding of the concrete stairwell leading to the youth room in the old basement.
2. The two new drywall ceilings in the old parsonage.
3. The new pad and carpet in the family room at the parsonage.
4. The new water heater in the parsonage.
5. The new kitchen stove in the parsonage.
6. The new drum in the church copier.
7. The repair of four leaks in the church's roof and two in the old parsonage's roof.



Other projects that were done throughout the year

1. A painting session was held at the parsonage and the downstairs was completed before Jody Lynn's arrival. Also, a big "thank you" to those who helped clean.
2. Upon the pastor's arrival, the trustees had a moving "party." (The truck was full!)
3. Much time was spent on a change in our insurance companies.
4. The church building was readied for Radnor Baptist's 175th anniversary celebration in May. It was held in our church due the fire at their church. They are in their new building now.
5. Answering machines were installed at the parsonage and at the church. Thanks to Betty Porter!
6. The furnaces were serviced by Don Patrick and in December he rebuilt a water valve in the mens' room.



7. The front doors were refinished.
8. The plaster was repaired and the paint touched-up in the assembly room, sanctuary, and both vestibules.
9. Cabinets were repaired under the sink at both the church and the parsonage.
10. Broken floor tiles were replaced at the church.



Projects done in December

1. The copier had further repairs and was serviced by Mansfield Typewriter.
2. The pipe organ was serviced and tuned by Gary Mason.
3. Two pianos were tuned by Clifford Rector.
4. Due to a furnace problem, the sanctuary was only 60 degrees last Sunday. (Those who were cold kept their coats on.) Will Fogle made repairs to the furnace wiring.

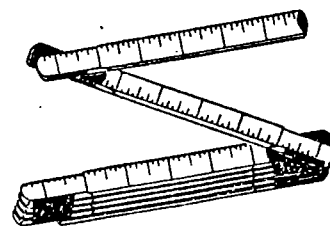
Additional work by trustees and others

During the summer, Will Fogle looked after the parsonage yard and Peter White took care of the church's yard and shrubs. Jim Stephenson, as usual, took care of the flowers.

Shirley Parker did a fine job all year as the church's reporter to the Gazette.

Larry Faulk did the bulletins and Jim Stephenson the newsletters.

How often do the people who do these "hidden" jobs (along with the organist, choir director, etc.) get thanked?



Remember the repair fund

The trustees already have a "wish list" for this new year. Our funds come from the rental of the old parsonage and whatever members put in the repair fund (which is greatly appreciated). If you have any "extra" at all this year, please consider making a donation to the repair fund.

*-Peter White, reporter for the trustees
Arch Trigg, Chairman*

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Here we are, trapped right in the middle of winter; being forced to endure long weeks of chilly days and overcast skies. Everyday we are trying our best to keep from getting depressed and to muster enough energy to make it through until spring.

Many people feel this way about winter, though as many of you know, I have never understood why. I have thought about this often, and I think that part of the reason winter gets such a bad rap is because it is deceiving. During winter, everything looks dead. The color is gone. There are no shades of green or any of the bright yellows and reds and purples of the flowers.

Looking out at the world around us, especially at wintertime, reminds us that life and death go together — we can't have one without the other. It's just the way it is.

This sounds like a rather somber and bleak thought, but at this time of year, it is the most hopeful thought we can have. We make the mistake of thinking that life ends in death. Winter reminds us that life and death happen again and again, over and over. Life and death form a circle.

While the earth appears to be dead, it is not. Beneath the snow and under the brownish stuff we used to call grass; inside the grayish, stinky branches of the trees, the earth is preparing for it's new birth. Beneath this appearance of death, there is in fact a tremendous amount of life.

And so, winter is also for us a time for preparing for spring and for a renewal within ourselves. As we try to be patient and wait for the strength of God to become our strength; as we are thoughtful and pray for the thoughts of God to become our thoughts; and as we are hopeful and strive for the love of God to become our God. May God be with us all.

Many Blessings,



Calendar for the Year

The Parish Council met on January 18 to plan our calendar for 1992. The calendar contains dates and times of all known meetings, conferences, special services and special events, and will be kept in the Sunday School Office. If you have any additions or changes to make, please inform Pastor Brummett or Moderator Jean Wickum.

Ohio Baptist Today

If you would like to receive a subscription to the Ohio Baptist Today Magazine, please let Betty Porter know as soon as possible.

Volunteers Needed at Methesco

Methesco is looking for volunteers in the offices of public relations and fundraising. They need assistance with typing, greeting at special events, telephoning in a phone-a-thon for fundraising, photocopying, filing, stuffing envelopes for mailings and other clerical assignments.

There is also a need for people who have experience in photographing special events, proofing copy for brochures and writing news releases.

Volunteers will have access to free parking and the option of free lunches on certain days of the week. They will also be able to attend campus concerts, worship services and convocations.

If you are interested, please call Cassandra Clancy, director of Public Relations, at 363—1146



Support Group

"Women in Transition" is a new support group for separated or divorced women. It is being started by members of First Presbyterian Church and is hoping to be an ecumenical group which will be spiritual in design, yet will encompass the problems women face when experiencing separation or divorce.

The first meeting will take place on Sunday, February 9, from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at 175 N. Liberty Street. New members are welcome at any time. Please call Roanne Davis at 369-3570 if you would like to attend or have any questions.

Opportunity to Give Blood

You may give blood on Thursday, February 27, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at William Street United Methodist Church. Mark your calendars, and remember that William Street has a blood drive every 8 weeks.

Donations for P.I.N.

If you like to bring items for People in Need, but don't really know what to buy, here is a helpful list of the most needed items.

Items for the Food Pantry:

Canned meats/cereals; noodles; cereal; pancake mix; syrup; peanut butter; jelly; canned fruit juices; canned fruit; soups; crackers (saltine & graham); canned vegetables; jello/puddings; spaghetti sauce; instant coffee; tea bags; hot chocolate; dry milk; canned pasta; boxed dinners; cooking oils; boxed potatoes; cheese products; cake mixes; sugar; cake frosting mix; presweetened Kool-Aid.

Items Not Available with Food Stamps:

Toothbrushes; toilet paper; diapers (medium/large); paper towels; dish soap; kleenex; toothpaste; shampoo; laundry detergents; hand soap; deodorant; shaving cream.

The West Virginians

On Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m., the Radnor Baptist Church will host (for the Marion Association) a performance by "The West Virginians." This group is the tour choir of Alderson-Broaddus College. The concert is free, but a free-will offering will be received.

Radnor Baptist encourages all of their sister churches to come, sit as a congregation and visit their new church. Let's help them celebrate together in music and fellowship!

Essay Contest for Youth

The Marion Association's Christian Service and Concern Committee is holding an essay contest during the month of February for all youth ages 12 to 20.

The essay needs to be 300-500 words on "The Social Issue that concerns me most is _____."

Suggestions include the following: premarital sex, peer pressure, right to life, child abuse, elder abuse, AIDS, teen suicide, drug/alcohol use, etc.

Write in your own words why this is your concern, how it affects you, and what are your suggestions.

Entries must be received by March 5. Winners will be notified by the 11th and will be honored at the Marion Association Celebration Dinner on March 20.

Entries can be mailed to: Christian Service and Concern, c/o Radnor Baptist Church, P.O. Box 106, Radnor, Ohio 43066. Include your name, address and phone number.

Entries may also be submitted to me, as I am our representative of the Christian Service and Concern Committee. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Young people, this is your opportunity to express your concerns about current social issues. We hope we will have a winner from First Baptist!

-Betty J. Porter, Member

Marion Association Christian Service and Concern Committee

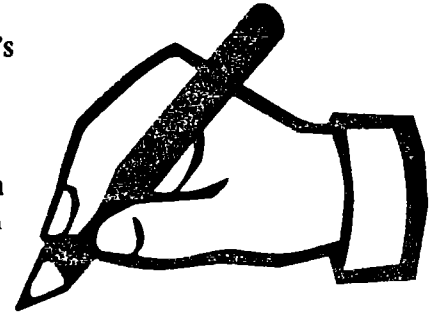
ABW

The ABW will meet at Evelyn Lee's home for sewing on Thursday, Feb. 6 from 10:00 - 2:30 (bring a sack lunch) and Thursday, Feb. 13 from 10:00 - 2:30 (bring a sack lunch) and again from 6:30 - 9:00.

Trustees Notes

At the January meeting the trustees set three new policies:

1. Anything *placed in* or *taken out* of the sanctuary must be approved by the Trustees, who will confer with the Deacons on such matters.
2. Any church property borrowed from the church must first be cleared through the Trustees and a date of return given.
3. Any group of approximately 15 persons or less meeting



during cold weather is asked to use the Senior High room for heating purposes, unless that room is already in use.

We decided to proceed with two projects:

1. Gutter repair on the older part of the church building.
2. Sewer rebuilding in the basement room where the bottom of the baptistry is located.

*-Peter White, Reporter
Arch Trigg, Chairman
Board of Trustees*

John Dove

John Dove, 86, died on January 4. He was born in Cornwall, England, and had been a 25-year resident of Delaware. He was retired as an employee of Brookside Country Club.

John and his wife Della were married at First Baptist and attended our church for many years. John devoted much time and energy working with Ben Turney to repaint our sanctuary a number of years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Della, four children, 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren, and three sisters.

All of us at First Baptist extend our deepest sympathy to Della and the entire family.

Leader Needed

A few short months ago I shared with you the good news that we were having considerable growth in our Sunday School and that we are really blessed with many dedicated people who teach these young people during the Sunday School hour. At that time we were offering all of you who were not teachers the opportunity to meet and share with these young people by providing leadership in Junior Church or "tender loving care" in the Nursery during the church hour. The response was great and I thank each of you.

Now I am back. It has recently come to the attention of the Board of Education that we continue to be blessed and have a very special group of young people who are not yet old enough for Junior Church (grades 1-5) and are too old for the Nursery (0-2 years). They are our 3, 4 and 5 year olds. All of a sudden we are faced with the need for a *third* adult leader during the church hour. **Isn't it great!**

So don't sit back. Find Carol, Pam, Donna or Jennifer and let them know you want to help them and their young flock.

Thanks so much,

-Carol Grubbs

Sunday School Profile

Class: Young Adults

Teacher: Mike Griffith

Students: Stefanie Stoner, Vinnie Ministeri, Teresa Griffith, Tami Grubbs, Donna Reed

Topics This Quarter:

We are currently studying "The Family of God," a Judson handbook for adult disciples of Jesus Christ. We are learning about family relationship, responsibilities, personal growth, and the privileges of membership in God's family. We will be studying the patterns of worship and service ministry in our own congregation, as well as concepts and helps for prayer and Bible study.

A Look Ahead to Next Quarter:

We will be studying the beliefs of the family as members of the Christian Family of God. We will also be looking at specific distinctions, such as the biblical image of the nature and function of the church. And to identify basic Baptist beliefs about the church (such as the meaning of baptism and Holy Communion).

-Mike Griffith

Care and Share

Have you noticed the table of gift items in the assembly room? These items are donations to the Ohio Baptist Convention's Care and Share program. We support various ministries in Ohio and West Virginia with our gifts of school supplies, personal care items, new clothing, baby care items, sewn and crocheted goods, boxed cake/gelatin/brownie/frosting, party supplies, and so on.

I would like to concentrate on the ministries in Judson Village (retirement home in Cincinnati) and Judson Hills Camp. Make a great Judson year! The items are taken each June to the state convention of American Baptist Women's Ministries in Granville at Denison University.

A basket of paper slips is on the table next to the piano, and you are urged to help provide some of these needed items. Most of us know what the needs and ministry of Judson Hills are, and perhaps some of us can travel soon to Judson Village to learn of the ministry there. Thanks for your support of all these causes. Any items you can provide for other ministries, such as games, puzzles, men's socks, good work clothing, etc., will be passed along to the appropriate place.

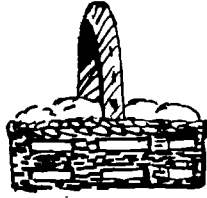
THANK YOU VERY MUCH! ABWM does much to continue the ministry endorsed by Jesus.

-Karen Stoner

Missions Chairwoman

Friendship Basket

The Traveling Friendship Basket is back on the road, thanks to the new basket created by Bertha Van Brimmer. She made the original one, trimmed in lace and ribbons, which disappeared.



This basket is intended to cheer each of us who gets a turn receiving it, and to generate funds for the State Project for the American Baptist Women's Ministries. The project this 1991-92 year is the refurbishing of the fire-stricken chapel at Bacone College in Oklahoma.

Information on this project will be in a box inside the basket, and you are asked to consider making a donation of any amount (or donating small items, such as paperback books) as you pass the basket to the next woman. At the nearest ABWM meeting the box's contents may be given to the treasurer, Jeanne Ekelberry, or pass your gift directly to Jeanne.

Let's keep this lovely sharing tradition alive in 1992!

-Karen Stoner, Missions Chairwoman

Lecture Series Scheduled

"Eight Great Issues" will be the theme of an eight-week lecture series sponsored by the American Association of University Women and endorsed by Church Women United.

The first program will be at noon on Friday, Feb. 7 in the parlor at William Street Church. Mark Gingerich, Professor of History at O.W.U., will be the speaker. His topic will be "Breakup of the Soviet Union: U.S. Dilemma Participants are invited bring a brown bag lunch.

Optional study books by the National Foreign Policy Association will be available for \$6.

Thank You

I want to thank my church family for their gift of cookies and fruit at Christmas.

-Ernestine Frost

ABW Meeting

On Thursday, February 20, we will gather at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Linda White will share her expertise in weaving baskets, and Karen Stoner will lead us in a program about the theme for this year, "Woven Together In Love."

We'll have a wonderful and rewarding time, but we need you with us! Business will be kept brief and fun and

learning stretched! We will take a hand at creating something great, both externally and within ourselves. Bring someone along; we'll make room.

-Karen Stoner

Book Club

Don't forget the first meeting of the book club that Rev. Brummett is forming. It will be on Thursday, Feb. 13 in room 311 of the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center. The club will meet the second Thursday of each month to read and discuss contemporary novels.

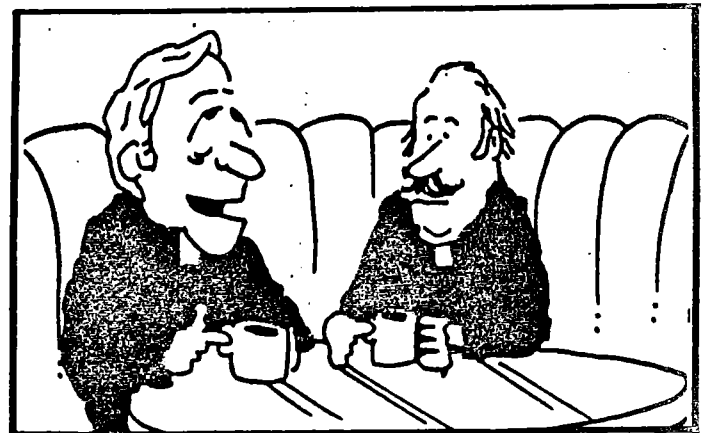
America for Christ Offering

About the poster: Moses said, "I must turn aside and see why the bush is not burned up . . ." God called to Him out of the bush . . . and the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt . . . Come, I will send you." (Ex. 3:5-10)

The orange flames and green branch on the poster for the 1992 America for Christ Offering recall a familiar story. God used a burning bush to catch Moses' attention. Then God spoke, calling Moses to action. If we open our eyes and ears, God still calls us to action . . . each in a different way.

One such way is in the mission field. The America for Christ offering supports our vital American Baptist Missionaries from Alaska to Puerto Rico through Educational, National and Regional Ministries.

continued



We're in debt, the Deacons have all quit, and we've not had a visitor for six months. But at least the other churches aren't doing any better!

Date	Candlelighter	Crib Helper	Jr. Church Helper
Feb. 2	Barbara Lovell	Liz Hopkins	Jarrold Trigg
9	Paul Hopkins	Jeff Hopkins	Debbie Lovell
16	Evan Trigg	Natalie Mowery	Matthew Lovell
23	Chrissy Hopkins	Marci Sanders	Micah Stoner
March 1	Adam Mowery	Erin Faulk	Vic Fogle
8	Erin Faulk	Jarrold Trigg	Liz Hopkins
15	Liz Hopkins	Debbie Lovell	Jeff Faulk
22	Matt Lovell	Matt Lovell	Natalie Mowery
27	Rick Ramey	Micah Stoner	Erin Faulk

Our national goal is \$2.3 million. Our church goal is \$300. Let's be prepared to meet our goal and "take ownership" of the needs in our backyard!

Thanks.

-Jennifer Turner

Personals

John Richards is doing well after undergoing angioplasty at Riverside Hospital.

Katie Griffith was hospitalized at Grady for respiratory problems.

Ernestine Frost received a slight concussion when she fell and hit her head on January 20.

Jean Wickum spent two weeks during the holidays with her brother John and family at Fitchbury, Mass.

Jennifer Porter was named on the Dean's List for the Autumn Quarter at Columbus State Community College with a cumulative grade point average of 3.6. She was also inducted into Aristos Xenia Tourisimos, the national honor society for travel and tourism.

Jennifer is majoring in Hospitality Management/Travel and Tourism. During the winter and spring quarters she will be employed at the Radisson Hotel Columbus North where she is in their internship program.

Jeff Faulk has been selected as a member of the Central Ohio All Star Brass Band.

Erin Faulk has been chosen to be a member of the Power of the Pen, a writing competition.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Feb. 2	Fred Grubbs
	Millie Martin
9	Janet Inscho
13	Lana Palmer
17	Beth Linn
23	Will Fogle
24	Emilie Trigg
March 2	Jim Ringley

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Good News Letter

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"Repent, for the Kingdom of God is near!"
These words of John the Baptizer ring loudly in my ear as we approach Lent. Repentance. As a word, it is somewhat outdated and old-fashioned; we just don't use it very much these days. Why? Well, for one thing, we just don't understand it. It is too strong. It causes us to want to enter Lent running as fast as we can with our arms shielded over our heads. Every year at Lent, when we finally do force ourselves to look repentance square in the face, we are confronted with harsh judgements which cause us to see the reality of our sinfulness. And quite frankly, we could do without it.

So we soften Lent by saying that it is a time of meditation and deep reflection. This approach is alright only if we are clear about the object of this meditation and deep reflection, that is, our sinfulness. It needs to be a time for asking ourselves the very serious question: What are the ways in which we have alienated ourselves from God, from our self, from other people and from creation? We may not always like the answers we receive, but that's what repentance is all about. After all, the goal of repentance is healing and wholeness; seeking to be reconciled to those feelings, emotions, dreams and people that we have separated ourselves from. Ultimately, Lent is about striving and working for a renewal of life for all of the relationships in our life.

Entering Lent is difficult work. Sometimes we will and must face it alone, and other times we will approach it with each other. May we be reminded that Lent is a turning from all that has separated us from God, so that God will be able to reach out to us. It is only then that we will be able to accept the new life of the resurrection which will be ours at Easter.

So, as we enter the challenging time of Lent, together, I give you these words of hope: "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is near!"

Many Blessings,



Lenten Services

(Our next newsletter will have more information on the April services.)

Ash Wednesday (March 4)
Special service at 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday (April 12)
9:00 Sunday School
10:45 Morning Worship with Cantata

Maundy Thursday (April 16)
Candlelight Communion in the fellowship hall at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday (April 17)
The Gospel According to St. Mark will be performed by Wayne S. Turney in Gray Chapel at 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending for a group rate price of \$5.00 a ticket, please contact Bernice Turney by Friday, April 3 at 369-3335.

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Easter (April 19)

- 8:00 Early Service
- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:45 Morning Worship

Parish Council Coordinates Meetings

1. Several outside groups meet regularly at our church. Parish council has decided that these groups should be asked to help cover the cost of heating the church for their meetings (during the heating season). It was decided that it would be reasonable to ask for donations of \$10 for the fellowship hall and \$5 for the senior high room per meeting.
2. In order to help coordinate meetings of both church groups and outside groups, we have compiled a list of regularly-scheduled meetings.

Monthly Meetings

- 1st Monday - Quilters
- 1st Thursday - Star Trek Club
- 2nd Sunday - Deacons (location announced)
- 2nd Thursday - Baseball Card Club
- 3rd Sunday - Pastoral Relations Committee and Board of Education (locations announced)
- 3rd Monday - Parish Council
- 3rd Thursday - ABW Ministry
- 4th Thursday - Held open for ABW in case of bad weather on 3rd Thursday

Weekly Meeting

- Monday - Scouts
- Tuesday - Bible Study (location announced)
- Wednesday - Choir Rehearsal

Upcoming Special Meetings

Sunday, 4/26 - Afternoon violin recital in sanctuary

Please let us know if we have left out any regularly-scheduled meetings from this list.

-Peter White

ABW Scholarship Student

Every year each American Baptist Women's organization is assigned a scholarship student. These students are enrolled in schools preparing to become full-time ministers. Our student for 1992 is Mark Edward Click. He attends seminary in Dayton, Ohio, and is serving as a pastor of the First Baptist Church, Greenfield. You will learn more about Mark during the worship service on

Sunday, March 22nd.

We will be sending a "care package" to Mark in March. Items for the "care package" should be brought to church on March 22nd or March 29th.

Suggestions for contributions are stamps, legal pads, envelopes, college-ruled notebook paper, pencils, pens, markers, and report covers. Also suggested are non-perishable food or snack items such as peanut butter, candy, snack crackers, and granola bars. And, of course, cash contributions are always welcome for the purchase of personal items and gasoline.

Cards or letters of encouragement are always welcomed by the students. These can be sent to: Mark Edward Click, 443 E. North Street, Greenfield, Ohio 45123-1362.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

-Betty Porter
Scholarship Chairman



Reminder to Youth Ages 12-20

Essays for the Marion Association Essay Contest, sponsored by the Marion Association Social Concerns Committee, are to be in the hands of a committee member by March 5th. They can be mailed to the address on the bulletin board or can be given to committee member Betty Porter. We hope to have a winner from First Baptist!

Christian Sports Card Trading Club

The first meeting of the Christian Sports Card Trading Club was held at the church on February 13. Several members of the church attended along with several youth. A good time was had by all and many sports cards (mostly baseball) were traded.

If you are interested in joining us to trade sports cards, our next trading session will be March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the senior high room.

-Jeff Reed
President

ABW Ministries Month

March has been designated as "American Baptist Women's Ministries Month" in our church. Each Sunday the choir will sing the chorus from our theme song, "Weave," as an introit.

The following women will each speak briefly on our mission work: March 1, Karen Stoner on White Cross; March 8 (Girl Scout Sunday), Jean Wickum on Helen Crane, our church and scouting; March 15, Carolyn Schneeberger on our Special Interest Missionaries; March 22, Betty Porter on our Scholarship Person (to remember

in special ways); and March 29, Jeanne Ekelberry on Love Gift. March 29 will also be "Women's Sunday," with a special appropriate message from Pastor Brummett and leadership/participation by our women of all ages.

*-Bertha Van Brimmer
President, ABWM*

Shrove Tuesday

We'll be having our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3. Bring a healthy appetite and a skit to share for entertainment.

Girl Scout Sunday

Sunday, March 8 will be Girl Scout Sunday. All Girl Scouts, Brownies, Daisies and leaders are encouraged to wear their uniforms to church and be recognized.

"The West Virginians" to Perform

"The West Virginians" will be in concert at Radnor Baptist Church on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. They are the tour choir of Alderson-Broadus College. A free-will offering will be received.

Radnor Baptist encourages all of their sister churches to come, sit as a congregation and visit their new church. Let's help them celebrate together in music and fellowship!

Teacher Workshop Offered

A Teacher Training Seminar sponsored by the Marion Association will be held on Saturday, March 21 from 9 a.m. to noon at Trinity Baptist Church in Marion. Warren Willke, the evangelist director of the Christian Armory, will lead the session. The workshop is entitled "The Ten Commandments of Teaching."

For more information contact Donna Reed.

Adult Social

The adult social for March will be held at the church on Saturday, March 21 in the senior high room. Bring games, your favorite snack item, and a beverage. We'll start at 7:00 p.m.

All-Church Social

An all-church social will be held on Saturday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. We will be showing an Easter movie. Refreshments will be sold and donations will be accepted. All profits go to the children's camp fund. This is in lieu of

an Easter magazine this year.

Children's Social

Saturday, April 11 at 1:00 p.m. Come and bake cookies and decorate Easter eggs. Orders will be taken. All profits from the sale of Easter cookies and decorated eggs will go to the camp fund.

In Brief...

Church Women United

Friday, March 6, 9:30 a.m. at William Street United Methodist Church. Theme: "Living Wisely With Creation: Care of the Environment."

Habitat for Humanity: Open House

Sunday, March 1, 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at 34 Neil Street.

United Methodist Women's Retreat

Wednesday, March 25 at Methesco from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Retreat Leader: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett. Theme: "What Do We Fear?"

Thank You

We would like to thank our church family for all of their prayers, meals, support and help we received during Katie's illness. She is getting along much better and will be able to return to our church shortly. Thanks so much and may God richly bless you.

-The Griffith Family

Paint Retouched

Thanks to Peter White, who has been spending many hours touching up the paint in the sanctuary and assembly
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Pastoral Relations Committee

The Pastoral Relations Committee is responsible for providing a communications link between the pastor and the congregation. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee with your concerns, praise, ideas and feelings.

362-9284 Will Fogle
363-1375 Teresa Griffith (co-chair)
369-0068 Jim Stephenson (co-chair)
369-7754 Stef Stoner
369-7083 Jarrod Trigg

room. Much of the work has been done on an extension ladder at dizzying heights!

Cynthia Bland's Book Traces the Development of Latin Grammar

Dear Friends at First Baptist Church,

Several of you have asked me what my recently published book is about. Here is a description of its contents; in case anyone would like to look at the thing itself, I have placed a copy on the table under the mailboxes, and will leave it there during the month of March.

"On July 29, 1982, while engaged in research on Middle English grammars of Latin, I discovered in the Bodleian Library (Oxford, England) two such grammars which had neither been catalogued nor edited. For several centuries they had remained hidden in the binding of Lincoln College MS Lat. 129E, a fifteenth-century schoolmaster's compilation which I had requested to see because it contained English sentences with their Latin translations. When I asked for the manuscript, it had to be brought up from the conservation department by special permission. The reason soon became clear. Upon opening the protective box, I found what looked like a thin scrapbook underneath the leatherbound manuscript. Written in pencil on the scrapbook's white cover was a shelfmark, Lincoln College MS Lat. 130, and a note stating that this "fascicule" contained manuscript fragments which had been removed from the binding of MS 129 and quite recently pasted in MS 130."

My book, *The Teaching of Grammar in Late Medieval England: An Edition, with Commentary, of Oxford,*

Lincoln College MS Lat. 130, recently released by Colleagues Press (East Lansing, MI), opens with this paragraph, the story of my discovery of two grammars of Latin written in Middle English, the *Accedence* and the *Regemina*, grammars which shed light on the development of traditional English grammatical theory (and help to answer the question, "Why does English grammar seem so much like Latin grammar?"). Working on these materials was like solving a mystery, and the dissertation which was the first version of the book was surprisingly easy to write because the research was so much fun.

The grammars form part of a collection of schoolroom materials which I was able to identify as being from a school in Bristol, England, in the 1420s. Thomas Schort, a schoolmaster and priest, discarded and pasted together these materials to form cardboard, and used them to pad the leather binding of a manuscript (now Lincoln College MS Lat. 129) containing his teaching materials and personal papers. My book provides the first full description of Lincoln College MS 130, the fascicule containing the complete collection of the binding fragments.

In the book, I trace the development of the teaching methods and linguistic theories that shaped the presentation of Latin grammar in the *Accedence* and the *Regemina*, and discuss their relevance to Middle English literature. The *Accedence*, a description and explanation of the parts of speech, is an English version of Aelius Donatus's *Ars Minor*, the standard elementary grammar of Latin from c.500-c.1500 A.D. Students who studied this *Accedence* text would have gone on to memorize Donatus's original version. The *Regemina* (Regimen), attributed at the end of the text to one Master Wacfilde, concerns syntax - sentence structure - and describes the parts of speech in certain grammatical constructions as governing (ruling) other parts of speech. For example, a verb is said to govern its object in the accusative case *ex vi transicionis* (by force of transition). The term *ex vi transicionis* was used in a famous grammatical metaphor by William Langland in his book-length fourteenth-century poem *Piers Plowman*. The discovery of the *Regemina* written in English in MS Lat. 130 helps to show that the terminology of regimen is not as obscure as scholars had previously thought, and that Langland was not being purposely abstruse in creating a metaphor from one of the terms.

As you can see, this book won't make the bestseller list, but I'm proud of it anyway. Many thanks to all of you for your interest, your moral support and your prayers during times that I was frantically working on this project.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Bland



"You're kidding! You count S.A.T.s?"

Trustees' Projects During Jan. & Feb.

1. A new sewer line was installed in the old part of the basement near the Baptistry. Many corrections were made, the room was cleaned up and a lot of junk was removed. The plumbing was done by Don Patrick.
2. The loose and peeling paint on the East, West and South walls of the assembly room was scraped off and touched up. The electric cable to the ceiling fan was painted to match the walls and woodwork. (The north wall was done last year.)
3. The Electrolux vacuum cleaner was repaired.
4. The loading zone parking spot in front of the old parsonage was changed to a handicapped spot. It was left in the same location because it's easy to get in and out of (it has a driveway behind it rather than another parking space).
5. Two pianos were tuned by Clifford Rector.
6. The water pump on the boiler at the old parsonage was repaired by Don Patrick.
7. Jim Van Brimmer installed a new thermostat in the senior high room.

There are still about 4 hymnals missing from the sanctuary. If you have one at home, would you be gracious enough to return it? Thank you.

*-Peter White, Reporter
Arch Trigg, Chairman*

Sewing Group

Bring your sharp scissors and meet with us to cut quilt blocks!

- Tuesday, March 3, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Thursday, March 5, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 10, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 11, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Please bring a sack lunch to all meetings except the one in the evening.

We meet at Evelyn Lee's, 259 South Section Line Road, where she has a great table to spread out the material and join in the conversation. If you need transportation, call Bertha Van Brimmer at 369-2661 or Karen Stoner at 369-7754.

Quilt blocks go to the Philippines where local women meet for study and create numerous articles of clothing. We send already-cut pieces because of postal regulations.

-Karen Stoner

Sunday School Profiles

Adult

The Adult class has been taught by Jim Van Brimmer and Jean Wickum. They use the Judson Bibles Series for Adults. Starting on March 1st the class will begin a new book. They will be studying "The Strong Son and God" from the book of Mark. They will look into that book for 8 weeks, after which they will learn about "God's People in the World." These lessons will be taken from 1st and 2nd Peter.

Any adult who would like to join the class this quarter is welcome.

Adult Too

The "Adult Too" class has been taught by Cynthia Bland and Randy Turner. Beth Trigg will be teaching next quarter. The topic will be "My Creator, The Confidant." It will be a study of the Book of Psalms.

Any adult who would be interested in this study is encouraged to come to the Sunday School hour.

BYF Update

1. The first weekend in February the youth organized a Good-as-New and Bake Sale. It was held in the fellowship hall and was a huge success. The last hour all clothing was just 50 cents per full grocery bag. Everyone involved worked really hard. The youth successfully raised almost \$300. The monies raised will offset convention fees, work camp and Junior High Extravaganza.

2. On Saturday night, February 15th, the Junior and Senior High BYF "locked in" to raise almost \$150 for church camp scholarships. Special thanks to: Donna Reed, Stef & Karen Stoner, Randy Turner and Mary Gillette for leading games. Donna came back to make sausage gravy and biscuits, while Pam and Larry Faulk whipped up eggs and served beverages to a dozen sleepy-eyed young people. These young folks are a group to be truly proud of!

Upcoming BYF Events

The Senior High Convention - March 6, 7 and 8 at Quaker Square in Akron. Those attending from First Baptist will be Debbie Lovell, Jeff Faulk, Vic Fogle, and Jarrod Trigg. Pray for our safe journey back and forth. Ask us about the tricycle race!

Junior High Extravaganza - March 21. Those special youth eligible to attend are Rick Ramey, Liz Hopkins, Evan Trigg, Micah Stoner, Matthew Lovell, Erin Faulk and Marcy Sander. Randy Turner will chaperon this event.

Marion Association Youth Work Retreat - March 27-29 at Judson Hills Camp. This is Kirby's all-time favorite - he'll

be in charge. The theme this year will be "Liking ME, So I Can Like YOU". This will be an intense weekend clean-up project sprinkled with fellowship, food and fun! Thanks all!

Upcoming?

Perhaps a summer Good-as-New Sale. (Start sorting and saving!)

A fun event - the kids' choice.

Rev. Robert Cassidy will present a slide show on Ohio Camps in mid-March to mid-April.

In the fall, possibly November, by popular request - Homecoming Sunday. Special guests will be Rev. Brummett's dad Joe and the quartet. Any suggestions for this event? Tentative date, pending board approvals, will be November 22. Plan on attending and remember a potluck luncheon will follow.

-Beth Trigg

Open Shelter

When I last called, they were booked up through February, which is great! We'd like to get back down there in March or April. Who would like to help?

-Beth Trigg

Reward for Lost Record!

Lost . . . our favorite Bill Cosby album, "Bill Cosby is a Very Funny Fellow, RIGHT!!!" The cover has a white background with large red, yellow and other lettering and Bill's face. The record contains a comedy routine about Noah and the ark.

We're offering a REWARD for its return - maybe you took it home for safekeeping? Notify us, PLEASE!

-The Stoners

Personals

Jeff Faulk performed in a brass trio and a brass quartet for the State Solo and Ensemble Contest on February 22. The trio and the quartet both received a superior rating. Vic Fogle underwent foot surgery at Grady.

Congratulations to Linda and Douglas Lee on the birth of their daughter, Brittany Jane, born February 20. Proud andmother is Evelyn Lee.

Ben Turney received a good report after a checkup at Cleveland Clinic.

Jerry & Lana Palmer vacationed recently in Mexico.

Janet Lathrop has recovered after a painful fall on the ice.

Edith Hall was hospitalized for tests.

Peter & Linda White visited with her parents in Vienna, West Virginia.

Frances Johnson spent two months in Florida visiting with daughters Penny, Caroline and family.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

The Deacons are updating this list. Please report any errors or omissions to Larry Faulk.

Thank God for Small Towns!

You know you're in a small town . . .

When someone asks you how you feel and actually listens to what you say.

When you can't walk for exercise because every car that passes offers you a ride.

When you dial a wrong number and talk for 15 minutes anyway.

When you speak to each dog you pass by name, and he wags at you.

When you don't need to use turn signals because everyone knows where you're going.

When the banker will figure your income tax if you help him sort through the shoe box.

Thank God for small towns - and the people who live in them.

-Submitted by Jean Wickum

Financial Update

Operating Expenses

Expenses Jan. & Feb.		\$ 6,128
Received January	\$ 2,971	
Received February	<u>3,139</u>	
Total Received		<u>6,110</u>
Deficit through February		\$ -18

(Amounts rounded off to the nearest dollar.)

The special offering that will be taken at Easter has been designated to go towards the repair fund.

-Mike Griffith
Finance Chairman

Missions

Budgeted Jan. & Feb.		\$ 832
Received January	\$ 271	
Received February	<u>282</u>	
Total Received		<u>553</u>
Deficit through February		\$ -279

Date	Nursery	Nursery Helper	Junior Church	Jr. Church Helper	Candlelighter
3/1	Pam Faulk	Erin Faulk	Jean Wickum	Vic Fogle	Adam Mowery
3/8	Teresa Griffith	Jarrod Trigg	Jean Wickum	Liz Hopkins	Erin Faulk
3/15	?	Debbie Lovell	Jean Wickum	Jeff Faulk	Liz Hopkins
3/22	?	Matt Lovell	Jean Wickum	Natalie Griffith	Matt Lovell
3/29	?	Micah Stoner	Jean Wickum	Erin Faulk	Rick Ramey
4/5	?	Vic Fogle	Beth Trigg	Marci Sander	Marci Sander

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Scripture Readings for Lent

March

4 — Luke 18: 9-14
 5 — John 17: 1-8
 6 — John 17: 9-19
 7 — John 17: 20-26
 8 — John 12: 44-50
 9 — Mark 1: 1-13
 10 — Mark 1: 14-28
 11 — Mark 1: 29-45
 12 — Mark 2: 1-12
 13 — Mark 2: 13-22
 14 — Mark 2: 23 - 3.6
 15 — John 5:19-24
 16 — Mark 3: 7-19a
 17 — Mark 3: 19b-35
 18 — Mark 4: 1-20
 19 — Mark 4: 21-34

20 — Mark 4: 35-41

21 — Mark 5: 1-20

22 — John 5: 25-29

23 — Mark 5: .21-43

24 — Mark 6: 1-13

25 — John 6: 13-29

26 — Mark 6: 30-46

27 — Mark 6: 47-56

28 — Mark 7: 1-23

29 — John 6: 27-40

30 — Mark 7: 24-37

31 — Mark 8: 1-10

April

1 — Mark 8: 11-26

2 — Mark 8: 27 - 9.1

3 — Mark 9: 2-13

4 — Mark 9: 14-29

5 — John 8: 46-59

6 — Mark 9: 30-41

7 — Mark 9: 42-50

8 — Mark 10: 1-16

9 — Mark 10: 17-31

10 — Mark 10: 32-45

11 — Mark 10: 46-52

12 — Luke 19: 41-48 *Palm Sunday*

13 — Mark 11: 12-25

14 — Mark 11: 27-33

15 — Mark 12: 1-11

16 — Mark 14: 12-25

17 — John 13: 36-38 (morning) John

19: 38-42 (evening) *Good Friday*

18 — Romans 8: 1-11

19 — Luke 24: 13-35; John 1: 1-18;

John 20: 19-23

March 1992

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 March is "American Baptist Women's Ministries Month" 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:30 Habitat for Humanity Open House	2	3 9:30-2:00 Sewing Group 6:30 Shrove Tue. Pancake Supper	4 Ash Wednesday 7:00 Ash Wed. Service 7:45 Choir	5 9:30-2:00 and 7:00-9:00 Sewing Group Essay Deadline	6 World Day of Prayer 9:30 Church Women United Senior High Convention Begins	7
8 1st Sunday in Lent American Baptist Seminary Sunday International Women's Day 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship - Girl Scout Sunday 5:30 Deacons	9	10 9:30-2:00 Sewing Group 7:00 "West Virginians" 7:30 Bible Study	11 9:30-2:00 Sewing Group 7:00 Choir	12 7:00 Sports Trading Club 7:30 Book Club	13	14
15 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 7:00 Pastoral Relations Comm. - Board of Education	16 7:00 Parish Council	17 St. Patrick's Day 7:30 Bible Study	18 7:00 Choir	19 ABW	20 6:30 Marion Association Banquet for New Members	21 8:30 ABM Break. 9:00- noon Teacher Work-Shop 7:00 Adult Social Junior Hi Extrav.
22 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship - BYF	23	24 7:30 Bible Study	25 9:30-3:00 UMW Retreat 7:00 Choir	26	27 Youth Work Retreat Begins	28 (all day)
29 4th Sunday in Lent 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship - Women's Sunday	30	31 7:30 Bible Study	Liturgical Colors for the Season Lenten Sunday...Violet	<i>"Just as love to God begins with listening, so the beginning of love for others is learning to listen to them."</i> —Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), German theologian		

Good News Letter

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As April opens up before us, we continue on our journey through Lent. We watch, somewhat impatiently, as these indecisive days of Spring drag on. The air grows warm and the flowers peek out through the ground. Then the air becomes chilly again and then warm; the rains fall and then snow. Finally, the sun will shine. Finally, there will be signs of new life around us.

It's in this same indecisive manner that we approach Easter. Although Easter arrives each and every year, as Spring eventually does, Easter isn't always predictable. We can never quite be sure what to expect. We prepare, as best as we can, for the opportunities and challenges that will be offered to us. It's this surprise of Easter, the gift of the death and resurrection of Jesus, given to us through the incomprehensible love of God, that continues to catch us off-guard.

It's God's desire of life for us through this gift of life which makes us aware of our desire to live our lives to the fullest. Easter causes us to face the challenge to offer our lives, the only gift we can give to God, in the faith that God will work through us to give life to others and to our world.

May God bless us with the courage to accept the gift of Easter.

Many Blessings,



Choir Plans Cantata

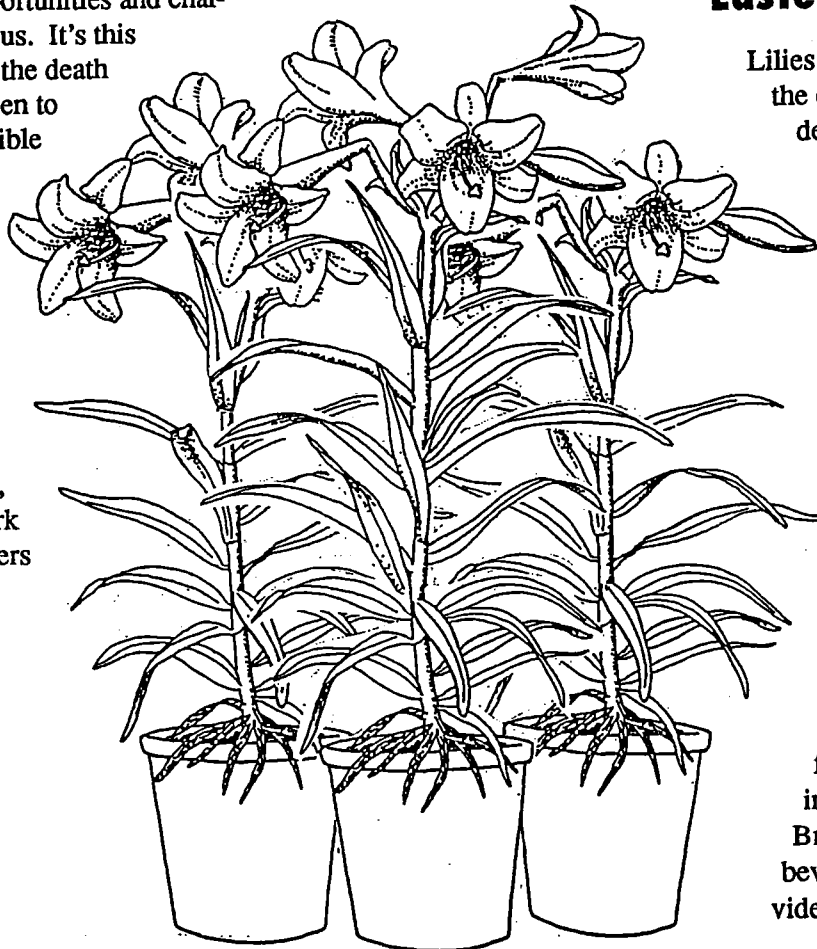
Our choir has been busy preparing "Love Victorious," a new Easter cantata. Participating will be: director - Jim Stephenson; accompanist - Mary Lou Lovell; narrator - Larry Faulk; sopranos - Jeanne Ekelberry, Karen Stoner, Stef Stoner, Jean Wickum; altos - Cynthia Bland, Jody Lynn Brummett, Pam Faulk, Jennifer Turner, Linda White; tenors - Jeff Reed, Randy Turner; Basses - David Lovell, Steve Stoner. The cantata will be presented on Palm Sunday.

Easter Lilies

Lilies can be purchased, at the cost of \$5.00 each, to decorate the church on Easter morning. If you would like to purchase one, please give your money to Pastor Brummett or Jim Stephenson by Sunday, April 12.

Easter Breakfast Buffet

Please join your church family Easter morning for a breakfast buffet at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish to share; beverages will be provided.



Lenten Services

Palm Sunday (April 12)

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship with the cantata "Love Victorious"

Maundy Thursday (April 16)

- 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion in the fellowship hall

Good Friday (April 17)

- Noon Delaware's traditional Good Friday service will be at St. Mary Church. The service, sponsored by the Delaware County Ministerial Association, will feature a dramatic presentation by Wayne Turney.
8:00 p.m. The Gospel According to St. Mark will be performed by Wayne S. Turney in Gray Chapel.

Easter (April 19)

- 8:00 a.m. Early Service
8:30 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

Please see the attached calendar for a full list of April's activities.

Order Your Easter Goodies

Be sure to put in your order for decorated Easter eggs or cookies. The children will be decorating them on April 11 (see next article) so they should be ready for pickup at the church on Palm Sunday. The cookies will be \$2 a dozen and the decorated eggs \$1 for a half dozen. All proceeds will go to the camp fund.

Children's Social

The children of the church will meet in the fellowship hall on Saturday, April 11 at 1:00 p.m. to decorate cookies and eggs for Easter.

Special Easter Offering

As you plan your Easter celebration, please look ahead to the special Easter offering envelope in your box and give some prayerful thought and time as to what *over and above* gift you will put aside for our church this year.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Parish Council agreed that our Easter offering will be designated to the Repair Fund. Our trustees continue to volunteer their time and energies to keep our properties repaired. If you study your budget, you will find no desig-

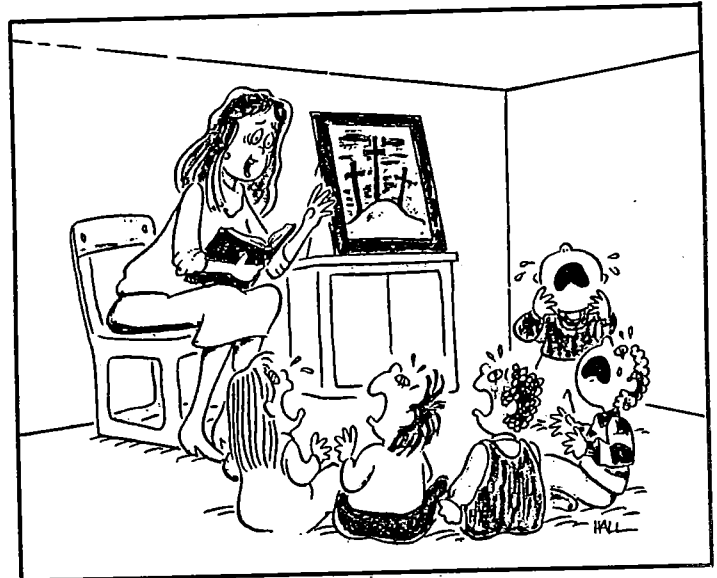
nated funds for the trustees' use as there are so many other needs of our church. At present their only source of income is from those who designate part of their giving to the repair fund and from the quarterly interest of the savings account of the designated funds. That fund now totals \$39.19.

There have been several emergency repairs in recent weeks (the furnace, for example).

Yes, the trustees do have the option of using the funds in the House Fund above the \$1500 reserve which at present totals \$952.96. Be assured your trustees try to keep this for unexpected expenses - the same kind we each have in our our lives.

One of the projects topping the list of the trustees is the repair of the metal roof on the Franklin House and the two back classrooms of our original church building. This is only the start of the preventive maintenance they would like to do. The Repair Fund does need your help and this offering will help to show our trustees our appreciation for their dedicated service.

-Evelyn Lee
Financial Secretary



"Wait, Wait! He doesn't stay dead!"

Peace Camp

Eccumenical Peace Camp will be held this summer from Sunday, August 2 through Thursday, August 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Each evening will begin with a light dinner.

It will be an intergenerational Peace Camp, with learning opportunities for all ages. This year's theme will address the problems related to dealing with differences in a diverse world.

The planning team, which is meeting at Asbury United

Methodist Church (this year's host church) is still in need of a representative from First Baptist Church. If this sounds like something you are interested in taking part in, please see Pastor Brummett.

Lenten Choral Eucharist

On Tuesday, April 7, the Bible Study will be attending this special communion service at the Methodist Theological School. The service will begin at 8:00 p.m. and will be led by the music of the "Schola Cantorum Choral Group."

If you would like to go with a group from First Baptist, we will be meeting at the church at 7:30 p.m. See Pastor Brummett for details.

Inquirer's Class

Beginning in May, Pastor Brummett will be offering Saturday classes for adults and youth (ages 12 & up) who are interested in exploring their personal faith and learning more about the mission of our church and the mission of the American Baptist Churches. Membership and baptism will be discussed; however, the classes are open to everyone.

Classes will be held on May 2, 9, 16 & 30. See Pastor Brummett if you are interested.

Holocaust Memorial Service

A Holocaust Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Benes Room of the Hamilton-William's Campus Center. The service will be sponsored by the Hillel Group of O.W.U. and the Campus Clergy Association.

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

1992 U.S. HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL COUNCIL

How An Eight-Year-Old Sees God

A church newsletter included this essay by Danny Dutton, age 8. His third grade Sunday School teacher had asked her students to explain God.

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes these to put in the place of the ones that die so there will be enough people to take care of things here on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and

walk. He can just leave that up to the mothers and fathers. I think it works out pretty good.

"God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, cause some people, like preachers and things, pray other times besides bedtime and Grandpa and Grandma Dutton pray every time they eat (except snacks). God doesn't have time to listen to radio or TV on account of this. Cause God hears everything, not only prayers, there must be a terrible lot of noise going on in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off. I think we should all be a little quieter.

"God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere. Which keeps him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time asking for things that aren't very important, or go over your parents heads and ask for something they said you couldn't have."

-Christ Episcopal Church

St. Michael's, MD

(Submitted by Shirley Parker)

New Camps at Judson Hills

Kindercamp: May 22-23

For children who will be going into 1st and 2nd grade this fall. Each child will bring a "parent/grandparent/significant adult" to be their partner during the experience. The goal of the camp is to enrich the spiritual lives of children and adults through a short-term camping experience. There will be music, games, Bible study, crafts, and a campfire. The cost is \$25.00 per child or adult.

Mission Trip: June 21-27

For youth grades 10 through 12 who want to be part of a hands-on mission experience. Campers will register at Judson Hills on Sunday as usual, where they will be transported to Youngstown. In Youngstown, they will be met by the Rev. David Stone, Executive Director of Neighborhood Ministries, an American Baptist Mission.

The group will be trained to teach Vacation Bible School for neighborhood children and teach the program for 3 days. The group will be staying in prearranged housing off of the mission site. This camp is the same price as a regular week at Judson Hills.

Amerasian Family Arrives!

Trinity Baptist Church and the Marion Association are in the process of supporting the relocation of an Amerasian family in Marion. The family arrived at the Columbus Airport on Friday, March 20. The Loung family of five includes an Amerasian young woman, her husband and small son, her mother and half-brother.

A house has been secured but help is needed to furnish the home with some basic used furniture and supplies.

Randy and Jennifer Turner were able to donate a kitchen table and chairs, a bed and an electric stove. Other needs range from large items (such as a sofa, chairs, a tv and .and) to small items (such as toiletries, a dish drainer, scissors, etc.). A complete list is posted on our bulletin board in the vestibule. If you would like make a donation, please contact Randy Green, a member of Trinity Baptist Church, at 387-6527.

Parish Council Coordinates Meetings

Parish council continues to update our list of regularly-scheduled meetings. The list below replaces the one that was printed in last month's newsletter.

Monthly Meetings

1st Mon. 7:00 p.m..	Quilters
1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m.	Star Trek Club
2nd Sun. 5:30 p.m.	Deacons*
2nd Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Baseball Card Club
3rd Sun. 2:00 p.m.	Board of Education*
	7:00 p.m. Pastoral Relations Committee*
3rd Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	ABW Ministry
4th Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Parish Council
	7:00 p.m. Alternate date for ABW in case of bad weather on 3rd Thursday

Weekly Meetings

Sunday 4:00 p.m.	Exercise Group
Monday 7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study*
Wed. 6:00 p.m.	Exercise Group
	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

*location announced

Upcoming Special Meetings

Sun. 4/12 3:00 p.m.	4H
Tue. 4/21 7:00 p.m.	4H
Sun. 4/26 -	Afternoon violin recital in sanctuary
Wed. 4/29 6:30 p.m.	All church covered dish dinner & business meeting
Thur. 4/30 -	Board of Christian Education
Fri. 5/1 11:00 a.m.	Church Women United

-Peter White

Spring Dinner

On Sunday, April 26th at 5:00 p.m. we will have our yearly dinner when we reach outside the church to others. Our guests will be from Sunny Vee Nursing Home.

Please say "yes" when we call on you to help, and we want all of the church family to come and mix with and talk to our guests.

-Jeanne Ekelberry, Carol Fogle
Carol Grubbs, Bertha Van Brimmer

AmeriFlora Discount Tickets Available

Group discounts to AmeriFlora are available when they are purchased in advance in blocks of 15 or more.

To quote an AmeriFlora brochure, "Your group will have quite a day. There will be the Smithsonian's Seeds of Change, an enchanting topiary display by Disney, a European hedge maze, a midwest garden by TV's Victory Garden, international gardens simple and extravagant, including the official Grand International Floral Exposition, music, dance, theatre, brilliant multi-media shows, international restaurants, and much more.

"There will be many special activities for kids, including a chance to "dig in" at the Dinosaur Discovery Dig, with "fossils" they can keep!"

	<u>Discount Price</u>	<u>Regular Price</u>
Adult	\$16.95	\$19.95
Senior (60+)	14.45	16.95
Child (4-12)	8.45	9.95
Child (under 4)	Free	Free



Several people have already expressed an interest, but we need more to reach the minimum purchase of 15 tickets. If you are interested, please speak to Jim Stephenson.

Trustees Notes

- The gutters were repaired in several places on the older part of the church by Mike's Roofing.
- The trustees held a tree-trimming "session" and limbs overhanging the roof and yard at the rear of the church were cut off. The wood was sawed up and taken to the parsonage.

- Theresa Griffith was employed as janitor.
- The repair on bad areas of paint on inside walls was completed with the completion of the rear (east) wall of the sanctuary. The entire area above the big window was scraped to remove loose and peeling paint and was then repainted.

-Peter White, reporter
Arch Trigg, chairman
Board of Trustees

Clergy Salaries Surveyed

According to a new study by *Christianity Today* magazine, clergy salaries are not keeping pace with inflation. Over the past three years clergy salaries rose an average of only 7.4%, less than half the inflation rate of 16%. Total clergy compensation (salary plus benefits) rose 12.6%, reflecting higher insurance premiums.

More than 40% of the pastors at single-pastor churches feel that they are underpaid.

Some church officials blame the recession, saying that it has had a domino effect on churches and non-profit organizations. According to a study of 29 Protestant denominations, church members give an average of 2.6% of their income to their churches. Twenty years ago the average was over 3%.

Hosts Needed for Luncheon

On Friday, May 1st at 11:00 a.m. Church Women United will hold a luncheon at our church. It would be greatly appreciated if any women who are not working that day could attend and serve as church hosts.

Oh Boy!

Only 159 days until the retreat! Make your reservations now!



American Baptist Women

Our Love Gift is a token of giving back to God a little of our resources to help carry on his work. We feel led to give because of special blessings given to us. This is the

true meaning of Love Gift. It is that over-and-above gift we give out of gratitude. If we could really take our Love Gift seriously, we could never give enough to thank God for all our blessings.

For our children and grandchildren, for friends, especially Christian friends.

For our churches.

For our homes; many people have none or have shanties or tents.

For food; many go hungry every day.

For doctors and hospitals; millions have none.

For water and electricity, so we don't have to wash clothes by hand as many do.

For our cars; millions have to walk.

For the beauty of nature as we come into spring.

Our list is endless. Thank you, Lord.

-Jeanne Ekelberry
Love Gift Chairman

Financial Update

Operating Expenses

\$ 3,965	Received in March
10,074	Received January through March
\$ 116	Balance as of March 31

Missions

\$ 654	Received in March
325	America for Christ
1207	Received January through March
-\$145	Balance as of March 31 (Deficit)

-Mike Griffith
Finance Committee Chairman

Missionary Guest

On Friday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. we will be entertaining Walter White, a missionary guest from Thailand. He will share slides with us, and we will share a dessert buffet with him. Please bring a dessert to share.

Attention All Officers, Boards and Committees!

It is one of my goals this year to assemble a booklet of job descriptions for the various positions in our church. Please submit a description of your duties as an officer, board member or committee member to me by May 1st.

-Pam Faulk

Personals

Michael Ekelberry has completed winter quarter with A's and B's in Latin, art and photography.

Jeanne Ekelberry has recovered from pneumonia.

Bill Faulk & family stayed with **Don & Florence** the first week of April for a brief vacation.

Jeanne Ekelberry has recovered from pneumonia.

Ernestine Frost attended a quilt show in Dayton with a friend.

Rick Lee was recently promoted to professor of zoology at Miami University. Rick has published 60 scientific papers and has travelled to Antarctica twice to study the adaptations that allow insects to survive in cold climates. He is co-editor of the book "Insects at Low Temperature."

Congratulations to **Debbie Lovell**. She was named the winner of the Writer's Contest sponsored by the Marion Association Christian Service and Social Concerns Committee. Debbie read her essay at the Celebration Banquet in Marion and was awarded a certificate and gift. She wrote on the social concern of "teen suicide."

Eddie Linn was sworn into the United States Air Force on Tuesday, March 31st. He is presently at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, for basic training.

Jean & David Osborne had a week's vacation in Florida.

Jennifer Porter received a 4.0 grade point average for the winter quarter at Columbus State Community College and was named to the Dean's List.

In observance of Local County Government Week, **Betty Porter**, Clerk of Courts, will appear with other elected officials on WDLR-TV-56 on the morning talk show scheduled for April 17th at 10 a.m. She also wrote a guest column for the Delaware Gazette Pacer Magazine telling about her office and duties. The column was published in the March 26th edition.

Carolyn Schneeberger has recovered from a painful twisted knee.

Pastor Plans Vacation

Pastor Brummett will be on vacation from Tuesday, April 21 through Friday, April 24.

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April	2	Adam Mowery
	5	John & Mary Helen Richards
	7	Mary Ann Barkeloo
	12	Abby Brown
	16	Marge Smale
	23	Nellie Sheets
	24	Michael Grubbs
	25	Debbie Lovell
May	2	Don Faulk
	3	Michael Linn
	7	Bertha Van Brimmer Donna Reed

Date	Nursery	Nursery Helper	Tweenies	Junior Church	Jr. Church Helper	Candlelighter
April 5	?	Vic Fogle	?	Beth Trigg	Marci Sander	Micah Stoner
April 12	?	Liz Hopkins	?	Beth Trigg	Jarrod Trigg	Richard Davis
April 19	?	Jeff Faulk	?	Beth Trigg	Debbie Lovell	Barbara Lovell
April 26	?	Debbie Lovell	?	Beth Trigg	Matt Lovell	Paul Hopkins
May 3	?	Erin Faulk	?	?	Micah Stoner	Evan Trigg

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The First Baptist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Sundays following Easter...White			1	2	3	4
5 5th Sunday in Lent 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 4:00 Exercise 6:30 BYF	6 7:00 Quilters 7:00 Scouts	7 World Health Day 7:30 Bible Study at Methesco special service	8 6:00 Exercise 7:00 Choir	9 7:00 Card Club 7:30 Book Club at OWU	10	11 1:00 Children to decorate eggs & cookies
12 Palm Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Worship with cantata 3:00 4-H 4:00 Exercise 5:30 Deacons	13 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Finance Comm.	14 7:30 Bible Study	15 6:00 Exercise 7:00 Choir	16 Maundy Thursday 7:00 Candle-light Communion	17 Good Friday noon Service at St. Mary 8:00 St. Mark's Gospel at OWU	18 Passover 8:30 ABM
19 Easter 8:00 Early Service 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	20 7:00 Scouts	21 7:00 4-H 7:30 Bible Study	22 6:00 Exercise 7:00 Choir	23 7:00 Parish Council	24	25
26 American Baptist Camps and Conferences Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 5:00 Spring Dinner (Sunny Vee) 7:00 Holocaust Memorial	27 7:00 Scouts	28 7:30 Bible Study	29 6:30 Dinner & Business Meeting	30 Holocaust Day Board of Ed.	<i>"Those who previously laughed at me and cursed me now want me to tell them about Christ."</i> —Alexander Yutchovski, Soviet pastor	

Good News Letter

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Record Book Found

Our church's first record book, dating from 1853 – 1868, was recently found in the fellowship hall storage closet. Until now, it was thought that all record books prior to the flood of 1913 were lost.

The book remains in fairly good condition and contains all records relating to the organization of "The First Regular Baptist Church of Delaware," the development of a statement of faith and constitution, and the building of the first meeting house.

Many other books and papers were also found, including early records of the Women's Aid Society. In future newsletters we will publish further information from this first record book.

Mike Temple Graduates from OWU

Mike Temple, who has been a part of First Baptist Church during his four years at Ohio Wesleyan University, will be graduating on May 10. Mike is graduating Summa Cum Laude and with University Honors, and will receive a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Pre-Med. and Zoology. On the Saturday before graduation Mike will be inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, which is the oldest and most prestigious academic honor society.

He has been accepted into the Ohio State University Medical School and will begin the program there in August, where he plans to prepare for Family Practice. This summer he will be working in the Emergency Room at Marion General Hospital.

Mike is from Marion, where his mother Pat and his grandparents live. Mike's father lives in Arkansas. Mike's home church is Trinity Baptist in Marion.

First Baptist has been richly blessed by Mike's presence with us these past years and we pray for God's peace upon him as he moves into this next part of his life's journey.

Richards Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Congratulations to Mary Helen and John Richards who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary!

Their sons Jon (who lives in Ireland and is director of International Trade Programs at the Northern Ireland Small Business Institute) and Jeff (who is a lawyer and lives in Denver) held a reception in their honor at the Delaware Hotel on April 5.

The Richards were presented with flowers during our morning worship on Palm Sunday.



Deacon Watchcare Groups

This spring, the Board of Deacons has reorganized the watchcare groups and is beginning to make monthly visits to people in their groups. Here is a list of the Deacons and their groups, so that each family or individual will know which Deacon they may contact.

Cynthia Bland (363-1327)

Jody Lynn Brummett
Will, Carol Sue and Vic Fogle
Kirby, Tammy and Ashley Francis
Cap Gabriel
Janet Inscho
Vinnie Ministeri
Jerry and Lana Palmer
Rick, Josh, and Jeremy Ramey
Steve, Karen, Stefanie and Micah Stoner

Larry Faulk (1-873-4856)

Cynthia Bland
Harold and Deborah Van Broekhoven
Mildred Bowers
Judy Frost
Fred, Carol, Suzanne and Alison Grubbs
Nellie Sheets
Jim Stephenson
Sophia Stephenson
Mike Temple
Archie, Beth, Jarrod, Evan and Emily Trigg
Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer

Shirley Parker (363-7924)

Larry, Pam, Jeff and Erin Faulk
Mary Gillette, Paul, Liz, Krissie and Melissa
Lola Jackson
Evelyn Lee
Dwayne Miller
Jack Smith
Randy, Jennifer and Calvin Turner
Rick and Barb Van Brimmer
Jean Wickum

Karen Stoner (369-7754)

Barney and Mary Barkeloo
Geneva Evans
Ernestine Frost
Mike, Teresa, Natalie and Katie Griffith
David and Jean Osborne
Shirley Parker
Jeff and Donna Reed, Richard and Betty Davis
John and Mary Helen Richards
Marge Smale

John Richards (363-1736)

Jeanne, Charles and Michael Ekelberry

Michael, Tami and Jenny Beth Grubbs
Edith Hall
Janet Lathrop
Dave, Mary Lou, Debbie, Matthew and Barbara Lovell
Joe, Alison, Natalie, Adam and Laura Mowery
Ben and Bernice Turney
Peter and Linda White

Randy Turner (363-2169)

Mary Dennis
Don and Florence Faulk
Frances Johnson
Anne and John Linn
Betty and Jennifer Porter
Barbara Reed
George, Chris, Katie and Jamie Reidmiller
Carolyn W. Schneeberger
George and Margaret Young

One Great Hour of Sharing

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. (1 John 3:18 NRSV)

"Fill the World With Love!"
This is what we are called to do - at home, at work and in our community. One way our church can reach beyond our community is through our *One Great Hour of Sharing* campaign.

Last year, OGHS funds provided disaster relief and rehabilitation in 35 different countries, such as \$25,000 for emergency food relief in Cuba, \$31,950 for cyclone victims in Bangladesh, and \$34,750 for Kurdish refugees in Turkey.

This year our funds will help support the following:

- \$6,500 for a community development project in Chile.
- \$19,450 for ministry to children of low-income families in Charleston, West Virginia.
- \$52,000 for refugee resettlement in the U.S.

Watch for special promotional activities during the month of May. Prayerfully decide about your contribution in June to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

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May you find the joy that comes from sharing God's riches with those in need.

Thank you,

-Jennifer Turner

Hewlett Trogdon

Jeanne Ekelberry's father, Hewlett Trogdon, passed away on Saturday, April 4. Services were held in Wayne, West Virginia. All of us at First Baptist express our deepest sympathy to Jeanne and her family.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and called when my father died. Thank you for your love and prayers.

-Jeanne Ekelberry

Women's Club Luncheon

The Christian Women's Club of Marysville invites you to attend a luncheon at Der Dutchman Restaurant on Tuesday, May 12 at noon. The cost will be \$7.50, and reservations are necessary. Additional information is posted on the bulletin board in the assembly room.

"Easter Goodies" Sold

Thanks to everyone who purchased decorated Easter eggs and cookies that the children prepared last month. Over \$100 was raised for children's programs.

-Carol Grubbs

Bridal Shower

A bridal shower will be held for Stef Stoner at the church on Sunday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m..

Don't Forget the Mother-Daughter Dinner!

A mother-daughter dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 8 at Radnor Baptist Church. Please bring a covered dish to share; table service will be provided.

Radnor Baptist joined us last year when their church was being rebuilt, and they have invited us to join them this year.

Please respond to me by May 3 as they need to know how many are coming.

-Jeanne Ekelberry
363-1432 home
368-1980 office

Attention All Sunday School Teachers, Substitutes and Their Spouses

You are invited to a "Thank You" Dessert on Saturday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. A special program is planned. Please let me know if you can attend.

-Donna Reed



*I put a whole dollar in the plate,
just like my Dad did!*

Financial Update

Regular Offering

\$ 3,218	Received in April
13,292	Year to Date
+270	Amount Over/Under Budget

Missions

\$ 277	Received in April
1,484	Year to Date
-284	Amount Over/Under Budget

Personals

Jody Lynn Brummett was recently visited by her sisters Karen and Lori.

Dorothy Brown had surgery at Grady.

Continued

As this issue of the newsletter was going to press, it was learned that an aunt of **Jeanne Ekelberry** in West Virginia has passed away.

Alison Grubbs is currently on a two-week tour of several southern states with the Oklahoma Christian University Symphonic Band.

Fred Grubbs was in the emergency room of University Hospital for tests.

Ed Linn continues basic training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas. His address is: AB Edward F. Linn, PFC 2 SQ 3743 Flight 254, Lackland AFB, Texas, 78236-5360. He would appreciate hearing from his church family. He tells us he attends services there and finds it very uplifting.

Debbie Lovell has been inducted into the National Honor Society.

Natalie Mowery's new address is: Oneida Christian School, P.O. Box 67, Oneida, KY 40972

Shirley Parker spent two weeks with her daughter Alison and family in Georgia and enjoyed visiting botanical gardens and museums. Shirley also spent some time with relatives in Pennsylvania working on a genealogical research project.

Jarrold Trigg received a 4.0 grade point average at Hayes High School for the third semester.

Beth Trigg was recently honored for being one of the top 21 real estate agents in her district for February and March.

Evan Trigg made the merit roll.

Numerous people from First Baptist attended *The Gospel According to St. Mark*, a one-man show by **Wayne Turney**, which was given recently at Gray Chapel as a part of Ohio Wesleyan's Performing Arts Series.

Ben Turney was hospitalized recently for some tests.

Jim & Bertha Van Brimmer recently vacationed in Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri and Tennessee.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May	2	Don Faulk
	3	Mike Linn
	7	Bertha Van Brimmer
	8	Michael Ekelberry
	10	Archie & Beth Trigg
	12	Jeanne Ekelberry
	15	Barbara Lovell Betty Porter
	24	Jean Wickum
	30	Jim & Annette Ringley
June	1	Della Dove
	2	Jerry & Lana Palmer

Father & Son Get-Away

The American Baptist Men of Ohio are having a retreat for fathers and sons at Judson Hills on June 5 and 6. This is a Friday evening and Saturday affair, and will feature Bible study, recreation, campfire time and singing.

Any man not having a son to take can adopt a young friend for the weekend. Grandfathers and uncles are welcome, too!

The cost for adults and older youth is \$22 each. Boys under 10 are \$18 each. For a family fee of \$75 you can bring as many as you like.

There are a few brochures with registration information available. Anyone interested should see me or Pastor Brummett.

-Jim Van Brimmer

Clip & Save

Date	Nursery	Nursery Helper	Tweenies	Junior Church	Jr. Church Helper	Candlelighter
May 3	?	Erin Faulk	?	Tami Grubbs	Micah Stoner	Evan Trigg
May 10	?	Marci Sander	?	Tami Grubbs	Vic Fogle	Chris Hopkins
May 17	?	Jarrold Trigg	?	Tami Grubbs	Liz Hopkins	Adam Mowery
May 24	?	Debbie Lovell	?	Tami Grubbs	Jeff Faulk	Erin Faulk
May 31	?	Matt Lovell	?	Tami Grubbs	?	Elizabeth Davis
June 7	?	?	?	Archie Trigg	?	Liz Hopkins

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Liturgical Colors for the Season Sundays after Easter... White		1 May Fellowship Day 11:00 Church Women United 7:00 Missionary Speaker	2
3 Peace Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 4:00 Exercise 7:00 Pastoral Relations Comm. Make reservations for mother-daughter dinner today!	4 7:00 Piecemakers 7:00 Boy Scouts	5 7:30 Bible Study	6 6:00 Exercise 7:00 Choir	7 National Day of Prayer 7:30 Delstar	8 6:30 Mother-Daughter Dinner at Radnor	9
10 Mother's Day 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 5:30 Deacons	11 7:00 Boy Scouts	12 12:00 Women's Club Luncheon 7:30 Bible Study	13 6:00 Exercise 7:00 Choir	14 7:00 Card Club 7:30 Book Club at OWU	15	16 Armed Forces Day 8:30 ABM
17 Baptist Heritage Day United Mission Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 2:00 Board of Education 4:00 Exercise 7:00 Shower for Stef Stoner	18 7:00 Boy Scouts	19 7:30 Bible Study	20 6:00 Exercise 7:00 Choir	21	22 Friday and Saturday - Kindercamp at Judson Hills	23
24 Sunday 24th & Sunday 31st: 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 4:00 Exercise	25 Memorial Day Observed 7:00 Boy Scouts	26 7:30 Bible Study	27 6:00 Exercise 7:00 Choir (next rehearsal is June 24)	28 Ascension Day 7:00 Parish Council	29	30 Memorial Day
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Next month: June 5/6 - Father & Son Getaway; June 6 - Program for Teachers

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The

The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett
Pastor

Good News Letter

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Last fall, as I was driving down Liberty Street on my way to the church, I was startled to see a man working out in his yard. He had planted some plastic forks in a plot of soil and was holding his garden hose and patiently spraying them with water. I remember thinking to myself, "Now that is what I call optimistic!"

After I had recovered from a fit of laughter, I did realize that the man had actually planted some bulbs in the ground and marked them with forks so he could remember where he had planted them.

Because the man had planted the bulbs and was now watering them, I assumed this meant that he hoped they could eventually grow and become beautiful flowers. When I realized this, the plastic forks did not seem all that absurd anymore because they now have a purpose.

As people of God, we are always planting plastic forks of hope. Our plastic forks take the form of the dreams and goals and the vision we have for our own lives and for what our church can do and become. However, it is the spirit of God which will move within us nurturing our vision and doing the necessary weeding and watering which will cause our vision to grow. It is our courage to trust in God's promise to work in our lives in this way, that will allow the Holy Spirit to transform our goals and vision into more than plain old ordinary plastic forks.

Let us continue to go forth and plant plastic forks.

Many blessings,



Summer Schedule Starts June 14th

Summer hours for Sunday worship will begin on June 14, when we will gather at 10:00 instead of 10:45. Don't forget that Sunday School classes will break until Rally Day (August 30).

Children's Day & Church Picnic

Children's Day and Promotion Sunday will be June 14. This will be the first Sunday of summer hours. There will be no Sunday school classes, and church will begin at 10:00.

Join us at Blue Limestone Park at 11:30 for a covered-dish picnic. Please bring beverages, lawn chairs, your own table service, and food to share.



"And, after my sermon,
I'm sure you'll be interested in the picnic
that's waiting for us right outside!"

Feeling Ancient?

Or at least antique? Interested in studying about things that are as old as you feel? Our church is looking for someone who would be interested in volunteering to serve as Church Historian.

In addition to our newly recovered record book, dating from 1853-1868, we have in our possession many record books and other historic materials which are in need of

being organized and in some cases transcribed.

Please see Pastor Brummett if you are interested. The time-frame for working on this project is flexible and assistance is available from the Delaware Historical Society and the American Baptist Historical Society.

Thank You

To my church family,

Thank you very much for the Bible and reception. It really meant a lot to me that all of you took the time and energy to celebrate with me. The cakes were excellent! Also, thank you for four years of fellowship and making me feel welcome.

-Mike Temple

June Adult Social

The whole church family (including kids) is invited out to see the Clippers play on Saturday, June 27. Meet at the

church by 5:00 p.m. to car pool. Buy your tickets at the gate. There should be fireworks that night, too!

Sunday School Is Out!

Thank you to all the teachers who made this a great year! I want to recognize this year's banner classes:

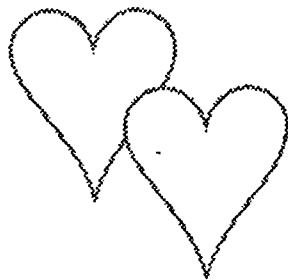
Class	# of weeks with perfect attendance
Middler	19 banner classes!
Primarys	14 banner classes!
Junior	14 banner classes!
Jr. High	11 banner classes!
Sr. High	8 banner classes!
Kindergarten	7 banner classes!
Adult	2 banner classes!
Adult Too	2 banner classes!

A big *thank you* to Mary Lou Lovell and Peter White for playing at opening exercises. and thank you Steve Stoner for a great job as Sunday School clerk.

-Donna Reed
Sunday School Superintendent

*This day
I will marry my Friend
The one I laugh with,
live for, dream with,
Love*

*Stef
and
Vinnie*



*Stefanie Kaye Stoner
and
Vincent James Ministeri
together with their parents
invite you to share in their joy
when they exchange marriage vows
on Saturday, June twentieth
Nineteen hundred and ninety-two
at one o'clock in the afternoon*

*First Baptist Church
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio
and Reception following*

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

David Osborne Receives Honors

David Osborne, who has been a professor of English and humanities at Ohio Wesleyan University since 1960, is retiring this year.

At commencement ceremonies this May, David received the Bishop Herbert Welch Meritorious Teaching Award. The award is selected secretly by a committee of faculty and students and includes a cash award. The award, which honors Bishop Herbert Welch, who was president of the university from 1905 to 1916, is sponsored by the Greater New York Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association and goes to a faculty member who has demonstrated distinguished service in teaching which has made a significant contribution to the academic climate at O.W.U.

David also received an Adam Poe Medal in honor of his contributions to the university.

Jeff Faulk and Jennifer Porter Graduate

Jeff Faulk, who has been a member of the First Baptist Church family all of his life, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Dublin High School on June 5.

He has been awarded the E. & M. Cantwell Scholarship from Notre Dame and the Dublin School Employees Scholarship. He was also selected for the

Indiana University Honors Scholarship, the O.S.U. Scarlet & Gray Scholarship and the Wening Memorial Engineering Scholarship to Purdue.

During his years in High School, Jeff has played trombone for the Dublin High School Marching Band and Stage Band, and was also chosen for the varsity all-star brass band for Columbus.

Jeff has been an active member of the Baptist Youth Fellowship and served as their president from 1991-92. This summer he plans to complete his requirements for becoming an Eagle Scout.

In the fall Jeff will attend Notre Dame University.

Jennifer Porter, who has been a member of the First Baptist Church family since the age of four, will graduate from Columbus State Community College with an Associate degree in Hospitality Management, Travel-Tourism, on June 12.

While studying, Jennifer served Internship at the Raddison Hotel, Columbus North.

Marge Smale Recognized

At this year's annual retirement and recognition dinner at the Methodist Theological School, Marge was recognized for 15 years of service as circulation assistant in the John W. Dickhaut Library.

Get To The Point!

The B.Y.F. will be going to Cedar Point on Tuesday, June 23rd. The cost is \$19.00 and should be given to Pastor Brummett, along with a permission slip, by Sunday, June 21st.

B.Y.F. Bake Sale

The youth will have a traveling bake sale on Wednesday, June 17 to raise money for our trip to Cedar Point. We will meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. to begin baking.

Exercise Group

Need to lose a few pounds, or just want to get in better shape? Join the Exercise Group! They meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. Please see Teresa Griffith for more information.

Peace Camp

This summer's Peace Camp will be an intergenerational event and will take place August 2-6 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Each evening will begin with a light dinner.

This year's camp will be hosted by Asbury UMC and will involve the participation of Zion UCC, First Presbyterian and First Baptist. The theme will be "Created in God's Image."



Deacon Watchcare Update

This list below replaces the list printed in last month's newsletter. We have added several more names, and have added the work phone numbers for several of the Deacons.

Cynthia Bland (home: 363-1327, work: 368-3582)

Don, Dorothy, Abby & Ken Brown
 Jody Lynn Brummett
 Will, Carol Sue and Vic Fogle
 Kirby, Tammy and Ashley Francis
 Cap Gabriel
 Janet Inscho
 Vinnie Ministeri
 Jerry and Lana Palmer
 Rick, Josh, and Jeremy Ramey
 Steve, Karen, Stefanie and Micah Stoner

Larry Faulk (home: 1-873-4856, work: 1-764-5913)

Cynthia Bland
 Harold and Deborah Van Broekhoven
 Amy Brooks
 Mildred Bowers
 Judy Frost
 Fred, Carol, Suzanne and Alison Grubbs
 Nellie Sheets
 Jim Stephenson
 Sophia Stephenson
 Mike Temple
 Archie, Beth, Jarrod, Evan and Emily Trigg
 Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer

Shirley Parker (363-7924)

Larry, Pam, Jeff and Erin Faulk
 Mary Gillette, Paul, Liz, Krissie and Melissa
 Lola Jackson
 Evelyn Lee
 Dwayne Miller
 Jack Smith
 Randy, Jennifer and Calvin Turner
 Rick and Barb Van Brimmer
 Jean Wickum

Karen Stoner (home: 369-7754, work: 363-1146)

Barney and Mary Barkeloo
 Geneva Evans
 Ernestine Frost
 Mike, Teresa, Natalie and Katie Griffith
 Marci Sander & Laura Newman
 David and Jean Osborne
 Shirley Parker
 Jeff and Donna Reed, Richard and Betty Davis
 John and Mary Helen Richards
 Marge Smale

John Richards (363-1736)

Jeanne, Charles and Michael Ekelberry
 Michael, Tami and Jenny Beth Grubbs
 Edith Hall
 Janet Lathrop
 Dave, Mary Lou, Debbie, Matthew and Barbara Lovell
 Joe, Alison, Natalie, Adam and Laura Mowery
 Ben and Bernice Turney
 Peter and Linda White

Randy Turner (363-2169)

Mary Dennis
 Don and Florence Faulk
 Frances Johnson
 Anne and John Linn
 Betty and Jennifer Porter
 Barbara Reed
 George, Chris, Katie and Jamie Reidmiller
 Carolyn W. Schneeberger
 George and Margaret Young

Personals

Pastor Brummett attended "Ministers' Fellowship Days," a 3-day conference at Judson Hills.

Erin Faulk will be performing five dances in a dance recital on Friday, June 12 at Hastings Middle School in Upper Arlington. If you're interested in attending, please see Pam for more details.

Erin Faulk and **Marci Sander** were recently given the Sells Middle School Knight Award for academic achievement.

Janet Inscho and her husband have returned after living at their home in Florida for the winter.

Shirley Parker visited her son Andy & family in Philadelphia, and her daughter Alison travelled from Atlanta recently to visit her.

Jim and Sophia Stephenson vacationed recently in Indianapolis.

Micah Stoner qualified for the National Geography Olympiad, sponsored by the national Council for Geographic Education. Micah was one of the top ten in the eighth grade class at Willis. Way to go, Micah!

Jim & Bertha Van Brimmer visited relatives in Kentucky.

Jean Wickum talked for several minutes with Rev. Norman Vincent Peale when he was in Delaware recently. Jean was chosen to represent the Women's City Club, which Rev. Peale visited while he was in town to speak at the O.W.U. Commencement.

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Play Ball!

This summer our church is participating in the Christian Fellowship Softball Association. You are invited to attend the games to root our teams on!

Please contact Archie Trigg or Kirby Francis if you have any questions or want to volunteer to help on the nights when we are operating the concessions stand.

Directions to field:

1. 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.

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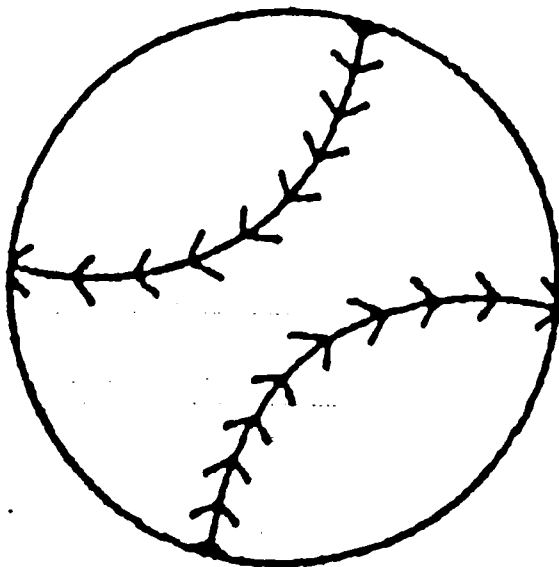
2. Take route 42 south towards Plain City. Turn right on Watkins Road. Turn right again onto the first road on your right. The field is on the right about 300 yards beyond the intersection.

Our Teams:

Juniors' Team - First Baptist, Ostrander Methodist and Warrensburg

Mens' Team - First Baptist and Christian Assembly

Coed Team - First Baptist



June

- 8 (Mon.) 9:00 pm
Coeds vs. Bellepoint/Ost. Presbyterian
- 9 (Tue.) 7:00 pm
Juniors vs. New California
- 11 (Thurs.) 8:00 pm
Men vs. Radnor
- 15 (Mon.) 7:30 pm
Coeds vs. Marysville Friends
- 18 (Thurs.) 7:00 pm
Juniors vs. Bellepoint/Radnor
8:00 pm
Men vs. New California
- 19 (Fri.) 9:00 pm
Coeds vs. Springdale/
Christian Assembly/
Radnor Baptist
- 23 (Tues.) 7:00 pm
Juniors vs. Marysville
Christian
8:00 pm
Men vs. Warrensburg/Ost.
Meth./Ost. Pres.
- 25 (Thurs.) 7:00 pm
*First Baptist does not play,
but provides umpires &
scorekeepers for other teams.*
- 26 (Fri.) 9:00 pm
Coeds vs. Soul's Haven
- 30 (Tue.) 7:00 pm
Juniors vs. New California

July

- 2 (Thurs.) 8:00 pm
Men vs. Marysville
Christian
- 3 (Fri.) 7:30 pm
Coeds vs. Old Stone
- 6 (Mon.) 7:30 pm
Coeds vs. Marysville
Christian;
*First Baptist has concession
stand & devotions*
- 7 (Tue.) 7:00 pm
*First Baptist does not play,
but has concession stand
and devotions*
- 9 (Thurs.) 7:00 pm
Juniors vs. Bellepoint/Radnor
9:15 pm
Men vs. Bellepoint
- 14 (Tue.) 7:00 pm
Juniors vs. Marysville
Christian
- 16 (Thurs.) 8:00 pm
Men vs. Radnor
- 17 (Fri.) 9:00 pm
Coeds vs. Warrensburg/Ost.
Meth.
- 21 (Tue.) 7:00 pm
Juniors vs. New California
- 23 (Thurs.) 8:00 pm
Men vs. New California
- 24 (Fri.) 9:00 pm
Coeds vs. New California;
*First Baptist also has conces-
sion stand & devotions, starting
at 7:30 pm.*
- 27 (Mon.) 7:00 pm
*No game. Planning meeting at
field for post-season tourney.
Each church should send a rep-
resentative.*
- 28 (Tue.) 8:00 pm
Men vs. Warrensburg/Ost.
Meth./Ost. Pres.
- 30 (Thurs.) 7:00pm
Juniors vs. Bellepoint/Radnor

Note: Since typographic errors are always possible, team members should consult the official league schedule to confirm the times and dates of games.

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Jean was asked to keep her appointment a secret, so that a large crowd wouldn't be waiting!

Linda White, Micah Stoner and Matt Lovell participated in an eighth-grade trip to our nation's capital. Micah and Matt saw President Bush while touring the White House, and everyone had a great time!

Financial Update

Operational Expenses

\$ 3,396 Contributions received for May
 16,688 Year-to-date total through May
16,852 Ideally where we should be
 (averaging \$766 per week)
 \$ -164 Where our budget stands through May

Missions

\$ 420 Contributions received for May
 1,904 Year-to-date total through May
2,288 Ideally where we should be
 (averaging \$104 per week)
 \$ -384 Where our budget stands through May

Habitat for Humanity

Steve Stoner was recently appointed to a two-year term on the board of directors of Habitat for Humanity. He'll be glad to answer any questions and look into any concerns or ideas you may have.

Please consider supporting this worthy cause financially (you can use the form printed below) or by volunteering your time.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June	1	Della Dove
	2	Jerry & Lana Palmer
	8	Carol Fogle Pam Faulk
	10	Mary Lou & Dave Lovell Elvira Smith
	11	Jennifer & Randy Turner
	12	Anne Linn
	15	Charles Ekelberry
	24	Beth Trigg
	27	Joe & Alison Mowery David & Jean Osborne Laura Newman
July	7	Jody Lynn Brummett

Due to space and time limitations, several items submitted for the newsletter will be held over and printed in the July issue.

- Editor

Delaware Habitat for Humanity Welcomes Your Pledges and Donations

(see article above)



**DELAWARE COUNTY
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

P.O. Box 1110, Delaware, Ohio 43015-1110
(614) 368-3081

With your help, the Delaware County chapter of Habitat for Humanity can build a house for a family who needs a home, but could not otherwise afford one. Please make checks payable to Delaware County Habitat for Humanity.

If it is more convenient for you to divide your contribution into four payments, please do so. Indicate on the quarterly calendar below the amount(s) and month(s) in which you would like to receive reminders.

\$ _____ March 31, 1992 \$ _____ June 30, 1992 \$ _____ Sept. 30, 1992 \$ _____ Dec. 31, 1992

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Signature _____ Please check if this is a new address

To Help for Habitat for Humanity Build a House:

Please check appropriate box for total annual gift level.

- Financier* \$3,000+
- Builder* \$2,000
- Framer* \$1,000
- Roofer* \$500
- Carpenter* \$250
- Plumber* \$100
- Painter* \$50
- Drywall* \$25
- Landscaper* \$10
- Helper* \$5

Other _____

Amount Enclosed _____

My/My spouse's company will match this contribution. The matching form is enclosed.

Company name: _____

Please contact me about volunteering.

I would like to contribute materials or land.

Thank You!

June 1992

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Liturgical Colors for the Season Pentecost...Red Trinity Sunday...White First Sunday following Trinity Sunday...White Other Sundays after Trinity Sunday...Green	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Pentecost 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 4:00 Exercise	8 7:00 Finance Committee 9:00 Softball (Coeds)	9 5:30 Deacons 7:00 Softball (Juniors) 7:30 Bible Study	10 6:00 Exercise ABW of Ohio Conference at Dennison	11 8:00 Softball (Men)	12	13 7:00 Teachers Dessert
14 Children's Day 10:00 Morning Worship - Children's Day Promotion Sunday 11:30 Church Picnic 4:00 Exercise	15 7:00 Parish Council 7:30 Softball (Coeds)	16 7:30 Bible Study	17 2:00 BYF 6:00 Exercise	18 7:00 Softball (Juniors) 8:00 Softball (Men)	19 9:00 Softball (Coeds)	20 8:30 ABM 1:00 Stoner- Ministeri Wedding
21 Father's Day 10:00 Morning Worship 2:00 Board of Education 4:00 Exercise BYF: Give money/permission slips for trip to pastor	22	23 BYF Trip to Cedar Point 7:00 Softball (Juniors) 7:30 Bible Study 8:00 Softball (Men)	24 6:00 Exercise	25 7:00 First Bap. Provides Umpires	26 9:00 Softball (Coeds)	27 5:00 Adult Social (Clippers)
28 American Baptist Homes and Hospitals Sunday 10:00 Morning Worship 4:00 Exercise 7:30 Pastoral Relations Committee	29	30 7:00 Softball (Juniors) 7:30 Bible Study	July 1 6:00 Exercise 7:00 Choir	July 2 8:00 Softball (Men)	July 3 7:30 Softball (Coeds)	July 4

Good News Letter

Published in the Cause of the Abundant Life by The First Baptist Church,
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In this first week of July, I find myself rushing around trying to get through a long, long list of things I need to do before going on vacation. In the midst of it all, I suddenly realized that I was looking forward to my vacation as an opportunity to get away from my job. I quickly reprimanded myself. How could I have such a bad attitude? If I look forward to getting away, then it seems reasonable to expect that I won't be looking forward to getting back. And that isn't true.

And even though I may be tired, I will never be able to get away from what I do and who I am. So, perhaps it would be more helpful to think of vacation time not as getting away from, but as getting away to and for.

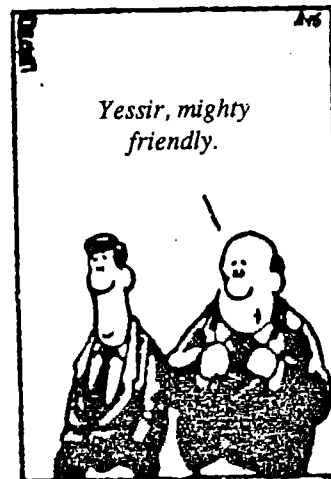
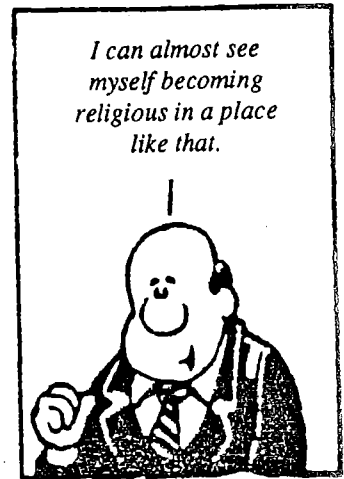
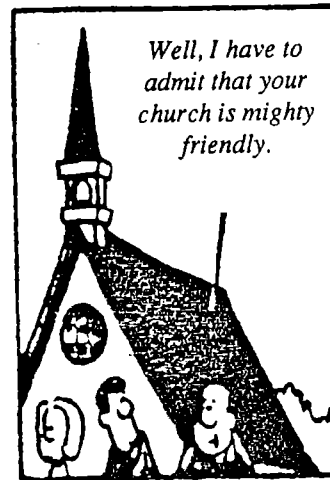
We go away to vacation for many good reasons: for rest and relaxation, for a change of pace, for a chance to gaze at some new and different scenery, for an opportunity to meet new people and visit friends and family. As we get some distance between ourselves and the place where we live and work, we are able to look at where we have been. From a distance, it's much easier to see the whole picture and get a better perspective of how things really are, than when we are right in the middle of our busy lives.

As we vacation this summer, let us take time to reflect on who we are as individuals, who we are as a church family, and what we can be in our future together. Let us pray that we will return with a renewed understanding of who we are and what we are about.

Many Blessings,

**Newsletter Deadline
Changes Next Month!**

See article on page 3.



Church Historian Position Filled

You will remember that in last month's newsletter we were looking for a volunteer to serve as Church Historian. Barb Van Brimmer, who works as a librarian and assistant professor for the Health Sciences Library at Ohio State University, has agreed to take the position.

Please look in future newsletters for more information about the history of our church.

Missionary Speakers at Radnor Baptist Church

On Sunday, July 26, at 7:00 p.m., two American Baptist Missionaries, Stephen and Francesca Crane, will present a program of their work in Bolivia. Their daughters, Bethany and Stephanie, will be there to share their perspectives and experiences.

Luncheon for Della Dove

A farewell luncheon honoring Della Dove will be held at Buns Restaurant on Friday, July 10 from 11:30 - 1:30. Come and go as you have time. Della will be moving back to Kansas around July 17.

No reservations are necessary, but if you know you're coming, please contact me or Shirley Parker by next Wednesday (July 8).

We will miss you, Della.

-Evelyn Lee

Note: Della's new address will be P. O. Box 173, Oxford, Kansas 67119.

Peace Camp '92 Update

Peace Camp is approaching! On Sunday, August 2nd through Thursday, August 6th, Delaware's Eccumenical Peace Camp will be held at Asbury Methodist Church from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

This year's camp will be open to all ages, and classes will be intergenerational. Each evening will begin with a light supper, and First Baptist will be responsible for providing and helping to prepare the Wednesday (Aug. 5) evening meal.

Registration forms and T-shirt order forms are now available in the main vestibule. Please take one form for each person attending.

If you would like to assist with planning and preparing the meal, or if have any questions regarding Peace Camp '92, please contact Jim Van Brimmer or Pastor Brummett.



Did you know?

The Columbus Dispatch published information from the

recently-released 1990 Census, which outlines income levels of central Ohio communities. The population in Delaware is 20,030. The median household income is \$28,975. There are 27 households with incomes over \$150,000, and there are 1,757 people (almost 10 percent of the population) below poverty level.

Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago. One day I saw a sign that read "Heaven's Grocery Store." As I got closer, the door came open. And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.

I saw a host of angels; they were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, "My child, please shop with care." Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store and all you couldn't carry . . . you could sure come back for more!

First I got some PATIENCE; LOVE was in the very same row. Further down was UNDERSTANDING, you need it wherever you go. I got a box or two of WISDOM; a bag or two of FAITH; I just couldn't miss the Holy Spirit, for He was all over the place! I stopped by to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me run this race; by then my basket was getting full but . . . I remembered I needed some GRACE! I didn't forget SALVATION, for salvation that was free! So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill;; for I thought that I had everything to do my master's will. But as I went up the aisle, I saw PRAYER . . . and I just had to put that in! For I knew that when I stepped outside, I'd run right into sin! PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the last shelf; SONG and PRAISE were hanging near, so I just helped myself.

The I said unto the angel, "How much do I owe?"

He smiled and said, Just take your basket wherever you go."

Again I looked at him and asked, "How much do I really owe?"

He smiled again and said, "My child, Jesus paid your bill a long time ago."

-submitted by Jeff Reed

Drivers Needed

The Delaware County Unit of the American Cancer Society is seeking new drivers for their *Road to Recovery* program. Volunteers will drive cancer patients in Delaware County to and from medical facilities for life-saving treatments.

If you have a car and can spare one morning or afternoon a month, please call Carolyn Cheney at 363-6732.

Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Brummett will be on vacation from Saturday, July 11 through Monday, July 27. If you have any needs during that time, please contact Deacon Randy Turner (363-2169) from July 11 through July 17 and Deacon Larry Faulk (1-873-4856) from July 18 through July 27.

Guest Preachers for July

During our Pastor's vacation (see article above) we will have the following guests bring the Sunday morning messages for us:

July 12: Dr. Van Bogard Dunn

Bogie has lived in Delaware for 33 years. He was the Founding Dean of the Methodist Theological School and is currently Dean Emeritus.

July 19: Dr. Bob Rhymer

Bob is an American Baptist pastor, who serves as a full-time pastoral counselor at the Sawmill Family Counseling Services in Columbus. He is a former Associate Pastor at Mountview Baptist Church in Columbus.

July 26: The Rev. Carolyn Piper

Carolyn is an American Baptist pastor, who serves as a full-time pastoral counselor at the Pastoral Counseling Services, Inc. in Columbus. She is a former Associate Pastor at University Baptist Church in Columbus. She has recently accepted a position as the Ohio representative for American Baptist Personnel Services (A.B.P.S.).

Newsletter Deadline Changes to Monday

Starting next month, the deadline for submitting newsletter articles will be the Monday before publication, instead of the Wednesday before.

I realize that this will be less convenient for some, but a Wednesday deadline often just doesn't give me enough time.

Many people already submit their articles on Sunday (one week before publication), and I'd like to ask everyone else to do the same (or on Monday at the latest).

So please plan ahead and remember: If it *has* to be in the newsletter, then you *have* to submit it on time. (In other words, no extensions!)

Thanks for your cooperation.

-Jim Stephenson
Newsletter Editor

Note: A few people submit their articles on Macintosh computer disk. Since this saves me a great deal of time, their deadline is different. See me for details.

Stefanie Stoner and Vincent Ministeri Wedding

Stefanie Stoner and Vincent Ministeri were married at First Baptist on Saturday, June 20th. Rev. Ted Stephenson officiated.

A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall following the service. After the reception the couple left for a honeymoon in the Pocono Mountains.

Stef represents the fifth generation of Van Brimmers to be baptized members of First Baptist, and the third generation to be married here. Stef's parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles were all married at First Baptist by Rev. James B. Stephenson.

Best wishes to Stef and Vinnie!



Food For Thought

God calls us to a responsible use of our time by devoting proper attention to our self, our work, our home, our church, and our world.

TAKE TIME FOR SELF. Our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit. Stewardship includes proper diet, exercise, rest, & health care. It also includes time for personal devotion, education, and self-development.

TAKE TIME FOR WORK. Stewardship includes diligence in job performance and the choice that is beneficial to the world.

TAKE TIME FOR HOME. Stewardship includes time for caring, sharing, and family fun.

TAKE TIME FOR CHURCH. Stewardship includes a convoy of other "ships:" worship, fellowship, and leadership.

TAKE TIME FOR WORLD. Stewardship includes responsibility for the welfare of neighbors, environment, and conversation of non-renewable resources on planet Earth.

If you feel that you can't do much for the Master, remember the most you can do is the least you should attempt.

-Excerpt from "The Family of God"
Submitted by the Young Adult Class

Gospel Music Jamboree

On Sunday, July 19, at 4:30 p.m., the Grand Prairie Baptist Church will offer a chicken Barbeque and Gospel Music Jamboree. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. Call 465-3535 for more information.

Retreat Update

The main thrust of this year's retreat has been set and the dates of September 11, 12 and 13 have been secured. This year's theme will be "Food, Folks, and GOD." Our leader will be the Rev. Ted Stephenson from the Church of The Master in Indianapolis.

We received a great response from the questionnaire, and many of the sessions and activities are being finalized.

Don't forget to get your money in by August 31st, so we can "reserve your cot" in our trek to the great outdoors! The cost for an adult is \$41 and for children (ages 2-10) it's \$31.75. Turn your money into me, so I can better keep track of who's paid and who has not.

Roll up those sleeping bags and pack up the snacks, the First Baptist Retreat is fast approaching . . . and those are the facts!

-Teresa Griffith

Chairperson, Retreat Committee

*Repentance is not sorrow;
it is a change.*

*Repentance is not a bad feeling;
it is a new behavior that
flows from a new attitude.*

- John Howard Yoder

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*According to the prophet,
we are not commanded to feel good.
We are commanded to do justice,
to love goodness, and to walk humbly.
We do not have to like it.
We simply have to do it.*

Green Lake Report

The Reeds, along with the Davis children, spent the fourth full week of June at the family camp in Green Lake, Wisconsin. The theme was "family stories."

Morning sessions were heard covering topics of hope, gifts, unconditional love, trust, faith and freedom.

Child care was provided for those who needed it after the first half-hour's sing-along. We learned several new inspirational and fun songs.

The afternoons were free time and we took the opportu-

nity to visit Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin and the town of Green Lake, stopping at Hinky Dink's for early supper one day. Good french fries.

We were also very fortunate in being able to see, live and in-person, the Soo Foo Coo Revue. They are eight college students from Sioux Falls College who travel around the upper midwest proclaiming the gospel in song and skit.

We learned a lot about caring for and loving our family, both our home family and our church family. The children also had a good time, spending many hours at the pool and lapidary shop, to name a few.

We thank you for your prayers and God for a safe and wonderful vacation.

-Jeff and Donna Reed

Upcoming Meetings

The ABW District Meeting will be at Prospect Baptist Church on Friday, July 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The ABW Executive Committee will meet at Shirley Parker's on Thursday, July 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Our next Business Meeting and Covered-Dish Dinner will be on Wednesday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Financial Update

Operational Expenses

\$ 2,564	Contributions received for June
19,252	Year-to-date through June
<u>19,916</u>	Ideally where we should be (\$766 per week)
\$ -664	Where we stand through June

Missions

\$ 819	Contributions received for June
2,487	Year-to-date through June
<u>2,704</u>	Ideally where we should be (\$104 per week)
\$ -217	Where we stand through June

Misc.

\$ 236	Total received for <i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i>
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Personals

Liz Bowman (Carol Grubb's niece) had an emergency appendectomy.

Jeanne Ekelberry was honored on Sunday, June 14th by the Ohio Federation of Republican Women at their bi-annual "Tribute to Women." The Federation recognizes women who have shown outstanding leadership in their local Republican Women's Club and outstanding service to the community. Betty Porter accompanied Jeanne to

New Versions of Psalm 23

Submitted by the Adult Too Class

1. Lord you are my Shepherd; I have all I need in you.
2. You give me rest in your green fields, where I find comfort and peace.
3. You lift me up when I am low; setting me straight, guiding me to righteousness.
4. Even when my life is confronted with evil, I am secure; for I know you are always there.
5. You set your gifts before me in view of my enemies; bestowing an abundance of your grace upon me.
6. And I know that your goodness and love is waiting for me in heaven; where I will spend my eternity in your love.

-Mary Gillette

Dear Lord, you are my father,
You fill my every need.
You set me down in a field of daisies, and let me sleep.
You encourage me and build me up.
You show me the direction of light.

Sometimes when I falter,
I feel your guiding hand.

In times of fear and anger your mighty shield protects me.

You gather all my enemies together and all of us together become friends in your presence.

I know without you I am never alone, and that you constantly supply my every need.

I feel your loving arms around me.

I live side by side with you in a house built on love.

-Beth Trigg

God is my bodyguard;
I am completely satisfied.
He give me a feeling of complete serenity and helps keep me on the straight and narrow.

Sometimes life can get rather difficult and scary.

I have no reason to be afraid because God is always with me.

I can lean on Him wherever I am.

I have everything I could ever want.

Because of this I will be blessed with good things from God for the rest of my earthly life until I live with God in Heaven for eternity.

Thank you God for this.

-Jennifer Turner

The Lord is my guardian and provider,
He supplies all my needs.
He gives me the very best and shows me his ways.

Nothing in life can make me afraid, for God protects and comforts me.

Everyone (including my enemies) can see the many blessings that God has bestowed upon me. Because I owe my very life to God, I will honor Him and celebrate His mercy and blessings all the days of my life.
I will be his child forever.

-Randy Turner

the luncheon at the Tangiers Restaurant in Akron. En route they took a leisurely tour through Amish country.

Will Fogle had knee surgery at Grady.

Will, Carol & Victor Fogle and **Janet Lathrop** travelled to Colorado to visit **Nevin and Peggy Gabriel**.

Doug Lee had surgery to remove a kidney stone.

Sophia & Jim Stephenson helped **Bob** move to Chicago. **Bob** will be working at Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital as a Resident Physician for three years. **Bob** will be specializing in physical rehabilitation.

Bernice Turney attended her 60th high school reunion.

Peter & Linda White vacationed in New England.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July	7	Jody Lynn Brummett
	14	Ken Brown
	15	Duane Miller
	16	Don Brown
	18	Peter & Linda White
	19	Jarrold 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

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Last week, while on vacation, I was visiting friends who live in Schenectady, New York, about one hour from Bennington, Vermont. One evening we decided to be adventurous and drive to Bennington to take in the scenery, walk around town and have dinner. On the way there, I was looking out my window taking in the beautiful countryside, when I noticed a house on the side of the road, which had a sign on it that read: "Antiques and Old Stuff."

I immediately thought to myself, now which sign would I rather have hanging around my neck, one that says "Antique" or one that says "Old Stuff?" I've always thought it would be better to be an antique, because antiques are valuable possessions, we spend lots of money for them, we collect them and display

them so that everyone can see them, and we take very good care of them. Old stuff, on the other hand, isn't worth much, sometimes isn't very attractive, has scratches, is often worn out, and usually gets shoved into a closet, the basement, the attic, or just gets thrown away.

One qualification of an antique is that it must be 100 years old or older. Our church is almost 140 years old, yet we do not call it antique, we call it an old church. Last week, I visited the very first Baptist Church in New Jersey, which is over 300 years old, yet the people there do not refer to it as antique; it is named "Old First Church." I know of people who are over 100 years old, yet we do not call them antique, we call them old.

I still value things that are antique, but I have begun to see old stuff in a new light. If something is old and we haven't thrown it out, it must be worth something to us; it must be valuable. That it is worn out and doesn't have much monetary value only means that it has been well-

used and well-loved. If it wasn't important to us, would we keep it around?

I remember my sister Lori's stuffed animal Henry. Lori held on to Henry by the nose, and he followed her absolutely everywhere for the first five years of her life. During that time, he went through at least three noses. When he was finally retired, he was dirty and ragged and worn out and old. But, he wasn't just thrown out with all

the other trash. You see, Henry is very valuable to Lori and even to our family. We all have sentimental and emotional bonds with this ordinary stuffed animal. In fact, we have many pictures of him in our family photo albums.

Which sign would our church choose to have hanging on it's door, one that says "Antique" or

one that says "Old Stuff?" It is an old church, but if it didn't have any value to us, would we keep it alive? If it was worthless and outdated, would we invest our money and our time – would we commit ourself to it's vision and mission? Is our church an antique that we try hard to preserve, show off to people, while attempting to preserve it's value and worth as best as we can? Or is our church an old building and an old ministry which has been well-used and well-loved? Or is our church a little of each?

May God bless our old church, that it's ministry may be made new by the love of God through Jesus Christ.

Many Blessings,



ANTIQUES &
OLD STUFF

Joint Services To Be Held

First Baptist will hold joint services with Zion U.C.C. on two Sundays in August.

On Sunday, August 2nd, the service will be at Zion. On the 9th, the service will be at First Baptist, followed by a time of fellowship.

Peace Camp '92: "Created In God's Image"

Peace Camp will be held at Asbury Methodist Church from Sunday, August 2 through Thursday, August 6 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Each evening will begin with a light meal.

All ages are invited to attend. Walk-in registrations are accepted.

ABW Plans Programs

The ABW in Ministries Executive Committee has been working hard to develop a year of fun, interesting and meaningful events. We need to grow in numbers, which should help with our mission work in the county, country and world-wide.

To kick off this fall's activities, there will be an "Each One Bring One" dinner at the Ponderosa Restaurant on September 17. We would like for you to start thinking about the guest you will bring, and hopefully they will want to join our fellowship.

For the first few months, the programs will be different and we hope this will spark some curiosity so that you can't wait to begin. The newsletter will keep you informed of days, times and locations.

-Carol Fogle, Secretary

Attention Sunday School Teachers

A meeting for teachers and substitutes will be held at the church on Saturday, August 22 at 10:00 a.m.. We will go over the curriculum for the quarter and have a chance to get supplies ready in our assigned rooms. If you are *unable* to attend, please contact Donna Reed.

Sunday School Report

Children and Youth

Look for some changes this Sunday School year. Some classes have been combined. They will be organized as follows:

Nursery - ages 3 and under

Kindergarten/Preschool - ages 4 and 5

Primary - Grades 1 and 2

Middler/Junior - grades 3, 4 and 5

Jr. High/Middle School - Grades 6, 7 and 8

High School - grades 9 through 12

Adults

There will be three adult classes offered each quarter this Sunday School year. In a few weeks adults will have a chance to decide which class they would like to attend. A summary of the class curriculums and list of teachers will be available, and adults can then sign up for the class they want.

"Keep Good Health Perennial"

Delaware City-County Health Department Levy Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a Garden Mum Sale. Colors available include bright yellow, dark yellow, dark red, lavender and white daisy. Prices for the plants (6-1/2" pots) are as follows: 1 plant - \$3.00; 2 plants - \$5.00; 4 plants - \$10.00; and 50 or more plants - \$2.00 each.

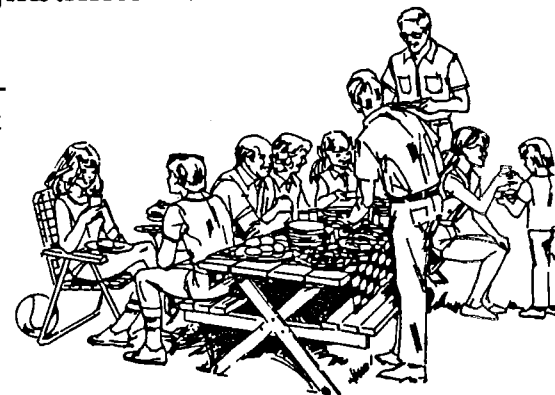
Please give your orders with payment inclosed to Pastor Brummett by Sunday, August 23. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Sunday School Assembly room.

Restaurant Discount Available

Country Folks Restaurant (formerly Shiloh Station) is offering a special discount for church-goers. On Sundays only, you can get a 10% discount if you bring your church bulletin. The offer is good only on the date of the bulletin. The restaurant is located in Marysville at State Route 33 & 36.

Picnic at Highbanks Park

The next adult social will be a family potluck picnic at noon on Sunday, August 16 at Highbanks Metro Park (on route 23 between Delaware and Worthington).



Retreat Coming Soon

Our annual church retreat will be held on September 11, 12 and 13. This year's theme will be "Food, Folks and GOD," and our leader will be Rev. Ted Stephenson.

The cost will be \$41 for adults and \$31.75 for children ages 2-10. Don't forget to give your money to Teresa

Griffith by August 31, so we can "reserve your cot." (If you are planning to attend but can't make your reservation by the 31st, please talk to Teresa to make special arrangements.)

Cap Gabriel Profiled in Gazette

The July 27th issue of the Delaware Gazette Pacer profiled Cap Gabriel in an article titled "Cap" Maintains His Independence. The article discussed Cap's independent lifestyle, in spite of the fact that he is 90 years old and almost blind!

If you missed the article, please take time to read the copy that we've posted on the bulletin board.

Economists say that money will be less scarce. By this I do not mean that you and I will have more money, or that it will be any less scarce when you look inside your wallet when the dinner check comes.

There seems to be another kind of money the banks handle. It is "plentiful" or it is "scarce" or it is "cheap." Personally, I have never been able to get hold of any cheap money. If I want \$5, it always costs me \$5 to get it. I never could figure out whether "cheap" money meant that a \$5 bill cost only \$4 to buy, or that it was in bad condition, with torn edges and little strings hanging from it so that it looked cheap.

At any rate, whatever "cheap" means to bankers, \$5 is always \$5 to me. And \$100 is a godsend.

-Robert Benchley
submitted by Shirley Parker

Rally Day

Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, August 30th. A breakfast will be held at 8:30, followed by Sunday School at 9:00 and Morning Worship at 10:45.

Personals

erry, Pam and Erin Faulk and Amy Brooks have returned from a 3-week trip to South Dakota and Yellowstone. Pam's Girl Scout troop saved money for this trip, and a total of 9 people went.

Marci Sander has returned from a 3-week stay in Florida. Her sister Laura Newman spent one week at Camp Akita.

Erin Faulk, Marci Sander, and Stephanie Klare have all been chosen to be in Dublin High School's marching band this year. This is the first year that students had to audition to be in the band, and many freshmen weren't chosen. Congratulations girls!

Edward Linn has completed both basic training at Lackland AFB and technical school for the F-16 fighter plane at Sheppard AFB in Texas. He is presently at Moody AFB in Georgia. He would appreciate any cards or letters. His address is: AB Edward S. Linn, PSC Box 4000, Moody AFB, GA. 31699-4360.

Please note this new address and phone number:

Stefanie & Vinnie Ministeri
2204 Bruce Road, #121
Delaware, Ohio 43015
363-3736

Barney Barkeloo's brother Dwight, 90, died on July 25. All of us at First Baptist extend our sympathy to the family.

Jean Wickum visited her sister Marty and family in California for three weeks and experienced an earthquake.

Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer visisted with daughter Susy and her family in Pennsylvania.

The Lovell family vacationed in New York state with Mary Lou's father and other relatives. They enjoyed boating and water skiing.

The Trigg family vacationed on an island off the Virginia coast for 10 days.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| Aug. 3 | Carolyn Schneeberger |
| 6 | Nona Miller |
| 7 | Jennifer Porter |
| 8 | Jim Van Brimmer
Mary Gillette |
| 9 | Steve Stoner |
| 18 | Pam & Larry Faulk |
| 21 | Jim Stephenson |
| 23 | Mildred Bowers |
| 24 | Florence Faulk |
| 26 | Kirby & Tammy Francis
Duane & Nona Miller |
| 27 | Linda White
Christina Hopkins |
| 30 | Fred & Carol Grubbs
Archie Trigg |
| Sept. 5 | Don & Florence Faulk |

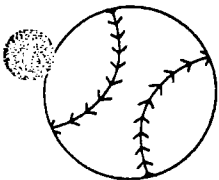
A.B.C. of the U.S.A.: General Board Votes on Homosexuality Issue

The General Board of the American Baptist Church met at Green Lake Conference Center from June 18 - 23. On June 22, after 3 hours of fervent but polite debate, the resolution on homosexuality that found "no Scriptural endorsement of the practice of homosexuality" was failed by a vote of 88 yes, 91 no and 2 abstentions. The resolution was not accepted by the board.

Pastor Brummett has copies of all the documents having to do with this issue, including a copy of the original resolution, the final resolution, a response from Dan Weiss, General Secretary of the A.B.C. of the U.S.A., and a response from Bob Fisher, Executive Minister of the A.B.C. of Ohio. You are encouraged to read through these documents as many of them are too lengthy and complicated to reproduce in a newsletter.

Softball Teams Enter Playoffs

The softball teams would like to thank everyone who played or watched and supported us. This year our coed team finished with its best record ever at 5-3!



The Juniors' tournament will begin on Monday, August 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Our team will probably be the first or second team to play that evening. The Juniors' tournament will finish on Tuesday night.

The Mens' tournament will begin on Wednesday, August 5th at 7:00 p.m. Our team will probably be the second or third team to play that evening. The Mens' tournament will continue through Thursday and Friday nights.

All of the Coed tournament will be on Saturday, August 15th. Our team will play at 9:00 a.m.

Each team will play several games as part of the tournament process. Please see me if you have any questions or need more information. Thanks for your support.

-Kirby Francis

Senior Adult Conference

There will be a conference at Judson Hills for senior adults from September 22-24. The cost will be \$55. Please see Jean Wickum or the pastor for more information.

Keep It Clean!

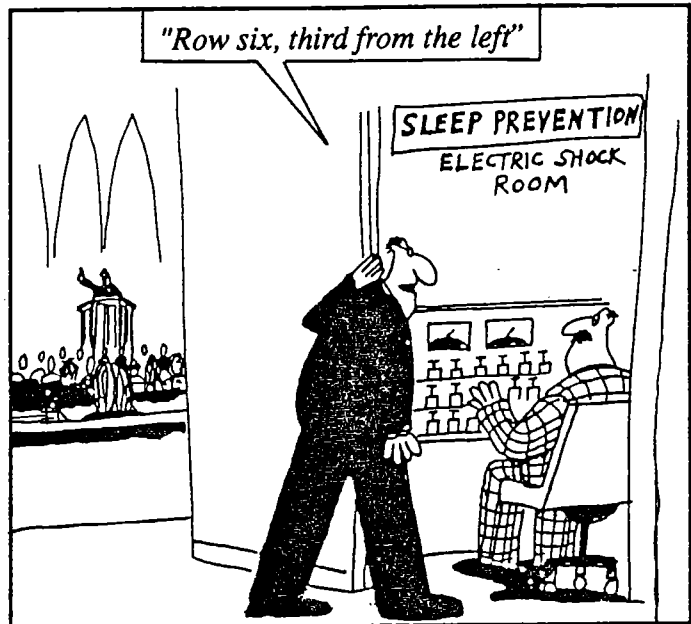
If you or your group use the Fellowship Hall or kitchen, please remember that *it is your responsibility to clean the area afterwards!*

This includes returning tables and chairs to their previous positions, cleaning up any litter or spills, washing dishes, turning out lights, locking the doors, etc.

It is especially important that the coffee pots are unplugged. This can be a fire hazard!

Often these problems occur when everyone in a group assumes that *someone else* will be cleaning up, and so no one does. So when your meeting or activity concludes, please make sure that someone in your group cleans up, turns off the appliances and lights, and locks the doors.

Thanks for your cooperation.



New Group Formed for Older Adults

A new social group for adults 55 and older is being formed. Its tentative name is "The 55's". Their first meeting will be a luncheon after church on Sunday, August 23. Please see Jean Wickum for more information.

Financial Update

Operational Expenses

\$ 2,294	Contributions received for July
21,546	Year-to-date through July
<u>22,980</u>	Ideally where we should be (\$766 per week)
-1,434	Where we stand through July

Missions

\$ 385	Contributions received for July
2,872	Year-to-date through July
<u>3,120</u>	Ideally where we should be (\$104 per week)
\$ -248	Where we stand through July

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"Often we do evil, and in defending it do much worse; moved by passion, we think it zeal for God."</i> —Thomas a Kempis (c. 1476-1555), author of <i>The Imitation of Christ</i></p>			Liturgical Colors for the Season Sundays after Trinity Sunday... Green			1
2 Joint Service at Zion U.C.C. Pastor Brummett, preaching	3 7:00 Juniors Playoffs (time approximate)	4	5 7:00 Choir 7:00 Men's Playoffs (time approx.)	6 Transfiguration	7	8
Peace Camp, Monday through Thursday at Asbury, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.						
9 10:00 Joint Service at First Baptist, Pastor Nirote preaching 5:30 Deacons	10	11	12 7:00 Board of Education	13	14	15 8:30 ABM 9:00 Coed Playoffs
16 10:00 Morning Worship 12:00 Picnic at Highbanks 7:00 Pastoral Relations Committee	17	18	19 7:00 Choir	20 7:30 Book Club at Austin Manor	21	22 10:00 Teachers Meeting Senior Adults Conference at Judson Hills
23 10:00 Morning Worship 11:30 "The 55's" luncheon	24	25	26 7:00 Choir	27 7:00 Parish Council	28	29
Rally Day 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	30	31 7:00 Finance Committee				

Monday is also newsletter deadline and deadline to give retreat money to Teresa

Good News Letter

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WELCOME TO THE SEASON OF "BACKS." Students are going back to school. Teachers are going back to their classroom. Vacationers are going back to work. And . . . our church is going back to it's regular hours. Since we celebrated with our Rally Day on August 30, I assume that we must be officially back. Sunday School classes have begun, regular monthly meetings have resumed, the choir sings every Sunday, and the preacher is the same every week.

The problem with getting back to our regular schedule is just that. We go back. We start out refreshed and ready to begin a new year, and then something happens. We get caught up in the business and routine of our schedule, and before we know it we really have gone back. Pretty soon we find ourselves tired, out of energy, and ready for another vacation.

Several years ago I was in line at McDonalds when I saw a little boy about five years old walk up to a garbage can and point to the letters on the lid. He looked up at his daddy and read each letter with great care, "P-U-S-H." Then he stood up proudly, put his hands on his hips, and proclaimed, "McDonalds!"

As we go back to our regular schedule, let us not go backwards. Perhaps the imagination and vision of a little boy can inspire us to look at the same old stuff - the same school, the same job, the same church - that we have always looked at, and see it in a new way.

May God's creative spirit move through all those who work, teach, learn, preach, pray and laugh, and form us into a new creation.

Many blessings,



Annual Church Retreat

Our annual church retreat will be held Friday, September 11 through Sunday, September 13. Our leader will be Rev. Ted Stephenson.

Directions: Take route 36 to Sunbury. Turn left on route 3 and go through Centerburg, Mt. Vernon, Amity, and Jelloway to the intersection of routes 3 & 97 (at Mohican State Park). Turn right on Township Road 629. From there it's just a few miles to Judson Hills. The address is 3298 Township Road #629. The phone number is (419) 994-4657.



ITEMS TO BRING

Food

- A covered dish for our Friday night pot-luck dinner.
- Snacks

Clothes

- Clothes for two days
- Comfortable shoes
- Sweater or jacket

Personal Care

- Toiletries (don't forget sunscreen and insect repellent)

- Sleeping bag or bedroll and pillow
- Towels, washcloths and soap

Misc.

- Bible
- Note paper and pencil or pen
- Board/card games to share
- Umbrella (just in case)
- Flashlight
- Camera

Pastoral/Congregational Review

The pastoral relations committee was formed to help provide a communications link between the pastor and the congregation. One of the duties of the committee is to conduct an annual pastoral/congregational review.

The committee and our pastor have worked together to prepare the questionnaires. They will be distributed in early September. (The committee is also considering conducting a separate survey of children's opinions.)

We plan to distribute most of the questionnaires at church, but we'll mail them to shut-ins and others as necessary. If you haven't received your copy by mid-September, please contact me or leave a message on the church answering machine (363-7021) and we'll see that you get one.

When you receive your questionnaire, please complete and return it promptly. It can be returned to the church or mailed to any member of the committee. The questionnaires are anonymous, so please do not sign your name. Complete instructions will be provided.

The committee will tabulate the results and will then meet with the pastor later this month to discuss them. Specific results of the review will not be released outside of the committee.

Thanks for your cooperation.

-Jim Stephenson, co-chairman
Pastoral Relations Committee

Christian Education Sunday

September 27 will be Christian Education Sunday. The worship service will be a celebration with a processional and special litany.



Adult Social

The next adult social will be on Friday, October 2 at the parsonage. Please bring your favorite games, snack food and pop.

Trinity Baptist Church Hosts Old Testament Seminar

On Saturday, September 19, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Trinity Baptist Church in Marion will host a "Walk Thru the Bible's Old Testament Seminar." Registration is \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students, and is due by Sunday, September 13. See Pastor Brummett for a registration form or call the Trinity's office at 387-6527.

Trustees Report

If you thought you hadn't seen a trustee's column for a while, you are right. Jim has had so much for the newsletter that we were giving him a break. Ha, not really.

However, last year's expenditures were so large that we took it easy to allow the funds to build back up.

Our largest projects this summer have been:

- ◆ Asphalt coating was applied on all the standing-seam metal roofs, which are on the old parsonage, the two old back classrooms (the Junior High and choir rooms), and the storage shed. Total cost was \$1,200.
- ◆ A new sewer line was installed in the old parsonage from the upstairs to the basement. Total cost was \$798.
- ◆ A large broken window in the fellowship hall and a smaller one in the back stairwell were replaced. Total cost was \$208.59.
- ◆ As the newsletter went to press we suffered another broken window. A beer bottle was thrown through the stained-glass window on the north side of the Sunday school room, breaking both the outer plate glass and some of the stained glass. A police report was made. The repair cost is unknown at this time. A firm like Franklin Art Glass will have to do the work.

Minor repairs so far this year have included:

- ◆ Furnace repairs
 - ◆ Plumbing repairs
 - ◆ Copier maintenance and repairs
- More plumbing repairs and furnace maintenance will be done this fall.

Several gifts were gratefully received earlier in the year. "Thank you" to the folks who made these projects possible:

- ◆ The front yard was treated for weeds and fertilized twice.
- ◆ Four of the Delaware chairs were re-caned.

We also extend our thanks to:

- ◆ Jim Stephenson, for flowers, yard work and pruning at the parsonage and the flowers at church.
- ◆ Jeff Reed, who is doing some door painting at the parsonage.

And some other news:

- ◆ With all the rain this summer, mowing has been necessary almost weekly at the church, and the bushes and shrubs were trimmed twice by your reporter.
- ◆ The janitor's hours were increased by one hour per week.

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

To the Ladies of the Church

Just a reminder about the "Each One Bring One" dinner, September 17 at the Ponderosa Restaurant. We will meet there at 6:00 p.m. Please notify Carol Fogle if you need transportation.

We hope to see you and your guest for a pleasant evening.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will meet at the church on Monday, September 21 at 7:00. If you wish to hold a church office, or if you currently hold an office and your term is about to expire, please see Pam Faulk before this date to make your wishes known.

Adult Sunday School Classes

During the first quarter (September through November), the following classes will be available for adults:

1. Old Testament Personalities

How can you identify yourself and your friends with these Old Testament characters?

Taught by Jean Wickum

2. Adult Inquirer's Class

This class will explore personal faith as it relates to our unique beliefs as American Baptists. We will learn about the history and experiences of American Baptists and of First Baptist Church.

Taught by Pastor Brummett

3. Literature of the Bible

A study of ethics, poetry, drama, prophesy, gospel, epistle and apocalypse as literary genres through which the ancient Hebrews and early Christians expressed their relationship with God. We will read most of the Bible in 13 weeks. People who desire to take this class need to be committed to read the week's scripture passage prior to discussing it on Sunday.

Taught by Cynthia Bland

Church Outreach

Please read this article carefully and prayerfully.

It has come to our attention that there is a family in our church that has to move this September. Unfortunately, they don't have enough money to make the move at this time.

Our church has agreed to make a loan for the amount of \$840.00. Within 30 days, we will receive \$400.00 of this amount back. We are asking the friends and members of our church family to pay back the remaining \$440.00 through contributions. If you can help, please make checks payable to First Baptist Church and note somewhere on the check (or on a separate note) that the money is designated for "family mission." Please contact Pastor Brummett if you have any questions of clarification.

This family also needs the following household items: two twin bed frames, curtains, lamps, blankets, sheets, and a dresser.

If you have any of the listed items or know someone who does, please see Pastor Brummett.

Candlelighters

Sept. 6 Liz Hopkins

20 Rick Ramey

27 Evan Trigg

Oct. 4 Barbara Lovell

Missionary Profiles

During a missionary career with American Baptist International Ministries that has spanned nearly four decades, Orville and Virginia Chapman have labored faithfully among Zairians and with the Western Zaire Baptist Community. They have seen their efforts bear fruit in this generation and believe that as they train Zairian pastors for ministry, their witness for Christ will continue in the generations to come.

Miss Betty Killian has served at the Weirton Christian Center in Weirton, West Virginia for over 30 years. She is the only full-time program worker there. Betty says, "Our

FRANK & ERNEST



role is to help people adjust to life and learn to set priorities. We believe in God's love for everyone and show this through our ministry."

Please see the bulletin board in the assembly room for more information about these Baptist Missionaries.

The 55's

The group tentatively known as "The 55's" met Sunday, August 23 for lunch in the fellowship hall. Fourteen people were present to enjoy good food and fellowship. The committee will meet to review the questionnaire which those present filled out, and to plan the next meeting based on the answers given.

The next meeting will be a luncheon on Wednesday, September 23.

-Flo Faulk and Jean Wickum

Financial Update

Operational Expenses

\$ 3,385	Contributions received for August
24,931	Year-to-date
<u>26,810</u>	Ideally where we should be (\$766 per week)
\$-1,879	Where we stand through August

Missions

\$ 306	Contributions received for August
3,178	Year-to-date
<u>3,640</u>	Ideally where we should be (\$104 per week)
\$ -462	Where we stand through August

Mediation Training

Judge Everett Krueger and the Delaware County Community Mediation Services are seeking volunteers to perform mediation of various disputes. Mediation involves a neutral third party working with disputants in reaching a mutually acceptable agreement to resolve a conflict or dispute. Volunteers will be trained in mediation techniques. The intention is to resolve disputes prior to a case being filed in court.

If you are interested or if you have questions, please contact Robin Gaines at 368-1551 or the Delaware County Community Mediation Services at 363-9601.

The Perfect Pastor

The results of a computerized survey indicate that the perfect pastor preaches exactly 15 minutes. He condemns sin, but never embarrasses anyone. He works from 8:00 a.m. until midnight and is also the janitor. He makes \$60.00 a week, wears good clothes, drives a new car, and gives \$50.00 a week to the poor.

He is 28 years old, has been preaching for 25 years, is wonderfully gentle and handsome, loves to work with teenagers and spends countless hours with senior citizens. He makes 15 calls daily on church families, shut-ins and hospital patients, and is always in his office when needed.

If your pastor does not measure up, simply send this letter to six other churches that are tired of their pastors too. Then bundle up your pastor and send him to the church at the top of the list. In one week you will receive 1,643 pastors. One of them should be perfect.

Remembrance Weekend

Remembrance Weekend will be the Saturday and Sunday before Thanksgiving. There will be a special concert featuring the Cherry Hill Brothers Quartet on Saturday, and our Sunday service will focus on remembrance of our church history and of those who used to be a part of our fellowship.

The committee will need names of folks who should be invited because they were once active in our church.

Think hard, then give your list of names (and addresses, if possible) to one of the committee members - Cynthia Bland, Jody Lynn Brummett, Beth Trigg, Jim Van Brimmer or Jean Wickum. There will also be a member of the BYF on the committee, and we'll get that name out to you, along with progress reports, through the Sunday bulletins.

Exciting plans are being made - you will be pleased.

-Jean Wickum, moderator

Personals

Jeff Faulk has been chosen to be a member of the Fighting Irish Marching Band. Jeff's new address is:

#9 Fisher Hall
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, IN 46556-5610

Michael Ekelberry will graduate September 3 from Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the School of Arts and Sciences. He will take a week's vacation in Colorado with friends before starting to work.

Shirley Parker will be visiting family and friends in New England this last two weeks in August.

Don and Florence Faulk were visited by Bill Faulk and family for 5 days in May.

In June, Don and Florence enjoyed (in spite of cold weather) going to Indian Lake with granddaughter Angie Faulk for 10 days.

They also spent a week in Pennsylvania at the home of Dorothy and Clair Cook (Florence's sister) in July. Dorothy visited them when they had their 50th class

reunion in Delaware. They enjoyed discussing what life had held for them over 50 years.

In August, cousins Donald and Chet Neiswander from Florida visited the Faulks.

Michael Ekelberry will graduate September 3 from Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the School of Arts and Sciences. He will take a week's vacation in Colorado with friends before starting to work.

Carolyn Schneeberger attended the Missionary Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

John Richards was a patient at Riverside Hospital, where he had an angioplasty procedure.

John and Mary Helen Richards' son Jon and his family have moved from Ireland and are now living in Oregon.

Ernestine Frost was treated in the emergency room at Grady Hospital, and was given a ride home in an open jeep by her neighbor.

Ernestine and her daughter Geneva were recently visited by grandson Gary Evans, his wife and two children, who live in California.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

No Worship Service on Sunday, Sept. 13 Due to Retreat

Please mark your calendars. Because of the all-church retreat at Judson Hills Camp, there will be no worship service at our church. All are invited to come out for the morning service at the retreat.

If you are unable to join us at Judson Hills, please take this opportunity to visit another church in Delaware County or one of the American Baptist churches in the Marion Association.

Youth Inquirer's Class

The youth Inquirer's Class will begin meeting on Saturday, September 19 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.



"How many laps around the baptistry make a mile?"

"A Dialog with James A. Scott"

James A. Scott, President of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. for 1992-1993, will be available for a formal conversation at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, September 29, 1992. This luncheon will be held at Second Baptist Church in Columbus for the cost of \$5.00 per person. Please see Pastor Brummett for more information.

Thanks from 4-H Group

Thank you, First Baptist Church members, for the use of our fellowship hall for three 4-H meetings this summer. There are 34 members in our club – too many to meet in a home – and so we've appreciated the use of Old Stone Presbyterian Church as well as ours.

Four of our families are represented in the club and both Mary Lou and Dave Lovell serve many youth as project advisors.

Debbie Lovell is vice president of the Junior Fair Board, a very great responsibility which she will handle with her usual expertise, and she deserves our congratulations and encouragement.

As you attend the Delaware County Fair, please plan to tour the Junior Fair Building. While there, search out the exhibits of Chrissy, Liz and Paul Hopkins, Barbara, Debbie and Matthew Lovell, and Josh and Rick Ramey. They've all had a busy summer reaching toward new learning experiences through 4-H and would enjoy you sharing their enthusiasm.

-Evelyn Lee, advisor
Homestead Guys & Gals 4-H Club

September 1992



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<i>1</i> 7:00 Bible Study	<i>2</i> 7:00 Choir	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> Labor Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:00 Youth at Lovells	<i>7</i> Labor Day 7:30 Marion Assoc. Trustees	<i>8</i> 7:00 Bible Study	<i>9</i> 7:00 Choir	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> RETREAT	<i>12</i> RETREAT
<i>13</i> RETREAT (no services at church) 5:30 Deacons	<i>14</i> 7:00 Finance Comm.	<i>15</i> 7:00 Bible Study	<i>16</i> 7:00 Choir	<i>17</i> 6:00 Women's Dinner	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 8:30 ABM 9:00 Old Test. Seminar at Trinity 10:30 Inquirer's Class
<i>20</i> American Baptist Women's Ministries Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship - Return survey forms. 2:00 Board of Education 7:00 Pastoral Relations*	<i>21</i> American Indian Day 7:00 Nominating Comm.	<i>22</i> International Day of Peace 7:00 Bible Study	<i>23</i> 12:00 The 55's 7:00 Choir	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> Christian Education Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 Marion Assoc. Fall Rally	<i>28</i> Rosh Hashanah 7:00 Finance Comm. Newsletter Deadline	<i>29</i> 12:00 James Scott luncheon 7:00 Bible Study	<i>30</i> 7:00 Choir	Liturgical Colors for the Season Sundays after Trinity Sunday... Green		

*Pastoral Relations meeting may be rescheduled.

Friday, October 2 - Adult Social at the parsonage

Good News Letter

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

My how the time flies by. Believe it or not, I have been at First Baptist for a whole year now. It's always been important for me to remember special dates, such as birthdays, and the anniversaries of important days. (Unfortunately, the dates for meetings and appointments that I need to remember don't stay in my brain for very long at all.) But I love to celebrate special occasions and to think back over all the memories that make that occasion so special. In fact, I must admit that I do tend to get a tad bit over-nostalgic.

Since Spring, I have been mowing my lawn. Throughout the (very long) mowing season, I have been blessed with the opportunity not only to sweat and run into low-lying tree limbs, but with the opportunity to watch my yard grow and transform. Now, I've mowed plenty of lawns before, but I've never paid much attention to how much the plants, trees, bushes and flowers and weeds change during the season. Perhaps it's because I've never had my own yard to take care of.

This is the way it is to be part of a church family. Throughout the seasons of our life together, we change and grow in a variety of ways: we have new experiences together, we try new programs and projects, sometimes we go out on a limb together, we reach out into our community, we accept new people into our fellowship, we challenge each other to become all that God has created us to be, we teach each other and learn from one another, we comfort each other in times of sorrow and struggle, we pray and sing, and we celebrate our joys. But, when we are in the midst of living, we don't always take time to look around us and see how we have changed and grown. And so this is why we have anniversaries - for a chance to look back at all we have been and all we have done.

The amazing and even scary thing about our anniversaries is that they offer us a chance to see where we've been, what we've become, the mistakes we've made and what we've done. But most importantly, they help us to look into our future and make decisions about who we want to be and what we want to accomplish.

As we step boldly into this new year of our life together, may God be our guide, our strength and our hope.

Many Blessings,



Pastoral/Congregational Survey Taken

The pastoral relations committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the recent survey. The committee has already met with the pastor to discuss the preliminary results.

If you haven't turned in your survey form yet, please do so. If you didn't receive a form, additional copies are available in the vestibule.



The Young At Heart

The 55's have a new name! Fourteen people attended their meeting on Wednesday, September 23, and they decided to call themselves the Young At Heart.

Their next meeting will again be a covered-dish meeting in the fellowship hall. It will be at noon on Wednesday, October 21. All persons 55 and older are invited to attend.

Campaign '93

This year, the Finance Committee will be visiting the congregation to discuss and answer questions pertaining to the church budget for 1993.

In addition, there will be a series of eight "Stewardship Dinners." Members of the congregation may choose which dinner to attend. Following the dinner, you will have an opportunity to ask questions about the budget with the finance representative present at your dinner.

The dinners will be held the last week of October and the first two weeks in November. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Sunday School room.

-W. Michael Griffith
Finance Committee Chairman

Remember our Family Mission Fund

Many thanks to those who have contributed to the "family mission" fund. So far we have received \$180.00.

In September, we loaned a total of \$440.00 to a family in our church, and are asking friends and members of our church to pay the loan back through contributions. If you are able to help, please make checks payable to First Baptist Church and note somewhere on the check or a note that the money is for "family mission." Your prayerful consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Business Meeting

Our fall business meeting, when we vote on our 1993 budget and elect church officers for next year, will take place on Wednesday, October 28. It will be preceded by a covered-dish dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Christian Education Idea Workshop

A training session for teachers and Christian education workers will be held at Trinity Baptist Church in Marion on Sunday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. It will be presented by staff members of The Christian Armory. Please contact me for more information or to register. The registration deadline is November 2.

-Donna Reed



Our annual Halloween party will be held on Saturday, October 31 at 7:30. Come and join us for a fun-filled evening. Remember to come in costume, if possible. All ages are invited.

ABW Meeting

The next meeting of ABW will be on Thursday, October 15 in the youth room. There will be book reviews covering the subject of "Women of the Middle East and the Gulf War."

No Excuse Sunday

To make it possible for everyone to attend church next week, we are planning a special no-excuse Sunday.

- ◆ Cots will be placed in the vestibule for those who say, "Sunday is my only day for sleeping in."
- ◆ Eye drops will be available for those whose eyes are tired from watching TV late on Saturday night.
- ◆ Blankets will be furnished for those who complain that the church is too cold. Fans will be on hand for those who say the church is too hot.
- ◆ We will have helmets for those who believe that the roof will cave in if they show up for church.
- ◆ We will have hearing aids for those who say, "The pastor doesn't talk loud enough. There will be cotton for those who say, "The pastor talks too loud."
- ◆ Score cards will be available for those who wish to count the hypocrites.
- ◆ We guarantee that some relatives will be present for those who like to go visiting on Sunday.

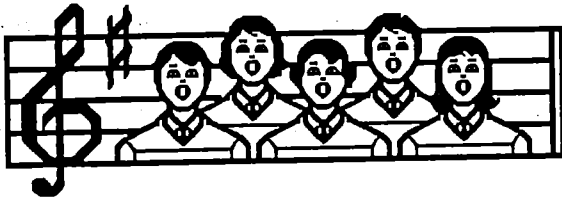
Choir Orders New Robes

In 1964, members of the First Baptist Church choir decided to raise funds for new choir robes. (Can anyone remember the color of those robes?)

I was part of that committee and we held bake sales, car washes and had a "penny collection." We received individual contributions from church members (which ranged from \$5.00 to \$25.00) and group contributions from Sunday School classes, B.Y.F., and the Womens' Society.

We raised a total of \$360.15 and bought 20 robes and stoles. They were worn for the first time on Easter Sunday, 1965.

In 1989 we started again to raise money for new



robes - with ice cream socials, "In Memory" contributions and personal contributions - and have ordered 20 more robes and stoles. They will be delivered by the end of October. The big difference in 27 years will be the cost. The new robes cost \$1,728.

Thanks to all of you who contributed, and a reminder that memorial contributions can be made in memory of Rev. Stephenson, W.C. Wickum, Dick Lee or any others for whom you wish to contribute.

(By the way, the robes before 1965 were black.)

-Jean Ekelberry

Chairperson of Choir Robe Committee
(Jean Ekelberry, Jody Lynn Brummett,
Linda White and Jim Stephenson)

Memos From Your Child

1. Don't spoil me. I know quite well that I ought not to have all that I ask for. I'm only testing you.
2. Don't be afraid to be firm with me. I prefer it; it makes me feel more secure.
3. Don't let me form bad habits. I have to rely on you to detect them in the early stages.
4. Don't make me feel smaller than I am. It only makes me behave stupidly.
5. Don't correct me in front of people if you can help it. I'll take much more notice if you talk quietly in private.
6. Don't make me feel my mistakes are sins. It upsets my sense of value.
7. Don't protect me from consequences. I need to learn the painful way sometimes.
8. Don't be inconsistent. That completely confuses me and makes me lose faith in you.
9. Don't tell me my fears are silly. They are terribly real

and you can do much to reassure me if you try to understand.

10. Don't put me off when I ask questions. If you do, you will find that I stop asking and seek my information elsewhere.

11. Don't ever suggest that you are perfect and infallible. It gives me too great a shock when I discover that you are neither.

12. Don't ever think it is beneath your dignity to apologize to me. An honest apology makes me feel surprisingly warm towards you.

13. Don't forget how quickly I am growing up. It must be very difficult for you to keep up with me, but please try.

14. Don't forget that I can't thrive without lots of understanding love. But I don't need to tell you, do I?

October Candlelighters

- Oct. 4 Barbara Lovell
- Oct. 11 Paul Hopkins
- Oct. 18 Richard Davis
- Oct. 25 Josh Ramey

In Brief . . .

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS are being offered at Trinity on Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. See Donna Reed for more information.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 18 at the church.

Please mark Sunday, November 29 on your calendars. We will be having a **FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION** at the church in the afternoon.

THE BYF will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4 (officers will meet at 4:30 p.m.) and at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18.

THE ABC OF OHIO ANNUAL MEETING, "Growing Up Into Christ," will be held on October 21-23 in Middletown. Financial assistance is available. If you need more information or want a registration form, please see Pastor Brummett.

A **MENS' BREAKFAST** will be held at Buehlers on Saturday, October 17 at 8:30 a.m.

Workshop in Columbus

"The Awakening of Consciousness/1492-1992: History, Culture, & Religion as Experienced and Expressed by Native Americans during the Quincentennial Year" will be held on Saturday, October 31, from 9:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at University Baptist Church in Columbus.

Dr. William Baldrige, Associate Professor of Native

American Ministries at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, will speak on "Christianity After Colonialism."

The program will include a Native American meal and a religious ceremony as well as time for dialogue with the speakers.

To register by October 15, please call the United Christian Center at OSU (294-5195).

Spring Forward, Fall Back

Daylight Saving Time will be ending soon. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, October 24.

Trustees Notes

- Franklin Art Glass did a good job repairing the broken stained-glass window in the Sunday School room. Total cost for the repair (including the outside plate glass) was \$528.14. We paid the insurance deductible of \$250, and our insurance paid the balance of \$278.14.

- The sanctuary piano was tuned by Clifford Rector.

- As the newsletter went to press, the Trustees were looking for someone to repair a rotted-out shower wall at the parsonage.

*-Peter White, Reporter
Arch Trigg, Chairman
Board of Trustees*

Financial Update

Operational Expenses

\$ 2,935 Contributions received in September
27,866 Year-to-date through September
29,875 Ideally where we should be (\$766 per week)
-2,009 Where we stand through September

Missions

\$ 301 Contributions received in September
3,479 Year-to-date through September
4,056 Ideally where we should be (\$104 per week)
\$ -577 Where we stand through September

Personals

Nellie Sheets had cataract surgery.

Debbie Lovell was recently elected President of the Marion Association American Baptist Youth.

Diane and Chip Runyan are now living in Delaware on North Franklin Street.

Shirley Parker's sister, Rita, from Massachusetts, visited for several days. They took a trip to Louisville to visit

their brother's family, and spent a day at AmeriFlora.

Florence and Don Faulk visited Don's sister, Iona, in Topeka. They stopped to see Della Dove in Kansas, then visited Branson, Missouri for fun. Then on to Oklahoma to visit Bill's family. They'll be gone 3 weeks.

Ray Gene Faulk had a baby daughter born on August 3rd. Her name is Ashley Ray-Gena Faulk.

Bertha Van Brimmer and Karen Stoner attended the Yankee Peddler Festival in Canal Fulton and visited Amish country.

Barney and Mary Barkeloo celebrated their 61st anniversary on Sept. 20.

Ben Turney received a good report from his recent check-up at Cleveland Clinic. Bernice and Ben recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.

Bruce and Barbara Lee and family travelled from Pittsburgh to spend a 3-day weekend with Evelyn.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Oct. 5	Carol & Will Fogle Laura Beth Mowery
7	Jack Smith Beth & Michael Linn
9	Suzanne Grubbs
19	Paul Hopkins
28	Ed Linn Amy Smale
30	Jean Osborne
Nov. 1	Stef Ministeri
5	Victor Fogle

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.



*"They do it every time
he finishes his sermon by noon!"*

October 1992

First Baptist Church
Delaware, Ohio



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Liturgical Colors for the Season Sundays after Trinity Sunday...Green Harvest Festival, Reformation Sunday...Red				1	2 7:00 Adult Social	3
4 World Communion Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 4:30 BYF Officers 6:00 BYF	5	6 7:00 Bible Study	7 Yom Kippur 7:00 Choir	8	9 7:00 ABWM Executive Committee	10
11 American Baptist Laymen's Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 5:30 Deacons	12 Columbus Day 7:00 Finance Committee	13 7:00 Bible Study	14 7:00 Choir	15 7:00 ABW	16 World Food Day	17 8:30 ABM Breakfast
18 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 4:00 Board of Education 6:00 BYF 7:00 Pastoral Relations Committee	19 7:00 Parish Council	20 7:00 Bible Study	21 12:00 Young At Heart 7:00 Choir	22 7:00 Parish Council	23	24 United Nations Day Daylight Sav. Time Ends Tonight
25 Campus Ministry Sunday Reformation Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	26 Newsletter Deadline	27 7:00 Bible Study 7:00 Program at Dept. of Human Serv.	28 6:30 Covered-Dish Dinner & Business Meeting	29	30	31 Reformation Day Halloween 9:15 Native Am Program at Univ. Bap 7:30 Halloween Party

ABC of Ohio Annual Meeting in Middletown

Good News Letter

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New Church Officers Elected

At the October business meeting the following people were elected to serve two-year terms of office, beginning January of 1993:

Moderator	Church School Clerk
Jeanne Ekelberry	Barbara Reed
Church Clerk	Board of Education
Rick Van Brimmer	Pam Faulk
Assistant Treasurer	<i>Leadership Education Chair.</i>
Jim Van Brimmer	Steve Stoner
Board of Deacons	<i>Sunday School Chair.</i>
Jim Van Brimmer	Pastoral Relations Committee
Randy Turner	Jim Stephenson
Jean Wickum	Will Fogle
Board of Trustees	Debbie Lovell
Archie Trigg	
Jeff Reed	

urban areas helping the helpless in the name of Christ.

It is American Baptist missionaries sent overseas to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ, heal the sick, train the hungry to grow food, and provide theological education for a new generation of church leaders.

It is schools, hospitals, children's homes, and retirement centers ministering to those in need.

It is the church building standing as a sign of the Gentle Shepherd for the flock and a symbol of a lighthouse for those walking in darkness.

Most of all, our church budget is the expression of our Christian compassion and love, the demonstration of our spiritual hopes and desires, and our realization that God holds each of us accountable for the stewardship of our time, talent, and treasure.

-From "The Messenger,"
1st Baptist Church, Lamar, Colorado

The Real Meaning of Our Church Budget

The budget of our church is more than a set of figures, more than a projection of giving and a list of expenditures.

It is the spiritual concerns, priorities, goals, and program of the congregation.

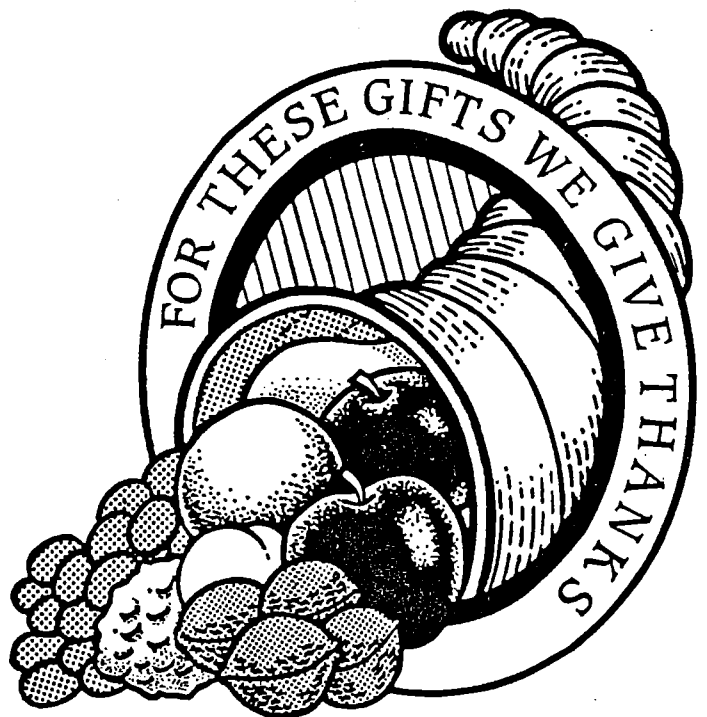
It is the pastor preaching, teaching, counseling, visiting the sick, comforting the bereaved, and helping us know how to share our faith.

It is the congregation praying and praising, the choir singing and the organ playing to the glory of God.

It is the Sunday school teachers teaching the Word of God and the youth sponsors implanting spiritual guidelines for life.

It is Bibles and Christian literature in the hands of children, youth, and adults.

It is American Baptist missionaries in rural and



Family Advent Celebration

Celebrate the Advent season with your church family on Sunday, November 29 after church. Bring a sack lunch. Soup, crackers, and beverages will be provided. Join in the fun activities and also help decorate the church for the season.

Family Mission Update

Many thanks to those who have contributed to the "family mission" fund. So far we have received \$270.00.

In September, we loaned a total of \$440.00 to a family in our church, and are asking friends and members of our church to pay the loan back through contributions. If you are able to help, please make checks payable to First Baptist Church and note somewhere on the check or a note that the money is for "family mission."

Your prayerful consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Trustees Notes

AT THE PARSONAGE

◆ During October a real effort was made to dry up the parsonage basement which had been wet for too long.

Dave Lovell and Will Fogle did extensive digging and found that the plastic drainage tile on the north side was broken and full of roots.

Schnees Excavating installed a completely new drainage line from the house to the street. That line is critical, as it handles drainage from 3 downspouts and the sump pump. The job required going under the sidewalk and cutting into the curb. The total cost was \$723.74.

Dave installed a new sump pump, which cost \$70. Thanks, Dave.

The basement floor drain was "roto-rooted" out for a distance of 100 feet by Kenney Hawk. The cost was \$75.

As we begin the heating season, the basement is now considerably drier.

◆ As the newsletter goes to press, a contractor is starting work on the parsonage bathroom. The shower wall and the floor are both rotted out, and the tub is rusting. Yes, it's needed!

AT THE CHURCH

◆ A new water valve was installed in the mens' rest room.

◆ The furnace for the fellowship hall needed a new gas valve and a new "shut off" valve. All furnaces were serviced for the winter and new filters were installed. The total bill from Don Patrick was \$321.19.

*-Peter White, Reporter
Arch Trigg, Chairman*

REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND

Dear Friends at First Baptist,

On the weekend of November 21-22 we will celebrate Remembrance Weekend.

Our festivities will begin at 7:30 P.M. on Saturday evening with a concert by the Cherry Hill Brothers' Quartet from Dearborn Heights, Michigan. The community, other churches and the churches of the Marion Baptist Association will be invited. After the concert, everyone is invited to join us for refreshments.

On Sunday we'll have a special worship service. It will include lots of music by the young people and children of the church, along with selections by the Cherry Hill Quartet. And, of course, an anthem by the choir. Pastor Jody Lynn Brummett will have a special message.

After the service there will be a covered-dish dinner in the fellowship hall, followed by a program.

We hope to have many of our former members and friends in attendance. Please add your invitation to that of the committee as you see or talk to old friends.

We hope you will attend, bring your friends and family, and help make this Remembrance Weekend truly a happy homecoming!

-The Committee

*Beth Trigg, Jim Van Brimmer, Sophia Stephenson,
Matthew Lovell, Jody Lynn Brummett, Jean Wickum*

P.S. If you have any special pictures you would like to share, see Beth Trigg.

I AM A PERCENT

I am a percent.

Everyone uses me. If a store offers 20 or more of me discounted, you probably get a great buy. If a restaurant offers good service, you leave 15 or more of me as a tip.

If unemployment is 10 of me, the economy is not doing well.

I help you make personal decisions that relate to mort-

gage rates, inflation, savings accounts interest, and pay raises.

I can also help you make stewardship decisions - that is, managing what God has entrusted to you.

How much time should you spend in leisure, community service and serving your church? How much of your income should you give for the ministry of your church? How you answer these important questions reflects your commitment to God and God's work in the world. I can help you assess how well you are doing.

The Bible refers to 10 or more of me concerning decisions about financial support for the work of God's church.

Abraham and Jacob gave 10%. Zacchaeus gave 50%. The poor widow gave 100%.

I am a percent. I can help you make good stewardship decisions about all God has put under your care. Giving 10 of me to the work of God's church is a good place to start.

RUDYARD KIPLING, A POPULAR WRITER OF HIS TIME, WAS KNOWN TO RECEIVE TEN SHILLINGS FOR EVERY WORD HE WROTE. SOME STUDENTS AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY, WANTING TO TEST THE VALUE OF HIS WORDS, SENT KIPLING TEN SHILLINGS WITH THE REQUEST THAT HE SEND THEM "ONE OF YOUR VERY BEST WORDS." HE CABLED BACK: "THANKS."

American Cancer Society Sells Holiday Gift Items

The Delaware County unit of the American Cancer Society is now offering holiday items at the unit office located at 22 W. Winter St.

Quality Christmas cards, reindeer ornaments, decorative tins of cashews and cookies, Columbus area Entertainment books and the Good Book of Nutrition Cookbook

are the items available.

For more information, please call 363-6732. Fifty percent of the cost of the items will go to the Delaware County unit to be used in areas such as local cancer patient assistance programs, public education and research.

Church Women United

Women and men are invited to celebrate World Community Day. The program honoring Native American Indians will be at Kilbourne United Methodist Church on Fri., November 6, from 9:30 - 11:00. Child care will be provided.

Adult Sunday School Classes

During the second quarter (December through February), the following classes will be available for adults:

1. GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

This class will give a better understanding of New Testament people. It will be taught by Jim Van Brimmer.

2. TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

A modern look at the Ten Commandments. It will be taught by Mike Griffith.

3. GLOBAL POVERTY AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

This class looks at a world which is crying with needs and shares some strategies that we may carry out to combat poverty. It will be taught by Beth Trigg.

-Donna Reed

World Mission Offering

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the World Mission Offering last month. Thanks especially to the children. You did a great job of "filling the world with your love." Your contributions were very important! The total amount collected was \$288. The children gave \$28 of that.

continued

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Junior Church	Candlelighter
Nov. 1	Teresa Griffith, Rick Ramey	Debbie Lovell, Liz Hopkins	Victor Fogle	Betty Davis
Nov. 8	Carol Fogle, Marci Sander	Matt Lovell, Rick Ramey	Micah Stoner	Laura Mowery
Nov. 15	Teresa Griffith, Jarrod Trigg	Vic Fogle, Richard Davis	Debbie Lovell	Chrissy Hopkins
Nov. 22	Carol Fogle, Matt Lovell	Jarrod Trigg, Barbara Lovell	Erin Faulk	Emilie Trigg
Nov. 29	Teresa Griffith, Paul Hopkins	Micah Stoner, Paul Hopkins	Amy Brooks	Adam Mowery
Dec. 6	Carol Grubbs, Richard Davis	Erin Faulk, Evan Trigg	Marci Sander	Laura Mowery
Opening Exercises for November - Senior High Class Junior Church for November - Donna Reed				

The holiday season is fast approaching. With this comes the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. Let's remember not only God's special messengers from our own congregation, but those who have served in other areas that are so desperate to hear God's word. Keep your eyes and ears open in November for more information.

Thanks again.

-Jennifer Turner

Engagement Announced

The Porter and Linn families are happy to announce the engagement of Jennifer Porter and Edward Linn. Ed is currently serving in the U.S. Air Force and is stationed at Eielson Air Force Base. Jennifer has recently been employed as a Travel Consultant with UniGlobe Buckeye Travel in Delaware.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Personals

JANET PORTER has been named the Special Olympics/Recreation Coordinator for the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities. (For the past two years, she held a similar position in Marion County.) Her office is located at Hickory Knoll School. She would appreciate hearing from anyone interested in volunteering with these programs.

DAVE AND JEAN OSBORNE are back home from spending the summer in Maine.

ERNESTINE FROST attended AmeriFlora with a friend.

JEAN WICKUM visited her sister-in-law in North Carolina.

NEW ADDRESSES:

AMN Edward S. Linn	Mary Gillette and Family
PSCS	137 Griswold St.
Box 1594	Delaware, Ohio 43015
Eielson AFB, Alaska 99702	363-1608

At the annual meeting in Midletown, PASTOR BRUMMETT was elected to serve on the Executive Board of the A.B.C. of Ohio Minister's Council.

In Brief . . .

The ABWM will meet at the home of Carol Fogle on Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. This will be a regular business meeting.

AIDS IN THE 90s, A COMMUNITY RESPONSE with be held at 7S on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30.

BYF News

- ◆ The BYF will hold a White Elephant Auction and Covered-Dish Dinner at 5:00 p.m. on Sun., November 1.
- ◆ The BYF will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. on Sun., November 15.
- ◆ The BYF will be selling authentic Christmas wreaths for \$14. Any BYF member can take your order.
- ◆ The BYF will be collecting aluminum cans for recycling. Profits will go to People In Need. Please bring your aluminum cans to the church before Sunday, November 15.

Habitat for Humanity

Once again it is time to lift a finger and give a hand so that a family can have a chance to be a bit better in society through Habitat for Humanity . . . Come help build a dream on Stilson Street.

-Steve Stoner

Financial Update

Operating Expenses

\$ 2,833	Received in October
30,698	Received January through October
32,938	Ideally where we should be
\$ -2,240	Balance

Missions

\$ 543	Received in October
4,022	Received January through October
4,472	Ideally where we should be
\$ -450	Balance

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

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Good News Letter

Published in the Cause of the Abundant Life by The First Baptist Church,
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There's a story about a little girl who got the part of an angel in her church's Christmas program. Her part was small; she only had one line to remem-

ber: "Behold, I bring you good tidings." After the rehearsal she asked her father what tidings meant. He told her tidings meant "news." When the night of the program arrived, she became so frightened in front of the large congregation that she forgot her line. Finally, the conversation with her father came back to her and she blurted out: "Hey, have I got news for you!"

Year after year we prepare for and celebrate Christmas. And year after year it is the same: the same carols, the same scripture passages, the same candlelight communion service, the same activities, the same kind of Christmas program, the same old this and that. The funny thing is that even though it is generally the same old stuff every year, we experience it differently each year, because each year we are different. Throughout the year we have been changing; we've been living lives full of happiness, laughter, growth and new life; as well as disappointments, tears, loss, and death. Life goes on. But it gives us strength to know that no matter what happens in our lives, Christmas will arrive year after year. It's a sure thing.

So we hear again the words of that little angel: "Hey, have I got news for you!" And we hear the challenge that comes each year with the approach of Christmas: the

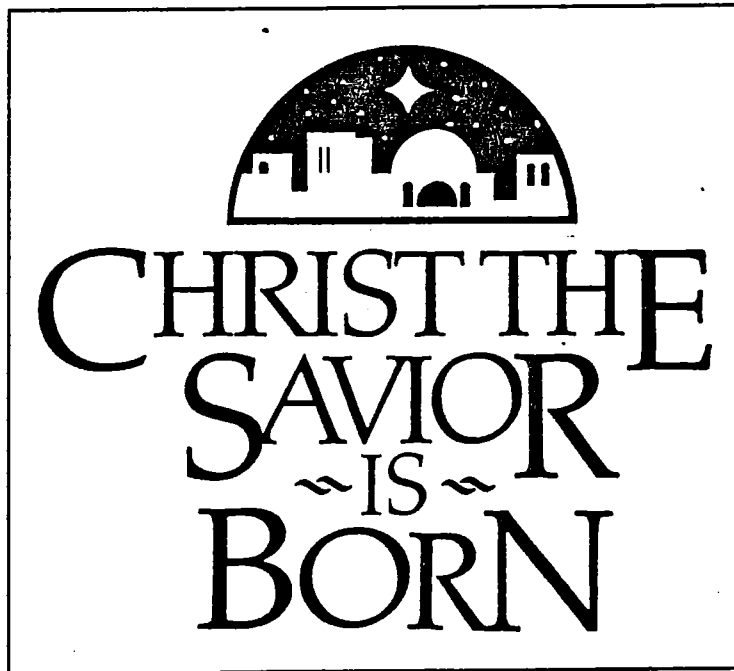
challenge to experience something new. This is the challenge that we all must answer for ourselves. It is also the challenge that our church must answer. Will we accept the news? Will we allow the life of the Christ child to create in us a new heart? And will we pray for the ability to accept the new call that will come as a result of accepting this news? Let us pray together.

I leave you with a

thought about Christmas from Robert Fulghum. "Christmas is about a child, of long ago and far away, and it is about the child of now. In you and me. Waiting behind the door of our hearts for something wonderful to happen.

May God grant us peace as we accept the good tidings of Christmas.

Many Blessings,



ABW To Make Christmas Boxes

ABW Ministries will meet at the parsonage at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 17 to prepare Christmas boxes. This is the time to remember our elderly and shut-ins, so please bring cookies, fruit, breads and other "goodies" to share. Boxes will be provided.

ABWM Sunday will be planned at the meeting, so please try to attend.

Birthday Party for Jesus

On Sunday, December 20 we will be having a birthday party for Jesus immediately after church. This is a very special tradition in our church that you won't want to miss.

Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to join the choir on Friday, December 11 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.

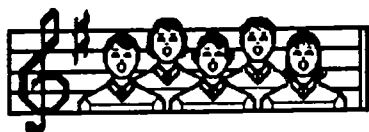
We'll meet at the church at 6:30, and will return to the church afterwards for refreshments. Please dress warmly and bring a flashlight.

-Jim Stephenson, director

Choir to Present Cantata

Our choir has been busy preparing "A Child Is Born," a new Christmas cantata by John Purifoy.

They will present the cantata on Sunday, December 20 during our morning worship service.



Trustees Notes

- The rehab of the parsonage bathroom was completed by Robert Heacock at a cost of \$983. Included was a new tub and shower unit, partial new sub-floor, new floor covering, some wall repair and a paint job.
- A tree was cut down behind the parsonage to open up more yard space.
- The Delta faucet in the parsonage sink was rebuilt with a new kit.

All gutters, eavetroughs, and downspouts were cleaned at the church, parsonage, and old parsonage.

-Peter White, Trustees' reporter
Arch Trig, Chairman

Childrens' Pageant and SAF Party

On Sunday, December 20, the children and youth will present "Getting Ready for the Miracle," by Tom Fetke. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Immediately after the program will be a special party for all Secret Advent Friends. This will be an appropriate time



to present your special friend with a Christmas gift or message, and also to write a thank you note to the person who had your name.

Christmas Musical Rehearsals

Please call Mary Lou Lovell at 369-6041 if you can't be at a rehearsal.

Fri., Dec. 4:	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Everyone (assign parts)
Sat., Dec. 5:	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Speaking parts only (assign parts)
	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Everyone
Wed., Dec. 9:	6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Speaking parts only
Fri., Dec. 11:	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Soloists only
	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Everyone
Sat., Dec. 12:	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Speaking parts only
	10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Soloists only
	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Everyone
Sun., Dec. 13:	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Everyone (bring a sack lunch)
Wed., Dec. 16:	6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Speaking parts only
Fri., Dec. 18:	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Everyone
Sun., Dec. 20:	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Everyone (bring a sack lunch)
	7:00 p.m.	PERFORMANCE

New Manager Chosen for Judson Hills Camp

At the recent Annual Meeting in Middletown, it was announced that Don and Jane Lewis will be leaving their position as Co-Executive Directors of Judson Hill Camp. Apparently there is no longer enough money to fund the type of positions that they held.

Rorke Warne, a recent graduate of Ashland Theological Seminary, has been named the new "Site Manager" at Judson Hills and will replace the Lewis' starting on December 1.

Don and Jane Lewis have accepted positions as Co-Area

Ministers for the South Central Area of the American Baptist Churches of the Central Region, and will be living near Wichita, Kansas.

The Global Village

The Global Village is a new, non-profit, volunteer-operated shop in Delaware. Its mission is to help low-income craftpersons around the globe by selling their unique handmade goods.

The store is located at 14 West Winter (near Bun's Restaurant) and will be open daily except Mondays. For more information, call them at 363-6267.

Family Mission Update

We are still paying back the \$440 that we loaned to a family in our church this fall. So far, we have received \$358, which means we still need \$82 in order to meet our obligation.

If you would like to contribute, please put "family mission" on your check or on a note along with your money. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this matter.

New American Baptist Magazine

As you may know, "The American Baptist" ended publication this past summer. A new and smaller magazine, "In Mission: A Monthly Report for Church Leaders," has taken its place. If you are not receiving this magazine at your home and would like to, please let us know by calling the church office or informing Pastor Brummett.

Young at Heart

Our meeting time has been changed from the 3rd to the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Our next covered-dish

luncheon will be on December 9, at noon. Please call the church if you need help with transportation.

Poinsettias

The people listed below have purchased poinsettia plants to decorate the sanctuary during the Advent season.

If this list contains any errors or if any names were missed, please give the information to Larry Faulk and he will include it in the bulletin.

If the poinsettias are given in honor or memory of someone, that information appears in italics after the donor's name(s).

- * Fogle family - *Myrtle Gabriel*
- * Cynthia Bland - *her mother and grandparents*
- * Shirley Parker - *her parents*
- * Lee family - *Dick Lee*
- * Van Brimmer family - *Mary and Elmer Van Brimmer*
- * Faulk family
- * Lovell family
- * Grubbs family

- * Turner family - *Raymel Jones(Randy's uncle)*
- * Pam and Larry Faulk
- * Florence and Don Faulk - *Mr. and Mrs. Jess A. Graham and Mr. & Mrs. Irl P. Faulk*
- * Palmer family - *Cecil W. Palmer (Jerry's father) and his grandparents*
- * Jean Wickum - *Wick Wickum*
- * Francis family
- * Porter family - *Jim "Billy" Porter*
- * Stephenson family - *Rev. James Stephenson*
- * Stoner family
- * Ernestine Frost - *Mr. and Mrs. McClain and Georgia and Bill Heffner*

Friendship Family Program

Would your family like to help an international student at

Editor's Note

From time to time, people submit "filler" items such as cartoons, poems, and humorous or inspirational stories. I appreciate receiving them, but recently I've been getting many more than I have room to print. (Eight were submitted this month alone!) Feel free to submit them, but please don't be offended if the "filler" items you submit don't always make it into the newsletter. Thanks.

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Junior Church	Candlelighter
Dec. 6	Carol Grubbs, Richard Davis	Erin Faulk, Evan Trigg	Marci Sander	Laura Newman
Dec. 13	Stef Ministeri, Liz Hopkins	Amy Brooks, Rick Ramey	Matt Lovell	Liz Hopkins
Dec. 20	Carol Grubbs, Barbara Lovell	Marci Sander, Richard Davis	Vic Fogle	Rick Ramey
Dec. 24	-	-	-	Richard Davis
Dec. 27	Stef Ministeri, Vic Fogle	Debbie Lovell, Barbara Lovell	Micah Stoner	Evan Trigg

Ohio Wesleyan adjust to life in the United States?

The Friendship Family Program matches international students with families in the community. Participating families include students in occasional family activities such as shopping, entertainment and visits to relatives. Families are not expected to contribute to the educational and living costs of students.

For more information or for an application, please see Pastor Brummett or call the Chaplain's Office at 368-3083.

The Weight of Nothing

"Tell me the weight of a snowflake," a sparrow asked a wild dove.

"Nothing more than nothing," was the answer.

"In that case I must tell you a marvelous story," the sparrow said. "I sat on the branch of a fir, close to its trunk, when it began to snow. Since I didn't have anything better to do, I counted the snowflakes settling on the twigs and needles of the branch. Their number was exactly 3,741,952. When the next snowflake - weighing nothing more than nothing, as you said - dropped onto the branch, the branch broke off."

Having said that, the sparrow flew away. The dove (since Noah's time an authority on the matter) thought about the story for a while and finally said to herself: "Perhaps there is only one person's voice lacking for peace to come about in the world."

(From "A Race to Nowhere")

New Treasurer Policy

The treasurer is announcing a new policy. Effective immediately, checks will be written and processed once a week. All check requests and bills should be given to me or put in the treasurer's mail box. The deadline each week will be Wednesday night.

Thank you for your cooperation.

-Betty Porter
Church Treasurer

In Brief . . .

- Pastor Brummett will be on vacation from December 25 — 31. On Sunday, December 27, the Rev. Sandra D. Heizer (our Area Minister) will be preaching and leading us in worship.

- On Sunday, January 24 we're planning to gather at 7:00 p.m. with the folks from Zion, 1st Presbyterian and

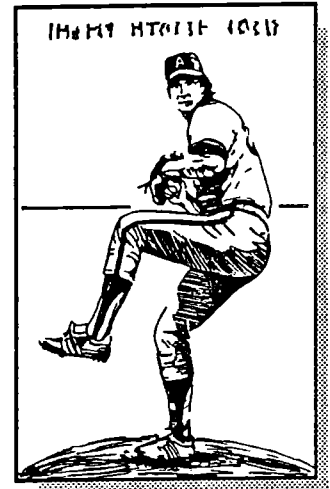
Asbury for a night of fun and fellowship. More details will be in next month's newsletter.

Come One, Come All!

Do you, or someone you know, collect ballcards? If so, then you need to attend the next get-together of The Christian Trading Card Club. We meet every second Thursday of the month in the Senior High room. Bring any cards you wish to trade, or just come and browse. The trading and fun begin at 7:00 p.m., and you only need to bring \$1 to help cover the cost of heating the room.

For further information, you can contact Jeff Reed at 363-7245 or Mike Griffith at 363-1375.

Hope you see you December 10th at 7:00 p.m.!



Progressive Dinner

The Adult Social for December will be a progressive dinner on Saturday, December 12. We'll start with appetizers at 5:30 p.m. at the Reeds' home.

We'll then proceed on to other homes for salad, the main course, and then dessert.

The evening will conclude with coffee and fellowship at the parsonage.

For more information or to sign up, please see Pam Faulk by Wednesday, December 9.

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

During the week before Christmas vacation, a second grade teacher at a parochial school related the story of the birth of Christ, telling part of the story each day. On the fourth day, she quizzed the children, "What is baby Jesus' mother's name?"

"Mary! Mary! Mary!" they answered, waving their little hands in the air. "Wonderful!" Sister congratulated them. "Now what is baby Jesus' father's name?"

Silence filled the classroom. Finally, one small boy jumped up, pumping his hand wildly toward the ceiling. "I know, Sister!" he shouted. "It's Virg!"

"Virg?" the stunned nun asked.

"Yeah," explained the child. "You know — everybody's heard of Virg and Mary."

The Reality Worship Service

Prelude: "O, How I Like Jesus"

First Hymn: "I Surrender Some"

Anthem: "Give of What's Left to the Master"

Children: "He is Quite a Bit to Me"

Solo: "Fill My Spoon, Lord"

Closing Hymn: "Take My Life, Then Let Me Be"

American Baptist Churches of Ohio Building Dedication

The new building in Granville, will be dedicated on Saturday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m.. Please let Pastor Brummett know if you are interested in attending. We will be leaving from the church at 12:30 p.m.

Thanks for Successful Campaign

I'd like to bring you up-to-date on our 1993 Faith Commitments. As of November 29th, we have received 24 commitments totally \$27,206 towards our operational budget. This represents 56% of our 1993 operational budget.

We have also received 19 commitments totalling \$4,524 towards our missions budget. This represents 75% of our 1993 missions budget.

I would like to thank a few people who gave their time and energy to make our 1993 campaign a success. Many thanks to Carol & Will Fogle, Flo & Don Faulk, Jeanne Ekelberry, Evelyn Lee, Jean Wickum, and Bertha & Jim Van Brimmer for hosting our Stewardship Dinners. The meals, fellowship and information shared were both fun and refreshing.

Thanks also to the members of the Finance Committee - Evelyn Lee, Betty Porter, Will Fogle, Carol Grubbs, Randy Turner, Victor Fogle, and the Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett. Their continued support and help during this past year was much appreciated.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the congregation for their continued support of our efforts.

I would like to leave you with this thought: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1).

-W. Michael Griffith
Finance Committee Chairman

Personals

ERIN FAULK will be dancing at New Market Mall on Dec. 20 at 3:30 p.m.

JENNIFER TURNER remains bedfast at home after an episode of premature labor. Their son, Calvin, is staying with his grandparents. She and Randy appreciate the food brought in by church friends.

BEN & BERNICE TURNEY spent Thanksgiving with son Wayne and family in Cleveland.

Financial Update

Operational Expenses

\$ 3,521	Contributions received in November
33,862	Year-to-date through November
<u>36,768</u>	Ideally where we should be (\$766 per week)
-2,906	Where we stand through November

Missions

\$ 329	Contributions received in November
4,041	Year-to-date through November
<u>4,992</u>	Ideally where we should be (\$104 per week)
\$ -951	Where we stand through November

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

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DECEMBER

First Baptist Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 Bible Study	2 6:45 Choir	3	4 6:00 Rehearsal* (everyone)	5 10:30 Rehearsal* (Speak.) 11:00 Rehearsal* (everyone) 5:00 Inquirer's Class
6 2nd Sunday in Advent 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship; M&M Offering 1:30 BYF meet at church for Marion Assoc. Christmas party	7 7:00 Finance Committee	8 7:00 Bible Study	9 12:00 Young at Heart 6:00 Rehearsal* (Speak.) 6:45 Choir	10 7:00 Trading Card Club	11 5:00 Rehearsal* (Solo.) 5:30 Rehearsal* (everyone) 6:30 Christmas Caroling	12 Rehearsals* today; see schedule 2:00 ABC Dedication 5:30 Adult Social (Prog. Dinner)
13 3rd Sunday in Advent 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:30 Rehearsal* (everyone) 2:00 Board of Education 5:30 Deacons	14	15 7:00 Bible Study	16 6:00 Rehearsal* (Speak.) 6:45 Choir	17 7:00 ABW	18 6:00 Rehearsal* (everyone)	19 8:30 ABM 2:00 Choir
20 4th Sunday in Advent 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Cantata 12:00 Birthday Party for Jesus 12:15 Rehearsal* (everyone) 7:00 Youth Pageant; SAF Party	21 7:00 Parish Council	22 7:00 Bible Study	23 7:00 Choir	24 7:00 Candlelight Communion	25 CHRISTMAS	26
27 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Rev. Heizer	28 Newsletter Deadline	29 7:00 Bible Study	30 7:00 Choir	31	PASTOR ON VACATION	
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* "Rehearsal" refers to Children's Musical rehearsals. "Speak." = speaking parts only. "Solo." = soloists only. See the article on page 2 for a detailed rehearsal schedule.