

Good News Letter

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Whenever I get something new, I like to treat it with extra special care and try to keep it nice and new-looking for as long as I can. I'm especially that way when I buy a new pair of white tennis shoes. I'm one of those people who like to keep them spotless for as long as humanly possible. I'm extremely careful not to wear them in the rain, walk through mud or let anyone step on them.

Lots of people treat new years like new white tennis shoes. They try to keep them as clean as possible for as long as they can. In fact, faced with the prospect of a brand new, squeaky clean year, we often feel obligated to even clean up our act a bit: make a bunch of resolutions, change our ways, become a better person. For those of us who are human, this is a pretty good idea.

The problem in learning to care for our new year comes when we get over-protective. It is easy to get so caught up in keeping our year clean and flawless; to get so obsessed with not making a mistake, that we pack it up in clean tissue paper, put it in a safe place and forget about it. It's easy to forget that a year is given to us so that we can use it.

May First Baptist Church pray for the wisdom to use the gift of this new year. May God bless us with the courage to take a risk or two and the compassion to be forgiving of ourselves and one another when we make mistakes. And may we be thankful for all the great gifts God has given and gives. Amen.

Many Blessings,



Annual Ecumenical Pulpit Exchange

On Sunday, January 24, the Delaware County Ministerial Association will host it's annual pulpit exchange. The Rev. Harold Turner, pastor of Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church (A.M.E.) will be preaching and leading in worship at First Baptist, while Pastor Brummett will be going to First Presbyterian Church.



Secret Advent Friends

On Sunday, January 3, we will be drawing names once again for Secret Advent Friends for the coming year. Recently, a few people commented to me that they didn't think they will participate this year because the people who had their names last year didn't remember them very often. To those people I try to reply that maybe their secret friends were remembering them in ways that they weren't aware of, such as daily prayer, kind words, hugs,

and helping hands.

Every year I try to discuss with the children the idea of secret friends, and that it is not just presents that you receive or give. I assume that parents also try to explain that having a secret friend is a responsibility all through the year.

In conclusion, I just want to remind everyone to please remember your Secret Friends often, but don't feel hurt if you don't always see tangible reciprocation.

-Pam Faulk

Four-Church Game Night!

You are invited to continue the ecumenical spirit between our church and Asbury United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church and Zion United Church of Christ by attending an intergenerational game night on Sunday, January 24 from 7:00 to 10:30 p.m.

This event will be for all ages! Please bring your favorite game(s) and a beverage and snack to share.

Zion U.C.C. (at the corner of Franklin and Central) will be our host. Parking will be available in their parking lot.



Financial Update

Operational Expenses

\$ 3,598	Contributions received in December
37,460	Year-to-date through December
<u>39,837</u>	Ideally where we should be (\$766 per week)
- 2,377	Where we stand through December

Missions

\$ 296	Contributions received in December
4,337	Year-to-date through December
<u>4,200</u>	Ideally where we should be (\$104 per week)
137	Where we stand through December

Financial Outlook for 1993

Faith Commitments (Pledges)

\$31,775	Regular offering (66% of budget has been pledged)
\$ 5,128	Missions (10% of budget has been pledged)
\$ 480	Special \$5,000 repair of church and Franklin House trim (10% of budget has been pledged)

KNOW MORE MISS STEAKS

I have a spelling checker.

It came with my PC.

It plainly marks four my revue

Mistakes I cannot sea.

I've run this poem threw it,

I'm sure your pleased to no.

It's letter perfect in its

weigh:

My checker tolled me sew.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jan. 4	Shirley Parker; Cynthia Bland; Ashley Francis
5	Evelyn Lee; Lola Jackson
12	Larry Faulk
13	John Linn
18	Matthew Lovell
21	Tim Fogle
23	Jeff & Donna Reed
24	Ben Turney; Randall Gillette
26	Sophia Stephenson
30	Calvin Turner
Feb. 2	Fred Grubbs; Millie Martin

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Adult Social

The January adult social will be a bowling party on Saturday the 16th. We'll meet at 3 p.m. at Colony Lanes (on Pennsylvania Avenue across from Hayes Colony). The cost will be \$1.80 per game. Bowling shoes are free. Afterwards we'll go to Donatos for supper.

M&M Update

The total amount collected for the Retired Ministers and Missionaries offering during the month of December was \$304. Thanks to everyone who helped and for your generous contributions. We've met our goal once again!

-Jennifer Turner

Board of Education

Family Mission Fund Update

Congratulations! As of Sunday, December 20, we have repaid all of the \$440 that was loaned to a family in our

church. Many heartfelt thanks to all those who so graciously and generously contributed.

“Thank You” Letters

Dear Mike and Teresa,

Thank you so much for the rug in our classroom. We like it because it helps keep our feet warm, and it makes the room prettier. Thank you.

-The Kindergarten Class

Post-holiday greetings from the housebound Baptist! A heartfelt thanks to everyone for the calls, food, and prayers over the last month. I appreciate the special ways you show that you care. The last month has not been easy and there's at least one more month until things are "safe."

Thank you again for your continued support and prayers. Bless you in the new year!

-Jennifer Turner

Personals

AMY BROOKS, ERIN FAULK, and MARCI SANDER all made the honor roll for the first nine weeks of school. Erin and Marci were also kept busy with marching band while Amy was on the field hockey team. Good work girls!

JEFF FAULK played in Notre Dame's band at the Cotton Bowl.

Annual Meeting

Our annual business meeting will be held after a covered-dish dinner on Wednesday, January 27 at 6:30.

I'm Fine

There's nothing whatever the matter with me.
I'm just as healthy as I can be.
I have arthritis in both my knees
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.

My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
I think my liver is out of whack
And a terrible pain is in my back,
My hearing is poor, my sight is dim,
Most everything seems to be out of trim,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
I have arch supports for both my feet.
Or I wouldn't be able to go on the street.
Sleeplessness I have night after night,
And in the morning I'm just a sight,
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,

Resolutions for 1993

DID YOU KEEP ALL OF THE RESOLUTIONS YOU MADE LAST YEAR? OF COURSE NOT! NONE OF US DID. THAT'S BECAUSE WE AIMED TOO HIGH. HERE ARE SOME RESOLUTIONS FOR 1993 THAT WILL BE EASY TO KEEP:

I'LL GAIN WEIGHT.

I'LL GO INTO DEBT.

I'LL WATCH A LOT MORE T.V.

I'LL STOP EXERCISING.

I'LL SPEND LESS TIME WITH MY FAMILY.

I'LL CONVINC MY BOSS THAT I'M INCOMPETENT.

I'LL START AT LEAST ONE NEW BAD HABIT.

JUST THINK HOW PROUD YOU'LL BE NEXT YEAR, KNOWING THAT YOU'VE ACHIEVED ALL YOUR GOALS!

I'm peacefully living on aspirin.
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
The moral is, as this tale we unfold,
That for you and me who are growing old,
It's better to say, "I'm fine" with a grin
Than to let them know the shape we're in.

Date	Nursery Helper	Tweenies	Jr. Church Helper	Candlelighter
Jan. 3	Erin Faulk	Debbie Lovell, Liz Hopkins	Jarrod Trigg	Paul Hopkins
Jan. 10	Richard Davis	Marci Sander, Evan Trigg	Matt Lovell	Barbara Lovell
Jan. 17	Paul Hopkins	Amy Brooks, Rick Ramey	Micah Stoner	Chrissy Hopkins
Jan. 24	Barbara Lovell	Victor Fogle, Liz Hopkins	Erin Faulk	Emilie Trigg
Jan. 31	Evan Trigg	Micah Stoner, Paul Hopkins	Debbie Lovell	Adam Mowery

JANUARY 1993

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					1	2 5:00 Inquirer's Class
3 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	4	5 7:00 Bible Study	6 7:00 Choir	7	8	9
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17 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 ABW Luncheon 4:00 Board of Education	18	19 7:00 Bible Study	20 7:00 Choir	21	22	23
24 <i>Pulpit Exchange Sunday</i> 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Rev. Turner 7:00 Intergenerational Game Night at Zion 7:00 Pastoral Relations Committee	25	26 7:00 Bible Study	27 6:30 Covered-Dish Dinner and Annual Meeting	28	29	30
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Lenten Study Series: Questions of Faith

Join us during Lent for a thought-provoking video series addressing a variety of important questions we have about our faith. In each video, contemporary thinkers — Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish — reflect on theological questions in a conversational format.

Some of the participants include Harold Kushner, Madeleine L'Engle, William Sloane Coffin, Harvey Cox, Jim Forbes, Rosemary Radford Ruether, Desmond Tutu, Bernie Siegel, Frederick Beuchner, Anthony Campolo and Elisabeth Schussler-Fiorenza. Each video is 20-30 minutes in length.

Our time together will focus on spiritual growth and will include a time of prayer, singing, watching the "Questions of Faith" video for that day, and a time of reflection and discussion.

The series will be held every Saturday morning in Lent at 10:00 a.m. (including the Saturday before Easter).

Feb. 27 - Who is God?

What's your image of God? When do you think of God? How does it affect you to believe in God?

March 6 - What Good is Prayer?

What is prayer? What happens when you pray? Does prayer change God's mind?

March 13 - Who is Jesus?

What role does Jesus play in your faith? What does one have to believe about Jesus to be a Christian?

March 20 -

What's the Use of the Bible?

What kind of authority does the Bible have for you? What role does the Bible play in your faith? How do you approach reading the Bible?

March 27 - Who's Got the Truth?

If you really believe you are right, how do you deal with people who believe very differently from you?

April 3 -

What do you mean by Faith?

What does faith mean to you? What's the difference between faith and belief? Why does having faith matter?

April 10 -

Remember Sin and Salvation?

Whatever happened to sin? What is sin for you? What does salvation mean? What do you need to be saved from? How does salvation happen?

Get Ready for Pancakes!

Our annual pancake supper will be at 6:30 on Shrove Tuesday, February 23. Please see Larry Faulk if you wish to help or if you have a talent or skit to share.

Watchcare Dinners

The Deacons will be hosting covered-dish dinners for their watchcare groups.

All dinners will be at 6:30 p.m. at the parsonage.

Please mark the date of your dinner on your calendar. As the date of the dinner approaches, your Deacon will contact you with the details about what you can bring.

(At the time of newsletter publication, Deacons Karen Stoner and Jean Wickum will have already hosted their dinners.)

Friday, Feb. 19 -	Cynthia Bland
Friday, Feb. 26 -	Jim Van Brimmer
Friday, March 12 -	Randy Turner
Sat., March 20 -	John Richards

Deacon Watchcare Groups

Since we now have new members on the board of Deacons and new additions to our lists, we are publishing an updated list of our watchcare groups.

Cynthia Bland (363-1327)

Don, Dorothy, Abbey and Ken Brown

Jody Lynn Brummett

Will, Carol Sue and Vic Fogle

Kirby, Tammy and Ashley Francis

Cap Gabriel



Janet Inscho
Vinnie and Stefanie Ministeri
Jerry and Lana Palmer
Rick, Josh, and Jeremy Ramey
Steve, Karen and Micah Stoner

Jean Wickum (369-1884)

Cynthia Bland
Harold and Deborah Van
Broekhoven
Mildred Bowers
Mark Crouch and Alice Boss,
Brienne, Heather, Justin and
Joseph
Judy Frost
Fred, Carol, Suzanne and Alison
Grubbs
Nellie Sheets
Sophia and Jim Stephenson
Archie, Beth, Jarrod, Evan and
Emily Trigg
Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer

Jim VanBrimmer (369-2661)

Amy Brooks
Larry, Pam, Jeff and Erin Faulk
Mary Gillette, Paul, Liz, Krissie
and Melissa
Lola Jackson
Evelyn Lee
Dwayne Miller
Marc Sander and Laura Newman
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)

(Please see following article.)

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
Phil and Melissa Mercer
Betty and Jennifer Porter
Barbara Reed
George, Chris, Katie and Jamie
Riedmiller
Carolyn W. Schneeberger
George and Margaret Young

**Change on
Board of Deacons**

I regret to inform you that John Richards has decided to resign from the Board of Deacons. John doesn't feel he is able to give the time that being a Deacon requires. A replacement for John will be found as soon as possible. John's Watchcare dinner will go on as planned.

We thank John for his service and contributions to the Board of Deacons.

-Pastor Brummett

New Members Banquet

The Marion Association New Members Banquet will be held next month on Friday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Tri-Rivers. Anyone who became a member of our church in 1992 may attend the dinner for free. Others attending need to purchase a ticket for \$7.50. Please see Pastor Brummett if you are interested in going.

**Volunteers Needed for
Help Anonymous**

Help Anonymous is Delaware County's 24-hour crisis intervention, information and referral agency. They help people through their immediate crisis and then refer them to the community resources they may need. Help Anonymous volunteers are special people who are meeting needs in our community by helping others. They are now searching for more volunteers. For more information on becoming a trained volunteer, please call 369-3316 or 548-7324.

Ash Wednesday Service

On Wednesday the 24th at 7:00 p.m. we will have a special Ash Wednesday worship service. You are invited to join us as we enter the season of Lent in prayerful contemplation.

Editor's Note

You've probably noticed that this month's newsletter has a new format. I'd like to give a brief explanation regarding the change.

A few months ago the church copier began to malfunction while I was running off the newsletter. A repairman examined the copier and informed us that there wasn't anything specifically wrong with it; it was just getting near the end of its useful life. It works fine when making just a few copies, but overheats and malfunctions when making a lot of copies (it takes 500 - 700 pages to produce a newsletter).

We did some investigating and discovered that O.W.U. will make copies for local churches at very low prices, so we have decided to let them print the newsletter for us. This will help prolong the life of the church copier.

Unlike our copier, Wesleyan's equipment can print on both sides, so I have designed a new four-page (plus calendar) format that will save paper and will also be faster for me to produce. Sometimes our newsletters have ballooned to 6 or 7 pages, which is really more than I can handle. This new 4-page format will keep the newsletter to a more manageable size. However, it may require that I edit some articles to reduce their length and that I eliminate some "filler" items (such as poems). Your understanding and cooperation will be appreciated.

These changes will make it possible for me to continue on as editor and will allow us to get a few more years' use out of our church copier.

*-Jim Stephenson
Editor*

Afternoon at the Movies

Our February adult social will be a movie matinee. On Saturday, February 27, we will meet at the church at 2:00.

We'll then decide which movie we will be seeing. If no good movies are playing, we'll watch a video.

Super's Corner

◆ I'm still looking for someone to teach the third adult class during the third quarter this spring. If by chance I don't find someone, then there will only be two classes for adults that quarter and the class in question will postponed until next fall.

◆ There has been some pilfering going on in the some of the Sunday school classrooms during non-Sunday school times. Teacher's supplies and other items have been removed from tables and cabinets. Also, someone's Christmas present was unwrapped and eaten!

Please do unto others as you would do unto yourself. If it isn't yours, don't touch it without permission. Parents and children, let's make our church a safe haven from this kind of problem.

Please talk to each member of your family about this and let's move on.

◆ Third quarter curriculum has arrived! Teachers, please see me if you have any supply needs and I will see what I can come up with.

◆ The opening exercises schedule:

- Feb.: Middler/Junior
- March: Junior High
- April: Board of Education
- May: Primary

◆ Our Sunday school teachers are allotted only one hour (from 9:15 to 10:15), and they need every minute! In fairness to them, and in consideration of all the time they spend planning their lessons, it's important that we begin opening exercises at 9:00 and end at 9:15.

If you are the leader, please begin promptly at 9:00 regardless of the number of people present so we can finish on time.

To you people "in the cane," please come on time and ready to be receptive to the program.

-Steve Stoner
Sunday School SUPERintendent

Pastoral Relations Committee Invites Your Comments

The Pastoral Relations Committee serves as a communication link between the pastor and the congregation. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee with your comments, concerns or praise.

- Will Fogle (362-9284)
- Teresa Griffith (363-1375)
- Debbie Lovell (369-6041)
- Stefanie Ministeri (363-3736)
- Jim Stephenson (369-0068)

American Baptist Regions provide "people" ministries of evangelism, education, and stewardship, through camps, conferences, workshops, and training programs.

Your gifts to the **America for Christ Offering** support mission projects across our country in 35 Regions.



ABW Ministries

A soup-and-sandwich luncheon will be held Sunday, February 21 at 12:30 in the fellowship hall. It will be followed by some interesting information and discussion on local ministry and mission, led by Karen Stoner. The soup will be prepared by the American Baptist Women's Ministries officers; please bring some sandwiches or finger foods to share.

All will enjoy this time of fellowship; please bring someone along with you!

Your 1993 Board of Christian Education

- Pam Faulk** - Chairman; Director of Leadership Education
- Carol Grubbs** - Secretary; Director of Children's Work
- Steve Stoner** - Representative to Finance Committee; Director of Sunday School
- Jennifer Turner** - Representative to Nominating Committee; Director of Mission Education

- Our goals for the year are as follows:
1. Increase the amount of the four special offerings to \$350 each
 2. Start and end opening exercises on time
 3. Complete the job descriptions project
 4. Involve more people in Peace Camp and the planning of it
 5. Provide a Lenten study series
 6. Offer an adult inquirers' class on alternating years
 7. Continue support of the BYF
 8. Continue support of the Retreat Committee
 9. Continue the adult socials

Wanted . . .

Ten people or couples who will plan and/or host the adult socials for 1993. It's always nice to get more ideas from others. See Pam for the sign-up sheet.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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|------|----|---------------|
| 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

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

BYF News

On January 3, the First Baptist BYF held a meeting concerning past, present and future actions. Included in those events discussed was a possible lock-in to be held on February 12. At this meeting devotions were handled by the vice president, Victor Fogle.

In other reports, the BYF held a fundraising auction on January 17. Cards with the name, donation and limit of our faithful youth were given to the highest bidder. In all, the effort raised a sum of \$145 in profits, which will be presented during the Youth Convention to the State Mission Fund.

The BYF is still collecting pop cans for Tim Rick to give to People-In-Need (PIN) funding. Any can donations from the congregation would be appreciated; please bring them to the church.

The youth will attend the 1993 Ohio Baptist Youth Convention in Columbus on March 5-7. More information on this special event next month!

Remember, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask any BYF member.

-Micah Stoner
BYF Reporter

Trustees Notes

- The pipe organ was tuned and serviced in December and two pianos were tuned in January.
- New gravel was spread on the parking spots behind the church.
- The electric company installed a new city street light in front of the church on our side of the street. It is for the intersection of Franklin Street and Court Street, but it will greatly help light up the front yard and walk.

-Arch Trigg, Chairman
Peter White, Reporter

Unsolved Mysteries

The following items are missing from the church: two pew Bibles, four pew hymnals, and six gray steel folding chairs.

If you have borrowed any of these items, please return them to the church. Thank you.

Historical Glimpses

While cataloging and organizing the various historical documents related to

First Baptist Church, Delaware, we have come across many interesting items that we felt were significant in regards to our heritage. We would like to present these glimpses into our history through a regular feature in the newsletter.

Many of the early records are wonderfully handwritten, but terribly difficult to read due to age and condition. We have made every attempt to accurately transcribe these records and preserve them. Our hope is that you will find them as interesting as we do.

-Barb & Rick VanBrimmer



The earliest church records date back to May 22, 1848, when a meeting of "those of the Baptist denomination" was held in the home of James Eaton to take "into consideration the subject of organizing a Baptist Church or arrangement of Baptist preaching" in Delaware.

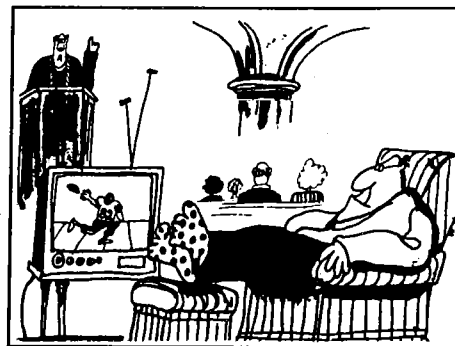
When plans to rent a meeting house owned by the Second Presbyterian Church fell through, the group met a week later and turned their attention toward purchasing the Gordon property, located on the west side of Franklin Street between William and Winter Streets. One-fourth of the money was needed up front, with three annual payments to follow.

A total of \$375 was pledged to the purchase at the meetings, and members were to "circulate subscription papers" for the \$900 to buy the property.

Apparently the fund raising was unsuccessful, because the subject of building the church does not come up again in records until 1853, when another effort was initiated by Eaton to organize the purchase of land for the church.

It is unclear, but it appears that regular meetings of Baptists did take place

through the period of 1848-1853. No permanent records exist for the period.
More next month!



"It's good to see so many of you here on SuperBowl Sunday."

Personals

AMY BROOKS recently played the part of the mother in Dublin High School's production of *Cheaper By the Dozen*. She also was one of Dublin's students at the Ohio Wesleyan Choral Festival in January.

MARCY SANDER and ERIN FAULK both participated in the annual solo and ensemble contest on Feb. 6 with their instruments, and AMY BROOKS participated as a vocal soloist.

VIC FOGLE and his bowling team won the Delaware City Tournament and will be competing in the District/Regional tournament in four weeks. Good luck!

JOHN LINN is recovering at home from surgery.

DAVE & JEAN OSBORNE spent the holidays in Vienna, Austria with their son Gary and his family.

MARGE SMALE retired from METHESCO after working there for 15 years.

New Address:

ALISON GRUBBS
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P. O. Box 11000
Oklahoma City, Ok. 73136

Date	Candlelighters	Nursery Helpers	Tweenie Leaders	Jr. Church Helpers
Feb. 7	Josh Ramey	Richard Davis	Jarrod Trigg, Rick Ramey	Amy Brooks
Feb. 14	Betty Davis	Matthew Lovell	Debbie Lovell, Liz Hopkins	Micah Stoner
Feb. 21	Liz Hopkins	Rick Ramey	Erin Faulk, Richard Davis	Vic Fogle
Feb. 28	Rick Ramey	Debbie Lovell	Marci Sander, Evan Trigg	Paul Hopkins

Junior Church Leaders for February - Beth and Archie Trigg

FEBRUARY

First Baptist Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00 Bible Study	3 7:00 Choir	4	5 6:30 Watchcare Dinner (Deacon Wickum)	6 10:00 Parish Council Calendar Planning
7 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship Today: Marion Association Youth Swim Party	8	9 7:00 Bible Study	10 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Choir	11	12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	13
14 VALENTINE'S DAY 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 5:30 Deacons <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">REMEMBER YOUR SECRET ADVENT FRIEND!</div>	15 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY (OBSERVED)	16 7:00 Bible Study	17 7:00 Choir	18 7:00 ABW Ministries Executive Committee	19 6:30 Watchcare Dinner (Deacon Bland)	20 8:30 Men's Breakfast at Buehlers
21 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:30 ABW Ministries Luncheon Meeting 4:00 Board of Christian Education 6:00 BYF 7:15 Pastoral Relations Committee	22	23 6:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	24 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 Ash Wed. Service 7:30 Choir	25 7:00 Parish Council	26 6:30 Watchcare Dinner (Deacon VanBrimmer)	27 10:00 Lenten program: "Who is God?" 2:00 Adult Social (movie)
28 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	1 MARCH Newsletter Deadline	2 7:00 Bible Study	3 7:00 Choir	4	5	6 10:00 Lenten program: "What Good is Prayer?" <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">BYF Youth Convention Friday-Sunday</div>

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We have once again submersed ourselves into the work of Lent. We have embarked upon this grand spiritual journey together. In some ways, it is similar to a journey to a tangible place, like the store, or to a vacation resort, or to a friends house, because it requires us to know where we are going and how to get there. It is different, in that we can't actually see where we're going. Unfortunately, we have to have vision in order to get to our destination. Our vision of who we are and who we are becoming will be sharpened and refined as we continue to gather as a community and as we study the scripture, engage in discussion and debate, pray, sing, laugh, cry and listen.

A mother and daughter were out walking in a park one day, when the mother suggests that they walk toward a large oak tree, while trying to make as straight a path as they can. It is a brisk and snowy day, and as they walk, they leave their footprints in the snow. The mother looks at the tree and begins to walk. But, the little girl looks down at her feet (thinking they will lead her in the right direction) and tries to walk as straight as she can. When they finally get to the oak tree, they turn around to see how well they've done. The mother, who has kept her eyes on the tree, left a straight path in the snow. The daughter, who has concentrated on her feet, left a winding, curving path.

May God steady our feet and make the path before us straight. May the Spirit keep our eyes fixed on the tree of calvary as we travel there with Jesus. May our lives be blessed by the lives we meet along the way.

Many Blessings,

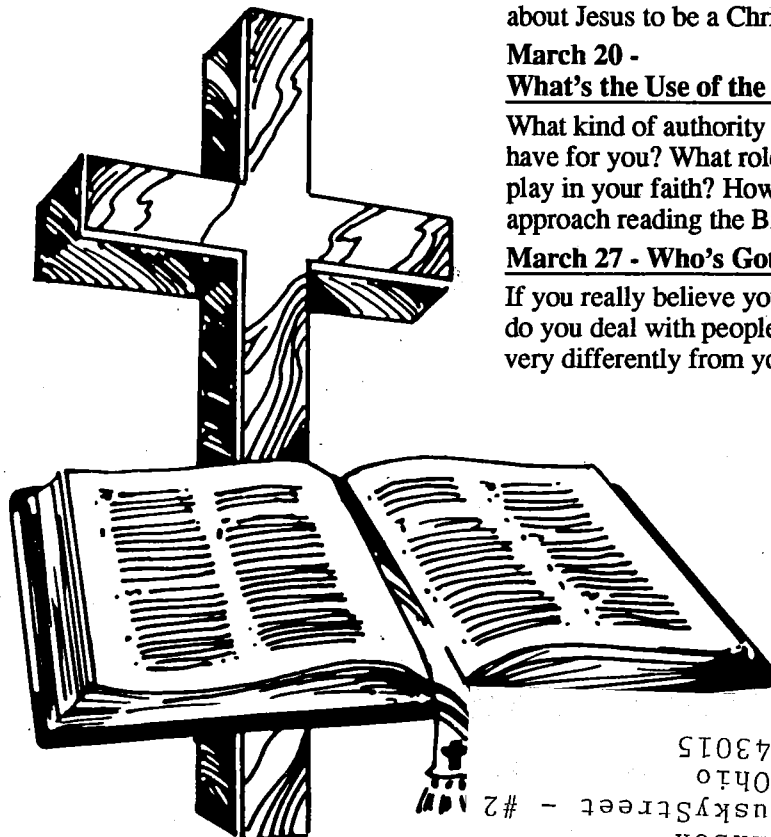
Easter Activities from the Board of Education

During the three Sundays prior to Easter, the Board of Christian Education will be entertaining you with meaningful skits during opening exercises.

On Easter morning we will again have a breakfast buffet. This will be followed by an intergenerational movie during the Sunday school hour.

Easter Lilies

Lilies can be purchased to decorate the church on Easter morning. JVS hasn't given us a price yet, but it will probably be \$5 each. Please give your orders to Shirley Parker or Jim Stephenson.



Lenten Study Series: Questions of Faith

Join us during Lent as we continue our thought-provoking video series addressing a variety of important questions we have about our faith. In each video, contemporary thinkers — Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish — reflect on theological questions in a conversational format.

Our time together will focus on spiritual growth and will include a time of prayer, singing, watching the "Questions of Faith" video for that day, and a time of reflection and discussion.

The series will be held every Saturday morning in Lent at 10:00 a.m.

March 13 - Who is Jesus?

What role does Jesus play in your faith? What does one have to believe about Jesus to be a Christian?

March 20 -

What's the Use of the Bible?

What kind of authority does the Bible have for you? What role does the Bible play in your faith? How do you approach reading the Bible?

March 27 - Who's Got the Truth?

If you really believe you are right, how do you deal with people who believe very differently from you?

continued

Frances Johnson
21 S. Sandusky Street - #2
Delaware, Ohio 43015

April 3 -

What do you mean by Faith?

What does faith mean to you? What's the difference between faith and belief? Why does having faith matter?

April 10 -

Remember Sin and Salvation?

Whatever happened to sin? What is sin for you? What does salvation mean? What do you need to be saved from? How does salvation happen?

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New Members Banquet

The Marion Association New Members Banquet will be held on Friday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Tri-Rivers. Anyone who became a member of our church in 1992 may attend the dinner for free. Others attending need to purchase a ticket for \$7.50. Please see the pastor if you are interested in going.

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Easter Candy

It has been a tradition for the past few years for the youth in our church to participate in a project to raise money for the camp fund. This year the youth will be selling chocolate Easter candy. They will soon be taking orders.

Anyone who has molds to loan, please see Carol Grubbs.

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Volunteers Needed for Recreation Program

Janet Porter, the new Recreation Coordinator for the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities, is looking for volunteers to take part in a Recreation Partners Program. Adults from our community are matched with an adult who has a developmental disability. The two together will decide on an activity, do the necessary planning, then go on the outing.

During this three-month program, volunteers will be expected to attend an organizational meeting, plan a time to meet their partner, and plan at least two outings a month. There will be money available to reimburse participants for their time, transportation expenses, and admission fees.

SPECIAL LENTEN DIET

For those of you who have decided to take the season of Lent as an opportunity to lighten up, here is a diet you might like to try. This diet is specially designed to help you cope with the stress that builds up during the day. It works for me.



BREAKFAST

- 1 slice whole wheat toast, dry
- 1 grapefruit
- 8 oz. skim milk

LUNCH

- 4 oz. lean broiled chicken breast
- 1 cup steamed spinach
- 1 cup herb tea
- 1 Oreo cookie

MID-AFTERNOON

- Rest of the Oreos in the package
- 2 pints of chocolate ice cream
- 1 jar hot fudge sauce
- Nuts, cherries, whipped cream

DINNER

- 2 loaves garlic bread with cheese
- Large sausage, onion and cheese pizza
- 4 cans of pepsi
- 3 Milky Way or Snickers candy bars

LATE EVENING NEWS

- An entire cheesecake

Rules for this diet:

1. If you eat something and no one sees you eat it, it has no calories.
2. If you drink a diet pop with a candy bar, the calories in the candy bar are cancelled out by the diet pop.
3. When you eat with someone else, calories don't count if you don't eat more than they do.
4. Foods used for medicinal purposes never count, such as hot chocolate, brandy, toast and cheesecake.
5. If you fatten up everyone else around you, then you look thinner.
6. Movie-related foods don't have additional calories because they are part of the entire entertainment package and not part of one's personal fuel.
7. Cookie pieces contain no calories. The process of breaking causes calorie leakage.
8. Things licked off of knives and spoons have no calories if you are in the process of preparing something.
9. Foods that have the same color have the same number of calories. Examples are: spinach and pistachio ice cream, mushrooms and white chocolate. Note: Chocolate is a universal color and may be substituted for any other food color.

At the end of three months, an evaluation of the program will be completed and partners can decide if they would like to continue participating in the program.

Please talk to Pastor Brummett or call Janet Porter at 368-1755 if you are interested.

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BYF News

On Sunday, February 21, the BYF held a meeting to discuss upcoming business events. One of those events is the

1993 Youth State Convention. The youth will gather at the church on Friday, March 5 at 5:00 p.m. We will then leave for Columbus to attend this gala event. It will feature a formal banquet, intense study groups, and a "bad" talent show (where, for two minutes, you can show off your absolutely worst talent). The BYF should return to Delaware sometime between three and four o'clock on Sunday the 7th.

For the Junior High, the Second Annual Junior High Extravaganza will held on March 27 from 9:00 a.m. to

4:00 p.m. The cost will be \$7.50.

A new tentative date for the "lock-in" has been set for May 14. I will give more detailed information as it comes in.

Finally, the next BYF meeting will be on March 21 at Victor Fogle's house.

-Micah Stoner
BYF Reporter

Historical Glimpses

Second in a series of monthly installments concerning the heritage of our church.

February 12, 1853

Since no records exist for the period 1848-1853, we aren't sure why initial attempts to start a Baptist church in Delaware failed in 1848. But those efforts were born again on February 12, 1853, when "a number of brethren and sisters of the regular Baptist denomination" gathered in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church.

James Eaton, who apparently initiated the early organizational meetings, was again an instrumental figure in the resurrection of the idea of forming a Baptist church in Delaware. The objective of this meeting was to form a society of "regular Baptists" and appoint a committee to look into finding a suitable "meeting house."

A committee of five was chosen to present their findings at the next meeting. Also, Rev. E.G. Wood was appointed to chair a committee to "draft a preamble and the necessary articles" to form this "society."

The group was to reconvene "one week from next Tuesday at 2 o'clock p.m. at this place."

-Compiled by
Barb and Rick VanBrimmer

Adult Social

The March Adult Social will be a bingo party held at the church on Saturday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite beverage and snack food. Sponsors are Carol Grubbs and Carol Fogle.

See Pam Faulk if you'd like to sponsor a future adult social.

Super's Corner

Well, here we are in the middle of Lent. No, not the kind that you dust. You know what I mean . . . I hope!

Anyway, there is a change to the opening exercises schedule. During the last four Sundays in Lent (March 21 - April 11), the Board of Ed (you know him, don't you?) will be doing the opening exercises. The Junior High (Mr. Reed) will do it the first two Sundays in March and the last two Sundays in April. The primary class will have opening exercises in May.

◆ There will be two adult Sunday school classes this quarter. The Judson series will be taught by myself and will meet in the Sunday school room. The Enquirers' class will be taught by Jody Lynn at a location to be announced later.

◆ Unfortunately, we are still having some pilfering in the class rooms on Sundays. We want to thank all those parents who have helped us reduce the number of unsupervised children in the Sunday school wing during the church hour. It has been getting better.

Remember, all children above crib room age (except crib room helpers) should be in the sanctuary during morning worship until it's time for Junior Church and Tweenies. Thank you for your cooperation.

◆ During the cold and flu season, it's especially important that we keep the crib room as germ-free as possible. Please help us keep older children out of there (unless they are helpers).

◆ Opening exercises is starting and stopping more on time. The teachers and I thank you for that. Let's continue that practice.

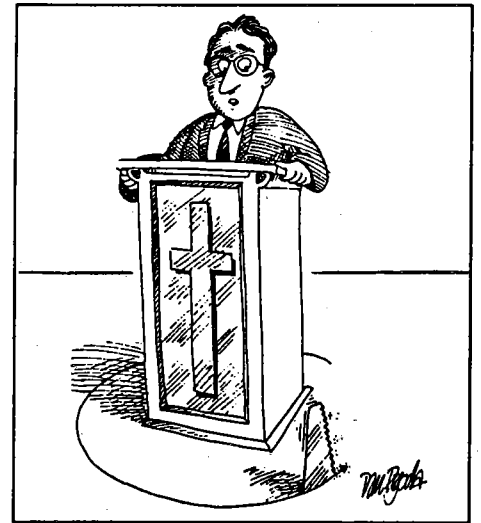
Now a personal note. Those of you who didn't attend the first program of the Lenten series missed a very rewarding time, and the next five Saturdays promise to be just as rewarding. In this time of symbolic sacrifice during Lent, why not sacrifice a couple of hours extra sleep on Saturday morning and get up and meet in the senior high room for a couple of hours to share your faith as only you know it. See you there!!!

-Steve Stoner
Sunday School SUPERintendent

Marriage Enrichment Program

Dr. Bob Rhymer, an American Baptist pastor and family therapist, will be offering a "Couple Communication Course" at Sawmill Baptist Church. This is a program for couples who basically have a good marriage, but would like to improve it. This is not a therapy group. The course is comprised of four, two-hour sessions, held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 18, 25, and May 2 and 9. The cost of the course is \$50.00, which includes all necessary materials.

Please see Pastor Brummett for more information or a registration form.



"My eighteenth, and, uh, final point . . ."

New Resource for Junior Church

A new book has been purchased for use with junior church, children's messages and other learning activities. The book, *Forbid Them Not*, by Carolyn C. Brown, is based on the Common Lectionary, and will generally follow the theme used for Sunday morning worship. The book includes biblical commentary aimed toward children, weekly worship worksheets, hymn suggestions and sermon ideas.

This resource will be kept in the pastor's study. If you are interested in using it, please see Pastor Brummett.

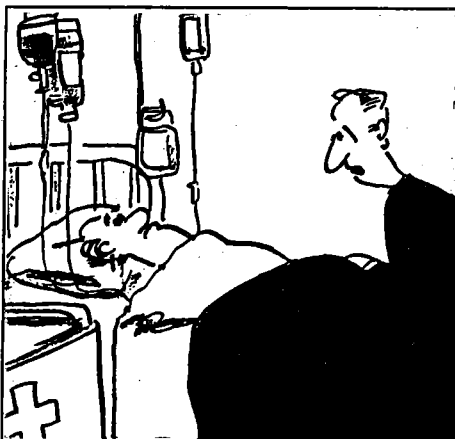
Trustees Notes

- ◆ A new defrost control unit on the parsonage's heat pump was installed by Don Patrick (\$147).
- ◆ A new heat pipe was run to the family room at the parsonage and a new register was installed. Insulation was refastened around the walls under the family room, and a broken socket was replaced (\$125.22 total). These jobs were also done by Don Patrick.
- ◆ Both the church and parsonage lawnmowers were serviced and repaired at Buckeye Tractor (\$65.74).
- ◆ One box (4 cans) of toner was purchased for the church copier (\$87.20).
- ◆ One box of altar candles was purchased in Columbus (\$16.20).
- ◆ A new mail box was installed at the parsonage by Will Fogle.

-Arch Trigg, Chair
Peter White, Reporter

Wedding Planned

We are pleased to announce the marriage of Tim Fogle and Diana Sloan on Saturday, April 3, 1993 at 1:30 p.m. All friends and members of First Baptist Church are invited to attend. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.



"The board wants to know if this is coming off your conference time or your vacation."

Personals

ERIN FAULK will be performing in Dublin's production of *Damn Yankees* on March 12 and 13.

During his spring break, JEFF FAULK will be touring with Notre Dame's concert band in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and New York. Their final performance will be at Radio City Music Hall.

ERNESTINE FROST was hospitalized in intensive care because of difficulty in breathing.

JODY LYNN BRUMMETT's mother, JoAnn, visited her recently.

BERTHA VANBRIMMER is recuperating at home after several days in the hospital with the flu and for some tests.

Financial Update

Operational Expenses

- \$ 7,194 Contributions through Feb. 8,289 Ideally where we should be (based on \$ 921 per week).
- \$ -1,095 Where we stand through February

Missions

- \$ 926 Contributions through Feb. 828 Ideally where we should be (based on \$92 per week)
- \$ -98 Where we stand through February

The special Easter offering has been designated for the repair fund.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Mar. 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
- 5 John & Mary Helen Richards

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson

Candlelighters

- March 7 Evan Trigg
- 14 Richard Davis
- 21 Barbara Lovell
- 28 Paul Hopkins
- April 4 Chrissy Hopkins

A Prayer for the Aging of All Ages

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old.

Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet I do not want to be a saint . . . some of them are so hard to live with . . . but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.


Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen.

(Prayer found in *St. James, Picadilly, London*)

MARCH

First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 7:00 Bible Study	3 7:00 Choir	4	5 BYF Youth Convention (Friday through Sunday)	6 10:00 Lenten Program
7 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT ABW MINISTRIES SUNDAY 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:30 Peace Camp Meeting	8	9 7:00 Bible Study	10 7:00 Choir	11	12 6:30 Watchcare Dinner (Deacon Turner)	13 10:00 Lenten Program 7:00 Adult Social
14 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	15	16 7:00 Bible Study	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Choir	18 7:00 ABW Ministries <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">Pastor at <i>Women in Ministry</i> retreat at Judson Hills (noon Thur. - noon Fri.)</div>	19 6:30 New Members Banquet	20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING  8:30 Men's Break 10:00 Lenten Prog. 6:30 Watchcare Dinner (VanBroekhoven)
21 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:30 Peace Camp Meeting 4:00 Bd. of Ch. Education 5:30 Deacons	22	23 7:00 Bible Study	24 7:00 Choir	25 7:00 Parish Council	26	27 9:00 Jr. High Extravaganza 10:00 Lenten Prog. 7:00 Church rented for program
28 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	29 Newsletter Deadline	30 7:00 Bible Study	31 7:00 Choir	1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal (Fogle/Sloan) 7:00 Church rented (Rehearsal)	3 10:00 Lenten Prog. 1:30 Fogle/Sloan Wedding 4:00 Church rented for Wedding

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday; Daylight Savings Time Begins

Good News Letter

Published in the Cause of the Abundant Life by the First Baptist Church,
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As we prepare to remember the truth of the Easter story, let us prepare our hearts and minds for the wisdom that is ours when we pray and listen for God's leading.

One of the most difficult parts about celebrating Easter, is the problem of Good Friday. As hard as we in the Church have tried, we just haven't been able to find a way to truly experience the resurrection without going through the pain of remembering the suffering and death of the crucifixion. The bad news is, not only does this hold true to the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, but it also holds true to our own personal experiences of resurrection. The difficult truth is, that resurrection isn't possible until we know what it is to die and to survive that experience of death. Of course, I'm not talking about the personal experience of physical death, but rather the kind of dying that comes along with everyday living and learning to live.

Throughout our lives we experience many deaths and resurrections. For example, when someone we love dies, a part of ourself dies, but through our grieving and by celebrating the gift of life that that person has been for us and given to us, we experience resurrection; we are brought into new life. Or when we are emotionally hurt by someone or by something that happens to us, a part of who we've been dies, but in surviving that experience and coming out on the other side of it, we learn a little bit more about what life is and what it means to truly live. We experience resurrection.

I recently learned a profound truth about the resurrection of Jesus that I had never known or thought about before. Jesus didn't raise himself from the dead. Jesus was raised from the

dead. It was the power of God's love for all of humanity, that brought Jesus through his death and into his resurrection. And can only be the power of God's love that will bring us through our own experiences of death. It is all too easy to forget that it is God who raises us up into experiences of life and not our own actions or our own power.



Easter is a reminder that life is God's greatest gift to us, and not something that we can achieve on our own.

As we gather together as many individuals who are part of this community of faith, may we go forward and claim the gift of life that is offered to us this Easter. Let us go in peace.

Many Blessings,

Holy Week Services

A Maundy Thursday Candlelight Communion Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 8 in the fellowship hall. Please remember to come and go in silence.

The Annual Ecumenical Good Friday Service will be held at noon on April 9 at St. Mary Catholic Church.

Easter

The Early Easter Service of Celebration will be held at 8:00 a.m.

A breakfast buffet will follow at 8:30.

During the Sunday school hour, two videos will be shown. (See "Super's Corner" on page 3 for more details.)

Our Easter Worship will be at 10:45.

Watchcare Dinners

Two of the deacon watchcare dinners have been postponed. Randy Turner's dinner will be on Friday, April 16, and Harold Van Broekhoven's dinner will be on Saturday, May 1. Both dinners will be at 6:30 p.m. at the parsonage.

If you are in either one of these watchcare groups, please mark your calendars. Your deacon will be calling you with details and to let you know what you can bring to the dinner.

Educational Workshops for All

Karl Road Baptist Church is once more hosting a series of educational workshops sponsored by the OBC. They will be held on Saturday, April 17 from

9:00 - 3:00. Childcare will be provided, and you'll be on your own for lunch. An \$8.00 registration fee is due by April 12.

There are workshops offered for everyone in the church, including one being taught by Jody Lynn. We would like to see several carloads of people attending this. Please see Pam Faulk for details and registration forms.

Morning Workshops

- Adult Education
- Children's Preschool
- Arts and Crafts
- Partners in Evangelism
- Partners in Invitation
- Saying Yes to God's Call: Women in Ministry
- Nurturing Healthy Families in the Family of God
- Communicating with God
- Organizing a Senior Citizens Group
- Planning Retreats

Afternoon Workshops

- Creating a Cutting-Edge Youth Ministry
- Bible Study with Adults
- Partners in Renewal
- Partners in Caring
- Partners in Renewal: The Macedonia Experience
- Church of Merit
- Using Small Groups for Care, Outreach and Discipleship
- Relationships: Boards and Committees
- Conflict Management in Church
- Steps to Effective Sunday School Growth

Death in Church Family

Ernestine Florence Frost, 86, died on Friday, March 5 at Grady Memorial Hospital.

Ernestine was a retired telephone operator. She enjoyed crafts and was a member of a doll club (she had a very extensive collection) and a quilt club.

Ernestine had been a member of First Baptist for many years. She held numerous church offices, including Deacon and Sunday school teacher. Her strong faith helped her to survive several serious illnesses and operations.

A memorial service was held at First Baptist on Thursday evening, March 11. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church and sent to the church address.

We extend our sympathy to her family and friends and especially her two daughters, Geneva Evans of Delaware and Mary Kay Heffner of Anderson, California.

Births

• Benjamin Currier Turner was born on Friday, March 5. The proud parents are Randy and Jennifer

Turner. After an extra week in the hospital for Jennifer (with a fever) and then another week in the hospital for Ben (with an infection), mother and son are now home.



• Sydney Christine Kauf was born on March 12. The proud parents are Holly and Dwight Kauf and Barb Reed is grandmother.

A.B.C. of Ohio Offers Tithing Seminars

- Is tithing biblical?
- Why do I get such negative reactions when I talk about money?
- Why is percentage giving important?
- Are American Baptist ministries worthy of the tithe?

If you have ever asked or been asked any of these questions, you will want to attend a one-day tithing seminar on Friday, April 23. The seminar will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at New Salem Baptist Church in Columbus. Please see Pastor Brummett if you are interested in attending.

Walk Through the New Testament

On Saturday, April 17, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Trinity Baptist Church in Marion will host a "Walk Thru the New Testament Seminar." The cost is \$15.00 early registration and \$18.00 for walk-in registration.

If you are interested in attending, please call Trinity at 387-6527 or register at the door at 8:00 a.m.

Celebration Banquet

The Marion Association New Members Banquet was held on Friday March 19. We celebrated 135 new members in our association in 1992. Representatives from First Baptist included Pastor Brummett and new members George and Cristine Riedmiller and Barb Reed.

Thank You

Many thanks to Peter White who has donated time during his leave from the railroad to do maintenance around the church and also repaint all of the light green tables.

SINNERS

A newly-elected board member of a church attended a meeting where many of the members were well-to-do "Yuppies" who suggested they all give a steep contribution toward a gift for an outstanding volunteer. The new member, who was not as wealthy, suggested that they give a smaller contribution because some of them were SINNERS: "Single Income, No Extra Resources"

ABW Ministries

The ABWM will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15. We will be working on Care and Share - ironing, cutting, counting, packing - something for everyone. Please plan to come and join us for work, fun and food.

-Jeanne Ekelberry

April Adult Social

The next adult social will be held at the church on Saturday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees Notes

- All 10 of the large tables with folding legs, along with the 3 straight-leg tables, were repainted.
- A large face "school-type" clock was placed in the fellowship hall. The clock that was previously there was moved to the senior high room.
- Ernestine Frost's books have been donated to the church. They were tem-

porarily placed in the south vestibule for sorting (there won't be a class in there until fall quarter).

- Marge Smale has volunteered to be church librarian for all of the church's books. Jean Osborne and Shirley Parker will be helpers.

- The Hoover vacuum cleaner was overhauled at Halls Furniture.

*-Peter White, reporter
Arch Trigg, chairperson*

Super's Corner

Spring has Sprung!

Well, I hope you all have a very happy Easter and that you all are experiencing the Lenten season in its fullest in your Sunday school classes. Let us all pray that the new life of the first Easter will be renewed in all of us through the rest of the year!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the editor of the newsletter for all the time and effort put forth in the publishing of this newsletter. It is a fine piece of work and we all should be very proud of it! Thank you Jim Stephenson!

Easter Morning Activities

Once again the Board of Christian Education is sponsoring an Easter breakfast buffet. This will be at 8:30 after our sunrise service. Please bring a food item to share. Beverages will be provided.

Following breakfast, we will be viewing two videos during the Sunday school hour. We will not be having individual classes. The videos will be "The Proud Tree," an enchanting story for "children" of all ages, and "Special Place."

*-Steve Stoner
Sunday School Superintendent*

Prayer for the Easter Season

When Jesus came to the tomb, a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Removing the stones that prevent a good relationship with God and those around us is something we can choose to do or not to do. Three of those

stones are selfishness, winning, and being right.

We must seek God's guidance and empowerment to remove the stones of addiction -whether they are pebbles, rocks, or boulders-that prevent holistic, loving relationships. To assist Him in making miracles happen, Jesus seeks those whose lifestyles show love, compassion, patience, and a desire for righteousness and justice. Through the heart, mind and hands of such believers, uncomplicated tasks make way for miracles.

-Submitted by the Adult Too Class

Peace Camp

Please mark your calendars - Peace Camp will be held on August 1 - 5 this summer. We need people from our church who will help teach. See Carol Grubbs if you can help.

Church Retreat

Greetings from the retreat committee! Keep your eyes open for upcoming news. This year's retreat promises to be restful, lots of fun, and different from any others. Watch and listen for more information coming soon!

-Teresa, Mike, Karen, Stef and Vinnie

BYF News

On March 5-7, the First Baptist BYF attended the 1993 Ohio Baptist Youth State Convention. For newcomers like myself, it was an experience like no other. The sessions were excellent; really understandable. The youth presented themselves very maturely. Many ideas were expressed, many thoughts shared, and a fun time was had by all. I can't wait 'til next year!

Don't forget that the youth are still collecting cans (aluminum or metal) for area resident Tim Rick. If you have any cans to donate, just talk to Victor Fogle or give them to me.

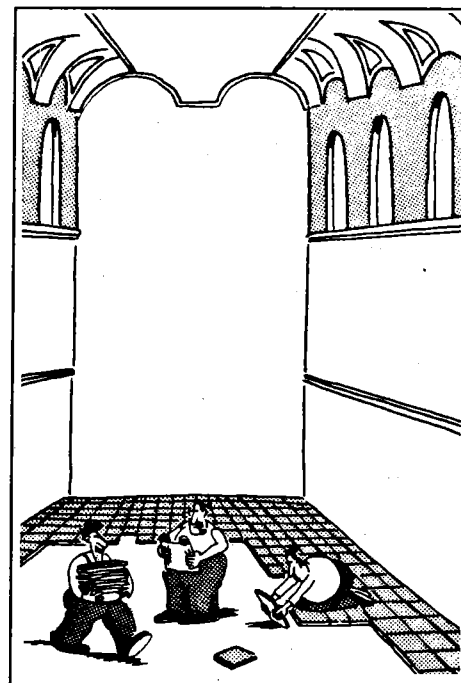
Also, the BYF is selling Easter candies as a fundraiser. Please support the BYF by acquiring one of these tasty treats.

As always, if you have any questions, just ask any BYF member. Thank you.

-Micah Stoner, BYF reporter

Upcoming youth meetings:

Tuesday, April 6	5:00	Officers
	6:30	Group
Sunday, April 25	5:30	Officers
	6:30	Group



Although history has long forgotten them, Lambini & Sons are generally credited with the Sistine Chapel floor.

Historical Glimpses

Feb. 22, 1853

Secretary James Eaton recorded that despite the "weather being stormy," five members of the committee appointed to search out a suitable meeting place for those of the Baptist denomination did gather on this date.

A paper was drawn up at the meeting to obtain a "subscription" for the purchase of a lot located on Franklin Street. The subscription read:

"We the undersigned do hereby agree to pay to a committee, to be hereafter appointed by the subscriber, the sums annually to each of our names respectively and individually for the purpose of purchasing a lot in the town of Delaware on Franklin Street, for purpose and use of the Regular Baptist denomination of said town and vicinity to build a meeting house upon, to be paid in such sums and at such times as

may be required by said committee. Witness our hands, Feb. 1853.”

There are earlier records that indicate the group had been holding services at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. “on the Sabbath.” The Baptists paid the sum of \$1 for rent of the church.

-Compiled by
Barb & Rick VanBrimmer

Registration Forms for Summer Camp

Summer Camp registrations forms are in. Please see Carol Grubbs if you are interested in attending Judson Hills or Kirkwood this summer. Information pertaining to dates, cost and age groups is available on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Youth Sell Chocolate Treats!

Anyone wanting to purchase Easter candy from the youth can contact any member of the youth group or Carol Grubbs. Confections available and their prices can be seen on the table in the vestibule. All proceeds go to the summer camp fund.

Thanks again for your support.

Personals

MARCI SANDER recently participated in the Central Ohio Swim for Diabetes. She swam one mile and collected over \$100.00.

The recent bizzard affected several church members. JEFF FAULK was stranded in New York City with the Notre Dame band. CYNTHIA BLAND was stranded in Boston.

JOHN LINN is recovering from surgery he had last month.

Several out-of-town visitors, including NANCY VIA SUMMERS of Stanton, Virginia, attended Ernestine Frost’s memorial service (see article on page 2).

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| April | 2 | Adam Mowery |
| | 5 | John & Mary Helen Richards |
| | 7 | Mary Barkeloo |
| | 8 | Rick Ramey |
| | 12 | Abby Brown |
| | 16 | Marge Smale |
| | 20 | Melissa Gillette |
| | 23 | Nellie Sheets |
| | 24 | Michael Grubbs |
| | 25 | Debbie Lovell |
| May | 1 | Amy Brooks
Margaret Young |
| | 2 | Don Faulk |
| | 3 | Michael Linn
Rick Van Brimmer |
| | 5 | Mike Griffith |

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee will meet at the church at 7:00 p.m. on April 6.

History Lesson

Here are some student bloopers, collected by teachers throughout the country.

“In the first book of the Bible, Guinnessis, Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.”

“King David fought with the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times. Solomon, one of

David’s sons, had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines.”

“Ancient Egypt was inhabited by mummies, and they all wrote in hydraulics. The climate of the Sahara is such that the inhabitants had to live elsewhere, so certain areas of the desert were cultivated by irritation.”

“Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock. After his death, his career suffered a dramatic decline.”

“Gravity was invented by Isaac Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in the autumn, when the apples are falling off the trees.”

“Gutenberg invented removable type and the Bible.”

“Shakespeare was born in the year 1564, supposedly on his birthday. He never made much money and is famous only because of his plays.”

“The Constitution of the United States was adopted to secure domestic hostility. Under the Constitution, the people have the right to keep bare arms.”

“The invention of the steamboat caused a network of rivers to spring up.”


“Abraham Lincoln’s mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands.”

Date	Jr. Church Helpers	Nursery Helpers	Tweenie Helpers	Candlelighter
April 4	Evan Trigg	Marci Sander	Paul Hopkins	Chrissy Hopkins
April 11	Jarrod Trigg	Richard Davis	Barbara Lovell	Emilie Trigg
April 18	Debbie Lovell	Amy Brooks	Rick Ramey	Adam Mowery
April 25	Erin Faulk	Matthew Lovell	Liz Hopkins	Josh Ramey
May 2	Marci Sander	Vic Fogle	Micah Stoner	Betty Davis

APRIL

First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
					5:00 Wedding Rehearsal (Fogle/Sloan) 7:00 Church rented (Rehearsal)	10:00 Lenten Prog. 1:30 Fogle/Sloan Wedding 4:00 Church rented for Wedding
4 PALM SUNDAY 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:00 Peace Camp Meeting at 1st Presby. <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	5	6 5:00 BYF (Officers) 6:30 BYF (Group) 7:00 Bible Study 7:00 Nom. Comm.	7 7:00 Choir	8 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 Candlelight Communion Service	9 GOOD FRIDAY noon Good Friday Service at St. Mary Catholic Church	10 10:00 Lenten Program
11 EASTER 8:00 Early Service 8:30 Breakfast Buffet 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	12 7:00 Finance Committee	13 7:00 Bible Study	14 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Choir	15 7:00 ABW Ministries	16 6:30 Watchcare Dinner (Turner)	17 9:00 Workshops at Karl Road 9:00 Seminar at Trinity
					BYF Work Camp at Judson Hills Fri.-Sun.	
18 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 5:30 Deacons	19	20 7:00 Bible Study	21 7:00 Choir	22 7:00 Parish Council	23 9:00 Tithing Seminar at New Salem Baptist	24 7:00 Adult Social
BYF Work Camp at Judson Hills Fri.-Sun.						
25 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:00 Peace Camp Meeting at 1st Presby. 5:30 BYF (Officers) 6:30 BYF (Group)	26 Newsletter Deadline	27 7:00 Bible Study	28 6:30 Covered-Dish Dinner and Business Meeting	29	30	1 MAY 6:30 Watchcare Dinner (Van Broekhoven)

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ADVENT
FRIEND!

Good News Letter

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Mother-Daughter Banquet

All women of the church have been invited to attend a pot luck mother-daughter banquet at Radnor Baptist on Sunday, May 2 at 6:30. Rev. Brummett will be the guest speaker. You are encouraged to meet at our church at 5:30 to car pool.

ABW Ministries

The ABWM will hold a pot luck supper on Thursday, May 20, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jeanne Ekelberry. Following our supper, we'll elect our new president. We need someone to fill Shirley Parker's position, so if you think you may be interested let me or Shirley know. All ladies are invited, so please plan to attend.

-Carol Fogle

Family Reunion '93: Gathering As God's People

Remember "Peace Camp?" Well, it's back again this year with a new name and a new theme. Our ecumenical Bible Camp, which will include First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Asbury United Methodist and Zion United Church of Christ, will take place from Sunday, August 1 through Thursday, August 5, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

There will be individual study groups for children, youth and adults, plus shared activities for all. Mark your calendars now. Registration will begin in June.

If you are interested in teaching a class or helping to teach, please let Pastor Brummett know.

BYF News

On April 16-18, some of the BYF went to Judson Hills Baptist Camp for the 1993 Marion Association Work Camp. Those attending included the following: president Jarrod Trigg, vice president Vic Fogle, youth reporter Micah Stoner, youth advisor Donna Reed, and additional member Evan Trigg. The camp was fun; it had a great theme. Like the convention, it was a first-time experience for many of us. We accomplished a lot in the three days, including some very hard work that will be greatly appreciated by Judson Hills for years to come.

A reminder that the youth are *still* collecting cans for resident Tim Rick. **THE CANS MUST BE ALUMINUM!** Also, anything else that is aluminum can be given to the coordinator of this project, Victor Fogle. Thank you for all the cans that have already been donated. We (the youth) really appreciate it.

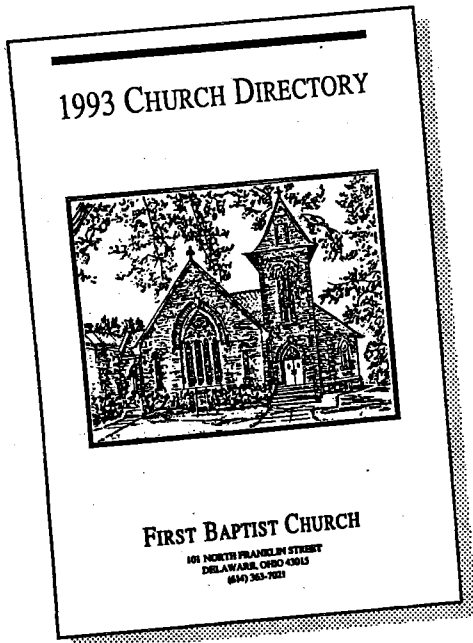
In group news, the BYF will attend the lock-in here at First Baptist on May 14. There will be various activities going on. (For more information, see this month's parental newsletter.) Also, there will be a final BYF meeting on May 23.

-Micah Stoner
BYF Reporter



Church Directory

The 1993 Church Directory is being distributed this month. The directory lists names, addresses, phone numbers, birthdays and anniversaries. It also includes a list of 1993 church officers.



The directory is not a list of active members. It is simply a convenient source of information about members and friends of First Baptist.

Unfortunately, this created a problem. Who should we include? If we were to ask everyone in the church to list who should be in the directory, probably no two lists would be the same!

What we finally decided was "when in doubt—include."

(However, we generally excluded people who have *permanently* moved out of town, even though they may stay in touch with some of us.)

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson or the pastor. We'll report them in the newsletter and correct them in the next edition of the directory.

Also, if any information about you should change during the year (for example, if you move), please let us know.

Remember — we'll assume that your entry is correct and repeat it unchanged next year unless we hear otherwise from you!

If you don't receive a copy of the directory or if you need an extra one, please contact the pastor.

Trustees Notes

- Four pianos were tuned by Clifford Rector.
- A thank you to John Richards for continuing the lawn treatment service.
- A thank you to Jim Stephenson for yard work at the parsonage.
- A thank you to Will Fogle for repairing the "potty" seats.
- A thank you to Teresa Griffith and Jim Van Brimmer for serving as building hosts for the "two-wedding Saturday," and to Mary Lou for hosting the violin recital.

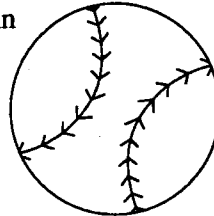
—Peter White, Reporter
Arch Trigg, Chair

Christian Trading Card Club

We will be going to a bi-monthly meeting schedule. Our next meeting is set for June 10th at 7:00 p.m. Bring a guest, the more the merrier!

Softball Season Begins Soon!

This summer our church will participate again in the Christian Fellowship Softball Association. Last year we had a mens' team, a coeds' team, and a juniors' team.



Please contact Archie Trigg or Kirby Francis if you want to volunteer or have any questions.

Adult Social

The next adult social will be a come-as-you-are party at the church. It will be at 7:00 on Saturday, May 15.

Bible Study

The Bible Study now has a new day and time. Since our Lenten series worked out so well on Saturday morn-

HISTORICAL GLIMPSSES

Compiled by
Barb and Rick Van Brimmer

March 28, 1853

As we left off last month, a committee had been appointed to look for appropriate sites for a new Baptist church. This "site selection" committee reported back on his date that they had visited several lots, but had not decided on a final site.

To this point, \$350 had been obtained through "subscriptions" toward the purchase of a lot, and after some discussion, a motion was made to offer \$305 for a lot west of Franklin Street. The lot was valued at \$450-475, excluding the building (a stable) which currently stands on it.

It was "resolved that we purchase the lot for \$405 without the building, with the understanding that the owner, E. C. Vining (spelling?) donate \$95 or subscribe that amount."

Following the discussion about the land purchase, the remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the preamble and church constitution, which we will explore in future segments.

Note: Many of our early church records are contained in a journal kept by James Eaton. This journal is in poor repair, and many of the entries have faded beyond the point where they can be read. Every effort has been made to transcribe these accounts as accurately as possible.

ings, we decided to try having our Bible study at that time.

Starting May 1st, the Bible study will meet on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Senior High room at the church.

Hope to see you there.

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Congratulations

We extend our warmest congratulations to both Cynthia Bland and Deborah Van Broekhoven, who received tenure at Ohio Wesleyan University. Cynthia is a professor in the English department and Deborah is a professor in the History department.

Way to go and well done!

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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" is this year's theme for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Last year the offering provided emergency relief in 33 different countries. In addition to this, assistance is given in other areas such as refugee aid, agriculture, and education.

Join with American Baptists around the U.S. and help motivate our church to give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Sunday, June 6. Thank you.

-Jennifer Turner

**Fill the
World
With
Love**

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One Great Hour of Sharing Luncheon Theater

Everyone is invited to a luncheon theater immediately after church on Sunday, May 16.

The luncheon is sponsored by the Board of Christian Education. The cost will be \$1 per person.

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Ordination

You are invited to attend the ordination of Gail Adams. Gail will be graduating from METHESCO in a few weeks, and she will be ordained at First Baptist

Granville, where she has been an associate pastor for several years.

The ordination will be at 4:00 on Sunday, May 16 in Granville. Please see Pastor Brummett if you are interested in attending.



"All right, everyone synchronize their alarms. Joe, you're at 12 noon. Darren, you're 12:01, and I'll do 12:02."

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Financial Update

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

\$ 13,366 Contributions through April
15,657 Ideally where we should be
(based on \$921 per week)
\$ -2,291 Where we stand through
April (a deficit)

Note: Since we have fallen behind, we now must receive an average of \$986 per week (instead of \$921) to reach our budget of \$47,894.

MISSIONS

\$ 1,695 Contributions through April
1,564 Ideally where we should be
(based on \$92 per week)
\$ 131 Where we stand through
April (a surplus!)

AMERICA FOR CHRIST

\$ 291 Contributions through April

LOVE GIFT

\$ 29 Contributions through April
(This is included in the Missions total above.)

SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING

\$ 97 Special offering geared toward Repair Fund

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Graduates to be Recognized

On Sunday, June 6, we will have recognition of graduates.

The following Sunday we will begin our summer schedule.

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June Newsletter Deadline

Normally our newsletter deadline is the Monday before publication. However, I will be out of town the last week in May.

Therefore, I am moving up June's deadline to **Monday, May 24**. This will allow me to complete the June newsletter before I leave town.

Please plan ahead and have your articles ready by May 24th. Late-breaking news will be placed in the bulletin or postponed until the July issue.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

-Jim Stephenson
Editor

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Note: The birthdays and anniversaries list has been updated.

Starting this month, we will only include birthdays and anniversaries for those people who are listed in the new church directory (see article on page 2).

However, if a long-time church member leaves the church or moves away, we'll keep them on this list for one year.

May	1	Amy Brooks
		Margaret Young
	2	Don Faulk
	3	Mike Linn
		Rick Van Brimmer
	5	Mike Griffith
	6	George Young
	7	Donna Reed
		Bertha Van Brimmer
	8	Michael Ekelberry
	9	Cris Riedmiller
	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
 - 8 Pam Faulk
Carol Fogle

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Personals

SHIRLEY PARKER spent several weeks in Atlanta with her daughter and family. They visited Savannah, the Carter Library & Museum, beautiful gardens full of azaleas, dogwood, red-bud and tulips, and at "Little Five Points" they saw a huge mural (covering the sides of three buildings) painted by her nephew, David Fichter.

BARB AND RICK VAN BRIMMER will be visiting friends in Toronto, and have tickets to see "Phantom."

RICK recently attended the national workshop for the Association of Collegiate Licensing Administrators in Boulder, Colorado, and was elected to the Board of Directors. As one of his first assignments, he was chosen to chair a special liaison committee to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

MICAH STONER, who earned a spot on the Delaware Hayes High School honor roll this grading period.

STEFANIE MINISTERI is on the Dean's List at Ohio State Marion. She's in her second year in the psychology honors program.

SOPHIA AND JIM STEPHENSON were visited by her sister and brother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. John Sullivan of Los Alamos, New Mexico. Sophia had not seen her sister for nine years.

Congratulations to **DEANA SLONE** and **TIM FOGLE**, who were married at First Baptist on April 3rd.

20 Years Ago This Month

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FAMILY RETREAT NEXT FALL - ALL INVITED

The first annual family retreat for our church is scheduled for Sept. 7-9 at Camp Kirkwood, Wilmington. Cost is \$1.00 per person registration (all ages), and \$8.75 for lodging and meals. Cost is 1/2 for ages 6-12 and free for those under 6. The Rev. Ralph Lamb, resource minister for the Ohio Baptist Convention, will be our leader.

MOVIE RATING SYSTEM ADAPTED FOR SERMONS

G - Generally acceptable to everyone. Full of inoffensive platitudes such as "What the world needs now is peace and motherhood." This sermon is usually described as "wonderful" or "marvelous."

PG - For mature audiences. At times this sermon makes the gospel relevant to today's issues (in subtle ways, of course). It may even contain mild

suggestions for change. This sermon is usually described as "challenging" or "thought-provoking," even though no one intends to take any action or change any attitudes.

R - Definitely restricted to those who are not upset by the truth. This sermon tells it like it is. It is most often described as "disturbing" or "controversial," and usually indicates that the minister has an outside source of income.

X - Positively limited to those who can handle explosive ideas. This sermon really "socks it to 'em." It is the kind of sermon that landed Jeremiah in the well, got Amos run out of town, and set things up for the stoning of Stephen. It is always described as "shocking" or "in poor taste." The minister who preaches this sermon had better have his suitcase packed and life insurance paid.

BRUCE AND BARBARA LEE AND FAMILY of Pittsburgh visited with Evelyn Lee at Easter.

JOE AND JEAN BROWER, former members now living in Florida, attended

services here recently.


ALISON GRUBBS is home for summer vacation from Oklahoma Christian University.

Date	Jr. Church Leader	Jr. Church Helpers	Nursery Helpers	Tweenie Helpers	Candlelighter
May 2	Pam Faulk	Marci Sander	Vic Fogle	Micah Stoner	Betty Davis
May 9	Pam Faulk	Richard Davis	Paul Hopkins	Evan Trigg	Liz Hopkins
May 16	Pam Faulk	Amy Brooks	Barbara Lovell	Jarrold Trigg	Rick Ramey
May 23	Pam Faulk	Matthew Lovell	Rick Ramey	Debbie Lovell	Evan Trigg
May 30	Pam Faulk	Vic Fogle	Liz Hopkins	Erin Faulk	Richard Davis
June 6	Donna Reed	Paul Hopkins	Micah Stoner	Marci Sander	Barbara Lovell

MAY 1993

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><i>"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers."</i> —Jewish Proverb</p>						1 10:00 Bible Study at Church
2 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Mother-Daughter Ban. at Radnor	3	4	5 7:00 Choir	6 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	7	8 10:00 Bible Study at Church
9 MOTHER'S DAY 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 7:30 Pastoral Relations Committee	10	11	12 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Choir	13 5:30 Deacons at Tall Pines	14 6:00 BYF Lock-In with Richwood BYF until 6 a.m. Sat.	15 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Adult Social (Both at Church)
16 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 One Great Hour of Sharing Luncheon 4:00 Ordination at First Baptist Granville	17	18	19 7:00 Choir	20 6:30 ABWM Pot Luck Supper at Ekelberry's	21	22 10:00 Bible Study at Church
23 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:30 Board of Ch. Education at Parsonage 6:30 BYF at Fogle's	24 Newsletter Deadline!	25	26 7:00 Choir	27	28	29 10:00 Bible Study at Church
30 MEMORIAL DAY 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	31 MEM. DAY OBSERVED	1 JUNE	2 7:00 Choir	3	4	5 10:00 Bible Study at Church

Sunday, June 6: Recognition of graduates; One Great Hour of Sharing offering; last session of Sunday School before summer break

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I DID IT. Many thought it would never happen. They thought I'd never be able to take the risk and make that final leap of faith. They thought I was too yellow to ever make it onto the green. But they were wrong.

Last week, at the Minister's Fellowship Days at Judson Hills, and with the help of a brave friend, I finally made it onto the Golf Course. Now, I understand that it was a 9 hole course and I only made it through 5 holes, and

it took 2-1/2 hours to do even that – but everyone has to start somewhere. I didn't have trouble hitting that tiny golf ball, and I didn't have trouble hitting it straight. The trouble was, I just couldn't hit it very far. My stance was pretty good, my swing wasn't bad (for a beginner), but I just hit the ball entirely too hard. Now, any logical person would conclude that hitting the ball harder would cause it to go farther. This is not so in the game of golf.

If the truth must be known, my main problem, was that I wanted to be able to play well, my first time out, without any practice or any previous experience on the golf course. I dreamt that I'd be instantly great at it and the pros would be knocking down my door to get a chance to play alongside me. Well, it never hurts to have dreams. However, it's important to recognize the difference between dreams that are pure fantasy and dreams that are realistic and attainable.

This may be a simple lesson to learn, but it also never hurts to be reminded that success never comes easily. Whatever we strive to achieve, if we hope to do it well and with dignity, will

take hours and days, perhaps months and years of hard work and dedication.

A wise man by the name of Alfred Montapert, once said: "I have yet to read the life story of a truly great person, whether he or she be an artist, a poet, an inventor, a scientist, or what-have-you, who did not achieve success by long study and careful planning. Most of them, by years of hard work. That is the price of accomplishment."

Well, I will probably never become a great golfer, because it isn't a realistic dream. I'm just not willing to put in the hours and days of practice (perhaps years and years in my case) that are required. It isn't important to me, or I would have started long ago.

What I do hope to become, however, is the best person that I can be. This may sound corny, but I believe that this is the goal of those of us who are members of the Christian family. We hope and dream of reaching our greatest potential as God's people, and we want to help others reach their greatest potential, even if all that means is helping someone understand and believe that they are loved. What greater achievement is there to have, than to know and accept that we are loved? Only then, can we become what God calls us to be, and do what God calls us to do.

May God's guidance be with us as we work together to reach our greatest potential.

Many Blessings,



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Summer Schedule

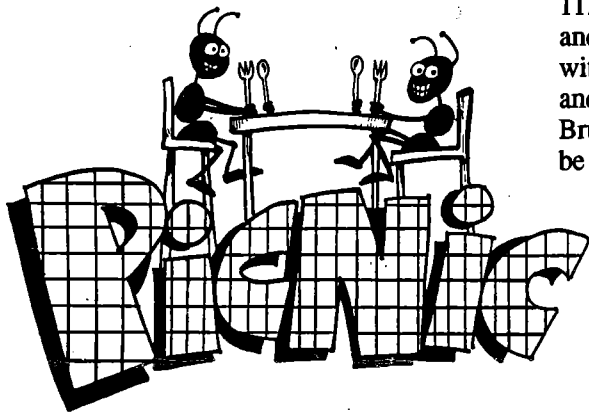
Our summer schedule will begin on Sunday, June 13. There will be no Sunday school and morning worship will begin at 10:00 a.m.

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Childrens Day and Church Picnic

Children's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, June 13. The children of the church will be participating in the service, which will begin at 10:00 a.m.

After church everyone is invited to attend a pot-luck picnic at Mingo Park.



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Super's Corner

In honor of all who learn to teach and teach to learn, there will be a cookout at 38 Vandeman Avenue at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 12. All you need to bring is a lawn chair and yourself. In case of rain . . . we'll get wet!

Please R.S.V.P. before Sunday, June 6th.

-Steve Stoner
Sunday School Superintendent

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Bible Study

The Bible Study group will now be meeting (and this is final) on Wednesdays at 8:15 p.m. at the church, right after choir practice. The time may be earlier in the summer because the choir won't be practicing every week.

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Trip to Cedar Point

On Friday, June 11, the youth group will be taking a trip to Cedar Point. The cost is \$19.75 per person, and should

be given to Pastor Brummett, along with a signed permission slip, by Sunday, June 6.

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BYF News

On Friday, May 14, the BYF held its annual lock-in. The quest to stay awake from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. included games, movies, "sleep," and a speaker on the subject of AIDS. It was a definite success.

In new business, the youth held a meeting on Sunday, May 23 concerning what will be done for the remainder of the year. One of the activities remaining will be the Cedar Point trip on June 11. The youth will meet at 7:00 a.m. and are encouraged to bring friends with them. The cost will be \$19.75, and the money should be paid to Pastor Brummett by Sunday, June 6. Don't be late!

Also, the youth will need to bring any money they think they will need for food, games, etc. Other plans for July will be discussed at our next meeting.

-Micah Stoner
BYF Reporter

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Pastor To Attend Biennial Meeting

Pastor Brummett will be a delegate at the 1993 Biennial Meeting in San Jose, California. The theme is "Renewed for Mission." The National Meeting of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. will be held from June 22-25.

The pastor will leave on Monday, June 21 and will be at the meeting through Friday, June 25. Following that she will be on vacation from Saturday, June 26 thru Friday, July 2. During that time please contact Deacon Karen Stoner (369-7754) if you need counseling or assistance.

The pastor will return to lead our service on Sunday, July 4. She will then be on vacation from Monday, July 5 through Friday, July 9; and Friday, July 23 thru Monday, July 26.

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Guest Preacher

On June 27, the Rev. Greta Wagner, who most recently served as Associate Pastor at First Baptist Church of Lima,

will be leading us in worship and preaching the morning message.

Several people have expressed an interest in having Rev. Owen Stewart as a guest preacher. Rev. Stewart is currently the interim pastor at Fair Oaks Baptist Church in Zanesville and regrets he can't accept our invitations. However, we'll stay in touch with him and hope that he'll be able to preach here again sometime in the future.

HISTORICAL GLIMPSES

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In our last segment, we learned that the group of Baptists was prepared to make an offer for the land west of Franklin Street as a site for the new church. To this point, the group continued to meet in the Presbyterian Church.

On July 7, 1853, the "Society," as it was called at the time, decided to negotiate with the Templar Association for use of the Templar Hall on Sandusky Street. The Society wanted to use the facility for Sunday services and for "such evenings and afternoons as can be agreed upon to have covenant and business meetings."

Before the meeting was adjourned, it was decided that the group shall "meet at the Templar Hall at one-half past 10 o'clock a.m. on the first Saturday of next August for the purpose of becoming organized or constituted as the 'First Regular Baptist Church of Delaware, Ohio.'"

This is perhaps one of the most significant meetings to take place in the beginnings of the church. For the first time, it appeared the Regular Baptists were about to be formally recognized as a congregation.

The sixth of August, 1853, still a month away, was to become the birthday for First Baptist!

Congratulations

We wish to offer our congratulations to Debbie Lovell who will graduate from Hayes High School on Saturday, June 5. Debbie has attended First Baptist since the age of about 8 months, and along with her family, has attended worship and Sunday school. She was Baptized in the spring of 1989.

Throughout her high school years she has been active within the church family in a variety of ways. She has helped in the Nursery class and in Junior Church and has been a member of the Parish Council. She has been involved in the BYF, helping to plan many of their activities and service projects and has served as both Secretary and Treasurer. In addition to this, she has been active with the Marion Association Youth, and was elected President of their board for the 1992-93 school year.

Debbie has taken part in a variety of community, extracurricular and academic activities and has received many awards and recognitions.



Debbie has played violin in her school orchestra, and has sung in the girl's chorale, the symphonic choir, and Hayes' Singers. She played on the soccer team

for three years and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and was President of that group for 1992-93. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was in "Who's Who in American High School Students" from 1989-92.

In the community, Debbie has been very active with 4-H. She has been an active member of the local club of Homestead Guys and Gals, serving as News reporter, Secretary, Vice President and President in 1992-93. She has been a member of the Jr. Fair Board for 5 years, served at a Camp

Counselor, was a Teen Board Member, a Jr. Leader in club for 5 years, and served as a member of the County 4-H Advisory Committee this past year. She has received several scholarships, including the "Kenneth Creasy Scholarship" from the Delaware Kiwanis Club for excellence in academics and public speaking.

This fall, Debbie will be studying Pre-Med. with a major in chemistry at Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio.

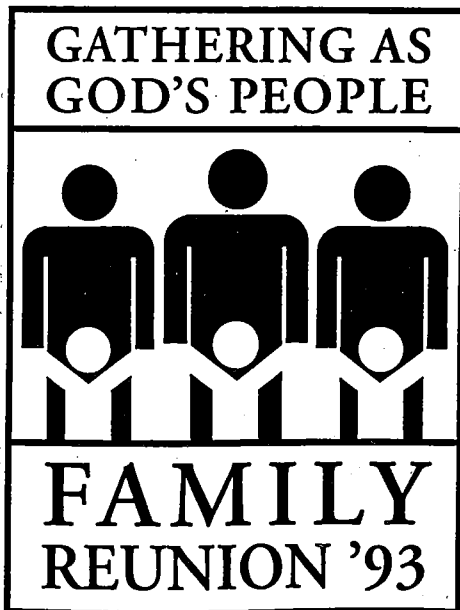
We congratulate Debbie on these achievements and are thankful for her commitment to family, church and community. We wish her all the best, and pray God's blessing and wisdom upon her as she begins this next part of her life's journey.

Open House

The Lovell family is pleased to invite you to join in the celebration of Deborah's graduation at an open house. It will be held at their home on Saturday, June 5, following graduation (after 9:00 p.m.) and on Sunday, June 6, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. The address is 351 South Section Line Road.

Family Reunion '93

Mark your calendars! Family Reunion '93 (formerly Peace Camp) will be held August 1-5 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.



Each evening will begin with a light supper and music. Then there will be individual study groups for children, youth and adults, plus shared activities for all.

Our ecumenical group will include First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Asbury United Methodist and Zion United Church of Christ.

Please contact Pastor Brummett for more information.



"... And so the Israelites, they fought the Amalekites, or maybe it was the Ammonites, or whatever ..."

Help Anonymous Needs Volunteers

Help Anonymous has been a vital link in the mental health and information and referral system in Delaware County for twenty years. They are in need of people who are interested in serving as volunteers for their crisis hotline.

While volunteers cannot share their religious beliefs, they can give direction to resources and provide a loving and attentive response. Volunteers must be highly committed individuals who are willing to build crisis management and communication skills. As each volunteer completes training classes, observation shifts, practice calls and apprentice shifts, the resulting fruits are used directly for outreach at Help Anonymous and will be invaluable to service within the congregation.

If you are interested or have any questions please talk with Pastor Brummett or call Help Anonymous' Prevention/Training Coordinator, Vicki Blommel at 363-1835.

Adult Social

The June adult social will be a bonfire/cookout and sign-along at the Trigg's on Saturday, June 19 at 6:00 p.m. Meat and beverages will be provided. Bring a side dish to share.

Father's Day: Sunday, June 20

Each year, it's reported, fathers in the United States get 12,600 miles worth of ties for Father's Day.

Personals

RICK LEE is one of only two faculty members at Miami University to be named the College of Arts and Science Distinguished Educators for 1993-94. The award is based on excellence in teaching, service and scholarship.

Rick is an internationally-recognized researcher in the areas of cold-hardiness and freeze tolerance and has received numerous awards and grants, including two National Science Foundation grants for research on cold-hardiness in insects.

ERIN FAULK will be dancing five numbers in a dance recital of the Dublin Dance Workshop on Friday, June 18 at Hastings Middle School in Upper Arlington. All are welcome.

During a recent visit to Delaware, **JODY LYNN BRUMMETT's** mother cut her thumb and required 7 stitches.

SHIRLEY PARKER's brother and sister-in-law visited her recently. Dr. George Parker is an ordained Baptist minister (retired) who formerly taught religion

Church Directory Update

Stef and Vinnie Ministeri have a new Delaware street address. It is "2000 U.S. Rt. 23 North, Lot 137." Their phone number remains the same.

Please update your copy of the church directory. (If you haven't received your copy yet or need an extra one, please see the pastor.)



"When You Hear the Beep ..."

There was an organist who was frequently called at the last minute to perform at various functions.

Because of her odd working hours, she bought an answering machine. As a joke, she recorded the following message: "I'm watching 'Wheel of Fortune' and can't come to the phone."

Late one Saturday night, a frantic clergyman whose Sunday organist had suddenly become ill left this message in return: "Call me! While you're watching 'Wheel of Fortune,' I'm in 'Jeopardy.'"



at Berea College in Kentucky. His wife, Dr. Ivor Parker, is retired from teaching at Eastern Kentucky University.

Shirley will attend her 50th class reunion at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio in June.

JENNIFER PORTER visited Edward Linn at Eielson AFB just south of Fairbanks, Alaska. Alaska was experiencing what they call the "break-up period" meaning the time when all of the snow has finally melted and everything is brown and sparse. Highlights of the trip included touring the Air Force base and the city of Fairbanks, visiting the town of North Pole (which is centered totally around Santa Claus), viewing a beautiful double rainbow which stretched over the base, wearing sunglasses at midnight, and eating at the "northernmost Denny's in the world." Ed would appreciate any cards or letters from the congregation.

BETTY PORTER is serving as Treasurer of the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association this year and was recently elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio Council of County Officials. She will be representing Ohio at the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and

Treasurers 1993 Conference in Houston, Texas in July.

STEF MINISTERI has been transferred and promoted at Big Wheel. She is now the secretary to the district manager who is based in Mt. Gilead. Please continue to pray for those who lost their jobs on May 25th when the Delaware store closed.

VINNIE MINISTERI finished his bowling season on May 10th. He received an award for his high four-game series of 1045. He finished the season with a 209 average and his team finished in first place!

MARGE SMALE visited with daughter Cindy in Boston for ten days.

Recent hospital patients include **MILDRED BOWERS**, **JOHN RICHARDS** and **BARNEY BARKELOO**.

JANET INSCHO and her husband are back from wintering in Florida.

LINDA WHITE was one of several teachers who accompanied 8th graders in a trip to Washington, D.C.

ANNE LINN, **BETH TRIGG**, and **CAROL GRUBBS** spent three weeks in England, and had dinner with **JERRY & LANA PALMER**, who were also vacationing there.

POLLY FOCKE was hospitalized after a serious auto accident and is now recuperating at the Arbors Nursing Home.

Birthdays & Anniversaries


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| June | 1 | Della Dove |
| | 2 | Jerry & Lana Palmer |
| | 8 | Pam Faulk
Carol Fogle |
| | 9 | Mike & Teresa Griffith |
| | 10 | David & Mary Lou Lovell |
| | 11 | Randy & Jennifer Turner |
| | 12 | Anne Linn |
| | 15 | Charles Ekelberry |
| | 19 | Josh Ramey |
| | 20 | Vinnie & Stefanie Ministeri |
| | 24 | Beth Trigg |
| | 27 | Joe & Alison Mowery
Laura Newman
David & Jean Osborne |
| | 28 | Jami Riedmiller |
| July | 3 | Phil Mercer |
| | 7 | Jody Lynn Brummett |

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JUNE 1993

First Baptist Church

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 6:30 Choir 8:15 Bible Study*	3	4	5 9:00pm Open House at Lovell's
6 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship; Graduate Recognition 4:00 Open House at Lovell's until 6:00	7	8	9 8:15 Bible Study*	10 7:00 Christian Trading Card Club	11 7:00 a.m. BYF Trip to Cedar Point	12 6:00 Cookout at Stoner's for Sunday School Teachers
			ABW Ministries Conference in Granville			
13 CHILDREN'S DAY 10:00 Morning Worship; Sermon by Debbie Lovell 11:30 Picnic at Mingo Park (time approx.) 5:30 Deacons at the Van Broekhoven's 7:00 Pastoral Relations Committee	14 7:00 Finance Committee	15	16 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Board of Ch. Education 8:15 Bible Study*	17	18	19 8:30 Men's Breakfast 6:00 Adult Social: Cookout and Sing-along at Trigg's
20 FATHER'S DAY 10:00 Morning Worship	21	22	23 8:15 Bible Study*	24	25	26
			Pastor at 1993 Biennial Meeting in San Jose, California			
						Pastor on Vacation
27 10:00 Morning Worship with Rev. Greta Wagner	28 Newsletter Deadline	29	30 7:00 Choir 8:15 Bible Study*	1 JULY	2	3
Pastor on Vacation						

July 4 is Peace Sunday

*Bible Study time may change.

Good News Letter

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IN JUNE, I TOOK THE YOUTH group on their 2nd annual trip to Cedar Point. We were fortunate this year to have beautiful weather. The only good thing about going to an amusement park on a rainy day is that the lines are shorter, and you can ride on a lot more rides. Well, this year the sun was bright, the weather was warm, the park was packed, and we had to wait at least 45 minutes to ride the roller coasters, which is the main reason why some of us go to Cedar Point.

Well, it was 9:00 p.m. when Rick Van Brimmer (brave soul that he is) and I got into the line to ride "The Magnum." At 9:45 we got on the ride, and at 9:47 the ride was over. Was it worth the wait you ask? I think it was. You'll have to ask Rick to find out his opinion.

Anyway, I've been on the "The Magnum" before, and as far as coasters go, I'd say it's the best. But, this time was different, because I found that the wait in line was much more interesting and exciting than the ride. At about

9:20 p.m., we were halfway through the line, which looks like a maze and makes you feel like you're being corralled like cattle. The sky was getting dark, and the people waiting in line with us (about 500 or more of them) were starting to get restless. One by one, the people in line (most of them under the age of 18) started to clink coins along the top of the metal rails separating us from each other. It was amazingly loud. Then after they had gotten that out of their system, they started singing and shouting. Someone (or a small group) would start a song or chant, and then eventually others would hear them and join in. Among their selections were "The Hokey Pokey" and "100 Bottles of Beer on the Wall." Then someone started the "Less Filling / Tastes Great" debate. Then, if all this wasn't enough, someone threw a stuffed animal into the air and they started hitting it around like it was a beach ball.

Who know how far things would have gone. Unfortunately (or fortunately) security came and took the stuffed animal away. This angered the crowd and they started chanting an obscenity, which sounded something like "Bologna." At this point, we were relieved to discover, that it was almost our turn to ride the roller coaster. What fascinates me about

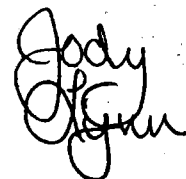
this is how easily and quickly these people were able to bring themselves together and reach a consensus. (If committees could only learn how to do this.) And once they reached their consensus, how strong and loud they made themselves. It didn't even matter that some of us chose not to join in. We were still trapped in the middle of it, and didn't have much power to stop them, even if we had thought things were getting out of control.

Now, many people would say that they were just having fun and no one would ever get hurt, but I have a sneaking suspicion that this is how major riots begin.

Another thing that fascinated me is how completely organized a group of people became in a matter of minutes. And the funny thing is, they were complete strangers. They didn't know each other, and they didn't even come together with concern about an important issue. They were just bored.

What an inspiration for the Church. What would happen if we allowed God to bring us together, as a group of people who aren't strangers to one another, and we got this excited. What would happen if we took our concern for issues of justice and peace and started to make a little noise about them. Let us remember the power that we have as a community: not only our church community, but the entire Christian church of the world. And let us pray that God will bring us together for the common cause of love and justice, and that we will be able to rise to the occasion again and again.

Many Blessings,



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Family Reunion '93 Begins Soon

Mark your calendars! Family Reunion '93 (formerly Peace Camp) will be held Sunday, August 1st through Thursday, August 5th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

Each evening will begin with a light supper and music. Then there will be individual study groups for children, youth and adults, plus shared activities for all.

Our ecumenical group will include First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Asbury United Methodist and Zion United Church of Christ.

Please contact Pastor Brummett for more information.

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Attention Youth

There will be a special series of programs for Senior High Youth (grades 9-12) at Family Reunion '93. "Getting Acquainted—Seeing in a New Way" will be presented each evening. (Please see the previous article for more details about Family Reunion '93.)

‘NOBODY NOTICES
WHAT I DO UNTIL
I DON'T DO IT!’

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July Adult Social

The July adult social will be a tailgate party at the coed softball game on Friday, July 23rd.

We'll meet at the softball field at 9:15 p.m. Please bring snacks to share.

If you have any questions or need directions to the field, please see Pam Faulk.

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Young at Heart

The Young at Heart group met June 16th in the fellowship hall for a cov-

ered dish luncheon and good conversation. Fourteen people were present.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 14th when we'll have lunch in the old train station in Prospect. Please meet at the church at noon and we'll car pool.

-Jean Wickum

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Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Brummett will be on vacation from Monday, July 5 through Friday, July 9 and from Friday, July 23 through Monday, July 26. Please contact one of the deacons if there is any need or emergency during this time.

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ABY Cookout

All youth, 7th-12th grades, are invited to the home of Jeff and Donna Reed on Sunday, July 18th after church for a cookout. Please bring a side dish and friends. Please let the Reeds know by July 15th if you are planning to attend.

-Donna and Jeff Reed

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One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. The luncheon theater was a success. Even though guests weren't actually served what was on the menu, a good and meaningful time was had by all. A special thank you to Melissa Mercer and Barb Van Brimmer for their poignant presentation "Rich Woman, Poor Woman."

We have not yet met our goal, so if you haven't yet had the opportunity to contribute, you may still do so.

-Jennifer Turner

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Help Wanted:

Looking for talented and experienced (or just willing) movie directors, producers, actors, actresses. Must be willing to be creative, have fun, and work for peanuts.

A telephone call is all it takes. Contact Inga Jackson during the day at 363-9610, or in the evenings at 363-0388.

HISTORICAL GLIMPSES

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AUGUST 8, 1853

THIS LATE SUMMER DAY was to be a momentous occasion in the life of First Baptist Delaware—a birthday of sorts! After more than five years of organizing and anticipation, the group of "Regular Baptists" residing in Delaware would finally be formally recognized as a congregation.

A "convention" of area Baptist churches was called on this day at the church's temporary meeting place, the Second Presbyterian Church. Delegates from Baptist congregations in Columbus, Berlin, Sunbury, Norton and Mill Creek met as a "council" to recognize the new church. A copy of the minutes from this meeting, later recorded in the church register, also shows representatives from Radnor were present, but this is not confirmed in the original copy of the minutes.

Records indicate that 37 "brethren and sisters" presented "letters of permission" from their different churches to show their desire to be organized into First Baptist Delaware.

"Inquires" were made about the new groups' ability to "sustain respectably" the expenses of the "order of the House of God" ("to all of which inquiring satisfactory answers were given"), the council unanimously voted to recognize them as "First Baptist Church of Delaware."

The council then proceeded to plan the recognition service, which was to be held October 1.

In addition to a review of the recognition service, we will print a roster of our first church members in next month's column.

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Birth

Justin Mark Francis was born on Thursday, June 3rd at Marion General Hospital. The proud parents are Tammy and Kirby Francis.

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Edith Avey

Edith Avey, 74, died on Monday, June 21st at her home. She was a homemaker and self-employed baker, and was a member of Zion United Church of Christ, a volunteer for Sarah Moore Home, Meals on Wheels, and the American Red Cross bloodmobile.

Her husband, Lawrence, who died in 1980, used to do plumbing and heating work at our church. Edith and Lawrence were friends of our church and Edith attended when she was able.

Graveside services were held on the 23rd at Fairview Memorial Park, followed by a memorial service at Bennet-Brown Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels, 55 W. Lincoln Ave., or Hospice at Grady, 561 W. Central Ave.

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Barney Barkeloo

Dorrence E. "Barney" Barkeloo, 86, died Thursday, June 3rd at Grady Memorial Hospital.

Barney was baptized and became a member of First Baptist in 1946. He worked for 25 years as a painting contractor with his brother-in-law and friend Ben Turney.

He is survived by his wife, Mary (they were married for 62 years), a son, John, and two grandsons, Jason and Adam, who he was very proud of.

A funeral service was held on Monday, June 7th at Robinson Funeral Home, and burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery. A luncheon was held at our church for the Barkeloo family.

Contributions may be made to the Delaware County Cancer Society, 22 West Winter, or to the Delaware County Heart Association, 100 Cottswold Drive.

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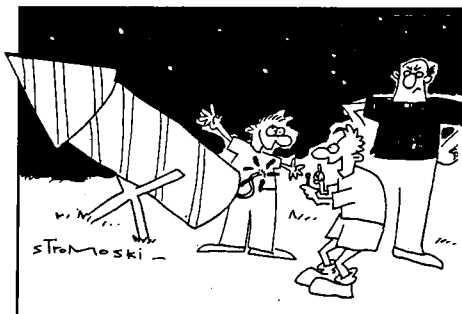
Thank You

A special thanks to all who answered the call of our church recently to pro-

vide food and serve meals for the Barkeloo, Francis and Avey families. All your efforts and contributions were sincerely appreciated.

I will be contacting you soon for help with Barbara Reed's stepson Richard's family when the needs are determined.

-Evelyn Lee



“... And the Lord said ...
‘Let there be light ...’”

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Board of Christian Education

There will be no Board of Christian Education meeting in July. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m.

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Trustees Notes

◆ At our June meeting, Arch Trigg resigned as chair and Peter White was elected. Thank you Arch for four fruitful years.

◆ The trustees voted to go ahead with our largest project in several years, which is the painting of all the wood trim on the church and old parsonage.

After talking with three painters, one of which declined because of the high work, the lowest bid of \$5,000 was accepted from Rick Nivin. Rick has worked for us before putting in new ceilings in the old parsonage.

A budget request was made last year for that amount, but giving has not come up to that figure. The trustees voted to supply \$4,000 of the cost from our own funds (which come from the rental of the old parsonage and from those in the congregation who contribute to the repair fund). The remaining \$1,000 of the cost will come from the general funds.

◆ The church's office equipment (copier, etc.) will be moved to the west end of the middler-junior classroom so that the present office can be turned into a separate classroom when the middler-junior class is divided this fall.

◆ Discussion was held on storage space for the Sunday school but was tabled on account of the problems of continuing shifting space in the classrooms and the disadvantage of having to go into a classroom to get supplies.

◆ Discussion was also held (but no conclusion was reached) on where to put the books given to the church from Ernestine Frost's estate. One suggestion—the stairwell to the fellowship hall—was rejected because it would not be allowed by the fire inspector.

◆ The blue doors (both the double doors and the rear door) have been repainted. PLEASE, PLEASE, no tape on these metal doors! If you must tape a notice on the double doors, tape it to the side glass panels so it can be removed without damaging the paint.

◆ More repair work was done to the parsonage lawn mower.

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As a public service we are reprinting the label below, which you can cut out and affix to your computer, copier, or other machine of your choice.

WARNING!

This machine is subject to breakdowns during periods of critical need.

A special circuit on this machine called a "crisis detector" senses the user's emotional state in terms of how desperately he or she needs to use the machine. The crisis detector then creates a malfunction proportional to the desperation of the user.



◆ A thank you to Jean Wickum and Jeanne Ekelberry for the new curtains in the middler-junior room.

◆ Another thank you to Jean Wickum for serving as host to guest minister Greta Wagner and as building host for our visitors from Memorial Baptist Dayton.

◆ Trustee Will Fogle reached new heights when he climbed the forty-foot ladder to change the bulb in the assembly room and the spotlights in the sanctuary.

-Peter White, Chair

Business Meeting

On Wednesday, July 28th we will have a covered-dish dinner at 6:30, followed by our quarterly business meeting.

Thank You

I want to thank all of my fellow Baptists for their patience with my groaning over my facial surgery, and for their prayers that gave me courage not to back out of the tedious procedure. You are so kind to say it hardly shows. And the doctor assures me that in a year there will be only a small white scar and a quirk to my smile. Thanks, thanks!!!

-Jean Wickum

Joint Services with Zion

We will be having joint services with Zion United Church of Christ the first two weeks in August.

On Sunday, August 1st our service will be held at First Baptist. On Sunday, August 8th we will be meeting at Zion.

Personals

MARCI SANDER recently attended Camp Akita for one week and also vacationed in Florida with a side trip to Colorado.

In May, ERIN FAULK competed in the Star Power National Talent Competition and received third place for her ballet and third place for her lyrical dance. In June, Erin competed in Showbiz National Talent Competition

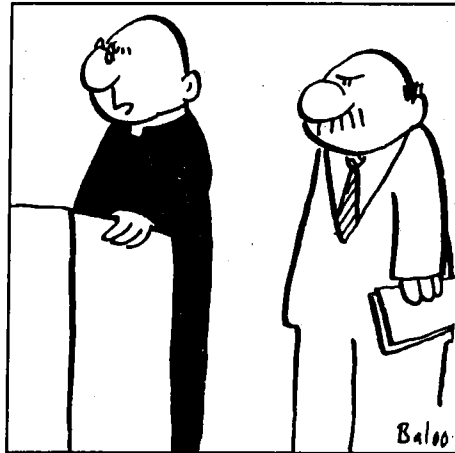
and received third place for her lyrical dance and second place for her ballet.

PETER AND LINDA WHITE spent a week in southern California visiting Peter's cousins, and a week in Arizona which included several days at the Grand Canyon.

MICAH STONER earned a spot on the honor roll at Hayes High School, and was honored for perfect attendance.

STEFANIE STONER MINISTERI received all A's for the spring quarter at Ohio State Marion, and earned publication in The National Dean's List.

JOHN LINN was hospitalized for a heart attack on May 30th.



"And here is Mr. Durham with a dissenting view from last week's sermon."

VIC FOGLE recently had back surgery at Grady.

MIKE LINN had surgery for kidney stones.

JIM AND SOPHIA STEPHENSON were in Chicago recently to help BOB move from Chicago to Columbus, where he will be a resident physician at Ohio State University Hospital.

TED AND JEANNIE STEPHENSON AND FAMILY visited family here and in Columbus, and then spent a week camping in the Smokey Mountains.

KAREN STONER, BERTHA VAN BRIMMER AND SUSY LEONARD made a weekend trip through Pennsylvania and Ohio.

BETTY AND JENNIFER PORTER recently vacationed in St. Louis.

Birthdays and Anniversaries


July 3	Phil Mercer
7	Jody Lynn Brummett
14	Ken Brown
16	Don Brown
18	Peter & Linda White
19	Jarrold Trigg
21	Mary Helen Richards
23	Alison Mowery
26	Jeff Faulk
27	John & Anne Linn
30	Bernice Turney
Aug. 3	Carolyn Schneeberger
7	Jennifer Porter

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 10:00 Morning Worship	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pastor on Vacation						
11 10:00 Morning Worship	12 7:00 Piecemakers	13	14 12:00 Young at Heart Trip to Prospect	15	16	17 8:30 am Mens Breakfast 9:15 pm Adult Social
18 10:00 Morning Worship 11:15 Youth Cookout at Reed's (time approx.)	19	20	21 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	22 7:00 Parish Council	23	24
					Pastor on Vacation	
25 10:00 Morning Worship with Deacon Randy Turner	26 Newsletter Deadline	27	28 6:30 Covered Dish Dinner and Business Meeting	29	30	31
Pastor on Vacation						

Sunday, Aug. 1: • Joint Service with Zion at First Baptist • Peace Camp begins

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WELL, I FINALLY FOUND MY WAY TO SAN JOSE. I arrived there on June 21, along with about 4,000 other American Baptists from around the nation and even from around the world. It's always an amazing and empowering experience to be gathered in the same place with so many people who call themselves American Baptists, and who proclaim faith in Jesus Christ. And it was even better to meet them all in a place as beautiful, warm and sunny as California. The unending blue and cloudless sky never ceased to amaze me. But, alas, I am back in the not so sunny, partly cloudy, unbearably humid, only sometimes okay weather of Delaware, Ohio.

But I'm glad to be back. California is much too crowded and not nearly as friendly. As I reflect on my time at the Biennial, I'm glad I had the opportunity to go. It was encouraging to talk with, worship with and learn with so many different American Baptist brothers and sisters. And when I say different, I'm not exaggerating. We aren't kidding when we say we embrace diversity: the people gathered in San Jose went from one end of the spectrum to the other—a very colorful group. Most of the time, it was really exciting to hear different points of views and meet people and listen to speakers who have such different life experiences. There were times, however, when I would just as soon not hear someone or speak with someone,

because their beliefs and views seem to be so different from mine, and even what I would call going against what it means to be American Baptist. Mostly I felt this way about people who were intolerant of and were discriminating against people who are different than them (women, blacks, people of color,



homosexuals). Sometimes I got tired of listening to what I thought was narrow-minded, poor theology.

Just when I was on the verge of becoming intolerant of these people and their way of thinking and believing, I was reminded of the Chaffinch bird, a little reddish-brown bird in Europe, that has a beautiful and unique song. The strange thing about them is that when people take them into their homes, the little birds soon forget how to sing. When the birds forget how to sing, they get sick. If they aren't taken back to be with the other birds at the zoo or in the woods, or wherever they congregate, so that they can relearn how to sing, they will eventually die.

This is one of the central principles of American Baptists. We value the freedom to do our own Biblical study and prayerful consideration of what the scriptures means for us, and we trust that the Holy Spirit will guide each person to come to their own conclusions. Because of this, our beliefs are sometimes very different. We don't always agree. In fact, sometimes we disagree so strongly that the only agreement we can come to is the agreement to disagree. But, if we begin to refuse to come together to agree on some things and disagree on others, then we will cease to be American Baptists. We must come together and sing the song which is unique to us, or one day we will forget how to sing.

Let us continue to sing the song that God has so graciously given to us, and may God give us the strength and love to pray for our American Baptist family in this nation and in the world.

Many Blessings,

Church Retreat

Our annual church retreat will be held on Saturday August 28 and Sunday, August 29 at the Marmon Valley Farm,

which is 8 miles southeast of Bellefontaine just off of Route 33.

LODGING RATES

Rates are for the entire weekend and include meals and special activities. If you do not wish to ride horses, deduct \$8 per person.

Farmhouse (with bathroom and shower facilities); sleeps approximately 20 people; \$36 per person*

Bunkhouse (hike to bathroom and shower facilities); sleeps approximately 12 people; \$34 per person*

Sheepbarn/Hayloft (hike to bathroom and shower facilities); sleeps approximately 15 people; \$32 per person*

* Pre-schoolers are half price.

DAY RATES

(for those who don't stay the night)

Saturday

- Lunch (pot luck)
- Dinner \$5.50 per person
- Hayride \$1.50 per person
- Barn Dance \$2.00 per person

- Sunday**
- Breakfast \$3.50 per person
- Lunch \$4.50 per person

OPTIONAL DONATION

To generate extra funds for future retreats, we are asking that you please include an additional \$3 per family when paying for your retreat weekend.

Please indicate your lodging preference as soon as possible. If you have any questions or want to make a reservation, please see Teresa Griffith (363-1375). Thank you.

*-Teresa Griffith, Chair
Retreat Committee*

August Adult Social

This month we'll be attending the "Harmony in the Park" concert on Sunday, August 15th. We'll meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. and then walk to the city park for the 7:00 concert. Please bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on during the concert. Afterwards we'll walk to Donatos for pizza.

BYF News

Well, another year has gone by and the BYF definitely was in full swing.

On July 18th the youth group held an "end of the year" picnic. We had fun, but we also discussed the next fiscal year, too.

The BYF has done so many things this year that it would be impossible to list them all in this column, but highlights include the following: Youth Auction, 1993 Convention, and Cedar Point. Fortunately, this list does go on and on. Then again, you could say that about our youth service.

I'd like to personally thank the Reeds for being our coordinators, and all of the youth who participated this year. Good job!!

*-Micah Stoner
BYF Reporter*

Trustees Notes

• As the newsletter went to press, the painters had just started our largest pro-

HISTORICAL GLIMPSES

Compiled by Barb and Rick Van Brimmer

October 1, 1853

The council of area Baptist churches that had met in August to officially sanction First Baptist Delaware reconvened for Recognition Services on this date. The service proceeded in the following order:

1. Recognition Prayer—Rev. P. Kelsey of Berlin
2. Sermon—Rev. Henry Davis of Columbus
3. Right Hand of Fellowship—Rev. D.A. Randall of Columbus
4. Address to the Church—Rev. James Harvey of Mill Creek
5. Concluding Prayer—Rev. James Goodrich of Sunbury

The service also included remarks by the Rev. J. Drake "In view of the position he has so long occupied in the

field." Mr. Drake, known as "Father" Drake, had been one of the early proponents of a Baptist church in Delaware, his efforts dating back to the early 1820's.

In Drake's remarks, he spoke of his "unflinching faith that God would build up a Baptist church in Delaware" and that this day of recognition was "full of comfort to his soul." Drake "saw a home in their own midst for those Disciples who had long suffered either privation or great inconvenience in attending upon the worship of God."

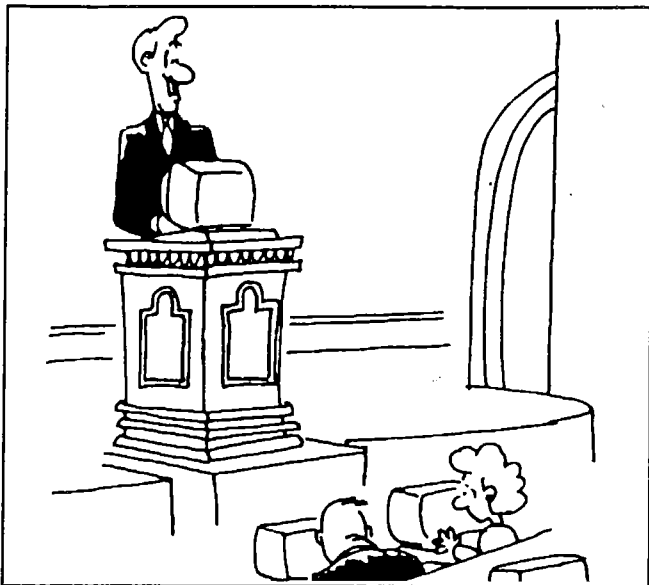
The original 37 members of First Baptist Delaware, who had presented their letters of membership to the convention on August 6, 1853 are as follows:

Andrew Akin, Anne Catherine Akin, Samuel Akin, Sarah Brooks, Catherine Carver, Electa Dopson, Jacob & Nancy Drake, James & Elizabeth Eaton, Ann Evans, Esther Fowler, Thomas Griffith, Horatio P. & Sarah Havens, Reuben Havens, Abigail Hayes, Catherine Ann Hayes, Wm. & A. Heath, Wm. Hendren, Hannah Lewis, Wm. J. & Sarah Lewis, Wm. & Sarah McCage, Robert & Laura Pool, Abel & Cynthia Prouty, Catherine Shearer (spelling?), Leonard & Harriett Turner, Sarah Vinning, Elizabeth Weiser, and Rev. E.G. & Maria L. Wood.

Note: Every effort has been made to correctly transcribe this list of names. We apologize for any misspellings. All original notes are handwritten in script and very difficult to read at times. If you know of any corrections, please let us know.

ject of the year, painting all the exterior wood on the church and old parsonage.
 • Two pianos were tuned by Clifford Rector.

—Peter White, Chair



“Now, will everyone turn on their pew computers and access 1 Corinthians, 13th chapter.”

will be Susan Gillies, Deputy Executive Director of A.B.C., U.S.A., National Ministries.

Financial assistance is available. If you are interested in attending or want more information, please ask Pastor Brummett.

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Please, Please, Please!

Our Sunday School teaching staff is almost complete. We only need one teacher for the Junior class. Classes start in a few weeks, so please contact me soon (at 369-7754) if you are interested in teaching 5th and 6th graders.

—Steve Stoner

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ABY Mini-Retreat

The youth will attend a mini-retreat at High-

banks Park on Sunday, August 22nd after church. They will leave at 11:15. Please bring a sack lunch or money for McDonalds. The mini-retreat will last until around 3:00.

Please let the Reeds know if you are planning to attend.

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Financial Update

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

\$ 23,044 Contributions through July
27,630 Ideally where we should be
 (based on \$921 per week)
 \$ -4,586 Where we stand through
 July (a deficit)

MISSIONS

\$ 2,948 Contributions through July
2,760 Ideally where we should be
 (based on \$92 per week)
 \$ 188 Where we stand through
 July (a surplus!)

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

\$ 291 America for Christ
 \$ 292 One Great Hour of Sharing

LOVE GIFT

\$ 44 Current balance

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Judson Hills Challenge

For the past month we have been collecting an offering for Judson Hills Camp in response to a challenge from Grand Praire Baptist. The challenge was simple: if each OBC church gave one dollar per member, we could erase all debt at the camp. We set our goals at \$100, and I am happy to report we raised \$125! That's almost \$2 per member! Thank you to all who contributed to help preserve this important aspect of our ministry.

—Rick VanBrimmer

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Christian Trading Card Club

The C.T.C.C. will be meeting on Thursday, August 12th at 7 p.m. in the Senior High room. We will be trading cards and electing new officers. Tell a friend. Everyone is welcome.

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Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers at the recent death of our brother-in-law, Jesse Rose.

—Pam and Larry Faulk

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Rally Day

On Sunday, September 5th, we will begin a new fall quarter of Sunday School classes. We will begin with a breakfast buffet at 8:30, followed by Opening Exercises at 9:00. The Sunday School hour will be from 9:15 to 10:15, and church will start at 10:45.

Beverages for the breakfast will be provided.

Please see Steve Stoner if you have any questions about class placements.

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Take 21 Minutes To Be Holy

ABC News recently featured an American Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida whose worship services are only 21 minutes long! The services are held from 8:00 to 8:21 each Sunday morning and include hymns, scripture, an offering and a short sermon.

The pastor said that he started holding short services in an effort to attract worshippers who don't attend conventional services. He explained that he

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Volunteers Needed

The Delaware County Metroparks is still welcoming volunteers to clean a stretch of Rt. 42 south of Delaware. All persons age 12 and over are needed.

Let's help out on Sunday, September 26th.

The training session that was scheduled for July 26th was cancelled. I'll advertise the new training time when it's set so that you can join us on September 26th. Thanks!!

—Karen Stoner

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A.B.C. of Ohio Bible and Mission Conference

This year's Bible and Mission Conference will be held from Friday, September 3rd through Monday, September 6th. The theme will be Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."

The Bible Study leader will be Dr. Kenneth Maahs, Professor of Biblical Studies at Eastern College, St. Davids, Pennsylvania. The Missionary speaker

Church Directory Update

Two of the birthdays in the directory are incorrect. The correct dates are as follows:

Betty Davis –
Aug. 25

Richard Davis –
Sept. 14



learned to conduct very quick services when he was an Army chaplain during the Vietnam war.

ABC interviewed several church members. One candidly admitted that he had a short attention span and found regular-length services to be tedious. Another said that she could bring her young children without them becoming bored. A third said he liked the fact that his family could attend church and be out by 8:30, leaving the rest of the day free for recreation or relaxation.

The pastor offered a good-natured warning: don't be late, or you'll miss the whole service!

Personals

JEFF FAULK recently returned from a two-week hiking and backpacking trip to Philmont Boy Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Jeff will return to Notre Dame the week of August 23rd. Please write to him and keep him in your prayers.

DEBBIE LOVELL recently attended the Citizenship Washington Focus, a one-week 4-H conference sponsored by the Ohio Bankers Association. They met at the 4-H headquarters in Washington, D.C., met with Congressman Kasich, held a mock legislature, toured the city, and learned more about our government.

MATTHEW AND DEBBIE LOVELL were counselors at 4-H camp. **BARBARA** was a camper. Matthew attended 4-H Sea Camp On Lake Erie for one week. He also attended 4-H conservation camp at camp Ohio. He and Dave attended Boy Scout camp at Falling Rock near Newark.

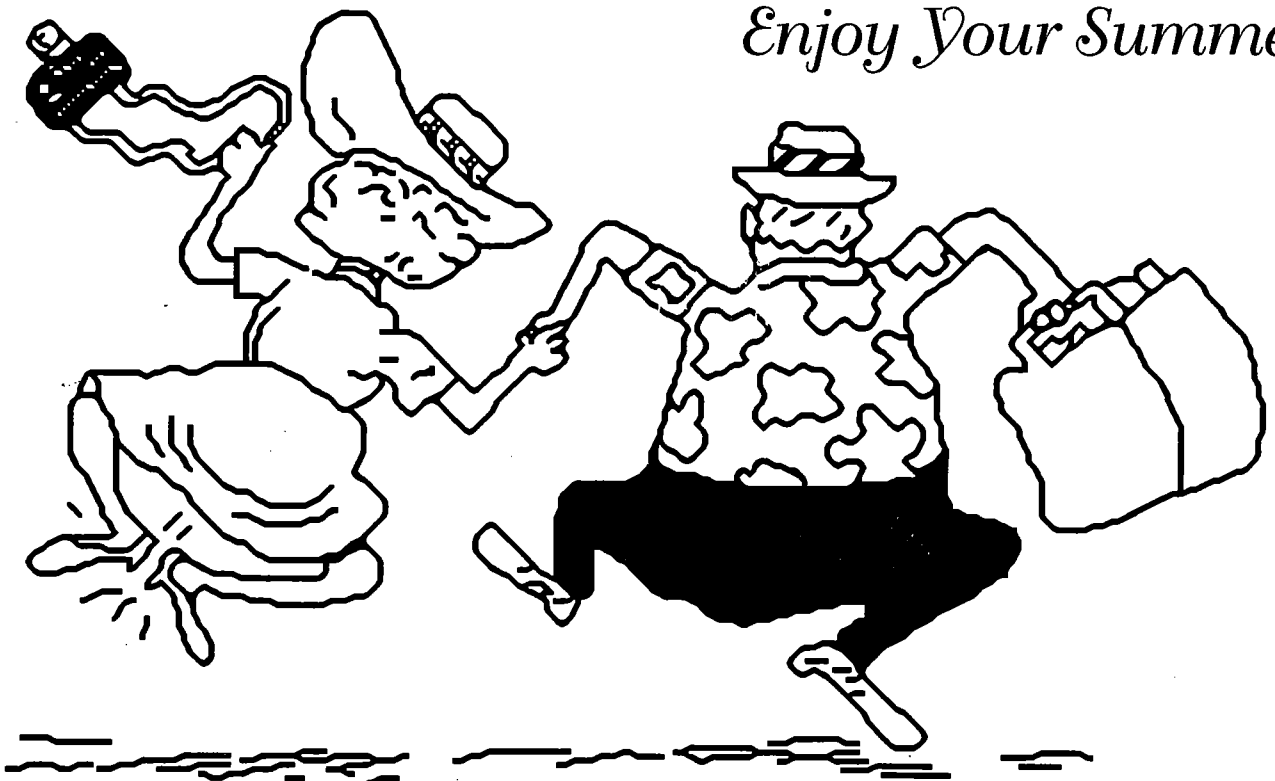
NELLIE SHEETS is a patient at Grady Hospital. She appreciates your cards and visits.

DONNA BROWN's new address is 1283 Spring Brook Court, Westerville, Ohio 43081. Her phone number is 890-5390.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Aug. 3 Carolyn Schneeberger
- 7 Jennifer Porter
- 8 Mary Gillette
Jim Van Brimmer
- 9 Steve Stoner
- 14 Rick & Barbara Van Brimmer
- 17 George & Cris Riedmiller
- 18 Pam & Larry Faulk
- 21 Jim Stephenson
- 23 Mildred Bowers
- 24 Florence Faulk
- 25 Betty Davis
- 26 Kirby & Tammy Francis
- 27 Christina Hopkins
Linda White
- 30 Fred & Carol Grubbs
Katie Riedmiller
Archie Trigg
- Sept. 5 Don & Florence Faulk

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AUGUST

**REMEMBER YOUR
SECRET ADVENT FRIEND!**

First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:00 Morning Worship — Joint Service with Zion held at First Baptist; Pastor Nirote preaching 6:30 Family Reunion '93	2 6:30 Family Reunion '93	3 6:30 Family Reunion '93	4 6:30 Family Reunion '93	5 6:30 Family Reunion '93	6	7
8 10:30 Morning Worship — Joint Service with Zion held at Zion; Pastor Brummett preaching 6:00 Pastoral Relations Committee	9 7:00 Finance Committee	10 7:00 Trustees	11 11:15 Young at Heart trip to Marion	12 7:00 Christian Trading Card Club	Pastor on Vacation	
15 10:00 Morning Worship with Joanmarie Smith from Methesco 6:30 Adult Social Pastor on Vacation	16	17 7:00 Board of Christian Ed.	18	19 7:00 ABW Ministries Executive Committee	20	21 8:30 Men's Breakfast
22 10:00 Morning Worship 11:15 BYF Mini-Retreat at Highbanks Park 5:30 Deacons at the Turner's	23	24	25 7:00 Choir	26 7:00 Parish Council	27	28 Annual Church Retreat, held at Marmon Valley Farm
29 Annual Church Retreat, held at Marmon Valley Farm	30 Newsletter Deadline	31	1 SEPT. 7:00 Choir	2	3 Bible and Mission Conference, Friday through Sunday	4

Sunday, Sept. 5 — Rally Day: 8:30 Breakfast, 9:00 Opening Exercises, 9:15 Sunday School, 10:45 Morning Worship

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Church Family Retreat

A total of 38 people participated in this year's retreat at Marmon Family Farms. We spent our weekend sessions learning about discipleship and taking part in group discussions under the leadership of Randy Turner. We also went horseback riding, went on a hayride, had a barn dance and a campfire. Many thanks to the retreat committee for their hard work.

"Welcome to Our Church"

We need people who are friendly, and willing to greet worshippers as they enter our church on Sunday morning. The chair of the Board of Deacons, Cynthia Bland, is organizing a greeters' schedule. If you think this is a way you can help in the ministry of this church, please see Cynthia or call her at 363-1327.

Billy Graham Crusade

A group from our church will be going to Columbus for the Crusade on Thursday, September 23. The service begins at 7:30. Please see or call Beth Trigg (369-7083) for details.

ABW Executive Board

The ABWM Executive Board met on August 19 to discuss the activities for the coming months. Rev. Brummett has agreed to help organize these meetings, with all of us offering our ideas.

The September 16 meeting will be a covered-dish dinner at the home of

Carol Fogle. The supper will start at 6:30 (beverages provided), followed by a business meeting and dedication of officers.

We hope all the ladies will join us for a relaxed but informative evening. Please remember to bring your Love Gift boxes.

-Carol Fogle, Secretary

Natalie Mowery, Secretary
Liz Hopkins, Treasurer
Micah Stoner, Reporter
Aric Mompher and Richard Davis,
Calling Committee

A.B.C. of Ohio Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting will be held at Oglebay Park in Wheeling, West Virginia from Wednesday, October 20 through October 22. The main speaker will be Dr. Tony Campolo, Professor of Sociology at Eastern College. The Bible Study Leader will be The Rev.

Janey Smith, a pastor in San Jose, California.

If you would like to attend, financial assistance is available. Please ask Pastor Brummett for more information and registration materials.

Thanks to Peace Camp Volunteers

Many thanks to all who helped with "Peace Camp: Family Reunion '93." Those who helped with planning from First Baptist include: Intergeneration Coordinator - Donna Reed; Music - Alison Grubbs and Stefanie Ministeri; Kitchen Committee - Jeanne Ekelberry, Bertha VanBrimmer and helpers Karen Stoner and Sophie Stephenson and all those who contributed food; and participants - Betty Davis, Richard Davis, Jeanne Ekleberry, Carol Grubbs, and Natalie Griffith.

Also, thank you to Jim Stephenson who designed our logo for publicity and tee shirts.

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World Mission Offering

"How can they hear unless we send?" This is the theme for this fall's World Mission Offering.

Many people throughout the world are suffering because they haven't heard the good news of Christ's salvation. But how can they hear unless we send? Our gifts to the WMO proclaim the Good News through teaching and healing. This year's promotion focuses on Caribbean needs. Watch the bulletin for touching inserts and take a few minutes to look at the posters featuring our missionaries. The offering will be collected on October 3rd. Thank you.

-Jennifer Turner

ABY News

At the recent mini-retreat, new officers were chosen. They are as follows:

Vic Fogle, President
Jarrod Trigg, Vice President

Please note that First Baptist is hosting Peace Camp: Family Reunion '94. The first meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 9 at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church. We need your help. If you are interested in helping to plan for next year, please see Pastor Brummett.

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Financial Update

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

\$ 25,911 Contributions through August
 32,235 Ideally where we should be (based on \$921 per week)
 \$ -6,324 Where we stand through August (a deficit)

Note: Since we have fallen behind, we now must receive an average of \$1,293 per week (instead of \$921) to reach our 1993 budget of \$47,894.

MISSIONS

\$ 3,270 Contributions through August
 3,220 Ideally where we should be (based on \$92 per week)
 \$ 50 Where we stand through August

Note: During the final 17 weeks, we will need to average \$90 per week to meet our 1993 budget of \$4,800.

"REMEMBER THAT THE PERSON WHO PLANTS FEW SEEDS WILL HAVE A SMALL

CROP; THE ONE WHO PLANTS MANY SEEDS WILL HAVE A LARGE CROP. EACH ONE SHOULD GIVE, THEN, AS HE HAS DECIDED, NOT WITH REGRET OR OUT OF A SENSE OF DUTY. FOR GOD LOVES THE ONE WHO GIVES GLADLY."

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7

-Mike Griffith

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Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is again planning a series of small dinner meetings to present the proposed 1994 budget to our congregation. It is our desire to hold these between September 26 and October 26 and to provide everyone with the opportunity of input into the budget before it's adoption at our October 27 business meeting.

Again my plea—I need hosts for these dinner meetings! The host would provide the meat dish and coordinate the calls to their guests who would provide the balance of the meal. Following the meal a member of the Finance Committee would present the proposed budget and field questions and concerns.

Please let me know if you would be willing to host one of these dinners, the dates which would be best for you, and the number of guests you'd like. We'll work together from there to provide the opportunity for each member to be informed about the financial ministry

of our church and the role of each of us. I'll be looking forward to hearing from you soon.

-Evelyn Lee
 362-9107

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Christian Education Sunday

This year's theme for Christian Education Sunday on September 26 is "Listen and Learn." On that Sunday we will be celebrating with all those who are involved with our Sunday school program. Please feel free to wear your red button from last year and celebrate Christian education in our church.



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Thank You

On behalf of the church family, thank you to those who prepared food and contributed financially for the Bereavement Dinner for the Howard family at the time of the death of the

HISTORICAL GLIMPSES

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OCTOBER, 1853

As part of the formation of the church, the "society of Baptists" adopted the "Articles of Faith" as published in the *Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge* as their basis of belief.

There are 16 articles in the Declaration of Faith. We will present these

declarations over the next several months, giving us a unique perspective on the basis of faith that helped form "First Regular Baptist Church of Delaware." We begin with the first two declarations:

DECLARATION OF FAITH

1. OF THE SCRIPTURES

We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of the Christian

union; and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

2. OF THE TRUE GOD

That there is one only, and true and loving God, whose name is JEHOVAH, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and Earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; revealed under the personal relative distinctions, of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection; and executing distinct by harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

father of Nicole Ross. Your response of "I'll be glad to help" when I call you is most appreciated.

Please remember to continue your cards, notes of encouragement and prayers for Barb Reed's son Richard Reed at 2498 S.R. 37 W., during his long recovery.

-Evelyn Lee

Shower Luncheon

There will be a wedding shower luncheon in honor of Jennifer Porter on Sunday, September 12th at 12:30 in our Fellowship Hall.

Everyone in our congregation is invited to attend.

Please RSVP to Carol Grubbs (369-6785), Stefanie Ministeri (363-3736), or Beth Trigg (369-7083) by September 9th. Also, please see Carol if you would like to assist in the preparations. Thank You.

Wedding

The wedding ceremony uniting Jennifer Dianne Porter and Edward Stuart Linn will be held at the church on Saturday, October 9th.

Special music will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the ceremony will begin at 2:30.

A reception and going-away party will be held starting at 4:00 p.m. at the Junior Fair Building, Delaware County Fairgrounds.

The couple will be leaving on a ten-day trip, by land and ferry, to their new home near Fairbanks, Alaska. Ed is stationed at Eielson Air Force Base.

Jennifer and Ed, along with their families, invite the church family to share in this celebration.

Licensing Service

On Sunday, September 12 at 3:00 p.m., the Springdale Baptist Church will host a service for the purpose of licensing Heather Rittenhouse to preach. This

Fall, Heather will begin her studies at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The license to preach is part of the ordination process, and helps to sym-

Thanks to EVELYN LEE for organizing several recent bereavement dinners and for planning meals for persons in time of need.

*Together with our parents
we invite you to celebrate with us
as we begin our new life together
on Saturday, the ninth of October
Nineteen hundred and ninety-three
at two-thirty in the afternoon*

*First Baptist Church
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio*

*If you are unable to be with us
we ask your presence in thought and prayer*

*Jennifer Dianne Porter
and
Edward Stuart Linn*

bolize that Heather has accepted her call to the ministry, and that her supporting church affirms that call.

Thank You

A special thanks to Teresa Griffith and the Retreat Committee. Our family deeply appreciates all the time you put forth to make our weekend special.

Also, kind thanks to the "old stand-by"—Carol Grubbs—who always unselfishly spends 99% of her time with the young ones. Bless you!

-The Trigg Family

In Brief...

Thanks to PETER WHITE for painting the church mailbox, the front steps' railings, and refinishing the front doors.

Vic Fogle Joins Marine Corp

It is with great pride and pleasure that we announce that our son Vic has passed all requirements and has taken the oath of the United States Marine Corp.

Vic will leave for Parris Island, South Carolina, on July 5, 1994 for his 12 1/2 weeks of recruit training.

We are very proud of you.

Semper Fidelis,
Mom and Dad

September Adult Social

Let's go out to eat!

On Saturday, September 18, meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. We'll travel south on Route 23 to Bill Knapps in Worthington where we'll order from the menu.

Richard A. Payne

Richard A. Payne, 31, died on Sunday, August 8 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Boston. He lived in Boston where he worked at the Widener Library at Harvard University.

He is survived by his parents, Richard E. Payne and Barbara Y. Payne (6315 Golf Lakes Court, Bay City, Michigan 48706), and his sister, Michele J. Payne of Boston.

His father was formerly associate dean of admissions at OWU, and his mother was a nurse at Grady Hospital. They were members of First Baptist when they lived in Delaware, and Barbara was active in the prayer group.

An informal gathering of family and friends was held on August 15th on the OWU campus. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Delaware County Cultural Arts Center. We extend our sympathy to Richard's family and friends.

Personals

TONYA CLaar, daughter of **BARB AND RICK VANBRIMMER**, visited from Florida the first week of August. Tonya is studying Medical Technology at Florida Community College of Jacksonville.

LARRY AND PAM FAULK celebrated their silver anniversary (25th) on August 18.

JEANNE EKELBERRY had a busy summer vacation. She helped plan a surprise 50th birthday party for her sister Nancy; she went to Ripley, West Virginia, for her nephew's performance at band camp; and she went to her family reunion at Camp Mad Anthony Wayne with over 200 relatives.

Jeanne also took her mother to her mom's elementary school reunion. She had attended a one-room school (so did Jeanne, for eight grades). Some of her classmates "came to school with lunch in a lard bucket and a tin cup to drink from." Jeanne had fun hearing about the classes they had and the games they played.

Congratulations to **DON AND FLORENCE FAULK** who celebrated their 50th anniversary on September 5th. Their children had a surprise party for them on August 25.



BEN TURNEY was in the Cleveland Clinic recently for tests.

CAROLYN SCHNEEBERGER attended Green Lake for two weeks.

DOUG LEE was at Grady Hospital for a painful back injury.

JIM VAN BRIMMER was treated to a surprise 70th birthday open house by his family.

JOHN AND MARY HELEN RICHARDS visited with her sister in Greenville, Ohio.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Sept. 5 Don & Florence Faulk
 8 Tammy Francis
 10 Katherine Griffith
 11 David Osborne
 Barbara Reed
 12 Dorothy Brown
 13 Jerry Palmer
 14 Marci Sander
 Richard Davis
 15 Janet Porter
 Jim & Bertha Van Brimmer
 18 Melissa Mercer
 Ben & Bernice Turney
 24 Chip & Dianna Runyan
 26 Michael & Tammy Grubbs
 Phil & Melissa Mercer
 Jeremy Ramey
 30 Mary Lou Lovell
 Oct. 3 Janet Lathrop
 5 Will & Carol Fogle
 Laura Beth Mowery

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Global Village Wish List

Global Village Collection (37 North Sandusky) is a unique non-profit store which features items made by low-income handcrafters around the globe.

Volunteers of any age (Junior High through retired) are needed to:

- Repair merchandise as needed
- Come regularly to remove recyclables/trash
- Work in the store on a regular basis (2 hours or more each week)

Supplies you can donate:

- Vacuum cleaner with attachments
- Dual cassette stereo with detachable speakers
- Floor lamp (for volunteer lounge)
- Message center
- Full-length mirror
- Small chairs
- Small calculator with regular-sized paper tapes
- Filing cabinets
- Desk lamp (long-arm)
- Answering machine

If you can volunteer your time or donate any of these items, please call the store at 363-6267 and ask for either Lynn or Lori.

It's In the Mail



We've had several reports from persons on our mailing list that newsletters have been received in a mutilated condition. We've also had reports of the mailing sleeves arriving with the newsletters missing.

To eliminate these problems, we are now mailing the newsletters inside of lightweight envelopes.

We apologize to those who received damaged newsletters or didn't receive them at all, instead of getting our excellent Good News Letter!

-Jim Van Brimmer

Church Directory Update

Gary, Terri, and Aric Mompher
 425 Senate Drive
 369-8420

New School Addresses:

Deborah Lovell
 Room 112
 Hanson Hall
 Baldwin-Wallace College
 Berea, OH 44017-1933

Jeff Faulk
 003 Fisher Hall
 University of Notre Dame
 Notre Dame, IN 46556-5610

Michael Ekelberry
 2411 East Ave.
 Columbus, OH

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I have some note paper which has three of my favorite quotes printed at the top. The quotes are by Socrates, Plato and Sinatra and read as follows: "'To do is to be,' 'To be is to do,' and 'Do be do be do.'" Here's my simple interpretation of these highly sophisticated thoughts: we do.

It seems that in the Church we're always talking about the importance of making commitments. Much of our energy in preaching and teaching goes into helping people realize the importance of being committed to the ministry of the church. This usually requires quite a bit of doing. Well, you ask, what's wrong with that? After all, we're supposed to be about the business of ministry, and ministry demands action. We're called to serve, preach, teach, learn, study and work, just to name a few.

I don't know about you, but once in awhile, I just get tired of doing. Especially right now. Here we are, it's already October and we've just entered the busiest time of the year. We have a full schedule of activities, including school, work, extra-curricular activities, leisure, and church, (although not necessarily in this order). On top of all this, the holidays are right around the corner.

You may laugh, but Sinatra points out one of the great tensions in life. We can't be without doing and we can't do with out being. However, it seems that we tend to put much more energy into our doing than into our being. The reason, I imagine, is because it's just easier to do. When we're at a loss for how to be, we can at least keep ourselves busy by doing something. The problem is that if all we do is do, then our doing won't amount to much and will eventually become empty and void of meaning.

Church is the one place where we can go to be together with our self and with each other and to be with God. Often we go to church to do with others and to do for God. Because our actions come out of who we are, God calls us to learn and understand more and more about who we are. This doesn't start with busy doing, but with active being. The church word



for this is spirituality. It takes patience and time. Unfortunately, we don't have very much of either one. But, if we will take the time to be with God and to accept God's presence in our lives, then we may just be surprised at how much more time and energy we have for doing.

May this be our prayer, that as we gather together to be with God, we will gain a deeper understanding of who we are, who God wants us to be and what God is calling us to do.

Many Blessings,

World Mission Offering

The World Mission Offering will be taken October 3 during our morning worship service. If you are unable to attend on that Sunday, the offering envelopes will be in the pew racks and contributions will be accepted throughout the month of October. Thanks.

-Jennifer Turner

News from A.B.W.M.

A pot-luck dinner was held on September 16 at the Fogle home. Rev. Brummett installed the officers and discussed future meetings. Karen Stoner will lead the October meeting, place to be announced. Jeanne Ekelberry presented a Love Gift program and gave the treasurer's report. Jody Brummett, Jeanne Ekelberry, and Carol Fogle will prepare a budget. Jeanne Ekelberry will represent A.B.W.M. at the Parish

Council meetings until the first of the year.

The ladies will be sewing at the church, beginning on October 7 from 10:00-2:00. Please bring a sack lunch for a noon break.

-Carol Fogle, Secretary

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart group met on September 8th at the church for a covered-dish luncheon. Fourteen members attended. The group accepted the Youth Fellowship's invitation to be their guests some Sunday in November. They voted again not to have formal programs, but rather an informal exchange of past and

present experiences and a time of catching up on family news.

The next meeting will be at noon on Wednesday, October 13 at the church.

—Jean Wickum, Convener

Thank You

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who attended my bridal shower luncheon. I especially would like to thank Carol Grubbs, Teresa Griffith, Carol Fogle, and Stefanie Ministeri for all of their hard work and thoughtfulness that went into giving me such a special day.

Ed and I are hopeful that many of you will join us on October 9th to celebrate our marriage.

—Jennifer Porter

Newsletter Postage

If you receive this newsletter in the mail (or even if you don't) and would like an opportunity to express your appreciation, we are accepting donations to help with mailing costs. A donation of \$3.50 would cover postage of one newsletter for a year. If you send a contribution, please note "newsletter postage" on your check or on a separate note. Thank you.



Dig Out That Costume!

It's time for our annual church family Halloween Party. It will be held at the church on Saturday, October 23 at 8:00 p.m. Join us for lots of fun, even if you don't have a costume.

Adult Social

For the October Adult Social, we are encouraging everyone to attend the Halloween Party on October 23 for an evening of fun.

Pastor to Attend Meeting

Pastor Brummett will be out of town from Wednesday, October 20 through Friday, October 22 to attend the A.B.C.

of Ohio Annual Meeting in Wheeling, West Virginia.

Candlelighters

Oct. 3 Emilie Trigg
10 Paul Hopkins
17 Barbara Lovell
24 Evan Trigg
31 Laura Mowery
Nov. 7 Jeremy Ramey
14 Richard Davis

Group Meetings Scheduled

We now have several groups meeting in our church building. Please make note of the dates and times when you are scheduling an event or meeting at the church. If you have any questions regarding any of these meetings, please speak to one of the trustees.

Piecemakers — This quilting group meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in our fellowship hall. The contact person is Jeanne Ekelberry

Boy Scouts — This group meets at 7:00 p.m. every Monday in the scout room. The leader of this troop is Dave Lovell and First Baptist Church is their sponsor.

HISTORICAL GLIMPSES

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OCTOBER, 1853

We continue to look at First Baptist's Declaration of Faith, as adopted in 1853. To review, the church chose to use the 16 "Articles of Faith" as published in the *Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge* as the basis of their faith. This month we present articles 3, 4 and 5:

3. OF THE FALL OF MAN

That man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker;

but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners; not by constraint by choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of satan and of their own sinful, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

4. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION

That the salvation of sinners is wholly of Grace; through the Mediatorial Offices of the Son of God; who took upon him our nation yet without sin; honored the law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by his death; being risen from the dead he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and all sufficient Saviour.

5. OF JUSTIFICATION

That the great Gospel blessing which Christ of his fullness bestows on such as believe in Him is Justification, that Justification consists in the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through his own redemption and righteousness; that it brings us into a state of most blessed heaven and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

Note: We are reproducing the text exactly as it was written. Some words (such as "Saviour" and "favour") were spelled differently than we would spell them today, and the word "satan" was not capitalized.

Cub Scouts – Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of each month in the scout room. Their leader is Jeff Hill.

Brownies – Meets from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in the scout room. Their leader is Barb Reed.

ABY News

Well, well, well. It's another year of service for the American Baptist Youth.

We held a meeting to kick things off for '93-'94 on Sunday, September 26. We had insightful discussion on various topics. Remember, ABY members, that meetings will be held once a week at the Reed's home unless otherwise noted.

Now on to new business. Starting in October, ABY members will be selling wreaths for \$14.95. And speaking of selling, the ABY will sell Entertainment books for \$35 beginning soon.

On Saturday, October 16 the youth will have a work day from 10:00-2:00 with Tim Rick, who is director of Helping the Needy. We'll meet at the church at 9:45.

Things look exciting for the year ahead. For more information, stay tuned! I mean...keep reading. Thanks.

–Micah Stoner, BYF Reporter

Trustees' Notes

◆ Last month, as the newsletter went to press, the painters were just finishing up our largest project in six years—the painting of all the exterior wood trim on the church and old parsonage. Much patching and repairing was done since most of the wood is 120 to 140 years old. The initials "CK" and the date "1873" were found carved in the storage shed behind the old parsonage. The total cost was \$5,300 and Rick Nivin's crew did a good job. The last expense of this size occurred in 1987



when new shingles were installed on the rear of the church at a cost of \$6,000.

◆ The church is grateful for two recent gifts. A new amplifier was given for the PA system. It's a great improvement over the old "tube" amplifier. The personal hearing devices are much clearer now, without static and hum. The other gift was a heavy "office-style" paper cutter that was given for the office. Again, thank you.

◆ Jeff Reed has been working at the parsonage, painting the front door, the trim around the garage door and back door, and the posts on the porch. Mike Griffith helped paint the shutters. There is still a long list of things to be done at the parsonage. Please see the Trustees if you'd like to volunteer to help!

◆ At the church some plumbing repairs were done in the mens' room and the inside of the double blue doors were repainted.

◆ The bushes were trimmed three times and a thank you to Arch Trigg for mowing while I was away. As we near the end of the mowing season, your chairperson hopes for a break before the snow shoveling begins.

◆ Everyone please help keep the church neat for the upcoming wedding. Many items are brought to the church and are then left unclaimed, especially in the kitchen area.

–Peter White, Chair

Super's Corner

A Reminder...

Just a reminder to all Sunday School teachers. Please, if you are not able to make it to your teaching obligation on Sunday morning, please contact your substitute.

If you are team-teaching, contact one of the other team members of your class. If you are unable to do that, please call me.

If it is already Sunday morning, please call the church and leave word. Thank you.

Opening Exercises

October: Senior High
November: Junior High

Board of Christian Education

The board's next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 18.

Motivational Speaker

The Church Education Committee of the Marion Baptist Association has invited us to attend a motivational speech by Rev. Steven Schmidt. He will be speaking at a Sunday school

teacher's meeting at Trinity Baptist Church in Marion on Saturday, November 6.

Prior to becoming a minister, Pastor Schmidt received numerous awards for his service as an officer and pilot in Viet Nam. After the war he became a successful businessman and entrepreneur.

He is currently pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Chillicothe (which is one of the fastest-growing churches in Ohio), and also maintains a part-time private counseling practice.

Pastor Schmidt is a very dynamic speaker and comes highly recommended.

On Saturday, November 6 we'll meet at the church and leave at 9:00 a.m. for Marion. Registration (with coffee and donuts) will be from 9:30 to 10:00, and the speech will be from 10:15 to 11:00. We should be back in Delaware around noon. Please see me if you want any further information.

–Steve Stoner
Sunday School Superintendent

Thank You

The Board of Christian Education would like to thank the women who baked bread for the Sunday School teachers on the September 26 celebration of Christian Education Sunday. It was a very tasteful way to show our appreciation for the many hours put into preparing and teaching. Thanks!

Sign It!

When you submit an item for the newsletter (even if it's just a cartoon or poem) please put your name on it. If I have a question about your submission I'll need your name so I can contact you.

Even if you think your article is crystal clear and you're sure I'll know who submitted it, please sign it anyway! Thanks for your cooperation.

–Jim Stephenson, Editor

OCTOBER WORSHIP

As part of my preparation for preaching, I have made a commitment to list the Scripture lesson and theme for each Sunday and include it in each newsletter. This will provide the opportunity for us to read, study and meditate on the lessons, so we can prepare our hearts and minds for worship. As we gather during this month to worship together, let us pray for God's spirit to inspire and guide us as we learn together.

-Pastor Brummett

October 3

Matthew 21:33-46

"Cutting Off Your Nose to Spite Your Face"

October 10

Matthew 22:1-14

"R.S.V.P."

October 17

Matthew 22:15-22

"Buried Treasure"

October 24

Matthew 22:34-46

"Point of View"

October 31

Matthew 23:1-12

"Saint Maybe"

Emma Dorsey

Emma Dorsey, 104, died on September 18 at Sunny Vee Nursing Home. Emma was Caroline Schneeberger's aunt and Peter White's great-aunt. She was a graduate of OWU, where she studied music, and held many jobs in the music profession. She was organist at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Delaware for 32 years. We extend our sympathy to her family.

Susa Barkeloo

Susa Marie Stertzer Barkeloo, 24, died on September 3 in Augusta, Georgia. Susa was Mary Barkeloo's granddaughter-in-law. She was married to 1st Lt. Jason Barkeloo, and was employed at Wren Hospital at Fort Worth, Georgia. We extend our sympathy to her family.

Financial Update



OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

\$ 29,610 Contributions through Sept.
36,840 Ideally where we should be
 (based on \$921 per week)
 \$ -7,230 Where we stand through
 September (a deficit)

MISSIONS

\$ 3,731 Contributions through Sept.
3,680 Ideally where we should be
 (based on \$92 per week)
 \$ 51 Where we stand through
 September (a surplus!)

In Brief...

◆ Preparing and/or serving the after-church fellowship table this month are Phil and Melissa Mercer and Shirley Parker. If you would like to volunteer to host our table, please see Deacon Karen Stoner.

◆ Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time ends on Saturday, October 30. Set your clock back one hour before going to bed that night. (It's noted on the enclosed church calendar.)

Business Meeting

At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27, we'll have a dinner provided and served by the youth, followed by a business meeting. Donations for the meal will be accepted. Please consider giving what you would spend on preparing a covered dish. A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule so the youth will know how many meals to prepare.

Personals

RALPH COLE, father of Pam Faulk, is a patient at University Hospital where he is recovering from open-heart surgery.

GENEVA EVANS travelled to California to visit son Gary and sister Mary.

DAVID SMALE had a lithotripsy treatment for kidney stones at Riverside Hospital.

MARGE SMALE had a two-week trip to San Francisco to visit with daughters Becky and Cindy. Becky, an attorney

from Boston, was there to attend a convention.

CHRISSE HOPKINS escaped serious injury when her leg became caught between the frame and pedal crank on a bicycle. Firefighters had to cut the bicycle and put Chrissy in the ambulance with her leg still caught in part of the frame. She was then taken to Grady Hospital where the rest of the bicycle was cut to free her leg.

LORI BRUMMETT visited Jody Lynn recently. Lori lives in Chicago where she attends art school.

ROLLIN LAURENCE, a former member now living in Peoria with his wife Lucile, visited with the Stephensons recently.

EVELYN LEE's sister Arvella, from Indiana, visited recently for a week. Bruce and family of Pittsburgh also visited.

BERTHA AND JIM VANBRIMMER attended Bertha's family reunion in Sunbury.

DAVID AND JEANNE OSBORNE have returned after spending the summer in Maine.

In spite of intense heat and humidity, the STONERS explored such exotic spots as Ripley, Ohio and Rabbit Hash, Kentucky back in July, staying in a brewery/hotel complex.

STEFANIE MINISTERI, KAREN STONER, BERTHA VANBRIMMER AND BARB VANBRIMMER travelled together to Yankee Peddler Festival in Canal Fulton, Amish country, Roscoe Village and Warther's Carvings in Dover, Ohio, September 17-20. Ask them about the size of their motel room!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| Oct. 3 | Janet Lathrop |
| 5 | Will & Carol Fogle
Laura Beth Mowery |
| 7 | Mike & Beth Linn
Jack Smith |
| 9 | Suzanne Grubbs |
| 11 | Joe Mowery |
| 19 | Paul Hopkins |
| 21 | Don & Dorothy Brown |
| 25 | Jenny Grubbs |
| 28 | Ed Linn |
| 30 | Jean Osborne |
| 31 | Ray Biggar
Andrew Linn |
| Nov. 1 | Stefanie Ministeri |
| 5 | Victor Fogle |



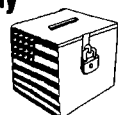
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OCTOBER

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First Baptist Church

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 World Communion Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with World Mission Offering 6:30 A.B.Y. Meeting	4 7:00 Piecemakers Boy Scouts	5	6 4:30 Brownies 7:00 Choir 8:15 Bible Study	7 10:00 Sewing Group 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal	8	9 Porter/Linn Wedding: 2:00 Music 2:30 Ceremony 4:00 Reception/Party
10 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 A.B.Y. Meeting 7:30 Pastoral Relations Committee	11 Columbus Day Observed 7:00 Boy Scouts	12 7:00 Cub Scouts	13 12:00 Young at Heart 5:30 Deacons 7:00 Choir 8:15 Bible Study	14 7:00 A.B.W. Ministries S.O.S. Meeting at the church	15	16 8:30 Men's Breakfast 9:45 A.B.Y. Work Day with Tim Rick
17 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 A.B.Y. Meeting	18 7:00 Boy Scouts Board of Christian Ed.	19 7:00 Cub Scouts Parish Council	20 4:30 Brownies 7:00 Choir 8:15 Bible Study	21	22	23  8:00 Halloween Party
Pastor at A.B.C. of Ohio Annual Meeting in Wheeling						
24 United Nations Day 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 A.B.Y. Meeting	25 7:00 Boy Scouts	26	27 6:30 Dinner (prepared and served by youth) and Business Meeting	28	29	30 Daylight Savings Ends Set clocks back tonight 
31 Reformation Day; Halloween 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	1 November Baptist Women's Day of Prayer 7:00 Boy Scouts Newsletter Deadline	2	3 Election Day  7:00 Choir 8:15 Bible Study	4	5 World Community Day	6 9:00 Leave for motivational speech by Pastor Schmidt in Marion

Good News Letter

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Well, it's November, and we all know what that means. It's time for the pastor to engage in the not so pleasant, but infinitely necessary task of talking about stewardship. As I collect my thoughts, and try to decide the best way to approach this delicate topic, I feel somewhat burdened by the weight of it.

It's always the same old thing, year after year. The finance committee and the pastor meet together to plan the church budget. After what seems like years and years of hard work and deliberation, they present the budget to the church, allowing time for questions and clarifications. Finally, we all gather for our Fall business meeting to vote on the budget.

And that's where we are now. We have accepted the finance committee's proposal and adopted the budget. It's all ours. Now comes the tricky part. On Sunday, November 21, we will gather in worship to make our faith commitment to God. We do this every year. We call it Faith Commitment Sunday. The big question seems to be, how will the pastor and the finance committee spend the next few weeks, as they try to convince the members of the congregation to make a pledge to our church for the coming year? What will prevent people from becoming bored or even threatened by what often seems like a lot of pressure from the pulpit?

Well, perhaps we need to change our minds. Perhaps we're asking the wrong questions. Let's ask ourselves another question instead. Is the way we think about stewardship and stewardship campaigns helpful? Perhaps the big question isn't how will the pastor and finance committee try to convince the members of the congregation to make a pledge, but how will we convince ourselves to give a pledge to our church? The primary reason we're asked to give to the church, isn't because it needs

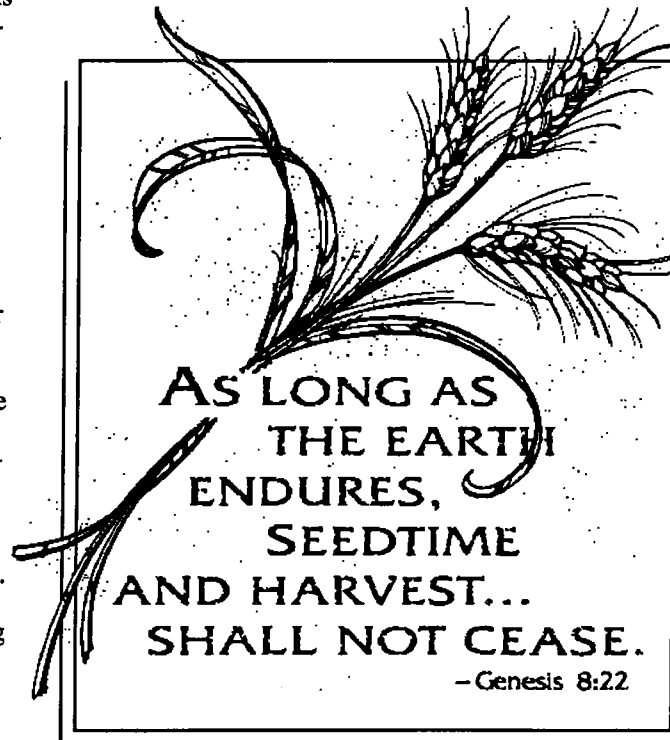
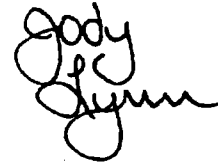
our financial support. It may need our support, but that isn't why we give.

We have experienced God's love in our lives, we have been changed by that love, and we want to give God's love to others. This is ministry. We're called, first of all,

Stewardship Sunday. We call it Faith Commitment Sunday. For us, this name stresses an important point. We make our commitment, not because of what we know will happen, but because we have faith in what we hope will happen.

As we consider what we hope to give, may we reflect on the success of our past ministry, celebrate the vital ministry that we have now, and envision our ministry for the future. May God bless our faith, and create in us a ministry of love. Amen.

Many Blessings,



to support God's ministry in the world. And for us, this takes place through our own involvement in the ministry of the First Baptist Church of Delaware. The good news is that this expression of thanks to God for the love we have received takes many different forms. We gather to worship, we sing in the choir, we give our time to teaching, to leading youth groups, to serving on committees and boards, to being part of groups, to learning in Sunday School, we give time to service within our community, and we give our money.

Let us look forward to making our pledge, not as a burden, but as an opportunity to return the love we have received. Other churches call it Pledge Sunday or

Ohio..." and then realizing that we weren't in Ohio.

We went to the meeting as delegates for our church, which means that we could vote on all issues being voted on and participate in the election of officers. The main speaker for the week was Dr. Tony Campolo, a professor at Eastern College in Pennsylvania and the Bible Study leader was The Rev. Janey Smith, a pastor from San Jose, California.

Fortunately, the week wasn't all work. After a restful night on Friday, we took a trip to a historic marketplace in downtown Wheeling, and had fun getting turned around in the maze of streets that make up the downtown area.

A.B.C. of Ohio Annual Meeting

Karen Stoner and I had the privilege of attending our denomination's annual meeting in Wheeling, West Virginia on Wednesday, October 20 through Friday, October 22. The location proved interesting, as many of us caught ourselves saying, "Here in

If you have any questions about the convention, please talk to Karen or myself. We would be more than happy to fill you in on the details.

—Jody Lynn

I appreciated very much the chance to represent our church fellowship at the A.B.C. of Ohio meeting as an official delegate.

—Karen Stoner

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Adult Social

November's Adult Social will be on Saturday, November 27 at 4:00 p.m. Come and help decorate the church for Advent. We will provide soup and a beverage for supper. You can bring anything else you wish to eat.



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People In Need

We continue to collect items for People in Need (PIN). You may place your items in the basket at the front entrance of the church. Here is a list of food and taxable items (which can't be purchased with food stamps) that are most needed.

Food

Canned Meats/Fish, Noodles, Cereal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Fruit Juices, Canned Fruit, Soups, Crackers, Saltines and Graham, Cooking Oils (Crisco), Boxed Potatoes, Cheese Products, Cake Mixes, Sugar, Cake

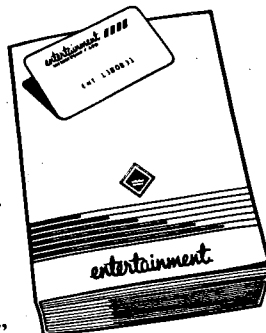
Frosting Mix, Spaghetti Sauce, Instant Coffee, Tea Bags, Hot Chocolate, Dry Milk, Canned Pasta, Boxed Dinners

Taxable Items

Kleenex, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Laundry Detergents, Hand Soap, Deodorant, Dish Soap, Shaving Cream, Toothbrushes, Toilet Paper, Diapers (medium or large, cloth or disposable)

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Youth Group Sells Entertainment Books

The A.B.Y. is selling Entertainment Books as a fund raiser. The books offer hundreds of two-for-one and 50%-off discounts for restaurants, movies, theaters, sports, travel, etc., and sell for \$35.



Buy one for yourself or as a great Christmas gift for someone else!

Please contact any of the youth or call Donna Reed at 363-7245.

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Helping Children & Families with Special Needs

The Delaware County Early Intervention Collaborative (EICG) has recognized a need to provide respite care for the

families of children with special needs. They are looking for caring individuals who can provide respite care by watching a special-needs child so that the family can go shopping, to a movie, or simply take a much-needed break. Screening and training for volunteers will be provided. Reimbursement for services will be arranged between the family and provider.

For more information, please contact Michelle Mosher at the Delaware County General Health District at 368-1700.

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Please Return Materials

A number of files are missing from the Sunday School teaching ideas file cabinet. Please don't forget to make good use of it. It is located in the office. However, please do not remove a folder. Take what you need from the folder, make copies, and return everything to the cabinet.

Also, if you borrow materials from other classrooms, please be sure to ask the teacher first and return them promptly.

Thank you.

—Pam Faulk

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Personals

JIM JOHNSON was hospitalized at Grady Hospital for back problems.

JOHN AND MARY HELEN RICHARDS visited with son Jeff and family in Denver for two weeks.

KATHRYN CLAPPER (Barbara Reed's mother) was hospitalized at Grady for

HISTORICAL GLIMPSES

Compiled by Barb and Rick Van Brimmer



OCTOBER, 1853

We continue our look at First Baptist's Declaration of Faith, as adopted in 1853. To review, the church chose to use the 16 "Articles of Faith" as published in the *Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge* as the basis of their faith. This month we present articles 6,7 and 8:

6. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION

That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ; which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation.

7. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION

That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation; by the power of the Holy Spirit so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence is

found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

8. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE

That Election is the gracious purpose of God according to which he regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners, that being perfectly consistent with the freedom of human action, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness being infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the gospel; is the foundation of Christian assurance demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Financial Update

REGULAR OFFERING

\$ 4,289 Contributions in October
 41,445 Ideally where we should be
 (based on \$921 per week)
33,899 Actual year-to-date
 \$ -7,546 Where we stand through
 October (a deficit)
 \$ 13,995 Amount we must receive in
 Nov. and Dec. to reach our
 1993 budget of \$47,894

MISSION OFFERING

\$ 459 Contributions in October
 4,140 Ideally where we should be
 (based on \$92 per week)
4,190 Actual year-to-date
 \$ 50 Where we stand through
 October (a surplus)
 \$ 610 Amount we must receive in
 Nov. and Dec. to reach our
 1993 budget of \$4,800

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

\$ 300 Contributions
 300 1993 Budgeted amount
We Made It!

I would like to thank the members of the Finance Committee for all of their hard work in putting together this year's budget.

This year's special Thanksgiving offering will be going to help the flood victims in the midwest. The floods may be over, but the damage will have long-lasting effects. During this time of Thanksgiving, we have the opportunity to be good stewards, by sharing and caring for those victimized by this summer's floods.

"Use hospitality, one to another without grudging. As man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." I Peter 4:9-10 (King James Ver.)

The final meeting for this year's Finance Committee is scheduled for Monday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m.

-W. Michael Griffith
 Finance Committee Chair

A Good Deal for Everyone

When you make a payment that doesn't involve cash, you make a commitment (or sign a pledge) that you will pay later. This takes place in almost every non-cash financial transaction.

A pledge to the church is a much better deal. It is the easiest commitment to

which you will ever sign your name. It is the one pledge you can sign and...

- won't have to have your signature notarized,
- won't have to submit the names of three references,
- won't have to list your bank,
- won't have to list your assets,
- won't have to list the names of your closest relatives,
- won't have to list a credit card company,
- won't have to list names of three business references,
- won't be asked if you have ever filed bankruptcy,
- won't have to submit your IRS form from last year,
- won't have to list the debts you owe, and
- won't have to have a blood test.

If things get really tough, you can even ask for more time or cancel your pledge and you won't be fined, thrown into prison, or have to go into bankruptcy. In

fact you might even find help from the organization you were trying to help! Not a bad deal!

Faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen. A pledge is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen.

A pledge is simply a statement of faith that says, "I believe God will enable me to give the amount I have promised to give."

Pledgers believe, therefore they act, and trust God to help them keep their commitments.

-Jody Lynn



World Mission Offering

The WMO total from October was \$278.82. The children contributed \$18.82 of that total. Thanks to everyone who helped promote and gave to the offering.

"Give As They Gave"

It's time for us to start thinking about the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering coming up in December. Let us remember the service and dedication of those who affected our lives and "give as they gave."

-Previous two articles by
 Jennifer Turner

heart problems.

RANDY TURNER is recovering at home after having his appendix removed at Grady Hospital.

BERTHA VAN BRIMMER spend two weeks in Pennsylvania with daughter Susy and family.

DOUGLAS LEE lost 8 teeth when a chain came loose on farm machinery and struck

him in the mouth.

Be sure to go see the new movie *Rudy* and look for **JEFF FAULK** in a shot of the band.

RALPH COLE (Pam Faulk's father) is recovering at the Arbors in Hilliard from heart surgery.

MARCI SANDER and **ERIN FAULK** are members of the Dublin High School Marching Band, which received superior

ratings and were Grand Champions at all three contests they attended this year. They also received a superior rating at the state contest on October 30.

DON AND FLORENCE FAULK travelled through several eastern states for four weeks visiting relatives.

JENNIFER STEPHENSON is a mellophone player in the Ben Davis High School

Marching Band, which recently won the title of Best Large Band in the State of Indiana.

JACK SMITH and his wife had an enjoyable trip to Branson, Missouri, where they saw the Andy Williams Show.

BETTY PORTER, ANNE LINN AND CAROL GRUBBS took a weekend trip to Indiana. They enjoyed scenic Brown County and surprised Ted and Jeannie Stephenson by attending Sunday services at their Indianapolis church.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Nov. 1 Stefanie Ministeri
 5 Victor Fogle
 6 Bob Stephenson
 15 Teresa Griffith
 Frances Johnson
 Harold Van Broekhoven
 Barbara Van Brimmer
 20 Randy Turner
 Dianna Runyan
 22 Peter White
 26 Elizabeth Hopkins
 28 Karen Stoner
- Dec. 1 Alison Grubbs
 3 Vinnie Ministeri
 4 Erin Faulk

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NOVEMBER WORSHIP

November 7

Communion Sunday
 Scripture: Joshua 24:1-3a; 14-25
 Sermon: "No Turning Back"

November 14

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30
 Sermon: "Playing It Safe"

November 21

Faith Commitment Sunday
 Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21
 (see also Mark 6:30-44;
 John 6:1-13; Luke 9:10-17)
 Sermon:
 "Accentuate the Positive"

November 28

First Sunday of Advent
 Scripture: Mark 13:24-37
 Sermon: "A Timely Matter"



Top Ten Reasons to Join the Choir

10. Wear anything you want to church because your robe will cover it.
9. Free cough drops before every service.
8. Clear view of everything happening in the congregation.
7. Reserved seats.
6. You'll know what Sunday's hymns will be days ahead of everyone else.
5. People will assume you must have a good singing voice.
4. Free color group portrait after every cantata.
3. Gained weight? Who can tell with that robe on?
2. Makes it easier to avoid people in the congregation who you don't want to talk to.

And the number one reason to join the choir...

1. Pastor stands within spitball range!

But seriously, if you enjoy singing, we'd like to invite you to join the choir. Please see Jim Stephenson if you are interested.

Thank You

Thank you for your loving support and prayers during my recent surgery. I expect to be back at church soon, and the doctor says I can return to work on November 15. Until then, Jen will just have to put up with me full time, and I'm sure she'd love to have visitor's to occupy me!

-Randy Turner

In Brief...

- The Board of Christian Ed. will meet on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 12:15 at the Mill at Buehlers.
- Please remember your Secret Advent Friend during Advent.

Important Advent Dates:

SAT., 12/11: Progressive dinner; SUN., 12/19: Christmas Cantata during morning worship; Children's program and party for Secret Advent Friends in the evening; SUN., 12/26: Birthday party for Jesus after church.

• Opening Exercises ← November: Junior High; December: Middlers.

Thanks for Lunch Help

A hearty THANKS to all those listed here who contributed in some way to the lunch we prepared and served on-sight to hungry, grateful Habitat for Humanity workers on October 16: Pam Faulk, Mary Gillette, Teresa Griffith, Carol Grubbs, Evelyn Lee, Anne Linn, Mary Lou Lovell, Jean Osborne, Betty Porter and Jean Wickum.

We'll do this again someday!

-Karen Stoner

Outsiders and Insiders

Our junior class read the biblical story of Abram, Sarah and Hagar (Genesis 16:1-16). We applied their story to current times. Who was the outsider? We discussed insiders and outsiders as they apply to our lives at school, church and work. The students were very creative, and expressed their thoughts through poetry. "SOCS" mean the social class or popular kids for the purposes of these poems.

What a tremendous amount of talent this class has! Look for us during opening exercises in November.

-Beth and Archie Trigg

Outsiders

by Paul Hopkins

Out of place,
 Unnoticed
 Taken advantage of
 Second best group,
 Ignored,
 Dirties
 Extremely unappreciated,
 Rejected,
 "Socs"

Outsiders

by Barbara Lovell

Outsiders are
 Used
 To
 Seem
 Idiotic
 Detested
 Even
 Reported against
 "Socs"

Insiders

by Richard Davis

Ignorant
 Name calling
 Snobby
 Ideal
 Dressy
 Experts always
 Rude - rich
 "Socs"

Insiders

by Evan Trigg

Insiders are rich
 and go to the beach
 but they mistreat
 like trick or treat
 they do anything
 and get away with
 most everything

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	Baptist Women's Day of Prayer 1 7:00 Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	Election Day 2	3 4:30 Brownies 7:00 Choir 8:15 Bible Study	4 10:00 A.B.W. Ministries Sewing Group (until 2:00)	World Community Day 5	6
Communion Sunday 7 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 A.B.Y.	8 7:00 Boy Scouts	9 7:00 Cub Scouts	10 7:00 Choir 8:15 Bible Study	Veteran's Day 11 7:00 A.B.W. Min. Exec. Comm. 	12	13 1:30 Deacons' Retreat at parsonage (until 8:00)
14 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 Young at Heart Luncheon with A.B.Y.	15 7:00 Boy Scouts	16 7:00 Cub Scouts	17 4:30 Brownies 7:00 Choir 8:15 Bible Study	18 7:00 A.B.W. Ministries, hosted by Anne Linn	19	20 8:30 Men's Breakfast
Faith Commitment Sunday 21 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:15 Bd. of Ch. Education, at Buehlers 6:30 A.B.Y. 7:30 Pastoral Relations Committee	22 7:00 Boy Scouts	23 7:00 Parish Council	24 7:00 Choir 8:15 Bible Study	25  THANKSGIVING	26	27 4:00 Adult Social to decorate church 
First Sunday in Advent 28 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 A.B.Y. 	29 7:00 Boy Scouts; Finance Committee Newsletter Deadline	30 7:15 CROP Meeting	December 1 7:00 Choir 8:15 Bible Study	2	3	4

Good News Letter

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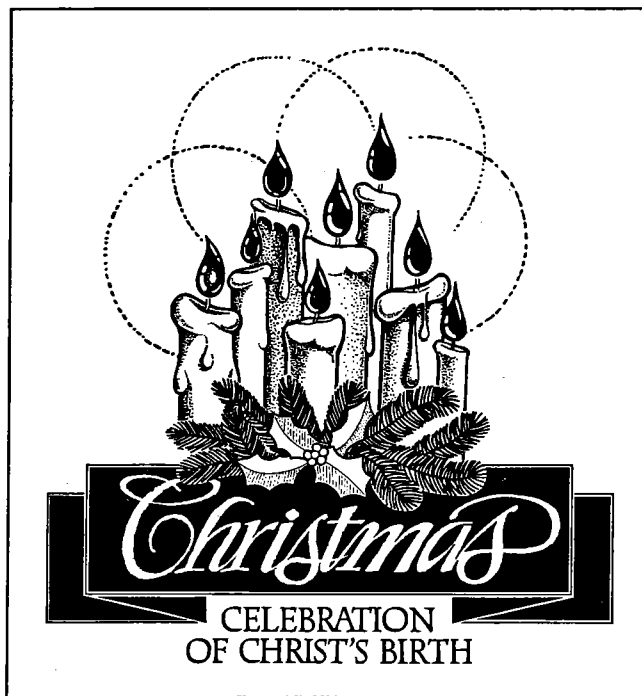
Every year at this time, pastors get struck with the feeling of responsibility for needing to give a traditional "True Meaning of Christmas" sermon (or lecture). The need to get others and even ourselves to remember that Christmas is more than decorating trees, buying presents and having family get-togethers. We begin to fear that Christmas time has become too commercial and materialistic and so amazingly busy. So here it is. Let's challenge one another, during this holiday season, to focus on why we celebrate Christmas and why this celebration is important to us.

During the holidays, it's easy to forget what Christmas is really and truly all about. There are too many distractions. There are lots of things that appear to be more important than celebrating the birth of Christ into our world and into our lives. The real irony is that many of the things that take up our time we've chosen to do in order to help us remember the true meaning of Christmas. And so it gets confusing. Sending Christmas cards, giving presents, going caroling, baking cookies, having parties, taking part in special worship services and Christmas pageants are all ways that we celebrate Jesus' advent into our lives.

Unfortunately, we often focus so much on the details of what we have to do and how busy we are, that we forget to sit back, enjoy what we have done and really celebrate Jesus' birth.

I'm reminded of a story about an artist who had just finished a major work, and decided to invite a famous critic to a private viewing. On the appointed day, the critic was met at the door of the artist's studio and ushered into a darkened room where he was asked to wait. A half-hour had passed before the artist came. He

apologized and explained the reason for the delay. "I was afraid that coming in directly from the bright sunlight, it might be impossible for you to see the subtle interworkings between the colors."



It really is tempting to get caught up in all our hustling and bustling to get ready for Christmas. Sometimes we can get going at such a tremendously fast speed that everything just goes swirling by and becomes too blurry to even see. Christmas doesn't happen quickly. It takes time. Let us give ourselves permission this year, to take some time, sit back and experience the subtle and often surprising miracles of Christmas. May we make room for God to enter our lives as we remember the gift of the Christ child.

Many Blessings,

Choir to Present Cantata

Our choir has been busy preparing "The Carols of Christmas," a Christmas cantata by Ellen Jane Lorenz. They will present the cantata on Sunday, December 19 during our morning worship service.

Christmas Program

On Sunday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. the Sunday School adults and children will present "The Living Christmas Card" by Eleanor Privette. It will be a Christmas program of secular and sacred traditions interwoven with Christmas carols. Come and join us for this Christmas celebration!

Following the program we will have our annual Christmas party in the fellowship hall. All are welcome. Secret Advent Friends will be exchanging gifts and revealing their identities. We are asking each family to bring a dozen cookies for refreshments.

Birthday Party

On December 26 right after church we will have a birthday party for Jesus. Please stay and join us in the Sunday school assembly room for this time-honored tradition.

New Church Officers

The people listed below were elected (or re-elected) to hold church offices beginning in January. Unless noted otherwise, all positions have two-year terms.

- Assistant Moderator:** Jim Van Brimmer
- Treasurer:** Betty Porter
- Financial Secretary:** Evelyn Lee
- Finance Committee Chair:** Larry Faulk

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Board of Christian Education:
Stefanie Ministeri, Beth Trigg

Pastoral Relations: Anne Linn, Jennifer Turner, Micah Stoner (Micah is filling a position whose term expires in one year)

Board of Deacons: Kirby Francis, Alison Mowery, Karen Stoner

Board of Trustees: Vinnie Ministeri, David Lovell, Peter White

You may wish to update the officer's list in your copy of the church directory. (The 1994 directory will be printed this winter).

Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to join the choir on Sunday, December 12 for Christmas caroling. We'll be singing familiar Christmas carols that everyone knows.



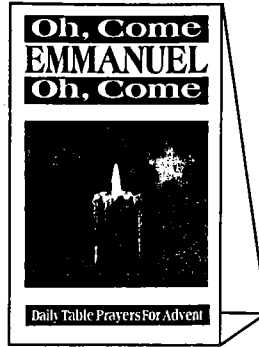
We especially invite our older church members to join us so that the shut-ins will see some familiar faces.

We'll meet at the church at 6:00 and will return to the church afterwards for

refreshments. Please dress warmly and bring a flashlight.

Advent Items

The Board of Christian Education is happy to present the members of the church with two seasonal tools.



The first item is a "table tent" which you can set up on your dining room or kitchen table. It contains daily prayers for the Advent season which may be used with your mealtime prayers or anytime during the day.

The other item is a pocket medallion which we are distributing to each and every member and friend of the church.

Please use these reminders as a way of holding onto the real meaning of the

Christmas season.

See me if you haven't received yours. Make your Christmas an Adventurous time!

—Steve Stoner

Progressive Dinner

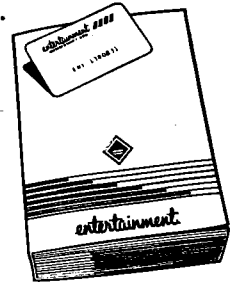
Don't forget the progressive dinner on Saturday, December 11. We will start with appetizers at 6:00. The location will be announced. Please sign the list in the vestibule. This is for all adults and members of the youth group.

Youth Sell Entertainment Books

The A.B.Y. is selling Entertainment Books as a fund raiser. The books offer hundreds of two-for-one and 50%-off discounts for restaurants, movies, theaters, sports, travel, etc., and sell for \$35.

Buy one for yourself or as a great Christmas gift for someone else!

Please contact any of the youth or call Donna Reed at 363-7245.



HISTORICAL GLIMPSES

Compiled by
Barb and Rick Van Brimmer

OCTOBER, 1853

We continue our look at First Baptist's Declaration of Faith, as adopted in 1853. To review, the church chose to use the 16 "Articles of Faith" as published in the *Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge* as the basis of their faith. This month we present articles 9, 10 & 11:

9. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS

That such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachments to Christ is the ground mark which distinguishes them from superfiscal (sic.) professions; that special Providence watches over their welfare; And they are kept by the Power of God through faith unto salvation.

10. HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL

That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government (sic.); that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator, to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel; and of the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible (sic.) church.

11. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH

That a visible (sic.) church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant of the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; goverend (sic.) by his laws; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only proper offices are Bishops or Pastors, and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles to Timothy and Titus.

Note: These passages contain several words which are today spelled differently than they appear in this text. We have transcribed them as they appear in the original church journal kept by James Eaton, and indicated them by the placement of "sic" after a word that may appear to be misspelled. As a point of reference, "sic" is Latin term for "thus, or so" and commonly used to show that words, phrases or facts that may seem surprising are printed as they originally appeared.

God put me
on Earth to
accomplish
a certain number of
things. Right now
I'm so far behind
I will never die.

In Brief...

- ◆ The Pastor will be on vacation from Dec. 25 through Jan. 1. In case of an emergency or pastoral care needs, please call Deacon Randy Turner (363-2169) or Deacon Karen Stoner (369-7754).
- ◆ The Board of Christian Education will meet on Sunday, December 12 at the church at noon.
- ◆ Please plan to attend an Epiphany party at the church on Saturday, January 8 at 7:00.

ABWM Update

Anne Linn hosted the November 18th ABWM meeting at her home. Rev. Brummett presided and reported on future meetings. Those who have signed up to bake cookies for the Bloodmobile on December 4th, don't forget. There is a need for two women to organize Women's Sunday, March 6th. If you are interested, talk with Jody. Materials are available to assist you. Sophia Stephenson has agreed to be in charge of the Scholarship Student, Heather Rittenhouse. Anne Linn and Marge Smale gave the program.

The next meeting will be held at the parsonage on December 16th at 7:00. You are asked to bring items to fill gift boxes for our shut-ins. Also that evening, the ladies will have a cookie exchange. Bring two dozen of your favorite cookies and go home with two dozen of someone else's favorite. There will be a program for the season.

Just a reminder, all women of the church are welcome to the ABWM meetings. Projects are being planned which many of you may find worthwhile. It would be nice to see some new faces at the December meeting.

-Carol Fogle, Secretary

Our Christian Fellowship

It states in Exodus 17:12 (the Living Bible), "Moses' arms finally became too tired to hold up the rod any longer; so Aaron and Hur...stood on each side, holding up his hands until sunset."

We mention this because our church, as we know it, is in dire need of an Aaron and a Hur. As you may recall, our 1994 operating expenses will be \$45,679. We have received 22 Faith Commitments totaling just \$21,926, less than half of the amount we'll need.

If you haven't yet decided on your Faith Commitment, please take a moment and prayerfully make a commitment to our church family, our church, and your Christian faith. Extra forms are on the table in the vestibule. You can place them in the offering plate, mail them in, or hand them to any member of the finance committee.

Lord, may we be aware of your companionship and guidance on our faith journey. We can trust our unknown future to our all-knowing God.

-The Finance Committee



Financial Update

REGULAR OFFERING

- \$ 3,137 Contributions in November
- \$ 44,208 Ideally where we should be (based on \$921 per week)
- 37,036 Actual year-to-date
- \$ -7,172 Where we stand through November (a deficit)
- \$ 10,858 Amount we must receive in December to reach our 1993 budget of \$47,894

MISSION OFFERING

- \$ 529 Contributions in November
- \$ 4,416 Ideally where we should be (based on \$92 per week)
- 4,719 Actual year-to-date
- \$ 303 Where we stand through November (a surplus)

\$ 81 Amount we must receive in Dec. to reach our 1993 budget of \$4,800

Of the \$529 contributed to Missions in November, \$177 is earmarked for the Flood Relief fund, which was our special Thanksgiving offering.

Our special Christmas offering, which will be taken on Sunday, December 17th, will go to PIN (People In Need).

-Mike Griffith
Finance Committee Chair

Just a Reminder...

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries offering will be taken on December 12. Be looking for a letter in the mail explaining where the money goes.

This time of year is difficult in a lot of ways, among them financially. As we consider our giving, please ponder Luke 6:38— Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For whatever measure you deal to others, it will be dealt to you in return. Thank you.

-Jennifer Turner

Letters of Thanks

Thank you all for your caring concern and prayers for my father, Ralph Cole. He is now home and recovering slowly.

-Pam Faulk

Dear Church Friends,

I would like to thank you for your expressions of love and concern during my recent illness. Your gifts of food, the visits, cards, calls and prayers were helpful and appreciated. Again, thank you.

Love,
Jean Osborne

*Those who bring sunshine
to the lives of others
cannot keep it
from themselves.*

by James Barrie

As my term on the Board of Christian Education comes to a close, I would like to express my gratitude to the board members for making my first board position a successful one. Thanks also for all of the cooperation I've had in dealing with the special missions offering. I've enjoyed my position and look forward to

continued

continued service on the Pastoral Relations Committee.

Thanks,
Jennifer Turner

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Candlelighters

- Dec. 5 Betty Davis
- 12 Adam Mowery
- 19 Paul Hopkins
- 24 Barbara Lovell (Christmas Eve)
- 26 Evan Trigg
- Jan. 2 Laura Mowery

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Opening Exercises

- Dec. Middlers
- Jan. Adult I

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New Phone Numbers

As of January 8, the area code for the American Baptist offices in Valley Forge will become 610 (replacing 215).

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Personals

JEAN OSBORNE had surgery at Grady Hospital.

BETH LINN had surgery at St. Anne's Hospital.

JOHN AND MARY HELEN RICHARDS have been housebound with the flu.

SHIRLEY PARKER attended a family reunion in Atlanta.

AMY STEPHENSON, a student at Herron School of Art in Indianapolis, designed an ornament which was selected to be displayed in Washington, D.C. on the Indiana State Christmas Tree.

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20 Years Ago This Month

Excerpts from an article in the December 1973 Newsletter

SANCTUARY PIANO DEDICATED

A baby grand piano was dedicated to the memory of Edgar Ebenhack at the morning service on Nov. 11. It was purchased from the Ebenhack Fund which was set up after his passing ten years ago. Presentation was made by his sister, Mrs. Hazen Young, who served as our choir director for many years, and it was received for the church by choir director W.C. Wickum.

Mrs. Young commented: "...In 1948 Miss Clair Shipman, organist at our church, married and moved to Columbus. Edgar, who had been singing in our choir, was offered the organist's job and accepted. ...His hours at the keyboard were unalloyed happiness to him.

"...Peter White proposed the purchase of this piano in memory of Edgar. I am presenting it to you, Wick, for the church as a memorial to my brother, Edgar Ebenhack. May it make beautiful music for the glory of God for many years."

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Dec. 1 Alison Grubbs
- 3 Vinnie Ministeri
- 4 Erin Faulk
- 6 Morgan Gooden
- 12 John Richards
- 13 Tammy Grubbs
- Geneva Evans
- 16 Leah Gooden
- 18 Cap Gabriel
- 25 Carol Grubbs
- Steve & Karen Stoner
- 29 Harold & Deborah
- Van Broekhoven

- Jan. 4 Cynthia Bland
- Ashley Francis
- Shirley Parker
- 5 Lola Jackson
- Evelyn Lee

Please report any errors to Jim Stephenson.

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The Doxology

The Doxology is the name of the song of prayer that we sing after we have presented our offerings to God. The purpose of this community prayer is to sing praise to God, thank God for what we have been given, and to ask God to accept the gift of ourselves that we offer. We pray with faith that God will bless our gifts.

You may have noticed that we have been singing a different doxology from the traditional "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." We are singing different words to the doxology which correspond to the changing seasons. As we worship together, let us prayerfully consider the meaning of these new and often unfamiliar words. May they become our own song of thanksgiving.

ADVENT

Hope in the God who reigns above,
who holds us all in steadfast love;
whose spirit blows across the earth,
preparing us for second birth.

CHRISTMAS

To God, all glorious heav'nly Light,
to Christ revealed in earthly night,
to God the Spirit now we raise
our joyful songs of thankful praise.

EPIPHANY

O God, may we who bear your name,
by gentle love your grace proclaim,
Christ's gift of peace on earth declare
and your anointing Spirit share.

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Pastor Attends Conference

On Nov. 29 and 30, Pastor Brummett attended a Continuing Education Conference at Karl Road Baptist Church in Columbus. The topic was "Learning to Love Administration, By Administering with Love" and it was sponsored by the Minister's Council of the A.B.C. of Ohio.

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Quilt Presented to Church

On Sun., Nov. 14, the Delaware Piecemakers presented our church a beautiful quilt with a "cathedral window" pattern. It was their way of thanking us for letting them hold their meetings in our church, where they prepare quilts for charities.

DECEMBER WORSHIP

December 5
2nd Sunday of Advent
Mark 1:1-8
"Marching to the Beat of a Different Drum"

December 12
3rd Sunday of Advent
Luke 1:26-38
"Ordinarily Sacred"

December 19
4th Sunday of Advent
Choir Cantata:
"Carols of Christmas"


December 24
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Communion
Luke 2:1-20

December 26
Guest Preacher:
Heather Rittenhouse
Matthew 1:18-25
"Walking in Mary and Joseph's Shoes"

DECEMBER

**REMEMBER YOUR
SECRET ADVENT FRIEND!**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:30 Brownies 6:45 Choir	2	3	4
2nd Sunday in Advent 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:30 Deacons at Cynthia Bland's 1:00 ABY Christmas Party at Colony Lanes	5 7:00 Boy Scouts; Piecemakers	6 7:00 Boy Scouts; Piecemakers	7	8 12:00 Young at Heart 6:45 Choir	9	10 6:00 Progressive Dinner
3rd Sunday in Advent 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 Board of Christian Ed. 6:00 Christmas Caroling	12 7:00 Boy Scouts	13 7:00 Cub Scouts	14 7:00 Cub Scouts	15 4:30 Brownies 6:45 Choir	16 7:00 A.B.W. Ministries (pack Christmas boxes at parsonage)	17 8:30 Men's Breakfast 10:00 Choir Rehearsal (time may change)
4th Sunday in Advent 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Christmas Cantata 7:00 Christmas Program & S.A.F. Party	19 7:00 Boy Scouts	20 7:00 Cub Scouts	21 7:00 Cub Scouts	22 7:00 Choir	23	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:45 Prelude 7:00 Service
9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship; Heather Rittenhouse, guest preacher 12:00 Birthday Party for Jesus	26 7:00 Boy Scouts Newsletter Deadline	27	28	29 7:00 Choir	30	Christmas 25  VACATION
					New Year's Eve 	January 1 1994
PASTOR ON VACATION (DEC. 23 - JAN. 1)						