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# Good News Letter

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If you've ever been in my home, you'd probably agree that I keep a lot of stuff. Everywhere I go, I take a box of stuff on the floor, which I'm convinced will get sorted out one day. I have a vast store of papers, where I have a very much larger number of papers or general stuff lying around the house. On the surface, things look pretty neat.

However, if you were to examine my housekeeping habits with greater scrutiny, you'd discover that my beauty and neatness of my home is only skin deep. If you were to open up my closets and look in my drawers, you'd realize that way deep down, I'm really a slob. The theory is that you clean up the house, but you don't clean the house. You don't clean the drawers. And there's really no need to, even being all about cleaning out those drawers and closets, because nobody ever looks in there.

My sister Karen, on the other hand, has a model of a back approach to keeping a house. Her motto is, "Wash something away when you're not going to use it again." This approach does not make it difficult to find a bare spot on the floor on which to walk across the room, but it does take up a lot of living space that could be better utilized. And if she ever does decide to tidy things up a bit, all you'd be left with is what needs to be thrown out or put back in its place.

Which brings me to the topic of this January newsletter article, "New Year's Resolutions." It seems that every year at about this time, we begin to feel a little pressure to change, to improve. Make them better. Turn over a new leaf. Get rid of some of our bad habits. Take on some new interests which

make us a better person. And that's the beauty of it. You can do some of these things from the inside. Like how to manage the clutter. Or even clean up the rest of your life.

When you try to do these things, you're not only cleaning up your life, you're also cleaning up your heart. It's a good exercise for the heart.



When you're in a hurry to clean up, it's easy to do it. On the other hand, if you're not in a hurry, you can take a good long time to do it. Don't let the clutter get in the way of your method of housekeeping work. It's not a good idea to do it in a hurry. My method is to do it in a slow, steady way. I give the things of a day and deal with it later. When you're in a hurry, you're not only cleaning up your life, you're also cleaning up your heart. It's a good exercise for the heart. Karen may be a slob (not my word, of course), but at least she's honest about it. It's all about the eyes. For over years and that's what it's all about to see. There are no secrets. Nothing is hidden.

People get angry and people in the Church especially, with a resolution. The method of housekeeping when it

comes to dealing with our personal problems and in facing our problems in the community. We want to keep up a good appearance. On the outside we want to be great, tidy, well-organized, well-kept. While on the inside we can sometimes be pretty messy: confused, uncertain, struggling, hurt, afraid. We don't shove our difficulties into the proverbial closet or we sweep them under the even more proverbial rug. Why? Are we afraid that people will see our mess? Do we think that we have to keep up some kind of "holy" appearance or people won't think we're Christians?

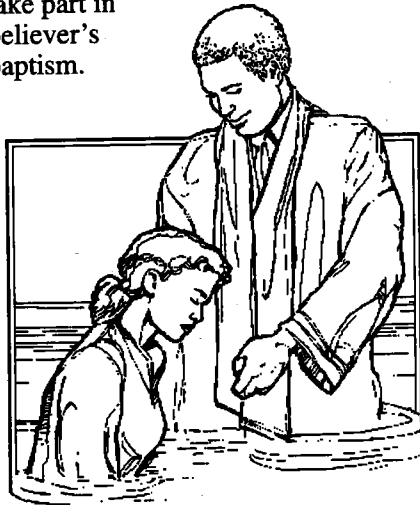
We've been called into this community of faith. We are a holy people, because we're God's people. And if I can speak on behalf of God for a moment, I think God would prefer our lives to be a little messy, but honest instead of a lot tidy and dishonest. We can face our lives, messes and all, because we know that God's grace can handle it. We also know that God gives us the gift of this community, so that we can have the strength of support and understanding as we go about the sometimes messy business of trying to make positive changes and decisions in our lives.

As we look to this new year, and all the possibilities it holds for our lives and for the life of this church, let us promise, with God as our strength and courage, to face it with all the honesty we can muster. Amen.

Jody Lynn Brummett

## Celebration of Baptism

On Sunday, January 8, we will be celebrating in a service of Baptism as Sheila Rutherford comes forward to witness to her faith in Jesus Christ and take part in believer's baptism.



## Annual Business Meeting

On Wednesday, January 25, we will meet for our Annual Meeting.

We will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a covered-dish dinner, which will be followed by our meeting.

If you are responsible for an annual report for your board or committee, please have it prepared and be ready to present it at the meeting. Also, have a copy of your report available to leave with our clerk, Dianna Runyan.

## Secret Advent Friends

Won't you consider being a Secret Advent Friend? Pick up a form from me, fill it out and return it to me by Sunday, January 8. Then stay after church on the 8th to draw a name.

-Pam Faulk

## Trustees Report

- The pipe organ was tuned and serviced by Gary Mason and Larry Williams.
- Two pianos were tuned by Clifford Rector.

-Peter White, chair

## Death in Church Family

Mary M. Dennis, 95, died Friday, December 23rd at The Arbors Nursing Home in Delaware.

She was a retired maid at Ohio Wesleyan University and lived most of her life in Delaware.

She is survived by three nieces; six stepgrandchildren; and four great-nieces. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur, four sisters and two brothers.

Mary was a member of our church and used to be active in the Womens' Society.

Her funeral was held on Monday, Dec. 26 with Rev. Brummett officiating. Burial was in Iberia Cemetery in Iberia. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist.

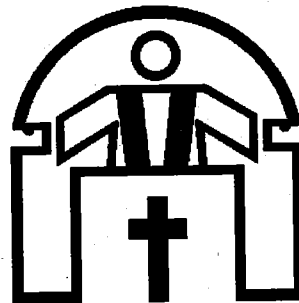
## Birth

On Monday, December 5, Zachery Michael Grubbs came into the world at 9:45 p.m., weighing 8 lbs. 1.2 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. The mother is Suzanne Grubbs and the proud grandparents are Fred and Carol Grubbs.

## Annual Pulpit Exchange

On Sunday, January 22, the Delaware County Ministerial Association will host the annual pulpit exchange. This year, our

pastor will be going to Old Stone Presbyterian Church and the pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, the Rev. David S. Harding, will be coming to First Baptist.



## Church Directory

The 1995 edition of our church directory will be distributed this month. If you find any errors, please report them to the pastor or to Jim Stephenson. They'll be reported in the newsletter

and corrected in the next edition of the directory.

## Lost & Found

Found:

- One pair of nice, black gloves
  - One child's blue glove
- (These items are in the assembly room.)

## Parish Council Calendar Planning Meeting

On Saturday, January 21, at 10:00 a.m., the parish council will meet for our regular

January meeting and our annual calendar planning for the year.

Please bring all important dates concerning your board or committee for 1995. If you are unable to attend, please make sure someone from your board or committee will be present.



## In Brief...

The Board of Christian Education will meet at the church on Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00.

## Thanks

• We would like to thank Debbie Lovell for all her hard work directing this year's Christmas program. Thanks also to Mary Lou Lovell for assisting and to all the kids who performed.

-Board of Christian Education

• A special thank you to Jeanne Ekelberry for making the beautiful door hangings that decorated our classrooms during Advent.

- Pam Faulk

• Thanks to everyone who joined us when we went Christmas Caroling last month. Also, thanks to Linda White and Jeanne Ekelberry for hosting choir rehearsals at their homes during the holidays.

-Jim Stephenson, choir director

**Candlelighters**

- January 1 Laura Mowery
- 8 Paul Hopkins
- 15 Betty Davis
- 22 Jeremy Ramey
- 29 Chrissy Hopkins
- February 5 Richard Davis

**Volunteers Needed**

Jesus' youth was a time blessed with the nurturing of many kind and caring adults, teachers, priests in the temple, his adoring parents.

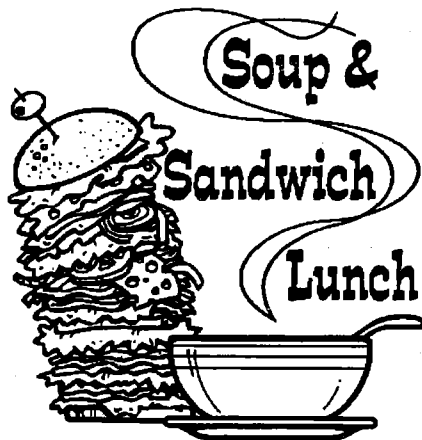
Have you noticed our talented youth here at First Baptist? Many of their impressionable years were spent and are spent in the nursery and enjoying Junior Church.

We need willing volunteers to help in both capacities for 1995. Please take your turn. See me to choose your month to serve.

-Beth Trigg

**A.B.W. Ministries Soup and Sandwich Luncheon**

Following worship on Sunday, January 22, the women of the church are invited to a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. The soup will be provided, and please



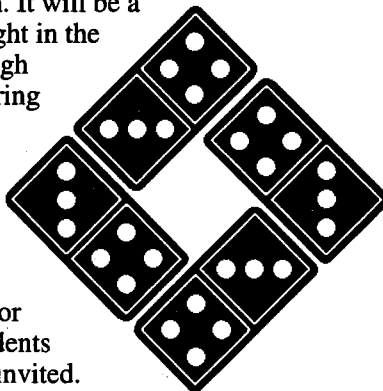
bring a sandwich for yourself. The program will be presented by Barb Van Brimmer and Stefanie Stoner.



"Would you like a copy of my sermon? Perhaps you can read it during your waking hours."

**Adult Social**

The January adult social will be on Friday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m. It will be a game night in the senior high room. Bring your favorite games, snack foods, and pop.



The senior high students are also invited.

**Personals**

- **JEFF FAULK** has once again been selected to be a member of Notre Dame's Concert Band for 1995.
- **BERTHA VAN BRIMMER** had tests at Riverside Hospital.
- **BOB HEIZER** was hospitalized at Riverside and Grady Hospitals.
- Congratulations to **CAP GABRIEL** who celebrated his 93rd birthday!

**JANUARY WORSHIP**

**January 1**

*New Years Day*  
Guest Preacher:  
The Rev. Sandie Heizer  
"Pondering"

**January 8**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
"What's In a Name?"

**January 15**

John 2:1-11  
"Nothing Short of a Miracle"

**January 22**

*Annual Pulpit Exchange*  
Guest Preacher:  
The Rev. David S. Harding,  
Grace United Methodist Church

**January 29**

I Corinthians 13:1-13  
"The Art of Loving"

**February 5**

Luke 5:1-11  
"I'd Rather Be Fishing"

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- Jan. 4 Cynthia Bland
- Ashley Francis
- Shirley Parker
- 5 Lola Jackson
- Evelyn Lee
- 6 Edith Hall
- 8 Chip Runyan
- 12 Larry Faulk
- 13 John Linn
- 18 Matthew Lovell
- 20 Jennifer Turner
- 23 Jeff & Donna Reed
- 24 Ben Turney
- 26 Sophia Stephenson
- 27 Steve Baker
- 30 Calvin Turner
- Feb. 2 Fred Grubbs

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## Special Events for Lent

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

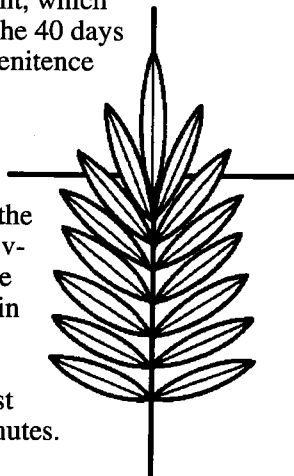
As we prepare for the beginning of Lent, please join us for our annual pancake supper and talent show on Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. Our pancakes will be prepared by the men of the church under the direction of Head Chef Larry "The Pancake Man" Faulk.

Please see Larry if you'd like to volunteer to help with the cooking or the entertainment.



### Ash Wednesday Service

As we begin Lent, which is traditionally the 40 days of fasting and penitence between Ash Wednesday and Easter, let's gather for a brief service of the giving and receiving of ashes. The service will begin on Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. and will last for about 20 minutes.



Please join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for Lent—as we join together in this season of prayer and reflection.

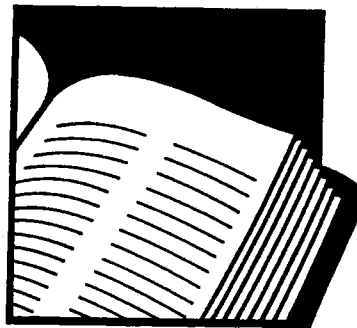
### Saturday Morning Lenten Series

The Lenten Series will take place every Saturday morning in Lent, beginning on March 4 and ending on April 8. We will meet in the senior high room at 10:00 a.m. for about two hours each week, where we will study the life and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran Pastor in Germany during World War II and the reign of Hitler. He was a staunch opponent of Hitler and the German government and

was part of a group of Christians who were attempting to assassinate Hitler. Unfortunately, he was imprisoned by the government and was eventually executed before they could stop Hitler and the Nazi reign of terror.

His life, theology, experience and writings pose many thought-provoking questions and possibly dilemmas for Christians, especially those of us who have been so persuaded by the non-violent teachings of Jesus, Ghandi



and Martin Luther King, Jr. (just to mention a few). We will study his most renowned book, *Letters and Papers From Prison*, and will also watch a video about his life.

If you're interested in taking part in this study, please let Pastor Brummett know so she can order enough books. The cost of the book will be about \$10.00. If you're unable to purchase a book at this time, one will be provided for you.



### Young at Heart

The Young at Heart group met for lunch at the Ponderosa Restaurant on Wednesday, January 11, with 10 members present. Frances Cook was a guest. The move to the restaurant was necessary because of the repair work being done under the sanctuary.

On Wednesday, Feb. 8 at noon we will be back in our usual place, having a covered-dish luncheon at the church.

The group is open to anyone 55 years of age or older. We meet once a month for a noon meal and good conversation, some reminiscences, and sharing family news. We welcome new members.

—Jean Wickum

### Marion Association Celebration Banquet

This year's Celebration Banquet will be held on Friday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Tri-Rivers in Marion. The theme for the evening is "Running the Race," based on Hebrews 12:1.

Everyone is invited to attend. The price for a ticket is \$7.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Those who have become new

members since the Celebration banquet last March are invited to attend for free as a gift from our church. However, any family members that attend with you will have to purchase a ticket.

If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Brummett know by Sunday, February 19.

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**A.B.W. Ministries:  
 Trip to Sunny Vee**

The women's group will meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 18. From there we will go to the Sunny Vee Nursing Home, where we will enjoy cookies and a sing-a-long with the residents.

Please bring 1 dozen cookies to share. Betty Porter will be our pianist.

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**Progressive Dinner**

We will be having a progressive dinner on Saturday, February 25, starting at 6:30 p.m. This is for all adults and senior high students. Please sign your name on the sign-up sheet. It is important that we know how many will attend. We also need people to volunteer their homes.



—Pam Faulk

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**Thanks**

Thanks to all choir members for my Christmas gift. Our whole family enjoyed it. Thanks for all of your dedication and special music throughout the year.

—Mary Lou Lovell

I'd also like to thank the choir for my Christmas gift and for all the hard work they have put in this year.

—Jim Stephenson

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**Trustees  
 Notes**

- A thank you to Dave Lovell for painting several areas inside the parsonage during Christmas vacation.

- A thank you to Will Fogle for cleaning, filling, heating and tending the baptistry.

- The fire department conducted a building inspection at the church.

- A new sewer line was installed through the furnace room and under the sanctuary by Don Patrick. The cost was \$1,265.

**Fire at Old Parsonage**

- On Monday, January 23 we suffered a fire at the old parsonage next to the church.

Rick Lestock, who had an apartment upstairs, called the fire department. Fire Captain Steve Boham said that seven firefighters arrived at the scene at 1:06 a.m. and stayed for about 2-1/2 hours. Captain Boham said that the fire apparently started at the top of the stairwell. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

The upstairs was badly damaged and is unusable. The renters are using the downstairs which was not damaged!

We are all very lucky that the fire didn't spread to the church. The damage is between \$20,000 and \$30,000, but insurance will cover all but the \$250 deductible.

P.S. The coffee pots in the church kitchen have been found "on" three times since winter started—hint, hint!

—Peter White, chair

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**National Quilt Day**

The Delaware Piecemakers Quilt Guild will host a Service Day on Saturday, March 18 (National Quilt



"That reminds me...  
 I've got a board meeting tonight."

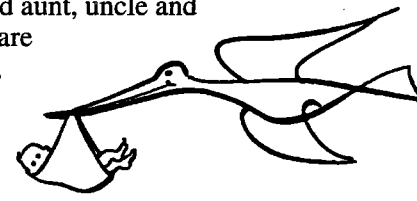
Day) in the fellowship hall. All baby quilts made that day will be given to hospitals and clinics for Baby at Risk (AIDS, leukemia, etc.).

You *do not* have to sew to help with this project! More details later.

—Jeanne Ekelberry

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**Birth**

On Sunday, January 22, Michael Phillip Mercer came into the world at 5:43 a.m., weighing 9 lbs. and measuring 21-1/2 inches long. The parents are Phil and Melissa Mercer and the proud aunt, uncle and cousins are Jennifer, Randy, Calvin and Ben Turner.



The Delaware Gazette had a front-page article about the birth because it was the first birth at Grady Hospital using a certified nurse mid-wife.

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**ABY Update**

Sunday, Feb. 5 at 5:00 p.m.  
 Soup & Sandwich Dinner and White Elephant Auction (please bring an item to donate);  
 Fundraiser for Work Camp

**Friday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Lock-In until 6:30 Saturday Morning

**Sunday, Feb. 19**  
Marion Association ABY Get-Together (Bowling); details to follow

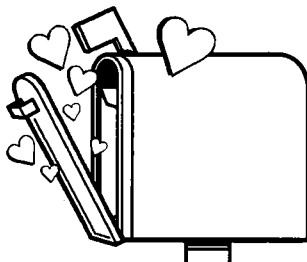
**Friday, March 3 - Sunday, March 5**  
Senior High Convention at The Radisson Airport, Columbus

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**Board Of Christian Education**

The Board of Christian Education will meet on Monday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Beth Trigg's home.

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**Secret Advent Friends**

Remember your Secret Advent Friend on Valentine's Day.



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**Declaration on Nuclear Non-Proliferation**

The American Baptist General Board met in semiannual sessions on December 1-4 in Philadelphia. They unanimously passed a "Declaration on an Issue of Importance: The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty."

Noting that the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which "has been a cornerstone for the global effort to halt the spread of nuclear weapons," expires in 1995, the Declaration urges American Baptists "to advocate and pray for" its renewal. The document calls "upon all nuclear powers and all nations with nuclear programs to support the renewal of NPT."

-submitted by Jean Wickum

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**Personals**

- **MRS. KATHERINE CLAPPER** fell and received painful injuries.
- **JEAN AND DAVID OSBORNE** had as guests their son Greg and family of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

• **JEAN WICKUM** had a 10-day visit with sister Mary Ann Brown and her husband Jim in Texarkana.

• **SHIRLEY PARKER** flew to Philadelphia to visit her son Andy and his family. While there she saw her two grandsons in a school play.

**HOSPITAL NOTES**

- **JOHN LINN** was a patient at Grady with pneumonia.
- **DAVID OSBORNE** was a patient.
- **BEN TURNEY** was hospitalized for a week.
- **KAREN STONER** was in for tests.
- **BOB HEIZER** is recuperating after hospitalization for pancreatitis.

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**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- Feb. 2 Fred Grubbs
- 15 Deborah Van Broekhoven
- 22 Bob and Sandie Heizer
- 23 Will Fogle
- 24 Emilie Trigg
- Mar. 5 Ben Turner
- Gary Mompher

*Please report any errors to Jim Stephenson.*

**FEBRUARY WORSHIP**

**February 5**

Luke 5:1-11  
"I'd Rather Be Fishing"

**February 12**

Luke 6:17-26  
"Empty Handed Blessing"

**February 19**

Luke 6:27-38  
"The Name of the Game"

**February 26**

Luke 9:28-36  
"Down in the Valley"

**March 5**

ABW Ministries Sunday

**Church Directory Update**

- Please add the Mercer's new baby to their family's listing:  
Michael (Jan. 22)

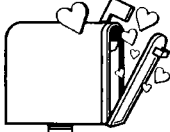







- **New School Address:**  
Debbie Lovell  
220 Findley Hall  
Baldwin Wallace College  
Berea, Ohio 44017

# FEBRUARY

First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 5:00 ABY Soup & Sandwich Dinner and White Elephant Auction	6 7:00 Boy Scouts; Piecemakers	7	8 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Choir	9	10	11 9:30 Pastor at B.O.C.G. meeting in Granville
12 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:30 Deacons	13 7:00 Boy Scouts; Board of Christian Education	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> 7:30 Assoc. Trustees 	15 4:30 Brownies 7:00 Choir	16	17 6:30 ABY Lock-In (Until 6:30 Saturday Morning)	18 8:30 Men's Breakfast 1:00 ABW Ministries at the Church
19 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:00 Peace Camp Meeting at Zion UCC 2:00 Eagle Scout Court of Honor <i>Marion Assoc. ABY Get-Together Today</i>	20 <b>Presidents' Day</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts 	21	22 7:00 Choir	23 7:00 Parish Council	24	25 6:30 Adult Social: Prog. Dinner 
26 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	27 7:00 Boy Scouts  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	28 6:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 	<b>Ash Wednesday 1</b> 7:00 Ash Wed. Service 7:30 Choir 	2	3 <i>Senior High Convention in Columbus Friday - Sunday</i>	4 10:00 Lenten Study Series 

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I try to listen to what people say to me. And in my listening, throughout the past year or so, I've heard several people say the same thing. And I'm not just talking about people in our church, because I've heard this same quote from all kinds and types of people. It goes something like this: "I shouldn't complain or worry about my

in the form of an answer to any of these questions. I just don't know. What I do know is that there is a lot of suffering in the world. Suffering Happens. It won't make a great bumper sticker, but it's certainly true. But I do know, that the answer is not to deny our own suffering in light of the even more terrible sufferings of

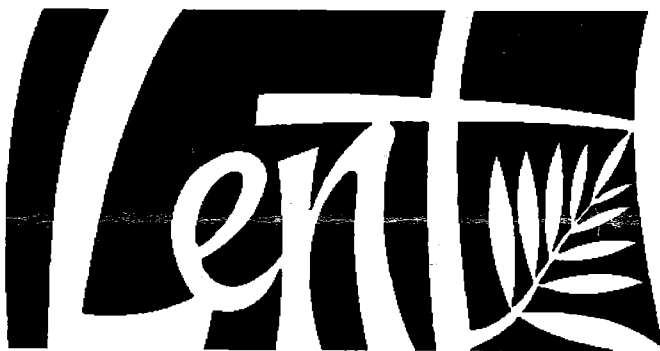
others. I tend to think that denying our own suffering only makes things worse. When we say that our own suffering isn't important, then we deny that it has happened. And when we deny that we have suffered, then we actually bury a part of our own

you don't believe me, read the story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

Suffering is real. It is one of the few things that all people have in common. And the one thing that makes the times of suffering in life bearable, is not the knowledge that it's making us a better or stronger person, but the knowledge and faith that we never have to suffer alone. This, to me, is one of God's most merciful promises.

During this season of Lent, as we reflect on the terrible suffering of people throughout the world, as we look at and accept our own suffering, and as we begin to understand the ways in which God shares in our sufferings, let us pray for the courage to face the whole of our life experiences, offering all that we are to God who promises never to leave us or forsake us.

Many Blessings,



troubles, after all there are so many people in the world who suffer and have much greater troubles than I do."

This is my reply. Suffering can't be compared. Suffering just is.

It's Lent once again, and so it's appropriate to talk about difficult topics such as suffering. There seem to be so many unanswered and unanswerable questions surrounding the problem of suffering. Why do people suffer? Who causes suffering? Or should it be, *what* causes suffering? Why does God allow suffering? Why do bad things happen to good people and good things happen to bad people? Why is there evil in the world anyway? These are the deep, dark questions of our faith that never seem to be answered to our satisfaction. The problem of suffering is perhaps the single most difficult dilemma of those who believe in God.

I'm sorry to say, that I'm not here to finally impart great wisdom and truth

very valuable experience. We actually bury a part of our self. And in a very real sense, we're really pretending to be something that we're not. By denying our own suffering, we also proclaim that we are our own person, in charge of our own life and are capable of overcoming any obstacles put in front of us. With this kind of strength of character what do we need with other people; what do we need with God?

Suffering just is. I tend to believe that it takes a great deal of faith, courage and strength of character to accept our suffering—to admit to ourselves that we have suffered and that it was bad. Accepting suffering is the only way to get through suffering. If

**Newsletter Deadline Changes**  
See article on page 2.

## Lenten Study Series

**Where?:** First Baptist Church, Senior High Room

**When?:** Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.

**How Long?:** Six weeks, beginning March 4

**Why?:** Because it's good for you and will make you a better person

**What?:** The Life and Times of Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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**LENTEN SERIES SCHEDULE:**

- March 4** Preface & Prologue/Video
- March 11** I. Time of Interrogation p. 21-84

- March 18** II. Waiting for Trial p. 87-150
- March 25** II. Waiting for Trial p. 151-268
- April 1** III. Holding Out until the Overthrow p. 271-366
- April 8** IV. After the Failure, Epilogue, Appendix p. 367-422

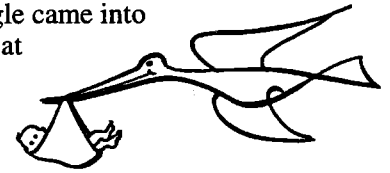
grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his sister, Mary Barkeloo of Columbus.

Visiting hours were held at Robinson Funeral Home on Friday the 24th and services were held at First Baptist on Saturday the 25th. Officiating were the Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett and the Rev. Harper Turney. Burial was in Fulton Cemetery in Morrow County.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

**Birth**

On Friday, February 24, Meagan Leigh Fogle came into the world at 3:48 p.m., weighing 7 lbs 10 ounces



and measuring 18-1/2 inches long. The parents are Tim and Deanna Fogle, the proud grandparents are Will and Carol Fogle, and Cap Gabriel is the great-grandfather.

**Candlelighters**

- March 5 Chrissy Hopkins
- 12 Richard Davis
- 19 Emilie Trigg
- 26 Josh Ramey
- April 2 Katie Riedmiller

**Newsletter Deadline Changes**

Starting next month, the deadline for submitting newsletter articles will be at 6 p.m. on the Sunday before the newsletter is distributed (rather than on Monday).

Most people already submit their articles on Sunday, so this really isn't much of a change.

It's getting harder for me to find time during the week to work on the newsletter, so I want to be able to type it on Sunday afternoon and evening. Then during the week I can work on the layout, graphics, etc. (It needs to be completed by mid-week to leave time for xeroxing, folding, collating, addressing, etc.)

**HISTORICAL GLIMPSSES**

Compiled by Barb and Rick Van Brimmer

A significant milestone was passed by First Baptist in February, 1995, with the retiring of the mortgage of the Congress Court parsonage. The \$22,000 note was retired in 17 years.

The purchase of the new parsonage at 632 Congress Court came about after the death of longtime member Pauline Nash in 1976. Miss Nash willed her North Liberty Street home to the church to be used as a parsonage, to replace the aging structure on Franklin Street. It was the decision of the church members that the home was not suitable for that purpose, and in keeping with the spirit of her gift, sold the property for about \$35,000 and applied the proceeds toward the construction of a new home.

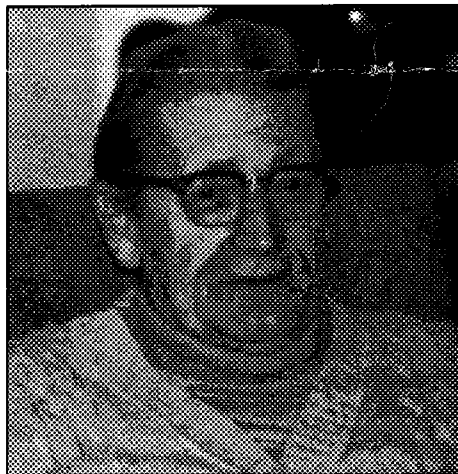
The Congress Court site was selected shortly thereafter, and construction of the home began in 1977 at a cost of \$57,000. Rev. James B. Stephenson and his family were the first to occupy the new parsonage.

The old parsonage (located next to the church at 93 North Franklin Street), which the Stephenson's had occupied for 30 years, has served as a rental property since 1978.

**Death in Church Family**

Ben Turney, 80, died on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at The Arbors in Delaware.

Ben was born on January 24, 1915 in Ostrander to Gordon Turney and Bessie (Bean) Turney. He was a graduate of Ostrander High School. He worked as a salesman at Tracy and Avery, wholesale grocers in Mansfield. Later he and Barney Barkeloo worked together as self-employed interior and exterior house painters.



He was interested in history, had taken flying lessons, and was a member of the National Rifle Association and Delaware Range and Field.

Ben was a member of First Baptist and had been a trustee and deacon. Many church members will remember that Ben painted our church sanctuary about ten years ago.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Bernice; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lana and Jerry Palmer, and Mary and Ronald Heinlen of Cincinnati; a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Harper Turney of Cleveland; six

Please plan ahead and bring your newsletter submissions when you come to church on Sundays. I'll check the box after church and again after 6:00 p.m. I will not be checking it after that.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

—Jim Stephenson, editor

## Date Set for Retreat

The Retreat Committee has chosen September 1–3 as the dates for this year's retreat. This will be Labor Day weekend, but it's the only weekend that Judson Hills can accommodate us. Remember that you can be setting money aside for the retreat (see me). If you have ideas for activities or themes for this year's retreat, speak to a member of the committee—Pam Faulk, Teresa Griffith, or Stefanie Stoner.

We will once again hold a yard sale at the church during the Arts Festival on May 20, so be gathering up your items to sell.

—Pam Faulk

## MARCH WORSHIP

### March 5

1st Sunday of Lent  
A.B.W. Ministries Sunday

### March 12

2nd Sunday of Lent  
Luke 4:1-13  
“Don't Just Do Something,  
Stand There!”

### March 19

3rd Sunday of Lent  
Luke 13:1-9  
“Asking the Right Questions”

### March 26

4th Sunday of Lent  
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
“The Prodigal God”

### April 2

5th Sunday of Lent  
John 12:1-8  
“It's A Mystery to Me”

## 1995 Watchcare List

Please underline your name and that of your deacon. Add your deacon's phone number to the list. Keep this list with your church directory or within your most-used phone book. (If perchance you do not have a church directory, let your deacon know.)

Rejoice that God has led you to be part of this particular family fellowship. Remember your deacon in prayer as they remember you. When things go wrong with you, or right with you, give your deacon a call to let them be helpful to you or happy with you.

—Jean Wickum, Secretary  
Board of Deacons

### Deacon Kirby Francis

Ekelberry, Jeanne, Charles and  
Michael

Grubbs, Michael, Tammy and  
Jennie Beth

Hall, Edith

Lathrop, Janet

Linn, Ed and Jennifer

Lovell, David, Mary Lou, Deborah,  
Matthew and Barbara

Mowery, Joe, Alison, Natalie,  
Adam and Laura

Runyon, Chip, Diana and Madison  
Turney, Bernice

White, Peter and Linda

### Deacon Alison Mowery

Brummett, Jody Lynn

Fogle, Will, Carol Sue and Victor

Gabriel, Cap

Howard, Nicole

Mompher, Gary, Teri and Aric

Ramey, Rick, Joshua and Jeremy

Stoner, Stefanie

Stoner, Steve, Karen and Micah

Van Brimmer, Rick and Barbara

### Deacon Karen Stoner

Baker, Steve and Sharon

Francis, Kirby, Tammy, Ashley and  
Justin

Griffith, Michael, Teresa, Natalie  
and Katie

Heizer, Bob, Sandie, Peter and  
Jeremy

Osborne, David and Jean

Parker, Shirley

Reed, Jeff and Donna, Richard and  
Betty Davis

Richards, John and Mary Helen

Smale, Marge

### Deacon Randy Turner

Faulk, Florence

Linn, John and Ann

Mercer, Phil, Melissa and Michael

Porter, Betty

Reed, Barbara

Reidmiller, George, Chris, Katie  
and Jami

Rutherford, Sheila, Courtney and  
Brandon

Wickum, Jean

### Deacon Jim Van Brimmer

Faulk, Larry, Pam, Jeff and Erin  
Gillette, Mary and Mellissa, and  
Elizabeth, Paul and Chris

Hopkins

Johnson, Frances

Lee, Evelyn

Smith, Jack

Sander, Marci

Schneeberger, Carolyn

Turner, Randy, Jennifer, Calvin and  
Ben

### Deacon Jean Wickum

Bland, Cynthia

Bowers, Mildred

Evans, Geneva

Grubbs, Fred, Carol, Suzanne and  
Zachary

Jackson, Lola

Sheets, Nellie

Stephenson, Sophia and Jim

Trigg, Archie, Beth, Jarrod, Evan  
and Emilie

Van Brimmer, Jim and Bertha

Van Broekhoven, Deborah and  
Harold

*Our prayer and God's mercy are like two buckets in a well;  
while one ascends the other descends. — HOPKINS*

*I find the doing of the will of God leaves me no time for disputing  
about His plans. — MACDONALD*

## Thank You

Thank you very much for the cards, prayers, gifts and visits which help my recovery and indicate the love radiating from all at First Baptist!

God bless you,

Karen Stoner

*Karen had laprascopic surgery at Grady Hospital to remove her gall bladder on February 16th. -Editor*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Mar. 5 Gary Mompher  
6 Mary Barkeloo  
8 Katherine Clapper  
12 Evan Trigg  
14 Brandon Rutherford  
18 Dave Lovell  
20 Natalie Mowery  
Jeff Reed  
Micah Stoner  
22 Madison Runyan  
27 George Riedmiller  
April 2 Adam Mowery  
5 John & Mary Helen  
Richards

*Please report errors to Jim Stephenson.*

## Scholarships Available

This is a reminder that scholarship money is available for those wishing to attend conferences or workshops to enrich their Christian witness and service to the church. The money is available from an endowment established by a gift from the estate of Jack and Dotty Houtman in memory of Elmer and Mary Van Brimmer.

If you are interested in being considered for a scholarship, please submit your request with 1) the event you would like to attend, 2) how much the conference/workshop will cost, and

## Church Directory Update



Please add to your directory:

Nicole Howard (Nov. 8)  
2098 US 42 South, Apt. B  
369-9091



*"Since today's service is being recorded, we ask the following members to refrain from singing during the hymns: Alice Zutman, Ed Fromp, Carol Vidmar, . . ."*

3) how you feel this experience will support your Christian witness.

A committee made up of Evelyn Lee, Karen Stoner, Betty Porter and myself will review the requests. Please submit your requests to me by the end of March, if possible. As many requests as money allows will be granted.

*-Rick Van Brimmer, Moderator*

## ABY Update

Thank you to all who helped, contributed, and participated in the Youth Soup & Sandwich and White Elephant Auction. We raised a total of \$150 to be used to help send the youth to work camp.

Our annual Lock-In was held on Friday, Feb. 17th. Twelve youth participated in the twelve-hour event, including four visitors. We had a canned food scavenger hunt and collected items for PIN. A good time was had by all.

Looking ahead: The Senior High Youth will be at Convention in Columbus from Friday, March 3 through Sunday, March 5. The youth will be able to serve at the Celebration Banquet for the Marion Association on Friday, March 17th. Work Camp is scheduled for April 21-23 at Judson Hills.

Our final fundraiser will probably be in May: a car wash.

*-Donna Reed*

## Trustees Notes

- A thank you to Jeff Reed for repairing the sliding closet doors at the parsonage.
- Major work is underway upstairs at the old parsonage on the fire damage from last month. Three rooms and the hall which were only smoke-damaged have been sealed and painted. Twelve panes of broken glass were replaced. The northwest bedroom (where the fire started) and the bathroom are being gutted and restored. Next month we hope to be able to report a completion. The damage is now at about \$28,000.

*-Peter White, chair*

*Walk in love,  
as Christ loved us.*  
Ephesians 5:2

**YOUR GIFTS  
SHARE LOVE.  
Walk the path  
of Christ  
and give  
generously  
to the  
AMERICA  
FOR CHRIST  
OFFERING.**

## Adult Social

For the March Adult Social we will be going out to eat on Friday, March 31. Please meet at Tall Pines by 6:30. Let Jody Lynn know by Sunday, March 19 if you plan to attend so she can make reservations.

## Education Workshops

Karl Road Baptist Church is offering Christian Education workshops on Saturday, April 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. See the bulletin board for a workshop schedule. The cost is \$8.00. See Pam Faulk for a registration form.

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## Jr. High Class

The Junior High Class theme recently was "Pray for those..." Then we filled in the blank with homeless, people in prison, people who live with anger and hate. We wrote acronyms from our names to tell the world about God using our names. We wanted to share them with you.

—Beth and Archie Trigg  
Junior High Teachers

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<b>C</b> hrist	<b>T</b> ell of
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<b>I</b> nvincible	—Beth Trigg
<b>E</b> verlasting	
—Archie Trigg	

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<b>I</b> nvincible	<b>O</b> nly in God
<b>C</b> hrist	<b>S</b> illy
<b>H</b> osanna	<b>H</b> appy
<b>A</b> wesome	—Josh Ramey
<b>R</b> ock	
<b>D</b> istant	
—Richard Davis	

**B**lessed  
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**R**ich and poor that  
**B**elieve in  
**A**nanything that thinks God  
**R**eaches out with his loving  
**A**rms  
—Barbara Lovell

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## Habitat for Humanity Work Camp Auction

Today, at 6:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, the participants in the Habitat for Humanity Work Camp to Guatemala will host an Auction. Many services and items will be auctioned such as: a week stay in a condo anywhere in the world, an upright freezer, legal services, dental services, tax preparation, baby-sitting, environmental inspection package, custom deck design, garden consultation, meals delivered to your home, Spanish lessons, baked goods, sewing services, laundry services, exercise equipment, new toys, hand-crafted items and much, much more.

Come and enjoy fun, fellowship and food (make your own ice cream sundae) while you place your bids.

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## Andrews House Update

In January, the renovation of the house proceeded primarily in the hands of contractors who installed the electricity and plumbing & heating and fire prevention & security systems. The target date for the completion of this work and occupancy of the first floor is March 1. The work of volunteers has continued, but at a slower pace while these mechanical systems are being completed. The pace will quicken again as soon as rooms become ready for decorating.

Formal agreements are being made with those Partners who will use the first floor for their programs or offices. These Partners include: Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Action for Children; the Association for Retarded Citizens; and the Willis Before-School Program. Still other groups will be scheduling meetings in the assembly spaces.

The Andrews House Board is very busy developing policies and programs; its committees are working hard and well. Looking toward the uses of the second floor, the Board is reviewing requests from additional groups, and has begun study to develop its own program initiative concerning housing needs of youth.

The capital funds campaign committee is being reconstituted, to include members of the Andrews House Board and the community at large, in preparation for a community-wide effort.

The Cooperating Churches have grown to twelve; they are giving more and more energy and time to the overall needs of the enterprise, at the same time as their members are increasingly giving volunteer work.

For those wishing to volunteer, workers are needed on most Tuesday evenings and Saturdays. Please see Beth Trigg, our Andrew's House Representative if you are interested in volunteering or in finding out more about Andrews House.

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## Personals








- **RICK AND BARB VAN BRIMMER** recently spent a week in Germany. It was a mostly-business trip for Rick, while Barb went along for a sightseeing vacation. Time was spent in Munich, Garmish, Nuremberg, and Rothenbury, with a side trip to Innsbruck, Austria. Perhaps the highlight was a trip to the summit of the Zugspitz Mountain and a view of God's creation from 9,000 feet on a crystal clear, sun-drenched afternoon!
- **MICAH STONER** has made the merit roll at Hayes High School the last two grading periods.
- **BETTY DAVIS' OM** (Odyssey of the Mind) group received a 2nd place at competition on February 25. Donna Reed was their coach.
- **RICHARD DAVIS** and **BETTY DAVIS** made the merit roll (all A's and B's) at Willis this past term.
- **ZACHARY GRUBBS** had a respiratory infection.
- **CAROL GRUBBS** received painful bruises from a fall on the ice.
- **EDDIE AND JENNIFER LINN** were here on leave from Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska.
- **VIC FOGLE** was here on leave. He has been transferred from Camp Lejuene, North Carolina to Camp Pendleton, California, Marine Base.

*Please feel free to submit "personals" about your family for the newsletter.*

# MARCH

## First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>Ash Wednesday 1</b> 7:00 Ash Wed. Service 7:30 Choir	2	3 <i>Senior High Convention in Columbus Friday - Saturday</i>	4 10:00 Lenten Study Series 
<b>First Sunday in Lent 5</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Habitat Work Camp Auction at First Presbyterian Church	6 7:00 Boy Scouts; Piecemakers	7	8 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Choir 8:30 Trustees	9	10	11 10:00 Lenten Series 
<b>Second Sunday in Lent 12</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:30 Deacons 2:00 Peace Camp 6:30 A.B.Y.	13 7:00 Boy Scouts; Board of Christian Education	14	15 4:30 Brownies 7:00 Choir	16 7:00 A.B.W. Ministries at the church	<b>St. Patrick's Day 17</b> 6:30 Celebration Banquet in Marion 	18 8:30 Men's Break. 10:00 Lenten Ser. 
<b>Third Sunday in Lent 19</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>If you plan to attend Adult Social dinner at Tall Pines, notify Jody Lynn today so she can make reservations.</i>	20 7:00 Boy Scouts	21	22 7:00 Choir	23 7:00 Parish Council	24	25 10:00 Lenten Series 
<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent 26</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 A.B.Y. <i>Newsletter Deadline (6:00 p.m.)</i>	27 7:00 Boy Scouts	28	29 7:00 Choir	30	31 6:30 Adult Social: Dinner at Tall Pines	<b>April 1</b> 9:00 Karl Road Workshops 10:00 Lenten Ser. 

**Note:** Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, April 2. Turn your clocks one hour ahead on Saturday night.

# Good News Letter

Published in the Cause of the Abundant Life by the First Baptist Church,  
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I wish I could tell you that I thoroughly read the daily newspaper because I'm a concerned, patriotic and civic-minded citizen. But, alas, I must confess, that the articles I do read in the newspaper depend upon whether or not I'm attracted to the headline. I suppose you could say that I'm a discriminating reader. When I want to find out what going on in the political world, I listen to the radio. When I want to find out if anyone in the church has been

taken to the hospital, or if anyone has died, I read the newspaper. Other than that, the main reason I read the newspaper is for entertainment: the comics, the puzzles, and the human interest stories. I especially like the human interest stories, because I find they appeal to the preacher in me. I came across one such story in last week's Delaware Gazette, and I've been mulling it over in my mind ever since. I might add here, that as a result of this manner of skimming through the newspaper, I believe I have a rather warped view of the world. Perhaps that is one of the qualities of a good preacher.

Anyway, I think this article carries a valuable message about human nature. And after all, we are in the season of Lent, which will lead us to Easter, and so it's quite appropriate to speak about human nature.

There's a new game out among elementary school children. It's called "Pogs." It started in Hawaii in 1992 and got it's name from the abbreviation P-O-G on the caps of a popular Hawaiian drink containing passion fruit, orange and guava. "The rules are simple: each player has some pogs—

small thin discs usually made of paper—or caps and a heavier disc, usually made of plastic, called a slammer. The pogs are stacked up and a player throws the slammer on it, and the pogs that flip over are 'won.'"

At face value, nothing is wrong with this game: it's harmless, innocent fun. But that's where human nature comes into play. Evidently, this game has become highly competitive. Children no longer use ordinary bottle caps and

no doubt that we're in trouble; that we need help from some power other than ourselves; when our children so successfully act out our human failings. They've learned so well, and at such an early age, to take something which is innocent and fun and to turn it into something corrupt and harmful. We have only ourselves to blame. We could blame our society and our culture for corrupting us, but after all, in order to be corrupted, we must first be open to the possibility of corruption.

So, here we are. It is such a vivid example to me, of where we can go if we keep trying to go without the wisdom, guidance and life of God.

Thank goodness for Lent, a time

when we can honestly look our human nature right in the face and accept it for what it is. And in the midst of looking at ourselves as we really are, warts and all, we're even more thankful for the gift of Easter. A reminder to us, that when we will finally admit to ourselves and to each other that we can't do it all on our own, that we are human, and that we do need God, that God doesn't let us down. God offers us a gift that will overcome even our human nature. May we accept that gift of life that God offers to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and may that life make our lives whole, healthy and alive. Amen.

Many Blessings,



## H O L Y · W E E K

pieces of paper, but our capitalist society has found it necessary to manufacture specialized Pog sets. Now they are quite fancy, sporting designs from cartoon and movie characters to peace symbols, and costing up to \$7.00. The real problem, is that this has become a high stakes game, with children playing to win these caps, some of which are quite valuable (at least they're valuable by ten year old standards). And as far as the schools are concerned, the game has become quite disruptive, causing some ugly fights among children in our nations elementary schools. "Schools around the nation are finding it easier to ban Pogs than spend hours straightening out fights over who won the game and if students were really playing for 'keepsies.'"

O.K., I'll ask the inevitable question. What is the world coming to?

Well, I guess we've been there for a long time, and this is just a very vivid reminder of our sinful nature. There's

## Holy Week Services

### PALM SUNDAY

On Sunday, April 9, Sunday School will be at 9:00 and Morning Worship at 10:45.



### MAUNDY THURSDAY



Our Maundy Thursday Candlelight Communion service will be on Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

### GOOD FRIDAY

The annual Ecumenical Good Friday Service will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church on Friday, April 14 at noon.



### EASTER

On Easter (April 16), our Early Service will be at 8:00, Buffet Breakfast at 8:30 (please bring a food item to share; beverages and table service will be provided), Sunday School at 9:00, and Morning Worship with an Easter Cantata at 10:45.



## Easter Lilies

Lilies can be ordered to decorate the church on Easter morning. The cost is \$6.00 each. After the service you can leave the lilies at the church or you can take them home with you.

Please give your money to Pastor Brummett or Jim Stephenson by Sunday, April 9.

## Choir to Present Cantata

Our choir has been busy preparing "The Third Day," an Easter cantata by Michael Parks. They will present the cantata on Easter Sunday during our morning worship service.

## Signs of a Healthy Church

1. People are constantly expressing disagreement, and doing it right out in the open.
2. The pastor is always behind in work.
3. The church can never seem to make ends meet financially, and is forever giving money away.

4. New groups keep cropping up, bumping into each other over schedules and competing for volunteers.
5. A number of people occasionally miss meetings and insist on spending time with their families.
6. The choir is filled with amateurs.
7. The kids are noisy and all over the place, including in worship.

*-Borrowed from Centerburg United Methodist Church; submitted by the Board of Deacons*

## Junior Church & Nursery

We still have some opportunities to assist with Junior Church or Nursery. Most importantly we need a volunteer for the Nursery for the month of May. You might want to get a partner and split up the weeks. Please see me or sign up on the poster in the assembly room.

*-Beth Trigg*

## Habitat for Humanity

We are ready to select the next phase of Habitat homeowner families. We need people to serve on the family selection committee, the publicity committee, and the church relations committee. We also need volunteers to work on Saturdays at our construction site, either helping with construction, making lunches, or acting as a host for the other volunteers.

Please contact Erika Shell Castro at 363-8628 if you are interested.

*-Habitat for Humanity*

## John Mead Injured

Jean Wickum's son John Mead is in the intensive care unit of U-Mass MedCenter in Worcester (pronounced Wooster), Mass., following a chemical explosion at the plant where he is supervisor. He has burns over 40% of this body and has had skin grafts on his hands in an effort to try to save them. His condition is serious. His temperature has begun to spike, which indicates some infection from the burns.

Please pray for John and his family, who travel 50 miles each way to visit him daily.

## Thanks

Thanks to all who helped with the Delaware Piecemakers National Quilt Day service project.

We finished 24 baby quilts for the A.B.C. project to be distributed to area hospitals. This is an ongoing gift of love from our quilters to babies in need. You may give a quilt anytime.

*-Jeanne Ekelberry*

## Help! Help! Help!

First Baptist women will host a Mother/Daughter Dinner on Sunday, May 7th.

But...to do this right we need everyone to check their kitchen for plates, dishes, and pans borrowed from the church kitchen. (We don't want to use paper plates!)

Please put this date on your calendar now, as that date will be the first Sunday in May.

Plan to bring your mom, daughter or a friend!

*-Jeanne Ekelberry*

## Adult Social

On Saturday, April 8th at 3:00, adults are invited to meet with the Junior High and Senior High youth at Delaware Lanes for bowling until 5:00 p.m. The cost will be \$2 per game with the rental fee for shoes. At 5:00 we will then go to Donatos for pizza and sodas (each person will pay for their own).

Please let Donna Reed know if you can attend.

## A.B.Y. News

Junior and Senior High A.B.Y. will be working on a skit for the Easter Sunrise Service. We will be meeting on the following days:

April 2: 6:30-7:30 at the church  
April 9: 6:30-7:30 at the church

## Marion Assoc. A.B.Y.

Work Camp will be on April 21-23 at Judson Hills. Youth can get registration forms from Donna Reed. The cost is \$27.50 and the A.B.Y. treasury will pay for half. Please return the registration

and a check for \$13.75 made out to Marion Association A.B.Y. by Wednesday, April 12th to Donna Reed if you are planning to attend.

## Young at Heart

Eight members of the Young at Heart group met at noon on March 8 to share a covered-dish luncheon and good conversation. We will meet again at the church at noon on Wednesday, April 12.

On March 18, four members went to St. Peter's with food and fed the volunteers working at Andrews House. Thanks to Anne Linn, Beth Trigg, Jean Wickum, Sophia Stephenson and Frances Cook for soup, hot dogs and cake.

—Jean Wickum

## Yard Sale

Don't forget to be saving items for the all-church yard sale in May. Proceeds will go to the Retreat Fund.

## APRIL WORSHIP

### April 2

5th Sunday of Lent

John 12:1-8

"It's a Mystery to Me"

### April 9

Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40

"Where Do We Go From Here?"

### April 16

Easter

Cantata: "The Third Day"

### April 23

Acts 9:1-20

"The Road to San Antonio"

Guest Preacher:

Sister Jane Morrissey

### April 30

Acts 5:27-32

"Fear for Your Life"

### May 7

Peace Sunday

Acts 9:36-43

"The Domino Effect"

## MEDITATIONS

In Preparation for Peace Sunday (May 7th)

### MONDAY, MAY 1

READ Ecclesiastes 9:18 and Psalm 111:10

*"Wisdom has its root in goodness, and not goodness its root in wisdom."*

—RALPH WALDO EMERSON

PRAY for wisdom in the humble confidence that wisdom is a gift God desires to give to you. Submit yourself to the shaping of God's wisdom this week as you reflect on the ways of peace.

### TUESDAY, MAY 2

READ Ephesians 4:15

*"'Falsehood' is the destruction of, and hostility to, reality as it is in God; anyone who tells the truth cynically is lying."*

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

PRAY for God's truth to purge you and protect you from cynicism, that you will be filled with the love of God so as to be a peacemaker.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Read Hosea 10:13,14

*"If we do not change our direction, we are likely to end up where we are headed."* —CHINESE PROVERB

PRAY that God would show you where you respond to conflict by hostility and vengefulness. Ask God for grace to travel in the direction of just resolution to your conflicts.

### THURSDAY, MAY 4

READ Matthew 7:15-20

*"The end is found in the means, just as the tree lives within the seed. We cannot hope to achieve a better society by using the very things that are bad in this society in order to change it."*

—NELSA CURBELO

PRAY for discernment to recognize harmful ways our society goes about trying to stop violence and conflict. Ask that God will enable you to bear the fruit of peace and justice in your own actions.

### FRIDAY, MAY 5

READ Luke 1:76-79

*"Through violence you murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate . . . Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that . . . We must meet hate with creative love."*

—MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

PRAY that God's light would shine in you and through you, that you could meet hate with love and be guided into the ways of peace.

### SATURDAY, MAY 6

READ 1 Corinthians 3:6,7

*"We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted,*

*knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, and opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."* —OSCAR ROMERO

PRAY that God will use what you can do in the life and peace God is growing in the world. Prayerfully accept the gift of what you can do and the grace in the gifts of others who work beside you, before you or will work after you.

### SUNDAY, MAY 7

READ Galatians 6:7-10

*"We cannot sow seeds with clenched fists. To sow we must open our hands."* —ADOLFO PEREZ ESQUINEL

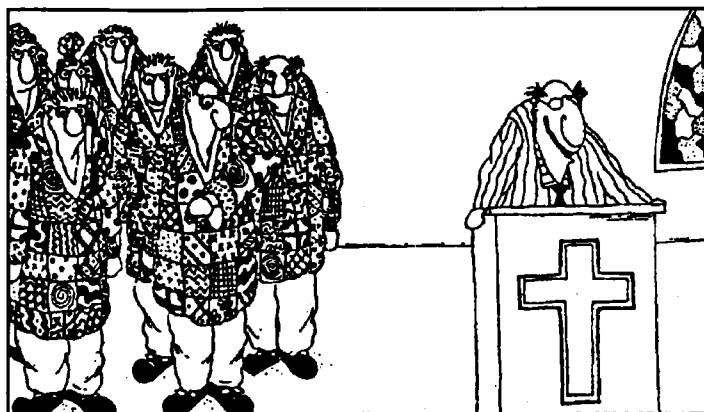
COMMIT yourself in prayer to the sowing of peace and doing good to those around you. Pray with open hands, asking that God will keep your spirit open to the people you meet daily that you might receive God's gifts through them and be a gift from God yourself to them.





## Spring Brunch

On Thursday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m., the A.B.W. Ministries of the Marion Association will have their Spring Brunch at Springdale Baptist Church. Following the meal, there will be a worship service which will include the installation of the new officers which will be led by Pastor Brummett.



"Many thanks to the Quilting Club for providing us with these lovely new choir robes."

## Our Prayer

Yesterday  
I bundled up my problems  
Wrapped them  
Tied them with twine  
And handed them to you, Lord.

Then I tripped  
Over the string  
I was still clutching.

Today  
You can see  
There are no strings  
Attached.

—Charles Anderson;  
submitted by Jean Wickum

## Guest Speaker and Preacher to Visit

On Saturday and Sunday, April 22 & 23, the Board of Deacons are pleased to sponsor a visit by Sister Jane Morrissey. Sister Jane comes to us from her home in Springfield Mass., and is being brought to us as a gift by Cythia Bland. Given Pastor Brummett's upcoming trip to Guatemala, Cynthia thought our church and community would benefit from hearing Sister Jane who spent two years in Guatemala studying Indian languages and collecting folk stories.

On Saturday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m., we will be having a dessert meeting. Sister Jane will be meeting with any interested people (including the members of the Habitat Work Camp to Guatemala) for an informal time of questions and discussions about her experience and knowledge of Guatemala.

On Sunday, April 23, Sister Jane will be leading us in worship with her sermon, "The Road to San Antonio," and

a Guatemalan folk story for the children's moment.

## Candlelighters

April 2 Katie Riedmiller  
9 Barbara Lovell  
16 Adam Mowery  
23 Laura Mowery  
30 Paul Hopkins  
May 7 Courtney Warner

## America for Christ Offering

The total amount received for the America for Christ Offering during March was \$196.16. Our goal for this offering is \$300.00.

There's still time to contribute to this offering. Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church and note that it is for the America for Christ Offering. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this matter.

## Personals

• LANA PALMER and BETH TRIGG recently each had a short story published in *Musings*, a publication put out

by The Columbus Cultural Arts Society.

• JARROD TRIGG got the highest exam grade in his Economics class. Way to go, Jarrod!

• BETH TRIGG was recently diagnosed with Epstein-Barr Syndrome. Your prayers are appreciated.

• STEVE STONER was on crutches after an ankle injury.

• DAVID OSBORNE was hospitalized for several days.

• JIM AND BERTHA VAN BRIMMER made a trip to Philadelphia to visit Jim's sister Elizabeth and family. They also visited Susy and Jeff Leonard.

• EVELYN LEE drove with son Rick to Pittsburg to visit with Bruce and Barb and family. Rick presented a seminar at the university.

• JEANNE EKELBERRY visited with her hospitalized mother in Huntington, West Virginia.

• The LOVELLS travelled to New York.

• CAROL FOGLE received painful bruises from a fall down her stairs.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 2 Adam Mowery  
5 John & Mary Helen Richards  
8 Rick Ramey  
Gary & Teri Mompher  
9 Kirby Francis  
16 Marjorie Smale  
20 Melissa Gillette  
23 Nellie Sheets  
24 Michael Grubbs  
29 Deborah Lovell

May 3 Rick Van Brimmer  
5 Mike Griffith



**THANKS!**

THANK YOU!! MIL GRACIAS!! TO THE MEMBERS OF FIRST BAPTIST who donated services, items, and/or funds to the Guatemala Habitat Auction! The \$3,800 raised meets our goal to pay for the participation fee required of all work camps and builds 4.5 houses in Guatemala! MUCHISIMAS GRACIAS!!!

# APRIL 1995

## First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 2 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:30 Covered-Dish Luncheon for Building on Common Ground Capital Funds Campaign 6:30 A.B.Y.	3 7:00 Boy Scouts; Piecemakers	4	5 4:30 Brownies 7:00 Choir	6 1:00 Sewing 4:15 CROP Walk Meeting 7:00 Pastoral Relations Committee	7	8 10:00 Lenten Series 3:00 Adult Social 
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 9 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 Cantata Rehearsal 1:30 Peace Camp 2:00 Eagle Scout Court of Honor 6:30 A.B.Y. 	10 7:00 Boy Scouts	11	12 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Choir	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 13 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service 	<b>Good Friday</b> 14 12:00 Ecumenical Service at St. Mary Catholic Church 	15 8:30 Men's Breakfast 10:00 Cantata Rehearsal
<b>Easter</b> 16 8:00 Early Service 8:30 Buffet Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Easter Worship with Cantata: "The Third Day" 	17 7:00 Boy Scouts	18	19 4:30 Brownies 7:00 Choir	20 10:00 Marion Assoc. A.B.W. Min. Spring Brunch at Springdale Baptist 7:00 Parish Council	21 <i>A.B.Y. Work Camp at Judson Hills—Friday through Sunday</i>	22 7:00 Dessert Meeting with Sister Jane Morrissey
23 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Guest Preacher Sister Jane Morrissey	24 7:00 Boy Scouts; Board of Christian Education	25	26 7:00 Choir	27 7:00 A.B.W. Ministries	28	29 9:00 Habitat Work Camp Garage Sale at the Parsonage
30 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>May</b> 1 7:00 Boy Scouts; Piecemakers	2	3 4:30 Brownies 7:00 Choir	4	5	6

Sunday, May 7 is Peace Sunday, and there will be a Mother/Daughter Banquet at 5:00 at the church

# Good News Letter

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Well, I've finally done it. I took the plunge. I bit the bullet. You may know, I've talked about it now for the past three summers, but it's never amounted to very much. Now, finally, it's been done. I decided to have a garden: complete with tomatoes, carrots, lettuce, beans and a whole host of healthy garden-type vegetables. I picked out just the right spot, the plot has been tilled, and now I'm waiting for the frost-free date to pass so I can start planting.

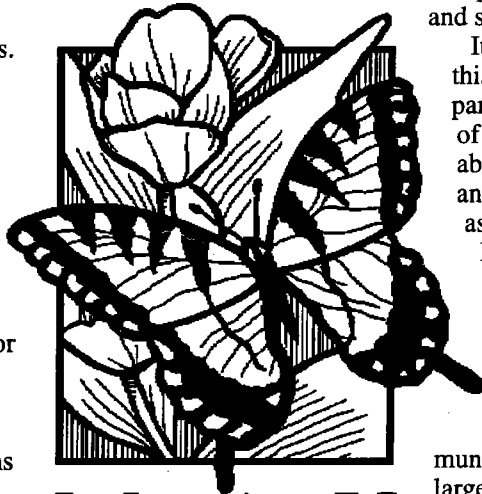
I also took another plunge. I've been wanting to take now for quite some time. Somehow, I just never had the time or the money. But, now seems like the right time. So I've done it. I took the plunge. I bit the bullet.

You probably know by now, that I've decided to go to Guatemala this summer. I'm going on a Habitat for Humanity International Workcamp with a group of thirteen people from Delaware (including myself, my sisters Lori and Karen and Natalie Mowery). While there, we will be building houses with a group of people in a Guatemalan community.

So, I thought I would take some time to tell you about the trip and why I'm going. The first question you might want to ask is: What do planting a garden and going to Guatemala have to do with one another? What's the connection?

I think what fascinates me about plants, is the very basic fact that they grow. It is amazing to me that you can put this little, tiny seed in a cup of dirt, put it in the sun, water it, and a plant will come out of it. Tomatoes are my favorite. The seed is so small and flat and ugly, yet it grows up into such a

large, beautiful, earthy-smelling plant that bears this wonderful red fruit that I love to eat. I suppose that I like the idea of growing tomatoes, because the process is cyclical. You start with a seed, then you have a plant which bears a fruit, which has seeds, which you can then plant in the ground and start all over again.



M A Y

It seems to me that this is what being a part of the community of God's people is all about. We're called and brought together as a community; we learn to love one another; we learn and grow together. And eventually, we feel the urge to move beyond this community and out into the larger community of God's people in our local community, our

nation and the world. The Church is called to be open to the free and creative leading of the Holy Spirit. It's what it's all about. In other words, once the seed of faith is planted, we can never be sure where it will grow. Afterall, that's what makes it fun.

I decided to go to Guatemala for many reasons. The most important, is that I feel it is a practical way that our church can participate in ministry and mission in a part of the world that isn't known to us. And, it's sponsored by Habitat for Humanity which is a ministry that's very well known to us and which we're active in in our own local community. So, it seems like a logical connection.

I thank you for having the faith to take this journey with us. It's my hope that it will be a learning experience for all of us, and that it will encourage and nourish us as we grow closer to one another, closer to the people we serve and minis-

ter with, and closer to God. May the God who loves and creates all life, grant us wisdom and strength, that as we plant and nurture and grow, we will do so with a spirit of grace and love.

Many Blessings,

## Sunday Morning Prayers

At a recent meeting of the Pastoral Relations Committee where the various segments of the morning worship service were being discussed, a suggestion was made in response to comments from some in the congregation who feel that too much time is given to the repeated recitation of names offered to be included in "Morning Prayers."

Not wishing to discourage anyone from expressing the wish for prayers for loved ones, and realizing also that this part of the Sunday morning service serves as a kind of bulletin board to the congregation for the concerns and joys of those in attendance, some plan to shorten and facilitate this segment of the service seemed to be called for.

One suggestion is that an on-going list of the names of people for whom prayers are requested week after week be kept by the pastor and that names be removed when the immediate need is passed. Names and concerns may be added to the on-going list by writing on a posting outside the pastor's office.

Also, in the interest of decreasing the number, and thus the time, of new concerns, that as many of the concerns as possible be submitted to the pastor in writing before the start of the service.

Let us repeat that we recognize this as a valued part of the morning worship service and in no way wish to discourage anyone from expressing their

joys and concerns but cooperation with these suggestions will, we hope, make the morning prayer period more meaningful.

—Pastoral Relations Committee

## Summer Newsletters

While I'm taking a summer vacation from my duties as newsletter editor, Larry Faulk will be our guest editor.



The deadline for submitting articles will remain the Sunday before publication. Since Larry

lives out of town, you'll need

articles ready by the end of church so he can take them with him.

—Jim Stephenson, editor

## DISCIPLE Bible Study

Our church is hoping to take part in a new Bible study called DISCIPLE. Please read the following article to find out what it's all about and how you can become involved:

The title DISCIPLE includes both identity and purpose. The disciple is a learner, believer, follower, proclaimer. In the Bible the word disciple is connected with instruction and training.

Underlying the development of DISCIPLE is the assumption that people are hungry for the word of God, for fellowship in prayer and study, and for a sense of appropriate ministry as baptized, believing, committed Christians. Therefore, the purpose of DISCIPLE is to develop strong Christian leaders through regular in-depth study of Scripture. Disciple making and Christian nurturing are its goals. The purpose of DISCIPLE can be summarized in the words of Ephesians 4:12: "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

DISCIPLE assumes that the Bible is the key to renewal in the church.

DISCIPLE recognizes the human-divine nature of the Bible: The actual texts of Scripture were written by human beings like ourselves in their cul-

tural settings, under the divine inspiration of God.

DISCIPLE gives Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as the revelation of God.

DISCIPLE aims at transformation, not just information.

DISCIPLE calls on people to submit themselves to examination by Scripture, to put themselves under the power of God's word, and to be changed by God's word.

DISCIPLE invites people to bring their experiences and struggles to Scripture.

DISCIPLE uses biblical language and biblical images.

DISCIPLE draws upon the work of scholars to aid understanding of the Bible.

DISCIPLE requires reading large portions of Scripture each week.

DISCIPLE features group discussion of Scripture based on careful study and preparation.

During the course of thirty-four weeks, DISCIPLE study groups will move through the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem (Genesis to Revelation). The titles of the sessions along with theme words; theme verses; and major people, events, and topics will fix the sequence of the biblical story in the minds of the participants. The principal Scripture for each session follows the chronological movement of the biblical story. Each week, a major theme helps the group grow in understanding the Bible. And each session is greatly enhanced by a 10-minute video presentation by pastors, teachers and scholars.

The DISCIPLE Bible Study at First Baptist will begin in September of 1995. We will meet each Monday evening for 2-1/2 hours from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Each member of the group will be asked to bring \$2.00 to each of the 34 meetings, which will help to pay for the cost of the DISCIPLE materials.

Please come to the DISCIPLE information meeting, which will be held after church on Sunday, May 21 in the Assembly Room. The meeting will last for one half hour. We will be joined by members of the DISCIPLE Bible Study from Grace United Methodist Church. They have just completed DISCIPLE and will be available to tell you about their experience and what they have gained from this adventure in Bible study.

## A.B.W. Ministries Hosts Blanket Sunday

On Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day, the A.B.W. Ministries will host a Blanket Sunday. Blanket Sunday is a project of Church World Service, which works with churches throughout the United States to supply blankets to people in need in this country and overseas. The cost of one blanket is \$5.00. On Mother's day, we will have one of these blankets on display. We're asking for each person in the church to consider giving \$5.00, enough to purchase one blanket.

Please think of a woman who has special meaning in your life and donate the blanket in her memory or in her honor. On Mother's Day, pieces of paper will be available for you to write your name and the name of the woman you are honoring or remembering. During the worship service (or following worship), you will have an opportunity to pin this paper, along with the money, directly onto the blanket.

We thank you for your participation in this valuable mission project.

—A.B.W. Ministries

## Garage Sale Raised Funds for Guatemala Trip

On Saturday, April 28 and Saturday, May 6 I held a garage sale to raise money for the upcoming workcamp trip to Guatemala I'll be taking with my sisters and Natalie Mowery. Many, many thanks to all who helped and contributed items.

As the newsletter goes to press, we have raised a total of \$ 800.00 (this does not include the sale on May 6), all of which will go to cover the expenses of our mission trip.

—Jody Lynn Brummett

## Trustees Notes

- Repairs were made to the furnace and the heat pump at the parsonage by Don Patrick. Cost \$193.
- The lawnmower was rebuilt at Buckeye Tractor.
- Jeff Reed replaced the Sunday school "buzzer."
- Two pianos were tuned by Clifford Rector.

- Our new (reconditioned) copier is in place. It reduces, enlarges, and copies on both sides of the paper. Anyone that would like a run-through on its operation should see Jim Stephenson or Jody Lynn.

- Two of the church's long-time neighbors to the rear of our property, the Sageser's and the Uldemaldes, will be moving away by the end of the year. Their presence will be missed in the neighborhood.

- As the newsletter went to press, the final touches were being completed to the restoration after the fire at the old parsonage. More later.

—Peter White, chair

## A.B.W. Missions

Could you provide one or more of these articles for our Alaska Baptist Mission? If you can't make something, how about money for postage or supplies? See me if you have any questions.

—Bertha Van Brimmer

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

(Please bring items to church)

#### Handmade Articles

Baby booties, sweaters, baby blankets, baby quilts, household decorations, centerpieces, crocheted or knitted doilies (white or ecru only), wall hangings, handcrafted jewelry, "country" wood decorative articles, any original handcrafted articles, afghans, quilts (twin, double, queen), stuffed animals (puffins, bears, rabbits), dolls, house slippers (large), potholders, crocheted dish cloths, aprons (medium-large), kitchen decorative articles

#### Handmade Christmas Decorations

Christmas tree ornaments, table runners (holidays), centerpieces, wreaths, tree skirts, stockings, wall/door hangings, swags

## Easter Cantata

Thanks to everyone who participated in the cantata "The Third Day," which our choir presented on Easter Sunday.

**Director** - Jim Stephenson

**Accompanist** - Mary Lou Lovell

**Narrator** - Sandie Heizer

**Sopranos** - Jeanne Ekelberry, Karen Stoner, Stefanie Stoner, Jean Wickum;

**Altos:** Pam Faulk, Jennifer Turner, Linda White

**Tenors** - Kirby Francis, Jody Lynn Brummett, Randy Turner

**Basses** - Dave Lovell, Jeff Reed, Steve Stoner

### Special Thoughts

If there is light in the soul,  
There will be beauty in the person.  
If there is beauty in the person,  
There will be harmony in the house.  
If there is harmony in the house,  
there will be order in the nation.  
If there is order in the nation,  
There will be peace in the world.

—Chinese Proverb  
contributed by Flo Faulk

## NEWSFLASH—Monies Being Raised for Camp Fund!

On Sunday, June 4th, after church and during fellowship time, hand-crafted items will be on display. These special items will be available for sale during a silent auction. If you would like to donate an item, please see me.

Plan on browsing—great secret advent gifts! Bring along your check-book and help support our kids and families who want to attend camps!

Thanks,

—Beth Trigg

## Young at Heart

With the coming of spring, the attendance at the Young at Heart group increased to eleven. In April we enjoyed a covered-dish luncheon in the Youth Room, and we will do it again on May 10th, hoping for an even better attendance.

—Jean Wickum, convener

## Andrews House

Volunteer work days in May are Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with lunch. If you are available weekdays or evenings, call Ann Nicely at 369-5998.

Sat., May 13 Work Day – join us!

Fri., May 19 Cleaning Day (prep for open house)

Tue., May 16 Floor sanding(?)

Wed., May 17 Floor sanding?

Sat., May 20 Open House

Fri., May 26 Agency Conference  
Group lunch meeting  
and tour of house at  
11:30

— submitted by Beth Trigg

## Guest Speaker

On Sunday, May 14, Ross Long will be our guest speaker during morning worship and will preach to us about Andrew's House.

## Golf Outing

Like to play golf? Sign up now for the July church golf outing. A sign-up list is hanging on the bulletin board. Final date, place, and time to be announced in June.

## Children's Day Pizza Party

Following the Children's Day service on June 11th with the Covenant Players, there will be a Pizza Party in the fellowship hall. If your family would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet hanging on the bulletin board. Contact Donna Reed for questions.

## ABY Update

Sign up to help with the rummage sale on Saturday, May 20 at the church. The ABY will be meeting Sunday, May 21 at 6:30 at the church.

Marion Association ABY Year-End Party will be on Saturday, June 24, 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. at the Delaware Dam Recreation Area. Details later.

## Attention Sunday School Teachers

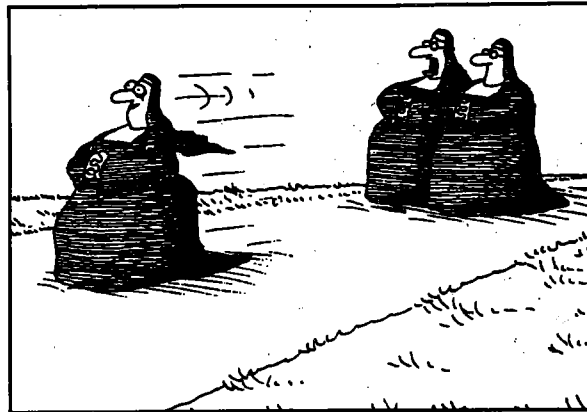
You are invited to a Teacher's Dessert on Sunday, June 4th at 3 p.m. at the church. Entertainment will be provided by the Baptist Brothers from First Baptist Church in Mt. Gilead. Please RSVP to Donna Reed if you can attend.

## Help! Help! Help!

The Retreat Committee needs your help on Saturday, May 20th (the day of the

Arts Festival). We will be holding our second annual yard/bake sale that day. We need your items to sell and baked goods. We also need willing workers. We can use help any time between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. We especially need people at 8:00 a.m. for set-up and 6:00 p.m. for clean-up. We also need people who will work uptown selling ice cream and pop.

Please see Pam, Teresa, or Stefanie if you can help. If you cannot work that day, please come and purchase something. All profits benefit the retreat fund.



"Rollerblades."

## Candlelighters

May 7 Courtney Warner  
 14 Betty Davis  
 21 Jeremy Ramey  
 28 Chrissy Hopkins  
 June 4 Richard Davis

## John Mead Recovering

Jean Wickum's son John Mead, who was hospitalized in Worchester, Mass. following a chemical explosion, is now at home, being cared for by his wife Evelyn. A nurse comes daily to dress his burns, and he has therapy four times a week. He will not lose either hand but may lose some fingers. He appreciates the prayers which he thinks helped him go home a month earlier than the doctors had anticipated. He is still on antibiotics for his lungs.

## Help Bombing Victims

Donations to help the victims of the Oklahoma bombing can be sent to:

**Oklahoma City Disaster Relief Fund:** mail donations to the Mayor's Office, 302 Munciple Bldg., Oklahoma City, OK 73102. Make checks payable to "Disaster Relief Fund."

**Red Cross:** phone 1-800-HELP-NOW

## Hospice at Grady

Hospice at Grady enhances the quality of life for persons with a short life expectancy by allowing them to be cared for at home-around family, friends

and familiar surroundings. Specially trained volunteers are available to relieve caregivers for short periods, run errands, offer companionship and provide special services. The next training session for volunteers will be held on May 9.

Volunteers are needed for visitation, respite care, and family support by Hospice at Grady. Training sessions begin May 9. For more information contact the Volunteer Services Office at Grady by calling 368-5128.

## Personals

- **DONNA REED** celebrated her 40th birthday at Leaps and Bounds with family and friends.
- **JEFF FAULK** toured with Notre Dame's Concert Band to New Orleans during his spring break. **ERIN FAULK** spent a few days in South Bend with Jeff during her spring break. She got to stay in a dorm at St. Mary's College and tour that campus also. Erin has made the honor roll every nine weeks this year.
- **MARCI SANDER** traveled to Arizona with her family over spring break.
- **PAM FAULK** would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her uncle, John Ruffing, who died April 21.
- **JEAN WICKUM**, who had anticipated going to Massachusetts on April 19, instead went to Pennsylvania to be with her brother David and his sons while they went through the painful process of moving her sister-in-law into a nursing home Alzheimer's unit.

• **CAPTAIN MORRIS MARTIN**, an Army recruiter and son of former member **MILLIE MARTIN**, was injured in the bombing in Oklahoma City. His left

wrist was nearly severed and he will require plastic surgery on his face. Several people who were just a few feet away from him were killed.

• **SHIRLEY PARKER** will be in Louisville to present a program with her sister-in-law Ivol Parker on their book on the Civil War.

• **PETER AND LINDA WHITE** traveled to Tennessee and Georgia on spring break.

• **SHIRLEY PARKER** visited for 2 weeks with her daughter and family in Atlanta.

• **BETTY PORTER** visited in Alaska with **JENNIFER AND ED LINN**.

• Matthew Lovell participated in the play "Fanny" at OWU.

• **FRANCES JOHNSON** returned from a 3-month visit in Florida with her daughter Caroline Walker and family. Caroline has had heart surgery recently and is recuperating at home.

• **BERNICE TURNEY** was a patient at Grady Hospital.

• **JIM AND BERTHA VAN BRIMMER** drove to daughter Susie's and also to Jim's sisters Elizabeth and Ellen in Philadelphia at Easter.

• **RANDY TURNER's** grandfather in West Virginia died.

• **DAVID OSBORNE** is in Riverside Hospital for tests.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



May 3	Rick Van Brimmer
5	Mike Griffith
7	Donna Reed Bertha Van Brimmer
9	Cris Riedmiller
10	Archie & Beth Trigg
12	Jeanne Ekelberry
15	Barbara Lovell Betty Porter
20	Sheila Rutherford
23	Helen Baker
24	Jean Wickum Sharon & Steve Baker
29	Bob Heizer
June 3	Justin Francis
8	Pam Faulk Carol Fogle Aric Mompher

Please report any errors to Jim Stephenson

# MAY 1995

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	1 7:00 Boy Scouts; Piecemakers	2	3 4:30 Brownies 7:00 Choir	4	5	6 <i>Continuation of Garage Sale at Parsonage for Guatemala Trip</i>
7 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 5:00 Mother-Daughter Banquet (covered dish) with Radnor Baptist Church	8 12:00 Peace Camp Meeting at Zion U.C.C. 7:00 Boy Scouts; Piecemakers	9	10 12:00 Young at Heart 1:30 CROP Walk Meeting 7:00 Choir 8:00 Trustees	11	12	13
<b>Mother's Day &amp; Blanket Sunday</b> 14 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Ross Long Preaching on Andrew's House 12:30 Deacon's Meeting 	15 7:00 Boy Scouts	16	17 4:30 Brownies 7:00 Choir	18 7:00 Board of Christian Education	19	20 9:00 Yard/Bake Sale <i>Art's Festival; Open House at Andrews House</i>
21 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 Presentation of Disciple Bible Study 6:30 A.B.Y.	22 7:00 Boy Scouts	23	24 7:00 Choir	25 7:00 Parish Council	26	27
28 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship  <i>Newsletter Deadline (give articles to <u>Larry Faulk</u> by the end of church)</i>	<b>Memorial Day</b> 29 7:00 Boy Scouts 	30	31 7:00 Choir	<b>June</b> 1 10:00 Sewing Group 6:30 A.B.W. Ministries Picnic	2	3

**Sunday, June 4th** – Auction after church to raise money for camp fund; Teacher's Dessert at 3:00

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## Congratulations

### Mary Gillette

Mary will graduate from Ohio State University on Friday, June 9, with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work (B.S.S.W.) Earlier this year she received the Undergraduate Achievement Award for academic excellence.

In June, Mary will begin the Advanced Standing Academic Program (A.S.A.P.), to begin work on her Masters of Social Work (M.S.W.). This is an accelerated academic program which will allow her to earn her degree in one year. It's a highly competitive program with 500 applications and only 30 students who are chosen to participate.

In addition to this demanding course schedule, Mary will be doing an internship this summer. She's hoping to find a position with a student stipend which will allow her to work in the area of substance abuse prevention with adolescents. Her more distant dreams for the future include becoming a Licensed Social Worker (L.I.S.W.) and becoming a Certified Chemical Dependency Counsellor, both of which include extensive training with a supervisor.

It's important to know that these achievements wouldn't have been possible without the love and help of her four children Elizabeth "Liz" (Junior), Paul (Freshman),

Chrissy(8th Grade) and Melissa (3rd Grade). They have been amazingly supportive, not only by encouraging Mary to go to school, but by helping out with the housework, cooking and caring for one another.

Congratulations to all of you on this achievement.

### Stefanie Stoner

Stefanie will graduate from Ohio State University (Marion), on June 9, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. She will graduate Cum Laude and with distinction.

Stefanie has received numerous awards for her academic achievements, and most recently was given the Outstanding Undergraduate Award at an award's ceremony at the Marion Campus on Thursday, May 25. This award is given to only 4 out of 1000 students. In addition, she was also recognized for her Honor's Thesis in Psychology which is titled: Prosocial Thinking: Effects of Gender and Outgroup Biases on Empathy for Someone in Distress.

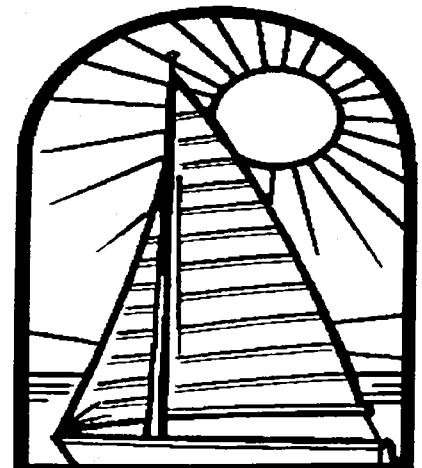
This summer, Stefanie will go to New York City to the American Psychological Association Convention to present an article that she and two other students have written and are going to publish.

Within the next five years, Stef plans to go to graduate school and get her masters in Psychology. Currently, she's looking for a job in the field of Social Services.

### Bob Stephenson

Dr. Bob Stephenson will complete his residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Ohio State on June 30. Bob received his Doctor of Osteopathy from the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1990.

Bob recently took the medical board exams and is awaiting the results. Bob anticipates joining a partnership of several doctors with EMG & Rehabilitation Association, Inc. in Columbus as a Psychiatrist.



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## Summer Hours

On Children's Day, June 11, we will begin our Summer Worship Hours. Because we break from Sunday School during June, July and August, we will move our worship hour up to 10:00 a.m.

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## Service in the Park

On Sunday, July 2, we will take part in the 2nd Annual Service in the Park. The service will be led by bluegrass gospel group, "Hymns of Dixieland," and will begin at 10:00 a.m. It will be at the Gazebo in City Park, which is located on Liberty St. Between William St. and Spring St. Participating churches from the Delaware County Ministerial Association include: First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Stratford St. Paul's United Methodist, William Street United Methodist, Asbury United Methodist, Old Stone Presbyterian, St. Peter's Episcopal, and Grace United Methodist. Please note that all loose offering will go to cover the expenses of the "Hymns of Dixieland," and all offering in church envelopes will go to the designated church.

## Pastor's Summer Schedule

Pastor Brummett will be on vacation from Wednesday, June 13 through Sunday, June 18, then she will be attending the American Baptist Churches of the U.S.A. Biennial Meeting in Syracuse, New York from Monday, June 19 through Saturday, June 24. If you have any pastoral need or emergency, during these times, please call your watchcare deacon or the Chair of the Deacon's, Karen Stoner at 369-7754.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

June	
3	Justin Francis
8	Pam Faulk
8	Carol Fogle
8	Aric Mompher
9	Mike & Teresa Griffith
10	Dave & Mary Lou Lovell
11	Randy & Jennifer Turner
12	Anne Linn
15	Charles Ekelberry
19	Josh Ramey
24	Beth Trigg
25	Sandie Heizer
27	Alison & Joe Mowery
27	David & Jean Osborne
28	Jami Riedmiller
July	
3	Phil Mercer
7	Jody Lynn Brummett



## Children's Day

Children's Day will be June 11. This will be the first Sunday of summer hours. Church will start at 10:00. The Covenant Players will be presenting a very special service for adults and children that day. A pizza party will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Donna Reed know if you will be attending.

## Family Social

This month's social will be a family social on Sat., June 10 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Covenant Players will be entertaining us. Please bring a dessert to share. Beverages and table service will be provided.

## One Great Hour of Sharing

During the month of June, the Board of Christian Education will be promoting the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We will be accepting offerings starting on June 4 and continuing throughout the month as we present Mission Moments as reminders. The children will also be bringing boxes home for families to use. Remember that this offering goes to mission projects in other countries.



## Thank You

I'd like to thank the ABY for the CARE package that was sent to me during exam week. It was most appreciated. Jeff Faulk

## Attention Youth Campers!

If you need a registration form for camp, please see Beth Trigg. Remember that partial scholarships are available.

## Desperate in Delaware

We Desperately Need Jr. Church leaders for the summer months. The outdoors beckons — take a nature hike, paint or sketch outside, play games and enjoy nature. Please see Beth Trigg to volunteer.

## Mother's Day / Blanket Sunday Honors Mothers

Donations for blankets for Church World Service were dedicated in honor and memory of friends and relatives on Mother's Day. If your dedication is not listed below, let me know and I will include it in a follow-up list.

JoAnn Brummett, Lillian Uptain & Pat Jones by Jody Lynn Brummett  
 Millie White by Flo Faulk  
 Florence Faulk by Larry Faulk  
 Eveleno Cole by Pam Faulk  
 Jean Wickum by Pam & Larry Faulk  
 Elizabeth Heizer by Bob Heizer  
 "My Mother" by Frances Johnson  
 Mary Battles & Ella Lee by the Lee Family  
 Margaret Morley by Mary Lou Lovell  
 Grandmother Eva P. Aroline by Teri Mompher  
 Lana Palmer by Jerry Palmer  
 Bernice Turney & Helen Palmer by Lana Palmer  
 Katherine Clapper by Barbara Reed  
 Martha Jane Guy by Betty Porter  
 With Love by Donna Reed  
 Leniua Sutton by Sheila Rutherford  
 Ann Volk by Marger Smale  
 "My Mother" by Sophia Stephenson  
 Hettie Sparks & Mary Van Brimmer by Karen Stoner  
 Mary Catherine Trigg by Archie Trigg  
 Ruth Raymond by Jennifer & Randy Turner  
 Mrs. Grace Avey & Mary Van Brimmer by Rick & Barb Van Brimmer  
 Bertha Van Brimmer by Jim Van Brimmer  
 Carolyn Schneeberger by Peter White  
 Mrs Margaret Seckman by Linda White  
 Mabel P. Mead & Marie M. Mead by Jean Wickum

## WORSHIP

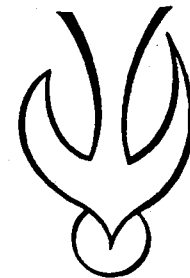
June 4  
 Pentecost  
 Acts 2:1-11  
 "All in the Family"

June 11  
 Children's Day  
 Guests: Covenant Players  
 1 Corinthians 12:

June 18  
 Father's Day  
 Guest Preacher:  
 The Rev. Owen Stewart

June 25  
 Luke 7:36-8:3  
 "Outside In"

July 2  
 Service in the Park  
 "Hymns of Dixieland"



## Personals

On Sunday, June 11, Erin Faulk will be performing various dances in all four performances of "Alice In Wonderland" at the Palace Theater in Columbus. Performance time are 11:00 AM, 2:00PM, 4:30PM, and 7:30PM. Tickets may be purchased at the

door or see Pam Faulk. One ticket is good for all performances

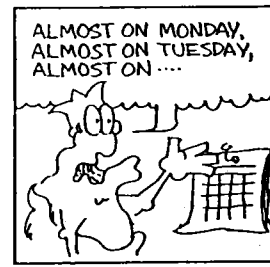
Jarrold Trigg received a 4.0 GPA at Eastern Michigan University putting him on the Dean's List for Spring Quarter. Super job Jarrold!

David Osborne has returned home from recent hospitalization at Riverside Hospital.

## Candlelighters

June 4 Richard Davis  
 11 Emilie Trigg  
 18 Josh Ramey  
 25 Katie Riedmiller  
 July 2 Barb Lovell




## Pontius' Puddle



# JUNE 1995

## First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						3
9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 2:00 Suzuki Recital 	4 7:00 Piecemakers 7:00 Boy Scouts	5 7:00 Piecemakers 7:00 Boy Scouts	6 4:30 Brownies	7 4:30 Brownies	8 6:30 ABW Ministries Picnic at Bertha Van Brimmers	9 7:00 Covenant Players followed by refreshments
11 <b>Children's Day</b> 10:00 Morning Worship Covenant Players 12:00 Deacon's Meeting	12 7:00 Boy Scouts	13 7:00 Boy Scouts	14 <b>Flag Day</b> 12:00 Young at Heart 4:30 Brownies 	15 12:00 Young at Heart 4:30 Brownies	16 12:00 Young at Heart 4:30 Brownies	17 12:00 Young at Heart 4:30 Brownies
18 <b>Father's Day</b> 10:00 Morning Worship Owen Stewart, Guest Preacher 	19 10:00 Morning Worship Owen Stewart, Guest Preacher	20 10:00 Morning Worship Owen Stewart, Guest Preacher	21 10:00 Morning Worship Owen Stewart, Guest Preacher	22 10:00 Morning Worship Owen Stewart, Guest Preacher	23 10:00 Morning Worship Owen Stewart, Guest Preacher	24 10:00 Morning Worship Owen Stewart, Guest Preacher
Pastor Brummett on Vacation						
Pastor Brummett at ABC of USA Biennial Meeting in Syracuse NY						
25 10:00 Morning Worship Newsletter Deadline (give articles to Larry Faulk)	26 10:00 Morning Worship Newsletter Deadline (give articles to Larry Faulk)	27 10:00 Morning Worship Newsletter Deadline (give articles to Larry Faulk)	28 7:00 Choir	29 7:00 Parish Council	30 7:00 Parish Council	July 1 7:00 Parish Council

Sunday, July 2 - 10:00 AM - Service in the Park

# Good News Letter

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There are two kinds of guilt. Bad and good. First the bad. I start with the bad, because we in the Church have this one pretty well down to an exact science. This is the kind of guilt that's motivated by shame. It goes something like this. "If you don't do this, then you aren't a good person." This is how it works: if you don't live up to the expectations that are put before you by your parents, your friends, your God, yourself and everybody else, then you should feel bad. You've fallen short. You're not the kind of person that you should be. Notice that the language of this kind of guilt is filled with the word should. This kind of guilt is directly linked to our sense of self worth.

Have you ever noticed how benevolence is often connected to shame-motivated guilt. You should do good things for others, give to the poor, donate your money to charity, because look at how much you have and look at how little they have. Then comes the kicker. Because, if you don't do good, give or donate, then it's expected that you should feel bad about yourself. The problem with this, is that our main reason for good behavior is to prevent ourselves from feeling like miserable, worthless, unlovable worms.

Does any of this sound familiar? Are you as tired of this kind of guilt as I am? Bring on the good guilt!

But, how can there be such a thing as good guilt? Isn't that an oxymoron? Actually, good guilt is nothing more or less than a healthy, realistic and honest understanding of how things are as compared to how things could become. Let me



explain.

As you know, I leave for the country of Guatemala on July 5. Guatemala is bordered by Mexico in the north and west, Honduras and El Salvador in the southeast, and Belize in the east. Look at an atlas to get an idea of where this is in relation to Ohio. I'm going there with 11 others on a Habitat for Humanity International Work Camp. While there, we'll be staying in San Juan de la Laguna, a small Tzutuhil village on the Southeast shore of Lake Atitlan in the Department of Solola. The villagers are almost entirely members of the Tzutuhil tribe, speaking Spanish as well as their own dialect. We will work with the villagers to build homes.

Why am I going? Because I feel guilty. I'm serious. However, I believe that my actions are motivated by a strong dose of the good variety of guilt.

To help you understand, let me tell you what I know about the history of the Guatemalan people. The old Mayan empire flourished in what is today Guatemala for over 1,000 years before the arrival of the Spanish. Guatemala was a

Spanish colony from 1524-1821, was briefly a part of Mexico and then of the U.S. of Central America. The republic of Guatemala was established in 1839. Since 1945 when a liberal government was elected to replace a long-term dictatorship, the country has been struggling towards socialism, had an armed revolt, renewed attempts at social reforms, a military coup, and, in 1986, civilian rule. In recent history, political changes occurred when the democratically-elected president dismissed the constitutional government and was then replaced by human rights director, Ramiro de Leon Caprio, the current Head of State. Continuing political and economic issues keep resources undeveloped and the population trapped in rural poverty.

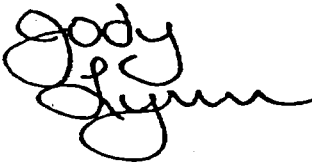
So, I feel guilty. Why? Because I have a good life. I live in a very wealthy country, where I enjoy many rights and privileges and have all the things that I need and more than enough of the things that I want. I have a beautiful home, with indoor plumbing, electricity, heat, air conditioning, telephone, television, vcr, refrigerator, cooking appliances galore, and all the comforts of the modern life. Compared with the people of Guatemala, I have everything and they have nothing. So, I feel guilty. The difference between good guilt and bad guilt, is how I interpret these feelings of guilt. Do they motivate me to feel bad about myself as a person, which doesn't really accomplish anything, or do they motivate me to take part in some kind of productive and life-giving action?

God calls us to love our neigh-

bors as we love ourselves. This is the formula for good guilt. Because God loves me and gives life to me, I want to give that love and life to others. As long as others are denied love and life, such as the people of Guatemala and so many others in our world, then we are denied love and life. So we are called to respond. And it's not really a matter of feeling bad about ourselves when we don't respond, because as those who believe and have received the love and life of God, we are compelled to respond. It's just part of who we are. We can't help it.

So we go to Guatemala, and other places in our community and in our world, to share the love and life of God, and God's blessing takes us there and gives us strength.

Many Blessings,



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### Pastor's July Schedule

Pastor Brummett will be on the Habitat Work Camp to San Juan La Laguna, Guatemala from Wednesday, July 5 through Wednesday, July 19, then she will be attending the Disciple Bible Study Leader Training Workshop in Columbus from Thursday, July 20 through Saturday, July 23. If you have any pastoral need or emergency, during these times, please call your watchcare deacon or the Chair of the Deacon's, Karen Stoner at 369-7754.

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### Peace Camp '95: Champions of Peace and Justice

This year's Peace Camp will be hosted by Zion United Church of Christ and will take place from Sunday, July 23 through Thursday, July 27 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Each evening will begin with a light supper and music. The four

churches will take turns with the meals from Sunday through Wednesday, and the Thursday meal will be a covered-dish dinner. Registration forms for adults, youth and children are now available. Please send your completed registration form and T-shirt orders to Zion U.C.C. or give them to Jean Wickum or Pastor Brummett.

CHAMPIONS OF  
PEACE AND JUSTICE



PEACE CAMP '95

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### Meals on Wheels

A complete spaghetti dinner to benefit Meals on Wheels of the Delaware City area will be held on Sunday, July 9, 1995 at the Brown Jug Restaurant, 13 West William Street, Delaware from 12 to 5 p.m. Proceeds from the dinner will be used to assist the fire suppression system being installed in the Meals kitchen located at 55 West Lincoln Avenue. The dinner cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children, with carryout available. The dinner is being sponsored by the Agency Conference Group of Delaware, the Council for Older Adults and Meals on Wheels. For advance ticket sales or further information please call the Meals on Wheels office at 369-4024 from 8 a.m. to noon weekdays.

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### July Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3 Phil Mercer
- 7 Jody Lynn Brummett
- 18 Peter and Linda White
- 19 Jarrod Trigg
- 21 Mary Helen Richards
- 23 Alison Mowery
- 26 Jeff Faulk
- 27 Anne and John Linn
- 30 Bernice Turney
- August
- 3 Carolyn Schneeberger

**WORSHIP**

July 2  
Service in the Park  
"Hymns of Dixieland"

July 9  
Guest Preacher:  
The Rev. Jon Powers  
Leviticus 19:17-18  
"Poison in Your Pocket"

July 16  
Guest Preacher:  
Shirley Parker  
Matthew 13:10-17  
"Jesus the Parable"

July 23  
Guest Preacher:  
The Rev. Dr. William R. Nirote  
Luke 10:38-42  
"If You Receive Strangers"

July 30  
Luke 11:1-13  
"A Heart for Prayer"

August 6  
Luke 12:13-21  
"No Foolin'"

### Quarterly Business Meeting

I would like to personally invite each member to join us after worship on Sunday, July 30th for the quarterly business meeting in the Fellowship Hall. It is an important function of the congregation to share in the responsibility of running the business of the church, and it is equally important that all interests and opinions are heard. Please plan to join in as we carry out God's work!

Note: The July Parish Council meeting originally planned for the 20th has been cancelled.

-Rick VanBrimmer,  
Moderator

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### YAH Notes

Young at Heart met at the Delaware Hotel on June 14. We enjoyed the buffet, and exchanged news of our families. Eleven members were present.

A letter is in the mail to the members, asking for information on

future meeting dates, and possible places. Replies are due to Evelyn Lee by July 9.

-Jean Wickum, Convenor

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**Personals:**

**Deborah Lovell** was inducted into the Laurels(Academic Achievement and Community Leadership Honorary) at Baldwin-Wallace College. She will be a Resident Assistant in North Hall for the 1995-6 school year. Her address will be 322 North Hall, Berea, OH 44017. Phone # 216-826-7455. Deb will leave June 30th to visit Vic Fogle in San Diego.

**Matthew Lovell** attended Buckeye Boy's State at Bowling Green University sponsored by the VFW, June 10 - June 18. He was awarded 1 of 2 Citizenship Awards. He was selected to attend the Ohio Highway Patrol in Columbus as a Junior Cadette June 19-23. He was selected as a member of the Color Guard for the Graduation Ceremony. He will be attending 4-H State Leadership Camp at Camp Ohio July 13-18.

**Barbara Lovell** received the Presidential Academic Award and a Citizenship Award for 8th grade Honor's night, May 31. Barbara will go with the Girl Scouts to see Tecumseh and camp July 11.

**Dave Lovell** took Boy Scout Troop #393 to summer camp at Woodland Trails, June 25 - July 1.

**Randy Turner** will be attending the National Education Association Representative Assembly in Minneapolis June 30 - July 6 as a representative of the Delaware City Teacher's Association.

**Jean Wickum** is in Massachuettis visiting son John and attending John's daughter Shannon's wedding to Noe' Alejandro, Jr. She plans to visit relatives on the way up and coming back.

**Anne Linn, Beth Trigg, and Carol Grubbs** have returned from a recent trip to England.

**Linda White** chaperoned the Willis 8th grade trip to Washington D.C.

**Flo Faulk** and granddaughter Angie attended granddaughter Melanie Faulk's high school graduation in Durant, Oklahoma.

The Stoners are on a trip West.

**Shirly Parker** will be attending a family reunion in Putney, Vermont in July at the home of her son Joseph Fichter. Her other children and their families and some Massachusetts relatives will be there also.

**Janet Porter** is at the Special Olympics World Games in Conneticut, July 1 - 10.

**Rick Lee** recently spent two and one-half weeks at Elsmere Island in the Artic doing research on cold tolerance of insects. Their diet consisted of dried foods and they slept in tents. The temperatures were in the low 30's. Rick is a Professor of Zoology at Miami University at Oxford, Ohio.

I spent a week in West Virginia helping my mother (and giving my sister a much needed rest!) The doctors have told us that mother's cancer is treatable but not curable and that she is now in remission. Thank you for your cards to her and notes of encouragement and we ask for your continued prayer.

-Jeanne Ekelberry

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**Charles Armstrong in the Cleveland Clinic**

Charles Armstrong, East Area Minister, has received a bone marrow transplant on June 14. He can receive cards and letters. Please keep Charles, Cathy, Josh, and Caris in you prayers.

Cleveland Clinic  
9500 Euclid Ave  
Unit M50 Rm 15  
Cleveland OH 44195

**In Sympathy**

**Shirley Parker's** sister Romayne, who has been on our prayer list for several weeks, died on June 22 in Lakeland, Fla. There will be a memorial service in Lakeland and a grave-side service for family on July 10 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

**Betty Porter's** mother Martha Jane Guy died June 22 at the Sunny Vee Nursing Home.

Mrs. Guy was a deputy clerk at the probate and juvenile courts in Union and Madison counties. She was a lifetime member of the First Congregational Church of Christ in Marysville and was active in the choir and as a soloist. She was a former member of the Puritan Circle of King's Daughters and Sons and a charter member and past president of the Marysville Business and Professional Women.

She lived in Marysville until the mid-1950's, spent 30 years in Florida, and moved to Delaware in 1986.

She is survived by daughter, Betty Jane Porter, three grandchildren, John Lawrence Porter of Chicago, Janet Lynn Porter of Westerville, and Jennifef Dianne Linn of Eilson Air Force Base, Alaska.

**Peace Camp Help**

Our church will once again be in charge of one night's dinner during Peace Camp.

If you can help me plan a menu or help in any way, please contact me. Home phone 363-1432 (leave a message if I'm not home)

-Jeanne Ekelberry

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**ABW White Cross News**

A few women sewing on Thursdays have finished 8 lap robes for Delaware Court Health Care Center. We hope to make more later.

We are still in need of items for Kodiak Baptist Mission. These are used by the children for their Christmas Bazaar, their one money maker of the year. If you can we would like you to help us on Thursdays making stuffed animals and pot holders, or bring your own things to work on, or you can make any items you wish at home.

-Bertha VanBrimmer,  
White Cross Chairman

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**Retreat 1995**

Be ready to "Celebrate Re-Creation" at our annual church family retreat, Sept. 1 - 3. This is a good opportunity to get to know your church family better. Remember, there will be no services at the church on Sunday, Sept. 3. Please join us at Judson Hills for our service there.

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**Retreat Fund**

The retreat committee has made a concerted effort this year to add to the retreat fund, so that we can diminish the cost to individual families. Even though we have managed to defray some of the cost for families, there are still those who might not be able to participate without additional financial aid. If you would be willing to provide a **Retreat Scholarship** to help pay the way for a child, adult, or family, please speak to Theresa Griffith or Pam Faulk. If you are in need of financial aid for the retreat, please speak to one of these committee members also.

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**Camp Fund**

The Camp Fund is used to help encourage and support youth to go to summer camp at our American Baptist camps. We would like to be able to pay 1/2 of each person's camp fees. If you feel that you can contribute to this ministry, please see Beth Trigg, Pastor Brummett, or give your contribution during Sunday Worship.

**Trustee Notes:**

- Jeff Reed has repaired the 2nd ping pong table which he has donated to the church. This will be handy for "lock ins", quilt displays, extra table space, etc. It's on wheels and folded up in the rear stairwell.
- The heavier serving table in the fellowship hall had its legs welded at George Brey's machine shop.
- The sanctuary piano was tuned for the Suzuki Violin Recital for the students of Amy Eckert and Stacy Lemke which was attended by about 75 parents and friends.
- A 3 ton load of gravel was delivered and dumped in our back parking lot by mistake. It was to go to a house next to Zion UCC. The quarry said it would cost more to pick it up than it was worth and that we could have it. A big shoveling party ensued the next evening to level it out! A thank you to the 5 adults and 3 young persons that helped. A thank you to Penry Stone Co. also!
- The mail box at the parsonage was hit for the fourth time in 3 1/2 years and repaired.
- The gutters at the parsonage were cleaned out. This was the heaviest year for the soft maple seeds I ever saw.
- With the heavy rains, your chairman has been busy mowing and trimming every week. The grass has slowed down now with the hot weather. The de-humidifiers were turned on the earliest ever-June 1.
- The last of the fire damage upstairs at the old parsonage next door was finished up about June 15. The front bedroom and the 2 bedrooms on the south side that were only smoke damaged, were painted and had their carpets cleaned. The north west bedroom where the fire started, got new wall board, new ceiling, new carpet and new electric, 3 plugs and ceiling light with switch. It also got 2 new windows. The bathroom received new wallboard, new ceiling, new sink and vanity with mirror and lights. The tub was reglazed and some new plumbing was installed before an all new congoleum floor

was installed.

The bathroom also got a new window and ceiling light. The rear stairway was rebuilt and recarpeted. The insurance cost was approximately \$28,000. Your chairman traded off the \$250 deductable by painting all the outside trim that was smoke damaged. The repair has been going on since the fire at the end of January, so it is great to have it finished! The downstairs was undamaged thanks to the efficient work by the Delaware City Fire Dept. Our good renter stuck it out through the restoration. In all we were very lucky.

-Peter White, Chairman

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**Job Opportunity**

Capital Services, a janitorial firm in Columbus has positions open in Delaware. Positions are available for part-time, full-time, and weekend projects at PPG & Grady. Flexible hours, competitive wages & paid holidays & vacations. For more info, call Cheryl at 888-3408.

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**Building on Common Ground**

In April, our church voted to join the capital funds campaign across Ohio to build the outreach and evangelism ministries of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio. The goal is to raise \$1,500,000 over the next 3 years: \$400,000 for supporting new local outreach ministries, \$400,000 for improving camp and conference center facilities, and \$700,000 to start new churches in Ohio.

Please consider your goal in this campaign. Pledging a "share" of \$450 is equal to 1 pizza a month (\$12.50) for the next three years. If 30 families committed to \$2 each per week, our three year contribution would exceed \$9,000.

A copy of the pledge form is printed on the back of this month's calander. Please return your committment to Larry Faulk, finance chair.

# Yes! I/We support the BUILDING ON COMMON GROUND Campaign

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I/We hereby commit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over the next three years to BUILDING ON COMMON GROUND.

Installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ will be paid:

Annually     Semi-Annually     Quarterly

Monthly     Weekly     Other

Installment payments will be made through the local church.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Commitments Needed		
1 of	\$150,000	
1 of	100,000	
2 of	75,000	
2 of	50,000	
4 of	25,000	
4 of	20,000	
4 of	15,000	
5 of	10,000	
12 of	5,000	
25 of	2,250	(5 SHARES)
40 of	1,800	(4 SHARES)
50 of	1,350	(3 SHARES)
100 of	900	(2 SHARES)
750 of	450	(1 SHARE)
Many	under 450	(% SHARE)

Church \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

My/Our total gift for the next three years: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ will be paid:  
 Annually     Semi-Annual  
 Quarterly     Monthly  
 Weekly

Please make checks payable to your local church for **BUILDING ON COMMON GROUND**



**Thank you!**

Any designations are subject to the prorated costs of the campaign as related to the gift.



# JULY 1995

First Baptist Church  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:00 Service in the Park 	3	4 Independence Day 	5 7:00 Choir*	6	7	8
9 10:00 Worship - Communion Guest Preacher: The Rev. Jon Powers	10 7:00 Boy Scouts	11	12 12:00 Young at Heart at Ostrander 8:00 Trustees	13	14	15 8:30 Men's Breakfast at Beuhlers
← Pastor Brummett on Habitat Work Camp to San Juan La Laguna, Guatemala →						
16 10:00 Worship Guest Preacher: Shirley Parker	17	18	19	20 7:00 Board of Christian Education	21	22
← Pastor Brummett at Disciple Bible Study Leader Training Workshop →						
23 10:00 Worship with Zion U.C.C. at FBC The Rev. Dr. William R. Nirote, preaching	24	25	26 7:00 Choir*	27	28	29
Peace Camp '95, 6:00 - 8:30 PM at Zion U.C.C.						
30 10:30 Worship at Zion U.C.C. Pastor Brummett, preaching 12:00 Quarterly Business Meeting in Fellowship Hall	31	August 1	2 7:00 Choir*	3	4	5

\*July choir rehearsals subject to change

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Sometimes being a preacher is a pain in the neck. Or perhaps a more accurate way to say it is that sometimes being a preacher is a pain in the conscience. Whatever you call it, I often wish that I could escape it. But alas, being called to preach the Gospel is something like having one of those large birth-marks that everyone pretends not to notice, but is next to impossible to ignore.

Preaching is primarily an act of prayer and faith. It's an act of prayer because it represents this amazing three-way communication between God, the people and the preacher. It's an act of faith because the preacher and the people, and ultimately God, must hope and trust that the words of the preacher and the response of the people will be and become spirit-filled. So, you can see that it's quite a responsibility, and not just for the preacher, but for everyone involved. This means you.

Being a preacher is a real pain, because once you become a preacher, once you take the fatal plunge, you're a preacher for life. It's like a disease. Of course, I would never use hyperbole, but it seems like everywhere I go and everything I do goes through my preacher's eye and ear. In other words I have the habit of looking at everything through the screen of the Gospel. So, please indulge me as I ask you to look at what I saw after my recent trip to Guatemala.

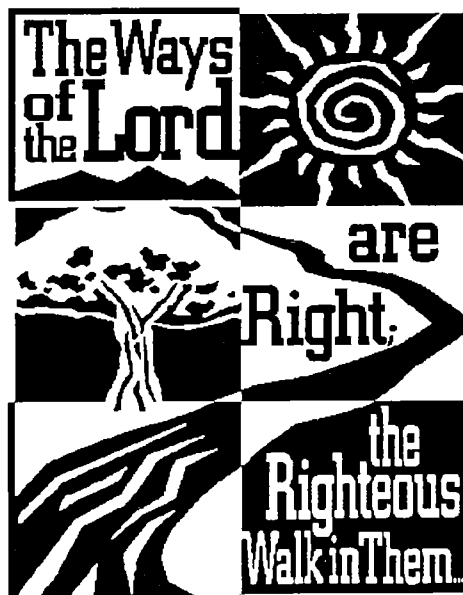
On July 19, at 5:30 a.m. I was in Guatemala City, at the airport, getting ready to return to the states after my 2 week work camp with Habitat for Humanity. I arrived home at 6:00 p.m. Then, on July 20, at 12:00 p.m., I traveled to Worthington, Ohio to attend a training seminar for the DISCIPLE Bible Study. It's kind of like traveling from the slums of Los Angeles to Beverly Hills in the same day. I literally went from a country where I never saw a television or radio, rarely saw carpeting or a refrigerator, didn't have hot showers, couldn't drink the water or eat fresh vegetables, and where the only telephones around were community phones where you had to pay to make a collect call; I went from this to a city in our country where I spent two nights in what seemed and really was a very plush and luxurious Holiday Inn, complete with wall-to-wall carpeting, elevators, hot showers, coffee pot in the room, a huge king-size bed, air conditioning, and exotic food with fresh steamed vegetables and a crisp salad, and water with ice cubes. So, the preacher in me is compelled to ask the question,

What's wrong with this picture?

On Friday of the seminar, I spent the afternoon catching up on my reading assignment for the evening's session. I read the entire Gospel of Matthew. And I read this passage: And behold, a rich young man came up to Jesus, saying, 'Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?' And Jesus said to him, 'Why do you ask me about what is good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.' . . . The young man said to him, 'All these I have observed; what do I still lack?' Jesus said to him, 'If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.' When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

These are the times when I dread being a preacher, because it's impossible to read this passage of Scripture (or any passage from Scripture) without asking myself what it means for my life and what it means for the lives of believers everywhere.

What I know is this, we are a wealthy country. We have far more than we need and almost everything that we want. I am overwhelmed by the excess I see around me in my own house and everywhere I look. And the thing that keeps coming back to me, is the Gospels, and the knowledge that somehow my having all of this excess denies the bare necessities of life to someone else. Do I have

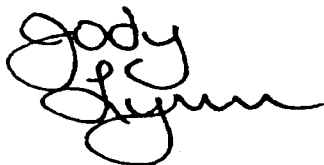


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an answer? Do I think we should sell all of our possessions and give the money to the poor? Am I willing to sell all of my possessions? Can a person have so much and still be a Christian?

I just don't know. What does keep coming back to me, however, is that old bumper sticker that says, "Live Simply so that others may Simply Live." Perhaps it's not a bad idea to take stock, re-assess, from time to time, and just cut back. Get rid of the things that we really don't need. Easier said than done, I know, but I don't see what other choice we have.

As we consider the hard calling of the Gospel Life, let us pray that God will give us a heart for life, and that we won't just walk away sorrowful because we have many possessions, but that we'll confront the hard questions, keep asking them, and try to listen as God gives us the answers. May we have the faith to accept the answers we receive and the courage to live them. Amen.



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### Young at Heart

On Wednesday, July 12, The Young-at-Heart group went to Ostrander to the Christmas Tree Restaurant for lunch.

As a result of the survey about appropriate times for the meetings, it was decided that we should keep to the second week of the month, but meet on Thursdays for awhile.

The next meeting will be at Bun's Restaurant, noon, Thursday, August 10th.

**WORSHIP**

August 6  
Luke 12:13-21  
"No Foolin'"

August 13  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
"Faith is a Verb"

August 20  
Luke 12:49-56  
"The Domesticated Gospel"

August 27  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
"Filling in the Gaps"

September 3  
Church Family Retreat  
Worship & Communion  
at Judson Hills

September 10  
Luke 14:25-33  
"Born Losers"

### August Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3 Carolyn Schneeberger
  - 7 Jennifer Linn
  - 8 Mary Gillette
  - 8 Jim Van Brimmer
  - 9 Steve Stoner
  - 14 Barb and Rick Van Brimmer
  - 17 Cris and George Riedmiller
  - 18 Larry and Pam Faulk
  - 21 Jim Stephenson
  - 23 Mildred Bowers
  - 25 Betty Davis
  - 26 Kirby and Tammy Francis
  - 27 Chrissy Hopkins
  - 27 Linda White
  - 30 Katie Riedmiller
  - 30 Archie Trigg
  - 30 Carol and Fred Grubbs
- September**
- 8 Tammy Francis
  - 10 Katie Griffith
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### Peace Camp '95: Champions of Peace and Justice

Thanks to all those who helped with this year's Peace Camp. Jean Wickum served on the planning

committee along with Pastor Brummett. Jean Ekelberry headed up the kitchen committee from First Baptist and led preparations for our meal on Tuesday evening. Kitchen helpers included: Kirby Francis, Evan Trigg, Linda White, Peter White, Donna Reed, Jeff Reed and Betty Davis. Peace Camp participants included: Pastor Brummett, Jean Wickum, Carol Grubbs, Emilie Trigg, Betty Davis, Laura Mowery, Natalie Griffith, Katie Griffith, and Jenny Beth Grubbs. Those attending the Thursday evening covered-dish dinner included: Tammy and Mike Grubbs, Donna Reed and Teresa Griffith.

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### Additions to your Church Directory:

Jerry and Lana Palmer  
656 Governors  
Delaware  
369-6098

Griffith's new phone number:  
363-5311.

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### Youth Inquirer's Class

A youth inquirer's class will be held this fall beginning on Saturday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m. The class will last for 12 weeks and will include weekly class sessions with Pastor Brummett, regular meetings with an adult mentor of the youth's choosing, and participation in ministry projects within the church and community. We will be using the American Baptist membership curriculum called: Storyweaving: You and Your Faith Journey. The class is open to all youth 7th grade and older. If you are interested in taking part in this opportunity to explore your faith, please speak with Pastor Brummett.

**Thanks**

Thanks to Dublin Girl Scout Troop 713 for a \$50 donation to our camp fund. The troop had used our church for various activities and has since disbanded.

Erin Faulk would like to thank the church for paying half the cost of going to Sr. High camp. Erin also counseled at Judson Hills for two sessions this summer.

The Board of Christian Education would like to thank Rick and Barb VanBrimmer for housing our guests for Children's Day. We would also like to thank Jennifer Turner for filling in on the board until the business meeting. At that time Linda White was voted to fill the vacant position on the board. We welcome Linda back!

Heartfelt thanks to all for your visits, cards, prayers, food and phone calls while I was recuperating from surgery.

-Sophia Stephenson



**Retreat 1995**

Be ready to "Celebrate Re-Creation" at our annual church family retreat, September 1 - 3. This is a good time to get to know your

church family better. Bob and Sandie Heiser are among the session leaders for the weekend. It promises to be a rewarding time. Please join us at Judson Hills.

**Guest Editorial - Pam Faulk**

Our church is often compared to a family. I've been thinking a lot about that lately. I wonder how we "stack up" as a family. A family sees to the education of its members; we have Sunday School and Junior Church. A family must live within its means; we have a budget. A family shares meals; we have potlucks, fellowship time, breakfasts, and Communion. In a family there is a need for fun and relaxation; we have Peace Camp, ABY, adult socials, Young at Heart, and family socials. A family takes a vacation; we have a retreat. Everone's presence is valued; anyone's absence is a loss. A family cares for and nurtures each other; we care for, nurture, and pray for each other. A family cares for others; we have outreach missions. A family shares the work, so that no one or two persons have to do it all. Each year our church needs 28 adults to fill positions as officers, 2 adults or couples to lead ABY, several

people to lead ABW and ABM, 9 adults to teach Sunday School and another 9 to serve as substitute teachers, 12 adults or couples to teach Junior Church, 12 adults or couples to take care of the nursery, 12 adults or couples to plan and /or host adult socials, 12 adults or couples to host fellowship time. It takes committees to plan a retreat, nominate officers, plan a budget, plan Peace Camp, and a host of other activities. Who are all these people? Where are they? Are you doing your share in this family? Some say they are too busy or stressed out, but more so than anyone else? Some say they are too old. Aren't grandparents an integral part of every healthy family? There are those who say we do too much, but which of these things can we do without? Which are not necessary for healthy families? Do you have to do it all? No, that's the point! We all need to share the work. Please prayerfully consider the part you play in this great First Baptist Family.

**Finance Committee**

I would like to meet with the Finance Committee after Parish Council, 8:00 Thursday, August 24. -Larry Faulk

**Retreat 1995**

**Date:** Friday, September 1 - Sunday, September 3

**Place:** Judson Hills - Lodge & Cabins

**Theme:** Celebrate Re-Creation

Costs:	Whole Weekend (2 nights)	One Night	Sat. (day only)	Sun. (only)
Family Plan (3 or more immediate family members)	\$60 +\$20 per Adult +\$10 per child	\$30 +\$20 per Adult +\$10 per child	-----	-----
One Adult age 11+	\$40	\$30	\$16	\$8
One Child age 4-10	\$30	\$20	\$10	\$5

\*A room in the Nehemiah Center may be available for those unable to stay in cabins. See Pam or Theresa for info.

## DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

DISCIPLE: Becoming Disciples through Bible Study is an approach to Bible Study that emphasizes disciplined reading of and listening to Scripture. It results in biblically nourished persons committed to live as disciples. During the course of 34 weeks, DISCIPLE groups move through the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. All DISCIPLE Bible study participants will read more than 70 percent of the Bible. The Scripture for each session follows the chronological movement of the biblical story. DISCIPLE groups consist of twelve members and a leader and meet weekly for 2 1/2 hours for a period of 34 weeks (nine months). Each participant makes a commitment to daily preparation (30-45 minutes per day) and weekly attendance at and full participation in the group study sessions. DISCIPLE aims at transformation, not just information. DISCIPLE calls on persons to submit themselves to examination by Scripture, to put themselves under the power of God's word, and to be changed by God's word.

## DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY ORIENTATION MEETING

If you are interested in the DISCIPLE Bible study, but have not yet signed up or if you have signed up, please attend the Orientation meeting on Monday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will last for only 1 1/2 hours. The purpose of the orientation meeting is: to discuss and agree on a schedule for the nine-month study; to distribute study manuals and become acquainted with the lesson format; to understand the commitment that is being undertaken by members of the group. Please understand that

## Rally Day

Come "clown" around with us on Sept. 10th as we begin our Fall quarter of Sunday School. Breakfast and table service will be provided at 8:30 am followed by Opening Assembly at 9:00 and Sunday School at 9:15. Set your alarm clocks and we will see you there.

## Sunday School Teachers

There will be a mini workshop and teacher's meeting on Saturday, August 26th from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the church for all Sunday School teachers and their substitutes. Curriculum will be distributed and rooms will be assigned. Any questions, contact Donna Reed.

## Jr. High & Sr. High ABY

The Jr. High ABY has a new advisor. Shelia Rutherford will lead the 7th & 8th graders this year. She and Donna Reed, Sr. High Advisor have planned a Startup meeting for Sunday, August 27th following church. Youth are to bring \$ to stop at McDonalds and we will go north to the Water Treatment area for our meeting.

On Sunday, Sept. 10th at 6:30 pm, the parents will be invited to a Parents Only meeting to find out what is in store for the youth this year.

## August Adult & Youth Social

The Adult Social for August will be a church golf outing, Saturday, August 26th. We will be teeing off at 6:45 am at Mill Creek Golf Club in Ostrander. I have four tee times and we will be playing 18 holes. If you want to play golf but didn't

It may be less exciting, maybe even boring at times. Our congregation would lack spontaneity. We face this as an ongoing problem -- Parents will not attend services without a nursery or Jr. Church.

Babies would stay at home in their cribs and sleep; their parents stuck in front of a TV. We must have volunteers for our nursery and Jr. Church to continue offering this service. As of press date we have helpers only through August. New Junior Church material is available for use. These are reproduceable masters and to be used to make copies. They are reusable if we do not mark on the originals. See me for them.

I ask for your help. Please volunteer. This service is precious. Let's hear from you!

-Beth Trigg,  
Bd. of Ed.

## Personals

**Shirley Parker** drove to Massachusetts to attend graveside services for her sister and to visit with relatives.

**Sophia Stephenson** underwent surgery at Grady Hospital and is recuperating at home.

**John Linn** was a recent patient at the hospital.

**Jim and Rick VanBrimmer** and **Karen Stoner** attended funeral services for Jim's sister, Elizabeth in Media, PA.

**Jeff Faulk** will leave August 16 to go back to school. His address is Rm. 14, Fisher Hall, Notre Dame IN 46556-5610.

# AUGUST 1995

First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00 Choir	3	4	5
6 10:00 Worship - Communion BAPTISM	7 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Piecemakers	8		10 12:00 Young at Heart 1:30 CropWalk	11	12
13 10:00 Worship 11:00 Deacons	14 7:00 Boy Scouts	15	16	17	18	19 8:30 Men's Breakfast at Beuhlers
20 10:00 Worship	21 7:00 Boy Scouts	22	23	24 7:00 Parish Council 8:00 Finance Committee	25	26 6:45 Golf Outing
27 10:00 Worship 2:00 Guatemala Slide Show and Reception	28 7:00 DISCIPLE Bible Study Orientation 7:00 Boy Scouts	29	30 7:00 Choir	31	1	2

Friday - Sunday  
Church Family Retreat at  
Judson Hills

Sunday, September 10-Rally Day-8:30 Breakfast, 9:15 Sunday School, 10:45 Worship (begin Fall hours)

# Good News Letter

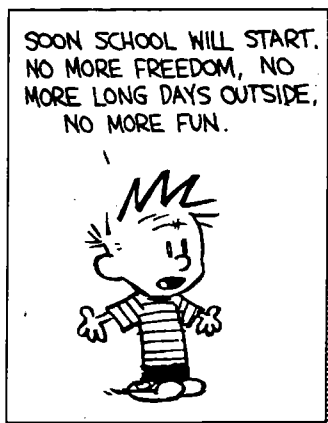
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As you know, the thoughts of my mind and heart have been quite heavy these days. In the last two newsletter editorials, I've made you endure all this serious talk about guilt and greed, and Jesus' call to sell all our possessions and give the money to the poor. So this month, I promised myself that I'd lighten things up a bit.

After all, it's the end of summer, vacations are over and you have enough to worry about with starting school and getting back into the daily grind of work. You don't need me hitting you over the head with a bunch of serious, philosophical, soul-searching questions. Really.

I give to you these inspiring thoughts of Calvin & Hobbes, my favorite theologians.

## CALVIN AND HOBBS



Perhaps you feel the same way. I know that I do. I want the relaxing pace of summer to go on for another week or two. I'm not quite ready to quit just yet. There's not much time left. And although I'd like to go along with Hobbes and make the most of the little time I do have left, the brooding side of me wants to agree with Calvin. I'd rather just mope about it. Moping somehow seems to make it easier. But the truth is, I need the response of both Calvin and Hobbes. Hobbes' response makes sense. I should make the most, not just of the little time left of this relaxing summer pace, but of all the time I have all the time. But Calvin's response makes me laugh, because it points out the very

real truth of how I feel about the impending close of summer vacation. It may be happening, but I don't have to like it. Humor is always funny, it seems, because it contains a profound truth that can be expressed in no other way. Because, let's face it, profound truths are easier to accept if we can laugh at them and about them.

Let me also remind you that I'm a preacher, and I certainly can't let this moment pass without at least a mini sermon. Please indulge me. Humor is an important part of life. Anyone who knows me and my love of jokes and puns and double meanings, knows that laughter is for me, vital to a full and complete life. I would also suggest that humor is a deeply religious experience. As theologian

Reinhold Niebuhr said, "Humor is a prelude to faith and laughter is the beginning of prayer."

As we embark upon the adventure of yet another school and

work year, let us consider approaching life with a holy sense of humor. We will find, perhaps to our surprise, that God will show up right along beside us, laughing, and joining in with a joke or two of God's own. May it be a blessing to our life, and challenge to our spirits and a strength to our faith.

Many Blessings,

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## Rally Day

Sunday, September 10 will be Rally Day. We'll begin with a breakfast (provided by the Board of Christian Education) at 8:30. Sunday School will be at 9:15, and we will resume our regular time for Morning Worship of 10:45. Please join us and bring a friend!

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## Marion Association Fall Rally

This year's Fall Rally will take place on Sunday, Sept. 24 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Grand Prairie Baptist Church in Marion. The theme is "Jesus Christ: The Heart of It All." We will be recalling, through scripture and vignettes, the roots of our association, which was organized in 1913. There will be an "Old-Fashioned Day" atmosphere and those attending are welcome to wear attire fitting to the period. Dr. Fran Breton, Minister of World Mission Support will be the keynote speaker. A dinner will be provided at the cost of \$3.00 per person.

Reservations can be phoned to the church office at 465-3535 by September 17. Activities will be provided for children through sixth grade. The senior and junior high youth will meet at the YMCA, 193 E. Church St. in Marion.

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## ABC of Ohio Annual Meeting

From October 18 to 20, the Akron Association will host the 170th Annual Meeting at Arlington Memorial Baptist Church in Akron. This year's theme is "Renewed for Mission," with the theme text from Romans 12:2 and daily themes of Worship, Evangelism and Service. The keynote speaker will be Dr.

Leonard I. Sweet, Chancellor of the United Theological Seminary in Dayton. The Meeting will also offer great programs, uplifting music and helpful interest groups.

We look forward to renewed friendships, family fun, inspirational and challenging messages, worship and enrichment as a denominational family. If you are interested in attending, please see Pastor Brummett for more information.

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## Volunteer Drivers Urgently Needed

The Grady Community Nutrition Program is in need of volunteers to help deliver meals to the seniors citizens of Delaware County. Meals are prepared daily at Grady Memorial Hospital by the Department of Nutritional Services. They are delivered by a staff of community-spirited and dedicated volunteer drivers who understand the importance of good nutrition for older adults.

Schedules are flexible and as little as one day per month can be quite helpful to the program. If you are interested in helping, please contact Norma Hudson at 368-5030.

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## Thanks

Thanks to everyone who attended Barbara's baptism and reception on August 6th, and special thanks to Jeanne Ekelberry and Linda White for their assistance with the reception.

— *The Lovell Family*



Thanks to Larry Faulk for being our newsletter's guest editor during the summer months. He did a great job!

— *Jim Stephenson, editor*



Many thanks to Jeff Reed for making a new tray to organize the letters and

numbers used on the outside bulletin board.

Jeff fashioned a shallow box with 99 compartments that make the characters easily accessible. This is a great convenience and much appreciated by those who take care of the announcements.

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## CELEBRATION '95: A Time of Inspiration with Tony Campolo

Sunday afternoon, October 15, at 4:00 p.m. is an important date to mark on your calendar. Dr. Tony Campolo, a popular Christian preacher and teacher, will speak at Karl Road Baptist Church, 5750 Karl Road, Columbus. Dr. Campolo challenges Christians by illustrating how their faith can offer solutions in a world of extreme complexity. CELEBRATION '95 will feature a special emphasis on World Missions and is sponsored by Eastern College, St. Davids, PA and International Ministries of the ABC/USA.

For information contact Karl Road Baptist Church at 885-3929. Admission is free, and an offering will be received.

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## Trustees' Notes

- A thank you to Will Fogle for filling and tending the baptistry during the recent baptism.
- A thank you to Jeff Reed for building wooden compartmentalized boxes for the letters and numbers for the bulletin board.
- A thank you to Dave Lovell for climbing the 40-foot ladder and adjusting the fan in the assembly room ceiling.
- A minor repair was made to a control on one of the furnaces. The fan was running when the furnace was cold. The work was done by plumber Don Patrick and cost \$30.
- A Girl Scout troop will begin meeting in the senior high room at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, led by by Chris Spice.

— *Peter White*

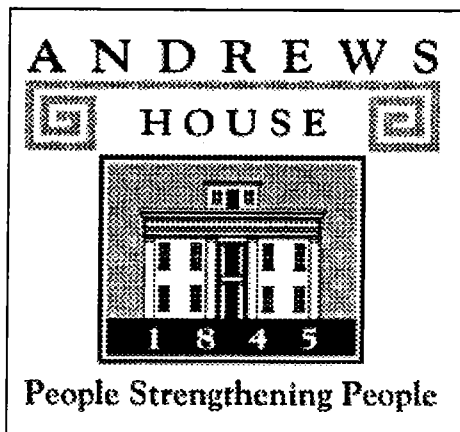


## Andrews House Update

Andrews House is being used. Current Resident Partners include: Action for Children, The ARC of Delaware County, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Family Matters. Resident Partners are also using larger meeting areas for their constituents and for education and training.

When school opens August 28, the Willis School Before-School Program called "KICC" will also become a Resident Partner. This program will take place from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on school days for students whose parents must leave them at school before the school opens. Breakfast, study, games and other activities are included in this well-staffed program.

The Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship is meeting for worship at Andrews House on selected Sunday mornings. On Monday evenings there is a Grady-sponsored Children's Bereavement Group.



The A.B.L.E. program plans to add Andrews House to its other locations, beginning in September. Adult Basic Literacy Education is a major commitment of Rotary, who have contributed a TV/VCR and other educational equipment to Andrews House for use by A.B.L.E. as well as by other Partners.

We've been granted a food service license by the Delaware County Health Department.

Generous contributions continue to come in. At the same time, volunteers and money are still needed. Help is needed with weekly sweeping and mopping floors, sanitizing rest rooms,

and painting and wallpapering in order to finish Phase I on the first floor.

Phase II plans, which includes the second floor and basement, are ready for the Consultation Committee to consider. We will proceed as funds are available. Search your hearts and calendars to see what you can do for Andrews House and our community.

## A.B.W. Ministries

The A.B.W.M. will meet on Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 at the church for their first fall meeting. There will be the installation of newly-elected officers, and the program will be "The Joy of White Cross," presented by Bertha Van Brimmer. All women of the church are invited to attend.

## Contributions Welcome

Anyone wishing to support the A.B.W. Ministries should please send their contribution to Evelyn Lee.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Sept. 8 Tammy Francis  
 10 Katherine Griffith  
 11 David Osborne  
 Barbara Reed  
 13 Teri Mompher  
 14 Marci Sander  
 Richard Davis  
 15 Janet Porter  
 Jim & Bertha Van Brimmer  
 18 Melissa Mercer  
 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

## Oops!

Our apologies to Florence Faulk, whose birthday on August 24th was missed in last month's Birthdays and Anniversaries list.

If you are in the church directory but your birthday or anniversary is not listed correctly in the newsletter,

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

### September 3

Church Family Retreat  
 Worship & Communion  
 at Judson Hills

### September 10

Rally Day  
 Luke 14:25-33  
 "Born Losers"

### September 17

Luke 15:1-10  
 "Lost and Found"

### September 24

Christian Education Sunday  
 Luke 16:1-13  
 "Through the Looking Glass"

### October 1

Psalms 137  
 "Righteous Rage"

please tell Jim Stephenson so that it can be corrected.

We have a master list of birthdays and anniversaries that we use when preparing the newsletter, and the only way that we are likely to catch errors is if they're reported to us. Thank you.

## Personals

- **JOHN LINN** was a patient at Grady Memorial Hospital and is now at Delaware Court Nursing Home.
- **MARTHA PORTER** (Betty Porter's mother-in-law) was a patient at Grady.
- **BETTY PORTER** made a two-week trip to Alaska to visit with Jennifer and Ed Linn.
- **DAVID AND JEANNE OSBORNE** have returned from a summer vacation in Maine.
- **CYNTHIA BLAND** has returned after a sabbatical during which she researched medieval manuscript texts at the Beinecke Library in New Haven, Connecticut, and at the Bodleian Library in Oxford, England.
- **JIM STEPHENSON** attended a Macintosh computer exposition in Boston.

• **JENNIFER AND RANDY TURNER** and family vacationed at Myrtle Beach, Virginia.

*Please feel free to submit brief personals about yourself and your family for our Personals column.*

## 1995 Delaware CropWalk

This year's CropWalk for Hunger will take place on Sunday, October 8 beginning at 2:00 p.m. from the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m.

If you are interested in walking, please see our church's CropWalk recruiter, Rick Van Brimmer for information and sponsor forms. If you are unable to walk, but would like to make a contribution, please ask Rick or Pastor Brummett and they will find someone for you to sponsor.

All proceeds from the CropWalk go to fight hunger in the world through Church World Services and here in our local community through People in Need.

## Pastor's Day Off Changes to Friday

The pastor has decided to change her day off to Fridays so that she can participate in the Monday Bible Study.

As before, the pastor is available at all times for urgent or emergency situations, but please respect Friday as her day off when it comes to routine church business.

Her office hours remain unchanged (Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 - 2:00).

## Church Directory Update

*new school address:*

Debbie Lovell  
322 North Hall  
Berea, Ohio 44017  
(216) 826-7455



## Campbell's "Labels for Education" Program

The items listed below can be brought to the church for collection. Donations benefit mission programs. More information is posted in the assembly room.

Labels and other proofs of purchase from over 1,000 Campbell product varieties are eligible for redemption in Campbell's Labels for Education Program. Once you save the purchase proofs outlined below, send them to school. They will then be redeemed for quality educational equipment.


Please post this flyer where it will remind you to save labels (e.g., on the refrigerator or over the recycling bin). Remember that Campbell's Labels for Education includes more than just Soup! Take a look at our other quality products.

Feel free to photocopy and distribute this flyer to anyone who might be able to help. Thank you for your support!

PRODUCTS (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)	PACKAGE	WHAT TO SAVE
Campbell's® Beans Products	can	front label panel
Campbell's® Chunky™ Soups	can	front label panel
Campbell's® Condensed Soups	can	front label panel
Campbell's® Double Noodle Dry Soup	pouch	back panel with UPC symbol
Campbell's® Healthy Request® Soups	can	front label panel
Campbell's® Home Cookin'™ Soups	can	front label panel
Campbell's® Instant Cups	cup	back panel with UPC symbol
Campbell's® Low Sodium Soups	can	front label panel
Campbell's® Microwave Soups	tub	lid
Campbell's® Quality Soup & Recipe Mixes	carton	bottom panel with UPC symbol
Campbell's® Ramen Noodle Soups	block	front label panel
Campbell's® Ramen Noodle Soups	cup	back panel with UPC symbol
Campbell's® Simmer Chef™ Cooking Sauces	can	front label panel
Campbell's® Spaghetti Sauces	can	front label panel
Campbell's® Tomato Juice	can	front label panel
Campbell's® Tomato Juice	aluminum can	cash register tape with product name
Chef's Kettle® (Food Service)	can	front label panel
Early California® Olives	can	front label panel
Franco-American® Pasta & Gravy Products	can	front label panel
Franco-American® SpaghettiOs® Pasta	can	front label panel
Marie's® Dressings, Dips & Glazes	jar or bottle	lid or neck band with UPC
Mrs. Paul's® Frozen Seafood and Specialty Vegetables	carton	UPC symbol
Open Pit® BBQ Sauce	bottle	logo area of label
Pepperidge Farm® Products	various	UPC symbol
Prego® Spaghetti Sauce/Pizza Sauce	jar	front label panel
Sanwa Ramen Pride Soups	block	front label panel
Sanwa Ramen Pride Soups	cup	back panel with UPC
Specialty Kitchens™ (Food Service)	various	top label/lid
Swanson® Broths	can	front label panel
Swanson® Poultry	can	front label panel
Swanson® Frozen Food Products	carton	UPC Symbol
V8® 100% Vegetable Juice	can	front label panel
V8® 100% Vegetable Juice	aluminum can	cash register tape with product name
Vlasic® Pickles, Relish, Peppers & Sauerkraut	jar	lid or logo area of label
Vlasic® Pickles To Go™	packet	logo area of label
Vlasic® Ripe Olives	can	front label panel
Vlasic® Spanish Olives	jar	lid or logo area of label

# SEPTEMBER 1995

First Baptist Church  
101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 2
					Church Family Retreat at Judson Hills	
3 Church Family Retreat at Judson Hills	<b>Labor Day</b> 4	5 6:30 Girl Scouts	6 7:00 Choir 8:00 Finance Committee	7 7:00 Pastoral Relations Committee	8	9 10:00 Youth Inquirer's Class
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Please note that the pastor's day off has changed to Fridays.

# Good News Letter

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One of the many good things about being a pastor, is that I receive newsletters from many different churches. Not only does our church receive newsletters from churches in Delaware and churches in the Marion Association, but I receive newsletters from all the churches I've ever attended or served and from the churches of all of my friends who are pastors. That's a lot of newsletters. So, I get to read lots of articles, read many church-related cartoons and learn all sorts of interesting stuff. And, I also get to read lots of pastor's columns. You get only one guess as to which one I think is best.

The really great thing about getting all these newsletters, is that they become a very handy resource. In other words, I steal from them. On second thought, lets use the term borrow, it sounds less harsh and certainly more biblical. In order to be proper and give credit where credit is due, I'll tell you that I borrowed the following thoughts from the "Old First Church Happenings" the Newsletter of Old First Church in Middletown, NJ. The pastors of the church Byron and Carolyne Breese, are friends from seminary, who probably "borrowed" these same thoughts from someone else's newsletter. It's a vicious cycle.

"There are two kinds of people in the church—Pillars and Caterpillars. The Pillars hold up the church and the Caterpillars simply go in and out."

When first hearing this quotation, we might presume it to mean that the Caterpillars are the bad guys and the

Pillars are the good guys. Perhaps we need to re-think this presumption. "Pillars don't change. They're made of stone. Sometimes people get so intent on holding up the church they

Caterpillars — the 'Big Change,' which comes when they break out of the cocoon and become beautiful butterflies, and they lift their lovely wings."

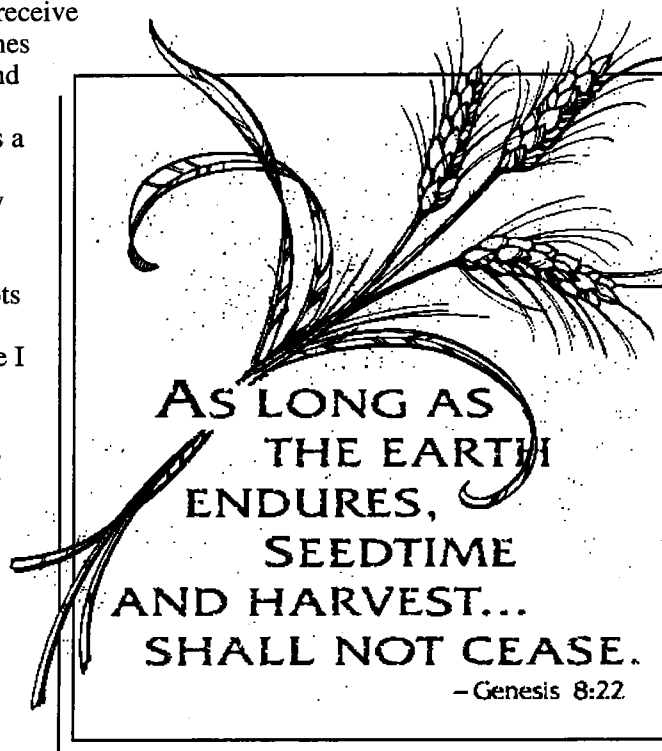
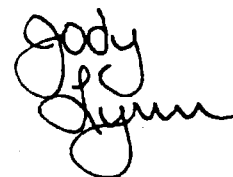
"So, it goes both ways. The Pillars would profit by adding 'Cater' to their name, and breaking out of their stony shells. And the Caterpillars should remember that their last name is 'Pillar' and they had better do their share of the 'upholding' so that there will continue to be a church to go in and out of."

As the tradition of borrowing goes, the author of these profound thoughts is unknown. Never-the-less, these thoughts are helpful as we look into the future of our church, First Baptist, and even the Church of Jesus Christ. As we approach a new year, and plan for next year's church budget, we think about what our financial gift to God will be; and as we plan for God's ministry in the world, we think about who among us is gifted to serve in what capacity and about how we ourselves can best serve God in this church, this

community and in our world.

May we open ourselves to God's spirit, which moves within us and gives us the wisdom to know and understand both the "Cater" and the "Pillar" within ourselves and within each other.

Many Blessings,



become too set in their ways. They support the church, but they forget about God, who is the One the church is all about. Perhaps they 'hold up' the church in another way and keep it from advancing."

"Caterpillars, on the other hand, are alive! As long as they keep 'going in and out' — 'in' to receive God's blessings and to worship and praise God and to pray...and 'out' to spread the good news in the world — they are moving and changing and becoming. And, we all know what happens to

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## World Mission Offering

*"And the king will answer them,  
'Truly I tell you, just as  
you did it to one of the least of  
these who are members  
of my family, you did it to me'"*  
—Matthew 25:40.

Dear Friends in Christ,

As American Baptists we have an incredible opportunity to help people in need in over 70 countries. Through the World Mission Offering, you can link your life with others in great need by supporting ministries like these:

Haitian immigrants come to the Dominican Republic searching for a better life. Instead, they find today's version of slavery: life on the bateys (sugar plantations). The Haitian Missionary Baptist Church ministers among the Haitians through evangelism and discipleship, human rights advocacy, food and clothing distribution, and primary and preventive health care.



*"I was a stranger and  
you welcomed me."*

In some of the Akha tribal villages in Thailand, 55 percent of the adults test HIV positive. The Christian Hospital in Mae Sariang treats AIDS patients and teaches villagers how to prevent the spread of AIDS and how to care for those who are dying. They also learn of the eternal hope found only in Jesus Christ.

*"I was sick and  
you took care of me."*

The Baptist Union of Bolivia reaches out to young children who live with their mothers in the city prisons. Each morning union members bring the children out of the prisons until the afternoon. In this ministry children play safely, eat a hot meal, are given Christian teaching, and receive baths and clean clothes.

*"I was in prison and  
you came to visit me."*

I invite you to give generously in support of the World Mission Offering. As you hear more about these ministries, I'm confident that you will open your hearts to people in need throughout our world. Let each of us consider how to answer God's call this year.

Many Blessings,

Jody Lynn Brummett, Pastor

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## ABY News

ABY is underway and we have many activities planned. Be sure to keep in mind our fundraisers. We will be selling wreaths again this year beginning the end of October through November 10th. The price will be \$16, payable at the time of the order.

Our ongoing fundraiser will be collecting aluminum cans. These can be brought to the church the 3rd Sunday of each month. Sheila Rutherford will take them at that time. Please do not bring them at any other time.

Meetings for October for Junior and Senior ABY will be at 6:30 on the 1st and 15th. The CropWalk will be October 8th and the Senior High is planning a Halloween outing for sometime after the 20th.

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## All-Church Social: Hayride

On Saturday, October 28, we will meet at the church at 1:45 p.m. to travel to the Circle S Farms in Grove City for an afternoon of Harvest-time activities. While at the farm, we will take a hayride to one of the pumpkin fields where each person will get to pick

their perfect pumpkin. The hayride will then return to the Fun Barn where we will get the opportunity to board the Jack-O-Lantern Jet or ride the orange pumpkin slide from the loft to a huge pile of straw. We will also have the opportunity to purchase country cooked sandwiches, bean soup, corn-bread, cider and donuts and items from the bakery.

The cost for the tour is \$5.50 per person which includes the hayride and a pumpkin. The cost for food is extra. If you are interested in attending please sign up on the bulletin board or see Pam Faulk or Pastor Brummett.

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## American Baptist Women's Ministries

On Thursday, October 19, the A.B.W. Ministries will meet at the church at 7:00. Florence Faulk will host and the theme will be Bible Study.

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## Young at Heart

The Young at Heart group met at Mingo Park Shelter House for their September meeting on the 14th. The nine members present enjoyed lots of good picnic fare and fellowship.

Marge Smale taught us one of the difficult and complicated exercises she has learned in her Tai Chai class. The rest of us got lots of exercise warding off hornets. They liked our food, too.

We were happy to have Geneva Evans back with us after her summer in California.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 12, and will be a covered dish lunch at the church.

— Jean Wickum

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## Sunday School Opening Assembly

Oct.	Junior High
Nov.	Adult
Dec.	Board of Christian Education
Jan.	Senior High
Feb.	Junior
March	Board of Christian Education
April	Adult
May	Nursery
June	Preschool/Kindergarten

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## From the Deacons

We invite members and friends of First Baptist to share in a "Hymn Sing" on Sunday, October 22 at the usual worship time. Guests and members will provide special music and you may suggest hymns one of these ways:

1) jot down a hymn number from the regular sanctuary hymnal and place it in the offering plate, or leave it in the deacons mailbox just past the assembly room, across from the rest rooms;



2) call the church at 363-7021 and leave your suggestion with Jody-lynn or on the answering machine, and even if your suggested song is not in our book we will try to find it;

3) call me with your suggestion, at 369-7754; or

4) bring a copy of your suggested hymn, if you have this, to the deacons mailbox. We appreciate your suggestions, trust you will enjoy this time of worship through music, and hope you bring a friend!

—Karen Stoner, Chairperson

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## CELEBRATION '95:

*A Time of Inspiration with Tony Campolo*

Sunday afternoon, October 15, at 4:00 p.m. is an important date to mark on your calendar. Dr. Tony Campolo, a popular Christian preacher and teacher, will speak at Karl Road Baptist Church, 5750 Karl Road, Columbus. Dr. Campolo challenges Christians by illustrating how their faith can offer solutions in a world of extreme complexity. CELEBRATION '95 will feature a special emphasis on World Missions and is sponsored by Eastern College, St. Davids, PA and International Ministries of the ABC/USA. For information contact Karl Road Baptist Church at 885-

3929. Admission is free, and an offering will be received.

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## ABC of Ohio Annual Meeting

From October 18 — 20, the Akron Association will host the 170th Annual Meeting at Arlington Memorial Baptist Church in Akron. This year's theme is "Renewed for Mission," with the theme text from Romans 12:2 and daily themes of Worship, Evangelism and Service. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Leonard I. Sweet, Chancellor of the United Theological Seminary in Dayton. The Meeting will also offer great programs, uplifting music and helpful interest groups. We look forward to renewed friendships, family fun, inspirational and challenging messages, worship and enrichment as a denominational family. If you are interested in attending, please see Pastor Brummett for more information.

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## 1995 Delaware CropWalk

This year's CropWalk for Hunger will take place on Sunday, October 8 beginning at 2:00 p.m. from the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center at Ohio Wesleyan University. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in walking, please see our church's CropWalk recruiter, Rick Van Brimmer for information and sponsor forms. If you are unable to walk, but would like to make a contribution, please ask Rick or Pastor Brummett and they will find someone for you to sponsor. All proceeds from the CropWalk go to fight hunger in the world through Church World Service and here in our local community through People in Need.

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## "Circle of Life" Concert

On Sunday, October 8 at 4:00 there will be a concert at Gray Chapel to benefit the Delaware County A.I.D.S. Task Force. The concert (which was held at Zion United Church of Christ last year) will feature the OWU Choral Art Society under the direction

## OCTOBER WORSHIP

### October 1

World Communion Sunday  
Psalm 137  
"Righteous Rage"

### October 8

CropWalk Sunday  
Luke 16:19-31  
"...The Rest is Faith"

### October 15

Luke 17:11-19  
"Why Be Normal?"

### October 22

Psalm 100  
Service of Music  
"Hymn Sing"

### October 29

Luke 18:9-14  
"Fact or Fiction?"

### November 5

Luke 19:1-10  
"Climbing Down the Ladder of Success"

of Robert Nims, an OWU brass ensemble under the direction of Dr. Larry Griffin, church choirs and choral groups from area high schools.

A freewill offering will be taken.

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## Business Meeting

Our quarterly business meeting and covered-dish dinner will be on Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30.

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## Thank You

The forty members of Homestead Guys and Gals 4-H Club would like to thank the First Baptist Church for allowing them to use the church as a meeting place. Club members took 71 projects and had 133 entries to the Delaware County Fair. These projects included rockets, Jr. Leadership, sewing, nutrition, gardening, first aid, computers, genealogy, woodworking, creative arts, use and care of the microwave, gun safety, photography,

and Clover Buds. Some members sang in the 4-H choir.

Hope you had a chance to see our projects and our club booth at the fair.

Thank you,

—Janet Planisek  
Organizational Advisor  
Homestead Guys and Gals  
4-H Club



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Oct. 3 Janet Lathrop  
5 Will & Carol Fogle  
Laura Beth Mowery  
7 Jack Smith  
9 Suzanne Grubbs  
Ed & Jennifer Linn  
11 Joe Mowery  
15 Peter Heizer  
19 Paul Hopkins  
25 Jenny Grubbs  
28 Ed Linn  
30 Jean Osborne  
31 Ray Biggar  
Courtney Rutherford
- Nov. 1 Stefanie Stoner  
5 Victor Fogle

Please report any errors or omissions to  
Jim Stephenson

## Personals

**CYNTHIA BLAND's** stepbrother died in Virginia. Our sympathy and prayers go out to their family.

**RICHARD DAVIS** is having a poem published. His poem received an award of high merit and will be published as part of the Ohio's Young Poets Contest for 1995.

**BETTY DAVIS** will be in the Willis School Play "Nightmare Middle School" on October 26 and 27.

**GENEVA EVANS** spent 2-1/2 months with her son, Gary, and his family, in Sacramento, California, and with her sister, Mary, in Oregon.

**FLORENCE FAULK** visited with her daughter, Donna, in Florida for five days.

**VICTOR FOGLE** (USMC) has notified his family that he has been promoted to Lance Corporal. Vic is stationed at Camp Pendleton, California.

Congratulations and "Ooh Rah to our Devil Dog." Semper Fidelis!

**BRUCE AND BARB LEE** and family of Pittsburgh spent a weekend with Evelyn Lee.

**ED AND JENNIFER LINN** will be visiting for several weeks this month and then will go on to Ed's new duty station at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

**DAVID OSBORNE** is a hospital patient in Columbus.

**BETTY PORTER** visited Ed and Jennifer Linn in Alaska for 12 days. More about this trip in the next newsletter.

As announced earlier, **KAREN AND STEVE STONER** will attend Rest and Renewal Time for church leaders, and Chautauqua 1995, at the American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wisconsin, the week of October 8.

# OCTOBER 1995

First Baptist Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:30 Pastoral Relations Committee 6:30 ABY	2 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts; Piecemakers	3	4 7:00 Choir	5 10:00 Sewing Group	6	7 10:00 Youth Inquirer's Class
8 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:30 CropWalk Registration, 2:00 Walk begins 4:00 Circle of Life Concert at Gray Chapel	9 <b>Columbus Day</b> 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts 	10	11 7:00 Choir	12 12:00 Young at Heart	13 6:30 Elfner Wedding Rehearsal	14 10:00 Youth Inquirer's Class 3:30 Elfner Wedding
15 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:30 Board of Deacons 4:00 Celebration '95 at Karl Rd. Baptist 6:30 ABY	16 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	17 7:00 Board of Christian Education	18 7:00 Choir	19 7:00 A.B.W. Ministries	20	21 8:30 Men's Breakfast at Buehlers
			Pastor at A.B.C. of Ohio Annual Meeting in Akron			
22 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship — Worship in Music: Hymn Sing 	23 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	24	25 6:30 Quarterly Business Meeting & Covered-Dish Dinner	26	27	28  10:00 Youth Inq. 1:45 Hayride* Daylight Sav. Time Ends Tonight
29 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	30 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	31 <b>Halloween</b> <i>Beggar's Night in Delaware</i>	1 <b>November</b> 7:00 Choir	2 10:00 Sewing Group	3	4 10:00 Youth Inquirer's Class

\*Hayride —Meet at the church to car pool to Circle S Farms in Grove City



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## Thanksgiving Offering

The finance committee has designated this year's Thanksgiving offering to Andrew's House. Andrew's House is a community supported ministry which provides special services to the Delaware community. Our church is a covenant church with Andrew's House and supports it financially as well as by providing service through volunteers. Please put this special offering in your Thanksgiving envelope or put the note "Thanksgiving Offering" on your check.

## Pastoral/Congregational Review

I would like to thank everyone who filled out a pastoral/congregational review form. The results were positive and encouraging. Sometimes our initial reaction is frustration because of another demand on our time. However, once you sit down and start on the form, it really doesn't take that long and gives you an opportunity for expressing yourself.

I would also like to thank the other members of the committee for their prayerful support and commitment. I offer my best to the upcoming committee. God bless you!

Respectfully,

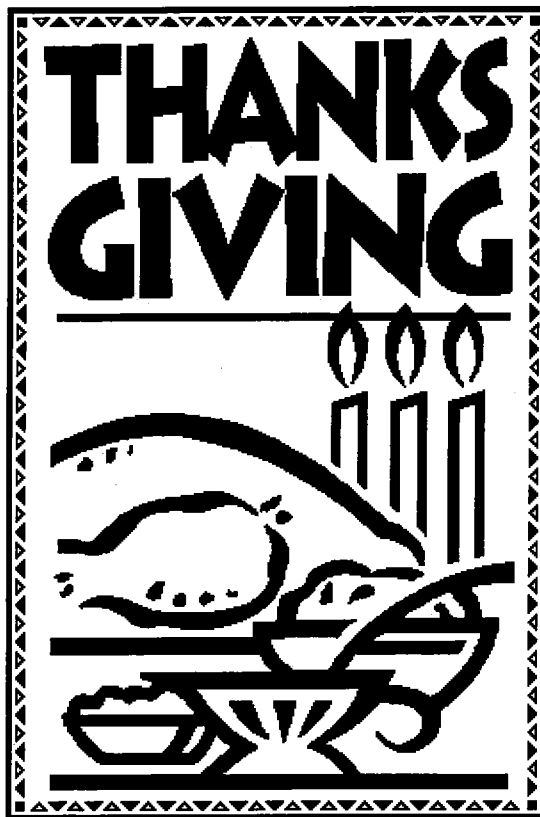
—Jennifer Turner

## Young at Heart

The Young at Heart group met at the church at noon on October 12. Nine members were present to enjoy good

food and fellowship. It was nice to be "at home" even though we did enjoy our jaunts to different restaurants and to Mingo Park for a picnic this summer. We will meet at the church again at noon on Thursday, November ninth.

—Jean Wickum, convener



## ABY News

Junior High and Senior High ABY are selling wreaths for the next two weeks. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact the youth. The cost is \$16 and delivery will be around Thanksgiving weekend. Both groups will be meeting on Sunday,

November 5th and Sunday, November 19th at the church.

## A.B.W. Ministries

The November meeting of A.B.W.M. will be at 7:00 on Thursday, Nov. 16 at the church. Jean Wickum will be the host and the theme will be "Reaching Out to Incarcerated Women."

## Trustees Notes

- The pipe organ was tuned and serviced by Gary Mason at a cost of \$150.
- The fire extinguishers were inspected by B&J of Marion at a cost of \$23.
- Dave Lovell made a repair to the sump pump saving us a service call.
- Jim Van Brimmer made an electrical repair to the breaker box in the nursery saving us a service call.
- Evelyn Lee donated a nice wooden baby changing table for the nursery.
- All furnaces were serviced, filters changed and inspected by Don Patrick. One had to be disassembled and the burners cleaned out. The cost was \$213.85.
- Carpets and rugs were steam cleaned in the assembly room, senior high room, nursery, pastor's office, primary room, pre-school room, and back hall behind the baptistry. The entry mats were also cleaned. The cost was \$137.20.
- Jeanne Ekelberry and Peter White

served as building hosts for the Elfner-Zalenski rehearsal and wedding. Betty Porter was organist. The Elfners donated the flowers from the wedding which we have enjoyed for several Sundays and also a large number of leftover paper cups for the kitchen.

As the year draws quickly to a close I'd like to thank all those who have donated time and materials.

—Peter White, chair

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**CropWalk Thank You**

Thanks to all those who participated in the 1995 Delaware CropWalk for Hunger on Sunday, October 8. A special thanks to Rick Van Brimmer who served as our church's CropWalk recruiter, and to the 12 walkers who raised a total of \$1,067.00, and to all who made pledges of time and money. All proceeds from the CropWalk will go to fight hunger in the world through Church World Service and here in our local community through People in Need.

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**World Mission Offering Update**

This past month our church has been collecting funds to support the World Mission Offering. To date, \$305.99 has been given and we have met our \$300 goal for this offering. Thanks for your generous support. During the month of December, we will be receiving monetary gifts to say thank-you to our retired ministers and mis-



**Work Together  
 Make Disciples  
 Celebrate Mission**

sionaries. As this season of giving approaches, prayerfully consider what your gift will be for this very special offering.

—Linda White  
 Mission Education Chair

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**Tree Trimming Party**

All adults and ABY members are invited to a tree trimming party at the church on Saturday, December 2 at 3:00. Please bring money for pizza.



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**Stef and Pete Heizer**

Stef and Pete Heizer are settled in and very happy in Cleveland. Their lovely apartment overlooks historic Shaker Square and the RTA train lines. Stef works for BLOOMS & Plantscaping, Peter for Revco. Pete will soon begin studies at Cleveland State University.

They would love to receive letters (thanks to those who already wrote!!) so their address and phone number are: 12931 Shaker Boulevard Apt. 207, Cleveland, OH 44120-2040, 216-751-2980.

—Karen Stoner

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**Food for Thought**

Fifty-one million people will demonstrate tomorrow, but it won't make headlines on t.v. or newspapers. But one gunshot makes more news than a thousand prayers. (From a Paul Harvey broadcast.)

—Submitted by Jeanne Ekelberry

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**Alaska...  
 The "Last Frontier"**

Several people have asked me to write an article for the newsletter about my trips to Alaska. I'll try not to bore you but hopefully you will pick up some hints on things to see in Alaska if you ever decide to make the trip to the "Last Frontier."

It certainly helps to have a daughter (Jennifer) whose profession is being a travel consultant. With her help, and my love of researching and planning trips, it was a lot of fun.

There are many things to see in our 49th state that is 1/5 the size of the lower forty-eight states. With a population of approximately 550,000, there is an incredible amount of uninhabited and undeveloped land. On each trip I tried to plan on seeing different places.

Jennifer, Ed, and I drove from Fairbanks to Anchorage. This is about a 370 mile route traveling along the Alaska Range. We stayed at Denali Princess Lodge and toured some of Denali National Park. We were fortunate to have an excellent view of Mt. McKinley, the highest

mountain in North America (23,320 feet). It is only visible about 30% of the time, so consequently some visitors never do get to see its beauty. We drove south from Anchorage on the Seward Highway past Prince William Sound to the Portage Glacier Recreation Area. On this trip we saw moose, caribou, Canadian geese, and Dall sheep (no bears).

Each time I was there we tried to see things around the Fairbanks area as Eielson Air Force Base was just about twenty miles from Fairbanks. We visited Alaskaland, a pioneer theme park. The park contains a number of early 20th-century structures as well as the railroad car of President Warren G. Harding. Fairbanks has several Ohio connections as it was named for Charles Fairbanks, who attended Ohio Wesleyan University. We spent an evening at the Ester Gold Camp (one of Alaska's original gold mining towns) and saw a show in the Malemute Saloon that recounted the gold rush days in story and song and the poetry of Robert Service. We visited with people at the next table who were from Loudonville, Ohio (who had gone to high school with none other than the *Delaware Gazette's* Jesse Carter). Yes, it is a small world! We also saw "Photosymphony" — an audiovisual re-creation of the aurora borealis, or "northern lights." I did get to see the "northern lights" on two occasions on my last visit in September.

Other interesting things to do in Fairbanks include: a trip down the Chena River on the Riverboat Discovery (paddlewheel) and seeing the Iditarod Trail Race winner and her dogs; the University of Alaska museum; and, of course, a visit to nearby North Pole to see the home of Santa Claus, "Santaland."

Barrow (population 3,500) is the northernmost settlement in Alaska. It is 340 miles south of the Arctic Circle and can only be reached by air. It is one of the world's largest Eskimo settlements. Jennifer and I made this trip because it sounded "like a great adventure," which it was. We can say that we have been to the "top of the world." It was here that I saw the most modern court building in Alaska and met the Clerk of the North Slope Court District, who took us down all the town's unpaved streets on a tour. The Post-Rogers Memorial in Barrow commemorates the deaths of Will Rogers and his pilot, Wiley Post, who were killed in a 1935 plane crash just twelve miles from their destination. On the air trip back to Fairbanks we went through Prudhoe Bay, the beginning of the Alaska Pipeline. We saw the pipeline up close as it runs through Eielson A.F.B.

On the most recent trip, Jennifer met me in Seattle and we took the Alaska Marine Highway (a ferry line run by the Alaska State government) from Bellingham, Washington, to Juneau, the state capital. We were at sea for almost three days and made stops at Ketchikan, Wrangell, and Petersburg before arriving at Juneau. This city is accessible only by air or by way of the Alaska Marine Highway. We saw the State Office Buildings and also met the Clerk of the Court System for Juneau. Juneau offered great shopping opportunities with many shops filled with native arts and crafts.

## Stewardship Desserts

*sponsored by the Finance Committee*

### Tuesday, Nov. 7

7:00 p.m., at the parsonage, hosted by Jody Lynn Brummett

### Thursday, Nov. 9

7:00 p.m., at the parsonage, hosted by Jody Lynn Brummett

### Saturday, Nov. 11

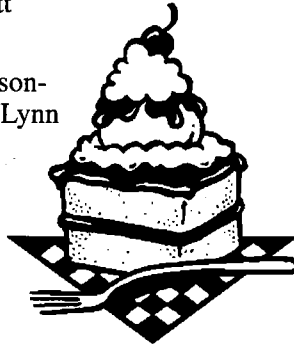
7:00 p.m., hosted by the Faulks at their home

### Sunday, Nov. 12

3:00 p.m., at the church, hosted by Donna Reed

### Thursday, Nov. 16

7:00 p.m., hosted by Shirley Parker and Cynthia Bland at the home of Shirley Parker



We also met a couple in Fairbanks whose son is a sophomore at Kenyon College. We visited in their home and just recently they were in Ohio for parents' weekend. They were at my home for lunch and a tour of Delaware. I am hoping that Robin will be visiting in Delaware during his stay at Kenyon and that you will get to meet him.

Alaska is a fun place to visit and there is much to see. Now, on to California!

—Betty Porter

## Funny Money

Bags of old, tattered bills were returned to the U.S. Treasury. A \$1 bill and a \$20 bill in the same sack started talking.

"Gee, I went to nice stores, good restaurants, country clubs and exotic places," the \$20 bill said. "How about you?"

"All I ever did was go to church, go to church, go to church."

—Jack Hanus, *Milwaukee Sentinel*

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP

### November 5

Luke 19:1-10

"Climbing Down the Ladder of Success"

### November 12

Luke 20:27-38

"Turning the Tables"

### November 19

Stewardship Sunday

Jeremiah 31:27-34

"A Holy Tattoo"

### November 26

Thanksgiving Sunday

John 6:25-35

"Full of It"

### December 3

First Sunday of Advent

Romans 13:11-14 &

Matthew 24:36-44

"Beat the Clock"

## A Timely Paraphrase

The Lord is my pacesetter, I shall not rush.

He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals;

He provides me with images of stillness, which restore my serenity.

He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of mind.

And His guidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many

things to accomplish each day, I will not fret, for His presence is here.

His timelessness, His all-importance will keep me in balance.

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity

By anointing my mind with His oils of tranquillity.

My cup of joyous energy overflows.

Surely harmony and effectiveness

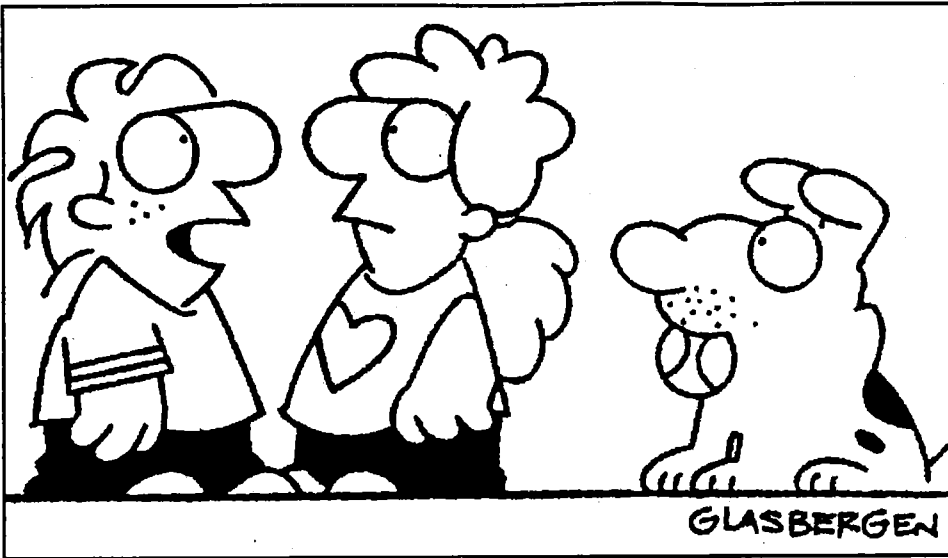
shall be the fruit of my hours for

I shall walk in the place of my Lord

and dwell in His house forever.

*From "Guide My Feet" by Marian Wright Edelman, founder of the Children's Defense Fund*

—Submitted by Pam Faulk



## 1996 Church Directory

In a few weeks I'll be working with the Board of Deacons on the 1996 Church Directory. If the current directory contains any information about your family that is incorrect or outdated, please let us know.

—Jim Stephenson

*"In Sunday school we learned how Jesus made a thousand meals from some bread and fish. My mom can do the same thing with Thanksgiving leftovers!"*

### Personals

**BERNICE TURNEY** was a hospital patient at Grady.

**JOHN LINN** is home after some surgery.

**FLO FAULK** had knee replacement surgery at Grady.

**JEFF REED** had a painful eye injury.

**BETH TRIGG** had out-patient surgery.

**DAVID OSBORNE** is recuperating at home after being hospitalized.

**JIM AND BERTHA VAN BRIMMER** visited relatives in Kentucky.

The Dublin Coffman High School

marching band finished their season by receiving ratings of straight 1's (superior) from all judges at the state band contest. They were also Grand Champions at two local contests this season. This is Marci Sander's and Erin Faulk's senior year in the band.

**ANNE LINN** and **BETH TRIGG** have begun a new business called Lady Britannia British Mail Order. Both Anne and Beth have visited England many times and their new company will specialize in British merchandise.

**MARGE SMALE** visited her daughter, Becky, in Boston for a week.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Nov. 1 Stefanie Stoner
- 5 Victor Fogle
- 8 Nicole Howard
- 10 Natalie Griffith
- 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. 4 Erin Faulk
- 5 Zachery Grubbs

### Church Directory Update






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# NOVEMBER 1995

First Baptist Church  
101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 Choir	2 10:00 Sewing Group	3	4 10:00 Youth Inquirer's Class
5 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 A.B.Y.	6 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts; Piecemakers	7 <b>Election Day</b> 7:00 Stewardship Dessert at the parsonage 	8 7:00 Choir 8:15 Trustees	9 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Stewardship Dessert at the parsonage	10	11 <b>Veteran's Day</b> 10:00 Inquirer's Class 7:00 Stewardship Dessert at Faulk's
12 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:30 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 Stewardship Dessert at the church	13 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	14	15 6:30 Choir	16 7:00 A.B.W. Ministries; 7:00 Stewardship Dessert at Shirley Parker's	17	18 8:30 Men's Breakfast 10:00 Youth Inquirer's Class
19 <b>Stewardship Sunday</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 A.B.Y.	20 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	21 7:00 Board of Christian Education	22 7:00 Choir	23 <b>Thanksgiving</b> 	24	25
26 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	27 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	28	29 7:00 Choir	30 7:00 Parish Council	December 1	2 10:00 Inq. Class 3:00 Tree Trimming Party 

Sunday, Dec. 3 — First Sunday in Advent

# Good News Letter

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**T**o be honest, I don't feel like writing an article this month. However, since many of you have informed me that last month's hiatus wasn't at all appreciated, I decided I'd better get to work. And let's face it, it is Advent after all and the season would be incomplete without the annual true meaning of Christmas lecture. So here it is.

I must admit, and this is quite unusual, that I'm having a difficult time getting into the Spirit of Christmas this year. But you know, the last few weeks have been tough for all of us, individually and as a church family. We're struggling with the loss of our friend Will, and we're being supportive as others in our church family experience the death of friends and grandparents and endure some pretty difficult life struggles. And it seems that each new day brings the news of yet another tragedy or struggle. We're getting tired. I'm finding that the hope I usually wear as a strong, thick coat wrapped around my shoulders that keeps me warm and protected, is wearing thin and starting to get some rather large holes. I'm starting to feel a little hope-less.

As I racked my brain and heart trying to come up with some inspiring and hope-filled message to give you, I remembered something that Carol Sue said to me last week as we sat in the hospital. We were talking about the possibility that Will would still be in a coma during the holidays, and she

asked me if I thought it would be wrong for her to have the Christmas Spirit. Of course it's not wrong. If anything, we need the Christmas Spirit now more than ever. She answered her

cult because we live in a society that sees death as the end of life; that believes death is a failure.

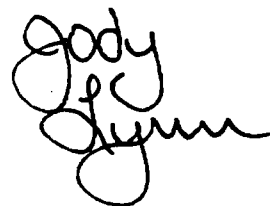
This is the only real hope I can give you this Christmas (or any Christmas): death is not the end of life. When we get caught up in the terrible struggle that tragedy brings our way, we forget that life is at the very heart of the Christian Faith.

Remember Easter? The true spirit of Christmas is the hope of the resurrection, the promise of Easter, which is given to us in the birth of the baby Jesus on Christmas.

So I urge myself, and I urge you, to forget about mustering all the hope in the world, because it just won't help. The hope we receive, is a gift from God, and we receive it only when we celebrate Christmas. So I invite you to make just a little room in your struggling, hurting, questioning, and grieving heart, mind and

soul. And in that room, take time during the season of Advent, to prepare yourself for the gift of the Spirit of Christmas. It is our only hope.

Many Blessings,




own question of course, when she began to tell me how important Christmas had been in their marriage and to their family, and that she couldn't imagine not celebrating Christmas.

In the face of tragedy, our faith is always challenged. We feel bad, because try as we will, we still don't understand tragedy or death, and we're never really ready for it when it comes our way. It's even more diffi-

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## Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to join the choir on Saturday, December 16 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 bring a flashlight.

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## Christmas Program & Secret Advent Friends Party

Please join us on Sunday evening, December 17 at 7:00 to see the Christmas program called "Look Around the Stable," starring an inter-generational cast from our church fellowship.

Following the program we will have a party in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is invited. We are asking each family to bring a dozen cookies. Beverages will be provided. Secret Advent Friends will be revealing themselves at that time.

### Sign up to be a S.A.F. in 1996!

Having a Secret Advent Friend is a tradition that started many years ago during the Advent season. Eventually, it carried over into the whole year. It is a good way to get to know others in our church family. If you wish to have a S.A.F. for 1996, please get a form from Pam Faulk or in the vestibule. Return it to Pam by Christmas Eve. We will be drawing names on the Sunday after Christmas, Dec. 31, after church.

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## Intergenerational Sunday School Activities

On Sunday, December 24 we will be seeing two very special videos during the Sunday school hours. This will be an intergenerational activity, and everyone is invited to assemble in the Senior High room at 9:00 a.m.



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## Birthday Party for Jesus

Everyone is invited to a birthday party for Jesus in the assembly room immediately following the morning worship service on Sunday, Dec. 24. Please join us in this very old church tradition.

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## Christmas Offering

The finance committee has designated this year's Christmas offering to Building on Common Ground. Building on Common Ground is a Capital Funds Campaign sponsored by the American Baptist Churches of Ohio. All funds, which will be given over a three year period will go to support the camping programs and camps, new church starts, and evangelism and outreach ministries. Please put this special offering in your Christmas envelope or put the note "Christmas offering" on your check.

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## STAR-GIVING

What I'd really like to give you for Christmas

Is a Star...

Brilliance in a package,

Something you could keep in the pocket of your jeans

Or in the pocket of your being,

Something to take out in times of darkness,

Something that would never snuff out or tarnish,

Something you could hold in your hand,

Something for wonderment,

Something for pondering,  
Something that would remind you of  
What Christmas has always meant:  
God's Advent Light into the Darkness  
of this world.

But Stars are only God's for giving,  
And I must be content to give you  
words and wishes and  
Packages without Stars.  
But I can wish you Life  
As radiant as the Star  
That announced the Christ Child's  
coming,

And as filled with awe as the  
Shepherds who stood  
Beneath its Light,

And I can pass on to you the Love  
That has been given to me,  
Ignited countless times by others  
Who have knelt in Bethlehem's Light.  
Perhaps, if you ask, God will give you  
a Star.

*-From: Ann Weems,  
Reaching for Rainbows*

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## ABY Update

- Dec. 9th: Meet at Delaware Fairgrounds Coliseum for Christmas Clearing House at 10:00 a.m.
  - Dec. 10th: Marion Association Christmas Party at Fite Memorial, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Meet at the church at 1:20. Bring \$3 for subs.
  - The wreath sale was a success. Thank you to all who purchased wreaths.
  - Donna Reed has given the Board of Christian Education her resignation as Youth Adviser effective the end of the school year (May/June).
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## Sunday School News

The Board of Christian Education will have the opening assembly during the month of December. There will be no Sunday school on December 24th. There will be an intergenerational program with movies instead.

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## American Baptist Women's Ministries

The December meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 21 at the parsonage. Jody Lynn Brummett will

host. Boxes will be packed with fruit and cookies as Christmas gifts for shut-ins.

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**Fogles Hospitalized after Furnace Malfunction**

As many of you know, on Saturday, November 11, Will and Carol Fogle were poisoned by carbon monoxide when their furnace malfunctioned during the night. Carol woke up on Sunday morning and called 911, and they were both transported to Grady Memorial Hospital in Delaware. Will, who was unconscious when Carol awoke, was life-flighted to The Ohio State University Hospital in Columbus. After two days at the hospital Carol returned home and is doing well. Will remains in a coma and has been transferred to The Arbors nursing home in Delaware.

Carol, Carrie, Tim and Victor are thankful for all the concern, prayers, support and food that they have received from their church family. Please continue to keep the Fogle family in your prayers as we live through this difficult struggle. Cards and notes may be sent to Will at: The Arbors, 2270 Warrensburg Road, Delaware or to Carol and family at: 25 Van Deman Ave., Delaware.

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**Open House at the Parsonage**

**When:** Sunday, December 10, 1995, from 2-4

**Where:** The Parsonage, 632 Congress Court, Delaware

**Why:** To take part in a symbolic burning of the mortgage, which was paid off in February of 1995. The ceremony will take place at 2:30 p.m.

**What:** Lots of food: cake, hors d'oeuvres, and refreshments

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**Thank You**

Our family wishes to thank all of our "church family" for the many thoughts and prayers, cards, and expressions of love and sympathy we have received during the illnesses and deaths of Grandmother

Guy and Grandmother Porter. They both always enjoyed your cards and visits and we appreciate so much that you included them in the church family while they were in Delaware.

Please keep our family in your prayers as Bill struggles with coping with cancer and his children attempt to comfort and support him.

We are grateful we have the love and support of all of you!

-Betty Porter and family  
 John, Janet and Jennifer

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Thank you for your visits, cards, and God bless you for your prayers. I appreciate everything you've done for me since my knee replacement surgery.

-Flo Faulk

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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- Dec. 4 Erin Faulk
- 5 Zachery Grubbs
- 13 Tammy Grubbs  
Geneva Evans
- 14 Jeremy Heizer
- 18 Cap Gabriel
- 25 Carol Grubbs  
Steve & Karen Stoner
- 28 Sharon Baker
- 29 James & Sheila Rutherford  
Harold & Deborah  
Van Broekhoven
- Jan. 4 Cynthia Bland  
Ashley Francis  
Shirley Parker
- 5 Lola Jackson  
Evelyn Lee



**DECEMBER WORSHIP**

**December 3**

1st Sunday of Advent  
 Romans 13:11-14 &  
 Matthew 24:36-44  
 "Beat the Clock"

**December 10**

2nd Sunday of Advent  
 Isaiah 11:1-10  
 "Get Real"

**December 17**

3rd Sunday of Advent  
 James 5:7-10  
 "Patience is a Virtue"

**December 24**

4th Sunday of Advent  
 Christmas Eve  
 Choir Cantata: "Bethlehem Joy"

**December 31**

Guest Preacher: Larry Faulk

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**Personals**

• **BETTY PORTER's** mother-in-law, **MARTHA PORTER**, died on November 7th at Sunny Vee Nursing Home in Delaware. Mrs. Porter was a retired clerk for Union County Federal Savings & Loan Assoc., Marysville. Funeral services were held at Oakdale Cemetery in Marysville. Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family.

• **MATT LOVELL** of the Hayes Thespians was a member of the cast of *Murder Runs in the Family*, presented at Willis School auditorium.

Matt is also an Eagle Scout candidate, and he recruited many volunteers to clear overgrowth along a walking trail in Sunbury. Members of Boy Scout troop 393, Girl Scout troop 1722, and our church participated in this day-long project.

• **MARCI SANDER** and **ERIN FAULK** were both recently honored at Dublin Coffman High School. At the annual band banquet, Marci was awarded the honor being the Outstanding Marching Band Member for 1995.

This was voted on by the entire band and the directors and is



## Church Directory Update



*new address:*

**Chip and Dianna Runyan**  
478 Durham Lane  
Delaware, OH 43015

*(Durham Lane is in Lexington Glenn. Their phone number is unchanged.)*

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*Victor Fogle's military address:*

**LCPL Fogle, Victor G.**  
296688529  
7th M.T.B.N.  
"B" Company  
Box 555687  
Camp Pendleton, CA 92055-5687

the highest award given for the marching band.

The next day, Erin was tapped by Marci (also a member) to be a member of the National Honor Society.

Congratulations, girls!

• **SHIRLEY PARKER's** sister and niece from Massachusetts visited for a week, then they all went to Louisville, Kentucky for the birthday of brother George. Shirley's daughter Allison and family from Atlanta, Georgia were here for Thanksgiving.

Shirley will be selling new crop pecans in December, from the Christian community of Koininia, in Americus, Georgia, founded by Clarence Jordon. All profits will go to our church's handicap access project. She will be in touch with you.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Affiliated with American Baptist Churches/USA

November 27, 1995

*Don't Forget!*  
THEY SERVED OUR FAMILY

Dear Friends,

In her mid-80s, Ellen Gezork of Vero Beach, Florida, still loves doing two things her father taught her when she was growing up in Germany: fishing and playing chess.

World War II was a defining event in Ellen's life. She and her husband, Herbert, became political exiles because of their opposition to the Nazis. Separated from their natural families, they found a new home in the United States and embraced a new family as they served the Lord Jesus Christ among American Baptists. Herbert was President of the American Baptist Convention, 1959-1960, and served as President of Andover Newton Theological Seminary in Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

When you give to the upcoming Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO), you are expressing your gratitude for a lifetime of service given by American Baptist spiritual leaders like Ellen and Herbert Gezork. Here is how your gift will be used:

Forty-three percent is designated to meet emergency and special financial needs; 57% is distributed in the form of ABC Thank You checks to over 3,000 eligible retired ministers, missionaries or their widowed spouses. Because The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board assumes the cost of promotional expenses, 100% of your gift will go to a retired ABC minister, missionary or widowed spouse.

A family is the most basic, fundamental social group among humankind. Ellen and Herbert Gezork are not strangers -- they are family. "*Don't Forget! They Served Our Family*" is the theme of this year's RMMO. One of the best ways you can show retired ministers, missionaries, and their widowed spouses that you remember and care for them is to make a generous contribution to this Offering.

Sincerely,

*Gilda White*  
Mission Education Chairman

**Remember your Secret Advent Friend  
during Advent!**