

# Good News Letter

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*"Just as the blessed Trinity created everything from nothing, just so the same blessed Trinity will make well all things which are not well."*

— Julian of Norwich, *SHOWINGS*, translated by Edmund Colledge and James Walsh. (New York: Paulist Press, 1978).

Julian of Norwich, who lived in Norwich, England, in the fifteenth century, is my favorite theologian, because she expressed ideas such as the above during a time when God was seen much more as a god of wrath than as a God of Love. She lived through several outbreaks of the Black Plague, a disease which killed off approximately one-third of the population of England during her lifetime, as well as the Hundred Years War with France, the Peasants Revolt, and other disasters. After experiencing a series of visions which she believed God sent her, she devoted the rest of her life to prayer and to writing about what the visions meant: "Love was their meaning," she wrote, believing that God intended them for everyone.

Our time, like Julian's, is a time of upheaval and questioning, a time of transition. We have just entered a new decade, a new century, and depending on how you count it, a new millennium. It can be hard to believe in God when we see the effects of poverty, war, illness, and

abuse, and when we mourn sudden death such as Sandie Heizer's.

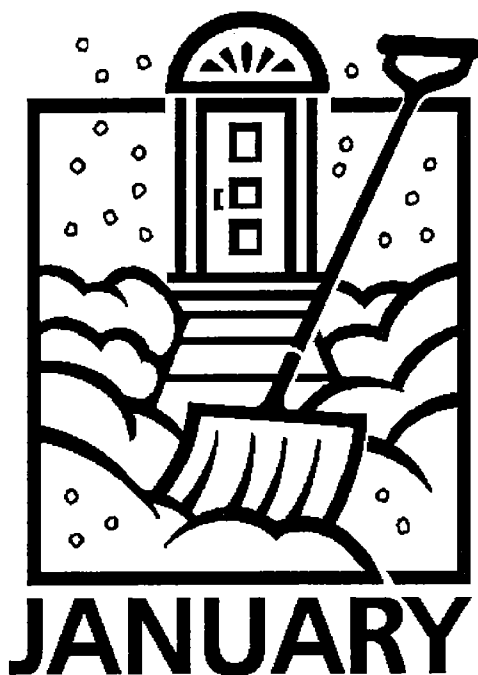
For me, a sign that God exists and will "make well all that is not well" is the witness of people such as my stepmother, Eunice Andrews Smith Bland, who have suffered tragic losses and have continued to

live in September, 1995.

Despite these tragic losses, Eunice has remained faithful to her calling to be a missionary, which she experienced as a young girl growing up in Chalybeate Springs, NC. She served with her husband on the mission field as his medical technologist; after his death (and her own near-death experience), she brought their three children to Richmond, Virginia, where she supported them through working as an administrator with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. She married my father, who had suffered his own tragic losses, in 1980, and moved to Wake Forest, NC, where he was a seminary professor.

Eunice has lived out her call to missions by helping to shape new directions in the Women's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. She has been especially active in ministry to women prisoners in Raleigh, NC; she helped to start a mentoring program several years ago, and now, as part of an ecumenical group of church women, she facilitates meetings between women prisoners and their children.

Shortly after Loy's death, Eunice agreed to support my father in ministry when he was asked to be the founding pastor of a new church. Dad and Eunice said to their prospective parishioners, "We don't know if we have much left to minister with at this time."



serve God. Eunice's father died of lupus when she was eight; her first husband, Dr. Connell Smith, a medical missionary to Nigeria, was killed when a busload of soldiers high on drugs crashed into their car near Ogbomoso, Nigeria; her sister and best friend, Gladys, died of lupus not long after Connell's death; and her forty-year-old son, Loy Connell Smith, took his own

The congregation said, "You minister to us and we'll minister to you." And so it happened. The church has grown and prospered and undertaken a building program, and at my father's insistence, found a new pastor so that he can finally retire. And Eunice has recovered her zest for life.

Eunice Andrews Smith Bland and other Christians (some of them in our own First Baptist Church) who demonstrate the truth of Julian's words help me and many others to preserve our faith in God in this world of uncertainty, tragedy, and turmoil.

God bless us every one.

Cynthia Bland

## Christmas Memories

Thank you to everyone that handed in completed forms of your Christmas memories. It was a joy for Melissa Mercer and myself to read about your special Christmases and then write a program centering around them. With just 2 rehearsals and 31 willing participants we were able to share your memories which included a hat with cherries, the traditional stirring of the fruitcake, instrumental and vocal music, family events like baking cookies and family dinners, to the Nativity.

I felt that each of you had a part in the program and it was heartwarming to watch your memories come to life. The program was a very wonderful part of the Christmas season for me. Thank you to all who participated. You all did a marvelous job putting this



together so quickly. Thank you to Peter White for playing carols on the piano before the program. Thank you to Dave Lovell and Larry Faulk for assembling the big black box one more time. A huge thank you to Melissa Mercer for helping write the program, and printing the programs and the list of Christmas memories.

### Memory Portrayers:

Jean Ekelberry, Erin Faulk, Pam Faulk, Larry Faulk, Chrissy Hopkins, Evelyn Lee, Anne Linn, Dave Lovell, Barbara Lovell, Michael Mayer, Phil Mercer, Melissa Mercer, Michael Mercer, Jane Mercer, Adam Mowery, Laura Mowery, Calvin Turner, Ben Turner, Claire Turner, Randy Turner, Kit Weakland, Ned Weakland, Jenna Weakland, Linda White, Peter White, Jami Riedmiller, Emilie Trigg, Jennifer Turner, Jean Wickum, Britt Yant, Ariana Yant, Sue Elfner, Jim Stephenson, Archie Trigg, Barb Reed

### Your Favorite Christmas Memories:

- Outdoor live Nativity
- Christmas Eve Candlelight service
- Wick singing "O, Holy Night"
- Getting presents
- Trimming tree for the birds with popcorn and cranberries
- Sledding and building snow forts
- Baking with the family
- Christmas in Fla. with 2' plastic Christmas tree
- Surprising others
- Grandparents visiting
- Making paper chains
- Carolling at nursing homes
- Decorating with old Christmas cards

- Waking up early
- Snow looking like whipped cream
- "It's a Wonderful Life"
- Christmas movies
- Spending time with family
- Smell of the Christmas tree
- Peeking in presents
- Pam Faulk as Chris Mouse
- Special trips at Christmas
- Youth playing instruments on Christmas Eve
- Being in Sunday school programs
- Playing Christmas music the day after Thanksgiving
- Putting out snacks for Santa and reindeer
- Being excited on Christmas Eve
- Watching others unwrap gifts
- Jean Ekelberry's nativity wall hanging
- Reading of the Christmas story from the Bible
- Christmas stockings with special gifts
- Christmas cantatas
- Hearing Santa on the roof
- Glow in children's eyes
- A hat with cherries
- Toys
- Stirring of the fruitcake by everyone that came to the house
- Dad returning from the war
- Working at the Christmas Clearing House

Hope this list brings you a smile as it did me!

– Mary Lou Lovell

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## Sandie Heizer

The Rev. Sandra Dianne "Sandie" Heizer, 51, died on December 8th at the Ohio State University Hospital from injuries sustained in a single-car traffic accident that occurred earlier that day.

Sandie was a member of First Baptist and served the past 12 years as an area minister for ABC of Ohio. More than 100 churches were under her supervision, including First Baptist. On the day of her death, she was scheduled to meet in the evening with members of our church to help in our search for a new pastor.

Sandie was born in Toccoa Falls, Georgia and received a bachelor of Education degree from Alderson-Broadus College in Philippi, West Virginia, and a Master of Divinity degree from the Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas. She was active in Owl Creek Baptist Church in Mount Vernon, where her husband of 31 years is pastor.

She is survived by her husband, Robert (who is pastor of Owl Creek Baptist Church near Mount Vernon), two sons and daughters-in-law, Peter and Stefanie Heizer of Lakewood, and Jeremiah and Melissa Heizer of Marion; two brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Debbie Griffith of Washington, West Virginia, and Richard and Patti Griffith of Parkersburg, West Virginia; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours were held at the Boyd Funeral Home in Marion, and a service of celebration for her life was held on December 13 the Radnor Baptist Church, with the Rev. Dr. C. Jeff Woods and the Rev. Jody Lynn Hagans officiating. Burial was in York Center Cemetery.

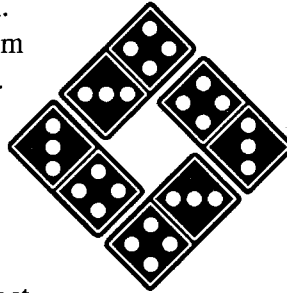
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## Adult Social

Adult socials are back and the first one will be a game night on Saturday, Jan.

29th at 7:00pm at the church.

Bring your favorite board or card game, drinks and snacks. Contact Donna Reed if you have any questions



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## Trustees Report

- A new entry mat was purchased for the front vestibule. After a long search, Jennifer Turner found a company that would make one in the right size. The cost was \$73.65.
- A new rug and pad were installed in the nursery by Joe Mowery. The cost was \$216.00.
- The five fire extinguishers were inspected, serviced, and two were recharged. The work was done by B&G of Marion. The cost was \$89.98.
- The fellowship hall furnace was found to be heating about 7 degrees warmer than any given setting. It was checked out by Don Patrick and a new thermostat was installed. The cost was \$83.00.
- The pipe organ was tuned and serviced by John W. Muller. The cost was \$170.00.
- Lost and Found — One nice pair of woman's soft brown leather gloves, found by the organ bench.

— Peter White  
Chairman of Trustees

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## Thanks

Many thanks to the choir and Director Jim Stephenson, for their special music during the Christmas season. I want to thank them for my gift of a beautiful pink block candle that I will enjoy burning for many hours. It was a lovely surprise and I appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness.

— Mary Lou Lovell

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I'd like to thank the choir for all their hard work during 1999, and for their surprise Christmas gift of a music portfolio. It was much appreciated!

I'd also like to say a special "thank you" to Mary Lou Lovell for all the time and effort she puts into providing accompaniment for our choir and soloists, along with the weekly preludes, postludes, hymns, and other music during our services, and also for all the time she puts into special events such as the Christmas Memories program.

— Jim Stephenson

## 25 YEARS AGO...

Actually it's 25 years plus one month, but on Sunday, December 8, 1974, we celebrated the end of our church's indebtedness for our educational building!

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## Church Receives Memorial Gift

*We received the following letter from Bertha McTaggart:*

John and I made First Baptist Church, Delaware, a beneficiary in our will.

At this time I want to give \$1,000 to the church in his name, to be used in a special way. Just let me know how.

I was grateful for your four who came to John's service and the contribution that was made to his memory.

As I have been going through his letters, talks, sermons and other paperwork, I have been amazed at how similar they all are from youth to now remembering his example, integrity, character, wit, humor, warmth, friendship, and on and on.

I didn't fully realize what a treasure and special person he was all his life to so many.

First Baptist and all the dear people there were always special to us, and will continue to be to me.

With blessings and much love and gratitude.

— *Bertha McTaggart*

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Jean Wickum spoke for our church at John's memorial service, remembering how he had endeared himself to us over the years.

I talked with Bertha as to her ideas of how she would like the memorial gift used. She suggested that the library would be appropriate in view of John's years of library work. The Finance Committee will suggest how the tithe from this gift be used and the recommendation for the balance of the gift. At present, it has been placed in our savings account.

— *Evelyn Lee*

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## Library Committee Plans Auction

Your Library Committee plans to have a silent auction of the books given to us from Ernestine Frosts' collection by her daughter, Geneva Evans, that will not be used in the church library.

We hope to have the books out in the assembly room for two Sundays so that everyone has an opportunity to see them. The funds from this sale will be used to further the plans of the committee. The dates will be announced as soon as we are able to proceed.

— *Evelyn Lee*

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Jan. 4 Cynthia Bland  
Ashley Francis  
Shirley Parker  
5 Lola Jackson  
Evelyn Lee  
6 Edith Hall  
12 Larry Faulk  
Thad Inscho  
13 John Linn  
18 Matthew Lovell  
20 Jennifer Turner  
Anna Frances Lasley  
22 Michael Mercer  
23 Jeff & Donna Reed  
Britten Yant  
26 Sophia Stephenson  
27 Steve Baker  
30 Calvin Turner  
Feb. 1 Melissa Neill

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

# THINGS THAT COUNT

Not what we have, but  
what we use; Not what we  
see, but what we choose —  
These are the things that  
mar or bless the sum of  
human happiness.

The things near by, not  
things afar Not what we  
seem, but what we are —  
These are the things that  
make or break, That give  
the heart its joy or ache.

Not what seems fair, but  
what is true; Not what we  
dream, but good we do —  
These are things that shine  
like gems, Like stars, in  
fortune's diadems.

Not as we take, but as we  
give; not as we pray, but as  
we live — These are the  
things that make for peace,  
Both now and after time  
shall cease.



# JANUARY 2000

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2 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Guest Preacher Rev. David Ball	3 7:00 Boy Scouts	4 7:00 Deacons	5 7:00 Choir	6 10:00 Sewing Group	7	8
9 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	10 7:00 Boy Scouts	11	12 7:00 Choir	13 12:00 Young at Heart	14	15 10:00 Parish Council
16 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:30 A.B.W. Soup-and-Sandwich Lunch	<b>Dr. Martin Luther King Day</b> 17 7:00 Boy Scouts	18	19 7:00 Choir	20	21	22 8:30 Mens' Breakfast
23 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	24 7:00 Boy Scouts	25	26 6:30 Covered- Dish Dinner, Followed by Business Meeting	27	28	29 7:00 Adult Social
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*This month's editorial is by  
Kathy Maher*

I can't remember the exact day the first one came. Sometime between Christmas and New Year's, I think. I do remember it was a cold, windy, blustery day, and I got home from work about "dark-thirty," looked on the kitchen counter at the mail and there it was! It fairly glowed with color, bursting with the promise of a new season, carrying hints of warm sunshine and glorious rainbows of delight. It was a brand new seed catalog!

Now keep in mind, the weather we've had lately has not been particularly inspiring to your average gardener. I have neither tulips nor tomatoes in profusion outside my back door, just drifts and heaps of snow, with a few dead sedum flower heads poking through. Nothing in the wintry landscape, not even my husband's enthusiastic mulching of roses, suggest the flowers to come. It's winter. Everything that isn't dead, looks unfruitful. Yet, hidden beneath the brown earth, bulbs and seeds sleep, quietly awaiting the time of the season to grow, bloom, bring forth fruit, and yes, die back into the ground once more as Old Man Winter rolls around next time.

In Ecclesiastes it is written, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." (Ecc. 3:1) When I read

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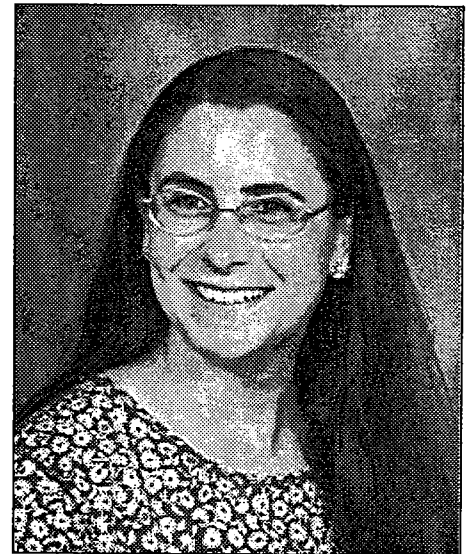
## First Baptist Welcomes Kim Keethler Ball As Our Interim Pastor

*We would like to welcome Kim Keethler Ball as our new interim pastor. Kim will serve in that capacity until Easter Sunday, April 23; then the Rev. Owen Stewart will assume those duties.*

*Kim is a Columbus native. She graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1983 and will graduate from Methodist Theological School of Ohio in May.*

*Kim previously served at the Westerville Community Church of Christ as director of Christian education, and also at First Baptist Church in Granville for 3-1/2 years.*

*She is married to the Rev. Dr. David Ball, director of religious life and service learning at Denison University, and is the mother of three children — 8-year-old Anna, 6-year-old Vincent, and 20-month-old John.*



on and on! You are all so generous and my family and I really appreciate it!

Thank you!

### Office Hours

In addition to Sunday:

Monday 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Also, I stop in on Tuesday to check messages after either my morning or evening class. I check for church messages regularly outside of my office hours too. Keep in mind that I will be here for Deacons' meetings and all church meetings except for ones that are

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### From the Pastor

Thank You!

Thanks to all of you who donated or loaned stuff for the parsonage. Everything is great — the beds, the bedding, the towels, the rugs, the broom, the snow shovel, the dishes, the mirror, the couch, the chair, the tables, more chairs, the bentwood rocker, the welcome breakfast, and

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that passage I think of the changing season of my garden, and of our lives. When I look back, I can see the ripe tomatoes and peppers, the roses, the chrysanthemums, the tulips, the daffodils, and so on. When I look forward, I see the future springing forth of the flowers, herbs and vegetables every gardener dreams of. And in my dreams, of course, everything comes right up and grows perfectly, without weeding or watering. Wait a minute! Without watering? Didn't we hear recently that "Ye shall be like a watered garden"? That's one thing I really love about The Bible — it speaks my language! However, keep in mind that watering (and weeding) requires some effort. We clean out the oak leaves from last winter, yank out the weeds, till the soil, turn on the sprinkler, and eventually there it is, a watered garden. Lilies, lilacs, peonies, bee balm, and all, lined up and blooming nicely. Our lives are like that, too; as we continue to grow in our Christian walk together in our church community, we each fulfill our part in that watered garden.

Imagery involving gardening and farming is found throughout the Scriptures. But one of the loveliest phrases, "a watered garden" is also one of the most descriptive. That whole verse, Isaiah 58:11, is pretty cool: "And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of

water, whose waters fail not." (KJV)

Wouldn't it be nice to have a never failing spring in your back yard? No dusty dry plants in that garden! But God isn't describing a real garden, He's describing His people — a watered garden, bringing forth good things in abundance.

That's how I like to think of First Baptist, a people bringing forth good things in abundance. In

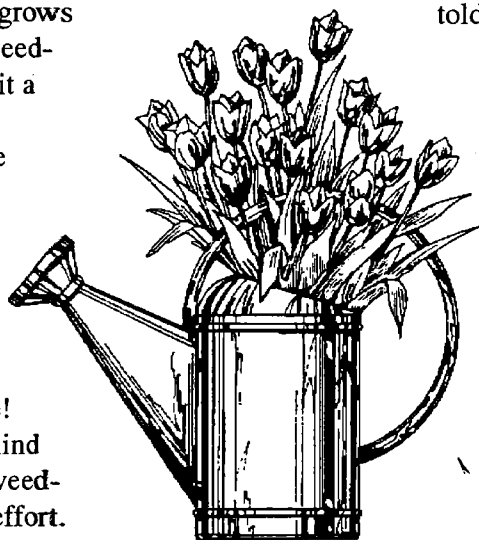
Romans, we are told that we are all members of the body of Christ. Each of us has a role to fulfill, a responsibility to God, ourselves and each other to be the best we can be for our heavenly Father.

Romans 6:4

tells us that because of what God did for us in Christ, we should walk in newness of life. Isn't that just like a watered garden? The gardener works the soil, tosses in bulbs, seeds, and little plants, and the first thing you know, here they come — tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, radishes, roses, daisies, sage and parsley, brand new and delightful. Every season has that newness of life, that potential for abundance. Even winter, that dark, cold season, harbors promise of good things to come. And as we walk day by day, let's live in newness of life, a people who are like a watered garden, bringing forth good things in abundance.

God bless!

—Kathy Maher



## From the Pastor

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for the new pastor selection process.

### Phone Numbers

Parsonage: 362-6033

Cell phone: 805-REVK (805-7385) (this is a Delaware exchange, so calls from Delaware to my cell phone are local for you)

My home in Granville: (740) 587-0202

### What's the Story?

In case you are wondering what I will be preaching on, I thought I would share with you what I am working with.

Some preachers use the "lectionary." This was used at your church before I arrived. It is an ecumenical resource that most mainline churches use to choose scripture. However, since I am with you a relatively short time, I thought that I would take the opportunity to work with themes. Sort of a theme-to-Bible approach vs. a Bible-to-theme approach. I certainly do not think that one approach is better than the other, but this three month block is unique in its length.

I look forward to the season of Lent and finishing with a beginning — Easter!

Love,

—Kim

## Search Committee Update

The search committee met several times in January. As you are probably already aware, we have planned a "brown bag all-congregation

meeting" right after church on February 6, and for those unable to attend that day, a meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m. on February 8.

We ask you to thoughtfully read and complete the "What Do We Want to Do and What We Need Our Partner to Do" packet you've received and bring it with you to the meeting you attend.

If you can't attend either meeting, please turn your completed responses to a search committee member.

The information obtained from the meetings and your completed packet will assist us in formulating our church's mission and vision statements as well as defining the qualities we most desire in a pastor. This information will then be used to update our church profile and will help guide our interim area minister in matching candidates to our church.

We hope this information clarifies the importance of your assistance in this process.

Many thanks,

*-The Search Committee*

*Jeff Reed, Alison Mowery,  
Rick Van Brimmer, Evelyn Lee,  
Adam Mowery, Melissa Mercer*

## Adult Socials

Our first social of the year was held on Saturday, January 29th with eight attending. A round of "Who wants to be a First Baptist" was played. Everyone brought snacks and we played Trivial Pursuit (men vs. women). The men finally won after a hard battle!

Our next adult social will be in March and we are planning to go out to eat. Details in next month's newsletter.

*-Donna Reed*

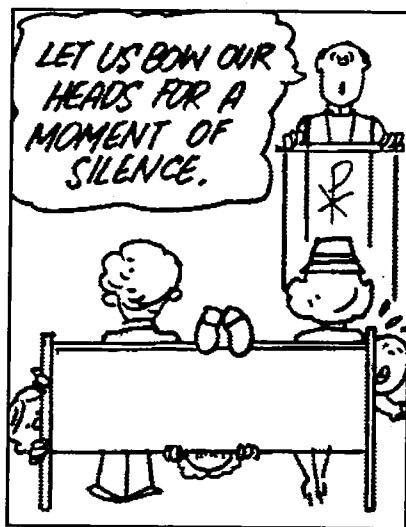
## It's Not Too Late

Names came in slowly for our 2000 Secret Advent Friends activities. It seems we all need about a two-week period after the first of the year to make the adjustment into the new year, particularly this one! A major exchange of names has been made, but please hurry to get a form, fill it out, give it to me, and you'll get an Advent Friend shortly. I'd really like to end the exchange by February 13th.

So if you have a question, or if you'd like to participate but you can't get to the church to get a form, please call me at 363-2244.

Thank you,

*-Sue Elfner*



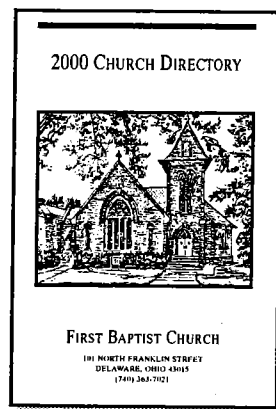
## Thank You

I'd like to thank those who so graciously agree to fill the educational needs of our little ones during worship. I've had a very good response from people when asked to do those jobs. I still have openings for those whom I haven't yet asked!

*-Melissa Mercer*

## Church Directory

The 2000 edition of our church directory was released in January. Please be sure to pick up your copy in the vestibule. If you find any errors, please contact Deacon Jean Wickum or Jim Stephenson.



## ABY News

The Senior High ABY met Saturday, January 29th to talk about the upcoming ABY convention in March. It will be held in Columbus. Discussion of upcoming Marion Association activities including serving at the Celebration Banquet in March and the work camp at Judson Hills in April. Also, the possible lock-in at First Baptist was discussed. I'll be getting together with the Junior High ABY in February.

*-Donna Reed*

## American Baptist Women

American Baptist Women will meet February 19th at 2:00 p.m. (please note this time change) at the Sarah Moore Home. Parking is available in their new lot on West Winter Street. We will meet in the Activities Room. We will be singing old love songs, sharing cookies and visiting with residents of the Home. Everyone is invited — men, women and children. Please bring the family!

*-Jeanne Ekelberry*

## Annual Church Family Retreat

Our Family Retreat will be held August 11, 12, and 13 at Judson Hills Camp. Please reserve the dates and plan for your family to attend. Watch for more details and let's make our 28th retreat another successful event for our church.

—The Retreat Committee

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Please join us for the 19th annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, March 7th at 6:30.

THE MENU: pancakes, waffles, sausage, fruit??

THE ENTERTAINMENT: YOU...what "talent" will you share?? Music, poetry, dance, a "reading", a "story"...

THE FELLOWSHIP: "fantastic!"

All are invited and expected.

—Larry Faulk

## Early Notice

Delaware Piecemakers Quilt Guild Annual Celebration of National Quilt Day. March 18, 2000. We will be making baby quilts for donations to children with life-threatening diseases. Please mark your calendar

## Church Directory Update

The watchcare list on the last page of the new church directory has the wrong phone number for Deacon John Maher. It should be 363-5257.

and join us on Saturday, March 18th, from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

—Jeanne Ekelberry

## New Pastor at Zion

The Rev. Bertie Dell is the new pastor of Zion United Church of Christ. She began her ministry at Zion on January 9 and believes that she is Zion's first female pastor.



Rev. Dell graduated with a master's in divinity from the Methodist Theological School and has an eclectic background which includes working as a public relations director of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus and as a communications director at the Ohio Council of Churches. She has been a student pastor at the Zion United Church of Christ in Prospect, assistant pastor at Broad Street Christian Church in Columbus, and pastor of First Christian Church in Fostoria,

Rev. Dell and her husband, Robert, have three grown children.

## Prayer Concerns

This is just a brief note to remind everyone to please keep me posted regularly on changes with the prayer concerns, so I can keep the list in the bulletin up-to-date.

—Melissa Mercer

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Feb. 1 Melissa Neill  
2 Fred Grubbs  
15 Deborah Van Broekhoven  
19 Jack and Marilyn Smith  
24 Emilie Trigg  
25 Mariah Bennett  
March 5 Ben Turner

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

## Personals

• **Bruce A. Lee**, 36, of Pittsburgh, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, Feb. 2. He was born in Delaware on May 5, 1963, was a graduate of Bowling Green University, and worked as an insurance executive with Martin & Nettrour Inc in Pittsburgh.

He is survived by a daughter, Jocelyn Mary Lee; a son, Alexander Alan Lee; his former wife, Barbara Nettrour Lee; his mother, Evelyn B. Lee; and brothers Richard E. Lee and Douglas A. Lee. He was preceded in death by his father, Richard E. Lee.

Funeral services were held in Northmont United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, and there will be a private burial service in Oak Grove Cemetery in Delaware. Memorial contributions may be made to the North Boros Rotary Foundation, 7106 Cresswyck Court, Wexford, PA 15090.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

• **JEAN OSBORNE** recently flew to Anchorage, Alaska, for a three-week visit with her son, Gary, and his family.

• **SOPHIA, JIM, AND BOB STEPHENSON** recently vacationed in New Orleans.

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13 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts 	15	16 7:00 Choir	17	18	19 8:30 Men's Breakfast 2:00 ABW at Sarah Moore Home (note time change)
20 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	21 <b>Presidents' Day</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts 	22	23 7:00 Choir	24 7:00 Parish Council	25	26
27 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship  <i>Deadline to submit newsletter articles.</i>	28 7:00 Boy Scouts	29	<b>March</b> 1 7:00 Choir	2	3	4

Pastor Kim Ball's Office Hours: Monday 10:30-3:00; Thursday 11:00-4:00. Phone: (740) 587-0202 (home), 363-7021 (church), 362-6033 (parsonage), 805-7385 (cell phone)

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## WHAT WILL LENT MEAN FOR OUR CHURCH?

Lent is a unique block of time in the life of the church and for me personally in regard to my time at First Baptist Delaware. I am fulfilling a relatively short interim time here as what I like to call "Interim A," in preparation for "Interim B," and then a new full-time pastor. It is especially exciting for my interim time to encompass the season of Lent and culminate with Easter. I think it is helpful to refresh ourselves on just what Lent is, and then to think about the preaching life of the church during this time.

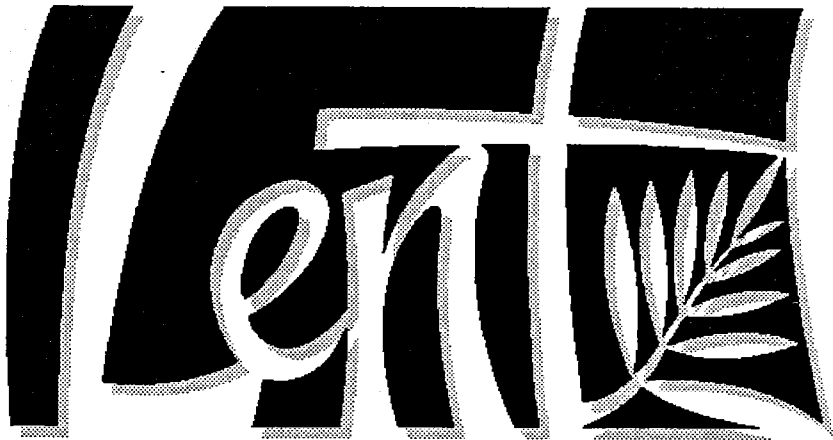
I have grown up with and I suppose been indoctrinated with the Lent as a liturgical season. In the Catholic church, every liturgical aspect of the season is taught and experienced in some way. In my memory, fasting or self-sacrifice emerges as an ideal and we were encouraged as children to give something up — like chocolate or some other beloved vice. I thought about giving up my blankie, but I could never do it. Adults gave up adult vices like a favorite food or even smoking cigarettes.

I remember the stations of the cross being a focus. There would be a scheduled time to go to each station and pray. They were usually displayed around the sanctuary. Palm Sunday was exciting because we got something to take home —

palms. Protestant palms are different from Catholic palms. Catholic palms are long thin reed-like leaves. We would take them home and make little crosses with them. My mother made (and still makes) the best ones. I get one every year to put in my car from her.

My religious renewal, which is now decidedly Protestant, causes

But, first things first, let's refresh ourselves on what Lent is. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, so it lasts for a little over six weeks. The word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lencten," which means "spring." The season is a preparation for cel-



me to really dive deeply into rethinking my understanding of Lent and Easter and what it means in the life of the church. My Catholic understanding of reverence and appreciation for the seriousness of it all serves me well in looking at Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. What I think I will be really be looking to experience in a whole new way this year, like the last few years, is the joy of the resurrection and its meaning for Christians.

ebating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. The First Sunday of Lent describes Jesus' temptation by Satan; and the Sixth Sunday (Passion/Palm Sunday), Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent passion (arrest, trial, and crucifixion) and death. Because Sundays are always little Easters, the penitential spirit of Lent should be tempered with joyful

expectation of the Resurrection.

The Great Three Days--sometimes called the Triduum or Pasch--from sunset Maundy (Holy) Thursday through sunset Easter Day are the climax of Lent (and of the whole Christian year) and a bridge into the Easter Season. These days proclaim the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. During these days, the community journeys with Jesus from the upper room, to the cross, to the tomb, and to the garden.

My sermons for the Lenten season will focus on Christology which can be defined as understandings of the nature of Christ. (Theology is: understandings of the nature of God; theos=God.) We celebrate Jesus Christ every Sunday, but during this time we will take our images of Jesus and revisit them. We will talk about Jesus. We will talk about Christ, and we will talk about Jesus Christ.

This will be a journey of discovery and rediscovery. We will explore images and language that Christians have used to express experiential truths about the Christ in their midst. We will look at this historically and in the present, trying to understand traditional and contemporary ways of interpreting the image and reality of Jesus Christ and its meaning to us. The topics will be approached in this order:

Interpretations of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus

Interpretations of the Nature and Life of Jesus

Stretching Forward While Looking Back: Expanding our Christological Images

Images of Christ in Literature and Art of the Early and Medieval Church

### Interpretations of The Body of Christ

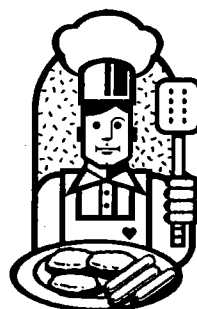
#### Reconstructing the Christ Symbol

These are not necessarily sermon titles, but rather the order in which I'll approach my work and experience my joy in the coming weeks. You are invited!

Love, Kim

### Shrove Tuesday

Everyone is invited to a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30. (If you're voting after work that day, feel free to stop by whenever you're finished.) The dinner will be followed by a sharing of talents.



The evening is sponsored by the Men's Fellowship. There will be no charge, but donations will gladly be accepted.

### Ash Wednesday Service

Our Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday, March 8, at 7:00.

### Pastoral Search Update

The Pastoral Search Committee would like to thank all those who completed the "What Do We Need?" surveys and attended the all-church meetings, February 6 and 8. The congregational input is a critical part of our search process. We received almost 40 surveys, and about 30 members attended the meetings.

Included in today's newsletter are

summaries of the surveys and congregational meetings. The first sheet summarizes our strengths, needs, community expectations and hindrances; while the second sheet identifies the areas in which we would most like professional pastoral leadership. This information, as well as other input we received will help guide us in our search for a new pastor.

The search committee has been meeting regularly since early January, and is working with our interim Area Ministers, Revs. Alvin and Rachel Lee. Their expertise and insights are a valuable addition to our process.

We will continue to inform you of our progress and seek additional input as we move forward, and appreciate any questions you may have.

- Alison Mowery & Rick Van Brimmer, Co-chairs, Pastoral Search Committee

### Adult Social

The next adult social will be on Friday, March 17 at 6:30. We are going out to eat at Michael Olivers at the Delaware Hotel. Reservations are for 6:30 and we'll meet there. If you would like to go, contact me for reservations as well to see a copy of the menu. Also, if anyone needs a ride, just let me know.

- Donna Reed

### March is the month for America For Christ!

Hi First Baptist! We will be collecting the America For Christ offering this month. This is the special offering that goes to home missions. Our goal is \$350 and envelopes will appear in the pew racks today. Our

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*Several months ago we printed Rundy and Jody Lynn Hagan's new mailing address, but here is a more complete listing that you might wish to save for future reference:*

**Rundy and Jody Lynn Hagans**

15 South Avenue  
P.O. Box 208  
Keuka Park, NY 14478-0208  
315-531-9334

Work e-mail:  
JLHagans@mail.keuka.edu

Home e-mail:  
revbabe@usadatanet.net

Anniversary: Sept. 13  
Jody Lynn's birthday: July 7  
Rundy's birthday: May 16

dedication Sunday is March 12, 2000. This years theme is "Why Deny?" based on Luke 9:23. Thank you for your prayers and support.

— Randy Turner

**Special Offerings Update**

The Board of Christian Education thought that it might be time to publish a reminder about our special offerings (what they are and how they are used), so here we go.

- **America For Christ** — Home Missions (Goal — \$350)
- **One Great Hour of Sharing** — Emergencies and Disasters (Goal — \$350)
- **World Mission Offering (WMO)** — Missions Abroad (Goal — \$300)
- **Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO or M&M)** — Love gifts for retired American Baptist ministers, missionaries and their spouses. (Goal — \$350)

100% of these offerings go to the designated cause. Administrative costs are paid by united mission giving (see church budget). These are the only special offerings promoted and sanctioned by the American Baptist Convention. Last year, First Baptist met or exceeded our goal in each of these offerings! **THANK YOU!!**

Please see me if you wish further information or have any questions.

— Randy Turner

**ABW Goes to Sarah Moore Home**

ABW had a great turnout for our February meeting. We had 17 men, women and children at Sarah Moore Home. We sang old songs and shared punch and cookies with residents there. Our thanks to Mary Lou for playing piano and Jennifer for leading us in song.

— Jeanne Ekelberry

**Thank You**

Our family thanks you for the lovely pink Azalea plant you sent for Bruce's services in Pittsburgh. It seemed so comforting to have your gift with us at that time.

Our thanks also for your many expressions of concern. All are deeply appreciated.

— Evelyn Lee

**ABW Meeting in March**

Last fall, Jody Lynn asked if I might be able to do a fun-type activity for the ABW in the spring. Knowing that my hobby is decorative painting, she thought that I might come up with something in that area that the women might enjoy doing.

**Thank God for Small Towns**

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

*When you can't walk for exercise because every passing car offers you a ride*

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

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

*When you know the name of each dog you meet, and each one wags at you*

—submitted by  
Jean Wickum

I have given it some thought and have come up with a project using decorator blocks and paint glazes. The effect is similar to stenciling, but allows for more creativity and free form. We will be decorating a flower pot with these blocks and I think that this will be an entry-level project that anyone will be able to do without much difficulty.

I would like to invite anyone who is interested to come even though you might not have attended an ABW meeting in the past. The only requirement would be a willingness to try an artistic endeavor. Who knows — maybe you will discover a hidden talent and hopefully have fun doing it!

I would like to know ahead of the meeting how many to expect in order to have enough materials on hand, so please see me by

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Wednesday, March 15, or give me a call at 362-1091. Hope to see you Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 pm.

—Linda White

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Mar. 5 Ben Turner  
12 Evan Trigg  
17 Shannon Weakland  
18 Dave Lovell  
20 Natalie Mowery  
Jeff Reed  
24 Kathy Maher  
27 George Riedmiller  
April 2 Adam Mowery  
8 Nate Weakland

*This list comes from the new church directory. Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.*

## ABY News

- Both groups went ice skating at the OSU ice rink on Saturday, February 26th. We had a wonderful turnout and went to Marci Sander's apartment on campus for refreshments. It was such a nice day that we walked to the OSU Oval.
- The Senior High ABY will be attending the Youth Convention at the Columbus Radisson Airport Hotel on March 3 to 5.
- The Junior High ABY will be attending a Junior High Retreat at Judson Hills on March 10 to 12.
- Both groups will be meeting on March 19th after church to discuss the Lock-In, to be held on March 31st. Also they will be serving at the Celebration Banquet at Tri-Rivers in Marion on Friday, March 24th. Anyone wishing to help drive to events, please contact me. Also any suggestions and help with the Lock-in would be appreciated.

—Donna Reed

*Many members asked for a copy of the poem I read in church on December 26. I placed copies on the table under the mail boxes and they are all gone. In case anybody got missed, here it is.*

—Randy Turner

## How to Live Your Dash

**I** read of a man who stood up to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning to the end. He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke the following date with tears. But said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. For that dash represents all the time that she had spent alive on earth. And now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth. For it matters not how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash — What matters most is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

*So think about it long and hard...are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged. If we could just slow down enough to consider what is true and real, and try to understand the way other people feel. Be less quick to anger and show appreciation more, and love the people in our lives like we've never loved them before. Treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile, remembering this special dash may only last a while.*

*So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?*

— Author Unknown

*From "Bits & Pieces" Nov. 4 1999 pp. 4-5*

## Trustees Notes for January and February

- The center chimney at the old parsonage had to be cleaned out because bricks from the top had fallen in. The work was done by Imperial Maintenance at a cost of \$180. The top of this chimney which carries the boiler will have to be rebuilt this spring.

- The hand-held unit for the parsonage's garage door opener was failing. Lynn Elfner purchased two new ones. The cost was \$66.92.

- Joe Mowery repaired the church's doorbell (located by the side doors) which rings in the pastor's office. The parts cost \$10.50.

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*Trustees Report*  
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- Jeff Reed planed down a classroom door that did not fit because the building has settled. He also found a knob for the pencil sharpener.
- Don Patrick made plumbing repairs at the "new" parsonage, at the "old" parsonage, and at the church. The total cost was \$150.67.
- A purchased phone was installed and the leased phone was returned to the phone company, by Jennifer Turner.
- The sanctuary piano was tuned by Clifford Rector.
- Countryside Construction adjusted the latch on the rear door.
- The Gable Elevator Company made repairs (covered by our service contract) to the elevator
- One box of large altar candles was purchased. The cost was \$32.94.
- Jennifer Turner is reviewing the many options in gas suppliers for the church's heating.
- I want to thank those who helped in at least three shoveling parties during the heavy snows in January and early February — Arch, Jeff, Joe, Lynn, and your chairman.

These ongoing repairs, maintenance, supplies, and volunteer man-hours to meet contractors show how the costs mount up even though we are not doing any large projects at this time.

— *Peter White, chairman*  
*Board of Trustees*

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**ABY Boxes for  
College Students**

The ABY is sponsoring boxes for our college students. We are doing eight boxes and would ask that anyone who would like to donate items should please donate eight so we can put one in each box.

The following has been suggested and we accept other donations: phone cards, stamps, gum, pop tarts, cereal bars, trail mix, Cheese-Its, candy bars, McDonald's gift certificates, any kind of snacks, and quarters for laundry, pop, etc.

Please contact me if you'd like to donate something, and get it to me by March 19th. (The ABY will probably bake something that afternoon to send as well.)

— *Donna Reed*

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**New Member  
Celebration Banquet**

The New Member Banquet is set for Friday, March 24 at the Tri-Rivers Joint Vocational School on Route 95 in Marion. In addition to a catered lasagna dinner, attendees will be treated to a variety of entertainment, fellowship, and inspiration.

New members attend free of charge; cost for "old" members and friends is \$8.25 for adults and \$4.25 for youth under 13 years of age. If cost is a problem, don't let that deter you!

Please see Alison Mowery or Kim Keethler Ball if you would like to attend.

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**National Quilt Day**

Delaware Piecemakers Quilt Guild invites you to help us observe National Quilt Day on Saturday, March 18 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00. We will make baby quilts for the A.B.C. project. Come for an hour or all day. For more info, please call me at 363-1432.

Also, there will be a quilt show at the Delaware County Library during the month of March. Quilts will hang from the second floor railing and small items will be in the curio cabinet on the main floor.

— *Jeanne Ekelberry*

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**A Wedding Celebration**

Everyone in our church family is invited to a celebration honoring Cynthia Bland and Ray Biggar. On Sunday, March 26, following the morning services. Please save this day to celebrate with them.

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**Personals**





**Jennifer Linn** of California visited recently with her mother, Betty Porter, and family.

**Adam Mowery** injured his knee while playing soccer.

# MARCH 2000

First Baptist Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 Choir	2 10:00 Sewing	3	4
5 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	6 7:00 Search Committee; Delaware Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	7 6:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Talent Show 	8 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 Choir	9 12:00 Young at Heart	10 6:00 Second Fridays Supper at Andrew's House	11
				Jr. High ABY at Judson Hills		
12 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Dedication of America for Christ Offering	13	14	15 7:00 Choir	16 7:00 ABWM	17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 6:30 Adult Social at Michael Olivers Restaurant	18 8:30 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Delaware Piecemakers until 3:00 (National Quilt Day)
19 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 Jr. and Sr. High ABY	20 <b>First Day of Spring</b> 	21	22 7:00 Choir	23	24 6:30 Marion Association Celebration Dinner at Tri-Rivers	25
26 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 Wedding Celebration for Cynthia Bland and Ray Biggar  <i>Deadline to submit newsletter articles.</i>	27	28	29 7:00 Choir	30	31 ABY Lock-In	April 1  <b>APRIL FOOLS' DAY</b>

Pastor Kim Keethler Ball's Office Hours: Mon. 10:30-3:00; Thurs. 11:00-4:00. Phone: (740) 587-0202 (home), 363-7021 (church), 362-6033 (parsonage), 805-7385 (cell phone)

# Good News Letter

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I have a favorite biblical passage about hospitality that I like and have used in weddings, including my own. It's from Romans 12:9-13. "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers."

The practice of hospitality is fundamental to Christian identity and is central to the meaning of the gospel, according to Christine Pohl in her book *Making Room*. Jesus's ministry and proclamation of the kingdom are saturated with issues of hospitality. Paul urges fellow disciples to welcome one another as Christ welcomed them; the writer of Hebrews tells the readers not to neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for like Abraham and Sarah they may be entertaining angels.

A recent article in *Christian Century* magazine entitled "Welcoming the Stranger" talks about retrieving the tradition of hospitality by reminding us of the ways in which Christians practiced hospitality as a witness to the credi-

## HOSPITALITY AS EVANGELISM

bility of the gospel. Hospitality was a requirement for leadership in the Christian communities. Leaders emphasized hospitality through their preaching.

Over time, Christians established institutions to care for pilgrims and

According to Pohl, it was also a key practice in transcending national and ethnic distinctions in the church.

What does Christian hospitality mean for us today? In one of the eulogies from Sandy Heiser's funeral, an Area Minister from Kansas talked about Sandy's invitation to her to come to her house for dinner where they could sit and visit "for a good long time." This kind of time with one another is how relationship beyond the superficial is built. The kind of relationship that feels good for the soul. The kind that feels like God is present in it.

Moving beyond personal relationships, Pohl believes that "because hospitality is basic to who we are as followers of Jesus, every aspect of our lives can be touched by its practice."

She asks, "If we use hospitality as a lens through which to examine our homes, churches, jobs, schools, health care, and politics, might we see them differently?" Can we make these places more hospitable? She challenges us with the question, "Do current practices within these settings distort hospitality or shut out strangers?" And then she points out that if we ponder these questions and cultivate



the poor, institutions that supplemented home and church based hospitality. Monastic communities became the key carriers of the tradition of hospitality through the Middle Ages. Hospitality involved attending to the physical, social and spiritual needs of strangers. It meant not only offering food and shelter, but recognizing strangers as persons of equal worth and dignity.

change, we have the potential to transform ourselves and our communities.

For the church I think hospitality and invitational evangelism go hand in hand. Are we good hosts? Do we make others feel welcome? Do we show them where the restrooms are and where their children will go during worship? Do we invite people to sit with us? Do we find ways to connect people with the life of the church and with other individuals in the church? Most importantly, do our actions of welcome match our words of welcome, and do our words of welcome match our actions? Perhaps as we celebrate Easter and new life in Christ, we can remind ourselves of the hospitality that Jesus and the Early Christians practiced, and try to do the same!

— Kim

## Lenten Schedule

### Palm Sunday — April 16

9:15 Sunday School  
10:45 Palm Sunday Worship

### Maundy Thursday — April 20

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday  
candlelight communion  
service in the fellowship  
hall

### Good Friday — April 21

12:00 Ecumenical Good Friday  
service at St. Mary  
Catholic Church

### Easter Sunday — April 23

8:00 Early Service  
8:30 Breakfast  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:45 Easter Worship — Our  
choir will be presenting  
the cantata "The Third

Day". Pastor Ball will be preaching her final sermon as our interim pastor.

## Easter Lilies

Easter lilies can be ordered for \$6.00 each to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. They can be given in memory or honor of a friend or loved one, if you wish. After our Easter service, you can either leave your lilies at the church or take them home with you.



Please place your orders with Jim Stephenson or Shirley Parker by April 16 (Palm Sunday).

## Leadership Conference on April 29th

The 2000 church leadership conference will be held on Saturday, April 29, at the Karl Road Baptist Church. The 2000 ABC/Ohio Theme is "Ministry for the Millennium, Acts 1:18."

The keynote speaker is James Milton Dunn, Ph.D., the President of the Baptist Joint Committee Foundation. Incorporated within the 9:30 to 3:30 conference are two sessions of workshops, eleven workshops in total. It would be exciting to have each workshop attended by at least one of our members, and then having the information gathered shared with the church membership.

I will have many conference flyers available on the vestibule table. The flyer has the registration form

on it, along with the deadline, April 19th. Please let me know if you plan to attend and which two workshops you have chosen.

Thanks,

— Sue Elfner

## ABY News

• Both Jr. High and Sr. High groups will be going to Judson Hills on April 7 to 9 for Work Camp with the Marion Association ABY. We will be doing heavy cleaning of the cabins and clearing of trees. If any adults would like to help, please let me know and we will get you signed up to go.

• It's Back!! The ABY Spaghetti Dinner and White Elephant Auction!! It will be held on Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m. Please bring an item along for the auction. Dinner will be a donation. We will be serving salad, spaghetti, and garlic bread. Coffee and punch will be provided.

• There will be a quick ABY business meeting on April 2nd after church to discuss the upcoming activities.

• The youth will help with the morning worship on April 30th.

— Donna Reed

**Correction:** The pastor's cell phone number and office hours were listed incorrectly on last month's calendar, but are correct on this month's calendar.

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## Summer Camp

I'd like to let everyone know that summer camp information for Kirkwood and Judson Hills will be arriving soon. I hope that folks will start thinking about their plans for the summer and will include time to send their kids to camp!

– *Melissa Mercer*

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## Reception Held For Cynthia Bland and Ray Biggar



A reception was held in the fellowship hall on Sunday, March 26 for Cynthia Bland and Ray Biggar to celebrate their upcoming marriage and Cynthia's licensing to preach. Many attended to wish them well.

– *Pam Faulk, Linda White,  
Donna Reed*

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## Thank You

I'd like to thank the volunteers who have given their time in the nursery and Junior Church so far this year.

– *Melissa Mercer*

We greatly enjoyed the reception held for us after church on March 26, and we are especially grateful to the hostesses, Pam Faulk, Donna Reed, and Linda White for making

it such a special occasion. The food was delicious, the decor lovely, and the fellowship congenial.

Thanks to everyone for your good wishes, cards, and generous gifts. Your friendship means a great deal to us.

– *Cynthia Bland and  
Ray Biggar*

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## Adult Social

Our social that was held at Michael Oliver's Restaurant was a great success. The service was slow, but the fellowship was good and 14 attended the dinner.

Our next adult social will be Sunday, April 30th at 4:00 p.m. at the Apple Tree Cottage Tea Room at 1478 Stratford Road (Anne Linn's house). You can have afternoon tea or high tea (which is more like a meal). Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can confirm our reservations.

– *Donna Reed*

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## Special Easter Offering

The special Easter offering will be going once again to Judson Hills. Because of their continued need of financial support, the Parish Council voted to continue to have the offering go to Judson because of our longstanding relationship.

– *Jarrod Trigg  
Finance Committee Chair*

Drs. Joseph and Diane Burke  
Request the honor of your presence  
As Keuka College  
Installs its new Chaplain  
The Reverend Jody-Lynn B. Hagans

Sunday, the Ninth of April,  
Two Thousand  
Four o'clock in the afternoon  
Norton Chapel  
Keuka College

The Rev. Jon Powers, Preaching  
Chaplain, Ohio Wesleyan University  
Delaware, Ohio

The Rev. Patricia Jones,  
Commissioning  
Deacon, St. Stephen's Church  
Schenectady, New York

Reception to follow

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## Personals

- **ERIN FAULK** suffered a ruptured disk in her back.
- **TERESA GRIFFITH** had gall bladder surgery at Mt. Carmel West on March 27.
- **SHIRLEY PARKER** enjoyed a visit from her daughter, Alison, and returned to Atlanta with her for a week's stay.

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## From the Editor...

- I'd like to remind everyone to please **write your name** on any article you submit. This saves me time if I have any questions.
- Quite a few "filler" items (poems, humor, inspiration, etc.) have been submitted recently and I now have a supply that will last for several months.

Feel free to continue submitting them, but be aware that it might be a few months before they appear in the newsletter.

Thanks,

—*Jim Stephenson, editor*

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- April 2 Adam Mowery  
8 Nate Weakland  
9 Kirby Francis  
10 Jane Mercer  
13 Benjamin Grubbs  
Tim Rice  
17 Dorothy McGhee  
20 Melissa Gillette  
21 Jimmie Moore  
24 Michael Grubbs  
29 Deborah Fogle  
May 1 Margaret Young  
3 Rick Van Brimmer  
5 Mike Griffith  
7 Donna Reed  
Bertha Van Brimmer

## Can You Relate?

Then: Long hair

Now: Longing for hair

Then: Watching John Glenn's historic flight with your parents

Now: Watching John Glenn's historic flight with your kids

Then: Keg

Now: EKG

Then: Moving to California because it's cool

Now: Moving to California because it's hot

Then: Getting out to a new, hip joint

Now: Getting a new hip joint

Then: Paar

Now: AARP

Then: Trying to look like Marlon Brando or Elizabeth Taylor

Now: Trying *not* to look like Marlon Brando or Elizabeth Taylor

—*submitted by Pam Faulk*

## The Paradox of Our Time

"The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy it less. We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences but less time... We drive too fast, get too angry too quickly, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom."

— *Comedian George Carlin*



# APRIL 2000

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<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 ABY</p> <p><i>Daylight-Saving Time Begins Today</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>7:00 Boy Scouts; Delaware Piecemakers</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>7:00 Deacons</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>10:00 Sewing (until 2:00)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>9:30 Search Committee</p>
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# Good News Letter

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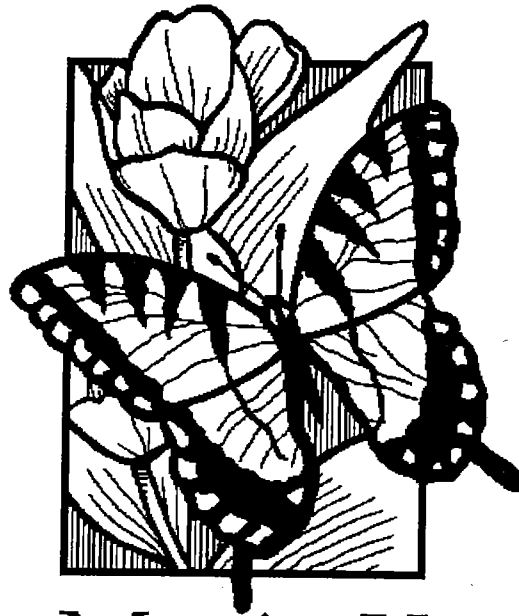
*"A Lawyer for an Interim Pastor!?"*

A couple of years ago, a book was published with the title, *Can a Good Christian Be a Good Lawyer?* At the recent service recognizing the transfer of my ordination credentials to the American Baptist Churches/USA, George Williamson, pastor of First Baptist, Granville, preached on "The Oxymoron of Ministry." The oxymoron to which he referred was the notion of a Christian pastor/lawyer. These titles and themes reflect a general sense that lawyers are unethical, at worst, and not very religious, at best.

It's a pretty long story, but somehow I ended up pursuing both professions simultaneously without much of a sense that they are widely viewed as incompatible. Just to hit the high points, when I was graduating from Ohio Wesleyan I wanted to pursue a career that would both make use of my fluency in French and help to make the world a better place. So I decided to pursue a joint degree program in theology and law with an eye toward a career in international human rights. Along the way, I spent a year living in France, which I never thought I'd tire of, but I did, and that led me to think again about where I wanted to live as an adult. I dropped my law studies for a time, but continued on with theology, completing the Master of Divinity degree, getting ordained in the United Methodist Church, and heading into a doctoral program in theology.

About two years into the doctoral program, I realized that I needed to pick an area of specialization for my

future research and teaching. It was at this point that I thought back to my interest in theology and law, and I decided that this made sense to explore again, but this time I would think in terms of a career based in the U.S. That led me straight to the study of the constitutional law of religious liberty and church-state relationships.



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The constitutional law of religious freedom remains my favorite topic of discussion, debate and study. I'm also very interested in the relationship between religion and politics. In fact, the very first sermon that I preached at this congregation, on July 5th, 1998, the morning after our July 4th festivities, examined the complex relationship between our identities as citizens and disciples. That's a topic I will return to on the Sunday nearest July 4th this year: July 2, 2000.

Most of my research and teaching

pertains to the historical relationships between Christian political theory of the 16th-18th centuries and the development of our Constitution's protection of civil and religious liberties. Some of you may know that I wrote the brief that successfully appealed the disfellowshipping of First Baptist, Granville from the Columbus Baptist Association. Recently, I've been working with a group of Columbus-area attorneys to create an organization called Interfaith Legal Services, which this fall will open a clinic to provide free legal services in downtown Columbus.

I mention all of this to give a sense of what it is that I've been about, as a Christian attorney. The intersection of Christianity and the law is my professional passion. Which leads me to a prediction: while I don't have any plans currently for a worship theme for the summer, I will look for opportunities to preach on topics that relate to public life, politics and law. This Sunday, May 7, is an example of the kind of thing that you can expect. A federal appellate court has just ruled Ohio's motto, "With God, all things are possible," unconstitutional. I'll take up the court's ruling and related Christian concerns in my first sermon, "Mottoes and Miracles."

You may not have known what you were getting when you called an attorney for your next interim pastor, but I hope you find that our journey together takes us into important, challenging, yet rewarding territory.

Blessings,

Dave

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## A Message from the Deacons

Dear Fellow Baptists,

Perhaps you would be glad to know that recent changes in the bulletin were all cleared by the Board of Deacons, as will be future changes. Sometimes these small changes (in the responses, order of events, etc.) are at the request of parishioners, or the pastor. Sometimes it meets the changes in the church seasons, or the need for brevity to get all the things included in the hour we have given to worship.

The Deacons hear all sorts of comments regarding the service -- "we are too traditional and dull, boring even", or we are "too modern, using one of the newer varieties of liturgy and/or music", or "we need to pep it up," or "we need to stick to the comfort of the traditional."

To someone who has been involved in the church as long as I have, all this is not new. But it is healthy, for it means the worship hour is something that people pay attention to and care about. It has important meaning to us and we aren't just "pew warmers."

Have you noticed that each assisting deacon has somehow made their mark on the service? Addressing the invocation in a different way, reading scripture for a different translation of the Bible, etc.

In May it will be my turn to be Lay Leader. I wish to have us read the Lord's Prayer instead of just saying it from memory. Each Sunday the prayer will be printed in the bulletin from a different translation of the Bible. I do this because I get the impression that we say the words without paying attention to the meaning. So, in May, let's *pray* the prayer, giving thought to the words we say.

If you have suggestions or comments about our worship service, please talk to your Watch Care deacon.

The deacons are working to keep

things going in the church while we await the calling of a new pastor. Pray for us, and help us by keeping your Watch Care deacon posted on your needs.

Sincerely,

—*Jean Wickum*  
Chair, Board of Deacons

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## Junior Church

Junior Church will continue during the month of May. We will not have Junior Church during the months of June, July and August. It will resume again in September. Thank you for understanding and welcoming our Junior Church children into worship with us "grown ups."

—*Melissa Mercer*

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## Special Offerings

Congratulations First Baptist! We shattered our goal of \$350 for the America for Christ Offering with a giving total of \$487.00!! Thank you for your wonderful support and commitment to missions.

Our next special offering will be the One Great Hour of Sharing. We will collect it in June and it goes for disaster assistance and emergency relief all over the world. This years theme is "Gifts of Living Water" based on John 7:38. Last year giving was extremely generous and needed due to the Kosovo conflict. Please prayerfully prepare to support this important offering again this year.

—*Randy Turner, Missions,*  
Board. of Christian Education

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## People In Need

Please remember to keep our PIN basket filled. We need to think of those needing our gifts at all times. It doesn't take long to pick up some items for others whenever we are shopping.

—*Evelyn Lee*

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## Thank You

Dear First Baptist friends,

Thank you for the lovely picture of the church, your kind words and your generosity of spirit on Easter Sunday. Our time together has meant so much to me professionally, spiritually and personally. My family and I will always treasure our First Baptist, Delaware experience.

Love,

—*Kim*

P.S. Take good care of the new interim!

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Thank you all so much for everything and for sharing my and Destini's special day. I was almost overwhelmed with your response and kind words. It all was deeply appreciated by both of us. It's a good feeling to be sharing a part of my life with so many good people.

Thank you once again,  
Sincerely,

—*Tim and Destini Fogle*

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I'd like to thank everyone very much for giving so generously of their time since the beginning of the year to help staff the nursery and junior church. Our children are very fortunate to have such loving adults to help care for them in the early journey of their walk with Jesus. Everyone has a special touch in what they add to a child's Christian education.

—*Melissa Mercer*

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Dear church family,

I am so grateful for all of you for all your love and support during the Primary Election campaign. With God and all of your on my side, how could the result be any different?

Thanks for the confidence you have given me—the next four years will continue to be a challenge.

In Christian Love,

—*Betty Porter*

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## Kathryn Mills

Kathryn E. Mills, formerly of East Fultonham and Zanesville, died on Saturday, April 15, in Delaware.

She was born July 22, 1911, in Athens County, to Winifred (Whitaker) Mills and Theo Mills. She attended Meredith Business School in Zanesville. She was a member of Zanesville Business and Professional Women and the Order of the Eastern Star. She was retired from Columbia Cement in Zanesville, where she was a comptroller for many years. She attended First Baptist and was a member of Rolling Hills United Methodist Church in South Zanesville.

She is survived by three nieces, Kathryn Maher of Delaware and Mary Ann Mills and Marilyn Peoples of Houston; one great-niece, Lisa Rizeakos of Saco, Maine; three great-nephews, Michael Maher of Delaware and Michael Mitchell and Donald Mitchell, both of Houston; one great-great niece, Kathryn Rizeakos of Saco, Maine; two great-nephews, Michael Rizeakos and Nicholas Rizeakos of Saco, Maine; a cousin, Christine Frash of Malta; and other friends and relatives.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Donald M. Mills Sr., and a sister, Marjory M. Goss.

Graveside services were held in Fultonham Cemetery in Fultonham, and a memorial service was held at First Baptist, Delaware.

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## Blanket Sunday

We will again celebrate Mother's Day with our gifts of \$5.00 per blanket to remember special women in our lives. On Mother's Day—May 14—we will have the opportunity to purchase blankets. The list of those recognized in memory or honor will appear in the next newsletter.

— Evelyn Lee

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## Anne Linn

Anne Linn, 72, of Delaware, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 3, at her home.

She was born on June 12, 1927, in Delaware and was a lifelong Delaware resident. She grew up in Radnor and graduated from Willis High School in 1945, where she was voted "most original" in her class.

Her love of England inspired her to become part owner of the Apple Tree Cottage Tea Room in her home.

Anne was a long-time member of First Baptist and had been active in ABW, Young at Heart, Bible study and prayer groups. She also worked for Habitat for Humanity and volunteered at Andrews House.

She is survived by her husband, John; her children, Mike Linn and his wife Beth, Andi Ringley and her husband Jim, Alison Mowery and her husband Joe, Beth Trigg and her husband Archie, all of Delaware, and Staff Sgt. Ed Linn and his wife Jennifer of Edwards AFB, California, nine grandchildren, Chris Treese, Jarrod Trigg and his wife Nichelle, Evan Trigg, Emile Trigg, Adam Mowery, Laura Mowery, Natalie Mowery, Andrew Linn and Douglas Linn; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Caroline and Bob Walker and Penny and Dick Lindstrom, all of Cape Coral, Florida, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Jessica Johnson.

Visiting hours were at Robinson Funeral Home and a memorial service was held at First Baptist on Saturday, May 6, with the Rev. Owen Stewart officiating and the Rev. Dr. David Ball assisting. Burial was at Radnor Cemetery.



Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

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## Nursery Volunteers Needed

It is time once again to think about signing up to volunteer in the nursery during the summer months. There are 17 Sundays during the summer that volunteers are needed. Fewer volunteers would be needed if folks would consider signing up for two Sundays in a row. The weather will probably be very nice, so strolls up and down the sidewalks learning about God's world would be enjoyed very much by our little ones! Thank you in advance for considering volunteering.

—Melissa Mercer

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## Baptism and Dedication

On Sunday, April 16, Tim Fogle received the ordinance of believer's baptism during morning worship, and his daughter, Destini, was dedicated.

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## Judson Hills and Kirkwood Summer Camps

We have finally received information regarding our summer camp programming at Kirkwood and Judson Hills. I have put up a poster on the bulletin board that lists the different camps that are offered at both camps. If anyone is interested in the programming at Camp Koinonia, in Geneva, Ohio, I would be glad to make that inquiry for you. Just let me know. Camps are available for everyone in grades K through 12. Our own Kirby Francis is directing the Junior High Frontier camp at Judson Hills, July 16-21. There is also a "New Adventure Sports" camp offered at Judson Hills for the first time this summer (for kids in 3rd and 4th grades). I will soon be mailing individual brochures and registration

information to families. The information that I received indicates that registrations will be accepted up until June 1 at which time a \$10.00 late fee will be added. I'll remind folks too, that our church offers a summer camp scholarship program. So, please don't let cost be a hindrance. Please feel free to talk with me or Rev. Dave Ball if you'd like more information.

—Melissa Mercer

## Library Book Auction

The books for the Silent Auction of the books we will not be keeping in the church library will be on display in the Sunday school assembly room on May 14 and 21. Bidding may be done at any time you are at the church during those dates. Following morning services on May 21, the high bidders may claim their selections from library committee members. The funds from this sale will be used to further the plans of the committee.

—Evelyn Lee, Donna Reed,  
Shannon Weakland, Linda White

## Trustees Notes

- Our new property and liability insurance policy is available in the office for anyone who would like to look at it.

- We have changed gas suppliers from Columbia to Energy Max at the rate of \$0.345 per ccf. We will still be on a budget plan. Jennifer Turner did the research for this.

- A can of pop was thrown through the plate glass over the big front window sometime on Friday night, April 28. A police report was made on Saturday morning. Only one piece of of yellow stained glass was cracked. Franklin Art Glass of Columbus, who did the original installation and have done repairs for us before, has been called and

they will come on June 5. Our insurance is \$250 deductible.

- I want to thank Lynn Elfner and Archie Trigg who have helped open, heat, lock up up the church, and fill the baptistry while I was way.

— Peter White  
Chairman of Trustees

## Adult Social

Our adult social was held on Sunday, April 30 at Apple Tree Cottage Tea Room at 1478 Stratford Road (Anne Linn's house).

The next adult social will be in July. Details will appear in the July/August newsletter.

— Donna Reed

## ABY News

- I attended the Marion Association ABY Work Camp at Judson Hills on April 7 to 9.

- The ABY Spaghetti Dinner and White Elephant Auction was a great success!!! The net proceeds were \$177. Thanks to all who attended and especially to Adam Mowery, Laura Mowery and friend, and Jeff Reed who did the cooking.

— Donna Reed

## ABW

The ABW will meet on May 18 at 7:00 p.m at the church. Our program will be "Accepting Our Neighbors" by Jean Wickum. Please plan to attend and *don't* forget your Love Gift Boxes!

— Jeanne Ekelberry

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

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|------|----|--|
| May  | 1  | Margaret Young   |
|      | 3  | Rick Van Brimmer                                       |
|      | 5  | Mike Griffith  |
|      | 7  | Donna Reed<br>Bertha Van Brimmer                       |
|      | 8  | Kit Weakland<br>Michael Ekelberry                      |
|      | 9  | Cris Riedmiller  |
|      | 10 | Archie & Beth Trigg                                    |
|      | 12 | Jeanne Ekelberry                                       |
|      | 14 | Tom Weakland   |
|      | 15 | Barbara Lovell<br>Betty Porter                         |
|      | 19 | Laurie Faulk   |
|      | 23 | Helen Baker  |
|      | 24 | Jean Wickum<br>Sharon & Steve Baker<br>DeeDee Weakland |
| June | 3  | Justin Francis   |
|      | 8  | Pam Faulk<br>Carol Fogle                               |

Please report any errors or omissions to  
Jim Stephenson

## Heritage Tour to Bible Lands in Fall 2000

Harold Van Broekhoven has been asked to serve as accompanying scholar on the "Heritage Tour to Bible Lands: A New Millennium Journey to Biblical Roots and Future Hopes." Tour Director Dr. Everett Goodwin has planned a wonderful, eleven-day tour that takes the participants up the Israeli Coast to the Galilee region, around the Sea of Galilee and the Golan Heights, across the Jordan River into the region of the Decapolis and south to Petra, the fabulous ancient city in the cliffs of southern Jordan. After a visit to the beautiful resort city of Eilat, on the tip of the Red Sea, the tour will travel north past the mountain-top fortress of Masada and up to Jerusalem for the final days of the trip.

Harold has been asked to join the tour to provide background on the

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archaeology of ancient Palestine and the social world of Jesus's time. Dr. Goodwin, a professional historian and American Baptist Pastor, brings a keen sense of history and a pastor's sensitivity. Thus the trip will be looking backward to the roots of our Western Religious traditions as well as forward to the challenges and prospects of peace in the Middle East.

The special tour of the Holy Lands is sponsored by the American Baptist Historical Society as one of its guided explorations into our religious heritage. The invitation for participation in this adventure goes out especially to American Baptists and will be not only a time for exploring the past and experiencing the dynamic world of the Middle East, but also a time of spiritual renewal. First class accommodations, boat rides on the Galilee, swimming in the Dead Sea, exploring the Old City of Jerusalem, and more, will all be blended with worship, Christian fellowship and thoughtful conversation.

The tour leaves New York City on October 23 and returns November 3, 2000. If any of you has a hankering to visit Israel and the Middle East in good company, Harold has information he can share with you.

## Easter Offering

Our special Easter offering totalled \$223. It will be sent directly to Judson Hills to help with their many needs. Once again, you remembered others at this joyous time.

— *The Finance Committee*

## Personals

- **CAROL SUE FOGLE** vacationed in Florida.
- **PETER AND LINDA WHITE** vacationed in California and other western states.
- **FLORENCE FAULK** visited with her sister in Florida for a month.
- **PAM AND LARRY FAULK** vacationed in Williamsburg, Virginia.
- **CYNTHIA BLAND** has been promoted to full professor at Ohio Wesleyan University. Also, her father and step-mother visited her recently for one week.

## Summer Newsletters

Just a reminder that our summer newsletter schedule is as follows: a June newsletter, a combined July/August newsletter (released the first Sunday in July), and then a September newsletter (released in late August to give advanced notice of September events).

I'm mentioning this now just to give everyone plenty of notice that any articles concerning August events will need to be submitted by the last Sunday in June if you want them to appear in the newsletter.



Thanks,

—*Jim Stephenson, editor*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 Boy Scouts	2 7:00 Deacons	3 7:00 Choir	4 10:00 Sewing	5	6
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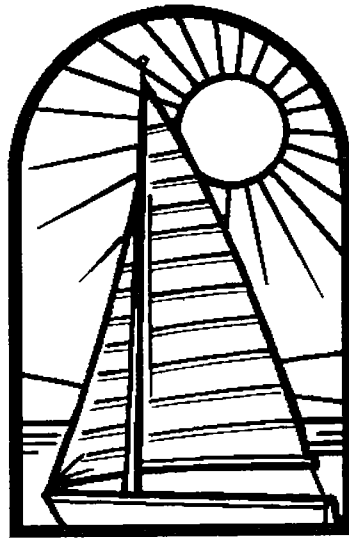
## "FROM GOD'S POINT OF VIEW"

Much as we might like it to be otherwise, the life of a congregation, like the life of an individual, has its easier times and its harder times. Despite our best efforts to make sure that things sail smoothly along, unanticipated surprises always emerge, and it is not always easy to take those surprises in stride, as if nothing had happened at all. It was an unanticipated surprise to us when Jody Lynn, our former pastor, announced that she would be leaving to become the chaplain at Keuka College in New York. This meant a great deal of adjustment, since Jody Lynn's gifts and graces would no longer be available to us. As difficult as this would be, we took comfort in knowing that we could look to our Area Minister, Sandy Heiser, for guidance and encouragement as we lined up an interim pastor and searched for a new pastor. But no sooner had we realized this than Sandy was tragically lost to us in an automobile accident. Now what were we to do? We could hardly bear to think about it, we were so sad about Sandy.

Our leadership somehow pulled together and began to piece together an approach to meeting our needs for pastoral leadership and for finding our new pastor in the coming months... when we were saddened by the loss of Kathryn Mills, and then shocked beyond belief when Anne Linn died so suddenly.

This series of losses and emotional blows could not have been imagined at this time last year, and it is cur-

rently very difficult for us to regain the spring in our step, as a congregation. As your interim pastor, I hope that I can help in some small way to assist as we grieve, and then ultimately, at some point, move on. I have no desire, however, to rush the process. I am not one who would have us try to pretend that these events have not



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deeply affected us. Rather, I think that it is spiritually and emotionally healthy for us to work our way through, rather than around or over, our understandable sadness.

In this column, I would like simply to offer a perspective on what has happened that may offer some comfort to you, now and when times like these come around again. A couple of years ago, I read a book called *The Forgotten Truth: The Common Vision of the World's Religions* by Huston

Smith. I loaned my copy to someone and never got it back, so what I say will be based on memory, but basically the overall point of the book was that the world's major religions share certain common beliefs. One of these is that there is a spiritual reality that is greater than ourselves. We call this spiritual reality by various names, and think of it as God, but what we are really trying to get at is beyond even the notion of God. All of the world's major religions, including Christianity, believe in a God beyond God.

Meanwhile, from our perspective as human beings on earth, many things happen that don't seem to make sense, or that, even worse, seem senseless. Things happen that seem to be painful for no good reason, even evil. We can't imagine why they occur, and we certainly can't justify them. That is sometimes how things seem from our perspective, and that's how death and loss often seem to us. That is how the recent series of losses suffered by our congregation seems to us, from our perspective.

But as people of faith, as faithful Christians, we also are called to believe that everything happens for a reason, from the divine perspective, from the perspective of God-beyond-God. It may not seem so to us; in fact, it may seem impossible to us, the idea that the things that seem unjust and tragic to us may in an ultimate sense be good. Huston Smith presents a very challenging idea for us to consider, an idea that is found deeply embedded within our Christian faith, as well as within the



other major faith traditions. From the perspective of the God who is far beyond our understanding of "God," there is nothing that happens that is not good.

I recoil at this thought. I shudder to think that some things that I know about somehow are good things, when viewed from the perspective of God-beyond-God. But somehow they are. We are challenged to accept what we cannot imagine: that the senseless does make sense, from viewpoint of God-beyond-God, from a perspective far beyond our own. This we can only accept by faith; our rationality cries out in rebellion against such a thought.

This is an idea that I have a very difficult time accepting, as you can probably tell. But I offer this idea because I sense that, despite the pain and sadness we are feeling, there is a great deal of truth to it. Somehow, the losses that we have experienced are victories in God's eyes. I can't figure out how, but I do honestly believe that this is true. What we have experienced makes sense when viewed from on high; the hard part is that our viewpoint is limited, finite, mired down here. But let's open ourselves to the goodness that God has in store for us. Our losses are real; yet they are somehow part of a process and a future that holds nothing but goodness and love for our life as a congregation. Can you imagine? I know that you can.

God is merciful and faithful and unchanging. On this we can depend. Let's take comfort in knowing that, from God's perspective, things are going well.

Blessings,

Dave

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## Summer Hours

Beginning on Sunday, June 11, we will begin our summers schedule. Please see the calendar for details.

### Summer Newsletter Schedule

The next issue of the newsletter will be a combined **July/August** issue (distributed the first Sunday in July). If you need to publicize any August events, be sure to have your articles ready in time!

The **September** issue will be released in late August (date to be announced) so we can give advanced notice of September events.

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## Join Us For Adult Summer Sunday School

The Board of Christian Education is sponsoring adult Sunday School starting June 18th in the Sunday School assembly room. This class will consist of a six week book study lead by Jim Van Brimmer. The class will meet at 8:50 am prior to the normal summer worship hour. Child care will be provided.

The selected text is a Judson Press publication titled *Proclaim Jubilee!: A Spirituality for the Twenty-first Century* by author Maria Harris. It is described in the Judson Christian Education Catalog as:

*"For those seeking a more conscientious way to be in the next century, the new spirituality proposed in this study has its roots in the book of Leviticus. The author offers a compelling argument that a living Jubilee would have a positive political, economic, and moral impact on individuals, congregations, and nations."*

Please sign up on the sheet posted next to the adult Sunday School area, or call Scott Yant at (740) 363-3811. A donation of \$14 may be made to cover the cost of the book. Please reserve your spot as soon as possible so books can be ordered.

- Scott Yant  
Board of Christian Education

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## ABWM Picnic and Election of Officers

ABWM will have its year-end meeting at the home of Betty Porter, 444 West Central Ave., on Friday evening, June 16 at 6:30. We will begin with a picnic supper followed by a business meeting and election of officers. All women in the church are welcome and urged to attend. Please bring a dish to share. Table service will be provided.

- Evelyn Lee

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## Adult Social

Well it looks like summer is almost here and that means cookouts. So for our July social we will be having a progressive cookout. I need three hosts/hostesses for the eats (appetizers, main course, dessert) and I would like to know how many would like to attend. The tentative date is Saturday, July 29th starting at around 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. Details will be in the next newsletter.

- Donna Reed

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## ABY News

School is almost over and we will not be having an ABY meeting during the summer. But we will be having a swim party in July or August. I will be contacting Marci and the details will be in the next newsletter. If any of the Junior High or Senior High youth have suggestions for summer activities, please let me know. We will be having a mini retreat for planning next year's schedule one Sunday in August just before school starts. Have a great summer!

- Donna Reed

## Soloists and Instrumentalists Needed for Summer Services

If you would enjoy the opportunity to provide the special music for one of our summer services by singing a solo (or duet) or by playing a selection on the piano or another musical instrument, please see me.



Our choir takes a break during the summer months and sings only on communion Sundays, so I'm in the process of scheduling special music for the other summer Sundays.

— *Jim Stephenson*  
Choir Director

## Thank You

To all members, Marilyn and I want to thank you for the very nice reception you gave us on May 7th. God bless you all. Jack and Marilyn Smith.

— *Jack Smith*

p.s. Our new address is: 1926-1 South Lincoln Ave., Salem, OH 44460

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Thanks to everyone in the congregation for all the help in pulling together the memorial reception for Kathryn Mills following her lovely service, followed by the bereavement dinner for Anne Linn's family after her touching memorial service, and then the reception for Marilyn and Jack Smith as they depart our church family to be closer to their families. It took so many of you working together to show these families how we love them. Each and every effort was appreciated.

— *Evelyn Lee*

## Blanket Sunday

Our total gift to Blanket Sunday was \$225.00. This will be appreciated by many.

### MEMORIALS

Sharon Baker — Katherine Clapper  
Lynn and Sue Elfner — Mary Elfner  
Geneva Evans — Ernestine Frost  
Mary Gillette — Francis Johnson  
Mary Gillette and family — Mary Paulette Rogers and Anne Linn  
Dave and Matthew Lovell — Jennie Lovell, Margaret Morby  
Kathy Maher — Kathryn Mills  
Allison Mowery and Beth Trigg — Anne Linn, Frances Johnson  
Betty J. Porter — her grandmother, Blanche M. Berger  
Barb Reed — Katherine Clapper  
Jack and Marilyn Smith — Alden and Hazel Smith  
Sophia Stephenson — her mother  
Bertha Van Brimmer — her mother  
Jim Van Brimmer — his mother, Mary Van Brimmer  
Jean Wickum — Ruth Wickum Stewart  
The Yant family — Lewis and Rae Harris

### IN HONOR

Steve Baker — Helen Baker  
Larry and Pam Faulk — Erin Faulk, Laurie Faulk, Jodi Mustard, Mary Anderson, Florence Faulk, Eveleno (Pat) Cole, Jean Wickum  
Mary Gillette and family — Marilyn Herballyheimer  
Christina Hopkins — her mother, Sue Elfner and Mary Gillette  
Spencer and Sydney Kauf — Holly Kauf  
Evelyn Lee — Marcia, Linda, and Barbara Lee  
Barbara Lovell — her mother, Mary Lou Lovell  
Dave and Matthew Lovell — Mary Lou, Deborah, and Barbara  
Phil and Melissa Mercer — Kathy Irwin and Jennifer Turner  
Shirley Parker — Jack and Marilyn Smith

Betty J. Porter — her granddaughter, Anna Kailyn Porter  
Donna and Jeff Reed — Doreen Scurlock, Jane Reed  
Katie, Jami, and Regan Riedmiller — Cris Riedmiller  
The Turners — Jane Moore and Tonabell Turner  
Linda White — Margaret Seckman and Carolyn Schneeberger

## Tools of Hope Sunday

On Father's Day (Sunday, June 18), we will be receiving your gifts for the Tools of Hope Project. Your \$5 gift in memory or honor of some special man in your life will go to serve programs in more than 80 countries. Some of the programs provide hoes, trowels, pumps, nutritional supplements and the rebuilding of homes destroyed by hurricanes and floods. The needs are great for so many.

## Second Friday Dinners

First Baptist continues to help with the Second Friday dinners at Andrews House for those in need of a good nutritional meal or companionship. One June 9 we will be working as mixers and greeters. On July 14 we will furnish 12 lemon meringue pies for the desert (must be purchased). If you can help with either of these events, please let me know.

— *Evelyn Lee, 362-9107*

## Trustees Notes

- Phil and Melissa Mercer donated an IBM compatible 486 computer, monitor and printer for church use. Pastor Dave Ball got the proper cords to hook it up. Thanks you so much to everyone.
- Jeff Reed cut up and hauled away the big tree limb that came down in the back yard.
- Peter White trimmed the hedge and

bushes in front of the church.

- Lawn mower repairs were completed. The cost was \$37.55.
- Tim Fogle has volunteered to mow grass and keep an eye on the parsonage until we have a permanent pastor.
- Several lightening strikes close to the church on May 23 caused a power surge that did damage to electrical items at the church. The alarm was set off in the elevator pit that governs the battery backup for the sump pump. Countryside Construction came the very next morning and reset it because it was stuck. Circuit breakers were blown throughout throughout the church and the digital answering machine and transformer were destroyed. The replacement cost, including a surge protector plug, was \$73.17.
- Lynn Elfner is the trustee's new representative to the pastoral search committee.

— Peter White  
Chairman, Trustees

## Personals

- On May 14, **ERIN FAULK** graduated from Hope College with a B.B. in dance education and French. She remained on campus for May term to take one final class and will be student teaching in Chicago next fall. She will still be considered a student of Hope College until she finishes her student teaching. Attending the graduation ceremonies were Pam and Larry Faulk, Jeff and Laurie Faulk, Florence Faulk, Pat Cole, and Paul Stewart.
- **ANNA KAILYN PORTER**, daughter of **JANET PORTER**, was born on May 10th (7 lbs., 9 oz., 19"). Her maternal grandmother is Betty Porter.
- On Sunday, May 7, a reception was held after church for **JACK AND MARILYN SMITH**, who are moving to Salem, Ohio, after 31 years in Delaware. They will be missed.
- **BETH AND ARCHIE TRIGG** travelled to England to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.
- **JEANNE EKELBERRY** is recovering from surgery for a heel spur.
- **JEAN OSBORNE** travelled to Anchorage, Alaska, to visit her son Gary and his family.
- **BERNICE TURNEY** had eye surgery for cataracts and glaucoma.
- **EDITH HALL** is a patient at Grady Hospital with pneumonia.
- Congratulations to **KIM KEETHLER BALL** who graduated from Methesco with a Master of Divinity.
- **JIM AND BERTHA VAN BRIMMER** travelled to Pennsylvania to visit daughter Susy and her family

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- June 3 Justin Francis
- 8 Pam Faulk  
Carol Fogle
- 9 Mike & Teresa Griffith
- 10 David & Mary Lou Lovell
- 11 Randy & Jennifer Turner
- 15 Charles Ekelberry
- 19 Denver McGhee
- 22 June Grubbs
- 23 Ned Weakland
- 24 Beth Trigg
- 26 Gary Bennett
- 27 Joe & Alison Mowery  
Jenna Weakland
- 28 Jami Riedmiller
- 29 Scott and Amy Yant
- 30 Jimmie and Jane Moore
- July 3 Phil Mercer
- 4 Denver and Dorothy McGhee
- 5 Victor & Deborah Fogle

FROM A REAL  
NEWSPAPER OBITUARY...

"In lieu of flowers, please send premium-quality chocolates (nuts and chews)."

— From the Salt Lake  
Tribune, reprinted in  
Reader's Digest

### CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please take a moment to update your church directory.



New Address:

Jack and Marilyn Smith  
1926-1 South Lincoln Ave.  
Salem, OH 44460

# JUNE 2000

First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					1 10:00 Sewing 6:30 ABY	2	3
4 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	5 7:00 Boy Scouts; Piecemakers	6 7:00 Deacons	7	8 8:00 Young at Heart	9 6:00 Second Fridays at Andrews House	10	
<b>Children's Sunday</b> 11 10:00 Morning Worship with Recognition of Graduates <i>Note: There will be no junior church during the summer.</i>	12 7:00 Boy Scouts	13	<b>Flag Day</b> 14	15	16 6:30 ABWM Picnic and Meeting at Betty Porter's Home	17 8:30 Men's Breakfast	
<b>Father's Day</b> 18 8:50 Adult Sunday School (Please see newsletter article.) 10:00 Morning Worship with Tools of Hope Offering	19 7:00 Boy Scouts	20	<b>First Day of Summer</b> 21	22	23	24	
25 8:50 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit articles for the July/August newsletter.</i>	26 7:00 Boy Scouts	27	28 7:00 Choir; Parish Council	29	30	July 1	

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# Good News Letter

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## *The Bible by Numbers*

Summer greetings from Lakeside! This week, Kim, the kids and I are camping and enjoying this family-oriented, Christian (historically United Methodist) community on Lake Erie near Port Clinton. Each week in the summer, programs include a daily Chaplain's Hour, led by the chaplain of the week. My role this week is to assist with Chaplain's Hour by leading the short worship service that precedes the daily sermon. This week's Chaplain is the Rev. Grayson Atha, senior pastor of the King Avenue United Methodist Church, near Ohio State in Columbus.

The title of his first sermon was "Bible 101." Rev. Atha shared with us his ministry of orientation to the Bible for the people of King Avenue. He is very aware that the Bible can be intimidating for many of us. All too often, we assume that people know their way around in the Bible, when in fact many of us are overwhelmed by it. We don't know where things are, and we have no idea how we might become more familiar with the Bible.

Rev. Atha's goal in his Bible 101 sessions at King Avenue is to inspire a sense of confidence in people by teaching them a few basic things about the Bible that they can use to guide them as they continue to learn more. The key is finding a way to help people feel that they're not completely "at sea" when it comes to what is where in the Bible. He proceeds as follows.

Remember these 5 numbers: 5; 12;

divide that by 2, that makes 6; divide by 2 again, that makes 3; keep the three and put a one in front of it, that makes 13. So we have 5, 12, 6, 3, and 13. Repeat after me: 5, 12, 6, 3, 13.

The Bible begins with 5 books about the beginnings: creation and the



## July-August

formation of the Israelites as a people. These 5 books are called the Pentateuch or Torah, which means law, because they contain Jewish law. Then 12: 12 books of history. Next 6: 6 books of poetry and wisdom. Then 3: the 3 major prophets; and finally 13: the 13 minor prophets.

That's the Old Testament!

The New Testament is 4, 1, 21, 1. The 4 Gospels. Then 1 book of Acts. Then come 21 letters, written to provide advice about how to keep churches from fighting among them-

selves. People may not be very familiar with the Bible, but they may well know about church squabbles! Finally, the Book of Revelation, all by itself.

That's the Bible. And in certain versions, there is a one-page introduction preceding each book of the Bible, which are easily located in the table of contents.

I think that this is a neat way to share some basic information about the Bible. And the need to do so is real.

Congratulations! You're now a graduate of Bible 101!

Blessings,

Dave

## Adult Social

The Progressive Cookout schedule is as follows:

- Meet at the home of Jeff and Donna Reed, 134 Coover Road, for appetizers from 5:15 to 5:50 p.m. on Saturday, July 29th.
- The main course will be served at the home of John and Kathy Maher, 483 Federal Circle, from 6:00 to about 6:50.
- We will finish with dessert at the home of Jarrod and Nichelle Trigg, 171 Curly Smart Circle, from 7:00 to whenever they kick us out.

Please contact Donna Reed if you are planning to attend as we are asking you to bring something for one of the stops. We welcome those who might be able to attend only one part of the evening as well. Contact any

of the hosts for directions. Looking forward to an enjoyable evening of food and fellowship.

– Donna Reed

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**ABY News**

The Pool Party is on! The Jr. High and Sr. High ABY groups will have a pool party at the home of Marci Sander's grandmother in Upper Arlington on Sunday, July 30th following church services We will leave from the church so bring your swim gear. Lunch will be provided at the party (we will order pizzas, etc.). We are tentatively planning to stay until about 3:00 or 4:00. Please contact me for a permission slip and further details.

– Donna Reed

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**Church World Service**

Our gift of \$225 to Church World Service helped to provide warm blankets to people around the world in need of comfort and shelter.

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**Thank You**

A private Memorial Service for Bruce Lee was held Saturday, June 24, We met at the church where Rev. Kim Ball conducted our service and then concluded the Internment at Oak Grove Cemetery. My family thanks all of you who provided and served a delicious lunch to us following the services. It was so good to be together as a family in the church at this difficult time. You have helped greatly and we appreciate your concern.

–Evelyn Lee

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I want to thank you for the cards and calls and good wishes and prayers you sent my way in the last two weeks while I was having tests at Mt.

**Summer Newsletter  
Schedule**

This is the **July/August** issue. The next newsletter will be the **September** issue, which will be released in late August (date to be announced) so we can give advanced notice of September events.

**Calendars**

Please note that the August calendar is printed on the reverse side of the July calendar.

Carmel and afterwards recuperating at home.

Special thanks to Evelyn Lee for presiding at Young at Heart, making my Deacons calls for me and helping me my first day home. And to Pam and Erin and Larry Faulk for getting me there and back and watching over me. I am fine now.

–Jean Wickum

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I want to thank everyone for the incredible baby shower! It means so much to me that you would plan such a special day for us. I know it wasn't planned intentionally for after the baby was born, but having Anna Kaily there made it even more special. You were sharing gifts with us, and we were able to share Kaily with you.

A special "thank you" goes to Jean Wickum and "Aunt" Jenny for organizing the event. Thank you all again for everything. It will be a day we will always remember.

–Janet, Amy, and Anna Kaily

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My mother, Joan Askins, passed away on May 19. I would like to thank the church for the cards and

prayers during my mother's illness this past year. You will never know how much y our caring meant to me. You will be happy to rejoice with me that just before her death she was baptized by the hospital chaplain. I would appreciate your continued prayers for my four brothers, Britt, Kim, Neal and Jeff, as they still do not know the Lord. A very special *thank you* to Carol Grubbs and her family as she opened her home to me this past year while I was taking care of the doctor appointments and business.

Sincerely and in Christ Love,

–Colleen Whitacre

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People in Need (PIN) has just completed our 11th annual food and taxable CANpaign. We sincerely appreciate your donation.

–Lula Mae Downerd,  
Food Pantry Coordinator

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**Trustee's Notes**

• On June 3rd, Elizabeth Spears and Robert Lawrentz were married at First Baptist. Pastor Joe Borghese from Shepherds Voice church in Powell officiated. Mary Lou Lovell was organist and Velma Stiverson from Sunbury Baptist was soloist. Peter White served as building host.

• On Saturday, June 17, Franklin Art Glass repaired the large piece of broken plate glass over the big front window. The one piece of yellow stained glass that was cracked was determined to be tightly in place and since it was well above eye level it was left alone. The cost was \$392.22.

– Peter White, chairman

## Tools of Hope Sunday

Our total gift to the Tools of Hope program is \$220. Thank you for remembering and honoring these special men on this day. This is a gift to many less fortunate than us.

### MEMORIALS

Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk — Ralph Cole, Don Faulk, Jesse Rose, and Wilbur Wickum

Betty J. Porter — her father, Ralph E. Guy

Betty J. Porter — her grandfather, Samuel Berger

Barb Reed — her husband, Jim Reed

Sophia Stephenson — Rev. J. B. Stephenson

Archie Trigg — Archie L. Trigg

Beth Trigg — Ben Turney

Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer — Uncle Joseph

Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer — Jim's father, Elmer Van Brimmer

Harold Von Broekhoven — Harold and Loraine Von Broekhoven

Linda White — Charles Seckman

Jean Wickum — Wilbur Wickum

### IN HONOR

Dave Ball — John Ball I

Kim Keethler Ball — William Keethler

Pam and Erin Faulk — Larry Faulk, Jeff Faulk

Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk — Keith Andersson, Steve Mustard, Ron Rose, Paul Stewart

Evelyn Lee — Doug and Rick Lee

Phil and Melissa Mercer — Joe Mowery and Randy Turner

Allison Mowery — Joe Mowery, John Linn

Shirley Parker — Jim Van Brimmer

Beth Trigg — Archie J. Trigg

Jarrold and Nichelle Trigg — Grandpa Ivan Hedges

Jennifer, Calvin, Ben, and Claire Turner — Dad and Husband Randy

Randy and Jennifer Turner — Jimmie R. Moore

Barbara Van Brimmer — Paul Steinbrecher

Rick Van Brimmer — Jim Van Brimmer

Linda White — Michael Seckman

Jean Wickum — Larry Faulk

Yant family — William Yant and Thomas Ritter

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- July 3 Phil Mercer  
 4 Denver and Dorothy McGhee  
 5 Victor & Deborah Fogle  
 13 Sue Elfner  
 17 Nichelle Trigg  
 18 Peter & Linda White  
 19 Jarrod Trigg  
 20 Alex Bennett  
 22 Kathryn Mills  
 23 Alison Mowery  
 John & Kathy Maher  
 26 Jeff Faulk  
 28 Regan Ann Riedmiller  
 30 Bernice Turney  
 Aug. 3 Carolyn Schneeberger  
 7 Jennifer Linn  
 8 Mary Gillette  
 Jim Van Brimmer  
 Jean Syler  
 9 Steve Stoner  
 14 Rick & Barbara Van Brimmer  
 17 George & Cris Riedmiller  
 18 Pam & Larry Faulk  
 19 Tom & Shannon Weakland  
 21 Jim Stephenson  
 24 Florence Faulk  
 Lynn & Sue Elfner  
 25 Betty Davis  
 26 Kirby & Tammy Francis  
 27 Linda White  
 Christina Hopkins  
 29 Lynn Elfner  
 30 Fred & Carol Grubbs  
 Katie Riedmiller  
 Archie Trigg

## Home Again

*This was written about Norfolk, England, "The Fens", where windmills are prevalent. It's in memory of my mom, my confident, my partner in the love of Britain, and my dear friend.*

— Beth Trigg

I stroll along the platform  
 As the train moves out of sight,  
 And breathe the summer's  
 essence

Of the evening's golden light,  
 While the windmill's sails keep  
 Turning far away—turning  
 And I am coming home again,  
 Home again to stay.

The cottage gardens beckon  
 And the children shout and  
 cheer,

The old folk wave a greeting  
 As I brush away a tear,  
 And the windmill sails keep  
 turning,

Turning on their way—  
 And I am nearing home again  
 Home at last to stay.

—Elizabeth Gozney

## Personals

- On June 1, **PAM FAULK** officially retired after 30 years of teaching middle school language arts.
- **THE LOVELLS** went to New York to visit relatives
- **DONNA REED**, along with her mother and sister, visited relatives in England. She flew over and then returned on the Queen Elizabeth II ocean liner.
- **RICK AND BARB VAN BRIMMER** visited Vancouver.
- **JEAN OSBORNE's** aunt Alice is recovering at Jean's home after her heart bypass surgery.

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## **Andrews House**

- Plans are underway for the annual Christmas Bazaar, which is held each December. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Lois Maxwell at 369-4183 for information.

- Andrews House rents available space for meetings, banquets, showers, receptions, etc. Contact Jill at 369-4520 for more information.

- Volunteers are needed to work in the computer lab. Call the office at 369-4520 for details.



# JULY 2000

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First Baptist Church  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:50 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship	3 7:00 Boy Scouts	4 <b>Independence Day</b>	5	6 10:00 Sewing	7	8
9 8:50 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship	10 7:00 Boy Scouts; Delaware Piecemakers	11	12	13 12:00 Young at Heart	14 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	15 8:30 Mens Breakfast
16 8:50 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship	17 7:00 Boy Scouts	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:00 Joint Service at First Baptist with Zion, with Zion's Pastor, the Rev. Bertie Dell, Preaching	24 7:00 Boy Scouts	25	26 6:30 Covered Dish Dinner, Followed by Business Meeting	27	28	29 5:15 Adult Social (Progressive Cookout)
30 10:00 Joint Service with Communion at Zion with the Rev. David Ball Preaching 12:00 ABY Pool Party	31 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>August 1</b> <b>August calendar printed on other side.</b>	2 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	3 10:00 Sewing	4	5

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# AUGUST 2000

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First Baptist Church  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00 Choir	3 10:00 Sewing	4	5
6 10:00 Morning Worship	7	8 7:00 Deacons	9	10 12:00 Young at Heart	11 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	12
13 10:00 Morning Worship	14	15	16	17	18	19 8:30 Mens Breakfast
20 10:00 Morning Worship <i>The fall schedule will begin on a date to be announced.</i> <i>The deadline for the Sept. newsletter will be on a date to be announced.</i>	21	22	23	24 7:00 Parish Council	25	26
27 10:00 Morning Worship <i>The fall schedule will begin on a date to be announced.</i> <i>The deadline for the Sept. newsletter will be on a date to be announced.</i>	28	29	30 7:00 Choir	31	September 1	2

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# Good News Letter

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## Notes from the Board of Deacons

David Ball was returned to his position at Denison University after his stint as our interim pastor. He goes with our heartfelt thanks for his service to us.

David fitted so well with us that it was seldom that we referred to him as the Rev. Dr. David T. Ball, but felt free to call him Dave, or say "little John's patient dad."

His special expertise came at a time when we really needed it, for he is not only a minister, but also a lawyer, and advised us on various issues, including an inheritance the church may receive and questions concerning our church constitution.

We are still searching for another interim pastor, and have interviewed one person for the ministers-at-large program. We should know in a couple of weeks whether he will accept our invitation to come to us, and should have him in place by late September.

Have patience with the procedure, and please pray for the church, the deacons, and the search committee.

— *Jean Wickum*  
*Chair, Board of Deacons*

## Rally Day 2000

Rally Day will be next Sunday, September 3. Festivities will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a covered dish breakfast downstairs in the Fellowship Hall followed by the Opening

Assembly at 9:15 upstairs in the Assembly Room. Sunday School classes will begin at 9:30.

We have a terrific line up of teachers this year:

### Nursery:

Teachers - Sue Elfner and Pam Faulk  
Substitutes - Sue Elfner and Pam Faulk

### Kindergarten/First Grade:

Teacher - Barb Reed  
Substitute - Melissa Mercer



### Primary/Middler:

Teacher - Scott Yant  
Substitute - Evelyn Lee

### Junior High:

Teacher Linda White  
Substitute - Jennifer Turner

### Senior High:

Larry Faulk  
Substitute - Nichelle Trigg

### Adult:

Teacher - Randy Turner  
Substitute - Jim Van Brimmer

Our teachers are looking forward to seeing YOU in their classes! Consider bringing a friend to help us begin the year with an energetic spirit.

See you there!

— *Your friends on the Board of Christian Education*

## Search Committee Update

The Search Committee has been meeting regularly over the summer, reviewing pastor profiles and narrowing down the field. We started with profiles on more than 40 candidates (supplied by ABC), and from that pile came up with 14 we felt best matched the needs of our church.

After contacting each of those 14 and talking with them directly, we now have a group of five who are interested in moving to the next step with us (and potentially a sixth who has expressed an interest, but whose profile was not included in the first batch).

We are now updating and editing a church profile to share with these candidates. Our job was made easier by the previous search committee, which did such a great job in putting together materials to showcase our church and congregation. The profile contains a brief history of First Baptist; photos of our physical plant and parsonage; budget; our programs and activities; a summary of our beliefs, wants and needs; and information on the Delaware community.

Once those profiles have been mailed, we will begin setting up interviews and visits, which may take

several weeks. We also are planning to attend the ABC "Face to Face" meeting in Danville, Illinois in November to identify any other candidates. This gives churches a chance to meet a large number of potential pastors over a couple of days time. We were unable to attend another Face to Face event held earlier this year.

We appreciate the comments and suggestions we have received along the way, and take seriously the input we have received from the congregational surveys, as well as individuals who have contacted us directly. We ask for your continued prayers as we go about this difficult task, and will keep you updated on our progress.

— Rick Van Brimmer,  
Search Committee Co-Chair

## Junior Church to Resume

As September arrives and we return to our regular Sunday School and Worship schedule, so, too will our Junior Church program for our younger church family. I'm very grateful that our church has the interest and willingness to support this ministry for our children. We have very dedicated people that really make this a significant part of our children's religious growth. I hope that you all will consider your role in our children's life and the impact that you could have.

I'll be gladly accepting/scheduling volunteers in the next week or two for the fall quarter. Won't you consider giving just two Sundays to spend with the youngsters? The Board of Christian Ed. has some exciting new materials that are available to use for Junior Church. They have many creative ideas to utilize and make planning very easy.

If you are interested in using these, please see Sue Elfner or myself.

Thank you,

— Melissa Mercer  
Children's Ministries  
Coordinator

## One Great Hour of Sharing

Our special offering total was \$361.00! Our goal was \$350, so another big congratulations to all who contributed. Thank you First Baptist!

The next special offering will be held in October and it will be the World Mission Offering. 100% of this offering goes to support the efforts of our overseas missionaries. Our goal is \$300 so please begin to pray and plan for your gift now.

In His service,

— Randy Turner,  
Board of Christian Education

## Marion Associate Fall Rally

The Marion Association Fall Rally will take place on Sunday, Sept. 24, from 4:00 to 7:00 at the Springdale Baptist Church. (Springdale is located between Delaware and Marysville.) A special attraction will be Beverly Adair, a Native American and graduate of Bacone College, who will be there representing Bacone. She will share Christ with word and song.

Dinner will be at 5:00, and will cost \$3 for adults. A nursery will be provided. Young people will meet at the New Dover Township House.

## ABWM Plans

The officers of ABWM have planned some wonderful gatherings for the 2000-2001 year.

Our first meeting is Thursday, September 21, 6:30 at Bun's Restaurant for dinner and an introduction to our coming events and State Project.

The next gathering of the whole Marion Association is October 26, 10 a.m. at Grand Prairie beginning with brunch.

We encourage all women connected to First Baptist Church to attend our gatherings, and if you cannot, consider supporting our mission efforts with a financial gift. Groups all across Ohio have larger commitments this year so we appreciate your support!

I'm happy to enjoy the company of both the Delaware First and the Wyandot women's groups.

Blessings on you all,

— Karen Stoner

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## ABWM Officers for 2000-2001

President — Jeanne Ekelberry  
Secretary — Sophia Stephenson  
Treasurer — Evelyn Lee  
Personal Development — Donna Reed  
Church and Community — Betty Porter  
Missions and Service — Bertha Van Brimmer  
Special Interest Missionaries — Karen Stoner

We hope you will plan to join us for our meetings and will also support us during the coming year as we gather supplies for missions and, of course, money for supplies and postage! (Don't forget your love gift!)

— Jeanne Ekelberry

## Delaware Piecemakers

Delaware Piecemakers Quilt Guild will have a Quilt Show on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm here at First Baptist. Do you have a quilt or wall hanging we could display? Please call me for more information. Proceeds from the show will go to Hospice and Delaware City Women's Club Roof Replacement Fund.

— Jeanne Ekelberry

## Trustees Notes

- Further damage from the power surge caused by the lightning strike back in May was discovered during the summer when it was found that it got into the electrical system for the furnaces that heat the assembly room and old basement. The thermostats in both rooms were ruined. The printed wiring board and the electronic ignition on the furnace was destroyed. The furnace was returned to a regular gas valve and pilot light operation. The total cost by Don Patrick was \$322.29.
- The trustees had a brush-cutting party and removed the old bush between the church and the old parsonage that had several trees growing up in it.
- On August 3, the state inspector came and went over the elevator with a fine-tooth comb. We were cited on four design defects. Two corrections are minor; two others are larger. A copy of the state work order was faxed to the Gable Elevator Company the same day. We were given a 30-day limit. The cost of modifications which are not covered is unknown at this time. The state inspection cost \$82.35!
- Plumber Don Patrick has worked hard during three visits to solve the problem of the kitchen floor drain backing up on the floor when the sink is emptied. A design defect when the building was built prevents a snake from entering the floor drain, which is too small. It was decided to enter through the drain under the sink, which promptly disintegrated along with the trap, and had to be replaced. At this time it is running well enough to be serviceable. If possible, we want to avoid digging up the floor and the asbestos tiles. The cost for Don Patrick's work was \$48.95.
- The White's donated a used carpet for under the tables in the Senior High, old basement and scout room.

- Cynthia Bland donated her washer and dryer and several other items for the parsonage. These appliances will be a great asset for the parsonage to have. We will miss Cynthia as she moves to Boston on August 22nd.
- I want to thank interim pastors David and Kim Ball for the nice job cleaning out the parsonage when they moved out. They are a class act and we were fortunate to have them.

— Peter White,  
Chairman, Trustees

## Greetings

A note from Jack and Marilyn Smith states they miss us all immensely. They are attending the First Baptist Church in Salem, which has an interim pastor. They are enjoying the picture of the church we presented them and send their greetings to all.

## Family Retreat

Our 28th annual family retreat at Judson Hills is now history. Those able to attend came away reflecting on our our lives, the life of First Baptist Church of Delaware, and looking to our future. Rev. James S. Miner II, minister for Adult Education at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Bexley, led us in "Our Church in Transition." We thought about our positions on issues the church faces today, reflected on our individual Life Path, charted the First Baptist Church's Life Path, and explored bringing them together through a Bible study of "The Sending of the Twelve."

*Praise be to God!*

You are cordially invited to attend  
**A Service of Ordination**  
for  
**Kim Louise Keether Ball**

Sunday, September 10  
3:00 p.m.  
at  
First Baptist Church  
115 West Broadway  
Granville, Ohio

For directions or assistance  
with accommodations, please  
call the church office:  
(740) 587-0336

Refreshments to follow

Rev. Solomon Ernst and his wife, Dora, cared for our youth and young children during our sessions. Solomon and his children have worshiped with us several mornings and we enjoyed having his family with us.

Jim Miner writes to us that the folk of First Baptist Church could not have been more gracious and welcoming; Judson Hills is a wonderful setting; and that it is always a gift to him to reflect on scripture and on our lives together in the Church.

John Maher came through "dramatically" as master of ceremonies at our enjoyable skit night. Our talents go on and on from little Jane Mercer to Jean Wickum.

Jim Van Brimmer ended our time together as the staff joined us in our inspirational communion service.

Perfect weather, friends of all ages sharing the beauty of Judson Hills, a provocative study, and safe travel.

Truly a *church family retreat* and we missed those of you who could not attend. Our thanks to some families for their over-and-above gifts to help with expenses not covered by our charges.

– Evelyn Lee  
*Retreat Committee Member*

## ABY News

As of August 1, I will be taking over our Senior High and Junior High youth groups for Donna Reed.

Marci Sanders invited our youth group to her grandmother's home for a fantastic pool party. A BIG thanks to Marci and her grandmother, BB, for sharing their afternoon with our kids!

Our first meeting for the new ABY year will be Sunday, September 10 at my home from 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm. We will have devotions, snacks, talk about the upcoming trip to Magic Mountain Fun Center and discuss fundraisers. If you need directions or a ride to the meeting, please give me a call at 362-3237.

Hope to see you there!

– Nichelle Trigg

## “Centering Prayer”

Fr. Thomas Van Brunt of St. Peter's Episcopal Church will be leading sessions of “centering prayer” at 5:10 pm every Wednesday evening in OWU's Peale Chapel starting on August 30. Centering prayer is described as an ancient form of silent prayer that leads to intimacy with God and to relating spirituality with life.

For more information, phone 369-3175 or 368-3083, or send an e-mail to [stpeters@midohio.net](mailto:stpeters@midohio.net).

## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School was a big success, with an average of 56 students attending daily. We collected over \$260 for our chosen mission, the Heifer Project.

Here is the breakdown of children representing each church— 33 from First Presbyterian, 8 from St. Peter's Episcopalian, 6 from First Baptist, 5 from Zion UCC, 1 from Grace Brethren, and 5 from other churches.

– Jill Hoovler and Diane Welker

## Thank You

My deepest appreciation for every expression of prayer and concern for me during this period of my most serious illness—open heart surgery resulting in a three-way bypass.

I've always felt that I was quite healthy; never dreaming how close to the end I could be.

Many friends have called on the phone not once, but repeatedly, to inquire about my progress. And many have sent thoughtful cards and greetings with their prayers.

Our God is the mighty miracle-working God and wonderfully answered our prayers.

I praise and worship him. “How kind He is! How good He is! So merciful, this God of ours!” Psalms 116:5 (TLB)

God bless you each one. Thank you all.

Sincerely,

– Alice Osborne  
*Jean Osborne's Auntie*

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Your congregation's thoughtful gift of \$100 to the 1999-00 Annual Fund of Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Crozer Theological Seminary is appreciated very much. This gift represents their support of theological education. Annual Fund gifts allow us to continue training men and women for ministry by helping

## Corrections

In the previous newsletter, the Tools of Hope article should have included the following:

Evelyn Lee, in memory of Dick and Bruce Lee

Phil and Melissa Mercer, in honor of Sean Mercer and Randy Turner

to provide better student services, financial aid support, and general upkeep of the facilities.

On behalf of Colgate Rochester/Crozer, I wish to say thank you for your generous support. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,

–Brenda P. Williams  
*Director of Development*

## Nursery Volunteers Needed

Many thanks to those who volunteered their time this summer to help in the nursery. Our little ones may be few in numbers, but they are “strong and mighty”! They really enjoyed finding out who was helping on a particular Sunday. They have enjoyed the variety of folks that have graciously given their time to be with them.

What folks may not think about, but is very important for little ones, is their ability to be around different people. For them to stay with someone other than mom or dad is a big step in their very short life! Once again, you all have a very important role in the lives of our children, from the very young to the not-so-young (but still young)!

I'll be asking for volunteers soon. If you know of a time that you can help, please let me know and I'll get you on the schedule.

Thank you,

– Melissa Mercer

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## Rev. Carrie Bell Brown

Rev. Carrie Bell Brown, Executive Director of the Dayton Christian Center for 17 years, died of lung cancer on Sunday, July 30. A memorial service was held on Aug. 19 at Dayton First Baptist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dayton Christian Center or to Hospice of Dayton.

Carrie Bell led our worship last fall and many of us enjoyed sharing lunch with her. The paths of ABWM women have crossed with Carrie Bell's over her years at the Christian Center. She will be missed by our congregation and we give thanks for her life of service to others.

– Evelyn Lee

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## Jami Wilson Memorial

Thank you to everyone who prayed for Jami and her family through these difficult times. Jami died at 5am on Wednesday, August 2, 2000 at James Cancer Center. There was a very nice article and obituary in the Delaware Gazette.

Contributions may be made to the Jami G. Wilson Scholarship Fund c/o Tony Heald at 125 N. Sandusky St., Delaware.

– Randy Turner

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## Andrews House

**Second Friday Community Meal** – The next two Second Friday meals will be on September 8 and October 13. October will mark the fourth anniversary of Second Fridays at Andrews House!

**Ohio Reads Program** – This computer-based program to help kids with their reading skills will continue through the school year if there are enough volunteers. Call Jill Lee at 369-4183 to volunteer or learn more about the program.

**Christmas Bazaar** – Contact Lois

Maxwell at 369-4183 for information on how you can help in the preparations for the annual bazaar, which will take place on December 1 and 2.

**Free Computer Classes** – Over 50 people have taken advantage of the *Introduction to Computers* and *Introduction to the Internet* classes. Classes are free and are offered mornings, afternoons, and evenings. To register for a class or to volunteer, call Jill Lee at 369-4520.

**Annual Fund-Raising Campaign** – The annual campaign is continuing. If you wish to make a donation and have not received a pledge card, please contact Andrews House.

**“Let’s Talk” Candidate’s Nights** – Andrews House will be working with the League of Women Voters to host two candidate nights in October. Let your representative know if you have suggestions for topics.

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## Firearms Registration and Licensing Information

The Million Mom March group from central Ohio is continuing its efforts to educate the public about the necessity for gun registration and licensing. The group will have a booth in the Delaware County Fair the third week in September. The booth will cost \$375. The First Presbyterian Church Mission Committee has donated \$100 to this cause. Other churches are being solicited for donations. Willing workers in the booth are also needed. If you can contribute time at the fair, or money to help stop the violence (12 children in the U.S. are killed each day by guns!), please call Bette Meyer at 369-3056. Thanks!

– Jim Van Brimmer

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## Personals

• **JEAN OSBORNE** and her Aunt Alice vacationed in Maine and were joined for two weeks by her sons Greg, from Michigan, and Gary, from Anchorage, Alaska, and their families.

• **DAVE AND MARY LOU LOVELL** flew to Okinawa for a three-week vacation with Vic and Debbie Fogle.

• **BETTY PORTER** was in California for a week visiting Ed and Jennifer Linn.

• **JEAN SYLER**'s beautiful flower garden was one of the stops on the garden tour.



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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Aug. 24 Florence Faulk  
Lynn & Sue Elfner  
25 Betty Davis  
26 Kirby & Tammy Francis  
27 Linda White  
Christina Hopkins  
29 Lynn Elfner  
30 Fred & Carol Grubbs  
Katie Riedmiller  
Archie Trigg
- Sept. 8 Tammy Francis  
10 Katherine Griffith  
11 Barbara Reed  
14 Marci Sander  
Richard Davis  
15 Janet Porter  
Jim & Bertha Van Brimmer  
18 Melissa Mercer  
26 Michael & Tammy Grubbs  
Phil & Melissa Mercer  
30 Mary Lou Lovell
- Oct. 3 Janet Lathrop  
Jarrod and Nichelle Trigg  
5 Laura Beth Mowery

# SEPTEMBER 2000

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>Rally Day</b> 3 8:30 Covered-Dish Breakfast 9:15 Opening Assembly 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship, Deacon Jean Wickum Preaching 12:00 Search Committee	<b>Labor Day</b> 4 	5 7:00 Deacons	6 7:00 Choir	7 10:00 Sewing	8 6:30 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	9
9:15 Opening Assembly 10 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 Ordination Service for Kim Keethler Ball at First Baptist, Granville 6:45 ABY at Nichelle Trigg's Home	11 7:00 Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	12	13 7:00 Choir	14 12:00 Young at Heart	15	16 8:30 Men's Breakfast
9:15 Opening Assembly 17 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	18 7:00 Boy Scouts	19	20 7:00 Choir	21 6:30 ABWM at Bun's Restaurant	<b>First Day of Autumn</b> 22 	23
9:15 Opening Assembly 24 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 4:00 Marion Assoc. Fall Rally at Springdale Baptist Church  <i>Deadline to submit newsletter articles.</i>	25 7:00 Boy Scouts	26	27 7:00 Choir	28 7:00 Parish Council	29	30



# Good News Letter

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## Report from the Deacons

The Board of Deacons has interviewed one candidate for interim minister, who decided against coming here, and is awaiting word from one other person from the east. We hope that this will be a match for us, for we know that we all wish for someone to be pastor while we await a permanent choice.

Meantime, we have had some happy pulpit supply choices—our own Harold Van Broekhoven, then Solomon Ernst, someone we've come to know this summer and enjoy very much. Then we served as "neutral ground" for Kenton First Baptist Church while they heard Rev. Craig Mansfield, a candidate for the post in Kenton. We welcomed their search committee on September 24, along with Rev. Mansfield and his wife Portia and tiny Aurora, their youngest daughter.

The first Sunday in October we will welcome Rev. Rachel Lee, outgoing interim area minister for northwestern Ohio. Rev. Lee has been of great help, along with her husband Rev. Alvin Lee, to our search committee.

Pray for the deacons, as they strive to keep things as normal as possible.

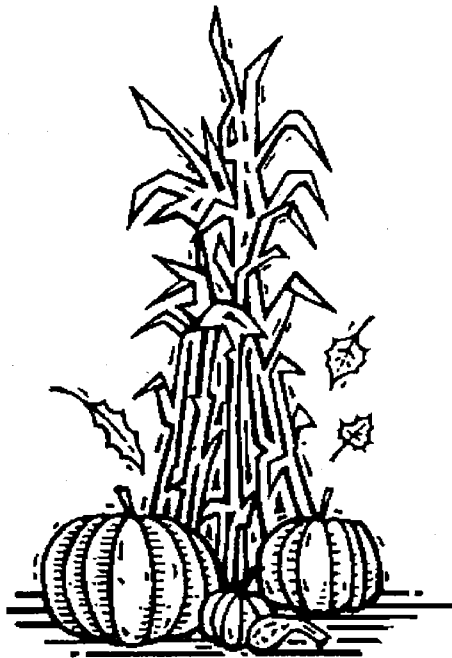
—Jean Wickum, Chair  
Board of Deacons

## Christian Education Sunday

This year we will be observing Christian Education Sunday in

October (on a date to be announced). The theme is "Singing a New Song," and a beautiful litany will be included in the service.

Every fall is a new beginning for us and our children. Last spring during



## October

Promotion Sunday when we called the classes up to the front of the sanctuary for recognition, there were more teachers present than students (except for the adults). Please help us have a different ending this spring!

Also, during Education Sunday I'd like to give a short summary of John H. Westerhoff's *Will Our Children Have Faith?* It seems to fit the theme for this year's education observation, "Singing a New Song."

—Sue Elfner

## World Mission Offering

"May God's glory fill the whole earth" —Psalm 72:19

The phrase Go Global means many things to many people. It could be the slogan for an international travel agency or the marketing plan for a multinational corporation.

But within the context of our faith and heritage, Go Global takes on a much richer meaning. The phrase points us to the Biblical call to share Christ's love with all the world, that God's glory may fill the whole earth.

This month our church will Go Global as we receive the World Mission Offering. Your gifts to this offering help advance God's global mission to, from and within all six continents! Your gifts support the ministries of:

- Evangelism and discipleship, including plans to establish new mission work in 10 countries that have not been historically served by American Baptists.
- Christ-like mission, serving "the whole person" through such ministries as health care, education, community development and agriculture.
- Equipping leaders, that the young and rapidly growing global church will be served by strong, mature and gifted pastors and laypersons.
- Urban mission, building on International Ministries' strong presence in rural areas to reach the worlds' largest and most strategic cities for Jesus Christ.

In the weeks ahead you will hear more about what YOU can accomplish by giving to the World Mission Offering. Our church goal is \$300. Please prayerfully consider your gift and give generously! We will be collecting the offering the entire month of October and our designated World Mission Offering Sunday will be October 15, 2000. Thanks for all your help and support!

Yours in Christ,  
- Randy Turner  
Board of Christian Education

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**ABY News**

ABY held their first meeting on Sunday, September 10. We discussed the upcoming CROP WALK, fund raisers, community service and our trip to Magic Mountain Fun Center.

Our youth have signed up to work at the Christmas Food Drive sponsored by P.I.N., on Saturday, December 2. They will also be serving meals on January 12 at Andrew's House during the Second Friday Dinner.

Jarrold and I will be taking them to Magic Mountain on Polaris Parkway on Saturday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of laser tag, miniature golf, go-karts and video games!

The kids are selling 2001 CALENDARS for \$6 each. A sample calendar and signup sheet are on the bulletin board. They will be taking orders up to Sunday, October 15. Money will not be collected until delivery. Please take a look; they're quite beautiful.

Thanks,  
- Nichelle Trigg

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**ABW News**

American Baptist Women will meet on October 12 at the church; Harold Rittenhouse will be our speaker. He will tell us of his recent trip out west and he is preparing a trip to Haiti later in the month. This is an open

meeting and we invite everyone interested to attend. We are asking for donations of red KoolAid (unsweetened) and small hair barretts for Mr. Rittenhouse's next trip.

- Jeanne Ekelberry

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The Marion Association of ABW Ministries will hold their Fall Rally on October 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Grand Prairie Baptist Church. Merry Ann Sauls and Charlotte Woodson will present the program. Nursery is available. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

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**Crop Walk 2000**

The 10k Crop Walk will begin at the Hamilton-Williams Center on Sunday, October 8. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m., with the walk starting around 2:00 p.m. There will be three local rest stops including the Grace United Methodist Church, P.I.N., and Sanborn Hall. Strollers, wagons and wheelchairs are permitted.

If you would like to participate in the walk, please see Nichelle or Jarrod Trigg. If you don't plan on walking, please sponsor someone from our church.

Last year, 250 walkers participated, raising \$10,000 in Delaware alone. 25% of the money raised will stay directly in Delaware to help P.I.N. and others.

Thank you,  
- Nichelle and Jarrod Trigg

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**Quilt Show**

Don't forget the quilt show on October 14th in the fellowship hall!! Proceeds benefit Hospice and roof repair of the Women's City Club.

- Jeanne Ekelberry

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**Baby Shower**

On Saturday, October 7 at 2:00, we will be hosting a baby shower at the church for Liz Hopkins and her son, Jimmy (age five months). If you would like to assist in any way, please contact one of us.

Hope to see you all!  
-Beth Trigg and Melissa Neill

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**Thank You**

A sincere thanks to the church for all that was done for the Linn family at the time of mom's death. The cards, bereavement meal, eulogies, and prayers were so appreciated and comforting. What a tribute to the person she was!

I know we all miss mom's hugs and encouragement, but her presence is still here. She would want us all to laugh, enjoying life to its fullest, in appreciation of one another.

In gratitude and affection,  
-Alison Mowery and Family

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Thanks to all who have provided meals for the Griffiths these past weeks. We will continue to do this twice a week until the need changes. Please contact Evelyn Lee at 362-9107 if you would like to take a turn. We are thankful for the good days Teresa has been having and pray her next tests will have good results. She would welcome your phone calls.

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Thank you to all at First Baptist for your prayers and concern following the death of Ida Morby on September 7th. Thanks to all who expressed sympathy by sending cards and flowers. It meant a lot to all of our family.

A special thanks to Betty Porter for playing the organ and accompanying the Turner-Mercer quartet with little notice.

Ida was a stepmother, mother-in-law, and grandmother to our family.

She enjoyed gardening and always included corn toasties in birthday boxes.

We will miss her.

—*Mary Lou, Dave, Matthew, and Barbara Lovell, and Deb and Vic Fogle*

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Bertha and I want to take this opportunity to thank our church family for the many cards, and kind expressions of congratulations we received upon the occasion of our fiftieth wedding anniversary.

We have been blessed beyond measure, and we deeply appreciate your remembering us in this way.

Bless you all,

—*Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer*

## Andrews House

The Andrews House Partner Churches is exploring ways in which a Parish Nursing program might be initiated in our community. This is a nationally recognized and supported endeavor through which registered nurses are able to provide needed services to members of churches involved in the program.

Nurses may be employed by churches, or an agency like Andrews House, or their services may be voluntary, coordinated by a similar agency.

Nurses do not provide direct health services such as disease treatment, injections, and so forth. Rather they are involved in activities that supplement or initiated needed direct health care.

Among these activities are:

- Advocacy—helping people find help
- Diabetic instruction and education
- Counseling and referral
- Intervention—investigation of problems
- Explanations to clarify doctors' instructions

## Reflections from 2000 Leadership Conference

A number of excellent sessions were available for us who attended "Ministry for the Millennium" last spring. We received handouts that I believe are especially appropriate for us at this important time in our church's life.

The following is taken from Dr. Roger S. Alber's session entitled, "Discovering God's Design for Life." Please take it to heart and take time to evaluate our church in terms of either the stated Mission Mindset or Institutional Mindset. Which mindset promotes church growth?

— *Sue Elfner*

### Transitioning our Church to a Mission Center

#### Mission Mindset

1. Unlimited power and strives to give it away
2. Needs of the people over the organization
3. Pastor is public leader to help train and equip all
4. Loves ministry; gets people involved
5. Focus is on the future
6. Attitude of abundance: What can I gain?
7. Appreciates change
8. Will risk
9. Task force organization
10. Emphasis of team work
11. Imagination, creation, and innovation
12. Networking together
13. Lives to thrive
14. Utilize tradition as a rudder
15. Best is yet to come
16. Extroverts who talk to others
17. Organizes around relationships
18. Flexibility is everything
19. Main question: Why not?
20. Commitment is the issue
21. Unchurched people are the priority
22. Think win/win
23. Think globally—Local and Global

#### Institutional Mindset

1. Keep the power in a central source.
2. Needs of the organization over needs of the individual
3. Pastor is private family chaplain
4. Loves meetings
5. Focus is on the past
6. Attitude of scarcity
7. Wants status quo
8. Safety and security
9. Committee organization
10. Rugged individualism thrives
11. Tried and true are embraced
12. Self-serving
13. Lives to survive
14. Tradition is the anchor
15. Best days were yesterday
16. Build introverts who think of themselves
17. Organizes around issues
18. Rigid
19. Main question: Why?
20. Convenience is the issue
21. Church people are the priority
22. Win/lose thinking
23. Think totally locally or globally

- Questions answering
- Related spiritual and medical healing (holistic treatment)

There is general agreement among the partner churches that Parish Nursing would provide a needed service to our members. I believe our church should lend its enthusiastic support to the development of such a program.

— *Jim Van Brimmer*

p.s. Old Stone Church (Route 37 and Hodges Road) has joined the Partnership. There are now 16 member churches.

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*Other Andrews House News:*

**Second Friday Meal**—The next Second Friday Community Meal will be held on Friday, October 13.

• **Ohio Reads Program**—The Ohio Reads Program will continue throughout the school year if there are sufficient volunteers to help tutor. It will take on a different format, in which the computer is not the primary teaching tool. Call Jill Lee at 369-4520 to volunteer or for more information.

• **Christmas Bazaar**—Preparations continue for the annual bazaar, which will take place on December 1 and 2.

Call Lois Maxwell at 369-4183 for more information.

• **Meeting Rooms**—Andrews House rents available space for meetings, receptions, wedding and baby showers, parties, etc. Call Jill Lee at 369-4520 for information.

• **Computer Learning Center**—FREE classes are continuing with morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. Call Jill Lee at 369-4520 to register or volunteer. (In January, Andrews House will be receiving money for new computers, printers, and additional software, thanks to a grant from Honda.)

• **Annual Fund-Raising Campaign**—The Annual Fund campaign continues. Please consider making a donation.

• **Let's Talk Series**—Two candidate nights are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on October 16 and 24 at the JVS north campus. October 16 will be local candidates and issues, and October 24 will feature congressional races.

## Personals

• **BEN GRUBBS** is recovering from a broken leg.

• **EDITH HALL** is healing nicely from surgery she had to remove several growths from her face.

• **TERESA GRUBBS** is receiving outpatient treatment at the Arthur James Cancer Hospital and appreciates your expressions of concern and prayers.

• **ERIN FAULK** is currently student teaching in Chicago until December. She is teaching third grade in a school for the arts. (Her new address, phone number, and e-mail address are listed in the church directory update box on page four.)

• **ALISON, JOE, ADAM AND LAURA MOWERY** recently visited **ED AND JENNIFER LINN** in sunny California. The vacation included, among other adventures, a night on the 3rd Street Promenade in Santa Monica, a day by the Pacific Ocean, and a visit to

Sequoia National Park. Ed will be leaving the states in October to begin a year-long military tour in Korea.

• **SOPHIA, JIM, AND BOB STEPHENSON** enjoyed a four-day visit to London, then took the EuroStar train (which travels through a tunnel under the English Channel) to Paris, where they saw the sights for four more days. This was Sophia and Bob's first trip overseas.

• **PAM AND LARRY FAULK** spent three weeks in September in South Dakota and Yellowstone.

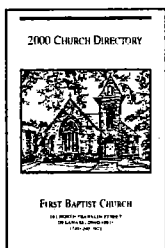
## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Oct. 3 Janet Lathrop  
Jarrod and Nichelle Trigg  
5 Laura Beth Mowery  
7 Jack Smith  
9 Suzanne Grubbs  
Ed & Jennifer Linn  
11 Joe Mowery  
Tim and Nicole Rice  
18 Amy Yant  
19 Paul Hopkins  
20 Yonica Bennett  
21 Marilyn Smith  
23 Jeff and Laurie Faulk  
25 Jenny Grubbs  
28 Ed Linn  
30 Jean Osborne  
31 Ray Biggar  
Melissa Claire Turner  
Nov. 5 Victor Fogle

### CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

*Please take a moment to update your church directory.*

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# OCTOBER 2000

First Baptist Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Guest Minister Rev. Rachael Lee	2 7:00 Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	3 7:00 Deacons	4 7:00 Choir	5 10:00 Sewing	6	7 2:00 Baby Shower at the church for Liz Hopkins
8 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 1:30 Crop Walk Registration 2:00 Crop Walk Begins	9 <b>Columbus Day</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts	10 6:30 D.A.L.A. Dinner & Program	11 7:00 Choir	12 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 ABW	13 6:00 Second Friday Meal at Andrews House	14 10:00 Quilt Show in the Fellowship Hall
<b>World Mission Offering Sunday</b> 15 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to order 2001 calendars from the ABY (\$6 each)</i>	16 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 "Let's Talk" at JVS North, with local candidates and issues	17	18 7:00 Choir	19	20	21 8:30 Men's Breakfast
22 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	23 7:00 Boy Scouts	24 7:30 "Let's Talk" at JVS North, featuring congressional races	25 6:30 Covered- Dish Dinner, followed by <b>Quarterly Business Meeting</b>	26 10:00 ABW Fall Rally at Grand Prairie Baptist Church	27	28 6:30 ABY Trip to Magic Mountain <i>Daylight-Saving Time Ends Tonight</i>
29 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles</i>	30 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>Halloween</b> 31	<b>November</b> 1 7:00 Choir	2 10:00 Sewing	3	4

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## From the Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons continues its search for an interim minister. We have a new permanent Area Minister, Rev. Jane Gibbons, and she has been in touch and is working with us.

October began with a sermon by Rev. Rachel Lee, outgoing interim Area Minister, who challenged us to follow our dream, our vision of what our church should be. Rev. Solomon Ernst filled the pulpit the next Sunday, and our own Randy Turner and Harold Van Broekhoven finished out the month.

The next two will be Rev. David Ball on Nov. 5, and Rev. Jane Gibbons on Nov. 19th.

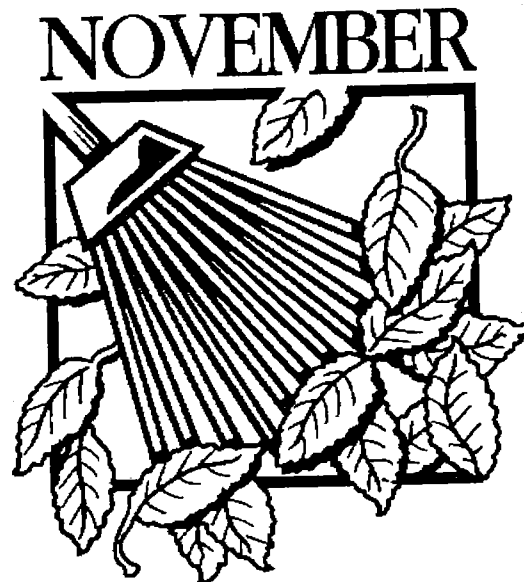
There have been two healing services within our church family in the past month, and we will continue to pray for God's love to rest on all those we care about so much about, and that His power and spirit will be present with them.

We will shortly begin to use a form for prayer requests. We list prayer requests in the bulletin, but it's difficult for the person preparing the bulletin to know how long to list a request, and it's difficult to check since they might not know who made the original request. We hope you will do your part by making use of the form, even when you make verbal requests during the service.

We are a praying church, and a praying church has power. Don't forget to pray also for our own First Baptist.

Many, many thanks to Melissa Mercer for the beautifully-done bulletins. You work hard to make them so pleasing and useful. We all appreciate your dedication.

— Jean Wickum  
Chair, Board of Deacons



## 1st Baptist Goes Global!

Congratulations 1st Baptist! Our World Mission Offering total was \$388.78, this surpasses our goal by almost 30%. On behalf of our overseas missions I thank you for your wonderful response and commitment to this important cause. Our next special offering is the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering and it will be collected in December.

—Randy Turner  
Board of Christian Education—  
Missions

## ABY Holiday Care Packages

The holidays are right around the corner and the ABY members need your help! We are asking all our church members to write a short note to Debbie and Victor Fogle as well as Eddie Linn wishing them all a splendid holiday. The more cards we get the better. The youth will be adding to the cards with items such as: stamps, ornaments, retreat photos, church newsletters, 2000 church directories and other goodies. Your cards will make their packages more special.

A basket will be on the entry table of the church until Nov. 19th to collect the cards. That evening ABY will put the packages together and place them in the mail Monday, Nov. 20th.

A big thanks to all of you!

—Nichelle Trigg and ABY Members

## ABY News

Saturday, October 28 we took the youth to Magic Mountain Fun Center to enjoy a night of pizza, laser tag, mini-golf, go karts and video games. Youth group members will be delivering 2001 calendars to those who placed orders this month. Thanks for everyone's support. The money raised will go towards Sr. High convention.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, Nov. 19th from 7 to 8 pm at Nichelle's home. If you need a ride or directions, please feel free to call me at 362-3237.

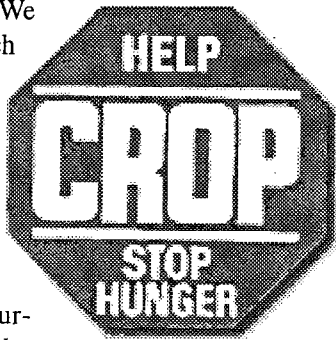
— Nichelle Trigg

## Crop Walk Update

A big thanks to all those who sponsored Alison, Chrissy, Emilie, Laura, Jarrod and Nichelle in the Crop Walk this year. We as a church raised \$378; thank you! We lucked out with beautiful weather during our 10k walk. Delaware as a whole raised over \$7,000 with 153 walkers from various churches, students and community members. As a small church we'll still do great things!

Thank you,

—Nichelle and Jarrod Trigg



## Finance Committee News

• At the October business meeting, we approved the finance committee recommendation that the \$100 tithe from the generous \$1,000 John McTaggart memorial gift from Bertha McTaggart be sent to the Dayton Community Christian Center in memory of John and Carrie Bell Brown. The remainder will be used for our library needs.

• Thanks to the graphic art skills of Jim Stephenson, we have an attractive “thank you” form for the memorial gifts to our church.

— Evelyn Lee

## Thank You

Summer campers have come and gone. The meadow, cabins, and lodge are once again very quiet during the week. Thank you for your prayers, your financial support, and for sending your campers...

Retreat groups now make the grounds come alive with activity on weekends. (The letter then listed several upcoming events.)

Your prayers and gifts are much appreciated... May the Lord bless you and your congregation for sharing with the camp so that the work of the Lord can continue here.

Gifts: June \$253 (Easter offering); Sept: \$200 (anonymous gift); Oct: \$300 (annual gift).

— Ben and Marie Peer  
Judson Hills Camp

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Thanks so much for all the great meals! We have eaten like kings!

— The Griffith Family

*We are continuing to take evening meals to the Griffith's on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you would like to take a turn, please contact me at 362-9107. It is encouraging to learn of Teresa's progress.* — Evelyn Lee

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Thank you very much for your generous donation of \$150.00 toward our 2nd Fridays community dinner and your annual support gift of \$250.00. We appreciate your support of our programs through these gifts. We are also grateful for those from the First Baptist Church who volunteer to help during the Second Friday event.

It takes many people working together in lots of ways to make Andrews House the special place that it is, and we appreciate everything you do to help sustain us.

— Rosalyn Smith  
Executive Director  
Andrews House

## More from the 2000 Church Leadership Conference

The following is from Win and Charles Arn's book, *Master's Plan for Making Disciples*.

1. The writer of Luke and Acts saw it as a growth important enough to mention numbers: 1 – Jesus, the 3 (Peter, Zebedee brothers James and John), the 12, the 120, the 3000, the 5000, etc.
2. The apostle Paul had 3 mission tours to create churches among the Gentiles.
3. The church in Jerusalem grew many converts including priests (Acts 6:7)
4. The church described a disciple in Acts 2:38 – 47.
  - a) A disciple is a believer in Jesus as God's son, v 38
  - b) A disciple is baptized, v 38
  - c) A disciple is a fellowshipper, v 39
  - d) A disciple is a worshiper, v 47
  - e) A disciple is a follower, vrs 44, 46
  - f) A disciple is a learner, v. 42
  - g) A disciple is a minister, v 43
  - h) A disciple is a witness, v 47
  - i) A disciple is a reproducer, v 46
  - j) A disciple is a giver, v 45

Then Dr. Roger Alber asks the following questions to the participants of the conference, “Ministry for the Millennium”:

What is being done personally about discipleship and what is your church doing about discipleship?

1. How many people believe this year because we shared the gospel personally? Corporately?
2. How many people have you and your church baptized this year?

3. How many of our people are you encouraging to strive to follow Jesus?
4. How many of our people do you encourage to attend worship regularly? How many more people attend your church than the year before?
5. How many of our people have you encouraged to fellowship and have learning experiences so they can grow? How many more in your church than the year before?
6. How many are ministering? How many more than the year before?
7. How many are witnessing? What different things are you doing to encourage this?
8. How many people are reproducing other believers and leaders?

— submitted by Sue Elfner

## Poinsettias

Poinsettias can be purchased to decorate our sanctuary during Advent. They can be given in memory or honor of a friend or loved one, if you wish. After our Christmas eve service, you can either leave your poinsettias at the church or take them home with you.



The cost hasn't been finalized yet, but we should know in the next week or so and think it will be around \$8.50 each.

Please place your orders with Jim Stephenson or Shirley Parker by Sunday, Nov. 26th.

## Trustees Notes

• Betty Porter donated a nice, almost new, electric stove to replace one of the old ones in the kitchen. Since

everything worked on the old one, it was donated to Goodwill. Lynn and Arch did the moving job.

• The three chimneys on the old parsonage were repaired by Dan West. The center chimney, which has the boiler on it, was repaired from the attic up, with new flue liners and the top rebuilt. The rear chimney, which has the hot water heater, was tuck pointed along with the front chimney which is unused and had a cap put on it to keep the rain out. This was a "must do" project since the boiler chimney had collapsed inside three times. The total cost was \$2,000.00.

• Don Patrick finished furnace repairs, changing all filters and doing winter service. The cost was \$155.49.

• Dr. Jim Leslie recaned four of the Delaware chairs (the chairs in the assembly room), plus one of the children's chairs. The cost was \$160.00.

• The natural gas supplier we picked in the year went defunct, so we are back on Columbia Gas rates.

• The Gable Elevator Company came on Tuesday, Oct. 31 and repaired the elevator. Our contract gives us free service and 20% off parts, but the major four-way valve component that was needed will cost us \$579.51. The state-mandated modifications are still awaiting parts.

• Tim Fogle continues to take care of the parsonage yard while we're between pastors. Last week he raked and bagged all the leaves.

— Peter White  
Chair, Board of Trustees

A tremendous day in our lives  
is drawing near  
We would be honored and happy  
if you could share  
the joy of this union before God.  
We, Jenna Lee Weakland  
and Thad Lyle Inscho  
will be united in marriage  
on Saturday, the sixteenth of December  
two-thousand  
at four-thirty in the afternoon  
First Presbyterian Church  
73 West Winter Street  
Delaware Ohio  
  
Jenna and Thad

## Apple Tree Cottage

Melissa and I would like to let you know that Apple Tree Cottage will be moving to a new location! You can find us at 333 West Central Ave beginning November 19. We will have an expanded menu and extended hours — 10 to 6 on Thursday to Sunday.

Of course, mom's spirit goes with us and surrounds us in this happy endeavor.

If you haven't yet visited, you are in for a pleasant surprise!

Thanks,

—Beth, Melissa, and Emilie, too

## Handbell Festival

On Sunday, Nov. 19, at 7:00 pm, the fifth annual Delaware Area Handbell Festival will take place in Gray Chapel. Handbell ensembles from seven Delaware, Sunbury, Waldo,



and Prospect churches will perform separately and as a massed ensemble, along with organist Joseph Musser. Featured music will include J. S. Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and "The Holy City." There will be no admission charge, but donations will be accepted. For more information, contact Ruth Rabby and 369-3254.

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**Andrews House  
 Christmas Bazaar**

The Andrews House bazaar will be held on December 1 and 2. We would like you to sign up for crafts or baked goods. We'd like cookies, pies, bread, or candy. Only small cakes. We will also need volunteers to man the tables and to help make mark prices on Nov. 30. See me for times and dates. Please help.

— *Jean Wickum*  
*Bazaar Representative from  
 First Baptist*

**And Other  
 Andrews House News...**

**Second Fridays Community Meal**  
 — The next two dinners will be on Nov. 10 and Dec. 8.

**Ohio Reads Program** — Volunteers are needed. Please call Jill Lee at 369-4520 to learn more or to volunteer for this revised program.

**Annual Christmas Bazaar** — Preparations are in the final stage for the annual bazaar which will take place from 10:00 to 7:00 on Friday, December 1, and from 10:00 to 2:00 on Saturday, December 2. To volunteer, call Lois Maxwell at 369-4183/

**Computer Learning Center** — Free classes are continuing with morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. To register for a class, call Jill Lee at 369-4520. Vista Volunteer Brian Herman will begin as coordinator on November 6.

**Furniture for Sale** — Andrews House will be selling some furniture items that they are not able to use. Items include a brand-new queen-size headboard, a like-new seven-piece glass-topped dining room set, and more. Call the office at 369-4520 for details.

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**Volunteers Needed for  
 Judson Hills "Face-Lift  
 Weekend"**

Marion Association churches are asked to participate in a fun/work weekend to help spruce up Judson Hills camp. They are hoping for 40 to 45 people. Activities will include cutting and stacking firewood, interior painting (exterior too if the weather permits), thorough cleaning of rooms, removing old shrubs to make way for new landscaping at the site manager's home, a new roof for the boat house, waxing floors, etc.

Go for the entire time, or just one day. Here's the schedule:

- Thursday, Nov. 16 -- Meet in the lodge at 9 am with Macolm Wright to assign tasks.
- Friday, Nov. 17 -- Work begins at 8 am.
- Saturday, Nov. 18 -- Work begins at 8 am.

Breakfast and lunch will be served at the camp. Dinner will be at a good, reasonably-priced local restaurant. There will be evening devotions and fellowship. Participants can sleep in the Nehemiah Center (the camp's motel).

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**Birthdays &  
 Anniversaries**

- Nov. 5 Victor Fogle
- 8 Nicole Rice
- 10 Natalie Griffith
- 15 Teresa Griffith
- Harold Van Broekhoven
- Barbara Van Brimmer
- 20 Randy Turner
- 22 Peter White
- John Maher
- 26 Elizabeth Hopkins
- 28 Karen Stoner
- Dec. 4 Erin Faulk
- 5 Zachery Grubbs




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**Personals**

- Cynthia Bland and Ray Biggar were married on October 21 at the Trinitarian Congregational Church in Concord, Massachusetts. Linda White was the Matron of Honor.
- **PETER AND LINDA WHITE** vacationed in New England.
- **BETTY PORTER** visited her daughter Jennifer Lynn in California.
- On September 16th, **JIM AND BERTHA VAN BRIMMER** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family party at their home. Jim and Bertha also enjoyed a trip to Marietta.



# NOVEMBER 2000

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 Choir	2 10:00 Sewing	3	4
5 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Rev. Dr. David Ball	6 7:00 Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	7 Election Day 7:00 Deacons 	8 7:00 Choir	9 12:00 Young at Heart	10 6:00 Second Fridays' Dinner at Andrews House	11 Veterans' Day 
12 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Rev. Dr. Jim Leslie	13 7:00 Boy Scouts	14	15 7:00 Choir	16 7:00 ABW	17	18 8:30 Men's Breakfast
19 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Area Minister Rev. Jane Gibbons 7:00 ABY; Handbell Festival at Gray Chapel	20 7:00 Boy Scouts	21	22 7:00 Choir	23 Thanksgiving Day 	24	25
26 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i> <i>Last day to order poinsettias.</i>	27 7:00 Boy Scouts	28 7:00 Board of Christian Education	29 7:00 Choir	30 7:00 Parish Council	December 1 10:00 Christmas Bazaar at Andrews House (until 7:00)	2 10:00 Christmas Bazaar at Andrews House (until 2:00) Decorate Church for Advent (time to be announced)

Sunday, Dec. 3 is the first Sunday in Advent.

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# Good News Letter

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## Search Committee Update

The Pastoral Search Committee has begun interviewing candidates, both in person and via the phone. Four members of the committee were able to attend the ABC Face to Face meeting in Danville, Illinois in early November, where we identified several candidates to add to our initial pool.

Our plan is to continue the interviews through December, working around holiday schedules and events. Further interviewing will take place in January.

We are pleased with our progress and the pool of candidates, and are most thankful for the open and honest dialog we were able to have in a series of meetings with the congregation before our trip to Danville. Your input as to what kind of pastor we want/need and certain issues that have surfaced over the past year were invaluable as we continue our search. Several members have also addressed comments and concerns to us individually.

It has been a year now since Jody Lynn resigned, and we know you are anxious for the stability of a full time pastor. We ask for your continued patience and prayers, and hope that our journey is nearing an end. As always, questions or concerns are welcome by any member of the committee.

— Rick Van Brimmer  
Search Committee Co-Chair

## Christmas Celebration

Our First Baptist Family has had a busy and challenging, yet rewarding year. We have all been working very hard at carrying out the tasks within our church and so the Board of



## DECEMBER

Christian Education would like to provide an opportunity for us all to gather together for a time of fun and fellowship, a much needed event for us all.

We are planning an informal evening on Sunday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall to celebrate the Christmas season and rekindle and nourish our friendships within our church family. Our intent is to provide an evening that includes

Christmas Carol sing-a-longs, activities, eating (of course!) and just plain-ol' fellowship time. Please bring finger foods to share. We will also include time for Secret Advent partners to reveal their identities and exchange their gifts.

Please plan to attend, even if for only part of the evening, and visit with one another in this time of hustle and bustle. Feel free to bring a friend who may enjoy meeting our church family in a relaxed situation.

In Christ's Love,

— Melissa Mercer for the  
Board of Christian Education

## Christmas Offering

The Christmas offering will go to the Helpline Agency to help with their task of clearinghouse for those in need in December.

— The Finance Committee

## Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO)

*Hearing God's Call and Responding*  
*Isaiah 6:8*

December 2000

Each fall, retired American Baptist ministers and missionaries, or their surviving spouses, receive Thank You checks made possible by the RMMO. Some recipients use the check to help pay for unreimbursed medical, dental or prescription drug expenses. For others it provides "a little extra" for

such things as Christmas gifts, travel and unexpected expenses. One couple wrote that it helped them buy a new gas stove - their first new one in 43 years.

Thank You checks are welcome reminders to recipients that they have not been forgotten in retirement. One widowed spouse wrote, "Each year I am more and more grateful for the denomination's caring concern, expressed through the generosity of American Baptist congregations.

Forty-three percent of the RMMO is designated to meet emergency and special financial needs; 57% is distributed in the form of ABC Thank You checks to over 3,000 recipients. Because the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board absorbs the cost of promotional expenses (with united missions funds), 100% of gifts to this offering go directly to a retired ABC minister, missionary or surviving spouse.

Our goal for this offering at First Baptist is \$350.00. We gave almost \$400 to the World Mission Offering and I know that we can do better for our retired ministers and missionaries. They Heard God's Call and Responded. Now it is our turn to show our gratitude and respond to God's call ourselves. Prayfully consider your gift to this wonderful opportunity to say thank you to the faithful servants God has used in professional ministry.

In His service,

— Randy Turner

*Board of Christian Education*

## Prayer Requests

A short Prayer Request form has been drawn up to help in keeping track of the various prayer requests printed in the bulletin. These completed forms can be returned to any Deacon, to me, or simply put in the offering plate. This helps us with the spelling of names and relationship of the members to the prayer recipient. The form also helps in keeping the

request list current — so please let me know when it is appropriate to remove names from the list.

Thank you!

— Barb Van Brimmer, Clerk

## Poinsettia Dedications

The poinsettias decorating our church were donated by the following people:

Tim and Destini Fogle; one in memory of Cap and Myrtle Gabriel; Gene Lathrop, and Will Fogle, and one in honor of Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer, Rick and Barb Van Brimmer, and Peter and Linda White

The Lee family; one in memory of Dick Lee, and one in memory of Bruce Lee



Lynn and Sue Elfner, in memory of Karl and Mary Elfner

Florence Faulk, in memory of Donald Faulk

Shirley Parker, in honor of Teresa Griffith

The Porter family, in memory of Jim "Billy" Porter

The Stephenson family, in memory of Rev. James B. Stephenson

Archie and Beth Trigg; one in memory of Anne Linn, and one in memory of Archie and Mary Catherine Trigg

Jarrold and Nichelle Trigg; one in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Archie L. Trigg, and one in memory of Lawrence Howald

Barbara and Rick Van Brimmer, in honor of Edna Sigg

Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer, in memory of Mary and Elmer Van Brimmer

Linda and Peter White, in memory of Linda's father, Charles Seckman

Jean Wickum; one in memory of Wilbur "Wick" Wickum, and one in memory of Wick's sister, Ruth Stewart

If this list contains any errors or omissions, please tell Jim Stephenson and a correction will be printed in the bulletin.

## ABY Holiday News!

ABY would like to thank everyone who helped contribute to our holiday care packages for Eddie Linn and Debbie and Victor Fogle. Jarrod mailed them overseas just before Thanksgiving. The kids will be volunteering **Saturday, Dec. 9th starting at 9 am** for PIN's annual Christmas Food Drive.

On Sunday, Dec. 17th they will meet at the church at 5 pm to make a trip to the Columbus Zoo to see the holiday lights and eat dinner. Jarrod and I will be returning the kids home around 9 pm.

Thanks again to all those who supported the Calendar Sale. Part of the money raised bought items such as disposable cameras, candy, Christmas stockings, toothpaste and toothbrushes for our care packages.

Merry Christmas everyone!

— Nichelle Trigg and  
Our Youth Group

## American Baptist Women's Ministries

The next meeting of the ABWM will be on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 pm at the church. Christmas boxes will be packed for shut-ins, so please bring fruit, cookies, small breads, and candies.

## American Baptists in Mission

If you are not currently receiving a copy of the *American Baptist In Mission* magazine, please notify Betty Porter so she can update our list. Keep up-to-date on the Baptist work with this publication.

## Christmas Carolling

Everyone is invited to join the choir for our annual Christmas carolling on Friday, Dec. 22.

We'll meet at the church at 6:30 and will spend around 90 minutes carolling at nursing homes and at the homes of shut-in church members. Then we'll return to the church for refreshments at around 8:00.

We'll be singing familiar Christmas carols which everyone knows, and everyone is welcome regardless of their musical abilities.

We especially encourage our older church members to consider joining us so that our shut-ins will see



some familiar faces.

Hope to see you then!

## Opportunities to Serve

• Please remember the Griffith family daily, and as you do, please consider preparing a meal for them during the month of December, or perhaps offer to spend some time with Natalie and Katie. If you feel you could help, please contact Evelyn Lee at 362-9107 to establish a date.

• First Baptist will be helping at the Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews

House on December 8. We need six volunteers to be greeters and mixers from 5:30 to 7:00. Please contact Evelyn Lee at 362-9107 if you can help.

## Spiritual Gifts

This is the last in the series of articles containing information gleaned from the 2000 Church Leadership Conference held last spring in Columbus. This listing of all Ten Truths comes from a workshop entitled, "Utilizing People's Gifts," which was attended by Linda White.

### Ten Truths

1. Only Christians have spiritual gifts. (1 Corinthians 2:14)
2. Every Christian has at least one gift. (1 Corinthians 7:7)
3. No one receives all the gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:27-30)
4. No single gift is given to everyone. (1 Corinthians 12:29-30)
5. You can't lose a spiritual gift. (Ephesians 4:7)
6. The Holy Spirit decides what gifts I get. (1 Corinthians 12:11)
7. The gifts I'm given are irrevocable. (Romans 11:29)
8. I am to use the gifts God gives me. (1 Timothy 4:14)
9. It's a sin to abandon or waste the gifts God gave me. (1 Corinthians 4:1-2; Matthew 25:14-30)
10. Using my gifts glorifies God and edifies me. (John 15:8)

— Sue Elfner

## Offering Envelopes

The 2001 offering envelopes are available in the vestibule. Please pick up yours, and also deliver the envelopes to someone unable to attend. Remember the Initial Offering Envelope helps to defray

the cost of your envelopes. Thanks for using your envelopes to help with record keeping.

— The Finance Committee

## Thank You

Dear friends,

Thank you for the thoughtful gift of the Barnes and Noble gift certificate. I love to go book shopping, and will enjoy having the books to remember my time as your interim pastor.

Blessings and thanks again,

— Rev. Dave Ball

## Sarah Gwen Jones Estate

We are now in receipt of nearly all our gift from the estate of Sarah Gwen Jones. To date, we have received \$40,000, and expect another few dollars when the estate is finally settled and all attorneys fees and court costs are paid. Sarah Gwen's gift is believed to be the largest single bequest to First Baptist. She was a member of our congregation in the 1960s, and is the daughter of Mary Ellen Jones, who attended in the 1950s.

We have already voted on the mechanics of how we will distribute the funds within the church, and to tithe 10 percent of the gift to local causes. No money will be distributed without a full vote of the membership, as decided at our July 1999 Quarterly Business Meeting. Suggestions on how the money will be used will be accepted by Parish Council, through individuals or the various committees. The Finance Committee is authorized to invest the gift until the distributions take place.

We are so fortunate to be remembered by Sarah Gwen, and the good work of the church and these funds will stand as an honor to her memory.

— Rick Van Brimmer  
Moderator

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## Trustees Notes

- The Gable Elevator Company came on November 15 and did most of the state-required modifications. The cost was \$755. It will take one more visit to finish up.
- All fire extinguishers were checked and serviced by B&J of Marion. The cost was \$26.
- Joe Mowery (Village Painters) completed painting the entire interior of the parsonage, including closets. Two areas that had not been done since the house was built were included — the basement walls and the garage. The cost was \$2,050. It was the most extensive painting job since Ben Turney painted the interior of the parsonage between pastors Stephenson and Gillin.
- Dave Lovell climbed to the top of the 40-foot ladder and changed the floodlights over the big stained-glass window in the sanctuary.
- Two pianos were tuned by Clifford Rector.
- Peter White cleaned out the gutters at the church, parsonage, and old parsonage.
- John Muller of the J.W. Muller Pipe Organ Company came on November 27 to tune and service the pipe organ. The cost was \$180.
- We are missing about six hymnals from the sanctuary. To fill in the missing spots, we've moved three hymnal from the back row of the choir and three from the back row in the sanctuary. If anyone other than the music people have borrowed one, would you kindly return it to the sanctuary.
- Lost and found — one green umbrella found in the front vestibule, and numerous glass lids and cookware found in the kitchen. If you are missing something, please check at the church. Our storage is full!

— Peter White  
Chair, trustees

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## Personals

- TERESA GRIFFITH is a patient at Riverside Hospital.
- JEAN WICKUM had skin cancer surgery on her face.
- BETTY PORTER witnessed the landing of the space shuttle at Andrews Air Force Base base in California.

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Dec. 4 Erin Faulk  
5 Zachery Grubbs  
11 Cherokee Bennett  
13 Tammy Grubbs  
Geneva Evans  
19 Michael Maher  
24 Frances Cook  
25 Carol Grubbs  
Steve & Karen Stoner  
28 Sharon Baker  
29 Arianna Yant  
Harold & Deborah  
Van Broekhoven  
31 Scott Yant
- Jan. 4 Ashley Francis  
Shirley Parker  
5 Lola Jackson  
Evelyn Lee  
6 Edith Hall

# DECEMBER 2000

First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>First Sunday in Advent</b> 3 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with The Hanging of the Greens; Nichelle Trigg, Guest Speaker 	4 7:00 Boy Scouts; Piecemakers	5 7:00 Deacons	6 7:00 Choir	7 10:00 Sewing	8 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	9 9:00 ABY (PIN Christmas Food Drive)
<b>Second Sunday in Advent</b> 10 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Communion; Chaplain John Powers, Guest Minister 	11	12	13 7:00 Choir	14 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 ABWM	15	16 8:30 Men's Breakfast 4:30 Weakland/Inscho Wedding at 1st Presby.
<b>Third Sunday in Advent</b> 17 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Harold Von Broekhoven, Guest Speaker 5:00 ABY (Trip to Zoo) 6:30 Christmas Celebration 	18	19	20 7:00 Choir	<b>First Day of Winter</b> 21	22 6:30 Christmas Carolling 7:00 Wedding Reh. 	23 11:30 Wedding (not church members)
<b>Fourth Sunday in Advent</b> 24 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 7:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service 	<b>Christmas</b> 25 	26	27 7:00 Choir	28	29	30
31 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship  <i>Deadline to submit newsletter articles</i>	<b>January 2001</b> 1 	2	3 7:00 Choir	4	5	6