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# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC Family:

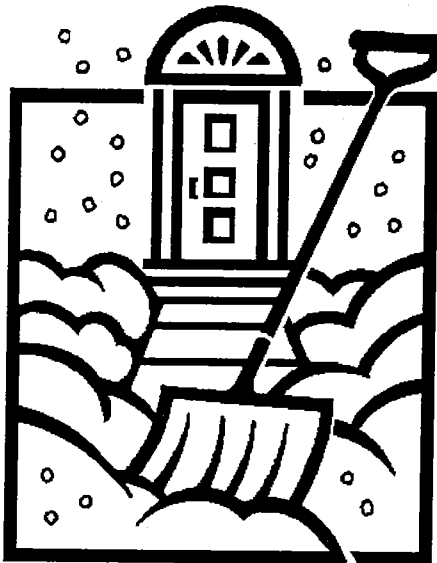
Thank you for a wonderful Advent and Christmas season. Kathy and Sam join with me in thanking you for your cards and gifts. We have all added some Christmas pounds. Thank you for your generous love gift, which was presented at the Christmas Eve service.

Figures given to me indicate that our new way of handling stewardship promotion was well received. Currently we have received commitments for 112% of our mission budget and 86% of our operating budget. We are optimistic that 2003 will be a superlative stewardship year.

As the Christmas season gives way to the New Year I encourage you to pray regularly for all of our world leaders. The drumbeats of war threaten to deafen us to the still, quiet voice of the Holy Spirit. The scriptures remind us to trust in God, rather than in the weapons of war. Pray for all of our troops as they are moved like chess pawns across the board of current events.

Please circle February 9 on your calendars. That Sunday will mark the official kick-off of our sesquicentennial celebration. As

we celebrate Founder's Day we will welcome several special guests. Fred DeBiasio has promised special treats for the fellowship time to follow the



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worship service. How many times do you get to celebrate a 150th Anniversary?

Invite your friends to church. It might just change their lives for the better.

Your Pastor,

## "Founder's Day" Sesquicentennial Service on Feb. 9

Special invitations to the "Founder's Day Worship Service" being held on Sunday, Feb. 9 will be sent out shortly. Please watch for them.

Small vignettes will begin to appear in the newsletter highlighting special events in our church's history. For example, on February 9, 1853 a little group of people met in the Presbyterian Church to organize a Regular Baptist Church and discuss purchasing a lot on which to build a place of worship. Rev. E. G Wood acted as moderator of the meeting and also became the first pastor of this newly formed church.

— Barb Van Brimmer, Chair  
Sesquicentennial Committee

## ABWM "Memories" Program

As part of our church's celebration of 150 years, you are invited to stay after church on Sunday, January 12th for lunch. Soup and drinks will be provided. Bring a sandwich and enjoy our program,

“Memories,” by Jean Wickum.  
This meeting will be open to all—  
men, women and children.

— *Jeanne Ekelberry*  
*ABWM*

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**Trustees Notes**

- The cost of the recent electrical upgrade was \$693. Anyone who would like to see this improvement can check out the new breaker box in the handicap restroom.
- The pipe organ had its annual tuning and maintenance check by the J.W. Muller Pipe Organ Company. The cost was \$180.
- The fire extinguishers were serviced and tagged by B&J of Marion. This is required annually by the Delaware City Fire Department inspectors. The cost was \$29.25.
- A thank you goes to Jane Moore for the new curtains in the nursery.
- A thank you goes to Tim Fogle for climbing the 40-foot ladder and changing the big light in the assembly room.
- The stone cross on top of the church’s south wall was removed by Mid State Contractors because it was broken and very loose. Years ago, steel pins were used to fasten these crosses to the capstones on the walls. Over a period of 100+ years, these pins rusted and expanded, cracking the stone. Stainless steel pins are used today.

— *Peter White*  
*Chairman, Trustees*

***Volunteers for January***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Tweenies</u>	<u>Jr. Church</u>
Jan. 5	P. Foor	J. Wickum	Yant
Jan. 12	Ferguson	C & S Sykes	B. Reed
Jan. 19	Faulk	N. Trigg	(open)
Jan. 26	Bowman	N. Trigg	B. Reed

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**Lost & Found**

The following items were left behind after the children’s Christmas program:

- 1 umbrella
- 1 black scarf

These items are now hanging on the coatrack in the assembly room behind the swinging doors.

— *Peter White*  
*Chairman, Trustees*

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**A Math Problem?**

There are 153 opportunities throughout the year to volunteer for Nursery, Junior Church, and Tweenies. If we have 15 fairly regular volunteers, how many Sunday worship services will they miss? Answer—10!

What is another solution to this problem? We need people to volunteer more often and more people to volunteer. Thanks to all those who gave of their time and talents during 2002.

Won’t you consider making a New Year’s resolution to get to know our young people by volunteering more on Sunday morn-

ings? If you wish to help, please sign up on the bulletin board, or see me or Barb Reed.

— *Pam Faulk*

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**Thank You**

Thanks to all who contributed to the 20 dozen cookies that were donated to the Bloodmobile. There were about 3 dozen left at 3:30!

— *Jeanne Ekelberry*

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The Board of Christian Education extends a special thank you to Jennifer Turner, Kathy Chesser, and Phil Mercer for their key roles in the Children’s Christmas Program. Thanks also to those who put up, took down, put up again, took down again all the equipment needed. Thanks to all the parents for the unique star shirts. Thanks to all the boys and girls for their hard work in preparing for the Star Journey. Thanks to the adults who plugged in at the difficult places. Thanks to all who came to share in this unique gospel presentation.

— *Board of Christian Education*

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On behalf of our retired ministers and missionaries, thank you for your generous support of this year's RMM offering. We received a total of \$ 513.97 during the month of December, reaching and exceeding our goal of \$400.00. With this financial help, we can make a difference in the lives of those who have given so much in His service throughout their lives.

— Linda White  
Mission Education  
Coordinator

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**Birthdays  
and  
Anniversaries**



- Jan. 1 Clark Covington
- 4 Cynthia Bland
- Fred DeBiasio
- Shirley Parker
- Evelyn Lee
- 12 Larry Faulk
- 16 Jane Moore
- 18 Matthew Lovell
- 20 Jennifer Turner
- 21 Timothy Fogle
- 22 Michael Mercer
- 23 Britten Yant
- Deanna Fogle
- 26 Sophia Stephenson
- 27 Steve Baker
- 30 Calvin Turner
- Feb. 1 Melissa Neill
- 2 Elizabeth Bowman
- 2 Fred Grubbs
- 4 Mary Early

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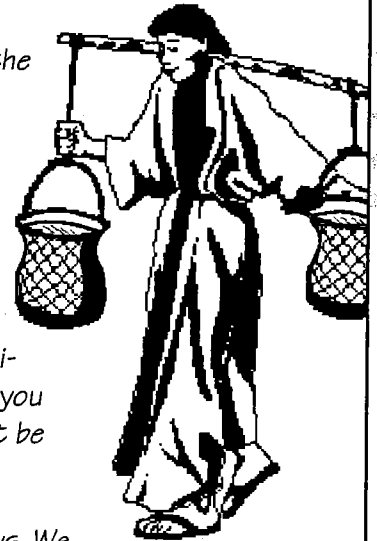
## The Cracked Pot

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole that he carried across his shoulders. One of the pots had a crack in it, and when the water bearer carried it from the stream to the house, it arrived only half full. The other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water.

For a two years, the bearer delivered one-and-a-half pots of water to his house after each trip from the stream. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect for the task for which it was created. But the cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and was miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself. I have been able to deliver only half my load. This crack in my side causes the water to leak out all the way back to your house. Because of my flaws, you have to do more work and don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said.

The water bearer replied, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path. Do you notice that they are only on your side of the path? That is because I have always known about your flaw. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walked back from the stream, you have watered them. For two years, I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."



**Moral:** Each of us have our own unique flaws. We are all cracked pots, but it's the cracks and flaws we each have that makes our lives together so interesting and rewarding.

Take each person for what they are, and look for the good in them. There is a lot of good out there. Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.

Remember to appreciate all the different people in your life. Or, as I like to think of it, if it hadn't been for the crackpots I've known, life would have been pretty boring.

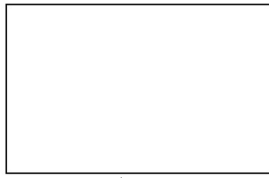
Thank you, all my crackpot friends. You know who you are.

—Author Unknown; submitted by Jeanne Ekelberry

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## Personals



- **Pam, Larry and Erin Faulk** spent the Christmas holiday in Warren with Jeff, Laurie and Cullen Faulk and Laurie's family. They celebrated Cullen's first birthday on Christmas Eve.
- **Shirley Parker** visited her daughter, Alison and family, in Atlanta.
- **Jean Osborne** and her aunt **Alice** visited Florida for two weeks.
- **Evelyn Lee** was visited by Barb Lee and her children from Pittsburgh.
- **Betty Porter** spent two weeks visiting Jennifer and Ed Linn in California.
- **Ted and Jeannie Stephenson** and their family, including their new granddaughter Mary Sophia Colgan, visited their relatives here.
- **Vic, Debbie, and Will Fogle** from North Carolina visited the Lovells and Carol Sue Fogle for three weeks.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>New Year's Day</b> 1  <b>2003</b>	2	3	4
<b>Epiphany</b> 5 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	6 7:00 Deacons; Boy Scouts	7	8 7:00 Choir	9 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Strategic Planning Committee	10 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House ☽ First Quarter	11 <i>10 AM Planning Comm.</i>
12 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 ABWM "Memories" Program (open to all; soup and drinks provided)	13 7:00 Boy Scouts	14 7:00 Board of Christian Education;	15 7:00 Choir	16 7:00 ABWM	17	18 8:30 Men's Breakfast ○ Full Moon
19 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Service for Martin Luther King Jr.</i>	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> 20  7:00 Boy Scouts	21	22 7:00 Choir	23	24	25 ☾ Last Quarter
26 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	27 7:00 Boy Scouts	28	29 7:00 Choir	30	31	<b>February</b> 1 ● New Moon

Note: Sunday, Feb. 9 will be Founder's Day

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Dear FBC Family:

After months of planning the kickoff for our Sesquicentennial Celebration is at hand. On February 9, during our 10:45 worship service we will begin six months of remembering our past and anticipating our future.

Special guests for the day will include: Dr. Harold Van Broekhoeven, who will present the sermon, Dr. Deborah Van Broekhoeven, who will bring greetings from Valley Forge and share some Ohio history, Dr. C. Jeff Woods, executive minister of ABC/Ohio, Ms. Karen Horsman, representing the American Baptist Foundation, and representatives from churches that originally welcomed us into the Baptist Family.

After the service we will have a time of fellowship. Food for the day is being prepared by Fred Debasio.

I hope and pray that you will make a special effort to be in worship for this significant event.

Thank you for being a part of the Delaware Ministerial Association's Pulpit exchange this past Sunday. This is one of many ways that we affirm our belief that we are a part of God's larger family. I know that you received Warren's ministry as warmly as I was received at St. Mary's.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for worship.

See you in church Sunday,



## Founders' Day Service

On Sunday, Feb. 9th, we will be celebrating Founders' Day. On this day 150 years ago, a group of men and women were looking forward to the organization of a Regular Baptist Church. They immediately began discussing the purchase of a lot on which to build a place of worship. At the very next meeting, on February 22, the group raised a

subscription of \$470.00, and at a meeting on March 28 authorized the purchase of half a lot on North Franklin Street for \$450.00, or \$475.00 with the building already on the lot...a stable. They followed their hearts and their faith, and the First Baptist Church of Delaware, Ohio now sits on that lot, where it has proudly served this community for the past 150 years.

During our celebrations this year, let us remember the courage and faith of these dedicated people who had a dream of what is now ours today.

— Barb Van Brimmer, Chair  
Sesquicentennial Committee

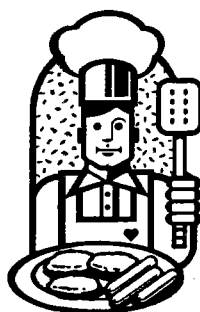
## CARE AND SHARE

Each year the women of the church collect new and gently used items for various ABC missions across Ohio, normally displayed in the Assembly Room. This year we invite you to join us in collecting items for Judson Hills Camp and Conference Center only, and each month until June we'll suggest an item for everyone to purchase and bring to the church, to be gathered under the table behind the Fellowship Hall doors. If we get enough items collected before the annual ABWM Conference in June

someone will make a delivery trip to Judson Hills. The item for this month is sponges. Bring any size and quantity of sponges with you each time you come to the church and help spruce up the camp! Thank you very much.

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**Mardi Gras Celebration  
 (First Baptist Style)**

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held at 6:30 on Tuesday, March 4 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your appetite and a talent to share, such as a poem, a reading, a song or a dance. **ALL ARE INVITED.** Please see me if you wish to help.



– *Larry Faulk*

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**Thank You**

Dear Friends,  
 Thank you all for your prayers and cards these past couple of weeks following my surgery. It is such a blessing to have an extended family and heartwarming to know there are so many that care. My family also appreciates the food that was so kindly prepared and delivered. Life does get interesting when “Mom” is not 100%! I am gaining my strength more and more as the days go by and know that I’ll be 100% soon.

In Christian Love,

–*Melissa Mercer*

*Volunteers for February*

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
Feb. 2	Turner	DeBiasio	–
Feb. 9	Sippola	L. White	B. Reed
Feb. 16	Ferguson	L. White	–
Feb. 23	–	Sippola	Turner
March 2	–	S. Chesser	–

*Thanks to everyone who helped in January!*

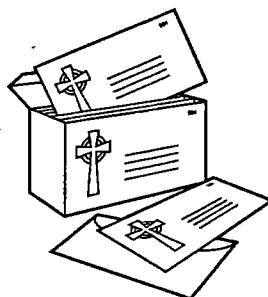
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**A.B.W.M.**

On Saturday, Feb. 15, we will go to the Sarah Moore Health Care Center at 2:00 to visit and sing some old love songs and hymns with the residents. This event will be open to all (men, women and children). Please join us. We ask each family to bring one dozen cookies to share. Drinks will be provided.

– *Jeanne Ekelberry*

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**Stewardship Matters**

Can you have too much information? After watching the pregame coverage of the Super Bowl and reading about the



game in the newspaper I think you can have too much information in some areas. However, I don’t think

the church can provide too much information about our stewardship.

This month we will start putting a monthly stewardship update in the newsletter. This will provide a summary of information that is in the weekly bulletin. In the monthly report we will break down giving into the operations budget and the missions budget since people pledge to each budget separately.

**January Giving**

Operating	
Budget Needs	.....\$6786.16
Offerings	.....\$5594.08
Over/(Under)	.....(\$1192.09)
Mission	
Budget Needs	.....\$541.66
Offerings	.....\$719.20
Over/(Under)	.....\$177.54

If you have any questions about this or any area of church finances please feel free to talk to me or any member of the finance committee.

– *Tim Chesser*

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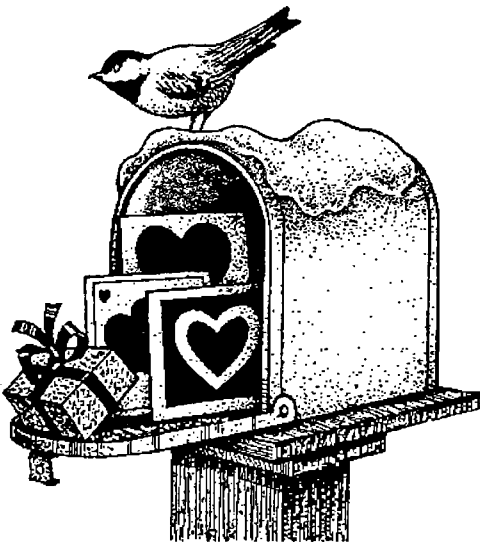
## ABY

I've kept the ABY kids very busy the past few months and I thought you'd like to know what they've been up to as well. Beth Trigg shared devotions and a fun craft on spiritual gifts. Thanks to Tim and Peter for washing the paint off the new tables downstairs after that little art project! If anything Beth taught us we are messy painters, obviously painting is not one of our gifts.

Thanks to our food bearing church members the youth put together some fine looking pizzas during our Pizza Scavenger Hunt ... despite a mean rain storm we had a fabulous time. While our pizzas were cooking we talked about the importance of a church family. A big thanks to Scott & Jarrod for driving the kids around town that night!

If you haven't been to The Mean Bean Coffee house downtown Delaware you're missing out on some great treats! The Reidmiller girls would recommend you try the "Jellybean" drink. Take Dominique with you and she'll make you play Chess...and probably win. This is a local hangout that we love to visit.

ABY held their Christmas party at The Apple Tree Cottage. Fred



taught us how to enjoy Chocolate Fondue with fresh fruit while Beth prepared us hot chocolate and marshmallow fluff sandwiches. Later we exchanged gifts and made holiday cards.

Many of the kids bagged food for the Christmas Clearing House that PIN organized. Sam still thought every family needed hot sauce.

I would like to thank Natalie, Christy, Katie & Sarah for singing in the Christmas program. Your voices were much appreciated.

In January we went to Mad River Mountain with Fred, the Yants & the Turners. Sam, Sydney and I stuck with the snow tubing. Although Sam and Sydney did wipe out. Brit, Calvin & Clay went snow boarding while Dominique and her friend Danille took to slopes with their skis. The snowy forecast made it a perfect ABY winter outing!

The kids served meals at Andrews House for the monthly Second Friday dinner. Thank you Evelyn for setting this up for us, we always enjoy this community event.

ABY members watch for upcoming info. about Convention!

Thanks,

—Nichelle Trigg

## *The Way Home*

I walked along a country road  
at night  
while snow fell gently  
gently.  
Infusing the air  
with crystalline sparkles  
swirling about on face  
and muffler and mittens.  
As I walked,  
the low resonant tone of a snow-  
muffled earth  
spread it's enchantment  
over the woods by the road.  
The peace was pristine.  
The air crisp with resolve to cleanse  
itself  
of the day now forgotten.  
I walked until  
the peace without  
became a peace within  
and I knew my way home.

—Melissa Neill

*Published January, 2003 by the  
International Library of Poetry*

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## Trustees Notes

- The heating-cooling unit in the pastor's office decided to go out during the coldest weather, of course. After Don Patrick got it apart, it was discovered that parts were no longer available and a bearing was bad. Jim Van Brimmer was able to repair it and Don put it back together. The cost was \$165.00.
- The Gable Elevator company did a complete service and check over



of the elevator. This is covered by our contract, and is required by the state.

- The hallway walls near the upstairs furnace room (beside the rest rooms) were repainted. The walls had been scarred in some areas when the furnace room door frame had been taken out, the old furnace removed, the new furnace installed, and the thermostat moved. Leftover paint was used. The cost was zero.

– Peter White  
Chairman, Trustees

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**Sewing**

Wednesday, February 5th will be our regular sewing day, but we have plans for a different project. Assuming that we're not snowed in, we will meet at Evelyn Lee's

home from 10:00 until 2:00. Bring your old paper scissors as we will be cutting coupons, Christmas cards, etc. Evelyn will have a pot of chili and you can bring a sandwich if you wish. The meeting will be cancelled if roads are bad.

– Jeanne Ekelberry

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**Volunteers Needed**

Every Sunday we need three volunteers to spend time with our young people. We need an adult in the nursery, an adult in Junior Church, and a high school student or adult with the Tweenies. No preparation is needed for the nursery or Tweenies. Materials are available for Junior Church. Please sign up on the bulletin board. See me or Barb Reed if you have questions.

– Pam Faulk

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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

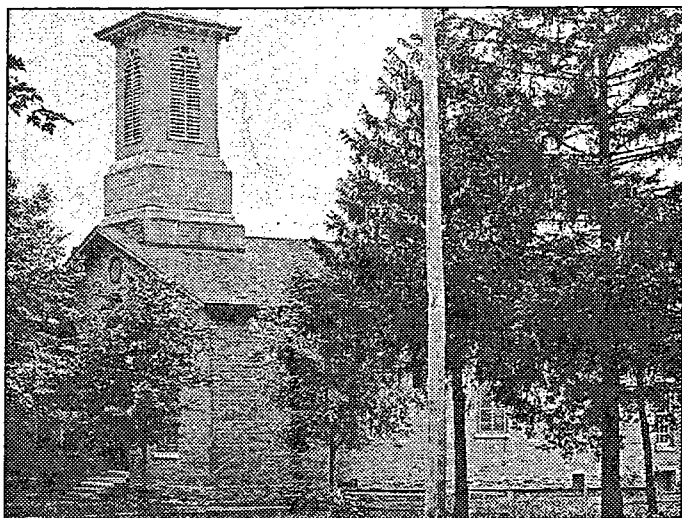
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- 4 Mary Early
- 6 Janet Inscho
- 15 Deborah Van Broekhoven
- 24 Emilie Trigg
- Meagan Fogle

Mar. 6 Ben Turner

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**Personals**

- **KATHY CHESSE**'s father, Wynson Hope of Atlanta, had a heart attack shortly after having hip surgery. He had quintuple-bypass heart surgery, and is now home and doing well.



*In 1853 our church founders began regular meetings, first in the Presbyterian Church and later in a rented hall. They purchased land on Franklin Street (occupied by a stable at the time) and in 1858 our first church building was completed. Overflow crowds attended a three-day dedication service.*

*The photo above shows that church, which stood at the same location as our current church. It had brick walls and had shutters on the windows. Portions of its foundation and walls may have been incorporated later into our current building.*



*In 1897 the sanctuary was extensively remodelled, the Sunday School room was added, two vestibules and a tower built, stained glass windows installed, and the outer walls were faced with brick.*

*In the photo above, note that there is no bulletin board or shrubbery in front, and no railings on the stairs. On the right side of the photo there is a dirt road beside a fence, but no house. A small building in the back yard appears to be an out-house.*

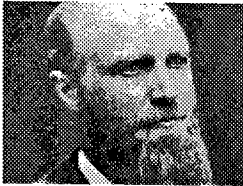


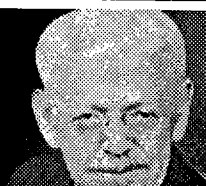





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2 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	3 7:00 Deacons; Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	4	5 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	6	7	8
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NOTE: Pancake Supper at 6:30 pm on Tue., March 4; Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm. on Wed., March 5

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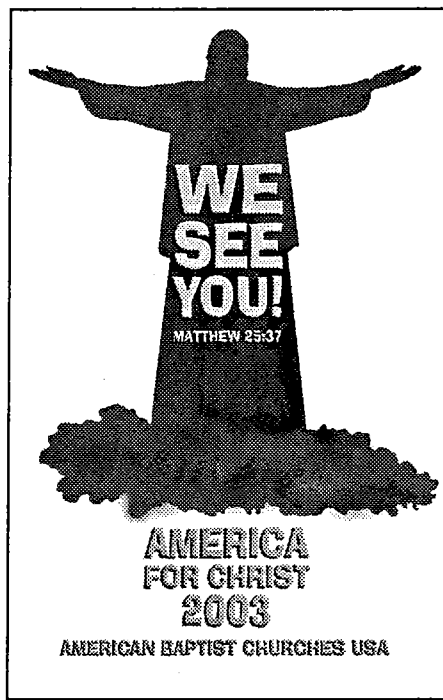
Dear First Baptist Family:

*Matthew 25:37*

In the scripture text from Matthew, God is asking the faithful to open their eyes and reach out with acts of compassion to those who are sick, imprisoned, hungry or thirsty and to the stranger. Jesus commends the righteous in their faith, for they did see others in need and responded with open hearts and open hands. We want to be counted among the faithful today who respond to the needs in mission in the United States and Puerto Rico as a direct response to Christ. One way of doing this is through our gifts to the America for Christ Offering. Our gifts help:

- Provide spiritual home to new believers through new church plants
- Restore, revitalize and transform declining ministries
- Provide The Secret Place devotional in homes, hospitals and prisons
- Support American Baptist outreach ministries that feed and clothe persons in need
- Provide Church School curriculum and other Christian education resources to new and growing disciples

- Assure that regional efforts continue that support our church's ministry
- Extend our church's mission by joining with other churches in the American Baptist family to respond to needs in this country.



I urge you to join me in giving generously to the America for Christ Offering this year. The needs in America are greater than ever before. Please give as never before.

Your Pastor,

Peter & Linda White  
23 Woodland Avenue  
Delaware, OH 43015

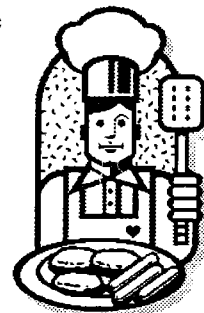
## America for Christ Offering

The America for Christ Offering supports mission in this country—one of the most challenging mission fields in the world—and extends the witness of American Baptist congregations for Jesus Christ in the United States and Puerto Rico.

The target date for us to reach our goal of \$500.00 is March 16.

## Mardi Gras Celebration (First Baptist Style)

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—Larry Faulk

## Wall Hanging in Sanctuary

The wall hanging in the sanctuary is a part of our 150th celebration. I have tried each week and on

Founders' Day to get signatures on it from all our members and guests.

If you have not yet signed, or have members of your family who grew up in the church and have since moved away, please see me (I have the special pens with me).

This wall hanging is part of our ongoing record of commitment and celebration. The top part of the cross lists all former pastors and the dates they were here. The blue section has stars which I see as symbols of all our past members who have gone on to heaven.

Please take time to check where your name and family are.

—Jeanne Ekelberry

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**Announcing an  
 Advent Bible Study**

Where: First Baptist

When: Sunday Nights  
 7:00 to 8:15 pm  
 March 9 to April 13

Topic: The Meaning and Purpose  
 of Sacrifice in a Culture of  
 Indulgence

Facilitator: Randy Turner

As you can see, we are going to be doing a Bible Study during Advent. I hope you will prayerfully consider attending and contributing to our discussions. We will not be following a book or doing someone else's study, rather, we will be exploring topics that I believe are powerful and relevant in these times. Each of us will be challenged to explore the Bible and come up with answers and applications for ourselves. Participation and disagreement is expected (Heaven help us if we all

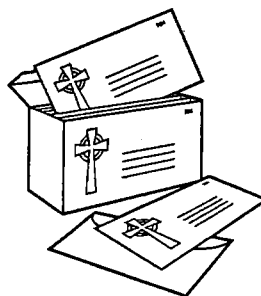
Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
March 2	-	Sam Chesser	-
March 9	-	Bowman	P. Faulk
March 16	-	L. White	B. Reed
March 23	Faulk	S. & C. Sykes	-
March 30	-	Bowman	-
April 6	-	S. & C. Sykes	-

turn out to be the same!). I hope you will come with open minds, willing hearts and plenty of enthusiasm!

—Randy Turner

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**Our Stewardship  
 Matters**

This year we're putting a monthly stewardship update in the newsletter. We're breaking down the giving into the operations budget and the missions budget, since people pledge to each budget separately.



(Amounts below are year-to-date.)

**Operating Budget**

Needed .....\$13,576.84  
 Received .....12,894.49  
 Variance .....-682.35

**Missions Budget**

Needed .....\$1,416.66  
 Received .....1,664.70  
 Variance .....+248.04

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**A Founders' Day  
 Thank You**

A special thank you to our church family for making Founder's Day so successful. I gather from all the compliments I heard that the service was well received; Fred's "light lunch" was a great success; and perhaps you learned a little of our history from the exhibits. It all would not have happened if everyone had not pitched in to take care of a hundred small details and participate in the activities. We are truly blessed, as a congregation, to have so many wonderful and talented people with so many ideas.

I look forward to working with all of you again as we begin to plan for our Homecoming in August. Keep those ideas coming as we celebrate in 2003!!

—Barb Van Brimmer, Chair  
 Sesquicentennial Committee

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**National Quilt Month**

March is National Quilt Month and the Piecemakers Quilt Guild will

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## Founders' Day Service and Reception

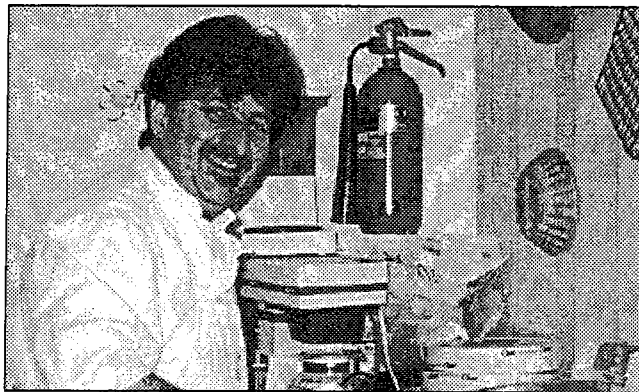
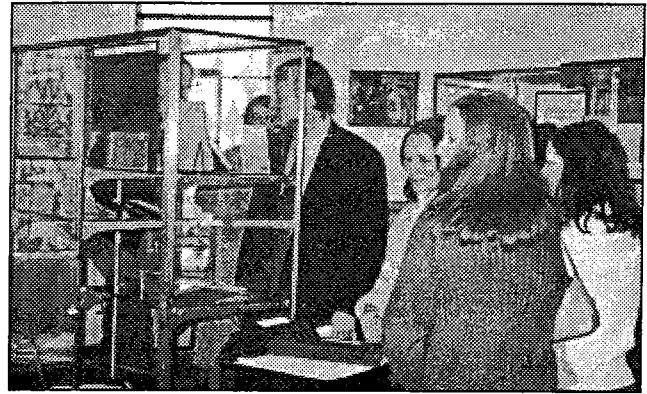
118 people attended our Founders' Day service on February 9. Our thanks to everyone who planned and participated in the event, especially Barb Van Brimmer, chair of the sesquicentennial committee.

(Also see Barb's article on the facing page.)

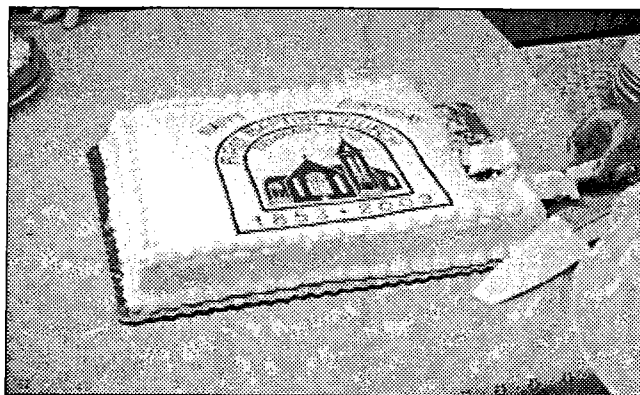


**LEFT:** Our speakers were (left to right) Ms. Karen Horsman (Am. Bap. Foundation), Dr. C. Jeff Woods (ABC Executive Minister), Dr. Deborah Van Broekhoven (ABC Historical Society), Rev. Tim Chesser, and Dr. Harold Van Broekhoven, who delivered the sermon. Jane Gibbons (Area Minister) wasn't a speaker on that day, but will speak at our sesquicentennial celebration in August.

**RIGHT:** Historical documents and photos were on display in the assembly room.



Chef Fred Debiasio prepared a fabulous gourmet lunch which included salmon, pork tenderloin, a choice of delicious desserts, and much, much more, served by white-gloved assistants.



A cake featured our sesquicentennial logo.



Members and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch in our fellowship hall.

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have a display at the Delaware Library from Tuesday, March 4 to Saturday, April 5. Quilts will be hung on display from the second floor. Information about the patterns, owners, and ages of the quilts will be available near the checkout desk. This is a free event, so you can go often to admire this craft and art.

Also, as part of this celebration and in the spirit of giving back, we will be making baby quilts on Saturday, March 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. You are invited to attend and to help by ironing, cutting, tying, sewing, etc. Come for an hour or all day.

This is open to all—men, women, and children. (Children must be supervised by a parent, as there will be hot irons and sharp cutting tools.) Children can help by tying quilts with a parent's help.

All baby quilts will be donated for use by children with life-threatening illnesses. Donations of fabric and supplies can be made. For information, call me at 363-1432.

—Jeanne Ekelberry

## World Day of Prayer

As the new Vice President for Program of Church Women United of Delaware

County, I invite you to join us for the World Day of Prayer celebration on March 7. We will gather at Zion United Church of Christ at

9:30 a.m. for fellowship and refreshments with our program, "Holy Spirit, Fill Us", at 10:00.

Our uplifting worship program



was written by Christian women in Lebanon. Please join women from many denominations and situations who all honor a day of prayer. A similar gathering takes place somewhere on earth every hour that day! Please be part of the World Day of Prayer!

—Karen Stoner

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- March 6 Ben Turner  
7 Robert Foor  
8 Megan Shelly  
12 Evan Trigg  
Sydney Kauf  
13 Amy Pfarr  
15 David & Kim Keethler  
Ball  
Barbara Lovell  
18 Dave Lovell  
20 Natalie Campbell  
24 Kathy Maher  
27 George Riedmiller  
28 Becky Sykes  
31 Kristina Aier  
April 2 Adam Mowery  
3 Timothy & Deanna Fogle

## ABW

A.B.W. will meet at the church at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 20. Please bring your old scissors for paper cutting; also old greeting cards. We will also discuss our commitment and goals in missions.

Last month our suggested gifts for Judson Hills Church Camp were paper towels and sponges. For March we are asking for paper towels and napkins. Items may be brought to the church and left on the table downstairs as you go into the fellowship hall.

—Jeanne Ekelberry

*Newsletter continues on  
back of calendar*

## Church History Tidbit

*The article below appeared in the Delaware Gazette on Jan. 21, 1897.  
Thanks to Kathy Chesser for finding this piece of our church history.*

— Barb Van Brimmer

### THE WILLING WORKERS

The Willing Workers, a band of young ladies of the First Baptist church have purchased a window in their new church building on North Franklin Street. In order to furnish the necessary amount, they are preparing to give an oyster supper on Tuesday evening, January 26, from 5 to 8 at the home of Mrs. W. D. Dunlap, 179 South Sandusky street. The supper is priced at 25 cents, including oysters, coffee, cake and everything to make up a good supper. We will endeavor to give you your money's worth. Friends and strangers interested are cordially invited to attend this supper and help make it a success.

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## Trustees Notes

- Recycling — The recycling bin has been moved from the rear stairwell to the corner by the kitchen so more people will see and use it.
- To save floor space in the fellowship hall, one of the two trash cans beside the kitchen door has been moved. It's in the rear stairwell if you need it.
- The bathtub faucets at the parsonage were repaired. The cost was \$109.00.
- The basement entryway to the fellowship hall (the area with three steps outside the kitchen door) was repainted. Leftover paint from the handicap access project was used. There was no cost.
- I want to thank the following "snow warriors" for their ongoing help shoveling this snowy winter: Arch Trigg, Tim Fogle, Jimmie Moore.
- Last Sunday, Kirby Francis came by with his pickup truck and snowplowed the four parking spaces behind the church.

*—Peter White, Chairman  
Board of Trustees*

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## Personals

- **JANET LATHROP** was a patient at Grady Hospital.
- **PAM AND LARRY FAULK** spent a week in Florida visiting Pam's mother, Pat Cole.

## January Business Meeting

Notable items from the Annual Business Meeting held Jan. 29, 2003:

### Jim Van Brimmer reported for the Deacons:

- A revised church brochure was prepared and is available for distribution.
- The Deacons welcomed new members to the board. They elected and appointed duties as follows:
  - Chair - Dave Lovell
  - Vice Chair - Alison Mowery
  - Secretary - Jennifer Turner
  - Treasurer - Betty Porter
  - Finance Comm. Rep - Larry Faulk
  - Nominating Comm. Rep - Betty Porter
- The Deacon's Benevolence Fund collected a total of \$1,712.18 during the year. Of that \$1692.00 was disbursed for various humanitarian purposes.

### Peter White reported for the Trustees:

- Jones Estate monies were used to complete tuckpointing of the east and north walls of the church.
- Jones Estate monies were used to restore the basement room.
- Jones Estate monies were used to purchase a new furnace to replace a malfunctioning furnace in the upstairs level of the Fellowship Hall (the Sunday school classroom wing)
- Wooden cabinet doors were installed over the small closet between the restrooms.
- A new renter for the Franklin St. house was identified. The renter is willing to do work on the house in exchange for reduced rent.

### Pam Faulk reported for the Board of Christian Education:

- Giving for the four special offerings during the year exceeded the goals we set.
- Several educational opportunities occurred during the year:

- Vacation Bible School at First Presbyterian Church
- A Lenten Bible study

- Sunday school numbers are up and we now have a second adult class

### Jeanne Ekelberry reported for the ABWM:

- Meetings were held monthly with a variety of activities and community involvement.

### Nichelle Trigg reported for the ABY:

- The youth have stayed busy with the many activities that Nichelle and Jarrod planned. Meetings vary from devotions to driving around the county getting ingredients to make pizza!

**Evelyn Lee and Betty Porter gave their financial reports** including a spreadsheet listing the Jones Estate disbursements.

**Rev. Tim Chesser gave his annual Pastor's Report** which highlighted the various activities and points of interest for the year.

### Barbara Van Brimmer reported for the Sesquicentennial Committee:

- Things are in place for the upcoming Founders' Day celebration.
- The Care and Share table, formerly in the Assembly Room, has been moved downstairs just inside the double doors to the Fellowship Hall. This year, donations to the Care and Share table will be given to Judson Hills.

**Linda White** reminded everyone of the needs that **People In Need** have for food donations.

The **retreat committee** was formed and consists of: Pam Faulk, Evelyn Lee, Nichelle Trigg and Rev. Chesser.

*—Prepared by Melissa Mercer,  
Church Clerk*

# MARCH 2003



## First Baptist Church

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2 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	3 7:00 Deacons; Piecemakers; Boy Scouts  ● New Moon	4 <b>Shrove Tuesday</b> 6:30 Pancake Supper 	5 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Ash Wed. Service 7:30 Choir	6	7 9:30 Church Women United at Zion U.C.C. to Celebrate World Day of Prayer	8
9 <b>Girl Scout Sunday</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 7:00 Lenten Bible Study 	10 7:00 Boy Scouts	11 7:00 Board of Christian Education  ☽ First Quarter	12 7:00 Choir	13 12:00 Young at Heart	14 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	15 8:30 Men's Breakfast 10:00 Piecemakers Make Baby Quilts, All Are Invited
16 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 7:00 Lenten Bible Study	17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts  	18 7:00 Trustees  ○ Full Moon	19 7:00 Choir	20 7:00 ABWM	21	22
23 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 7:00 Lenten Bible Study	24 7:00 Boy Scouts	25   ☾ Last Quarter	26 7:00 Choir	27 7:00 Parish Council	28 <b>First Day of Spring</b> 	29
29 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 7:00 Lenten Bible Study  <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	31 7:00 Boy Scouts	1 <b>April</b>  APRIL FOOLS' DAY  ● New Moon	2 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	3	4	5 <i>Set clocks forward one hour tonight.</i> 

Note: Palm Sunday is April 13; Good Friday is April 18; Easter is on April 20



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Rev. Tim Chesser, Pastor

Jim Stephenson, Editor

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

Thank you for your faithfulness in being a part of our worship at FBC in recent weeks. These are times that try our souls. Thank you for your willingness to explore the issues of the day. As the world divides itself among predictable as well as unpredictable lines we are drawn to worship for a variety of reasons.

As we gather for worship we bear witness to hope and to the ultimate protection that comes from trusting God for our future. We renew that sense of community that holds us together in good times and bad.

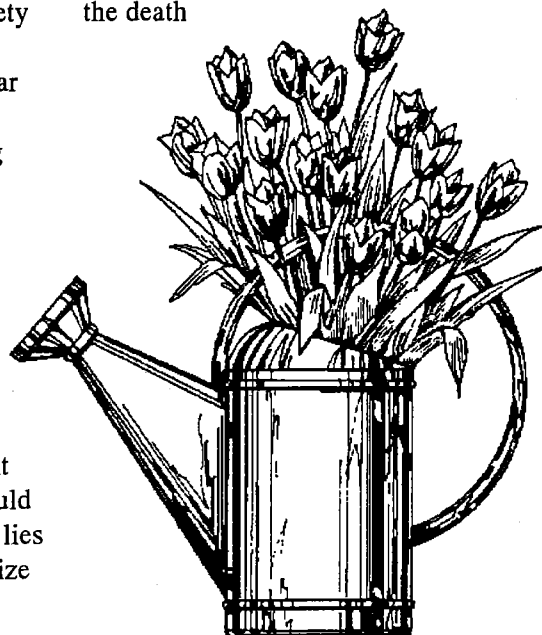
As we gather for worship and Christian education we are reminded that we see through a glass darkly. To listen to the cacophony of voices around us it might seem that even God is caught unawares by world affairs. We should always remember that the problem lies with our inability to clearly recognize God's ultimate will in the world.

Sometimes that inability stems from the fact that we hold other things dearer than allegiance to God's kingdom. Each week as we pray the Lord's Prayer in worship we are asking God to conform our view of the world into a kingdom view. Times of war remind us that the power of sin and evil in the world blinds us to the reality of Kingdom values in the world.

In the weeks leading up to the war we prayed for peace. Let us not abandon that prayer because the conscious

decisions of world leaders have led instead to war. Lift up your prayers for our military women and men, but don't forget the admonition of our Lord to pray for our enemies as well.

In a clarion call to repentance the prophet Ezekiel speaks a word from the Lord, "For I have no pleasure in the death



## April

of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live." (Ezekiel 18:32)

Invite a friend to church. They might find new life by Easter.

Your Pastor,

## Holy Week

Our morning worship on Palm Sunday (April 13) will include an Easter cantata from our choir, titled "Love Victorious"

On Maundy Thursday (April 17) we'll have a candlelight service of communion in our fellowship hall at 7:00. Please enter and leave in silence.

A community Good Friday service will be held at noon at April 18 at St. Mary Catholic Church.

On Easter (April 20), join us for Sunday school at 9:15, followed by Easter morning worship at 10:45.

## Easter Offering

The Easter offering will go towards summer camp improvements at Judson Hills. They have recently lost their head maintenance worker of many years, and are in great need of funds for ongoing activities through the 2003 year.

Thank you.

-Jarrod Trigg

Chair, Finance Committee

## Quarterly Business Meeting

On Wednesday, April 30, we'll have a covered-dish dinner at 6:30, followed by our quarterly business meeting at around 7:00.

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## Orders Being Taken for Easter Lilies

Easter lilies can be ordered for \$7.00 each to decorate our church on Easter Sunday. They can be given in memory or honor of someone, if you wish, and you can take them home with you after our Easter service.



Please place your orders with Jim Stephenson or Barb Van Brimmer by Palm Sunday, April 13.

(Rev. Chesser is allergic to some flowers, but he says it's okay to use lilies if we remove the pollen as we did last year.)

– Jim Stephenson

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## ABY

In Feb. ABY met for a pizza party and devotions. They also sent cards out to Adam and Emilie at BGSU. Emilie sent the youth a very nice "thank you" card to the kids.

The first weekend in March, Laura, Megan, Natalie and Nichelle went to the Sr. High Convention down at the Raddisson Airport Hotel in Columbus. We all enjoyed many things such as the Christian band, the late night pizza and meeting new friends. We'd like to thank the church for helping us financially.

During our March ABY meeting we made ice cream sundaes and discussed five ways to make God SMILE!

Just a few weeks ago eight of us went roller skating over in Sunbury with four other local youth groups. A big thanks to Marci for helping us out. I am sure Christy Sykes had quite a few sore bones the next day.

## Volunteers for April

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
April 6	DeBiasio	S. & C. Sykes	Stoner
April 13	M. Sander	L. White	B. Reed
April 20	N. Griffith & C. Grubbs	Chesser	Bowman
April 27	Mercer	L. White	BeBiasio
May 4	–	–	–

*Thank you to all volunteers! Please continue to sign up.*

Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 6th, 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the church.

Thanks,

– Nichelle Trigg

Did you know that our church will pay one-half the cost?

Registration forms are now available; please see me to get one. They need to be sent in by the middle of May.

– Pam Faulk

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## Annual Church Family Retreat Being Planned

The retreat committee is in the process of planning this year's retreat. Please save the dates of August 15 to 17 on your calendars so that you can attend.



– Pam Faulk

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## Blanket Sunday

On Mother's Day (Sunday, May 11), you will again have the opportunity to remember or honor a special woman in your life by giving five dollars (\$5) to purchase a blanket from Church World Services. These blankets which will be used in the United States or somewhere overseas where there is a need.

Special forms will be available in the vestibule which you may complete and bring forward at a designated moment in our worship service on Mother's Day. The complete list of donors and those being remembered or honored will be printed in the June newsletter.

This has become a special tradition at First Baptist, to remember special people by helping others.

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## Youth Summer Camp Registration Forms Are Available

Please consider sending your child to Judson Hills this summer for a camp experience. They now offer camps for ages kindergarten through high school.



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## Softball Season Has Arrived!

The 2003 Christian Fellowship Ball Association (CFBA) season is fast approaching! The season will start the week of June 9, and conclude with the tournament in August (weekend to be determined).

If there is anyone interested in representing the First Baptist team at the meetings, please see me or contact me by phone or e-mail.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 27th at 4 pm. In addition, the league is looking for a new president for the 2003 season. Again, please see me if you have any questions.



We will have to determine the size of our co-ed team by the April 27th meeting (i.e. if we can field a full team), so please let me know if you are interested this year. We only play once a week, and the game times are

usually around 7:00 to 8:00 so little-league games are not missed. There is also a playground area for parents who want to bring children.

Finally, the league is looking for equipment donations for the upcoming year. Any church member that would like to donate rakes, shovels, buckets, softballs, bags of sand, etc., please let me know before the next meeting so I can communicate to the league. We will be scheduling a "work day" in May to prepare the field for the upcoming season.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

–Jarrod Trigg  
740-362-3237  
jarrod.b.trigg@us.pwcglobal.com

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## Trustees Notes

Two walls in the pastor's office were painted, changing them from bright yellow to the light cream color that is used throughout the newer wing of the church. Leftover paint from the handicap access project was used. There was no cost.

– Peter White  
Chairman, Trustees

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## America For Christ Offering

Thanks to all who contributed to the America for Christ offering that we have been receiving throughout the month of March. The \$486 that was collected will go far to help support our American Baptist mission efforts.

–Linda White  
Mission Education Coordinator

## SPRING GREEN

Spring Green has come again at last!

That brilliant tint of promise  
Upon old limb and barren earth.  
On tulip tip and tender daffodil.

A Gift from God  
for mortal eyes,  
winter-starved and sunless!  
Like a lilting mirthful song,  
the very melody of Spring!

–Melissa Neill

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- April 2 Adam Mowery
- 10 Jane Mercer
- 13 Benjamin Grubbs  
Tim Rice
- 16 John Ball
- 17 Dorothy McGhee
- 20 Melissa Gillette  
Fred & Pam DeBiasio  
Tammy Ferguson
- 21 Jimmie Moore
- 24 Michael Grubbs
- 27 Colin Ferguson
- 29 Deborah Fogle  
Anna Ball
- May 3 Rick Van Brimmer
- 7 Bertha Van Brimmer

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson

## Adding to Our Number

Acts 2

### ABC/Ohio Church Leadership Conference

Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., at Karl Road Baptist Church in Columbus

#### Keynote Speaker:

**Rev. Walt Kallestad**, pastor of Community of Joy in Phoenix, Arizona, one of the fastest-growing churches in the country.

For workshop and registration information, see the pastor or call the region office at (740) 587-0804

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## Personals

• **FOSTER INSCHO**, 82, died on February 27 at Grady Memorial Hospital. He was retired from the U.S. Postal Service where he was a mail carrier. His survivors include his wife, **JANET INSCHO**, and his former daughter-in-law, **MELISSA NEILL**. We extend our sympathy to his family.

• Emmy award-winning actor **WAYNE TURNEY** (son of **BERNICE TURNEY**) will be the guest star in William Shakespeare's play "The Tempest" at OWU.

Wayne is an OWU graduate and currently teaches theater there as a visiting instructor. He's best known for his performances at The



Cleveland Playhouse, and for his Emmy Award-winning children's television show, "Hickory Hideout."

"The Tempest" will be performed at Chappellear Drama Center at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11 and Saturday the 12th, and at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday the 13th. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Call (740) 368-3855 for information or to reserve tickets.

• **ARCHIE, BETH, EVAN AND EMILIE TRIGG** spent December 27 to January 9 in the United Kingdom. Highlights included three days in a cottage near Peebles in Scotland and brunch at Harrod's in London (where it was snowing for the first time in 12 years!).

**BETH** continues with her travel writing. In March, an article featuring spots in the Delaware area (including the tea room, of course!) was printed in the Port Clinton Fireland's Gazette.

**EVAN** graduated from Technical Education College on March 18.H

# Church History Tidbit

The following comments were in the church clerk's notes.

— Barb Van Brimmer

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## STATEMENT REGARDING NEW HYMNALS

May 7, 1930

The supply of books "Sursum Corda" was about 32 copies most of them in poor condition.

At a Church meeting in February the music Committee was requested to investigate the matter of securing new Hymnals and bring in a recommendation.

A few weeks later at a Fellowship Supper the Committee reported by having present 20 copies of the book "Hymns of the Christian Life" loaned by the Presbyterian Church. The Pastor explained the books, selections were sung and on recommendation of the Committee, the Church voted to adopt this Hymnal and to secure as many copies as possible by each one buying one or more copies and presenting them to the Church.

A subscription paper was presented and in a few weeks 63 copies were subscribed and paid for. All was done in a willing and beautiful spirit to provide this up to date book so essential to worship.

The hymnal "Hymns of the Christian Life" was first used on Easter Sunday, April 20, 1930 at which time six members of the Sunshine Class were baptized. This class had been first to subscribe for a copy of the new hymnal.

Mrs. LeRoy Maugans presented the labels for the books.

Enclosed is a list of the subscribers. Also the receipted bill for 63 copies plus a gift copy for the Pulpit.

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• **GENEVA EVANS** took a trip to California to visit her son and sister.

• **MELISSA NEILL** visited friends in Illinois.

• **JEAN OSBORNE** returned from a trip to Florida.

• **PAM AND ERIN FAULK** recently took a cruise to the Bahamas.

## Correction

The January newsletter incorrectly said that Jones Estate monies were used to restore the basement room. In fact, memorial funds and anonymous gifts were used to fund that project. My apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

—Melissa Mercer  
Church Clerk

Newsletter continues  
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## SANCTUARY STORIES

Way back, half a century ago, when I was drafted to teach 5th and 6th grade Sunday School class, Mrs. Crane—a beloved teacher, pillar of the congregation, honored Girl Scout leader and intrepid rider of bicycles—called on me to tour the sanctuary with her one Sunday afternoon.

She wanted to tell me stories about the sanctuary so I could pass them on to the children and to newcomers to the congregation.

She told me that yes, it was true that the beautiful pews and pulpit in the remodeled sanctuary were the gift of one family, but that we were not to know who until the donor had died. And we did not know that family's name until Mrs. Larry C. King passed away; then a little brass plaque was put on the first pew on the north side of the sanctuary (the side closest to the Sunday School room). It says, "Presented in memory of my husband, Larry C. King. September 1947." The Kings did not belong to our congregation, but attended sometimes. They were related to the Via family, who were important members of our church.

The beautiful communion table was the gift of Florence and Laura Wagner, sisters who grew up in the church and served in many ways. The table is in memory of their parents.

Before the oak pews were in place, the pulpit and pews were a dark walnut. The walnut pulpit is still in use in the Sunday School room. Perhaps, if you ask Peter White where it is, you might get to see one of the old pews, and then be properly thankful that you don't have to sit on them on Sundays.

More next month from Helen Crane by way of me.

—Jean Wickum

## WANTED

Past, present and future members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Delaware to attend our

### Homecoming Event

August 9 and 10, 2003

in celebration of the Sesquicentennial of the church. Mark your calendars. More information to follow.

—Barbara Van Brimmer  
Chair, Sesquicentennial Committee



# APRIL 2003

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<b>Palm Sunday</b> 13 9:15 Sunday School 9:30 Teachers' Meeting 10:45 Morning Worship with Cantata 7:00 Lenten Bible Study  <i>Last day to order Easter lilies.</i>	14 7:00 Boy Scouts	15 7:00 Trustees  <i>Taxes Due Today</i> 	16 7:00 Choir  ○ Full Moon	<b>Maunder Thursday</b> 17 7:00 Candlelight Communion Service 	<b>Good Friday</b> 18 12:00 Community Service at St. Mary 	19 8:30 Men's Breakfast
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27 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 4:00 Christian Softball League Meeting  <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles</i>	28 7:00 Retreat Committee; Boy Scouts	29	30 6:30 Covered- Dish Dinner 7:00 <b>Quarterly Business Meeting</b>	<b>May</b> 1 ● New Moon	2	3

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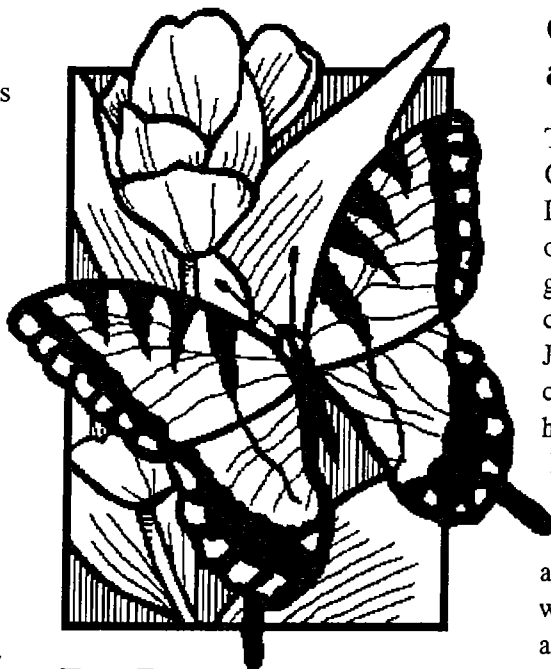
Please join with me in welcoming a new family into our community of faith. Craig and Angie Sippola united with our church family this past Sunday. Also becoming a part of our family were their three sons, Jarrett, Tucker, and Chase. Craig is a construction engineer and Angie is a nurse.

Reaching out to new people continues to be a key part of our church's mission. Ask Angie sometime how she overcame obstacles to find our church. She had to exercise the gift of persistence. We believe that God sent this family our way.

Remember that May is a time for one of our important traditions. On Mother's Day we receive donations in honor of or in memory of our mothers. These contributions go to Church World Service for their blanket program. According to a recent mailing from CWS we know that the need is as great this year since the program began. Wars and natural disasters have placed an increasing burden on world relief agencies. When we participate in Blanket Sunday we make a difference for our world neighbors.

May is also the month in which Baptist Heritage is celebrated. According to my official ABC/USA planning calendar May 18 is the sug-

gested Sunday. As a church we have studied and appreciated our Baptist heritage. We must always be careful not to let current events tempt us to give up hard earned rights. We continue to trumpet the value and necessity of having separation between church and state. It was Baptists who



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were instrumental in championing this cause in early American history.

I will see you in worship this coming Sunday. Invite a friend.

Your Pastor,

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-Pam Faulk

## Annual Church Family Retreat

Be sure to save the weekend of August 15 to 17 for our annual Church Family Retreat at Judson Hills. Mark it on your calendars now!

-Pam Faulk, Retreat Committee

## Changes to August Sesquicentennial Celebration

The Homecoming buffet dinner on Saturday, August 9 has been cancelled. The committee felt they could make better use of their remaining funds for other Sesquicentennial activities.

We will still have a special church service on August 10. We are also planning a picnic to be held at the church immediately following this service.

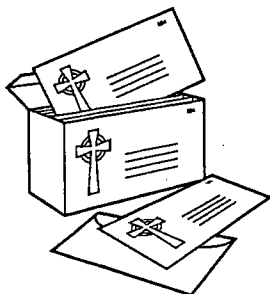
I will be sending out special reminder notices about the August 10th activities in July.

—Barbara Van Brimmer  
Sesquicentennial Committee

## Our Stewardship Matters

This year a monthly stewardship update is included in the newsletter.

Giving is broken down by operations budget and mission budget, since people pledge to each budget separately. (Amounts below are year-to-date.)



### Operating Budget

Needed .....\$27,153.66  
Received .....\$25,809.55  
Variance .....-\$ 1,343.81

### Mission Budget

Needed .....\$2,853.33  
Received .....\$4,076.99  
Variance .....+\$1,243.66

## Volunteers for May

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
May 4	Sippola	S.&C. Sykes	Stoner
May 11	—	Sippola	B. Reed
May 18	—	—	—
May 25	—	S.&C. Sykes	—
June 1	—	—	—

Thank you to all volunteers! Please continue to sign up.

## Trustees Report

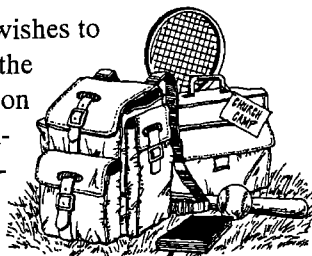
A thank you goes to the Triggs for installing paving blocks between the sidewalk and the curb in front of the church. This will help when the grass is wet or muddy.

—Peter White  
Chairman, Trustees

## Summer Camp

If your child wishes to attend any of the camps at Judson Hills this summer, the registration forms are due by the middle of May. See me if you need a form. Remember that the church will pay for 1/2 the cost!

—Pam Faulk



offering Junior Church, but we need volunteers to lead it. We will, of course, continue to have nursery and Tweenies. There is a new sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the assembly room. Please, won't you volunteer some of your time for our young people this summer? We need at least one adult for nursery, one adult for Junior Church, and one adult of high school student for Tweenies.

— Pam Faulk

## ABWM

On Thursday, May 15, we'll meet at the church at 7:00. Our program will be about our state project, R.A.N.G.E ("Rainbow Acres Needs Great Equipment"). This is a ranch-style community in Camp Verde, Arizona for adults with developmental disabilities.

—Jeanne Ekelberry

## Volunteers Needed

Several of our volunteers have expressed a wish to "take the summer off" by not having Junior Church this summer. The Board of Christian Education would like to continue

## Tools of Hope

On Father's Day (Sunday, June 15), we will be remembering special men in our lives by giving five dollars (\$5.00) per person that we are honoring or remembering to the Church World Service project called Tools of



## Newsletter Schedule is Changing

- At the suggestion of the Strategic Planning Committee, we will begin publishing the newsletter on the **last Sunday of each month** rather than on the first Sunday. This means articles must be submitted one week earlier than before. Be sure to plan ahead so you don't miss the new deadlines!
- This summer we will follow our usual practice of having a combined **July/August newsletter**. However, we haven't decided yet when it will be released, so if you wish to publicize any events that will take place in early July, I'd suggest you mention them in the *June* issue just to play it safe.

(Note: Barb Van Brimmer, chair of the Sesquicentennial Committee, says that a combined July/August issue is no problem for the committee as they will be sending out their own publicity for our August sesquicentennial celebration.)

—Jim Stephenson, editor

## SANCTUARY STORIES

*This is the 2nd installment in a series of articles by Jean Wickum about our sanctuary.*

When Mrs. Crane walked me through the sanctuary those long years ago, she brought to my attention the graceful arch over the baptistry, and the window above it. A poorly-aimed BB gun had put a hole in the window. Mrs. Crane's daughter, Margery Adams, who is an artist, had climbed up and patched the hole with colored glass. It was not quite the right color, but it did us for many years. This was at a time when artists who worked with stained glass were hard to find. It was repaired again when we installed protective glass on all the sanctuary windows.

At the time Mrs. Crane was talking to me, there was no picture in the back of the baptistry, and the drapes were a faded blue. The NITHFUS class (the adult social group) provided the money for the deep red velvet drapes now in place. Donna Brown, then an employee of Lazarus, helped purchase the fabric at an advantageous price, and Jeanne Ekelberry made the drapes. They are lined, and very heavy.

If you are wondering about the name NITHFUS... well it meant Nothing Is Too Hard For US, and in addition to having some rollicking good times together, they provided a lot of good and needed things for the church. (It helped to pronounce the class name if you could lisp.)

The picture of Christ with arms stretched out in welcome, in blessing, was a gift from Ernestine Frost, staunch member of our church and mother of Geneva Evans. She had come into some money, she said at the dedication, and was gleefully planning on how she would spend it when she suddenly thought of the need to share with God. The picture was the result of her thoughts, and she was so very happy to present it to the church. It means a lot to me, too, for Ernestine carried on the tradition of this church...a portion, a tithe, of what we have always goes to others through our mission outreach.

As you look toward the front of the church, count how many times the symbol of the Trinity is repeated...in the carvings of the wooden screens, even the three steps up to the altar.

Next month...the organ.

—Jean Wickum

Hope. This gift helps to carry out projects such as digging a well or suppling seeds for planting in the United States or somewhere overseas where there is a need.

Special forms will be available in the vestibule which you may complete and bring forward at a designated moment in our worship service on Father's Day. The compiled list of those being remembered or honored and donors will be printed in the July newsletter.

If you are unable to be present that Sunday, but wish to acknowledge a special man, you may contact Rev. Chesser or Evelyn Lee and we will include your gift at the appropriate time.

Please consider becoming a part of this special tradition at First Baptist as we remember special people by helping others.

## Thanks

Our thanks to Sunbury Garden Center for donating pansies and violas to area churches for Easter, as they have for the past several years. We received violas and planted them in front of the church. (Pansies and violas are some of the few annual flowers that thrive in chilly springtime weather.)

Sunbury Garden Center is located

at 8202 E. State Route 37 (about 1/2 mile east of the Route 71 interchange). Their phone is 740-965-9417.

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**Vacation Bible School**

Once again our church will be participating in Vacation Bible School at the First Presbyterian Church. The dates will be June 23 to 27 from 9 to 12 in the morning. They still need an adult helper for the craft teacher, a nursery adult and teen helper. See Pam Faulk if you can help out.

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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- May 3 Rick Van Brimmer
- 7 Bertha Van Brimmer
- 8 Michael Ekelberry;  
Willard Fogle
- 9 Chris Riedmiller  
Tim Chesser
- 10 Archie & Beth Trigg  
Anna Kailyn
- 12 Jeanne Ekelberry
- 15 Barbara Lovell  
Betty Porter  
Craig & Angie Sippola
- 23 Helen Baker
- 24 Jean Wickum  
Sharon & Steve Baker
- June 4 Patricia Foor
- 5 Angie Sippola

*Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson*

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**Personals**

• At the Hayes High School Honors Assembly, **SAM CHESSER** received a certificate of Achievement for maintaining at least a 3.4 GPA. Sam also received a Certificate of Honorable Merit, Maxima Cum Laude, and a silver medal in the National Latin Exam. Congratulations, Sam!

• **MELISSA NEILL** is the proud grandmother of Daphne Inscho, who was

# Church History Tidbit

*This note was found at the end of the records for the May 8, 1933 business meeting, the last entry in the 1913 to 1933 record book.*

*- Barb Van Brimmer*

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## NOTE 1933

The world-wide depression of 1929-1933 and following was felt by this Church but the regular expenses and the offerings for Missions were kept up until the spring of 1933. Four banks had closed, the OW University had dismissed 50 of its faculty and the salaries of those remaining were cut more than one third (number of students dropped from 1825 to 1300). Work was scarce. Harmony prevailed in the church and a hopeful spirit.

born on April 13. Daphne's parents are Jenna and Thad Inscho.

• **PETER AND LINDA WHITE** vacationed in Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas.



## APRIL BUSINESS MEETING

Noteworthy items from the Quarterly Business Meeting held this past Wednesday, April 30, 2003 (See what you missed?!!):

### **Dave Lovell reported for the Deacons:**

- A new church directory will soon be published.
- The Sippola family was welcomed into the fellowship of First Baptist Church.

### **Jimmie Moore reported for the Trustees:**

- The tenant in the Franklin St. house has signed a new 6 month lease which began May 1. The rent will be \$400 for the first 3 months and \$500 for the last 3 months.

### **Pam Faulk reported for the Board of Christian Education:**

- The America For Christ offering was the most recent special offering collected.
- Children's Day will be June 8. There will be a covered dish picnic lunch at Blue Limestone Park following morning worship.
- Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 23 - 27 from 9 a.m. to noon at First Presbyterian Church. Our church will send \$75.00 (budgeted amount) to them.
- There was a Sunday School teacher's meeting on April 13.

### **Pam Faulk reported for the Retreat Committee:**

- This year's retreat will be Aug. 15-17 at Judson Hills Camp. The theme will be "Building on our Past".

### **Jeanne Ekelberry reported for the American Baptist Women's Ministries**

- Meetings were held in January and March. The weather was treacherous in February and the Maundy Thursday service fell on the day in April that they usually meet.
- Their activities include cutting coupons that are sent to Germany for the Service men and women to use.

### **Jarrold Trigg reported for the American Baptist Youth**

- The youth have had two meetings this quarter. They have also had several social outings as well. Nichelle took 3 of our youth to the convention in March.

### **Jean Wickum reported for the Young at Heart group:**

- The group continues to meet monthly for covered dish luncheons.
- They are faithful in sending cards to shut-ins, former members and friends.
- They, too, clip coupons for folks in the service overseas.

### **Rev. Tim Chesser reported for the Sesquicentennial Committee:**

- Instead of the evening dinner on Aug. 9, there will be a picnic lunch (prepared by, guess who??, our own Fred De Biasio) after morning worship here at the church.

### **Jarrold Trigg reported for the Finance Committee:**

- Jarrold noted that first quarter expenses have exceeded first quarter receipts by 2688.00.
- He then pointed out that the church heat, the sesquicentennial events, the yearly elevator contract have all gone over budget for the first quarter.
- Jarrold brought everyone up to date on the new software the church purchased, Power Church Plus. The church is planning to run parallel bookkeeping (system and manual) during 2003, with the expectation to be fully functional (computerized) by 2004.

### **Significant motions that were made and passed:**

- The Educational Opportunities Endowment was approved to get underway. Seed money of \$1000 from the Jones Estate was approved to be used for this endowment. Pledges will be accepted beginning April 30, 2003 and continue up and till the Aug. 10, 2003 date at which time, money from the pledges will be collected. A minimum of \$10,000 is needed in order to invest with the ABC Foundation.
- Rev. Tim Chesser and Alison Mowery were approved to be our delegates to the ABC Biennial. It was also approved to designate \$200 from the Education Budget to defray Alison's costs.
- A motion passed to approve an additional \$1000 for the Sesquicentennial Comm. for expenses that have already put them over budget and for upcoming expenses associated with the Aug. Homecoming event.

- *Prepared by Melissa Mercer,  
Church Clerk*

# MAY 2003

## First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Rev. Tim Chesser, Pastor Office 363-7021 Parsonage 362-6033

Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 9 to 12 Days Off: Friday and Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				● New Moon		
4 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	5 7:00 Deacons; Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	6 <b>Election Day</b>	7 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	8 12:00 Young at Heart	9 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House ☽ First Quarter	10
11 <b>Mother's Day and Blanket Sunday</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Children's summer camp registrations due by mid May.</i> 	12 7:00 Boy Scouts	13 7:00 Board of Christian Education	14 7:00 Choir	15 7:00 ABWM	16 ☉ Full Moon	17 <b>Armed Forces Day</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast
18 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit articles for June newsletter. (Sorry, no extensions can be given as the editor will be travelling this week.)</i>	19 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Retreat Committee	20 7:00 Trustees	21 7:00 Choir	22 7:00 Parish Council	23 ☾ Last Quarter	24
25 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>June newsletter available.</i>	26 <b>Memorial Day</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts 	27	28 7:00 Choir	29	30	31 ● New Moon

Summer hours start on Sunday, June 1. There will be no children's Sunday school, and morning worship will be at 10:00.



# Good News Letter

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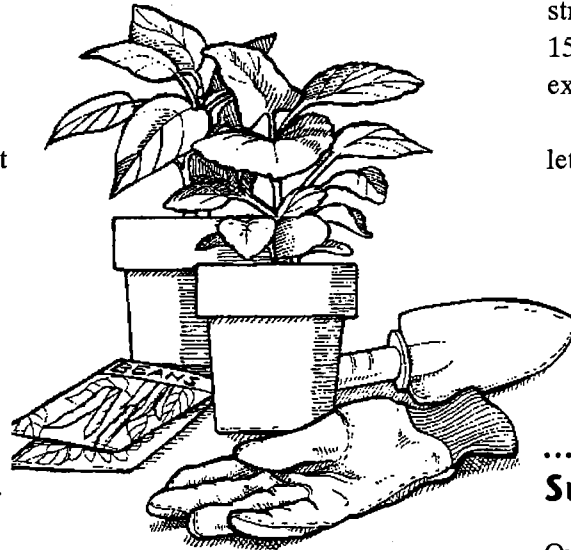
Dear FBC Family:

As you all know we are celebrating our 150th Anniversary this year. One of the ideas to come out of the Sesquicentennial Committee was to establish an endowment fund for the future. We decided that the purpose of this endowment fund was to provide extra money for the educational ministry of the church. We researched a variety of ways to invest the funds and discussed ways of administering the fund after it grew large enough to provide regular income.

At every step along the way we have shared our thinking, hopes, and dreams. We met with Karen Horsman, who is the American Baptist Foundation representative for our area. At our quarterly business meeting on April 30 we voted to establish this endowment fund with an initial contribution of \$1000.00 from some previously unaccounted for interest from the Jones estate.

We will now enter into the fund raising stage of this endeavor. Our hope is that we will have \$10,000 pledged or given by the time of our homecoming celebration on August 10, 2003. I want to stress that we are asking for gifts to the fund that are over and above your usual contributions. Our initial goal is \$10,000 because that is the amount we must

have on deposit with the American Baptist Foundation before we can start making regular withdrawals. No other church funds will go to this account. No money in the memorial accounts will go to this endowment



# June

unless the family members ask that money donated in memory of their loved ones be used for this purpose.

Once the endowment fund starts generating income the Board of Christian Education will be responsible for the disbursement of funds. Income for the endowment is designated for things that further Christian Education. Such expenditures might be for camp or convention scholarships, special curriculum materials,

or equipment to be used in Christian Education.

We have always been a church that has stressed the importance of Christian Education. This endowment fund will be a way that we demonstrate that our celebration of the past 150 years of our history lives on in expectation of the years ahead.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Your Pastor,

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## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held at the First Presbyterian Church (73 West Winter Street) the week of June 23 to 27 from 9:00 to 12:00 a.m. The theme will be "Lighthouse Kids: Shining God's Light." It is open for children ages 4 to grade 6.

Registration forms are available

from Pam Faulk. One form per family is required. They need to be turned in by June 15 to either Pam Faulk or to Margaret Thomson at First Presbyterian.

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**Peace Camp 2003 in Keuka Park, New York**

The 18th annual summer conference of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North American will take place on July 14 to 19 at Keuka College in Keuka Park, New York. If you are interested in attending, please speak to the pastor for details.



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**First Baptist Historical Documents Posted Online in the Ohio Memory Scrapbook**

As part of the activities of the Sesquicentennial Committee for 2003, our church now has an online presence on the Ohio Memory Scrapbook. This Ohio Memory Project, which is administered by the Ohio Historical Society, was begun in June 2000. A second phase of the project was launched in October 2002.

The online scrapbook brings together primary source materials from more than 320 archives, historical societies, libraries, and museums around the state. Included are letters, diaries, government records, artwork, clothing, furniture, natural history

<i>Volunteers</i>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Tweenies</b>	<b>Jr. Church</b>
May 25	M. Neill	S. & C. Sykes	Yant
June 1	Faulk	L. White	Turner
June 8	Larry Faulk	<i>(Children's Day; no Tweenies or Jr. Church)</i>	
June 15	Mercer	S. & C. Sykes	-
June 22	-	-	-
June 29	-	S. & C. Sykes	-

*Thank you to all volunteers! Please continue to sign up.*

specimens, and prehistoric artifacts. The scrapbook provides convenient access to historical collections that document state and local history. It contains more than 2,200 collections, which total more than 19,000 images.

To view our church's records, go to <http://www.ohiomemory.org>. Find all of the materials we contributed by clicking on "Explore," and then select "browse by contributor." Click on "First Baptist Church of Delaware Ohio" (use the alphabet listing). Click on any thumbnail image to get the full image and item records.

Contact me if you have any questions.

- Barbara Van Brimmer  
*Sesquicentennial Committee*

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-Pam Faulk

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**ABW**

American Baptist Women will meet on Wednesday, June 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Betty Porter.

Bring a covered dish to share and bring a friend. We will also have election of officers.

-Jeanne Ekelberry

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**Annual Church Family Retreat**

Plan now to attend our annual Church Family Retreat the weekend of August 15 to 17 at Judson Hills. The theme will be "Building On Our

## Newsletter Summer Schedule

- I've changed my mind and have decided to have **separate July and August issues** this summer, rather than our usual practice of combining them.
- Don't forget that the newsletter is now published on the **last Sunday of each month.** This change was suggested by the Strategic Planning Committee.

—Jim Stephenson, editor

Past". You will be getting information and registration forms during the next month.

## Our Stewardship Matters

### Operating Budget

Needed each month	\$ 6,266.24
Received in April	6,565.16
April Variance	+298.92

### Mission Budget

Needed each month	\$ 653.84
Received in April	948.50
April Variance	+294.66

## Second Friday

On Friday, August 8, First Baptist is supplying the deserts for the Second Friday dinner at Andrew's House. We need ten large, purchased angel food cakes. If you can contribute a cake or money to purchase one, please let me know (362-9107). Cakes need to be at Andrew's House by 5:00 o'clock. We are having more guests at our dinners, so your help is greatly appreciated.

—Evelyn Lee

## Cookies for Red Cross Bloodmobile

Our church will help the Red Cross by donating cookies for the Bloodmobile on Tuesday, June 17th. I will be contacting/reminding you for cookies. There will be a container at the church on Sunday the 15th. (Cookies can be made ahead of time and frozen.) I would like two dozen each, as we need a total of 20 dozen.

— Jeanne Ekelberry

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 4	Patricia Foor
5	Angie Sippola
6	Sam Campbell
8	Pam Faulk
	Carol Fogle
	Vincent Ball
10	David & Mary Lou Lovell
11	Randy & Jennifer Turner
15	Charles Ekelberry
16	Bud & Becky Sykes
21	Willa Corder
22	June Grubbs
24	Beth Trigg
27	Joe & Alison Mowery
28	Jami Riedmiller
29	Scott & Amy Yant
30	Jimmie & Jane Moore

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## Personals

- VIC, DEBBIE AND WILL FOGLE were in Delaware for Barb Lovell's graduation, and visited the Lovells and Carol Fogle.
- Congratulations to DOMINIQUE DEBIASIO, who has been selected to attend the OwlJ program at Ohio Wesleyan University this summer.
- GENEVA EVANS' daughter, GINA JONES, had surgery last week.

## Congratulations To Graduates!

Congratulations to Laura Beth Mowery and Barbara Lovell.

Laura is graduating from Rutherford B. Hayes High School. Commencement exercises will be on Saturday morning, June 7, eleven o'clock, at Branch Rickey Arena. Joe and Alison Mowery wish to invite everyone to a graduation celebration for Laura to be held at the Mowery home at 454 West William Street from 2:30 to 5:00 on Sunday, June 8. Please RSVP by calling 369-3314.



Barbara Lovell graduated from Muskingum College on May 10. Her major was Business and Accounting.

- PETER WHITE had outpatient surgery.
- RICK AND BARB VAN BRIMMER vacationed in Spain.
- JIM AND BERTHA VAN BRIMMER visited their daughter Susan Leonard and her family in Pennsylvania.

## Blanket Sunday 2003

Thanks to everyone who remembered others with our Blanket Sunday offering on Mothers' Day. A total of \$310 was given, which means that 62 blankets will go from Church World Service to help others. The list of givers and those remembered follows.

—Evelyn Lee

names listed on next page

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**GIVEN IN MEMORY**

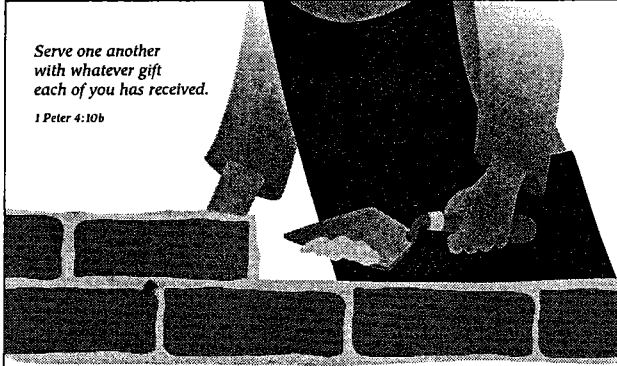
Bruce and Liz Bowman – Ruth Brown and Jacqueline Bowman  
Kathy Chesser – Jessie Street  
Mrs. Willa Corder – Nathan G. Corder  
The Ferguson Family – Mary Potvin and Nova Carter  
Pete and Stef Heizer – The Rev. Sandie Heizer  
Janet Lathrop – Myrtle Gabriel  
Phil and Melissa Mercer – Nancy Isabelle Happeny, Edith Pearl Moore, and Dorothy Mercer  
Betty Porter – Blanche Berger  
Betty Porter – Martha Jane Guy  
Barb Reed and Sharon Baker – Katherine Clapper  
Karen V. Stoner – Grandmas Mary R. Van Brimmer and Hattie Sparks  
Sophia Stephenson – Her mother, Clementine Blazewicz  
The Sykes Family – Martha Sykes  
Nichelle Trigg – Mildred Howald  
Jarrod Trigg – Mary Catherine Trigg and Anne Linn  
Colleen Whitacre – Her mother, Doris Joan Askins  
Jean Wickum – Marie Moffett Mead and Mabel Mead

**GIVEN IN HONOR**

Bruce and Liz Bowman – Ann Brown and Carol Grubbs  
Sam Chesser – Kathy Chesser  
Tim Chesser – Hazel Chesser  
Jeanne Ekelberry – Her mother, Ethel Trogdon  
Erin Faulk – Pam Faulk  
Pam and Larry Faulk – Evoleno Cole, Florence Faulk, Erin Faulk, Laurie Faulk, Jean Wickum, Pat Rose, Jodi Mustard and Mary Anderson  
The Ferguson Family – Sylvia Ferguson and Audrey Carter

Debbie and Victor Fogle – Carol Fogle and Mary Lou Lovell  
Pete and Stef Heizer – The Rev. Karen Stoner  
Spencer and Sydney Kauf – Holly Kauf  
Evelyn Lee – Linda, Marcia and Barbara Lee  
Phil and Melissa Mercer – Willa Jane Corder  
Jane and Jim Moore – Their mother, Willa Corder  
Jane and Jim Moore – Their daughters, Melissa and Jennifer  
Betty Porter – Jennifer Linn  
Betty Porter – Janet Porter  
Katie, Jamie and Regan Riedmiller – Cris Riedmiller  
Jim Stephenson – Sophia Stephenson  
Karen V. Stoner – Her mother, Bertha Van Brimmer  
The Sykes Family – Betty Stout  
Nichelle Trigg – Vera Hedges  
Calvin, Ben, and Claire Turner – Grandma Jane and Grandma Jonabell  
Randy and Jennifer Turner – Willa Corder  
Colleen Whitacre – Her friend Carol Grubbs and her daughter Dawn Campbell  
Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer – Their daughters, Barbara Van Brimmer, Karen Stoner, and Susan Leonard  
Linda and Peter White – Carolyn Schneeberger and Margaret Seckman  
Jean Wickum – Matilda Moffett  
Amy and Scott Yant – Mary Cay Ritter and Naomi Yant

*Please notify Evelyn Lee if there are any errors or omissions in this list.*



*Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.  
1 Peter 4:10b*

**One great hour of sharing.**

**WHAT ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING DOLLARS CAN PROVIDE**

- \$5** Blanket
- \$17** Immunization to protect a child for life from the six leading childhood diseases: measles, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, and tuberculosis
- \$20** Carpentry tool set for home construction and repairs
- \$25** 400 oral rehydration salts kits to save children suffering from diarrhea
- \$30** Wheelbarrow for agricultural or construction work
- \$30** Mine field probe to detect land mines
- \$50** 500 small fish for fish farming
- \$84** Midwife kit
- \$95** Bicycle for basic transportation
- \$209** Tent to provide emergency shelter for a homeless family
- \$1,000** Antibiotics to treat 3,000 children suffering from pneumonia
- \$2,000** Water purification tablets to treat 10,000 gallons of drinking water
- \$2,500** 500 insecticide-treated mosquito nets to protect families against malaria

**I had a drug problem when I was young...**  
I was drug to church on Sunday morning.  
I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.  
I was drug to family reunions no matter the weather.  
I was drug to the bus stop to go to school every week-day.  
I was drug by my ears when disrespectful to adults and teachers.  
I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents.  
  
Those drugs are still in my veins, and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin, and if today's children had this kind of drug problem, the world would certainly be a better place.  
  
– submitted by Jeanne Ekelberry




# JUNE 2003

## First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Rev. Tim Chesser, Pastor Office 363-7021 Parsonage 362-6033

Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 9 to 12 Days Off: Friday and Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 Morning Worship <i>Summer hours begin today.</i>	2 7:00 Deacons; Boy Scouts	3	4 10:00 Sewing	5	6	7 D First Quarter
<b>Pentecost / Children's Day</b> 8 10:00 Morning Worship 11:30 Picnic at Blue Limestone Park 	9 7:00 Boy Scouts	10	11	12 12:00 Young at Heart	13 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	<b>Flag Day</b> 14 3:00 Eagle Scout Ceremony  O Full Moon
<b>Fathers' Day</b> 15 10:00 Morning Worship with <i>Tools of Hope</i> offering to honor special men in our lives VBS registrations due 	16 7:00 Boy Scouts	17 7:00 Trustees	18 6:00 ABW at B. Porter's Home	19	20	21 8:30 Men's Breakfast D Last Quarter
22 10:00 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit articles for July newsletter.</i>	23 9:00 Vacation Bible School at First Presbyterian (until noon) 7:00 Boy Scouts	24 9:00 Vacation Bible School	25 9:00 Vacation Bible School	26 9:00 Vacation Bible School 7:00 Parish Council	27 9:00 Vacation Bible School	28 Pastor at ABC/USA Biennial
29 10:00 Morning Worship with Rev. Karen Stoner <i>July newsletter available</i> ● New Moon Pastor at ABC/USA Biennial in Richmond, VA	30 7:00 Boy Scouts	July 1	2 7:00 Choir	3	<b>Independence Day</b> 4 	5

Note: Our sesquicentennial Homecoming service will be on August 10. Our annual Church Family Retreat will be August 15 to 17.

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Jim Stephenson, Editor

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC Family:

As you read this edition of our newsletter my family and I will be in Richmond, Virginia for the Biennial of the American Baptist Churches/ USA.

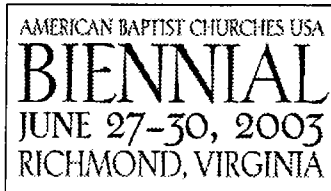
We look forward to these gatherings. It is a time for us to

rekindle friendships with colleagues from around the world.

It is also a time to celebrate the wonderful diversity of our American Baptist family.

Prior to our arrival in Richmond we will be spending some time in Washington, D.C. We are looking forward to visits to our national monuments and museums. The week prior to the 4th of July is a wonderful time to visit our nation's capitol. The sights and symbols of the city will provide a wonderful reminder of how blessed we are to live here.

July tends to be a quiet month in church life. As is my usual quarterly practice I want to encourage you to mark July 23 on your calendar. That is the day we will be having our quarterly business meeting. We gather for a pitch-in meal at 6:30 followed by the business meeting at 7:00. During these meetings we share



information and reports about the life of the church. Just as our nation depends on an informed electorate to set our course for the future, so the church depends on its members to be informed about the church. The Baptist church is one of the few true democracies left in the world today.

*Editor's Note: You can read more about the Biennial at the American Baptist Churches' web site at <[www.abc-usa.org](http://www.abc-usa.org)>.*

## Business Meeting

On Wed., July 23, we'll have a covered-dish dinner at 6:30, followed by our quarterly business meeting at 7:00.

## Proposed Change to Church Constitution

After discussion by both Parish Council and the Strategic Planning Committee, it has been proposed that we create the position of Assistant Financial Secretary. This position would be to support and act in the absence of the Financial Secretary, much in the same manner our Assistant Treasurer supports the position of Treasurer.

Since this would create a new church officer, it requires a change to our church constitution, voted on by the membership. Our constitution also requires a two week written notice to members of any vote on constitution changes. This newsletter article serves as the official notification to the membership that we will entertain this proposal at the July 23 Quarterly Business Meeting.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed change, please feel free to contact myself or Pastor Chesser.

*-Rick Van Brimmer, Moderator*



All members may contribute votes or ideas.

Thank you for your faithfulness in worship attendance during these early Sundays of summer. Remember to invite your friends to church. Their lives might be changed.

Your Pastor,

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## Church Directory Available

The new edition of our church directory is now available. Copies are on the table in the vestibule. Please check the name labels on the back cover to find your copy.

Please note that the directory is *not* a membership list.

If you find any errors in the directory, please tell the pastor or put a note in the newsletter box, and we'll put a correction in the newsletter.

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## Church Family Retreat

Our annual retreat at Judson Hills will be on August 15 to 17. If you wish to attend but didn't get registration information in the mail,

please contact me at (614) 873-4856.

Remember that registration forms are due by July 13.

— Pam Faulk



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## Our Stewardship Matters

January 1 through June 15

**Operating Budget**  
 Budget needs \$ 37,597.44  
 Given to date 36,970.85  
 Year-to-date variance - 626.59

**Mission Budget**  
 Budget needs \$ 3,923.04  
 Given to date 6,484.80  
 Year-to-date variance + 2,561.76

*Amount given to Missions includes \$718.75 given to the two special offerings already received.*

## Volunteers

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
June 29	Sippola	S. & C. Sykes	Bowman
July 6	Faulk	M. Neill	-
July 13	J. & N. Trigg	Chesser	B. Reed
July 20	Faulk	Wickum	-
July 27	B. Lovell	-	Turner

*Thank you to all volunteers!  
 Please continue to sign up and fill in the blanks.*

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## ABY

ABY will take a few weeks off during the summer break. We will kick off our new year in August with the fellowship table snacks. We've also be asked to help with the August Homecoming events. I will send each ABY member a flyer in late July with more details.

Also a quick reminder to our church family members we still need items for our time capsule! A big thanks to the softball team, Mary Lou, ABW, and ABY for the contributions so far. We still would like items from the choir, maybe a to-go menu from Buehler's from our ABM group, our pastor and any other members. Please see Nichelle for details.

Have a great summer everyone!

— Nichelle Trigg

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## ABWM Conference

I'm happy to report on the June conference for ABW of Ohio. Thanks for sending me there! Though our numbers were down, and many groups struggle with change, the missions made possible by all of us continue to thrive. Our visiting missionary was

Ruth Fox who serves with husband Chuck in northern Thailand, and she was delightful! I shared much of her story with those women who attended our recent picnic at Betty Porter's. Ask Sophie to show you the hand-stitched bag she won playing a trivia game! Thank you for supporting our work over the years, and please share ideas for interesting gatherings in the future. We want to adapt and grow as the church does so! More news to follow.

—Karen Stoner  
 Missions and Service Chairwoman,  
 Conference Representative

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## Angel Food Cakes Needed for Second Fridays Dinner

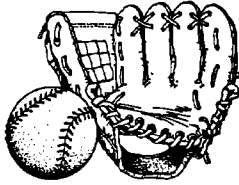
Please remember to let me know (362-9107) if you will furnish a large, store-bought angel food cake (not iced) for the dinner on August 8. Cakes need to be at Andrew's House by 5:00 pm.

Many thanks,  
 — Evelyn Lee

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## Softball News and Schedule

The co-ed softball team improved to 1-1 with a 19-2 victory over Radnor Baptist on June 16. The date for the rainout game from June 12 has been rescheduled for the same time on June 30. Two reminders: (1) Please volunteer to umpire / keep score for our games (2) don't forget about the \$10 fee.



Thanks,

-Jarrod Trigg

### JUNE

- 6/2: 8:15 pm vs. Old Stone Presbyterian
- 6/12: 8:15 pm vs. Ostrander Presbyterian
- 6/16: 7 pm vs. Radnor Baptist
- 6/23: 8:15 pm vs. Radnor Baptist

### JULY

- 7/7: 8:15 pm vs. Emmanuel Baptist
- 7/17: 7 pm vs. Radiant Life
- 7/21: 8:15 pm vs. New California
- 7/23: 8:15 pm vs. Old Stone Presbyterian
- 7/31: 8:15 pm vs. Ostrander Presbyterian

### AUGUST

- 8/4: 8:15 pm vs. Hyatts United Methodist
- 8/21 to 8/23: Tournament

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## Trustees Notes

- The stone cross on top of the church's south wall has been repaired and reinstalled by Mid State Construction of Marion. We don't have the cost yet until a downspout is repaired.
- A special thank you goes to Dave Lovell for completing the railing installation in the stairwells. This

## SANCTUARY STORIES

*This is the 3rd installment in a series of articles by Jean Wickum about our sanctuary, based on a conversation she had 50 years ago with Helen Crane.*

**W**e have such a wonderful organ. Mrs. Crane loved the sound of it, and told me that it was a gift to the church from a man named Morgan Savage. He was recuperating from a serious illness in the house on the corner to the south of the church. From his upstairs window he could watch the rebuilding of our church, and he was so interested in the process that he gave the money for the organ. Jim Van Brimmer found the bill of sale, dated 1898, for \$1,000. Imagine what the organ would cost today! It is a Barckhoff, built in Mendelssohn, Pennsylvania. (I hope that Jim Van Brimmer and Peter White will collaborate on an article about the organ in a future newsletter.)

It's a tracker-action organ (meaning that it's all mechanical) with about 550 pipes, and it's the second oldest in the city. But Mrs. Crane was only interested in telling me about the beauty of the music it produced, and that just before Wick and I came this church, the organist married the lead soprano in the choir and carried her off to live in Columbus, leaving us with no organist.

At that time the pipes were painted a beautiful pale blue with an intricate design in gold paint. It was a real show piece. Mrs. Crane, however, told me that while she wanted me to share these stories with the children and young people of the church family, I was never, ever to tell them that if they stared at the designs on the pipes long enough, they became a row of little monkey faces!

- Jean Wickum

was to prevent a small child from going through the formerly-wide openings.

- A minor repair was made to the sump pump at the parsonage by Don Patrick. The cost was \$30.
- The Gable Elevator Company did the annual safety check and service. Some seals were found to be leaking.

They will come back to replace them.

- Our renter in the old parsonage continues to make plaster and paint improvements inside, and did some landscaping work out front.
- Many small jobs continue to be done by the trustees.

- Peter White, Chairman

## Generous Response to Tools of Hope

Many thanks to all who gave as our remembered and honored others on Fathers' Day. Our total gift to the Tools of Hope program for Church World Service is \$322. You have made a "difference" in the lives of many around the world.

– Evelyn Lee

### GIVEN IN MEMORY

Tim Chesser – A. G. Chesser  
 Willa Corder and Harriett Johnson – their father, Calvin Smith  
 Dominique DeBiassio – Thomas Rone (PAWDAW)  
 Jeanne Ekelberry – her father, Hewlett Trogdon  
 Larry, Pam, Erin Faulk – Donald Faulk, Ralph Cole, Wilbur Wickum, Ron Rose  
 Debbie, Vic and Will Fogle – Cap Gabriel and Willard Fogle  
 Bob and Pat Foor – Albert Foor, Daniel Shively  
 Carol Grubbs and Natalie Griffith – Charles Brown

Evelyn Lee – Dick and Bruce Lee  
 Dave and Mary Lou Lovell – Robert J. Lovell  
 Jim and Jane Moore – their fathers, James Currier Moore and Nathan Gerald Corder  
 Alison Mowery and family – John W. Linn and Joseph G. Mowery  
 Barb Reed – Jim Reed  
 Jim Stephenson – Rev. James Stephenson  
 Sophia Stephenson – Rev. James Stephenson  
 The Sykes family – James W. Stout  
 Archie J. Trigg – Archie L. Trigg  
 Beth Trigg – John Linn  
 The Turner family – Andrew Jones and N. G. Corder  
 Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer – Rufus Crane  
 Linda White – her father, Charles Seckman  
 Jean Wickum – Wilbur Wickum

### GIVEN IN HONOR

Kathy Chesser – Her father, Wynson Hope  
 Sam Chesser – Tim Chesser  
 Jeff and Laurie Faulk – Larry Faulk and Keith Anderson  
 Larry, Pam and Erin Faulk – Jeff Faulk, Steve Mustard, Paul Stewart, Keith Anderson  
 Carol Grubbs and Natalie Griffith – Mike Griffith  
 Evelyn Lee – Rick and Douglas Lee  
 Barbara Lovell, Mary Lou Lovell, Debbie, Vic and Will Fogle – Ray Morby  
 Barbara Lovell, Debbie, Vic and Will Rogle – Dave Lovell  
 Phil and Melissa Mercer – Jimmie Moore and Jerry Mercer  
 Alison Mowery and family – Joseph M. Mowery  
 Stoners – Pa Stoner and Pa Van Brimmer  
 Sarah and Christy Sykes – Bud Sykes  
 Beth Trigg – Archie Trigg, Jarrod Trigg  
 Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer – their three sons, Rick Van Brimmer, Steve Stoner, and Jeff Leonard  
 Rick and Barb Van Brimmer – their fathers, Jim Van Brimmer and Paul Steinbrecher  
 Linda White – her brother, Michael Seckman

Jean Wickum – Lloyd Mead, Larry Faulk  
 The Yants – Bill Yant and Tom Ritter

*Please notify Evelyn Lee if there are any errors or omissions in the list.*

## Personals

- **TAMMY AND STEVE FERGUSON** had a baby boy, Aidan Wallace, on June 10th. Congratulations!
- **SHIRLEY PARKER** attended her 60th college reunion at Miami University in June. In July, she plans to visit her son Andy and his family in Philadelphia.
- **JENNIFER LINN** from California visited her mother, **BETTY PORTER**.
- **JEAN OSBORNE** travelled to Alaska to attend her granddaughter's graduation.
- **SOPHIA, JIM AND BOB STEPHENSON** vacationed in California.

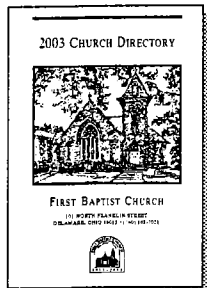
## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|------|----|------------------------|
| July | 1  | Robert & Patricia Foor |
|      | 3  | Phil Mercer            |
|      |    | Jimmy Sorgini          |
|      | 5  | Victor & Deborah Fogle |
|      | 6  | Sam Chesser            |
|      | 11 | Jarrett Sippola        |
|      | 14 | Sara Bowman            |
|      | 15 | Aunt Alice Osborne     |
|      | 16 | Lisa Alison Ball       |
|      | 17 | Nichelle Trigg         |
|      | 18 | Peter & Linda White    |
|      | 19 | Jarrod Trigg           |
|      | 21 | Liz and Peter Sorgini  |
|      | 23 | Alison Mowery          |
|      | 24 | Peter Sorgini          |
|      | 25 | Destini Fogle          |
|      | 28 | Regan Riedmiller       |
|      | 29 | Craig Sippola          |
|      | 30 | Bernice Turney         |

*Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson*

## Church Directory Update

*Please make these changes to your directory...*



### Bob and Pat Foor

Bob's e-mail is:  
 r\_foor@juno.com

Pat's e-mail is:  
 foorp@delawareareacc.org

Bob's winter address is:  
 81 Pindo Palm W.  
 Largo, FL 33770

### Ferguson

Add their new baby:  
 Aidan Wallace (June 10)

# JULY 2003

## First Baptist Church

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		1	2 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	3	4 <b>Independence Day</b> 	5
6 10:00 Morning Worship	7 7:00 Deacons; Piecemakers; Boy Scouts  D First Quarter	8 7:00 Board of Christian Education	9	10 12:00 Young at Heart	11 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	12 2:00 Sykes Baby Shower
13 10:00 Morning Worship <i>Registrations Due for Church Family Retreat</i>  O Full Moon	14 7:00 Boy Scouts; Strategic Planning Committee	15 7:00 Trustees	16	17	18	19 8:30 Men's Breakfast
20 10:00 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit articles for August newsletter.</i>	21 7:00 Boy Scouts  Q Last Quarter	22	23 6:30 Covered-Dish Dinner 7:00 Quarterly Business Mtg. 	24	25	26
27 9:30 Joint Service at Zion U.C.C. <i>August newsletter available today.</i>	28 7:00 Boy Scouts	29  ● New Moon	30 7:00 Choir	31	1 <b>August</b>	2

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Dear FBC family:

After months of planning our final celebration of the Sesquicentennial is upon us. The plan for August 10 is:

8:00 — Trustees and volunteers will set up tables/chairs

10:00 — Worship service begins with Rev. Ted Stephenson preaching.

11:15? —Adjourn to the church lawn for dinner on the grounds prepared by Fred DeBiasio (barbeque w/North Carolina sauce).

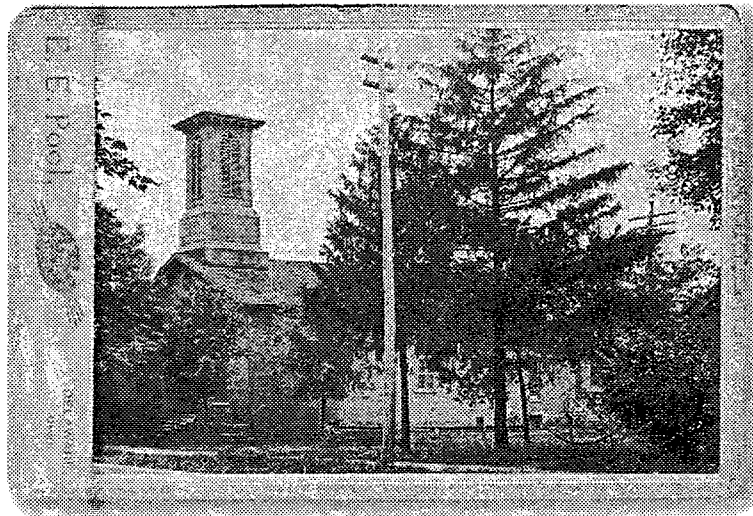
12:30 —Story sharing.

We are expecting a great day of worship and fellowship. Please plan on staying for all of the day's activities.

As we celebrate the past please remember that we are already working toward the future. Homecoming Sunday is our target date for announcing the results of our campaign to create the Opportunities for the Future Educational Endowment. Some have already contributed or made pledges toward this fund. Please prayerfully

consider your participation. Even though the information is not on the official pledge form let me remind you that we have made provisions to acknowledge those gifts to the

## *Celebrating 150 Years of Service*



*This photo shows our first church building. It stood at the same location as our current church.*

Endowment made in memory or in honor of loved ones. Please write in the information or communicate to me your desire to have your gift recorded in the memorial book.

Invite a friend to church. They will thank you for it.

Your Pastor,

## Homecoming Day

All this year we're celebrating our church's sesquicentennial. On February 9 we had **Founders' Day**, which celebrated the 150th anniversary of the day in February, 1853 when our church's founders first met to discuss forming a church. On August 10 we'll have **Homecoming Day**, which will be a celebration of the official establishment of our church in August of 1853.

Our guest preacher on August 10 will be Rev. Ted Stephenson from Indianapolis. As most of you know, Ted is the son of Sophia Stephenson and the late Rev. James B. Stephenson, who was our pastor from 1947 to 1987.

After morning worship, we'll have an outdoor picnic at the church with our meal prepared by Fred DeBiasio.

After the picnic we'll have a Time of Remembrance. This will be an optional, informal activity in which people can share stories about our church.

If you can not attend this celebration, you are encouraged to send a

letter for a memory book being developed to commemorate 150 years of fellowship, worship and community service. The submission deadline for letters is August 10.

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**Open House for Church's Neighbors**

As part of our sesquicentennial celebration, we'll be having an open house for our church's neighbors. Invitations will be delivered to their homes, inviting them to drop by the church between 2:00 and 4:00 on Saturday, August 9 to take a tour and enjoy some ice cream.

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**Educational Endowment**

As part of our Sesquicentennial celebration at First Baptist, we would like to create an endowment earmarked for educational opportunities. We are hoping you will consider making a donation to this fund now, and in the future, in memory or in honor of someone close to you. This could be for a birthday, an anniversary, a special event, or for any special reason or remembrance. All donations will be recorded in a special "In Remembrance" book that will remain at the church.

Our goal is to raise at least \$10,000. Once this goal is reached, an endowment account can be established with the American Baptist Foundation. The church's Board of Christian Education will be able to use the yearly interest from the endowment to support both our children's and adult ministry.

Pledge forms are available in the vestibule. We ask that you give prayerful consideration to helping us

<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>			
DATE	NURSERY	TWEENIES	JR. CHURCH
July 27	JOINT SERVICE AT ZION TODAY		
Aug 3	Ferguson	S. & C. Sykes	DeBiasio
Aug 10	S. & C. Sykes	S. Chesser	(not held today)
Aug 17	CHURCH RETREAT TODAY		
Aug 24	Faulk	Mercer	?
Aug 31	?	?	Bowman

Thank you to all volunteers!  
 Please continue to sign up and fill in the blanks.

establish a loving gift for our church's future that honors our 150 years of service.

In Christ's name,

—Barbara Van Brimmer  
 Chair, Sesquicentennial Committee

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**Church Family Retreat**

Our annual church family retreat will be held at Judson Hills on Friday, August 15 through Sunday, August, 17. If anyone has misplaced their retreat information, please contact me at (614) 878-4856.



—Pam Faulk

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**No Services at First Baptist on Aug. 17**

We will not have services at our church on Sunday, August 17 due to our church retreat at Judson Hills.

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**Thanks**

We'd like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts we received at Aidan's birth.

—Steve and Tammy Ferguson

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**Trustees Notes**

- The cost of the materials to make the railings in the stairwells was \$387.59. A final big thank you goes to Dave Lovell and Jim Van Brimmer for assembling and installing them.
- The repair of the stone cross on top of the church's south wall cost \$429.00.
- Recent downspout repairs cost \$193.45. A new end was made for the downspout by the front steps. The old one was rusted out and water ran over it onto the walk, making ice in the winter. Two other downspouts were taken down and cleaned out. Midstate Contractors of Marion did both jobs.
- The only outside faucet at the old parsonage was leaking badly and was replaced by plumber Don Patrick. The cost was \$48.00.



- Your chairman cleaned out the gutters and trimmed the hedge out front.
- Jim Stephenson has been doing the flowers in front of the bulletin board and around by the side doors, which included planting some new grass there.

— Peter White  
Chairman, Trustees

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## Missions Magazine Available

The *American Baptists In Mission* magazine, a quarterly publication and ministry of the office of the General Secretary, made possible by United Mission, is available without charge to all interested American Baptists.

Some of our newer members may not be on the mailing list for this informative magazine which keeps us up-to-date on what is happening in the world of American Baptist Missions. Listed below are three ways to sign up to receive this timely publication. Hope you will check out the display in the assembly room and sign up to receive this excellent publication.

Phone: 1-800-ABC-3USA  
ext. 2077

E-mail: [InMission@abc-usa.org](mailto:InMission@abc-usa.org)

Web: [www.abc-usa.org](http://www.abc-usa.org)

— Linda White  
Mission Education Coordinator

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## More about the ABWM Conference

We learned a lot about the mission work in northern Thailand. We learned that of the gifts to Charles and Ruth Fox this past year, about 80% came from friends in Ohio!

## SANCTUARY STORIES

*This is the 4th installment in a series of articles by Jean Wickum about our sanctuary, based on a conversation she had 50 years ago with Helen Crane.*

When Mrs. Crane got around to talking about the window on the sanctuary's south wall, I wanted her to tell me first about the meaning of "B.Y.P.U." It had been tugging at my memory since I first saw it, but I just couldn't figure it out. "Well," she said, "that stands for Baptist Young People's Union, and now-a-days you call it the B.Y.F.—Baptist Youth Fellowship." (Today we call it A.B.Y.—American Baptist Youth.)

She said that the young peoples' group had probably raised the money to pay for that window. We speculated on the projects they might have had to get it paid for.

Then she drew my attention to the picture itself, which was Christ knocking on a door—the door to our hearts. "Where," she asked, "was the latch; the door knob?" There is none. And that means that Christ knocks and asks to come in, but only we can open the door and let him into our hearts. A powerful lesson told in a beautiful picture window!

And the cherub in the circular window above is a tribute to and from the man who donated our organ.

Heaven forbid your mind should wander during the sermon, but if it does, let it dwell on the beauty and the message of our south-facing wall.

— Jean Wickum

There are women pastors there, and women generally enjoy equal status with men in work and social circles. The biggest concern for local women is the future of their children. In general, the culture is not a future-oriented one. It's hard for farmers to focus on growing a new crop that will take several years to mature and produce a good income; they prefer to focus on the immediate problems and benefits of typical crops such as rice, and on day-to-day survival! The Akha women who work in the craft industry use treadle sewing machines,

since they are easier to maintain, and they need more of them. When you travel there by taxi, you must wear seat belts in the front seat, but in back, there might be 15 people standing for the ride!

More news to follow. Thanks for the opportunity to represent you among the American Baptist women of Ohio.

— Karen Stoner

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## Tools of Hope

Two dedications were omitted in last month's newsletter:

- From Betty Porter, in memory of Ralph E. Guy and Samuel Berger
- From Betty Porter, in honor of David Lovell and Joe Mowery

The total for 2003 is \$342.00.

— Evelyn Lee

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## Personals

- **ED LINN** was recently awarded another stripe, making him a Tech Sargeant in the U.S. Air Force. In a group of over 500 taking the exam nationwide, only 100 passed—including Ed. Way to go, Sgt. Linn!
- **JEAN WICKUM** was visited in July by Marcia Mead Chapman, her husband Jack, daughter Julie, and three grandchildren. They live in Lancaster, California in the Antelope Valley, northeast of Los Angeles.

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Aug. 3 Carolyn Schneeberger
- 5 Bruce & Elizabeth Bowman
- 7 Jennifer Linn
- 8 Mary Gillette  
Jim Van Brimmer  
Jean Syler
- 9 Steve Stoner
- 11 Steve & Tammy Ferguson
- 14 Rick & Barbara Van Brimmer
- 15 David Ball
- 17 George & Chris Riedmiller
- 18 Pam & Larry Faulk
- 20 Spencer Kauf
- 21 Jim Stephenson
- 24 Florence Faulk
- 27 Linda White  
Christina Hopkins
- 28 Pam DeBiasio
- 30 Katie Riedmiller  
Archie Trigg

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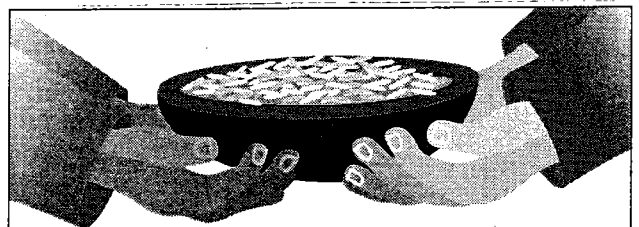


### Church Directory Update

*Please make these changes to your directory...*



Elizabeth and Bruce Bowman's address is now 153 Griswold St. (Their phone number remains the same.)



One great hour of sharing.  
We <sup>almost</sup> reached our goal!  
**Thank You**

Total Gifts - \$490.73

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Summer is over, but not without one final blast. The intrepid softball players of FBC brought home the first place hardware in the Christian Fellowship Softball league this past Saturday. After almost 12 hours on the field we outlasted every opponent.

Congratulations to Coach Jarrod Trigg and all the players who gave their all.

The end of summer also means we are at the end of summer hours. On September 7 we will revert to our regular schedule. Sunday School will begin at 9:15, followed by worship at 10:45. During this Kick-off Sunday we will assign students to new classes. We have added one children's class this year. There will be two adult classes. The downstairs class will be team taught by Harold Van Broekhoven and Kathy Chesser. The upstairs class will be led by Tim Chesser.

For the first Sunday only there will be a showing of the oral history video. If you did not get to see this tape during our homecoming event, please plan on coming on September 7 at 9:15. This project, designed by Barbara Van Brimmer, and brought to video by Scott Yant is a very special look back at our history and forward to the future.

A special note to parents. We appreciate the fact that Sunday School is important for our children. Please help to reinforce this message by showing your children that life long learning is important. They need to see that you are also serious about deepening your walk with the Lord.

I look forward to seeing you in Sunday School and church. As always, remember to invite a friend to church. Healthy habits make for healthy people. A healthy spiritual habit is to believe the Bible when it admonishes,



"Do not forsake the assembling of yourselves for worship every week."  
See you in church.

Your Pastor,

## Rally Day is Sept. 7

Vacation is over and school is in session! We welcome the return of regular worship hours and the opening of Sunday School on September 7. We will kick off Rally Day together by

meeting at 9:15 am in the Sunday School Assembly Room. Students young and old alike will meet their new teachers for the upcoming year as we engage our hearts and minds in the study of Christianity. Class age groups and teachers for this year are as follows:

Nursery (babies through age 2):

Pam Faulk

Tweenies (ages 3-Kindergarten):

Jennifer Turner

Early Elementary (grades 1 and 2):

Linda White

Mid-Elementary (grade 3): Barb Reed

Late Elementary (grades 4 and 5):

Scott Yant

Middle School (grades 6 through 8):

Randy Turner

High School (grades 9 through 12):

Erin Faulk

Adult Group A: Book study led by

Harold Van Broekhoven and Kathy Chesser, featuring *Families at the Crossroads: Beyond Traditional and Modern Options* by Rodney Clapp

Adult Group B: Traditional Biblical study lead by Rev. Tim Chesser.

Many thanks to those that have agreed to lead our church in Christian education. We look forward to seeing all of you on the 7th!

— Scott Yant

## ABWM

September is here—time to get back to our regular routines!

American Baptist Womens' Ministries has been working on programs for the coming year. Our theme is

“Keeping Balance While the World Turns.” We hope that you’ll find some of our programs of interest to you, and that you’ll attend them. We will have some open to everyone and are planning some as an outreach to the community. Program booklets will be available next month and we look forward to seeing you.

Our officers this year are:  
 PRESIDENT: Jeanne Ekelberry

SECRETARY: Sophia Stephenson  
 TREASURER: Evelyn Lee  
 COORDINATOR CHURCH &  
 COMMUNITY: Betty Porter  
 COORDINATOR MISSION & SERVICES:  
 Karen Stoner  
 COORDINATOR SCHOLARSHIP &  
 MISSIONARY: Barbara Reed  
 – Jeanne Ekelberry

## SANCTUARY STORIES

*This is the 5th installment in a series of articles by Jean Wickum about our sanctuary, based on a conversation she had 50 years ago with Helen Crane.*

When you’re looking at the sanctuary’s south wall, be sure to notice the small cabinet hanging at the rear of the sanctuary to the left of the double doors. It usually contains a silver pitcher and two silver goblets. They are a communion set that was given to the church by Doctor S. Shattuck and family in 1897. Upon occasion, we have used it at Maundy Thursday communion—a touching reminder that our congregation has a contingent in heaven. The communion set is now on display in the glass case in the Assembly Room as part of our sesquicentennial celebration

About those swinging double doors on the south wall—they go into the south vestibule. It’s never used as an exit, but over the years it’s been used as a Sunday School room. Mrs. Crane explained to me that the group of ladies who met there came into being a Sunday school class when Miss Alice Whittier, a member of the church in the early 1900’s, called out a group of women from the other classes. She went class to class, hand picking women to come be in *her* class. She would be the teacher, and would tell them what she wanted of them.

Miss Whittier said there were many things which needed to be done about and for the church, and she wanted her class to be “doers.” When they asked what was needed, she said “whatever.” So that class became the “Whatever Class” and they lived up to the name. When I first heard of them, I noticed that tasks just got done—money appeared to finance needs; help was there.

I never met Miss Whittier, a mover and shaker in both the congregation and the community. How I envied Mrs. Crane her years of belonging to such a group. Maybe we need a *new* “Whatever” class!

– Jean Wickum

## Trustees Notes

- The state elevator inspector came on August 8, just before our Homecoming weekend. The elevator was cited on six items, two of which were corrected on the spot. The others were turned over to the Gable Elevator Company for correction.

- The sanctuary piano was tuned just before the joint service with Zion and our Homecoming weekend. The work was done by Richard Dacks.

- A large, cracked window on the south side of the fellowship hall was replaced with plate glass by Ballinger Glass for \$188.50.

- A nest of yellow jackets was discovered at the rear of the elevator door. Jimmie Moore gave their hole a special “treat,” saving the church an exterminator service call.

- A thank you goes to everyone who helped carry tables and chairs outside and then back inside for the picnic on Homecoming weekend.

- On August 23, Elisabeth Bilsing and Jonathan Quilter were married at First Baptist. Pastor Chesser officiated. Susan Zartman was pianist. Peter White served as building host.

- Steve Ferguson has been doing a lot of these “little” jobs for the trustees that always get put on the “back” burner and never get done. Registers have been refastened, a window readjusted to shut properly, black rubber baseboards reglued, and refastened several fire extinguishers that had loose hooks.

- We have plenty of supplies left over from our Homecoming weekend, such as paper plates, bowls, cups, plastic forks, spoons, and lots of napkins. Most of these items have been moved to the back storeroom. For those doing the fellowship table, see me if you need help getting the supplies out and we can clean up our storage areas without purchasing anything for awhile.

– Peter White  
 Chairman, Board of Trustees

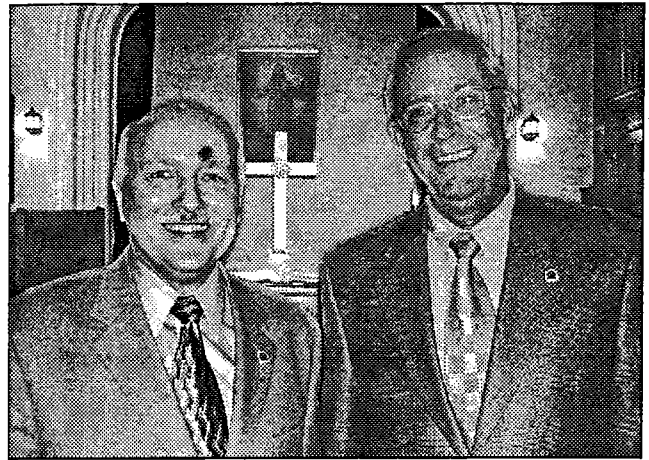
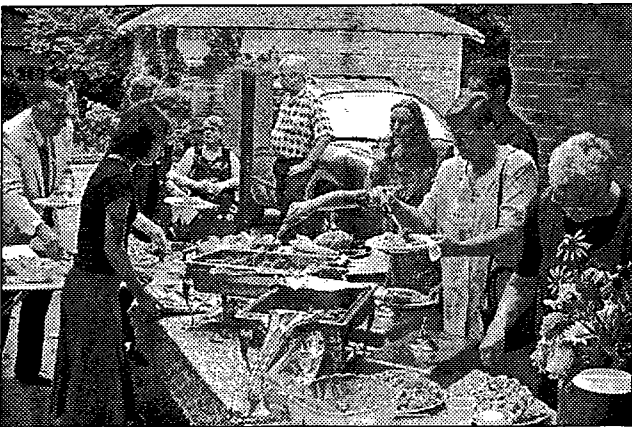
## Sesquicentennial Homecoming Celebration

Approximately 114 people attended our Homecoming service on Sunday, August 10, which celebrated the 150th anniversary of our church's founding in August of 1853. Our congregation included numerous former members, some of whom had traveled great distances to attend.

The service began with 30 minutes of preludes, with violin solos by Barbara Lovell, organ solos by Mary Lou Lovell, and organ/piano duets by Mary Lou Lovell and Melissa Neill.

Our worship leader was Rev. Tim Chesser. Betty Porter led a time of recognition, and the choir's special anthem was "How Can I Keep From Singing?". Our guest preacher was Rev. Ted Stephenson from Indianapolis. (Ted is the son of Sophia Stephenson and the late Rev. James B. Stephenson, who was our pastor from 1947 to 1987.)

After morning worship, we had a picnic behind the church and enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Fred DeBiasio. It was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends who had come for the service.

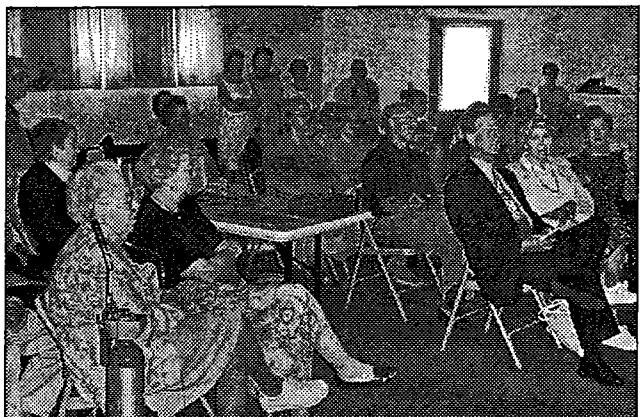


*Rev. Ted D. Stephenson and Rev. Tim Chesser*

After the picnic we had a Time of Remembrance in the youth room. It featured a wonderful one-hour video about our church heritage that was prepared by Barb Van Brimmer and Scott Yant. The video contained interviews with Jim Van Brimmer, Jean Wickum, and Rev. Ted Stephenson in which they discussed their memories of church people and events, and the church's impact on their lives. (The video will be shown again during Sunday School on Sunday, September 7, and is available for purchase.)

Also, several people showed slides or home movies at the Time of Remembrance, including Jim Van Brimmer, Bertha McTaggart, and Nancy Via Summers.

We thank the sesquicentennial committee—especially its chair, Barbara Van Brimmer—and the many other people who worked so hard to make the day such a great success!



*The Time of Remembrance*

## Thank You

Thank you very much for the recognition of my graduation. It was very special for me and I love the book I received. It has beautiful pictures and a great message. I hope the tradition is kept up for future college graduates. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

—Barbara Lovell

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Sept. 3 Alec Ferguson
- 7 Christy Sykes
- 11 Barbara Reed
- 12 Chase Sippola
- 14 Marci Sander
- 15 Janet Porter
- Jim & Bertha Van Brimmer
- Sarah Sykes
- 18 Melissa Mercer
- 26 Michael & Tammy Grubbs
- Phil & Melissa Mercer
- 29 Ian Ferguson
- 30 Mary Lou Lovell

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.



### “DEAR FIRST BAPTIST DELAWARE”

As part of our Sesquicentennial celebration, we want to preserve many of the memories we have of First Baptist for future generations to share at our 200th birthday party! The list below is a sampling of topics you may want to share, or you are free to choose your own subject. Pretend you are writing to members of the church like they were your family, or a friend that you want to share a story with. It can be anything you want it to be!

These letters will be collected and put into a special notebook to be saved as part of this special moment in our church history. You could write about:

- Your favorite Sunday School teacher
- What you like best about our church
- How your family came to join First Baptist
- What you like best about our church building
- A sermon you remember
- Another church member who had an influence on your Christian experience
- The day you were baptized at First Baptist
- Your youth group experiences
- A pastor who influenced you
- Church dinners and picnics, and your favorite foods
- What Sundays were like for your family – getting ready for church, a special lunch after church, etc.
- Special services that were meaningful to you, like Easter morning or Candlelight Communion on Christmas Eve

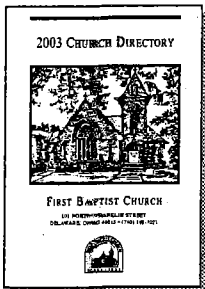
BE CREATIVE! HAVE FUN!!!

Please submit all letters to me by **Sunday, September 21**. Thank you.

—Larry Faulk

## Church Directory Update

Please make these changes to your directory...



### Sykes Family

In the directory, two digits in their phone number were reversed. The correct phone number is: (740) 524-0130

## Personals

• Congratulations and best wishes to **CAROL FOGLE** and **RAY SERVISS**, who were married at First Baptist on August 3rd.

• **NICHOLAS HAYCOX**, the one-month-old son of Jeremy and Suzy (Grubbs) Haycox, and grandson of Carol

Grubbs, is now home after being a patient at Children’s Hospital for one month with encephalitis. He seems to be making a full recovery, but his health will need to be monitored carefully for some time.

*continued on back of calendar*

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## Song from our Retreat

Several people at the church asked me to submit the skit that the girls and I did at the retreat, so here it is.

The following is a "repeat song" or "cadence" that was performed by me, Emily and Sarah at this year's retreat:

101 North Franklin Street  
That's where we all like to meet

We have fun while praising Him  
Our cool Pastor's name is Tim

When Fred makes food it is a treat  
The choir's tunes are really sweet

We had our picnic it was a blast  
It's our Sesquicentennial and we're  
celebrating our past

Praising God is our passion  
Now let's all leave in an orderly  
fashion

– *Liz Bowman*

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## Our Children Are the Future of Our Church

Recently we have been reminded that our children are the future of our church. Even our church covenant charges us to not neglect "the great duty of religiously training up our children and those under our care." I firmly believe that as members of a church family, we have a responsibility of sharing ourselves with our young people.

Every Sunday you have three opportunities to do that by signing up to help with Nursery, Tweenies, or Junior Church. The nursery is for infant and toddler care and requires at least one adult or two high school students. Tweenies are children who are between nursery and Jr. Church ranging in age from 3 to 5. No curriculum is necessary, and this group can be supervised by an adult or a teen. Junior Church is offered to children between school grades 1 and 5. One adult is needed for this group. Curriculum is available for anyone who needs ideas.

A new sign-up sheet for fall is on the bulletin board in the Sunday School Assembly room. Won't you give of yourself and sign up to spend some time with our children? Please see me if you have any questions.

– *Pam Faulk*

# SEPTEMBER 2003



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Labor Day</b> 1 	2 7:00 Board of Christian Education	3 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir  ☽ First Quarter	4	5	6
<b>Rally Day</b> 7 9:15 Sunday School with special showing of our oral history video created for our sesqui. celebration 10:45 Morning Worship	8 7:00 Boy Scouts; Deacons; Piecemakers	9 7:00 Marion Association Trustees	10 7:00 Choir  ○ Full Moon	11 12:00 Young at Heart	12 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	13
14 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	15 7:00 Boy Scouts	16 7:00 Trustees	17 7:00 Choir	18  ☾ Last Quarter	19	20 8:30 Mens' Breakfast
<b>Am. Baptist Women's Sunday</b> 21 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles. Please give your letters of church memories to Larry Faulk for our sesquicentennial notebook.</i>	22 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>First Day of Autumn</b> 23 	24 7:00 Choir	25 7:00 Parish Council	26  ● New Moon	27
<b>Christian Education Sunday</b> 28 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 Teacher's Meeting 4:00 Marion Assoc. Fall Rally at Trinity <i>October newsletter available today.</i>	29 7:00 Boy Scouts	30	<b>October</b> 1 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	2  ☽ First Quarter	3	4





# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC Family:

Balancing our faith with what we see around us is difficult today. A glance at the news can cause us a sense of dismay, and may even challenge our faith and hope in the redeeming work of God. In our own country we see violence, corporate scandals, and unemployment; beyond American borders, the bad news continues. People live in overwhelming poverty, without access to basic healthcare. Many cope with the effects of civil war, earthquakes, floods, and other disasters. Children lack school supplies and decent clothing. The world cries out for justice, healing, and hope.

The Good News is that God offers true hope in Jesus Christ. And today Christians all over the world are energetically engaged in cross-cultural mission, praising God for His goodness in their lives and sharing Jesus with others. The vision and vibrancy of the world church is an inspiration to all of us.

What is our challenge and responsibility in a time like this? American Baptists have a heart for mission and a "can do" spirit—and God is calling all of us to

be witnesses to His love and saving grace.

International Ministries' Go Global strategic plan, now in its fourth year, is building on a long and trusted tradition of holistic



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mission. Working with partners, nearly 150 American Baptist missionaries are deeply committed to ministries of evangelism and discipleship, Christ-like ministries of mercy and healing, and ministries of equipping pastoral leaders. People of all ages are coming to a

saving faith in Jesus Christ, and living with new hope, through these ministries.

Please pray and consider what financial commitment you will make to the World Mission Offering. Our church will receive this offering during October, with a goal of \$500.00. The offering provides basic support for all of your American Baptist missionaries and for mission projects undertaken by your global mission partners.

Please give generously! Pray that we may remain faithful to God's calling and glorify God in all the earth.

Your Pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim".

P.S. Please remember that if you made a pledge toward our mission budget that none of those funds go to support this offering unless you designate part of your mission giving to one or more of the special offerings. This is an over and above offering.

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## Benevolence Fund

Earlier this year the Board of Deacons decided to change the name of the fellowship fund to the current name of Benevolence Fund. This action was taken to more accurately describe the use of these funds. Money for this fund is collected on the first Sunday of every month in a special offering.

The Board of Deacons and the Pastor have the responsibility of disbursing funds from this fund to meet local needs. Every month we send a contribution of \$50.00 to People in Need. Other local ministry requests are handled according to need and the balance in the fund. Earlier this year we sent \$250 to the PIN back to school shoe program.

This fund is also used to meet emergency needs for members of our congregation and others that come to our attention. Examples have been to assist families with funeral needs, emergency transportation needs, and memorials.

All payments out of this fund remain confidential except for those given to local ministry groups. If you become aware of a particular need please speak to your deacon or to the pastor.



## Volunteers

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
Sept. 28	Marci	Natalie	B. Reed
Oct. 5	Faulk	Chesser	-
Oct. 12	Mercer	Sippola	Yant
Oct. 19	Ferguson	Wickum	DeBiasio
Oct. 26	Natalie	L. White	B. Reed

*Thank you to all volunteers!  
Please continue to sign up and fill in the blanks.*

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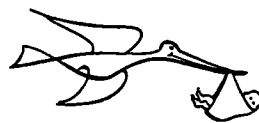
## Quarterly Business Meeting

On Wednesday, October 22 we'll have a covered-dish dinner at 6:30, followed by our quarterly business meeting at 7:00.

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## A Baby Shower!

We rejoice in the upcoming birth of Jackson Trigg and have planned a shower in his honor! Join us at the church on Saturday, October 11th at 11:00 a.m. for a brunch, fun and fellowship. Nichelle and Jarrod are registered at "Babies-R-Us". Please see



Allison Mowery or Angie Sippola if you have any questions.

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## Thank You

My dear church family,  
Thank you for the food service and the support following my father's death. My family and I appreciated all your prayers and support.

*- Gillette, Duffy, and Rogers Families*

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Thank you for your generous contribution in support of the 178th annual meeting of the American Baptist Churches in Ohio, to be held in Toledo on October 9, 10 and 11. The theme this year is "Welcoming the Baptized." Your gift will help us to assure the success of this session.

In Christian Love

*- Marilyn and Milton Bennett  
2003 ABC/OHIO Annual Meeting Sponsorship Committee*

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## ABY

Fall is here and our youth are back into the swing of things again here at First Baptist. In early August they put together a wonderful table of fruit and other sweet goodies for the fellowship table. The following Sunday they helped the DeBiasio family serve up Fred's awesome BBQ!

In September we held our first meeting of the year. We explored ways to press towards the goal of Jesus (Phil 3:14). We then set out for Rocky's Italian Ice where we met up with the Bowman and Chesser families.

As a small favor to Jean Wickum and the ABW, the kids sorted coupons to send to men and women in the US military. Thank you ABY members!

On Sunday, October 12th, Randy, Tim, and Jarrod will take the youth to Magic Mountain Fun Center. The cost of \$10 will include pizza, soda and three activities. We will meet at the church at 5:15 p.m. Please RSVP me ASAP.

On Sunday, October 26th, ABY will meet in the youth room at 6:30 to put together our care packages for our college students, Adam & Laura Mowery. Please bring one small item for each student such as stamps, gum, snacks, batteries, fast food certificates, and so on.

A BIG THANK YOU to Dominique for making new slip covers for our furniture in the ABY room. They look awesome!

Here are some upcoming dates for ABY parents to put on their calendars:

- Hanging of the Greens  
ABY service: 11-30-03
- PIN Christmas Clearing  
House: 12-13-03
- Andrews House: 1-9-04

Thanks,  
– Nichelle Trigg

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## Trustees Notes

Inspections, inspections!

- The Gable Elevator Company came and corrected all the items cited by the state inspector. A required safety booklet cost \$35.

When pushing a wheelchair, extreme caution must be used so as not to bump the edge of the folding elevator door with the wheel. This can bend the pegs in the bottom of the door, so it doesn't run smoothly in the track in the floor.

- The inspector for the insurance company did a walkthrough of the church and found a number of maintenance items and issues involving code or safety. One of the major items was a leak up in the tower. We hope to have some missing roof slates replaced this fall. We will work on major items when we can afford to do so, but the age of the church "grandfathers" us in under the existing guidelines, and the insurance company will have to work with us. We have not turned in a claim in a long time.

– Peter White  
Chairman Trustees



**"I have come  
that they may have  
life,  
and have it  
abundantly."  
John 10:10**

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## Personals

- STEVE BAKER's mother, HELEN BAKER, died on September 5. We extend our sympathy to the Baker family.

Steve had a heart attack a few days after his mother's death, and had heart surgery with five bypasses at Riverside Hospital. After surgery he had problems with his heart's rhythm, but his doctors think they're getting it under control.

- GLADYS DUNLAP, 92, died on September 7 at Delaware Court Healthcare Facility. Gladys and her husband George (who died in 1986) were our church's neighbors for many years, living in the house just north of our church.

- BERTHA VAN BRIMMER was a patient at Grady Hospital.

• **BETTY PORTER** and her daughter **JENNIFER** vacationed in Hawaii recently.

• **JEANNE OSBORNE** and her aunt **ALICE** have returned from Maine.

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**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- Oct.1 Bruce Bowman  
Kathy Chesser
- 3 Janet Lathrop  
Jarrod & Nichelle Trigg  
Tim & Kathy Chesser
- 4 Tim & Nicole Rice
- 5 Laura Beth Mowery
- 11 Joe Mowery
- 18 Amy Yant
- 19 Paul Hopkins
- 21 Ray & Cynthia Biggar
- 24 Emily Bowman
- 25 Jenny Grubbs
- 27 Sam & Natalie Campbell
- 28 Ed Linn  
Bora Porter
- 30 Jean Osborne
- 31 Ray Biggar  
Melissa Claire Turner

*Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.*

## Church Directory Update

*Please make these changes to your directory...*



**Erin Faulk** has purchased a new home in the Village at Lehner Woods. Her new address will be:

101 Simon Street  
Delaware, OH 43015  
363-1133

(She'll be at her old address and phone number for a few more weeks.)

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26 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 ABY <i>November newsletter available today.</i>	27 7:00 Boy Scouts	28	29 7:00 Choir	30	<b>Halloween</b> 31	<b>November</b> 1

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Jim Stephenson, Editor

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC Family:

November is a traditional month for the church to talk about stewardship. The combination of the coming winter months and our Thanksgiving celebrations give us reason to think about all the blessings God has bestowed upon us.

At times our stewardship promotion becomes a matter of emphasizing the church budget for the coming year. I once did a stewardship promotion for a church in Kansas that concentrated on our commitment rather than meeting a budget. The campaign was successful in helping people to think about stewardship in new ways.

One way churches talk about meeting budgets is to ask everyone to do their fair share. I am convinced that this is an unBiblical way to think about our personal stewardship. The Bible emphasizes that giving is between you and God. The principle of tithing, or giving 10% of your income back to the Lord is well established in the Bible.

In many ways this is counter-cultural and counter-intuitive. In a time where almost everyone asked in polls responds that if they had

20% more than they currently have, then they would be happy, God asks you to be willing to live on 10% less than he has given you. Those who have believed in the scriptural challenge will give testimony that life is more satisfy-



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ing when they are obedient to God in grateful and joyful giving.

Within the next few weeks you will be receiving a letter from the church with detail about our 2004 budget as well as pledge forms. In the meantime I ask you to prayerfully consider what your personal giving says about your relationship with God. The Bible teaches

that God is able to provide for all of our needs. Perhaps it is only our faith and trust that needs increasing.

Your Pastor,

P.S. Just a reminder, the Pastor's day off is Friday. However, you should feel free to call the parsonage anytime you have a special need or in case of emergencies.

### Religious Art Display

As part of our sesquicentennial celebration, I have put up a display of pictures from our picture file that I felt might be of interest. Some date back to the 30s and some are pictures of famous religious works. They can be found on display in the first room past the pastor's office. Stop in for a visit.

-Linda White

Board of Christian Education

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**Barbara Van Brimmer**

Barbara Van Brimmer, 55, died on Thursday, October 9 after a short battle with cancer.



Barb was a graduate of Miami University, Ohio, and received a Master's Degree from the University of Mississippi. She was an associate professor and curator of the Medical Heritage Center, Prior Health Sciences Library, Ohio State University.

Barb was a member of First Baptist for many years. She served numerous terms as our Church Clerk, and was chair of our Sesquicentennial Committee.

She is survived by her husband, Rick, a daughter, Tonya Claar, her father, Paul Steinbrecher, and his wife Donna, her mother Inez Steinbrecher, numerous nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours were held at Schoedinger Worthington Chapel. A memorial service was held at First Baptist on October 14 with Reverend Tim Chesser officiating. After the service, there was a bereavement luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Interment was at Oak Grove Cemetery.

All of us at First Baptist extend our sympathy to Barb's family.

*Volunteers*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Tweenies</b>	<b>Jr. Church</b>
Oct. 26	Natalie G.	Linda White	Barb Reed
Nov. 2	Sippola	Neill	Turner
Nov. 9	Faulk	Bowman	Barb Reed
Nov. 16	B. Lovell	Mercer	Erin Faulk
Nov. 23	Sippola	Linda White	Barb Reed
Nov. 30	Mercer	Natalie G.	Bowman

*Thank you to all volunteers!  
 Please continue to sign up and fill in the blanks.*

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**ABW**

American Baptist Women Ministries met for dinner on October 21 at En China Buffet to start our next year's programs, and for installation of officers for 2003 to 2004. Thanks to all who came and hope you all had a good time!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. We will meet at the home of Jane Moore, 284 Kensington Drive. Jane will share with us some ABW memories at her former church. Come join us and don't forget your Love Gift!

*-Jeanne Ekelberry*

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**Jeanne Ekelberry Honored**

Choir director Jim Stephenson made a special presentation to Jeanne Ekelberry during morning worship on October 5 to recognize her 50 years of service in the

choir. She received a gift from the choir and also a special gold stole to wear during that day's service.

Jeanne had made that special gold stole herself several years ago for Jean Wickum to wear on the day we celebrated Jean's 50th year in the choir. Jean suggested that the stole be passed on to other choir members to wear on special occasion such as this one.

Congratulations and thanks again to Jeanne for her many years of service!

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**Thank You**

Friends in Christ:

On behalf on myself, Tonya and our families, I want to pass along our thanks for the many calls, cards, letters, remembrances, meals, prayers and hugs that you provided during Barb's illness and upon her passing. Barb was so appreciative of those who came to see her, the caregivers,

and those who looked after me and provided support. Her many angels carried us when we could not carry ourselves.

Her final days were nothing short of inspirational to those of who watched her quiet confidence, comfort, peace and grace fill our lives. The brightness of her smile will forever warm our hearts. God bless you all for your care and comfort.

—Rick Van Brimmer

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Thanks to all who offered to prepare food, to drive, and to stay with Barb Van Brimmer when the request came from Barb and Rick. They were assured that many of you were waiting to help, but as Barb's illness progressed, it was not to be that I could call for your help. It was good to know that many of you were standing by with your gifts of caring.

Also, thanks to everyone who assisted in the bereavement luncheon following Barb's memorial service. Your contributions, your delicious food, and your help in preparing and cleaning up were appreciated by our many guests. Thanks to each of you who took part in any way. Once again, many shared the "Blessing of Breaking Bread Together" at a difficult time. Sincere thanks!

— Evelyn Lee

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I would like to thank the choir for the recognition of my 50 years of singing the in First Baptist Church. The "gold" stole and sil-

## SANCTUARY STORIES

*This is the 6th installment in a series of articles by Jean Wickum about our sanctuary, based on a conversation she had 50 years ago with Helen Crane.*

One last story from the sanctuary—Mrs. Crane spoke of the pride and joy that the congregation must have felt when they completed the remodeling of the church building in 1898. She asked that I tell the young people to notice the symbols of God's love and teachings in the stained-glass windows—the anchor, the lamp, the cross and the crown, and the dove. And to especially note the story told in the window that faces east to Franklin Street. As the light shines through it, it tells all who see it that our God is a loving God, whose son Jesus welcomes all to come to Him. It is part of our witness to the world that we follow Him.

—Jean Wickum

ver music pin are a loving gesture and I do appreciate both. Jean Wickum and I have both received the gold stole—who's next? If you like to sing, come join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00. It's good fun and we'd really like to have you with us.

—Jeanne Ekelberry

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Steve and I would like to thank everyone in the church family for all their prayers, thoughts, and the gift you have given us. Steve is doing much better and is on his way for a good recovery. Again, thank you for everything.

In Christian love,

—Steve and Sharon Baker

### Orders To Be Taken for Poinsettias

You are invited to order poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during Advent. They can be given in



memory or honor of a friend or relative, if you wish. You can take your poinsettias home after our Christmas Eve service, or leave them at the church, if you prefer.

The cost will be announced (it will probably be around \$9 each). Please place your orders with Jim Stephenson or Melissa Mercer by **Sunday, November 23.**



**ABY**

ABY would like each family to bring a Christmas ornament to hang on our church tree during the Hanging of the Greens service the last Sunday in November. It can be an ornament you make or one that represents you. Please see me for details.

A big thanks to Jarrod and Randy for taking our youth to Magic Mountain Fun Center in October!

Remember the Christmas Clearing House in December. Watch for more information in the mail.

-Nichelle Trigg

**Andrews house  
Christmas Bazaar**

This year the bazaar will be on Friday, December 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A huge cookie sale will be featured. They are asking for bakers willing to furnish at least three dozen, non-refrigerated cookies for this sale, The cookies should be labeled as to name, basic ingredients, and whether they are sugar-free or contain nuts (as some people are allergic).

If you wish to participate, please deliver them to Andrews House on Thursday, December 4 between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Buyers will pick out their choices and they will be sold by the box.

Please call Barb McKendry, coordinator of Second Fridays, at 881-4261 or me at 362-9107.

Thanks for your help with this Andrews House project.

- Evelyn Lee

**Birthdays and  
Anniversaries**

- Nov. 5 Victor Fogle
- 8 Nicole Rice
- 10 Natalie Griffith
- 15 Harold Van Broekhoven
- 19 Steve Ferguson
- 20 Randy Turner  
Kim Keethler Ball
- 22 Peter White
- 24 Tucker Sippola
- 26 Liz Sorgini
- 28 Karen Stoner

*Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson*

**Personals**

- **BARB REED's** mother-in-law, **MRS. GRACE LOUDERMILK**, died on October 6 at Sunny Vee Nursing Home. We extend our sympathy to Barb and her family.
- **PAM AND LARRY FAULK** recently took a week-long cruise to the Eastern Caribbean to celebrate their 35th year of marriage.

**Church  
Directory  
Update**

*Please make these changes to your directory...*



- **Jennifer Linn** has moved back from California and is now staying with her mother, Betty Porter (444 West Central Ave., 363-7892)
- **Willa Corder's** new address is: Sarah Moore Health Care Center, 26 North Union St., Delaware, 362-9641

**Correction to  
Benevolence Fund  
Article**

The article in last month's newsletter about the Deacon's Benevolence Fund incorrectly said that money is sent each month to PIN (People in Need). It should have said that the money is sent to HelpLine, which is a non-profit organization that provides 24-hour telephone assistance for people in crisis, and other services.

**SHARE JESUS.**



**Give to the WORLD  
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Rev. Tim Chesser, Pastor

Jim Stephenson, Editor

# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC Family:

The New Year may be six weeks away, but for the church a new year begins with the first week of advent. The church year is a way of telling the story of God's redemption throughout the year. The four weeks of Advent are a time of preparation. Each week is traditionally marked by a particular theme. The themes of advent are:

- Week One (Nov. 30): Hope
- Week Two (Dec. 7): Peace
- Week Three (Dec. 14): Joy
- Week Four (Dec. 21): Love

I know that this is a busy and stressful time of year for many. I hope that you will make worship attendance a priority during this advent season. Not only will it be good for your spiritual and emotional health, it will also provide a very public testimony that you understand what we are celebrating. The culture asks us to be consumers during this holiday season. The church asks us to be worshippers of the living God. Which one will be the priority for your family?

As we close out our Sesqui-centennial Celebration we are offering one final commemorative

item. We have ordered Christmas tree ornaments with the 150th logo. Each ornament is about 2 inches in diameter and approximately 3/8 of an inch thick. They



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are created by the process of spin casting and are gold in color. The cost for each ornament will be \$4.00.

By the time you read this newsletter Thanksgiving will be over. I want to express my thanks for the opportunity of being the pastor of the First Baptist Church

of Delaware. As is true of most years, this year has been a time of sorrows and joys. I have been privileged to walk with you through both. May God continue to bless us in the year to come.

Your Pastor,

### Christmas Program

Our annual Christmas program "A Festival of Carols" will be presented during the Sunday morning worship service on December 21. Come and learn a little about favorite carols and hear the children sing.

Please note that there will **not** be an evening performance this year due to some conflicts of schedules.

- Pam Faulk

### Poinsettia Dedications

Our thanks to everyone who purchased poinsettias to decorate our church during Advent.

If the following list contains any errors or omissions, please

tell the pastor and a correction will be made during morning announcements.

- From Cathy Chesser, in memory of Barbara Van Brimmer
- From Willa Corder, in memory of Nathan Gerald Corder
- Two poinsettias from the Fogle family, one in memory of Gene Lathrop and Will Fogle, and one in honor of Dave Lovell, Peter White, Larry Faulk, Jim Van Brimmer

- From Bob & Pat Foor, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Foor and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Shively

- Three poinsettias from Carol Grubbs, one in memory of Ruth and Charles Brown, one in memory of Edith Hall and Fred Grubbs, Sr., and one in memory of Teresa Griffith

- From Jim and Jane Moore, in honor of their sons-in-law, Randy Turner and Phillip Mercer

- Two poinsettias from Betty Porter, one in memory of Jim "Billy" Porter, and one in honor of John, Janet and Jennifer

- From the Stephenson family, in memory of Rev. James Stephenson

- Several poinsettias from Nancy Via Summers, in memory of Fred and Lucille Via, Mrs. Gleich, Rufus and Helen Crane, Millie and Cliff Richards, Ernestine Frost, Myrtle and 'Cap' Gabriel, and in honor of Jean Wickum.

- From Rick Van Brimmer, in memory of Barbara Van Brimmer

## Volunteers

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
Nov. 30	Mercer	Natalie G.	Bowman
Dec. 7	Faulk	Sippola	B. Lovell
Dec. 14	Mercer	S. Chesser	Turner ( <i>Practice</i> )
Dec. 21	Ferguson	-----Christmas Program-----	
Dec. 28	Sykes	J. Wickum	DeBiasio

*Thank you to all volunteers!  
Please continue to sign up and fill in the blanks.*

- From Linda White, in memory of her father, Charles Seckman

- Two poinsettias from Jean Wickum, one in memory of Wilbur Wickum, and one in honor of her brother, David

our shut-ins will see some familiar faces.

Hope to see you then!  
— Jim Stephenson  
Choir Director

### Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to join the choir for our annual Christmas caroling on Saturday,



December 13. We'll be singing familiar Christmas carols that everyone knows, and everyone is welcome regardless of his or her musical abilities.

We'll meet at the church at 6:30 and will spend about 90 minutes caroling at nursing homes and the homes of shut-in church members; then we'll return to the church for refreshments.

We especially encourage our older church members to join us so

### Christmas Ornaments Available

Christmas tree ornaments that commemorate our sesqui-centennial celebration are available for \$4 each. Please see the pastor's editorial on page 1 for details.

### World Mission Offering

The total offering received in October for the World Mission Offering was \$517.91. Thanks to all who helped us reach our goal for this very important mission outreach.

— Linda White  
Mission Education Coordinator

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## **Ministers and Missionaries Offering**

Dear FBC Family:

Each fall retired American Baptist ministers and missionaries, or their widowed spouses receive Thank You checks made possible by the contributions of ABC congregations to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO). Some of them use their checks to help pay for year-end expenses, such as unreimbursed medical, dental or prescription drug costs. For others, it provides a little extra for doing such things as Christmas gifts, travel and unexpected expenses.

However the checks are used, recipients are grateful for more than the money they receive. As one widowed spouse wrote: "Please express my thanks to all the American Baptist congregations who support the RMMO. The gift is welcome in the financial sense, but even more, it cheers the heart to realize how much care and concern it demonstrates. I'm glad I'm an American Baptist!"

Fifty-seven percent of the offering is distributed in the form of Thank You checks to over 3,000 recipients. Thank You checks are based solely on 15 or more years of ABC service. The remaining forty-three percent of the offering is available to meet emergency and other financial needs of retired American Baptist ministers and Missionaries, or their widowed spouses.

I encourage you to give generously to this important offering. The offering will be received on December 21.

Sincerely,

—Tim

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## **ABWM**

The November meeting of ABWM was at the home of Jane Moore. Thanks Jane! As part of our sharing, Jane Mercer played the piano to start our evening. Each of us shared a Bible verse, poem, or favorite saying or memory that inspires us. I think we had a "first"—four generations from the same family attending, in addition to a good group for our first meeting.

We talked about our state project, S.H.A.W.L. (Safe Haven for Abused Women With Love). This home is named for Deborah and we hope to raise \$15,000.00 through the Association for the year 2003–2004.

In December, we'll meet at 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 18 at Betty Porter's home (444 West Central Ave.). Please bring items to pack in boxes for our shut-ins, such as fruit, cake, candy, etc. We'll have fun packing boxes (and of course we have to sample some food as we work!). Please bring to the December meeting your memory of the BEST Christmas gift you received as a child.

Please plan to join us as we share in this time of fellowship.

—Jeanne Ekelberry

A woman goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas card envelopes. She says to the clerk, "May I have 70 stamps for my Christmas cards, please?"

"What denomination?" asks the clerk.

"God help us!" says the woman. "Has it come to this? Give me 9 Catholic, 12 Episcopalian, 8 Methodist, 9 Presbyterian, 10 Lutheran and 22 Baptists."

— submitted by Karen Stoner

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## **Women's Retreat**

All women of the church (age 15+) are invited to a one-day retreat on January 24. The theme of the retreat will be "Seeking Growth." More details will follow, but set aside the date and find your babysitters now!

—Kathy Chesser

*Board of Christian Education*

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## **Trustees Notes for October and November**

• **Furnace Rooms Flooding:** The flooding of furnace rooms during heavy rains has been resolved by digging a two-foot hole outside the window and filling it with gravel, creating a "French" drain. This gives the water a chance to soak into the ground before running over the

sill of the basement window into the furnace room. This other big answer to the problem is keeping the gutters cleaned out so they don't run over in a hard rain. The gutters have been cleaned out at the church and parsonage. The furnace room has been cleaned out and has stayed dry since the project was completed.

- Three pianos were tuned by Richard Dacks. The cost was \$198.00.
- All furnaces at the church were inspected, tested, and had their filters changed. The boiler at the old parsonage was checked and the pump was oiled. The water heater at the church had a new pop-off valve installed because the old one was corroded shut. The burners were checked because the furnace room had been flooded. This work was by Don Patrick at a cost of \$201.96.
- **The Steeple:** An inspection from a crane with an aerial bucket revealed a bad deterioration on the lower parts of the slate roof. The metal work and flashing around the dormer window in the steeple is all rusted and rotted out. This has caused leaks that must be fixed. The slate is past its 100-year life expectancy. The diamond-shaped slate on the steeper part is okay, but much of the lower part of the roof where the slope is more gentle will have to be replaced. It is just crumbling apart. All the flashing will be redone in copper. Your chairman got a ride up in the bucket to view the steeple roof. This work is to begin soon as possible and may be

underway before press time. The work will cost in excess of \$5,000 dollars and will be done by Mid State Contractors of Marion. They did the tuckpointing last year. Other contacts were made, but they weren't interested since we couldn't afford to reroof the entire steeple.

– *Peter White*  
*Chairman, Trustees*

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**Pastor's Vacation**

Pastor Chesser will be on vacation from December 26 to January 2.

Our guest pastor on December 28 will be Rev. Karen Stoner. Karen's sermon title will be "Touched" and the scripture will be Mark 8:22-26.

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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- Dec. 4 Erin Faulk
- 11 Holly Kauf
- 13 Tammy Grubbs  
 Geneva Evans
- 15 Bud Sykes
- 23 Dominique DeBiasio
- 24 Francis Cook
- 25 Carol Grubbs  
 Steve & Karen Stoner
- 28 Sharon Baker
- 29 Arianna Yant  
 Harold & Deborah  
 Van Broekhoven

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**Personals**

• **JACKSON PARKER TRIGG** was born on November 12 at Riverside Hospital. The proud parents are **NICHELLE AND JARROD TRIGG**; grandparents are **BETH AND ARCHIE TRIGG**. Jackson weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces, and was 20 1/2" long.



• **PAT FOOR**, who has been superintendent of the Delaware Area Career Center for four years, was honored recently as a recipient of the Exemplary Leadership Award from the Buckeye Association of School Administrators.



## *Please Update Your Church Directory Listing*

The Board of Deacons is in the process of updating the church directory for 2004. If you would like to be listed as you currently are in the directory, there is nothing for you to do. If you need to be added or your info updated, please submit the correct info to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com) or one of the other deacons by Sunday, December 8, 2003. A form has been included below for your convenience.

– *Larry Faulk*  
*Board of Deacons*

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*(It's not necessary to submit this form if your directory listing is already correct.)*

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if appropriate:  Change my name in the directory to match the way I've written it above.

***Fill in lines below ONLY if they are missing or incorrect  
in the current directory. Please PRINT.***

My Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ My Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
*(day & month)* *(Include area code if it's not 740)*

My Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_ My E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(day & month)*

My Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Family Members in My Household**

Please list others living with you that you wish to be listed in the directory.

**Fill in lines ONLY if they are missing or incorrect in the current directory.**

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*\* include e-mail only if it's different from  
yours \and you want it to be listed*

Please indicate any other changes to your family's listing here: \_\_\_\_\_

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## First Baptist Church

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Rev. Tim Chesser, Pastor Office 363-7021 Parsonage 362-6033

Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 9 to 12 Days Off: Friday and Saturday



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 Piecemakers; Boy Scouts  D First Quarter	2 7:00 Board of Christian Education	3 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	4 7:00 Parish Council <i>Cookies can be dropped off today at Andrew's House from 9am to 8pm</i>	5 10:00 Christmas Bazaar at Andrew's House (until 8:00 pm)	6
<b>Second Sunday in Advent</b> 7 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship; the service's theme is Peace 	8 6:30 Deacons at the Parsonage 7:00 Boy Scouts  O Full Moon	9 7:00 Trustees	10 7:00 Choir	11 12:00 Young at Heart	12 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	13 6:30 Christmas Caroling 
<b>Third Sunday in Advent</b> 14 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship; the service's theme is Joy 	15 7:00 Boy Scouts	16  Q Last Quarter	17 7:00 Choir	18 7:00 A.B.W.M.	19	20 8:30 Men's Breakfast
<b>Fourth Sunday in Advent</b> 21 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Festival of Carols; M&M Offering; the service's theme is Love 7:00 Christmas Program  <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	22 7:00 Boy Scouts	23  ● New Moon	24 6:45 Preludes 7:00 Christmas Eve Service	<b>Christmas</b> 25 	26  Pastor on vacation	27
28 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Guest Pastor Rev. Karen Stoner; Sermon Title is "Touched" <i>January newsletter available today.</i>	29 7:00 Boy Scouts	30  D First Quarter	31	<b>January 2004</b> 1 	2	3
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